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KOOTENAY: Cloudy with a few sunny periods. Low-high Cranbrook, Crescent Valley 20-32.

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A Child Is Born

... And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

100 Die in Christmas Day Train Disaster

Night Express Crashes Through Bridge Into River, Dead Trapped in Cars

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Reuters)—At least 100 persons were killed in a train wreck early Christmas Day, as the crack Wellington-to-Auckland night express crashed off a broken bridge into the muddy waters of the Upper Wangaehu River, 130 miles north of here.

More than 100 of the holiday travellers—most of them on their way home for the Christmas season—are still missing. Some of the passengers managed to struggle ashore despite injuries and were taken to hospitals. No immediate figures were available on the total number of injured.

Information reaching here on the number of dead, missing and injured was sketchy.

Most of the dead are believed among 172 persons still missing hours after the wreck. Some of the passengers managed to struggle ashore despite injuries and 31 were reported in hospitals. Others were being cared for by farmers in the area. The number who escaped uninjured was not immediately known here. Most of the travellers were on their way home for Christmas and many of the dead were trapped in the cars and drowned immediately when the train thundered into the water from a broken bridge near Taniwae.

The bridge was reported to have been carried away by a flood that began when a cloudburst caused a mountain lake to burst its banks.

Pope Calls for European Union

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Pius today warned a festive world that modern technological progress is blinding men "to the great light" radiating from the manger at Bethlehem.

It was his 15th consecutive Christmas message since he became Pope in 1939, and as he has in all of them, the Pope made an earnest plea for world peace.

But he warned that this peace would not be found through materialistic, technological progress.

The gravity of the hour was especially great for Europe. There "the materialism of which we have spoken, instead of solving, only aggravates its fundamental problems. These problems are intimately connected with peace and order in the whole world."

For Europe he suggested a continental union of its people to eliminate differences in standards of living and production.

The 77-year-old Pope spoke for 35 minutes, more briefly than usual in past Christmas messages.

The rail disaster marred what was to be one of New Zealand's most joyous Christmases. Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh are in Auckland, and the Queen is scheduled to make her annual world-wide Christmas broadcast from there later.

ROYAL KIDDIES TO TALK TO MOTHER

SANDRINGHAM, Eng. (Reuters) —Prince Charles and Princess Anne will say "hello" to their mother and father across the world Friday by telephone as a special Christmas treat.

The children will talk to the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, currently in New Zealand on a six-month tour of the Commonwealth, over a special international radio telephone hook-up.

Sandringham House, the Queen's country home where the children are spending Christmas with the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, will be connected with Government House, Auckland.

Special "scrambling" devices evolved during the war will prevent any eavesdropping.

The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret also will talk to the Queen.

When conditions are good radio-telephoning is as clear as a local call.

French Hopes Rest on Coty

By JOHN RODERICK

PARIS (AP) — Frenchmen cautiously hoped today for better times under President-elect Rene Coty.

Some held—but without much conviction—that the hitherto obscure parliamentarian will be able to lift France out of the political morass in which she has been floundering since the end of the Second World War.

Coty, 71, an affable, taciturn senator whom the French already have dubbed "the honest man", was elected to the presidency Wednesday night on the 13th ballot at the week-long joint session of Parliament in Versailles.

One encouraging aspect of Coty's election is that his will be a new face in the upper strata of French politics. Although he has been in Parliament for 30 years, he has kept mostly in the background.

Another hopeful sign is that he is respected and liked by nearly everyone in Parliament.

The new president who paid a round of official calls Thursday on retiring President Vincent Auriol, and other leaders of the government and Parliament, will be inaugurated Jan. 17.

Malan May Quit Politics in '54

PRETORIA (Reuters) — Prime Minister Daniel F. Malan may quit after his 80th birthday next May 22 and already possible successors within his Nationalist party are jockeying for position.

The strongest contenders at present are 71-year-old Finance Minister Nicholaas Havenga, a moderate, and the Nationalists' "strong man," Johannes Strydom, 60, minister of lands, a party extremist who strongly favors making South Africa a republic.

A third possibility is the "legal mind" of the party, 53-year-old Interior Minister Eben Donges.

The first step towards Malan's retirement from active politics was seen in his recent withdrawal from leadership of the Cape province branch of the Nationalist party, a position which he held for 38 years.

In a secret ballot at the party's Cape province congress Donges, as a Malan man, beat Eric Louw, minister for economic affairs and a Strydom man, in the election for a new chairman.

Child Wounded As Gun Falls

CATHLAMET, Wash. (AP) — A revolver fell from the top of a cabinet and critically wounded 10-month-old Dale Munson in his home Wednesday afternoon.

Roger Munson, the father, said the .38-calibre weapon fell while the cabinet was being moved. It was discharged and the child was shot in the abdomen while playing in a swing a few feet away.

His condition was reported critical.

And Behold There Came Wise Men from the East...

Peace Hopes Add To Yule Spirit

By The Associated Press

Christians the world around looked forward today to one of the most joyous observances in years of the birth of Jesus. They were buoyed by the greatest hopes for peace—justified or not—since the start of the cold war.

Although officials were skeptical, millions in Europe felt the threat of war had ebbed with the signing of the Korean truce and indications that the Soviet government is paying more attention to its people at home than to spreading the Communist gospel abroad.

The end this year of the fighting in Korea and the release of thousands of Communist-held prisoners also brightened homes throughout the United States. There, as in other lands, traditional Christmas Eve festivities and ceremonies were the order of the day.

Christmas Mercy From Juan Peron

BUENOS AIRES (CP)—John F. Griffith, former cultural attache at the United States embassy who was expelled from Argentina in 1948, is free to return to the country under amnesty, it was announced Wednesday. Griffith was arrested and expelled for his alleged part in a plot to assassinate President Juan Peron and his late wife. Under the amnesty, charges against a number of anti-Peron prisoners have been dropped and 12 political prisoners released from jail.

Cleaning Woman Honored

SEATTLE (AP) — A cleaning woman who walks home from work so she can save her carfare for Korean War waifs was honored for it Wednesday.

Miss Frances Brown received a "certificate of honorary citizenship" from President Syngman Rhee of South Korea.

The regional office of CARE, the agency which handles aid packages for overseas, said Miss Brown has sent more aid to Korea through CARE than any other person in the state.

The CARE officials said she had sent close to a ton of food packages in two years.

SOVIET OPENS BIGGEST STORE

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union's biggest department store was opened on Red Square today without advance notice. But the word spread like wildfire and huge crowds — officers, peasants, workers and townsfolk—swarmed to buy everything from buckets to TV sets.

The store, right across from the tombs of Lenin and Stalin, is called GUM (standing for Glavny Universalny Magazin,) or main department store. The Russians pronounce it "goom."

The block-square, three-storey structure with its big arcades once was an office building. For months, hundreds of men and women have been toiling day and night to remodel and redecorate the building and its nearly half a million square feet of floor space in time for the holiday rush.

PGE Route Stirs Controversy

VANCOUVER (CP) — Business and civic officials in suburban West Vancouver today protested next year's proposed extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway through the municipalities of West and North Vancouver.

Referring to an announcement by Premier Bennett that a start on the extension would be made in 1954, Leonard E. Kyle, chairman of the West Vancouver Real Estate Board, said:

"If they are planning to use the old right-of-way through West Vancouver, we'll fight them every inch of the way. I shall try to find the route they are planning, and if it is West Vancouver, I'll start in right away to organize protest meetings."

Mr. Kyle said alternative routes, more direct and less costly, were discussed in the past, and added that the real estate board would make an all-out effort to persuade their adoption.

Reeve Hugo Ray said "intention to run the railway over the old right-of-way in West Vancouver is contrary to all previous government statements on the matter.

Reeve Ray explained that the municipality could not stand in the way of a plan that would be of benefit to the province as a whole, but he said it had not been shown that the West Vancouver route is the most feasible.

In an announcement from his home at Kelowna Wednesday, Premier Bennett said the extension of the PGE from Squamish to North Vancouver, and from Prince George to the Peace River, would start next year, but he gave no details.

Metis Celebrate Midnight Mass

LEBRET, Sask. (CP) — In teepee or modern stone church, residents of this Metis community celebrate Christmas and midnight mass with the same fervor and reverence.

The first midnight mass was sung here almost 90 years ago when the late Archbishop Alexandre Tache of St. Boniface, Man., knelt with Metis and Cree Indians in a teepee alongside the Qu'Appelle lakes.

Last night residents of this village 45 miles northeast of Regina gathered in a large stone church capable of holding 500. Electric lights have replaced the old oil lamps. But the Nativity scene with its logs and wheat sheaves, the spirit of Christmas, still is in evidence.

Among the Metis, Christmas is a day for giving and receiving gifts and feasting. Visits are in order. It is an unwritten law that children gather round the head of the family and pay him homage.

Front Page Given Over To Christmas

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Readers of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette have to turn to page 3 today to find the news ordinarily on page 1. The entire first page, titled 'Twas the Night Before Christmas,' is given over to a colored picture showing a village church on Christmas Eve. In the upper left corner is a verse from "Silent Night."

CHARGED WITH ENTERING

VANCOUVER (CP) — Charles Dubois, 29, found hiding under a conveyor belt in a manufacturing plant here, today was charged with breaking and entering. A second man escaped.

Pilgrims Pray In Bethlehem

By WILTON WYNN

BETHLEHEM (AP)—Christian pilgrims worshipped the Prince of Peace with centuries-old ritual today at the little town of Bethlehem, not far from the no man's land of a dormant war.

An icy December wind eddied across the Judaen hills and through the cobblestoned streets of the village where Jesus Christ was born—Roman then and now under Jordan's flag.

Protestants sang carols in shepherds' fields, heard anew the story of the Christ child's birth, and ate of bread and sarb, meat baked shepherd-fashion wrapped in earth.

On the slopes outside the walled field, where the angels are recorded as heralding the arrival of the babe in the manger, herdsmen in the black cloaks and Bedouin head dress familiar in Christ's time tended their grazing flocks.

Thousands of pilgrims gathered at noon in Bethlehem's Manger Square to watch the ceremonial arrival of the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, Archbishop Alberto Gori, for a midnight mass at the Church of St. Catherine, the Latin wing of the Church of the Nativity.

Bethlehem is only six miles south of Jerusalem, but the direct road — like Jerusalem itself — remains split along the lines that opposing armies of Israel and Jordan had carved when cease war orders stopped the Palestine war of 1948. Israel controls most of it.

By agreement of Israel and Jordan, the direct road was opened temporarily to the consuls of Jerusalem, honored figures at the Christmas Eve midnight masses here since the Moslem Ottoman Turks ruled Palestine.

And about 2000 Christian Arabs who live in Israel were permitted to pass through the Mandelbaum Gate across a rubble-strewn no-man's-land into Jordan-held Old Jerusalem on the way to visit Arab relatives in or near Bethlehem, whose people are largely Christian.

But most of the pilgrims, and Archbishop Gori, took the long way around through territory controlled by Jordan's Arab Legion.

RUSSIAN REFUSED

A Russian diplomat, first secretary Jacob Maidenek of the Soviet legation in Israel, tried to join the Christmas pilgrimage of the Christian Arabs, but was turned back at the wire-guarded Mandelbaum Gate check point.

"Can't do it," said Anwar Nashashibi of the Jordan foreign ministry during a brief conference in the street.

Israel's president, Izhak Ben-Zvi, sent Christmas greetings and good wishes to the Christian communities and to Christian visitors in Israel.

No Paper Saturday

The Daily News will not publish Saturday, Boxing Day. The next regular edition will be delivered Monday.

Okinawa to Stay In U. S. Hands

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Secretary Dulles Thursday announced the United States will retain its control of the Pacific island of Okinawa and all but a small portion of the Ryukyo and Bonin islands "for the foreseeable future."

Dulles said in a statement that, of the Ryukyu islands, only the Amami, Oshima group, just south of Japan, has been returned to Japan.

Arrangements relinquishing U.S. rights to this small group were concluded in Tokyo Thursday under article III of the Japanese peace treaty.

REMANDED

REGINA (CP) — Gerard Joseph Cossette, 27, was remanded today to Dec. 31 when he appeared on a charge of murder in connection with the rape-slaying of six-year-old Irene Mooney of Edgeworth, Sask. The child's body was found Dec. 5 at Ogema, Sask., 76 miles south of Regina.

DOLLAR UNCHANGED

NEW YORK (CP)— The Canadian dollar was unchanged at a premium of 2 15-16 per cent in terms of U. S. funds today. Pound sterling up 1-16 at $2.81.

Queen's Message Aired at 7 p.m.

By GOMER JONES

AUCKLAND, N. Z. (Reuters) — The Queen brushed up Thursday on her round-the-world Christmas message as this New Zealand city sweltered in its hottest weather of the "down under" summer.

Technicians forecast that the annual world-wide broadcast, delivered for the first time from outside Britain, will be transmitted smoothly and clearly.

The Queen goes before the microphone at 9 a.m. (7 a.m. PST) Friday, at the climax of an hour-long Commonwealth hook-up. Her greeting will be recorded in London and rebroadcast for the domestic and overseas service from there six hours later.

The live broadcast will be carried in Canada by the CBC.

Thousands of perspiring Aucklanders, getting in their last-minute Christmas shopping, cheered the Queen as she drove to and from her suite at Government House on a round of ceremonial activities. The temperature touched 80 and the humidity was intense.

VESSELS FOR UN OPERATIONS

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian government has chartered four Canadian cargo vessels for about four months to serve as transport for United Nations' operations in the Far East, it was announced today.

The ships bring to nine the number of merchant vessels which the Canadian government has furnished for use in the Korean war.

ONCE UPON A CHRISTMAS EVE

By WILLIAM RITT

ESKI and Mrs. Claus hold their breath while Doc Dickery slowly takes the glittering drop of the magic Formula and places it between the lips of Santa Claus, sound asleep from Winter Weariness. What will happen now?

SANTA CLAUS shudders, then, suddenly, sits bolt upright, wide-awake and smiling. "Ho hum!" he yawns, "what a wonderful nap! What time is it? Oh, goodness gracious me! It's Christmas Eve and I'm not even packed!"

WHILE Santa Claus scrambles into his splendid gift-delivering red and white suit, Doc Dickery whispers a surprising secret into Eski's little ear. "No! Really?" asks Eski in wonderment. "Yes, yes!" Doc Dickery nods.

AS ESKI and Santa dash away on the Great Trip, to your house and mine, little Eski remembers what Doc Dickery had whispered: "It is the love that all children bear him that really saved Santa Claus!" (The End)

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And in This Corner . . .

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Girl singing star Gayla Peevey got her Christmas wish—a 700-pound hippopotamus flown here from New York.

Gayla's first remark at the sight of her big gift was "she looks like she's all mouth to me."

The 10-year-old TV singer, whose phonograph record of "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" has become a jukebox favorite, braved early morning freezing weather to see the hippo come in by plane. About 100 other curious onlookers also watched the fun at the airport.

The $3000 hippo, named Mathilda, was purchased with nickels, dimes and quarters contributed in a Christmas fund-raising campaign. The animal will be given to the Lincoln Park zoo.

PARIS (CP)—The Frenchman's flair for flattery pays off in a new form of felony causing chuckles in sophisticated circles.

Here's the gambit:

A wealthy woman hurries home from a jewelry shop or bank. On the way to her apartment, the elevator jams between two floors.

A man appears on the staircase alongside the jammed elevator cage. After a few well-chosen gallantries, he offers to help the lady climb out of the cage.

She hands him her purse and voila! The man disappears.

Police report more than 200 cases of the elevator trick, known to Paris newspapers as the "coup de l'ascenseur."

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Greetings

Here are cheery greetings of the Holiday Season. Hope you enjoy happiness and contentment through the year.

TODAY AND SATURDAY — Complete Shows 7:00 - 9:00

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
From the Management and Staff of the Musicland Theatre

Policewoman Sought for Civic

City Police are looking for a police woman to police the Civic Centre.

Chief Robert Harshaw said Wednesday he is seeking a woman to watch the recreation centre, particularly the women's rest room during hockey games. There have been a number of complaints about smoking in the room.

Steel made in Brazil compares favorably with that produced in North America and Britain.

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Children's Skating
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BOXING DAY

Merry Christmas

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Many To Contribute to Brighter Christmas for Nelson Shut-Ins

Nelson's oldfolk and hospital patients will not be forgotten on Christmas. They will enjoy turkey dinners, hear Christmas carols sung by local organizations and have Christmas services similar to those enjoyed by others.

Provincial jail prisoners will also be remembered. The Salvation Army will take gifts to inmates and a turkey dinner will also be served.

Hostel for the Aged residents will celebrate Christmas Day about their Christmas tree which was decorated by staff members from City Hall. A delicious turkey dinner will be served and City Council members will visit. The home will be open to every one all day.

Members of the Canadian Legion and Soroptimists have paid a visit bringing them entertainment and gifts. Nelson Boy Scouts presented a gift Tuesday night while the Salvation Army and a Catholic Choir entertained Christmas Eve. Members of other organizations and individuals will also visit.

Celebration of Christmas Mass will open Christmas Day for Catholic residents at Mount St. Francis Infirmary at 7 a.m. Celebrant will be Most Rev. Bishop M. M. Johnson, D.D. Patients will sing Christmas carols in the hallways and a turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 11:30 a.m.

The evening's entertainment will consist of carols sung by Mount St. Francis Choir and a motion picture.

Provincial Jail will be visited by the Salvation Army who will take gifts. A turkey dinner will also be served.

Turkey dinner will be served at Kootenay Lake General Hospital on Christmas Day and St. Paul's Boys' Choir will sing carols to the patients. Beautifully decorated Christmas trees have been placed on each floor of the hospital.

Hospital Auxiliary has donated gifts for out-of-town patients.

Midnight Communions, Masses for Christmas Eve Congregations Here

With most special Christmas services held last Sunday few Nelson churches will hold special observances Christmas Day. There will be a number of Christmas Eve and and midnight services.

Cathedral of Mary Immaculate will be scene of a Solemn Pontifical Mass at midnight Christmas Eve, celebrated by the Most Reverend Martin M. Johnson, D.D., Bishop of Nelson.

Deacon of the Mass will be Very Rev. F. Monaghan, with sub-deacon Very Rev. R. D. Anderson. The deacons of honor will be Rev. L. R. McKenzie and Rev. D. Cullin. The high school girls' choir will sing at the mass which follows their carol service.

There will be three masses on Christmas Day at 7 a.m., 8:30 and 10:30.

A midnight mass will also be sung Christmas Eve in the Church of Blessed Sacrament in Fairview and there will be a mass at 8 o'clock Christmas morning.

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

Midnight communion service will be conducted at St. Saviour's Pro-Cathedral starting at 11:30 Christmas Eve. Rt. Rev. F. P. Clark, Bishop of Kootenay, will conduct the service.

A choral communion service will be held at Church of the Redeemer, Fairview, by Rev. Canon W. J. Silverwood.

On Christmas Day there will be communion at 8 and 11 a.m. with Very Rev. Thomas L. Leadbeater, Dean, taking the services. There will also be a communion service at Willow Point at 9:30 a.m. Canon Silverwood will lead a choral communion at the Redeemer at 9 a.m. and Holy Communion at St. Matthew's at South Slocan at 11 a.m., Christmas Day. On Sunday the churches will conduct their usual services.

The Church of Christ, Scientist, Sunday evening will broadcast a service on CKLN with the theme "Restoring happiness to a broken home".

St. Saviour's will have a family gift service. In the evening starting at 7:30 the Christmas story will be shown in colored slides.

At the Full Gospel Church a worship service will be held in the morning while at the evening service the subject "Salvation" will be theme of Pastor Arthur Ashford.

Church of the Redeemer Holy Communion will be held in the morning with the regular evening vespers service, conducted by Rev. W. J. Silverwood in the evening.

Rev. L. S. VanMossel will speak on the subject "They Gave Themselves" to a joint congregation at the First Baptist Church. The Presbyterian choir will be on hand for the evening service when Mr. Van Mossell will speak.

At the First Presbyterian Church in the morning the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will take place in the morning while in the evening the church will hold a joint service with the First Baptist Church.

At the Trinity United Church Rev. Allan Dixon will give the fifth of a series of talks on the Roadway of Life when his subject will be "The Road Back". In the evening he will speak on "Unearned Increment or Balancing Last Year's Budget".

HOUSING PANEL

In the series of Sunday evening services under the general title of "Questing Time" an interesting panel discussion is planned for St. Paul's Church.

The broadcast will include music provided by a choir made up of men and boys, a story for the children and a talk entitled "A Family Needs a Home", based upon Luke 2:7 "and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn". After the broadcast a panel of an alderman, one who has to rent a house, a landlord and a young man who had built his home will present their points of view on the whole question of housing in Nelson. The congregation will be invited to submit questions to the panel.

On Sunday morning the senior choir will provide Christmas music. The sermon will be entitled "Birth of a New Age".

In the Bethel Tabernacle on Sunday evening Rev. Woodrow J. Fletcher will have as his sermon "Gold, Frankincense, Myrhh."

The Sunday school and morning service will be conducted as usual.

Santa Comes Via Radio To Five

Santa Claus came via the radio waves to five deserving Nelson youngsters.

The appeal of a CKLN radio feature, designed to bring a sleigh as a Christmas brightener for one, spread such a warmth that donors came forward with five sleighs for five deserving kids.

Earl Warren, announcer, on his morning show in recent days had asked for letters concerning youngsters who might like a seligh for Christmas. His choice was a girl who did not want the gift for herself, but for a neighbor child she knew was going to have a meagre Christmas.

After the choice was announced during the Earl Warren Show, the phone began to ring. A furniture firm and a couple of private citizens offered sleighs for other youngsters mentioned in four other "first choice" letters.

In all Warren received 70 letters concerning deserving youngsters and they were turned over to the Salvation Army for attention.

Godfreys'
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Choquette Fuels

Snow, Lights Enhance Scene For Eve Crowds

Nelson by Christmas Eve seemed assured of a white—and slippery—Christmas. A "staying snow" drifted down during a frosty Wednesday evening and night, and pre-Christmas traffic found icy sidewalks and roads, despite the spreading of quantities of sand by street maintenance crews.

Holiday crowds still gave store staffs a busy day. Although the peak of the shopping rush was passed, the traditional last-minute shopper had his day—and there were many of them.

While house and office parties held sway, many another enjoyed a drive about the city enjoying the seasonal lighting displayed out-of-doors by many home owners. In the uphill section the displays in the front yards and on the homes of R. A. Peebles, Alex H. Allan, C. D. Pearson, H. D. Harrison, Fred Wah, George Kaiway and Joe Hingway were particularly outstanding, matching those on many Fairview and North Shore homes.

The Weather

NELSON	26	33	—
Kimberley	22	31	—
Vancouver	35	43	—
Spokane	28	30	—

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Aldermen Arthur Foster, J. H. Coventry, Elizabeth Wallach, W. Stanley Smith, T. H. Bourque, George Eckmier and City Clerk C. W. Reeve Harper and Staff

The Corporation of the
CITY OF NELSON
Wish You, the Citizens, a Merry
Merry Christmas
and a year that holds in store better, brighter and happier days than you've ever known before.

MAYOR JOS. KARY

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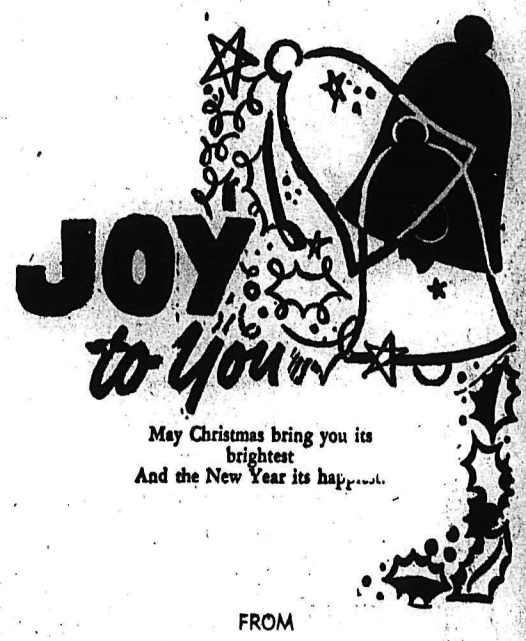

May Christmas bring you its brightest
And the New Year its happiest.

FROM

FRED CHAPMAN, HARRY ACRES, SYD ROBINSON, BUNNY JOHNSON, BETTY TAYLOR, BOB ROBINSON, ED HERMAN, DET McCUAIG, JOHN McCUAIG, LOUIS DE KOCK

McKay & Stretton Ltd.

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At Christmas

. . . we wish you joy and happiness, health and prosperity for the coming year.

FROM THE STAFF OF THE

SHOE CENTRE

TONBRIDGE, England (CP) — Dozens of villages in east Kent are petitioning for electricity service. Big power cables carrying electricity to the cities pass through some villages still using oil lamps.

To Our Friends

This Yuletide Season marks the end of another year of service to you. May we thank you for your patronage and say that we hope to see you often in the future . . . Have a Happy Holiday.

From

The Management

and Staff

Liberty Food Store

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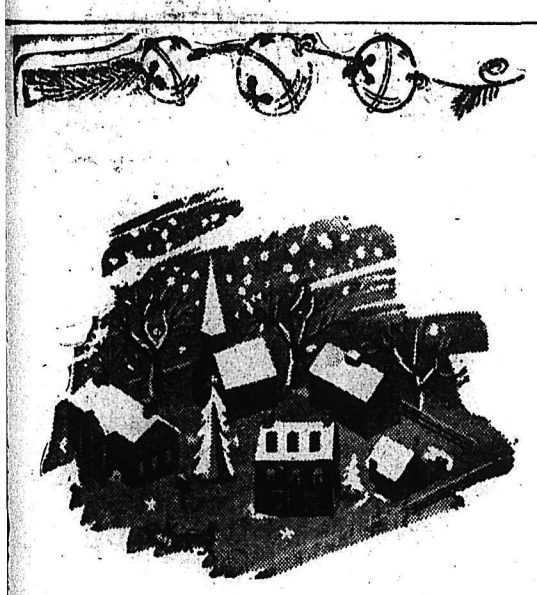

Merry Christmas

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Santa Claus Comes Down Chimney At Invermere

INVERMERE — Annual Christmas party of the Windermere District Women's Institute gave three hundred district children the first thrill of Christmas this year. Games under the supervision of the Lake Windermere Girl Guides entertained the small fry followed by a short concert.

The arrival of Santa Claus through a fireplace on the stage was greeted with merriment by the older children and awed wonder by the tiny tots. Following the distribution of generously filled candy bags by the jovial old gentleman refreshments were served by Women's Institute members.

The concert opened with a drill by the Lake Windermere Girl Guide Company under the direction of the acting lieutenant, Mrs. Durham. The junior choir of Trinity United Church under the direction of Mrs. Alfred Davidson sang two songs followed by an action song by the Lake Windermere Brownie Pack.

The United Church Sunday School item was a recitation of "The Night Before Christmas", given by Sharon Pietrosky and Judith Weir. Henry Newcomen was "Frosty the Snowman" and his vocal solo was much enjoyed.

