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Merry Christmas To All

It's Christmas Eve! Not in several years have we had the opportunity to greet our readers on the night before Christmas. Many of our fellow businessmen have also taken the opportunity in this issue to wish readers a Merry Christmas.

And why shouldn't it be merry. The boys and girls are not away in other lands. The guns are silent. We have only our little domestic troubles of shortages here and there and as a rule petty troubles are forgotten at this time of year. There are dozens of ways to say it and they are all very appropriate but after all, time is short and so we just put it in the abbreviated form of "Merry Christmas To All."

Courtesy Pays

Have you noticed how many times recently when you drive into a service station you are addressed as "Sir" by the young attendant. Perhaps it never struck you as unusual but it started us thinking.

In nine cases out of ten the attendant who so addressed you as a member of the armed forces who learned discipline and respect for his officers on the parade square. He is too recently out of the forces to have forgotten the hard learned lessons. That is the reason he addressed you as "Sir."

This form of address is a respectful one carried down from the days when he replied to remarks or orders addressed to him by his superiors. It is a pleasant change from the days when harassed attendants barked at customers who came to accept their "take it or leave it" attitude.

It is to be hoped the practice will continue as it is a mark of courtesy which will win friends for the business for whom the veteran works. Oshawa Times-Gazette.

School District Again

The High School district in North Halton is quite a live topic these days and although we do not propose to make it a weekly editorial topic, the present trend does seem to merit some comment.

As we have intimated in former comment, our information and study of the question has made the proposal favorable to us. That's only our opinion, but we do think the proposal is worth the study and thought of all interested in the education of our young people. If, after that study of the question, others do not come to the same conclusion, we have no fault to find with their opinion.

Perhaps the developments of the past week have altered the North Halton district. Georgetown School Board and Council have, according to a report in the Herald taken a stand of "unalterable" opposition unless the school is located in Georgetown. Esquering Council defeated a motion by a vote of 3 to 2 to give approval of the district. Milton Council and School Board seek more information and Acton Council and School Board approve the general plan and judging from the Acton meeting residents of Nassagaweya would welcome any improved arrangement for the children to secure secondary education.

It would now appear that continuance of the talks for the district would therefore not include Georgetown. We believe that it must be a co-operative district and we have always believed that co-operation to be effective must be practised by all parties. It would therefore seem that one in the group with "unalterable" opposition would not make a co-operative district feasible. We have no fault to find with such a decision.

As we see it the "unalterable" decision of one member of the district need not interfere with further study of the proposal by other members of the district. The boundaries need only be changed and the municipalities if so desirous can form whatever district is feasible. All the communities in the district are growing rapidly, however, and certainly some steps must be taken to give more accommodation for pupils desirous of securing secondary

school education. We believe the school district is the answer but we have no desire to force our opinion upon any individual or group.

It might be that others have a better plan and if so our columns are open to have it presented to the people. We would be interested ourselves in hearing about it. Our connection with school matters over several years has however, not given us a better suggestion and shown the present arrangements inadequate.

We are of the opinion that the Department of Education have put it forward as their best solution. We think they have given it some study and we feel representatives of the Department have presented it clearly and fairly.

The Fight We Have Still to Win

Out of the ashes of world war, who would not like to see a new world rise, and rise, this time, on sound moral foundations?

Who would not like to see a world where there is honesty of act and decency of motive? Who would not like to find self giving rather than self seeking? Who does not want the unity that would come in and between men and nations if they made the fight for this kind of world their common ideology?

But who will fight in this new way? And how? Haven't we tried everything? New systems? New governments? New education? Haven't we given men freedom, hoping they would be decent when we gave them their heads? Then when that did not work, haven't we taken their freedom back again?

We overlook, however, an experiment that has worked. We have found that men behave well, when, instead of tying their hands, or giving them their heads, we give them our hearts.

