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## Broad Welcome?

The first of the refugees from Hungary are arriving at various points in Canada. They will be settled at various points in cities, towns and countries throughout this broad land of Canada. Public acclaim has strengthened the hands of governments at various levels in assisting refugees to make the journey to Canada possible.

These new Canadians are drawn from various walks of life in their native lands. Naturally they are best fitted to continue in the profession, trade or calling of their choice.

Ontario's doctors have on paper a plan for excluding European doctors from practicing in their province, reports The Financial Post. Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons has notified its members that after June 30, 1959, it will require proof of British or Canadian citizenship before an unqualified (full) license to practise in the province will be issued.

Since five years' residence is required for Canadian citizenship, this will practically cut off the supply of European doctors no matter what qualifications they can produce. Present restrictions are based on principle that immigrant doctors' training be equal to Canadian training; "large numbers" have been admitted without British or Canadian citizenship. The new plan appears to introduce a new principle—the closed shop.

If such a closed shop plan is adopted by every profession or group throughout the Dominion perhaps right now we ought to reassess our policy of immigration and the depth of our welcome. Canada can not play the role of the open door with one hand and the closed shop with the other. These refugees come here for a new chance to play their part in life, not to become public charges for a waiting period of five years.

## What Price?

The bidding is getting pretty brisk for new industries for towns in Ontario. In Listowel, the Kinsmen and the Rotary clubs joined forces in selling tickets on a Cadillac car. It was part of a move to raise \$10,000. With that money, they intend to erect an industrial plant of some 10,000 square feet. Then, if an industry came to Listowel looking for a plant, they could offer a new building on a two-acre site, ready to move into.

Many of us remember the old bonus by-laws that used to apply in Ontario and the reasons they were outlawed. Many also recall the plans and public spirit which characterized the bringing of new industry in towns. Seems the failures of these plans far outnumber the successes in our recollections.

We've seen many small plants, however, start independently and expand beautifully without local public assistance. We are wondering, too, what sort of factory \$10,000 will build when school rooms are estimated to cost \$20,000 each. But if you must have a Cadillac it's one way of trying to get one. Maybe a smaller type of car would fit our circumstances better.

Industry today is not often lured to a community by the offer of a new building. But history has a habit of repeating itself down through the years.

We have often wondered what our feelings would be after years of paying business, building and land tax and never asking or receiving any special consideration from the town, if the townsfolk decided to put up and help establish another similar industry in the town. One would most likely feel at least very frustrated and discouraged that the old was so easily forgotten for the new and untried.

How much are we willing to pay for the new whistle that is being aggressively sought by every city, town and hamlet? How profitable will be the investment for a concern that has to be coddled into even making a start?

## Remember Seals

As the great Christmas Day approaches and the flow of Christmas cards becomes a little more steady perhaps it would be well to remember those Christmas seals that probably decorate many of the envelopes.

If you live in Halton it is quite likely that you received your two sheets of seals from the Halton County Tuberculosis and Health Association. But did you mail that envelope back with a contribution, large or small, inside?

As the accompanying letter points out a chest X-ray survey of the county is planned for April in an effort to find all the cases of tuberculosis that need attention.

Listed as some of the other services that the Christmas seal contribution supports we note, tuberculin testing of all elementary school children, monthly chest clinics, health education program and services and comforts for tuberculosis patients and their families.

This year 27 Halton county residents were admitted to Sanatoria and 21 of them are still there. To say there is a great deal of tuberculosis work still to be done in the county should be adequate reason for prompt attention to that contribution to the Halton County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

Slip it in the mail today.

## Merry Christmas

There are as many kinds of Merry Christmas as there are people. Let's leave out what Merry Christmas means to those in other lands and confine our analysis to just Canada.

To the little tots who are having their first Christmas this year it may matter little. Given a few years and the Christmas spirit takes on new joy that is perhaps the greatest of the whole span of life.

To the teen-age group Christmas means other things than revelling in the mysteries of Santa Claus and hanging up stockings. To the young married couples on their first Christmas comes a different meaning to the familiar greeting that rings out from every corner.

As the family grows and all the leaves are put into the festive table to make the Christmas gathering take in its limits comes a different meaning to the Yuletide greetings. Remember it's the same old Merry Christmas. Only you have changed.

Once again a different meaning becomes applicable as the festive board shortens and you start to delete from your list of greetings some who are with us now only in spirit.

One thing remains constant through all phases of life. It's the realization that the emphasis is always on others. It's a time when self is submerged to give others happiness. It's a time when your pleasure is suppressed in your desire to bring the cup of happiness to overflowing for those you love and are loved by.

So as we approach the Christmastide no matter what your stage in life's span; no matter what the customs of another country may mean to you yet, we wish for one and all Merry Christmas in the broadest sense of the familiar greetings.

## Brief Comment

There is a start being made now to line up municipalities into a longer period of daylight saving time. Inquiry body seems to be the Railway Association. Let's all get together and see what it's like any morning at seven o'clock at this time of year.

