That hait year I will be said have our Christmas tree and have our Christmas tree see up and whining beightly with lovely colored lights. Were tenach of people whiting by our place at nights. Mer we get so mach pleasure at Christmas time each year.

In seeing other people's trees missis year that rolls around The last minute in a partiet whirt Of trimming I'll be found.

I wonder what it would be like
To have my shopping done
Real variy, every parcel wrapped
Me extra thing to buy, not one.
Should I perform this mireole,
I shouldn't wonder that

And my Christmas Eve be flat.

IWENTY YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 26th, 1917

The Everton Literary Society is arranging for a re-union of its members on New Year's night,

A Morticultural Society for Acton was carrens is in progress for members. At least fifty members are needed to get a Government grant. The draft to which Pts. Robert Dun-

bar belonged left Toronto for overseas on Saturday. Major A. O. T. Beardmore wrote card to THE PREE PREES from the front in France, on the 24th of November,

saying, "I am quite well." The people of Canada endorsed Union Government at the polls on Monday by a large majority. In Halton Dr. Anderson, the Unionist carididate, was

gives a majority of 2.061. The second annual public entertainment given by the Boy Scouts was held last Priday evening. It was highly creditable and splendidly entertaining. A Hie saving medal was presented to

RABBER -- At the General Hospital Qualph, on Wednesday, December 15th, 1917, Ada May Leishman, wife of George Barber, Action.

AIR PHOTOGRAPHS FOR POREST PURPOSES

Denmer Harold Kennedy.

Experiments and field-work conducted by the Dominion Porest Service of the Department of Mines and Resources, in co-operation with various other organimitions have proved the value of air photographs for forest surveys. Already over one hundred thousand square miles of forests have been classified from air photographs and one hundred and thirtytwo mans prepared for various projects in British Columbia, Baskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Bruns-

wick and Nova Scotia. These air surveys were later proved to be as accurate as expensive ground surveys. In all cases where air photographs are used for mapping and estimating timber their effect has been to cut ground work to a minimum and to reduce the

time required to produce an estimate. Air photography, which has been emexamination of timber holdings and is a week or ten days, then he would get being used to prepare forest inventories, his pay, go to Acton. If he needed boots a wealth of information that may later too big, so they always went on. Any be employed to classify and map the other things he had to wear he go forest types, and by means of special before he got drunk. Then he got two methods recently developed, to provide or three bottles of the strongest liquor ing stands of timber.

from the air is an accomplished fact might snow or rain, but Dan would and a science rapidly advancing through sleep. research instituted and developed by the Dominion Porest Service. To this end, methods of determining the heights of trees have been developed by measuring their images or shadows in the photo-

Not only are air photographs being used to advantage in mapping and estimating forest types, but berth-holders ever are employing them for actual woods operations. Equipped with air photographs and a stereoshope the woods foreman can obtain a clear enough picture of the area in which operations are to be conducted to enable him to lay out logging units and cutting areas, and to locate logging roads, dam sites and camps to the best advantage without the necessity of a preliminary survey of the

Where a timber-stand analysis rather than a topographic map is the objective, it is found that photographs taken at an angle of about 40 degrees below the horizontal provide more detailed forest photograph and are more satisfactory than the ordinary obliques. The experiments thus far conducted indicate that new methods and instruments must still be developed to answer fully forestry

The magic carpet of air photography has made it possible for the modern forester to att at headquarters and at the same time soar over every nook and corner of his limits; not in a cursory way, but in a manner that reveals with uncanny accuracy the extent of his holdings. From a study of air photographs he may plan what, where, when and how to out and manage his forest property to advantage.



YULETIDE PIRES

Cleanse with the burning log of oak The canker of thy care. Deck with the acarlet-berried bough The temple of the fair: Spread pure-white linen for a feast, Perchance some guest may share.

Give forth thy gold and silver coins For they were lent to thee: Put out to usury thy dross, One talent gaineth three. Perchance the hungered and the poor May pray to God for thee.

