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IMPORT REGULATIONS TO ADJUST "BALANCE OF TRADE" AND INCREASE OUTPUT OF ESSENTIALS

Parliament Adjourning Until February 17; Meanwhile, Conference on Sirois Report

MAINTAINING CLOSE LIAISON WITH GREAT BRITAIN; FIFTH CANADIAN WAR MINISTER TO VISIT LONDON

Ottawa—Through measures submitted to the House Monday by Finance Minister J. L. Ilsley and estimated to effect monthly savings on foreign exchange to the amount of about $6,000,000 on the basis of present trade, Canadians are asked to buy less from non-sterling countries, buy more from Britain, and pay more for a number of household commodities not deemed essential to winning the war.

This emergency Budget provides for a long list of non-essential goods whose importation from non-sterling countries, chiefly the United States, is prohibited, another and shorter list of goods for the importation of which licences must be obtained; removal of all duty on a list of goods imported from Britain and reduction of duty on other British goods; important increases in the excise tax on certain Canadian-made goods, given a prohibitive duty by the import ban, "to capture any fortuitous profit" resulting to Canadian makers from the ban.

Besides a luxury list, these measures govern a range of commodities affecting even the average Canadian householder. But the general reaction has been similar to the taxes imposed in the last budget; rather than complaint, there is a sense of keener satisfaction that Canada is settling down to the sacrifices synonymous with a successful prosecution of the war.

Col. Ralston, Defence Minister, is in Britain, and will remain for some weeks conferring with British Government and War Office leaders. With him is Maj. General Crerar, chief of the general staff. In a short time Mr. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, will also visit London. In this way the Government is keeping in close touch with the situation in the "Fortress" of Britain and from information received at first hand in the front line of battle can direct this country's efforts in the most effective channels. This close liaison must obviously be of the greatest practical value not only to Canada but to Britain as well. The Canadian ministers can explain to the British authorities the full measure of the effort that Canada is making in the common cause and the extent of aid that will be forthcoming from this country. Mr. Howe, who administers the industrial war effort of this country, is the fifth Canadian Minister to visit Britain since the war began. The two first were Mr. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources, and the late Norman Rogers, former Minister of National Defence. The Minister of Agriculture, J. G. Gardiner, was the most recent visitor to London. He has reported to Parliament on agreements he had made with the British Food Ministry for the supply of agricultural produce to Britain during the coming months.

Parliament is adjourning until February 17th. The recess is a long one, but in January the important Dominion-Provincial Conference on the Sirois report will be held at Ottawa. It will take time to discuss fully the recommendations of the body of experts who for almost three years made a careful study of the financial and economic relations of the Dominion and the Provinces. Dominion and Provincial representatives will be given every opportunity to present their views on the recommendations of the report; there is no thought of curtailing the discussion. The autumn part of this session has been devoid of legislation. Its main object has been a presentation by members of the Cabinet of the development of Canada's war program and a debate on the ministers' reports. Before Parliament meets again on February 17th, the legislative program will be prepared. War's demands on the treasury are constantly expanding; the estimates for the coming fiscal year will therefore not be finally arranged and approved by the Cabinet until just before Parliament meets. Some legislative measures will also likely be founded on the results of the consultations of Col. Ralston and Mr. Howe with the authorities in London. This is and will continue to be preeminently a war session. The clouds of war seem to float over the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa. Good and bad news has echoed in the halls of Parliament while the two Houses have been in session — heartening

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Govt. Plowing All Montreal Highway

Calumet Outfit Snow-Clearing West to Rouge Bridge

From the East Settlement four corners, which terminated the stretch of highway maintained from Montreal last year by the Provincial Roads Department, the distance will be extended this season through to Lachute. Government plows have already been on the job opening the traffic-way over this entire distance.

It is learned that the contract for snow-clearing west of Lachute has been given again to Jas. Welden, of Calumet, who has contracted with the committee of Lachute and Brownsburg transport interests to plow Route 8 from the Rouge Bridge to Lachute. Welden, who this year has added a blower to his snow-clearing equipment, will also plow from Lachute to Brownsburg, and from Lachute east to Gordon's poultry farm on the St. Jerome highway.

Lachute Mills Woman, Struck By Taxi, Is Critically Injured

Victim Rushed to Hospital With Both Legs Fractured

Suffering painful injuries when she was hit by a taxi on Chatham Street last Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Moise Demers, 44, was rushed to the Hotel Dieu Hospital and is reported in a critical condition.

Mrs. Demers, of Chatham Street, whose husband is employed at the Dominion Shuttle Co., was crossing the road with her sister, Mrs. Hamel. Seeing a car approach, one of the women hurried forward and the other turned back to the sidewalk. The car was operated by T. Robinson, liveryman, who was returning home from Grenville. At a spot near the Desrosiers restaurant where the women were crossing the street, the car struck Mrs. Demers, who suffered compound fracture of both legs and probable internal injuries. She was removed to a nearby dwelling and received first aid from Dr. W. F. McMartin and Dr. Jules Lafleur, who arranged with hospital authorities for her admittance to the Hotel Dieu. She was rushed to Montreal by the MacKimmie ambulance. Latest reports indicate the woman is still in a critical condition.

The mishap occurred around 4.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Traffic Officer A. Leger, of Brownsburg, was called to investigate.

Appointed Sec'y-Treasurer Of Wentworth Municipality

Notification that he has been appointed secretary-treasurer of Wentworth Municipality was received last week by James W. Gall — his duties to commence from January 1st, 1941. Mr. Gall succeeds Nelson W. Morrison, of Dunany, who has been secretary of the township for the past 12 years.

After long service in the administration of municipal and public corporations around Lachute, Mr. Gall has become well versed in their problems and procedures. He is already secretary-treasurer of the St. Jerusalem Parish Council and the Argenteuil County Council, also of the Protestant Cemetery Corporation and secretary of the United Church Official board. For many years he filled a similar role in the Argenteuil Agricultural Society, involving the arduous task of secretary-manager for the exhibition — which, at that time, was the Annual Fall Fair.

Provincial Engineers Here to Discuss Town Sewer Problem and Delay in Chlorination

LARGE WEST-END RESIDENTIAL AREA INVOLVED IN SEWAGE DIVERSION SCHEME; ALTERNATIVE PLANS

Visiting Lachute to advise on a west-end sewer installation, Réné Cyr and J. Bourbonnais, of the Quebec Department of Health, engineering division, met certain councillors and officials of the town and Health Unit last Friday. The engineers also made enquiry as to progress in the water chlorination scheme, and investigated a condition in the town sewer at Main Street West.

The problem confronting town officials is the need of more adequate sewerage on Chatham, Millway, Hamford and streets contiguous to that area; also the drainage of a section of Princess Street. The question is whether the sewerage from these streets should be joined into an existing sewer laid by the Ayers companies on Hamford, running southwest into the river below the dam at Ayers mills — or conversely, whether the area should be drained by a new sewer running northeast into the West River opposite McGibbon's mill.

While the latter plan may be permissable, according to the government engineers, diversion by way of the Ayers pipe into the river below the town limits, is much to be preferred. The decision, it appears, hinges upon terms agreeable to both the town and the company, since there is considerable capital in the present Ayers installation, and future revenue and maintenance to be considered. It is open to speculation whether an agreement can be reached on this project.

The provincial engineers made inspection of sewer inlets on the section from the fire station west along Main Street. From residents in this quarter complaints have been made to Council concerning unsanitary odors. The cause is now recognized as gasoline wastes in the drain, a matter which is not only unpleasant to householders but also presents a danger of explosion. The engineers examined traps and drains in premises on this street, and made certain recommendations, beyond which the matter cannot be remedied until the source of the gasoline is discovered.

Enquiring into the unreasonable delay in adopting chlorination for the town's water supply, the engineers were told of the difficulty encountered in acquiring land at the desired spot, east of Thos. White's on the North River. This tract of vacant land has always appeared as common property to the passerby; many believed it to be government-owned. However, the land is part of an estate; expropriation and securing of a clear title have involved lengthy procedures. The town, having ultimately acquired the site, has purchased the necessary chlorination equipment. But at this stage another problem has caused delay, in the fact that two water mains have to be treated at this point instead of one. The supply is brought beneath the river in a 14-inch and an 8-inch main, and special valves have to be introduced to handle these two flows of different volumes and treat them with chlorine to the correct proportion . . . The engineers, in answer to their enquiry, were told no steps had been taken toward construction of a building to house this plant. While the matter was well in hand, Council ventured no forecast as to when the system could be completed.

The Voice of Quebec

—The Hon Adélard Godbout, Premier of Quebec Province

Valorous race, loyal race, faith ful and constant race, we say to France: "Mother, thou art not dead. You live in our blood and and in our minds. And you live in the minds of all those who understand you. We all know that the hordes of Hitler and Mussolini have not been able to tear out your soul and that you await but our victory, the victory of the British nations and their allies, to take again your place among the nations as bearers of light."

Great Britain, queen of the seas and the air, to you we say in turn: "Thy valour moves us to the core. Your serenity in the combat, under fire is worthy of thee. Thou art revealing to the world of what precious metal God and the centuries have formed thee. And because thou lovest Canada, Canada loves thee. Because thy king is our king, and thy cause of liberty our cause also; because the defence of Christian civilization rests henceforth upon thee, until the day when our united blows have laid low the genius of evil and given back to peoples the joy of breathing freely again, we hold out to thee the hand of brotherhood that thou mayest know more surely, if that were possible, that thou standest not alone to bear the destiny of the world".

—Over C.B.C. network in series "Let's Face The Facts", November 24th.

Late D. L. Taylor Member of Pioneer Farming Family

The death of David Lawson Taylor, early last Saturday morning, removes another link with the first pioneer development of Argenteuil, particularly of that settlement known as Isle-aux-Chats, on the North River above St. Andrews village.

Born on July 16, 1868, at his parents' homestead in Isle-aux-Chats, Mr. Taylor was one of the county's oldest residents. Looking back over a span exceeding the allotted "three score years and ten," he was keen to the almost unbelievable changes which the district had undergone in that time. He spent most of his lifetime on the farm, and died there, following an attack of angina. A man of sterling worth, and unassuming in his nature, Mr. Taylor had made a host of friends.

His wife, Agnes Rodger, predeceased him four years ago and six children survive: Lawson, of Isle-aux-Chats, Rodger, of Ottawa, George, of Chicago, Allison, of Isle-aux-Chats, Mary, Mrs. Wm. Clarke, of Montreal, and Helen, Mrs. Hector Boyd, of Lachute.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon from the St. Andrews East United Church. Pall-bearers were—Messrs. Proven McCullough, Geo. McDougall, Harry Bradley, Stanley and David Rodger, Stewart McAdam.

Dr. J. P. Legault On U. of M. Medical Teaching Staff

Jean-Paul Legault, M.D., son of L. L. Legault, K.C., of Lachute, who has been assistant in the department of urology at Hotel Dieu Hospital under Dr. O. Mercier, vice-president of the International Urologist Medical Association—has now been appointed senior assistant in urology on the teaching staff of the University of Montreal. The nomination was confirmed by the chancellor of the University recently.

The urology service of the Hotel Dieu Hospital is affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania for postgraduate study in that branch of medicine.

Lions Club Hear Travel Story by Fellow Member

One of the most pleasant and interesting meetings of the Lions Club was that of last Tuesday when Lion Major G. G. Mitchell graphically described his trip to South America, his experience when crossing the Equator, of the formal introduction to King Neptune and the humorous incidents on shipboard, until arriving at the first port of call which was Rio de Janeiro, capital and largest city in Brazil. During the trip many vessels were seen in passing, all of which carried the British or U.S. flags, and demonstrated that Britain still rules the waves. At the port, however, many German and Italian ships lay at anchor, and had remained so since the outbreak of war.

Major Mitchell then described Brazil as the largest country in Latin America, the area being greater than the United States, with a population of 47,000,000; Portuguese is the official language.

Rio de Janeiro, with a population of over two million, has many attractions, with the casinos comparable to Monte Carlo drawing much business, and bathing enjoyed the year round. Nearby, a mountain called Corcovada Peak, was pictured, similar to Mount Royal, and a huge statue of Christ stands on the summit, brilliantly illumined at night.

The largest industrial city Sao Paulo, was visited by the speaker. At one mill dense cobwebs were seen hanging in profusion, and upon enquiring the reason, the visitor was told that the large spiders were encouraged because they destroyed poisonous flies and insects. The municipal orchard was also described by Lion Mitchell; here the famous snake farm is situated, where snake venum is collected and shipped the world over. The coffee port of Santar, according to the speaker, exports most of the world's consumed coffee, and it was described as the important junction for the Southern Americas.

At the business session Lion President W. M. Cottingham called for reports of the various committees, which were duly received, accepted, and subsequent plans discussed for Christmas activities. The inaugural meeting of a new club at Sherbrooke takes place tonight and Lions W. M. Cottingham, P. Roy and H. Johnson are representing Lachute.

Converts Station Into Tenements

DEVELOPMENTS SUGGEST THE FUTURE GROWTH OF "DOWNTOWN" LACHUTE

Having bought the C.N.R. station building recently on abandonment of the line in this section, H. M. Lavigne, prominent Lachute Mills merchant, is busy converting the structure into three dwellings for rental.

Land purchases in this area have been reported unofficially of late, and the fact that Mr. Lavigne has acquired the entire tract between Water and Bellingham Streets, formerly the C.N.R. right-of-way, suggests an expectation Lachute may undergo extensive development in this downtown section.

Two Collisions On Highways

Damage to automobiles but no injuries to the occupants resulted from two collisions reported on neighboring highways during the week. Traffic Officer H. Jones investigated both accidents.

Shortly after two o'clock Saturday afternoon the car of Réné Lacelle, who was driving from Hawkesbury to his work at Kilmar, was completely wrecked in a crash with Leo Landry's truck, driven by Albani Grondin, Lachute Mills. Grondin, who was drawing gravel, was coming east from Kilmar toward Lachute on No. 8 highway. Just west of Calumet the passenger car skidded into the truck and was practically crushed under the box of the vehicle. Neither driver was hurt.

At 6.30 p.m. Tuesday on the Montreal highway about four miles from this town, a Montreal car, in which consignments of the Daily Star are brought daily to Lachute, came into collision with a Buick sedan, the property of Albani Lamarche, driven by his assistant, Geo. Legault, of Lachute.

The Montreal car was a Hudson 1940 sedan owned by Rolland Borgeois. His brother, Raymond, was driving eastward on his return trip to the city. Following the crash this car went into the ditch. Both machines were damaged.

Riding his motorcycle to the scene of Tuesday's accident in a temperature well below zero, Constable Jones had his face badly frozen. He was treated by a local physician.

IN THE OVERSEAS MAIL

HUMORS AND TRAGEDIES ON THE BATTLE-FRONT OF BRITAIN.

Extracts from Old Country Letters.

Readers are invited to send items regarding conditions in Great Britain, gleaned from letters written by their friends or relatives. Names will be withheld, as desired. This feature will appear whenever there is sufficient material from reliable sources to warrant its publication.

A letter received by a member of The Watchman staff reveals the determination of retailers to continue business in spite of difficulties in bombed English towns. The following instances are given from a much victimized East Coast resort . . . .

One trader displays a notice, "Business as usual during alterations to ———ville."

Another sign states, "We are carrying on till we are carried out!"

A news-picture from a neighboring town shows timely placarding by a bombed "pub." The board says, "Open air bar round the corner."

A butcher's establishment, minus show window, advertises, "Hitler has stopped our Display but not our Supplies," while an enterprising druggist announces his "Air Raid Tonic, 1s 3d."

A C.A.S.F. man "Somewhere in England" writes the following, in a letter to friends in Lachute . . . .

"There are all kinds of fruit and vegetables to be had here, but they are more expensive than at home. The cheapest oranges are 1½d each (3 cents), bananas are prohibitive, 4d each, and apples 6d a pound. There is every bit as good a range of canned foods. I think they're a little more expensive than at home, but there is no limit to what one can buy."

The same letter describes the result of an air raid as follows: "One bomb demolished half a house, leaving the other half practically undamaged . . . . Two bombs fell in the street, throwing around great piles of chalk, and breaking gas and water mains . . . . The fourth dropped on the front portion of a house. A man had just got up and was in his bath. His bedroom disappeared, and he was sitting in the bath looking out on the street, practically unhurt. The boys had quite a time getting a ladder up and taking him some clothes."

Write Christmas . . . not Xmas. "Christmas" is a beautiful word, a deeply significant word. Xmas is a slovenly abbreviation.

Dr. Coroner's Inquiry On Death of Child

The district coroner, Dr. W. F. McMartin, of Lachute, made investigation Tuesday into the death of Donald Howard Fox, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fox, of Kilmar. The child, four months old, had been suffering for ten days with what the parents believed to be a cold, and died at 5 a.m. Tuesday. No physician had been in attendance.

The coroner gave a pronouncement of natural death — believing pneumonia to have been the probable cause.

Howard Fox, father of the child, is an employee in the Canadian Refractories' plant at Kilmar.

Scarlet Fever Cases Decrease

It is pleasing to be able to record that the number of cases of scarlet fever among the pupils of the Lachute High School has shown a marked decline during the past week. At no time during the month of November did the outbreak assume any alarming proportions, the number of those ill never having been at any time greater than eleven.

Since the appearance of the ailment the members of the Board and teaching staff have co-operated closely with the Argenteuil County Health Unit. All cases have been diagnosed and isolated as early as possible, thus preventing any extensive spread of the infection. Members of the Health Unit staff have visited the school frequently, and every absent pupil is reported to them. In this way the reason for every absence is ascertained and it is practically impossible for any case of scarlet fever to escape detection.

The quick and efficient work of the County Health Unit in all outbreaks of infectious disease is a source of gratification to parents, pupils and and teachers alike.

LACHUTE MAN INJURED WORKING IN WOODS

Lucien Potvin, 28, of Lachute, was admitted to hospital in Buckingham on Sunday suffering form a broken right leg and a badly crushed right foot and ankle. It is believed a log fell on his leg while he was working in the bush at Notre Dame du Laus, 50 miles north of Buckingham.

CANADIAN BOY SCOUTS NOT TO BE TAUGHT FLYING

Wide publication in Canada of a Louisville, Ky., dispatch announcing that two experimental troops of Air Scouts were to be organized by the Boy Scouts of America brought inquiries to Dominion Scout Headquarters concerning such plans for Canada.

There is no intention of teaching Canadian Boy Scouts to fly. Two new Scout Airman Proficiency Badges recently inaugurated, the "Flying Lions," were adopted with the object of generally instructing Scouts in the principles of aviation, but particularly with the purpose of qualifying them to give landing directions and other aid to flyers circling to find an emergency landing place. Special attention in the instructions is given to procedure to be followed and help to be rendered in case of an aeroplane crash.

Salvaged Goods Restored On Plea of Parish Priest

FOUR-STOREY HOTEL AT STE. MARGUERITE IS RAZED BY FIRE

Fire broke out early Friday night in the almost vacant Manoir Ste. Marguerite, a large hotel in that village owned by Thomas Dancosse, of Montreal. The owner's sons Wilfrid and Antonio Dancosse, were on the premises at the time of the fire.

A well-known skiing resort and summer hotel, the Manoir was built 25 years ago. Mostly of wood construction, the four-storey building burned to the ground in about two hours.

A telephone alarm brought the fire department from the Domaine d'Esterel nearby and assistance from volunteer firemen of the village.

Scores of villagers carried furniture, blankets, sheets, cutlery, kitchen utensils and other articles of value to safety. When the owner returned from Montreal Saturday morning he found that a considerable amount of his property was missing. The Provincial Police headquarters in Montreal were advised and Det. Albert Oggier sent to the scene.

After a conference with the owner and village authorit'es, it was decided to advise the villagers that goods salvaged from a burning hotel did not fall into the same category as salvage from the sea and that the missing goods must be returned.

The co-operation of the parish priest was obtained and a statement read to the villagers in church on Sunday. The priest requested that those villagers who were under a misapprehension and believed they could keep the goods were mistaken and that every article taken from the scene of the fire must be returned to the parish hall.

Subsequently "several thousand dollars" worth of the hotel furnishings were returned to the hall. The police, however, were reported still seeking a number of firearms which disappeared at the time of the fire.



SENT TO U.S.

Sir Hugh Dowding, Air Chief Marshal of the R.A.F., who will be sent to the United States for special duty. Sir Hugh has been mainly responsible for the defense of Britain against German air attacks and is an expert in fighter plane construction and tactics.

Why Bombed Cities Are Not Identified in News

Cyril Radcliffe, chief of the British press censorship, stated in London that all correspondents were free to write their opinions and that the complaints over censorship were due to the fact that "neither the press nor public understands the range of information" which might be of use to the enemy.

As an example, he said, Germany, seeking evidence of the success of its night air raids, might gain military information from the announcement that a train has run late.

No news dispatch is suppressed merely because of the opinion expressed in it, Radcliffe said. But, he said, in a total war, "little occurs in a country's daily life that the enemy does not long to know so that he may plan his strategy accordingly."

"Consider air raids," he said. Germany has been forced to attack mainly by night and such attacks involve intricate problems in navigation. The enemy aims at a particular town or objective. His pilots return and say the objectives have been damaged or destroyed. Often they are wrong and nobody thinks the German communique is always right.

"If we name a town from this country he knows if his navigation has been correct or to what extent inaccurate. If we give him any details of damage at any important points he knows whether to try again or turn elsewhere. You do not call to your enemy from the trenches and say: "This is where you were last night; this is what you did."

Germany, he said, wants to know: "Is transport out of gear? Are roads blocked? If so, where? How about the water supply for fighters?

"There's nothing we are afraid to tell our people or the world, but much we think would be foolish to tell the enemy. We do not ask the world to believe that only churches and hospitals are damaged in air raids but we don't mind the enemy knowing a certain amount about this sort of thing because it does not help him."

HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER IS FINED BY MAGISTRATE

Convicted of a "hit and run" charge arising out of a fatal motor accident, Dorius Leonard, 35-year-old St. Jerome motorist, was sentenced by District Magistrate Donat Lalande to a fine of $25 and costs.

The accident in which Leonard was involved occurred on the Laurentian highway at St. Antoine on September 13, 1939. He was driving an auto which struck two pedestrians. One of these — Leo Corbeil, 20, of St. Antoine was killed. The other, Carmel Moreau, also of St. Antoine, was seriously injured, but recovered.

Leonard was originally charged with manslaughter, elected a speedy trial and was convicted of the lesser charge.

Dial Phones Installed At Huntingdon, Que.

The new dial telephone exchange at Huntingdon was placed in service Monday morning, affecting more than 1,000 telephones in and around Huntingdon.

All telephone numbers in the new exchange were changed at the time of the conversion — the new numbers appearing in a pink directory section delivered to subscribers last week.

The dial switching apparatus for the Huntingdon exchange is housed in a new building which also contains the local telephone business office.

Making History in Argenteuil

Extracted from the Fyles of The Watchman

60 Years Ago

December, 1880

There is a boy in the Augmentation of Grenville, 9½ years old, who has a 42-inch chest measurement, five fingers and a thumb on each hand, and six toes on each foot. He lives near Maskinonge Lake.

We are glad to learn that the Quebec Government have taken measures to complete the Rouge Bridge. This step is an important work, and is in the interest of settlers; thanks are due to Mr. Abbott for his great assistance.

On Monday evening, between 7 and 8 o'clock, a large owl was shot by Mr. Wm. Hume of Hill Head. While going to the stable to feed his cattle and bed them down for the night he was startled by seeing a large bird rise up and fly on the roof of the barn, he returned to the house, secured his gun and brought the bird tumbling to the yard. It was a large bird of dark grey color, weighed 4¼ pounds and measured 4 ft. 6 ins. from point to point of wing.

25 Years Ago

December, 1915

Mr. G. C. Piché, Chief of the Forest Service of Quebec, with a delegation of interested parties were investigating the growth of plantations of White Pine and Scotch Pine, made in 1911 for the restoration of valuable farm land. This, it is recalled, was acquired by the Government for the sum of $1 an acre, with privilege that, at the end of 15 years it could be redeemed by the original proprietors at $10 an acre. Thousands of sandy acres are a picture of desolation, proving its full worth. Local records indicate that about 100 years ago the destruction of forest growth was gradually petering out, but the conclusive blight upon the district arrived with a plague of grasshoppers which cleared off practically all green vegetation. The recurrence of the plague for several seasons brought about the destruction, and the sandy drifts with increasing winds widened the gaps between the fertile and semi-fertile patches.



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STIRRING VERSES BY NEW ZEALANDER

The following poem, written by Mr. Harold Gaze, a New Zealander, now resident in Pasadena, was attached to an application for employment which he addressed to Dr. H. M. Tory, Director of the Technical Section of the Voluntary Service Registration Bureau. In sending it, Mr. Gaze released all publication rights to the Government.

IF ENGLAND DIE!

If England die? Our thought refuses it,
As something gross, impossible to hear!
For at her death dies honest justice, too;
The strength that held and made the world more fair;
A breed of men earth's womb may no more bear,
To bless a callous world that let her die.

Should England die, the world will feel a void!
A something will be missed from heart and mind
That not all creeds nor culture can replace —
Finding none other fit to play her role:
The sum and substance of this earth's fair scroll
Shall crumble to decay — if England die.

Should England die — dread anarchy may rule —
Snatching the sceptre from her failing hand —
Lighting a ghastly pyre whose flames consume
The soul's strong edifice on which we stand,
Till freedom, hope and all we nobly planned —
All we have won from barbarism—goes!—if England die.

If England die — the noble stream that feeds
The lovely delta where our fate is cast
Dries! — and we wither, as the seeds
Meant to renew the world from out her past:
Her laws, her wisdom and her soul, at last,
We shall revere and prize — too late! — if England die.

If England die — we plunge into the night,
Where tyranny and hate — twin bandits — stand,
Knowing no urge but greed, no right but might,
No culture but a sword in blood-drenched hand;
And all the sapling framework of this land —
Robbed of its promised fruitage—fades!—if England die.

If England die? But this may never be,
While there is red blood in the veins of men!
While there are hearts and minds of noble build!
Whilst God — within His Heaven — cares! For then
None can mistake the road! None wonder when
To strike! — for freedom and the heritage of men! — ere
England die.

THE CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

The conscientious objector — that is, the person who objects to fighting, either from principle or anything else — is even to be found in the municipal service of England. Fortunately one community, Northampton, a centre of the shoe industry, knows how to deal with such, for the Town Council has passed a resolution that any conscientious objector in its employ shall have his service terminated, that he may be re-engaged but only at the rate of pay of a serving soldier.

B. OF T. URGES TRIAL OF PARKING METERS

Trial use of auto parking meters on Montreal streets was recommended by the local Board of Trade, following a study of parking meters by a special committee.

The committee's report stated that while it was felt that the installation of parking meters would not solve the traffic congestion in city streets, it would probably improve conditions materially. A trial installation, therefore, of not less than 1,000 meters was recommended. It was also emphasized that a strict enforcement of traffic regulations should accompany this trial installation, in order that advantages of the parking meter system could be accurately estimated.

SEES VAST REBUILDING PROGRAMME AFTER LONDON AIR RAIDS

Although shocked to hear that historic places in London, such as the Inns of Court and the Temple, have been bombed while he was on the way to this continent, H. K. Shepherd, London barrister, does not consider the bombing to be an unmixed evil.

"Naturally you sympathize with the residents of those slum areas which have been bombed", he told reporters. "But aerial destruction of London's slums, even though accompanied by heartaches for the inhabitants, is at least one way of dealing with a problem that was becoming more and more acute.

"The destroyed parts of London will be rebuilt", he said. "But the slums, I hope, will not. I hope decent housing, with proper provision of playgrounds and park space will arise there . . . The slums have not received any greater percentage of hits than other parts of London", Mr. Shepherd added. "Indeed destruction of homes in London still is much below one per cent of the total. But the destruction achieved will undoubtedly make it easier to rebuild London in a greater and better way". The last destruction which befell London, he pointed out, was in the Great Fire, more than 300 years ago. London was rebuilt then with a number of magnificent thoroughfares cut through the crooked mazes of streets that were old London.

JOINT MAYORS

New York City has only one mayor, and a little fellow at that. Sandy Springs, South Carolina, has two — as tall as tamaracks and as quick after quail as anybody in Anderson County. W. K. Moore is 6 ft. 5 in., and wears a Southern statesman's hat. Sam Smith weighs 275 pounds, towers almost as high.

Moore and Smith have hunted and fished together all their lives. Sam lived on one side of Sandy Springs' main drag, Moore on the other. This year the two sides of town decided to join under one government, and Smith and Moore were both put up for mayor. After two Lincoln-Douglas debates ("once on the depot platform and the other time down at the spring"), each got 100 votes. The election committee knew better than to hold another ballot, so Smith and Moore became co-mayors.

They take turns presiding over council, which ponders its business on the bench in front of D. L. Reid's general store. Knottier problems they solve by flipping a coin. Their work is strenuous, for "nearly 300 people live in or near Sandy Springs", says Moore. So neither has much time left for farming. They are not making much money out of their joint job. Said Co-Mayor Moore last week: "Our policeman collects the taxes. What is left after he is paid is divided equally betwixt Mr. Smith and me. But up to now we have not got anything and the policeman is due $14 in back pay".

—*Time Magazine*

EARLY TOWN RECORDS

Research by the WPA historical survey found that Sargent Knop, town treasurer of Groton, Mass., 256 years ago, figured his accounts "From the beginning of the world until this day . . . . January 31, 1683-4."

BRITISH RAILWAYS TAKE NATIONAL JOB

BOMBS, BLACKOUTS ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK

By Special Correspondent

The war has given Britain's railways and railwaymen a huge task, vital to the national effort. They are doing it magnificently.

Transport of troops, of war material, and of industrial freight makes enormous demands on lines, rolling-stock, man power and organization. Plans have to be made, abandoned, changed and put into operation at almost no notice.

Railway working in many of its aspects is complicated by the blackout and other security measures.

Finally, enemy bombs not only make railway work a hazardous front-line duty, but they sometimes cause damage to lines that must be repaired as rapidly as possible, often under difficult and dangerous conditions.

Planning New Routes

Day and night the operating staffs of the Main Line Railways and London Transport are ready to arrange emergency services by railway, road and river steamers to carry the public to and from their work, and they usually have the emergency services working in a remarkably short time.

Railway engineering staffs who are always on the alert for instant action in the event of damage to lines, the speed with which the repair squads get to the scene after a bomb explodes, and the rapidity with which they complete the repairs, are almost incredible to people who do not know the meticulous organization that lies behind the rush work.

Amongst the jobs which have to be tackled are these — putting out fires caused by bombing, clearing great quantities of debris from the lines; filling bomb-craters and re-laying the tracks; installing emergency signalling systems pending the repair of the permanent installations; repairing damaged electric cables; inspecting arches of bridges and tunnels, and overcoming the problem of unexploded bombs on the line.

Here are a few instances showing how efficiently these jobs are done.

Four bombs fell on a suburban line at 1.30 p.m. blocking three lines. By 3.15 p.m. two lines had been opened for traffic.

At a terminal station bombs killed the driver of a train and seriously injured two firemen, damaged the station roof and platforms, and put the signalling system out of operation. Regardless of this the trains were still kept running.

Rapid Repairs

A complicated junction near a large station was bombed at 4.00 p.m., but before 6.30 p.m. the whole of the lines, points and signalling had been examined and repairs were made in time to cope with the bulk of the evening business traffic.

Bombs were dropped at midnight on a suburban station dealing with very heavy passenger traffic.

In less than two hours repairs had been carried out, a damaged empty train had been removed, and early morning passengers were passing through the station.

An incendiary bomb recently hit a suburban train, setting it on fire. The guard's log read "train fired by enemy bomb, fire extinguished en route, passengers behaved splendidly, little delay."

A dozen bombs dropped on a station in the eastern suburbs one evening. Platform walls were damaged, the track lifted and rails bent, and there were bomb craters in various places. A train ran into the debris, thereby blocking two of the four sets of metals through the station.

Less than twenty hours later the debris had been removed, the derailed train withdrawn, the platform walls and track repaired, the latter work requiring six new rails, and both lines were re-opened to traffic in time for the evening rush hour.

Business people who had seen the damage when travelling through the station over one of the undamaged sets of metals in the morning, were astonished to find on their return journey in the evening that their train passed over the place where the damage had occurred.

Work Despite Danger

One evening recently an unexploded bomb fell a short distance from a main-line signal box. Train services were temporarily suspended while military experts made an inspection. They were of the opinion that the bomb was of a type that could not be disposed of immediately.

But the railway didn't wait for the bomb to be taken away before restoring the service. Someone at once suggested that a screen of wagons placed on the up line would make possible single-line working on the down line. This was done: thirty high-sided wagons loaded with coal were shunted on to the up line.

Volunteers were then called for to work freight traffic past the danger spot. The traffic and locomotive staffs volunteered to a man. The crews of down trains from London showed the same spirit. They refused to leave their trains, although volunteer relief drivers were ready to take over for the dangerous section of the run.

As a result of the courage shown by these railwaymen, twenty-four important freight, newspaper and fish trains were worked past the danger spot before the bomb was removed, when ordinary train services were restored.

"I, for one, do not believe that the era of democracy in human affairs can or will be snuffed out in our lifetime." —Franklin D. Roosevelt

"Happiness isn't something you can get just by picking up a phone and ordering it." —Betty Grable

America Builds A Wall — Is It Enough?

(The following article, one of a series written by people associated with the Moral Re-Armament movement, has received wide publicity in United States newspapers).

Once China built a wall. She lived behind it. She laughed at her enemies. She felt secure . . . Soon an invader came from the north. Three times China found the enemy inside her gates. They did not storm the wall. They did not go around it. They simply bribed the gate-keeper.

Yesterday France built a wall. The Maginot Line. Steel and stone. She felt secure behind it. She put her faith in it. Yet France fell . . . Why?

Something was missing. There was a gap through which an invader came. That gap was not only in the wall. It was in the spirit of the people.

Today America builds her wall. A ring of steel. Ships and planes and guns. But is this enough? Does America have what China lacked? What France lacked? Does she have "Total" defence?

She builds her wall. Does she also build character? Spirit? The will to sacrifice? Does she build men? Men who pull together?

Before our eyes the world changes. Nations collapse. We in America ask: "What can I do? What can 130 million Americans do? PLENTY! Behind ships and planes and guns lie three lines of defence: Sound homes — Teamwork in industry — A united nation. They fill the gap. They must be manned.

You can defend America!

An editor wrote a Southern Missouri subscriber, Bill Jeffrey, advising him that his subscription had expired.

A few days later the editor received his own letter, across the bottom of which was scrawled, "So's Bill."

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Red Cross Begins Salvage Effort

COLLECTING VARIETIES OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE

Quebec Division of the Red Cross issues a statement that its Salvage Department has begun a collection of rubbish which includes everything that the average householder throws away except tin cans, cigarette boxes and bottle tops. A system of collection is organized whereby every household that so desires it will have its rubbish picked up once a month provided as much as a hundred pounds has been collected. This includes paper of all sorts, bottles, rags, metals, in fact all general scrap.

The above arrangement should not in any way interfere with the collection of tinfoil and toothpaste tubes, which will continue to be sent direct to Red Cross House. It is stressed that tea-lead is also acceptable, provided it is flattened and stripped of paper labels.

This scheme applies to Branches in the Montreal area only, but Branches outside the area may make similar collections and have the material shipped, if they are able to use an empty lorry or some other conveyance going to the city; otherwise Branches outside Montreal may dispose of the material to a local dealer and transfer the funds from such sales.

Sea Scouts of the 1st Brockville, Ont., Sea Scout Troop are erecting a 40-foot E-shaped dock before their boathouse. It is planned also to erect a diving tower.

Monthly Meeting of Council, Parish of St. Jerusalem

At the regular council meeting of St. Jerusalem Parish, held Monday in the Court House, Mayor J. G. Hadley presided, with Councillors S. Wilson, E. W. Smith, R. Morrison, P. Gordon and F. Touchette in attendance.

A resolution was passed instructing the secretary, Jas. W. Gall, to notify all ratepayers in arrears of taxes for three years or more, that same must be paid on or before Dec. 26th — failing which the accounts would be handed over to the County Council for sale of properties for taxes.

Discussion on the opening of winter thoroughfares brought a resolution that the granting of permission to any person or persons to keep any road open for motor traffic during the winter, be left to the secretary—with the provision that he deems such person reliable and responsible for damages that may occur.

Red Cross Work From Lachute

The following articles were shipped to Red Cross Headquarters during November, from the Lachute Branch:

11 Prs. socks, 7 prs. sea-boot socks, 16 prs. bed socks, 7 sweaters, 51 scarves, 35 prs. mitts, 19 caps and helmets, 54 pillow cases, 38 sheets, 420 surgery towels, and 118 refuge garments.

Donations — 2 prs. boys' breeches, 1 dress, 4 prs. bootees, 1 baby's bonnet, 1 jacket, 2 prs. stockings, 1 tam, 9 prs. children's mitts.

Council Debates on West End Sewer

SNOW-CLEARING ORDER TO JAMES WELDEN, CALUMET

The regular session of town council was held in the council chamber last evening presided over by Mayor W. S. MacKimmie, with Aldermen O. Laurin, A. Scott, L. St. Jacques, R. Muir, W. Morrisette, D. Pharand, Z. Harbour, E. Prevost and F. S. McGibbon present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Ald. Prevost, seconded by Ald. Pharand, the sum of $150 was granted to Lachute Hockey Club in consideration of its entry into a new league formed this season. It is anticipated that the amusement tax derived from the 33 games will more than compensate for the grant, regardless of publicity resulting to the town.

The secretary read a letter from Ayers Limited, dated Nov. 12th, complaining of the town's attitude toward the matter of the Chatham sewer connecting pipe.

It was moved by Ald. R. Muir, seconded by Ald. F. McGibbon that Dr. Maynard, of the Health Unit, be invited to appear before Council to make a report on the activities of the Unit and to give a list of all suppliers of milk to the milkmen doing business in Lachute.

Moved by Ald. Morrissette, seconded by Ald. Muir, that the Board of Health be informed that this council cannot accept Ayers Limited proposition, and that they be requested to issue an order for a sewer on Millway, with diversion into the West River, and for a sewer on part of Princess Street.

It was moved by Ald. R. Muir, seconded by Ald O. Laurin, that the Roads Committee be authorized to make a deal with Mr. Jas. Welden for clearing the town streets during the winter at a cost not exceeding $550.

Woman Instantly Killed by Car at Hawkesbury

Mrs. Eloi Gauthier, 62, of Hawkesbury, was instantly killed late Sunday night in Hawkesbury when struck by a car driven by Louis Pichard, 28, of Hull, and her husband was taken to hospital suffering from cuts about the head and shock.

Crown Attorney C.W.A. Marien, of Rockland, decided against an inquest and instructed that a charge of reckless driving be laid against Pichard. At L'Orignal, following the preliminary inquiry before Magistrate Raoul Labrosse, he was committed for trial at the General Sessions of the Peace.

Three companions also riding with Pichard were all subpoenaed as witnesses.

According to the authorities, the couple were walking on Main Street, East, when they were struck by the car which was travelling in the same direction.

Boy Scouts Expect Bigger Response

TOYS URGENTLY NEEDED TO FILL CHRISTMAS REQUIREMENT

The Lachute Boy Scouts have received a number of toys for their Christmas Repair Shop, but they need many more. As is generally known, after these toys have been renovated and in many cases repainted, they are delivered to underprivileged children of this community at Christmas time.

Anyone having toys which are of no further use, please call Scout Leader Fred Assaly, telephone No. 155, and he will gladly call for them, or if preferred, kindly leave them with Mr. Ralph McOuat at the Farmers' Supply, Foundry Street.

C.A.S.F. Man Died Of Illness Overseas

LATE CORP. W. G. CAMERON WELL KNOWN IN MORIN

Corp W. Grant Cameron, who enlisted from Morin Heights in the Royal Montreal Regiment and was serving overseas with the First Canadian Pioneer Battalion, died of spinal meningitis on November 19th, "Somewhere in England." Announcement of his death was received by his wife from the Department of National Defence at Ottawa.

Son of the late Dr. Robert and Mrs. Cameron, of Cookshire, the young man joined R.M.R. on Oct 4th, 1939, and went overseas with the First Division of the C.A.S.F. In England he was transferred to the First Canadian Pioneer Battalion.

Cameron, who would have been 26 years old on November 27th, was born in Cookshire, Que. He was married on Sept. 27th, 1939 to Hilda Kingsley, of Sawyerville, Que. On Oct 28th last, Mrs. Cameron received a letter from her husband, in which he said he was in good health.

In addition to his wife, Cameron is survived by two brothers, Colin Cameron of the Royal Rifles, now stationed in Sussex, N.B.; Gordon Cameron of Huntingdon, and one sister, Miss Shirley Cameron of Montreal.

Previous to his enlistment Cameron had been in the employ of his uncle and aunt, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Jos Seale, at Morin. He was a grandson of the late W. B. Cameron, of Huntingdon.

PEACE ON EARTH

Peace is the healing and elevating influence of the world.
—Woodrow Wilson

Peace rules the day, where reason rules the mind. —William Collins.

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you live peaceably with all men.
—Romans 12:18

Births, Marriages and Deaths

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BIRTH

CRUISE — At Lachute, Que., on Monday, November 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon P. Cruise (née Peggy Neill) a son, Ray Willis.

DEATHS

DEY — At Morin Heights, on December 2nd, 1940, Glenna Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dey (née Olive Seale), aged 3½ months.

TAYLOR — At St. Andrews East, on Nov. 30th, David Lawson Taylor, beloved husband of the late Agnes Rodger, in his 73rd year.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

TAYLOR — The family of the late David L. Taylor wish to thank their friends and neighbors for kindness and sympathy extended them in their recent bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN — In loving memory of our father, Wm. John Brown, who departed this life Dec. 5th, 1935.—Lovingly remembered by Bill and Mary.

We think of him in silence,
We oft repeat his name (hand
What would we give to clasp his
And see him smile again.

COUSENS — In loving memory of dear Violet, who died December 11, 1936. — Inserted by the family.

The years may wipe out many (things,
But this they wipe out never—
The memory of those happy days
When we were all together.

District News

FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

BROWNSBURG

Miss Marion Stewart, of Montreal, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mrs. W. Townsend and Mrs. F. Barker spent the week-end in Montreal, visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. McLeod.

Sapper T. Simpson, of Petewawa, was a recent guest of the Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Simpson.

Mr. R. H. Morrison spent Tuesday in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Werritt will leave this week to visit relatives in Longueuil.

Mrs. Lemuel Wilson was in Montreal this week.

The regular monthly meeting of the Red Cross will be held in the C-I-L rooms on Monday evening at 7.30. Members of the different committees are requested to be present.

The Junior Mission circle of the Maple Avenue Baptist Church held their December meeting at Mrs. F. Barker's on Tuesday evening. Mrs. H. Dixon presided. The convention report was given by Mrs. C. E. Prosser; plans were made to send a missionary box and to make more quilts. Mrs. H. Dixon was chosen as a life member of the circle.

ST. ANDREWS EAST

Mr. and Mrs. L. Porter and sons occupied their summer home for the week-end.

Other week-enders here included Miss Freda Wales, Messrs. M. Ballantyne, George and Bill De Witt, Bill Whitesides, Ronald de la Ronde, and Lloyd Lilly.

Miss Gladys Hyde, of Montreal, has been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas Hyde, for the past ten days.

Mrs. Mowatt, who recently suffered a fractured rib, is convalescing and now able to be up.

Miss Audrey Eaton has gone to Montreal for the month of December.

Mr. Oscar Roy has again undertaken the construction of a skating rink, in the same location as last season.

Mr. Malcolm Smith, of Montreal, and daughter, Mrs. W. Needland and baby, also Mrs. J. Tedford, were guests of Mrs. K. de la Ronde last Wednesday.

The Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church held a short business session at the home of the vice-president, Mrs. L. H. Bezanson, on Thursday afternoon. Plans were completed for a tea and sale to be held on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 7th, at the home of Mrs. Fred. Robertson . . . Many of the members then attended the tea being given that afternoon by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, in the church hall.

Engagement Announced

The engagement is announced of Mr. Walter Rowan Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simpson, of Westmount and St. Andrews East, to, Miss Cathleen Valentine Carswell, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carswell, of Westmount. The marriage is to take place in January.

Winter Does Not Check Activity of Ground Mole

One animal rarely seen, yet hardly to be considered uninteresting, is the common mole. Its habit of living a secluded underground life, together with a natural shyness when it is aware of human presence, makes this creature one of the more mysterious animals of the state, writes Clarence Taube in the Detroit News.

But the animal makes up for its infrequent appearance by leaving behind numerous and plainly evident signs of having been about. The lines of upheaved dirt above underground tunnels and the circular mole hills are common sights in summer and sometimes are also evident in winter.

The mole is content to burrow for subterranean worms and insects upon which it feeds. Its pointed snout and the two hand-like paws serve as excellent tools for digging. Occasionally the animal works its way to the earth's surface, after which it may crawl above ground for a short distance before "digging in" again. Usually these sojourns in the outer world are quite brief, for the mole out of ground acts much like a fish out of water, and it invariably hurries to return to its underground abode where it lives in greater safety.

Observers have noted that for some unknown reason the mole is more likely to be seen above ground during the noon hour than at any other time of day. Although the small mammal generally does its burrowing deep down during the winter months, it's at this season when it is more frequently seen out of the ground. This may be due to animal's rather frequent striking frozen earth, the impenetrable obstacle causing it to dig to the surface; or then again it may be due to the fact that the bluish gray furred animal is much more easily discerned on snow, thus causing its out-of-ground excursions to be noticed more often in winter than in summer.

Army War College

The Army War college at Washington, D. C., is one of the general service schools of the army. It is the highest unit in the military educational system, having as its object the training of selected officers for duty in the war department general staff and for high command in accordance with methods approved by the war department. In addition, it supervises the activities of the historical section.

Canada's Forest Lands Yield Valuable Timber

Canada's forests occupy about 783,000,000 acres, or more than one-third the total land area of the dominion, says the department of mines and resources, Ottawa. More than 60 per cent of the forest area—492,000,000 acres—is capable of producing timber of commercial value. The remainder of the forests, situated on sub-alpine, sub-Arctic and other less favorable sites, are of value for their influence on climatic conditions, the control of stream flow and water supplies, the protection of wildlife and as sources of wood supplies for the local population. Of the productive forests it is estimated that 230,000,000 acres at present carry timber of merchantable size and on 262,000,000 acres there is young growth of various ages to meet future demands.

The total amount of timber of merchantable size in Canada's forests is estimated at 273,656 million cubic feet, of which 170,144 million cubic feet is considered accessible by means of the present transportation facilities. This accessible and merchantable timber includes 245,313 million feet board measure of wood suitable for the manufacture of sawn lumber and 1,107 million cords which may be utilized as pulpwood, fuelwood and mining timber. The softwoods, which are in the greatest demand for construction and for the manufacture of pulp and paper, comprise about 80 per cent of the total stand and about the same proportion of the annual cut.

Looking Back to Kitty Hawk

Whether Orville and Wilbur Wright, who realized Roger Bacon's prophecy and Leonardo da Vinci's dream, ever foresaw the sky full of Messerschmitts, Heinkels, Spitfires, Airacobras and the like—is a question that some expert in the short history of aviation may answer if he can. If they did the world today possibly wishes they had folded their tents at Kitty Hawk and bicycled back to Dayton before 10 o'clock on the morning of December 17, 1903.

Be that as it may, it is certain that they did not foresee an encyclopedia of the airplane of more than 1,400 pages less than 37 years after their world-shaking flight. Yet here it is this day, an item at least half as bulky as an unabridged dictionary, and named "Aerosphere: 1939." The author and editor is Glen D. Angle of Detroit, who is known as an engine designer and as the author of various books and many technical articles relating to airplane engines. He was formerly a professor at the Lawrence Institute of Technology, and is now connected with the Briggs Manufacturing company.

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Among the Churches

NEW LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH MARKS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Dr. L. H. Fisher, of Hampstead, Guest Preacher on Sunday

Sunday last was celebration day for the congregation of the Lachute United Church, as they commemorated the dedication of their new church just one year ago.

The Rev. L. H. Fisher, D.Th., of Hampstead was invited as guest preacher and his themes were,—"Lessons from the Past" and "The Treasures of Darkness."

At the morning service, Dr. Fisher said in part, "It is easy to put a halo around the past, saying that if we had a few of our fathers here how better the world would be, but we must remember, they too, had to face the problems of their day." He pictured the present prosperous farms, the good roads and excellent rail travel and reminded one of the pioneering spirit of our fore-fathers, in not planning for themselves alone.

Dr. Fisher then spoke of the monuments of piety, the chain of Historic churches in Europe, dating back many centuries, standing as monuments of triumphs throughout the ages, and said. "We aught always to sit down in our own church and meditate . . 'it is here because we believe in God . . because it speaks of finer and deeper things, and the decency of mankind.'"

The preacher outlined the main work of the church; he mentioned matrimony, which stands for finer homes built in love and understanding; the community interest, with schools teaching the best things in life; and the all-important missionary work.

Dr. Fisher traced the various crises in the Christian Church recalling the four reformers, Paul Augustine, Luther and Wesley, as having in common—(1) the recognition of the power of evil; (2) the spiritual deliverance of Christ; (3) recognition of a central place of atonement.

Concluding, the speaker said:—"There is a trust in your hand, a tradition of glorious days, and that tradition must be a living thing . . . Do not hesitate to change if wisest and best to do so. The trust is unimpaired and the glory undimmed."

At the evening service, Mr. Fisher's remarks were indeed appropriate for these darkened days. Taking as his text, "I will give you treasures of darkness," he prefaced his remarks upon a statement of a Manchester parishioner who said, "The revelation of the beauties of the night, the stars and shadows, have only come upon me since the blackout!"

Speaking of the trials and tragedies of the human race, the preacher claimed that often it is the experience of people to find some sense of God when going through an ordeal. He said that a real treasure of darkness were the words of Marie Antoinette, who, while in the hands of the populous, cried, "Tribulation makes one realize how one is."

"If the race is to improve," continued Dr. Fisher, "it will come by struggle and suffering."

The average family in peacetime, lives freely, perhaps irresponsibly, Dr. Fisher observed — but in war-time, they become obsessed with the desire to serve . . . human beings become creatures of immeasurable value, and in the darkness of war clouds they are appreciative of others.

Concluding, Dr. Fisher said, "There is a treasure of darkness, if you have discovered the value of prayer."

The music for the day included two anthems, "Send Out Thy Light," by Gaunod, which was also sung at the church dedication, and "Saviour, Thy Children Keep," by Sullivan.

CONGREGATIONAL SOCIAL AT LACHUTE UNITED

Friends and neighbors joined the members of Lachute United Church on Tuesday evening to mark the first anniversary of the dedication of their new church. The event was a social gathering which, judging by its success, and personal comment may be followed by many more such occasions.

The Rev. W. B. Rosborough, extended a cordial greeting to all present. He reviewed briefly the disastrous fire, which destroyed the former church and the gratifying response of the people in the undertaking of reconstruction.

Community singing was led by Mr. Chas Duncan, and a pleasing program included vocal solos, duets and quartets, recitations, cornet numbers, and two Scotch selections by the choir, which drew appreciative response from the audience.

A social get-together and refreshments, served by the Ladies' Aid, completed the evening's activities. Thanks were expressed by Mr. Rosborough for all contributions toward the success of this venture.

B. C. CELEBRATIONS ARE LINKED WITH LACHUTE

The Daily News of Prince Rupert, B.C., records the joint celebration of a marriage and a golden wedding anniversary both of interest to relatives and friends in these parts. The hosts were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walker, at whose home in Francois Lake, B.C., they commemorated their 50th wedding anniversary on the same day as their daughter, Miss Lillian Jessie Adelia Walker, became united in marriage to Mr. William Gair, of Forestdale and Prince Rupert.

The ceremony was performed at the home by the Rev. Adam Crisp. The bride was given away by her father, and her attendant was Miss Edith Gair, sister of the groom. The bridegroom was assisted by Jack Walker, brother of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Walker were given a hearty reception, as the honored parties and their guests adjourned to the community hall for entertainment. Two hundred people attended the joint celebration. Among the many presents to the older couple was a jar of gold nuggets, one for each year of their harmonious married life; this was given by a lifelong friend of the Walker family.

John R. Walker is a brother of Andrew Walker, East Settlement, who with Mrs. Walker celebrated his golden wedding also, just four years ago. John was born in Lachute in 1866. At the age of 18 he went to Colorado, then moved to Manitoba, where he farmed until 1904. There he met his boyhood sweetheart, Miss Jessie Douglas, formerly of Montreal, and they were married in 1890.

In 1904 they moved to the Fraser Valley and developed one of the show places for which Chilliwack is famed. This became too civilized for the pioneer, whose father had arrived in Montreal one hundred and eight years ago and five of whose brothers have also celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries; so he moved to Francois Lake in 1921, renting in succession two of the best farms on the shore of Tchesinkut Lake where the couple are spending their declining years in a life of active retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker were last in Lachute 23 years ago when they paid a visit to their early home surroundings. During that visit they were present for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. MacKimmie.

ALBERTA WEDDING OF INTEREST HERE

Hicks - Tomalty

A wedding of interest to friends and relatives in Brownsburg and Lachute took place in Red Deer United Church, Red Deer, Alta, Wednesday, Nov. 6th, when Margaret Grace, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tomalty, of Red Deer, became the bride of Mr. Hawton Hicks, only son of Mrs. Nettie Hicks and the late John Hicks, of Red Deer. The Rev. H. R. Ross officiated.

The bride given in marriage by her father, wore a bouffant picture gown of white sheer, with moulded waistline, yolk and sleeve bandings of self-colored lace. Her floor-length veil was fashioned Spanish style, held in place with a cluster of lily-of-the valley. Her only ornament was a string of pearls. She wore elbow-length white net gloves and carried a bouquet of large white chrysanthemums.

Miss Ruth Tomalty was her sister's bridesmaid, and was becomingly gowned in floor-length pink silk net over taffeta. Her accessories were blue, and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations tied with blue tulle.

Mr. Roland McCune was best man.

While the wedding party entered the church Miss Eunice Harvey played the Wedding March from Lohengrin, and during the signing of the register played "Liebestraum," by Liszt.

Messrs. Harold and Leonard Tomalty, brothers of the bride, acted as ushers.

Following the ceremony, a wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, where some thirty-five guests were present. A four-tiered wedding cake centred the bride's table, which was decorated with pink and white streamers and tapers.

Later in the evening, the young couple were driven to Calgary to take the train for Vancouver and Victoria. For travelling the bride chose a dress of green chiffon velvet, over which she wore a coat of plum shade trimmed with mink, and hat of same shade. Her accessories were brown.

The bride went to Red Deer from Hoosier Sask., three years ago. Several showers were held in the city in her honor prior to the wedding. The couple will reside in Red Deer, Alta.

Social and Personal

Private George Wilson, of Camp Borden, is home on leave for a couple of weeks.

Miss Kay Miller, nurse-in-training at the Montreal General Hospital, spent last week-end at her home in town.

Mr. Lester McCallum, of McGill University, Montreal, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Walker.

Roy, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCrea, is a patient in the Royal Victoria Hospital, suffering from pneumonia.

Miss Catherine Farmer, of St. Lambert, was a week-end guest of her sister, Miss Janet Farmer, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McGibbon.

Mr. Richard Ayers returned this week from a visit with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Robert Miller left this week to take up residence in Montreal for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Johnston, of Ayers Cliff, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Y. Deacon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wright, of Outremont, spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Giles.

Mr. Sydney Maidens, of the Canadian Grenadier Guards, Camp Borden, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Maidens, over the week-end.

The Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Fisher, of Hampstead, were Sunday guests at the United Church manse. The Rev. W. B. Rosborough was guest preacher at Hampstead.

Pte. Andrew Cleland, overseas with the R.C.R., in writing to his sister, Mrs. Robt. McCrea, says he is grateful to the Lachute Red Cross and Jerusalem-Bethany W.I., for the several parcels he has received from these organizations. Pte. Cleland appreciates also The Watchman, which reaches him regularly by mail.

