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I See by THE PAPERS

NEW YORK — More fragments from letters we'd like to get — but rarely do:

"That song your teen-age son sent us, I gave Santa a Bongo Drum, looks like the big novelty hit of the year. As you are his legal guardian, we are sending you a royalty cheque for \$50,000, and assure you this is only the first of a . . ."

"The doctor says the sprain isn't too bad, but that I should rest it for a few weeks. This means I won't be able to pay you and Madge my annual holiday visit, as I have done every year since you married my daughter 21 years ago. I hate to break this fine old family tradition, but . . ."

"This is just a memo to let you know, Jim, that after the first of the year you'll have the title of vice-president and \$5,000 more per annum. The case of whisky that comes with this note is to help you celebrate your . . ."

"As it has been three years since your wife used her charge account at our store, we are discontinuing it because of our policy that it doesn't pay us to keep accounts which remain inactive for longer than . . ."

"Just as you suspected, a physical examination has disclosed that patrolman Kelly is both nearsighted and color-blind. Therefore the department is tearing up the 15 parking tickets and the ticket he gave you for running through a red light, and we apologize for any inconvenience we may have . . ."

"Of course, I could sell you a new furnace if you really want to go to all that expense. But the old one is working fine, as far as I can see. However, you did have a little trouble with your thermostat, which I adjusted. The bill is \$7.75."

"My little elves, while fooling around in their workshop this summer, stumbled on a way to make money. Not play money. Real money. So instead of just bringing you another necktie this year, I decided I'd surprise you by giving you something you really could use. Enclosed are 10 genuine \$100 bills. Have a Merry Christmas! Sincerely yours, Santa Claus."

MASSENA, N.Y. — "Even if you have to leave me out, Santa, please don't forget my sister." Frederick Downer, 7, will be left out. Freddie was crossing a street to use a telephone in a nearby store. He wanted to remind Santa of a letter he had written. Freddie's home lacks a telephone. An automobile struck the youngster. He died recently in hospital. Freddie, son of Mrs. Eunice Downer, had asked for a bicycle for himself. Freddie ended the letter with this request: "Please leave mommy a new dress. Thanks a lot."

OAK ISLAND, N.S. — Has Robert Restall spent two years and about \$25,000 for nothing? Many people around here will quickly reply that he has — that he'll never find "it" because "it" isn't there.

"It" is the legendary treasure of Oak Island, which has been attracting adventurers for years to the deserted isle in Mahone Bay

on the Atlantic shore of Nova Scotia, 45 miles southwest of Halifax.

Since the first treasure hunt about 1795, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been sunk in the island in vain.

Mr. Restall, a native of Hamilton, apparently doesn't mind what people say. He seems to enjoy their scepticism. He is so confident in his project that he plans to spend another year on the island with his family.

For what? For a treasure worth perhaps \$30,000,000, replies Mr. Restall, not the \$200,000,000 popularly believed to have been deeply buried in 1704.

Mr. Restall is looking for treasures buried by privateers three years after the notorious pirate, Captain Kidd, was hanged at Execution Dock in London in 1701.

Mr. Restall won't say much about his venture. He has unearthed "findings", but they are not gold, nor parchment maps. They include a stone bearing the date 1704, a large boulder along the shore into which was cut a picture of a small ship whose spar points directly to an apex of rocks, and two marker stones bearing identical drill holes.

The treasure is supposed to have been divided into parts, but none of it lies at the bottom of the famous "money pit", often probed at great expense. Half of it, says Mr. Restall, lies in a side tunnel of the pit, the remainder in another tunnel where it was shifted by the surging Atlantic.

That's as much as Mr. Restall will say about his opinions of the treasure's location.

In his 55 years Bob Restall has been many things: steel-worker, home-builder, motorcycle stunt rider. He leaps at an opportunity to do something different.

His wife Mildred was his partner in the former "globe of death" motorcycle act. She says she won't be disappointed if he fails, but neither will she be surprised if he succeeds.

What do their two sons think? They're young, and they're looking for treasure, seriously. Robert Jr., 20, helps his father with the back-breaking digging, spends his spare time with his collection of books on car racing and hot-rods. Rickey, 10, is taking a correspondence course with his mother's help.

It's a closely-knit family. If Mr. Restall says they'll be successful next year, then the family looks for success.

Mr. Restall, stocky and bushy-haired, first heard about Oak Island when he was a youngster in school. "I planned then that if I ever was well-heeled I was going to go to Oak Island and look for the treasure," he said. He never became "well-heeled", but nevertheless two years ago decided it was now or never.

So he and his family with their pet dog on October 10, 1959, set up year-round residence on Oak Island. They have no electricity, and make one trip a week to the mainland for groceries. It's a lonely life.

Mr. Restall has floated tons of equipment to the island, including a compressor and an old model car. A huge pump stands atop the pit, with tools scattered around it.

Since his arrival he has drafted his own mental map of the treasure site. He has been plotting the fan-fingered system of tunnels through which the Atlantic roars in to flood the pit.

He claims to have found the starting place of this fan-shaped tunnel system, and plans to block it off, something that has defied previous searchers. When this has



The Bible To-day Drive Safely - Enjoy the Holiday Season

A New Year overclouded by perils of atomic fallout and men's evil passions, causing fear and hate, needs the message of hope which is found in the Scriptures.

The Canadian Bible Society has again issued a series of daily Bible Readings for 1962. This has proved very popular in the past. The series is in a small pamphlet which can be carried in the pocket or used as a bookmark in the Bible or New Testament. A copy of this Bible Reading pamphlet can be obtained free by application to the local office of the Canadian Bible Society.

The message of the Scriptures is eagerly read by millions of people throughout the world who have been supplied with at least some portion of the Bible in their own language.

The Bible Society has been working on 84 new languages during 1961 and has issued an average of one new translation every four weeks.

An increase in this activity is planned for 1962.

- Suggested Bible Readings Sunday, Dec. 31, Ephesians 1:1-23 Monday, Jan. 1, Luke 2: 40-52 Tuesday, Jan. 2, Luke 3: 21-22 Wednesday, Jan. 3, Luke 4: 1-13 Thursday, Jan. 4, Luke 4: 38-44 Friday, Jan. 5, Luke 5: 1-11 Saturday, Jan. 6, Luke 5: 18-26

Choosing the Log

Because they believed that the Christ Child had been washed and dressed at Bethlehem beside an ash wood fire, early English people always had Yule logs of ash wood. The log was kept burning during the 12 days of Christmas. Oak, pine, olive were Yule log sources in other European countries. In Scotland, the choice was birch.

been done he will go in after the treasure, safe from the sea.

Since 1759, when three boys discovered a depression in the ground under the limb of an oak tree and dug down 10 feet to an oaken platform, subsequent searchers have found similar platforms to a depth of 90 feet. On each platform were quantities of charcoal, putty and coconut fibre.

Augers have been driven to a depth of 170 feet. They are reported to have passed through oak chests, cement, metal, gold and pieces of parchment.

And at that depth the sea poured in, as it always does.

But not, Mr. Restall hopes, when he goes down.

NORWALK, Conn. — This city is bracing for a possible gold rush. However — a point that may give pause to the more fastidious prospectors — it's in the sewers.

It got there when a small fire at Vell Products Corporation touched off the water sprinkler, causing a tank holding a liquid gold solution to overflow.

The solution was used in the plating of cosmetic cases.

Company officials estimated \$30,000 glittered down the drain.

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