Master of ceremonies Leo Richer followed with a group of songs which made a happy interlude before presentation of the last item, a playlet entitled "The Dream Before Christmas" written and produced by Mrs. Kenneth Marples. The play featured such well known characters as Donald Duck, Mickey and Minnie Mouse and the Easter Bunny as well as a number of life-size Christmas toys. Speaking parts were acted by Edith Lewis and Elinor Hollybow.

Mrs. Marples was assisted in the direction of the play by Mrs. Vaughan DuBois.

A gaily decorated Christmas tree, ceiling high, was the focal point of interest in the Lake Windermere Memorial Community Centre at Invermere where the party was held.

Mrs. Charles Osterloh of Invermere was general convener for the event.

Santa Visits Legion Christmas Party

KASLO—Branch No. 74 of the Canadian Legion held its annual Christmas tree entertainment in the Legion Hall when over 100 children sat down to supper served by the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary and their daughters.

After supper the kiddies got a real thrill when Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer peered in through the door followed by Santa Claus who presented each child with a bag of candy and a gift.

Assisting Santa was H. E. Dahlquist, Mrs. E. E. Short and Mrs. H. E. Horner.

The hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens and colored lights, offset by a tall lighted Christmas tree.

Mrs. G. Sutherland was in charge of the supper assisted by Mrs. A. E. Wardle, Mrs. B. Sutherland and Mrs. S. Stocking. President Mrs. J. Tonkin was general convener. The committee in charge of entertainment was J. L. Humphrey, president of the Legion and S. S. Notield, Mrs. H. E. Horner and Mrs. E. E. Short.

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magic medicine, carrying it with them for health and luck.

Marysville Pupils In Yule Concert

MARYSVILLE — A successful Christmas PTA meeting at Marysville heard 50 school pupils in a program of songs, plays and recitations.

Refreshments were enjoyed by both adults and children following the entertainment.

Gifts For Refugees

OSLO (CP)—The Norwegian Society for Czechoslovakian Relief has shipped three tons of Christmas gifts to Czech refugees in camps in Western Germany, Austria and Italy. Norwegian Christmas trees with decorations are also en route.

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Madden Hotel

Greetings

May your Christmas be a merry one and the New Year a bright and prosperous one.

Yours,

Jimmie Madden

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May we wish you and yours the best of everything for this Yuletide Season. May you enjoy a health, happy, prosperous New Year.

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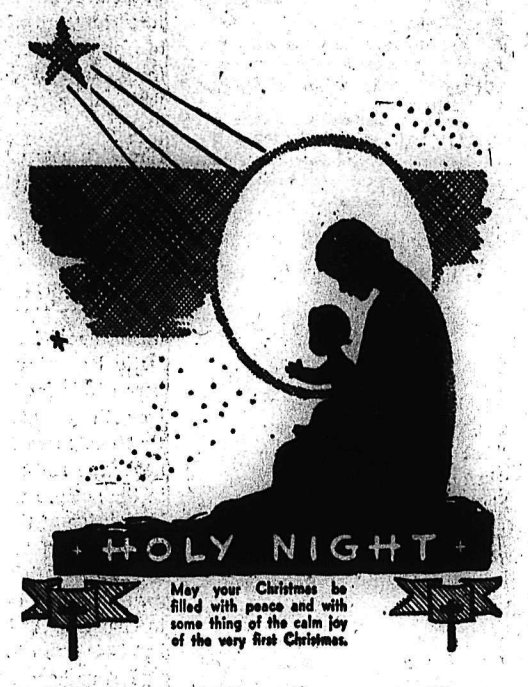

May your Christmas be filled with peace and with some thing of the calm joy of the very first Christmas.

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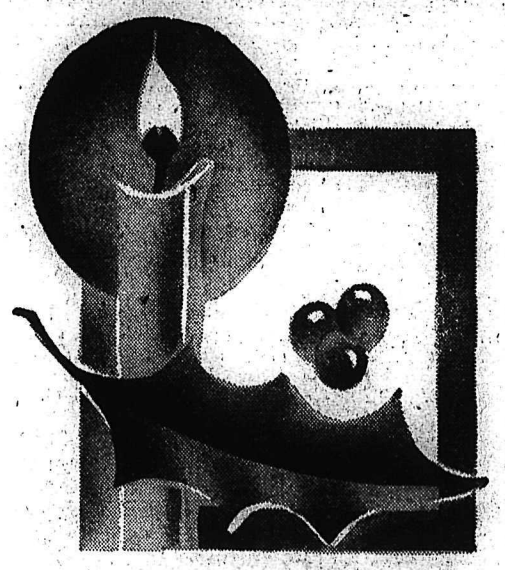

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We all wish to extend to you Christmas greetings and good will, and may boundless Holiday cheer be yours. To our ever-widening circle of friends we are especially grateful this year.

NELSON PHARMACY

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GREETINGS

With kindest remembrances and sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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431 Baker St.

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THERE IS GOOD WILL

Down through the ages at Christmas time the words have rung out:

"Peace on Earth, Goodwill
Toward Men,"

bearing out the saying that hope springs eternal in the human breast.

Each year nations and individuals ask, "Are we any nearer? Can peace come in our time?"

This year as we take stock it is reassuring to note how valiantly great men of the world are striving toward this end. President Eisenhower's proposal that nations pool atomic resources for peace and Churchill's campaigning for a non-aggression pact with Russia, if successful, would be big steps in the right direction.

Guns are silent in Korea, and world powers are trying to make their silence permanent. Nations are continuing to thrash out their differences on the floor of the United Nations instead of on battlefields at the expense of human life.

All these are hopeful signs on the international front.

Forces for good are at work in every phase of everyday life. This generation, while preserving cultural things inherited, is adding its measure for future generations. Books are being written, music and drama are flourishing. The inauguration of the Stratford Festival in Ontario this year is one of Canada's steps toward a part in world culture.

Great advances are being made in the world of medicine, with new drugs giving weak bodies a new lease on life and new surgery methods giving life itself. Science is not, as the pessimist would have us believe, given over entirely to ways and means of bringing about world destruction. We have but to read that a child born without arms has been fitted with next-to-natural ones, or that a vaccine is being perfected that may prevent or at least lessen the deadliness of polio, to realize that there are men working for the good of their fellows.

With artificial hearts and lungs being used as substitutes during delicate operations, and with corneal transplants giving a world of sight to the blind, surely we are living not only in a world of miracles, but in a world of goodwill toward men.

We have nations aiding nations.

Then to bring the whole issue down to the individual, we have but to think of the many kindnesses neighbor does for neighbor and multiply them by the millions of people in the world to know that forces for good are welded into a composite living, breathing giant balancing himself against meanness, pettiness and powers of destruction in the world.

So this year once again the words ring out reassuringly:

"Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men."

Church Children's Gesture Exemplifies Christmas Meaning

There is, undeniably, something of the inspiration of the Christmas season in the act of a Nelson church in having its youngsters give gifts to the children of Korea. The real benefits will not be in the act alone, but in the method in which the gift-giving was carried out.

The association of Christmas with Christian acts was given emphasis by the fact that each child of the congregation placed the gift of clothing first under his family Christmas tree. There today are reposing articles that will carry the true meaning of brotherhood beyond the seas. Consider the impact upon the Nelson child when on the festival evening with the other members of his family he placed his gifts beneath the tree and then added that one more for a brother he will never see and never know. Combined in the gesture will be selflessness, the knowledge of the need of another, the knowledge of the church's part in inspiring a satisfying action, and the assurance that even a child has a part in charities. And charity—the helping hand—is one of this earth's virtues.

Let us hope that as this warm and joyous day is spent many more than just the children will resolve to join in such acts of brotherhood. For in such acts the arms of friendly men and women can be helped to embrace the world in goodwill.

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Practical Present

To the Editor:

Sir—Seems as though the best Christmas present the folks of Nelson and district could give themselves is a 100 per cent signing of the hospital petition, and a follow-up with the same percentage of backing. Don't think any Christmas present would have so far-reaching an effect, nor better fulfill urge to do something in the true Christian spirit.

Yours for practical Christianity.

FRANK CARTER,

Kaslo, B. C.

Nesbitt "Most Unbiased"

To the Editor:

Sir—Mr. Chanter's letter in your paper about Mr. Nesbitt's column, "Capital Memo", moved me to write, as I had been going to write for a long time, to say how much I have enjoyed this column. It is one of the first things I read when I open your paper, and seems to me one of the most unbiased political reports I have read. I have tried to figure out from these reports what Mr. Nesbitt's political leanings might be, but I haven't a notion. When I think I find a clue it is exploded by the next paragraph or write-up.

Long live "Capital Memo" and Mr. Nesbitt.

(MRS.) MARY E. HIRD.

Slocan City, B. C.

Your Horoscope

The wheels of commerce and industry are speeding faster, with prosperity coming from every direction. You may expect an eventful year ahead. Look for an ambitious, original and independent person to develop in today's child.

FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 26: Provided erratic actions in business and personal matters are avoided, the next year should bring you good fortune. Today's child may be endowed with many good characteristics.

FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 27: A level head in all dealings is advised, and a good measure of success is indicated. Born today, a child may be original and clever.

? Questions ? ANSWERS

Open to any reader. Names of persons asking questions will not be published. There is no charge for this service. Questions WILL NOT BE ANSWERED BY MAIL except where there is obvious necessity for privacy.

Reader, Nelson—Would you print the rest of the following lines and the writer's name:

"As for war, I call it murder . . ."
"Ez fer war, I call it murder,—
There you hev it plain an' flat;
I don't want to go no furder
Than my Testyment fer that . . .
An' you've gut to get up early
If you want to take in God."

It is from the Biglow Papers, Series 1, by James Russell Lowell, No. 1, Stanza 5.

New Mother, Creston—Is it usual to send out printed invitations to a christening? If so, how should they be worded?

Formal cards are not often sent out for a christening in these days, but when they are they should be worded in this way: "Mr. and Mrs. Dash request the pleasure of the company of Mrs. Blank—or Mr. and Mrs. Blank—at St. Peter's Church, at 3 p.m. (date), on the occasion of the christening of their little son (or daughter), and afterwards at (the address)."

Anxious, Trail—Is there a simple way to clean oil paintings?

Take pure oil and rub surface gently and persistently until colors show brighter. Do a little at a time, and persevere. When quite clean, use pure beeswax (obtainable at most hardware stores), and rub till dry. This is an artist's "trick", and usually turns out successfully.

W. L. L., Kaslo—How can one whiten white flannels?

Dissolve, by the aid of heat, 40 parts white castile soap, shaved fine, in 1200 parts of soft water, and to the solution, when cold, gradually add, under constant stirring, one part the strongest water of ammonia. Soak the goods in this for two hours, then let them be washed as usual for fine flannels.

Verse

A Prayer At Christmas

Christmas bells ring loud and clear,
Bring the world your message dear—
Christ is born again each year
In the hearts of men.

Christmas candles may you light,
Guide us to His side this night;
Keep His spirit ever bright
In the hearts of men.

Christmas spirit, pray remain
Till the candles burn again;
Keep the Christmas bells' refrain
In the hearts of men. —M. D.

Christmas Eve

By PEGASUS BUCHANAN
In Ladies' Home Journal

She crouches on the stairs, pajama-clad,
And sees at last that Santa Claus is Dad.

She smiles to see him smile. He seems so gay,
She wishes she could run downstairs and say,
"I'm glad you're Santa Claus!" and hug him tight.

Last year she hadn't thought it fair or right
That other children in the neighborhood,
Who hadn't practised being good,
Were given bigger, better things than they
Who worked so hard at goodness every day.

She tiptoes back. The others will be glad
To know at last that Santa Claus is Dad,
And not that man with treasures on his sleigh
Who leaves them lesser gifts and rides away.

This year it's different. Santa Claus is Dad,
And he has given them the best he had.

It's Been Said

For little children everywhere a joyous season still we make; we bring our precious gifts to them, even for the dear Child Jesus' sake.—Phebe Cary.

From an Oldtimer's Notebook

By R. G. JOY
Historian, Nelson and District Oldtimers Association

Some time ago a friend greeted me, saying, "Will you please write an article on the early hotel of Nelson?"

The first hotel was impressed on my memory because it was there I enjoyed good square meals when I was one of the unemployed. I was employed there shortly after, and have pleasant memories of that genial proprietor, Mr. Phair (Pop), who ran a bar but did not make the dispensing of liquors a leading business. The Phair Hotel is now the Strathcona. Then came the Stanley House, northeast corner of Silica and Stanley Streets, Mrs. MacDonald, proprietress.

Next was the International; proprietors, Jim Dawson and Bruce Craddock, both fine fellows. A fire destroyed their building in the winter of 1893. All that was saved was the liquor and the telephone.

The Tecumseh House, later known as the Clark House, and the Bartlett Hotel were other early hostelries. The Tremont Hotel was built by a Mr. Clark, who sold to one of our first mayors, J. J. Malone, and Al Tregillus. It is now the Noble Hotel.

Silver King Hotel was on the site of the Butcherteria.

Madden Hotel was built by pioneer Thomas Madden.

Nelson Hotel, Marks and Van Ness; Merchants Hotel, proprietor H. Clements. H. Clements was the C in the KWC Block. He was also energetic in building the Odd Fellows Building.

FLOOD TURNABOUT.

There was a Temperance Hotel on the CPR Flats at the foot of Vernon Street. This building was lifted by the flood waters of 1894 and set down almost the same spot as before with the front facing West instead of East. The proprietor was W. Hodson, a CPR employee. We must not forget the Glue Pot Saloon on Vernon Street, which was West of the old Grand Hotel, T. Ward, proprietor. The old Grand Hotel proprietor was John Blomberg, who in company with the late D. Maglio built the New Grand Hotel.

The Kootenay Hotel, Vernon Street west, Mrs. Mallette, proprietress.

The Klondike Hotel was built later, J. Johnson, proprietor. The Royal Hotel, southwest corner of Stanley and Silica Streets, Sam Booth, proprietor. The Manhattan Saloon building was the office of Allan and Applewhaite, private bankers. It was the first bank in Nelson, and housed other tenants before graduating into a saloon. The Grove Hotel was in Bogus Town (Fairview), W. Gosnell, proprietor. It was on the site of the Blanchard residence. Grand Central Hotel was on northeast corner of Vernon and Ward, Farley and Simpson, proprietors. This building was on the site of the late George Pease's garage.

Then east of the Grand Central was the Lakeview Hotel on the Southwest corner of Hall and Vernon, proprietor, Gus Thomas; Sherbrooke Hotel, West Baker Street, J. Sturgeon, proprietor. Joe Sturgeon was the locator of the famous Yankee Girl Mine. The Athabaska Saloon, Gilbert and Ivens, stood where the Chamber of Mines office is now. George Brown also ran this hotel.

When the Savoy Hotel was built the licence from the Athabaska Saloon was transferred to the Falls and Baker Streets location. I almost forgot the Bodega Saloon on the North side of Baker Street in the 500 block. There was another, the Office Saloon, which was situated about where Benwell's stationery store is. Mr. Emerson was proprietor.

The name may seem peculiar. The good men of Nelson, when they were leaving home, would answer friend wife's invariable "Where are you going tonight?" with, "I'm going to the Office."

"Now don't be too late, dear."

"Not if I can help it."

The first hotel doing business in Nelson was a tent, something like a circus tent, and it had a bar, a kitchen and rooms partitioned off for the family. It graduated into the second Lakeview Hotel, dominated the site of the Hume Hotel. It may have been a little west near the mouth of Ward Creek, and old timers than I tell me that the site of the tent would be about the back of the City Hall.

Part of the Tremont site is given over to the present Greyhound Bus depot and loading yards.

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Suggests Chartered Accountants Could Clear Finance Tiff

To the Editor:

Sir—In the Vancouver Province of Nov. 19, there was published a letter by Mr. Byron I. Johnson, dealing with the financial affairs of British Columbia.

It is clear that the war of words, of charge and counter-charge waged bythe disputants can be endless, is not likely to engender respect for either party, and is only causing confusion to be worse confounded as far as the taxpayer is concerned. This is a matter of grave concern.

Mr. Johnson concludes his letter with the following words "Again I say, surely the people of British Columbia are entitled to the truth in dealing with the financial affairs of the province." Mr. Johnson stresses these words by repeating them in a second letter in the same paper dated November 20, and they are truly words of telling importance and should always be remembered.

It now rests with the Social Credit government to prove the truth of their reports to the citizens beyond the slightest shadow of a doubt and there is one way and one way only in which this can be done. Let the government appoint a firm of chartered accountants to prepare a report. Failure to do so would force British Columbians to the conclusion that the figures published do not give a true picture of their finances, or that the Social Credit government's creed is bureaucracy and not democracy. Either of these conclusions would inevitably lead to the swift collapse of that party in British Columbia, whereas a chartered accountants report verifying the accuracy of the government's figures would remove the growing doubt and suspicion from the minds of the taxpayers, and restore and increase the waning prestige of that party.

J. TURNBULL.

220 Silica St.
Nelson, B. C.

Sentenced For Theft

DUNCAN, B. C. (CP) — Boyd George Harry, 22, and Nelson Canute, 21, have been convicted and sentenced in police court here on charges of theft from rural mail boxes and of breaking and entering a Cowichan Bay office and storeroom.

Harry was sentenced to one year and Canute to nine months in jail on the charges.

The two, along with William M. Elliott, 21, of Glenora, B. C., were also convicted of theft of oil and potatoes from the farm of Bertram Tyerman. Harry and Canute each was sentenced to six months on that charge while Elliott was fined $100 and costs or six months. All sentences will run concurrently.

The city of Oruro, Bolivia, centre of a big tin-mining area, is built at an altitude of 12,100 feet.

A Happy Day

. . . F. B. Pearce

To all forgotten friends, Greetings.

To all those who minister to our comfort on Christmas Day, on the road and railways, on the sea and in the air, our grateful thanks.

To all soldiers, sailors and airmen, here and overseas, whose duties to their Queen and country, come before their private and personal pleasure of Christmas at home, our sympathy.

To all those in prison and young peopel in reform and industrial schools, our hope of happier Christmases ahead.

To orphans and people in institutions, our loving sympathy.

To those sick in hospital, a quiet day, peace and a surcease from pain.

To trappers and dwellers in lonely places, celar skies, good hunting and a cosy cabin.

To all poor distressed persons, a happy release from their afflictions.

To all and everyone a happy Chirstmas.

Where to Send Christmas Cards

TORONTO (CP)—What happens to last year's Christmas cards? Mrs. Fern Oxley of Toronto sends them to out-of-the-way schools in Canada.

It began when Mrs. Oxley and her husband had the idea of sending outdated colored-picture folders from their travel business to rural schools. Soon teachers were asking for pictures and the Oxleys had to find a new source of supply.

Mrs. Oxley wrote to the Toronto Globe and Mail asking readers for old collections of Christmas cards. She was deluged with more than 200 bundles of cards varying from a parcel of 40 to a carton containing 1000. Now she suggests that donors send their cards direct to certain schools for which she gives addresses.

Dreams of Chinese Family Come True

TORONTO (CP)—A Chinese girl who was sent to China 17 years ago without the mother's knowledge came back to a reunion Wednesday — as a bride and mother herself.

Mrs. Yvette Fong of Toronto greeted not only her daughter, Yvette, but her son-in-law, Bill Yee and her one-year-old granddaughter, Pam Pam.

To bring this Chinese family from Canton in Communist China cost $2900 at black market prices.

"It was worth every penny," said Mrs. Fong, who grew up in a French family of 26 at Lonqueuil, Que., and married a Chinese when she was 13 years old. She had not seen Yvette since she was four.

Mr. and Mrs. Fong had four children and he wanted them to go to China but his wife refused.

Four-year-old Yvette was staying with relatives in Montreal when a friend of Mr. Fong's took her to Vancouver and sent her to Canton, said Mrs. Fong. Her husband disappeared shortly after.

Immigration authorities said Mrs. Fong's name must have been forged before the child could have left the country. Later his wife got in touch with her daughter in China.

Mrs. Fong and all her children will be together for Christmas.

"I speak a little Chinese," she said, "but I'd like to know how to tell my daughter my dreams have come true."

Police Will Help Motorists Christmas Eve

If you've been at a party, find you can't risk the drive and want a lift home Christmas or New Year's Eve you can call City Police.

Chief Robert Harshaw said Wednesday the police force would help anyone asking assistance over the holiday, particularly impaired drivers who want a safe trip home.

Accidents are usually not high in Nelson over holidays but the chief of police feels they could be cut to a minimum if anyone needing assistance phoned them.

Police will also watch parked cars or have them put in garages, if possible when advised.

Pearson Thinks Canada Should Be In Talks

MONTREAL (CP) — External Affair Minister Pearson said today he believes Canada would be included in any preliminary atomic talks that might develop between the United States and Russia.

He said in an interview that Canada is "one of the countries most concerned" with atomic energy, playing a vital role in its development.

Mr. Pearson spoke to newspapermen briefly after arriving at Montreal's Dorval airport aboard a Trans-Canada Air Lines North Star from London. He was accompanied by Mrs. Pearson. Both of them boarded an RCAF DC-3 for Ottawa.

Mr. Pearson has been attending the North Atlantic Treaty Organization council meetings in Paris, which he described as "frank and useful." He said he also met with members of the British government in London.

He described Russia's agreement to atomic energy control talks as "hopeful, because it will give some reason to believe the talks will begin." He did not elaborate.

RED OPPOSITION GROWS

VIENNA (AP) — Recent local elections in Romania appear to give proof of growing resistance to the Communist regime. Radio Bucharest announced that 98.68 per cent of the voters chose Red candidates in balloting Sunday. But research here shows that more than 1,000,000 Romanians either voted against the Red ticket or did not vote.

Today's Bible Thought

Justice is not something that belongs to the state, it belongs to God. When civil authorities mete out justice it is indeed admirable and precious. We, as individuals, parents, friends, should be just in our estimates of others.

The tongue of the just is as choice silver.—Pr. 10:20.

Aunt Het

Imitation mahogany; imitation leather; imitation everything. It's got so you can't get any new thing that's genuine except babies.

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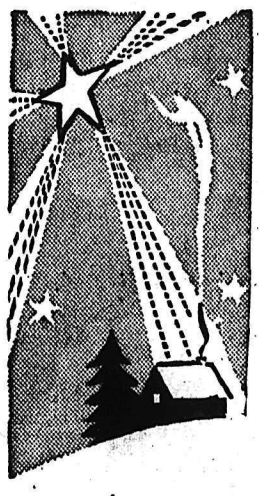

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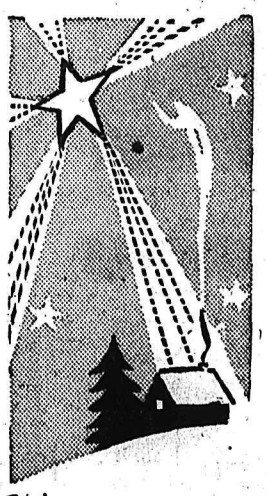

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SUNDAY, DEC. 27
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School
11:00 A.M. — MISS GRACE BROWN
Faculty Member From Bethel Bible Institute, Saskatoon, Sask.
7:30 p.m.
EVANGELISTIC RALLY

Miss Grace Brown of Saskatoon

Watch-Night Service Thursday, Dec. 31 — 10:30 p.m.

Season's Greetings
TO THE MEMBERS, ADHERENTS, AND MANY FRIENDS OF BETHEL TABERNACLE, MAY THIS CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY SEASON BRING JOY, BLESSING, AND GOD'S PEACE TO YOU.
Pastor and Mrs. Fletcher.

BETHEL FIRESIDE HOUR — 4:00 P.M., CKLN

St. Paul's United Church
Silica and Stanley Streets
Minister: Rev G W Payne, S.T.M.
Director of Music: Mrs T. J S Ferguson, B.A., A.T.C.M.

SUNDAY, Dec. 27th:
Sunday School as usual.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Subject: "BIRTH OF A NEW AGE"
2:00 p.m.—Harrop
3:30 p.m.—Procter
7:30 p.m.—"QUESTING TIME"
Boys' and Men's Choir
"A FAMILY NEEDS A HOME"
Panel Discussion on Housing

Trinity United Church
Josephine and Silica St.
Minister: REV. ALLAN DIXON, B.A., B.D.
Organist and Music Director: Mrs. C. W Tyler

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—"THE ROAD BACK" (5th in Series)
"Roadways of Life"
(Broadcast over CKLN)
7:30 p.m.—"UNEARNED INCREMENT"
(or "Balancing Last Year's Budget")

St. Saviour's Pro-Cathedral
(ANGLICAN)
Dean Thomas L. Leadbeater, D.D.

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.—GIFT SERVICE (Family Service)
7:30 p.m.—Cristmas Story on Colored Slides
7:00 p.m.—Carol Service at Willow Point

Presbyterian Church in Canada
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Kootenay and Victoria Streets
Minister: Rev. L. S. van Mossel, B.A.

7:30 p.m.—JOINT SERVICE IN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Come and Worship

Full Gospel Church
312 Stanley St. — Phone 1710
SUNDAY SERVICES:
Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.—Worship Service
7:30 p.m.—Gospel Service
Subject: "Salvation"
MID-WEEK SERVICE:
Tues., 8:00 p.m.—Prayer Service
EVERYONE WELCOME
Pastor: Arthur Ashford

First Baptist Church
Minister: K. IMAYOSHI
716 Stanley St.—Phone 965-Y

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—THEY GAVE THEMSELVES
7:30 p.m.—Presbyterian Choir
Rev. Van Mossel Speaker.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Young People's Social
Thursday Night
Watch Night Service

Church of the Redeemer
(Anglican)
FAIRVIEW
Canon W. J. Silverwood
A.K.C., B.Sc., M.A.Sc. Vicar
Mrs. J A. Fraser, L.L.C.M
Organist

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
7:30 p.m.—Evening Vespers
7:30 p.m.—South Slocan

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Some large factories in the Dutch ceramics industry date from the 16th century.

By ALICE ALDEN

While we mostly find the street-length evening dress perfect for even the dressiest evening activities, there comes the great charity ball or gala and that's when the floor-length model glides into the sartorial spotlight. Ceil Chapman, who does all evening clothes so superbly, excels herself with this pale blue ball dress of peau de soie and nylon tulle. The contoured cuff of the bodice is draped in folds and the beautiful floor-length skirt is further graced with a striking plume-shirred apron panel.

Deer Park

DEER PARK—Mrs. H. C. Coleman and son Roy were visitors to Nelson and Castlegar. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. Schneider.

F. G. Hamblin is visiting at Nelson and Trail with relatives.

W. (Bud) Schwartzenhauer of Castlegar was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Schwartzenhauer.

Miss P. D. Allen returned after spending a few days with friends in Vancouver and Nelson.

Pat Romaine, Jr., is spending the Christmas vacation at his home in Deer Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Clegg and their son of Rossland were visitors to their summer home here.

News of the Day

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Merry Christmas. May your Christmas be as bright as holiday candles.
WAIT'S NEWS

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Eagle Social Membership Club meet Saturday night, 8:00 p.m.

Our Christmas Carol Sheets are now ready. Write to Nelson Daily News or phone 144.

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We want to be the first to wish you the best of everything.
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IN MEMORIAM
In loving memory of our niece and cousin, Bonnie Loft, who passed away Dec. 25th, 1952.
Gone but not forgotten,
Never will her memory fade;
sweetest thoughts will always linger
Round the spot where she is laid.
Ever remembered by Nada, Helen, Auntie Polly and Uncle Fred.