RAILWAYMAN RELATES HOW LONDON TAKES IT

Montreal — How physical London takes it is related in a letter written to a Montreal colleague by Lieut. F. Gemmill Smith, of the European staff of the Canadian National Railways. Mr. Smith, a veteran of the First World War, promptly joined up for the current emergency and is with the Royal Engineers. He writes: "London, I found, had a lot of bombs dropped on it but the remarkable thing is the limited damage done. Sometimes, of course it is bad, but generally they drop in some garden or waste ground, so it seems. The older buildings suffer most and generally just do a collapse as gracefully as they can, whilst alongside may be a newer building still standing up well with, perhaps, not even the glass of the windows broken! In other words, the localized effect of a bomb, as we knew it in the last show, still holds good, though I don't think it applies to the class of stuff we drop on him."

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11 a.m.—Morning Worship.
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10 a.m., Sunday School.
11 a.m. "Hagar"
7.30 p.m. The Matchless Name."

LAKEFIELD CHURCH SERVICES
Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, Rector.

Dunany, 11 a.m., Holy Communion.
2 p.m., Louisa, Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m., Lakefield.

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—Mary Baker Eddy

Real friendship is a slow grower, and never thrives unless engrafted upon a stock of known and reciprocal merit. —Lord Chesterfield.

New Rubber Compound Conducts Electricity

It sounds startling. Any school boy knows, of course, that one of the most valuable properties of rubber is its electrical non-conductivity or its ability to "insulate" electrical conductors.

Now comes the Dunlop Company and deliberately compounds a rubber that will conduct a certain amount of electricity. It turns out to be a very valuable safety measure, too. Although still in somewhat of an experimental stage, results to date point to the elimination of a number of hazards which, while the average man on the street thinks little about them, are none the less quite serious.

Do you remember how you used to rub your feet on the carpet — a good insulator — and get a spark from the radiator, which was a good "ground?" Very harmless, of course, but what would happen if there were explosive solids, liquids or gases present? Quite possibly a terrific explosion, with serious loss of life, property and consequent interruption of vital war effort. Now, if the floor covering had been a conductor of electricity, no explosion could take place because there would be no spark to cause it. That, then, is one application of conductive rubber.

Here is another. Did you ever notice the short chain that bounces along behind the big gasoline tank trucks? That is, of course, to "ground" any static and let it run away before it "builds up" to form a spark, when someone touches the tank, which might cause a terrific explosion. The same hazard is present when an aeroplane is landing, but if the tires on the gasoline truck or the tires on the plane were made of the new conductive rubber, this electrical charge would escape harmlessly as the wheel touches the ground.

Other uses for this conductive rubber are suggesting themselves every day, such as taking the static electricity out of factory belting, gasoline hose, automobile engine mountings and all types of buses, trucks and passenger cars.

It has, of course, always been possible to make rubber conductive to some degree by the addition of considerable graphite, pewdered charcoal, etc., but other desirable qualities of the rubber suffered severely in consequence. However, the important feature of the new technique as developed in the Dunlop laboratories is that there is no sacrifice of the normal properties of flexibility and resistence, cracking and wear. Much work has yet to be done in this field but the results to date are highly gratifying.



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WEEKLY HEALTH ARTICLE

By DR. HERMAN N. BUNDESEN
President, Chicago Board of Health

IMPROPER DIET WILL HARM MOTHER-TO-BE AND BABY

With all the discoveries in recent years about proper nutrition, the food of the pregnant mother has received more and more attention. No doubt, many of the disturbances which the mother has after and even before the baby is born are due to malnutrition. Certain disorders of the blood and teeth develop because the baby has used up the supply of minerals and vitamins which, under ordinary conditions might have been sufficient for mother's needs. Then, too, the infant's life may be endangered because of the lack of certain essential food substances in the mother's diet.

Drs. W. J. Dieckmann and W. W. Swanson, of the University of Chicago, claim that the lack of essential vitamins and minerals can be overcome by including in the diet sufficient milk, eggs and leafy vegetables. These are called protective foods. They are highly important, especially during the child-bearing time, and inclusion of liberal amounts of them in the diet may aid in preventing maternal and infant deaths due to a lack of minerals or vitamins.

It is important during the child-bearing time to avoid an excessive gain in weight. The average increase in weight during this time amounts to about twenty pounds. If the mother-to-be is near her proper weight for here height and age, Dr. Dieckmann and his co-worker attempt to restrict the total weight gain to about sixteen and one-half pounds, or a weekly gain of one-half pound.

The heat value of the food eaten during pregnancy varies in different instances from 2,000 to 3,500 calories. More food is eaten during the last months of pregnancy than during the early ones. If the mother-to-be becomes overweight, it is necessary to reduce the heat value of the food eaten without lessening the amounts of necessary minerals and vitamins. This means taking out of the diet or reducing the amount of highly concentrated foods, such as sugar, bread, cereals, potatoes and fats, and including more vegetables, fruits and milk. An effort to affect the size of the baby by cutting down on the amount of food eaten by the expectant mother, as a rule, is ineffective and often may do harm if any of the essential food parts are not eaten by the mother. It is not wise to starve the mother-to-be during the last months of pregnancy with the idea of obtaining a small infant.

Certain disturbances during pregnancy, particularly severe sickness to the stomach, may be due in part, to the diet employed. If nausea and vomiting occur, it is usually a good idea to give a diet high in starches and sugars, food being taken every two hours.

If, on the other hand, severe poisoning of pregnancy develops, or is threatening, it is suggested that the diet should be made up only of fruits and sweetened fruit juices until the serious condition is overcome. It has been suggested, too, that limiting of the protein foods in the diet may be necessary in the latter months of pregnancy in cases where symptoms of toxemia or poisoning are threatened. There is no definite evidence, however, that this will do a great deal of good.

In general, the ordinary, well-balanced diet, made up of an abundance of vegetables, fruits, whole-grain cereals, with a moderate amount of meat and eggs, some butter, and plenty of fluids, will prove satisfactory during pregnancy just as at other times of life.

Of course, milk should be included in the diet because it is the richest food source of calcium or lime, but during pregnancy there is need for an abundance of lime salts which are required in building bones.

There is no question that an improper diet will affect the well-being of both the expectant mother and the baby. Such disorders as rickets, improper formation of the teeth and anemia may be corrected in early infancy but a great opportunity is lost in not preventing these conditions by proper feeding of the mother-to-be before these disorders have had a chance to develop.

Boy Scout 30 Year Anniversary Held in Room Where First Met

A Scouting anniversary of unusual features was the banquet celebrating the 30th anniversary of the launching of the first Boy Scout Troop in Moose Jaw, Sask. The banquet was held in the same room of Zion Church in which the Troop was organized by Rev. Dr. J. F. Salton, in 1910, and the large gathering included a number of the original members of the group. Presentations included a Thanks Badge for Thomas Miller, one of the original leaders, and a 19-year service badge for Scoutmaster C. F. Kempton, presented by one of the first Scouts, Alderman A. E. Chegwin, and a medal of Merit for Secretary Alex Saunders. Other "originals" listed in the roll call but not present included Mr. F. C. Irwin, for many years Assistant Provincial Scout Commissioner for Ontario, and Lt.-Col. Rufus T. Spooner a leader of young people's work in the Salvation Army. The guest speaker, Provincial Commissioner S. J. Latta, talked of "The Relationship of Scouting to Democracy."

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District News

FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

MORIN HEIGHTS

Mrs. Kennedy entertained a number of friends at the Minto House on Friday evening.

Miss Joan Gilbey returned on Saturday after spending a few days in Montreal. Miss Pearl Gilbey was also here for the week-end.

Lloyd Watson, of the R.C.A.F., spent the week-end at Laurentian Rest Inn.

Mr. Percy Bell, accompanied by Miss Ruth Ward, of Verdun, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Bell.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Dudley, of Ormstown. Mr. Dudley is well known to the people of this community.

ARUNDEL

A successful chicken supper and sale of work was held in the church hall on Saturday, under auspices of the Ladies' Aid.

Mrs. A. Smith and son, Garland, of Thomas' Gore, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Graham over the week-end. Miss Muriel Graham and Mr. Melvin Graham were also their guests.

Master Gerald Gordon entertained his friends last week on the occasion of his 11th birthday.

Miss Laura Davis was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Davis, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Cooke and Miss Margaret Cooke spent the week-end at their home here.

Miss Ethel Cooke, of Montreal, spent the week-end at her home.

Miss Dorothy Kerr was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kerr.

Dr. Cyril Flanagan, of Montreal, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mrs. Gilbert Boyd has returned home from Montreal after two weeks in hospital. Friends wish her a speedy recovery.

DO YOU KNOW?

What are "The Doldrums"?

When we speak of a person being "in the doldrums" it means that he is in low spirits. The expression arose from the fact that there is a part of the ocean in the Equatorial-belt which suffers from calms or light, baffling winds. They are not of much account to shipping nowadays because a steamer can proceed regardless of them, but in the days of sailing vessels a boat might be stationary for weeks on end — hence the expression.

Why Have Silver Coins A Milled Edge?

In olden days coins were not nicely centred, and the edges were often rough. As a result, people used to clip tiny pieces off them for the sake of the metal, especially gold and silver coins. A little clipping made no apparent difference, but when a coin had passed through many hands, its value grew considerably less. To stop this practice, a milled edge was provided, and thus the least attempt at clipping was instantly evident.

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GRENVILLE NORTH

Mr. Leo Forget spent Sunday in Brownsburg with relatives.

The Misses Edith and Dorothy Cousins, of Brownsburg, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gauley and children spent last Tuesday in St. Andrews at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perks.

Mr. Eddie Gauley, of Chatboro, visited with his mother last week at the home of Mr. Corl Gauley, also calling at Mr. Walter Gauley's.

Mr. Thos. Cousins visited with his brother, Mr. Wm Cousins, on Sunday last.

Mrs. Wm. Gauley and Mr. Russel Gauley were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Sidney Loughren.

Owing to failing health of Mrs. Sidney Loughren the post office at Raweliffe has been transferred to Mrs. Holland Kennedy's.

CUSHING

Mr. G. W. Elliottt spent several days this week in Ottawa, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Elliott.

Mr. Thomas Pollock, who has been spending the past few months at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. Graham, left on Monday night to reside in Lachute.

Mrs. Roy Dobbie accompanied the Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Dempsey on Tuesday on a motor trip to Montreal, where Mr. Dempsey attended a United Church Presbyterial meeting.

Mr. A. Graham motored to Thurso on Tuesday.

Members of the Frontier Branch W. I. are requested to be at the clubroom in Cushing early on Friday night of this week, as a short business meeting will be held.

Rev. W. A. Dempsey, Mrs. Dempsey, Mr. J. Innes and Mr. A. Graham, while in Montreal recently visited Mr. James O'Brien, who is still a patient in the hospital. Friends wish him a speedy recovery.

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"Mrs. Murphy," said he, "isn't it today the fellow calls for the weekly payment of Murphy's life insurance?"

"It is," answered Mrs. Murphy.

"Well, now, a word in your ear," said Duffy. "Sure, ye can snap your fingers at the fellow today."

A colored man got his nerve together and took flight in an airplane. As he climbed out after the ride, he turned to the pilot and said: "Suh, Ah has to thank yuh fo' both dem rides.'"

"What are you talking about?" said the aviator. "You had only one ride."

"No, suh," returned the passenger. "Ah done had two — mah fust and mah last."

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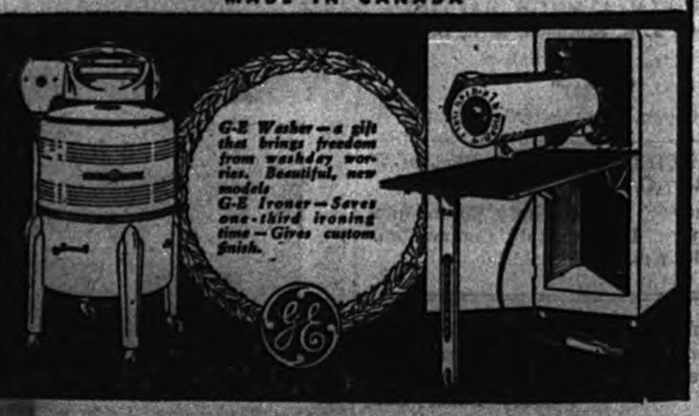
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THE WOMAN'S PAGE

HINTS FOR HOMEBODIES

By JESSIE ALLEN BROWN
Specially written for Readers of The Watchman.

NO LUCK

The moose and deer in the Maritimes are holding out on me. I have not seen either one yet. We spent two years in Nova Scotia and it seemed to me that every one else who drove in the country managed to see them, but I had no luck at all. Since we came to New Brunswick it has been the same thing. The other members of the family go for a drive and have to stop the car because a moose has the right of way. They frequently see both deer and moose. But not me. Last fall, my neighbor looked out her window and saw five deer playing about in the clear space behind her house, they stayed there quite a while before they gamboled off into the woods behind. Now, I would have been able to have seen them out of my kitchen window, but they haven't come this year. Earlier in the year we found deer-tracks in the bush within a hundred yards of our house but that is the closest I have come to seeing them. " 'Taint fair"! There are partridge in the woods back of us, and we occasionally hear the shots of the hunters. Sometimes we see wild ducks on the river in front of us and we have seen two or three geese. For any one who loves the great out-doors the Maritimes is a wonderful place to live.

LET THE PEOPLE SING

Do you sing God Save the King in youd community or do you just stand and listen to the accompanist play it? Years ago the National Anthem was always sung but it has been a growing custom in the different places in which we have lived to stand and listen to it being played. When it is well played it has a majestic feeling, but it is not an easy thing to play well and too often it is beyond the capabilities of the player, who probably plays it even worse because of the unexpected silence. The worst of it is you never know what the audience is going to do. Sometimes they do — sometimes they don't. Evelyn Eaton, the author of "Quietly My Captain Waits", spoke in Saint John, and the audience stood silently while the National Anthem was played. A large number of the same people were in the audience at a Community Concert, a few days after, when Norman Cordon opened with the National Anthem, which he sang robustly; after a few bars, the audience joined in and sang heartily. It sounded so good, so let us all make a point of starting to sing it at the opening word and not wait to see what the others are doing. Our National Anthem means something to us and let us show it by singing. To hear the Mendellsohn Choir, under Dr. Fricker, sing God Save The King, is worth the price of admission to their concerts. I hope you all heard them sing it on the Legion Remembrance Day program.

CINNAMON TOAST

Most of us have stand-bys we use for emergencies and Cinnamon Toast is one or mine. I can't ever remember anyone who did not like it. It tastes good, is easy to make, and is inexpensive. There are several ways of making it. The one I like best is with honey. I make my toast, spread it with honey, then shake enough cinnamon over it to make it a good brown color. Spread this with a knife to mix the honey and cinnamon. You may use sugar instead and I have had it with granulated, with brown and with icing sugar. I like brown sugar least of all, but that is just a personal preference; others must like it as the Chateau Laurier uses brown sugar and their food standards are high. You may sprinkle the toast with sugar and then with cinnamon, just as you do for the honey. I like to cream butter with sugar and enough cinnamon to make it brown and keep this in a covered jar in the refrigerator as then it is always ready for use. Another convenient way is to put icing sugar and cinnamon in a bottle with a shaker top and sprinkle this over the buttered toast. An empty spice bottle is a convenient shaker. Cinnamon toast is usually cut in strips and then piled on a hot plate in log-cabin fashion. If you are making several slices, keep it warm in the oven until it is all prepared. Cinnamon Toast made with honey and served with cocoa is a welcome change for the children's breakfast. There are so many people who dislike heavy food at night, that I find it popular in the evening for the casual dropper-inner.

MINCEMEAT

2 Lbs. raisins, 1 lb. currants, 1 lb. suet chopped, 3 lbs. apples, 1½ lbs. brown sugar, ¾ lb. mixed peel, juice and chopped rind of 1 lemon and 2 oranges, ¼ oz. mixed spice, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ cup cider or apple juice.

Put the fruit through the food grinder, add the remaining ingredients and mix well.

Minister: "Why did your husband rise and walk out during the sermon yesterday Mrs. Thompson?"

Mrs. Thompson: "Dinna mind John, meenister; he's awfu' given to walkin' in his sleep."

The Budgeteer

By Lois Moore.

Mrs. West watched the two boys going off down the lane to school, and then turned back to the kitchen with a sigh. She always hated going into the kitchen to start on her mornings work. It was such a dingy spot, with its drab buff walls, which were stained in spots, the dingy blue of the painted bricks which came half way up the walls, the worn blue and buff linoleum, with its brown patches by the sink and stove and the mismated chairs, relics from the rest of the house. She wished they could afford to have it done over. She began to plan it as she did the dishes, and suddenly, the idea came to her. They would do it themselves, with everyone working, and the only cost would be the paint!

Mr. West laughed at her when he came home from work, but the boys were enthusiastic, and finally won him over. First, they washed the walls, and ceiling, and sandpapered them. Then they gave them a coat of good underpaint, in white, and gave a second coat to the dark blue. The whole room was then given a coat of white enamel . . . walls, ceiling and woodwork, and when it was dry, it gleamed like new snow. With a new hundred watt bulb in the ceiling, the kitchen was as bright as a winter morning. Now it was Mrs. West's turn. She got a deep green enamel, made especially for the purpose, and painted the worn floor-covering, washing it first with turpentine to remove wax. The first coat was thin and the second thicker, but at all times she used paint sparingly, so it would dry faster. She bought several rolls of shelf paper with a mexican design in green, red and white, and cutting off the fancy edge, made a dido of it. Mixing a paste of flour and water, she pasted this edge around the doors and windows, and along the top of the brickwork, carefully squaring it at the corners. The chairs and stool she painted bright chinese red. Red oilcloth was tacked to the sink board, and a large piece was scalloped and used as a mat on the kitchen table. The inside of the cupboards was painted red, and edged with shelf-paper, as were the shelves.

It still looked a little bare, so Mrs. West bought some red and green kindergarten paper, and after several attempts, finally produced a copy of one of the motifs in the edging, a green cactus with red flowers in a red bowl. These she cut out of the colored paper, and pasted to cupboard doors. Then she gave them a coat of clear varnish. The kitchen is now brightest and prettiest spot in the house, and there are no more sighs during the breakfast dishes!

Mrs. William P., Peterborough, Ont. read in this column about methods for preventing small rugs from slipping, and sends along these hints. If you bind two or three jar rings together with strong thread, and sew them in each corner of the rug, it provides a certain amount of suction. Combine this with strips of rubber cut from an old inner tube and sewn along each end of the carpet.

Mrs. K.N. suggests blocks for your young hopeful for Christmas, and if you can't afford the big expensive kind, do what she did last year. She had a lumber yard cut up a two by two board of light wood into cubes, and also had them cut up a one by four in six inch lengths. She painted them herself in bright red, green and yellow, and while the expense was small, she found that they became his most treasured possessions. The boy is six years old.

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Alberta Women's Institutes Aid in Health Project

That the health of the public is of paramount importance to the Women's Institutes is proven by the recent presentation to the Minister of Health of the Province of Alberta of a gift of two thousand dollars, for the purchase of radium for use free of charge by persons suffering from cancer.

The gift was made from the Women's Institutes of Alberta, and represented the united efforts of the rural women of the whole province.

BEAUTY

By Helen Jameson (Mme. Qui Vive)

HOW TO GET CHESTY

We address this day's beauty talk to the sweet young thing who believes that it is sophisticated to trot around with her little tummy out and her chest in. Time was when this question mark figure was called the debutante slouch. What name it has now we don't know, but by any name it is just as dreadful.

It is high time for the girl who is flat-busted to get busy, since fashion calls more and more for a presentable front. Blouses that cling to one's ribs are no help toward the building of glamor. Designers of foundation garments are doing their best for the bed-slat figure, as you will observe by the cut of brassieres. Miss Skinny doesn't know that the correct garment will make her more shapely; she usually fancies that she needs nothing of the sort. But corset makers have an eye on all kinds of figures, endeavor to offer means of improvement.

The chest should be capable of expansion. The habit of holding it high will strengthen and develop fibres and tissues; that is why the slouchy young lady is not doing right by herself. She is throwing her body out of balance, being mean to her spinal column.

Poor posture brings shallow breathing, which is not good for the circulatory system. The first step in chest development is to take breathing exercises until one acquires the habit of pulling the air down into the lowest cellar cells of the lungs. Men and children breathe more deeply than women. Perhaps shallow breathing is an inheritance from the days when women had waspish waists, compressed their ribs and made themselves uncomfortable and miserable.

Stand tall, hands at the sides. You are going to air-condition your bellows. Remember it is not merely a matter of inhaling, it is also a matter of expelling stale air, getting rid of all of it.

Lift the hands slowly until they are above your head, making the body tall, taking a deep inhalation as the hands go upward. Go up on your toes. Down with the hands, down on your heels, out with the breath.

Every night massage the chest with toilet lanoline or cocoabutter, they are equally effective. Rub round and round with flattened fingers, being careful not to injure the delicate glands of the bust. Follow with arm-swinging exercises. Indian clubs are an ideal medium, but women won't bother with them. So double up your fist, swing the arm six times — high, wide, handsome and far back. Six times with the other arm and repeat.

In the morning apply cold water, dry the flesh well, friction with alcohol, and on with the deep-breathing session.

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Palate Poll Shows Variety of Tastes

The National Restaurant association recently took a "palate poll" of celebrities' ideas of a perfect meal.

All of which brings a slightly bitter response from oldsters who have watched celebrities eat since the first World's fair was a new idea.

John C. Holmes, 75 years of age and the oldest member of the Chicago Waiters association, prefers to remember when men were men at the dining table and no woman minded weighing 150 pounds in her leg-o-mutton sleeves.

His verdict on dining out in this era of calories and vitamin alphabets is simple:

"People don't know how to eat any more!"

And to prove it, he began recalling nine-course dinners in the gay nineties. There's even a moral note.

"Of course, both men and women were stouter in those days," he said, "but they were also friendlier, healthier and more sociable. Folks today are thinner, but they're jittery and sicklier than their mothers and fathers were in the nineties. And it's all because they don't eat enough."

An old-time diner-out, it seems, would start with a cocktail and an assortment of hors d'oeuvres. Having put away a sizable quota of caviar, smoked salmon, deviled eggs, sardines and what-have-you, he would sit down, tuck in his napkin and start distributing tabasco sauce over a dozen oysters. Green turtle soup, enriched with sherry, followed the blue points or the cotuits.

His throat muscles properly loosened up by this little workout, your gay nineties diner disposed of a fish course, sole, shad in season, or perhaps, if he was a delicate soul, a little lobster mayonnaise. Sweetbreads or some other relatively light "entree" followed, with the main course next and sixth on the card.

"If turkey or chicken was served," Holmes pointed out, "it would be followed by still another course, a game dish such as partridge, pheasant or duck. Then came the eighth course—salad and an assortment of cheeses."

The ninth course was dessert. And then came the coffee, with brandy for the men and possibly liqueurs for the ladies.

"And what do you get today?" asked Holmes. "You get a fruit cocktail, soup, probably a fillet mignon, some salad and a parfait. All they want to do is eat whatever you give 'em and be on their way."

COURTESY TIP

The fact that you have paid for a service doesn't mean that you should omit thanking for the service. For example, when a courteous person gives a tip to a waiter or waitress, he or she accompanies the tip with a gracious "Thank you."

GOOD MANNERS

By MRS. CORNELIUS BEECKMAN
Famous Authority on Good Manners and Good Taste

MAN TAKES INITIATIVE IN GIFT INTERCHANGE

"What shall I give him for Christmas? I am not engaged to him, but we are very good friends."

"What shall I give her for Christmas?"

Of all the doubts and wonderings that beset Christmas lists, this question of what gifts are appropriate for young people to give each other is perhaps the most troublesome. For, to be proper, these gifts must concern themselves with good taste and not with an over-generous budget or with an uncontrolled enthusiasm.

If a man and girl are engaged, the question of appropriate presents is, of course, comparatively easy, for good taste allows a wide choice of presents. But where there is a friendship that seems to indicate a little more "remembering" than a card or a Christmas letter or a telegram would accomplish, it is not easy to choose a gift that will seem adequate and at the same time be in good taste. Too often either a girl or a man in the exuberant enthusiasm of a friendship will impulsively send a gift which she or he will regret having sent. That ill-advised or extravagant present may sometimes cause a deal of embarrassment and may need a deal of explaining!

So a wise girl and a wise young man will make a special effort to send a discriminating gift at Christmastime, one that will show taste and sound social judgment.

In the first place, the girl should let the man take the initiative in the interchange of gifts. If he has sent her gifts, if he has been generous in his invitations to take her out, or if she believes that he plans to send her a gift, naturally she wants to "remember" him with a gift. To say that the gift should be "impersonal" doesn't mean that it can't be given a personal quality by thoughtfulness and imagination in selection.

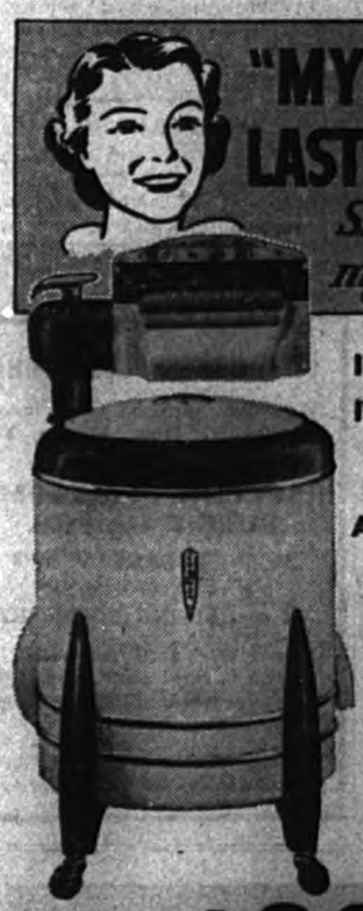
Books are, of course, a perfect gift for young people who are "good friends" to give to each other. Here is the magic carpet of gifts, for our taste can take us where it will, guided by the tastes and interests of the receiver. Gifts in this general group are a subscription to a magazine or to a book club; an address book stamped with the name or initials; a portfolio; a leather book-cover; and, for the music lover, an album of records or even one or two records.

For the desk there are handsome and appropriate gifts; leather portfolios; engagement pads or books; framed calendars; letter-openers; ink well stands; fountain pens and pencils, stamped with the facsimile of the signature of the receiver; boxes of carefully-chosen letter-paper; interesting paper weights; memorandum books; a decorative piece of crystal or bronze.

A girl may give a man smoking accessories; cigarette case or lighter; a pipe; a box of his favorite cigars or several cartons of his favorite cigarettes; humidor; cigarette box and ash-trays. Other appropriate gifts are: wallets; handkerchiefs (sheer for evening wear, heavier for day, and initialed, if possible); mufflers; a knife for a watch-chain; key-ring or chain; handkerchief or necktie case; some accessory for his favorite sport; collar bag or some other accessory for his travelling-bag; a traveling clock for his dresser or desk or traveling bag.

For the beau to send to the belle, there is always the delightful gift of flowers, sent in such artistic and handsome ways that they perfectly express the taste of the sender; a box of her favorite flowers; a lovely corsage. Books, of course; a box of various sizes of letter-paper; candy, handkerchiefs, for day or evening, monogrammed or embroidered with her first name; a vanity case, powder box, compact; pen and pencil set; a sport accessory; traveling clock; umbrella; camera; bridge set; purse. And one of the most popular of gifts —a bottle of her favorite perfume.

These are only suggestions, of course, and the choice of the really appropriate gift depends first of all on how well you know the friend, and on the taste and interests of the receiver.



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Why Do We Speak of "A Pig in a Poke?"

This expression is used to describe a hasty bargain in which the buyer is disappointed. This is a reference to a common practice in the old days. Sucking pigs were taken to market in sacks, or pokes as they were called, and sometimes a cat was substituted for the pig and only discovered by the hasty buyer when, on reaching home, he opened the sack. Poke, an old word for a sack, is believed to be allied with the old English pohha, a pouch or bag.

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CHRISTMAS SALE

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The "whale back" deck would completely cover all parts now exposed to fire, including the bridge and communications system.

Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison told a press conference that a general revision of warship construction must be made to meet the "temporary advantage" of bombers.

Edison emphasized that the advantage he spoke of was not that planes sink many warships, but that exploding bombs kill personnel, silence guns and disrupt communications on the exposed "topside" of vessels.

Public Notice

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No. 7161

Dame Antoinette Leveille, wife common as to property of Alfred Massie, laborer, of Staynerville, Township of Chatham, County of Argenteuil, District of Terrebonne, duly authorized, Plaintiff,

—vs—

The said Alfred Massie, Defendant, and

George F. Calder, deputy-registrar, of the Town of Lachute, Fortunat Gauthier, Farmer, of the Township of Chatham, and Leo Desforges, butcher, of the village of St. Philippe d'Argenteuil, all of the County of Argenteuil, District of Terrebonne, Mis-en cause.

Notice of Action for Separation as to Bed and Property.

An action for separation as to bed and board and property has been instituted in this cause on November, 26th, 1940.

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Georges H. Héon.
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Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia of New York, right, and Col. O. M. Biggar K.C., United States and Canadian Chairman respectively of the Permanent Board of Defence, are shown as they arrived at the City Hall in Vancouver to hold a conference on U.S.-Canada Pacific Coast Defence.—Official Canadian Photograph.

Review of National Affairs

By M. McDougall

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word of Greek successes, of British sea and air exploits in the Mediterranean, of relentless air forays on the German war machine, and, on the other side of the picture, the heavy attacks from the air on British centres.

There will probably be a lengthening of the hours of work in Canadian war industries, Minister of Labor Norman McLarty has told the House of Commons. With the word of damage to industrial centres in Britain and of shipping losses "this is no time for us to be thinking of maintaining standards which do not take into account the urgency of the situation . . . Winning the war", the Minister declared, "is the paramount consideration and sacrifice is unavoidable." The working week may be increased from 44 to 48 hours, and perhaps still more. There will be no regimentation of labor. The desired end will be obtained through co-operative effort among the workers, through a partnership of all elements in the common cause. "Labor is a vital factor in our war achievement," said the Minister. There is not any general shortage of labor, but in certain specified branches of industry which require skilled labor of a special kind, a shortage is developing which must be met. The national labor supply board and an interdepartmental committee are actively engaged in the task of maintaining the supply of labor to meet the demands of the war industry. Under the Youth Training Program, over 26,000 young people are being trained in technical schools in war work each year, but it is in the plants themselves that most of the training must be carried out. The following are some of the measures being followed to increase the expert labor supply: first, the return to industry from the armed forces of artisans; second, intensive instruction in factories; third, closer inspection of courses in technical schools to ensure "scarce" trades are being taught; fourth, government contractors with proper facilities will be required to train stated numbers of workers as a condition of contracts being given them; fifth, easier means of transfer of workers to points where they are needed, and the recruiting of more women in war industry. A labor priority of war industries over non-essential industries will be established.

The country will hear in February an announcement on the Government's wheat policy. It will be given well in advance of seeding time. In the meantime, the assurance has been given that the wheat board intends to take over the full 1940 crop before the end of the crop year. These facts were given in a speech by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, J. A. MacKinnon, some days ago. He further announced the increase in the quota being taken by the wheat board, from eight to ten bushels per seeded acre.

SOLDIERS GLAD THEY WERE SCOUTS

Imperial Headquarters of the Boy Scouts Association is receiving numerous letters from men in His Majesty's Forces expressing appreciation for some feature of Boy Scout training. One Old Scout wrote to thank his Scoutmaster for teaching him to swim — so that he was able to swim from the beach at Dunkirk to a barge, and subsequently escaped.

Some Christmas Cards 'Pagan' Says Priest

Christmas cards which treat with material things — yule logs, sleigh bells, fir trees, etc. — are inappropriate messages for Catholics, says Rev. Joseph L. Flannelly, Administrator of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York.

Some of the cards are "pagan" and others meaningless, he said in a pastoral letter declaring "it ill becomes a Catholic to express his Christmas wish for his friend" in this manner.

"I am sure that the thought in the heart of everyone of you is that the Christ Child shall establish a reign of peace in the hearts of those who are near and dear to you," the letter added.

INDIA'S BOY SCOUT COLLEGE

Boy Scout training is rapidly becoming an outstanding feature in the cultural development of India. A new experiment in education of major importance launched a year ago, and already a pronounced success, is the Punjab College of Physical Training and Scouting. The college plant comprises many acres of playing fields and gardens, in addition to the well equipped buildings; and every student is trained in the principles and practice of Scouting, including physical development. It is anticipated that the college will "ensure sound leadership in the future for the Punjab."



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Lachute Troop, Boy Scouts



This week the Boy Scouts were honored by the presence of Mr. Hicks, Scout District Commissioner, who took charge of the troop for the evening. The Scouts enjoyed the various new games Mr. Hicks introduced.

SCOUT AMBULANCE FOR ANIMAL WAR CASUALTIES

Not forgetting, in spite of the war, the Scouts' promise to be kind to animals, the 1st Harmondsworth Boy Scout Troop, England, has converted its cycle trek-cart into an animal ambulance, and is helping look after animals, particularly cats and dogs, injured during air raids.

CAPITOL

FRI., SAT., DEC. 6-7
Gloria Jean, Nan Grey, Robert Stack, Stuart Erwin, Billy Gilbert in
A LITTLE BIT of HEAVEN
with C. Aubrey Smith, E. Pallette.

Marjorie Rambeau, Jane Wyman, Ronald Reagan, Alan Hale in
Tugboat Annie Sails Again
with Granville Bates, Clarance Kolb.
And "THE RUMBA RHYTHM"

SUN., MON., TUES., DEC. 8-9-10
Bob Hope, Paulette Goddard, Richard Carlson in
THE GHOST BREAKERS
with Paul Lukas, Willie Best, Pedro de Cordoba and Virginia Brissac.

Chester Lanck, Norris Goff, Frances Langford in
DREAMING OUT LOUD
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And a SELECTED SHORT

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WED., THURS., DEC. 11-12.
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Dr. Kildare's Strange Case
with Samuel S. Hinds, Emma Dunn and Nat Pendleton.

Hugh Herbert, Anita Louise, Alan Mowbray in
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New Trade Ordinance Gives Britain Freer Access to Canadian Markets

DESIGNED TO CONSERVE COUNTRY'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE, TO PAY FOR HUGE PURCHASES OF WAR SUPPLIES IN U.S.

Review of National Affairs

By M. McDougall

Ottawa, December 10—Parliament has been discussing the first major "belt tightening" ordinance imposed on the Canadian people. The purpose of the measures introduced by the Finance Minister J. L. Ilsley, is to conserve the country's foreign exchange to pay for expanding purchases of war supplies in the U.S. As the Minister explained in the House, the measures cannot be called a budget. Revenue measures are not included, except incidentally. The budget is to come after the House meets next February.

The measures have been passed to meet an urgent situation. There is a heavy adverse balance in our trade with the United States. We buy from that country very much more than we sell to the Americans, and our purchases of war supplies and equipment will rapidly grow. The problem facing this country is how to pay the difference between purchases and sales. When the war began the Foreign Exchange Control Board was established to conserve foreign exchange, to prevent the export of exchange and capital. It has been carrying out its duties successfully. A war exchange tax of 10 per cent was levied on imports from non-Empire countries last Session. This was aimed at relieving the situation, but the adverse balance continued to grow. Two of the major means by which Canada adjusts the international trade balance are through the production of our gold mines and the tourist traffic. Both of these important balance wheels of international trade are being encouraged. Every effort is being made to promote our export trade. A trade mission is now on its way to Latin American countries, but with the increase in wartime imports a substantial adverse balance in our trade with non-sterling countries, in particular the United States, continues, and the government has been forced to take drastic measures to cut down imports of non-essential commodities.

The value of imports in 1939 of goods now placed on the prohibited list was $52,840,000. Import licenses are now required for another list of commodities which were imported to an amount of $71,000,000. This indicates the extent of the restrictive measures that have been adopted, although it does not mean that licensed imports will drastically decline immediately. It will be a gradual process. The Minister of Finance expressed the opinion that the new measures would mean a saving in exchange of from 5 to 6 million dollars a month.

It is not so much to food as to household appliances that import prohibition from non-sterling countries applies. The banned list includes prepared cereals, certain processed fruits and vegetables, preserved fish and spirits and wines, china and glassware, silverware, electrical household

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REPORTED SHOT DOWN

Jean Chiappe, new French High Commissioner to Syria and Lebanon, who is reported to be aboard a plane shot down by Italian fliers over the northern Mediterranean. M. Chiappe was being sent to Syria to bolster the position of the Vichy regime there.

Judge Dismisses Action Against Taxi Owner

ACTION FOR DAMAGES OVER ALLEGED DIVERSION OF LIVERY BUSINESS

A lawsuit of considerable local interest — judging, at least, by the court attendance of spectators from Lachute — was heard at St. Jerome yesterday before Justice Archambault, of the Superior Court. The action concerned alleged diversion of livery business among taxi operators around the Windsor Hotel, near the Lachute C.P.R. station. Litigants were Telesphore Robinson, plaintiff, who asked court judgment against Gordon Elliott, defendant, for alleged loss of business clientele.

Counsel for Robinson maintained that defendant, whose stand was also situated in the Windsor Hotel yard, had answered telephone calls intended for plaintiff and had secured for himself business directed to Robinson. The latter valued his loss of custom through these methods at the amount of $360.

In refuting this claim, attorney for Elliott stated his client shared the stand on similar terms with other liverymen at the hotel, that defendant had transmitted to Mr. Robinson any calls he had answered at the public phone which were obviously intended for him; and that, if plaintiff had lost patronage in his business, he, Elliott, had been in no way responsible. Defendant counsel pleaded also that his client had conducted his business legally and legitimately, in strict accordance with the accepted ethics and customs in Lachute, where the taxi business had become a highly competitive enterprise.

Witnesses, mostly habitues and frequenters of the Windsor Hotel, were on hand to give evidence on both sides, but testimony for the plaintiff was not heard, as the Judge dismissed the case with costs.

Geo. Héon, Lachute attorney, acted for the defendant.

Curling at Seigniory Club

Seigniory Club — Curlers from Ottawa, Montreal, Hawkesbury, Vankleek Hill and Lachute will meet at the Seigniory Curling Club this week-end, Dec. 14-15, for the annual opening curling bonspiel.

Four rinks are expected from Ottawa, four from Hawkesbury, two from Lachute, one from Vankleek Hill and probably several from Clubs in Montreal.

Boy Scouts Still In Need Of Christmas Toys

The Boy Scouts' appeal for toys, to be given to underprivileged children of Lachute at Christmas time, has been answered very generously, but the Scouts still need more, as they expect a larger number of families on their list this year.

Anyone having discarded or unused toys, please call Fred Assaly (phone 155) who will be glad to call for them.

River-Front Resident Is Suddenly Bereaved

Sympathy is felt for a well-known Stonefield resident, James Densmore, whose wife died suddenly in Montreal Sunday evening . . . According to a city news report, Mrs. Densmore, who was 48 years of age, became ill while walking with her husband on St. Catherine Street West, and died before medical aid arrived. She was taken into nearby premises and an ambulance was summoned from the Western Hospital, but the hospital doctor arriving at the scene pronounced her dead.

In the community of Stonefield, Mrs. Densmore was regarded as a loyal friend and kindly neighbor.

Two Members of Family Die in Short Interval

Mr. Fred Roberts suffered the bereavement last week of two members of his family, in Montreal. On returning from the funeral of Mr. Roberts' brother, who succumbed to a brief illness of pneumonia, his father dropped dead with a heart attack.

The sympathy of Lachute friends is extended in this sad experience.

G. Arnold, Grenv'l, Heads Canadian Percheron Assn.

PREMIER A. GODBOUT SPEAKER, HON. G. DANSEREAU GUEST, AT CONFERENCE BANQUET

Election of Gilbert Arnold, Grenville horse-breeder, to the presidency of the Canadian Percheron Association, marked the first time that a Quebec breeder had thus been honored. Moreover, the assembly Saturday at the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, was the first time the association had met, since its inception, in this province.

Premier Adélard Godbout was guest speaker, who contended that agricultural development and a boom in industry as a result of the war might be anticipated. He forecast that an unlimited quantity of horses might be called into service. But, he warned, only the best of horses could be used, and every precaution should be taken not to have scrub horses a glut on the market.

This province had legislation which aimed at preventing the cross-breeding of good horses with inferior animals, the Premier noted, and it was his intention to see that the law be obeyed in the best interests not only of the province but of breeders and farmers generally. "We must compel the agricultural classes to use only the best horses for breeding," he insisted.

"What will be Canada's role after the war?" the Premier asked. He could not be sure, but he forecast gigantic industrial development and this brought him to the question of mechanical tractors. "I'm not afraid of tractors," he emphasized, "and I do believe that horse-breeders can meet the competition that will come from them. If there has been an increase in the use of these machines lately, the answer is not difficult, it is because there has been too much breeding of inferior horses."

Horse-breeders, he stated, look forward to the day when Canadian animals would be sent in great lots to Europe and they should be prepared to meet that demand when it came. His own opinion was that that day would not be long in coming.

Head table guests included Hon. Georges Dansereau, Minister without Portfolio and provincial representative for Argenteuil.

"I am one who feels that youth has caught a disproportionate share of the bad breaks of our changing society." —Winthrop Rockefeller.

Writ to Disqualify A Councillor of Wentworth Twp.

OUSTER PROCEEDINGS ARE INSTITUTED BY SECRETARY OF THE MUNICIPALITY

At the demand of Nelson Morrison, mill owner, of Dunany, a writ of quo warranto was issued in Superior Court December 6th, to unseat a councillor in the Township of Wentworth, W. Furniss Clarke, of Montfort.

Mr. Morrison, who is also secretary-treasurer of the municipality, bases his action on a claim that defendant lacks the necessary property qualifications to hold office in the council. Specifically it is claimed that he "usurps, illegally occupies and illegally exercises the office of councillor" inasmuch as he does not "own immoveable property in the Township of Wentworth to the value of $300 after deduction of all encumbrances." On these grounds it is contended the respondent is therefore not legally qualified to occupy a council seat.

The case, it is understood, will be contested by Mr. Clark through his attorney, Geo. H. Héon. Counsels for the petitioner are Legault & Legault, local law firm.

Council Session on Tax Rates; Few Revisions

AYERS LIMITED SUBMITS NEW PROPOSAL ON SEWER SYSTEM

At a special meeting of the Town Council last evening, the town's valuation roll was homologated at the figure of $2,372,800.

Ald. F. S. McGibbon moved and Ald. St. Jacques seconded, that the tax by-law be adopted, with no increase over the past year. It was moved in amendment by Ald. Morrisette, and seconded by Ald. Pharand, that replacing the tax of last year the following charges be exacted: Autobus Company $20; Telephone Company, $75, instead of $50; Banks, $75, instead of $50. This amendment was carried, on a vote of 5 to 2.

The by-law regulating the taxes for 1941 was therefore adopted as follows:

General Municipal Tax	90c
Autobus Company	$20
Bell Telephone Co.	$75
Banks	$75
Catholic School Tax	$1.40
Protestant School Tax	70c.
Neutral School Tax	$1.50

On motion of Alderman R. Muir, seconded by Ald. Morrisette, it was ruled that from April 1st., 1941, Mrs. Wm. Chapman be charged $7.00 a month rent for a town dwelling being occupied by her and her family.

The inspectors of waterworks gave their report on outlets in town properties, showing leakage in 80 toilets and two faucets. The inspector was authorized to again make the rounds and see if these had been repaired; if not, to proceed with the repairs at owners' expense.

The secretary then read a letter from Ayers Limited in regard to the sewer collector pipe, offering the town the privilege of connecting its sewer to their pipe at an annual charge of $188 for 25 years or $4,700 cash — the pipe remaining the property of Ayers Limited and maintenance to be at the company's expense.

IN THE OVERSEAS MAIL

HUMORS AND TRAGEDIES ON THE BATTLE-FRONT OF BRITAIN.

Extracts from Old Country Letters.

Readers are invited to send items regarding conditions in Great Britain, gleaned from letters written by their friends or relatives. Names will be withheld, as desired. This feature will appear whenever there is sufficient material from reliable sources to warrant its publication.

To a member of The Watchman staff from relatives who left their East Coast town, once a thriving holiday resort, but returned later when the danger of invasion last autumn had subsided . . .

"You'll be interested to know of a new "war front" still closer to home. It is the battle of the mice. ———ville is a deserted town; it is only surprising that grass isn't growing in the streets. Out of seven houses in our terrace six have been empty for ten weeks, and ours was empty for four. So the mice hailed our return with glee, for they were mighty hungry! They have been very brazen in their antics; but after our experiences we shall never again be frightened by a mere mouse."

"As regards our rations, we really get plenty to eat. We have 2 ozs. each of butter and ¼ lb. of margarine, a week. (The margarine is good and contains the necessary vitamins; we mix it in equal proportions with the butter). We are allowed ¼ lb. of bacon or ham per person, and 2/2 (50c) worth of meat. Liver, sausages, pork and rabbit — when they are procurable —are not rationed. The ration of sugar is ½ lb., and tea 2 ozs. . . . We are planning on making a Christmas cake, using a few eggs which we preserved. Eggs are very scarce and cost 4d (8c) each. Occasionally we get preserved eggs, at 2/6 (60c) a dozen. The bakeshops are not allowed to ice their cakes."

Excerpt from a letter written by a resident of Woolwich, East London, to his son, Hugh McCallum, Mountain Township, Ont., and quoted in the Winchester Press:

"We are suffering terribly here. My ship was sunk and I am working in the Royal Arsenal at present. You would not know this place now. Mrs. Paradonis' house was bombed and smashed to bits and I lost what money I had, all my clothes and evefything. I am sleeping on a cement floor underneath a building and have not had my clothes off for a month, and likely no chance for months to come. We are glad to be alive from hour to hour. Nearly all of (name censored) is down and the people all away that were not killed. I only get time to snatch some tea and then get across to the other side of the river to the shelters. We have the German bombers here three or four times every day, and all night from dusk to daylight; houses and streets are blown down like houses of card. You are safe in Canada from that sort of thing. I suppose you saw in the papers that we had 8,000 dead and 21,000 injured in London, and some people are still buried underneath their houses. I will write to you often if I am alive and let you know how I am, but don't worry. I am doing the best I can to dodge, and so is everyone."

There is no fixed rule in life for the benefit of mankind. Samson got into trouble because he had his hair bobbed and Absolom got into trouble because he didn't.

"The original meaning of the word 'propaganda' was the spreading of the doctrine of truth."
—Robert Montgomery



JAP RULERS

Seldom photographed, the Empress of Japan is pictured with Emperor Hirohito at a court dance, held in Tokio in connection with the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese empire.

A young Texas husband, who polished the coupe with a bride's first pancake by mistake for a chamois, has been given one more chance.

Local Committee To Meet Cost of Snow Clearing

APPEALING FOR SUPPORT OF INTERESTED CITIZENS AND BUSINESS FIRMS

A headline on this page last week stated: Government Plowing All Montreal Highway". This, while substantially correct, did not mention that the highways department maintaining the St. Hermas-Lachute stretch has to be paid liberally for the service.

The Argenteuil Winter Roads Committee, a local group which has undertaken this obligation, represents the three municipalities most interested—Lachute, Brownsburg and Grenville. The road clearing activities — including also Lachute - Brownsburg, Lachute - Hawkesbury Bridge - Rouge Bridge — covers a total distance of 38½ miles, and the cost of maintenance is estimated at $3,188.

This bill is met largely by the committee, which comprises Hon. G. E. Dansereau, Mayor of Grenville, W. S. MacKimmie, Mayor of Lachute, A. Brunelle, Mayor of Brownsburg, and A. J. Quinn, (secretary-treasurer). The actual amount payable by this enterprise will be $50 a mile plus half the cost in excess of this figure. The remainder is met by government grant, providing said grant does not exceed $50 a mile.

The local group are appealing for contributions, to every citizen and business firm which stands to benefit by the maintenance of highway communications through the winter.

Lachute Hockey Line-Up Lose Opening Clash

SHAWINIGAN BOYS 'BLITZ' 5 GOALS IN FIRST PERIOD OF SPEEDY GAME

The official opening of the Lachute Hockey Club on Wednesday night proved a thriller for the numerous fans, as Shawinigan nosed out the locals 6-5 in a four pointer game.

Late in starting due to the tardy arrival of city members of the Lachute team, the game got under way and Shawinigan piled up a 5-1 lead in a lop-sided first period. Masson, in the net, had a goaler's nightmare as the puck flew in from all directions, and the local team seemed disorganized.

The second period was a very different story. The home team came out fighting, and at the four-minute mark were rewarded with a goal — through the fine work of Hollowell and the Lecavalier boys. Forty-five seconds later R. Hebert hit the twine again and put Lachute in the running. At the fourteen minute mark, Lachute made it 5-4 as P. Hebert took a pass from the Lecavalier brothers, and the fans cheered this remarkable comeback.

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Cattle Breeders at Annual Banquet, 20th Anniversary

AYRSHIRE CLUB PRESIDENT, DR. DONOVAN, SAINT JOHN, IS GUEST SPEAKER

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of its inauguration, the Laurentian Ayrshire Breeders' Club, numbering about 75 members and guests assembled for the annual banquet, held in Lachute Auditorium on Friday last. It was considered one of the finest meetings in the history of the club, and among others the guests included Dr. Donovan of Saint John, N.B., President of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association; R. O. Biggs, of Dundas, vice president; and Frank Napier, secretary-treasurer of the Association; Prof. Toupin, of Quebec; Gerard Tremblay, of St. Eustache; Jacques Berthiaume, Ayrshire field man; Jas McKenzie, president of Holstein Breeders' Club; John Hadley, Mayor of St. Jerusalem.

The meeting was conducted by President Melville Smith, who expressed the pleasure of the members at seeing Mr. J. H. Black appearing so hale and hearty after his serious illness. He extended congratulations to Mr. Wm. J. Rodger on his splendid showing in the Quebec farm competition, in which he had taken second prize with only 1½ points below that of the winner. He also referred to Mr. Ed. Kettyle's recent sale, in which 32 animals had brought $3,600; this, he said, reflected on the care and attention given the stock. Credit was also given to Mr. Hungerbuhler and Mr. Erskine Rodger, for honors received at the New York World's Fair.

The chairman said, further, that Dr. Theoret had given figures revealing that 334 animals were exported during the current year, 87 being Pure Bred and 60 Grade Ayrshire.

Sympathy was expressed for Gordon Smith in his severe loss by fire, and thanks extended for the splendid response from loyal friends of the community in helping him to rebuild.

Felix Hungerbuhler called for a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies of the St. Jerusalem Women's Institute, who had provided the luncheon for this large gathering.

In introducing Dr. Donovan as the guest speaker Mr. R. Biggs, of Dundas, Ont., spoke of him as a man who thoroughly understood the farmer's problems . . . After expressing his pleasure at being present Dr. Donovan launched into a review of the war and the part we, at home, are playing . . . "We have a great ally in God Almighty", he said. "What about Dunkirk? . . . Our part in the battle is reduced to terms we understand. What would you think if we had to win the London Dairy Show? Would we not go to the States and pay for prize animals with which we could win? We grumble at taxes, but we would get ten herds if necessary to win such a trophy. I tell you, we have a job to do and we must do it effectively."

Mr. James Duncan gave a number of cowboy songs, with his own guitar accompaniment.

At the close Mr. D. Adamson, of the C-I-L Fertilizer Division, in a lengthy film gave a pictorial description of the practical uses of fertilizer on the farm.

Review of National Affairs

By M. McDougall

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appliances, refrigerators, stoves, electric fixtures and washing machines, radios, musical instruments, all finished clothing or wearing apparel and passenger automobiles. Fresh fruit and vegetables will still be imported from the United States.

Import licenses are required for unmanufactured tobacco, automobiles (aside from passenger cars, which are prohibited), hardwood planks, flooring and veneers, raw silk and all petroleum products. Domestic tobacco is expected to be used more extensively hereafter. Artificial silk manufactured domestically or in Britain will gradually take the place to an increasing extent of natural silk and its products. Petroleum imports will be regulated by the oil controller.

British manufacturers, who have been severely handicapped by war conditions, by increased factory and transport costs, will have freer access to Canadian markets. There is a heavy balance in favor of Canada in trade with Britain. Increased purchases of British products will make it easier for the mother country to pay for her purchases of munitions and foodstuffs in Canada. Import duties have been entirely removed from a number of commodities bought in Britain. The Minister said general satisfaction would be felt throughout Canada at the reduction in import duties on British goods. "We say once more to Britain and to the world that we are with her and that we have faith in her ultimate success."

Excise taxes have been raised on passenger autos, and a rate of 25 per cent on radios, cameras, electric fixtures, stoves, refrigerators, washing machines and other household appliances.

After a discussion lasting about four weeks, the debate on the Speech from the Throne came to an end. It passed the House without a division. Previously the New Democracy subamendment calling for the use of "debt free" money to finance the war was defeated by a vote of 174 to 18. The Conservative amendment in which it was claimed that the government "has continued to lull the Canadian people into a false sense of security" was also lost. A resolution introduced by M. J. Coldwell, calling for an interest free war loan to be levied on the people according to their ability to pay was defeated by a vote of 145 to 19. A special committee of the House of Commons will be appointed to probe and report on war and other expenditures and suggest where economies could be effected. The suggestion was advanced by R. B. Hanson, Conservative leader, and was welcomed and immediately agreed to by the Prime Minister.



BLESSED, TOO

First blessed by the Rt. Rev. Francis Taitt, Episcopal Bishop of Pennsylvania, the new U.S. liner "Rio Hudson", built for traffic between the east coast of the United States and the east coast of South America, is shown sliding down the ways at Chester, Pa. Shipping men could recall no other instance of a religious ceremony at the launching of a ship in the U.S.

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Judges Number 278

DETAILS, SALARIES TABLED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

There are 278 judges in Canada, Robert H. McGregor (Con., York-East) was informed in a document tabled in the Commons recently.

The judges are divided as follows: Supreme and exchequer courts, 9; Prince Edward Island, 7; Nova Scotia, 14; New Brunswick, 13; Quebec, 52; Ontario, 85; Manitoba, 21; Saskatchewan, 30; Alberta, 21; British Columbia, 25; Yukon, 1.

Salaries are as follows: Chief Justice, $15,000; supreme court, $12,000; president of the exchequer court, $10,000; judge of the exchequer court, $9,000.

Provincial courts: 18 chief justices, $10,000; 114 supreme court judges, $9,000; one senior circuit court judge, $8,000; three circuit court judges (Montreal), $7,000; 131 district and county judges, $5,000; additional salary to four district judges in Admiralty, $1,000; one district judge in Admiralty, $800; one district judge in Admiralty, $600; additional to two judges in divorce courts, $500.

The answer tabled said judges did other work besides presiding in their courts, such as serving on royal commissions, in which case they were allowed living and traveling expenses.

Canada has 56 judges on superannuation receiving a total of $307,133.

Popular Report, 1939-40, British and Foreign Bible Society

"Everyman's Book, the Popular Report (1939-40) of the British and Foreign Bible Society, by the Rev. John A Patten, M.C., M.A., its Literary Superintendent — is now off the press.

The experience of war has deepened the intensity and conviction with which the Bible Society's story during "a troubled year" is told. Taking as a title the familiar words appended to Dent's Everyman's Classics, Mr. Patten unfolds the story of another year's work under the simple headings: "For Every Man"; "In the Language of Every Man"; "Taking the Book to Every Man"; In the Language of Every Man"; and "The Price of Every Man's Book". As usual he brings poetry and prose to illuminate his tale. Writers as varied as Thomas Carlyle, Miles Coverdale, General Carpenter of the Salvation Army, The Bishop of London and Isaac Watts, furnish chapter headings. His own war experience and the fact that much of the report was written during the Battle of Britain make him particularly sensitive to the atmosphere of war, and to the need of the Scriptures for every man during these fierce and trying experiences.

Perhaps the most moving chapters in the book deal with the work of the Society in war-torn lands. Though the period from May 10th is not covered in this vivid survey, nevertheless there is a feeling of tension in all his descriptions, and the section on China is particularly thrilling.

Canada is not forgotten, and its scheme for presenting New Testaments to the Armed and Auxiliary Forces of the Crown receives honorable mention. "However long the war may last our Canadian friends will see to it that Canadians serving the Empire on sea, on land, and in the air receive as part of their equipment a copy of the Word of God". Similar efforts in other parts of the British Empire are recorded with pardonable pride.

The plea for support is finely phrased and deeply moving. A deficit of $65,000 "brings us down to earth, and to the hard fact that even this most blessed work of spreading the Word of God through the world must be paid for in hard cash."

Mr. Patten is again to be congratulated on another brilliant Popular Report, and the Society on the form and appearance of its lively record, printed and published as it is in England in time of war.