There are already men in the world who are neither slaves, forced to do what is right, nor anarchists creating chaos by doing what they please. Nor are they half-way middle of the road men who are neither one thing nor the other. They are all out fighters for what's right, doing what is right by preference. They have found that, in their heart of hearts, it is always possible to know what's right. And that, if they but ask God's help, it is always possible to want to do it.

Sometimes they find it hard. Sometimes they fail. But always they admit both difficulty and failure. Always they challenge others by the challenge of the lives they lead themselves. Always they win others rather than compel them. Always they seek to win men who can bring world renaissance which makes them strategic as well as persistent fighters. And it is always possible for you and me to join them.

New Car Prices Increase

The WPTB-granted increase of 10 per cent in the consumer price of new Canadian made automobiles raises the cost of a medium-priced car about \$217, or 16 per cent over what it cost in 1941. In the United States the same model cost \$387 or 37 per cent more than in 1941.

The WPTB order, effective Dec. 18, also permits an increase of 7 per cent in the price of commercial vehicles. The increases were allowed, WPTB says, because of the higher cost of essential imported parts and "substantially higher costs of both domestic labor and materials." Firms permitted to make price adjustments are Ford, General Motors and Chrysler.

The increase applies to all cars delivered on or after Dec. 18 even though ordered months before. Dealers are reportedly concerned over what effect this will have on customers who made down payments on the basis of the old prices. The board says all such down payments are subject to refund.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Merry Christmas everyone!

There are many ways of being Merry at Christmas, but whatever way you choose be sure that it won't make Christmas sad for anyone else.

At all times wasn't any need of worrying whether we would have a white Christmas. We usually have plenty of snow every year at this time.

From Barrie comes the report that parking metres do not work properly in winter weather. Now there's one break for the motorists who drives the year round.

The Post Office has been a busy spot these past few days. If you didn't get your mail as quickly as usual remember the staff has been delivering Santa Claus' load for the past week or more.

Now that the municipal elections are over the following story may be published:

Voter: "Why, I wouldn't vote for you if you were St. Peter himself."

Candidate: "If I were St. Peter, you couldn't vote for me. You wouldn't be in my ward."

Transfer of Mr. Hsley from finance to justice will lighten the burden of a man who has long been over-worked, states the Winnipeg Tribune, which pays this tribute to the former minister of finance: "The Canadian people have been spared many of the worst economic consequences of a war effort which involved the total resources of the country, and are to-day, in a position which compares favorably with that of any other country, thanks to the Hsley policies."

Wm. R. BRACKEN REAL ESTATE. A most Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you, our friends, neighbors and customers.

Delicious "SALADA" TEA BAGS Convenient.

Thank You!

For The Fine Vote Given Me on Monday My Sincere Thanks to the Ratepayers of Acton

TO ONE AND ALL BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wm. Coon

CARROLL'S GOOD EATING FOR New Year's Dinner. Menu items include WAX BEANS, MUSTARD, OLIVES, CASHEWS, SOUP, VEGETABLE SOUP, CANADA VINEGAR, FRANK'S HOT SAUCE, BARBECUE SAUCE, MUFFIN MIX, NABOB TEA, PRUNE NECTAR, Salted NUTS, PEACHES, ORANGE JUICE, COCKTAIL JUICE, LEMON JUICE, CAT FOOD, BABY FOOD, BLENDED ORANGE and GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, SUPER SUDS, CARROLL'S COFFEE, PUMPKIN SOUP, MIX, PEAS, PASTE, PLUMS, BEETS.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Eastbound: Daily with car 9:15 a.m.; 6:46 p.m.; Sunday only 8:19 p.m. Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m. Westbound: Daily except Monday: 1:17 a.m.; Monday only 1:29 a.m.; daily except Sunday 4:01 a.m.; 6:16 p.m.; 7:40 p.m.; Saturday only 2:46 p.m. Flyer at Georgetown except Saturday and Sunday, 6:20 p.m.

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