IN MEMORIAM
In loving memory of our dear daughter, Olga Soukoreff, who passed away in accident on Castlegar Ferry December 25th, 1952.
Gone, dear daughter, gone forever;
How we miss your smiling face.
But you left us to remember
None on earth can take your place.
Sadly missed by Dad, Mom and Brother.

The Salvation Army
513 Victoria Street
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SUNDAY, Dec. 27th:
11:00 a.m.—Holiness Meeting
2:00 p.m.—Directory and Sunday School
7:30 p.m.—Salvation Meeting

PEOPLES

Dr. Oswald J. Smith, Pastor of The Peoples Church, Toronto, is now on the Air over one of our own local stations, every week. Find out the time and listen in.

South Slocan

SOUTH SLOCAN — Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bland were among those who attended the opening of the new hospital at Creston, later going on to Kimberley for a visit.

Miss Joyce Bland has arrived from Vancouver where she attends the University of British Columbia, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bland of No. 3 Plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Bland have as their guest for the holidays, Mrs. Bland's mother, Mrs. J. F. Croll of Nelson.

Ray Dempsey, who has been spending some months visiting his brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Stevens in Winnipeg, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dempsey at Gainsborough, Sask., has returned. He was accompanied on his trip by his young son Bobbie.

Mrs. Ruth Philips, teacher at Mount Sentinel high school, has left to spend the Christmas holidays at Saskatoon.

Mr. L. Canty, principal of the high school and Mrs. Canty and children, are spending the holidays in Vancouver.

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Mona Loomer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lomer, 715 Hendry Street, has arrived home from UBC to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents. She is in her third year of arts.

Gray Creek

GRAY CREEK—James Burge has returned from a trip to Vancouver and Victoria.

Mrs. McLaren from Nelson is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Burge.

Kaslo WI Protests Boost in Postal Rates

KASLO—Annual meeting of the Kaslo and District Women's Institute was held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall.

President, Mrs. F. W. Speirs, read a report showing what had been accomplished by the Institute during the past year.

A vote of thanks was tendered retiring officers, also J. S. Baker for auditing the books, to the city for use of the council chamber for meetings and to the press.

Mrs. T. R. Allen presided during the election of officers.

Elected were: President, Mrs. T. R. Allen; vice-president, Mrs. F. W. Speirs; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. Carlson; directors, Mrs. A. Morton, Mrs. J. Tonkin and Mrs. D. W. McDerby.

Conveners, appointed by the president, were: Health and welfare, Mrs. J. Tonkin; handicraft, Mrs. G. Sutherland; citizenship, Mrs. F. W. Speirs; agriculture and industries, Mrs. C. Dealfeld; home economics, Mrs. D. W. McDerby.

PROTEST POSTAL RATES

A resolution was passed in protest to raising of postal rates.

Deer Park Notes

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Walker and L. Mottershead were visitors to Trail and Castlegar. Other visitors to Castlegar included Mr. and Mrs. P. Romaine and sons Michael and Danny, A. Law, Arthur Carlson and Mrs. C. T. Williamson.

Our Christmas Message

It's *Christmas*
. . . when man pays homage to the birth of Christ.

It's *Christmas*
. . . when man rejoices with his fellow man and gives thanks for Friendship . . . for Freedom . . . for the right to enjoy those manifold blessings inherent in our way of life.

It's *Christmas*
. . . a time indeed to pledge ourselves anew to that form of living which seeks the best in all humanity . . . alleviates suffering, and brings joy to the mind and heart of those who have known sickness and fear.

So as the year draws to a close let us think, not in terms of trials and tribulations that may have beset us in the past but rather in terms of the Joyous Christmas Season and of a firm hopefulness for the future. Christmas is the Season when the warmth and sparkle of humanity's side is radiant everywhere . . . Smiles are brighter . . . Laughter rings truer . . . Handshakes are more hearty.

So it is with these thoughts uppermost in our mind that we send you our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to serve you during the past year . . . May you enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Chinese Civilians Reported In Korea

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Diplomatic sources reported Thursday that Red China is colonizing North Korea with thousands of Chinese civilians, possibly as a prelude to annexing North Korea as a province of the Peiping regime.

These sources cannot be identified publicly but the information, they said, was relayed here from persons who have been within the boundaries of North Korea and have learned of developments in that area.

STEADY CARRIER

TRURO, N.S. (CP) — Completing 35 years as a mail carrier in the Bible Hill area, John W. Heaver was presented with a purse of money by residents of the district. Mrs. Heaver also received a gift as she and her husband prepared for a holiday tour to mark his retirement.

They All Have a Name for It

By A. R. GIRGRAH

ADEN, Southern Arabia (AP) — Americans chew gum. Southeastern Asians chew betel. Southern Arabians chew kat, usually known as qat.

Qat is not as innocuous as chewing gum. It is far more harmful than betel. It is called "the lawful narcotic of southern Arabia."

A Yemenite or a southern Arabian would rather starve than go without chewing qat. To him qat is almost as necessary as air.

Botanists call it catha-edulis or celastrus. It is a plant often 18 feet high, with sweet leaves.

Doctors and scientists contend qat contains an alkaloid resembling cocain. They assert it strains the nervous system, causes physical emaciation, affects sexual virility, spoils the enamel of the teeth, corrodes the walls of the stomach and reduces the appetite for food.

NOBODY CARES

Arabians do not seem to care. The former ruler of Yemen, the Imam Yehia, wrote a long poem praising its effects on man.

Qat grows almost everywhere in the valleys and on the mountain slopes of Yemen.

The British protectorate of Yemen, whose Arab population is about 100,000, imports from three to five tons of qat daily. There are 79 registered qat importers in Aden. It is one of the most expensive affairs in Arabia. The wholesale price is about 98 cents a pound.

Nylon Nets Stir Controversies

VANCOUVER (CP) — Nylon is causing a few administrative headaches for fisheries officials on Canada's west coast.

A federal fishing regulation stipulates that salmon gillnetting must be at least 6½ inches wide in order to protect small salmon. However, officials have found that nylon nets entangle the fish with almost any width of mesh, making the regulation obsolete.

Chief Fisheries Supervisor A. J. Whitmore says he is no longer enforcing the mesh-width regulation since almost all fishermen now use nylon nets. And he has asked all fishermen using small mesh to send the results of their catches to his department in order that the information may be used for research purposes.

LONDON (CP) — On the day improvement was reported in the condition of Len Hutton, ailing cricketer, and the government announced a reduction in mutton prices, an alert news vendor put up this sign: "Hutton up — mutton down."

PACIFIC PEAK

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Frank Hufty

President, Nelson Senior Baseball Club.

To my friends and acquaintances, to those I'll meet some day . . . and to those whom I may never meet . . . go my wishes for a happy holiday.

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WINNIPEG (CP) — James Anderson, student engineer with Ducks Unlimited, says "bull sessions" are slowing down his survey work. He was attacked by bulls three times in recent weeks, and on the last encounter was thrown head first over a fence.

FORT FRANCES, Ont. (CP) — Harry Blake and Vernon Armstrong of Dance township spotted a white bear on an island in Rainy lake. From a distance of only 10 yards, they said, it appeared to be an albino bear, an off-white almost yellow in color.

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LADIES' READY TO WEAR APPAREL

Criminals Turn Into Citizens

DORCHESTER, N.B. (CP)—Dorchester penitentiary, a grim hilltop fortress of grey stone, is proving that some convicted criminals can be turned into useful, law-abiding citizens.

The federal prison for the Maritimes illustrates the modern penological emphasis on reform and rehabilitation where possible.

About 560 men are confined. They come from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick in addition to at least 50 from St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary due to overcrowding in the Quebec institution.

130 GRADUATES

Canadian penitentiaries began to concentrate on reformable criminals about 1945, taking as their guidebook the report of the Archambault Royal Commission on the country's penal system. In the last five years approximately 130 men have graduated from Dorchester's vocational training centre and returned to society as plumbers, bricklayers, carpenters, upholsterers and draftsmen.

"We feel our contributions in trade training are a factor in a man's re-establishment," says the chief vocational officer, Robert K. Allaby. "But the major effort must come from within the man himself. His rehabilitation starts there."

Col. G. T. Goad, Dorchester warden, has similar views. He says the man who won't be reformed can't be reformed.

Efforts to equip the convict with a profitable trade, find him a job on the outside, and give him a chance to go straight are concentrated on youths and first offenders. The older repeater, however, is not automatically eliminated.

STERN BUT HUMANE

Although life in Dorchester is regimented sternness, without coddling, the inmates are treated like humans. They have individual cells, sheets, radio earphones, a wash basin and toilet.

The solitary confinement section is above ground, well lighted and ventilated. A prisoner here cannot smoke. His reading is restricted to trade journals. He sleeps on a wooden pallet a few inches off the floor. He has two blankets but no sheets or pillow. His toilet is a bucket. For 45 minutes a day he is exercised in the yard.

The prisoner in "solitary" for misconduct is seen daily by the penitentiary doctor. The diet is bread and water or bread, water, porridge and potatoes.

No guard will touch an inmate unless a tense situation demands force. The only weapons are rifles and revolvers in guard towers. If an enraged convict is armed with a makeshift weapon the guard on the spot must depend on judo training.

ALCOHOL FACTOR

Many prisoners battle alcohol while others try to make it. Warden Goad estimates alcohol was a factor in 50 per cent of the crimes for which the convicts are paying. An Alcoholics Anonymous group, of voluntary membership, was formed nearly five years ago and holds weekly meetings.

"Occasionally ingenious prisoners concoct home brew with ingredients pilfered from the kitchen and farm. There has been no evidence of it in the last six months.

There's no lock-stepping file at Dorchester, no close-shaven head or striped suit. Neither is there any cursing of inmates—profanity is forbidden.

The penitentiary can hold about 600 men. All the men have jobs, paying five, 10 or 15 cents a day depending on grade. Of this, three cents is put aside toward the day of release.

We thank you for your patronage over the past year.
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Our greeting is an old one, but Christmas is the time for old songs, old wishes and old friends.
So again we say, Happy Holiday.
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MARINE PFC. LOY W. CONLEY (right) of Norwich, Conn., a mail orderly with the First Marine Division in Korea, departs from a forward post office with a load of Christmas packages for troops manning the defence lines. He is using a Korean A-frame which brings a big smile from a passing South Korean farmer carrying a similar frame loaded with grass.
—U.S. Marine Corps photo via AP Wirephoto.

SLOT MACHINES, PUNCHBOARDS TO BE OUSTED

BOISE, Idaho (AP)— Governor Len Jordan set a deadline of Dec. 31 for Idaho taverns and clubs to get rid of slot machines, punchboards and chance prize games.

But he gave prosecuting attorneys the green light to throw them out sooner if they want to. The Supreme Court Wednesday outlawed slots and punchboards by declaring them lotteries.

The court's sweeping decision banning punchboard and chance spindles as well as slots boosted the state's financial loss to about $600,000 a year. In the past fiscal year, the state collected $423,876 from slot machines and another $151,359 from punchboards, chance spindles and similar devices.

Stretcher Case Sent To Jail and Fined

VANCOUVER (CP)—A sick man was brought into police court on a stretcher here to hear the magistrate pass sentence for infractions under the B. C. Securities Act.

George E. Campbell, president of Service Realty Company, was fined $25,000 and sentenced to six months in jail. Campbell, who recently underwent a serious operation, was convicted of acting as a broker contrary to the Securities Act.

Sincere wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.
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Sick Children Cheered by Kinetic Shapes

By JOAN BARBERIS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Kinetic sculpture, a form of abstract art becoming increasingly popular in Canada, is being put to practical use by an English hospital and a Japanese dentist.

Often made of brass and tin in strange shapes, the sculptures, or "mobiles" as they are sometimes called, hang from wires and move as currents of air strike them. They can also be made from paper or plastic.

In the children's ward of Whittington Hospital, London, the mobiles are practically as good as medicine.

NEED COLOR

"When children are sick they need color and movement and beauty all the more," said Dr. Simon Yudkin, who sponsored the idea at the hospital.

"During the day, toys and books contribute something but often it is after dusk when these are put away that home seems far away and tears are the result. It is at this time the mobiles hung on the cots have been so rewarding."

"The youngsters' imaginations are stimulated to an extraordinary degree by the twisting and shimmering shapes and the play of light and shade on the metal," he said.

"A Japanese dentist in Toronto ordered a mobile for his office," Miss Wood said. "He saw them in cocktail bars in the United States."

To All Our Friends and Customers
R. C. Catton

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MRS. R. WYLIE
MISS R. BURTON
STEVENS' STUDIO

MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF
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Slave-Dealer's Eye to Business

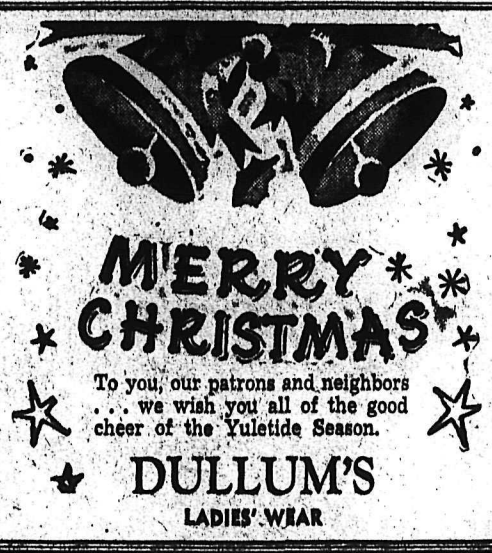
LONDON (AP) — A letter believed to be about 1900 years old, from a business man of Roman Britain to his staff in London, turned up recently in an antique shop.

Written in Latin, it was scratched with a stylus on a wax-covered piece of wood, and the lettering penetrated to the wood itself. The letter was translated by Prof. I. A. Richmond of Durham University as follows:

"Rufus, son of Callisunus, greeting to Epillicus and all his fellows. I believe you know I am very well. If you have made the list, please send. Do though look after everything carefully. See that thou turnest that slave girl into cash."

Somebody later used the wood as the backing for a writing tablet, which found its way to the antique shop.

YELVERTON, England (CP) — Engineers repairing telegraph poles found two birds nested in a hole on top of one. They cut off the top section of pole and hung it at the same height, on a newly-erected pole, a solution that was acceptable to the blue-tits.



To you, our patrons and neighbors . . . we wish you all of the good cheer of the Yuletide Season.
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Holiday happiness to all our friends.
May joy and prosperity never end.
FROM THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OF
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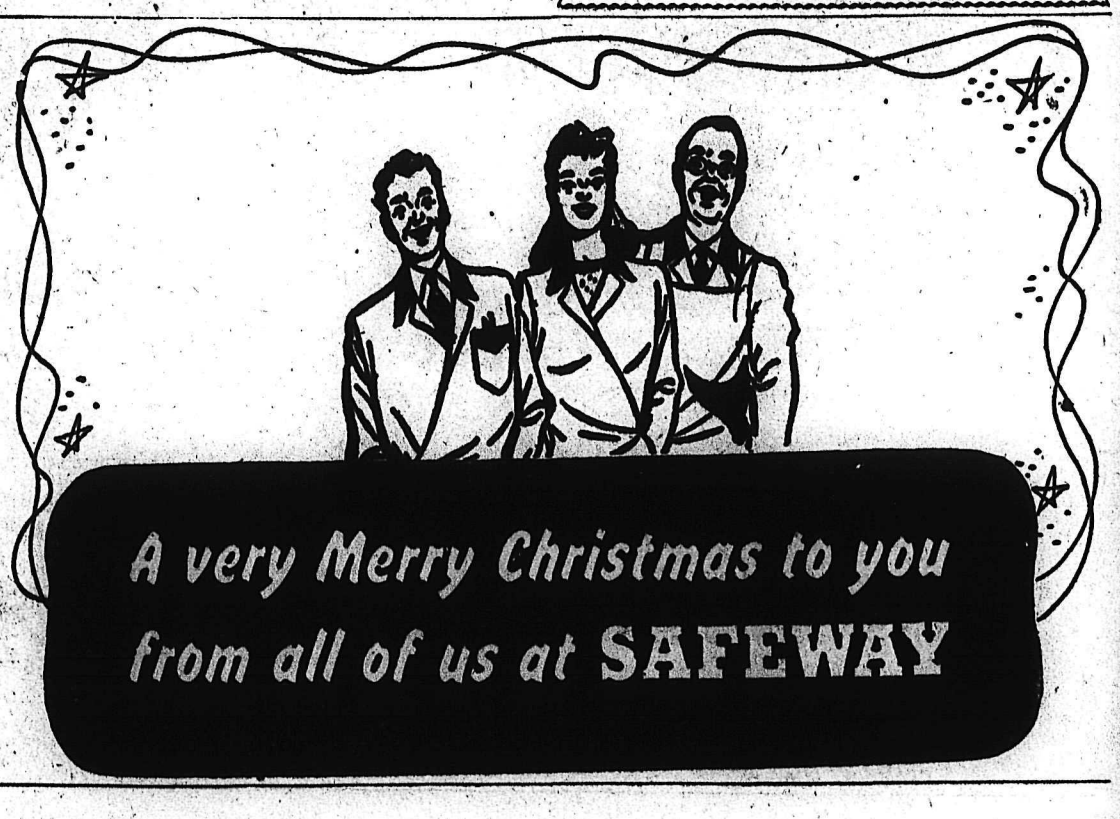
A very Merry Christmas to you from all of us at SAFEWAY

Seek Proof of Drake's Visit To B.C.

VANCOUVER (CP) — Robert Parkington seeks to find out if Sir Francis Drake was the first white navigator to sight Vancouver island shores.

The Berkeley, Calif., historian and member of the Drake Navigators' Guild is making extensive research into the historic voyage of the Golden Hinde.

In British Columbia he studied ancient maps in Victoria archives and at Vancouver museum.

Sir Francis remained for 36 days at Drake's bay, and rammed the Golden Hinde on the beach there. The Navigators' Guild has gone over every inch of the bay shore seeking remains of the stone blockhouse that Drake built and other relics.

However, nothing has been found to equal in importance the original brass plate that Drake affixed to a tree to commemorate his visit. This plate was found 20 years ago and now is on display in Bancroft Library at Berkeley.

Many historians believe Drake's first landfall on the Pacific coast was near Nootka Sound June 20, 1579. He did not land, but continued southward to Drake's Bay, north of San Francisco, where he named the land New Albion, and claimed it for Elizabeth I.

An account published by Hakluyt in 1589 describes the location of New Albion as being "on the back side of Canada," a description not relished by many Californians.

PHONE 144 FOR CLASSIFIED

Merry Christmas
We want to be the first to wish you the best of everything!
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Merry Christmas
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR
Hoping you have much happiness during the Yule Season and for the years to come.
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NRX Reactor to Operate Soon

OTTAWA (CP)—William J. Bennett, president of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, says the powerful NRX reactor at Chalk River, Ont., will be in operation again early in the new year. The pile was damaged by a leak a year ago.

When the atomic furnace is reactivated it will be "hotter" than before the breakdown. It also will be fitted with new gadgets, expected to reduce the danger of future leaks.

Mr. Bennett, also president and managing director of Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited, said in an interview that repair work was governed by the availability of materials and delivery of new equipment to be used in the rebuilt pile.

The date of the reactor's resumption was not known because of the highly-technical repair and installation job.

The reactor broke down Dec. 12, 1952, when aluminum tubes, holding water used to cool the energy-producing uranium rods in the pile, sprang leaks. This allowed radioactive materials, including deadly gamma rays, to escape.

DECONTAMINATION PERIOD

Decontamination of the project area outside the pile building was completed within a few weeks. However, decontamination and dismantling of the reactor itself continued until well in the summer.

The dismantling and repair job was a major Canadian scientific achievement since it proved that a damaged reactor can be reactivated. It also proved that scientists, with proper safety equipment, can work in radiation fields once thought too strong for human safety.

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Students Wind Up Term With Party

NEW DENVER — New Denver Lucerne high school held a party to end up the half-term of 1953-54. Games and dancing were enjoyed and gifts given to the teachers, principal, L. P. Todd, Gordon B. McLean, John Brian and Roy McEachern. Gifts were also given to John Taylor and the two bus drivers, Gordon Nelson and John Pozdnikoff. All gifts were presented by Reg Broughton, president of the Students' Council.

Get Rich Quick With New Game

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Everybody is looking for a simple, inexpensive way to get rich.

Well, we've stumbled across one possible way. All you have to do is invent a new parlor game half as popular as checkers.

There is a big boom under way now in home games. And guess what is helping it along: Television, no less.

Robert B. M. Barton, president of the Toy Manufacturers of America, is happy to say a kind word for video, which has been denounced as a one-eyed viper responsible for everything wrong from the increase in adult delinquency to the rise in juvenile ulcers.

BIG HELP

"At first we were afraid television would hurt us, but it has turned out to be a big help," said Barton. "Families stay at home more now. But they can't look at TV all the time—so they play more games."

Barton heads Parker Brothers, Inc., which regularly publishes 250 to 300 different games.

"We test up to 1000 new games each year, of which only about two per cent are put on the market," he said. "Most of them are invented by professionals, but some of the best are the work of amateurs."

MONOPOLY A HIT

An example was Charles Darrow, an unemployed Philadelphia heating engineer, who in 1935 invented "Monopoly," one of the most popular new games of this century.

Game publishing resembles song and book publishing in many ways.

"Each game is a business gamble," said Barton. "You can spend anything from $10,000 to $150,000 marketing a new game—and lose it all. You never can be sure what the public will like.

"When it comes to this field a housewife with a fresh idea may make the oldest profesional game inventor look like a beginner. She may be closer to new trends. The main thing about any game is that it must be fun."

Barton says chess is still the most popular game in the world, but in the United States is outranked 50 to 1 by checkers.

"I wish I had the sole rights to checkers," he said, wistfully.

British Tailors Suggest New "Darts Jacket"

LONDON (Reuters)—The trade publication of Britain's tailors says it's unseemly for men to strip down to shirt sleeves for the evening game of darts at the corner tavern. Too many players in shirt sleeves tend to make the game look "scruffy," says "Tailor and Cutter."

To remedy the situation it proposes a new garment to be known as the "darts jacket". Prizes are offered for the best ideas on what the well-dressed darts player may wear.

The ordinary suit or sports coat, says the magazine, creases and bunches up when the player throws. The sleeve drags on the arm and prevents full freedom of delivery. These suggestions are offered to designers:

More freedom at the armhole; waterproofing treatment to avoid beer stains; bright colors for dazzling the opponent; a special pocket for the "arrows", and short sleeves for greater throwing ease.

From the sincerity of our hearts comes this wish for a truly joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.
VIC GRAVES
Master Plumber

Many Attend Sirdar Christmas Concert

SIRDAR—Many attended the annual Christmas concert in Sirdar school.

The program was made up of carol singing and other entertainment, including a duet by Mr. Wilkie and Miss Wilkinson, "A White Christmas."

Following the program Santa gave out presents and refreshments were served by the mothers. Each child received a bag of candy and nuts.

Organized colonization of New Zealand started in 1840 with a settlement at Wellington.

to you . . . from us our most sincere wishes
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Censorship Bad, Try Better Books

FREDERICTON (CP) — Four clergymen and a women's leader here agree that competition from good books is the best way to combat the influence of salacious and offensive literature.

Polled by the Fredericton Daily Gleaner, the five gave these views:

Rev. C. T. Boyd, Roman Catholic: "The easiest way to fight this stuff is to supply good reading written and promoted in such a way that it replaces it."

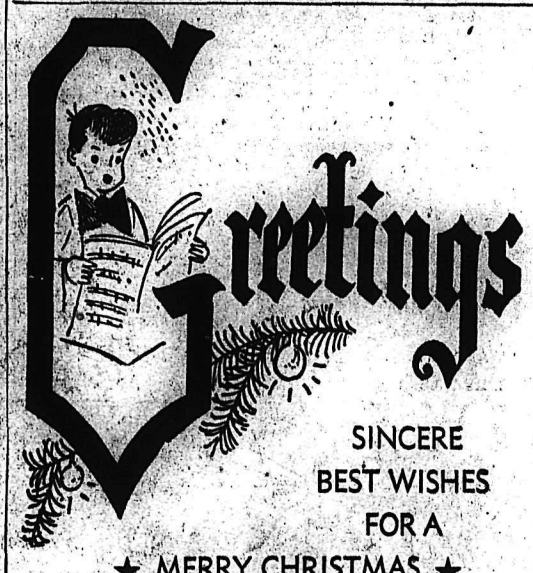
Rev. J. A. Forbes, United Church: "Censorship is wrong. . . . The best way . . . is for fathers and mothers to take more interest in what their children read, and to see that they get good reading."

Rabbi David Spiro: "The only way to cure a cancer is to cut it out. . . . But competition by good reading shows the best chance of success."

Mrs. F. J. Toole of the Fredericton Women's Council spoke of efforts of her group to stop the flow of offensive literature and said members were watching for such books for reference to the attorney-general's department.

Rev. E. D. Willis, Church of England: "The news vendor is not forced to accept any publications sent him by the wholesale distributor."

KARACHI (CP) — To relieve a cloth shortage here the government of Pakistan has decided to import cloth from Japan and other sterling areas.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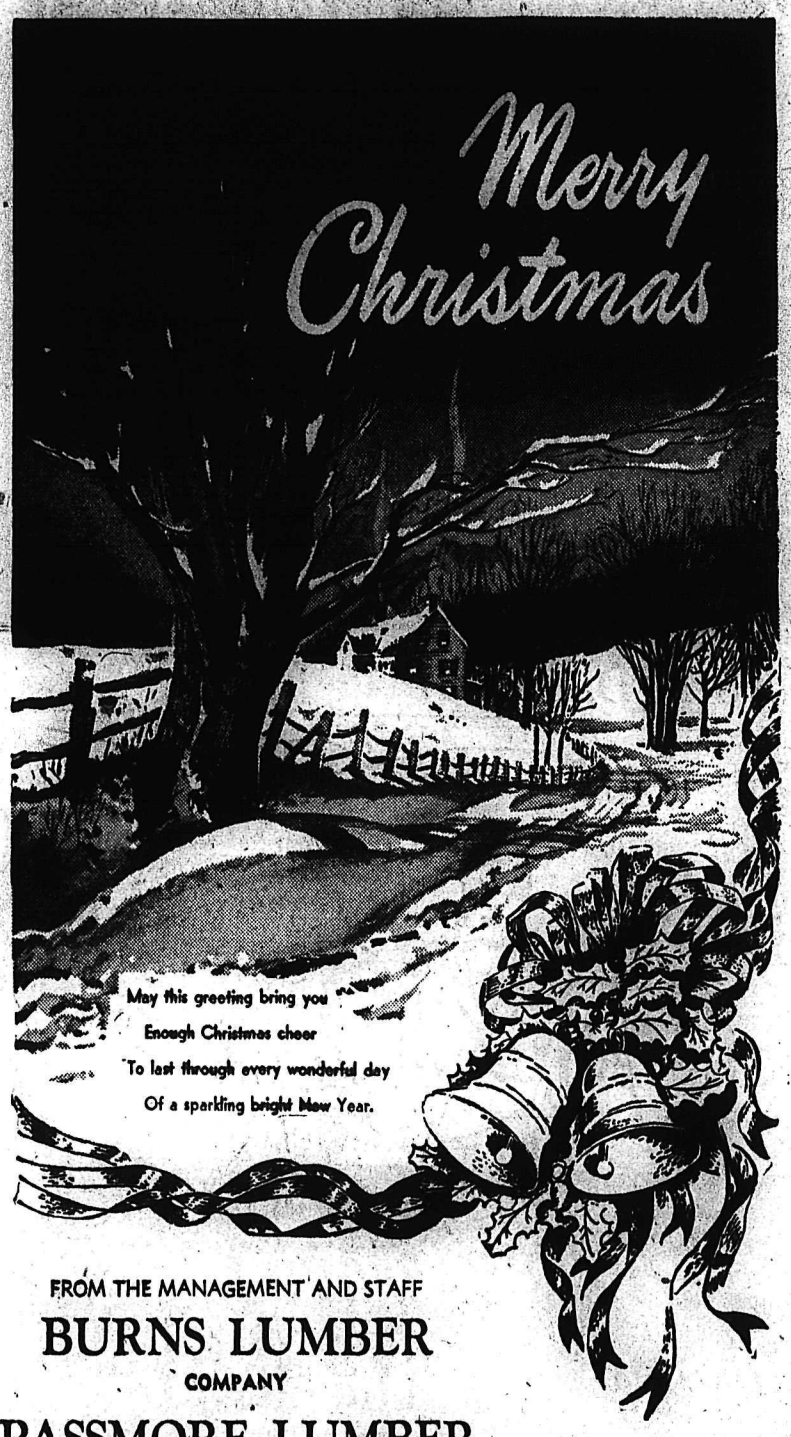

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VICTOR GLASBAND, 36, wailed: "I knew it had to happen to me," as he rested in hospital in Los Angeles sans his appendix. He was operated on just 10 hours after his twin brother, Eugene, underwent an identical operation. The twins said the appendectomy operations were just one of several coincidences, like both getting gray hair at the same time; getting identical corrections for their eyeglasses and having the same teeth pulled and filled. Here, Eugene's wife, Sharon, checks the pulses of Victor on the left and Eugene on the right.—Central Press Canadian.

