

STEWARTTOWN

Some of the visitors for Christmas were: Lt.-Col. E. Hunt, of Newmarket, and Capt. Gilbert Hunt, of Trenton, at Mrs. Hunt's. Major J. Murray, of Nova Scotia, at his home here. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bally and son John, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Bally, and Mr. Norman Bally, all of Toronto, with Mrs. Mary Bally. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burt spent Christmas at Lowville. Mrs. Jos. Staudish visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thompson, Georgetown. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hodge, Donnell and Jo-Anne spent Christmas with Mrs. Hodge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Harris, Georgetown. Mrs. Jenkinson spent a week, including Christmas, with her daughter, Mrs. R. Standish, at Thorold.

ASHGROVE

The annual Public School concert held in the basement of the church on the 17th was a splendid success and much credit is due to the teacher, Mrs. Enid Shore, who was assisted by Miss McPhail at the piano. The program consisted of songs, recitations and dialogues, the chief number being musical cantata: "Trouble in Toyland," in which the children did excellent work. The costumes added much to this beautiful number also. Santa furnished an appropriate finish to the evening and entertainment when he saw that each child was remembered with gifts. Next week our pastor, Rev. J. O. Totten, will hold prayer services in the different churches of his charge. On Tuesday evening the service will be in the Ashgrove church. Miss Ruth Morrison is holidaying with friends in Toronto. The annual Young People's social dancing for the community was held at the home of Mr. Jack Ruddell on Monday evening, Dec. 29th. Miss Joy Ruddell is at the O. A. C. help, this week attending a short

course. Marion and Betty Switzer are holidaying with Weston friends. Gladys Ruddell is spending this week with Mildred and Hazel Reed at Shelburne.

BALLINAFAD

A special New Year's Day service will be held in the church Thursday morning in accordance with the prayer service being held throughout the British Empire. The annual meeting of the W. A. was held at the home of the president, Mrs. E. Perryman. Mrs. Vannatter led in the opening exercises, the theme being "The Christmas Spirit." The roll call was answered with Christmas verses of scripture. A special collection was taken up at each meeting for the Red Cross during the year, and a goodly sum was realized. The following executive was re-elected to 1942:

President—Mrs. E. Perryman. 1st Vice-president—Mrs. J. Snow. Secretary—Mrs. P. W. Shortall. Treasurer—Mrs. James Kirkwood. Red Cross Treasurer—Mrs. H. Hills. Flowers—Mrs. A. O. W. Foreman and Mrs. R. McEnery. Press—Mrs. M. Madill. Manse—Mrs. D. McLean and Mrs. Jesse McEnery. Organist—Mrs. E. Vannatter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Starré have moved to their new home on the Ninth Line. They will be very much missed in this community where they have resided for some years. We all join in wishing them the best of luck.

What might have been a serious accident occurred last Friday on the farm of Sandy Bennie, 7th Line, when an R.C.A.F. plane landed in a field near the farmhouse. The plane, which was flying from Oshawa, made a forced landing, just clearing a line of trees along the highway and missing the house by a few yards. The pilot was uninjured.

An attempt was made to fly the plane away on Sunday, but damage suffered in the landing would not al-

low this, and in the afternoon it was loaded on a truck for removal to a repair depot.

LIMEHOUSE

There was a splendid attendance at the Presbyterian Church Sunday School concert Tuesday evening, December 23rd. Everyone enjoyed the excellent program of recitations by Jim Brown, Jim Gordon and others, a duet by Marion Norris and Margaret Kirkpatrick. "A Ghostly Evening," play by Limehouse young folk, and Miss A. Greenwood kindly returned from Toronto to put her nine little pupils through their paces again: "Mr. Moon" being particularly well done. Mrs. Gowdy assisted her as accompanist. Santa Claus appeared at the close and distributed oranges, candies and gifts to the S. S. children and little folk. The teachers and executive wish to thank all those who helped in any way to make the concert such a success.

Among those who visited here during the holiday were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Grant, of Toronto, Miss Helen McGowan and Mr. Harry Smethurst, of Barrie, with the Smethurst's. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Haines and family and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scott and son Garry, with the Scott's. Mr. Alex. Wright home from Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lane and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morrow, of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Lane, of Georgetown, with Mrs. E. Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Campbell and family with the Norton's. Mr. and Mrs. James Roe and family with the Miller's. Mr. and Mrs. Denis Hill and Blake, of Hamilton, with the Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Swackhamer and little son with the Davies'. Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGee, Mrs. Yeates and Mrs. King, all of London, with Mrs. G. Sutherland. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Brownridge, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawson and Mr.

David Lawson spent Christmas at Mr. Rae Scott's. Mr. and Mrs. W. Greenleaf and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Benton.

Among those who spent Christmas away from home were: Miss Margaret Swackhamer with the Arowsmith's in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Gowdy with relatives in Guelph.

