

THE CHRISTMAS SILENCE

Hushed are the pigeons cooling low
On dusty rafters of the loft;
And mild-eyed oven, breathing soft,
Sleep on the fragrant hay below.

Dim shadows in the corner hide;
The glimmering lantern's rays are shed
Where one young lamb just lifts his head.
Then huddles 'gainst his mother's side.

Strange silence tingles in the air,
Through the half-open door a bar
Of light from one low-hanging star
Touches a baby's radiant hair.

No sound: the mother, kneeling, lays
Her cheek against the little face
Of human love! Of human grace!
'Tis yet in silence that she prays!

Agony of silence end to-night;
Then to the long-expectant earth
Glad angels come to greet his birth
In burst of music, love, and light!
Margaret Deland

Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 24, 1925.

Christmas to-morrow
There is still a keen demand for houses in town by people anxious to make their homes in Acton.

Happy Christmas entertainments have been held by Sunday Schools the past week.

Mrs. Perry Watson has been appointed the new librarian to take the place of Miss Lettie Scott, who resigned. Mrs. Watson was assistant for several years.

The High School Commencement was held on Friday evening. Professor Coulmes of the University of Toronto gave a very eloquent address. The valedictory address was given by Milton Watson.

DIED
SWACKHAMER At her home on Frederick St., Acton, on Sunday morning, December 20th, 1945, Elizabeth Jane Anderson, beloved wife of William F. Swackhamer, in her 67th year.

Christmas 1945

Christmas Memories fill our minds at the magic of the word "Plum puddings, turkeys and good things to eat." Yes, but deeper memories of home of Mum flushed from cooking smiling happily as Dad carves the turkey, of secrets and of last-minute wrappings, of all wanting to make each other happy.

Christmas 1945! For seven years the world has hoped for this Christmas when peace would reign again and loved ones return home. Yet, as we look around the world, do we find peace? We see broken homes that will never be healed, starving nations and hopeless peoples and Christmas deepens our heartaches.

Peace? We ask ourselves: "Has it been worth our sacrifice? Has it been worth the giving of our fathers and sons, of our time, our energy and money?" To a world just as hopeless as this, two thousand years ago God gave His son. The country in which he was born was under the heel of the conqueror, a rebellion had just failed; taxes were being levied and everyone had to go back to his birthplace. There was a housing shortage and so God's Son, the Prince of Peace, was born in a stable. There was no demand that He be treated well, no demand that He be given even the things He needed. He was a free gift.

Is that what we need to learn today? How to give freely not just to exchange gifts? What kind of homes would we have if families loved each other without demanding love from each other? What kind of a country if we gave our lives for her without demanding security for ourselves and for our children? What kind of a world if nations gave unconditionally not only material things but goodwill, respect and thought for the needs of others?

Would this bring the world we have all been looking for and waiting for the new world? Can it be that we need a new thinking? Could it be as simple as that?

For twenty-five years, Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, leader of Moral Re-Armament, has been calling men and nations to listen to God. He said in a Christmas message during the war: "May the Christ Child bring us the birth of a new thinking at this Christmastide and usher in the new world that the statesman and every man wants."