Norwegians Open Cooking School For Husbands

By ELIZABETH KITSON

OSLO (Reuters) — Armed with egg-beaters and cook books, a group of middle-aged Norwegian men are busily learning the culinary arts at one of the first experimental cooking courses for husbands to be started in Norway.

Every Thursday evening, they hurry from their place of work to a municipal domestic science school in an Oslo suburb.

They set about preparing a three-course dinner under the instructions of the domestic science teacher, Mrs. Havin — whose husband is one of the pupils.

When the class is over and the dinner is cooked, pupils and teacher sit down together to eat it.

The class was started as an experiment by Mrs. Havin, encouraged by her husband, a psychologist. Mr. Havin's problem is that although he eats like a horse and is at the same time lazy by nature, he remains as thin as a rake.

WIVES NEED CHANGE

"I wanted to find out how it was prepared, all this food which disappears so completely," he said.

"It is an interesting study, something like the theory of the constancy of energy."

But most pupils are married men, who have decided that their wives deserve a day off every so often.

On the first evening, nothing more ambitious than vegetable soup and pancakes was attempted, but by the fifth lesson the male cooks were at home with Irish stew, fruit salad, and lemon and almond cakes.

The male pupils now say women are too bound by tradition, and they are already claiming they will be able to produce more exciting dishes — and produce them more cheaply than their wives.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

Israeli Blamed For Hebron Attack

JERUSALEM (AP)—The United Nations mixed armistice commission blames Israel for an attack on the Arab town of Hebron in which three persons were killed.

A resolution passed by the commission on a majority vote called upon the Israeli authorities to take immediate steps to apprehend the criminals and measures to prevent a recurrence of such aggression.

The attack was made at 4 a.m. Dec. 21 on a house inside Jordan territory with explosives and hand grenades. A pregnant woman was killed and her husband seriously injured. During the withdrawal two men were killed.

Norway Recruits Fishermen for Coastal Defence

OSLO (Reuters) — Struggling with the problem of defending her tremendously long coastline, Norway is recruiting fishermen and their boats for coast guard duty in case of an emergency.

The men are being enrolled in the naval branch of the home guard and for all operative purposes they are under naval command. They do their training in slack periods between the various fishing seasons and, in the event of war or any emergency, will be ready to play an important part in coastal patrols and other duties, each boat's crew serves in an area it knows well.

Norway's coastline stretches roughly 2125 miles, not counting all the deep fjords, inlets and islands. If these are included, the total length of coastline to be watched is almost 12,500 miles. The total population is just over 3,000,000.

Coastal fishing constitutes one of Norway's biggest industries, employing some 116,000 men and a fleet of about 32,000 motor-driven boats.

Overseas RCAF Form Radio, Dramatic Group

LANGAR, Nottinghamshire, Eng. (CP) — Canadian servicemen and women at the RCAF's air material base here are taking to the air in more ways than one.

A group of airmen and women from among the 300 serving here have formed their own dramatic society and are planning to produce both stage and radio dramas. At the moment they are working on a production of Terence Ratigan's London success, "While The Sun Shines."

The group also plans to provide a radio drama team to entertain Canadians on the RCAF's closed radio circuit.

Bank Bandit Flees In Luxury Car

VANCOUVER (CP) — A lone gunman escaped with an undetermined amount of cash Thursday when he held up a Bank of Toronto branch in the Mount Pleasant district.

Police said the tall bandit fled the scene in a late-model luxury car, driving toward the downtown area.

One witness said "there's money strewn all over the bank floor."

There were two girls and two men working in the bank at the time, she said. Another woman was knocked over as the revolver-waving gunman sped through a crowd of Christmas shoppers to his nearby automobile.

HOT DEFENCE

Balconies on houses in Mediterranean countries were first built so boiling oil could be poured on attackers.

Pity French Posties

PARIS (Reuters) — Mountains of Christmas mail lay undelivered Thursday on Paris railway station platforms as a walkout of post office sorters at stations and on long-distance trains went into its second day.

Soldiers drafted for special duty struggled to ease the hourly pileup of letters and parcels, but postal inspectors believed it would take at least 10 days for deliveries to become normal again, even if the sorters returned to work Friday.

Christmas Bonus

CHURCH GRESLEY, England (CP)—Housewives came out with sacks, baskets and buckets to scoop up free coal after workers in this Derbyshire village, looking for an old drain, struck a coal seam.

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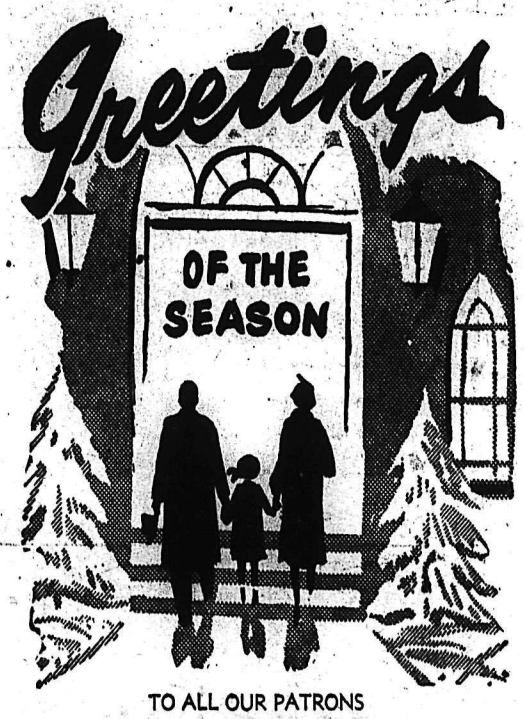

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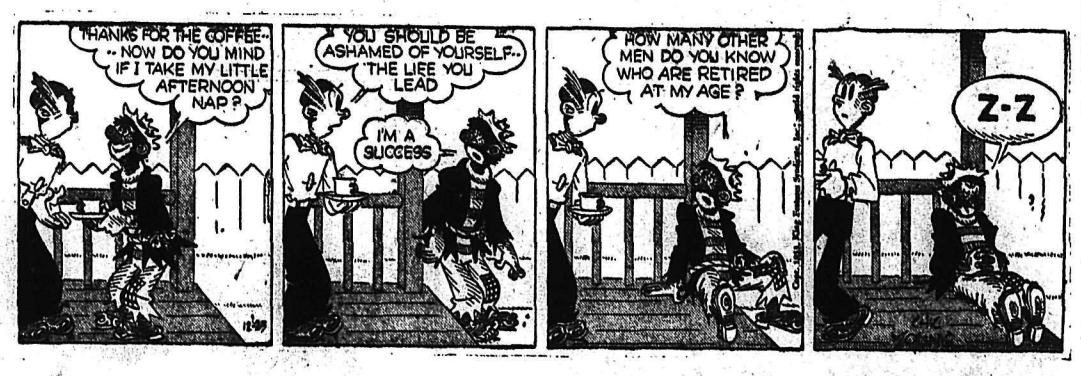

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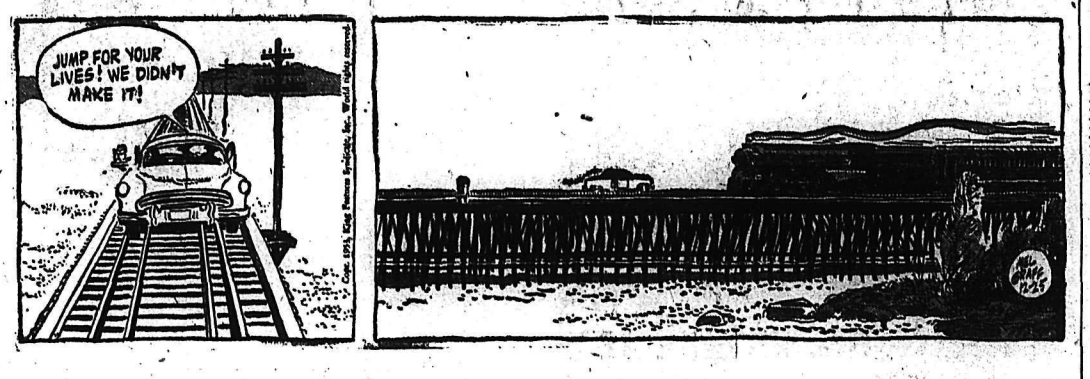

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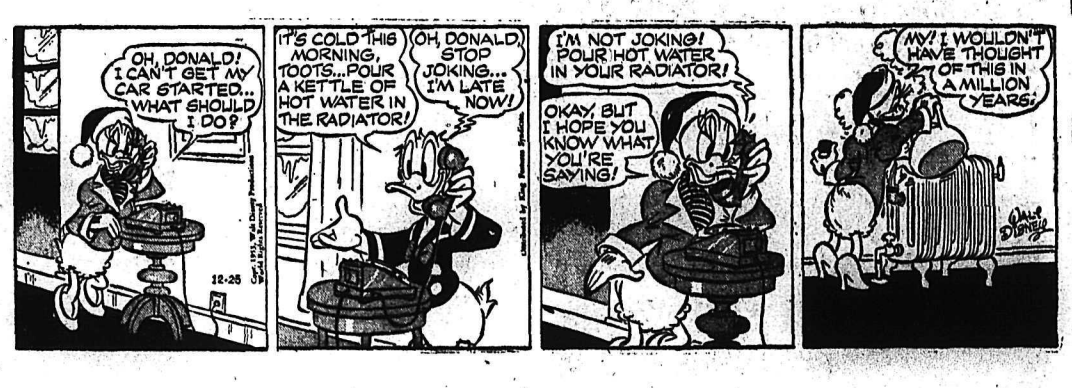

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7:30—News
7:35—Warren's Wigwam
8:00—News
8:10—Sports News
8:15 Hits and Encores
8:30—Saturday Serenade
9:00—Western Serenade
9:15—Saddle Serenade
9:30—Stamp Club
9:45—Stu Davis
10:00—Earl Warren Show
10:15—Saturday Serenade
10:30—Story Parade
10:45—News
11:00—Metropolitan Opera
2:00—Ballet Club
3:00—News
3:10—Old Country Sports
3:30—Sports College
3:45—Armdale Chorus
4:00—Now I Ask You
4:30—Curtain Melodies
5:00—Report from Parl. Hill
5:05—Pacific News
5:15—All Aboard for Adventure
5:30—Cavalcade of Melody
6:00—News
6:05—NHL Hockey
7:30—Organ Music
8:00—News
8:10—Saturday Serenade
8:30—Prairie Schooner
9:00—Saturday Special
9:30—The Music Box
10:00—News
10:15—Hotel Orchestra
10:30—Sports Roundup
10:45—Starlight Ballroom
11:00—Around the Town
12:00—NEWS Night Cap

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1953

8:00—Sunday Morning Music
8:30—This Is My Story
9:00—Overseas News
9:15—News
9:30—Harmony Harbour
0:00—B.C. Gardener
10:15—Just Mary
10:30—Way of the Spirit
11:00—Trinity Church Service
12:00—N. Y. Philharmonic
1:30—Critically Speaking
2:00—Fiddle Joe's Yarns
2:30—Jake and the Kid
3:00—News
3:05—Ask the Weatherman
3:12—Weather
3:15—UN on the Record
3:30—The People's Church
3:45—Musicale
4:00—Bethel Fireside Hour
4:30—Distinguished Artists
5:00—Sunday Choral
5:30—Sunday Serenade
5:50—News
6:00—Stage '54
7:00—News
7:10—Weekend Review
7:20—Our Special Speaker
7:30—Questing Time
8:00—Sunday Night Show
9:00—Ford Theatre
10:00—News
10:15—Discoveries in Medicine
10:30—Mantovani Orchestra
11:00—"NEWS" Night Cap

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8.30—Sunday Morning Recital
9:00—BBC News
9:15—Question Box
9:30—Harmony Harbor
10:00—B.C. Gardner
10:15—Just Mary
10:30—Way of the Spirit
11:00—News
11:03—Capital Report
11:30—Religious Period
12:00—N. Y. Symphony
1:30—Critically Speaking
2:00—Fiddle Joe's Yarns
2:30—Jake and the Kid
3:00—News
3:05—Ask the Weatherman
3:12—Weather Forecast
3:15—UN on the Record
3:30—Winnipeg Sunday Concert
4:30—Distinguished Artists
5:00—Sunday Chorale
5:30—Chamber of Music
6:00—Stage 54
7:00—News
7:10—Weekend Review
7:20—Our Special Speaker
7:30—Little Symphony Orchestra
8:00—Symphony Orchestra
9:00—Ballad Time
9:30—Vesper Hour
10:00—News
10:15—Discoveries of Medicine
10:30—Music by Mantovan's

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1953

7:00—Fisherman's Broadcast
7:15—Musical Minutes
7:30—News
7:35—Musical Minutes
7:45—Morning Devotions
7:55—March Past
8:00—News
8:10—Here's Bill Good
8:15—Breakfast Club
8:45—Laura Limited
9:00—BBC News
9:15—Aunt Lucy
9:30—Morning Concert
10:00—Morning Visit
10:15—The Happy Gang
10:45—Musical Kitchen
11:00—Kate Aitken
11:15—Kindergarten of the Air
11:30—A Man and His Music
12:15—News
12:25—Showcase
12:30—B.C. Farm Broadcast
12:55—Five to One
1:00—The Concert Hour
2:00—Festive Season
2:30—Trans-Canada Matinee
3:15—Brave Voyage
3:30—Program Resume
3:45—B.C. Roundup
4:15—Maxine Ware Sings
4:30—Starbuck Valley Winter
4:45—Roundabout
5:00—Young Man With a Song
5:15—International Commentary
5:20—News
5:30—Rawhide
5:55—Have You Heard?
6:00—Lux Radio Theatre
7:00—News
7:15—News Roundup
7:30—B.C. Profile
8:00—A Saviour is Born
8:15—CBC Symphony Orch.
9:00—Nat. Farm Radio Forum
9:30—Cafe Continental
10:00—News
10:15—Provincial Affairs
10:30—Bob McMullin Show

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ACROSS

1. Public vehicles
5. Utah Indians
9. Biblical name
10. Capital (France)
12. Linen tapes
14. Pineapple (So. Am.)
15. Therefore
16. Costly
18. Ovum (Biol.)
19. Fresh
21. Uprising
23. Behold!
24. Prepare for publication
26. Molded masses of bread
28. Cut off the tops
30. Owing
31. Steering device on a boat
34. Jog
37. Mulberry
38. Verbal
40. Land-measure
41. Doctrine
43. Layer of the iris (anat.)
45. Exclamation
46. Cease
48. Show clearly
50. Weird
52. Roman magistrate
53. Peruse
54. Storm

DOWN

1. Went by canoe
2. Chest
3. Forward
4. Scoff
5. Overhead
6. Spigot
7. One of the Great Lakes
8. Not married
9. River (France)
11. Starchy foodstuffs for puddings
13. Extent of canvas
17. Crucifix
20. Not tame
22. Tight
25. Fuss (Hyphen.)
27. Girl's name
29. Republic (So. Am.)
31. Lift
32. Province (Fr.)
33. Talk with extravagant enthusiasm
35. An inspired prophet
36. Titter (Hyphen.)
39. Pry
42. Additional amount
44. Opera by Verdi
47. Covering of brain
49. Dress with a sharp-pointed instrument
51. Man's nickname

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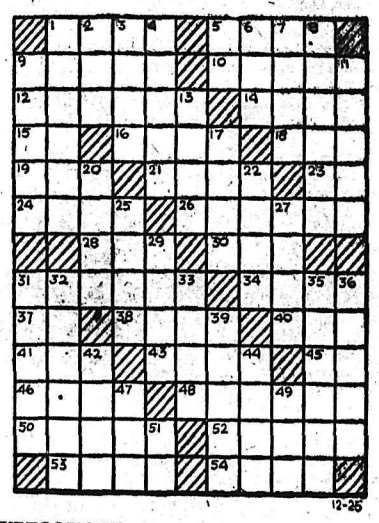

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Market Trends

TORONTO (CP) — Thursday short stock trading session ended on a slightly higher note with moderate trading.

Refining oils, banks, agriculturals and papers led industrials higher.

Base metals were a little higher in light trading with all price changes small.

Golds closed slightly higher as Consolidated Howey led with a gain of 17 cents.

MONTREAL (CP)—Trading was light in a brief Christmas Eve session. Prices were irregularly higher.

Miscellaneous industrials, Utilities, papers, senior oils and steels were better while beverages and carriers were unchanged.

LONDON (Reuters) — As to be expected in the brief pre-holiday session there was no active desire to deal but in spite of the quietness values generally were firm.

Gilt-edged made selective headway while sporadic support was encountered for industrials. Stores and tobaccos were both good and rises were seen in textiles and miscellaneous engineering issues.

Metal Prices

NEW YORK (CP) — Spot prices:
Lead, N.Y., .13½.
Zinc, East St. Louis, .10.
Tin, N.Y., .84½.

Winnipeg Grain

WINNIPEG (CP) — Winnipeg grain cash prices:
Oats, No. 1 feed, 65¼.
Barley, No. 1 feed, 88¼.

B.C. Laboratory To Improve Navy Equipment

VICTORIA (CP) — Improvement of the complicated instruments used in modern naval warfare is the aim of a group of scientists at HMCS Dockyard here.

They work at the Pacific naval laboratory among an array of mysterious equipment that would be at home in a science-fiction thriller.

There are "eyes" that can pierce ships' hulls, sounding devices to measure ocean depths with uncanny precision, thermometers that register quick and minute changes in temperature of the sea far below the surface; and a tank that shows graphically how sound waves are "bent" under water by any combination of warm and cold water layers.

Chief interest of the laboratory, says J. S. Johnson, director, is underwater physics.

TO REDUCE CORROSION

Among other things, the laboratory is studying ways of reducing corrosion on hulls of navy ships and improving methods of paint application.

The Pacific naval laboratory was established by Canada's Defence Research Board and has been operating only since 1948. A new $600,000 building is being built at the dockyard to provide more elbow room for the 58-member staff, now crowded in wartime emergency huts.

What's Happened To Inventors?

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON (AP)—Inventors aren't inventing like they used to.

In 1931, for example, there were 84,000 applications for patents. Last year that had dropped to 60,000.

What's happened? The most obvious answer is that in 1931 a lot of people were in the inventing business because they couldn't find anything else to do.

Still, an inventor's life isn't exclusively sphygmonanometers these days.

Claude Paxton of El Paso, Tex., has a new paint can brush scraper and Barbara B. Tittle of South Bend, Ind. has a plan for pinless diapers.

One curious thing about inventors is that, having invented something, they often have to produce something that partly disinvents it.

LIFE GETS COMPLICATED

But life gets more complicated, as you can see by noting these new inventions:

Robert W. Foreman and Melvin M. Fink of Cleveland have come up with an "apparatus for co-ordinating operating wave length and slit size in spectrophotometers."

Harold J. Hasbrouck, Jr., of Teaneck, N.J., has invented—and just let the Russians say they thought of this one first—a sphygmonanometer.

These undoubtedly are fine, useful inventions, but they're hardly the type that would come with a blinding flash to the average fellow while he was shaving.

BLESSED SILENCE

Such as the radio. Having got it, inventors then went to work trying to get a gadget which would quiet it during overly enthusiastic commercials, thereby giving us blessed silence, which is what we had in the first place.

On the whole some of the old-time lightheartedness seems to be gone from the official gazette. Where is the like of the automatic hat tipper, whereby a dandy could tip his bowler merely by squeezing a bulb in his pocket?

And where is there something similar to the windshield wipers for spectacles during grapefruit season?

Smoke Problem Grim at Coast

VANCOUVER (CP) — One of Vancouver's top experts on air pollution terms the smoke situation here "deplorable and of some urgency."

Dennis Critoph, chairman of the smoke committee of the Community Planning Association, said that in 1950 about 330 tons of soid matter per square mile was deposited in Vancouver—"and anything over 280 tons is bad."

Mr. Critoph said approximately 35 to 50 per cent of Vancouver's smoke is domestic due to the burning of volatile bituminous coal in haphazard fashion by householders.

Sawmills account for a considerable amount, largely due to disposal of so-called waste which in Sweden is of economic value. Other sources are shipping in the harbor, factories, hospitals and other buildings.

He said the problem should be atacked at the grate, by regulating fire-burning equipment in all places where smoke amanates.

YARMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—Spraying of ragweed was carried out again this year by the Yarmouth county tourist committee, which years ago made Yarmouth the first town in Nova Scotia to attack ragweed as a community effort. While the pollen count is low, efforts are being made to eliminate the hayfever menace entirely.

Retired Captain Writes Stories

VANCOUVER (CP) — A retired Vancouver sea captain with an agile mind and a gift for story-telling is making a new career writing about his adventures afloat.

Capt. Thomas Gilchrist has more than 30 years of salty experience to inspire fiction and plays rolling from his typewriter.

A genial, soft-spoken man with a shock of wavy, grey hair, Capt. Gilchrist commanded a tug during the Nanking uprising which was the embattled white population's only link with British and American warships standing by to rescue them.

His back bears the scars of four stab wounds he received in the Chinese Communist rebellion in Nanking in 1928 and his right leg is still tender after being fractured by a bomb splinter when he commanded an armed merchant ship supporting a landing under Japanese fire in the Pacific islands during the Second World War.

CONCENTRATES ON WRITING

Capt. Gilchrist quit his command of a Saguenay Terminals Limited freighter last July to concentrate on writing about these feats of derring-do

Already this year he has written 18 radio plays, two novelettes and four short stories.

CBC audiences heard his series of plays "Fiddler's Green" this summer.

The doughty Scots skipper thinks he's ashore to stay.

"I can make as much now writing as I can at sea, so I may as well live at home."

DUMFRIES, Scotland (CP) — A Glasgow University zoologist plans to drag a lake here in search of a small prehistoric member of the salmon family. Named the vendace, it is believed descended from a species that sought refuge in Scottish inlets during the glacial period.

U.K. Dogs Have Happy Lives

By VALERY GIBSON

LONDON (AP)—Britain has 3,750,000 dogs, according to official population.

Dogs have free rights in London's squares and parks, for there is no law obliging them to be kept on a leash. They are allowed in most hotels and restaurants. They are carried free in many cities' buses and for only a small fare on the subway and railways.

The Royal Family keeps six dogs. The Queen has two, the Queen Mother one and Princess Margaret three. Their favorite bred is the Corgi, the Welsh cattle dog with the pert ears.

CORGIS POPULAR

Thanks to royal favor the Corgi ranks high in popularity throughout the country. It is in fourth place along with the Boxer and the aristocratic miniature poodle favored by Prime Minister Churchill. Above it, in third spot, comes the Pekinese.

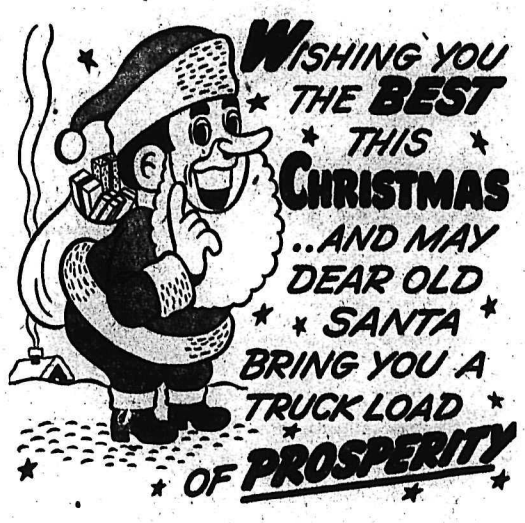
Second is the younger generation's Alsatian. At the top are the 250,000 Cocker spaniels.

UPKEEP HIGH

Kennel club officials believe the high cost of keeping a dog is causing gradual changes in breeding. While the number of dogs has remained more or less constant for 15 years, the number with pedigrees has doubled. Officials say prospective owners feel that if their dog is going to cost them so much they might as well go all the way and buy a blueblood.

Official figures disclose that there is no money in dog breeding, yet the country has 20,000 registered breeders.

LONDON (CP) — The British Broadcasting Corporation is negotiaitng with Equity, the actors' union, to allow sale of television film dramas to foreign networks. Higher pay for actors and actresses taking part is the main condition sought by Equity.



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Display of "Horse Sense" Results In Award and Promise of Carrots

By ALVIN STEINKOPF

LONDON (AP) — A 20-year-old mare named Gracie, by occupation a dray horse, will have carrots for Christmas dinner.

Important people will come to the brewery stables when she lives to try to make her understand somehow that she is a sort of a horse-of-the-year.

Gracie's use of horse-sense in a moment she recognized as an emergency thrilled the town last summer. With 58-year-old Charlie Gardner up on the high seat of the beer wagon, she was making early morning deliveries of kegs over a route which had become familiar in the 13 years she and Charlie made the rounds.

TAKEN SERIOUSLY ILL

In a quiet side street, Gardner was taken seriously ill and collapsed unconscious. Gracie got no command to get going to the next tavern, and after some minutes seemed to appreciate that something was wrong.

She nudged the inexperienced gelding hitched beside her and took personal charge of the htree-ton dray.

She skipped the rest of the stops and got into busy streets. Police vouch that Gracie stopped at three red traffic lights and observed all the rules of the road until she got to the brewery's depot in Chiswell street.

There she snorted, pawed the pavement and whinnied until someone came out to see what was wrong.

