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The Editor's Corner



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

If there is one time of the year more than another that our thoughts turn to home it is at the Christmas season. It is a time of happy reunions when those long absent from their families and friends can spend a day with their loved ones—a day of merriment and festivity, when bright faces gleam around the table laden with all the good things to eat which this earth produces.

On Christmas day we shall be speeding on our way to spend Christmas in Windsor with our family, just as others will be coming home to Georgetown, to Halifax, Vancouver, Hamilton—everyone with one thought in mind—Christmas at home.

At the same time we are no unmindful of the fact that thousands of our kinfolk will not be able to enjoy the blessings of a family reunion this year. Our soldiers and airmen and sailors are in distant lands, fighting a fight not of their choosing, against an aggressor who seeks to destroy our way of life and our freedom. For many it will be their first Christmas away from home, for others their second and their third. Whatever it be, we know that on this day their thoughts and our thoughts are meeting somewhere on the way. May they be safely home before another Christmas season rolls by.

MESSAGES FROM THE CLERGY

Last year we inaugurated a feature in the Herald which proved popular with our readers. As Christmas is primarily a religious holiday, we felt that your local paper should devote some space to Christmas messages from the clergy of the district. Consequently, we have asked each of the ministers in the district to contribute a Christmas editorial which we hope will be read, not only by their own church-people, but by those of other congregations.

The Church has an ever-increasing role to play in the world today, and the words of Her ministers merit our most earnest and sincere reflection.

WHAT WILL A NEW YEAR BRING?

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we pause to reflect what 1942 may bring to us as individuals as a nation, and as a world. The year which is ending has brought little to our lives which is not associated with war—the German-Russian conflict, the Japanese attack on the United States and the consequent entry of that country into the war as an ally of Britain and Russia, the fighting in Africa and the gradual disintegration of Italy's African empire, the German march through the Balkans, are some of the highlights in the world picture.

In our land we have seen changes which affect our lives much more than we realize. For the first time, we are beginning to feel the economic pinch of a war which has not as yet reached our borders in any other way. Restrictions on the production of automobiles, electrical appliances, clothing, foodstuffs are just beginning to affect our purchasing. War loans, savings certificates, War Services and Red Cross campaigns, British War Victims' Funds and all the other war-time demands on our pocket-books have tended to equalize the increased income which the majority of Canadians are enjoying. Ever-increasing numbers of our young men and women are exchanging civilian tasks for work with the armed forces. Government control of industry, of capital, and of man-power is becoming more and more rigid.

What will the new year bring?

Undoubtedly there will be a repetition of these things—more War Loans, more taxes, more demands on our pocket-book. For the first time in our history, we may know what rationing means—to be told that we can only eat certain foods in certain quantities, wear certain clothing, spend our money on certain essentials. We shall see the restriction of our liberties through conscription of manpower and perhaps even woman-power. We shall see an end to most of the liberties which we enjoy as citizens of a democratic country—the "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness" which our American neighbours are wont to boast as their heritage.

We do not like to be restricted, to be told what to do and how to do it, to be denied our pleasures, our freedom of thought and action. We do not like it, and yet we must "fight fire with fire" if we are ever again to enjoy the blessings of democracy in our homeland.

And so we begin a new year determined to do our utmost to crush a ruthless foe, no matter what the price, and to win back our right to enjoy "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" even as we have done in the past. But this time we shall know that never again can we shut ourselves up in an isolationist garden and ignore the trend of world events in other lands and on other hemispheres. When this great war is won we shall be a sadder and wiser people, who will know what sacrifices are necessary to find the Bluebird of Happiness.

IT GROWS AND GROWS

Nothing has warmed our heart more during 1941 than to see the overwhelming response to the Herald War Victims' Fund which has sent over \$2,500 to the parent fund in Toronto sponsored by the Evening Telegram. Our part has been small—we have simply acted as a collection agency, banking the money, and sending it every now and then to Toronto. We have done no soliciting and have made no direct appeal for Funds, confining our part to news write-ups concerning the progress of the Fund, and a weekly financial summary.

We hope that the Fund will continue to grow and grow, and that Georgetown will keep adding its mite to the millions of dollars being collected by the Toronto paper to help British war victims.

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First Down In First Snow



(Photo: Can. Nat'l Rlys.)
 IN the first snow of the season at St. Sauveur, noted winter sports center in the heart of the Laurentian Mountain district of Quebec, no skier is any too sure on his feet as witness the plight of the pretty young American visitor pictured above. However, it's lots of fun for everybody when the snows come to St. Sauveur, home of famous old Hill 70, which is annually host to thousands of United States winter sports fans.

W. C. T. U.

By the Press Secretary
 The December meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held at the home of Mrs. A. Reeve on December 5th. We greatly regret the illness of our president, Mrs. C. B. Dayfoot, and in whose absence the vice-president, Mrs. Reeve, presided.

The devotional period took a very important place in our meeting. The subject for thought was based on Psalm 46, "God is our refuge and strength." We were urged to be quiet and listen to God's voice speaking to us through the needs of humanity.

A period of prayer brought us courage and help for the business that took our attention for the remainder of the meeting.

Plans were made for the contests and judges for same, also discussion as to future meetings. The meeting closed with a hymn prayer for guidance in the tasks that lie before us.

DON'T use a rickety, unsafe ladder to decorate the tree.

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