

EDITORIAL

Good Wishes at Christmas

There are so many wishes we could extend to our friends at this time of year when the world is wont to wish its neighbours well.

The wish of happiness, but happiness cannot be reached for and plucked just like that. Happiness is an end to attain, and the means to attain that end takes finding.

The wish of wealth, untold riches, great possessions. But so often material things like these only serve to make an aimless life and the goal of contentment harder to reach.

The wish of success in business, but this is only another name for riches.

The wish of golden hours of leisure, filled with entertainment, sport, travel. But leisure is only rendered precious when it is bought and paid for with labour.

The wish of health, but content comes not of health but of how you use it.

The wish of great friendships, but friendships are earned, not found.

The wish of peace of mind and tranquility of spirit, but these come only to those who have earned the right to rest.

The wish of fame, but fame can only come to those who have made a contribution to the community.

The wish of power, but power can be as evil as it may be good; as offensive in abuse as it may be defensive in use.

The wish of laughter, but laughter is only the outward sign of a heart made light with love.

The wish of love, but love comes only when a soul is filled with understanding.

That all these boons may come to you this Christmas, and through the coming year, our one wish is for one thing, one force to bring all these boons within your reach—the Force of Purpose.

Christmas Recollections ?

When so much misery is caused and Christmas is marred for many by drinking of alcoholic beverages, we wonder when Canadians and those in other lands will wake up to the realization that such rowdiness has no rightful place in the Christmas festivities. Christmas is a time for the happiness of others, little children especially. It is a time when self should be forgotten. The custom of passing the bottle at Christmas can be attributed largely to the planned promotion of liquor interests. It is purely for selfish gain.

Motor fatalities, office parties, treating the delivery man and making his work dangerous, drinking in the home before children are all contrary to the true Christmas spirit. Christ, whose birthday we celebrate has no part in this habit which has been fostered for purely selfish purposes by those who profit from the sale of intoxicating beverage.

Make this Christmas a joyous one for all; remembering the happiness of others. Just don't drink those beverages that make a fool of you in the eyes of those you love. That leaves only regret after for conduct you yourself would abhor in others.

Year 'Round Holiday Land

From Quebec City to Georgian Bay, the frosty holiday havens are sprucing themselves up for what they predict will be four months of unprecedented business, reports The Financial Post. Nearly every room is sold out for the next month and forecasts of excellent skiing weather are expected to carry the boom well into March.

With good skiing on Laurentian hills since early December, Quebec resort operators are forecasting one of the best seasons on record although some resort owners note that tourists aren't spending money quite as freely as in other years and report a lot more "shopping around" by incoming skiers.

The early snow, they say, is a good omen. Many half-hearted skiers leave the hickories in the basement for the season if the countryside doesn't turn white before Christmas. Now, these semi-enthusiasts are predicted to take most of what's expected to be excellent skiing weather

Back to the Bush

At Christmastime the trees and both are well loved in the town. Since November the hauling of Christmas trees to the urban centres has been quite an activity. For the weeks around Christmas the trees are part of most every home. We light them up and have fun decorating them and admiring the effect.

Almost gone from the Christmas cards are the once traditional designs and many of the cards portray winter scenery out in the country much of it pretty old fashioned, but all of it quite in the trend.

All through the year we'll hack away and fell the trees in towns. They get big and interfere with power and communication lines. Christmas trees are different. Two weeks of them in all their gay lights and decoration and then they become a problem in the collection of garbage. Most townfolk seemingly like trees but not for too long.

Our Changing Conditions

While Ontario's total population has more than doubled since 1901, the total farm acreage has decreased by 469,000 acres and the number of occupied farms has decreased by 50,000. The farm population has decreased by 98,000 persons since 1931. With an expected increase in total population from 4,500,000 in 1951, to 16,000,000 in 1961, the farmer will be faced with some new situations. As industrial and urban activities increase, there are serious losses in farm area. Professor A. C. Robertson, of the Department of Agricultural Economics, O.A.C., suggests that farmers today should regard their farms as their most prized possessions.

In spite of all the reduction in acreage, and in the number of farms, the total farm value—land, buildings, machinery and livestock, is three times what it was in 1901. Today Ontario farms are worth \$2,547,969,618 compared with \$932,483,069 in 1901.

Much farm land is used up in the natural development of larger cities, and all the services they demand. Highways, power lines, pipe lines, airports, industrial sites and residential areas all encroach on some of Ontario's best farming areas.

While total farm acreage has decreased by only 469,000 acres, the acreage of improved farm land has decreased by 573,000 acres. While 573,000 acres of improved land have been lost, only 100,000 acres have been replaced.

Other Papers Say:

This is one time of the year when everything needs to take on an entirely different atmosphere. We drop the usual for that something that is gay and of a festive nature. It helps to raise the spirits of everyone for the very atmosphere prevailing is of good cheer, of merriment, of joy. It is a time to smile and wish everyone health and happiness. — Huntingdon (Que.) Gleaner.

Strikers are not above the law, warns the Calgary Herald. "No one has the right to interfere with a picket line which is organized, and operated according to law. But no picket line has the right to interfere with anyone coming or going on their lawful occasion. The Ford strike has every indication of becoming a bitter and protracted dispute. The laws of Canada must be maintained and this must be made clear now."