WOULD SAFEGUARD FUTURE OF BRIDES

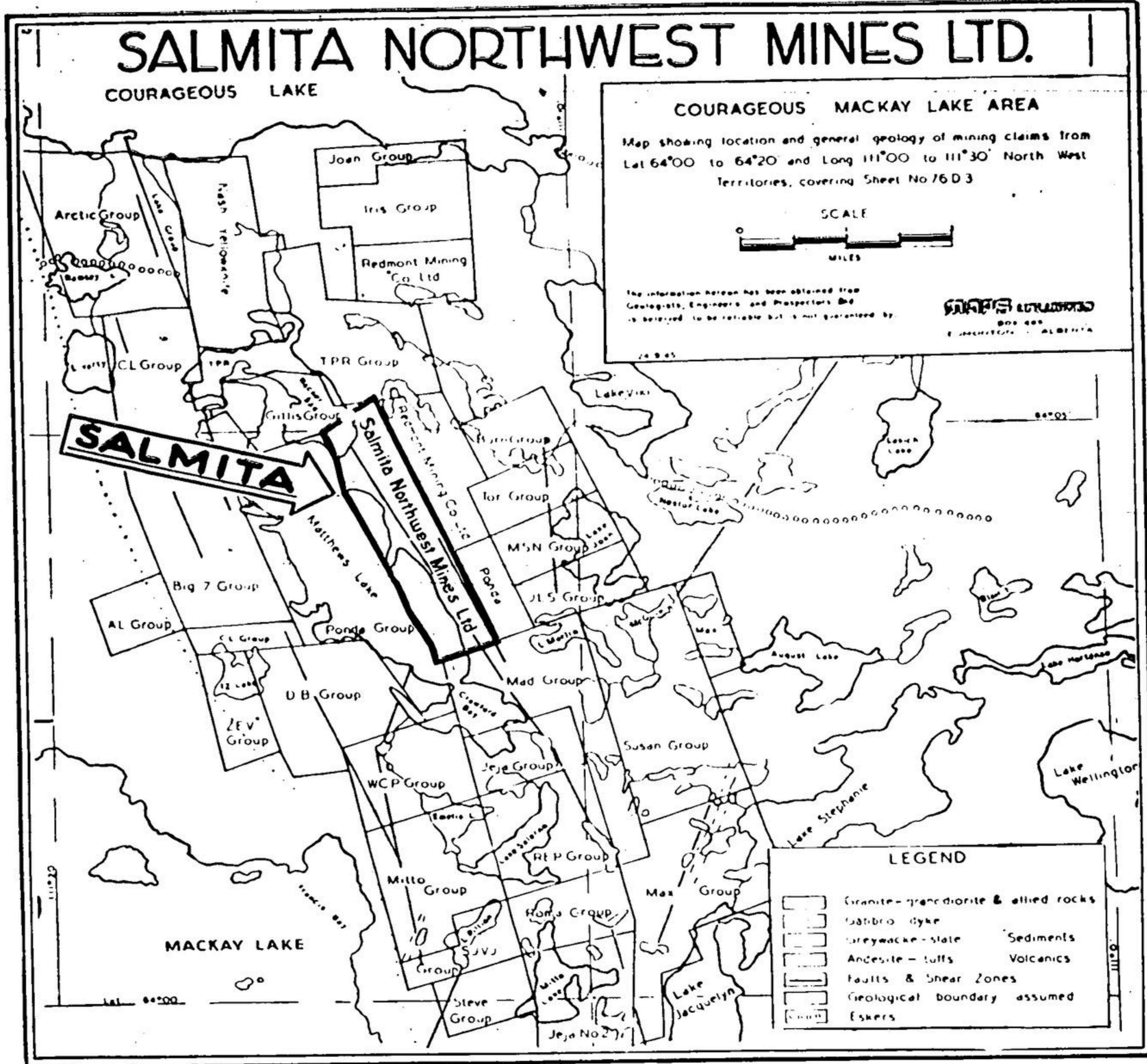
LONDON (CP) - Women should be insured against unhappy marriages, says the Golders Green Women's Forum.

"We would like to see brides safeguarded by the introduction of a scheme similar to national health insurance," said Mrs. Z. S. Pollen, a member. "Most girls give up their jobs on getting married and become financially dependent on their husbands. A woman cannot afford to take the initiative in breaking up an unhappy partnership."

TAILLESS BEAVERS

SPRINGFIELD, N. S. (CP) - A trapper caught two tailless beavers from one colony near here this season. There was no scar tissue in either case and it was believed the animals were freaks from birth.

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ENGINEERS' AND GEOLOGIST'S REPORTS

RICHARD E. PARKS, M. E.
EDMONTON, ALBERTA
(August 21, 1945)

"The main shear outcrop for a total distance of 300 feet and was 25 feet in width dipping steeply under the Tundra. Neither walls were exposed in a trench blasted into and across the outcrop. A cross section of the trench East of the outcrop showed the following: 12 feet of highly mineralized sheared and schistified volcanic rocks; 8 1/2 feet of high-temperature blue quartz well mineralized; needles of Tourmaline disseminated throughout the quartz. In numerous places across the broken face of the vein very fine visible free gold was noticed. The balance of the outcrop exposed was made up of well mineralized Chlorite Schists. The main sulphides in this zone are Arsenopyrite and Pyrite and they are known to have a high gold content.

