

MAY NOW BUILD HOME ON TOWN LOT WITH V.L.A. AID; PLAN COURSE HERE

The Acton branch of the Canadian Legion has appointed Comrade William Matheis as its representative to assist veterans interested in taking advantage of the new part of the Veterans' Land Act. He will not only act as contact officer with the Provincial Housing Committee of the Legion, but will work in co-operation with the Veterans' Land Act staff in counselling and assisting Acton and district veterans who are eligible for housing loans under the new provisions.

The new part of the Veterans' Land Act embodies recommendations which were made by the Ontario Command Housing Committee at the 1953 Provincial Convention of the Canadian Legion at Sudbury. Embodied in a bill submitted to the federal cabinet, the recommendations were made part of the Act passed at the 1954 session of parliament.

It extends the provisions of the V.L.A. to include the making of loans for homes built on town sized lots. Previously, the minimum size under the Act was two acres.

The change makes it possible for veterans living within the boundaries of Acton or in the district to come under the act and secure loans for building their homes under more generous terms than were previously available.

One of the conditions is that the veteran must be qualified to build his own home and must participate in its construction to the maximum possible with his own labor. Guidance and supervision, however, are available from the V.L.A. construction staff. The veteran may sub-let contracts to various trades. In this way the cost of the home to be built can be reduced very considerably. The maximum loan available under this provision is \$8,000 with a minimum down payment of \$800, which may be in the form of land value or cash.

Provision is made for training classes in building homes, under the direction of experts. Acton Legion has arranged and advertised a meeting with John Crank of the V.L.A. department for next week. Night classes are only established when there is sufficient demand for them and this will also apply here in Acton.

Frequent inspection and advice by experts, free legal services, interest free money and free building plans are included under this system. It is estimated that, compared with letting the full contract to a builder, about \$1,500 can be saved, without including the value of the veteran's own labor.

Hope Fulfilment Of Churchill's Wish

Whirling autumn leaves and nippy north winds have given Canadians more than a casual reminder that Christmas and mid-winter are just around the corner.

In towns and cities across the country preparations are being made to play host to Santa Claus. In fact, in many places well-upholstered, rosy-cheeked and bewigged gentlemen have already arrived with a retinue of reindeer, colorful floats and other eye-catching gear to charm the youngsters.

Parents don't mind frequent radio reminders that there are so many days to Christmas. For weeks they have had it in mind even if they haven't actually bought Johnny's electric train and cached it in the attic or the linen cupboard Johnny, of course, is dropping daily hints about the presents he expects the good St. Nick to bring.

But in the modern hurly-burly of Christmas preliminaries—and they are not all kid-joys who take a crack at the seeming commercialization of Christmas—a few reflections might not be out of place.

Peace and goodwill are inherent in the true celebration of Yuletide and the customs and traditions of the festival call up all that is best in family life.

In all probability Christmas this year will come to a world at peace for the first time in years. The dove may be fluttering with a good deal of hesitation over some lands, but, officially at least, arms have been set aside and world leaders are doing their utmost to make the peace last.

Prime Minister Churchill hopes that the world may enjoy peace and plenty in a few years "instead of roaming and peering round on the rim of hell."

Let's pray this Christmas that his hopes will be fulfilled.

SPECIAL TIPS
A few very special gift-wrapping tips: sprinkle colored sequins on gummed tape. Cake decorations can sparkle through clear tape in the same way. Little tufts of white cotton can be attached to tape for snowy look. Plain white salt under tape looks like snow, too.

Christmas Means Christ's Mass

The name Christmas to designate the celebration of the birth of Christ is used only in English-speaking countries. It comes from an old English phrase, "Christes Masse," meaning Christ's Mass which emphasized the religious meaning of the holiday.

Santa Claus Real — Famed Editorial

The most widely read editorial ever written appeared 51 years ago in the New York Sun, has been reprinted by the Sun annually since Christmas time ever since, has been quoted in a score of languages the world over.

The world-famous "Santa Claus Editorial" was an answer to the following letter:

Dear Editor:
I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus, please tell me the truth.
Virginia O'Hanion.

The editorial writer who was assigned to reply to Virginia at first disdained the task as trivial, then warmed to it, and finally wrote the words that millions since then have read.

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensive to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men or children's are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect in intellect as compared with the boundless world about him as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth.

Yes, Virginia, there IS a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no faith, no poetry, no romance, no make-believe, no tolerance, no gentleness, no kindness, no good things, no art and science, no music and rhythm, no great thoughts and feelings, no heroes and no heroines, no beauty and no grace, no gladness and no glory, no peace and no heaven, no togetherness, no comradeship, no love, no sympathy and no kindness. No, no, no, Virginia, Santa Claus is as real to you and me as the stars. He doesn't live on a planet. He lives in our hearts. And he is real, no more and no less than you and I and all the other people who live in the world."

Not to believe in Santa Claus; you might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch all chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus but that is not a sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men of ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, love, poetry, romance, can push aside the curtain and view the beautiful things that are hidden. Ah, Virginia, in all the world there is nothing else so real as that.

No Santa Claus? Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may ten times ten thousand years from now he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

INS AND OUTS
Victoria (CP) — Two swallows relegated James C. Fish to the position of doorman in his own house and early each morning the malarkey set up a racket until the door was opened so it could search for food while the hen remained on the nest.

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FARMER'S INSURANCE INADEQUATE BUT ALL HE CAN AFFORD — FORUMS

What type of insurance do you consider most important and is the average farm family adequately insured? were the questions considered by farm forums across Canada, Monday, November 22.

Halton county forums, reporting considered all types of insurance were important with special emphasis on fire and automobile to protect monetary investments. One fire can cause so much destruction and with traffic hazards what they are today, automobile insurance is very necessary to protect not only you and your family but also the public.

Medical and hospital insurance was also considered important but in this case you are responsible for care of your own family only.

Some forums considered wind insurance of paramount importance. As we seldom suffer much loss from hail in our county, that type might be eliminated.

With one exception, the forums decided that the average farm family does not carry adequate insurance, the cost is too great. Most are carrying all and in many cases more than they feel they can afford.

Christmas Sacred New Year's Merry

To most French-speaking Canadians, Christmas is a very sacred day. It starts with Mass at midnight and then a feast in the middle of the night.

They call this Reveillon. They eat frozen puddings, ragouts, stews and old French dishes. Christmas is not a gay, light-hearted day with them. Their day for good cheer, merry making and whoopee is at New Year's.

Gift Wrap Secret Is Cellulose Tape

To those who remember the standard tissue paper with the red and green string used for Christmas gift wrapping a few years back, today's variety of fancy materials is amazing. The stores are offering reams of paper covered with Christmas designs, plain or printed sheets in brilliant colors, plastic papers with ribbons to match and foil which can be purchased printed, plain or even quilted.

The array of ribbons and seals available is endless and often tempts the amateur to overdo a wrapping job in their enthusiasm. Expert gift wrappers emphasize the need for discrimination. "Don't put all those seals on that two-by-four package," they warn, "Keep your workmanship neat."

One department store gift wrapper admits that cellulose or Scotch tape is her secret. It is invaluable in fixing the wrapping paper securely and neatly to a package, she says. She also uses it to help form those fancy rosette bows which really dress up a package and for securing little Santas and other decorations.

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