Army Leave for Certain Key Men in Industry

Key men from essential industries now serving in the Active Canadian Army will be permitted to return temporarily to their work on a leave-without-pay basis in order to help increase production in relation to the war effort. The Department of National Defence has sent out orders to this effect to all District Officers Commanding and others concerned, conforming with the recent announcement made by the Minister of Labor in Parliament.

"Essential industries" will be those defined as such by the Department of Munitions and Supply. The applications for temporary release of men for return to civil employment must originate with the employer, who must submit his application to the Officer Commanding the Unit in which the soldier is serving. No soldier will be compelled to return to industry, and will be consulted as to his wishes.

Those returning to civilian occupations will be permitted to wear uniforms while not actually engaged in their work, and will be reabsorbed by their units on return to Active Service.

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Hearing Delayed in Charge On Hawkesb'y Fatality

Louis Pichard, of Hull, Que., charged with reckless driving at Hawkesbury, appeared last week on the charge arising from an accident in which Mrs. Eloie Gauthier of Hawkesbury was killed. Her husband suffered injuries and shock, and according to defence counsel, Henri Proulx, the case will be held off until Mr. Gauthier is able to testify.

Police said the accident occurred when Pichard's car swerved into the couple.

CROSSROADS SCOUT TROOP

The Boy Scout Troop of Cameron, Man., meets in a school at a crossroads, the boys coming from farms within a radius of six miles. Having no tents, they camped last summer in bivouac shelters contrived of old binder canvas. They constructed tables and benches from trees cut on the site, and took the Scoutmaster's cow along for milk.

The following correction appeared in a small town paper: "Our paper carried the notice last week that Mr. John Doe is a defective in the police force. This was a typographical error. Mr. Doe is really a detective in the police farce."

Ski Units Begin Training

Representative of all parts of the Dominion, prospective military ski instructors are assembled at Lansdowne Park, Ottawa, for instruction courses designed to fit them as instructors in their respective units. The syllabus includes both theoretical and practical sides of the work, and field work goes on concurrently with lectures, and instruction in the care of equipment. One officer and one non-commissioned officer has been sent from nine different infantry regiments, and there are representatives from Camps Borden, Petawawa and Valcartier, and from the Atlantic Command in general as well as those from Machine Gun, Engineer and Signal, and infantry training centres and from several Field Companies.

Next Week's Watchman

Next issue of Lachute Watchman will be the usual double-sized Christmas edition, bearing annual greetings from local merchants, business firms and public leaders. District correspondents are asked to forward their news as early in the week as possible, and special advertisers are requested to furnish their copy without delay.

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POLICE AND FIRE CHIEFS MAKING 10,000 TOYS

Members of the Province of Quebec Police and Fire Chiefs Association are busy making toys for distribution to children in the Montreal hospitals at Christmas. According to R. N. C. Harrington, secretary of the Association, it is expected there will be 10,000 toys in readiness for Christmas. Charles Barnes, deputy director of the Montreal Police Department, is chairman of the committee responsible for this effort.

FORM SNOWPLOW CLUB

Automobile drivers of Gananoque, Ontario, have organized the Gananoque Snowplow Club, believed unique in Canada, which by means of voluntary taxation of its members, pays for snow-removal on 17 of the town's streets.

Gananoque is built on solid rock and cost of installing water mains and sewerage facilities has kept the taxpayer's burden heavy.

—That's where the club comes in. President Walter Staebler said the Town Council had to forego appropriation for snow removal and "it naturally follows that the ones who drive on the streets are the logical ones to bear the cost of snow-plowing."

TRAMWAYS SEEK CO-OPERATION OF MOTORISTS

Montreal Tramways Corporation are featuring some timely newspaper advertising in an appeal for collaboration of city motorists during the winter season, Following is an extract from one of the company's displays:

"Tramways' snow-fighting equipment is ready to do its winter's work to keep main thoroughfares cleared . . . The co-operation of motorists is necessary for best results.

"Innumerable winter delays are caused to our passengers on account of motor vehicles which stall on our tracks, principally because they are not equipped with chains. Many motorists do not appreciate the seriousness of the traffic tie-ups they cause. One stalled vehicle can choke the whole of a main artery for blocks, and delay thousands of people.

"On behalf of the 800,000 daily Tramways passengers, we ask every motorist to make proper preparations for winter, *now*. You, as well as we, have a traffic responsibility.

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BUILDING BOOM IN OTTAWA

A boom in building has resulted in the sale of a number of city-owned lots in Ottawa. The activity is reported to be chiefly in residential building. In many of these cases the lots cost the city more money in lost taxes than was received for them in their present sale, but they are being returned to the active tax roll, and will again become revenue-producing properties, thus paying their share of the city's demands.

COURT ANNULS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Justice Joseph Archambault, of the Superior Court, annulled a resolution of the council of the parish of La Presentation, Que., which gave extraordinary powers to one of its members, Michel Beauregard, to settle a suit taken by Jean Fortier against it, to the amount of $400. The judgment is to the effect that the council had no right to delegate its powers in the way mentioned in the resolution. The action had been taken by Napoleon Bazinet, a farmer and councillor of La Presentation.

CIVIC HOUSEKEEPING FOR WOMEN

Women can aid Canada's war effort by seeing that the municipalities in which they live spend money wisely, waste none and make no unnecessary purchases, said Mrs. James Bielby, chairman of the Civics League of Canada, when she addressed the Mount Royal (Que.) Women's Community Club recently. She added that the more money municipalities were able to save the more money would go to the national war effort.

It was the duty of women, she continued, to pay as much attention to the budget of the city in which they lived as to their own household budget. After the close of the first Great War men and women were weary and turned to pleasure and money-making and shed responsibility. If they had kept their eyes trained on world affairs, she said, perhaps the present catastrophe might not have happened.

She spoke of the movement now on foot in the democracies to determine what should be done when the war was over. What could be done, she said depended primarily on whether or not Britain won the war and if Britain was going to win the war it would take the energy of all its citizens. Knitting, she said, was not enough. Women must play a still more important role.

She urged women to assume responsibility by studying the action of local and provincial governing bodies and, when intelligently informed, to do their utmost to try to prevent muddles in civic affairs and finances. She called upon the Mount Royal Women's Community Club to form groups of 25 to consider and study civics.

"Selling Socks" Charge Is Scurrilous, Unfounded Attack On Red Cross Society

VETERANS' JOURNAL ISSUES CHALLENGE TO UNPATRIOTIC RUMOR-MONGERS

In a stirring editorial, "The Canadian Veteran" recently challenged those propagandists who intimate from time to time that the Red Cross is selling supplies for its own profit. We quote portions of this article . . .

There is one headline, brimming with scandal, which "The Canadian Veteran" will publish if and when, for the first time, it is proved that the Red Cross has officially sold, for its own benefit, and in a deceitful manner, any of that large supply of stores and materials given to it for the use of those whom it exists to serve.

The poisoned arrows of rumor are again being shot into the air. On a number of occasions in recent months, we have been told that the Red Cross is selling socks, etc., which have been given to it to be distributed to men on service. Invariably, as in the years past, we have endeavored to trace the rumors to their source — to establish the truth of the story. Invariably, again, we have failed.

The narrator of such tales will every time lead his story back through a winding maze of "I heards". He will tell you his wife met a woman who had a cousin whose brother-in-law's aunt heard some one say that somebody else's boy Bill etc., etc., ad nauseam. Never have we been able to find a glimmer of truth in the rambling stories of this character — and that goes for the Great War, when similar stories were prevalent — too.

We do not believe that the Red Cross is a 100 per cent perfect organization. Neither is any other concern which is subject to the frailties of human nature. — But we do believe that for the many years of its existence the Red Cross has, as a society, administered its affairs honestly and in the highest sense of trusteeship. We believe that the world without it would be a much worse place than it is today. We believe that the sum total of its accomplishments, in peace and war, constitutes one of the greatest contributions to human welfare that the world has ever known.

Our faith may be shattered — but only on the production of definite proof that the Red Cross, as an organization, is guilty of malfeasance — that it has sold, as a commercial organization, the goods entrusted to it.

In other words, our present answer to anonymous letters, to malicious recitals, is, "Put up or shut up."

And to those who are guilty of spreading scurrilous rumors we say this: That they are just as guilty of sabotage, of destruction of the national morale and faith as any "Fifth Columnist." Well meaning as they may be they are assisting nobody but the enemy. They are harming their own country — and stabbing in the back those who depend upon the Red Cross for assistance when it is vitally needed.

"Let Us Remember!"

The Prime Minister of Canada:—

"We shall completely err if, for a moment, we fail to recognize how appalling is the danger which threatens not only Great Britain but civilization, and be tempted thereby to relax any and every effort to put forth the utmost of our strength.

"Above all else, let us remember how formidable is Germany's present military strength. There has never been anything hitherto comparable to it. Let us remember, too, that her great armies are undefeated, that they are equipped with all the machines of modern warfare; that, excepting Switzerland, all of Europe west of the Vistula, and extending from Sweden to Portugal and Spain, lies under her control. Her own resources of factory and of mine, of men and materials, have been reinforced by the material power which she has conquered; to her millons of soldiers and workmen has been added the manpower of the lands she occupies, however reluctant the men of Norway, of Holland, of Belgium and of France may be to turn their spears against the breast of freedom . . . .

"Upon the forces of Britain has been placed the greatest task in the history of the world. She has to watch and fight. She has to fight in the British Isles and in the seas that surround them. She has to fight in the Mediterranean, in the Middle East, in Africa. She has to watch the Far East, in Hongkong, in Singapore, she has to keep India constantly in mind. Anywhere, at any time, she may find it necessary to send ships and men to meet a new threat to her lines of communication and supply or to face fresh horrors in some distant part of the globe . . . .

"The situation is bound to become increasingly serious as warfare spreads to new seas and shores and as mutual destruction continues, as it most certainly will, with ever increasing fury. It is wholly probable that we shall witness much of anarchy as well as of war ere the death-grapple between totalitarianism has told its tale.

"No one can say that the world even now, may not be heading for Armageddon. The one thing that under the Providence of God may save the world this supreme tragedy is the might of Britain, strengthened, supported and sustained by the power of the British Dominions and India, the help of the United States and such power as it may yet be within the power of other liberty-loving peoples to give."

—House of Commons, Dec. 2, 1940.

"With malice towards none and charity for all" is an expression of Abraham Lincoln. The matter today is that we have it twisted. Now it is "With malice towards all and charity for none." No wonder the world is in a mess.

Peacock Dinner English Custom Many Years Ago

FASHIONS in Christmas dinners come and go. In olden days at a Christmas feast in England, next in importance to the boar's head as a Christmas dish was the peacock. To prepare the bird for the table was a task entailing no little trouble. The skin was first carefully stripped off with the plumage adhering. The bird was then roasted; when done, and partially cooled it was sewed up again in its feathers, its beak painted with gilt and so sent to the table. Sometimes the whole body was covered with leaf gold and a piece of cotton saturated with spirits placed in its beak and lighted before the carver commenced operations. This "food for lovers and meat for lords" was stuffed with spices and sweets, basted with yolks of eggs and served with plenty of gravy.

The noble bird was not served by common hands; that privilege was reserved for the lady guests most distinguished by birth or beauty. One of them carried it into the dining hall to the sounds of music, the rest of the ladies following in due order. The dish was set down before the master of the house or his most honored guest. The latest instance of peacock eating recorded was at a dinner given to William IV, when duke of Clarence, by the governor of Grenada.

The higher we are placed, the more humbly should we walk. — Cicero.

A HEN'S DISPOSITION

It's a cruel world. Fifteen years ago the average hen laid 50 eggs annually and what thanks does she get? She gets the axe at the end of the first year and is replaced by a flapper pullet. It is said that the bitterness caused by this unfairness is warping the modern hen's disposition so that in another 15 years she will be laying hard boiled eggs.

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District News

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GRENVILLE

Miss Vera Gauley was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gauley, at their home here.

Mr. Lorne Cooke and son, Clifford, of Paugan Falls, are at their home in this village.

Messrs. George and Hugh Lloyd were recent guests of their mother in Grenville.

Miss Evelyn McCullough spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Helen McCullough, in Montreal.

Miss Emma MacArthur is the guest of her brother, Mr. Allan MacArthur, having arrived from Chicago last week to assist during the illness of her sister, Miss Minnie MacArthur.

Mr. Willie Dodd, of Paugan Falls visited his grandfather, Mr. Pickett, and other relatives here recently, also spending a couple of weeks in Ottawa.

Funeral of the Late Miss Minnie MacArthur

The funeral of the late Miss Minnie MacArthur was held on Monday afternoon, a short service at her old home being followed by a service in the United Church. The rites were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Dempsey. Interment was made in Calumet Cemetary.

Deep sympathy is extended to her relatives. The late Miss MacArthur will be greatly missed, for although she had spent a number of years in Montreal and Chicago, she returned to her old home very frequently. She was highly esteemed as a sincere friend and a devout Christian.

DALESVILLE

Miss Nellie McDonald has returned after a few weeks' holidays.

Friends are sorry to hear of Mr. George Cleland's illness and wish him a speedy recovery.

Rev. D. Vandervalk was in Montreal and Ottawa last week as guest speaker on missions in several church in both cities.

Mrs. Charles Murdoch has returned to Montreal after visiting for some time at the home of Mrs. J. A. Campbell.

The Dalesville Community Club and numerous friends in the district gave a shower of pretty and useful gifts to Miss Lila Hamilton and Mr. James Murdock on the evening of December 3rd, at the home of Mrs. Reg. Campbell. The gathering wished the young couple lasting happiness.

The Dalesville Community Club held a social evening at the home of Mrs. Reg. Campbell last Thursday. Final plans were made as to their Christmas party, to be held on Dec. 19th, at Mr. J. A. Campbell's camp. They hope to see all members present to enjoy the evening.

CAMBRIA

Messrs Garnet and Norman Woods, of the Forestry Corps, have spent the past two week-ends at Mrs. Garnet Woods'.

Miss Joyce Maxwell sold a dozen Junior Red Cross calendars for the Cambria School Red Cross.

Mrs. David Morrow spent several days in Montreal recently.

Mrs. John E. Ward is spending an indefinite period in Montreal.

Mr. Napoleon Proulx and his sister, Miss Fedora Proulx, expect to spend the winter months in Montreal.

Snow came to these parts much earlier this year than last; since Nov. 23rd there has been a fall of over a foot of snow, whereas last year the snow did not reach this depth until the end of December. Automobiles have been passing recently, but with difficulty.

CUSHING WEST

Capt. and Mrs. T. W. Weir motored to the city and spent the day on Monday.

Mrs. Usher has arrived home after spending the past month in Ottawa as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Rev. Norman Dowd and family.

Friends of Mr. S. Whelehan, who recently underwent a serious operation in the Montreal General Hospital, will be pleased to learn that he is now on a fair way to recovery.

Mrs. T. Ranger, Sr., of Grece's Point, spent last week-end in the city.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. Jas. Densmore and family, of Stonefield, in the passing of Mrs. Densmore whose death occurred very suddenly while on a visit to Montreal last Sunday.

BROWNSBURG

Miss C. MacPherson was in Montreal last week.

The Senior Mission Circle of the Maple Avenue Baptist Church held their December meeting at Mrs. J. H. McFaul's in Lachute on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Vandervalk gave a very interesting address.

Mrs. James Hazel is at present a patient in the General Hospital, Montreal.

Miss J. Kerr, R.N., of Montreal, was a week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. David McOuat.

The monthly meeting of Brownsburg Women's Institute was held on Thursday evening, Dec. 5th, at the home of Mrs. S. J. Pike. A donation was made to the Children's Memorial Hospital, also apples were sent to the Laurentian Sanatorium, cookies and cake to the veterans at Ste. Anne de Bellevue Military Hospital. Mrs. A Campbell, convenor for publicity, introduced the speaker, Mr. J. S. Giles, who gave a very interesting talk on "The Power of the Press" for good and evil; Mr. Giles also spoke of the Lachute Watchman being established in 1877.

ST. ANDREWS EAST

The drop in temperature last Friday to between 30 and 35 below zero has made the crossing on the North River safe for pedestrians.

Very sincere sympathy is extended by this community to Miss Alison Taylor and Mr. Lawson Taylor, Isle-aux-Chats, upon the death of their father.

Mr. Stephen S. Lilly has returned from Foster, Que., where he was employed since last May.

Mr. John H. DeWitt, of Ottawa, is on a vacation at his home here.

Dr. Will Pitcairn was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pitcairn, recently.

Take refuge from the worries of home or business in the Town Hall on Saturday night, when a concert will be given in aid of the Refugees' Fund.



KING AND QUEEN CHEER LONDONERS IN SHELTERS

Their Majesties the King and Queen paid a surprise visit to one of London's bombproof shelters the other day, and were photographed, above, as they spoke to one of the cooks who helps provide cheap meals for people bombed out of their homes.

Lachute Hockey Line-Up Lose Opening Clash

(Continued from page 1)

The local team were confident as the third period got under way, though a five-minute penalty to MacKimmie for charging made conditions serious. However, while short handed the Lachuters evened up the score with a nice goal by Hollowell, from Booth — who by the way, played a splendid game. At this point it seemed as though the Lachute boys were set to win, but Shawinigan put on continual pressure and Bergeron rifled the disc behind Masson with about four minutes left. Masson played an excellent game in the last period as he darted from side to side to kick out the puck and slid out to foil the breakaways.

The final score was Shawinigan 6, Lachute 5.

The hockey was of a higher caliber than of previous years, and the fans appeared to enjoy the contest.

Lachute — Masson, MacKimmie Booth, Lecavalier, M., Hollowell, Hebert, P. Bourgeois, Muncaster, Hulet, Herbert, R., Bedard, Lecavalier, R., McFaul.

Shawinigan — Bisette, Gagnon, Bergeron, Gruminger, Glodu, Calhorn, Grolet, Veilloncourt, Gauthier F., Gauthier, A., Fillion.

First Period

1—Shawinigan 6.00
Veilloncourt - Grolet

2—Shawinigan 13.00
Gruminger - Calhorn

3—Shawinigan 14.50
Veilloncourt

4—Shawinigan 15.20
Fillion - Veilloncourt

5—Lachute 16.00
Lecavalier, M. - Hollowell
Lecavalier, R.

6—Shawinigan 16.20
Calhorn - Glodu

Penalties

Bourgeois, McFaul, Gruminger.

Second Period

7—Lachute 4.00
Hollowell - Lecavalier, M - Lecavalier R.

8—Lachute 4.45
Hebert R. - Bourgois - Hebert P.

9—Lachute 14.00
Herbert P. - Lecavalier M. - Lecavalier R.

Penalties

Gruminger, Hollowell, Colhorn, Hebert R, Bourgois.

Third Period

10—Lachute 6.12
Hollowell - Booth

11—Shawinigan 16.03
Bergeron - Gagnon

Penalties

MacKimmie, Gagnon, Bergeron (2), Gauthier, Muncaster.

IN THE U.S. CAPITAL

Canada is well represented in the current issue of the Capital's telephone directory. In addition to the listings of "Canadian Government," the Legation and the Canadian National Railways, three individuals named "Canada" appear — Connie, Eileen and Griffin.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Births, Marriages, Deaths, In Memoriam, etc., 50 cents each insertion . . 5c a line extra for verses accompanying In Memoriam.

BIRTH

STEPHENS — At Dr. Kelly's hospital, on Dec. 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Stephens, of Brownsburg (née Phyllis Campbell) a daughter, Madeleine Ethel.

IN MEMORIAM

BARKER — In loving memory of a dear wife and loving mother, Mrs. H. Barker, who departed this life Dec. 18th, 1937. — Ever remembered by her husband, Eddie and Alex.

The years may wipe out many (things,
But this they wipe out never,
The memory of those happy days,
When we were all together.

GORDON — In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather, Wm. A. Gordon, who passed away suddenly Dec. 13th, 1939. —Ever remembered by Archie, Bella and family.

Too far away for sight or speech,
But not too far for our thoughts to reach.

GORDON — In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, William A. Gordon, who passed away December 13th, 1939.—Always remembered by Orrin, Sarah and granddaughters, Ruth and Hazel.

We little knew when we woke that morn
The sorrow that day would bring,
For the call was sudden, the shock severe,
To part with one we loved so dear.

WHITE — In loving memory of a dear husband, son and father, Wm. H. White, who passed away Dec. 14th, 1930. — Ever remembered by his wife, mother and family.

"Too dearly loved to be forgotten."

IN MEMORIAM

GORDON — In loving memory of my dear husband, William A. Gordon, who passed away December 13th, 1939.—Ever remembered by his wife, Bessie.

Often I think of you, dear,
And my heart is sore with pain,
All the earth would be heaven
Could I hear your voice again.

BARKER — In fond and loving memory of dear Mother, who passed away December 18th, 1937. Always remembered, Fred and Hilda.

Three years have passed since that sad day
When one we loved was called away;
God took her home, it was His will,
Within our hearts she liveth still.

LEES — In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Mrs. James Lees, who departed this life on Dec. 12th, 1939. —Ever remembered by her husband and family.

God saw that she was weary,
And knew she wanted rest;
He folded her in His loving arms,
And took her home to rest.

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Among the Churches

CANON W. GARRETT RETIRES AFTER 44 YEARS IN ANGLICAN MINISTRY

The Rev. Canon W. P. Garrett, rector of Trinity Anglican Church at Hawkesbury for the past 25 years, has tendered his resignation to the Bishop of the Ottawa diocese to take effect December 13. Failing health was given as the cause for the 70-year-old clergyman's retirement.

Rev. Canon William Portt Garrett was born in Belleville, Ont., a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Garrett, and received his early education at the public and high school in Ottawa South. Upon graduating from high school he entered the Civil Service in the office of the Auditor General. He later attended the University of Trinity College in Toronto and subsequently McGill University in Montreal, graduating in 1894. On December 13, 1896, he was ordained a deacon at Hawkesbury, the first deacon to be ordained in the diocese. Canon Garrett's resignation coincides with the date 44 years ago of his ordainment as deacon. In 1897 he was ordained a priest in Christ's Church Cathedral in Ottawa.

For many years he was rural dean of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell and before coming to Hawkesbury was rector at different times at Douglas, Eastview and Bearbrook, Ont. While at Hawkesbury he also had charge of the congregations at the Church of the Nativity in L'Orignal and St. Peters Anglican Church in Alfred. Eight years ago he was made a canon of Christ's Church Cathedral in Ottawa.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"God the Preserver of Man" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon to be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist throughout the world on Sunday, December 15th.

The Golden Text is from Proverbs 2: 6,8. "The Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding . . . He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints."

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever." (Isaiah 32: 17).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Heaven is not a locality, but a divine state of Mind in which all the manifestations of Mind are harmonious and immortal, because sin is not there and man is found having no righteousness of his own, but in possession of "the mind of the Lord," as the Scripture says." (Page 291.)

Sunday Services

MARGARET RODGER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn

10 a.m.—Sabbath School
11 a.m., Communion Service.
Subject, "The Transparent Soul."
7 p.m. Evening Worship.
"Broken Sacrifices."

REGULAR BAPTIST
Rev. C. Hardie

Brownsburg, 11 a.m.
2.30 p.m. Dalesville.
Christmas Entertainment, Brownsburg, Thursday, Dec. 19th, at 8 p.m.
Christmas Entertainment, at Dalesville, Monday, Dec. 23rd, at 8 p.m.

LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. B. Rosborough, B.A., B.D.

10 a.m., Sabbath School.
11 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"Ladders which Reach to Heaven."
7 p.m. Christmas Service and Candle-Lighting Ceremony by C.G.I.T. Groups.
2.30 p.m.—East Settlement.
A Christmas Concert and Christmas Tree Celebration will take place on Friday Dec. 20th, at 7.30 p.m.
A cordial welcome to all!

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, H. Charlton

11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Services.
8 p.m. Wed.,—Prayer Meeting.
Christmas Entertainment Tuesday, Dec. 17th, at 7.30 p.m.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST
Rev. J. R. Simpson, B.A., B.Th.

10 a.m., Sunday School.
7.30 p.m. Evening Worship.

LAKEFIELD CHURCH SERVICES
Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, Rector.

11 a.m.—Lakefield.
2 p.m.—Shrewsbury.
7 p.m., Dunany.

BROWNSBURG UNITED CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

It was installation night at the Brownsburg United Young People's meeting on Tuesday, and a group which augured much for the future was in attendance. A nominating committee had presented a slate of officers and convenors for the ensuing year at last week's meeting; these were unanimously accepted.

The President, Mr. Cedric Wheeler, was in charge of the meeting, assisted by Mr. Alden Grant. After opening the meeting he outlined the steps leading up to the installation of officers and convenors, and then thanked the group for their co-operation and goodwill during the year, expressing his delight at the enthusiasm with which the various meetings had been characterized. Mr. Wheeler also spoke in glowing terms of the new life which had come into the group, and which gives promise of even better days.

Mr. Alden Grant intimated his possible removal from town, saying he would take with him some of the happiest memories of Young People's work.

Following the devotional period the secretary read the list of the newly elected officers and convenors, who came to the front, at the altar of the church, as their names were called. The minister, Rev. S. J. Pike, prefaced the installation ceremony with a few remarks on "Youth Faces Reality", a timely topic for our modern times, presenting the four-square life as a means of measuring up to that reality. The charge to the officers was followed by one to the members, in which there was a ready and hearty response.

The officers and convenors for the ensuing year are as follows: Hon. president, Rev. S. J. Pike; president, Stewart Martin; 1st vice-president, Allen Durrel; 2nd vice-president, Miss Selina Lupien; secretary, Clifford Louttit; treasurer, Ernest Morrow; pianist, Miss Audrey Thorburn. Convenors include — Missionary, Harold Blair; Citizenship, Lloyd Bruce; Literary, Gerald Chase; Social, Miss Earline Wark. Committees are — Pulpit Cedric Wheeler, Misses Helen McLean and Marjorie McOuat; Refreshment, Misses Ivaleen Zimmer, Helena Morrow, Lillian McOuat and Mrs. C. Wheeler; Publication, Stewart Bonter and Miss Evelyn Heatley. Sports organizer, James Murdock.

The new president, Mr. Stewart Martin, taking his place, thanked the group for the honor conferred on him and appealed for the co-operation of all in his anticipation of a successful year.

The new executive will meet next Tuesday evening and draw up their winter schedule. After the Christmas vacation a get-together, in the form of a banquet on Jan. 7th, will mark the beginning of the year's work. The Ladies' Auxiliary is being asked to cater for this event and the speaker for the occasion will be Mr. L. Porter.

LACHUTE UNITED Y.P.U.

At last evening's meeting of the Lachute United Young People's Union officers for 1941 were elected, and are as follows:—Hon. pres., Rev. W. B. Rosborough; pres. Beryl Underhill; sec., Edith Rosborough; Treas., Nora Jackson (re-elected). Convenors — Christian Fellowship, Rodeen Hadley; Christian Culture, Anna Rosborough; Christian Missions, Ruth Armstrong; Citizenship, Herbie Gordon; Publicity, Barbara Cunningham; Recreation, Marjorie Gordon (convenor), Ivy Bates and Harold Deacon; Refreshment Committee, Barbara Cunningham, Ivy Bates and Nora Jackson.

PRESBYTERIAN Y.P.S.

The Presbyterian Young People's Society held their regular meeting on Wednesday evening with about 20 members present. The principal business item was the election of officers for the coming year. The following members were chosen: Honorary president, Rev. E. Orsborn; president, Allan Walker; vice-president, Grace Wilson; Secretary-treasurer, Bessie Black. Convenors — program committee, Cecil McFaul; entertainment, Helen McFaul; refreshments, Jean Black; bowling, Jim Todd; membership, Gertrude Wilson; press secretary, Clifton Morrison.

Preparation for the next meeting were then drawn up, after which refreshments were served.

W.M.S. ANNUAL MEETING, ST. ANDREWS UNITED

St. Andrews E. — The annual meeting of the W.M.S. of the United Church was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of the Misses Pitcairn. The officers were re-elected, with the exception of Miss Mary Lamb replacing the late Mrs. B. N. Wales as honorary president. Miss Esdon, daughter of the president, gave an account of work among the Indians of Central America, especially of the boarding school where she has taught for seventeen years. One girl who after graduation went on to college and finally won her M.D. last year, would be justification for all efforts made on behalf of these folk, whose splendid civilization was wiped out by the Spanish.

The members asked Miss Esdon for another talk early in the coming year. The hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save", was sung, as Miss Lamb was on the ocean, her long deferred furlough having at last been granted.

Benefit Concert for Refugees Saturday at St. Andrews

St. Andrews East—

A concert is to be held in the Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 8.15 p.m., D.S.T. The proceeds are to go to the Canadian Council on Refugees, Montreal Branch. The main artists are Dr. and Mrs. William Raven They have been voluntarily conducting concerts in all the towns about Montreal in aid of the refugees from England.

Dr. Raven is a conductor and violinist of note. He has been solo violinist to royalty, has toured Europe and America in his capacity of conductor and violinist. His wife is a soloist who has made many important operatic and concert appearances in both continents.

There will be opportunity during the evening for community singing, led by Dr. Raven, and a few numbers will be rendered by local talent.

Citizens of this county are urged to support this worthy cause and show appreciation for the self-sacrificing efforts of these artists. They are giving their talents and time free.

No tickets will be sold, but a collection will be taken at the door.

Brownsburg Legion

The annual election of officers of Brownsburg Legion Branch No. 71, took place on Wednesday evening when the following were selected to act for the ensuing year: D. Cooper, president; W. Morton, 1st vice-pres.; T. Tomlinson, 2nd vice-pres.; S. Stillwell, secretary; F. Jordan, treasurer.

Social and Personal

Miss Ruth Gordon spent the week-end at her home in Louisa.

Mr. Richard Noble, of Montreal, spent the week-end with his family here.

Mr. Earl Clifford, of Lachute, and Miss M. Clifford, of New Glasgow, visited their parents in The Glen last week-end.

Brent Cruise, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cruise, is a patient in the Children's Memorial Hospital, Montreal.

Miss Leola Belanger spent a few days this week visiting at her home in Montreal.

Miss Hazel LeCras, of Montreal, spent last week-end with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. LeCras, at the rectory.

Miss Lois McFaul has returned home after spending a week's vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hay at Cowansville.

Dr. and Mrs. John Hope, of Siscoe, Que., are spending the holiday season with Mrs. John Hope Sr., and Mrs. J. T. Griffith.

Miss Bessie McOuat left on Sunday to spend the winter months with her brother Mr. Fraser McOuat and Mrs. McOuat, in Sherbrooke.

Mrs. R. Davidson and Mrs. Ed. Robinson, of Montreal, visited friends in town on Thursday last, and also attended the Anglican Church bazaar.

The Misses Edith W. McOuat and Phyllis Patterson were successful in their examinations for Registered Nurse certificates. Both young ladies are graduates of the Montreal General Hospital nurses' training school.

Miss Gertrude McMahon visited friends in Montreal last week-end.

Miss Joan Stansfield spent a few days' visit with friends in Montreal.

Gunner Laurence McOuat, of Petawawa, Ont., visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boyd, of Montreal, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton, over the week-end.

At the annual Christmas Bazaar held last Thursday under auspices of the Ladies' Guild, St. Simeon's Anglican Church, the proceeds amounted to approximately $300.

Marriage

Murdock - Hamilton

Brownsburg — A very pretty wedding was solemnized in the Brownsburg United Church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 4th, when Miss Lila Barbara, eldest daughter of the late Joseph Hamilton and Mrs. Hamilton, of Dalesville, Que., became the bride of Mr. James Houghton Murdock, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Murdock, of Brownsburg, formerly of Toronto.

The bride, attired in a brown travelling suit, was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. George Hamilton. Miss Margaret Hamilton, a sister, was bridesmaid, while Mr. Harry Halesworth supported the groom.

The large attendance and a variety of useful presents testify to the popularity in which Mr. and Mrs. Murdock are held.

Following the ceremony the happy couple left by train for Montreal and other points. They are at present residing in Dalesville. The surrounding community joins in wishing them many years of happy wedded life.

Meeting to Organize Radio Listening Groups

A meeting will be held in the Lachute High School on Monday, Dec. 16th, at 8 p.m. for the purpose of organizing radio listening groups in the rural districts.

Radio broadcasts, on agricultural subjects, will start in January over C.B.C., and these broadcasts will be of special interest to the farming community, particularly the members of Farmers' Clubs and Women's Institutes. Mr. McKay, of Macdonald College, will address the meeting on Monday evening. Everybody welcome.

—Alex Bothwell,
-1c County Agronomist

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ESCAPE
with Nazimova, Felix Brissart, Albert Basserman, Bonita Granville.

CAROLE LANDIS, John Hubbard, WILLIAM GARGAN in
TURNABOUT
with Donald Meek, ADOLPHE MENJOU, Mary Astor, V. Teasdale.
And NEWS of the DAY

SUN., MON., DEC. 15-16
BING CROSBY, MARY MARTIN, BASIL RATHBONE in
RHYTHM ON THE RIVER
with Oscar Levant, Oscar Shaw, Charles Grapewin, Lilian Cornell.
JACKIE COOPER, Lucy Gilman, Robert Warwick, Louise Lorimer in
GANGSTER'S BOY
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TUES., WED., THURS., DEC. 17-18-19
MADELEINE CARROLL, Tullio Carminati, Muriel Angelus in
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WEEKLY HEALTH ARTICLE

By DR. HERMAN N. BUNDESEN
President, Chicago Board of Health

IMPROPERLY CLEANED DISHES EXPOSE PERSON TO PAINFUL MOUTH INFECTION

Most of us at some time or another develop a painful and troublesome inflammation of the gums and lining membrane of the mouth. If we ask the doctor what is wrong, he will tell us that we are suffering from the condition known as gingivostomatitis.

This infection is caused by germs, but just which germs cannot be definitely stated, although in many cases the streptococcus germs are responsible. This condition must not be confused with the disease called trench mouth or Vincent's angina, which is caused by a different type of germ altogether.

Many persons are exposed to the dangers of catching gingivostomatitis because it is often passed from one person to another by the common use of dishes or other utensils that are not properly cleaned. The disorder seems to occur most often during the fall months, but outbreaks of the disease may develop at any time of the year.

The condition occurs frequently in groups of children in hospitals. Following an attack, the child may be weak, often resulting in pneumonia. For this reason, it is important that the condition be promptly and properly treated and the child carefully watched during the convalescent period to keep complications from occurring.

Usually, there is a fever for a day or two before the inflamation in the mouth develops. With the fever there may be general aching and prostration for several days, and the child feels really ill. Then there is redness and swelling around the gum margins and small ulcers or sores develop on the tongue and lining membrane of the cheeks and lips. There is a bad odor to the breath and the child finds it painful to eat and often refuses to take food. The lymph glands in the neck enlarge. After a few days, the youngster is utterly miserable. The gums become greatly swollen and ulcerated.

The disease usually lasts about two weeks.

Drs. Charles H. Smith and H. B. Johnson, of New York believe that this condition can be best treated by using a solution of chromic acid. In carrying out this treatment, which, of course, is always carried out under the doctor's directions, the child first rinses the mouth with a mouth wash if he is old enough to do so. The exact type of mouth wash used is not important. A weak solution of peroxide is often used for this purpose. Then cotton tightly wound on an applicator is used to carefully wipe off the gums and the ulcers. Then another piece of cotton on an applicator is dipped into the chromic acid solution, which is applied directly to the ulcers or sores and inflamed edges of the gums. Some of the solution may be gently worked in between the gums and the teeth. The treatment is repeated twice a day for from one to three days and then once a day until the condition clears up. Between treatments the child can use the mouth wash.

Of course, the youngster with gingivostomatitis should be kept at rest in bed until he or she is completely well and is taking food normally.

During the disorder, salty, sour, spicy foods, and those which are too sweet or too hot should not be employed. Milk toast, cereal gruels and creamed soups are good foods to use because they are nourishing and will not cause the child much distress when they are taken. Treatment with chromic acid, according to Drs. Smith and Johnson, shortens the course of the infection and relieves the pain.

BEAUTY

By Helen Jameson (Mme. Qui Vive)

FINGER FIDGETERS AND NAIL BITERS

We are living in a world that is not only flat on its back but delirious. Human beings everywhere are under tension. It is up to each individual to endeavor to be tranquil, to overcome nervous mannerisms that set other people's teeth on edge. We are thinking now of the finger twiddlers. No knitter can be busier with her fingers than this class. Every minute hands are on the move. The habit is distracting to conversation, does not make for restfulness. It is one of our pet peeves, so don't mind if we rave a little.

As many men as women — maybe more — are victims of this practice. They run the fingers over the nail eaves or they dig at hangnails. They rub their palms together for no reason at all, keep at it for an endless time. With one thumb they stroke the fingers of the other hand. Such a display of restlessness creates restlessness in the beholder.

Doctors explain this habit. At the end of each finger are extremely sensitive nerves that communicate with the nerves of the brain, as the nerves of the palms are linked with those of the digestive system. They set up an irritation and movements result.

Wild gestures are ridiculous and annoying, make a person appear silly, if not slightly intoxicated. Both hands in the air, fingers outspread. Gosh, doesn't it give you a pain in the neck? Does me. A lot of it is play acting to attract attention. Why the need of so much emphasis? Aren't the powers of speech sufficient to get an idea across?

While we are blustering along these lines we would like to say a few words to the young lady who has a pet lock of hair that she continually fondles, twisting the ringlet around her finger, tucking it in place where it doesn't stay. A girl should arrange her hair and then forget it. It isn't a task that should go on all the time.

Pulling at an ear lob is an inelegant habit. There's one worse, rubbing the end of the nose as if there were a chronic itching there. These practices, small enough to be sure, are likely to lead to other mannerisms and eccentricities. You'll see a girl twist and tease a button on her frock until you wonder it can stand the strain. Come now, sister, let's go.

Very distressing it is to observe a nail biter at work. A nasty habit, if you ask us or if you don't. Germs lurk under even the cleanest nail eaves, and why eat bugs?

A pretty hand is a lovely sight, especially lovely when in repose.

TIP FOR CHRISTMASTIME

In these pre-Christmas days, don't let your mind operate like a cash register! Keep the true Christmas up . . . and the dollar sign down.

District News

FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

CUSHING

Mr. and Mrs. Allister Innes, of Montreal, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Innes. Mr. J. Innes accompanied them to Montreal for a visit.

Miss M. Tait spent the week-end in Montreal.

Friends are pleased to welcome Mrs. James Girling home from the hospital.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. James Densmore and daughter, Mrs. Noble, in the sudden death in Montreal of Mrs. Densmore, who will be missed by many. It has been said of Mrs. Densmore, by friends who knew her well, that "she was always doing something to help someone."

Children's Night Held by W.I.

In spite of storm and bad roads 30 persons, ten of whom were children, met in the Community Club-room on Friday evening to enjoy the annual December children's night. A well decorated Christmas tree helped to make the children's song, "Santa Claus is coming soon," much more realistic. Candy and oranges were given the children, while the members exchanged inexpensive gifts.

The program was well rendered, and the Printer's Pie and Word-making Contests were enjoyed by all present. Mrs. L. M. Gaston and Mrs. J. Innes were winners of the first prize. Miss D. LeRoy, working solo, also had a perfect paper, so received an extra prize. Mrs. W. Usher and Miss M. Canning were winners of second prizes A and B., both working solo.

In the children's contest, making words from two other words, "Christmas Cake", Helen and June Beattie, also Freda Bryerton, were the winners, Nelson Beattie winning the boys' prize.

During the program Nelson Beattie and Donald Fuller in a short sketch acted out 'Grandpa's Christmas Story' very well, while Helen Beattie told of fashions when Grandma was a girl. The children also entertained with an impromptu sing-song, with Ora Watson at the piano. "There'll Always Be An England" seemed to be one of their favorites.

The Branch donated $5 to the Children's Memorial Hospital, and makes a request for scrap books for that institution for next meeting, as only a few were brought in for December.

WEIR

Mr. Willard Dubeau, who is a trainee at St. Jerome, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Dubeau.

Mrs. E. M. Schippel and son, Huntly, returned to their home here after spending the past week in Montreal visiting friends.

Miss Anna Munich, of Montreal, is spending a few days here at the residence of her brother, Mr. A. G. Munich.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sobey, accompanied by Mrs. D. Harpen, spent Friday in Lachute.

Mr. J. Selby, of Montreal, spent the week-end at his cottage on Round Lake.

Mrs. A. J. Kerr spent a few days in Montreal recently.

Mr. Leo. Ladouceur has left to spend some time in Montreal.

Mr. James Duncan, accompanied by the Misses Margaret and Clara Duncan, spent a few days at his residence last week.

Mr. Alex MacNab, of Montreal, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Schippel.

MORIN HEIGHTS

Mrs. H. Gilby is spending a few days in town this week.

Mrs. Willis Seale spent Saturday last in Montreal.

Major Greene, also Sgt. Goodfellow, spent the week-end with their respective families.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Seale have returned home from a visit to relatives in Cookshire.

Sgt. Alger Temple has returned home from England, due to the fact that his eyesight was affected.

Miss Joan Gilby, also Miss Lillian Basler, spent a few days in Montreal recently.

Don't forget the Christmas Tree entertainment on Friday, Dec. 20th.

Friends in this community extend deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dey, whose infant daughter passed away suddenly on Dec. 2nd. Interment was made from the United Church; the Rev. D. Anderson conducted the funeral service, with the Rev. V. Temple assisting.

SCOUTMASTER SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Group Committee of the Estevan Boy Scout Troop has formally requested the local School Board, when filling future teacher vacancies, to seek a man with Scouting experience, so that the boys may be assured an experienced Scoutmaster.

BOY SCOUTS ON GRIM CASUALTY DUTY

Some 30 young South London Boy Scouts on hospital duty acknowledged that one recent job was "rather stickier than usual." A Nazi bomb fell beside a lorry on which were a number of workmen, and several were killed and others seriously injured. A policeman, finding the lorry intact, at once drove it and its grim load to the nearby hospital, where it fell to the Scouts to handle the dead and move the mutilated to the casualty room.

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THE WOMAN'S PAGE

Kilmar Red Cross

Kilmar—The Kilmar Branch of the Canadian Red Cross has shipped to Headquarters the following articles completed since the first of October:

13 Khaki sweaters, 48 pairs socks, 2 pairs gloves, 1 pair mitts, 10 helmets, 22 caps, 31 scarves, 62 towels.

HINTS FOR HOMEBODIES

By JESSIE ALLEN BROWN

Specially written for Readers of The Watchman.

TRAIN LOADS OF CHRISTMAS TREES

The Christmas tree business is a considerable one in the Maritimes They are shipped on flat cars and are put together so they lie flat, and a tremendous number of trees can be put on one car. The papers tell us they are having a shortage of experienced cutters this year. It appears they must be cut in a certain way so they will pack without damage. One year we watched shipments of trees from a railway yard for weeks. It seemed as if they assembled them there until there was a train of nothing but Christmas trees. So many were shipped one would wonder if there was a tree left. However, they tell us that the trees used for this purpose are not much good for anything else. The last time we saw this particular railway-yard, it was full of Canadian cars. They crate them and load them on a special flat-car. The Dailies have told us of the number of Canadian cars being shipped and it was quite a sight to see hundreds of cars all in one yard.

CULTIVATE CHRISTMAS

This year many of us are puzzled as to what to do about Christmas, feeling we have no right to spend money with so many people in dire straights. Christmas should be a time of peace and good-will, so let us try to give happiness to those within our reach. We can spend less but let us not do without our Christmas cheer. We can open our homes to men in the three forces who are far from their own homes. Christmas is a state of mind and we can cultivate it.

BUY AT HOME

Do your Christmas shopping in your own home town. If your local merchant has not the article you want, perhaps he can get it for you. There are more calls for giving than ever and your local merchant is expected to give to them all and he is the first person to be asked. Do your part in helping to make this giving possible by buying at home. In my younger days I frequently rebelled at the family dictum that buying must be done with our local merchants but I see its wisdom now. Wherever I live, I try to buy locally, and I make every effort to buy Canadian goods and if not that, I try to get Empire products. We seem to be getting about the same English goods as before and in some lines there seem to be more. Candies for instance. I have never seen so many varieties of English candies, toffees mostly, and they are the best to be found. Some of them are packed in such attractive tin boxes that I have purchased several just for the boxes. It may take a little effort and a little juggling of choice but let us all plan our buying to give our local merchants a chance. Is it fair to ask him to buy a ticket, give money, or donate a prize, if you have done your shopping out of town?

PLUM PUDDING

1 Pint bread crumbs, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup currants, ½ lb. of suet chopped, 3 eggs, ½ cup corn syrup, juice and grated rind of 1 lemon, 1 cup flour, ½ teaspoon soda ½ lb. of chopped peel, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, ½ teaspoon nutmeg.

Sift the flour, soda, and spice over the bread crumbs. Add the sugar, suet, fruit and peel, then add the well beaten eggs and the syrup and mix thoroughly. Put into a large mould or several small ones and steam for three hours. Have the water boiling and keep it boiling steadily throughout the steaming.

CANDIED ORANGE PEEL

Remove the peel from four thin-skinned oranges in quarters. Cover with cold water and bring to the boiling point, then cook slowly until soft. Drain and remove the white portion with a spoon. Cut the yellow portion into thin strips with the scissors. Boil ½ cup water and one cup sugar until syrup will thread from the tip of a spoon. Cook the strip in the syrup for five minutes, drain and roll in granulated sugar. It is not too soon to make these as they will keep for a long time in a covered tin box. Mine go into a coffee tin. Grapefruit peel may be candied in the same way. I like to divide them when they are almost cooked and add green coloring to one part and red to the other. These candied strips are nice tucked into the crevices and over the top of a box of home-made candy or cookies.

APPLE RINGS

8 Tart apples, 1½ cups sugar, 1 cup water, 3 thin lemon slices, 8 red cinnamon candies.

Cut the apples in one-inch slices, leaving on the skins. Remove the cores from each slice. Make a syrup by boiling the sugar, water, lemon, and candies for two minutes. Add the apple rings a few at a time and cook until tender but not broken. As soon as they are cooked place on a platter and when all are cooked pour any remaining syrup over them. Serve with pork, sausage, goose, or on a salad.

"Merry Christmas" Cake

By Frances Lee Barton

A Christmas cake at Christmas time pleases the family and is ideal for that late lunch when friends drop in to exchange greetings and gifts.

Here is an attractive cake, a delicious cake and an economical cake that will ring the Christmas bell every time:

Almond Butter Christmas Cake

3 cups sifted cake flour, 3 teaspoons double-acting baking powder; ½ teaspoon salt; ¾ cup butter or other shortening; 1½ cups sugar; 3 eggs, unbeaten; ½ cup finely chopped almonds; ½ cup finely cut raisins; 1 cup milk; 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each. Add nuts and raisins and beat well. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla. Bake in two greased 9-inch layer pans in moderate oven (375° F.) 25 minutes, or until done. Spread a boiled frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake. Decorate top of cake with a wreath of holly, using pieces of maraschino cherries or red cinnamon candies for berries, and slices of angelica or citron for leaves and stems. If desired a lemon butter frosting may be used.

Care and Feeding of Infants on Curriculum Of Army Medical Corps

It will come as a shock to most Canadians to realize that training in care and feeding of infants is a "must" for Army Medical Corps. Eric Birkett of Montreal Neurological Institute was found by Mollie McGee feeding a 10-months-old baby girl from a teaspoon and trying to read a letter from his girl at the same time. She says: "Soldiers are sneaking visits to the wards to play with the children and doing everything to help. Number One is probably the only military hospital in history where the outstanding sight is hundreds of diapers drying on the lines.

"If Canadians could see tiny 10-month-old babies saved from bombed cities almost lost in the big beds of soldiers, they would have a new appreciation of what the war means."

—Exch.

To Clean Combs

Use soapsuds to which a tablespoon of ammonia has been added, for washing combs. Scrub with an old tooth brush. Rinse first in hot, then in cold water, and dry on a towel.

Ironing

The longer the clothes lay damp before ironing, the better is the result. Sprinkle starched clothes with hot water half an hour before ironing.

Lachute Red Cross

Reporting the November shipments from Lachute Red Cross, the list in last week's Watchman included 11 pairs of socks. This, of course, was a typographical error; the correct number was 114.

GOOD MANNERS

By MRS. CORNELIUS BEECKMAN

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FOOD GIFTS MAKE CHOICE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

"Eat and be merry" is the theme-song of an extremely popular type of Christmas present this year. Many smart and imaginative people are planning to send practical gifts of "provender" to show that at least one way to a heart is through the stomach.

Gifts of delicacies hit the spot in more ways than one. They answer the question of "What can I send as a gift to an entire family?" The children of a household will be enchanted with a box of various kinds of cookies or crackers. There are perfect food-gifts for hostesses. With certain types of foods we can make a bow to food enthusiasms of certain of our friends. These gifts can be assembled when we've put off our Christmas shopping till the last minute. These gifts can be wrapped so festively that their practical quality arrives all dressed up.

A box of appetizers or one of hors d'oeuvres, for example, will have a sure-fire welcome in any home — tins and boxes and bottles and jars of party provender, especially those for the four-to-seven occasions. Ready for our buying, too, are gaily-wrapped jars of jams and jellies. Perfect for the holiday and for holiday parties are boxes of all kinds of nuts, or packages of nuts prepared in various ways — unsalted pecans, sugared pecans, salted peanuts, glaced walnuts, and so forth. Or assorted packages of always-popular delicacies — boxes of plain or stuffed dates or figs or giant prunes, crystalized ginger, bright-colored candies, mints, white or colored or chocolate-covered; slices of preserved orange and grapefruit. The list of "goodies" is practically limitless.

You'll gain a fine reputation for discrimination and thoughtfulness if you send a collection of transparent boxes or jars or even small envelopes filled with herbs of various kinds to the woman who prides herself on discoveries in cooking. You might choose a collection of various kinds of cheeses for the cheese-connoiseur. For the tea-lover there are favorite blends of tea, traditionally packed; for the honey enthusiast there are bottles and jars of luscious honey; for the expert salad-maker you could assemble a group of several kinds of vinegar, mustard, a good brand of olive oil, two or three packages or jars of salad-herbs.

A "Jack Horner" collection might contain such "plums" as several cans of juices — tomato juice, red and yellow; grapefruit, grape, prune, pineapple, and so forth — jars of olives, green, ripe, or stuffed; jars of pickles and relishes, a box of pretzels, a box of potato chips, a package of tea and, for a gala note, a box of rock candy crystals to serve with tea or after-dinner coffee.

Still a favorite and welcome standby, especially when it is made from a cherished old family-recipe, is a fruit cake or a plum pudding or a box of home-made pastries or cookies iced with Christmas symbols. In the de luxe class is a smoked turkey! Always suitable is the basket of fruits, or the box of oranges and grapefruit, with or without intriguing boxes and jars of surprises tucked in the basket.

Should Children Have War Toys for Christmas?

War toys for children? That's a question in the minds of many in the pre-Christmas season. Some parents say yes and others say no, but most of them cannot see that it makes any difference, according to a poll of opinion in the current issue of The Rotarian magazine. Twelve parents, both fathers and mothers, from Canada to Argentina were queried in assembling these opinions, and they vary as much as the climates of the countries.

For the most part the mothers think that war toys have a definite bad influence. "Martial toys are uncivilized," writes Mary G. Phillips, wife of a Cornell professor. "They give importance to the savage, brutal side of a child." "Constant association with playthings of a martial nature would make war seem reasonable," fears Josephine Powell, wife of a physician.

But John Girdler, superintendent of schools in Arizona, considers the whole thing "Gettysburg on a down quilt." "Really, after watching children for a great many years, I believe this is all much ado about nothing." From Hawaii comes a complete agreement with Mr. Girdler; but Sergio Herrera, of Havana, Cuba, fears that "a child's lack of experience may permit them to think of war as something pleasant". Yet Dr. W. H. Spence, a retired clergyman from New Hampshire, agrees with the majority when he says: "Up to a given point, they will do no harm."

Write to the Boys

Citizens who have friends overseas can perform a valuable service to the morale of our soldiers by writing them often, sending magazines and papers or boxes of "eats." Nothing is more welcome to those away from home than a letter or parcel, especially to the soldiers serving overseas, the Listowel Banner points out. One officer stated that there are two outstanding days in a soldier's life—pay days and mail days. If local people could see the look of disappointment when there is no mail, they would write oftener.

Lack of mail would have a depressing effect on the men, so let everyone remember their friends overseas. — Hespeler Herald

"I beg pardon ma'am," said the new Irish maid to the officer's wife, "but is it Colonel or Major I should be calling the Captain?"

Make Christmas Burden, Be Unhappy Rest of Year

IT IS so customary nowadays to hear disparagement of Christmas as a season of vanity, selfish display, greed and covetousness that we like to point out the other side. Some of our cynics declare that Christmas gifts are themselves dictated by self-interest—that they are meanly offered in the hope of a return—with interest—or are an exhibition of vanity. And yet, who would dare to say this of a mother, who deprives herself to give happiness to her children, or of the girl who willingly foregoes some little vanity for the pleasure of her parents? People who make Christmas a burden and a tax show the same attitude throughout the year—their own false standards of living are to blame, and not this holy festival.—Rural New-Yorker.

Every married man knows how much easier it is to deceive himself than it is to deceive his wife's mother.

Norway, Sweden Babies Are Loaded With Gifts

IN MANY districts of Norway and Sweden every baby born on Christmas day is the recipient of many gifts and bounties from all quarters. He receives a bounty from both the ecclesiastical and civil authorities, and in some districts these bounties amount to a considerable amount of money, which is generally invested until the child is of age.

The children that are born to some classes of the people in Naples on this happy day are visited by "Wisemen"—who are selected by some philanthropic society—and are presented with imitation stones which are valued highly by the children in later years, even supernatural qualities being ascribed to them.

A British Columbia judge holds that women should have more respect for their husbands. However, people get pretty well acquainted after they are married.



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MANY RIVALS OF HOLLY

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Even in England they have at least a dozen different varieties of holly, and the world at large has no fewer than 145 species of this tree.

Australia is the only inhabited continent which has no holly — no true holly, that is to say. Yet Australia has a substitute, a shrub called "native holly," which grows in Victoria and New South Wales. It is not an ilex, but its leaves are holly-like, and it is used very extensively for Christmas decorations.

Ivy is another plant which does not flourish in Australia as it does in England, though in the hills you find a kind of ivy with odd, wing-shaped leaves. But the housewife preparing her Yuletide show has no true holly or ivy to hang on the walls.

Yet there is no lack of greenstuff for Christmas decoration in the Australian Commonwealth. The favorite plant is the she-oak, the tops of which are useful for feeding cattle in times of drought. There is also "celery-top," with its big, handsome leaves, and various pines such as the Huon and King William pine. Acacia is also popular.

New Zealand has an ivy-tree, a real tree with a good stiff trunk of its own, stout branches, and large evergreen leaves. If you want its botanical name, this is Panax Colensoi, and it is found in both the North and South Islands.

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LOST — an English setter, white with few black spots. Finder please report to Watchman Office. Reward offered. -1c

TEACHER WANTED — Applications will be received by the undersigned up to Dec. 16th, for one teacher for Thomas' Gore School, term of six months, from Jan. 1, 1941. Applicants please state qualifications and salary expected.
—G. A. Clunie, Sec.-Treas.
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One company in 1929 acquired for $238,000 two shipping board vessels that had cost the government $3,400,000 10 years earlier. The company spent $119,000 for new equipment and used the vessels steadily for 10 years. In September they had a book value of $127,000. But a few weeks later the firm sold the two old hulks for $860,000—which was $732,000 more than the original price.

By May, 1940, 188 U. S. merchant ships have been sold abroad since the outbreak of war. Most of these were non-subsidized vessels over which the government has no control. Several lines sold off their old ships and placed orders for fast, modern new ones.

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COMING EVENTS

Notices of Entertainment, Concerts or Meetings, etc., 10 cents per line each insertion. Minimum 50 cents. If billed, 60 cts.

FIREMEN'S ANNUAL BALL

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31, is the date of the Firemen's Ball — in Lachute Auditorium. Lowe's Orchestra. Don't miss this annual get-together. Admission, gents $2.00, ladies free. -D26

LOUISA CHRISTMAS TREE

The annual Christmas Tree will be held in the Orange Hall, Louisa, on Saturday night, December 21st, at 8 p.m. Admission 25c, children 15c. -1c

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

The Women's Auxiliary of Trinity Church, Lakefield, will hold their annual Christmas Tree and Concert in the Gibb Hall on Friday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. D.S.T. Good program. Admission 25c. -1c

DANCE

A dance will be held at McArthur's Hall on Saturday, Dec. 14th. —Come and enjoy a good time. Admission 25c. —E. Berry. -1c

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Big League Games Indoors

Huge sports stadia of the future in which major league baseball teams will play under roofs and with indirect lighting, rain or shine, are predicted by Robert J. Swackhamer, G-E engineer. Such stadia might be built in the next 10 or 15 years, he believes.