Once a pale star rose in the East For watching herds to see. And weakness came to Bethlehem And strength to Galilee. Perchance, if thou dost keep thy tryst

A star may rise for thee. Old English Christmas Poem The editor has handed me a letter from "An Old Man of the Prairies." Perhaps you'll enjoy reading it as much as I did. At any rate, it's going to have a place this week in my column. Perhaps

some of you recall Dan. I myself can't

just place him. Editor PREE PRESS:

How I enjoy the letters from "The Old Man of the Big Clock Tower," and others. I thought I would tell about Dan, who was born in Scotland. Scotland was the birthplace of many hardy men, but few more hardy than Dan, His failing was drink. I first met him when ployed with such remarkable success in a small boy, over 70 years ago. He used Canada for the preparation of topo- to work in Erin and Esquesing, fourth granhic maps, now permits a minute fifth and sixth lines. He could work for A good air photograph faithfully records he got them; he always got them a size surprisingly accurate estimates of exist- and started for the country. He would find a log or stump to alt on, and drink: The estimating of timber stands lay down beside the log and sleep. It

> In a couple of days Dan was very hungry and his stomech was burned by the strong liquor. Oh, how he could eat when he came to a farmer's house He could almost drink gravy! Oh, could he eat fat meat! It helped his burnt stomach. He was a temperance man then. He was through with drink for-

This was Dan's life from 1867, when



in Lincoln's time-"Oh, Johnny, I gave you schooling and

gave a trade likewise: You need not joined the army if you had taken by advice: You need not joined the army when

cannons loud to roar To so and mast your enemy upon foreign shore."

my veins to hear Dan sing his war songs. to-day, too. Dan was taken prisoner and taken far south and put in a prison camp; where his pension, but about 34 years after the opened them on Christmas. war, some man took Dan down to Wash-Acton, throwing 5c and 10c pieces to a ings. I certainly like to get these letters browd of children, who followed him, from the boys of former years. money, could be drunk all the time, and soon passed away. I often think of the friend of my boyhood, Dan, who I say alceps in a soldier's grave. Dan fought to free the slaves, so Dan sleeps in a soldiers' grave. Some are unkind enough to may Dan sleeps in another kind of

I wonder how many of us who grumble at being poor, and who want to be rich, might find a lot of money the worst curse they could possibly have. I often wonder how long Dan might have lived if he had never had his pension. He was never known to be sick before he got his pension.

May THE ACTON PARE PRESS long come

to brighten the the homes of the des titute farmers of Saskstchewan. From An Old Man of the Prairies. near Saskatoon—a true story.

Then the editor handed me another Manitoba. I won't publish it in full. but Jack said Merry Christmas and Oh, how my blood would fly through the boys and girls of other days, and German settlers and decided here they

the food and sanitation was bad, but the Special Christmas Edition of Tex after the coming of the first settlers, a where the prisoners were dying off fast, Paux Pauxs. I guess I'm just real old- store was built and more houses, until it but it did not bother Dan, he was so fashioned. I can't get all worked up to was a community of quite some size. hardy. For over twenty years Dan used this Christmas shopping early idea. I The name of Santa Pe was given this to tell about the pension that was com- know it's the right thing and a big help settlement. One day, in 1885, some of got him on the train for Washington, of the argument. But some way I never the village should have a post office. but he got drunk and lost his ticket, or was much good at hiding things. Mary Before a post office could be established. People used to laugh about Dan and let on, and acted surprised when she on a regular mail route. An application

FELLOWS

First Salesman: "What do you sell?" Second Salesman: "Salt." Pirst: "Why, I'm a seller, too!" Second: "Shake!"

NIGHT BREATHING

Teacher: "Every day we breath oxy .What do we breathe at night Willie?" Willie: "Nitrogen."

HINTS ON FASHIONS

BY LISBETH

Swing Skirts Are Popular With Sweet Young Things -Pleats All the Way 'Round



Swing it, Sister! In this dress (above) the latest in "swing" styles, and worm

Anne is wearing a youthful ensemble of French blue taffets with the skirt accordeon pleated all round, the hem being slightly pressed out.

The bolero is of transparent velvet with elbow-length sleeves, which tops frilly blouse of white mousseline A "bounte" cap of the velvet, suede pumps that match it in color, and whit-

suede gloves, complete the outfit as the season advances. Many of the fox cape completes the costume

newer dresses have tucked fronts. Sometimes the tucks are stitched all the way down, and sometimes not. Various treatments are used, but it always is a distinguished styling.



IN WHITE AND SILVER

Heavy white satin embroidered silver makes this empire gown, worm by Joan Pontaine in a recent picture low-cut squared bodice is softly gathered into a smooth fitting waistline. The dress is made with the shorter-in-front, Tucks and pleats are growing in favor waish, and a luxuridus full-length white

HISTORY LIKE A PARKY STORY OF SANYA CLAUS, INDIANA

In the hills of Spencer County, Indiana, 15 miles from the Ohio River. and four miles from Lincoln City, the letter, from Jack Agnew, in Hartney, boyhood home of Abraham Lincoln, is the little town of Santa Claus.