Gardner was rushed to a hospital, and just in time said the doctors. He has recovered, and will serve the carrots on Christmas day.

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Salty Postcards In for Cleanup

By DEREK JAMESON

LONDON (Reuters)—Some of the salty tang will be absent from Britain's thronging coastal resorts next summer.

The change is praised by some but mourned by others as the passing of a British institution of half a century's standing.

The salt is not marine—it is the sly innuendo ofthe millions of brightly-colored postcards vacationers sent home each year.

They have become as much a part of a British beach vacation as sun tan oil.

Faced with mounting police prosecutions against beach candy stores displaying his work, the man who turned a cartoon of a shapely blond and a 10-word innuendo into a $1,000,000 industry has decided to tame his products for the coming season.

BIG BUSINESS

Donald McGill, a primly-dressed man nearing 80, first put the garishly colored cards on the market in 1904. Over the years, he has designed about 12,000, selling more than 150,000,000 copies.

The postcards are brightlycolored cartoons which sell most in the vacation atmosphere of Brighton, Blackpool, Southend and a score of other British seaside resorts.

DOUBLE MEANING

The secret of fhe four-cent comic postcard's survival is the double-meaning usually put into their caption.

Here is a tame example: fat lady sitting on a thin bar stool, says to the barkeeper: "give me a double, Bert. I've got a dreadful hangover this morning."

Authorities have long been tolerant toward the cards as a national institution, preferring to see only the innocent side of the innuendo. But last summer, hand in hand with an anti-vice campaign,, there were more seaside prosecutions than ever before. Thousands of cards were burned.

Few members of McGill's immense public know the name of the man behind their sniggers. An ex-newspaper artist put out of business by the invention of press photography, he is an academic little man, not very much interested in art. He prefers anthropology and astronomy.

McGill is pleased that his best-seller—approaching 2,000,000 copies—was among the most innocent. It was the picture of a small girl saying her prayers with a puppy tugging at her nightdress.

"Please, Lord, excuse me a minute while I kick Fido," said the caption.

But the artist frankly admits that his "thick" jokes are his mainstay.

Not all of his cards have a resort flavor. But whatever the location, the characters always remain the same. There is the fat lady, the red-nosed man in a straw hat—and, of course, the voluminous blonde in inadequate clothes.

An Oxford professor has compared his characters with those of Shakespeare. The late George Orwell, author of "Animal Farm" and "1984", wrote an erudite essay praising McGill's art as a true and rare expression of British working class humor.

Peak Near Home To Tempt Hillary

MELBOURNE (Reuters) — Big Ben, the 9000-foot-high peak dominating Heard Island, Australia's weather outpost in the Antarctic, will loom defiant and unconquered for at least another year.

Big Ben is vulnerable for only about four weeks every year, in November and December, when the Antarctic summer is setting in but before the ice starts to melt and giant blocks break away to crash down.

A three-man party, members of the 1953 Australian Antarctic research expedition to Heard Island, has returned to the weather base at the foot of the mountain with a graphic story of the hardships they suffered — and the news that their attempt to conquer the peak failed, as have three previous attempts.

This year's party climbed to 5000 feet, the highest yet, before it was driven back by blizzards and short rations, after 18 days.

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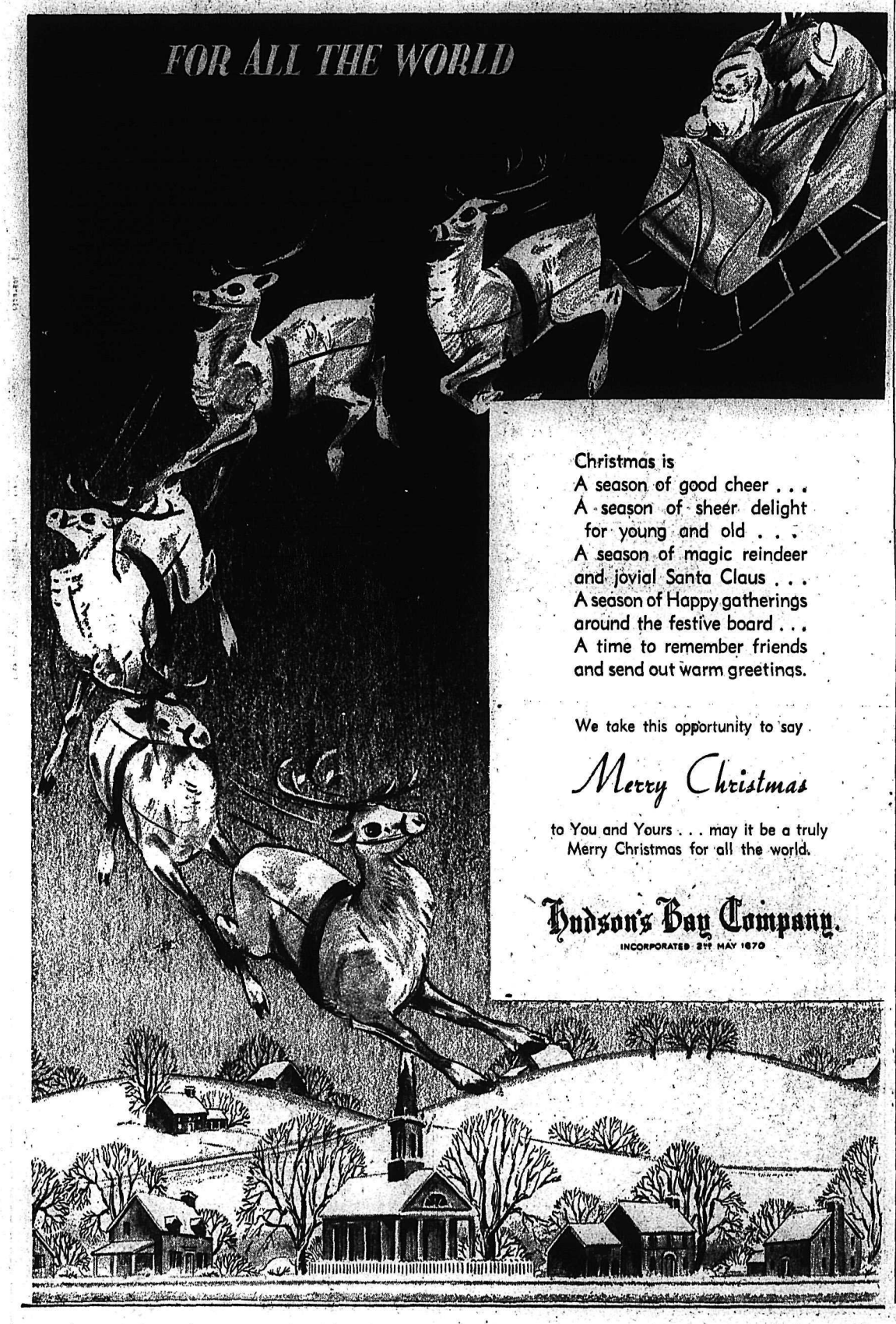

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NELSON, B. C., CANADA—FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25, 1953

Ainsworth Hall Filled For Christmas Concert

AINSWORTH —The community hall was packed for the annual school Christmas concert.

Miss Macdonald and pupils, assisted by Mrs. H. S. Currie, gave a program of carols, folk dancing and recitations.

Jacky Fletcher read a poem on Santa's Visit" written by George Gilchrist. Bruce Mitchell was master of ceremonies.

After the program, Santa arrived with gifts and candy. Mr. Doren presented Miss Macdonald with a torchiere lamp from the community. Miss Macdonald is leaving after four years on the teaching staff at Kaslo.

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IOOF Holds Yule Party

NATAL — The Christmas party for children of the Cassandra Rebekah and Odd Fellow lodges in Natal-Michel was held in the IOOF hall with a full program, games and treats.

Following the party the Rebekah lodge held its regular meeting in the form of a social evening with members taking part in the singsongs of well known Christmas carols. Supper was also served.

During the evening Degree Captain Mrs. L. Little of Natal, presented each member of her degree team with a gift.

Other groups holding parties for their children prior to Christmas included the Canadion Legion Women's Auxiliary, Michel Fraternal Order of Eagles and the United Church. The local union also held their annual Christmas cheer for all the children under 15 years of age whereby close to 900 children received $1.50 each.

Sirdar Notes

SIRDAR—Mr. and Mrs. Weiderman of West Summerland were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Rehmann.

M. Cerino has returned from a week's holiday in Calgary.

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Many Attend Natal Christmas Concert Of Yule Songs, Plays, Recitation

annual Christmas concert under the direction of the Sisters of the Atonement of St. Michael's Catholic Church, held in St. Michael's hall at Natal.

Master of ceremonies Fred Facca of Natal mentioned the united effort made by all Christians in Canada and the United States, to put Christ back into Christmas.

The program opened with four little angels giving the recitation "The Best Wish." The entire kindergarten class then appeared on stage for a number called "The Angel's Story." Then the audience was taken over the hills and plains to Bethlehem where the little children had gone at the angel's bidding Here gathered The Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Joseph, the Three Kings who brought their gifts of gold, and the shepherds who had hurried to Bethlehem with their lambs. During the tableau the class sang "Sleep Holy Babe." The kindergarten class sang songs, a duet was sung by Margaret Perchinsky and Douglas Chala called "Christmas Time." The couple were then joined by Joan Tustian and Kenny Komenac to sing a quartet entitled "Merry Christmas." The other songs, "Snow Time" and "A Christmas Lullaby" were sung in unison by the entire class. A drill to the tune "The Christmas Bells" was given by nine older girls. Following the drill they sang "Merrily Rang the Bells One Night."

A Christmas play closed the program.

Santa Visits Deer Park Concert

DEER PARK—Santa Claus paid a visit to the residents of Deer Park at a concert sponsored by Mrs. Romaine, the teacher, and pupils of Deer Park elementary school.

The program, starting with "O Canada", was followed by a short play, "Bringing Up Junior". A recitation "Scared" by Delores Crockett and Carl Wine preceded musical selection by Danny Romaine; these were "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells", played on the accordion.

A lay "The Sick Doll" was followed by recitations by Geraldine Griffiths and Danny Romaine, after which April Allen sang a solo. Danny and Michael Romaine, Leroy Briggeman and Raymond Crockett recited a poem titled "Christmas Stockings". Michael played several accordion selections and a play, "Melissa Entertains", was presented. This was followed by "The North Pole Hook-Up" in which Santa's helpers sent holiday greetings to all the residents of Deer Park.

While the audience sang carols, a jingling of bells announced the arrival of Santa Claus. After making his way to the gaily-decorated tree, Santa distributed gifts to all the pupils, pre-school children and adults. After Santa left pupils served refreshments while Pat Romaine played a selection of Christmas carols.

Lister Notes

LISTER—Mrs. A. Marzke was a visitor to Ymir for the wedding of her nephew, Gordon Spiers and Miss Ruby Gould.

Jim Bruce is visiting in Nelson with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Taylor.

Edward Domke is to spend Christmas in North Vancouver with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lang.

Miss Elizabeth Millner of Golden is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Millner and family.

Mrs. D. J. McKee and two daughters, Ruby and Violet, are spending Christmas in Kimberley.

Peter Sherstobedoff arrived home after spending the past two months visiting in Saskatoon, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. Kreese of Leask, Sask., are visiting in Lister at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kreese.

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At Greenwood . . .

Concerts Highlight Pre-Christmas Gaiety

GREENWOOD—Christmas festivities got under way in Greenwood when the Greenwood elementary-senior high school presented its annual Christmas concert.

Students of Sacred Heart school were invited and in the evening parents and friends attended.

The program:

A welcome given by Arnold Cudworth; carols by Grade I and II; recitation, "Bethlehem's Star" by Gary George; play, Woodland Scandal by Div. V; a recitation, "Who Has Been Old Santa Claus" Lorane Borodula; carols by Grades VI, VII, and VIII, girls; recitation, "They Are Not Far" by Bill Van Unan; play, "Paul Splits the Atom", cast was Paul, Tom Tanaka; Mrs. Jones, Louise Tanner; Mr. Jones, Paul Tanaka; Junior, Jimmy Susuki; Mary, Diane Puddy; Jane, Myrtle Latrielle.

Other members included: carols of old by Grades IV and V; pyramids by Grades VI, VII and VIII boys; tableaux, "The Tale the Fire Told" Grade III; play, "Wildcat Willie and the Bearded Lady."

Cast was Willie, Jim Ledergent; Mrs. Wilkins, Janet Whitehouse; Gladys, Lynne Hendry, Joe, Raymond Oye; Angel, Martha Imai; Miss Pratt, Marion Hamaguchi; Darlene, Harume Kitagawa.

Sacred Heart School returned the favor by inviting students of the Greenwood school to attend their Christmas concert in the evening the parents and friends attended.

Annual Christmas kindergarten party was held in the United church when Miss G. Nambo, assisted by Miss T. Yodagawa, presented the children in their songs and drills. Parents and friends attended.

After the concert was presented, a party for them was enjoyed and they received gifts of candy and presents.

On behalf of the mothers of the Kindergarten children, J. A. Adams presented Miss Namba with a record player and Miss Yodagawa, a gift of jewelry.

Sunday School Christmas concert was held Dec. 2.

DENVER LEGION HAS PARTY

NEW DENVER — Canadian Legion Branch No. 101 held a Christmas tree party in the Legion Hall with a large attendance of children.

Committee in charge was Mrs. J. H. McDonaugh, Mrs. W. Andrews and Mrs. Andrew Schnaebele.

A decorated Christmas tree stood in a corner of the hall. The children played various games and also sang carols.

Luncheon was served by the committee.

After lunch Santa Claus arrived and from the big tree presented each child with gifts, a bag of candies and a large balloon.

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Chairman of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 7

TO THE PEOPLE OF KOOTENAY WEST

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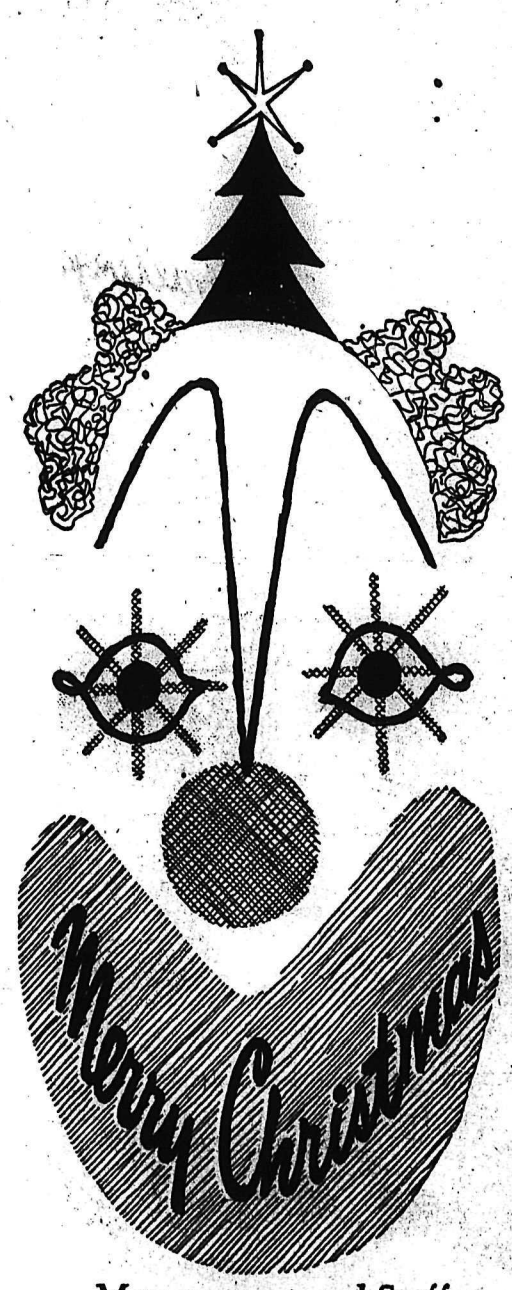

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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
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To the Residents of the Kaslo-Slocan Riding

To you all I extend my heartiest greeting. May each and every individual enjoy a Very Merry Christmas together with good health and prosperity in 1954.

Randolph Harding
M.L.A.

To the Citizens of Rossland-Trail Riding

Hon. R. E. Sommers

Season's Greetings

To Each and Every One of You, My Most Sincere and Personal Yuletide Greetings!

It Is My Hope That Your Christmas Will Be a Happy One and That the New Year Will Bring Good Health and Prosperity to You and Your Loved Ones!

To the RESIDENTS of Fernie Riding

I wish you all a Merry Christmas

May Health, Wealth and Happiness be yours in abundance throughout the coming year.

TOM UPHILL, M.L.A.
Fernie Riding

Season's Greetings From Kimberley-Marysville

The Mystery of God's Firmament

The "star" which signalled "the First Christmas" may be interpreted in many ways. In all such interpretations we must put ourselves as nearly as possible into the social and psychological frame of mind of those whom we try to understand. The astronomer knows that through the ages the word "star" has been used to indicate almost any celestial phenomenon. We still speak of "falling stars" or "shooting stars" which we know quite well are not stars at all. In more ancient times the comet was called a "hairy star" and was derived from the Latin word coma, meaning hair. The planets were the "wandering stars" as opposed to the "fixed stars", and from the Greek word for wanderer we derive our word "planets".

The Star of Bethlehem could have been any of these. It could even have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth with a many-thousandfold increase in brilliance, due to some great stellar catastrophe. There are all explanations of what the "star" could have been. Had it been any of the above, it would have been seen by many peoples, and in literature would be found references to the appearance of the object which attracted attention. But nowhere in the literature or in the folklore of any of the peoples noted as astute observers of celestial phenomena do these references exist.

From this we are forced to conclude the appearance of the star was a sight given only to the Wise Men to see.

And I do come home at Christmas. We all do, or we all should. We al come home, or ought to come home, for a short holiday—the longer, the better — from the great boarding-school, where we are forever working at our arithmetical slates, to take, and give a rest. (A Christmas Tree).

—(Charles Dickens).

Greetings and Best Wishes

from the Staff and Management of the

Kimberley Hotel

Johnny Achtzener

Kimberley, B. C.

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION . . .

We extend sincerest thanks to the many friends who have favored us with their patronage . . .

May You Enjoy
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

RAPIDO LAUNDRY

KIMBERLEY, B. C.

Best Wishes

TO YOU AND YOURS

for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Marysville Building & Supply Ltd.

MR. and MRS. GEORGE ELLIS

Merry Christmas

AND MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE FILLED WITH JOY AND GOOD FORTUNE

Kimberley Tire Service

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A Joyous Season

With Many Good Wishes for Your Health and Happines . . .

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KIMBERLEY, B. C.

Burial Place of Saint in Italy

Santa Claus, otherwise St. Nicholas, otherwise the one-time Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, is buried in Bari, Italy. His body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra and swiftly borne to Bari by Itailian sailors, who thought back in 1087 that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to your town.

St. Nicholas, who was tortured and imprisoned for his faith during the reign of Emperor Diocletan, found no rest in his first tomb at Myra. Always some expedition was attempting to remove his remains.

However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of distemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage, and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.

We owe our notion of Santa Claus as a secret dispenser of gifts to a story that St. Nicholas once saved three girls from a life of prostitution by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting a poverty stricken nobleman to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

In addition, St. Nicholas was credited with restoring life to some boys who had been slain and dismembered by a wicked innkeeper of Myra—hence the occasional stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub. There were many other stories about St. Nicholas, who became San Nicolaas in the dialect of the New York Dutch.

THE INN-KEEPER'S WIFE

That winter day
We turned them both away—
The two so soon to be
Not two but three—
The man's grave courteous speech,
The woman's eyes
Strangely moved us each
With faint surprise
That royal-appearing folk
Should come like them,
Footsore, in threadbare cloak,
To Bethlehem.

It's long ago:
But sometimes when the snow
Lies thick on Bethlehem
I think of them.
—So young, so near her time,
So petal-white,
Her weary voice a chime
Of all delight!
Did she come safe?
And was their little one
—Poor homeless waif—
A daughter or a son?

Audrey Alexandra Brown.

Every year in scattered villages in the North of England, shepherds, farm hands and others perform the ancient Pace-Egg or Mumming Play at Christmas. With blackened faces and fancy clothes, they repeat the words handed down for centuries. Chief actors are King (or Saint) George, a quack doctor and Father Christmas. In the play, the King slays his enemies one by one, but each in turn is resurrected by the doctor. One of the oldest of the mumming" troupes is that at Alderley Edge, bordering on Cheshire and Derbyshire.

TO ONE and ALL

We Extend Our Very
BEST WISHES
for a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
JOYFUL NEW YEAR

CANADIAN HOTEL

The Home of Sportsmen

KIMBERLEY, B. C.

Homemade SANTA

By ANCEL BEAUREGARD

Harvey Butler ran a chapped hand through the lank brown hair that fell over his forehead and stared contemptuously at Jack and Gordon Linter. Their blue eyes were on him, wide and questioning.

"You sure there ain't no Santa Claus?" six-year-old Gordon asked worriedly.

Harvey laughed. 'Course the Linters were little kids, six and seven, but they ought to know better. "You think I'd be parading around in split-out jeans an' a patched shirt if there was?"

"Probably Santa Claus is bringing you new ones for Christmas," Jack said hopefully.

Harvey sneered, thinking of the barren Christmases at his house. They were lucky if they had a tree even. This year on account of his little sister—just over three now—mom had said they'd try to have some presents. "Any new clothes I get we buy," he said, "an' usually I just get my cousin's old stuff hand-me-downs, mom calls them."

"Well," again Gordon looked hopeful, "that doesn't mean anything. Mostly Santa brings toys, not clothes."

"Not to me, he doesn't. I tell you there isn't a Santa Claus except for your folks."

Gordon's eyes filled with tears and Jack looked like crying. "Are you sure ?" he asked, his voice quavering. "Your little sister told me Santa Claus—Kaws she calls him—is coming to your house."

The wind seemed to whistle through all the holes and thin places in Harvey's clothes. "Carol said that? Honest?"

"Yes," Jack said, "you know how funny she talks. She said he was coming through the door, 'cause you don't have a chimney, when the lights are out and bring her a doll and some other things."

"What things? Try and remember." Harvey felt chilled. If Carol was expecting Santa Claus, counting on him like these kids . . . How would she feel when he didn't come?

"Doll cradle and a wagon," Gordon said. "And a trike—'twike' she called it—painted red. You were just kidding us, weren't you, Harvey?"

Harvey looked at their faces and felt mean that he had told them the truth. After all, he was eleven, big enough to know better and they were just little guys. "Sure, I guess there's a Santa Claus, but sometimes he doesn't get to all the houses. Like Carol said, we don't have a chimney for him to come down, so he probably missed us a couple of times."

The light was back in the boys' eyes. "Sure, that's it. What're ya making that scowly face for, Harvey?"

This time Harvey chose his words carefully. "Well, he might miss our house again this year and Carol'd sure be disappointed, so I was trying to think how I could see she got what she wanted. I think I can make her a wagon at the Boys' Club and a wooden cradle. You think that'd work?".

"Sure," Gordon agreed enthusiastically, "long as she thinks Santa brought them, she won't know the difference."

"What about the doll and the tricycle? You can't make those," Jack pointed out.

Harvey shivered, leaning against the board fence. "Mom gave me money for a haircut that I could use for a doll." Usually Mom gave him haircuts 'cause they were so expensive, but she had a burned hand now.

"Hey, Jack," Gordon shouted excitedly, "how about that old trike in the garage? Harvey could fix the wheel . . ."

"Sure," Gordon answered, "and I'll bet we can find some red paint."

"And we could make her some blocks at the Boys' Club easy."

Harvey shoved his hands in his pockets, swallowing quickly. "Gee, that'd be fine, she doesn't have any now. See you later."

"Come on, Gordon," he heard Jack yell happily, "let's go find that trike."

As Harvey hurried toward the barber shop, he was glad he hadn't persuaded them there wasn't a real Santa Claus. It didn't seem to matter so much with all of them trying to make Carol happy. That was the way Christmas should be.

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!
Christmas in lands of the fir-tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of the palm-tree and vine;
Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas were corn-fields lie sunny and bright.

(A Christmas Carol, Stanza 1) (Phillips Brooks.)

Our Best Wishes for a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Walkley's Meat Market

KIMBERLEY, B. C.

Egyptians Made Dolls Tombs Reveal; Came To Stay In 13th Century

No one knows for sure who made the first doll, but it can be assumed the earliest figures were sacred—gods and ancestor images. These doll-like forms were not toys for the delight of children, but solemn religious figures that preserved the tribe from harm.

Then, somehow, somewnere, a change took place. Dolls became a toy for girls, and the most popular Christmas toy of them all.

Dolls have been discovered in Egyptian tombs and ruins. Some even had real hair; some were ivory, carved by craftsmen for a king's daughter; others were made of straw by an overworked mother in a peasant's hut.

In ancient Greece dolls were played with and cherished by little girls until they were ready to be married. Then their dolls were taken to the shrine of a favorite goddess, and, often with tears, presented to her. The Roman children played with dolls, too, but after the fall of the Empire there came a long period in which there is no record of dolls.

Not until the thirteenth century, when dolls were made in Nuremburg and dressed in the fashions of the times, did little girls again play with dolls. They were here to stay.

By and by in Europe, the French fashion dolls became all the rage, not for children to play with but as models from which fine ladies could pattern their own modish costumes.

In North America, the Indian children had dolls of their own made of rawhide and feathers and wood. Pioneer children had dolls much like these, and some were made of braided cornhusks, or corncobs, or nuts, or rags, and were dearly loved in spite of their plainness.

Much later, lifelike dolls were imported from Germany, where the doll industry had reached enormous proportions. These dolls had fine china heads with carefully painted faces and kid bodies that were jointed at the arms and legs. Later there came the Japanese-made dolls, which were inexpensive enough for almost any child to own. Then our own dolls began to appear—the special dolls, the kewpies, billikens, Buster Browns, teddy bears, Patsy dolls and Shirley Temples and phonograph dolls, with all the host of others that have followed and which are still to come. For dolls always will be part of childhood and part of Christmases as long as there are little girls and boys to play with them, and parents and fond kinfolk to buy.

Greetings

HELLO, EVERYBODY
Here's to Good Cheer for Christmas and Your Happiness in the New Year.

Kimberley Trading Co.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a Happy New Year!

The carolers sing and the bells chime out the happy tidings of Christmas Day. To which we add our own sincere good wishes for the merriest of Yuletide Seasons!

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TO OUR MANY PATRONS AND FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE KOOTENAYS

We Say
A Merry Christmas and
A Prosperous New Year

THE STAFF and MANAGEMENT OF

THE GRILL

GUS and ALICE

KIMBERLEY, B. C.

Yule Festivity Ancient Practice

Through the years, historians have been unable to fix the actual date of Christ's birth or the date at which Christmas first became a general festival.

For three centuries following His birth, Christ's nativity was variously celebrated in January, March, April, May, September and October by Christian groups.

Before the fifth century, there was not official church agreement as to when Christmas should come in the calendar.

In Britain, Dec. 25 had been a festival since early pre-Christian times. The ancient Anglo-people began their year on this day and called their holiday "Modranecht", or "Mothers' Night".

Western church authorities met in the fourth century to set a definite date for the celebration. Eastern churches did not co-operate until the sixth century, when Dec. 25 was set as the day for the observance of Christmas.