Mrs. Gale, the Newton's and Miss Ivens with the Grieg's in Brantford. The Norris family with her parents in Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Nickell with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Eden Mills. Mr. Glenn Kinnear with friends in Toronto. Mr. Jack Davis with friends in Toronto.

Mr. W. A. Lane with Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Guelph. Mrs. Roe with friends in Toronto. Messrs. A. and T. Maw with friends near Brampton. The Kirkpatrick family with the Standish's at Stewarttown.

The Girls' Lookout Club held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Safford and Miss Doris Mitchell on Saturday. Miss Peggy Smethurst read the scripture lesson, following which Mrs. H. Norton led in prayer. Miss Jean Given read an article concerning the re-building of the Rainbow Bridge. Miss Helen Meredith entertained with "Shepherd's Evening Song" as a piano solo. Mrs. A. W. Benton read an appropriate Christmas story. The winning ticket on the quilt bore Mr. Bill Newton's name. It was decided to donate fifty dollars towards the support of the church. The roll call was answered by each girl naming her favourite winter sport. At the close Mrs. Mitchell served a tasty lunch.

Youth Killed at C.N.R. Station Last Week

Arthur Fields, 21-year-old switchman, was instantly killed last Wednesday morning about 10 a.m. when he was hit by an Allandale-bound C.N.R. passenger train. He was thrown from an overhanging section of the track while crossing the road, and it is thought that he failed to realize the train was approaching on the track. Fields was on his way to work on the railroad and was carrying a bag from his home in Centrala.

The accident was investigated by Chief W. G. Marshall, and Provincial Constable J. W. Reynolds. An inquest was held in the Public Library last night, and a verdict of accidental death was returned, with no blame attached to the railway company. Dr. Stevenson, of Milton, and Crown Attorney W. I. Dick were in charge of the inquest.

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TIMELY TOPICS FOR WOMEN . . . By Barbara Baines

A MESSAGE FOR TO-MORROW

A momentous year in our history has come to a close, a year in which we have known peril and loss, but a year which has seen two powerful allies join us in the fight for liberty and freedom.

We in Canada have been fortunate. Some of our people suffered bereavement, many are lonely and many are deeply anxious about those dear to them, and to them we deepest sympathy goes out. But up until now comparatively few of us have experienced anything of the real tragedy of war.

Because Canada has great resources and is able to furnish Britain with large quantities of the materials she needs, our factories have been humming, business has flourished, and many have more money in their pockets than ever before.

But the year-to-come promises many changes. Some of us will have to go to work at jobs to which we are not accustomed, to keep flowing in ever-increasing quantities, the supply of goods needed to overwhelm a deadly enemy. We may be forced to do without many of the material comforts that make life pleasant, not because we haven't the money needed to buy them, but because the supply of key products available is only large enough for our war needs. Many business people will find profits diminishing because of wartime price and wage restrictions. But these inconveniences we are prepared to accept without wincing.

I hope you all have had a happy holiday. After two and a half years of war, and the anxiety of threatened war for three years before that, everyone needs for a time to throw their troubles overboard, and to enjoy the gaiety and merriment, the uplift of heart and spirit always associated with the celebration of our Christmas festival. I hope the children especially have had a happy time, that Santa has brought them what they wanted most, and that every day they have had their fill of care-free play and fun and laughter.

To-morrow-brings another year, a year we must face with courage and, above all, hope . . . and may 1942 see the dawn of peace, and a happier life for all mankind.

EVE CURIE REPORTS ON FREE SYRIA

From Jerusalem, the fountain-head of Christianity, comes an interesting account of conditions in Syria and Lebanon now under the joint protection of Free France and Great Britain.

Miss Curie says: "My plane arrived in Beirut in the admirable country of Lebanon on the very day our Free French forces proudly found themselves the ally of United States as well as Great Britain in their fight against the Axis. I have since been motoring by steep and winding roads through mountain passes and commuting between Beirut and Damascus in Syria to see as much of the land and the people as I can." Miss Curie goes on to say that acute nationalism, political divisions, difference of race and religion, and German propaganda have created some degree of internal dissension; but in spite of the fact that there are three or four kinds of Moslems, and Christian Maronites as well as French civil servants, and British and Australian troops, there is a good feeling of collaboration among them. This is due chiefly to the wisdom of Great Britain in having the Free French leader, Gen. Georges Catroux, declare Syria and Lebanon free republics.

The close association of these beautiful countries with France for fifteen centuries is shown in many ways, in the remains of the magnificent castles built by the Crusaders, and in the Catholic missions where French is still taught to the children. In Damascus there is a lovely Arab palace built around a quiet garden and over the door is written: "University of Paris . . . French Institute." Most of the better class Syrians speak fluent French, and majority of Lebanese are Christians. These people, says Miss Curie, are proud of their independence, but there is a moral link with France dating back to the days of chivalry which will not be easily broken.