The bright Christmas greetings have been rolling in these days. If ours are delayed don't put the blame all on the postal service. They told us to do it early.

A well dressed window depicting the Christmas scene can do much to attract attention at this season of the year and incidentally can induce business. Christmas is that time of year when the feeling of good will should permeate in all directions.—Huntingdon (Que.) Gleaner.

Actually it doesn't take too much effort to make a newcomer at home in a community. A friendly smile as you pass on the street, or a pause to say "hello" with words of welcome.—Davidson (Sask.) Leader.

A newspaper editor, with some space to fill, set up the Ten Commandments and ran them without editorial comment. The next day he got a letter from a subscriber which said: "Cancel my subscription; you're getting too personal."—Montreal Star.

Some methods of farm marketing are better than others, but even with the best system yet devised by man, the price, in the long run, is determined by the age-old law of supply and demand.—The Farmer's Advocate.

The main thing is to ensure that the sidewalks are to the greatest possible extent, kept clear of snow. It is better that some careless or thoughtless citizen should be fined than that some person should suffer serious and possibly permanent injury.—Trenton (Ont.) Courier-Advocate.



"Merry Christmas"

—Photo by Esther Taylor

## Chronicles of Ginger Farm

# Christmas Is What We Make It

By Gwendolyn P. Clarke

A Happy Christmas to all the readers of this column.

Yes, Christmas again—and if it were not for the calendar, it would be hard to realize that a year has slipped away since I passed along that same greeting before.

Each Christmas is a milestone along the road of life. During the winter we measure time by speaking of events as happening "before or after Christmas." And we have a way of comparing one Christmas with another. "Remember that was our first Christmas away from the old home" and another, "we celebrated Christmas in our new home that year, with the grandparents and our first baby" or again, "remember how happy we were three years ago because our little girl who had been so ill had been spared to us."

And there are sad memories too—there is the inevitable feeling of loss because some that we had dearly loved are no longer with us. That is the pattern of life and we have to accept it.

But, by and large, Christmas is what we make it. We can add to the regrettable commercialism of the season by being too lavish in our spending, forgetting that the ten dollar gift, hastily chosen, can not give as much pleasure as a less expensive present upon which

loving thought and care has been given to the choosing.

Christmas is a time of happiness and good-will—but only if we become involved in a mad rush of Christmas shopping? Can we blame the children for being irritating and belligerent if we ourselves cannot take time to talk with them quietly to enter into their little secret plans for Christmas giving?

How many children are given a dollar or two at the last minute and told to choose something for the grandparents? "What shall you get? Oh, I don't know. Look around the stores, you'll likely find something." If that is our attitude, can we blame the children if they grow up taking little thought in either giving or receiving? Don't we sometimes lose sight of the reason for exchanging gifts?

The Three Wise Men brought gifts to the Christ-child because they wanted to honor him and to show their great joy at the Savior's birth. By that same token, it was originally the custom to give gifts to those we love—to show our affection and to make each one feel how glad we are to have him with us. If we hold to that principle, we can never go very far wrong in our giving. "It isn't the gift that counts, but the thought behind it." That is a bit saying, I know, but it is also very true.

The same attempt at simplicity might well apply to our Yuletide fare. Of course, it wouldn't be Christmas without the traditional dinner. But why load our tables and ourselves with an unnecessary supply of rich, indigestible food and then suffer for it after wards?

Other things besides food make Christmas a wonderful time. Twinkling colored lights relieve the drabness of the streets. Gaily trimmed Christmas trees delight both young and old. Greeting cards arrive by the score, bringing with them messages from near and far.

Do you read those greetings? Do you stop to think that the verse inside didn't come to you by accident? More than likely, your friend or relative chose a card with that particular verse just especially for you. A little sentimental, perhaps, but then, Christmas is a time for sentiment. So won't you take time to really read your Christmas cards and enjoy all the nice little verses?

Christmas, although a lovely season, has its drawbacks. At home and abroad, in the streets and in the stores, there is noise and excitement. We cannot escape it entirely, nor would we want to. But too much is too much.

We need to plan a little time for rest and quietness. A half hour, perhaps only ten minutes, to be completely alone. Even on Christmas day. During that quiet time, little grievances, if we have any, will disappear. Tiredness will vanish, we shall gain a new appreciation of the good folk around us, we shall find ourselves refreshed, ready to work again, or talk or play, possessed of a strange inner peace, as if for awhile we had walked with God, perhaps in one inadequate way thanked Him for the miracle of the Savior's birth.

Yes, there are so many things to be thankful for at Christmas but perhaps the greatest of all will be that gift to ourselves—that short period in which to be absolutely alone. Busy wives and harassed mothers know it is not. But do try to give yourselves this gift now and every day until Christmas. By the New Year it may have become quite a helpful habit.

And so, friends, once again I wish you all a very Happy Christmas—a happy get-together Christmas.