Folks often question as to why December was selected as the month of rejoicing.

OPPOSES PAGANISM

This month was chosen in order that a Christian festival could compete with those of the pagans, because December was noted for its feasts and holidays in every civilized land.

Romans, Greeks, Saxons and the Nordics all took part in the celebration of these festivals which had originated before the birth of Christ.

From the Romans comes the custom of giving gifts . . . for this custom has been traced to the Roman Feast of Saturn (Saturnalia) which was celebrated during the 17th, 18th and 19th of December.

From the Saxons comes the ceremony of burning the Yule log, which was lighted in honor of the great god Thor.

SIDCUP, England (CP) — Holy Trinty Church in this Kent town was severely damaged by a flying bomb nearly 10 years ago. Now a rebuilding fund, started in 1944, has closed with collections totalling £15,736.

Our Sincerest Best Wishes for
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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Sam Wormington

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TO YOU AND YOURS
from
MARCELLA'S LADIES' WEAR

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Heartiest Greetings of a
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and Health and Happiness in the New Year

FRED HOLMES

KIMBERLEY, B. C.

TO ONE AND ALL in the EAST KOOTENAY
OUR SINCERE WISH FOR

A Merry Christmas

AND GLAD TIDINGS IN 1954

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BEST WISHES TO ALL

for a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

BLONDY'S FLOWER SHOP

KIMBERLEY, B. C.

Greetings From Creston, Salmo, Balfour, Procter

Merry Christmas

May your home be filled with the Christmas spirit; may your hearts be filled with good cheer, and may your every dream come true this happy holiday.

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Procter, B. C.

Happiest CHRISTMAS and New Year Ever

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Our

Best Wishes

for the

Holiday Season

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Salmo Merchantile Co. Ltd.

SALMO, B.C.

Joy to All

To our old friends we send our good wishes and the pledge of continued, faithful service.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Salmo Clothing Store

E. H. JOHN, Prop.

Salmo, B.C.

Christmas Pearls

By ROYCE FIELDS

The jolly Santa, ringing his bell in an appeal for contributions for the needy, grinned his thanks as Dick Slater dropped a bill into the kettle. The donation was a salute, not only to the Yuletide spirit, but to Dick's own good fortune. He had a home, a lovely wife named Jean, and a smaller reproduction of himself named Pete. What more could a man want?

One other thing made this a great day for Dick. He was on his way to fulfill a dream. While they were still engaged, he had bought a strand of simulated pearls for Jean. Somehow the feeling had grown on him that, until he could replace the phoney baubles with a string of real ones, he wouldn't be a success in the eyes of his dark-haired, brown-eyed Jean.

"Put this card on the outside of the package," he told the clerk who wrapped his gift. On the card he had writen: TO A REAL PEARL—A STRING OF THEM!

It was beginning to get dark when Dick got off the train in suburban Roseville where he lived. He started to walk briskly toward his home, two blocks away. Happy in the glow of having, at least, realized his cherished dream, he didn't see the figure lurking in the dark alley till the man stepped out and thrust the gun into his abdomen.

"This is a stickup!" the thug snapped hoarsely. "Turn around and get your hands up!"

A feeling of relief flooded Dick as he remembered he had spent most of his money on the necklace. Then the thought hit him—the necklace itself was in his pocket!

"Listen fellow," he pleaded, over his shoulder, with the gunman, "I have a Christmas present for my wife in my pocket. Take my money but leave me that!"

The hoodlum didn't answer. Methodically, he continued taking everything out of Dick's pockets. As his hand started to remove the precious little package, Dick Slater went wild! He whirled, slapping with his left hand at about where he thought the gun would be. He caught nothing. The thief merely stepped back and brought the heavy gun crashing down on his victim's head.

As the darkness cleared away, Dick became aware that he was in a hospital. Gradually, he realized Jean and little Pete were beside his bed.

"Hello," he said groggily.

"Oh, Dick!" Jean half sobbed, half laughed. "I've been scared! The doctor says you only have a slight concussion, though, and you're going to be all right!"

As his head continued to clear, the realization of his loss overwhelmed Dick. The necklace—his precious gift was gone!

"I had a present for you, Jean . . . ." he began.

"I know, Foolish," his wife cut in, "and you almost lost your life trying to save it."

"But it was the string of real pearls I've always wanted you to have, Jean. You know how much they meant to me!"

"Yes, I've known the silly obsession you've had about my wearing simulated pearls," Jean said almost sternly. "It never seemed to occur to you that my husband and little Pete were the real pearls in my life!"

"Well, this is going to be a bum Christmas for you," Dick said glumly, "and I thought it would be the best yet."

"It's going to be," Jean told him "Look!"

She put her arm under his shoulder and lifted him to a sitting position. In one corner of the room was a beautiful little Christmas tree. Piled high under it were the gifts he and Jean had wrapped for little Pete. Jean went over and brought back two of the packages. One was her present to him—a watch he had wanted. The other package . . .

Suddenly, he recognized it—the pearls!

"Yes," Jean said, "my pearls. When the police caught the thief, he hadn't time to open them even."

Dick pulled his wife to him and said huskily, "It is a wonderful Christmas, darling, and you're right. The real pearls are the things we carry in our hearts!"

Of the customs that grew up around the Christmas festival in Merrie England, the serving of the boar's head was one of the most stirring. It endures to this day at Queen's College, Oxford, where the 50-pound tusked head—a lemon in its grinning jaws—is borne in on a great silver dish, escorted by trumpeters and candle bearers.

In the olden days there was an appropriate chant, half carol and half ritual, that the gentlemen used to bellow at the moment the dish troubled the board:

Then set down the swineyard,
The foe to the vineyard,
Let Bacchus crown his fall.
Let this boar's head and mustard
Stand for pig, goose and custard.
And so ye are welcome all.

To All Our Friends in Creston and District

We Wish a

VERY MERRY XMAS

and a

PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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AND SON

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and

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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One B.C., One A.D. Not a Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B.C. and the year 1 A.D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A.D. follows directly after the year 1 B.C.

A person born in 3 B.C. would not be five years old at 2 A.D., but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B.C. and A.D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B.C. and 1 A.D.

Parnassus, one of the sacred mountains of ancient Greece, has an altitude fo 8070 feet.

LONDON (CP)—Restaurant manager Harold Connor found a new shilling bearing the Queen's head on both sides. Officials of the royal mint said it was a 25,000,000-to-1 chance but valueless, since freak coins are not collected.

Our Best Wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

May Christmas wishes sent your way
Come into port on Christmas Day —
And bring to you their cargoes three,
Health . . . Friends . . . Prosperity!

RUSS JOYCE

and STAFF — Creston, B.C.

Best Wishes

May blessings of peace, joy and prosperity, lighten your hearts this happy Yuletide.

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Creston, B.C.

Merry Christmas

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The Season's Greetings

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Greetings

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To ALL OUR FRIENDS in the KOOTENAYS

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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A Very Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

CRESTON SAWMILLS Ltd.

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Cranbrook Says Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS TREE OF GERMAN ORIGIN

Although various countries have impressive legends about the first Christmas tree, it is generally believed that the decorated pine or cedar, so popular in Canada and England today, is of German origin. Perhaps it harks back to the old heathen tree worship; perhaps to the medieval custom of welcoming guests with trees studded with candles, of which minstrel Weifram von Eschenbach sang in the thirteenth century; perhaps Martin Luther could claim the honor. There is the story, you will recall, of Luther deriving his inspiration for a tree from thousands of glittering stars one Christmas Eve.

The Christmas tree was introduced into England just over one hundred years ago after the marriage of Queen Victoria to the German Prince Albert.

Even before that the tree had been brought to America by German immigrants and the delightful custom was quickly taken up by the New World settlers of all nationalities.

The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Christmas itself may be called into question
If carried so far it creates indigestion.
(The Unwise Christmas.) (R. Bergengren.)

FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY . . . Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with a dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.

Giving Alms Old Custom At Yuletide

Christmas is coming,
the geese are getting fat,
Please put a penny
in the old man's hat;
If you haven't got a penny,
a ha'penny will do—
If you haven't got a ha'penny,
then God bless you!

The above is a beggar's rhyme from Old England. It started with the ancient custom of giving alms at Christmas time.

The origin of this goes back to the belief that the Christ came to earth in various disguises in search of those who were kind and deserving during the holiday season.

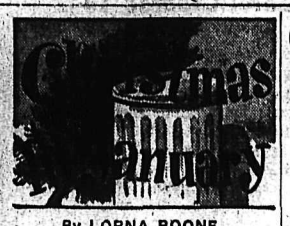
It was feared that He might be unrecognized and ignored.

An old legend tells of the Christ-Child going from door to door on Christmas Eve in His search of good Christians. His test was to plead for aid, and He was often turned away.

This story led to giving alms on Christmas Eve, and beggars were thus seldom refused.

WHY CHRISTMAS CANDLES

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall. In the course of His search He visits every castle and hunt, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.



By LORNA BOONE

Nevvy wished his worn shoes wouldn't make so much noise on the cobblestoned alley. In the darkness, he saw the discarded Christmas tree standing tall beside a trash barrel and even the rank odors of the alley couldn't drown out the faint fragrance of pine needles.

Nevvy shivered, taking his hands from the dubious protection of his pockets to pull his one mitten on. The tree, his tree! (Just as he hefted it, he heard a shout) Someone was coming down the path that led from the big house to the alley.

For an eleven-year-old Nevvy was fast, but the shout came again and then hard, pounding steps. Then abruptly he stopped as a large hand grasped his shoulder.

The grip on Nevvy's thin shoulder tightened as a loud voice demanded. "Where're you going with our tree?"

Nevvy twisted around to face a husky boy in a letterman's sweater. "You threw it out."

"Does that mean you can take it? You alley kids start in young."

"It wasn't stealing" angrily, Nevvy heard his voice shake. "Tomorrow the trash man would have got it."

The light from a neon sign spotlighted them. "You are young," the boy said, letting him go.

"Thirteen," Nevvy spoke quickly.

"Don't lie," the older boy countered sharply. "Look, this is my tree. . . "

"All right, so I'm eleven and I know it's your tree."

"But today's the third of January," the boy said, in a friendlier voice. "What do you want an old dead tree for anyway?"

Nevvy wanted to say "You couldn't understand," but then he looked at the tree, still green and fragrant even if the needles were shattering, and spoke carefully. "We haven't had Christmas at our house yet and . . . and we need a tree."

"That's tough," he boy said, "how come?"

"Reasons."

"Tell me why or I won't give you this tree."

Nevvy let the tree go, watched it rock back and forth on its standard, and, thinking of his mother, hardened his voice. "Reason we didn't have a tree is we couldn't afford it. No job for my dad, no dough. And the reason we didn't have any Christmas sooner was because of my mother. She was in the hospital having a baby. Then they let my mother come home, right before New Year's, 'cause there wasn't anybody to keep care of the little kids 'cept me when my dad was job hunting."

"Tell me the rest," the boy said. "please."

"Not much to tell. Only the hospital kept the baby 'cause it's premature and they aren't sure it's going to live. But the little kids—there's five of them—we promised them Christmas and we're gonna have it. I was going to take this tree home for a starter. Me and my dad have been making presents, but my gosh, you gotta have a tree! Even they know that."

The boy was quiet a long time. Then, "Your brothers and sisters still believe in Santa Claus?"

"Oh, sure. I gave them a story about Santa Claus waiting until my mother got home to come to our house. They're beginning to wonder though.

"Listen," the boy's voice was eager, "let me be Santa, will you? We have a suit I could wear with some pillows. How about it?"

Nevvy felt the boy's enthusiasm "Sure," he answered, off-handedly. "If you want to." Inside he was thinking how thrilled the kids would be,

"That'll be keen," the boy asid. "Are you sure you don't mind?"

Nevvy knew then that the boy really wanted to do it. "Heck, no," he said sincerely, "they'll love it. Look, I'll give you the address and you come down in an hour—Ill leave the toys outdoors for your pack. Oh, and I'll have the window—the front one—open for you. It'll take me awhile to get the tree up.

"Swell," the boy sounded excited.

"Merry Christmas," Nevvy called after him and picked their Christmas tree up, not caring how much noise his shoes made as he ran down the alley.

Christmas Eve

The minstrels played their Christmas tune.
Tonight beneath my cottage eaves;
While, smitten by a lofty moon,
The encircling laurels, thick with leaves,
Gave back a rich and dazzling sheen,
That overpowered their natural green.
Through hill and valley every breeze
Had sunk to rest with folded wings;
Keen was the air, but could not freeze,
Nor check the music of the strings;
So stout and hardy were the band
That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.
And who but listened? till was paid
Respect to every inmate claim;
The greetings given, the music played
In honor of each household name.
Duly pronounced with lusty call
And "Merry Christmas" wished to all!

—William Woodsworth.

'Most all the time, the whole year round, there ain't no files on me,
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be! (Ibid.)

—(Eugene Field).

Season's Greetings

We are grateful for the custom of extending Christmas Greetings.

It gives US an opportunity to tell YOU how much we appreciate your friendly patronage.

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF
HADDAD and GARTSIDE MOTORS LTD.
CRANBROOK, B. C.
Chrysler — Plymouth — Fargo

Christmas Greetings

Merry Christmas!

Wishing you Cheer at Christmas and Health and Happiness in the New Year

FINNING TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT Company, Limited
Cranbrook, B. C.

CHRISTMAS JOY
—Best wishes for a Merry Christmas—to all our friends.

This Christmas . . .

GO CANADIAN . . .Have the brightest tree, the happiest family, the biggest turkey, the warmest glow in your heart Let the world know that this is the CANADIAN way, the HAPPIEST way!
We join Canadians everywhere in saying . . .
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Cranbrook Foundry & Machine Shop
Cranbrook, B. C.

Merry Christmas

OUR CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
TO OUR FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS IN THE EAST KOOTENAY

May Christmas bring you joy and each day of the year add to your happiness.

Cranbrook Sash & Door Company, Limited
Cranbrook, British Columbia

Best Wishes

May the blessed Christmas Season bring you happiness . . . may your New Year be full of hope!

From the Proprietor and Staff
Raworth Bros.
Cranbrook, B. C.

Merry Christmas

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Most of all we wish you a New Year filled with Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

VENEZIA HOTEL
S. DELUCA, Prop.
CRANBROOK, B. C.

Merry Christmas

From our "house" to yours . . .
this Greeting we employ . . .
to thank you for your patronage.

and a Prosperous New Year

Crystal Creameries Ltd.
CRANBROOK, B. C.

Season's Greetings

May the bells of Christmas ring out their tune of joy and happiness for you and yours this holiday season and all through the New Year.

McDonald-Beattie-Noble Limited
Your REXALL Store — Cranbrook, B.C.

To the Citizens of East Kootenay . . .

KIND THOUGHTS and BEST WISHES for CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR

R. B. MITCHELL—Hardware
CRANBROOK, B. C.

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
in Cranbrook and District
OUR BEST WISHES FOR A
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

AUTO WRECKERS & SALES
(Complete Battery, Radiator and Auto Parts Service)
Phone 622 — Cranbrook, B. C.

Greetings of the Season

At this time, when the Christmas Spirit draws everyone closer together, we would like to drop business thoughts for the moment to wish you all the joys of the holiday season. Your patronage has made our business possible, and your kind co-operation throughout the year has been truly appreciated.

We welcome, therefore, the Christmas season which forces us into an awareness of the many fellow beings who are an integral part of our daily life. Accept, then, our thanks and our wishes that this may be for you a Very Merry Christmas.

PIONEER MOTORS
C. W. DRAPER, Prop.
CRANBROOK, B. C.

Season's Greetings

We'd like to find new words to bring you our Best Wishes but we find the old words are best and say the most.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

A. E. JONES COMPANY, LTD.
Cranbrook, B. C.

May your Yuletide Be Gay

We value your friendship and goodwill . . .
We wish you a HAPPY HOLIDAY

EAST KOOTENAY EQUIPMENT CO. LTD.
CRANBROOK, B.C.

TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS and FRIENDS

SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity in the
NEW YEAR

A. G. Bayes Limited
CONSTRUCTION — MACHINERY
SALES and SERVICE
Vancouver, B. C. Phone Kerr. 8458
Cranbrook, B. C. Phones Day 80 - Night 398

Merry Christmas

No Parking

We all wish to extend to you Christmas greetings, good will and Holiday cheer

THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF
SWANSON'S
Cranbrook, B. C.

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Merry Christmas From Nakusp, Needles and Kaslo

EAL OLD-TIMER

MAGOG, Que., (CP) — Owen onigan celebrated his 92nd birthay at his summer home less than mile distant from the farm home here he was born. In the latter lace the first Roman Catholic mass Stanstead county was celebrated 1841.

DISEASE TOLL

COBOURG, Ont. (CP) — While polio outbreaks attract wide attention, polio deaths among children are much less frequent than from whooping cough, said Dr. Charlotte Horner of the county health unit. Child deaths from whooping cough are twice as many, she said.

ALLERGIC TO WHISKERS . . .

Not all little boys who love Santa Claus this time of year have a sublime trust in the old gent. This young man obviously wishes he were somewhere else.

First Christmas Carol Created 1842

Over 250 years ago English school children wrote Christmas expressions of good will called "Christmas pieces". From this school chore came the gracious custom of sending Christmas cards.

The first known Christmas card was created in 1842 in London by a young etcher named William Egley. Original of this first card is now on display in the British Museum.

In the United States, Louis Prang published the first Christmas cards. During the 1870s and '80s Prang produced thousands of beautiful cards, and has become known as the grandfather of the business.

It was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well. (Ibid. Stave Five).

(Charles Dickens).

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book on complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

SLAVIC PEOPLE IMITATE STABLES

In the Slavic countries the children observe the Holy Festival of the Star . . . they go through the streets carrying the Christmas crib, lighted candles, and a pole with a large star brightly glowing from its tip.

At the Christmas feast, straw is scattered on the floor and beneath the table, in remembrance of the stable of Bethlehem, and a chair is always placed at the table for the Holy Child.

TIME OUT . . . Santa Claus pauses in his Christmas Eve visits sometimes to pick up a hot dog and ice cream cone at an all-night hamburger stand.

"Lord of Misrule" Makes Noel Jollier

A different playtime observance for your Christmas festivities is the game, "Lord of Misrule".

When your guests have all arrived and have been greeted by the music of the minstrels and the song of the carolers, it is time for the most honored guest of the evening to arrive. With much fanfare the "Lord of Misrule" is announced. He enters with great pomp and ceremony, and takes his place as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts, where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed. The introduction of the Lord of Misrule into our festivities offers an unusual method for introducing the many games with forfeits which are traditional for Christmas.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, pantomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule, may be paid to another Christmas character, the "hodening horse".

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two lads, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.

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Greetings

To you and to all your house . . . happiness, peace, joy, and a Very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SCARWOOD LODGE

NEEDLES, B.C.
Sid and Myrtle Morrison

★ ★ ★ Our Wishes for

A Very Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year

From Your Friendly

Nakusp Bakery

Nakusp, B. C.

★ TO OUR FRIENDS AND TRAVELLING GUESTS ★

We trust your Christmas will be happy and the New Year Prosperous.

Leland Hotel

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Barrow, Props.
NAKUSP, B. C.

Greetings

HELLO, EVERYBODY . . .
Here's to your Good Cheer for Christmas and Your Happiness in the New Year

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

Wanstall-Smith Motors

Nakusp, B. C.

A Merry Christmas

With this, the greatest of holidays, before us, we join in the good wishes of the world to promote Good Fellowship in the real spirit of CHRISTMAS.

Nakusp Dry Cleaning

NAKUSP, B. C.

We Take Great Joy in Wishing You

A Very Merry Christmas

and a

Happy, Prosperous New Year

ARROW LAKES MOTOR FREIGHT Ltd.

NELSON - NAKUSP TO VERNON
NAKUSP, B. C.

★ GREETINGS . . .

Here's to a full measure of Happiness and Good Fortune to all.

Imperial Service Garage

W. G. M. Hakeman — Fred Johnson
Hugh Nixon — Hugh Wilson — Sam Hepworth
HAPPY MOTORING NAKUSP, B. C.

OUR SINCERE WISHES
for a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Jupp Men's Wear

Nakusp, B. C.

To Our Friends and Customers
May We Wish You at This Christmas Time
GOOD HEALTH, GOOD CHEER
GOOD EVERYTHING

Gardner Electric

NAKUSP, B. C.

Merry Christmas

BEST WISHES for a HAPPY CHRISTMAS and GOOD TIDINGS for the NEW YEAR . . .

Nakusp Hardware

C. H. Horrey

To One and All . . .
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

PINE LODGE

"A Home for Those Away From Home"
MR. and MRS. A. E. FOWLER
NAKUSP, B. C.

Christmas Greetings . . .

★ ★ That the Christmas Season will find you with a full measure of joy and happiness and that the New Year will bring you happiness and prosperity . . . is the Sincere Wish of

A. L. Supply Co.

Nakusp, B. C.

Merry Christmas

We want to be the first to wish you the best of everything!

CELGAR DEVELOPMENT CO.

Big Bend Division

NAKUSP, B. C.

A Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

To All Friends and Clients

W. F. TYERS

GENERAL INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE
KASLO, B.C.

A Very Merry Merry Christmas

Kaslo Motor Transport

LIMITED
KASLO, B.C.
FRED AYDON AND STAFF

Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

To All Our Customers

Jack Morris Men's Wear

KASLO, B.C.
DRY GOODS AND BOOTS AND SHOES
Jack and Dollie Morris and Dave Jones

A Very Merry Merry Christmas

ERIC'S MEAT MARKET and LOCKERS

E. S. ALDOUS, Prop.
KASLO, B. C.

A Merry Christmas To You

THE LODGE
Bill and Doris Drayton
KASLO, B. C.

"7" Taxi

Twenty-Four Hour Service

Extends Yuletide Greetings

C. E. IRWIN, Proprietor

★ ★ ★ To my Friends and neighbors, the the Business Men of Kaslo, Officers of all other associations, and all others, for their kindly interest in my work as local Press Reporter, I offer my appreciation and thanks and extend . . .

BEST WISHES FOR A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

MRS. S. A. SKILLICORN
KASLO, B.C.

KASLO Shoe Repair Shop

Extends the Season's Greetings to All

ROBERT GROGGINS, Proprietor KASLO, B.C.

KASLO RADIO ELECTRIC

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

LOUIS SHUTTY
Proprietor

Kaslo Mercantile

PEACE ON EARTH, GOODWILL TO MEN

Bill and Flo Hendren
Mrs. Monkman
Mrs. Cunningham

Kaslo Meat Market

Wishes You All a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

C. H. GREENSWORD and STAFF

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to All

Kaslo Machine Shop

R. G. MOSSMAN
Proprietor

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Potter and Dolly
of the
Kaslo Koffee Kounter

EXTEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

Greetings

The occasion is auspicious, so we wish you MERRY CHRISTMAS

KASLO DRUG STORE

G. M. DOAN, Prop.
KASLO, B. C.

Merry Christmas

Our Holiday Greetings to our friends come straight from the heart . . . simple and with no false frills. May you enjoy a truly Merry Christmas and a very Joyous New Year.

Armstrong's Hardware

BOB and MONTY
KASLO, B. C.

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Merry Christmas From the Slocan Valley

New Denver, Appledale, Silverton, Slocan City, Winlaw

Santa Flies to Lonely Posts

OTTAWA — The RCAF's annual "Santa Claus" flights brought good cheer to lonely Arctic weather stations and other government outposts in the Far North.

This year four RCAF aircraft—two North Stars and two C-119 transports—from 426 and 436 Transport Squadrons respectively, both at Dorval, P.Q., flew more than two tons of letters and Christmas mail to Department of Transport weathermen, RCMP personnel, and others located in the Arctic. The drops were made at weather stations, including both the joint Canadian-U.S. sites and those operated strictly by Canada, RCMP posts and Department of Transport radio posts.

Air drops were made at such widely scattered spots as Mould Bay, Isacchsen, Alert Bay, Resolute Bay, Eureka, Arctic Bay, Craig Harbor and Alexander Fiord in the northern Arctic, and Clyde River, Padloping, Cape Hope's Advance, Resolution Island and Nottingham in the central Arctic.

The most northerly point, the joint weather station at Alert, is more than 2500 miles north of Montreal, just under 600 miles from the North Pole.

Preparations for the Christmas drop began two months ago, when the Department of Transport and other agencies involved advised families concerned that a Christmas delivery was to be made by the RCAF. Parcels must be securely wrapped, for while some of the heavy canvas containers used for dropping purposes are parachuted to the points, the majority are "free dropped."

Delivery of the mail is dependent upon good weather: the weather reports that the aircrew use to plan their flights are assembled from the weather detail sent out by the very people who will receive the Christmas parcels.

The exacting job of dropping bundles is a time of excitement for the D of T weathermen and others who have seen no signs of civilization since the supply ship made its yearly visit in August. Large oil drums, with fires burning from each, mark the area where the bundles must be dropped. As the last of the bundles fall Eskimos and weathermen can be seen running forward to retrieve them.

The aircraft turns for home and the men on the ground load parcels and mail bags onto sleds. Soon they will be reading the long awaited mail from their loved ones and opening their gifts.

If Santa is too busy elsewhere to pay a visit to these remote detachments dotted across the Arctic, the weathermen don't really care, as long as the RCAF will substitute for him.

Christmas is a tree with bright lights and tinsel and the Star atop. It is a tumble of gifts, wrapped with pretty ribbon, beneath its green boughs. It is the light and faith in little children's eyes on Christmas morning. It is the choking feeling of joy in mother's heart as the packages are opened. It is the tear that wells in dad's eye and he tries to hide it with a grin. It is the remembrances of many other Christmases by grandmother and grandfather undimmed by golden time.

It is the sermon of the Story of Bethlehem. The hymns of the choir, the candlelight service, the softness of children's voices, the peace and goodwill that can come into men's hearts.

Christmas is the big tall tree in school, the only tree some of the children can call their own. It is the striped candy cane.

It is the joyful music of chimes and church bells, the carols from the record shop, the spirit of the season that makes strangers friends.

It is the garland and the candle in the window, the cards on the mantel, the wreath on the door, the mistletoe hung for Sis. It is sincerity in a handshake, the wishes of glad tidings, the vocal meaning in the hello from neighbors.

Christmas is a light. A light that vanquishes darkness; the light of charity.

THE STORY OF BELLS

From the familiar Christmas tradition stories by William Auld comes the legend of the Christmas bells. When Christ was born and Satan died, the bells of the church were rung.

At exactly midnight, the tolling changed to a joyful peal, announcing the birth of the Saviour.

Christmas is over and Business is Business. (For the other 364 days.) (F. P. Adams.)

SCIENCE ADDS TO CHRISTMAS STORY

The authenticity of the story of Christ has been further established over a period of years through archaeologists findings in the Jerusalem area.

A group of scientists recently discovered the name of Jesus carved before 70 A.D. among inscriptions on 11 early-Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Bethlehem-Jerusalem road.

These findings may prove to be one of the oldest archaeological records of Christianity, to give fact and substance to the Biblical stories of the trial and crucifixion of Christ.

It is believed that these writings were left by a sect of Hebrews who were followers of Christ and who had denounced Pontius Pilate.

There were Hebrew and Arabic inscriptions and symbols with references to Christianity.