Admitting that the idea seems radical, Mr. Swackhamer points out that baseball was scoffed at in the early stages of its development at Lynn, Mass., but now night baseball is being played by 75 per cent of the clubs in organized baseball. Swackhamer, who designed the lighting for the fields of the Cincinnati Reds, Brooklyn Dodgers, and Cleveland Indians, recalled how his proposal of night ball in the majors was ridiculed at one time.

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Lachute Troop, Boy Scouts



This week the Boy Scouts invested into the troop John Wilson and Bob Gordon.

The troop also had a game of floor ball and semaphore practice.

The Wolf Patrol took the lead this week over the Bulldogs.

This is the last meeting of the year, but meetings will commence again on January 8, 1941.

In spite of the world war, the Boy Scouts International Bureau has registered three new national Boy Scout associations. They are for Salvador, Haiti and Costa Rica.

Public Notice

In re Estate of the late Hugh Allan, in his lifetime of the Village of St. Andrews East, in the County of Argenteuil;

Notice is hereby given that John Allan, sole heir-at-law of the said late Hugh Allan, will apply by petition to a Judge of the Superior Court, in the Province of Quebec in the District of Terrebonne, for Letters of Verification establishing that the petitioner is such heir-at-law.

That said petition will be presented to a Judge of the Superior Court in the "Practice Division" of said District on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of January, 1941, at 10.30 a.m.

Montreal, December 3, 1940

For the Petitioner —
Geo. R. Lighthall,
J2-4c Notary

Several hundred thousand used medicine bottles of stipulated sizes have been collected by Boy Scouts in city hospital centres throughout the Dominion for the Canadian Army Medical Corps.

Tourist—"My, what a beautiful sunset this is!"

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Canada
Province of Quebec
District of Terrebonne,
Superior Court.
No. 7161

Dame Antoinette Leveille, wife common as to property of Alfred Massie, laborer, of Staynerville, Township of Chatham, County of Argenteuil, District of Terrebonne, duly authorized, Plaintiff,

—vs—

The said Alfred Massie, Defendant, and

George F. Calder, deputy-registrar, of the Town of Lachute, Fortunat Gauthier, Farmer, of the Township of Chatham, and Leo Desforges, butcher, of the village of St. Philippe d'Argenteuil, all of the County of Argenteuil, District of Terrebonne, Mis-en cause.

Notice of Action for Separation as to Bed and Property.

An action for separation as to bed and board and property has been instituted in this cause on November, 26th, 1940.

St. Jerome, Que.,
November 26th, 1940.

Georges H. Héon,
D12-2c Attorney for Plaintiff

Public Notice

Province of Quebec
District of Terrebonne
Superior Court
No 4729 Ex Parte

Public notice is hereby given under the provisions of Article 1406 of the Code of Civil Procedure that the undersigned, Dame Jeanne L. Lavigne, tutrix of Marcelle Lavigne, minor heir of the late J. Félicien Lavigne, in his lifetime notary of the town of Lachute has accepted the estate and succession under benefit of inventory, as required by article 301 of the Civil Code, and following the authorization contained in an order of the Honorable Joseph Archambault, justice of the said court, dated the 2nd of December 1940.

Signed at Lachute, this 10th of December 1940.

(Signed) Jeanne L. Lavigne
% Gaëtan Valois, (tutrix)
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Season's Greetings to Our Readers — At Home and Overseas

Lions Club Plans Christmas Dinner For Poor Kiddies

ATTENDANCE OF SIXTY MEMBERS AND GUESTS AT LADIES' NIGHT

Ladies' Night, featured at the fortnightly dinner of Lachute Lions Club in Desjardins Hotel on Tuesday, was presided over by President Lion W. M. Cottingham. The program was in the form of a Birthday Party for His Majesty King George VI, and the meeting was opened with prayers by Lion Rev. W. LeCras for Their Majesties King George VI, Queen Elizabeth and members of the Royal Family; this was followed by a very interesting biographical sketch of His Majesty given by Lion P. G. Roy, who proposed the toast to the King; and a warm response was extended to the speaker by Lion W. Stewart.

The "Veteran Song" was sung in a spirited manner by Lion E. J. Hanrahan, of Montreal Club, who responded to a well-merited encore by singing "The Trumpeter"; he was accompanied at the piano by his wife.

During a brief business session, Lion LeCras as chairman of the Relief Committee reported the club was sponsoring a Christmas dinner for the poor children of the town. This was something of a new venture, and every Lion was urged to be present at the Auditorium on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 26, to help wait on the youthful guests and give them a good time. Letters were also read from several of the boys overseas expressing their thanks for cigarettes sent by the Club.

The guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Geo. L. Long, historian of the Bell Telephone Company was then introduced by Lion G. G. Mitchell. Mr. Long's absorbing address is published hereunder. The thanks of the group were expressed by Lion Gaëtan Valois, and on behalf of the guests present a word of appreciation was voiced by Mr. R. Chalmers. The gathering concluded with the singing of the national anthem.

Christmas Editorial

Shall We Celebrate?



NOW — more than in 1939, more than for almost a quarter of a century — the war consciousness intrudes upon our thoughts of Christmas. For war and Christianity seem scarcely reconcilable.

We in Canada have not suffered greatly. Members of our families are absent from home . . . our orderly routine is changed . . . and we are taxed for the costs of war. Otherwise our sacrifices are small. We have suffered few bereavements, slight losses. Yet our hearts are heavy with the suffering of others, and "joy unrestrained" is an indulgence little suited to our mood this Christmastime.

Yet, truly, these are days which call for a more stirring impression of the Yuletide spirit — the brotherhood and charity it signifies. Christmas is a momentous anniversary; it marks the advent of one great vital force that alone can vanquish war from this earth. It is the birthday of Christianity. And every example, every teaching of Christ is the exact antithesis of disharmony, carnage and destruction. Christ lived to save, to uplift men to a New Order . . . .

A New Order! One cannot resist a comparison between that wondrous ideal and the so-called New Order of demons who threaten the world today. Christ, and the christendom he founded, stand for everything fine and noble which Hitler and Mussolini, modern paragons of power, are striving to annihilate. Have we not the proof, in their past record? The New Order of nineteen centuries past, was as far removed from this new monstrosity as the two ideas we now seek to reconcile: war and Christianity. —A paradox! How obvious it becomes that, because of the one, we must more earnestly propagate the other.

Shall we, then, observe the Christmas celebration? Aye, let us dwell with a full heart on what it means —thankful that there IS an influence that can match the paganism of brutes who "know not God". Thankful that, when Christ came, the angels sang a song of "Peace on Earth" . . . and that over shattered and ruined churches today the anthems of praise ring louder and louder.

Now, war horrifies the senses.. But soon there will be a world to rebuild, a civilization to set in order. Let us apply the message of Christmas to this task which lies ahead; let us perpetuate its meaning in a future fraught with many problems. For only as we exalt the right and suppress the wrong; only as we establish our private and communal affairs on Christian principles; only thus can peace be founded on assurance. And in personal readjustment we shall be ready and prepared, to take our part in the renaissance of civilization.

Yes, let us celebrate . . . But let us remember, too, the spirit of Christmas should continue in our hearts.

Compulsory Auto Insurance Is Urged By County Council

REGULAR QUARTERLY SESSION ATTENDED BY MAYORS OF COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

At the regular quarterly session of County Council, held in the Court House on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, under chairmanship of Warden W. X. Beauchamp, Mayor of Grenville and Augmentation, the following mayors were present — R. Legault, L. Adamson, Jas. Chambers, R. B. Owen, D. McTavish, J. G. Hadley, C. J. Staniforth, A. Fournier, W. Watchorn, A. O. Kerr and Geo. E. Dansereau.

It was moved by Coun. Owen, seconded by Coun. McTavish, that the question of forming a tourist and information bureau for the County of Argenteuil be left in abeyance until the general outlook improves.

It was moved by Coun. Owen, seconded by Coun. Fournier, that the Council adopt the resolution presented by the County of Beauharnois petitioning the Government to enact legislation making automobile insurance compulsory, and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to J. M. Leduc, secretary of the said county organization, at Ste. Cecile, Valleyfield.

Various accounts were presented by the secretary treasurer, Jas W. Gall, and payment authorized.

On motion of Coun. Owen, seconded by Coun. McTavish, it was resolved that the secretary be instructed to take out a policy for $10,000 boiler insurance on the Court House premises.

It was moved by Coun. Staniforth, seconded by Coun. Hadley, that a resolution from the Township of Shenley re wage control be left over till next meeting.

On motion of Coun. McTavish, seconded by Coun. Owen, it was resolved the secretary be instructed to secure a plan and specifications for the extensions to the Court House vault, for use of the Registry Office.

COURT WILL OPEN JAN. 7

A score of trials are scheduled on the King's Bench Court lists for the forthcoming session of the Criminal Assizes for Terrebonne district — first term held at St. Jerome in two years — to open January 7.

Heading the list is an attempted murder trial. Most of the rest are theft cases.

Charles Anderson, young Vankleek Hill, Ont., motorist who was to face a charge of manslaughter at the January session as the outcome of an automobile accident which resulted in the death of Sarah McQuaig, also of Vankleek Hill, is to have an option of choosing a speedy trial next Tuesday.

The list includes the trial of one, Arsen Sarhan, for attempted murder.

The 1st Edmunston, N.B., Wolf Cub Pack includes in its members several small American boys, who each meeting night cross the border from Fort Kent. There are not enough boys for a Cub Pack on the American side.

COMMUNIST LEADER IS ARRESTED BY R.C.M.P.

MANY "REFUGEE" FOREIGNERS IN LAURENTIAN RESORTS

A Montreal Communist leader, whose name was withheld, was arrested Sunday morning on the highway between St. Jerome and Ste. Agathe by Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The prisoner was reported taken into custody when the Police stopped the automobile in which he was a passenger and recognized him as a person they had been seeking for several months.

He was moved to Montreal where he faces internment proceedings, it was reported.

Due to the large number of foreigners, most of them claiming to be refugees, residing in Laurentide resorts, there has been increased Federal police activity noted in the area. Local sources, however refused to label any of the residents of the inns, hotels, lodges, or boarding houses as subversive agents.

HAWKESB'Y SUPPORTS WINTER ROADS GROUP

BOARD OF TRADE GRANTS $100 TO ROAD COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Hawkesbury Board of Trade held last week the sum of $100 was voted to the Argenteuil Road Committee. Several individuals also promised private donations.

"The Hawkesbury Board of Trade was glad to be of assistance to their Quebec neighbors" — reports the Hawkesbury Echo — "as a mark of recognition for past favors received. It is also advantageous to the whole town of Hawkesbury, since so many of her own citizens are using these roads morning and night on their way to work at Brownsburg. It is also noted that many people of the neighboring Quebec district are making Hawkesbury their shopping centre and it is therefore of great importance to Hawkesbury merchants that these roads be kept open during the winter season."

NEW LIGHTS INSTALLED

The new street lights along the wall of the North River were completed and put into operation last Thursday night. The ornamental light standards and railing on the concrete wall —which have long been urged in the interest of civic beauty — are now a welcome improvement. The lights, in modern globes, are not only more handsome but also more effective than the former lights on this section.

'Wartime Communications' Is Subject of Discourse to Club

GEORGE L. LONG, HISTORIAN OF BELL TELEPHONE CO'Y

"The telephone was born largely out of the impulse of the inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, to relieve his mother's deafness. From a humanitarian beginning, it has developed along pathways of unexcelled human helpfulness. But war comes, and the resources of the telephone laboratories, all the fine fruits of their matchless painstaking and skill are employed in myriad phases of war-making," stated George L. Long, historian of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, in an address on "Wartime Communications" at a meeting of the Lachute Lions Club in the Desjardins Hotel on Tuesday evening.

Pointing out that the responsibility for the perversion of the benefits of science to the ends of destruction rather than of construction has lain, throughout history, with war-minded despots, Mr. Long went on to outline the use of communications in wartime from earliest times, and described many products of modern telephone research which are being used by the armed forces of the Empire in the present conflict. He also dealt briefly with the contributions which The Bell Telephone Company and its employees are making to the national war effort.

The value of the telephone in the mobilization, organization, and direction of armed forces was recognized almost as soon as the invention was perfected, Mr. Long said. Alexander Graham Bell himself demonstrated its use at Aldershot in England with the assistance of the Royal Engineers in 1877. The first actual use of a telephone system on the field of battle took place in the Russo-Japanese War of 1905. The same tactics, only on a much larger scale, were used by both sides during the war of 1914-18. Telephone research workers produced many special inventions, including "electrical ears" for detecting enemy airplanes, gun emplacements, and submarines from afar, during that conflict.

In the present war, telephone research has produced instruments which help to promote air safety, and by means of teletype and telephoto, written messages and military maps can be transmitted over great distances by wire.

The speaker revealed some of the increases in telephone traffic that have arisen as a result of the war, and described certain projects which the Bell Company is rushing through to provide service to military camps,

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Sheriff's Sale of West-End Property

A property comprising two lots, a dwelling and a store-residence at the corner of Main Street West and Bedard Boulevard was sold by sheriff's sale for debts, Wednesday afternoon "at the door of the Parochial Church of Ste. Anastasie". There were two or three bidders and a mild interest in the proceedings. The property was bought in by Ed. Laurin for the sum of $2,600. Laurin is the holder of a mortgage on the property. The sale was in connection with settlement of the estate of the late Henri Coutu, Lachute Mills, to whom the land and buildings belonged.

First Conference of Radio "Listening Group" Leaders

The firt Listening Group Leaders' Conference ever to be held in Canada closed at Macdonald College a few days ago. Its purpose was to introduce to a group of citizens from the farming districts, and their agronomes, a new technique in education.

Starting in January a series of broadcasts will commence over the C.B.C., presenting in a dramatized form material on farm problems for study and discussion. These broadcasts will be based on material prepared this past year at Macdonald College, and includes such topics as marketing, rural taxation, cooperative organization, the value of fairs and exhibitions, etc. Supplementary material to be used by those listening.

All those who attended the Conference agreed that the plan, which represents a co-ordinated effort between scientists, educationists and practical farmers, is an excellent one.

They went home resolved to organize a series of Radio Institutes in their own communities, where selected individuals will secure the information necessary for them to become effective leaders for small groups who will meet in their own homes to follow the broadcasts.

Canadian War Aide Dead on Mission of Duty to Gt. Britain

HON. GORDON SCOTT DROWNED IN TORPEDOING OF LINER

Ottawa — Canada mourns the loss of another official at the helm of the nation's effort. News came yesterday of the drowning of Hon. Gordon W. Scott; his death occurred on a mission of duty, in the torpedoing of the liner Western Prince. Mr. Scott was financial adviser to the Minister of Munitions, Hon. C. D. Howe. Mr. Howe and two other members of the party, Col. W. C. Woodward and E. P. Taylor, were reported safe and unharmed . . . Quebec is particularly touched with Mr. Scott's death, since he was a Montrealer. His death resulted from the capsizing of a lifeboat in which passengers were escaping from the doomed vessel.

Meanwhile, at Ottawa home affairs lie in the shadow of momentous events abroad. The halls of parliament are now silent, and will remain so until February 17th except for the conference on the Sirois Report in January. But Canada's destiny like that of the whole British Commonwealth and all democracies throughout the world is being forged in battles across the Atlantic and government leaders here have been greatly cheered by the successes of British arms in Egypt and Libya and of the small but valiant and efficient Greek army in Albania. It is a source of pride to Canadians that the R.A.F squadrons in North Africa, cooperating with the mechanized land forces and the navy, by striking at enemy airdromes and harassing lines of communication, are under the command of air commodore Collinshaw, a distinguished veteran Canadian airman of the last war. His name like that of Bishop and Barker is "writ large" in Canadian air annals.

The extent of Canada's contribution to the Commonwealth Air Power in the coming months and what this will mean in the course of the struggle are becoming increasingly clear. The late Lord Lothian, British Ambassador in Washington, in his last speech which had to be delivered by proxy on account of his illness said: "The Canadian Training Scheme is rapidly coming into output. You will be staggered at what will come out of Canada shortly in the shape of trained pilots and men. And Canada produced perhaps the best airmen in our forces in the last war."

The death of Lord Lothian is sincerely regretted in Canada. The Prime Minister expressed this country's sorrow in his message to the King. The loss to Britain and to Canada as well is felt with particular acuteness at this time.

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Souhaits de Noël — à tous nos lecteurs et clients

— Le personnel du "Lachute Watchman", l'imprimerie du comté d'Argenteuil.



SPOILS OF WAR — ITALIAN GUNS AND SUPPLIES

British soldiers examine a haul of Italian light anti-tank guns and supplies . . . A picture taken in the Libya raids, this scene is aptly repeated in recent triumphs against the Italian forces on the Egyptian coastline, where fascist troops estimated well over 20,000 and immense supplies of material and equipment have been captured by the British.

Review of National Affairs

By M. McDougall

Sale of War Savings Certificates

The finance department, which shoulders the heavy burden of financing Canada's part in the war, is anxious to see Canadians take a more active interest in the war savings certificates campaign. In his recent speech in Montreal, J. L. Ilsley, the finance minister, stated his case very clearly. The purchase of these certificates, he pointed out, means a steady flow of funds into the Dominion treasury. Similar campaigns have been more successful not only in Britain but in Australia which has not the population or wealth of Canada. He would like to see Canadians buy at least ten million dollars worth of these certificates and stamps instead of between two and three million, the present rate of purchase. He wanted to see self-denial among all classes. "When we are calling upon the people of small means to deny themselves even some of their modest comforts. it is not too much to ask that there be plain living in higher places".

Canada's Trade Mission to Latin America

The trade mission, headed by J. A. MacKinnon, minister of trade and commerce, which will make a tour of all Latin American countries and the West Indies, will likely be now in Peru. This country's trade with our Central and South American neighbors has been expanding since the descent of the iron curtain on occupied continental Europe. In 1939 exports to these Latin American countries amounted to about 20 million dollars and imports from them about 16 million. The object of the mission is to establish Canada's trading position still more strongly and thus to help this country's economic and financial position in these trying times. It is expected that in a short time Canadian Ministers will be appointed to Argentina and Brazil. The appointment of these envoys, the first to be accredited to Latin American countries, was promised by the Prime Minister in the later days of the Session just adjourned. In the last few days, word has been received that Mexico would welcome an exchange of ministers with Canada, but it is uncertain when diplomatic relations will be extended in Mexico.

Though Canada's navy is not large, it is in the thick of the fight on the sea and in the hazardous and taxing duty of patrol and convoy work. During the past week, word came of the damaging by torpedo of the destroyer Saguenay with the loss of 21 seamen and the injury of 18 others. The Saguenay is in a British port undergoing repairs. When this work is finished, it will again take to sea.

The department of pensions and national health is engaged on plans to assist discharged men of the armed forces to rehabilitate themselves in civilian life. It is understood that the department is also studying the question of providing immediate help to those returning from Britain incapacitated from further service, who have no means of support.

Officials are now laying plans for the coming conference on the recomendations of the Rowell-Sirois Commission. It is not expected that everything will run entirely smoothly at the conference; there will naturally be differences of opinion expressed on various recommendations advanced in the Commission's Report. But it is also equally clear that it will not be a question of adhering to the report in its entirety. There will unquestionably be adjustments on some recommendations to meet provincial views.

Ont. Division Red Cross To Salvage Discarded Auto License Plates

Arrangements have been completed for the salvage of discarded license plates throughout Ontario for the benefit of Red Cross. This project has been made possible through the courtesy of the Imperial Oil Company Limited and the members of the Automotive Transport Association of Ontario and has the endorsation of the Motor Vehicles Department of the Provincial Government to whom the original suggestion was made by the Queen's Park War Service Guild.

Plates will be deposited at the various service stations of the Imperial Oil Company, which will arrange to have them assembled in one centre in each community. Members of the Automotive Transport Association of Ontario will pick them up and deliver them to the Dominion Foundries and Steel Limited, Hamilton.

The proceeds will be paid to the Ontario Division of the Red Cross.

Red Cross Work for Civilian Relief

The making of 500,000 articles of clothing for civilian relief in England is meeting with widespread support and enthusiasm, according to officials of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

The quota for the Quebec Provincial Division includes more than 148,000 articles. Red Cross Work rooms throughout the province are making satisfactory headway with the work, and many garments have already been returned to Red Cross House, according to a statement by the president of the Quebec Provincial Division.

Outfits are being made for women, 'teen age girls and children, while layettes are being prepared for little British infants who will come into a homeless world. When completed, the outfits will be tied into bundles and plainly marked as to size. This arrangement will so facilitate distribution in England that it will be possible for Red Cross workers to give out clothing for an entire family in a minimum amount of time.

An outfit for a four year old girl typifies the thoroughness with which all bundles are being prepared and includes the following: 1 dressing gown; 2 under-bloomers; 2 sleepers; 2 pairs of socks; 2 dresses with matching bloomers; 1 pullover; 1 coat and bonnet and one pair of mittens.

In addition to these garments, which are all being made by Red Cross volunteers, the Society is spending $100,000 on articles which it is not possible for the volunteers to make, but which are of vital necessity. Warm underwear and boys' clothing are in this category.

Women's Institutes at Home

The work being done in Home Economics by the Quebec Women's Institutes this year is following different lines than formerly.

An example of this is the four-day short course in sewing put on by Miss Edna B. Rettie, W.I. Demonstrator, early in December in Hemmingford, where all those interested received help in remodeling their clothes. Those attending found Miss Rettie's suggestions and assistance very worth while. This is only one of many such courses which Miss Rettie is conducting all through the W.I.Branches, the subjects being chosen by the group concerned.

Members are so busy now with Red Cross sewing and knitting and making quilts and other articles for refugees that there is not much time being spent on other handicrafts. Canning has been done for the Red Cross — 56 cans being sent from Compton Branch.

Exchange of recipes, hints on cleaning, table manners, preparing an invalid's tray and other similar short items are still keeping a place on the W.I. programs.

Fire Destroys Lumber

Fire which broke out early on Saturday destroyed a new building housing machinery and dressed and imported lumber at the Intercity Lumber Company yards near Hawkesbury. Firemen brought the blaze under control after it had threatened nearby buildings and other lumber piles.

FOUR TIMES BELLIGERENT

"Hebrew Journal", Toronto, editorially comments that Canadian Jews are four times belligerent because: (1) Canadian Jews are Canadian citizens and as such unreservedly support their Government; (2) Jewry the world over was at war against Hitlerism long before Canada's entry into the conflict; (3) Jews are allies of Great Britain in a joint venture in Palestine; (4) Jews are pawns in the present gigantic game, and pawns which were the first to fall. The "Hebrew Journal" adds: "As cocitizens, as allies, as victims, as fellow humans who will have to live in the world which will arise from the bomb holes and wrecks — Jews are in the war to win. As a special group they are making every effort to ensure their maximum exertion to this effect."

CHRISTMAS DAY

IT IS not definitely known when Christmas was first celebrated. The institution of the festival is attributed to Telesphorus, who flourished in the reign of Antoninus Pius (131-161 A. D.). The reason for the final choice of December 25 cannot now be determined. As Christianity spread, the feast of the winter solstice, the time when the day begins to increase and light to triumph over darkness was changed into the Feast of Christ, the Light of Life.

St. Jerome Double-Header Last Week-End Brings Defeat to Lachute

MASSON, LACHUTE GOALER, PLAYS STELLAR ROLE

There is nothing lacking in the fighting spirit of the Lachute hockey line-up; this was apparent in the battle they put up against St. Jerome, a team fortified by ex-pros, here on Saturday night. It was a tough break to lose, as Lachute needed the points, but penalties proved the downfall of the home team after having a 2-0 lead.

Rod Lorrain and Jean Raymond, ex-Canadien players, supplied the necessary punch for the visitors, as Lorrain still shows a nifty shift in his puck-carrying; also, Raymond's 200 pounds plus is no handicap on defence, and his passing plays were valuable.

The star of the night, though on the losing team, was Goaler Masson, who displayed the finest net minding seen here for many years. His acrobatics throughout the seventy minutes of exciting hockey, brought response from the large and enthusiastic crowd.

In the first period the play was even. Lachute opened the scoring in 6.15, as defenceman Booth put on a spectacular rush, pulled the goaler to one side, and fired the puck home.

In 1.40 of the second period, Lachute went ahead 2-0, as they scrambled around the net, and Hulet got the credit unassisted. St. Jerome began to put on pressure, and Masson and the defence held well until a double penalty hit them badly. Battling for ninety seconds with two men short, Lachute gave way at 14.20, when Raymond made a perfect pass to Lorrain, who beat Masson cleanly.

Period three was full of thrills, as both sides turned on the heat. In this period Masson earned his all-star rating by spectacular form, saving many sure-fire goals. Four minutes from the end St. Jerome tied the score, and seconds later went ahead. The play of the St. Jerome team was more coordinated, but for fighting spirit Lachute were tops. At 17.30 P. Hebert made it 3-3, and forced the game into over-time, though St. Jerome protested this goal vociferously.

A Lachute penalty again made way for Raymond to give his team the lead in 4.50, but Lachute came right back to the attack, and were rewarded with a goal at 8.40, the Lecavalier brothers earning this point. Forty seconds from the end, a hard luck goal robbed Lachute of a point. At least eight men were scrambled around the Lachute net, and through a maze of legs Raymond shot the puck and Masson's view was blocked. Final score, St. Jerome 5—Lachute 4.

Lachute — Masson, Booth, Bennett, MacKimmie, Hebert, P., Lecavalier, R. Lecavalier, M. Bourgeois, Muncaster, Hallowell, Hulet, Bedard, Keyes, Hebert, R.

St. Jerome — Hartenstein, Raymond, Poissant, MacCormack, Blanchard, St. Pierre, Desjardins, Lorrain, Hudon, Villeneuve, Huguet, Hamelin.

ST. JEROME SCORES HOME INAUGURAL

By a 7-1 victory, St. Jerome gave their fans a good start on their home ice Sunday afternoon. They brought out a new goaler, Archambault, who has a high reputation in amateur circles. According to reports, Masson again played well, though the score was very one sided.

Joliette, Section Leaders, Down Lachute 8-6

TUESDAYS CLASH AT LOCAL ARENA

Three home games, three home losses, is the local record of Lachute hockey team to date; and all of these games could have been won if the breaks had come our way. Shawinigan, St. Jerome and Joliette are the strong teams of the league, and indications are that Lachute should be on the upper side shortly with other teams.

The first few minutes of Tuesday's encounter here with Joliette featured some speedy hockey, but after that the quality was spasmodic. Joliette led 2-0 at the end of the first. Lachute pressed in the second, as Bourgeois, M. Lecavalier and Booth all tried to crash the Martel barricade, and at 6.30, M. Lecavalier clicked. Joliette scored two more in this stanza.

The outstanding excitement of the game was near the end of period two. Taylor, of Joliette, tried a shot and rushed in for the rebound with stick flying high, and struck Masson, who guarded the nets. A flare-up followed; Bedard and Taylor came to grips and fought on the ice, while the referee struggled to separate them. Both were given five minute penalties, and Booth and Cossette two minutes for their share in the melée.

Nine tallies were made in the third, with Lachute scoring five. Bourgeois played a strong game, scoring twice, and the nicest goal of the night came from Lecavalier, as he romped home his second. Booth, Hallowell and P. Hebert played well.

The 'flu had handicapped both teams, as four Joliette and three Lachute regulars were unable to play.

Joliette,—Martel, Dalgleish, Lapointe, Taylor, Gauthier, Levesque, McNichol, Bernard, Burr, Cossette.

Lachute, — Masson, Booth, MacKimmie, Bourgeois, Lecavalier, M., Lecavalier, R., Hebert, P., Hulet, Keyes, Hallowell, Bedard, Hebert R.

Coach Mickey Hennessy, of Lachute, will soon have his line-up in first class shape, and it is expected the team will prove a strong factor by play-off time.

Shepherds and Wise Men

It is not clear from the Scriptural allusions that the shepherds who visited the new born Jesus were the same as the wise men who saw his star in the East. Only Matthew records the story of the magi, and only Luke mentions the shepherds. Mark and John do not refer to either the shepherds or the wise men.



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EDITORIAL

CHRISTMASTIDE, 1940

In the centre of Canada's commercial metropolis there is a hill, appropriately named Mount Royal, on the summit of which is a huge cross that nightly throws its bright beams and kindly shadows into the hearts of thousands of weary men and women, giving them new hope for the morrow. This cross is a symbol of Canada's Christian faith; it typifies the spirit of sacrifice. It reminds us of another city under eastern skies, another hill where the divine sacrifice for mankind was actually made. Nearby that other city is the little village of Bethlehem where was born the Child whose earthly body was afterwards to be broken on that awful felon's cross on Golgotha Hill, but yet whose very life and teachings were to transcend all that which was evil, and lift the human race to heights of mutual understanding and conduct such as the world had never known. The old adamonic law of might and "an eye for an eye" was to give place to the new order of the brotherhood of man that was to lead to the peace of the world. On that first Christmas Day nearly two thousand years ago Jesus Christ, the divine connecting link between God and man, was born.

Throughout the vicissitudes of the ages, and despite all that which has been done to destroy it, this Christian faith has so enshrined itself in the hearts of men and women that today it is the most vital force in the building up of the well ordered life — the well ordered nation. The principles of Christianity are embedded in the laws of true democracy, they are the tie which holds the British Empire together. And it is for the permanent enjoyment of these Christian-derived principles that the British peoples are now at war against enemies whose gods are brute force, ruthlessness, rapine and self-conceit . . . In this hour of testing it will therefore be good for us to worship on Christmas morning at the crib of the Christ child, the Prince of Peace, the Hope of Humanity.

ADVICE TO HOLIDAY CELEBRANTS — IF YOU DRINK, DON'T DRIVE

A safe Christmas and a safe New Year are easily possible if people use their common sense, W. B. Bulloch, vice-president of the Quebec Safety League, states in a timely bulletin to the press.

Common sense applies to a number of things, he points out. Christmas tree ornaments nowadays do not need to be inflammable. Safe ornaments even prettier than the old fashioned candles are available and are guaranteed against short circuits which may cause fires.

It is common sense also for smokers not to light up in crowded stores. A carelessly held cigarette may damage a valuable fur coat. A carelessly thrown cigarette stub may cause a fire which would bring about a panic.

Most important of all, Mr. Bulloch warns, is not to mix liquor with driving during the two festive seasons approaching. Researches in New York city reveal that of 1,000 traffic deaths in recent years, almost exactly half showed the victims to have been drinking. Traffic fatalities in the Christmas to New Year week show a much greater proportion of cases in which alcohol entered, either as imbibed by the motorist or by the pedestrian.

Autopsies have also shown the presence of alcohol in 38 per cent of the brains of all pedestrians killed in the past few years. Alcohol has been found in the spinal fluid of 51 per cent of the motorists who become involved in traffic fatalities.

"It's an old warning now, but must be repeated again at this season," Mr. Bulloch says; "If you drink, dont drive . . . If you drive, don't drink."

MISHANDLING OF THE WINTER HIGHWAY PROBLEM

With due veneration for the Quebec highways program, as outlined by the Minister of Roads and his director general in recent speeches — it is considered their modernization plans should not be financed at the expense of local communities contriving to carry on business during the winter months.

This observation may be drawn from the difficulties which confront transport interests here every winter. The Argenteuil Winter Roads Committee, for instance, must depend on local citizens, groups and industries for financial support in its undertaking to clear snow from surrounding highways this winter . . . Yet it is a fact that, from traffic movements made possible through this effort, the government will receive revenue in gasoline tax and tolls far exceeding the cost of snow-clearing — of which Quebec will pay only a small proportion on this particular section.

The estimate, made from reliable sources, is that during last month alone between $8,000 and $10,000 was paid in gasoline tax from sales in this area. In other words, one month's revenue would more than pay for snow-clearing over the entire route all winter; tax receipts during the remainder of the winter would still be clear revenue to the province.

(While November may not be taken as an indication of traffic volume for mid-winter, it should be considered that the fewer vehicles will show a greater per-car consumption in winter driving, due to weather conditions.)

The conclusion is that these winter revenues are being diverted from winter maintenance to the more ambitious scheme of highway modernization. In other words the rural community pays the piper; and numerous group organizations are handling a problem which might be more effectively tackled by the government department.

NEW ART OF "EMBUSSING"

Canada among its many services to the Commonwealth and mankind, has enriched the English language with a new word — unless, indeed, I am behind the times in not having encountered "embus" before. You see, of course, what it means. I came across it under a picture of Canadian soldiers and three motor buses. The soldiers were in the process of embussing for somewhere or other. No doubt when they got there, they debussed, just as on board ship you embunk, and then debunk. (Or if you don't, why don't you?)

—London Spectator.

TRUE TO GOVERNMENT FORM

During the past week, the annual report for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1940, was sent out. A small booklet of 24 pages, it contains nothing which would make it appear necessary to take nine months to get it printed and mailed.

At about the same time the annual report for the Southern Canada Power Co., for their year ending September 30, 1940 was received by mail.

It would appear to be a fair example of the way government operated institutions work as compared with private enterprise.

—Granby Leader-Mail

VOTING INTELLIGENTLY

The fact that people vote does not mean that they vote intelligently; neither can we assume a city with a large percentage of electors voting is a well-governed city. There is the question of the quality of the leaders. However, we can, I think, agree that an increase in the number of people voting intelligently should be an objective to strive for. It is only too evident that progress in this direction will not be attained without some effort.

—P. H. Guenault

WHEN HITLER MURDERED 30,000

The Royal Netherlands legation at Washington has given out an official statement regarding the raid of 54 German bombers over the shopping, financial and main business sections of Rotterdam. It says in part: "The result was the greatest mass destruction the world has so far ever known. In the seven and one-half minutes the planes were over the city, 30,000 people died, 4,000 unoffending men, women and children per minute. Seventy thousand others were maimed and injured."

Holland was neutral. Holland was armed only for defence. Holland was determined never to wage war "on foreign soil" or send her boys to "die on the battlefields of Europe or Asia."

So Dutch women and children died on their native soil.

Is that what OUR faint hearts and feeble wits are asking for?

—Chicago Daily News

When chance plays into your hand always be prepared to take advantage of it; it does not happen too often.

The man who confers a kindness should be silent concerning it; he who receives it should proclaim it.

—Seneca

Morale Is Tough in the Bristol Air Raids

COURAGE DIRECTLY LINKED WITH M.R.A. CAMPAIGN

London, Dec. 7 — Bristol, target of fiercest night-raids, is beating the bombers and carrying on with toughened morale. This, according to the Bristol press, is linked with the MRA campaign for morale, initiated by successive Lord Mayors of the City.

In days before the blitzkrieg moved from London to the provinces, the Lord Mayor issued fifty thousand copies of the poster, "Morale — How to Play Your Part". They have been displayed for some months in factories, homes, warehouses and shops.

So successful was the campaign that when Bristol had one of the most violent raids of the war, the Lord Mayor decided to re-issue the posters as a full-page announcement in the press. Business firms, some hard-hit in raids, donated space and the announcement appeared on the eve of Bristol's second major raid. It read as follows:

MORALE

How To Play Your Part

"Put into your task, whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail."

THE KING'S MESSAGE
Empire Day, 1940.

Forget Yourself in Helping Your Neighbors. —In days of tension this casts out your own fears and worries. Help them to carry out all instructions about air-raids, evacuation, rationing and waste.

Keep the Moral Standards of The Nation High. —Don't weaken the home front by trying to wangle something for yourself on the quiet. Make a break with all personal indulgence, selfishness and private wars which undermine national morale and unity. Everybody has his part to play in the moral rearming of the nation.

Be A Rumor-Stopper. —Those who love their country sacrifice the luxury of being the ones to pass on the "news". Any patriot shoots a rumor dead on sight. Face the facts but don't exaggerate them. Prepare to meet them instead. Faith, confidence and cheerfulness are as contagious as fear, depression and grumbling.

The Secret of Steadiness and Inner Strength is to listen to God and do what He says. God speaks directly to the heart of every man and woman who is prepared to listen and obey. Write down the thoughts He gives you. His voice can be heard wherever you are — in home, in factory, in an air raid shelter, in a first aid post.

Forearm Yourself by Listening to God the First Thing Every Morning. —This provides a clear plan for each day and the power to work with other people in complete unity. In the time of listening, God takes away fear and fortifies against uncertainty, hardship or bereavement; He gives foresight and cool judgment; He offers limitless reserves of energy and initiative.

A British general who has fought through two wars says: "Wires may be cut and wireless stations be destroyed, but no bombardment can stop messages from God coming through, if we are willing to receive them. To listen to God and obey Him is the highest national service for everybody everywhere."

Hang This Up In Your Home

The Bristol Post comments: "What better proof could be shown of the ever-increasing Moral Re-Armament of our city than the conduct of the people in the present troubles. Misfortune has released latent powers and resources of heart and mind and hand too little used in smooth days of peace. This mobilized spirit of Bristol is a force of unmeasured power. It will give energy to win the war and a touch of sustained genius to build a new world when present troubles are past."

The Western Daily Press states: "Never has morale of people been put to sterner test and never has it stood so high."

The Bristol World, in front-page: "Yesterday France built a wall, the Maginot Line, of steel and stone. She felt secure behind it. She put her faith in it. Yet France fell. Why? Something was missing. There was a gap through which the invader came. That gap was not in the wall. It was in the spirit of the people."

"The spirit of Bristol has had severe test of bombing from the air but this has not shaken it.

"Today the Lord Mayor outlines the simple principles which are the age-old strength of our city and country. Here is the true spirit of democracy where each takes responsibility for the whole without asking for honor or reward. Here is true dynamic leadership where each seeks inspiration of God in all work. This spirit will win the war and afterwards win the peace."

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District News

FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

CAMBRIA

Mrs. George Draper spent a few days last week with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Noble.

Mr. Matthew Noble, also Mr. Allan Morrow, expect to take the course in military training soon.

Mrs. Wesley Dawson entertained the Women's Institute on Friday, Dec. 13th.

Monday night's rain failed to thaw the ice from some of the trees in this district. It made a crust on the snow but subsequent snow flurries made it easier for pedestrians getting round.

There was a misunderstanding by the local correspondent regarding Miss Joyce Maxwell having sold one dozen calendars; the item should have stated, more accurately, that two dozen were sold for the Junior Red Cross by the pupils of Cambria School. —Correspondent regrets this error.

HARRINGTON

The United Ladies' Aid was held last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. J. Marshall; the afternoon was spent in piecing a quilt.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Swail and son, Brent, also Mr. D. Swail, spent Sunday last with their mother, Mrs. Wm. Swail, in Arundel.

A number from Harrington attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Wm. McVicar in Vankleek Hill last Thursday.

Misses Edith and Isabel McCallum spent Saturday in Montreal.

ARUNDEL

The monthly meeting of the United Ladies' Aid was held on Dec. 4th in the church hall. Mrs. C. O. Bennett was the hostess.

Mr. Earl Morrison, of the R.A.F., St. Thomas, Ont., spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Morrison.

The W. A. of Grace Church held their monthly meeting on Thursday last at the home of Mrs. C. Tuching.

Mr. Roy Cooke, of Westmount, was a Sunday visitor at the home of his brother, Mr. Melvin Cooke.

The Girls' Guild of the United Church held their monthly meeting on Dec. 7th at the home of Miss Lillian Bennett.

The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. T. H. Graham on Thursday night.

Mrs. Val Swail spent a few days last week at the home of her daughter Mrs. S. Simon, in Hudson.

Mr. Wesley Craig, who is in training at Farnham, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Champagne and children, of Morin Heights, visited their many friends here on Sunday.

CUSHING WEST

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pinkerton are spending the week at their residence.

Mr. S. Robert spent the week-end in the city.

Miss Muriel Cooke was among those who took advantage of the C.N.R. excursion to spend the week-end in the city.

Detective Pharand, of the Provincial Police, was here last week investigating some thefts of firewood which recently took place in the vicinity.

LAKEFIELD

The Women's Auxiliary held their meeting on Wednesday last, at the parsonage, the Rev. C. W. P. Baugh being chairman. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Thos McCambly, president; Mrs. Geo. Peet, vice-pres.; Mrs. G. L. Roger, sec.-treas. Delegates to the annual Diocesan meeting, Mrs. Baugh and Mrs. Williamson. A very successful year was reported, with a good balance in the bank.

Our thanks to Correspondents for having mailed their bulletins early for this special edition. —Editor

ST. ANDREWS EAST

Miss Nancy Smith, of Verdun, is the guest of Miss A. L. Wales.

Miss Clementine Crevier returned home on Saturday after a month's visit in Montreal. Miss Elmina Crevier has gone to Ottawa to resume her business career.

The Red Cross meetings in the United Church hall will be cancelled for this week and next week.

The Sunday School scholars of the three Protestant churches will be given a supper on Friday at the Town Hall, followed by singing and gifts from the customary Christmas Tree.

Dr. and Mrs. William Raven stayed at the home of Mr. M. M. Yale on Saturday night.

Rev. J. A. Mowatt, who was appointed chaplain to the Elementary Air Training School at St. Eugene, conducts a service there every Monday evening. There are about 71 young men in attendance at present; 36 will graduate soon to the Intermediate School. There is a waiting list to replace them.

A short story from the pen of Mary A. Catton, Carleton Place, will appear in next week's issue.

MORIN HEIGHTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, Mr. Wm. Doherty and Mrs. W. Doherty attended the funeral of their aunt, the late Mrs. R. Cleary, at Shawbridge. Mrs. Cleary passed away recently at her home in Cowansville.

Mrs. Carl Seale visited her parents in Toronto last week-end. Her father Mr. Michie, had the misfortune to fracture his leg a short time ago.

Miss Dorothy Brown has just received word that she has been admitted into the Royal Victoria Hospital to train as nurse. Classes open on Jan 20th. Friends wish her every success in her undertaking.

Lloyd Watson, of the R.C.A.F., has been transferred to Fort William to continue his training.

The Morin Heights Red Cross held a whist party at "The Commons" on Wednesday Dec. 11th. Prizes were awarded to the following —Ladies' first, Mrs. J. M. Palmer and Miss Vera McCullough; gentlemen's first, Mr. J. M. Palmer and Mr. H. Elias; consolation prizes, Mrs. Edwin Greene and Mrs. W. Rogers; Mr. E. Greene and Mr. Giltrap.

Miss E. Greene spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. R. Robinson, at Lakeside.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Palmer were in Montreal for a couple of days recently.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 14th, about 40 friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Bell in honor of Col. and Mrs. J. E. Seale, who are leaving for Florida in the near future. During the evening Mr. J. D. Davis presented them with a travelling rug. In a few well chosen words Col. Seale expressed their thanks for the gift. Games were played and refreshments served. An enjoyable evening was spent by those present.

GRENVILLE

The Rev. and Mrs. K. N. Brueton left for their new parish at Abbotsford last week.

The United Church Sunday School will hold a Christmas tree entertainment in the Masonic Hall, Grenville, on Friday night.

L. A. C. Barnes, of the R.C.A.F., Ottawa, and Mrs. Barnes, attended the funeral of Mrs. Barnes' grandmother, Mrs. W. MacVicar, at Vankleek Hill on Thursday of last week. They spent the week-end here visiting Mrs. Barnes' mother at Bonnie View Cottage.

MORIN HEIGHTS

Mrs. F. T. Watchorn and daughter, Barbara visited friends in Montreal during the week-end.

Mrs. Geo. Watchorn and her mother, Mrs. Steele, spent a few days in Montreal this week.

Mrs. J. A. Seale has returned home after visiting friends in Montreal for a few days.

The Women's Association met in the United Church basement on Tuesday evening last, with a large number of visitors present. After a short business session and sale of work, an enjoyable social evening was spent. Games were conducted by Mrs. R. J. Seale and Miss Alice Seale, and refreshments followed.

BROWNSBURG

Best Christmas wishes from friends in Brownsburg to friends both far and near!

Petty Officer Gilbert Wilson, of the Royal Canadian Navy, Halifax, N.S., is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Wilson, at Brownsburg.

Mrs. Peter McQuaig spent last Friday in Montreal.

Mr. Burton McAdam, of Chapleau, Ont. is visiting relatives here.

Sympathy is extended to the friends and relatives of Mr. J. Clausen, who passed away last week.

Mrs. H. Mason and son, Reggie, were in Montreal last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. McAdam and children, Elaine and Willis, were in Montreal on Saturday.

The B.Y.P.U. of the Maple Avenue Baptist Church are holding a Watch Night Service in the church on Dec. 31. A welcome is extended to all.

Miss Edyth Brown has returned from Montreal, having completed a course in hairdressing.

Messrs. Herbert and Donald Graham were in Montreal last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Petley and son, Wayne, spent Saturday in Montreal.

Mrs. Wm. Horner was a week-end guest of Mrs. R. Hunt in Montreal.

Legion Effort to Collaborate in the Buckshee Fund

A report has been received from the Secretary of the Brownsburg Branch of the Canadian Legion to the effect that a sum of $14.86 was realized at the first opening of the "Buckshee" Fund boxes. While this initial amount is satisfactory it is believed that the public generally does not yet realize the purpose of the fund. The idea is to raise funds by collecting small donations in a voluntary manner. The amounts thus raised provide familiar brands of Canadian cigarettes, tobacco, chocolate, chewing gum, etc. free to members of the Canadian forces overseas. The "Buckshee" fund is registered under the War Charities Act, and the distribution of supplies is through the Canadian Legion War Services. The appeal, of course, is Canada-wide.

If every adult were to place only one cent in a collection box each week, a sufficient sum of money would be forthcoming to maintain these supplies free to the troops. The supplies are forwarded "Duty Free". That this service is very much appreciated by the boys is amply demonstrated by the many unsolicited letters which have already been received by Canadian Legion War Services.

Boxes have also been placed in various stores in Lachute under supervision of Branch No. 70, and while collections have not yet been tabulated, the public are urged to patronize this means of sending comforts to the boys "over there".

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Births, Marriages, Deaths, In Memoriam, etc., 50 cents each insertion . . 5c a line extra for verses accompanying In Memoriam.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late C. J. Clausen wish to express appreciation of the kindness shown them in their recent bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM

SWAIL — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Wm. J. Swail, who passed away Dec. 22nd, 1934. — Ever remembered by his loving wife and family.

What is home without our father?
What are all the joys we meet,
When his loving smile no longer
Greets the coming of our feet?

BARKER — In fond and loving memory of my dear mother, who passed away Dec. 18th, 1937 — Ever remembered by her daughter, Myrtle.

Sweet are the memories
That never fade,
Of the mother we loved
But could not save.

IN MEMORIAM

COPELAND — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Anthony Copeland, who passed away Dec. 17th, 1935. — Always remembered by his wife and family.

"Time rolls on, but memories last".

McFAUL — In loving memory of Margaret Ann Hutchin, beloved wife of G. I. McFaul, who passed away December 16, 1929. — Ever remembered by her husband and daughters, Ruby and Elva.

Sweet memories will linger forever,
Time cannot change them, it's true,
Years that may come cannot sever
Our loving remembrance of you.

PERKS — In loving memory of dear Beatrice, who passed away Dec. 19, 1937. Inserted by the family.

She hath gone in the springtime of life,
E'er her sky had been dimmed by a cloud,
While her heart with the rapture of love was yet rife,
And the hopes of her youth were unbowed.
As the bird to its sheltering nest,
When the storms on the hills are abroad,
So her spirit hath flown from this world of unrest
To repose on the bosom of God.

Successful Concert For Refugee Fund, At St. Andrews

St. Andrews E. — Those who attending at the Town Hall had the satisfied the concert Saturday evening at the Town Hall had the satisfaction not only of aiding a most worthy cause the Refugee Fund, but of hearing many of their favorite musical numbers given with professional skill.

A varied program of classical and popular numbers was offered. One encore was an imitation of the bagpipes on the violin by Dr. William Raven, and as another encore Mrs. Raven whistled to her own piano accompaniment. Miss Brenda Raven and another artist were unable to be present. Mrs. Fred. Robertson kindly consented to help out. Her clear soprano voice, as usual, received merited applause, and her two solos were followed each time by an encore. Miss Tita Wales was accompanist.

After reading a letter from the committee in charge of the Refugee Fund, which is headed by the Hon. Cairene Wilson, Dr. Raven said that he was born and married in Coventry. His parents were confirmed in the historical cathedral recently destroyed by bombs. About 20,000 of the 60,000 population have been rendered homeless. During the last war he was in London and many times had been obliged to tuck a child under each arm and go in haste to the shelter of the tubes . . . Their utterly charming manners as well as their outstanding talents have won for Dr. and Mrs. W. Raven a place in the memory of all who met them, and insured a welcome for the return visit they have promised us.



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Among the Churches

C.G.I.T. CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE AT LACHUTE UNITED

The warm glow of lighted candles, symbolizing the "Light of the World . . . the Spirit of Christ," brought an impressive climax to a beautiful ceremony observed by members of the Lachute United Church C. G. I. T. groups on Sunday evening.

The candle-light carol service, has become an annual rite in the calendar of church life at Lachute United, as the young ladies are given an opportunity annually to express their devotion to the better life, by word and song.

Miss Beryl Underhill directed the ceremony and led the responsive readings, and credit may be extended for the able manner and poise with which she conducted her duties. Miss Glenys Bradford read the scripture lessons and the Misses Kirsten Jacobson and Audrey Thompson offered prayers.

An appropriate story, "White Christmas", written by Miss Frances Russell, was read by Miss Mae Gordon, whose clear and sympathetic enunciation commanded close attention from the congregation.

During the offertory the C.G.I.T. choir rendered "The First Noël," very impressively.

The electric illumination was extinguished and the light of a single candle cast darting shadows across the church interior. One by one the lights were lit, symbolizing the spirit of Christ passing from friend to friend, until the whole group held, in their lighted candles, "the light of the world." During the recessional, the girls sang "Holy Night, Peaceful Night," as they passed down the aisles, and concluded with "Taps", the beautiful reminder that " . . . all is well, God is nigh."

UNITED WOMEN'S GUILD, ST. ANDREWS EAST

St. Andrews E. — The Women's Guild of the United Church met at the manse on Wednesday afternoon, December 11th. It was decided that a Yuletide carol service be held in the church on New Year's Eve, led by the Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Mowatt, of Hudson. A committee volunteered to make wreaths and arrange for decorating the church on Thursday evening, Dec. 19th. The annual meeting will be held on Jan. 8th . . . The tea hostesses were Mrs. D. Morrison and Mrs. V. Lilly. There were 14 members and one visitor present.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W.M.S., ST. ANDREWS EAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

St. Andrews E., — At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian W.M.S., held in the church hall on Wednesday last, there was a good attendance.

The reports were all very encouraging. The treasurer reported the allocation met and a small balance for the coming year. The supply secretary reported two bales of clothing sent to Presbyterial, six bags of magazines to The Pas, Manitoba, Christmas cards to the Kiwanis Club, Montreal, and 25 boxes of Christmas cheer to the Old People's Home.

The election of Officers resulted as follows : Hon. president, Mrs. McMillan; president, Mrs. Jos. Bradley; 1st vice president, Mrs. Howard McOuat; 2nd vice president, Mrs. A. Gates; secretary, Mrs. Geo. Bryson; treasurer, Mrs. Thos. Webster. The secretarial offices were all filled with an excellent staff.

At the close of the meeting the officers and secretaries came to the front and Dr. MacMillan gave the prayer of consecration.

Refreshments were served by the executive, and the singing of the doxology closed a very successful assembly.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

The Presbyterian Y.P.S. held their regular meeting on Wednesday night. The business session was very brief, the program occupying most of the evening. Miss Helen McFaul, who was in charge of the entertainment, played and sang. John Heatlie and Jim Todd also played and the gathering joined in community singing. The meeting closed with a few Christmas carols and the national anthem.

LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

The regular weekly meeting of the Lachute United Y.P.U. was held last evening; there were about 25 members present.

The program was under the convenorship of Harold Deacon, who read some very interesting articles on Christmas legends, from the book entitled "The Holly and the Fir" by Jeanette Grace Watson. Miss Edith Rosborough also gave a very timely reading by Stephen Leacock.

Next week the meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 27th, and will take the form of an "at home", to which all young members and adherents of the church are cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon to be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist throughout the world on Sunday, December 22nd.

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." (Genesis 1:2).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "In the universe of Truth, matter is unknown. No supposition of error enters there. Divine Science, the Word of God saith to the darkness upon the face of error, "God is All-in-all," and the light of ever-present Love illumines the universe." (Page 503).

AGAIN BOY SCOUTS SOLVE THE PROBLEM

An American Tent manufacturer recently received a big U.S. Army order for tarpaulins. Upon studying the contract he discovered that rope had to be spliced to the canvas in a certain way. None of his workmen could do the splicing. For several days he was stumped, and worried. Suddenly he remembered "Boy Scout knots," sought the local Scout head, and now a lot of good rope work, with pay, and the Army inspectors are delighted."

Sunday Services

MARGARET RODGER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn

10 a.m.—Sabbath School
11 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"Where is He that is Born King?"
3 p.m.—Brownsburg
7 p.m. Evening Worship.
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REGULAR BAPTIST
Rev. C. Hardie

Brownsburg, 11 a.m.
2.30 p.m. Dalesville.
Christmas messages proclaimed in word and song. Everyone welcome.
Christmas Entertainment, at Dalesville, Monday, Dec. 23rd, at 8 p.m.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND
St. Simeon's Church, Lachute

4th Sunday in Advent
11 a.m. Morning Prayer
Christmas Eve
11.30 p.m. Holy Communion
Christmas Day
11 a.m. Holy Communion

St. George's Church, Brownsburg.
9 a.m. Holy Communion
7 p.m. Evensong
Christmas Day
9 a.m. Holy Communion

LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. B. Rosborough, B.A., B.D.

10 a.m., Sabbath School.
11 a.m.—Morning Worship.
The Message or Meaning of Christmas.
7 p.m., Evening Service.
"Beginnings of the Gospel."
2.30 p.m.—East Settlement.
3 p.m.—Thomas' Gore.
Special Christmas Music will be rendered by the Choir at both services, and some of the favorite Christmas Carols will be sung.
A cordial welcome to all!

BROWNSBURG UNITED CHURCH
Rev. S. J. Pike, Minister

10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m. Special Christmas Service
7 p.m. Vesper Service under auspices of C.G.I.T.
Monday, Dec. 23 at 8 p.m., Sunday School Christmas Tree program.

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, H. Charlton

11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Services.
8 p.m. Wed.,—Prayer Meeting.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST
Rev. J. R. Simpson, B.A., B.Th.

10 a.m., Sunday School.
11 a.m. "The Name WONDERFUL"
7.30 Carol Service by the Young People.
Watch Night Service on Dec. 31st., at 11 o'clock.

LAKEFIELD CHURCH SERVICES
Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, Rector.

Dunany, 11 a.m., Holy Communion.
2 p.m., Louisa, Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m., Lakefield.
December 25th, Christmas Day Services.
11 a.m., Lakefield. Holy Communion.
Shrewsbury, 3 p.m., Holy Communion.

Merry Christmas!

By Helen Morton

IT WAS enough to make one hate Christmas! Betsy was so tired that she could hardly stand. This counter in the middle of the aisle had become a nightmare to her. The crowds hurrying by, pulling the neckties off as their coats brushed against them, fingering them over and then tossing them back on the table carelessly.

Still, it was good to have a job, even a temporary one. For she had been without work for a long enough time so that she had "eaten" and all her possessions she could borrow money on.

No time to be standing here thinking, though. That fat woman looked as if she was going to buy several ties. "These are very nice, madam. And so reasonable; 35 cents a piece, or three for $1.00. This is an exceptionally pretty one," and Betsy showed her a navy blue. But the fat woman dropped the ties and hastened away with her friend, leaving a pile of ties on the floor.

Wearily Betsy leaned over and began picking them up. "Let me help?" a friendly voice asked. Betsy looked up into a handsome face, curly brown hair, deep blue eyes, and a mouth that curved into a smile at the surprise in Betsy's eyes.

"I want to get some ties for my family. I've been up here the past few weeks, and so I don't know what the kids want, but I think it'll be safe to give 'em ties. Socks are so commonplace."

"Your brothers?" Betsy asked as she held up one or two she liked particularly.