## Place Cards

Glowing place cards to set or take home. Choose plain, fat sugar cookies and "every day" special at your nearest bake shop. Using tinted butter icing and a waxed paper decorating tube, write guests or family member's name on each cookie, until there is one for everyone. Sprinkle colored or silver candy decorations on icing name on each cookie. A tiny colored birthday candle may be fastened to each "cookie card" with a dab of icing—then lighted just as guests or family are seated.

## GUARDS WINDOWS

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—Civil defence co-ordinator Harry Bird has recommended that metallic venetian blinds be installed at basement windows at Prince of Wales school to protect children from flying glass in any bombing attack.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

## BACK IN 1906

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday December 20, 1906

Council chambers at the town hall were packed to capacity because of the impending debate between Councillor Warren and Reeve Swackhamel.

Councillor Warren insisted the Reeve retract a statement saying the (Warren) agreed to everything concerning the Main St bridge that transpired at the previous council meeting. Reeve Swackhamel refused and the debate raged until late in the evening.

Also taken up was the question of newly installed light meters. It appeared some residents had not paid for meters and the cutting-off of their power was threatened. Work on the ice rink is about completed and the committee expect to open on the end of the week with good ice.

Complaints were made by numerous citizens in the east end because the street lights were not turned on two circuits Saturday night. The icy streets were really dangerous to pedestrians in the dark.

The opening of recreation rooms for men evidently touched a popular chord, judging from current comment. Deep satisfaction will be felt at the privileges thus afforded for sons and for others to whom the hotels have been about the only available turning-place on winter evenings.

Jolly fellows, seeking relaxation from daily toil, are urged to repair from the bar-room. These new recreation rooms are a powerful ally to such persuasions to be told that something better is available.

Sir James Sawyer, an English physician, in formulating rules for prolonging life to 100 years, included, eight hours sleep, sleeping on the right side, do not have the bedstead against the wall, for adults to avoid drinking milk, limit ambitions and keep the temper.

The inmates of the Huron County House of Refuge cost the county last year 11 1/2 cents each per day for maintenance. Acton's merchants were never better supplied with goods and Christmas turkeys are selling for eight cents per pound less than at Thanksgiving.

Tomorrow is the shortest day in the year.

## BACK IN 1936

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, December 24, 1936

County council went on record as favoring the addition of the second-line between Milton and Acton to the provincial highway system, and that the road committee was appointed to act with other representatives of the county and interview the Department of Highways in that connection.

The Farm Women's Club was addressed by Miss Nellie Anderson, missionary on furlough from Korea. Miss Anderson talked on her work and the people she worked with, concluding with a solo, Holy Night, which she sang in the Korean language.

Acton's hockey team won two week-end games from Preston by scores of 4-2 and 5-2. They were the first games of the year for Acton and the need for more practice was noted.

Bride-to-be Miss Kitty Savage was feted at a social gathering of friends at the home of Miss Dora Lambert.

The annual At Home of Acton High School proved to be a huge success as a social event for the teachers, pupils and their friends. The evening featured the presentation of awards for scholastic achievements.

The Christmas tree at the corner of Mill and Main Streets is one of the finest ever erected. Well lighted, it adds much to the Christmas spirit.

A splendid crowd attended the Keno and dance in the town hall under the junior hockey club auspices. 22 prizes were distributed for games plus additional door prizes.

The new bridge over the 16 Mile creek at Oakville was completed and the bridge also was nearly finished. Many Acton friends regretted to learn of the serious illness of Miss Phyllis Clarke, and hope she would be soon restored to good health.

Warning was given to all delinquent taxpayers that all arrears of taxes not paid by the 31st would be published in the annual auditor's report for the year.

Acton concert orchestra led in a concert of Christmas music in the town hall and a pleasurable evening was had by all present.

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### GRAY COACH LINES

COACHES LEAVE ACTON  
Standard Time  
Eastbound  
6:33 a.m. Daily except Sun. and  
Holidays  
8:58 a.m. 11:33 a.m.  
2:50 p.m. 5:25 p.m. 6:33 p.m. 8:33  
p.m. 10:00 p.m. (Sun. and Holidays)  
Westbound  
3:27 a.m. 5:52 p.m. 2:17 p.m.  
5:25 p.m. 7:50 p.m. 9:2 p.m.  
11:32 p.m. 1:22 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun.  
and Holidays)

### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Standard Time  
Eastbound  
Daily 6:40 a.m. Daily except Sun-  
days 10:50 a.m. 7:13 p.m. Sunday  
only 8:01 p.m. Daily except Sun-  
day Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.;  
6:37 p.m. Daily Flyer at Geor-  
getown 10:11 p.m.  
Westbound  
Daily 11:14 p.m. Daily except  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 6:55 p.m. (Flag-  
stop) 7:49 p.m.; Saturday only 2:23  
p.m. Sunday only 9:43 a.m. (Flag-  
stop); Sunday only Flyer at  
Guelph 7:05 p.m.; Daily except Sat.  
and Sun. 6:10 p.m.