Other archaeological expeditions have disclosed the presence of the Greek letter "X" . . . symbol used to represent Christ, found on the walls of early-Christian period catacombs.

Yule Log Fire Warded Off Evil

Centuries ago huge fires were built in the great baronial halls in England on Christmas Eve and servants brought in a log that was to burn throughout the feasting. It was customary to save a brand from each year's fire to light the next one with. If the log was properly burned it was believed that the devil was powerless to do any mischief to the household.

One story has it that stockings were originally hung by fireplaces burning Yule logs in order to absorb the odor of the burning wood and thus give the wearer protection from evil.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Dorothy Boys Killan

Nan Raymond, seated in white starched loneliness at the hall desk of Ridgedale's ten-bed community hospital, stared disconsolately at the tiny table tree which she had just finished trimming.

"Would it be just too much to ask you to take Christmas Eve duty for me, Nan?" Grace, the other night nurse, had asked her some days ago. "In know you aren't going to be able to get home for the holidays anyway, and my family is right here in town."

"Why, yes," Nan had answered slowly. "I suppose I might as well be on the job as anywhere."

The urgent ringing of a bell broke in on her lonely dreams—the handbell of the patient in room two.

"Old Smithers! I wonder what long-winded complaint she'll have now," Nan groaned.

She opened the door. Mrs. Smith, every grey hair in place, was sitting bolt upright in bed. "I'm expecting a visitor tonight. Where is he?" the old lady snapped.

"If anyone asks for you, of course I'll bring him up," Nan forced herself to answer politely.

"It's almost nine o'clock, and Algernon wrote definitely that he'd make it for Christmas Eve." Mrs. Smith glared at Nan. "It's bad enough being here, let alone trying to celebrate alone."

"I'm not celebrating either, Mrs. Smith." Nan tried to sound sympathetic.

"Oh, you — you're young and strong, and, well, this is your job." The woman sighed. "How well I remember Christmas when I was your age! Sit down a minute and I'll tell you about the time we—"

"I'm so sorry, Mrs. Smith, but I have some things I really must do."

The old lady ignored her excuse —"The time we invited the church choir to supper and to help decorate our tree before choir practice," she went on. "Well, somebody began a carol as he tied a popcorn ball to a branch, and, do you know, before the last apple was hung on the tree, we had gone through our whole blessed program."

"Did you always put a star on the top of your tree?"

"Oh, my, yes," Mrs. Smith smiled. "I'll tell you just exactly what we did use for decorations. Let's see, now. There were the popcorn balls, and cranberry chains . . ."

When the doorbell downstairs rang suddenly, Mrs. Smith brought herself up in the middle of a sentence and chuckled, "Thank you for listening to an old bore, my dear. Now you just go see if that isn't Algernon."

A young man, bareheaded, with coat collar turned up to meet a tousle of sandy hair, smiled at her through the gloom. "Are you the unfortunate gal who's taking care of my Granny Smith?" he asked.

An imperious voice called from upstairs: "Is that you, Algernon?"

The young man grinned at Nan. "Awful, isn't it? But it does help to shorten it to 'Al'."

Nan led the way upstairs. As they entered room two Mrs. Smith held out her arms affectionately to her visitor, saying at the same time: "You look startled, Miss Raymond. I'll wager you never dreamed an old fudy-duddy like me could have such a personable relative."

"Well, I guess I did expect—"

"I can imagine what you did expect," Mrs. Smith laughed. Then, turning to her grandson: "You won't be able to stay with me, as we had planned, but luckily there's a decent little hotel down town."

"Couldn't I stay at your house, anyway, Granny? A hotel's such a lonesome place at Christmas time," Al pleaded.

"The house is all closed up," Mrs. Smith answered. "But, never fear, just this evening I have found a local cure for loneliness." She smiled at Nan. "This young lady sat here this evening and put up so cheerfully with my long-winded reminiscences that I talked myself right out of a horrible mood into a pleasant glow. If you go at it the right way, I'm sure she can do the same for you."

Al said quickly: "Would having Christmas dinner with me at the hotel be a good beginning, Miss Raymond?"

"I think it would," Nan agreed.

MANY FACETS TO CHRISTMAS IN OLD LAND

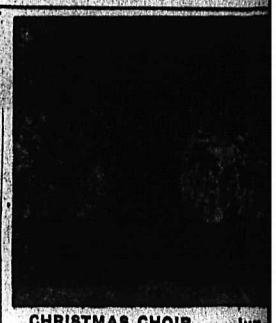
LONDON — There are certain things which every visitor expects to find wherever he happens to be spending Christmas: Christmas trees, for example, the singing of carols, glittering displays in the shops, the postman at the door and something rather special cooking in the oven. But to these things, which stand for Christmas the world over, Britain, like most other countries, adds ingredients of its own to form its own "typical" celebration.

To many people, one of the first things which Christmas in Britain means is the traditional service of the Nine Carols which is held on Christmas Eve in the chapel of King's College, Cambridge. There, under that high vaulted roof, is heard the familiar strains of "The Holly and the Ivy" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" sung by the choirboys in the soft gleam of the candles. Then comes the time to wander through the streets of London listening to the carols sung at dusk under the giant Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square, and entering the dark doorway of some ancient church or cathedral to see in one of the side chapels the kneeling figures round the manger of Bethlehem.

But for others, the discovery of Christmas in Britain starts earlier than this—with an annual expedition to the hills and woods to watch the Christmas trees being cut and to gather mistletoe and the red-berried holly. And, equally important, there is the visit to the markets with their array of turkeys and geese. (The plum pudding, due to be set alight with brandy on the great day, has already been prepared weeks beforehand).

Christmas in Britain also conjures memories of the warm fireside round which everyone gathers — whether at home or in the hotels, or in the centuries-old coaching inns of the country towns—while the blazing logs cast a cosy glow on the assembled gathering and the chestnuts pop and, of course, someone tells a ghost story. That perhaps for most people, is the essence of Christmastime.

But there are other facets to the yuletide picture of Britain—village carol singers wending their way by starlight to sing outside the door of some great country house; pantomimes and mince-pies; and children's stockings mysteriously filled during the night.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR . . . Junior members of a church choir lift their voices in song during the annual Christmas candlelight service. Truly, they represent the spirit of Christmas.

Blest Christmas morn, though murky clouds
Pursue the way,
Thy light was born where stars enshrouds
Nor dawn nor day!
(Christmas Morn. Stanza 1).
—(Mary Baker Eddy)

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ONE OF THEM

By ANNE O'SULLIVAN

Hesitant but determined, Ransome had brought his fiancee, Hilda home for Christmas to his parents' mountain ranch. Now, on Christmas Eve, Bridget, his young school-teaching sister, and Gloria, his white-collar sister, sat in the pine-panelled living room, admiring the yet undecorated Christmas tree. And Hilda seemed to be getting along particularly well with Gloria, the ambitious, the contemptuous sister whose city veneer denied her mountain heritage.

He was the first to stir from the surprising but comfortable dark. "I'll take care of it, Ma," he called toward the kitchen, "probably just a blown out fuse."

"Wouldn't you know it?" Gloria's voice rose sharply, complainingly.

"Hear that wind?" Ma asked with the low, pleasant chuckle that characterized her to her family.

Pa, armed with a lantern, stamped in the back door, shedding snow as he shook his heavy jacket off. "Brrr, a real snow-piling easterner, but the animals are all right."

"Did you check the fuse box, Pa?" Ran asked.

"Not much use — the wind probably took care of a transformer. What's the matter, boy? When you were living at home we didn't even have electricity."

"Yeah, well, we still got plenty lanterns around?"

"Long as we got horsesense, we'll keep the lanterns ready," it was Ma's turn to laugh. "Likely our lights'll be off two-three more times this winter."

"It's that Hilda he's thinking of," Pa said shrewdly. "Let's go in with the girls. She's a fine girl, Ransome."

"We can't trim the tree, Pa, when the light strings won't work," Gloria sounded petulant, dissatisfied. Was Hilda disappointed too? Ran wondered.

Ma and Pa laughed, "You sure have the all firedest short memory!"

"Remember the times we trimmed the tree with popcorn balls and all?" Bridget asked. "Let's do it tonight, shall we, Ma?"

"Why, of course, Pa and I'd get a sight of pleasure out of that. How about you, Hilda?"

"I'd like to help." To Ran she sounded enthusiastic, but maybe it was just politeness.

"A sight more work too," Gloria pointed out. "Why you won't move . . ."

"I'll need another lantern for the kitchen Pa. if I'm to string cranberries," Bridget interrupted zestfully.

Ran knelt beside the deep fireplace, built by his great-grandfather, to stir the coals. As a boy he had risked burning himself to pop corn in a frying pan; now they had a long-handled popper. The angry surge of wind reassured him in a strange way. He was at home. Safe and protected. If only Hilda could share his feeling for this place . . .

He leaned on his heels, whistling, as the kernels began to pop. "I wish you'd let me help," Hilda said, "Bridget sent me in with a bowl, salt and butter."

Ran moved aside, finding it natural for Hilda to kneel and work beside him. Her eyes sparkled and her face was flushed in the firelight, but Ran missed his chance to ask if she were happy when Bridget summoned them to string popcorn.

Gloria held up a string of popcorn. "Not half so pretty as tinsel."

"Means more," Bridget said. "Seems like popcorn strings have a special beauty — the kind you can't buy."

Soon the Christmas tree was festooned with strings of popcorn and cranberries. It looked beautiful to Ran even before they moved presents underneath. H caught the satisfaction on veryone's face, though Gloria still looked cynical.

Just then Hilda rushed out of the room and went upstairs. When she came back, she paused half-shyly in the doorway, an accordian in her arms, "I thought you'd have a piano and, now that the radio's off, maybe you'd like some carols? It's been such a perfect evening."

Ran knew then, as he guided her into the circle and saw the family make way for her, that Hilda was one of them and his voice rose exultantly in "O, Come All Ye Faithful."

Hanging Stockings Started With Dutch

Custom of hanging Christmas stockings originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings.

When the Dutch came to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of net-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace, the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.

GOD BLESS CHRISTMAS

"There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say," returned the nephew. "Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; and, therefore, uncle, though it had never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I say, God bless it!"

—Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol."

The Anglo-Saxons called December "heligh monath" (holy month), because of Christmas.

The December jewel is the turquoise, one of the most ancient stones of royalty. Significance of the birthstone—prosperity.

(Both of the above are from "Saturday Night".)

Silver Bells

Swing, silver bells,
Swing in each tower tonight
And greet your Saviour,
Ring out a peal,
Awaken notes of power,
And chimes of Love,
Let them be heard,
Below, around, above,
And throng the silence
With their melody.

Then shall the sighing
Of the sorrowful
Melt into gladness,
And the dumb shall sing.
Then shall the wanderer
Return again,
And in returning rest,
Then shall all evil fall,
And those oppressed
Shall join the anthem
In a world redeemed.

—From "Poems" by Robert E. Key.

Fifty-five years ago, on Christmas Day 1898, Imperial Penny Post was introduced between Canada and Britain. Tradition says that the day was chosen on the spur of the moment. A biographer says that when the Postmaster-General of Britain, the Duke of Norfolk, told Queen Victoria that penny postage was to be introduced with Canada, she asked on what day it was to come into force. "We thought of the Prince's birthday" replied the Duke, referring to the Prince of Wales, who was born on November 9. "And what Prince?" asked the Queen, in her ancient tones. The Duke was equal to the occasion. "The Prince of Peace — on Christmas Day" he replied. Thus the new rate became effective on December 25, 1898.

Christmas Game

Snapdragon was a favorite Christmas game in England more than 200 years ago. It is still played in modified form in England and America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other fruit was poured over the fruit and ignited. The bystanders then endeavored to grasp a raisin, by plunging their hands through the flames. A carol called "The Song of Snapdragon" accompanied the game.

Although it's sternest duty,
Yes to me it seems a crime—
Giving folks the lovely presents
That I got last Christmas time.
(The Last Year's Presents. Stanza one). — (S Gilliliau).

Quaint Rehearsal of Birth Found in Carol

"Auld Lang Syne" has become such an integral part of our modern New Year's Eve that no celebration, however gay, would be complete without it.

The music sheets for those nostalgic strains simply say "Robert Burns — Scotch Air", and Robert Burns generally is supposed to have written it after he had settled down on a farm and taken himself a wife following the sweeping success in 1778 of the second edition of his "Poems". Well and good, but Auld Lang Syne was not exclusively a Burns product, nor did he claim it to be.

In a letter to George Thomson, a publisher, Burns explained:

"It is an old song of olden times, which has never been in print. I took it down from an old man's singing."

Modern scholarship has discovered that Burns was wrong when he told Thomson "Auld Lang Syne" had never been in print. Its refrain, at least, was printed obscurely long before Burns heard his "old man singing".

Further, the original song often has been credited to Sir Robert Aytoun (1570-1638). Aytoun was one of the earliest Scots to use the lowland dialect as a literary medium. Multitudes of Americans descended from non-British stock are perpetually mystified by this dialect, nor does it seem to make much sense in the standard English translation.

Regardless of its original author and origin, it was Burns who gave "Auld Lang Syne" its immortality. And though the bells now welcome the New Year with joyous peals, symbolising mankind's hope for a bright future, the nostalgia of "Auld Lang Syne" summarizes an adherent reluctance to leave the security and friendship of the past and embark upon a future which, however promising, may not be more pleasant. Thus it remains a part of the English speaking heritage to

"Drink a cup of kindness yet
For Auld Lang Syne."

THE "MILLY-BOX"

Carolling Yorkshire children still carry a "milly-box", lined with sugar and oranges and containing two small figures. This custom dates back to ancient times when figures of Our Lady and the Holy Child were carried in procession by carol-singers in the northern counties of England. The word "milly" is a corruption of My Lady. In some parts of Yorkshire the box is called a "bessel cup" and the children "go a-wassailling".

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It's Merry Christmas From Trail and Rossland

Trombone for Paris

By SHIRLEY SARGENT

Steve rolled from the bed where Marge slept and started toward the living room. The glow of Christmas tree lights betrayed the children. Young Steve—there was a boy for you—had one hand in his stocking. Julie was whispering, "Go on, see what's in it." Only Paris, the tall, older one, was quite still.

Paris turned just as Steve said "Merry Christmas," sarcastically.

Young Steve, with the engaging grin, whipped around, "Hi, daddy. Can we open our presents? It's almost daylight."

"Daylight, my foot—it's barely two."

"But Santa Claus has already been here."

"Bed," Steve commanded. Stevie and Julie hugged him, leaving without argument, but there was defiance plain on Paris' face. Paris—darned fool name for a boy. Marge's idea. "Bed, son," Steve reiterated.

"Under the tree, dad, I don't see anything long and sort of curved."

That Paris, an odd one. An eleven-year-old kid wanting a trombone. It beat Steve. "I don't either," he agreed, meeting his son's eyes. "Look, you're too old to believe in Santa Claus, and too young to realize how expensive a trombone is."

Paris looked down at the mounds of gaily wrapped packages. "Okay," he said in a flat, old-sounding voice, "so I get a couple of new shirts and Stevie gets . . ."

"Stevie gets what?"

Paris ground his bare foot into the rug. "Nothin'. I was just talking."

"Good night, son," Steve watched Paris out of the room before he unplugged the tree lights and sank into a worn armchair.

Paris was right. Stevie had everything he'd asked for piled under the tree. Even an electric train. Cost a lot to keep a kid happy these days, but a trombone . . . Like the one out in the trunk of the car that was going back to the store first thing Wednesday morning. A man made only so much working in a laundry, trying to save enough to buy a half interest, so Marge went ahead and bought a trombone without a by-your-leave.

First Paris had to have lessons, then a rented horn to practice on. Now he wanted one of his own. Paris, a funny kid. Never listening to the football games like Julie and even Stevie did. Always wandering off for hikes and bringing home strange, ragamuffin kids. Happy when he could tinker with all radios, happier yet when he could listen to highbrow music. That stuff. Steve didn't understand him and that was a fact. From a distance he heard the voices of carolers and, upstairs, the wavering notes of the rented trombone. That Paris! What was he trying to do? Wake everybody up?

Even as Steve swung up the stairs, to the attic, he heard the sureness in the music. At first Paris had practiced in the attic by request, but Steve had to hand it to him. He had worked hard; two-three hours a day until he could really play. Looking in on him now, Steve saw that the rented instrument gleamed. Paris had taken care of it—wouldn't let the others touch it.

To look at his intent, happy face, you wouldn't know it was Paris whose everyday face was withdrawn, almost sullen. That playing a horn that took all your breath to blow, would give him happiness was amazing to Steve.

Paris put the trombone down when Steve touched his shoulder.

"You love to play, don't you?" Steve asked.

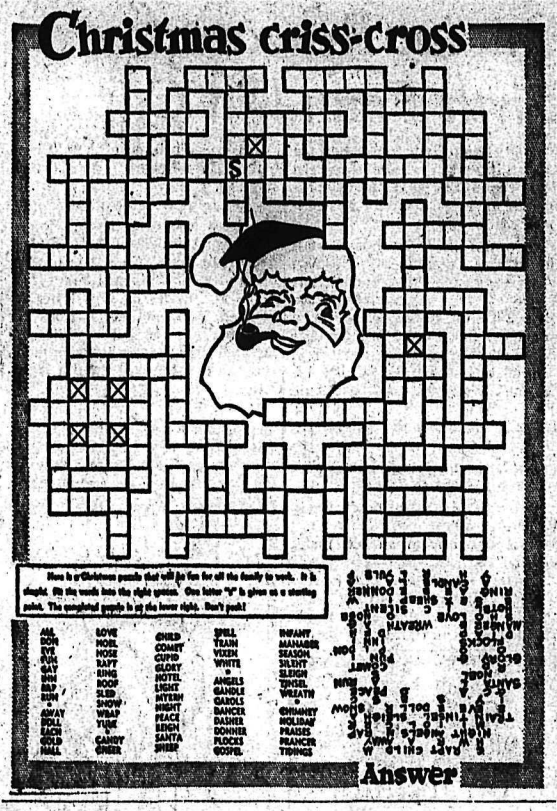
A smile the like of which Steve had never seen before crossed his son's face. Then, shly, "Mr. Baxter wants me to play in the school band."

It was hard to keep his pride from showing, but Steve only said, heartily, "That fine, Paris," before sending him back to bed.

Steve went downstairs, searching under the tree until he found young Stevie's electric train. The box was heavy in his hands as he considered toys didn't matter too much to Stevie—he liked active things, in which a father could share.

When Steve came back in from the car, he felt like Santa Claus as he put the shiny leather case that was long and sort of curved under the tree. A trombone for Paris.

Christmas criss-cross



SYMBOLISM IN MINCE PIE

The Christmas mince pie had a Christian symbolism in the beginning. The pies represented the gold, frankincense, and myrrh that was brought by the Three Wise Men to the Manger; the crust symbolized the gold, and the mixture of spices the frankincense and the myrrh. Originally the pies were made oblong and followed the shape of the manger.

There was a superstition that there was no luck in store for the man or woman who did not eat a mince pie at Christmas. To eat one, it was believed, was to be sure of having at least one happy month. To enjoy a year of happiness a person had to eat one pie on each of the twelve days after Christmas.

Bob Cratchit's Christmas Dinner

Mrs. Cratchit made the gravy (ready beforehand in a little saucepan) hissing hot; Master Peter mashed the potatoes with incredible vigor. Miss Belinda sweetened up the applesauce; Martha dusted the hot plates; Bob took Tiny Tim beside him in a tiny corner at the table; the two young Cratchits set chairs for everybody, not forgetting themselves, and mounting guard upon their posts, crammed spoons into their mouths, lest they should shriek for goose before their turn came to be helped. At last the dishes were set on, and grace said. It was succeeded by a breathless pause, as Mrs. Cratchit, looking slowly all along the carving-knife, prepared to plunge it in the breast; but when she did, and when the long expected gush of stuffing issued forth, one murmur of delight arose all around the board, and even Tiny Tim, excited by the two Cratchits, beat on the table with the handle of his knife, and feebly cried, Hurrah!

There never was such a goose. Bob said he didn't believe there ever was such a goose cooked. Its tenderness and flavor, size and cheapness, were the themes of universal admiration. Eked out by applesauce and mashed potatoes, it was a sufficient dinner for the whole family; indeed, as Mrs. Crachit said with great delight (surveying one small atom of a bone upon the dish), they hadn't ate it all at last! Yet every one had enough, and the youngest Cratchits in particular were steeped in sage and onion to the eyebrows! But now, the plates being changed by Miss Belinda, Mrs. Crachit left the room alone—too nervous to bear witness—to take the pudding up, and bring it in.

Suppose it should not be done enough! Suppose it should break in turning out! Suppose somebody should have got over the wall of the back yard, and stolen it, while they were merry with the goose—a supposition at which the two young Cratchits became livid! All sorts of horrors were supposed.

Hallo! A great deal of steam! The pudding was out of the copper. A smell like a washing-day! That was the cloth. A smell like an eating-house and a pastry-cook's next door to each other, with a laundress' next door to that! That was the pudding! In half a minute Mrs. Cratchit entered—flushed but smiling proudly—with the pudding, like a speckled cannon-ball, so hard and firm, blazing in half of half a quartern of ignited brandy, and bedight with Christmas holly stuck into the top.

Oh, a wonderful pudding! Bob Cratchit said, and calmly too, that he regarded it as the greatest success achieved by Mrs. Cratchit since their marriage. Mrs. Cratchit said that now the weight was off her mind, she would confess she had had her doubts about the quantity of flour. Everybody had something to say about it, but nobody said or thought it was at all a small pudding for a large family. Any Cratchit would have blushed to hint at such a thing.

At last the dinner was all done, the cloth cleared, the hearth swept, and the fire made up. The compound in the jug being tested, and considered perfect, apples and oranges were put upon the table, and a shovelful of chestnuts on the fire.

Then all the Cratchit family drew round the hearth, in what Bob Cratchit called a circle, and at Bob Cratchit's elbow stood the family display of glass—two tumblers, and a custard-cup without a handle.

These held the hot stuff from the jug, however, as well as golden goblets would have done; and Bob served it out with beaming looks, while the chestnuts on the fire spluttered and cracked noisily. Then Bob proposed:

"A Merry Christmas to us all, my dears. God bless us!"

Which all the family re-echoed.

"God bless us every one," said Tiny Tim the last of all.

From "A Christmas Carol"
By Charles Dickens.

How You Say it . . . A Merry Christmas

It's easy to say "Merry Christmas" in many languages with this checklist of greetings in other tongues!

Say "Joyeux Noel" in French; "Froelliche Weihnachten" in German; "Buon Natale" in Italian.

The Spanish have the words for it with "Felices Pascuas" or "Feliz Navidad" . . . in Holland they say "Een Vroolijk Kerstfeest." Danes greet each other with "En Glaedelig Jule," or as the Norwegians would say: "Glaedelig Jule."

In Czechoslovakia they greet one another with "Vesele Vanoce" . . . in Swedish, "God Jule" . . . and to each and every one of you we say: "The Merriest Christmas, Ever!"

FLOWER LEGENDS BLOSSOM AT NOEL

The observance of Christmas the world over is rich with beautiful legends, and many of the loveliest are about flowers. The Christmas rose was divinely created, so the legend goes, when a shepherd maiden wept because she had no gift to lay before the Babe in the Manger.

An angel, hearing why she wept, touched the ground where her tears had fallen with a branch of lilies she carried, and immediately the spot was white with Christmas roses. She gathered them joyfully and laid them on the manger.

MISTLETOE WAS A PEACE-MAKER

Do you know that when enemies meet under the mistletoe bough they are supposed to lay down their arms for at least a 24-hour truce? That is why a hostess tries to hang some mistletoe near the doorway of her home, thus assuring perfect harmony while her guests are under her roof. The Druids held the mistletoe bough sacred. It was also considered symbolic and an invitation to the spirits of the forest to come in and bring good cheer. The custom of kissing under the mistletoe dates back to ancient Britain. To bring the best type of luck to the one kissed, it is claimed that the bough must be cut with a golden knife.

Plum Pudding

In the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England the prayer for the last Sunday before Advent began with the words — "Stir up". The people of Peterborough took this to be a reminder that they should start their plum pudding at that time, and everybody in the family took a hand in the stirring until it was ready in Christmas.

This indispensable old time English Christmas dish was furmety or frumenty, which according to old time recipes was "wheat boiled until the grains burst, then strained and boiled again with broth or milk and yolks of eggs". Frumenty was the forerunner of plum pudding.

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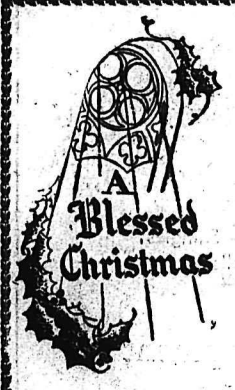

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Around the KOOTENAY in Sport

By LEN WALKER

With the Christmas season we find many Nelson sport figures back home to spend Christmas with their parents and friends.

Joy McEwen, who is attending Normal School at the Coast, has not been too busy to participate in her favorite sporting pastimes.

She is busy coaching the school basketball team, entered in a league with high school and the University of B.C. teams.

Sportsman Mickey McEwen's busy daughter is also bowling in the teachers' league in Vancouver and at the completion of play before the holidays was sporting a big 205 average. She also plays badminton and finds time to play basketball with the Senior A Kitsilano team in the city league. This team plans on making a tour in the near future that will take them to the Okanagan and, they hope, into part of the Kootenay with Nelson included.

Maureen Kennedy, another UBC student, has also arrived home after her second year of arts and commerce. Maureen can be remembered for her basketball prowess here when she played with the High School team.

She is presently keeping at the sport, playing for one of the university clubs in the school league.

Jimmy Todd, returning after his fourth year of physical ed can be remembered as a member of the Nelson Maple Leafs, West Kootenay baseball champions this past summer.

Gene Nutter, in his first term at UBC, finds little time for sports, but all will remember him as one of the stars of the high school Blue Bomber basketball squad.

Another returnee for the festive season is Frank Elsner, who is taking his first year of arts. Frank was the fastest man to cover the measured 100-yard dash on the cinder track here.

Although doing little on the paths so far, no doubt Frank will be prominent in track and field at UBC come the spring weather.

BASEBALL TO FOOTBALL

Dunc Kennedy, also on holidays, is another baseball player who starred for the Leafs this past summer. Dunc at the end of the Leafs' season started in centre field.

Now attending the University of Seattle, Dunc remarks that he sure loves those football games and is presently participating in the favorite American pastime that is fast becoming popular in Canada.

Clive Fleming, who many will remember for his sport writing here, is back from another term at the University of Washington in Seattle. Clive seldom misses hockey, basketball and football games down that way and is well versed on players of all the sports.

NHL Leaders

By The Canadian Press

Standing: Detroit, won 19, lost 8, tied 6—44 points.

Points: Howe, Detroit, 41.

Goals: Richard, Montreal, 20.

Assists: Howe, Detroit, 25.

Shutouts: Sawchuk, Detroit, and Lumley, Toronto, 5.

Penalties: Harvey, Montreal, 72 minutes.

"Bookmaking Spot" Closed in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — A south end Seattle establishment, which the prosecutor described as a horse race bookmaking spot, is closed tight today.

Sheriff's officers moved against it a day after prosecuting attorney Charles O. Carroll had asked the telephone company to remove the telephones from the club and adjacent building.