"After carefully examining the Salmity Claims (Salmity) the writer is of the opinion that the two outstanding discoveries made in the main Shear Zone can be developed into commercial prospects. It is, therefore, recommended that preparations be undertaken immediately to put into effect a prospecting and drilling program to prove up these zones.

"This property definitely warrants the expenditure outlined above and the writer is confident that the results of the foregoing program will be such that the next step in development will be the sinking of a shaft and the bringing of this property into production."

W. B. AIRTH, B. Sc.
TORONTO, ONTARIO
(September 11, 1945)

"The property (Salmity) is underlain by rocks of both sedimentary and volcanic origin, the contact between which strikes in a northwesterly direction (traversing the long axis of the property across nine claims). The contact zone is marked by intensive shearing, within which mineralized quartz is noted to occur.

"Showing No. 1 occurs near the south end of the property. Total width of quartz exposed, and uncovered by scraping away the moss, is 90". A few shallow 'pop' holes were blasted into the quartz which allowed the taking of two chip samples.

"Sample No. 628 was cut across 26" of blue quartz well mineralized with arsenopyrite; this assayed 0.93 oz. Gold (\$35.31).

"At a point 270' along the strike to the northwest, a second sample, No. 629, was shipped across 6 1/2' of similarly well mineralized quartz which ran 0.27 oz. Gold (\$10.65). This section of quartz adjoins to the west of a line projected from the 26" section sampled by No. 628, which gives a total width of 90" of quartz. Rhyolite, which forms the west wall of the quartz, is well schistified and shows evidence of mineralization by rusty oxidation of its surface."

A. F. BANFIELD, Phd.
NORANDA, QUEBEC (October 31, 1945)

"The writer considers the Salmity property an extremely promising mining venture. For the amount of work done the results have been very encouraging. One vein has been opened up for a length of seventy feet which averaged 0.814 oz. Au over 38.3 inches. At \$38.50 gold, this value is \$31.34 per ton. Which is definitely ore grade. Both ends of the vein are open, with excellent values at each end, and the vein looks very strong in both places. The vein lies in a strong shear zone which has been mapped for a distance of four miles and has a known length of twenty-two miles and along which gold has been found in numerous places. Eight thousand feet south-east of the South showing is a vein on an adjoining property that is at least seven hundred feet long, twenty-eight feet of which channelled 0.60 oz. Au over a width of six feet and with visible gold showings on it that have never been traced. This auriferous shear traverses the Salmity property for a distance of 14,000 feet, and the entire length of it should be investigated. The strength and persistency of this controlling geological structure, plus the fact that vein widths are of mining width, make the property very attractive from an economic viewpoint because it opens up, not only the possibilities that fairly large tonnages may be developed, but also that the search for ore is confined to a well defined structure.

"In conclusion, I would like to state again that I have no hesitation in saying that the Salmity property is one of exceptional merit. For the amount of work done, it is the best showing I have ever examined, and is well worth the expenditures outlined."

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ASSAY REPORTS ON THE SALMITA NORTHWEST PROPERTIES IN THE COURAGEOUS-MACKAY LAKE AREA NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Date	Assayer	Label	No.	Sample	Gold/oz	Gold Value
July 26, 1945	Assayers F. W. Huggins, Rouyn, Quebec	Toronto Testing Lab. Limited	19914	2	1.13	39.55
			19913	1	4.36	125.60
			19915	3	0.24	8.40
August 17, 1945	Toronto Testing Lab. Limited	73 Adelaide St. W.	4660	A1	1.93	67.20
			4660	A2	1.46	51.10
August 16, 1945	Prov. Assay Office, Dept. of Mines	Bourlambaque, Que.	17140	A3	9.13	319.55
			17140	A4	3.70	129.50
October 6, 1945	J. C. Jensen, Assay Office	Bourlambaque, Que.	444	1	0.17	6.54
			444	2	33.00	1270.50
			444	3	0.09	3.46

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