Many years before Lincoln's father Happy New Year to me, and a double decided to seek a new home, there came. dose of happiness to "Huck" Storey and to Southern Indians a small group of would establish their new homes. Soon others heard of this fertile land and I believe this week's article will be in came to Indiana. Within a few years in the stores, and everything is in favor the more ambitious settlers decided that always found them. Of course she never it was necessary to have the village put for a post office was made and the folks Anyway, there's some Christmas shop- of Santa Pe hoped to hear from Uncle | ington, and got Dan's pension, interest ping that I don't do early. You can Sam before Christmas, 1886. Everybody and compound interest a lot of money. call the idea old-fashioned. I call it was greatly excited at the thought of Oh how many friends Dan had now! experience. So I'm going to wait until getting their Christmas gifts from the He used to go through the streets of next week to extend my Christmas greet- new post office. It was the day before Christmas when there arrived a large white envelope, sealed with the important red seals of the United States Government. Everyone crowded around to see what the letter contained. They were sadly disappointed at the news. There already was a town in Indiana by the name of Santa Pe, and the Post Office Department stated the petition would have to specify a different name before a post office could be granted.

Determined to get their post office just as quickly as possible, the citizens of Santa Pe decided to discuss the matter that very night, Christmas Eve. It was the custom for everyone to gather in the building which served as a church and meeting hall to celebrate the advent of another Christmas. It was while gathered here, celebrating this gala event, that they decided to give their little town the name of Santa Claus.

A new petition was sent the next day to the Postmaster-General in Washington. After some time the commission for the Santa Claus Post Office was received and the opening of the post office was a great event in the lives of the Santa Claus folk

This little hamlet was practically unknown to the outside world until 1: years ago, when the picture of the Santa Claus post office and Jim Martin, the Postmaster at that time, appeared in Ripley's famous cartoon, "Believe It or Not." During that year and ever since the little town has been visited by many newspaper reporters, magazine writers, motion picture people and tourists from all parts of the United States and even

from foreign countries. The beloved Jim Martin, who died in 1935, was the Postmaster and the mer chant in the town for 30 years and, by the way, he was a member of the League After his death Oscar Phillips was appointed Postmaster, and he is the "Santa Claus of Santa Claus now, and Mr Phillips is also a League member.

During the Christmas season many wishing to make the Yeletide more realistific and surprise their triends or patrons, send or bring their letters, greeting cards or parkages to the Santa Claus office to have them posted with the official "Santa Claus" postmark

Each year for the past few years the Government has installed an electric cancelling machine, so that all . mail could be posted before Christmas. Within the last year the Santa Claus Remailing Corporation was organized for the purpose of making it possible for large business firms to send their mails to the Corporation and have it nicely decorated for the holiday season and have it mailed out of the Santa Claus post office. This corporation has moved four large interurban cars to the little village where the decorating and classifying of mails will be done before taking it to the Santa Claus post office While Uncle Sam's business has been booming in Santa Claus, there have also been other important activities going on in the little town.

A few years ago, Santa Claus, of Santa Claus, Inc., was organised. Leases and options on real estate were obtained from ctisens for the purpose of building a "toy village." The Candy Castle and others have been completed and other houses are under construction. According to officials, there will be at least 30 houses built. These houses will be leased to toy, candy and Christmas goods manufacturers in which to dis-

play their goods. No doubt within a few years the old buildings of the town will be replaced with toy houses and Santa Claus will be transformed into a real toy village .-The Postmasters' Advocate.

注解解解解解解解解解解解解解解解解解解解解解解解解解



A Gift that Will Guard Your Child's Health!

Milk is the Best Food known and yet may be the most

Milk has been responsible for spreading many diseasessuch as Scarlet Pever Septic Sere Throat, Diphtheria, Typhoid Fever, Dysentery, Undulent Fever and Tuberculosis.

Pasteurization is a preventative, as complete as vaccination against Smallpox, or innoculation against Diph-

Look at your bottle cap-see if it is labelled "Pasteurized". That is your guarantee of safe milk.

Johnston's Dairy Sole Distributors of Pasteurized Milk in

ACTON and ERIN



Acton Stores can Fulfill Your Needs-Give Them First Chance

> The Dominion Department of Agriculture has issued a report describing

WHAT EVERY FARMER SHOULD-KNOW

about

The British Market for Canadian Farm Products

It deals with Beef and Store Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dressed Beef, Horses, Bacon and Ham, Cheese, Butter, Condensed Milk, Dressed Poultry, Eggs, Canned Pruits and Vegetables, Fresh Fruit, Honey, Maple Products, Tobacco, Hay, Alfalfa Meal, Grass and Clover Seeds, Furs.

You may have a copy free

Write to Director, Marketing Service Department of Agriculture, Ottawa

Issued under direction of Hon. James G. Gardiner, Minister

MUGGS AND SKEETER







