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Happy Christmas

At this festive season it is indeed a privilege to extend our best wishes for a Happy Christmas to every one of our readers and friends. We know full well it cannot be a merry one in many homes—homes where loved ones are absent, some of them never to return to the familiar places. But Christmas is a time of the birth of new hopes, and out of all the turmoil surely anticipation of a return of those days when merriment will return again to all homes.

From the editor and all of the staff we wish for everyone the most joyous Christmas possible, and the realization in the new year of the fondest hopes now cherished.

Christmas 1943

Christmas celebrations converge on the message and promise inherent in the birth of the Saviour. Nearly 2,000 years ago the first Christmas tidings were spoken, and through war or peace the message of goodwill has been carried by the hearts and the voices of men.

The Christian spirit of goodwill and fellowship is felt most powerfully at Christmas. No individual remains untouched by the hope and friendliness which reign during the closing weeks of each successive year. The world lives anew under the inspiration of the Christmas season, when mutual goodwill kindles a sense of tolerance and well-being. Christendom quickens with a power and confidence that goodness and truth may yet be the mainspring of world activity.

The beginning of a new world is foreshadowed by the tremendous plans wrought recently at the conference of the world's great leaders. There is now a conviction of victory which in itself creates the feeling of fellowship and binds the 44 United Nations of diverse races and creeds in unalterable purpose.

This Christmas we experience in a double measure the community of world-fellowship—the commemoration of the birth of the founder of Christianity and the firm, unwavering tread of the Allied forces on the road to victory.

For almost 2,000 years there has been the promise of a world of goodwill heralded by the angels over Bethlehem. For the brief season of Christmas the spirit of the Christ child breathes through carols, gifts and warm friendliness. The hope prevails that in some way this spirit will be carried forward into the years of victory which will bring problems that only justice and unswerving resolution can solve.

New Conditions Curtail Use of Paper

To meet shortages of paper stocks, new rulings by the Wartime Prices and Trades Board that will affect many lines of printing become effective the first of the year. A brief study of the provisions shows that essential lines will be looked after, but much of the publicity material that was used for promotion of privately owned sports, entertainment, and promotion of business will be missing. Many printing establishments that have made a specialty of this type of work will be practically forced out of business.

Some of the items that local organizations have been in the habit of using will have to be changed to meet the new rulings. For instance programs of concerts for organizations cannot carry any advertising of business places hereafter, and programs of privately owned places of entertainment cannot be issued for general distribution. Blotters which were such a useful and attractive form of advertising cannot be printed and it would appear that blotting paper will be one of the free services that is discontinued just as delivery of small parcels has gone. We would suggest that you consult your printer

on any of your plans before proceeding too far with them. There is no need to become panicky about printing material in general. The purpose of the order is quite evidently to maintain paper stocks for those lines that are absolutely essential to the conduct of business and eliminate the lines that in such times as the present can be dispensed with. We ask the co-operation of all in meeting these new conditions and be assured we will continue to give the best service possible under the rulings set forth. In communities such as ours there is no need to become alarmed over the restrictions, although it will mean a change to some business.

Air Raid's Biggest Dividends

One of the most potent results of the air war against Germany is the damage to capacity. The general public with its flair for the dramatic has shown most interest in pictures and eye-witness accounts of towering flames and shattered buildings. This destruction is important, but as the Whaley Eaton service of Washington points out, it is the "invisible dividends" of these raids that are the most profitable. Because of destruction from the sky, Nazi war factories are put out of commission for months, and thousands of tanks, aircraft, cannon and other armaments that might have been produced and used against us and our Allies, have never come off assembly lines. Moreover many plants, miles from the actual scene of the raids, are unable to operate for the simple reason that they depend on a flow of vital parts or other supplies from the factories that are hit.

In thus smashing German offensives before they could begin, the air forces of Great Britain, Canada and the United States, have given invaluable assistance to the Russian drives on the eastern front. Credit for this vital help, however, has not been as generally recognized either in this country or elsewhere as it deserves. We may not be able to win the war by air power alone but certainly the pulverizing raids are shortening it.—Financial Post.

