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**EDITORIAL**

**'Tis the Week Before**

Just one more week and Christmas will be at hand. A great time for the young ones and while not as enthusiastic a great time for old ones, too. There is just another week to catch up on those little purchases which will bring joy to those you love. High costs of living of course enter the picture and the pre-Christmas chopping two years after the war isn't just as we expected it would be. It may hamper the selection but it cannot stop the spirit of Christmas, just as the war did not stop the Christmastide. It is something bigger than man made or man guided.

This is the week before Christmas. Schools close on Friday. There are the consultations in whispers when you are not sure whether you are being talked for or against. Every youngster has that greatest of all joys when he or she can hardly wait for Santa Claus. The night before Christmas is the climax of course, but it's grand also to have that whole week before Christmas. This is the week—enjoy it to the full.

**Saving Sympathy**

Since the announcement of Finance Minister Abbott's austerity program last week, our sympathy goes out to the automobile industry, which has been hit hard with the new decrees. During the war, auto plants had to produce for the war. After the war, it has been one strike after another. Now they are compelled to manufacture motor vehicles at a price which only the rich can buy. This also is a handicap to car dealers. Automobiles to-day are as much an absolute necessity as the horse and buggy was fifty years ago, so said the Smith's Falls Record News last week. This week it will be quite in order for the automobile industry to extend sympathy to the printing industry who have had a stiff dose of austerity measures.

A ban on importations of practically all printing machinery from the United States is now in effect. Since all the type setting machines, nearly all presses and book binding equipment come from the United States, it means that the printing industry will be greatly handicapped. It is unfortunate that all replacement parts for printing machinery in Canada come under the ban also and unless a change is made in the ruling present equipment may not be usable or kept in running condition when parts require replacement.

We're not asking for sympathy, but we're saving ours and keeping our fingers crossed, hoping that no major breaks will occur on any of our present equipment which has been and still is carrying a big load. A bright spot for us is that we secured delivery this week of new equipment arranged for some time ago that will assist very much in meeting the printing needs of our customers.

**Christmas Sorrows and Tragedies Can Be Prevented**

Each year the celebration of Christmas produces its quota of accidental happenings that bring unnecessary sorrow and tragedy to many homes during the festive season. Among the greatest of these Christmas accidents are those connected with the tragedy of fire and to guard against fire the Ontario Fire Marshall again issues warnings to merchants and parents and the general public.

In the home, the joy of Christmas reaches its peak, but every year childish laughter is changed to tears or is possibly stifled forever, because of some careless or thoughtless act of an indulgent but ill-advised parent. Tragedy following upon tragedy has pretty well done away with the practice of lighting candles on Christmas trees but candles can still be dangerous on close proximity to curtains, table decorations, etc. Electric lights are safer, but only approved equipment should be used and it should be kept in proper repair. Lights that become very hot should not be installed on Christmas trees nor in close proximity to inflammable shades or other similar materials. Flame-proofed decorations only should be used.

These observations with regard to Christmas trees and decorations apply even more particularly to public gatherings, where the lives of a large number of children are likely to be endangered in case of accident. Smokers should exercise particu-

lar care at this season when there are so many more opportunities for accidental fires from carelessness. Grate fires should be well screened to prevent the escape of sparks and to protect small children and their toys from them. Waste wrapping papers should be immediately disposed of and not be permitted to accumulate.

When evergreen trees have become dried out, they will burn like powder and give off heat and smoke so rapidly that they constitute a severe hazard to both life and property. As soon as they have served their purpose, they should be removed from the home and taken away. Under no circumstances should they be kept in the basement or near any heating equipment. Because of their extreme flammability and the danger of a "back-fire" it is not a safe practice to try to burn them in the furnace. Other inflammable materials, such as waste paper and surplus boxes, should also be disposed of and should not be piled away in the basement or attic. Do your utmost to check Christmas accidents from fires and otherwise.

**Distributed Responsibility**

Distribute the wealth—that is the totalitarian way. Distribute the responsibility—that is the democratic way. They are both quite different but both tend to break down.

Those who favor equal distribution of wealth lose interest when they find how little wealth they get and begin to live under rationed scarcity. Those who favor democratic sharing of responsibility lose interest when they find how much responsibility they get. They revert to irresponsible grabbing for themselves—an open invitation to dictators and bureaucrats to step in and take control.

This vicious cycle can be broken in the democratic way only by men who place responsibility for others ahead of riches, ease and comfort for themselves. There are farmers who harvest unprofitable crops so that others may have more to eat. There are wholesalers who move surplus stock at prices which benefit only the purchaser. There are manufacturers who put people before profits and produce to meet human needs rather than a financier's approval. There are retailers who, in spite of rising costs, take as much loss as they can themselves in order to hold down the rising price spiral.

Such men, dividing the responsibility for conserving and creating wealth (instead of cornering responsibility for dividing wealth), are the men who hold democracy against totalitarian invasion. Are you taking your share of this responsibility? Or are you simply demanding a larger share of democracy's benefits while paying nothing of its costs?

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Last week to do your Christmas shopping. Just five more shopping days.

Just two more weeks of 1947 and considered in all phases, not a bad year after all.

Plan your Christmas celebration so that it will bring joy to everyone else and not yourself alone.

Be a good neighbor. Shovel the snow from your sidewalk promptly after every storm. The good neighbor policy starts right at home.

Next week's issue of the Free Press will be on the afternoon before Christmas. Many business men will take the opportunity to extend Christmas greetings to our 4500 readers.

Another half dozen weekly newspapers in this district north of here gave notice last week or an increase in subscription price to \$2.50 per annum. We will as announced last week hold our present rate until the next increase in newsprint.

Public deposits in Canadian chartered banks passed the \$6 billions mark in October, for the first time on record. Savings deposits, at \$3.7 billions, showed a drop of \$53 millions, but this was offset by an increase of nearly \$100 millions in demand deposits. Current loans rose more than \$70 millions, to over \$1.8 billions while total investments dropped.

We note that a certain group of experts, on life among the married claim that men with big feet make the best husbands. Another section state that fat men are the most satisfactory spouses. Still another bunch of experts say that bald-headed men are tops as both lovers and husbands—(The bald-headed rascals). Sounds silly, but it would appear that a young woman who wants to assure herself Grade A matrimonial mate should marry a fat-bald-headed with big feet.—Smith's Falls Record News.

According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the population of Canada was 12,582,000 at the beginning of June this year. This compared with the figure of 12,307,000 which was the estimate for last year, shows a gain of 275,000, said to be the largest numerical increase in the population for any one year since Confederation. Since the last census, in 1941, the growth in population has been 1,075,000, or over 9 per cent. This is a substantial number, but Canada still has room for hundreds of thousands within its vast expanse. This year has seen a great many newcomers and if these are well treated, taught our ways and made to feel at home, they should prove a very valuable addition to our numbers.

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 a5.13 p.m.; 7.33 p.m.; b8.38 p.m.; x9.23  
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a—Daily except Sundays and holidays.  
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 days.  
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