Carroll said the telephones were used to receive racing information from Chicago and Victoria, for relay to other bookmaking outlets in Seattle.

Sheriff's officers said they found five persons betting on horse races at the club Wednesday.

HOCKEY'S BIG 7

	G	A	Pts
Howe, Detroit	16	25	41
Geoffrion, Montreal	18	15	33
Lindsay, Detroit	11	22	33
Richard, Montreal	20	11	31
Kelly, Detroit	12	18	30
Sandford, Boston	9	19	28
Reibel, Detroit	9	19	28

Marciano Returns

NEW YORK (AP)—Heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano and manager Al Weill returned Thursday from an exhibition and "good will" tour which extended as far as the Phillipines and Japan.

Marciano left this afternoon to spend the holidays with his family in Brockton, Mass.

GOLD PRICE $34

OTTAWA (CP) — The finance department announced Thursday that the mint's price for a fine ounce of gold is $34.004687 for the week ending Dec. 26, based on the week's average exchange rate of .9715625. Gold is fixed at $35 an ounce in United States funds.

In the Backwoods

OAKHAM, England (CP) — A package mailed from London now takes 14 days to arrive in this Rutland town, because of a new railway routing system. That's several days longer than the old stagecoach used to take, say local historians.

Modern Jericho in Jordan is the world's lowest town — 840 feet below sea level.

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Spinning Wheel Becomes Oddity

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — The spinning wheel, standard household equipment a few years ago in all rural settlements, now is rarity and soon will be an oddity.

Newfoundland women who spent many winter evenings carding, spinning and knitting wool, have laid aside the wheel. Now they send the wool to Maritime and Quebec knitting mills where it is turned into yarn, blankets and rugs at attractive prices.

In a few years home spinning operations are expected to be extinct.

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Minister, Two Parishioners Build New Manse

HANTS HARBOR, Nfld. (CP)—A minister and two of his parishioners have built an eight-room manse here, cheaper and faster than most building firms would have done it.

Exactly four months passed from the time the first sod was turned until the house was finished, the cost was $4500.

The lay minister, A. A. Smith, drew plans for the house and took an active part in its construction. He was the cement mixer and bricklayer. Daniel Tuck and Fred Snook did most of the actual construction, holding up only when supplies were delayed in reaching the outport.

The house has large rooms, a modern kitchen and a full-height basement which includes a garage.

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Says Plants Beat Men at Inventing

OTTAWA (CP) — The National Research Council says plant life is miles ahead of man when it comes to manufacturing processes.

Two of the council's scientists found that plants can change air into wood in less than 10 seconds. In this period carbon dioxide becomes solid cellulose, the material which forms the framework for skeleton of most plants.

Dr. Paul M. Laughton and Dr. D. C. Mortimer, of the plant physiology section of NRC, exposed sugar beet leaves to small amounts of carbon dioxide under a bright light.

FOUND IN LEAVES

The carbon dioxide was first made radioactive so it could be identified when it got inside the plant. The leaves were allowed to absorb the gas for varying periods and then were killed in boiling water.

Radioactive cellulose was found in the leaves even though they had absorbed the gas for only 10 seconds.

"This cellulose must have been made from the radioactive gas," the council said. "It follows that the plant can bake these extremely complex changes, from air to wood, in less than 10 seconds."

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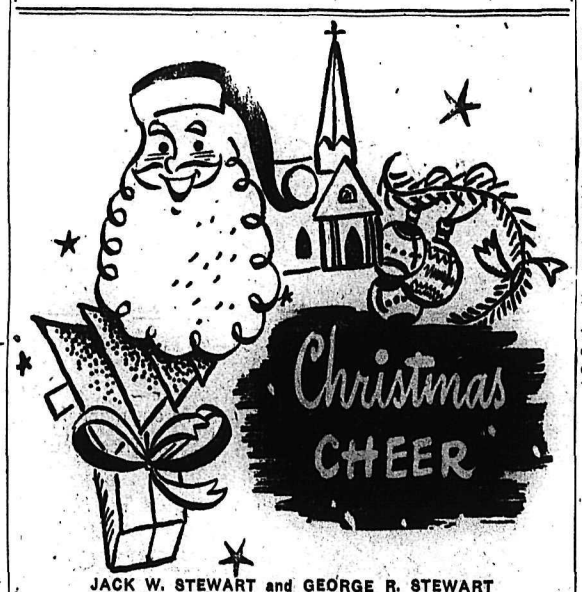

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Tough on the Missionary

VILA, New Hebrides (Reuters)—The New Hebrides Islands are under the joint rule of Britain and France. A "condominium," they call it—but the islanders call it just plain complicated.

All boats have to be fitted with two flag masts, one for the Union Jack and one for the French flag. Commercial and public buildings must have two flagpoles of equal height, even the homes of the district commissioners on lonely islands.

The island of Tanna, about 130 miles south of Vila, has two district commissioners, who live side by side on top of a hill, in similar buildings. In front of each house are two flagpoles.

Recently, the British commissioner noticed that one pole was a foot shorter than the other. So he flew his "home" flag from the taller pole, on the left. Then he was told that the "home" flag should be on the right.

So the shorter pole was taken down, the missing length spliced in, and a crew of men tried to put it up again. But they got the stay wires tangled and both poles crashed across the jeep of a visiting missionary.

Baby Oysters Thrive in Pendrill Sound

VANCOUVER (CP)—In Pendrill sound, near Bute inlet, 130 miles northeast of here, are myriads of baby oysters, successful result of an experiment which may ultimately break the Japanese monopoly of seed oysters.

The bivalves are only slightly larger than a grain of sand, but next spring they will be taken to a Pacific coast oyster bed, there to thrive and eventually land in stewpot or frying pan.

Water and temperature must be exactly right before oysters will spawn. So every year about 60,000 cases of seed have had to be imported from Japan to meet British Columbia and Puget sound demands

Pendrill sound is one of the few places on the Pacific coast where oysters spawn naturally.

NATURAL SEEDING

Last spring a group of fishermen formed the Pacific Oyster Seed Company to take advantage of the natural seeding advantages of the sound.

Thirty thousand strings of old oyster shells had to be prepared. At one time 70 adults and children were kept busy at Ladysmith, Fannybay, Crescent and other oyster grounds, poking holes into old shells and stringing them on wires.

The heavy strings were then taken to Pendrill sound where they were suspended into the water over log rafts.

SUCCESSFUL SET

Then came the long wait to see if adult oysters already growing on shores would spawn and if their spat would settle on the shell strings.

In mid-September a successful set was achieved. An average of about 25 oyster larvae settled on each shell. Next spring the shells will be taken from the water and delivered to growers for planting in their beds. The yield will be about 5000 cases compared with Japanese imports of 60,000 cases.

Ont. Museum Tells History of Oil

TORONTO (CP)—The history of oil is told in an exhibition at the Royal Ontario Museum here.

The story of oil, from its beginning millions of years ago in the form of tiny marine creatures to modern methods of extraction, is depicted in a sequence of models.

A fluorescent Panorama shows types of sea creatures whose millions of bodies were compressed to become oil, then the exhibition takes visitors through the ages to the period when men began drilling for oil.

The story of modern oil drilling is presented in miniature.

Dr. V. Ben Meen, museum director, described the exhibition as one of the most elaborate and factually correct ever shown in the museum.

NAMED AFTER BEVIN

LONDON (CP) — A block of apartments in the Finsbury district has been named Bevin Court after the late Ernest Bevin, foreign secretary in the former Labor government.

SOUTHSEA, England (CP)—Mrs. M. Adcock, returning from a holiday in Singapore, discovered when she opened her luggage that she had unwittingly brought back a deadly black scorpion. Police carefully removed it to the zoo.

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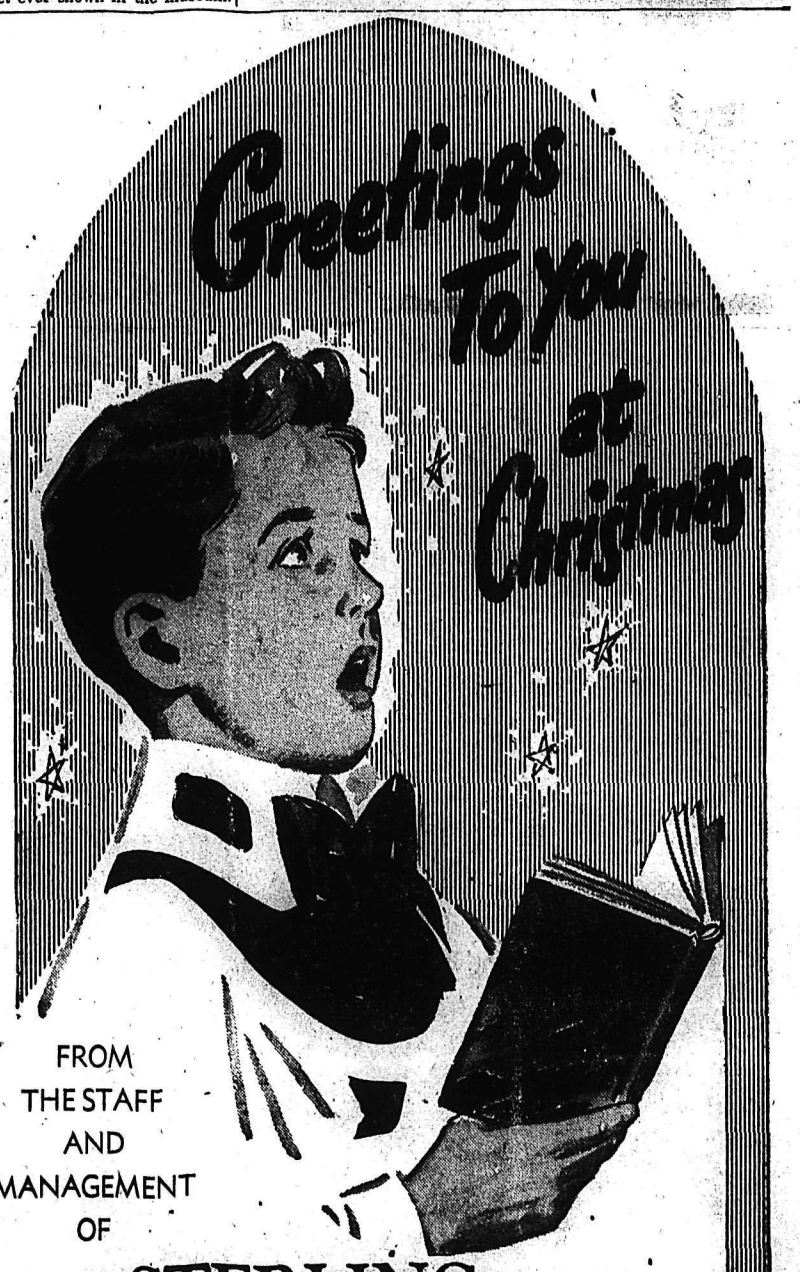

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Ostrich Farmers Breeding Chicks

CAPE TOWN (AP) — South Africa's ostrich farmers are breeding chicks as fast as they can to bring the number of the long-necked birds back into line with world demands.

It is not the need for luxurious ostrich plumes — the height of feminine fashion 50 years ago—that is bringing ostriches back into popularity. The birds are grown mainly for three things — leather, body features and biltong. The last-named article is a dried meat South Africans like.

In the years after ostriches were domesticated in 1870, the tail feathers earned farmers something like £50,000,000, more than $200,000,000 at the time.

When the lush plumes lost favor, South African farmers cut down their flocks drastically. Now the flocks are down to about 30,000 birds, compared with 750,000 in the days before 1914.

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BRITISH ARMY APPROVES OF CIVVY NECKTIE

LONDON (CP) — The British Army has approved a necktie for use by regular soldiers of all ranks when in plain clothes.

The tie, 600 of which were sold before the official announcement was made, has the army crest in gold on a maroon background. It is hoped it will help stimulate recruiting.

"So much of the soldier's time now is spent in civilian clothes," said a war office announcement, "that it is hoped such a tie will be welcomed."

U. K. Scouts Make Totem Pole

NORTH LUFFENHAM, Eng. (Reuters)—Wolf Cubs at this RCAF fighter base now own a hand-carved, five-foot totem pole depicting the Canadian beaver and the British lion sitting in a canoe.

The totem pole, the work of the English Cub pack at nearby Tixover Grange Village, was presented recently to the North Luffenham Cubs whose 30 or so members are mainly sons of RCAF personnel here.

It was given as a symbol of friendship between Canadian and British Scouts.

This No. 1 fighter wing base has had Scouts and Cubs for more than a year and also boasts predominantly Canadian Girl Guides and Brownies. Other packs are at Metz, France, headquarters of the RCAF first air division, where the boys mingle with French children, and at two bases in Germany and one other in France.

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Vancouver Baritone Finds Queen Easy to Meet, Easy to Sing To

LONDON (CP) — Chatting with the Queen is exciting but singing to her is even better. So says Edmund Hockridge—and he's had a taste of both.

"Yes, I think the most thrilling part was to step out and sing directly to the royal box," said the Vancouver-born baritone, recalling his appearance early in November in the royal variety program at London's Coliseum.

It was the first appearance in a command show for the tall, 34-year-old Canadian, who has been touring Britain for the last three years in the American musical "Carousel."

And there was no mistaking his identity as the lone Canadian among the 450 artists on the royal program. He appeared in the first act, set in busy Trafalgar Square with a corner of Canada House peeking from the wings, dressed in the uniform of the RCMP.

On cue, he stepped to the footlights in his scarlet tunic and sang "The Song of Dawn." In the finale, Hockridge was awarded the honor of singing the national anthem alone.

PRESENTED TO QUEEN

Later he was among 10 members of the cast presented to the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Margaret and he chatted with all three.

With the Queen he spoke of his brother, Sgt. Ralph Hockridge of Victoria, who was a member of the RCMP party which escorted the royal couple during part of their 1952 Canadian tour. To Princess Margaret he chatted about "Carousel." The princess saw the show, with Hockridge in the lead, during its run at Drury Lane Theatre Royal in 1951.

It was with the Canadian Army that Hockridge first saw London in 1940. He had roles with the BBC before he returned to Canada for discharge in 1946. He sang in Canadian radio and was called back to Britain in the autumn of 1951 with his English wife, Eileen, and son, Ian, now nine years old.

To date Hockridge has played in 1300 performances in the musical about carnival life. Squeezed in between there have been radio, television and recording dates.

But the close acquaintance with the character of the barker, Billy Bigelow, is due to end. In four weeks Hockridge moves back to London to take the lead in another big musical.

OBJECTS TO NICKNAME

LONDON (CP)—The Air Force Daily, a service newspaper for United States airmen in Europe, objects to servicemen being called "the boys."

"It is thoroughly resented by all ranks and smacks a good deal of mama's spoiled darling," the paper protests.

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"Sacred Pledge" Not Binding

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)—A "sacred pact" which has prevented the sale of liquor in part of New Zealand's North island has been found by an official historian to be no more than a legend.

He says it is an example of how unsound statements have been repeated so often that they have been accepted as true.

It has been commonly believed that the followers of the Maori "king" who occupied the great tract of country in the North island known as the king country made a "sacred and inviolable pact" with the government in 1884. In return for permission to build the main trunk railway through their country and other concessions, the story goes, the white man guaranteed never to permit the sale of liquor in the territories.

To this day no hotels in the king country are permitted to sell liquior. Now a large part of the population want a poll of all residents on whether liquor sales should be allowed.

OPPOSED PROPOSALS

Temperance and church organizations opposed the proposal, claiming that the pledge was made to the Maori people and any change would be a grave breach of faith.

The government has tested Maori opinion, but influenced by claims of the pledge obtained by their ancestors the Maoris have voted against liquor sales. It is said by those favoring liquor sale that a combined vote of European and Maori inhabitants would reverse the verdict.

NOT BINDING

Dr. A. H. McLintock, parliamentary historian, was appointed to investigate and he states that neither in the speeches of the then prime minister or the native minister, nor in newspaper and other reports at that time, is there any suggestion that the 1884 proclamation was the outcome of a pact or sacred pledge. It did not bind the government and it could be superseded by act of Parliament.

After 4000 Years

LONDON (CP)—A roast of meat, still intact after 4000 years, was uncovered during a recent archaeological expedition to Jericho.

Dr. Kathleen Kenyon, director of the British school of archaeology in Jerusalem, reported the find when she returned here with 12 large packing cases containing objects recovered from an ancient tomb.

She said the meat, found with clothing, rush mats and wooden objects in the tomb 20 feet below ground surface, was "only spongy."

FORGETFUL BRIDEGROOM

LONDON (CP) — Westminster council provided warning lights for an automobile left in a street for 13 days and nights. Owner Alexander Ritchie, fined 10 shillings for obstructing, said he forgot all about the car after driving it to his wedding.

Vancouver was known as Granville before its incorporation as a city in 1886.

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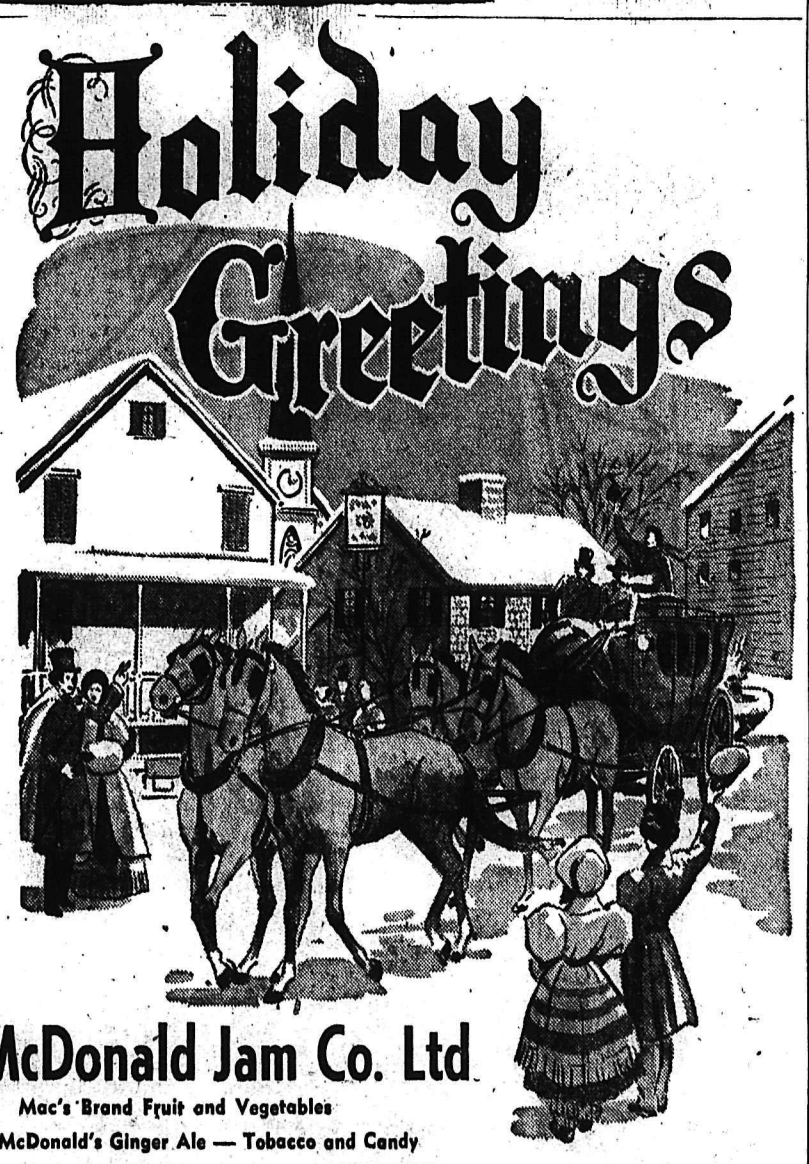

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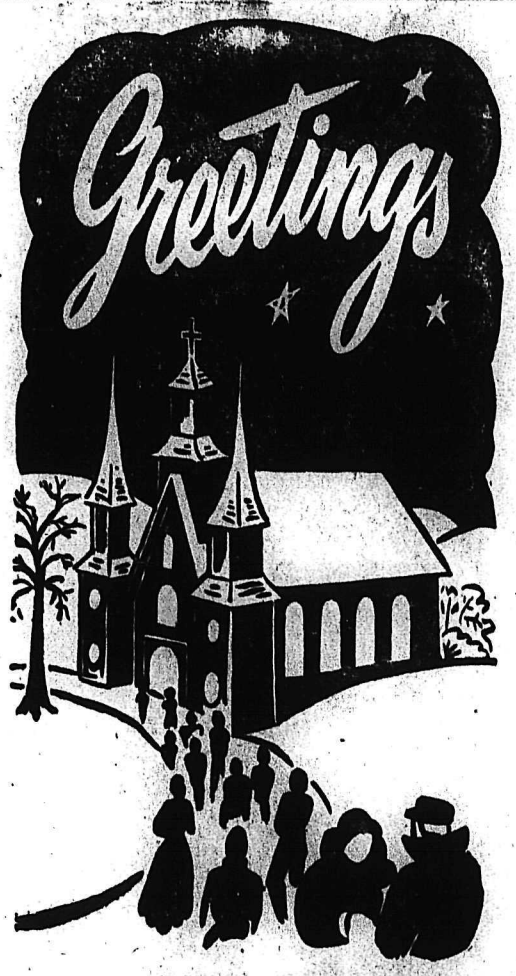

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Defence Dept. Drops Division

OTTAWA (CP) — With the scarcity in metals and other defence materials over, the defence production department announced Thursday the abolition of its materials division which controlled the flow of these items to industry.

It also announced the regional offices of the small industries division are no longer necessary. These will be closed Dec. 31.

"Continuing improvement in the supply of strategic materials together with a general relaxation of controls both in Canada and the United States make it possible to terminate activities of the materials division," the department said.

A small group will be retained in the department's production branch to help defence contractors in the event of materials scarcity either in Canada or the U.S. The rest of the division's duties, such as preparing reports on supplies, will be taken over by the trade department.

The small industries division was established to help the little business man share in the big defence contracts awarded in the last few years.

Clear Sky For Santa

NORTH POLE (AP)—It was clear and cold here on the day before Christmas—the time for Santa Claus to load up his cargo.

The U.S. Air Force, which sends weather observation planes over the pole, said the temperature was 33 degrees below zero, the skies clear.

Buy, Sell, Trade the Classified Way

A QUEEN'S-EYE VIEW of Fiji Island children is this one of smiling children lined up to wave at Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip as they stepped ashore on the Fiji Islands. The Islanders, usually solemn in the presence of a dignified visitor, broke precedent by cheering and waving as the royal couple arrived.
—Central Press Canadian.

Christmas Payment For Alta. Farmers

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP) — Cheques amounting to $561,600 are in the mail as the final payment to southern Alberta farmers for their 1952 crop of 480,000 tons of sugar beets. This payment of $1.17 a ton brings the total payment for 1952 beets to $16.07 a ton or an aggregate of $7,715,000 to growers for that crop.

Sends Greetings To Royal Family

OTTAWA (CP) &— Prime Minister St. Laurent sent Christmas greetings to the Queen, Royal Family and Canada's fighting men overseas.

Mr. St. Laurent's message to the Queen, addressed to her private secretary, was sent to the royal party touring the South Pacific. Text of the message:

"I should be grateful if you would convey to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, and to the other members of the Royal Family the cordial greetings of the government of Canada at this season and all good wishes for a pleasant Christmas and an enjoyable New Year."

"Kindly convey to all ranks serving under your command in the cause of keeping peace in the world my most cordial greetings at this Christmas season and my warmest wishes for the New Year.

"We, their fellow Canadians, remember with deep gratitude their service to that cause and we share their regret that it must unfortunately keep so many from their loved ones at this season of family reunion."

OVERSEAS NETWORK

The BBC's empire service was launched in December, 1932.

Homely Cauldron Now World Famous

By JOAN BARBERIS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Inspiration for a plan that helps many needy persons at Christmas came from a cauldron swinging on a crane near the San Francisco docks, years ago.

During the winter of 1894, Capt. Joseph McFee of the Salvation Army was a worried man. He ran a soup kitchen in the San Francisco dock area and the stevedores and longshoremen were on strike.

McFee was having trouble keeping the pot boiling for the hungry families.

GREAT IDEA

While walking to his kitchen one morning, a huge cauldron on a crane drew his eye. It reminded him of his large soup kettles and from that moment the plan began to take shape. Capt. McFee slung one of his kettles on a tripod and placed it at the foot of market street. The response was wonderful and the idea spread.

This Christmas the Salvation Army had about 350 of the familiar tripods placed in cities and towns across Canada and many more in the United States.

China's Yangtze river basin accommodates more than 200,000,000 persons.

$ Million Fire to Be Investigated

CALGARY (CP) — A board of inquiry has been set up to investigate the cause of a $1,000,000 fire which destroyed the RCAF's main aircraft stores building at Currie field early Thursday.

Military and civilian firemen were credited with confining the fire to the 11-year-old wooden hangar despite a 40-mile wind which whipped the flames against nearby buildings and scattered sparks over the camp. Flames shot 200 feet into the air.

The building was used for storing maintenance and spare parts. All contents were lost.

Officials said operations at the depot—run by Canadian Pacific Air lines for the air force—would not be materially affected. Additional parts, used in the servicing of most of the RCAF's aircraft west of the Great Lakes, are stored in sub-depots throughout the area.

HANGARS SCORCHED

The firs was first noticed by CPA security guards. The air force fire department began fighting the fire at 4:15 a.m., and were later joined by army personnel and city firemen.

Several nearby hangars were scorched. Two of them housed four-engine bombers.

Officials said efficient action by the firefighting units prevented the blaze from spreading throughout the camp.

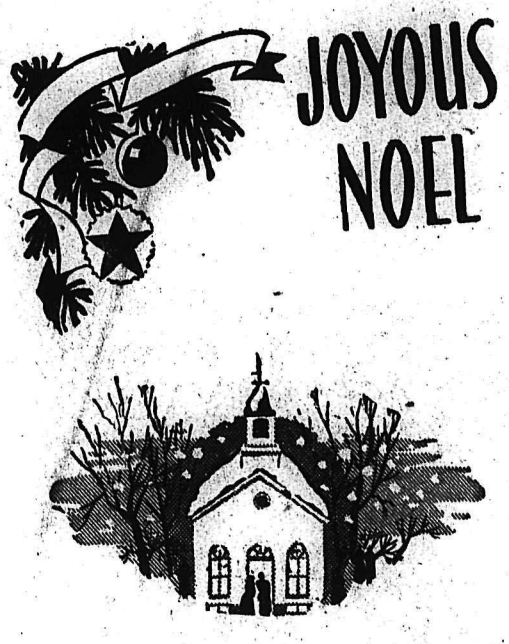
Air force firemen used a wooden door to protect themselves from the heat while they fought to save one of the hangars.

Canadian Professor Dies in Australia

TORONTO (CP) —Word was received here of the death in Australia Tuesday of William Kirby Rolph, 36, former professor of history at the University of Western Ontario.

He had also been on the staffs of the University of Saskatchewan, New York University and Tulane University.

He was engaged in research for the Australian Country Party during his tenure of a three-year fellowship at the National University in Canberra. He was granted the fellowship, which had two years more to run, on the strength of his book, "Henry Wire Wood of Alberta."



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