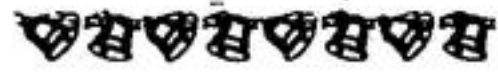


The Free Press Christmas Story



A NOTE TO SANTA CLAUS

By MARJORIE YOURD HILL

"My land! What are you doing, Linda?" exclaimed Miss Susan... Linda did not reply for a second. Then she answered, quietly, "The Children's Home."

"The orphanage! You know what my opinion is about that place!"... "But the children aren't to blame," said Linda with mild obstinacy...

long ago mailed the presents that were intended for her family. It was too far for her to go home for a ten-day vacation... "Surely," replied the clerk, producing a magnificently red and gleaming machine...

War Activities Boost Canada's Smaller Centres

Many Towns and Villages Across Dominion Gain Impetus From Air Training Plan Units

Ottawa, December 11th (CP)—As the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan develops, life and prosperity is coming to many small towns and villages across Canada... Plant 200 to 1,000, airmen of various ages, all with fairly good pay, down in or near a village and things are bound to happen...

THE WAR EFFORT IN A NUTSHELL

The industry of Canada is being speeded up; the foodstuffs of Canada are being supplied and properly stored to meet the greatest need at the proper time... "I want to tell you of an adventure I had last night," "Is this a true story?" "Of course."

NOW IT'S "SCROUNGING"

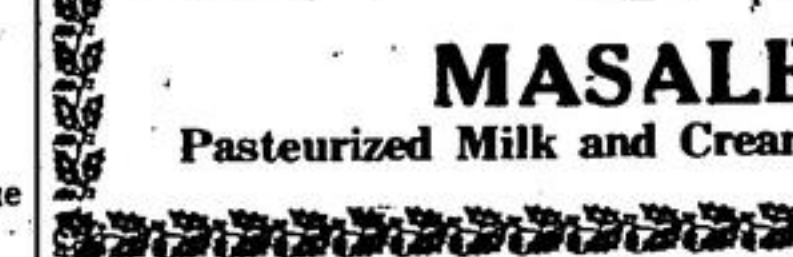
London (CP)—It appeared to be "organized scrounging," said the prosecuting counsel at a trial of nine men, charged with stealing from premises damaged by enemy action.

WAS GALLANT SKIFFER

London (CP)—Capt. Edgar Monton, who was last seen on the bridge of his ship, the Arandora Star, sunk by enemy action, has been officially commended for bravery and devotion to duty in the British Merchant Navy.

SOMEONE'S PEDIGREE HERE

Church records, dating back to 1736, missing for 35 years, were found when an attic in an East Ham vicarage was being cleaned out.



Happy Holidays

Happy Days are here and healthy days too for people who drink plenty of Pure Pasteurized Milk from Masales' Dairy. It's rich nourishment and energy producing qualities will put the glow of Santa's cheeks into yours...

MANAGERS' SALE DOWN GO CANNED FOODS. Prices take a slide at Carroll's this week-end. It's a big "pay-day" opportunity to restock those depleted pantry shelves at a fine saving.

AYLMER Choice TOMATOES 2 16-oz. tins 15c. Aylmer PORK and BEANS 2 20-oz. tins 15c. Aylmer Sliced PINEAPPLE 2 12-oz. tins 25c. Aylmer PEAS 3 16-oz. tins 25c. Aylmer PEACHES 2 15-oz. tins 23c. Grapefruit 3 for 14c.

BE A BARBER Men! If you want light, clean inside, profitable work, learn Barbering—the Trade which offers Practical Trained men more steady, all-year-round employment in almost every City and Town...

STRONG ARGUMENT Warren O. (CP)—Saying he bought skunk furs and this was his busy season, an impatient young man asked to be excused from jury duty. He was...

KNOWS EVERY INCH Parsons, Kas. (CP)—J. W. Smith, a railroad conductor, has never worked anywhere but on a 275-mile run from his home town. Retiring after 57 years' service he figures he has travelled 3,500,000 miles.

TOO PURIST FOR A. R. F. London (CP)—Charged with defacing A.R.F. notices, a 51-year-old man pleaded he was correcting a split infinitive on one notice. He was discharged on probation.