Miss Curie, as you know, is the daughter of Madame Curie, co-discoverer of radium, whom we talked about in the column recently. She is a slim brunette with brains as well as beauty. When France fell she escaped in a night-mare voyage by way of Oran and Gibraltar to England. She came to the United States on a speaking tour and warned the Americans that neutrality was an illusion, that the U.S.A. was "last" on Hitler's list, and that passive defense was not enough to save them. Since then she has been giving her whole-hearted support to the Free French cause of de Gaulle. She believes tragic errors have been made in France, but the spirit of resistance will not be crushed as long as there are young men like the grandson of Marshal Foch who left Marseilles to join the Free French in England with only a borrowed passport and a borrowed coat to hide his uniform.

Miss Curie opposes any loophole in the British blockade of France even for the help of her own people, since the factories of France are now turning out supplies for Germany which will only help prolong the war, and the misery of the French.

Miss Curie cannot fight herself, but her voice and pen have done much to keep the French flag flying in the battle for democracy.

THE BOOK OF THE WEEK

"TO-MORROW WILL COME" By A. M. Almedingen (McClelland and Stewart, 343pp. \$3.25)

In the Atlantic \$5,000 prize novel, "To-morrow Will Come," Miss Almedingen, now living in England, has recreated for us the Russia of her youth. Hers was not a happy life. When still a small child her father, a brilliant, erratic intellectual, deserted his English wife and their two small children, and left them to eke out a precarious existence in the great city of St. Petersburg, now Leningrad. And so Miss Almedingen grew up to be a shy and sensitive child, and early learned the meaning of hunger and poverty. But it was nothing to what she endured during the five years she lived in Russia after the inauguration of the Communist regime. There was no pay for a day's work was a loaf of black bread, and when a thousand people were crowded into one large home. Unmentionable are the hardships and indignities she endured during those years, as she worked at any job to be found in order to keep body and soul together.

A brilliant student, and thoroughly versed in the English classics by her mother, she at last became a lecturer at the university . . . her pay a green ration card and a tiny flat shared with her good friend Esther, who was a nurse in one of the hospitals. Together they made footwear out of strips of rugs, and patched their worn clothing, made dresses of old drapes and blankets, and dreamed of better days.

And so against a background of starvation and illness, uncertainty and poverty unbelievable to us, this sensitive, refined young woman struggled with a stout heart but weak body for survival . . . always with the hope that some day she would escape to the England her mother had taught her to love . . . a hope that at last was realized.

ENTERTAINING MADE EASY

Of course you will want to have a party to greet the new season, but holidays have a way of interrupting schedules. Some guests arrive early and stay unexpectedly late, others may have an engagement before or after your party. And so clever hostesses are planning buffet suppers at which guests may help themselves as they wish.

It is the unusual, rather than necessarily expensive party that is talked about long afterwards. So if you have a flair for the original get busy and see what you can think up. Recently, I saw a clever (and money-saving) idea for a centre piece. This hostess had taken a loaf of bread, trimmed off the crusts and shaped the ends, dusted it with chopped parsley, and used it for a holder for a colourful and tempting array of appetizers, stuck on tooth-picks. You might use any of these: stuffed or rip' olives, pearl onions, baby gherkins, radish roses, cubes of pineapple and cheese. The only other decoration used were candles, and branches of pine with the cones still on around the base.

- Here are some suggestions for food: 1. A meat loaf or salmon loaf, or cold tongue, sliced for the guests to help themselves. 2. A ham glazed with pineapple and cherries sliced thinly as needed by the host. 3. Tiny baked shells filled with hot creamed chicken or lobster. 4. Tiny broiled hamburgers on freshly toasted buns. 5. Cocktail sausages or stuffed olives wrapped in bacon, tempting and hot on toothpicks. 6. Toasted mushroom rolls or cheese squares fresh from the oven.

The hostess whom I mentioned above had all sorts of things on the table: a large tray of assorted canapés, a heaping bowl of potato chips; celery curls and crisp carrot sticks; a tray of cheeses and biscuits; but the food most popular with the men at least was a tray of salami and liver sausage, and hot garlic bread. Let me tell you how to do the garlic bread. Cream 1/2 cup of soft butter, and add one or two garlic cloves, peeled and mashed. Let stand an hour and stir well, so the flavour will permeate the butter. Remove garlic. Slash a long slender loaf of French bread in diagonal slices, but be careful to cut all the way through. Spread generously with the garlic butter, both between the slices and over the top. Sprinkle with salt, grated cheese and a dash of paprika. Bake in a moderate oven for 15 minutes. Serve whole letting guests break off pieces as wanted.

Christmas cake for a happy month, some of your Christmas cookies and shortbread, lots of hot coffee and lots of good talk brings your party to a successful close.

The end of another year brings us that much nearer to VICTORY and PEACE



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