"Yeah. Three brothers and a sister. She's about your age, I reckon. What does a girl like, anyway, when you've only a little to spend?" He looked imploringly.

"Let's get the brothers fixed up first, and then see about her. How's this for the 17-year-old?" Betsy inquired.

"Fine. You know, I'm tickled pink to be able to do anything for the family. I struck a bad spell, was down with flu for three weeks, and lost my job. I just got another last week. But I'd have hated to have the day go by with nothing from the big boy." His face was shining.

"I'll have them wrapped as gifts. Then you go over to the counter there and select something for your sister. Here, I'll take you over and get a girl from my home town to wait on you. She'll help," and Betsy went along with him.

"You're not a city girl, then? No wonder you were so helpful. I'm scared of these sophisticated girls in most of the shops. That's because I've been here only a few months, and in my home town everyone knew everyone and it was, well, it was different. Say, you don't think I'm getting fresh, do you? I'm just so homesick." His face was red with embarrassment.

It was Betsy's turn to look troubled. "Sure, I knew how it was. I don't chatter away with every customer this way, either. I'm like you new here, and lonesome for my own people. I was hating Christmas time, with so much confusion and no real Christmas spirit. So I'm glad you told me about your family."

She turned him over to Marie at the women's wear counter, and went on with her tie selling. They seemed prettier, fresher and more attractive, than they had before the curly-headed fellow had come along to buy some.

ONLY a half hour off for supper, then she'd have to work until the store closed at nine. Christmas eve meant lots of last minute gifts to be bought in this big city. As she turned away from her counter to go out to eat, a friendly voice sounded at her shoulder.

"If you're going to snatch a sandwich, do you mind if I go along and we learn something more about each other? Your friend told me you'd have just a little while for lunch, and I want to get acquainted, if you'll let me." It wasn't just a "pick-up." This was a homesick boy, wanting to talk with a small-town girl who knew his language.

There was just a moment's hesitation before Betsy said, with a grin, "Sure enough. Lead me to the lunch counter. You're no more lonely than I've been. As it is, I really feel like I can say 'Merry Christmas' when tomorrow comes."



"I want to get some ties for my family."

About Old Santa Claus, Children's Patron Saint

THE dictionary merely tells you that Santa Claus is a contraction of Saint Nicholas (see Nicholas, Saint). A turning of the pages reveals that Nicholas was bishop of Myra or Smyrna in Asia Minor about 300 A. D. He was the patron saint of old Russia and was believed to offer special protection and comfort to "sea-faring men thieves, virgins and children." His affection for children was based on the assertion that he brought back to life three schoolboys who had been murdered. An encyclopedia attributes the name by which he is known in America to the early Dutch settlers who called him San Nicolaas.

But it little matters whether he be known as Saint Nicholas, Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, or a dozen other names, for the presence of his spirit on this climax holiday of the year is the important thing. It enters every home in the four corners of Christendom and touches the hearts of all the men and women in them. Moreover, it is essentially the spirit of childhood, the freshness, the courage and the eagerness of young lives. Saint Nicholas may seem old but he has none of the fears, regrets or prejudices of age. He and his children stand on the threshold of the world. Their banner is good will and their goal is peace.

So this day, dedicated to the memory of the birth of a child, belongs to all children. It is their carols, their laughter, their happiness which makes it sweet. And we older folk should on this day at least share their kindliness, their tolerance, their purity and their Saint Nicholas.—The Boston Herald.

Give work rather than alms to the poor. The former drives out indolence, the latter industry.

—Tryon Edwards

Christmas 1940

is shadowed with the havoc in human lives . . . War gives the impetus of false activity to our factories; it stimulates our daily lives, to the danger that we may lose perspective on the world's grim sufferings.

God grant us in the coming year a more wholesome pace of living, the cessation of hostilities and a lasting peace. God grant that Christmas 1941 may see the true realization of that ideal, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men".

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Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cyr visited friends in Montreal over the week-end.

Miss Thelma Clark spent part of last week with friends in Montreal.

Miss Jean Picken, R.N., of Montreal, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. R. Picken.

Mrs. Lloyd Cook, of Simcoe, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Honsberger, Bedard Boulevard.

Mrs. J. H. Dumouchel, of Montreal, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. S. Campbell and Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Crawford MacKimmie, of Hull, will spend the Christmas holidays with his father, Mr. J. K. MacKimmie, North River.

Miss Marjorie A. Seekins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. Seekins, will return to Lachute Mills to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents. She is a student at Cornell University . . . Miss Seekins is a sophomore at the Ithaca, New York, school, a member of the Cornell Daily Sun Board, and a member of Alpha Phi, International Women's Fraternity.

Miss Isabel Kearns, of Montreal, spent Sunday visiting friends in town.

Miss Mona Bates, of Montreal will spend the holidays at her home in town.

Guardsmen Harold, Frank and John Maidens, of the Grenadier Guards, Camp Borden, spent last week-end at their home at Lachute Mills.

Petty Officer Gilbert Wilson, of the Royal Canadian Navy, Halifax, N.S., is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Wilson, at Brownsburg.

Among the local school-teachers who are spending their holidays away are — Miss P. Bennett, at Bury; Miss Martha Cunningham and Mr. Crawford Anderson, at Huntingdon; Miss Dorothy Pritchard, at Wyman; Miss Betty Jones, at Bedford; Miss Janet Farmer, at Lachine; Miss Maude Cottingham and Mr. Lionel Upton, at Ormstown; Miss Kathleen Morrison, at Arundel; and Miss Muriel Marshall, at Inverness.

Saxon Words "Waes Hael," Meaning "Be in Health"

CHRISTMAS fare has always occupied a big part in Yuletide celebration. Our Anglo-Saxon forefathers were excellent trencher-men, and eating and drinking were a necessary part of every gala day. Stuffed boars heads, peacocks, geese, capons, pheasants, mince pie, plum pudding—these decked the board. The turkey was unknown. That excellent fowl did not enter into the bill of fare until the discovery of the New world. Of course, there was drink aplenty. Punch was the customary wassail bowl. This bowl takes its name from the Saxon words, "waes hael" meaning "be in health." It was a great bowl of punch into which baked apples were thrown to enhance its flavor. Mince pie originated in 1581. It first was made from mutton. The Puritans condemned it as an ungodly dish, and the Quakers would have none of it.

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Yuletide Inventory of Lachute

A very few years in the life of this town make notable additions to its stock-in-trade as a growing community. One does not need to live here very long, in order to be impressed with its progress — not in spectacular strides involving big outlay and heavy debt, but in the sure, steady growth of a town well rooted in principle, well established in industry, and well ballasted with neighborliness and things of spiritual value. Having frequent recourse to the chronicles of past years, we of *The Watchman* find startling evidence of the numerous ways in which this town and district have advanced—just as those who, mellowed in years, have more opportunity to think back and wonder at the many changes. The regular review of *Watchman* files appearing under the head, "Making History in Argenteuil", instances the stages of evolution which have brought this countryside to its present standing . . .

Yet we are but a typical community in a growing nation. If our viewpoint centres more on the strictly local interests, let it be attributed to a pride in our particular surroundings.

Among its less tangible assets, Argenteuil County may count with good omen that quality which is tritely known as "racial harmony". The term, often nebulous and evasive in its uses, is more practically translated in a state of mind which, here in this county, fosters the exchange of business between French and English Canadians. It is the mingling of the two races in social life, in charitable groups like service clubs, in patriotic campaigns, and, generally speaking, in the give-and-take of daily life.

Other factors in the spiritual inventory are our many thriving churches and the numberless organizations beneath their banner which enlist the interests of children from the cradle, young men and women in formative years, and parents with their untold influence — all for altruistic ends, to promote Christian brotherhood and build a character worthy of true Canadians . . . And the heart-throbs of this community-influence beat beneath the spires and towers of beautiful churches. In both the Protestant and the Catholic faith, Lachute and its neighboring towns have church buildings to be proud of.

There are other cultural assets, in the men's clubs, the women's organizations, the consolidated schools, colleges and convents, the Boy Scouts, the rural community centres, the theatres, the county museum, the instrumental bands and dramatic groups, while recreational interests are afforded in the sports clubs, the town and collegiate teams which enter many departments of athletics. There is the W.I. Home Beautification group; and in our lovely gardens and restful parks a man-made contribution to the beauty with which Dame Nature has endowed this section. Safeguarding the community health, the County Health Unit under provincial supervision has established a fine record, while back of the agricultural enterprise of this area is the government bureau in charge of its District Agronomist, and the Argenteuil Agricultural Society, whose achievements meet their most popular acclaim in the Annual Spring Fair — curtailed this year through the demands of wartime.

Measured in terms of population, Lachute and its environs show marked growth. Consider these Dominion census figures for Lachute Town :

1901 . . . 2,022	1911 . . . 2,407
1921 . . . 2,592	1931 . . . 3,906

and the municipal census for the past two years :

1939 . . . 4,591	1940 . . . 4,909

It may be noted that in a period of normal growth the population increased 685 in the eight years from 1931 to 1939, as compared with only 185 in the ten years previous. In the past year, to October 1940, the population grew by over 300, but the unusual expansion of industry in abnormal conditions has no doubt influenced this growth.

And in the housing which accommodates this populace, the last few years have seen many changes and improvements. New streets have been opened, new sections built up, country houses erected, and in the better class residential sections of town there are many fine homes surrounded by handsome gardens. Apartment dwellings have sprung up in recent years and there is accommodation to satisfy every demand and every purse.

Greetings — Bons Souhaits

To our fellow townsmen, the best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.
A tous nos concitoyens, nos meilleurs souhaits de santé, de prosperité et de bonheur.

The Mayor and Council of Lachute Town
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Russell Rodgers
Farm Implements Lachute, Que.

Assets — liabilities — at the year's end. In this annual recording, we feel rich in the good will and friendship of our many customers. Our thanks go out to them, for their loyal patronage.

Assad's Store
Phone 177 Main St.

"Ship the Safe Way!"

—Your resolution for the New Year . . . And our holiday wish is the same old "Merry Christmas"!

Boyd's Lachute Express Ltd.
N. W. Boyd, Pres. Robert St., Lachute

Perhaps we do not dwell long enough on the "thank-you's"; maybe our efforts are bent too earnestly to fill your needs and meet your personal tastes . . . Believe us now, our appreciation is as sincere as our desire to serve!

Roy Elliott
Butcher Phone 922-r-1-2

Our Best

is none too good for service to the friends and customers we cherish. Our pledge of continued loyalty; our sincere festive greetings to you and yours.

Reg. Courtien
Agent for Harrison Bros.' P.O.M. Bakery

Bright lights . . . Cheery countenances . . . We trust that our business approach has reflected the pleasure we feel, in our privilege to serve. To this gladness we add, at this season, our heartfelt gratitude.

Stephens' Grocery
Provisions, Dairy Supplies Main St., Lachute

Memory

brings back the faces of bygone days — our predecessors — who, through the good will of your own fathers and forbears, established a business to prosper in their community . . . Our role in this town is time-honored with neighborly relationships . . . We wish you the season's warmest greetings.

A. D. McGibbon & Sons
Lumber Merchants — Lachute Mills

There are hardships and tragedies a-plenty in this war. But in tribute to the courageous souls who bear the brunt of its burden, let it never be said that Christmas finds us downhearted . . . To them, to you — happier days!

W. M. Scott
Main St. Monumental Masons Lachute

Good wishes to old friends in Lachute and district, and our sincere thanks for their support. In the selection and quality of our stock, we assure keen consideration to the needs of car drivers in all seasons.

Handy Andy Store
Gordon McFaul, Prop. Main St., Lachute
Auto Equipment, Accessories

Have We Served ?

Have we served with satisfaction in your daily needs? . . It is our fond hope that our courtesy and friendship may likewise have counted, in making your days and dealings more pleasant. We extend our thanks and Christmas greetings.

John McFaul & Son
Hardware, Clothing & Sports Outfitters

Thanks !

—And our appreciation of your support rings louder and longer than a mere word on our lips. We are sincerely grateful for your patronage and good will. Our warmest greetings at this season.

Rex & Capitol Theatres
Lachute — Brownsburg

"Aim at accomplishing great things, but in the effort see that the small things are well done".

To the business entrusted with us, whether big or small, we have given of our best. Every customer commands our attentive service — and our warm appreciation.

MacRae Motor Sales & Service
Plymouth, Chrysler Dealer, Main Street, Lachute

A Complex Structure

is modern business, built on essential policies and important details . . . We measure each customer, each transaction, as a factor in our progress, and appreciate accordingly those friends who favor us with their patronage. Our thanks and good wishes !

Lachute Lumber & Manufacturing Company, Limited
Leo. Carriere & Sons, Chatham St., Lachute Mills

Memory is an album which chronicles the past. In its pages for 1940 there are many happy highlights — each the record of some friendly contact. We cannot live them over again, but we trust the dawning year will be rich in the repetition of such pleasant associations.

Jas. Derouin
Merchant St. Philippe

Old Memories

—Let us take them as an inspiration. If the past is any guide to the future, peace and content will flourish again and time will heal the scars of war . . . There'll always be an England —as surely as there'll always be a Christmas to gladden our hearts.

MacKimmie Bakery
J. A. MacKimmie, Prop. Main St. W., Lachute

A cheery word illuminates the common round of business. The "Merry Christmas" we wish you today — is sincere in the recollection of many happy contacts through the year that's past.

Mason Motor Sales
Dodge, DeSoto Dealer Brownsburg, Que.

New Ideals

come with the dawning of another year. Our objectives are even higher, for on the principle of alert service we have made a host of friends. We thank them one and all.

Jim Duncan Service Station
Gas, Oil, Motor Tune-Up, Greasing, Washing
Champlain Oil Products, Main Street, Lachute

A Toast !

Your health ! 'Tis a time-honored toast, and we feel we cannot wish you more.

A. Lacasse
Dairyman Brownsburg, Que.

Not in mighty institutions — not in mass production enterprises — do you find that sentiment which adds zest to business. It's here, in the home-town stores and industries . . . We are grateful for that friendly approach, and to the customers who share it with us day by day.

Campbell Reg'd
Feed, Provisions, Dairy Supplies, Main St.

From Us, to You

Health, happiness, prosperity — we wish you these in generous measure. Thanking our customers for their continued support.

Graham's Dairy
Geo. Graham, Prop. Grace Street, Lachute

Think of Us

as we think of you — not merely as a contact in good business but as a friend sharing the pleasures of neighborly association. We appreciate your kindly patronage.

Geo. Paul
Grocery, Drygoods Main St., Lachute

Health and Happiness ! We cannot wish you more — for wealth, without either, would be a tasteless morsel. . . . . Our sincere Christmas Greetings.

Albani Lamarche
Phone 313 Main St.

No Black-Out !

No sinister cloud, no brutal threat can eclipse the sentiment of Christmas . . . If there were MORE of that sentiment, there would be no war. So here's to the charity and cheeriness of the festive season; may you share its joys in generous measure !

North Rivers Motors Ltd.
Dodge, DeSoto Dealers Main Street, Lachute

To all our friends within hailing distance — and to their cherished sons, brothers and cousins serving with the Forces — our sincere good wishes at this season.

J. A. Campbell
Lumber Merchant Dalesville

Monuments of principle and good living are evidenced in the give-and-take of small town doings. We are happy to share the neighborliness, the friendship, the loyal support which make life worth living in this Canada of ours.

Alcidas Laurin
Building Contractor Phone 599-J

Fellowship

It sharpens the zest of life, and dulls the edge of care. Can we, then, regret the daily toil that brings us into fellowship with you, our neighbor-citizens? . . . We greet you, one and all, with a hearty hand-shake and a Merry Christmas !

H. Filfe
Merchant Tailor Main St., Lachute

Neighbors !

As we share with you the daily exchanges of business, we share alike the social adjuncts of this town — the fellowship, the charity, the community work . . . Our wishes greet you now, as both a customer and friend.

H. M. Lavigne
General Merchant Lachute Mills

Accept herewith our sincere greetings and grateful thanks.
Veuillez agréer les souhaits les plus sincères et nos remerciements de votre patronage.

V. A. Paquin
Ice Dealer Clyde St., Lachute

A Wish, a Message.

It has been a privilege to serve you, and in the coming year we solicit your continued patronage. . . . Our thanks and hearty wishes for the Christmas season.

Venus Drugstore
Restaurant, Soda Fountain Main St., Lachute

Realty

is not the yardstick of a good community. It's the loyalty, the friendship, the fellow spirit, that make this town worth-while. Your friendly support is a factor which makes the home-town a pleasant place in which to live and work. Our sincere appreciation !

Gall & Jones
Insurance Phone 491-W

Thanking all our customers, and assuring them of our best consideration in the coming year— With wishes warm and true — for your pleasure this Christmastide and your welfare till the next!

Don Fletcher
Main St. Barber Lachute

Have you known friendship — health — contentment, in the year that's past? May the future bring you these, and all earth's joys, in greater measure.

Gordon's Garage
Service & Repairs Brownsburg, Que.

Many happy Yuletides have we shared with our good neighbors and customers. We hope this festive season may prove the merriest yet !

Beaton's Pharmacy
Phone 164 Main St.

There's A War On !

It's war-time. There are luxuries we can do without. But this old custom of greeting one's friends with a rollicking sentiment — old Hitler cannot dampen our ardor in THAT diversion. So here's a hearty wish to you—and you—and you!

P. E. Leger
Barber, Hairdresser Main Street, Lachute

Quarter of a Century !

Now in our 25th year of business in the same premises — we look back on our pleasant relations with the public of Argenteuil County, and we greet them now as "real old friends". .
A Merry Christmas !

J. P. MacKimmie & Sons
Cascade Bottling Works Foundry St., Lachute

We hope we may continue to serve you faithfully and well, making life easier and happier by the service we render.

Nous souhaitons de continuer à vous servir fidèlement, en vous rendant la vie plus agréable par le service que nous fournissons.

J. R. A. Carignan
Plasterer Phone 43

And Its Business Institutions

One of the most vivid impressions of old-timers returning to these haunts, is the growth in building construction. The real estate valuation of Lachute alone at this date is $2,372,800. Four of the county's most flourishing industries, notwithstanding, are outside the county town — namely, the C-I-L at Brownsburg, Ayers Limited and the Dominion Shuttle Company in Chatham Township, and the International Paper Company at Calumet. Besides these, with their output travelling far across the continent and beyond the seas, there are paper mills making large shipments to the outside world, lumber mills, and a foundry and machine shop filling orders for many outside concerns. There are power developments, public utilities, railways, transport companies and fine roads. There are up-to-date dealers in all lines of machinery, automobiles and nationally known commodities. There are chain stores, post offices, banks, woodwork factories, grist mills, up-to-date service stations, departmental stores, and last but not least, the numerous retail establishments which, in the familiar category of "small-town merchants", are perhaps nearest to the consumer in the sentiment of business, and most personally linked with the conduct of community institutions.

—But in this turbulent phase of history, let it not be thought that Argenteuil is complacent in its progress. Canada is at war. Her prime effort is in the prosecution of war, and in that effort she depends on her every town and village, every farm and factory and home.

Is our quota of responsibility, then, satisfactorily filled? We count over the families whose sons and brothers have joined the Forces. We view the factories, whose employees scorn no burden, reject no call to added service. We note subsidiary businesses catering first and foremost to the key-industries, often at the sacrifice of private custom. We learn of the homes whose savings are poured into the coffers of war . . . And as we consider these things we feel that Argenteuil is "carrying on". Not that one solitary worker seeks personal credit; in humility to the suffering of fellow creatures overseas, the communities of Canada are doing their best — and gladly.

Thus, the inventory of a thriving community, conveniently linked with its neighboring cities and towns, shows high values and investments which cannot be readily conceived. It shows a social structure which is even less easily gauged — for that which has been long in the making, develops a complexity which few everyday folk can grasp. And a spirit untold in material terms; for— "A city is not measured by buildings or boundary lines. The soul of a city is the reflection of the soul of the people. It is vision, moral stamina and backbone that makes a city, and these are human characteristics — the intangible value that money cannot buy nor industry supply."

By way of contrast we quote, in conclusion, from the chronicles of the late C. T. Thomas, historian of Argenteuil and Prescott Counties :

"While we are told that, in 1796, a man named Hezekiah Clark came from Jericho, Vermont, with his family, and planted the first cabin here, his motive in coming so far into the wilderness is a matter for speculation . . . . The most probable reason that we can assign for the course he pursued is that he calculated the chances for getting to market, and found that, compared with other places, they were decidedly in favor of Lachute. In no other section did he find such a natural highway to other settlements and to Montreal, as was presented by the North River and the Ottawa. It is possible also that, with prophetic vision, he foresaw something of what really has occurred — the rapid opening up of the country along the great river and utilizing of the admirable water power.

"His family, consisting of his wife, three sons and two daughters, came through the woods with an Indian sled from St. Andrews, not even a cow path, at that time, leading to the place of his future home. With that tact and energy characteristic of a woodsman, Mr. Clark constructed a hut, or wigwam . . ."

In that first makeshift dwelling on the banks of the North River we leave a hardy pioneer, and figuratively we would lead our readers to the mountain summit overlooking this town — to survey the fine buildings and busy factories that lie in the valley below. What more startling impression can we gather, of the march of progress in nearly a century and a half since Lachute, the county town, began its history?

A Link of Friendship

A link from home to home, a bridge from year to year, is the home-town newspaper. We value the role which is our lot in this community; our readers, correspondents and advertisers are friends whom we salute with true appreciation. Our thanks and hearty greetings !

The Lachute Watchman
Publishers and Staff

These Words

speak volumes, for our sentiments at this season ring deep and true. Please accept our gratitude and our heartiest wishes.

Mrs. M. A. Belanger
— Jeweler —
10 Bethany St., Lachute

May your tomorrows be still brighter than your yesterdays — mellowed by the friendships you have made along the path of years.

Lachute Bakery
J. A. Menard, Prop. Phone 106

Are We Downhearted ?

With that example of optimism in the suffering masses of Britain, and in our soldier lads away from home, how can WE be downhearted ! Here's to them — and to you — and to a happy outcome in the dawning year.

Frank Earle
Jeweler Phone 140

1940 Found the world in throes of hatred and brutality . . . Yet bright are the gleams of kindliness and humanity and sacrifice. We dwell now upon the happier traits of men, and cherish our neighbors and our fellows for their daily demonstration of those qualities.

Rene Paul Raymond
Grocer, Butcher Lachute Mills

Too speedily, the months and the years pass. But while friends are true and customers loyal at least we feel that life is giving us of her best. We trust that you, too, are equally fortunate in the good will of your fellow men.

Edgar Pollock
Garage Brownsburg

Business is inevitably linked with sentiment. As its scope and activity increases, so are friendships cemented more firmly . . . . We thank those customers who have stood by us in our business career.

Deslauriers & Rozon
Insurance Grace Street

Once Again,

Our thanks and sincere greetings at this Festive Season.

Lachute Electric
J. A. Pregent, Prop. Bethany St., Lachute

Our Aim

is to merit your confidence in reliable and courteous attention. If we have achieved that end, we thank you for the opportunity of having served you. And we trust this pleasure will continue through the coming year.

Lachute Upholstering Reg'd
Aimé Trudel Main St. W., Lachute

Not ultra-modern — not out-of-date — just keeping well apace with the times; 'tis thus we have built our business on substantial and progressive lines. And on the keynote of good service we treasure still those friendships we enjoyed ten, twenty years ago.

J. E. Walker
Insurance Phone 918 r 2

To those who have favored us with their patronage in the past year — we extend our appreciation and the heartiest Season's Greetings.

Geo. Licop
Tailoring, Repairs Main St. Lachute

Investments

We share with you the material investments of a thriving town — the thoroughfares, the utilities, the public buildings; but we value most the spirit of fellow-citizenship, not measured in dollars and cents. We greet you with these finer sentiments, as a good neighbor and friend.

R. McArthur & Son
Plumbers, Heating Experts 144 Main Street

Happy Days!

Every day brings pleasure in our privilege to serve you.
We anticipate the continuance of your patronage.

Spinning Wheel Tea Room
E. Blumquist, Prop. Main St., Lachute

Still in winter we recall the warmth of summer days. —The thought of underlying friendship is equally cheering in the round of daily business dealings. Our hearty greetings!

Lachute Tire Shop
Jos. Ethier, Prop. Main Street, Lachute

Mid-Winter

brings wistful thoughts of summer-time . . . The modern pace brings back our longing for the "good old days" . . . Yet, then — and now — and all the time —there's friendship to make life pleasant.. —We greet our friends sincerely at this festive season.

Z. Harbour
Drugstore Phone 332

The past and the present — justify our optimism for the future; for time is ill spent that builds not friendship to brighten life's journey. We hope you, too, will meet happiness in every business and social venture.

McOuat's Dairy
Ken McOuat, Prop. Lachute

In Brief !

"Brevity's the soul of wit" — so just
A Merry Christmas !

The Lunch Car
Bill Blakely, Prop. Main Street, Lachute

It's a privilege we cherish — to furnish a service so closely linked with every phase of your activity. And whereas this service affords courtesy and consideration, so we feel ourselves associated in friendship with your daily doings. We thank you, and greet you today as friends.

Gatineau Power Co.
Electric Light Service, Giles Block, Main Street.

Success

lies not alone in initiative. Much depends on the "breaks" — the opportunity — the public support. Some consider this a factor of "luck"; we call it good sportsmanship, and we thank each customer for the encouragement of his business in the past.

Claude St. Jacques
Painter, Sign Writer Foundry Street

Our anticipations for the future are as joyous as our memories of the past. — In both, we cherish the friends who have encouraged us with their support.

Lachute Dry Cleaning
Eug. L'Heureux, Prop. Rear Desjardins Hotel

Service — Friendship

In rendering loyal service, we cherish the friendship we receive in return . . . Our thanks and season's greetings to all.

Jas. A. Hay, Dairy
Lachute
Fresh Supplies Courteous Attention

Good friends you have met, happy times you have enjoyed, and good food — within our doors on past occasions.
We thank you and wish you pleasures a hundredfold this Christmas.

Canada Café
278 Main Phone 308 W

This Festive Season,

the proprietor and staff take pleasure in greeting you, and thanking you sincerely.

Geo. Y. Deacon
Tinsmith, Hardware, Auto Dealer, Lachute Mills

Often as we have called at your door, should we not cherish your acquaintance and wish you now the Season's Greetings? —Our thanks and good wishes to all.

Lachute Creamery
H. Lamarche, Prop. Water St., Lachute

Small-Town Sincerity.

In this troubled world we wish there might be more of the neighborliness which lightens our business load. We count ourselves fortunate in the good will of our patrons.

H. Pariseau
Meat & Provisions Lachute & Brownsburg

Good Cheer !

As we have brightened your homes and premises, may our association with you prove a bright spot in the contacts of your daily life. Our thanks again, and all good wishes.

Jos. Belanger
Painter, Peintre 64 Robert St.

Thank you for your Confidence. —And have you thought, how Confidence is the foundation of everything pleasant in human associations ? Our wishes for your happiness this Christmas-time ring true and sincere.

Urg. Quesnel
Shoe Repairs Main St.

The Time o' Day

To pass the time o' day in a commonplace transaction, is like spice to the pudding and sparkle to the brew . . . ! For the happy relations that gladden our daily dealings, we thank you with all our heart.

Desjardins Hotel
H. E. Desjardins, Prop. Main Street, Lachute

Not in the ledger — not in cold figures — but in our hearts, we value the finest asset of our inventory, the good will of our neighbors and patrons.

Lucien St. Jacques
Sash and Door Factory Lachute Mills

Greetings

The approach of Christmas brings with it our appreciation of your patronage.

G. I. McFaul
Merchant Brownsburg, 312

Good health, good friends, good fortune !
Thanking our customers for past favors, and anticipating a mutually pleasant relationship in the year ahead.

Gregoire Raymond
Butcher West End

The Year Wanes

But our purpose remains — to merit your satisfaction in considerate service . . . Our thanks and sincere good wishes to all.

Cousineau Regd.
Wholesaler Phone 592

Peace, Friendship

If small-town neighborliness could rule the world, this old planet might be a happier sphere today !

J. Fournier
Drover Lachute Mills

We wish our friends and customers a Merry Christmas and a Glad New Year.

H. Sabourin
Dry Cleaner, Valet Service, Foundry St., Lachute

Harmony

Of French and English speaking citizens alike, we think the kindly thoughts and cherish the good-will born of mutually happy contacts. Our thanks to all.

A. Ethier
Butcher Bethany St.

Things move fast these days — and furious. None can tell what another year may bring . . . We wish you luck, and the spirit of this Christmastide continuing through every day of 1941. So may happiness be yours.

I. Laurin
Fruit Merchant Lachute

Quality goods last long after the price is forgotten . . . So do our friendly sentiments outlive this Christmas season.

Argenteuil Bazaar Store
Phone 156 Main St.

Holly 'n Stuff !

Our windows, shelves and counters are gay with the spirit of Christmas . . . . But, be it Easter or Thanksgiving, we always pride ourselves on catering to the season. Even our sentiments ring true with the times; so now, friends, it's a— Merry Christmas, Happy New Year !

Leonard 5c — $1 Store
Leonard Bedard, Prop. Main St., Lachute

Day in, day out — the routine of service would be dull, but for the human touch which enters all transactions. Our clients bring a friendliness which makes this round a pleasure. — In the same friendly spirit, our thanks and greetings at this time.

Dominion Stores
A. McDonald, Mgr. Main Street, Lachute

It's an annual custom — but don't think our "Merry Christmas" is just a matter of being conventional. We send you our greeting — and our thanks — with a depth of real sincerity.

Muir Bros.
Service Station Main Street

With the Compliments of the Season and all Good Wishes.

Avec les Compliments de la Saison et les Meilleurs Souhaits.

Robt. Cottee
Agent for David Field's Inc. — Credit Jewelers
126 Main Street W., Lachute

2 Youth Training Courses Listed For Macdonald

Two six-week courses under the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Plan will be held at Macdonald College beginning February 3. One will be a course in Farm Mechanics (limited to 20 students), the other in Farm Management and Rural Organization (limited to 30 students).

As is generally known, there were no courses given in Quebec last year under this plan, and the college staff have given a great deal of attention to the planning of the courses to be given this year, which are to be intensely practical. A booklet describing the courses will soon be ready for distribution. Copies may be obtained from the Registrar, Macdonald College, and application forms may be obtained either from the College or from the Youth Training Plan, Government Buildings, Quebec City.

As with all similarly-sponsored courses, tuition, board and transportation are free to students accepted by the provincial authorities. Candidates must be under 30 years of age, but other students may attend at their own expense. Since not more than 50 students will be accepted for both courses, applications for admission should be made at once.

Funeral of C. J. Clausen, 35 Years a Resident Of Mount Maple

Brownsburg — The funeral of the late Carl Julius Clausen took place on Saturday afternoon last from his late residence on the Mount Maple road, service being conducted by the Rev. S. J. Pike of the United Church.

Mr. Clausen was apparently in good health up to Thursday, when shortly after breakfast his daughter, who lives nearby, was summoned by her mother; but before she arrived her father had passed away. Mr. Clausen who was 73 years of age had lived some 35 years in this community and was respected by all who knew him. He was born in Denmark and came to Canada 45 years ago. A stone cutter by trade, in recent years he had engaged in farming and gardening.

Interment took place in the Brownsburg Cemetery at Lachute.

Mr. Clausen leaves to mourn his loss a widow, daughter, and a son, Walter, in Montreal.

Grece's Point Residence Destroyed by Fire

Cushing W. — The residence of D. G. Greig at Grece's Point was destroyed by fire on Sunday afternoon. The fire, which was caused by hot ashes which had been placed in an adjoining out-house, had gained such headway before it was discovered that only the contents of the lower part of the house could be saved. Mr. Greig, who is a veteran of the last war, went overseas last spring but was recently invalided home and is at present undergoing treatment in the Military Hospital at Ste. Anne de Bellevue.

"Christmas Man," Name Given to Kris Kringle

SANTA CLAUS does not visit the children of Lithuania on Christmas eve as he does the children in this country, but there are all kinds of Christmas celebrations in which they have a part, and many good things to eat. In Germany and Norway old Kris Kringle hides gifts for the children in many out of the way places, and Christmas day is spent chiefly in hunting for them. In Holland Saint Nicholas dispensed Christmas cheer, but when the Hollanders came to this country his name was changed to Santa Claus. In Sweden Santa Claus is much like he is in America but he does not come down the chimney but in the night he comes into the room where the Christmas tree is and leaves gifts for all. His name is not Santa Claus, however, for he is called "The Christmas Man."

Well Known Family Suffers Bereavement

LATE MRS H. FILION

The death of Mrs. H. Filion, which occurred at her home on Clyde Street, last Saturday, removes another old resident of this town. Born in St. Hermas 72 years ago she came with her husband in 1898 to reside in Lachute. Here they purchased the bakery business of J. Carrière, which they conducted up to a few years ago. Left to mourn are her devoted husband and family of five children, Mrs. Alderic Deblen, Mrs. R. Boudoin, Gabrielle, (a missionary sister in Manchow, China), Therese and Germain.

The funeral took place on Monday morning, service being held in Ste. Anastasie Church. The remains were interred in the Catholic Cemetery.

LOCOMOTIVE WATER STATIONS

Formerly main line water stations were spaced about ten miles apart, but heavier motive power with larger capacity has caused the distance to extend to 40 miles, on the Canadian National Railways. Steel tanks used for storage purposes range in capacity from 40,000 to 85,000 gallons.

CHIRO PRACTICE

The leader of a Winnipeg Wolf Cub Pack was coaching two of her small boys in the study of their First Aider work, and was asking the location of the nearest doctor, nearest hospital, etc. "Do you know," she inquired, "the nearest chiropractor?" "Oh, yes," replied the Cub. "Over at the church on the corner. It meets on Thursday nights."

Fire Chief Sounds Note of Warning on Decorations

Stressing the dangers which attend Christmas and the season's indoor decorating, the Dominion Fire Commissioner has issued a warning, which is relayed to the local citizenry by Fire Chief Geo. Y. Deacon of Lachute.

Not the least of the season's hazards is the Christmas tree, gay with its many decorations. A few days in the warm dry atmosphere of our homes, and this thing of beauty is turned into a potential fire breeder. Scientific research has demonstrated that such hazards can be materially reduced by treating the tree in a particular manner and thus rendering it to a large extent fireproof. Information on this treatment will be gladly furnished by the Fire Chief . . . Failing this, however, it is stressed that the tree should be illumined with electric lights, positively not with candles; and also that flammable wrappings, streamers, tinsel, etc., should be carefully placed out of harm's way. These should not project from the mantel over a fireplace, nor be placed in the proximity of ash trays where lighted cigarette butts may be deposited.

Revolutionary Teaching Methods Are Near at Hand, Says Dr. Percival

"A revolutionary method of teaching today knocks at the door of every classroom claiming the attention of every teacher. So insistent is the knock that every teacher who is awake must hear it and those who are sleeping in the rut of daily routine must have their rest disturbed by it" said Dr. W. P Percival, director of Protestant Education, in an address to students of the Department of Education at McGill University recently.

Dr. Percival cautioned "that it is not proposed that the Quebec Protestant schools should throw aside all the foundations upon which the schools have been built. Not for some time to come at any rate will the old curricula be set aside entirely. Certain periods must necessarily remain for instruction and drill in the subjects of the course of study, even under the best circumstances. But the most up-to-date teacher will profit by the new procedure, attack the weaknesses that prevail in classroom management and instruction and build upon the strong points of the new.

By means of the enterprise program the physical energies and mental inquisitiveness of children are turned into useful channels, the speaker said. "The activity concept is one born of democracy. The aim is to teach the child through activities which are of his own choice. The new teaching is a return to natural learning, to child interest initiative, imagination, to thinking and creative endeavor, diversity of occupation based upon individual or, preferably, small group activity."

"I recognize, of course, the enormous importance of memory in the life of the world today," Dr. Percival continued. "But I wish to insist that memory is by no means the only factor. There are other mental factors that should blossom in school days. Tastes should be cultivated, emotions restrained, tempers curbed, right habits formed, powers of concentration deepened."

"The introduction of the enterprise program is not an attempt to make school easier," the speaker emphasized. "Rather it is an attempt to make school more vital, to bring it nearer to the needs of children, and to have them like school better and as a consequence profit by it."



"What makes Doobs so angry?"
"He gave Christmas cards instead of presents to all of his friends."
"Well?"
"They did the same to him."

Brownsburg Red Cross Report for November

Brownsburg—The monthly meeting of the Red Cross was held on December 9th. Mr. F. J. Epstein tendered his resignation as secretary, owing to stress of work. Mr. Epstein has rendered very valuable assistance to the Branch during his term of office, and his resignation was greatly regretted. Mrs. W. Y. Shearsmith was appointed secretary for the remainder of the term.

During the month of November the following articles were completed and shipped to Montreal Headquarters :—

32 Sheets, 380 towels, 27 pillow cases, 175 face cloths, 10 hospital gowns, 24 shirts, 52 socks, 49 scarves, 40 caps, 21 sweaters, 5 helmets, 3 seaboot stockings, 20 mitts, 1 wristlets with thumbs, 5 quilts, 2 girls' outfits (for British children; 15 articles in each) — Total number, 874.

In addition to these activities, many members of this Branch are taking advantage of the benefits to be derived from the lectures given each week, in both English and French, in connection with the Home Nursing Course.

The Christmas Carolers Are Welcome Everywhere

"HERE come the Carolers"

So it used to be. Young faces pressed against the windowpane, straining to hear the cheerful carols outside. Perhaps it was the story of the Christ child put to tune or a ballad of love and cheer. When the singers were done the householder invited them in for a bite and a sup or gave them a coin or two for their song.

Then on to the next house, to sing again under the stars or veiled behind sifted snow.

And then, in the early morning, home again to their own firesides.

It was a good old custom, this midnight minstrelsy in the season of peace and goodwill. "With the beginning of Yuletide, twelve days before Christmas day, as Percival Chubb tells us in the Standard, published in New York by the American Ethical Union, "small band of musicians went the rounds and in the mire or on the road or on the steps played the old folk tunes as a lyrical prelude to the great day. To some of the antique ballad airs, like "Good King Wenceslaus," says Mr. Chubb, the singers would add a hymn tune or two—"Once in David's Royal City," or 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing.' "Punctuating the bustle of domestic preparation for the coming feast these ministrations in the still night gave a breath of poetry that touched the spirit of Christmas with an endearing beauty. Day by day the tide of joyous anticipation rose until the crescendo broke into a forte of exuberance."

Those simple days of the folk are gone says Mr. Chubb; the glory is departed.

But the custom of making the rounds on Christmas eve to sing carols of peace and good will on earth still prevails here and there.—Literary Digest.

If you have no show-window, sign or personal representative — use Watchman Want Ads.

Court Hears Suit Over Sale of Work Horse

On December 12th at St. Jerome Mr. Justice Archambault heard the case of Gilbert Arnold, well known horse breeder of Grenville, against Emille Labelle, of Hawkesbury, Ont. Arnold sued Labelle for payment of a post dated cheque of $100, which Labelle had given as balance of the price of sale on a six-year-old horse, and on which Labelle stopped payment when it became due.

Labelle, in defence, pleaded he had refused payment of the cheque because the horse had died. The animal which had been sold to him had been guaranteed by Corl Gauley, manager for Arnold, as a good heavy horse for the lumber operations in the bush. But on the same afternoon of the sale, defendant stated, while he was leading the horse to camp, it had become short winded and refused to proceed. He stated furthermore, that the horse had been freshly castrated, was bleeding and totally unfit for heavy work.

Plaintiff answered that the horse, although soft at the time of sale, was fully healed, and that if it and subsequently died it had been due to the animal contracting pneumonia through lack of proper care.

Various witnesses were heard, including two veterinaries, Drs. Smiley and Morrisette, who had performed an autopsy on the dead animal.

Judgment of the court was reserved.

Attorneys for the plaintiff were Legault & Legault, while Geo. Héon conducted the case for the defence.

'Wartime Communications' Is Subject of Discourse

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airports, and war industries throughout Ontario and Quebec.

Overseas telephone service, now limited to official calls, is also assisting in maintaining imperial communications during the war, Mr. Long said. He pointed out that the chief reason why the overseas telephone did not fulfill expectations as a peacemaker, by promoting international understanding, is that it was never given a chance in Europe. Europeans are less telephone-minded than Canadians and Americans. The good relations between the latter peoples he attributed in part to their use of the telephone to make contacts between them more personal.

In conclusion, the speaker said: "This is part of the story of one industry's contribution in men and materials to Canada's defence of principles which are dearer than life itself. Other industries can, no doubt, match that record. With resolute determination, Canada as a whole is working to defend the last citadel of democratic freedom. In the words of Prime Minister Churchill: 'Let us, therefore, brace ourselves to our duty, and so bear ourselves that if the British Commonwealth and Empire last for a thousand years, men will still say, "This was their finest hour."'"

240 Mail Bags Feared Lost in Liner Sinking

Postmaster General Mulock has announced the amount of mail from Canada believed to have been carried on the Western Prince, torpedoed last Saturday, was 240 bags of letters.

"Postal authorities would remind the public that war risks are unavoidable," said the Minister's statement.

CAPITOL

FRI., SAT., DEC. 20-21
BING CROSBY, MARY MARTIN, BASIL RATHBONE in
RHYTHM ON THE RIVER
with Oscar Levant, Oscar Shaw.

RICHARD DIX, Kent Taylor, Edmund Low in
MEN AGAINST THE SKY
with Wendy Barrie, Granville Bates.
LAUREL and HARDY COMEDY,
DIRTY WORK

SUN., MON., & TUES., DEC. 22-23-24
CHRISTMAS DRAWING for prizes on Monday DEC. 23. Be sure and attend this gala occasion.
Jon Hall, Lynn Bari, H. Henry Gordon
KIT CARSON

John McGuire, Lynne Roberts and GUY KIBBEE in
STREET OF MEMORIES
with Hobert Cavanaugh, Ed. Gargan, Sterling Holloway, Jerome Cowan
A musical novelette :
ONCE OVER LIGHTLY

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DAY MATINEE, Wednesday 2 p.m.
Souvenirs for Everyone
VAUDEVILLE PROGRAM
Special Reduced Admission
Grand Holiday Attraction
for the Kiddies and Grown-Ups !

WED., THURS., DEC. 25-26
SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Frances Langford, Kenny Baker, H. Herbert, Ann Miller, Mary Boland.
THE HIT PARADE OF 1941
Grant Micheal and John Litel in
FATHER IS A PRINCE
Our Gang Comedy :
WALDO'S LAST STAND

P.S. Thursday Nite, Preview.
Every Tuesday Nite, Midnight Show.
Sunday, Continuous Show from 2.30

Want Ads

Want or For Sale advertisements 10 cents per line each insertion. Minimum 50 cents. If billed, 60 cents. If replies are directed to Watchman Office, 25 cents extra.

FOR RENT—on King Street, Lachute Mills, a five-roomed house with all modern conveniences. — Apply to Albani Lamarche, 249 Main Street, or telephone 313, Lachute. -1c

WANTED : A good reliable man to supply customers with Rawleigh Products. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. ML-514-127-L, Montreal, Canada. -1c

WELL DRILLING — Anyone in need of water supply on their property, communicate with Arthur Campbell, experienced well-driller at Williamstown, Ont., and Plantagenet, Ont. -1p

SUGGESTION — to help you with your Christmas shopping; enquire about leather belts, suspenders, mats and other useful leather articles. — Wesley Robinson, Lachute, Tel. 922 r 3. D19-.c

WANTED — girls over 18 years, for factory work. English speaking. Apply in writing to C. — P.O. Box 600, Lachute, Que. -1c

FOR SALE — dining room set complete, comprising table, 6 chairs, china cabinet and buffet. —Apply P. Pariseau Phone 174-J, Lachute. -1c

LOST — Strayed from pasture in Upper Lachute last September, two-year-old Ayrshire heifer; ear-tag No. 81487-A. Finder kindly notify Watchman. Reward. -1p

WOOLLEN Spinning Mill, Province of Quebec, wants fully experienced man able to take charge of picking, carding and spinning. Write : Box FL600, Watchman, Lachute. D26-2c

HELP WANTED—Ambitious man or woman needed to take charge of profitable route in Brownsburg. Business established. Full credit for repeat orders. Liberal daily commission and monthly bonus. Chance for advancement. Apply promptly, to Dept. C.M.S., 2177 Masson St., Montreal. D26-2c

FEED — I offer for sale oil cake meal, 39% protein, at $1.90 a bag; also brewer's grain, at $1.35 a bag. —H. Filion, 10 Clyde Street, phone 132, Lachute. -1c

Watchman Want Ads address the largest number of people at the smallest expense.

COMING EVENTS

Notices of Entertainment, Concerts or Meetings, etc., 10 cents per line each insertion. Minimum 50 cents. If billed, 60 cts.

FIREMEN'S ANNUAL BALL

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31, is the date of the Firemen's Ball — in Lachute Auditorium. Lowe's Orchestra. Don't miss this annual get-together. Admission, gents $2.00, ladies free. -D26

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A Christmas concert and Christmas tree celebration will take place in the hall of Lachute United Church on Friday Dec. 20th., at 7.30 p.m. Admission 25c. -1c

GRENVILLE XMAS TREE

The annual Christmas Tree in aid of St. Matthew's Sunday School will be held in Dansereau's Hall, Grenville, Monday, Dec. 23rd. at 8 p.m. (D.S.T.) Admission 25c., children 10c. -1c

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned, wish to inform the public that I have moved my taxi stand from the Windsor Hotel to the Palace Hotel. (Phone 135)

— GORDON ELLIOTT, Taxi, Lachute.
1p

CITY HOUSE FURNITURE

We will furnish your home completely, from $1. to $2. weekly.

SPECIAL ! 3 ROOM OUTFIT - - $189.
10 pce. BREAKFAST SET
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Stored free until required. Railroad fare paid from 100 miles provided $100. or more is purchased.

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See us this week for your Winter Topcoat or for a suit you will be proud to wear in every business or social hour this season. Up-to-the-minute in style, built to your measure, these clothes will be a lasting credit to your taste.

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There's a model to suit your needs, in the following list now on hand. Our terms and our service will make you a satisfied buyer. Come and inspect.

1938 FORD DELUXE SEDAN, 4-DOOR
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SPECIAL MACHINERY INSTALLED, FOR CLEANING RUGS AND CHESTERFIELDS.

We guarantee our work in dry cleaning all goods and materials. Curtains and woolens a specialty . . . Steam pressing, prompt valet service.

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GREETINGS TO THE COUNTY FROM ITS ELECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES

Annual Message to Watchman Readers from the Hon. Geo. E. Dansereau, Minister Without Portfolio in the Quebec Provincial Cabinet

Friends :

Being unable to greet you personally in every section and corner of this county, it is my privilege to send you once again, through this special issue of The Watchman, my sincere wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

I salute you as a people committed to the loyal policies of this province, firm in your stand with Premier Godbout and his government, to aid Canada's war effort to the utmost, in deed as in word.

In the problems of these times, I am deeply conscious of the role to which you have appointed me; still further of the trust imposed by your Premier on the personnel of his Cabinet. To these responsibilities I pledge myself again — while always mindful of our own familiar countryside, the needs and interests of our beloved province.

Wishing you contentment, security, prosperity in the coming year,

Yours very sincerely,

GEORGES - E. DANSEREAU

Amis :

Dans l'impossibilité de rencontrer personnellement tous les gens d'Argenteuil, je m'empresse de saisir l'occasion que me fournit cette édition spéciale du journal The Watchman, pour vous transmettre à tous et à chacun de vous mes meilleurs souhaits pour un Joyeux Noël et mes vœux les plus sincères pour l'an nouveau.

Je reconnais avec fierté que le comté d'Argenteuil comme toute la province de Québec se joint, sous l'impulsion de l'honorable Godbout et de son cabinet, à l'effort du Canada tout entier qui ne se terminera qu'à la victoire.

En face des graves problèmes des temps présents, soyez assurés que j'ai pleinement conscience des responsabilités inhérentes au mandat que vous m'avez confié; il en est de même également du rôle que le Premier Ministre confie aux membres de son Cabinet. Dans un cas comme dans l'autre, mon dévouement sera à la hauteur de la tâche et comme dans le passé, j'aurai à coeur, particulièrement les intérêts du comté d'Argenteuil et l'avancement de notre province.

Que 1941 soit pour tous et chacun de vous une année de bonheur et de prospérité.

Votre tout dévoué,

GEORGES - E. DANSEREAU

New Canada Speaks

From the Canadian Foreign-Language Journals

CANADA IN THE VAN

"Der Nordwesten", German-language weekly, Winnipeg. Editorial in German and English :

Canada is turning her faith into deeds. In her crusade against the evil things for which she, with the Empire, took up arms 16 months ago, she is in the vanguard. In full co-operation with the United States, this Dominion helps to guard the freedom of the Western Hemisphere from those who seek to destroy it. From all the great cities of Canada, from the prairie farms, from the mines, from the French-Canadian valley of the St. Lawrence, from the seamen of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, men in every walk of life are already in Britain, taking part in the gallant defence of those islands which to us, in this new land, have always been the symbols of justice, liberty and freedom. From Canada went side by side the Anglo-Saxon and French-Canadian, Canadian citizens of German extraction, as well as Ukrainians, Czechs, Poles, Croatians and not a few from the land over which the unfortunate Mussolini holds away for the time being. Tens of thousands more are in training here, ready to follow their comrades across the sea and add their might in the great offensive that is to come before a complete victory is assured.

CRUCIFIED POLAND

"Steinbach Post," Mennonite weekly published in German, Steinbach, Manitoba. Editorial comment on statement issued by Polish Consul-General in Canada :

The hand of Moscow falls heavily on Russian-occupied Poland. Those who know present-day Russia from their own experience will sympathize with unfortunate Poland. They know that not only will silver, gold and precious stones be confiscated and that nothing which can be taken away will remain the property of the owner. The male population of South Russia was transferred by force for construction of the Siberian railway, the White Sea canal, the Danube canal, to help in factories in Siberia and in the Urals. The unfortunate residents had to sign a statement that they were voluntarily changing their residence. These statements are then shown to curious foreigners and the "voluntary" settlers compared with American migrations to the West.

MENNONITE THANKS

"Die Mennonitische Rundschau", (Mennonite Review), Winnipeg :

It is deplorable that there are some among us who still act somewhat as strangers and who still cannot feel very much at home, that is, in this country. However, this is partially understandable. Ten to fifteen years are not long enough to become acclimatized basically. Mennonites find it somewhat difficult to acclimatize themselves but they do it thoroughly. On the other hand, one also finds many happy people among us and here and there real gaiety to be seen. How healthy one is. How the eyes shine. One has a warm room and a full, rich table. The children are happy and receive a rich education. How many millions on this earth must do without this. How good it is we are respected graciously in this country, also in relation to substitute auxiliary service. It was successful beyond expectation, we are told.

To the Families of Argenteuil —

Greeting !

The past year, in which you chose me to represent you in Parliament, has brought momentous happenings; events of such far-reaching gravity that all local issues are dwarfed by their magnitude. We of Argenteuil, in these troublous times, have thought little of ourselves and our ambitions. Our shoulders are to the wheel; we are proud that our industries, our manhood and womanhood, are contributing in the cause to which this Dominion is pledged—the fight for decency and tolerance.

But let us not be satisfied. If we can throw our weight more strenuously into the balance for democracy; if we can aid our fighting forces more effectively; if we can lend more dollars to win the battle — let us do so. Horrible and ghastly as it is, war brings abnormal stimulus to our industries. And while gratified with the effort we are exerting, at this time I would commend to you — men, women and children — still greater investment of your savings in Canada's war securities. . . Let us stand determined, with Canada and Britain and the Empire — to WIN.

With these duties and obligations filled, may you in the coming year witness the triumph of our cause; and may you one and all enjoy the fruits of victory — a lasting peace.

Your servant, JAS. W. McGIBBON

L'année qui s'achève, au cours de laquelle vous m'avez choisi pour vous représenter à la Chambre des Communes, nous a apporté des évènements d'importance; d'une telle importance que nos questions de clocher sont reléguées au second plan.

Dans Argenteuil, en ces temps troublés, nous avons fait taire la voix de notre intérêt et de nos ambitions personnelles; nous avons mis l'épaule à la roue; nous sommes fiers de voir nos industries, les hommes et les femmes, apporter leur contribution à cette cause à laquelle s'est voué le Dominion.

Ne nous arrêtons pas en chemin; si nous pouvons augmenter notre apport à la cause de la démocratie; si nous pouvons aider encore plus nos armées; si nous pouvons prêter encore plus d'argent, pour obtenir la victoire, ALLONS-Y.

Bien qe cette pensée répugne, il nous faut admettre que la guerre stimule nos industries; nous pouvons être satisfaits de ce qui a été fait à date. Je vous conjure, cependant, tous, hommes, femmes, enfants, d'augmenter encore vos souscriptions aux emprunts de guerre.

Partout, au Canada comme dans tout l'Empire soyons résolus jusqu'à la Victoire.

Souhaitons, quand chacun de nous aura fait son devoir et fourni sa part que l'année prochaine nous apporte la victoire et que tous, nous en partageant les fruits nous connaissions alors: une paix durable.

Votre serviteur, JAS. W. McGIBBON

"Once Over" — for the troops away from home and folks who like their news re-hashed.

In Retrospect . . . *Extracts from The Watchman Files of 1940*

JAN. 11 — New Protestant school opened at Montebello.

JAN. 11 — Birth of 130-lb. Ayrshire calf reported on a Lachute Road farm.

JAN. 18 — Government announces issue of Canada's First War Loan, $200,000,000.

JAN. 25 — Speight Meat Market, Lachute, sold to Brownsburg merchant, H. Parizeau.

FEB. 1 — Reopening of Alpine Inn, St. Margaret's, destroyed by fire last November.

FEB. 1 — Lady curlers beaten in semi-finals for Coronation Trophy in Montreal.

FEB. 8 — F. S. McGibbon and W. Morrisette elected to Town Council seats.

FEB. 8 — Sabotage! Molasses in crank case and gas tank of truck disrupts snow-plowing on highways.

FEB. 15 — Canada mourns death of His Excellency Lord Tweedsmuir.

FEB. 15 — County Health Officer, Dr. E. Lalande, receives appointment as provincial inspector.

FEB. 22 — Jury refers to Attorney General's Dept. an inquiry into death of Mme. H. Seguin, mother of nine children. Dr. J. H. Mason coroner.

FEB. 29 — Two local branches of Canadian Legion surpass objectives in national campaign for funds.

MARCH 7 — Dry cleaning plant at rear of Bedard Store is swept by fire.

MARCH 7 — Brownsburg hockey team wins Mount Royal Intermediate League title.

MARCH 14 — $2,500 Objective in Salvation Army Drive for this county.

MARCH 21 — Montreal-Toronto transports passing by way of Lachute; snowdrifts blocking regular route.

MARCH 28 — Fifteen years Conservative, Argenteuil returns overwhelming Liberal majority. Jas. W. McGibbon defeats Geo. H. Héon with biggest plurality ever recorded in this riding.

APRIL 4 — Principal C. L. Hall addresses North Carolina university class.

APRIL 11 — Three establishments here victimized in robbery epidemic —Beaton Pharmacy, A. D. McGibbon & Sons, and T. McOuat and Son.

APRIL 18 — County Registrar, W. G. Rodger, dies after brief illness.

APRIL 18 — Y.M.C.A. Campaign for war funds is launched in Lachute district.

APRIL 25 — Armed hold-up at Beaton Drugstore, Lachute.

MAY 2 — Town calls tender for chlorination plant.

MAY 16 — Two Argenteuil dairy cows — Ayshires from the farms of E. Rodger and F. Hungerbuhler — selected for Borden exhibit at New York World's Fair.

MAY 16 — 91st Annual Session of Quebec Grand Orange Lodge held in Lachute.

MAY 16 — Lakefield farmer, Reuben S. Hill, burned to death while filling lighted kerosene stove.

MAY 23 — With preparations well advanced and much work accomplished, annual Lachute Spring Fair abandoned through curtailing of government grant.

MAY 23 — 20th Convention of Argenteuil Women's Institutes. Mrs. G. Armstrong elected county president.

MAY 23 — Knights of Columbus honor Dr. E. Lalande, shortly to assume duties in Montreal.

MAY 23 — Aviation company seeking tract of land to establish air training school.

MAY 30 — Dial system introduced in telephone service at Morin Heights.

JUNE 6 — Death of Arthur Larocque, former mayor and councillor of Lachute.

