

Cobalt Returns Ken Buffam As Mayor With Record Vote

In his first election after four acclamations for the mayoralty of Cobalt, Ken Buffam defeated his opponent, W. C. Inch, in a landslide victory totalling 592 votes to Mr. Inch's 224.

Swept into office with him were four candidates put forward by the Cobalt Businessmen's Association. John Damiani topped the poll with 413 votes. Of the four members of the 1952 council who stood for re-election only Gus Nadeau 347 votes, and Wilf Moriarty, 261 votes, were returned to office.

The new council will consist of Mayor Ken Buffam, 593 votes; John Damiani, 413 votes; Gus Nadeau, 347 votes; Tom Despres 347 votes; Percy Lemon, 331 votes; Eric Smith, 305 votes and Wilf Moriarty, 261.

Defeated candidates include Charles Abraham, 251 votes; C. R. Sopha, 215; Jack McGarry 182; Hugh McDonald, 179; Elmer Parcher, 178 and Harold Lafrange, 166.

It was a healthy sign that out of a total of 1176 eligible to vote 817 went to the polls—the highest on record. Upset of the election was the heavy defeat of C. R. Sopha, two years on council who had stated he would run for Mayor if Mr. Buffam did not stand.

The trend of the voting was evident early in the game when results from two polls gave Buffam 122 to Inch's 40.

The defeated candidate publicly conceded his defeat at the Community Hall in Cobalt and wished the Mayor and his council the best of luck in 1953. "It was a good fight", he said, "and I

enjoyed it." In response to the warm ovation given to him, Mr. Buffam appeared to be deeply moved and said "I want to thank everybody who voted for me. And as for those who didn't, there are no hard feelings and we'll all work together to keep Cobalt the best old town in the North."

Firemen and Wives Enjoy Dinner Dance at Hotel

Fire Chief K. R. Watson welcomed some sixty guests to a dinner dance in the Hotel Haileybury on Saturday night.

Among those attending were Mayor and Mrs. A. H. Cooke, Dr. S. M. and Mrs. Le Ber and firemen and their wives.

Honorary firemen present included Robert Poppleton, Joffre Lamothe, I. Sadler, Jack Hughes and Jack McVittie.

Grace was said by Joffre Lamothe and the toast to the Queen was proposed by Lewis Simard

Jim Blair proposed the toast to the Ladies and Mrs. E. St. Louis responded.

After the Fire Chief had introduced all those present, the Mayor spoke.

White Gift Service Held in United Church

The traditional White Gift Sunday was observed in the Haileybury United Church last Sunday when the Sunday School children brought gifts to brighten the Christmas of less fortunate ones.

While the chimes played familiar Christmas carols, the pupils of the Sunday School came forward to the front of the Church and placed their white gifts on the altar. The children then sang "Away in the Manger".

The gifts were given to the Childrens Aid Society and will be used to bring a note of Christmas cheer to the needy children in the community.

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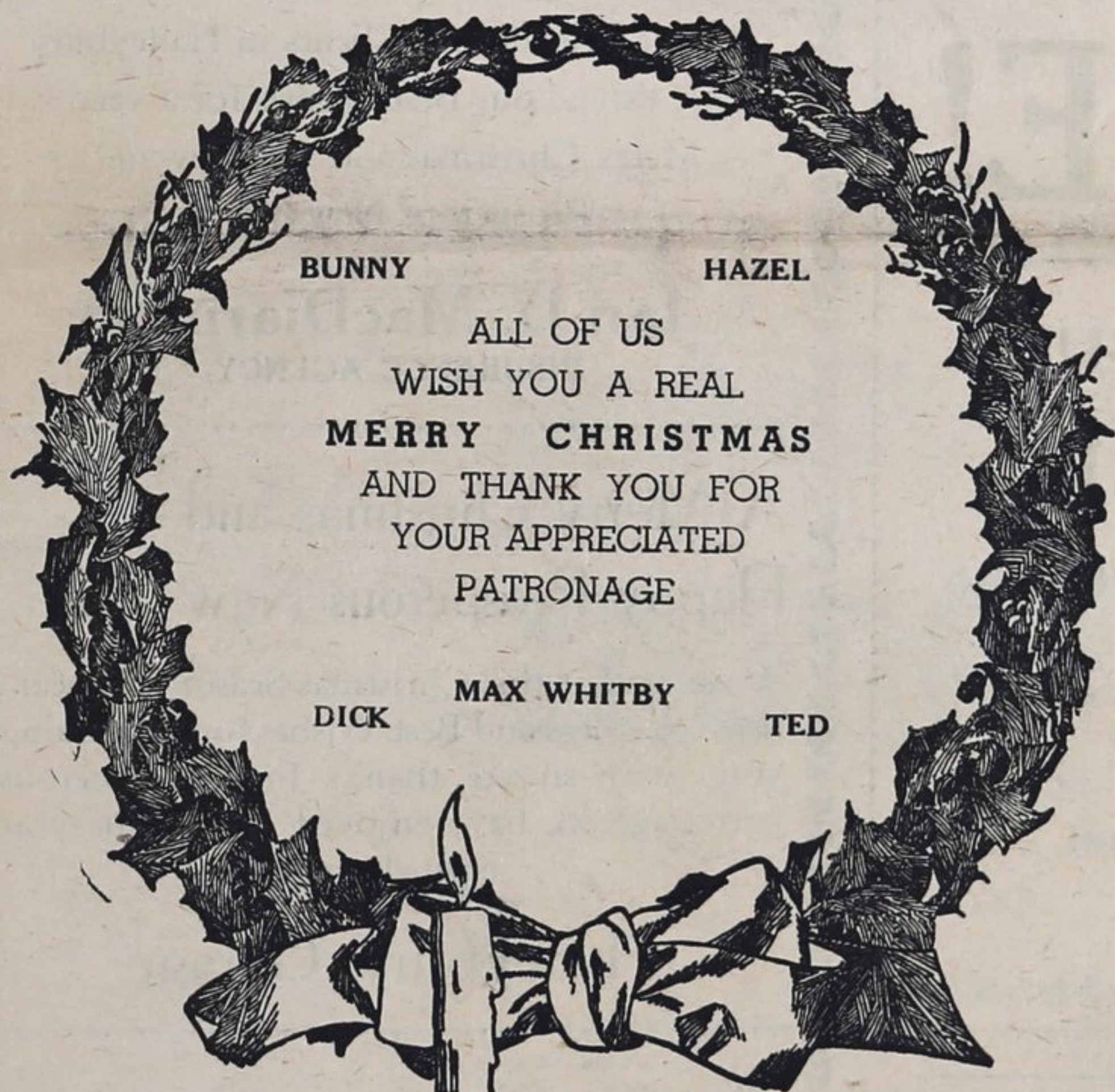
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