High Pressure Telephone Calls

There's probably no better way to get rich quick than to buy stock in undeveloped Canadian gold mines. It is not, however, a guaranteed receipt for easy riches. It is not investment, but speculation. Now there is no reason why Canadians should not speculate, providing that they clearly understand that they are just taking a chance. Citizens should, however, be protected from stock salesmen who try to sell speculative stocks as gilt-edged securities. The Ontario Securities Act seeks to provide this protection.

One of the provisions of the Act is that "no person shall call at any residence for the purpose of trading in any security with the public." The word "call" includes telephonic communications. The word "public" the Act stipulates "shall not include personal friends, business associates or customers with whom the person making the offer has been in the habit in the past of doing regular business in the sale of or obtaining subscriptions for securities."

In other words, if some strange salesman for a brokerage firm with which you have had no dealings calls you on the telephone, he is breaking the law. That should make you suspicious of his motives.

A little common sense will tell you that if a stock salesman finds it so difficult to dispose of a stock that he must resort to long distance telephone calls to strangers, there is some doubt about the value of the stock.

There have been numerous reports recently of citizens receiving telephone calls from stock salesmen in Toronto and Montreal. The telephone company can't halt this practice, because it has no power to enquire into the nature of calls passing over its lines. The police can stop it, but only if individual citizens co-operate. So, the next time an unknown stock salesman, not connected with a brokerage firm with which you have been doing business, calls you at your home on the telephone, communicate with the police.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

EDITORIAL NOTES

May your Christmastime be one of happiness!

"The object of the munitions industry is to end the need for munitions."—Hon. C. D. Howe, speaking at Montreal.

The Christmas greetings speed from far and near among friends, and while it may be hard on the paper supply, it's splendid to know of the friendships one holds each year.

Hitler has ordered all sausages made of potatoes and vegetables—no meat at all. That's the first step the Nazis have taken toward rationing baloney.—Gananogue Reporter.

All people of the Allied nations are indeed rejoicing that Prime Minister Churchill seems on the road to recovery, and all will wish that his health will permit him to carry to a successful conclusion the burden he has so ably carried, and the years after the war to enjoy a little more relaxation from such onerous duties.

HOME TOWN CHANGES

Back in the days of our grandparent, a big part and probably the majority of the young people would settle down and work or do business in or near their home towns. They usually used to come out pretty well. In recent years the majority of young people have gone away from their communities. Earnings still more of them will not come back to their home places when the war ends. They should not overlook good chances in their own neighborhoods. There are important advantages in working or doing business in one's home town. A person has a wide acquaintance there. He has many friends who help him, and he has a clear idea of the things the home people want and will pay for.

POPULAR SONGS

The world listens eagerly to the popular songs of the day. The dancers are stirred to renewed activity by these rhythmic measures and the jitterbug is incited to vigorous motion by syncopated strains. The jolly popular song makes people feel cheerful after the monotony of the day. If it has a touch of pathos, it awakens sympathy in the listener. If it exalts, it gives a sense of grandeur and people find the same feelings in their own hearts, and it comforts them to have these thoughts expressed in melodious themes. People gather around their pianos in countless homes, and are stirred to enthusiasm as they sing these refrains. The radio brings these songs into every home. It is a wonderful thing to have the gift of writing music that thus touches the heart and melodies which catch the popular fancy and are heard all over the land. Patriotic songs play a large part in wartime, stirring the affection of the people for their country and their earnestness in the war effort.

COIN NEW WORD

LONDON (CP)—Police Court Magistrate South Western Police Court magistrate has coined a new word—"Sireneless" meaning nerve trouble and sleeplessness. When a woman complained of such trouble the magistrate remarked: "She's not Sireneless—other people have got it too."

PASSING RESOLUTIONS

A newspaper humorist says that too many people still think you can save the world by adopting a resolution. The Canadian people are great resolution passers. It is a national habit to gather and pass resolutions demanding this and that. Good people are stirred by the wrongs and misfortunes of the world, and getting resolutions passed encourages them to feel that they have done something to make a better world. It sometimes seems as if the incessant debate over postwar conditions and the world's troubles was not accomplishing anything. It takes action, rather than words and debates, to make a better world. Yet out of this public discussion the national will should finally emerge in some strong and intelligent program.