JUNE 6 — Canada's war memorial at Vimy Ridge reported in ruins. (Report later denied).

JUNE 6 — Jas. Langston, 24-year-old Brownsburg employee, is victim of drowning tragedy at Dalesville.

JUNE 6 — Handy Andy Store, North River Motors Ltd. and Venus Café new business enterprises on Main Street.

JUNE 13 — L'Abbé William Lacourse appointed to succeed Rev. E. Labelle as curé of Ste. Anastasie.

JUNE 13 — Mrs. M. Smellie, teacher at Arundel, retires after 25 years.

JUNE 13 — 28 Millionth Ford car on exhibition here.

JUNE 13 — Princess Juliana and two children, royal refugees, on their way to Seigniory Club.

JUNE 20 — Abandonment of C.N.R. line will become effective, despite protests from municipal councils.

July 4 — Toll exemption to Argenteuil and Two Mountains residents is withdrawn and higher fees imposed on bridges.

JULY 11 — Novel boost to war savings effort; free admission to movies on purchase of two stamps. Two theatres here raise $300.

JULY 11 — Voluntary registration of women, at Victoria Hall, Lachute.

JULY 11 — Grenadier Guards recruiting in Lachute.

JULY 11 — Red Cross branches throughout county continue shipments of finished work, also collaborate with Association's appeal for blankets.

FIVE LACHUTE MEN IN GRENADIER GUARDS



The four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Maiden, of Lachute Mills, and their friend, John Blais, who are all in the 1st Company, Canadian Grenadier Guards, C.A.S.F. Left to right (front row), FRANK, 22; JOHN BLAIS, who has lived with the Maidens for many years; SIDNEY, 27; (back row), HAROLD, 29; JOHN, 19.

JULY 18 — Two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. McCullough, Harrington E., poisoned by taking strychnine . . . Laurier Larocque, 8-year-old Grenville boy, bites tongue and bleeds to death.

JULY 25 — With the thermometer at 94 in the shade, an old man enters local farmers' store, wearing heavy overcoat and cap with earlugs in action.

JULY 25 — Death of Paul LaHaye, former heavyweight boxing champion and trainer to Jack Dempsey.

AUG. 1 — County mourns one of its best known residents, Dr. J. H. Mason, former Mayor of Lachute, school board chairman and district coroner.

AUG. 15 — Gas explosion in basement results in death of Maud Cleland, 22-year-old domestic employee.

AUG 15 — Canadian Forestry Corps recruiting in Lachute.

AUG. 22 — Costly blaze in farm buildings of St. Andrews Estates, Limited.

AUG. 22 — National Registration brings citizens to booths in three-day recording of civilian population. Gaëtan Valois registrar for this district, Geo. F. Calder assistant.

AUG. 29 — Caugnawaga Indians make their appearance at Carillon, in drama presentation on grounds of Historical Society Museum.

SEPT 5 — Death of Dr. Maude Abbott ends notable career. Medical profession and other interests represented at funeral ceremonies in Montreal and St. Andrews.

SEP. 5 — Gatineau Company constructing new power line to serve busy industries of Brownsburg.

SEP. 12 — Emergency meeting of Town Council called to deal with water shortage.

SEP. 19 — First draft, 21-year-olds for military training period, are called for physical examination.

SEP. 19 — Contract issued for new consolidated school at Grenville, to serve five rural school areas.

SEP. 26 — Successful horse show and field day held on Lachute Exhibition Grounds.

OCT. 3 — County oversubscribes $10,600 objective in second Red Cross Campaign.

OCT. 3 — Cost accountants and technicians visit plant of Ayers Limited.

OCT. 10 — Ayers Limited hosts to Junior Chamber of Commerce.

OCT. 10 — Dance held on official opening of new golf club-house.

OCT. 10 — St. Andrews couple, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Neve, receive congratulations of King and Queen on diamond wedding anniversary.

OCT. 24 — 3,500 Troops and mechanized equipment gathered here for week-end manoeuvres; described as the biggest troop-movement in Canada since the war began.

OCT. 24 — W. J. Graham, pioneer lumberman, chairman of school board and mayor of Arundel for 20 years, dies at the age of 82.

OCT. 31 — $10,000 Blaze on farm of Gordon Smith, Beech Ridge.

OCT. 31 — The passing of Mrs. B. N. Wales, widow of Argenteuil historian, is mourned at St. Andrews.

NOV. 7 — Roosevelt re-election good omen as Canadian parliament reassembles.

NOV. 7 — Sarah McQuaig, 17-year-old Vankleek Hill girl, dies of injuries in auto crash. Eleven others injured. Eighteen-year-old driver held on charge of criminal negligence.

NOV. 14 — Remembrance ceremonies held at Lachute Auditorium; response to poppy campaign more generous than in previous years.

NOV. 21 — Work commences on long delayed Brownsburg waterworks and sewerage, as court decision annuls injunction and permits progress on construction.

NOV. 21 — Parent-Teacher event at Lachute High School proves increasingly popular, as parents are guests of school staff.

NOV. 21 — Fatal accident at Kilmar; Emile Lalande, worker at Mine plant, dies of injuries suffered when caught in a drive-shaft.

NOV. 28 — Sudden death on Nov. 23rd, of a well-known figure, J. Fellcien Lavigne, Notary Public of Lachute and veteran of the Great War.

NOV. 28 — Rev. H. Cousens of Brockville, addresses Y.P.S. of Margaret Rodger Presbyterian Church, of which he was former minister . . Rev. K. N. Brueton announces resignation from Anglican parish of Grenville.

DEC. 5 — Observe first anniversary of opening of new Lachute United Church.

DEC 12 — Gilbert Arnold, Grenville horse-breeder, elected president of the Canadian Percheron Association.

DEC. 12 — Laurentian Ayrshire Breeders' Club celebrates 20th anniversary; annual banquet in Lachute Auditorium.

Special to C.A.S.F. Readers

Mutual confidence is half the battle. Pulling together for the same objective, though separated by great distances — you, the boys on active service, and we, the folks back home, will share Christmas in the same charitable and hopeful spirit. Though your celebrations be flavored with the tradition of other lands, we shall observe the same old customs, cherish the same memories and the same thoughts.

And to you in the coming year we wish good health, good luck — but, most of all, a speedy victory and your safe return to the friends and associations of Home.



A Christmas Snowstorm

By Sarah Jane Clark

THREE hours late, the snow-bound train reached Chicago. Mary Lou gathered her baggage together and took the bus across to the other station, to find her connecting train had left on schedule. The folks would drive in to town to meet the train unless she could head them off.

Her message put through, Mary Lou sank down on one of the benches to collect her thoughts and make her plans until train time. Five o'clock, and no train until 9:30 the next morning.

"Going out soon?" a cheery voice near her asked. She looked up to find the chief usher standing beside her. A middle-aged, friendly looking fellow. Mary Lou told him of her missed connections.

"Here, Eddie, look at this!" a red cap interrupted her story. He was leading a three-year-old child, a dear little girl with big blue eyes and yellow curls.

"What are you doing with the kid? Is she lost?" Eddie asked sharply, turning away from Mary Lou.

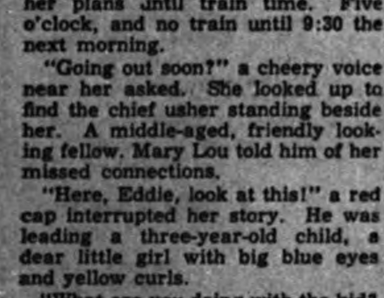
"Might as well be. She came in from Denver, in charge of the stewardess. They missed the train north, and the stewardess is celebrating Christmas by having her appendix out, emergency case. They told me to turn the kid over to you," the boy grinned as he handed her over to the chief usher.

Eddie took her clumsily. "See here, what can a bachelor like me do with a kid like this?" He looked appealingly at Mary Lou.

Mary Lou's eyes filled with tears. Then she held out her arms toward the youngster. "What is your name, dear?" she asked.

"Annette Pollard. I am three years old and I am going from Cheyenne to Rio, Wisconsin, to my grandma Pollard. My daddy is there." It was a lesson she had been taught.

Mary Lou held her close. "I had a little girl almost as old as Annette



Mary Lou heard the voice of Annette's father.

when she died," she said brokenly to Eddie. "Let me keep the child tonight, and take her to her home. I missed the same train she did."

Eddie studied her face. What he saw satisfied him. Still he hesitated for a moment. "That sounds good to me. But I'd better get the conductor to authorize it."

IT WAS soon decided that Mary Lou should keep her. But she must not leave the station. "It won't be very comfortable for you, ma'am, but the kid can curl up on a bench here and be dead to the world in no time. There are some rocking chairs in the far room there. Why, of course there are some cots there, and baby beds."

"We ought to telephone the child's relatives," Mary Lou suggested.

"Of course we should. Here is the address and telephone number. You do it for me, will you, please, ma'am? I've got my last minute shopping to do. I'm mighty glad yo[illegible] on this train. Eddie'll take the kid while you telephone to Rio," and the conductor was off, after turning over the child's money to Mary Lou. But not until Mary Lou had made him promise to send a big doll back for the child's Christmas.

"We'll let Annette say hello to her daddy herself, if she wants to," Mary Lou exclaimed. And so it was done. Mary Lou heard the voice of Annette's father, tense with concern, and then joyful as he realized where his baby was and heard her childish treble over the phone. "Her mother's parents sent her back here to have Christmas with me. Her mother died two years ago," he added.

The sun was shining dazzlingly bright the next morning when the train stopped at Rio. The red-haired man who was waiting expectantly on the platform had only time to thank Mary Lou, and get her address, before the train pulled out leaving him holding Annette as she waved a good-by to Mary Lou.

But the trip home was much easier. Mary Lou forgot the burning pain at the loss of her own little daughter, the aching loneliness since her own husband's death, as she remembered the soft kiss of the baby lips of the motherless child who had been in her charge the night before. And the look in the face of Annette's daddy made her sure she would see Annette soon

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The result is that London's blood supply depots have now got adequate supplies of blood stored against casualties from air-raids which very often stand in need of this immediate aid.

The advance has been brought about by filter mats which sterilize and clarify the blood, preventing bacterial contamination and consequent decay.

Germany Said 'Impossible'

But Britain Delivers the Goods; Canada Stages New Triumph

A triumph over their German rivals is announced by Britain's scientific instrument makers.

Before the war Canada invited the world to compete for a surveying aneroid required by the Dominion's Geographical Survey Department. They asked for an accuracy of 0.02 inches of mercury. The Germans said it was impossible. They flatly refused to try.

Britain then tackled the job. Two years' special research have been put in on it and now the makers are able to disclose the fact that they have done ten times better than they were asked to do. They have achieved not the 0.02 inches of accuracy but 0.0002, or one-tenth of the error allowed by the specification.

"We lost heavily on it," said a member of the firm, "but the research we did has been of immense value."

Today Britain's supremacy in making scientific instruments is shown by the world demand for them. Among her wartime customers are Argentina, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

When bombers are swung aboard ship at Montreal, their dashboards carry — among much else — temperature indicators, boost gauges, fuel press gauges, oil pump gauges, air-intake, thermometers and precision altometers, all of them made in Great Britain.

The latest figures are eloquent of Britain's new supremacy. Before the war she was exporting about one-third the quantity of scientific instruments sold by her German rivals. During the first nine months of the present year she sent overseas more than £900,000 worth, an actual increase of almost £100,000 over the first nine months of 1939.

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CHRISTMAS in England, of course, is an old feast day though the Santa Claus and Christmas tree traditions come to us from another source. William R. Mead's "The English Medieval Feast" (Houghton, Mifflin) quotes from Stow's "Survey of London," an account of the great feast which King Richard gave in Westminster Hall in the year 1399, just after rebuilding the hall of William Rufus:

"A most royal Christmas, with daily jousting and runnings at Tilt where ofte resorted such a number of people that there was every day spent 28 or 26 oxen, and 300 sheep, besides fowl without number; he caused a gown for himself to be made of gold garnished with pearl and precious stones to the value of 3,000 marks; he was guarded by Cheshire men and had about him commonly 13 bishops, besides barons, knights, squires, and others more than needed; insomuch that to the household came every day to meat 10,000 people, as appeareth by the messes told out from the kitchen to 240 servitors."

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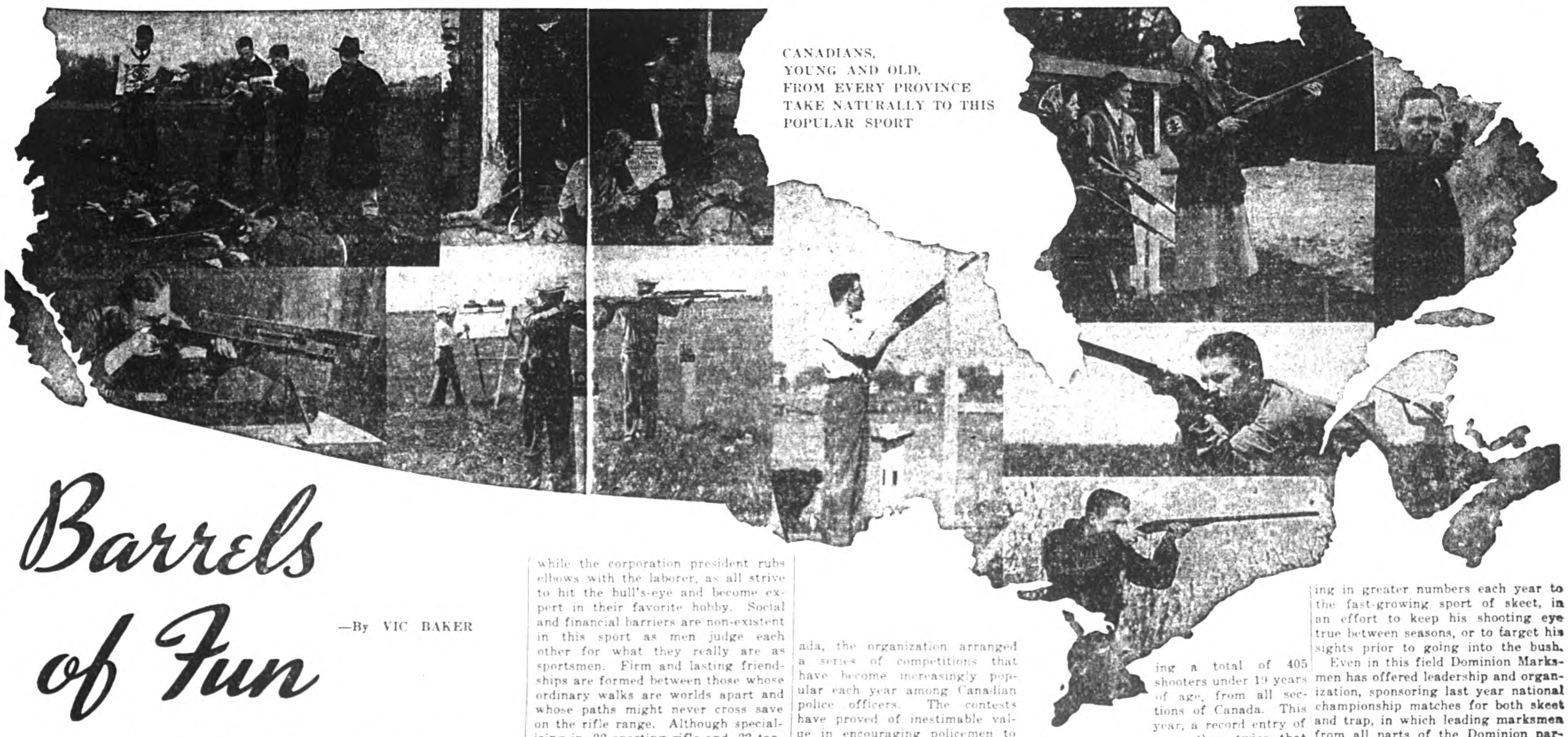
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Barrels of Fun

—By VIC BAKER

If anyone asked you to list the half-dozen most popular Canadian sports the chances are you might not include shooting. If you didn't you certainly would be wrong. Shooting is one of the most widely indulged-in of Canadian sports, and one which all Canadians take to with a great degree of natural ability inherited from early settlers of this country.

Devotees of shooting are to be found in every village, town and city in the Dominion. They include men and women, boys and girls; and even those below average in size and strength are under no handicap in a sport where physical bulk and muscular strength are in themselves of no direct advantage.

Just how many Canadians are actually engaged in this sport is difficult to estimate, but Dominion Marksmen, one of the major shooting organizations in Canada, has a continually growing registration list, with a current membership of over 35,000 sportsmen, all participating actively in target shooting of one sort or another, and this figure does not include the thousands of shooters unregistered nor those engaged in hunting activities.

The organization known today as Dominion Marksmen has its beginnings in 1916 when a competition was arranged to interest cadet corps in developing first class marksmen. The idea was an instantaneous success and the original competition is still progressing and becoming more popular each year. During its 24 years of activity and progress, this organization has done much to encourage shooting among Canadians through the promotion of a series of popular and well-arranged shooting tournaments with prizes. Many thousands of shooters have enrolled at its headquarters and clubs have been formed from coast to coast, from the international boundary to mining camps in the isolated northern areas.

Many of Canada's famous marksmen can trace their early training to the competitions sponsored by Dominion Marksmen. Lieut. Desmond Burke, most famous of all Canadian Bisley Team members and proud holder of the coveted King's Prize, began his outstanding career in contests organized by this shooting body. Composed of average sportsmen whose hobby is shooting, the Sunny Brae Rifle Club of Moncton, N.B., made shooting history in 1937 and 1938 by turning in four successive record scores of 1500 out of 1500 points, while shooting in the Dominion Marksmen .22 Sporting Rifle annual shooting championships. Numerous other single scores of 1500 x 1500 have been made by other clubs, but to date the record establishsd by the Sunny Brae Rifle Club stands supreme.

The popularity of shooting among Canadians is also reflected in the annual Lord Dewar International Rifle Competition — the Bisley of all small bore shooters — which is open to all .22 rifle shooters in the world. In the midsummer of each year, a small army of Canada's finest small bore rifle shots, from Halifax to Vancouver, gather on the famous Connaught Rifle Ranges at Ottawa to shoot in the Dewar trials. As expert a class of marksmen will be found among these .22 riflemen as among these veterans who pull the triggers of the heavy .303 service rifles in the Bisley trials, or in any other major Canadian shooting tournament.

To the Dewar matches come the Dominion's leading marksmen drawn from all types of shooters across the country. All compete in matches over fifty and one-hundred yard ranges, and it is from this group that the Canadian Lord Dewar Team is selected. The team then competes against units from the Mother Country, the United States of America, Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa, and a place on the team marks the holder as one of the best marksmen in the game. In selecting the final team, the Dewar committee takes into consideration the shooter's year round ability, as revealed in the records of Dominion Marksmen which are made available to the committee.

Still further proof of the important part played by shooting in the Canadian sports picture is shown in the nation-wide .22 Sporting Rifle Championship Shoot held in the fall of each year by Dominion Marksmen. These shooting matches are open to every man, woman and child in Canada who uses a .22 rifle and here, as in no other pastime, the boasted democracy of sport is an actuality. On the rifle range the bank director competes against the farm hand, while the corporation president rubs elbows with the laborer, as all strive to hit the bull's-eye and become expert in their favorite hobby. Social and financial barriers are non-existent in this sport as men judge each other for what they really are as sportsmen. Firm and lasting friendships are formed between those whose ordinary walks are worlds apart and whose paths might never cross save on the rifle range. Although specializing in .22 sporting rifle and .22 target rifle shooting competitions, Dominion Marksmen also organizes revolver competitions for police units as well as skeet and trap-shooting tournaments all the year round throughout the Dominion. This organization has also improved the standard of shooting in most of the police forces in Canada, to say nothing of the many competitions provided each year for the air force units, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve and other defence forces of the Dominion.

In 1926, under the auspices of the Chief Constables' Association of Canada, the organization arranged a series of competitions that have become increasingly popular each year among Canadian police officers. The contests have proved of inestimable value in encouraging policemen to become more expert revolver shots, because the competitions are shot under conditions similar to those encountered in the performance of actual duties and consist of both rapid and deliberated fire.

The popularity of shooting among Canadians is well shown in the spirit with which Dominion Marksmen competitions are received and enjoyed by shooters all over the country. As proof of this, we have only to turn to the 1939 Dominion Marksmen Junior Small Bore Rifle League annual competition. In that year's meet a total of 81 five-men teams representing a total of 405 shooters under 19 years of age, from all sections of Canada. This year, a record entry of more than twice that number was tabled by the organization.

Quite apart from the army of target shooting enthusiasts there are the thousands of gun owners who take to the woods and marshes each fall in search of game. In this land of wide open spaces populated with big and small game, the Canadian hunter, besides being a fairly good shot, is also a fine sportsman and true conservationist, for he realizes the need for shortened seasons and reduced bag limits if game conditions are to improve. In this realization he is turning in greater numbers each year to the fast-growing sport of skeet, in an effort to keep his shooting eye true between seasons, or to target his sights prior to going into the bush.

Even in this field Dominion Marksmen has offered leadership and organization, sponsoring last year national championship matches for both skeet and trap, in which leading marksmen from all parts of the Dominion participated. The result was to bring a national character to these sports, encouraging more Canadians to try this comparatively new shooting pastime and at the same time offering veterans of the game an opportunity to compete for national honors.

Thus, whether you shoot at tin-cans and noisy crows, or are a small-bore enthusiast, a military service rifleman, or a skeet and trap shooter, or a hunter, or belong to the great class of pot-shots who shoot whenever the urge presents itself, you will agree that there is barrels of fun to be had in the sport of shooting.

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— By VIC BAKER

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Firing a shotgun today is so simple that most Canadians take it as a matter of course. They know that they only have to insert a shell in the breech, close it, take aim and fire and within a fraction of a second the charge is on its way towards the target. Yet how many of those who shoot realize the centuries of trial and error it has taken to evolve that simple operation? They load up their

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"All Shots in the X-Ring, Jim!"

"SCORES like that were few and far between when I was young!"

"Well, Dad, mere possibles just aren't good enough these days. You've got to hit that X-ring if you want to stay in the running!"

"And it makes competition a lot keener too, son. I can remember when we used to feel quite proud of ourselves when we got 'em in the 10-ring. A score of 98 or 99 was really something to talk about!"

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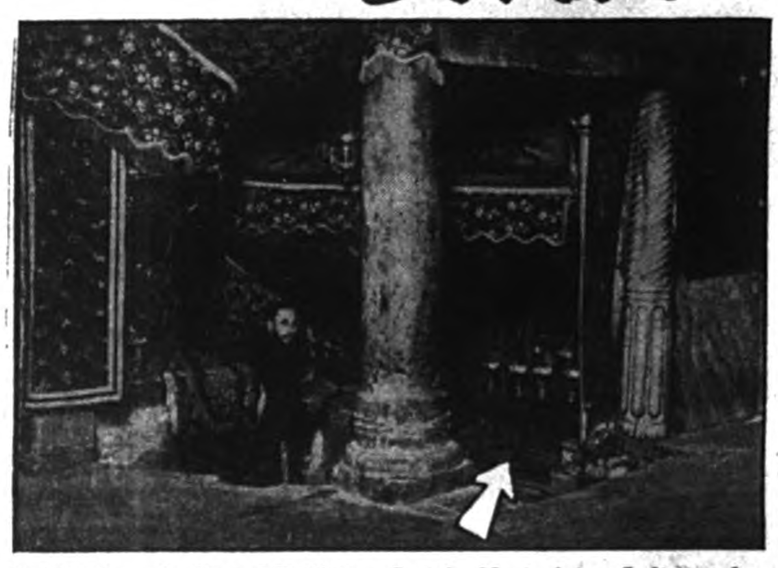
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Why Science's New Theory of the Guiding Light of the Magi Must Remain a Theory

By John Cahill

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the King, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem.

"Saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship him." —MATTHEW 2:1-2.

HIS Star in the East! The magnificent, inscrutable, inexplicable flash of glory and limitless beauty in a sable sky that so many centuries ago led the Magi to the Cradle of Christ in Bethlehem and still stands today as a challenge to the world of science.

To countless millions throughout the ages the Holy Star has remained what it was that joyous night in Judea—a miraculous message from on high. On each succeeding Christmas the star has appeared again to them, in their imagination or in their inner consciences. They are satisfied that it shone as a beacon light to salvation when the world cried aloud for a saviour.

And each succeeding Christmas the scientists try again to make up their minds whether it was indeed a miracle, or something as comparatively prosaic as an exploding star, a conjunction of planets or a comet.

For while science admits that miracles have occurred and will occur again, the mind steeped in logarithms and "Q. E. D.'s" must perforce seek after the whys and wherefores. When after publication of his "Origin of Species" Charles Darwin was asked if he did not feel a triumph over demolishing age-old superstitions and beliefs, he replied:

"If I but knew the mystery that lies within a blade of grass, then would I be truly satisfied."

The great evolutionist passed away without learning what makes the grass grow green and none of his successors have learned any more than he. But this week the astronomers at the Hayden Planetarium of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City are rolling back the centuries to demonstrate again the theory that Mars, Jupiter and Saturn came together in conjunction that first Christmas Eve in a phenomenon that heralded the birth of Christ.

Each day during the Christmas season the scientists seek to recreate the heavens as they shone on the night of the Nativity. There is some documentary evidence to show that these brilliant planets were in conjunction on that "Silent Night, Holy Night." But nothing, of course, to prove that occurrence of the phenomenon on that particular evening was anything but a miracle.

What is known from the Scriptures and the legends dear to Christianity is that the Magi, the Wise Men of the East, torn with anguish by the brutal tyrannies exacted by Herod upon their people, waited with anxious eyes the appearance of some message from Heaven to tell them that Christ had been born.

Suddenly this great star or conjunction of planets appeared in the eastern sky, lighting up the bowl of black above their heads with an effulgent radius and calling from far Chaldea, Persia and Arabia the Wise Men who knew that the signal so long awaited had come at last.

Toward this mystic light and toward Bethlehem they turned their steps, carrying, frankincense and myrrh and gifts of untold value for the son of God.

The passage of 20 centuries has not sufficed to dispel the mystery and wonder of this magnificent star, but in all justice to science it must be admitted that the "wise men" of a later day lost little time in attempting to probe this greatest of all celestial phenomena. Dr. Clyde Fisher of the Hayden Planetarium, who admits that the conjunction theory is at least worthy of intensive study, says:

"This triple conjunction of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, is one of the rarest of celestial events. It happens only once in every 800 years. The next one is due early in the 25th century. So scientists will have to wait quite a while before they can test the theory in the heaven itself."

But by means of lenses and photographic plates that are worth their weight in gold, the Hayden scientists are able to reproduce upon the Planetarium's artificial sky a creditable facsimile of the event supposed to have occurred upon the first Christmas eve, and in so doing are able to put to the test a theory advanced originally in the 17th century by Johann Kepler, one of the earliest of the world's great astronomers.

Kepler ran his calculations back after reviewing the extraordinary conjunction and found that it had taken place before in 799 a.d. and in December of the year 7 B.C. Modern investigation has disclosed that the year of the birth of Christ does not correspond to the year 1 of our era. By fixing the date of the death of Herod it became possible to date many New Testament events and to fix the year of the first Christmas. This has proved to be 7 B.C.

The conjunction appeared in the constellation Pisces, or Fishes, a sign of the Zodiac then of especial significance to the Jews. Kepler, alive to Judea's expectation of a Messiah, concluded it would be entirely logical for the Magi to interpret this celestial phenomenon as the awaited signal and to start out on their biblical journey forthwith.

Kepler's theory stood up fairly well until Professor Ideler of Berlin came along and in 1826 showed that the three planets were at no time in absolute conjunction . . . ruling out the possibility of them appearing as a single star. Then came geographers who proved that there were no roads or negotiable thoroughfares prevailing at the time that would enable the Wise Men to travel to Bethlehem and keep the star in front of them for any length of time.

So the world of science was ripe and ready for some new explanation when Prof. R. A. Proctor propounded the theory that the Star of Bethlehem was really a comet. This seemed to account for some discrepancies until men learned in scientific lore pointed out that the ancients all feared comets as harbingers of evil and as retribution for sins done on earth—hardly the signal of the saviour's arrival.

Then came the most beautiful and poetic "explanation" of all—that the Star of Bethlehem was a "nova" or an exploding star, one of those incredibly glorious phenomena of the heavens created when two cold, dead bodies of the upper atmosphere collide in space at 400 miles a second and set loose the pyrotechnic gases buried in their interior.

Immediately after the contact, the pent-up fury deep inside the dead stars bursts forth in a terrific blaze. Arrested in mid-flight, these bodies turn and twist on a common center and produce an illumination with their burning fragments that vies with that of the noonday sun. The newly-created "live" star may remain in the sky for quite some time but eventually its brightness fades and finally the star cools off and disappears.

If the Star of Bethlehem was a nova that has long since "chilled" and become invisible, there is no way known to astronomers of recapturing its sudden flare of dazzling brightness. There was a recent example of this phenomenon four years ago when the giant star known as Nova Herculis suddenly flared up in the sky—visible to the naked eye even though its distance was so great that its light took 1,300 years to reach the earth.

Now Herculis has all but disappeared. A telescope is needed to find it, but there is still evidence to prove that Herculis was one of the rarest of all—a "twin" whose two component parts burned with such an unearthly brightness for such a little while.

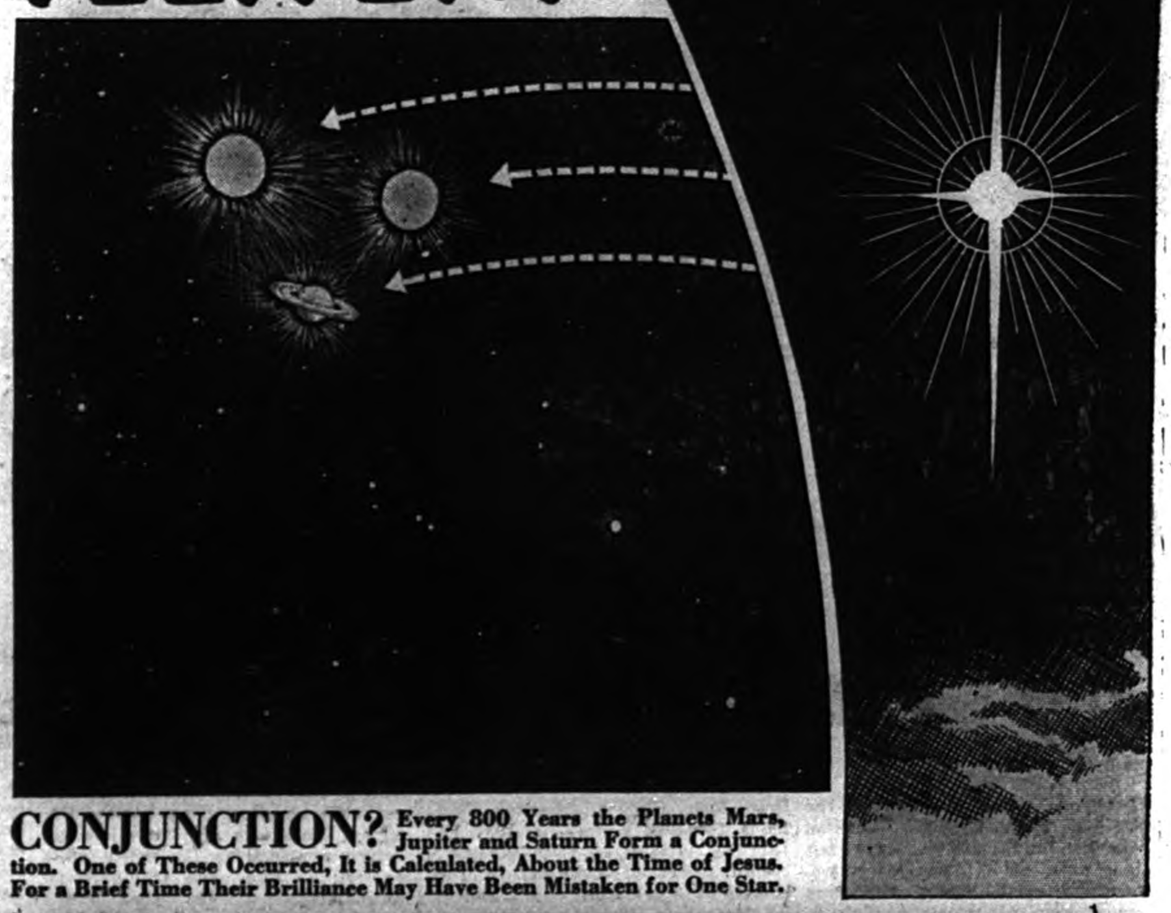
This the Star of Bethlehem may have been, or perhaps a planetary conjunction, or less likely still a comet.

But it may just as well have been what Christianity prefers to believe—a miracle that occurred but once and will not occur again, a mystery just as precious and inexplicable to all mankind as the blade of grass was to Darwin.



"... for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him."

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CONJUNCTION? Every 800 Years the Planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn Form a Conjunction. One of These Occurred, It is Calculated, About the Time of Jesus. For a Brief Time Their Brilliance May Have Been Mistaken for One Star.



COMET? A Number of Astronomers Have Put Forward the Theory That the Star of Bethlehem Actually Was a Comet. But the Sword-like Tail of a Comet Most Certainly Would Have Attracted Attention and Been Recorded in Biblical Accounts of the Nativity.



NOVA? Scientists Have Also Sought to Explain the Guiding Light of the Magi as a Nova, or Exploding Star, of Which There Have Been Many Examples Recorded Through the Centuries. But All These Explanations Must Remain Theories, and the Star of Bethlehem a Mystery.

THE WIND IN THE WIRES

A Short Christmas Story with a War-Time Touch

Through the lonely woods runs the wire, slung between short black poles marching in single rank, mile upon mile, as far as the eye can see. Through the slender threads of copper journey the voices of men, calling to one another across the barriers of space and time. Rushing between the taut strands, the winter wind hums its plaintive song.

With the wind came the snow, and later, the sleet. In the towns, the people rejoiced and said, "Now we'll have a white Christmas." In the woods, the sleet grew thicker and thicker upon the wires, until they sagged heavily between the poles, and the guy strands creaked protestingly. At length, in several places the wires parted, slithering with a weary sigh over the soft drifts, and the calling voices were still.

It was very quiet in the woods.

There was not much room in the boat. The shells of the German raider, mercifully, had left one life-boat intact, into which the surviving members of the freighter's crew had crowded. The injured men were lying full length on the thwarts, and you had to be careful not to step on them. Not that it would matter if they weren't rescued soon. They had already been adrift for three days, and it was so cold that you couldn't even shiver.

Christmas would be a fine day to die on, Joe thought, but he didn't really feel badly about it. Somehow, little things seemed to be more important. For example, when he had found that cigarette stub in his pocket, he had broken down and cried like a baby. There wasn't a dry match in the boat.

Joe tried hard to forget the cigarette stub and think about Christmas. It didn't hurt to think about Christmas, or even about mother and dad and the kid sisters. The kids would be hanging up their stockings tonight, and on the freighter he had thought of telephoning home after they docked. Mom would get a whale of a good cry out of a call from him on Christmas Eve, and Dad —

"Will you take over, Joe?" called the nearest rower.

"Sure, fella." Joe stumbled into the rower's seat.

"No need to pull too hard," the other advised hoarsely. "Just keep her head on to the seas."

Joe splashed the oars as he dipped them in for the first time. One of the wounded swore feebly.

"Not enough water in here to suit you, Mackenzie?"

Joe said nothing. He felt licked. There just didn't seem to be any use trying to keep up the feeble jokes. He knew that was giving up, but he didn't care.

The oars swung back and forth, clumsily, noisily, feebly. The boat rocked and swayed and tossed, and with it swung the unending grey of the sky. Joe kept rowing because he hadn't even the energy to stop once he had started.

Joe was still rowing when, before anyone in the boat seemed aware of it, the rescue ship appeared out of the gloom. He was still rowing, mentally, as they got him aboard, and he never heard the words of the ship's steward as they put him to bed. —

"Easy, laddie, easy. Your Christmas dinner'll bide for you, nae doot!"

The eastern circuits are out, Jim." Over the telephone the construction superintendent sounded apologetic but emphatic.

In the garage, having put the big green and red truck away for the holiday — as he had hoped — the line foreman drew in his breath sharply. He glanced across at his gang. Old Trepanier, with nearly forty years in the telephone business, was chewing the icicles on his moustache. Romeo, with less than three years' service, was thawing out a frozen hand. Both were impatiently waiting for the foreman to leave the telephone, so that they could tell their wives to expect them home, tired and hungry as wolves. Obviously, their plans for Christmas Eve did not include a trip along the eastern toll lead. Jim thought of his own family and his lips tightened. Bad news had ruined Christmas for them anyway. He shrugged his shoulders.

The superintendent sensed the foreman's thought for his men and spoke quickly, urgently. "The circuits to the port. There's a war on, Jim. Men's lives may depend on official calls getting through, and when everybody starts calling home for Christmas tomorrow — soldiers, sailors, airmen, as well as the general public — every available wire is going to be needed."

Jim said tonelessly, "Where's the break?"

"Legault reported to the test desk that at least five spans near his place on rural route number 10 were a complete mess. Legault is out there now, checking upon the other side of the break. You'd better join him there."

"Near Legault's place!" Jim said. That's on right-of-way. For myself, I don't care, but what are the men supposed to do — learn to ski in half an hour? All right, all right, I know. We're practically on our way."

"Thanks, Jim," said the superintendant simply, and hung up without further comment.

Jim took his time about putting the receiver back, although Romeo was fidgeting excitedly in his anxiety to get at the telephone. Jim smiled wryly at the boy's eagerness, and turned to face both men.

They listened to his story with a silence that was eloquent.

"There's a war on!" Romeo almost spat as he repeated Jim's final plea. "Why didn't I join the navy where I could be sure of sleeping at night, at least for an hour or two? On Christmas Eve I am to sit on the top of a pole, and on New Year's, I will splice cable, I bet. Tor' vis!"

Snatching up the telephone, he dialed a number. Judging by the speed with which the call was answered, Madame Romeo must have been waiting with her hand on the receiver. A torrent of French poured simultaneously from both ends of the line.

Jim turned away. If his own men wouldn't come through, how in Sam Hill was he going to get volunteers on this, of all nights? He and Legault could not do the work alone — not in sufficient time . . .

But what was Romeo saying? Jim's understanding of French was none too good, but surely . . . Wrinkling his brow in concentration, he translated Romeo's words to himself.

Madame Romeo was not to worry. He, Romeo, would fix that wire so fast she would never know he had been away. Yes, he would be home for early mass on Christmas morning!

Jim looked at Old Trepanier, who showed his few remaining teeth in a twisted grin.

"He is young. He is impatient," the old man chuckled. "But he is telephone man. Me, I am teach him myself!" Working on a holiday merely reminded Old Trepanier of how much worse it had been in the old days.

The big truck rolled out of the garage immediately after supper, and pointed her nose to the north. Along the highway, she rumbled past the first stretch of the eastern toll lead, where the wires still hung for the wind to catch as it whistled its eerie song.

It was early Christmas morning, however, before the plugs were removed from the long distance switchboard, indicating that once more connections could be made over the eastern circuits.

"And about time, too," the chief operator commented to the traffic superintendent. The big rush is just beginning, and we've had to hold a few eastern calls already. I do wish people would do their Christmas calling early, just as they do their shopping. Last year they did, because the holiday came on a Monday, and the calls were spread over the week-end. With the holiday this year on a Wednesday, it's all packed into a single day, and with all these war calls, we don't know where to turn."

"If I were unkind," the superintendent grinned, "I'd say 'you're telling me?' I've had to worry about this problem for months, and it would have broken my heart if those circuits had been out after all the planning I did. If the plant boys were here right now, I'd be tempted to kiss them!"

But the chief operator was not listening. Her troubles were just starting.

It was late Christmas night when the line foreman came home, drawn with lack of sleep and aching in every bone from climbing, climbing, climbing, until he thought he had climbed every pole on the entire lead.

He sank down into the most comfortable chair without a word, holding his hands tenderly in front of him, for it is no child's play to handle ice-laden wires in sub-zero weather.

His wife looked at him concernedly, but she had news trembling on her lips that could not wait. She spoke softly, but with excitement bubbling in the single word —

"Jim!"

"Yes." The voice was a mere murmur, from weariness and from constant shouting into the wind.

"I know you must be dead tired," she said gently, "but oh, Jim, you must listen!"

"Of course, dear," he replied, without the faintest animation.

"I've heard from Joe."

Jim Mackenzie raised his head with a start.

"From Joe!" There was a world of incredulous, half fearful gladness in his hoarse voice. "Margaret, what do you mean?" Rising, he caught her in a grip that bruised. "The ship was lost . . ."

"Yes, Jim, but Joe's alive. I spoke to him!"

"He's here then?" Jim glanced at the doorway in bewilderment.

"No, on the 'phone, silly," Margaret had held herself in until now, but the reaction had set in, and she clutched at him and burst into tears.

After Jim had heard the story of the open boat, the rescue, and the telephone call several times over, and the two had settled down somewhat, a thought suddenly struck the foreman.

"He telephoned from the port," he said eagerly. "Margaret, don't you see? That was the lead I was out to fix today. If those circuits hadn't been in — if I hadn't gone out — why, we might not have got the most wonderful Christmas present in the world — the news that our son is alive!"

"'The Spirit of Service'" Margaret quoted slowly. "Jim, I'll never say another word against your having to go out to work on a holiday, I really won't!"

Through the lonely woods runs the wire, slung between short black poles marching in single rank, mile upon mile, as far as the eye can see. Through the slender threads of copper journey the voices of man, calling to one another across barriers of space and time. Rushing between the taut strands, the winter wind hums its plaintive song.

Christmas Invitation

By Katherine Edelman

JACK TRESLAR hunched his broad shoulders deeper into the big chair, turning a new page of his book. He was reading a Christmas story, trying hard to become absorbed in the tale.

A sharp ring from the telephone brought him to his feet. Who could be calling him on Christmas eve?

A strange voice responded to his "hello." "I hate to bother you on Christmas eve, Mr. Treslar. But I'm ringing up to ask if it would be possible for you to come and spend Christmas with me. My name is Bevan Willers. I live out at Richmond. I have a big home, and—"

"But—but I don't even know you, Mr. Willers. There must be some mistake."

"I want you!" the low voice was emphatic. "Will you come or not?"

Jack repressed a quick exclamation. "I—I had thought of spending Christmas—" he began.

"Wouldn't it be possible to change your plans? I have a feeling they could be side-tracked easily."

Jack thought of the lonely Christmas he had been anticipating. After all, there might be something to this unusual invitation.



He ascended the steps leading to the massive door.

"You are right about my plans," he admitted. "They are rather in the air. But—but going to spend Christmas with an utter stranger took me back for a moment."

"That's why I thought you might come." There was a note of disappointment in Bevan Willers' voice. "I probably got the wrong man, however."

Jack thought again of the lonely Christmas before him. And before he could debate the question, he heard a voice inside of him answering, calling through the wire to Richmond, "You got the right man, Mr. Willers. I'm coming."

An hour later, bathed and dressed, Jack Treslar was speeding along the frosted highway to Richmond. Following the detailed instructions that had been given him, Jack found the long winding drive leading from the roadway. What a secluded, ghostly place, he thought, as he drove under the snow-sprinkled trees.

BEVAN WILLERS was waiting. In the dim light from the chandelier, his tall bent figure seemed grotesque. "I have let the servants away for the evening," he said, his bony hand motioning toward the end of the shadowed hall.

Jack Treslar felt a twinge of fear as he followed. Here he was—alone in the house with this strange old man. Anything could happen. There wasn't another residence within blocks. Then, his adventurous spirit reasserted itself, and he looked smilingly across the table at Bevan Willers. "Well, what's it all about?"

A dead silence was the only answer. Gray eyes under heavy bristling brows stared at him intently. Jack stared back unflinchingly.

Then a hearty laugh rang through the library. With amazement Jack saw the old man straighten up in his chair. Years seemed to fall off his shoulders. The twisted, grotesque appearance vanished as if by magic. He spoke quietly.

"I'm not crazy," he began; "I'm just a lonely old fellow, ticketed as a sort of recluse. The true facts are that I've been trying for years to write. Yesterday I got word that a story of mine had been accepted."

"But I still don't understand your strange invitation, and—" Jack interrupted

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Procrastination!

"Don't put off until tomorrow that which you can do today"—for by tomorrow there probably will be a law against it or a higher tax on it.

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Electricity, Humanity's Servant

In the present century the forces of nature have become harnessed to the service of man to an extent undreamed of in any previous era. Only the urgency of our social and economic problems has tended to blunt the edge of wonder at the extraordinary rapidity with which scientific achievements have transformed the material basis of human existence.

Our present age has been called "The Machine Age." Such terminology does little justice to the main source and driving force behind nearly all modern engineering progress. Perhaps we could with better reason call ourselves children of the "Electrical Age," For certainly this age is dominated by electricity, and we are doubly children in both our ignorance and of our careless acceptance of the benefits brought to us by scientific exploitation of electrical energy — our servant in a thousand forms.

Sixty years only have passed since the electric filament lamp caught the imagination of the public who thronged the Paris Exposition of Electrical Lighting. It seemed a marvel, that a lamp could be produced which needed no air and burned no fuel. Some years were to elapse before this clean and wholesome form of illumination could become widely adopted in the home.

There was little conception of the greatly extended uses to which electricity could be applied in the domestic field, although wild predictions, as they seemed to contemporary minds, were made as to its future role in industry.

Today the various applications of electrical energy are so manifold that an enumeration would entail nothing less than a panorama of modern life itself. There would pass in swift review the electrically aided home, equipped with apparatus for almost every domestic activity, such as heating, cooking, cleaning and refrigeration; the electrically lighted streets and highways, with their traffic electrically controlled; the electrically operated underground, and electric train services so essential to city workers; electric elevators in office buildings, factories and warehouses; and added to these the ever present electric telephone, telegraph and wireless systems, without which modern life would cease to function.

With the exception of the steam train (this is now always electrically lighted) our entire transport system on land, water and in the air is largely dependent upon the utilization of electric power for one purpose or another. The story of railway electrification would itself make an impressive chapter.

Even in the modern automobile the use of electricity is an integral factor of the greatest importance. The engine depends for its ignition on the electric spark; the electric starter, is energized from a storage battery; and electric headlights illuminate the darkness of the roads.

As motive power in surface transport electricity is coming back into its own in the form of the popular trolley bus, not track bound like its predecessor, the tramcar. On the high seas, ocean liners are veritable floating power plants, supplying electricity for purposes too numerous to mention; in some instances even the propellor shafts are turned by electric motors.

In the air, the engine of the airplane like that of the automobile, relies on ignition by the electric spark. Special generators are also used to furnish electric energy to delicate instruments, lamps and wireless apparatus essential to the pilot. Life's very tempo indeed, has been speeded by the agency of this magic power.

In industry the use of electricity, so widespread today, is rapidly expanding; were electric power to be withdrawn, half the factories and workshops would have to close. From the gigantic electric motors driving the powerful rolls of great steel mills, to such minute motors as are used in electric recording instruments, thousands of machines of all kinds are essential to manufacturing.

Not only in factories, but in mines, quarries, lumber mills, and oil fields, electrically driven machinery is all but universally adopted. Further, without electrical cranes, battery driven locomotives and trucks, and other loading and unloading devices, harbours and warehouses would be unable to cope with a tenth of the merchandise now so expeditiously and efficiently handled. Commerce is unseparably bound up with the use of electricity through the facilities offered as a carrier of messages. With equal despatch and precision, cables transform written messages or the human voice into electric impulses which are flashed with incomprehensible speed across land and sea.

Broadcasting and electrical recording are as integral a part of civilization today as are books and printing. It would be a rash profit who would set bounds to electrical progress. The great entertainment industries, the theatre and cinema, are likewise dependent upon electricity; the cinema, in fact is essentially an electrically operated industry.

Multitudes of people are beginning to experience the benefits of therapy. Artificial sun lamps and other healing ray devices are but a few among innumerable electrical apparatus essential to the equipment of the modern hospital and surgery. The importance of the X-ray needs no emphasis, but many other electrical instruments are invaluable to the diagnostician, among them the electrocardiograph, which is of such delicate precision as to record the infinitely small electric impulses of the human heart. Nor is electricity less important in other fields of medicine. To the physician, surgeon and dentist, it is a paramount necessity. It is, in fact, impossible today to conceive any branch of human science entirely bereft of the aid of electricity in its researches. —Exchange

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HERE'S ONE HAPPY THOUGHT
LESS WORK FOR MOTHER —
LES EXPENSE FOR DAD

Why not give up the antiquated and more fatiguing methods of cooking. Give mother that much needed consideration in the coming year. Make arrangements now to install an electric cooking range in your home. Easy, convenient terms can be arranged. Let this be the dawn of a new era of comfort for you and yours.

Thousands of homemakers have proven that electric cooking contributes to better living. Hundreds of statements of users have proven that they have found the electric range to be a more healthful, easier, cleaner, and a more thrifty method of preparing the food in their homes.

It's Healthier

Electric cooking is more healthful because it retains the full flavor and health-giving nourishment of delicious fresh vegetables — because the vegetables are steamed and not boiled. Cauliflower, beets, carrots, potatoes — all have a new flavor when cooked electrically. Only those who have eaten food so prepared can appreciate the new flavor, the new delicious appearance that fresh vegetables can have.

The less costly cuts of meat seem to acquire a new flavor, a new tenderness that rival the most expensive meat. Angel food cakes and other extremely difficult cooking tasks become a simple matter of adjusting the temperature control and turning the switch.

We think of healthfulness in food as an important factor in cooking. The retention of the nourishing juices, the deliciousness of appearance, and the juicy tenderness are enjoyed by everyone. We oftimes overlook the healthfulness of the mother who must prepare the family's daily meals. The clean cool cooking of electricity certainly will add to the health, happiness, and longevity of the home's most precious possession—the mother who must prepare the food.

It's Easier

The older methods of cooking consume a tremendous amount of time. First, the preparation of the food, then the actual cooking operation with its oven peeking, heat-treating the homemaker when basting, and testing cakes and vegetables with broom straws and forks to see if they have finished cooking. The electric range is a far cry from this old cooking torment for the homemaker.

The electric range is exact. You simply determine the quantity of food to be cooked and set the temperature accordingly. At the end of the given time, your food is cooked as deliciously as it can be. Young children in the home increase the demands upon the mother's time. The electric range with its time-releasing features will enable the mother to give the amount of time necessary to her children and still have hours of leisure to devote to her own personal pleasures. The automatic temperature control takes the guesswork out of cooking. The automatic timer makes cooking by "proxy" possible — the timer turns the oven on and off automatically. No further attention is required on the part of the homemaker.

The electric range is bringing new leisure and comforts to the homemakers and thereby bringing better living to all the family.

It's Clean

Every homemaker knows how much time is required in scouring blackened utensils when older styles of cooking stoves are used. Greasy deposits, discoloration of the finished surfaces of the ranges are all eliminated with clean electric heat.

We all have small electric heating devices in our homes and we know from their use no dirt is created. Elimination of dirt in the kitchen lengthens the life of all painted surfaces and lengthens the time that curtains can be used without washing. Clean cooking is possible with the electric range and it contributes materially to a better living for every homemaker.

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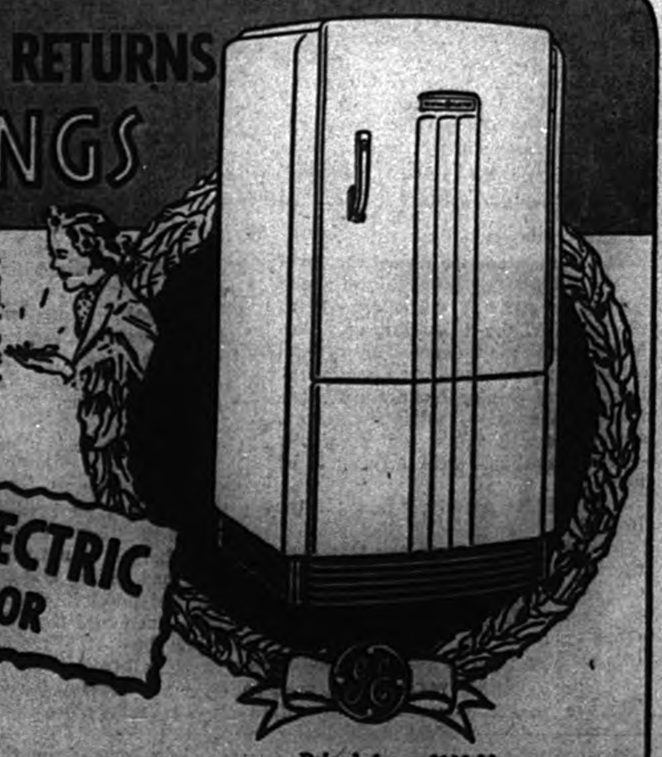
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THE WOMAN'S PAGE

HINTS FOR HOMEBODIES

By JESSIE ALLEN BROWN
Specially written for Readers of The Watchman.

THE JERVIS BAY

The whole world has been thrilled at the courage of the Jervis Bay, but unless you have actually seen a merchant ship of its size, you cannot realize just how brave they were. An armed merchant ship sounds more imposing than it may be. I saw a freighter just about the size of the Jervis Bay the other day and I cannot get the picture out of my mind. It is just as if a nervy little Boston Terrier squared up to a Police dog and defied it to do its worst, knowing that the worst must come.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The week before Christmas is usually a busy one, rushing hither and yon trying to get ready for the big day. Finishing up our Christmas shopping, getting the last of our cards written, and the parcels tied up. Sometimes there is the long wait at the Post Office, standing in line, to post our parcels. We are all doing our shopping earlier but sometimes I wonder if we haven't gone too far. Having the Christmas things in the shops before the first of November seems to be spreading out a bit too much. Do you get your Christmas dinner ready early so that you are not too tired to enjoy it? The turkey can be stuffed the day before, the pudding sauce made, and even the vegetables prepared. Many women like to set the table the day before too. Christmas is a state of mind and may you all enjoy it to the full.

GIVE CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES

When you are planning your Christmas giving do not forget our Canadian papers and magazines. The home-town paper is like a newsy letter each week. We are fortunate in having two such magazines as Maclean's and Saturday Night to give us the Canadian picture and their commentaries on Canadian affairs. The Saturday Night is much handier in its new form. The National improves steadily. The Chatelaine and The Canadian Home Journal are both good women's magazines and they are both more practical than any American magazine I know. The more sophisticated readers enjoy Mayfair and Canadian Homes and Gardens. I love the advertisements in the latter as most of them are of Canadian-made products. Let us spend our money in Canada.

MORE THOUGHT AND LESS MONEY

This year most of us are trying to keep the spirit of Christmas alive and the expenses down. One place we can do this is with our decorations. Personally, I would rather have a centre-piece of shiny fruit than the finest flowers in the world on the Christmas dinner table. Somehow it seems more in keeping. Probably it is because that is what we always had when I was a youngster. We need a bit of green and you may like to use holly. There is nothing prettier than the feathery fronds of pine. Lacking these you may even use bits from your Christmas tree. I keep a box of silver balls reserved to use around the base of the centre-piece. Candles are always an addition. If you want to use them lavishly plain white ones may be used or the chunky plumber's candles. A red apple makes a suitable candle-stick. Hollow out a space for the candle. Melt a little wax in the hole and fit in the candle. If your curtains can be pulled back safely, there is no more effective decoration than a lighted candle in each window. Let us try to use more thought and less money.

CRANBERRY RELISH

2 Cups cranberries, 1 apple, 1 orange, ½ lemon, 1¼ cups granulated sugar. Pare and core the apple, quarter the orange and remove the seeds. Put cranberries, apple, orange quarters (skin and pulp) and the ½ lemon through the food chopper, add the sugar and mix well. Let stand a few hours before using. This will keep for several weeks, if kept in a cool place. The addition of the apple and lemon makes an even better relish than the cranberry and orange alone, which is the one so many of us tried last year.

Fashions of the Day

By Jean Walsh

Like a winter garden in the snow, fashions for sporting enthusiasts will this year blossom out in every imaginable shade. Gay peasant colors will vie with practical black, navy or brown as accent or background. Gone are the days of bundling up like snow babies in bulky woolens for warmth. Weatherproofing for winter fabrics has made it possible for us to wear wool and cotton gabardines and whipcords, and be our own slim selves on the trail or rink.