Fishermen in B.C. landed 40 times as much sockeye salmon in September as the same month last year, reports The Financial Post. It brought total value of their seafish catch to the highest point in history, or 65 per cent above the same month last year. The B.C. catch to October 1st this year is up eight per cent in value from the same period last year. On the Atlantic, the September catch was up in value also, the nine-month increase is six per cent.

From Every Corner of the Paper We Say
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing . . ."



Schools Barn and Open

In Milton, at a recent meeting of the school board, it was noted the new Milton Public School will likely be ready for occupancy on January 3. At Campbellville pupils of the Milton Heights school are being temporarily accommodated until arrangements are made for permanent quarters after the two-room school was razed by fire recently.

No Time For Feudling In Bronte, and Oakville, four freshmen have rallied to the aid of flood victims in Dublin by starting a fund. The fact that they're divided by North-South traditional allegiance isn't making any difference. "There's not time for feudling," they said.

Santa in Milton In Milton last Saturday Santa Claus came to town and behaved a half-mile parade with 21 different floats, bands, clowns and what have you. A programme was held in the arena where some 2,700 filled seats and standing room. The parade was organized by local groups, merchants and industries.

Who's Got the Blame? In Oakville the strike goes on and on and on. Big snag in the way of any further conciliatory confab between company and union is the insistence on the part of the latter to talk on a province-wide basis and refusal of the company to entertain the idea. And, naturally, each claims the other is responsible for the rift.

Bronte Eyes Industry In Bronte, after John Feduck was named president for 1935, the local Chamber of Commerce decided to establish, with the help of council, an industrial commission and a paid secretary-treasurer. Said to be a time to smile and wish everyone health and happiness.

Farm Citizens' Committee In Burlington, dissatisfied with a meagre expansion surrounding the removal of T. V. Lambert, recreation director, local people have formed a citizens' committee to demand further facts. Lambert was put out of office at a public meeting last week after becoming the reported target of charges of incompetence and non-cooperation.

Softened the Crown?

In Oakville the cost of putting the public library in the former post office building looks to be a \$152,100 proposition, the Record Star ruefully reports. "Unless the town fathers can soften the heart of the Department of Public Works" The Crown wants \$92,100 for the land and buildings and it's estimated another \$60,000 would be needed to acquire other properties included in the deal.

Santa at the Bank In Georgetown, judging from a report in the Herald, Times must be pretty good all around. When Santa Claus came to town last Saturday he was thoughtfully provided with a new sleigh to wave and laugh from. Pre-parade notices speculated this year's event would be bigger and better than ever, and, significantly, Santa was to arrive at 3 p.m. at the bank corner.

This and That in Erin In Erin, culled from the local paper, it's learned that the Lions Club has donated two dummy policemen to the school board for safety's sake. Total donations to the Hurricane Relief Fund were \$1-623.70; a truck on main street threw up a stone which passed between two conversing bystanders and went on to put a hole in a grocery window.

Long Discussion On Civil Defense

Lengthy discussion was centered on the civil defense activities at the regular meeting of the Halton County Mutual Aid group in Bronte on Sunday where all Halton brigades were represented. A review was made of the civil defense practice of the previous Saturday. All the activities were on paper and no equipment or men had been moved in the exercise. Chief Birch, deputy co-ordinator for this zone of Ontario, contacted Chief F. Shaw, co-ordinator of Halton Mutual Aid to dispatch the equipment to Brantford. The zone deputy co-ordinator was to be invited to speak at a meeting of the Halton group.

AT THE Churches

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1934
10:00 a.m. Sunday School "As the trees are bent so is the tree inclined."
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sermon: "If Christ Had Not Come, nobody would be here." Moving picture: Christmas carols. Arctic pictures taken by Clayton Fryer. R.C.M.P.

8:30 p.m.—Inter-denominational Service. Knox church. Everybody welcome. Moving picture: The Living Word.
THOUGHT-FOR THE WEEK
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11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship.
8:15 p.m.—B.Y.P.U.
Wednesday—4:00. Mission Band; 8:00. Prayer meeting.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1934
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Divine Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
8:15 p.m. Bible Society. Residence.
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Christmas Eve
11:30 p.m.—Choral Communion.
Christmas Day
9:30 a.m.—Holy Communion

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

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St. Alban's Sunday school opened the Christmas season with their annual entertainment. The girls and chorists were full of spirit and well-rendered. The drama, French Spoken Here, excited, prolonged applause. With the exception of a few captives hardly consistent with Sunday school teaching the drama was very enjoyable.

At Rockwood, Mr. R. N. Brown, the superintendent, presided over the program. The orchestra gave several selections and those taking part in the program included Earl Massey, Jesse Dewar, etc. A Christmas treat, Mr. Joe Huet in this role proved equally as efficient as in other roles.

Girls' The last week of 1904 with its leap year opportunities commences next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pastore of Rockwood were at Home on Monday afternoon December 17, on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

JUST AS IN YEARS GONE BY WE WISH IT MOST SINCERELY AGAIN
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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p.m., 10:13 p.m.

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10:27 a.m., 12:52 p.m., 2:57 p.m.,
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