PRICES UNJUST FIRM FINED \$250

A fine of \$250 and costs has been imposed on the Merchants Portrait Company of Toronto, for selling picture frames at prices found to be higher than reasonable and just. Crown evidence was that the frames coating the company \$1.47 were sold at \$16.90. Defence counsel contended that the firm sold frames out in the country and therefore had to pay heavy commissions to its salesmen. In passing sentence, Magistrate Gulley said: "The consumer is not interested in the commissions paid agents or other factors entering into the cost, but only the actual value of the article purchased."

CANADIAN DRESSED DOLLS GO TO BRITISH KIDDIES

Dolls—and other playthings are scarce in the British Isles so that a consignment of eighty dolls, each attired in bonnet, knitted coat, appropriate dress and tiny booties, now on the high seas will be a prize when they reach the Royal Sailors' Rest at Portsmouth, England. This institution takes care of the families of sailors lost at sea. These dolls were dressed by the Girl Service Group of the Canadian National Telegraphs and the big bundles they shipped to Portsmouth includes plentiful supplies of toys and children's clothing. The Girl Service Group is an affiliate of the Canadian National Railways Employees' War Services Association and since 1940 they have sent a score of big bales each one of which arrived safely.

NO COUPONS REQUIRED FOR APPLE BUTTER

Maraschino cherries, apple butter, sorghum molasses and sorghum syrup have been removed from the list of rationed commodities. It has been announced by Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Certain commercially used products such as pineapple pulp and apple pie filler in large containers and canned rhubarb in solid pack have also been taken off the ration list.

TRAVEL BOOM COMING

It is predicted that the post-war period will see the greatest travel boom in history. The Canadian people have always been great travellers. The necessity of giving up some journey habits in wartime has tried them. The desirability of planning for this coming boom should not hamper our effort a particle. We cannot afford to go slow in the mighty job of stopping the warmakers, by our desire to travel or to do business with travellers. But we can still think and dream about those things. We can think how Halton and our own locality can get its share of this business. The first thing people ask when they consider a motoring vacation is about the roads they wish to travel over. They like good scenery and wish to see famous cities, but imperfect roads are a heavy deterrent. It has not been possible in wartime to continue road work as in normal times. Just how far people will feel like costly construction projects after

the war is not clear, but a lot of patching and improvement work will need to be done.

It will be one of the joys of the post-war period to get all the gasoline and tires we want, and send the car again zipping to distant and fascinating points and to get better acquainted with our own country.

WRONG QUESTION

Betty is a seasoned telephone operator, and she still doesn't know how it happened. Recently, at the end of a hard day, she was completing a person-to-person call between a man in Detroit and a Mr. Jones in Washington. She got the business firm in Washington all right and, to the man who answered, she asked in her best and crispest manner, "Mr. Jones—Detroit calling." "For gosh sake," the man said, "Jones has been dead for a year!" Whereupon Betty heard herself automatically inquire: "When do you expect him back?" To which the man in Washington replied: "Frankly, honey, we don't."

RENDEZVOUS WITH RHYTHM



Three little "debs," all brunettes and pretty, have made it their patriotic habit to climb into their car after the day's work is done and go off to the military camps to offer something timely for the boys. They visit the training centres in and about Halifax, they go into the canteens, and the hospitals, to give the men their favorite songs in the debs' own special manner. And for the boys out of reach of their concert car, the Three Debs sing every week over the CBC National Network in the Halifax broadcast of "Rendezvous with Rhythm." They will next be heard on Thursday, December 23, at 7:00 p.m. EDT, 8:00 p.m. ADT.

Maritimers all, the Three Debs run from left to right as Grace McMurtry, who is married to a navy man, Janet MacFright, who keeps a daytime typewriter humming with victory business, and Doris Marsh, who is up to her musical ears in secretarial work.

Advertisement for Carrolls' groceries featuring a list of products and prices: OLIVES, PECANS, PICKLES, MOLASSES, Grapefruit, CUSTARD, Evaporated Apples, Baking Powder, MUSTARD, SHREDDED WHEAT, EGGWEAT NOODLES, WAXED PAPER, INSTANT POSTUM, MUSSELS, QUAKER MUFFETS, GINGER ALE, FRY'S COCOA, Camp Toilet Soap, IVOR SOAP, OXYDOL Soap Powder, LOBSTER, COFFEE, NAVEL ORANGES, FRESH CRISP CELERY HEARTS, CHOICE MALAGA GRAPES, FRESH CRANBERRIES.

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