Ski-ing togs are stream-lined to a degree. Gabardines and serge, weather-proofed, make tailored slacks which are drawn tightly over the instep with elastic to make them fit snugly. They are tucked into wool ski socks, and worn with matching ski boots. Toppers vary from gay-toned grenfell jackets to flannel shirts and vests. The jackets are shown in lovely pastel shades . . . turquoise, orange-red, paddy green and dark tones, too. Most of them have hoods, which are fitted this year with elastic and have not the high peak of other years. They are often framed with fur. Velveteen jackets, quilted and lined and interlined in such combinations of colors as red and navy, red and green, or brown and orange, will be much worn. The shirts are cut like men's and are brilliant as a California landscape, with fire-engine reds, yellows and greens, as well as plaids, taking top place. They may be worn with grenfell cloth vestas, often embroidered to match ski-mitts, or with jerkins of leather or suede.

Spectators will trail along in snug sheepskin coats, reversed in gay shades, and hooded, or will wear short reefers of polo cloth over their slacks or pleated skirts. Lined rubber boots in matching colors may be had for watching your favorite game without freezing your feet. Under the warm jackets you will probably see sweaters knitted of heavy yarn, with a suede plastron finished with huge buttons, or bright arabesques of cotton cord swirled down the front in military fashion on a coarsely knitted sweater.

Miss Jane B. wants to know if it would be possible to sew sequins on a sweater or blouse oneself, and if such sequins can be bought, and where.

It is quite possible Jane. If your local dealer hasn't got them, write to any large department store. They sell them just for this purpose. I would suggest you ask for a pattern for them at the same time, and for simple directions.

Miss A. J. Picton, Ont., asks "How may I keep my new silver slippers from tarnishing? And how do I clean them?"

Keep the slippers wrapped in black tissue paper in their original box. This holds good for any gold or silver fabrics. They may be cleaned by rubbing lightly with any patented liquid cleaner.

Mrs. A. K., Delhi. Try removing the burn mark, made by too hot an iron. from your white silk slip by soaking the mark well with peroxide, placing a clean white cotton towel over it and ironing.

GOOD MANNERS

By MRS. CORNELIUS BEECKMAN
Famous Authority on Good Manners and Good Taste

COURTESY PAYS DIVIDENDS IN CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

In these busy shopping days before Christmas, the stores are gala with festive decorations. But too many of the shoppers, frantically pushing their way about, elbowing one another, giving way to petty ill-temper, snapping ill-naturedly at clerks, are pathetically out of key with the meaningful spirit of the decorations and certainly with the benevolent-looking Santa Clauses. Jangling nerves instead of chiming Christmas bells!

I'm not going to pretend that it isn't trying to mill around in a crowded store. But it's not impossible for us to discover how much better it can be if we will make some effort to preserve our good humor and "mind our manners." It's poor sportsmanship to take advantage of a tired and harried salesgirl by snapping at her, by blaming her for something that isn't in her province to provide, correct or change. It's no wonder we see weary clerks drop their stag-at-bay attitude and turn with relief to the customer who has treated them civilly, with "sweet reasonableness". It's not surprising; it's only human. The really surprising thing is that some people, in their frantic absorption in their own affairs, should completely forget that courtesy begets courtesy. And self-control and courtesy will save you time and wear and tear, and will get you further along in your shopping accomplishment.

Try to go about your shopping, especially your last minute shopping, with directness, purpose and good will. If you possibly can, shop in the morning, before the stores are crowded. Take time to think out your shopping problems as much as possible at home instead of on your tired feet in the teeming aisles.

Christmas shopping should really be one of the pleasantest occupations in the world, selecting gifts to be presented on Christmas morning in an atmosphere of shining good will. Unhappily we don't see enough good will walking among the crowded counters. It is as if each forgetting person's stock of good will is locked in a sealed box marked "Not to be opened till Christmas."

CHRISTMAS WRAPPINGS BACK TO TRADITONAL

I hope you're as pleased as I am to see that gift-wrappings this year are in the old-fashioned Christmas spirit. Back in predominance are the reds and greens and snowy whites which, in the past few years "modern" designers have been trying to persuade us to abandon. The traditional reds and greens and glistening whites are getting such a big hand that they have taken the spotlight away from novelty colors. Perhaps that's why these Christmas reds and greens seem brighter and more luminous this year, and why the white papers and designs seem more glistening!

Right up in front also this year are all the traditional and beloved Christmas symbols: heart-warming Santa Clauses, Christmas trees in every possible design, toy-filled Christmas stockings; stars, bright sprays of holly leaves and berries combined, as they should be, with mistletoe and pine cones; popcorn balls, "jingle bells."

As if determined to make the return to tradition more dramatic and emphatic these symbols, especially the stars, are often used in very large scale. Christmas stockings of Cellophane or heavy crepe paper are enthusiastically recommended as the package itself for a small gift or gifts. Christmas candles, appealing in their form of Christmas trees or Santa Claus, are giant in size and in enduring quality. Christmas cord has become Christmas "rope", in cotton and in glittering gold and silver tinsel.

So we can have a joyful time this year, making our packages sing a greeting in the spirit of that "glorious song of old."

ADVICE ON GIFT

Dear Mrs. Beeckman:

I would appreciate very much your advice as to whether or not I should send a certain Christmas gift. The facts are these: I have been going very steadily with a man for about two years, but we are not engaged. Last year his mother gave me a Christmas present, but I didn't give her one. However, I did think that she might have sent me a gift to show me her appreciation for some flowers I sent her when she was ill in the hospital a few months before Christmas.

Do you advise me to send her and her husband something? If so, what?
—G.E.

Although of course it isn't necessary for you to send a present to your friend's mother, it would be proper and very gracious. I'd suggest a very simple gift; perhaps a box of flowers or a box of holly or other Christmas greenery. Address the gift to the mother, but on the enclosed card write your greetings also to the father.

CHRISTMAS GREETING

There's a charming line in Shakespere's "Merchant of Venice" that is an especially appropriate message for us to write on our Christmas cards: "I wish you all the joy that you can wish."

BEAUTY

By Helen Jameson (Mme. Qui Vive)

MAKE PLAY OF EXERCISES

What about your physical education? Were you graduated at the hop-scotch period or are you going straight along like a good girl? It is just as well to keep a weather eye on the future. Years don't roll along; they come in leaps and bounds; you're forty before you know it. At that time tissues and muscles are inclined to go lazy, soften and lose tone. Little lines may appear in the face, the body may thicken at the waistline. If one loves to feast upon the good things of the table, conditions are precisely right for an accumulation of fat cells which, once comfortably settled, are not likely to evaporate.

It is a dismal outlook for the lady who loves bonbons and her easy chair, who places a dependence upon beauty props that are a joy, but can't carry on without vitality and a sound, healthy body. Coax a woman out of a state of self indulgence, get her started on a course of physical training and she is a changed individual. She is more alive, more interesting, more buoyant of spirit. She looks younger, movements are alert and graceful. She desires above everything else in the world to keep within finger touch of her youth. But seldom does much about it until somebody gets after her.

She should realize that, with a little muscle training she will be young in appearance even when she meets the sixtieth milepost.

Outdoor sports are ideal forms of exercise; they include the elements of the play and competition that make them interesting. Athletic women carry themselves splendidly because their muscles are strong.

Some of us haven't time or opportunity for these indulgences, being busy broomsticking the wolf away from the door. In that event, there can be a daily or twice daily workout. You may not believe it but when one is too tired to sleep, relaxation and rest will come by deep breathing and arm swinging, movements that act favorably upon the circulation and the central nervous system.

Bending, stretching, twisting at the waistline keep fat cells away. It's easy to arrange a program. Touching the toes with the fingers without bending the knees is an old-time practice, just as good as it ever was. Flexes the muscles that interlace between the hips and the breasts.

Posture must be kept in mind Body tall, tummy flat, hips back, shoulders well posed. No soldiering, going through movements casually. Make the muscles work. In five minutes the flesh should be glowing.

The girl who joins the gym class gets her money's worth many times over. She not only is keeping her muscles in form but she looks better, feels better and wears her clothes in a snappier manner. As far as old Popper Time is concerned she has her fingers crossed and her nose in the air.

Christmas for the Refugees

Perhaps the greatest contribution Canada could make at this time would be to receive refugee children from the war-stricken areas. These hopes and wishes have been more than fulfilled. Not only have the children arrived safely but there have also been good homes found for them. The people of Canada gladly opened their doors to those little strangers from across the seas. No effort should be spared to make the coming Christmas a merry and happy one for the little children who are so far away from their loved ones at this time.
—Vera A. Merrifield

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ALL FOR A NICKEL !

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double barrel shotgun in the pouring rain, snow or driving sleet and bring down a brace of birds in as many seconds without a thought for the marvels of modern sporting ammunition.

Here is a delicate and almost magical mechanism which will explode and discharge a barrage of pellets from the barrel of a shotgun in a four-thousandth part of a second — in any climatic conditions!

The waterproofing of the shot shell with "Duco," one of the most outstanding developments since the introduction of smokeless powder, stands to the credit of Canadian engineers. Modern shot shells are now impervious to moisture under all conditions encountered by shooters and may be dropped into the bottom of a wet boat or carried around in a wet hunting jacket without swelling or showing any visible effects or impairment to their firing efficiency.

But the ability to withstand moisture, however, is not the only advantage, for in addition each shell is hermetically sealed and retains its ballistics indefinitely. Through scientific control each shell loaded in the factory is delivered to the shooter with a standard velocity, safe pressure, controlled pattern and a comfortable recoil for the sportsman's shoulder. And the chemists have gone so far as to clean the gun barrel for you after the shot is discharged. All Canadian shot shells are primed with non-corrosive superclean priming and a well lubricated felt wad, contained in the shell, which swabs the barrel clean and leaves a protective film as it is driven out of the gun with the shot pellets!

This modern shot shell consists of five major parts: brass head, primer, basewad, paper tube and the load which includes powder, shot and wads. The action that takes place when the trigger is pulled is simple and easily understood. The pull on the trigger releases the firing pin which strikes and indents the primer. This causes the primer mixture to ignite and the resulting flame spurts through the flash-hole igniting the powder charge. The large volume of gas created sets up an extremely high pressure which causes the felt wad to expand and tightly fit the gun barrel, thus preventing the escape of gas or the loss of pressure. The wad is then set in rapid motion and pushes the shot charge ahead of it and out of the barrel in a scatter effect.

The modern sporting ammunition factory has a peculiar fascination for anyone interested in micrometrical accuracy performed by batteries of huge but delicate machines with uncanny precision. Most operations must be performed within a variation of one-thousandth of an inch which requires an intricate system of check-testing at every step of manufacture. Under the supervision of expert ballisticians and chemists, a modern laboratory equipped with the latest scientific equipment controls the entire plant process. Raw materials are carefully checked before use in the factory, every step in the manufacture of the shell is checked and double checked and even a proportion of the finished cartridges are broken open and subjected to a final scrutiny. The ammunition is gauged through master gauges by supervising engineers and shells are picked at random from the production line to undergo exhaustive ballistic tests. The exact speed of the charge is registered on sensitive mechanism, not only over its full flight, but from chamber to muzzle mouth and from muzzle mouth to target. At the same time the pressure of the charge is recorded, its trueness noted and the effectiveness of primer and powder tested. Finally, large quantities are shot through all types and conditions of guns to guarantee they will function well in the various types of shotguns in general use.

The system of inspection of shells in the factory is as accurate and dependable as is humanly possible and the numerous gauges used never fail to bewilder the non-technical visitor. It is not surprising to learn, therefore, that the expense of inspection, gauging and testing is among the most expensive items in the cost of producing a shell.

One of the most interesting features of the process is the making of the small shot pellets which are "double chilled." The small balls are made by dropping molten lead through a sieve at the top of a 150-foot shaft. The drops of lead fall through the cold air and in their descent assume a spherical shape, the diameter being controlled by the diameter of the holes in the sieve. At the bottom of the tower is a tank of water which breaks the fall of the pellets without damage and where they are completely cooled. They are then rumbled, inspected, polished and classified by diameter.

All of which should prove that there is more to the birth of a shot shell than meets the eye. Next time you slip a shell into the breech of your shotgun and aim it at wild fowl, small game or flying clay-pigeons, remember that even though you miss your target and feel like two cents, you can always have another try for a nickel.

The man who is looking for trouble misses a lot of things; he has no time to enjoy the scenery.

Keeps Candles From Dripping

To keep table candles from dripping, stick a pin in the candle along side the wick and leave it there. It keeps the wick upright, the candle burns longer and more steadily and decorations and tablecloth are kept free from grease.

Public Notice

In re Estate of the late Hugh Allan, in his lifetime of the Village of St. Andrews East, in the County of Argenteuil;

Notice is hereby given that John Allan, sole heir-at-law of the said late Hugh Allan, will apply by petition to a Judge of the Superior Court, in the Province of Quebec in the District of Terrebonne, for Letters of Verification establishing that the petitioner is such heir-at-law.

That said petition will be presented to a Judge of the Superior Court in the "Practice Division" of said District on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of January, 1941, at 10.30 a.m.

Montreal, December 3, 1940

For the Petitioner —
Geo. R. Lighthall,
Notary

J2-4c

Public Notice

Province of Quebec
District of Terrebonne
Superior Court
No 4729 Ex Parte

Public notice is hereby given under the provisions of Article 1406 of the Code of Civil Procedure that the undersigned, Dame Jeanne L. Lavigne, tutrix of Marcelle Lavigne, minor heir of the late J. Félicien Lavigne, in his lifetime notary of the town of Lachute has accepted the estate and succession under benefit of inventory, as required by article 301 of the Civil Code, and following the authorization contained in an order of the Honorable Joseph Archambault, justice of the said court, dated the 2nd of December 1940.

Signed at Lachute, this 10th of December 1940.

(Signed) Jeanne L. Lavigne
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A CHRISTMAS INVITATION

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"I'm coming to that," Bevan Willers continued. "The hero of my book is a daring, adventurous fellow. A man willing to answer a strange call that came in the night. I got intrigued with the fellow, and began thinking. Wondering if there was any young fellow who would act as he had done. So I rang the first hotel that came to mind and described my hero. Young, unmarried, interesting sort of chap. Pretended his name had slipped my mind for the moment. They connected me with your room. You know the rest."

Jack stretched out his long arm across the desk, and gripped the old man's hand. "Now that I'm here, Mr. Willers, do you still believe you have got the right man." There was wistful entreaty in his dark eyes.

"I don't just think—I'm absolutely positive."

A Winnipeg interdenominational Boy Scout Troop meets in a church used jointly by Federated Lutheran and Unitarian congregations. The troop makes an annual report to both congregations.

UNDER THE MISTLETOE



Marion—Jack is getting near-sighted Myrtle—It doesn't follow that there is anything the matter with his eyes because he can't see you under the mistletoe.

NEW C.P.R. STATION OPENED AT RIGAUD

MADE NECESSARY BY INCREASING FLOW OF PILGRIMS TO TOWN

The dedication and official opening ceremonies for a new and enlarged Canadian Pacific Railway station at Rigaud, on the "short line" from Montreal to Ottawa, was a picturesque religious event. The station was blessed by Mgr. P. Sabourin, cure of Rigaud, and many visiting Canadian Pacific officials took part in the opening ceremonies held last week.

The new station was made necessary by the constantly increasing flow of pilgrims to the famous Lourdes Shrine at Rigaud every year. Three years ago, at the time of the Jeu Choral, 35,000 Roman Catholics visited the small town over a period of two days and it is to accommodate crowds like this that increased facilities were inaugurated last week.

The station is in French-Canadian style, constructed of reddish stone from Como, with interior finish of tile and green trimmings and terazzo floors. It is 84 feet six inches long and 39 feet four inches at its widest, has central heating and is equipped to accommodate unusually large crowds. The platform has also been widened and lengthened. The new station stands only a few feet west of the old station building.

CHRISTMAS GREENS

THE custom of hanging evergreens in the house during the Yuletide originally had a purpose beyond that of decoration. In olden days each kind of evergreen was believed to confer special blessings on those who passed beneath its boughs. To pass under holly insured good fortune throughout the year, bay meant victory, while laurel was supposed to impart a spirit of beauty and poetry. — Missouri Farmer.



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At this season we are particularly reminded of the debt we owe to those whose service and sacrifice make it possible for us to enjoy our Christmas midst the carefree happiness of children and fond parents . . . those valiant men who patrol the skies, man the ships, stand by the guns, and place their all — even unto life itself, between us and the enemy.

How can we pay our debt to them?

The least we can do is to Save every dollar that we can and lend it to Canada, so that Canada can provide everything in munitions and equipment to fortify these men for the defence of our country and our civilization.

Our savings should be invested in War Savings Certificates, and we should continue to save and invest in War Savings Certificates until Victory is won.

The widow's mite counts as much as the more fortunate ones' plenty, as evidence of service, sacrifice and determination.

So then, whatever else you do at this Christmas season, save and invest in War Savings Certificates. The very consciousness of your service in the Defence of your homeland will make greater your personal enjoyment of Christmas.

W. H. Somerville and de Gaspé Beaubien, Joint National Chairmen, War Savings Committee, Ottawa

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United States' Support Is Factor for Cheer in National Christmas Spirit

No "Dollar and Cent" Considerations to Hamper Aid in Increasing War Material Supplies

Canada's Peak Production Under Present Program, Due Next Autumn

Ottawa — Christmas has come this year to Canada with the future of this country, of Britain and indeed of the whole world, still deeply veiled. It was therefore not a gay Christmas in the Capital or anywhere else. Anxieties persist and will continue to persist until the war is over, until there is no further need to worry about what Hitler's next move may be and until Britain, vigilant and fearless, may through victory be able to lay aside her sword. But even in this atmosphere of alert anxiety, the Christmas spirit in Canada, if not carefree, is far from dispirited. A confidence, in which foolish complacency has no part, is founded on a most reasonable pride in achievements of British arms in Libya, in the air and on the sea, on the conviction that the heart of the British peoples is sound and capable of withstanding this world's rudest shocks and that the United States is now wholeheartedly and without stint behind the British cause.

The deepest satisfaction is felt here at the attitude of the United States government towards the British suggestions about future credits for arms purchases. Whatever may be the ultimate course taken by Congress, whether the neutrality and Johnson Acts may be revoked or whether, as now seems most probable, munitions and equipment will be lent or leased to Britain to be later returned or replaced. It is clear that no "dollar and cent" considerations will prevent Britain from getting war materials on an ascending scale from the United States. There is also satisfaction over the efforts being made to speed up munitions manufacture in the United States.

Canada's own Minister of Munitions and Supply is now in Britain finding out what further measures Canada can take to aid Britain with war materials. . . . The growth of war munitions production in Canada has been outlined to the press by W. F. Drysdale, high administrative official in the Department of Munitions and Supply. Nearly 2,000 plants are now engaged in the manufacture of munitions and the output of these plants has about reached the level of a billion dollars a year. Maximum production under the present program will be reached next autumn. Early in the new year the first "made in Canada" tanks will be running off the assembly lines. Beyond the range of bombing planes, Canadian factories are now forging this powerful weapon for Commonwealth forces. Plants in every province will soon be taking part in the manufacture of naval guns. The component parts of these extremely complicated pieces of mechanism will be made in different factories. Anti-aircraft and anti-submarine equipment will be manufactured under the naval program. Shells, land guns of varied calibre, tanks and universal carriers and a wide range of other implements of war come within the steadily expanding program of production.

The conservation of aluminum so important in the manufacture of aircraft is being urged on all Canadians. Through co-operation between manufacturers and the Metals Controller, it is hoped that by switching aluminum from its peacetime uses to war needs, enough of the metal will be saved to add 3,000 planes annually to the country's production. Aluminum has been used in the foil for candy, chewing gum, tea and tobacco wrappings. A foil made of lead and tin, it is said, answers the purpose quite as well. Stainless steel will replace aluminum for kitchen utensils.

After January 1st, every resident of Canada who wants to leave Canada for any purpose will have to get a Foreign Exchange Control Board permit before doing so. Tourists, representatives of foreign governments and members of the armed forces going abroad on duty do not require permits. The trouble has been that some persons who have gone abroad for business or other legitimate purposes have taken members of their family with them, and so have used more money than was needed for the transaction of their business. Some others also who have crossed the line without money and have borrowed money on the other side from friends, have evaded the purpose of the regulations. If a person borrows money which he has to return it is essentially the same thing as if he had taken the money abroad in the first place. The object of the regulations is to conserve our foreign exchange so that the country can pay for its war purchases in the United States.

From present indications the value of Canada's mineral production this year will be well over the $500,000,000 mark. This will be a record figure. Last year the production amounted to $475,000,000. The gold production in particular has steadily increased and will this year be over $200,000,000. The gold from Canadian mines goes in the main to the United States to help pay for our mounting purchases of war materials. Except for what is needed in Canada the output of our copper, zinc and lead mines go to Britain for her war needs. It is the same with nickel from the rich Sudbury mines. Nickel is also exported to the U.S.A. At the end of the last war Canada's total mineral production was about $200,000,000.

The Boy Scouts of McGregor, Man., purchased an old buggy for $5.00 and from it built a war service trekcart.

Injuries Reported; Three Mishaps on Town Streets

AUTOBUS PASSENGER MEETS ACCIDENT

Miss Simonne Rochon, 27, of Lachute, suffered injuries which necessitated medical treatment, when she stepped into the path of an automobile opposite the Town Hall last Thursday evening at 6 o'clock. It was reported Miss Rochon disembarked from the Brownsburg bus, and in crossing the road did not see the car approaching. Driver of the automobile was Louis E. Paradis, of Laurel, who was proceeding westward along Main Street. In attempting to avoid the car the young lady is believed to have stumbled and fallen against it. She received a gash in the head which required four clips to close it, Dr. F. W. FitzGerald giving treatment at his office nearby.

The accident was investigated by Town Constable A. Gervais.

Aged Man With Infant In Arms, Hit By Car

CHILD ESCAPES UNHURT

Edmond Villeneuve, 76-year-old Lachute Mills resident, was struck by an automobile on Main Street West near the corner of Bedard Boulevard Wednesday night, Dec. 18, suffering fractured ribs and body bruises, while an 18-months-old baby which he was carrying in his arms was hurled onto a snowpile beside the road and escaped injury.

Driver of the car was Russell James Bryson, of 468 Sicard Street, Montreal, who was proceeding westward as the old man was crossing the road at around 11 p.m. There appeared to be misunderstanding between the driver and the pedestrian as to their intentions, and the car struck Villeneuve, injuring him severely. The man's grandchild, Lise Joanisse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Joanisse, was hurled from his arms and landed safely beside the road.

The victim was attended by Dr. I. Rabinovitch, and although his injuries were not grave his advanced age contributed to the seriousness of his condition. At this date he is reported to be making good progress.

COLLISION CHRISTMAS EVE ON ICY THOROUGHFARE

An unfortunate mishap occurred Christmas eve to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Hay, who were riding home in a cutter at 11.30 o'clock when they were struck by a car. The accident occurred near St. Simeon's Church, where ruts and icy surface on the main thoroughfare made the passing of traffic dangerous. It is reported the sleigh and automobile skidded into a collision as the car was about to pass. The auto was driven by Gordon McFaul, Lachute Mills, who with passers-by rushed to assist the couple from the sleigh. Mrs. Hay, who was formerly Miss Ethel Morrison of Lachute, was painfully injured, and Mr. Hay was shaken by the impact. Treated at the office of Dr. F. W. FitzGerald nearby, Mrs. Hay was found to have suffered a fractured rib and severe bruises. She was taken home, and is reported to be making satisfactory progress.

Jas. A. Hay is well known around Lachute, where he carries on a dairy business.

IMPORTANCE OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN WARTIME

Streamlined Clothing for Streamlined Troops

TAKES 40 POUNDS OF WOOL TO OUTFIT A SOLDIER IN CANADIAN FORCES

A "live, efficient and well-organized textile industry" is a key factor in Canada's war effort, Maj. Douglas Hallam, secretary of the Primary Textile Institute, said in Montreal recently. Some 150,000 Canadians are now actively engaged in the production of blankets, uniforms, parachutes and other war equipment, Maj. Hallam told a meeting of the textile chemists and manufacturers.

"Modern streamlined fighting services," said the speaker, "need streamlined clothing suitable for the purpose. Soldiers, sailors and airmen cannot use effectively the weapons and methods of transportation now supplied them by science unless they are properly clothed for the job they have to do."

"Today," Maj. Hallam continued, "over 150,000 people are directly employed in Canada in the textile industry. Half of these, or about 80,000 are women, who during the early days of this year, when the pressure of production and delivery were almost insupportable, worked long hours, gave up their statutory holidays and even in some cases worked on Sundays, in order that the needs of our fighting men should be met."

The speaker then turned to the various phases of the textile industry and by quoting figures, demonstrated that production in each of these is now at or near capacity.

The wool, cotton, silk and knitting mills are all operating at full speed, while the cutting mills alone delivered in one year 1,000,000 winter and summer uniforms; 350,000 overcoats; 700,000 caps; and 9,000,000 shirts, besides many other garments.

Raw Material Available

Maj. Hallam expressed confidence that the raw materials essential to textile manufacture would not be lacking as the war continued. Wool, which is used extensively in the outfitting of troops, was considered "such an important war munition that at the outbreak of war the British Government bought up all the wool produced in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for the duration of the war and one year after. 'It takes," Maj. Hallam added, "40 pounds of wool to dress the Canadian soldier and supply him with three blankets. In other words it takes the wool from five sheep to equip one of our fighting men."

Canada's cotton requirements will continue to be met by the United States although with respect to raw silk, used in parachute manufacture, "difficulties may develop because no exportable silk is produced in the British Empire." He believed however, that steps had been taken to assure there would be no shortage of chutes.

In closing his address Maj. Hallam said: "The textile industry is ready to serve and has already served. There has been no holding back for dollars, no shirking, no stint of full concentration on our problems. There will be no let down in our efforts to hasten the inevitable day of victory."

WINNERS IN THEATRE CHRISTMAS DRAWING

Large audiences were on hand Monday evening at the Rex and Capitol Theatres for the prize drawing for holders of admission coupons given out at the box office during the past two weeks. Two very acceptable prizes were presented at Lachute and Brownsburg, the first a radio table model and the second a cut glass service, at each theatre.

Winners at the Rex were Miss R. Brunet and Miss Margaret MacKenzie, and at the Capitol Miss Raymond and Miss Birch.



A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bells proclaim a message of joy and the dawning of glad days.

Their note may sound at discord with the signs of these grave times. But ringing in the coming year, may their significance remain true — still in the echo of their chimes may peace and brotherhood be restored to the world.

We can find no more-sufficing wish; for in its fruition our readers will cherish with a still grander realization their British birthright of freedom and self-government . . things we have not adequately appreciated e'er this.

For you and yours, in Canada and in distant lands, may brighter days be near.

The Lachute Watchman
Publishers and Staff

2 Sudden Deaths Are Reported to Dis. Coroner

BOTH PRONOUNCED DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES

Inquiry into the circumstances of two sudden deaths was made recently by the district coroner, Dr. W. F. McMartin.

A well known resident of Calumet, Thos. George Foreman, was found dead at 8.30 o'clock last Thursday evening, Dec. 19th, in a shed at the rear of his residence. About a week previously he had been treated for a heart ailment. To appearances his condition had improved, but on Thursday evening when members of his family missed him for an undue length of time, they went to the shed and found him lying dead on the floor. Mr. Foreman was 63 years of age.

Mrs. John Neill, aged pioneer resident of Louisa and postmistress of that community for over a quarter of a century, died on Sunday morning, Dec. 22nd. An invalid for the past 7½ years, she had been attended by her daughter, with whom she lived on the old homestead. Mrs. Neill was 84 years of age and one of the most widely known residents of the farming country in the north of this county.

The coroner certified death, in both cases, was due to natural causes.

TO EXTEND BROWNSBURG TELEPHONE SERVICE

To provide for growth in the demand for telephone service in Brownsburg, an extension is being made to the dial switching equipment in the local exchange, according to J. J. Morrin, manager of the Bell Telephone Company here.

"Although Brownsburg's dial system was placed in service as recently as February, 1939, growth has been such that an extension to the equipment is already required," Mr. Morrin said. "It is the policy of our company to provide spare equipment well in advance of demand, wherever possible. This extension may be taken as evidence of Brownsburg's continued progress."

Work is now underway and will be completed early in January.

DWELLING HOUSE FIRE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Firemen were summoned to a blaze Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, in the premises of Mrs. Adelard Filion, on Robert Street just east of Bethany. The house was unoccupied at the time, Mrs. Filion having gone to Montreal that day. A fire had been left in the kitchen range, and someone had attended it during Mrs. Filion's absence. An alarm was sent in to the telephone office when neighbors saw smoke issuing from the house. When the fire truck reached the scene the entire kitchen was ablaze and flames were spreading to other rooms downstairs. No difficulty was encountered in subduing the fire, but interior damage and loss of furnishings was estimated at $2,500, on which there is full coverage by insurance.

Grenville Children Start Term In New Consolidated School

Building and Equipment Of Most Modern Design

Following the Christmas and New Year's recess, Protestant children of the Grenville district will return no more to the little red school houses in which they embarked on the sea of elementary learning. They will attend a completely reorganized school in a fine, modern building which, in its design and appointments, is second to none in the province . . . . The Grenville Consolidated School opens next term, and will provide the countryside with facilities of education vastly superior to those prevailing under the former system.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Billings, Inspector of Superior Schools at Quebec, under whose jurisdiction the consolidation of this district was effected, the following history of proceedings and details of the school construction are given.

Outline of Consolidation and Details of School Construction

On June 22nd, 1940, an order-in-council united the Protestant properties of the school municipalities of Grenville No. 1 and Grenville No. 2 and erected them, in accordance with the law, into a separate and distinct municipality under the name of Grenville.

This action was the result of petitions sent to the Government by the Protestant ratepayers of the two municipalities concerned, requesting that the union be authorized for the purpose of erecting a modern consolidated school to accommodate the pupils of the two municipalities.

These petitions were supported by the two school boards of Grenville No. 1 and Grenville No. 2 whose members were, respectively, Commissioners Ross Matthew, Peter Mott, Carl Gauley, Howard Crooks, William Brigden and Trustees S. W. Morrow, Gilbert Arnold, William Bradshaw.

In July, a new school board composed of five ratepayers of the new municipality of Grenville was elected. These Commissioners are: William Brigden, John Prophet, Carl Gauley, Fred H. Renaud, Adam H. Clark. The secretary-treasurer is Mr. Harold Brannan of Calumet, who has worked unceasingly for several years to bring about this advance in education in the District of Grenville. A large measure of credit is also due to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. White of Grenville, the secretary-treasurer and assistant secretary-treasurer of the former Grenville No 2, for their efforts on this behalf.

Early in the summer of 1940, the new school board received blueprints and specifications for a new school from the Department of Education and, in accordance with the law, passed and posted the required resolutions and carried out the other formalities required by law in order to obtain the consent of the ratepayers to borrow money by means of bonds for the purpose of erecting a new four-room, consolidated school on Lot 170 of the Village of Grenville. It was decided to close the rural schools in Districts 7, 8 and 9 and the school in the Village of Grenville and, where necessary, convey to and from school the pupils of these districts.

In August, the contract for a new four-room, consolidated school was given to Alcidas Laurin of Lachute. At the present time, the building and equipment are practically completed.

When this new building is opened, the municipality will have one of the best equipped, most modern, four-room, consolidated schools in the Province of Quebec, capable of accommodating in its four class rooms 140 pupils allowing 20 square feet of floor space per pupil, in accordance with the law. An additional 20 pupils can be accommodated, if necessary, in the library which has an adequate amount of natural and artificial light.

The combined basement, playroom and assembly hall is 64' long, 21' wide and 15' high, with a built in stage 11' x 21'. The floor is of hardwood and the walls and ceiling are covered with modern building board. Here pupils will have facilities for participating in student assemblies, public speaking and dramatic work as well as for the social functions that are a part of the all round training needed by modern youth. On the eastern end of the assembly hall is a fire-proof projection room for the motion picture equipment. On the north side of the basement are large wash-rooms for the boys and the girls, an athletic room with shower and lockers, a large furnace and fuel room and a well-equipped kitchen. It is hoped that the assembly hall will be used by the adult groups of Grenville.

On the ground floor there are two classrooms each 23' x 28' and four cloak rooms equipped with wash-basins, a teachers' room with adjoining wash-room, and a large storage space.

On the first floor are two additional classrooms 23' x 28' and 18' x 28' and a library 17' x 23'. There is also a girls' wash-room and a principal's office. The larger of the classrooms on this floor has a laborstory sink and large work table for science and six large cupboards for storage of scientific apparatus. Adjoining each classroom are two large cloak rooms.

The natural lighting of the school is worthy of attention. All classrooms have excellent natural lighting, the actual window-glass area being more than 20 per cent of the area of the floor in the respective rooms. The light enters each classroom on one side only through a large bank of windows so that the light falls over the left shoulders of the pupils. In this way eye-strain on the part of the pupils is reduced to a minimum. Sloping blackboards have also been installed to remove the glare which is prevalent when blackboards are placed flat against the wall.

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U.S. VISITORS, SEIGNIORY CLUB, GIVE $8,522 FOR RED CROSS SOCIETY

A gift of $8,522 to the Canadian Red Cross Ambulance Fund has been made by the American members of the Seigniory Club, it is announced by officials of the Quebec Division of the Red Cross.

The Seigniory fund was started during the past summer by American members as a gesture to show their appreciation for the hospitality shown them by Canadians, and to indicate their sincere desire to help Canada's war effort. J. C. Kelley, assistant general manager of the Montreal Trust Company, acted as trustee on behalf of the United States members of the club, and received the contributions.

Donations, given anonymously by approximately 50 Americans and their friends, and in sundry collections, were added to the fund until it reached $8,522. It was then decided to present the money to the Canadian Red Cross Ambulance Fund.

From one family alone came a sum sufficient to purchase two ambulances.

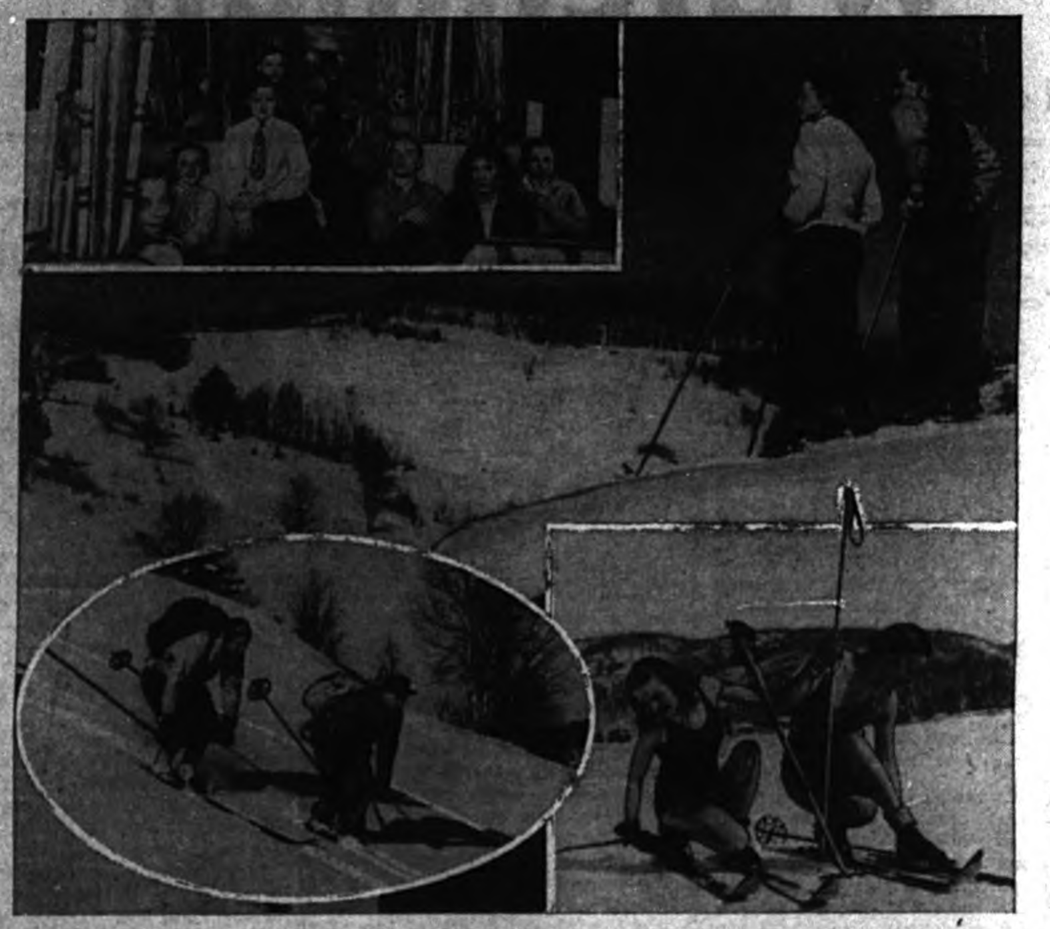
Christmas Cheer By Two Lachute Service Clubs

NEW VENTURE BY LIONS, DINNER FOR KIDDIES

Lachute Auditorium basement on Thursday evening was the scene of a gala gathering for poor kiddies of this town, when the Lions Club played dinner hosts to about 100 youngsters. The fare they provided, including turkey with vegetables, ice cream, drinks, cake, fruit and candies, found a ready reception, and Christmas bags handed out by a genial Santa in an atmosphere of rollicking good cheer, brought a happy sparkle to wide-open eyes. Many underprivileged children, for whom the season might otherwise have brought no merry St. Nicholas, and few good things to eat, received a welcome treat through this effort — to which members of the Lions Club lent themselves in a hearty spirit, thereby gaining a pleasure almost as great as the joy they spread among their guests. The children, both English and French speaking, were from 5 to 14 years of age. They mingled happily together, did justice to the good things set before them, and joined in the fun without shyness or restraint.

The Lachute Hundred Club, meanwhile, followed its annual custom of distributing baskets to needy and deserving families. Around 15 of these well-packed hampers were delivered for Christmas, and were received with a gratitude unfeigned and sincere.

Laurentian Mountains Outstanding Ski-Ground



Eastern Canada's greatest winter playground is a thinly populated stretch of mountainous country north of Montreal which has facilities for ski-ing surpassing anything found east of the Canadian Rockies. This section of the Laurentian Mountains, stretching out for miles on both sides of the Canadian Pacific Railway line between Shawbridge and Labelle, has hills and mountains of all shapes and sizes, well developed facilities for competitive and pleasure ski-ing and accommodation ranging from luxury hotels to modest French-Canadian pensions.

The development of ski-ing as a major winter sport in Canada is synonymous with the Laurentian Mountains' popularity as a winter playground. The growth of winter travel to the Laurentian ski-ground is best shown by rail traffic figures, since highway travel is negligible because of the deep snow. A dozen years ago it was a big week-end if 1,000 people went to the mountains; and few of them were skiers. Last winter the Canadian Pacific Railway took 143,500 skiers to the Laurentians on week-end ski trains. This winter approximately 20 regular and special Canadian Pacific ski trains will take nearly 10,000 skiers to the Laurentians every week-end.

Real reason for the development of the district into Canada's favorite ski-ground, in addition to its nearness to Montreal and its facilities and terrain, is the happy route of the Canadian Pacific Railway through the heart of the mountains. The railway stations are within a few miles of each other all along the line, making cross-country ski-ing a delightful adventure posible in hard or easy stages for skiers of all ages. Then there is sport for skiers of every degree of aptitude because of the varied offerings of wooded and open country, slopes at every imaginable angle, hundreds of miles of marked ski trails up hill and down dale, cleared hills with ski towns to eliminate the climb back, ski jumps and breath taking downhill runs for competitions. Cold, dry air and generous helpings of snow complete a perfect ski picture.

POSTAL DEPT. DEALS WITH CRITICISM ON OVERSEAS MAIL

Following up recent letters respecting difficulties arising in connection with the safe delivery of mail to troops overseas, the Post Office Department cites, as a matter of interest, two cases recently reported.

Case No. 1.

A Lieutenant of a Canadian overseas unit was so incensed at the non-receipt of cigarette parcels that at his own expense he cabled a complaint to Postmaster General Mulock respecting the handling of packages of cigarettes mailed to overseas troops. Immediately upon receipt of the complaint the Postmaster General cabled full particulars to Canadian Military Headquarters, Great Britain, with the request that an immediate and thorough investigation be made. The following is a cabled summary of the admissions made by the Lieutenant expressing his apologies and regrets.

"Lieut ..... of..... Regiment interviewed re non-receipt tobacco shipment by mail. Expresses entire satisfaction with mail service. Personal mail regularly received. Complaint based entirely on idea that he and others should have received greater number cigarette parcels. Has absolutely no evidence to offer in support of his complaint and cannot give details of shipment of parcels for himself or others. Unit handling of mail satisfactory. All parcels being listed before delivery. Delay in investigating due to remote location this officer."

Case No. 2

A newspaper item recently was published in a Canadian paper containing references to thefts from mails by soldier members of the Military Postal Staff. Again the complaint was cabled to Canadian Military Headquarters, Great Britain, and the reply is self-explanatory. The cablegram received from Military Headquarters reads :—

'Article ..... newspaper regarding member Postal Corps absolutely false. Canadian Military Headquarters has no knowledge of charges against members C.A.S.F. for irregular treatment tobacco parcel within unit."

It is stated that the Department is willing to deal with all legitimate enquiries, but is also anxious to avoid ill-considered criticism which only adds to the distress of relatives who are endeavoring to maintain a continuous contact with their boys overseas.

Fooling Fritz

"Theatre of War" is a term which has taken on new meaning, for developments in the art of camouflage bring the principles of stagecraft into play to cover the movement and position of armed men, equipment and material, states Rosa L. Shaw in an interesting article on war camouflage in the December issue of C-I-L Oval.

Color and design are used to change and disguise ordinary appearances, to conceal and dissimulate, with painted scenery and a whole boxful of assorted "props", writes Miss Shaw. What looks like a clump of bushes or trees by the roadside may be a machine gun nest, a heavy artillery emplacement or a hangar sheltering bombers. A grassy mound in a field may be swarming like an anthill with soldiers.

Millions of men now are engaged in the greatest game of deception ever played, wherein paint is used as a protection as effectually as was armour in the days of old, says the article. The dye of his uniform safeguards the soldier by blending him with the landscape, and painted designs shield his artillery, his aircraft, tanks and living quarters from the enemy's eye. These would be an easy mark for the enemy to hit were it not for special types of paint — flat, non-reflecting and concealing. A few splotches, and the thing almost disappears before your eyes. The paint chemist has worked with the camouflage expert to meet the requirements of present-day warfare, and has developed flat paints that haven't a glitter in a gallon, paints that dull the surface and blur the outline.

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PIONEER FARMERS OF NORTH ONTARIO

By W. A. McKenzie

The introduction of farming in a new country follows the routes of transport, which in Quebec and old Ontario were the waterways. In Northern Ontario the Provincial Highway has pushed steadily further into the north-west, and farming has followed it, clinging closely to the trail. Few backroads have been opened except around New Liskeard. The country is vast, and long stretches of bush, swamp and rock separate into isolated communities the still comparatively small farming areas.

In the stretch of 300 miles from New Liskeard to Hearst there are five notable agricultural districts. Some, though limited in extent, form a nucleus for future development on a grander scale. Opening up this new country is a slow process. In clearing the land there is no alternative to burning over the denuded forest left by the bushman as he travelled farther afield. Thus, the rich black organic layer is sacrificed.

There is a drainage problem, too, the proximity of forest and swamp and rather level topography resulting in a high water table in this heavy soil with its almost impermeable subsoil. Surface drainage is the only kind feasible, and some farmers do it ingeniously by making the dead furrow in approximately the same place year after year. The lands thus become higher in the middle and shed the water into the dead furrow which carries it off.

Around New Liskeard is an important agricultural district, comprising an area of nearly 3,850 square miles, known as the little clay belt. The soil produces good crops of grain Red clover seems to grow everywhere in abundance. Much of it is ploughed down in the fall, chiefly because cattle are scarce and for the reason that their care during the long, severe winter would be a burden on the woodsman's family while he follows his vocation farther afield. There are, however, many established farms worked according to the true agricultural tradition. Even fall wheat and potatoes are grown successfully on the more rolling land to the north. Pasture is excellent, and milk brings a good price.

On the rich soils around Cochrane cultivation is aggressive and successful. But even here, mineral deficiencies in the soil are evident, and the use of commercial fertlizers is bringing gratifying results. One example worthy of mention is the experience of George Hackett who on a measured acre of land applied 1200 lbs of 4-8-10 fertilizer and harvested 650 bushels of potatoes, a feat attested by the Agricultural Representative, D. J. Pomerleau, Cochrane.

Further on, at Kapuskasing, noted for its power plant and pulp and paper mill, is a Dominion Experimental Station of 1200 acres, of which 750 are under cultivation. The function of this farm is to study and demonstrate on a practical scale the types of farming best suited to northern conditions. Here cattle are sleek and fat,. and pigs do exceptionally well when given a mineral supplement in their feed. Crop yields are high and response to fertilizers marked.

Almost at the end of the road lies Hearst, 61 miles west of Kapuskasing. At Hearst there is a Provincial demonstration farm in charge of the local Agricultural Representative. A dairy is in operation, and the output of butter is increasing rapidly. Surrounding lumber camps with several thousand inhabitants offer a ready market for more dairy produce and meats than are available from the northern farms. There are Kirkland Lake with its 20,000 and Timmins with its 40,000 people, besides some smaller but growing mining camps.

There are advantages and disadvantages common to all farming districts of the north country. The growing season is short, but the northern day is long, and crop growth is rapid. The winters are severe and varieties of crops somewhat restricted, but so also are plant disease organisms and insect pests. The soils must be supplied with minerals from some outside source. In many there is a lack of both phosphorus and potash, although shortage of phosphorus is more general. They are responsive to fertilizers, the use of which is growing rapidly.

CITY MAN'S DOLLARS TURNING FARMWARD

By G. R. Snyder

The study of history teaches that business, weather, social changes and most other things worldly tend to move in cycles. Today there is a new cycle developing in city and farm relationships. City people are becoming intensely interested in agriculture, and many are buying farms. For a good many years now, wealthy business men have been hobby farming, and then there has always been a good representation of farm-bred men and women in the city, who are still farmers at heart. Today, however, there are new and more dynamic urges behind the buying wave. First, there is the urge for self-preservation, the feeling that a farm represents an investment of real value that financial depressions or bombs cannot completely destroy. It will always furnish work, food and, if necessary, clothing for the family.

Others consider the farm the most economical source of recreation. As one business man stated it, "I spend less money on my farm than I did at my club; my health is better; I don't have to take any sleeping tablets, and at the end of the year I have something to show for my money." Most potent of all forces, however, is that farming has definitely graduated into the scientific class of occupations. What with tractors, chemical fertilizers, chemical sprays, plant hormones, balanced nutrition for the livestock, hybrid corn and rust-resistant grains, there is something to stir the imagination and to stimulate the initiative of every Canadian. All these features and more are shown to the city man in colored movies, sales literature and illustrative photography. He sees the farm in a new light and is keen to try his hand at this most interesting of all occupations.

Nationally, Canada is going to benefit immensely from this movement of city dollars into farm lands. For three generations the movement has been almost entirely the other way. The fertility resources of the soil have formed the foundation pillar of city prosperity. Now, thoroughly educated to the value of science in industry, these new farm owners are applying lime and fertilizers to build up worn-out soils; they are improving their buildings, and in a great many other ways are putting new life into Canada's greatest industry.

STEFANSSON FORESEES ARCTIC AIR LINES

Montreal — In the not too distant future, the Polar regions will be criss-crossed by air lines linking Europe, America and Asia, according to Vilhjalmur Stefansson, noted Canadian explorer of the Arctic, who flew from Edmonton to Montreal by Trans-Canada Air Lines, after a month in Alaska, on his way back to New York. On the year's average, flying conditions in the Arctic are better than those of the North Atlantic, he said.

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"SELF-LIQUIDATING" IMPROVEMENTS

Of special interest to municipal administrators is the interpretation that the Federal authority places on "self-liquidating" improvements, as may be illustrated in the matter of two loans to the City of Montreal. The larger loan is for $136,000 to be used in replacing old-fashioned arc lights on city streets with a modern type of incandescent lamp which uses much less electric current. It is estimated that as much as $50,000 annually can be saved on the city's electric power bill when the new lights are in operation. The second loan is for $22,180 for installation of automatic lights at certain street corners. The saving here will be represented by the wages of policemen now required to direct traffic at these intersections. As these "self-liquidating" Federal loans only bear 2 per cent interest, they are naturally very attractive to municipalities with programmes of much-needed changes but with no funds to pay for them.

BOY SCOUT AIR RAID RELIEF

During a recent Nazi raid over North London several big bombs were dropped. The local Boy Scouts immediately opened their First Aid Post, treated numerous casualties, and distributed mattresses and blankets to those in need. As soon as "All Clear" sounded they began serving hot tea and biscuits to people coming from the shelters. This is part of their planned work. An East End Scout Troop operates a trekcart service for the moving of personal belongings of persons whose homes are destroyed.

EARLY TAXES

Long before the days of the automobile, "wheel carriages" were scarce in Nova Scotia, and those used for pleasure alone were practically unthought of. Persons who did own and use carriages were taxed for the upkeep of the streets, as is shown by the following notice, published in 1769:—

"This is to give notice to all persons having wheel carriages, subject by law to a tax for repairs of the streets, etc., that they do attend at the Excise Office in Halifax, on or before the first Tuesday in February next ensuing between the hours of ten in the forenoon and one in the afternoon; to pay the first half-yearly payment as the law directs — and that all persons refusing or neglecting to pay as above, will have warrants of distress granted against them without further notice.

"Dated at the Excise Office in Halifax, this 19th January, 1769. John Newton and Arch. Hinshelwood, Collectors."

When a citizen accepts a relief check as just as good as a work pay check, he has surrendered his opportunity to reach the front line of economic success. —Exch.

PLUMBERS, HEATING ENGINEERS LOOK FOR BUSY YEAR

It was revealed at the annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating, held in Montreal, that serious attention is being given to the large-scale construction of war-time industrial housing, to accommodate large shifts in population which are contemplated. W. W. Goforth, manager-secretary of the association, stated, "It is probable that at least 10,000 such homes will be built by the Government and rented to working families during 1941."

Mr. Goforth also said that military and air training plans contemplate a steady increase in personnel. He looked for a doubling of the number of trainees by October, 1941, with longer periods of training called for, requiring four times the accommodation now provided in military camps. All this would mean greater activity for the plumbing and heating industry.

YOU'RE WRONG, HAW, HAW !

Lord Haw Haw is, of course, quite wrong when he suggests that Germany has a better housing record than England. In the five years 1934-1938 Nazi Germany built 1,298,919 houses. The output of houses in England and Wales in the five years ended March 31, 1939, was 1,669,941. The population of Germany is about twice that of England and Wales; so when account is taken of population the German rate of production has only been about half that of England and Wales. Moreover, the standard of new accommodation in Germany is definitely lower than our own.

—Municipal Journal, England

ON THE HOME FRONT

We are engaged in a life and death struggle for survival, and every dollar must be conserved for our war effort. We have to meet the challenge of a fiendish enemy, who, when delivering a lightning surprise blow, leers at democracies and taunts us with the gibe that 'it will take us months to act, because we lack the force and will to make decisions quickly.' Let it be our first duty to take up the challenge and at once begin to equip ourselves with the facts we need, build a sound public opinion based on truth and formed by intelligent, honest people, who are able to grasp the world about them; and so equipped we are a match for any dictatorship.

"Adapt or perish"; that is, and always has been, the relentless law of life for all its childdren. Sir Arthur Salters in his last great work says, "We, the free democracies of the world, have the virtues bred and nursed in the pursuits of peace; that is not enough. We need also the sterner virtues — fortitude, dynamic energy, the will to act — and to act together; willing co-operation, and the endurance which is only possible to an instructed people who understand the purpose of their effort and approve it".

—Mrs. James Beilby, Women's Civics League.

LONDON HOSPITALS CARRY ON DESPITE AIR RAID HAVOC

PERFECT ORGANIZATION SAVES CONFUSION; STAFF'S COURAGE INSPIRES PATIENTS

By David Curnock

The bombing of hospitals in Great Britain by the German Air Force is not having the effect which the Nazis would hope. It is not causing terror or confusion. It is putting the London surgeons, doctors, nurses and hospital staffs generally more than ever on their mettle.

A visit to a London hospital which has been bombed, to see the hospital staff at work, to hear the stories of quiet bravery amid raids is something never to be forgotten. This is the story of just one hospital . . .

On the seventh floor, where the bomb fell, the chapel has been destroyed. The beautiful windows are gone, the roof has fallen, the altar is scattered, and the organ shattered.

"But someone has lent us a grand piano," Sister Prior, the assistant matron, told me. "It is surprising what we managed to save. It is wonderful what you can do."

I thought the same as I looked around. It is wonderful what they can do. I noticed that even the splintered wood of the chairs had been repaired with little pieces of sticking plaster. "We don't want people running splinters into their hands and legs," explained Sister Prior with a quiet smile; "There's quite enough trouble as it is."

The Raid Routine

"Only the first three of seven floors are used as wards, so there is ample security, with four reinforced concrete floors above. There are special wards for air raid casualties, and those who have been rendered homeless. We had a number of old married couples, but we couldn't fix them together so they had to be separated until they moved off to the country where they go after a few days rest in the hospital."

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Saving a Life

Here is one story — grim yet inspiring. Outside, the night planes droned overhead. There was a crump of dropping bombs. The first casualty to be brought in was a four-months-old baby. He had been blown from his mother's arms as she hurried to a shelter. She, herself, was uninjured.

"I was down there at the time," said Sister Prior. "The little mite was badly burned . . . and so silent. That's always a bad sign."

Quietly the doctors got to work. They fought to fan a tiny spark of life. The battle went on. The child whimpered. Within fifteen minutes he was crying. A cry of pain, but to that group of white-coated workers the cry meant another life was saved.

TRAINING PERIOD DOES NOT RESTRICT FIELD OF SERVICE

In order to give men who take training under the National Resources Mobilization Act an opportunity to serve where they are best fitted later on, a plan has been adopted which permits transfer of these recruits from infantry to other arms of the service.

Information collected during the period of training is available to determine the special qualifications or aptitude of the recruit, and, on enrolling for his first training period, he is asked to state his preference for service in Naval, Military or Air Forces. On the same form he lists his special qualifications.

This allocation to various arms will be made only after the recruit has been posted to a Reserve infantry unit, not before, but the principle obtains that the transfers shall be made to units of the chosen arm nearest his place of residence. Should it become necessary to call on these men to take part in the defence of Canada, they would naturally fall into place as members of a formed body.

SCOUT TRAINING HELPED ESCAPE OF 50 SOLDIERS

Boy Scout training was in part credited with the escape of fifty British soldiers through 120 miles of woodland into Switzerland. Describing the incident in a letter to his mother, an Inverness Scoutmaster sent this message to his boys :

"Please tell the Scouts to keep the Troop in full swing. My officer is a Scoutmaster. With only a compass and a map, we led 50 men over 100 miles of woodland into Switzerland. How is that for Scout training?"

FOR TROOPS' SAFETY

When bodies of troops march on unlighted roads at night, a red light must be carried at the rear of the column on the off side, (nearest to the centre of the road), so as to be visible to traffic coming from behind.

An institute for treatment of alcoholics at Dwight, Illinois, reports that alcoholism among women has increased 90 per cent since the repeal of Prohibition.



LATE HON. GORDON SCOTT, one of the four Canadian Officials on board the 'Western Prince' when it was torpedoed, who lost his life during rescue operations. Hon. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions and two other executive assistants were saved.

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WINNING THE PEACE

By Madame Pierre Casgrain, Wife of Secretary of State for Canada

"Winning the war is one thing, and winning the peace is another. What do we wish to salvage from the onslaught of dictatorial Germany? Surely not the meaningless brand of democracy which failed to keep us from war — surely not the policies which brought about the invasion of Poland — surely not the false concept of liberty which led us towards a dangerous form of dictatorship — that of excessive money power? Anti-social, anti-human, anti-national procedures do not become acceptable because they bear the seal of a democratic state. But we all know that, unfortunately, these methods were too often allowed to grow and develop in almost every Democracy of the world.

"The greatest error of all would be to condemn democracy itself on these grounds. Democracy has not failed as a form of government. Basically, it is neither obsolete nor inadequate in relation to our present needs. It has not proved inferior to the dictatorial concept of the State.

"The simple truth is, that WE have failed Democracy. While enjoying all individual, and social and national liberties, we forgot a principle as old as the world itself — no privilege is without a duty — no authority without an obligation — no freedom without a responsibility. It is for us to see that a distorted picture of political freedom is not permitted to obliterate from our hearts the ideals of true Democracy."

— Radio speech in series "Let's Face the Facts", Dec. 15th., 1940.

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—Hon. G. Howard Ferguson.

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District News

FROM OUR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

CUSHING WEST

Mr. Billy Watson, of Montreal, was a week-end guest of his aunt, Mrs. Usher, and other friends here.

Miss Dorothy Weir, of Montreal, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. T. Weir.

Miss Helen Whelehan, of Montreal, visited friends here on Monday.

Mrs. C. N. Mattinson has closed her residence and left Sunday evening for Montreal to spend the remainder of the winter with friends there.

Grippe is prevalent in the locality and is putting a slight damper on the Christmas festivities.

Miss Muriel Tait, of No. 2 School, is spending the Christmas vacation at her home in Frelighsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Keatley, of Montreal, are holiday guests of Mr. Keatley's mother, Mrs. W. Usher.

BROWNSBURG

Miss Elizabeth Hutchin was the week-end guest of Miss V. Phillips in Verdun.

Mr. George Prosser, of St. Anne de Bellevue, is visiting with his family.

Miss E. Hanson, of Montreal, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. McGibbon and little son, Wyman, are visiting relatives here.

Miss Rosamond and Mr. S. Pike are spending the holidays with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Pike.

Miss Pauline Cotteral, of Montreal, is the guest of Miss Laura Lonsdale.

Misses Marion Birch and Jean Todd, who are attending the O'Sullivan Business College in Montreal, are home for the holidays.

Miss Mary Hutchin, of Thurso, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hutchin.

You are invited to attend the Watch Night Service which will be held in Maple Avenue Baptist Church on December 31st.

Miss Merle Bourne, nurse in training at the Homoeopathic Hospital, Montreal, was a recent guest at her home here.

Despite war conditions there were many happy family gatherings here on Christmas Day; C-I-L employees enjoyed a 48-hour holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Porter were recent guests of friends in Montreal.

Mr. Bernard Petley is spending the holidays at his home here.

Mrs. E. McLeod and family, of Montreal, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Townsend this week.

CUSHING

Miss Margaret Canning, of Lakefield, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Innes left on Monday to spend a couple of weeks with Dr. and Mrs. McGerrigle at Quebec.

Miss Elsie M. Graham, of Verdun, is spending the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Graham.

Miss D. LeRoy, of St. Andrews East, will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. O. E. LeRoy, for the holiday.

Miss Melba Elliott, of Nova Scotia, is visiting her father, Mr. G. W. Elliott, at present.

Mr. John Douglas, Sr., left on Saturday for Kiosk, where he will be the guest of his son, Mr. Alton Douglas. Later Mr. Douglas will go to Montreal to spend some time with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Heavy.

Mrs. I. H. Fuller and son, Donald, spent several days in Montreal recently.

Mr. and Mrs. James Girling have taken up residence in Lachute Mills, and Mrs. E. Girling with her sister, Mrs. A. McKinnon, of Grece's Point.

WEIR

Miss Lois Horner left on Sunday to spend the holidays at her home in Charteris, Que.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams and daughter, Joan, spent Christmas in Montreal as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geoge Philips.

Mrs. D. Harpin spent a few days in Montreal last week, returning home on Wednesday.

Mrs. A. Latulippe paid a short visit to Danville last week, returning home on Friday with her daughter, Helen, who is attending school there.

David Owen, R.C.A.F., who has been in training at Brandon, Man., has now been transferred to Calgary, Alta.

Mrs. Alex. Williams and sons, Victor and Royce, of Montreal, spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Woods.

Mr. John Owen, of the Theological College, Montreal, and Mr. George Owen, of Walkerton, Ont., are spending the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Owen.

Mr. Ray Smith, of Montreal, spent the week-end visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loudin and daughter, Madeline and Lillian, are spending the holidays in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cowan and the Misses Marguerite and Mildred Cowan, of Montreal, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Larose.

Miss A. Munich is spending a few days in Montreal.

Mrs. E. J. Craig spent a few days in Montreal last week as guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bowle.

Mr. Frank Hurdle, of Montreal, was the week-end guest of Mr. Gordon Beaven.

ST. ANDREWS EAST

Miss Evelyn Wales spent the week-end with her sister, Miss A. L. Wales.

Masters Billy and Bobby Brown are the guests of their grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Ballantyne, for the holidays.

Miss Bessie Rodger, of Montreal West, is visiting her family at Lachute Road for the holiday season.

Miss Elizabeth Wales, of Grand-Mère, Que., is spending the Christmas season with her father, Mr. Chas. Wales.

Miss Margaret Taylor, of La Tuque, Que., is staying with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Calder, for the vacation.

Miss Lois Perks, of Hudson, is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perks.

Gunner Edgar Hooker is at Kingston, Ont., on 20 days' leave.

John DeWitt returned to Ottawa on Sunday, after a three weeks' vacation, divided between his home and Montreal. Bill DeWitt is holidaying at home. Gunners Charles and Roy DeWitt, of Petawawa, are on a six days' leave. George DeWitt, of Montreal, was expected home for Christmas Day.

School closed earlier than usual on account of an epidemic of colds. Classes will be resumed on Jan 7th.

The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious.

—Martin Luther

Two Earth Tremors Within A Week

CONTRIBUTOR RECALLS FORMER EXPERIENCES

(By Our St. Andrews Correspondent)

The year 1940 has added another momentous item to its already crowded chronicles. An earthquake occurred on December 20th somewhere between midnight and dawn. It was as quaky as any we in Canada have experienced. This reporter has been awake and aware of every earthquake except one, which was recorded in the vicinity of Montreal in the past 50 years. During the first one, I was coming down the stairs and felt the bannister shaking, so sat down on a step. Men were mending the chimney and I remember my mother thought they had dropped a hod of bricks. Another time I was at my desk in the old High School, Peel Street (now the Mount Royal Hotel). The teacher remarked that probably a street car had jumped the track at the Windsor Street turn . . . And, believe it or not, we have experienced still another shock at time of writing; this occurred Tuesday morning at 9.45 o'clock.

WEEKLY HEALTH ARTICLE

By DR. HERMAN N. BUNDESEN
President, Chicago Board of Health

CHILD'S TONSILS SHOULD BE REMOVED ONLY IF THEY ENDANGER HEALTH

Dr. A. D. Kaiser, of Rochester, N.Y., is a man who has given many years of careful study to children who have had tonsils removed, and to others who have not had their tonsils removed. What he says about this question is worth careful attention.

During the last thirty years, it is estimated that about half of the children living in cities in the United States have had this operation.

The great decision that must be made about removing or not removing a youngster's tonsils rests upon the conditions which the doctor finds. If the doctor finds that the tonsils are dangerous to the youngster's health and development, he will decide that they should be removed. Once this decision has been made, there is no question as to what should be done about it. The tonsils should be removed.

Large groups of children have been studied by Dr. Kaiser and he found that tonsilitis or inflammation of the tonsils is a common disorder in young children. Almost two-fifths of 4,400 children examined by him had repeated attacks of tonsilitis — at least, two attacks a year — during the first seven years of life. Only a few of these children had their tonsils removed later on.

Over a period of ten years, these 4,400 children were examined at regular intervals to note their development. Those in whom the tonsils were removed were compared with those who did not have the operation. It was noted that children with enlarged tonsils and children whose tonsils were repeatedly inflamed, causing tonsilitis and swelling of the lymph glands in the neck, did not have normal physical development.

Dr. Kaiser believes that in children over four years of age, when the tonsils are repeatedly infected, it is advisable to have them removed. He also believes that in at least half of the cases the removal of the tonsils will bring about material improvement in the child's condition.

Infections such as colds, inflammation of the middle ear and sinus infections may have a bad effect on the child's development. However, it could not be shown that the tonsils are responsible for the above ailments. Thus, removal of the tonsils cannot necessarily be expected to have any influence on these conditions. It also was not possible to show that diseases such as bronchitis, pneumonia and tuberculosis occur less frequently in children who had their tonsils removed than in those who did not. So from the studies made by Dr. Kaiser, it does not seem probable that the tonsils are responsible for lung infections.

Rheumatic fever and kidney inflammation are also disorders which may handicap the child's development. However, it was found that the tonsils do not play as important a part in producing these diseases as was formerly thought. On the other hand, removal of the tonsils seemed to reduce the number of throat infections, and repeated throat infections do have a bad effect on heart disease and kidney inflammation.

From these studies it can be seen that it is advisable that the child be carefully examined and observed for a number of months to find out whether or not the tonsils really are having a bad effect on his health and progress. If the child does not have any of the disorders which have been shown to be caused by enlarged and infected tonsils, there does not seem to be any good reason for removal of the tonsils. Of course, if the tonsils become repeatedly infected, such infections may endanger the child's health and, hence they should be removed.

IN THE OVERSEAS MAIL

HUMORS AND TRAGEDIES ON THE BATTLE-FRONT OF BRITAIN.

Extracts from Old Country Letters.

Readers are invited to send items regarding conditions in Great Britain, gleaned from letters written by their friends or relatives. Names will be withheld, as desired. This feature will appear whenever there is sufficient material from reliable sources to warrant its publication.

From a letter to the Rev. W. C. LeCras, Lachute, written by Stephen May, Gunner with the R.C.A., "somewhere in England" . . . .

I wish you would convey my thanks to members of the Lions Club who so kindly sent me the parcel of one thousand cigarettes. I believe that a similar parcel was sent to each local boy serving in the Canadian Forces over here, and I feel sure that each recipient appreciates your kind remembrance as much as I do.

The arrival of cigarettes is always a red letter day in our lives and I think they run a close second to letters in popularity.

The war continues in the usual way from day to day, and Jerry flies over us by night and day en route to London, which of course is taking the brunt of the storm.

The courage and spirit of the Londoners is absolutely marvellous. They remind me very much of those toys that never tip over. Knock them down and they come right back smiling for another dose. As long as Hitler fails to break that spirit which pervades not only in London but in all Englishmen, there'll always be an England.

From Milo M. Thompson, writing for the Associated Press :

I have heard it said of sailors in a storm at sea that all is well while they are shouting and swearing; one can begin to despair when they they are hushed in prayer alone.

The British grumble . . . Typical is an incident with a taxicab driver the other day. I listened to his plaints for blocks and blocks — the detours around closed streets — holes in the road — petrol rationing — damage from falling fragments —irregular meals—damaged home —nights in badly ventilated shelters.

"But," said I, "it is something one has to stand or give in."

He stiffened and grew stern. He drew up the car and said :

"Ye haven't pyed me and I myent get a tip but I have to say ye're a lousy ———."

"And why?" said I.

"For even suggesting the possibility of giving in."

"You were doing the complaining," I reminded him.

"'Twas just my way of talking," said he.

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MRS. JOHN NEILL DIES AT 82 YEARS OF AGE

BORN IN LAKEFIELD OF IRISH PARENTAGE

A landmark among the pioneering souls who grew up with the development of this county from its earliest days, is removed this week with the passing of Mrs. John Neill, of Louisa. An invalid for over seven years, Mrs. Neill had lived with her daughter, Christina, at the old home where her husband predeceased her eleven years ago, on March 16, 1929 . . . Mrs. Neill died on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at the advanced age of 82.

She was born at Lakefield, in this county, on March 31st, 1858, the daughter of Irish parents, John Smith and Ellen Rogers, both of families who had pioneered the Lakefield district. Jane Smith was married on January 14, 1885, to John Neill, of Louisa, and together they occupied the farm home near the church in that little community, also conducting the post office and driving the mail. For 28 years they performed these duties, Mrs. Neill being well known to the surrounding countryfolk as she drove the mail by express and cutter in all weathers and conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill attended the St. Aidan's Anglican Church, where last tributes were paid on Tuesday at her funeral, conducted by the rector, Rev. C. W. P. Baugh. There was a large gathering present, and her remains were buried in the cemetery adjoining the church. Pall-bearers were—Ross Neill, Jack Neill, Andrew Neill, Frank Rowe, Stanley Holt and Gordon Cruise.

Mrs. Neill is survived by her two sons and three daughters — George, of Lachute, Henry, of the Seigniory; Mrs. David Rowe, of Lachute, Ellen Neill, of Montreal; and Christina Neill, at home, who had attended her mother during the long infirmity preceding her death.

Former St. Mungo's Pastor Suffers Bereavement

LATE MRS. J. W. McLEAN

Cushing W. — The people of this community were grieved to learn on Saturday last of the passing of Mrs. (Rev.) J. W. McLean, at Breckenridge, Que. Mr. McLean was pastor at St. Mungo's congregation here from 1929 to 1938, when he left for the charge at Breckenridge. Both he and his wife were highly esteemed in the community.

The funeral service was held in Ottawa on Monday and among the many who attended were the following from this vicinity — Capt. and Mrs. T. W. Weir and Miss Dorothy Weir, Mr. and Mrs. J. Canning and Mrs. John Douglas, also Messrs. C. J. Hartley and Vincent Elliott.

Interment was at Kirkhill, Ont., where Mr. McLean was pastor for a number of years.

Harrington Lady Dies

The death occurred in Montreal this week of Mrs. Louis Bennett, a resident of Harrington, at the age of 64. Formerly Miss Sarah Campbell, she was born in Harrington, a daughter of the late R. T. Campbell and his wife, Sarah Ann Fox. She had resided in the district practically all her life.

Surviving besides her husband are six sons, five daughters, four sisters and three brothers.

Former Townsman Honored

A former Lachute townsman, Notary Henri Rodrigue, son of Dr. A. Rodrigue, has been slated by acclamation as alderman for District 11 in Montreal's new council set-up. Mr. Rodrigue, who has been practising the notarial profession in Montreal for the past 13 years, was feted last week by citizens of Ahuntsic and Villeray, who tendered a banquet in honor of his acclamation. Friends in Lachute join in these felicitations.

Generous Gift

One hundred employees of the International Petroleum Company of Talara, Peru, recently contributed $10 each, a total of $1,000, which was forwarded to the Minister of National Defence, Ottawa, for the puchase of cigarettes for N.C.O's and men of the Canadian Army overseas, where distribution will be looked after by the Senior Officer Auxiliary Services.

Laurentian Group Formed To Maintain Highway

Formation of a Laurentian Winter Roads Association for the purpose of maintaining the highway between St. Jerome and St. Jovite Airport is announced by K. W. Harrison, president of the Laurentian Winter Roads Association. In a statement to the press, he says: "A non-profit organization has been formed, under the name of the Laurentian Winter Roads Association, to maintain the highway between St. Jerome and St. Jovite Airport. Joseph Ryan is maintaining the road between the Airport and Lac Tremblant.

"With a snow-removal grant promised by the Government and subscriptions from those interested mounting daily, we expect to be in a position by January first to purchase the latest snow fighting machine. This unit, called the Walter Snow Fighter, will cost $13,005 net. With this equipment and a couple of smaller auxiliary ploughs which are already operating in the district, we do not anticipate having any trouble in maintaining this highway to its full width.

"We are led to believe by promises and cash we have received to date that it will not be necessary to have a toll gate on this road.

"With the opening of the airport at St. Jovite on December 26 with two flights daily from New York, skiers will be able to leave New York and within three hours and a half be skiing on their favorite terrain in the Laurentians."

Social and Personal

Mr. Earl Stone, of Ile Bizard, spent the holiday with friends in Lachute and Rawcliffe.

Lieut. Leslie Morris, of Valcartier, spent the Christmas holidays at his home in town.

Misses Dorothy and Irene McFaul, or Arntfield, are at their home in town during the holidays.

Mr. Douglas Hay, of the R.C.A.F., St. Thomas, spent Christmas Day with his mother, Mrs. Jas Hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tomalty, of Lakefield, are visiting their son, Mr. Robert Tomalty and Mrs. Tomalty, in Hamilton, Ont.

Mr. Lloyd Graham, of Shawinigan Falls, and Miss Margaret Graham, of Montreal, spent Christmas with their mother in town.

Mr. Albert Winmill, of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Winmill.

Miss Dorothy McFarlane, of Danville, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. McFarlane, at Hill Head.

Mrs. John Hope, Mrs. J. Griffith, of Lachute, and Dr. and Mrs. John Hope, of Siscoe, spent Christmas Day with Dr. and Mrs. T. Fisher in Ottawa.

Miss Agnes McMahon, of LaTuque, and Miss Grace McMahon, of Thurso, are spending their holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. McMahon.

Miss Willow Lavery, of Montreal, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. K. McArthur and Mr. McArthur, for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Lorne McArthur and daughters, the Misses Lorna and Mavis, of Ottawa, were their guests for Christmas.

Miss Freda Parker, of Thurso, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Parker, for the holidays.

Miss Anne Lessard visited her mother in Quebec City over the Christmas holiday.

Mr. Gerald Hammond, of the R. C. A. F., Toronto, spent the holiday at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Robertson, of Tetreaultville, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Giles.

Miss Juliette Rodrigue entertained her junior pupils at a concert at her home on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blute, of Montreal, spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster, of Waterville, Que., were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth McFaul and Mr. McFaul, for the Christmas holiday.

Lieut. Stuart Jones and Mrs. Jones and daughter, Heather, of Quebec City, spent the holiday with friends in Lachute and Brownsburg — Mrs. Jones and daughter remaining for a few weeks.

Silver Wedding Celebrated At Brownsburg

Brownsburg — Mr. and Mrs. George Creswell were pleasantly surprised on Saturday evening, Dec. 21st, when a large number of their friends gathered in the Maple Avenue Baptist Church to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. As the happy couple arrived they were ushered to the front of the church to the strains of the Lohengrin Bridal Chorus, played by Mrs. N. E. Smillie.

Mrs. A. Kennedy presented Mrs Creswell with a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the Ladies' Aid in appreciation of her loyalty and support to this organization.

The Rev. J. R. Simpson then presented Mr. and Mrs. Creswell with a gift of money and a cabinet of silver flatware on behalf of the friends present.

The recipients spoke words of thanks for the kindness shown to them. Mrs. F. Barker sang a solo, "O Perfect Love," which had been sung at the wedding 25 years ago by the late Mrs. J. A. Lackey. Mr. G. Anderson then entertained by playing his piano accordian, in his usual effective manner, after which a song service was enjoyed and refreshments served. The happy time was brought to a close by singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Congratulations were received from Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Jones of West Medway, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. N. Blair of Saskatoon, Sask., also from a host of other friends.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Births, Marriages, Deaths, In Memoriam, etc., 50 cents each insertion . . 5c a line extra for verses accompanying In Memoriam.

DEATH

RALPH — At his residence, Pointe au Chene, on Saturday, Dec. 21st, Charles Ralph, husband of Eva M. Eaves.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

RALPH — Mrs. Ralph and family extend sincere thanks to their friends for beautiful floral tributes and expressions of sympathy received in their recent bereavement; also to the Rev. W. LeCras and to Mr. Morrow for their considerate services, and to the pupils of Avoca School for their gracious expression of love and sympathy.

IN MEMORIAM

MORRISON — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Thomas Barron Morrison, who passed away Dec. 29th, 1936. — Ever remembered by his wife and family.

RIDEOUT — In loving memory of our dear daughter Mrs. Arthur Rideout, who passed away Dec. 24, 1937. — Ever remembered by her mother and father (Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Young), sisters and brothers, husband and little son.

Three years have passed
Since that sad day
The one we loved
Was taken away;
Sweet are the memories
That never fade,
Of the daughter we loved,
But could not save.



FREED LAVAL

Otto Aebtz, German Envoy in France, did not take long to order the release of Pierre Laval when the German Government learned that the pro-German French politician had been dropped from the Vichy Government. The Nazi envoy took Laval to Paris.

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Among the Churches

IN CHURCH

"God comfort those who suffer in this war," the parson prayed.
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Deep in my foolish heart I asked, "How much does God take heed?
Thousands of hearts are broken and a million people bleed!"

And as I sat remembering only such things as these —
The victims of the devil's work were rescued from the seas;
A thousand nurses stooped to ease a thousand soldiers' pain;
A hundred Spitfire pilots rose to clear the skies again;
Many a foster mother kissed some little orphaned child;
Smoke-blackened firemen fought huge fires with spirits undefiled;
Ten million willing, outstretched hands fed homeless, hungry folk;
A tired crowd underground laughed at a wounded actor's joke;
White helmeted young doctors braved a screaming shower of death,
Binding up hurts, speaking kind words, restoring failing breath.
"Oh thou of little faith," He said,
And humbled, deep I bowed my head.

—Joan Frances Austen.

Sunday Services

MARGARET RODGER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Orsborn
10 a.m.—Sabbath School
11 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"The Makers of Peace".
3 p.m.—Brownsburg
7 p.m. Evening Worship.
"What Shall I Do with Jesus?"

REGULAR RAPTIST
Rev. C. Hardie
Brownsburg, 11 a.m.
2.30 p.m. Dalesville.

LACHUTE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. B. Rosborough, B.A., B.D.
10 a.m., Sabbath School.
11 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"Daily Strength for Daily Needs."
7 p.m., Evening Service.
"Happiness in the New Year."
2.30 p.m.—East Settlement.
A cordial welcome to all!

BROWNSBURG UNITED CHURCH
Rev. S. J. Pike, Minister
10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m., New Year Service.
7 p.m., Brownsburg Boys' Band in attendance.
Tuesday, 11.15 p.m., Watch Night Service.

LACHUTE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, H. Charlton
11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Services.
8 p.m. Wed.,—Prayer Meeting.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST
Rev. J. R. Simpson, B.A., B.Th.
10 a.m., Sunday School.
7.30 p.m., "A Worthy Resolve."
Watch Night Service, Tuesday, Dec. 31st, at 11 p.m.

LAKEFIELD SERVICES
Rev. C. W. P. Baugh, Rector
11 a.m., Lakefield.
2.30 p.m., Shrewsbury.
7 p.m., Dunany.
11 p.m., Dec. 31st, Watch Night Service at Lakefield.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon to be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist throughout the world on Sunday December 29th.

The Golden Text is from Matthew 13.33. "The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day." (Psalm 25:5).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passages from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "In the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and named my discovery Christian Science . . . I know the Principle of all harmonious Mind-action to be God, and that cures were produced in primitive Christian healing by holy, uplifting faith; but I must know the Science of this healing, and I won my way to absolute conclusions through divine revelation, reason and demonstration."
(pp. 107, 109).

BROWNSBURG UNITED CHURCH

Brownsburg — Canadian Girls In Training held their usual Annual Vesper, candle lighting service, in the United Church last Sunday evening and the large attendance was another evidence of their efficiency and popularity. The group, under the leadership of Miss S. Lupien took charge of the service throughout, presenting the Christmas spirit in song and story. Next Sunday evening the Brownsburg Boys' Band will be in attendance and furnish the music for the occasion.



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The Shoe Menders

Short Story by MARY A. CATTON

His stooped form is statue-like in its tenseness as he sits and plies his needles, one in each hand, from side to side of the sole he is mending. Putting on another double for the coureur de bois, who must have them heavy; or, for the romping, blue-eyed girl with rosy cheeks, who loves the out-of-doors and wears through more shoes than her parents are able to afford perhaps: tramping, tramping, through the country, playing golf, or tennis, or baseball in the summertime, or skiing or skating in the wintertime. Shoes cost money, Havelock calculates; and her people perhaps are not any too well off, he thinks, as he watches this one who has just thrown in another pair to be mended, jump into her car and whirling away. She doesn't always pay for the mending when she comes for the shoes; yet she looks stylish enough, too, he concludes. It is the way of life today.

But why should the mender care? It is the way he makes his living, and it pays to be pleasant and patient. The mender is young; and he probably has his dreams, like other young men of his age. He should have nothing to worry about. After all he is only a shoe-mender, and his niche in life is an obscure one . . . But, he thinks, how different it would be if the world knew all. If they knew about the big secret. How gigantic he would appear all at once, to this world of importance in which he counts for so little. . . .

Usually the shoe-mender knows his patrons better than they know him; and it is just as well in this case, particularly, "Have" thinks. He knows who they are — by reading the social news regularly — and sometimes by instinct. In fact, the mender studies the big world for which he works — and works only, for he has no other connection with it. His niche is a small one, surely, but it gives him a good perspective. His outlook is much on the plan of a telescope. With the small end near, he sees through to a lot more than may be supposed. For his own sake this is important also. He sometimes makes bold enough to ask a few casual questions of those who go in with another and another pair of soles to be mended. He particularly likes to find out about strangers. His reason is a very special one; not one of mere curiosity but rather of deep meaning to his peace of mind.

"Havelock Smith" is the name he goes by. "Have" for short. This his ingenious mind had invented: "Have", meaning to have, and "lock", meaning secret. That which he has is his, and safely locked away. Something one would expect of a boy's way of thinking. And the name "Smith", being a commonplace one, renders it that much more obscure, Have had reasoned; and well enough for a boy.

To the looker-on, the face of the young mender is deeply earnest in repose, but brilliantly alert whenever he is approached unexpectedly. He is a handsome youth, on the whole. He sits for hours at a time beside his little bench in the back room of his modest shop. He handles the awl and the needles deftly. His poise is characteristic of the trade. His face is usually smudgy, and seldom, if ever, clean shaven. This is a special consideration, of course. But this precaution does not hide his handsome brown eyes with the glow of sunny Italie in them, and the tendrils of the grape-vine, and the dance of the Tarantella, and the music of the Stradivarius, and the blue of the sky and mountains that are typical of his beloved country.

This work, by which the mender makes his living, does not require of him any special consideration as to style of dress or grooming, Have knows. Nevertheless, he has some temptations, for he is young, good looking, warm blooded, and like other boys of his age inclined to feel his oats. This is to be expected. Their shoes, their hats, the hang of their clothes, and color of their ties, give them automatic concern, for they are all due to the primitive promptings of the normal animal. Yet when on the street, Have wears his peaked cap well down over his face. This, too, is to hide the scar on his forehead.

Havelock is now a young man, having finished his apprenticeship; and with some money he has saved, he has bought out the shop with all its equipment from his boss, Tony Martino. Tony has been good to him because he likes him, and gives him all the encouragement of a father. Tony reasons that, as it has been with him, so will it be with Havelock in the business of earning a living in this little shop; that is, so long as he is willing to endure it. It was hard for himself, but then, there was that secret that might have had a disqualifying effect under other circumstances. Most individuals, Tony thinks, have besetments with interruptions that may be of only minor importance, of course; but others again may be of extraordinary importance. And his is of special significance, he knows only too well. There is an indefiniteness about it.

At this moment Tony is sitting in deep abstraction, hoping that Havelock will be able to make good just as he himself had been able to do. He would like to see him earning a goodly income on which he would be able to keep a little family, for Have eventually and naturally, will want to have a wife and family. It is time for him to be thinking of romance. Tony loves Havelock as he would a son, and often wonders what it is he sees in his face that seems to tell him something he should know about.

Though living together and working side by side for years, Tony has never for a moment suspected that Havelock, too, may have a secret of his own, any more than Havelock suspects that Tony has a secret which he is hiding. Things of importance that might have a way of disturbing their apparently peaceful existence. But Tony and Havelock go on from day to day, meeting and exchanging greetings of good fellowship, and ideas on this and that, in a commonplace way, each believing that he is going to keep forever, hidden behind the locked door of himself, that one extraordinary secret; unless, perchance, exposure comes through someone else.

Tony, by twenty-one years the older of the two, is sitting in the old canvas chair where it has stood for years beside the small box-stove in the corner of the tiny shop. Even yet he is in the habit of sitting in it every day for a while. In and out he comes, as if the shop were still his own. This is his place beside the boy, he thinks; and where he can sit and smoke and dream as he likes. Just now he is staring at Havelock, as if he were telling him that he held his death warrant in his hand. The old clay pipe is dangling from his mouth, turned upside down and dead out. The fire in the stove is also dead out; but Tony is all unheeding as he listens to Havelock telling of an experience he had had just before coming to this country. "My poor unhappy mother," Havelock finished the story by saying, "never ceased to grieve over the sudden disappearance of my father, whom she loved dearly. Benedetto Maggiore was a student in the great University, and mother was attending an exclusive school for ladies, in Napoli, when they met and fell in love."

Havelock paused; what was this he was saying? Had he lost his senses? Tony's eyes — they were staring at him as if they were poised daggers ready to strike an enemy . . . "Tony's eyes look just as my own would look," thought Have, "were someone accusing me of my guilt." He heard Tony asking, "Did your mother marry the man she loved?" This was the first time that Havelock had ever heard that tone of command in Tony's voice. "Tell me, Havelock! I must know — I want to know at once — please!" His pipe dropped to the floor unnoticed, and shattered. Of what importance was a pipe in moments like these! He was back again in his beloved home and holding the hand of his Marietta while they sat together in the pretty grape-arbor in her father's garden. It was then and there that he first discovered he had a riyal, Romeo Ritza. He had seen it in Romeo's eyes.

"Si, padre," he heard Havelock answer, "my mother loved my father dearly, and was most unhappy when he never returned." This answer from Havelock brought Tony back to where he was — back from those bypaths of both sweet and bitter memories.

Suddenly, Havelock realized the mistake he had made. His name "Smith" was not "Maggiore." No wonder Tony stared, and went off into deep thought, after asking those questions — which, no doubt, he felt called upon to ask out of sympathy. Have reasoned, "I shall have to think up some excuse for changing my name; — a love affair will do," he has decided, when he hears Tony asking, "Then, who are you?" The decisiveness of the question was not to be ignored.

"Tony has been as a kind father to me, and I am going to trust my secret to him," decided Havelock. "My name is 'Luigi Maggiore,' Padre Martino, and I trust you to keep the secret for me." Tony did not miss the appeal in the young man's voice.

"My boy . . . my own son, and hers, to be sure! Holy Mother what has he done to change his name and come so far from home! Can it be that he is looking for — his father?" Tony asks of the silence.

Tony trembles as he has never trembled before — not even at that time, that terrible moment of his lifetime. "My son, my Luigi, if I only dared tell you!" his soul cries to itself. He feels as if glued to the old chair, and sick. His emotions that had through years of thinking become quiescent, were again, after all these years, stirred to boiling point as in a cauldron. If it could be true that Marietta loved him and him only, as Luigi has just told him, he could die happy and confessed. "How can I manage to have him tell me more? Of her I must hear more. But it would seem rude for me to ask further questions — unless I tell him all . . .

Havelock had stepped into the outer room to attend to a customer. He did so mechanically, for he felt overcome with the reaction of what had taken place between Tony and himself. After all, it shouldn't matter so much, Havelock thought, if I told him everything. "Somehow Tony makes me think of my father, as well as I can remember him from photographs mother has shown me . . .

"Do you write to your mother often, Havelock?" Tony ventured timidly. "My boy, you will forgive me asking, but as you must know I like to have news from our beloved homeland." Tony excused himself.

"No, Padre Martino, I never write to my mother, nor she to me. I promised my mother that sometime I would send her word. I get homesick sometimes, and have to try hard not to write. Five years, Padre, is a long time away."

Together they sat in the dim light of the little back room of the shop, talking. Finally Havelock moved near to Tony, and whispered: "Padre, mio, I would like to confide in you a great secret. It would do me good to have you know, and it would relieve me to share it; would you mind?"

"Tell me, my boy, whatever you wish, for I am—" Another customer interrupted. While Havelock was out attending to the customer, Tony decided that he would insist on telling Havelock his secret first. "Whatever his secret may be, it must be simple compared to mine" he thought, "and then it will be easier for him to tell his, after he knows what I have to tell him. Luigi, my own son . . . But what will he think of his father when he knows he is a murderer! . . . "

Impulsively Tony went forward to meet Havelock. He encircled him with his arms. "Luigi, my son, for that is who you are . . . And I, Tony Martino, am your father, Benedetto Maggiore. I, it was, who slew with my stiletto — the man who would have desecrated the love of your parents had I not killed him — or so I believed!"

The old clock in the corner ticked, as it had been doing for all the years of Tony's time as an exile in this little corner of the world. On the stove stood the old tin teakettle that had been a part of Tony's life as long a time as the clock that seemed to speak of the passing of time, and of all those lost years that had passed over.

"But, father, you didn't kill him. He recovered, and then I killed him!"

"Non, non, son mio, you did not kill him. — Holy Mother, no! I did it myself; the stiletto went through his heart, I say!"

"But, for a certainty, Padre, he recovered, and never ceased persecuting my mother. She hated him, but was afraid of him, thinking he would inform on you, Padre mio. It was your son, Padre, who killed the demon at last."

Together, they ate a cold supper of bread, spaghetti, and boiled fish. They needed little nourishment. They were sharing their secrets together. They blew out the little light, locked the door of the shop and went to their apartment, which was a small two-roomed affair, and shabbily furnished.

Eventually a telegram was sent to Marietta: "Come, we are waiting. B. & L."

Thus, secrets concealed by the many ghosts that carry them, swarm along the highways, and on every threshold of our little lives — some of them of small consequence, but some of just as great consequence as these that belonged to Havelock and Tony, the shoe-menders.

THE END

Canadian Ford War Machines in Action



TO find conditions severe enough to test the full capabilities of army vehicles built in the Canadian Ford plant was difficult. However, a large sand pit was located comprised of hills, holes and deep soft sand. This appeared to be an impossible place to drive heavy gun tractors and army trucks but the impossible is all in the day's work for these machines. An artillery tractor, which replaces horses for hauling guns on the battlefield, is shown negotiating some of the tougher spots in the sand pit. Equipped with four-wheel drive these tractors can go almost any place. The top photo shows the tractor climbing a steep hill. On the left it is shown pulling in and out of a deep sand hole. These rugged vehicles are one of the many types of mechanical transport manufactured in the great Ford plant at Windsor, Ontario. The Canadian Ford Company has supplied more than 50,000 vehicles for military purposes to the armies of Canada, Great Britain and other Empire countries and has become the Empire's largest single source of this essential military equipment. In addition to its war work the company is continuing production of civilian Ford and Mercury cars and Ford trucks.

Ladies, Be Thoughtful; Remove Hats in Theatre

By Mrs. Cornelius Beeckman, Authority on Good Manners

Many people in many walks and stations of life are joining the crusade against the unmitigated selfishness of the girls and women who keep their hats on in movie houses and theatres.

One of the latest complainants is Arthur Guiterman, well-known poet, who expressed his dislike for this type of discourtesy in a lilting poem called "From Behind a Feather." Mr. Guiterman concluded his plaint with a plea for the offending females to doff their headwear reasonably.

Apparently he wonders about the mental processes (if any) of these completely inconsiderate girls and women. They look and act so smug in their own comfort. Not a thought in the world for anyone else's comfort or view. How can they, one wonders, be so shamelessly unheeding of anyone else?

There sit the exasperatingly placid assorted feminity with hats trimmed with bows and veils and other whatnots sticking up and sticking out, devil directed to obstruct our view. Patient customers directly behind the altitudinous creations zigzag their heads as the annoying trimming zigzags. This means that customers in all the rows behind have to do some fancy zigzagging to be able to see even a bit of what's happening on the screen or stage.

The movie hat-pest is a pattern of a thoroughly disagreeable and unpleasant person.

What about you, lady, and you, and you? Do you keep on your hat in the movies, oblivious to the other person's comfort? Ever hear of the Golden Rule?

The best observation I've heard lately about this maddening habit was made by a man sitting near me the other evening in the movies. He'd had a difficult time trying to see the movie behind a queenie with a bird on her hat. Said he, tartly, to his companion, "That girl in front of me has as little sense and feeling as the bird on her hat!"

Take off your hat in the movies or theatre. See and let see!

Give a crippled person or an elderly person the right of way on the street or on a street car or bus. And make the way for him or her as easy and comfortable as possible.

Glace Nuts

2 cups sugar, 1 cup boiling water, ⅛ teaspoon cream of tartar.

Put ingredients in a saucepan and stir until melted. Boil without stirring until the syrup begins to discolor, about 310 degrees. Wash off sugar which sticks to the side of the pan as in fondant. Remove the sauce-pan from the fire and stand in a large pan of cold water to stop boiling instantly. Remove from the cold water and stand in a pan of hot water during dipping. Dip the nuts separately on a long pin, dip in syrup to cover, remove from the syrup and place on oiled paper.

Raw Food Craze

The raw-food craze is a form of the roughage fad. The average, normal individual may well eat some raw food daily. But in spite of occasional "freak" cases, the use of an exclusively raw-food diet is not conducive to the best state of nutrition. Many foods are more completely and easily absorbed if cooked. Vegetables are not only made more appetizing by cooking, but what is still more important, the starch cells under the influence of heat burst and permit the digestive juices to reach the contained starch.

The words of the wise man, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose," may well be applied to the use of foods. There is a place in the diet for concentrated foods as well as for moderate amounts of roughage. Difficulties result from the overuse of either.

Salad Dressing

A good salad dressing for cabbage or fresh salad greens can be quickly made by mixing powdered sugar in sour cream, with vinegar added to taste.

The lengths to which bootleggers will go in pursuing their chosen "craft" is shown in the evidence given in a recent case in Montreal. The police discovered a still in which perfume was being distilled for alcohol. The ten men implicated were accused of defrauding the Government of $50,000.

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THE WOMAN'S PAGE

HINTS FOR HOMEBODIES

By JESSIE ALLEN BROWN
Specially written for Readers of The Watchman.

The day after Christmas is one of the pleasantest days of the year and the English have the good sense to make it a holiday. The excitement is over and we are relaxed. The children have enough to do using all their new things, to keep them happy, and there is plenty of food left over so that cooking is no problem. Sometimes I think the pickings are even pleasanter than the dinner itself. The Christmas wrappings have been tidied up and probably the vacuum cleaner has been given a quick turn. The Christmas tree has not started to drop its needles and we have time to look at our cards properly. The first quick glance has not done much more than let us see from whom they have come and Christmas cards are one of the very nicest parts of Christmas. We all have friends, even old and true friends, from whom we hear only once in the year. If the children are a bit cranky from too late hours, too much excitement, and too rich food, read to them from one of their books, give them simple food, and tuck them into bed an hour early.

Yesterday I helped at a greening. Now that is a brand new word to me, but it means making Christmas greens. They spoke of a greening for the Church, and a greening for the sale of work. The Maritimes are very prodigal with their greens. Window boxes are filled with evergreens for the winter. Small evergreens are stuck in the ground around the houses, not planted, but just stuck in the ground and discarded when Spring comes. The markets are full of evergreen wreaths and decorations. There is so much bush that this lavish use of evergreens does not seem to matter. We worked from nine in the morning until six in the evening and we made over sixty wreaths. Now that I have learned how, I made them for our own house, with perky bows of red oilcloth for the outside ones.

THE NEGATIVE REPLY

"During holiday time, when the children are home, let us see how few times we say "no" to their requests. So often we say it automatically, without giving any thought, and then we realize that there was no real reason for saying it. Sometimes we st ck to it and feel a bit guilty; again, we give in and thus weaken discipline. Instead of the negative reply let us say we will think it over for a minute, then we can give a considered reply, and having said no, and meaning it, we can stick to it. A coaxing child is a plague but the child is not to blame as he has found by experience they can weaken our resistance. It is a sad thing and a bit humiliating to find that many of our children's faults are due to their parents' mistakes.

TOO ADVANCED TOYS

One of the greatest mistakes in buying toys is to buy them for the wrong age. We give boys electric trains when they are too young and are only ready for mechanical ones. We give them wind-up trains when they should be having wooden ones pulled by a string. Pre-school children very often get toys which are beyond them and which exasperate them into fits of temper. If your children have any toys that are too advanced quietly put them away until a later date, and save wear and tear on tempers. If Santa Claus has brought a super-abundance it is a good idea to put some of them out of sight for awhile, after the novelty has worn off, then later on they will be more appreciated.

TOASTED MUSHROOM ROLLS

Cut up a pound of mushrooms into fairly small pieces and cook in the frying pan in a little butter or bacon dripping until gently browned and cooked through. Sprinkle a tablespoon of flour over them and stir, then add a half-cupful of milk, slowly, and stir until thickened. Season with salt and pepper. Let cool. Remove the crusts from fresh bread, butter and spread each slice with the mushroom mixture. Roll and fasten with a tooth-pick. Put in a hot oven and bake until browned. These are very tasty and may be made ahead of time, kept covered, and popped into the oven at the last moment.

ORANGE FLUFF

Soak eight marshmallows, cut in little pieces, in one cup of orange juice and pulp. When soft, grate the rind of a half-orange into the mixture and fold in a cup of cream, whipped. Let it stand in the tray of the electric refrigerator until stiff.

CODDLED APPLES

5 apples, 2 cups water, 1 cup sugar, dash of cinnamon.

Make a syrup of the water and sugar and let it boil rapidly while preparing the apples. Pare and core the apples and cut into eights. Drop into the boiling syrup and cook gently until tender and transparent but not broken. Pour into a serving dish and shake a dash of cinnamon over the top. Chill well before serving. If you have not cooked apples in this manner, do try it, as it is a welcome change from applesauce. I like to add these apples, cubed, to a fruit salad.

PERSONAL PROBLEMS

By Anne Thomson

Every child hates a tattle-tale. Tattle-tales cause trouble amongst the "gang"; they start fights where there was peace before; they break up the games and fun by their little running chant, "I'm going to tell on you, I'm going to tell on you," Most parents try to break their children of talebearing, before they reach any great age, but the strange part of it is, most parents are confirmed talebearers!

Take little Anne Jones, a bride of last June. Whenever she has a quarrel with Johnny Jones, she hurries right home to her mother, pours out the whole trouble. Then there is Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Brown is really very fond of Will, her husband, but she can hardly wait for the bridge-club to meet to tell them how mean he is, or how late he stays out nights, and so on. Mrs. Smith is considered a good wife and mother, but Mrs. Smith can't keep her tongue away from her young daughter. She talks constantly about the wild crew daughter Mary runs with, about late hours, her painted mouth, and so on. Mrs. Gordon is a good mother, too. She takes little Junior out with her as often as she can, but she never hesitates to talk about him when the child is present. Junior made such and such a mistake . . . . and Junior, who understands English, blushes and squirms, and wishes she would stop.

You see what I mean. And what happens when adults turn tattletale? People don't look at them the way they do at a child, and say, "Musn't be a talebearer!" "They believe them! So Anne's mother, who always liked Johnny, gradually begins to think he is abusing her daughter, and turns into a mother-in-law, instead of a mother. She passes the bad word along, too, and Johnny, who is a nice, normal boy, suffers. Anne suffers, too, of course, because of her folly. Mrs. Brown's friends gossip, too. To them, Will is a pleasant enough man to talk to, but when you think what his wife says about him, my dear! That settles Will. Mrs. Smith's daughter is a nice youngster, who goes out with a crowd, who does get in late sometimes, and who does use lipstick. However, when the word gets around about how wild she is, the word started by her mother, her reputation will be ruined. And it will get around! Young Junior Gordon isn't stupid or wilfully disobedient. He is just a careless, happy boy. But, if his mother doesn't stop telling everybody about his mistakes, soon people will refer to him as "Poor Junior."

The summing up is this. People will believe what you tell them and they will repeat it, especially if it is about your own folks. They think, who should know better than you, after all? If you say your husband is a brute, your daughter is wild or your son stupid . . . . even if it is just a casual remark, someone will hear it and believe it.

Mrs. "B." wants advice about her son. He takes money from her purse and she wonders how this can be stopped. The boy is twelve. Most children swipe nickles and dimes, Mrs. B. Giving the boy a regular allowance is the best idea, and then, if he wants extra money, make it possible for him to earn it, either at home or outside. But don't worry, I'm sure he is not a bad boy.

SHE RAPS WAR SLANG

Official offenders against good diction have come in for sharply reproving words from Miss M. Horsburgh, parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Health in London. Words such as "evacuee" or "beddage" for hospital beds stir her ire. And she shudders at such a phrase as "female man-power."

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WRITE YOUR THANK-YOU NOTES AT ONCE

Come now, all of you, let's get the thank-you notes for our Christmas presents written promptly; this week, if possible, so that we can greet New Year with a cheer that these courteous notes have all been written.

Don't procrastinate. Don't be lazy about them. Don't make this and that excuse — that you are "too tired to do it until after Christmas", that you are "too busy this week", that you "hate to write letters anyway."

Most of us are so prone to put off writing these thank-you notes that it would be wise perhaps to analyze ourselves and find out what may be holding us back. Of course if it's that ol' debbil Procrastination, you'll have to wrestle with that yourself, perhaps a stern pre-New Year resolution would help. Or may be you are strong-minded enough to set a time-limit when these letters simply must be written.

If it's not being quite sure about the forms of thank-you notes, don't let even this hold you back. It's more important to get the notes written, and written promptly. So relax, be yourself, and write the notes as if you were chatting with the sender about the gift, not writing about it. That's the best of rules for all kinds of letters.

If, as often happens, you put off writing these notes because you have not adequate equipment with which to write — the right letter-paper, a good pen, the right ink — step right out and supply yourself with these necessities.

If you're the kind of person that needs a grim warning to drive you to write these thank-you notes promptly, you may be able to spur yourself on now by contemplating the lame duck excuses that you'll have to write if you write your Christmas notes next April. Two sentences of thanks written now are far more welcome to your friend than four pages of excuses written months from now!

If you have the unfortunate habit of mesmerizing yourself into inaction by moaning, "I hate to write letters", shake off this ridiculous self-pity, and think of note-writing as fun. You'll agree that it's fun to have a chat with your friend; think of your note of thanks as if you were talking directly to the person. If you think of these notes in this way, you'll write them naturally; you'll say what you want to say. Make notes of thanks warm with the touch of your personality — and write them soon!

WEAR A HAT?

Dear Mrs. Beeckman:

I am to be married at home at seven o'clock in the evening. I am going to wear a street dress, and I am wondering if I should wear a hat at such an informal wedding as this. If it is correct for me not to wear a hat, would it also be correct for the two mothers and my attendant not to wear hats? — M.

Don't wear a hat at your informal, evening home wedding. Your attendant and the two mothers should not wear hats.

RESOLVED—to purchase at home, from the merchants who support the same institutions and maintain, by their taxes, the same municipality in which I live; for only by co-operation can we make our community thrive.

BEAUTY

By Helen Jameson (Mme. Qui Vive)

PERMANENT WAVES

Girls can't get through the gay holiday doings unless their brain mats are in form, so permanent wave machines have been working overtime. Soon the college girls will come streaking home with their tresses lanky, ready for the wave. So it may be well to have a heart-to-heart talk about this greatest of all beauty aids.

If you have had poor waves that made your head look like a busted mattress at first and then like the coat of a poodle dog, do not despair. You were out of luck, chanced upon an operator who was not properly trained or who lacked intelligence. Almost any head of hair can get a satisfactory permanent.

Hurried work, careless winding, wrong timing are factors that make for disappointments. It is worth while to patronize a high class shop, pay a reasonable charge for the work. A good wave should survive for five or six months, not pack up and depart in a few weeks as happens when you get a poor one.

All the well-known machines and methods are reliable. All they do is to furnish the heat and the curling medium. The rest is in the hands of the operator. Don't expect to get through the ordeal quickly. Be impatient and your operator will speed you through.

The machine is to the operator what the kitchen range is to the cook, and that's all there is to it. The range does not get the credit for the appetizing meal that is served; that's the cook's reward.

Let the selection of the method be made by the one who serves you. He or she knows which machine brings the best results. A good operator will measure off the strands evenly, won't wind too much hair on each rod to shorten the working time. If the hair is long enough to do up, the spiral wind is best; if it is free and flying the croquignole will produce strong ringlets.

It is a painstaking job, this business of putting adorable crimps in a lady's locks. It is especially necessary that winding be tight so that the shafts will shrink under heat and form spirals.

Dry, crisp hair curls more quickly than fine silky locks, so the operator must understand about timing. Often test curls are made; that settles the matter.

The hair should be cooled before it is taken from the rods. Be patient while the cold air blower is used. Taken down damp, the undulations will not be strong.

Before getting a permanent have a few hot oil treatments to relax the shafts. You can do that yourself, if you wish applying hot mineral oil the night before the shampoo.

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Unshrinkable Woollies

No shrinkable woollen clothing will be worn by any member of the Australian fighting forces if a plan formed by an Australian Wool Board is adopted by the Commonwealth Government.

The Board is arranging for details of recent discoveries to be sent from Great Britain and engineering firms will be asked to bid for manufacture of the necessary plant. The Government will then be asked to stipulate in all contracts that woollen goods for all fighting men should be unshrinkable. The chairman of the board announced tests have shown there is no shrinkage in 25 washings of goods treated by the new process. This is equal to a year's wear, he said. The process was one of the most important discoveries the wool industry has been able to adopt.

Maureen O'Sullivan On Canadian Visit

Moncton, N.B.—Maureen O'Sullivan returned recently to Hollywood after paying a visit to her sailor husband, Lieut. John Farrow, of the Royal Canadian Navy. Mrs. Farrow, otherwise "Maureen", is soon to appear in another picture with Robert Taylor. Mr. Farrow a writer and a motion picture director, is now on active service with the Royal Canadian Navy



RECRUITING CHAMPION

North America's champion recruiter is Elaine Bassett, whose face on Canada's "Join-the-Army" posters is said to have influenced many men to join the Army. Uncle Sam has selected her face for the U.S. Army recruiting posters. She is the daughter of a Baptist minister from Dallas, Texas.

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STORIED SPOTS FROM SEA TO SEA

By W. J. Banks, B.A.

Digby, Nova Scotia



The Waterfront

The location of the first settlement in Nova Scotia was decided by the presence of Digby Gut. A narrow gap in the high palisade of the North Mountain, windbreak of the Fundy coast for 120 miles, the Gut is the only approach from the sea to the sheltered basin into which drains the lovely Annapolis river. When in 1605 the sturdy ship bearing de Monts, Champlain and their associates nosed enquiringly through the Gut, it seemed that an ideal place for colonization had been found.

The first settlement of Port Royal, like the present Annapolis, lay towards the eastern end of the basin and the river mouth. It was not until the year of the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia, 1776, that New Englanders established a village at the western end, near the little strait through the mountain now known as Digby Gut. During the war, privateers harried these coasts and the settlement, known as Conway, was abandoned.

Then in 1783 came the warship Atalanta, commanded by Admiral Robert Digby and convoying 1500 loyalist refugees to a new life under the British flag. To the infant town they gave the name of their protector. Later an important shipbuilding center, Digby today is a charming town in a picturesque situation, which takes great pride in its loyalist traditions and its historic surroundings. The county in which it stands has been given the same name.

Lachute Team Wins Three Straight Encounters, and One By Default

Last Night's Fixture With Don Juan Unplayed

HALLOWELL AND LECAVALIER BROTHERS STAR AS GOAL-GETTERS

After losing six of the first seven games, Lachute hockeyists hit their stride during the week to trim Verdun 4-2, and take two week-end games from Villeray 6-3 and 10-3.

Hallowell of Lachute had unusual success on Saturday night and during Sunday's game, doing the "hat trick" on both occasions and helping in another tally, to make a total of seven points in two days.

Marcel Lecavalier scored three goals against Verdun last Thursday, and during the week-end games he and his brother, Rene, massed nine points between them.

Enthusiasm could not be worked to a high pitch over the Lachute-Verdun game. The ice was fairly soft, making the puck roll uncontrolled in most of the play, and neither team seemed to get thoroughly organized.

Verdun opened the scoring at 13.30, as Brown beat Masson with Rowatt's pass.

Hallowell tested Renault in the Verdun nets soon after, but the goaler pulled off a good save.

At the 16 minute mark, M. Lecavalier flashed the red light with a tally to the right hand corner of the net, making the score 1-1.

Lachute outscored Verdun 2-1 in the second period, as M. Lecavalier countered both goals. Marcel had quite a duel with goaler Renault in his final marker as it needed three tries before the disc eventually crossed the goal line. Stanley scored the Verdun goal.

The last period was ragged, though interspersed with an occasional flare of excitement. Lachute notched the only counter, as Muncaster took passes from Brennan and Hallowell, and beat the Verdun custodian. Final score, Lachute 4, Verdun 2.

Lachute :— Masson, Booth, MacKimmie, Hebert, R., Lecavalier, M. Lecavalier. R., Bourgeois, Brennan, Hallowell, Muncaster, Bedard, Hulet.

Verdun :— Renault, Bessette, Lapointe, Rowatt, Brown, Barnabe, Leverge, Desaurdi, Forget, McCullough, Stanley.

Saturday night's Villeray game was witnessed by a fair crowd, which seemed satisfied that their team had at last hit a winning streak.

The game was hard fought, though not as fast as the Shawinigan and St. Jerome games previously played here; but sticky ice was to blame. The passing plays of the local boys were clicking regularly — which signified better conditioning and general improvement.

It took Hallowell only 30 seconds to outguess Martineau for his first goal, on a pass from Muncaster. The rest of the period was scoreless.

Muncaster and Bourgeois teamed together for Lachute's second goal in 8.15 and exactly a minute later Bourgeois helped Hallowell to notch his second.

The game seemed well in hand for Lachute at this stage, but Villeray put a scare into the fans with two quick counters within 30 seconds, near the 18 minute mark.

Brennan relieved the tension as he batted the puck home on a nice half-rink run, from a pass by R. Hebert.

After a few minutes' play in the third period, Roy Bedard was accidentally cut by a skate, as he and an opponent slipped to the ice. Three clips were necessary to close the wound, and Roy retired for the rest of the game.

Hallowell's "hat trick" goal came at 6.20; he made this tally unassisted.

Moynihan claimed Villeray's last marker at 12 minutes, but this was evened by Bourgeois a minute from the finale, as he fired a clean shot from the left side, on Billy Booth's pass. —Lachute 6, Villeray 3.

Hebert, from Brownsburg, has been playing sound hockey and improves with experience gained. Roy Bedard battles every minute on the ice, and is a great worrier to opponents with his hook-check. Bourgeois also played a strong game Saturday night, and Masson was called upon to make some remarkable saves.

Saturday's line-up :—

Lachute :— Masson, Booth, Hebert, R., Muncaster, Lecavalier, M., Lecavalier, R., Bourgeois, Hallowell, Bedard, Keyes, Hulet, Brennan.

Villeray :— Martineau, Landreville, Patterson, Moynihan, Hodgson, Davis, MacDonald, Young, Fleming, Leyland, McGuiness.

On Sunday, Lachute visited Verdun Stadium for the return counter with Villeray, and smothered them 10 to 3. The marksmen were Hallowell 3, Keyes 2, R. Lecavalier 2, M. Lecavalier 2, and Muncaster 1.

Last night's fixture gave Lachute two more points, but by default, as Don Juan, the visitors scheduled for this date, were unable to attend . . . On Saturday night St. Lambert will oppose Lachute, in the local arena.

FIREMEN'S ANNUAL BALL

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31, is the date of the Firemen's Ball — in Lachute Auditorium. Lowe's Orchestra. Don't miss this annual get-together. Admission, gents $2.00, ladies free. -D26

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MAGAZINES — An appeal is being made for reading material for the troops — journals of recent edition and in sequence if possible. Popular Mechanics, Science and current reading; may be left at Watchman Office, Lachute.

WANTED — Now that Christmas has passed and you have received so many attractive gifts, how would it be to pass on some of the old ones? The local Veterans have a few families in whom they are interested, and some warm clothing could be used to good advantage. Anything fit to wear for young or old may be left at the Watchman Office for distribution.

TENDERS — Separately sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned secretary-treasurer, up to 12 o'clock noon December 31st, as follows:—

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NOTICE

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Public Notice

In re Estate of the late Hugh Allan, in his lifetime of the Village of St. Andrews East, in the County of Argenteuil;

Notice is hereby given that John Allan, sole heir-at-law of the said late Hugh Allan, will apply by petition to a Judge of the Superior Court, in the Province of Quebec in the District of Terrebonne, for Letters of Verification establishing that the petitioner is such heir-at-law.

That said petition will be presented to a Judge of the Superior Court in the "Practice Division" of said District on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of January, 1941, at 10.30 a.m.

Montreal, December 3, 1940

For the Petitioner —
Geo. R. Lighthall,
Notary

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NOTICE

The undersigned gives notice to his creditors that he will settle his honest debts three months after his discharge from the active service force, that is, by May 1st., 1941, after establishing himself at his home. Trusting this will meet with creditors' approval,

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