

# Sugar and Spice

Disseminated by BILL SMILEY

Well, how did you make out at Christmas? Was the loot up to expectations, or was it the usual conglomeration of tasteless ties, toys that break if you give them a puzzled look, fur mittens with a scratch on it, accessories that don't match anything you wear, and coffee pots with a candle under them, of which you have two already?

Was the turkey one of those increasingly rare birds with a real turkey flavor — a dandy, drumstick, four-breasted and head that falls away from the bone — like the kind we used to buy? Or was it one of those frozen slabs of things, forced along in a laboratory atmosphere, all breast and thighs like a movie actress, looking so beautiful in their plastic bags and tasting exactly like roast plastic?

Did the old man manage to keep his nose out of the jug on Christmas day, or was he in his usual condition, cavorting all over the tablecloth, cursing, as a severe toothache and after dinner, as lively as a cat's octopus?

Did the kids tip-toe down at 6 a.m., check their stockings with muted gloze, and play quietly and happily with their toys until you came down? Or did they rocket down with the stealth of skeletons, dancing on a tin roof, put the record player on at full volume, rip open presents and mean for them, and then start a big fight over the one from which the tag was missing?

Did Mother remain poised and smiling all day? Or did she get flustered, under cook the turkey, oversalt the gravy, break one of her good, some china cups, have a little tiff with Aunt Jane over the pudding sauce, scream at Dad that if he didn't take those flaming kids out for a while, she'd suicide, then burst into tears when it was time to do the dishes, and everybody else was fast asleep?

We had a good Christmas, thank you. We always do, even when all these things happen. And they have. Plus one Christmas, when I lifted the turkey out of the oven, and dropped it smack in the middle of the floor. Plus another one, when the family chipped in on a television set for the grand parents. And we had to put the monster on a toboggan to get it in to the farm. And we had kept it a great secret. And little Kim, aged 5, belted in first out of the snow and blurted: "Aren't you excited about the TB, Granny?" TB was her word for television, and Granny knew it.

This year, we had some special things that happened. One evening, a little before Christmas, I was crouched in the psychiatric ward, oathing over compositions. There was a long distance call for me. It was Mr. I. B. Lucas of Markdale, Ontario. In tell me that he liked my columns and to wish me a Merry Christmas. It was kind and thoughtful of him, in these days when people are too busy, or too lazy, to pass the time of day, and it warmed the shriveled cockles of my heart for days.

Then, just before Christmas we were invited to a going-away party in the old home town. Who were going away? We were, despite the fact that we left last September, and would be back for Christmas a few days later. That's the way they operate in that town, and we like it.

So, a couple of old friends, with whom we have fought out many an issue, blackened many a reputation, watched many a sunrise, laid on a push shindig. We started out in a snowstorm, and eleven hours later arrived there in a snowstorm. And for such a gathering I'd drive through a blizzard for a week. There was the old gang thirty or forty of them and just as full of beans as ever, ignoring ailments and heart conditions to give a royal welcome.

It was grand to see them. Within ten minutes I was back in the throes of local politics, being blamed for the new sewage unit that went through when I was editor and a councillor. The Old Ballgame was chattering like a busybody with The Girls. There are no friends like old friends. I thought they'd have changed a lot, but older, steadier, more settled. After all, we hadn't laid eyes on them for three months. But they were just the same. We got to bed at 7 a.m.

What more could I want at Christmas than good wishes, good friends, and a good part of snow time. In case they live a couple of blizzards away?

## True Blues Elect Mrs. Little as Head

The True Blue Lodge celebrated Christmas in high style at their annual party. A turkey supper, catered by the Bobbys, was served.

In the spirit of the season, they exchanged gifts, and even had a visit from old St. Nick.

After the festivities, the election of officers was held. In the coming year, Mrs. Clara Little will be Worshipful Mistress.

The committee consists of Mrs. Bert Dixon, Mrs. E. Rawson, Mrs. Bess Harris, Mrs. Ken Macdonald, and Mrs. Norene Forgrave.

At the next month's meeting, the installation of officers will take place.

**FATHER KNOWS BEST**  
A proud auto-worshiper took pride about the intelligence of his son.

"You know, dear," he told his wife, "I don't know if I have got his brains from me."

"He certainly must have," replied the wife. "I've still got mine."

## SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Ashcroft, 24 Delrex Blvd., spent the holidays in Aurora, with friends.

Mrs. D. Copeland of Toronto, a holiday guest with her mother, Mrs. H. B. Graham, 8 Chapel St. West.

Mr. and Mrs. William Milliere spent Christmas in Mount Forest, with Mr. Milliere's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Milliere Sr.

Miss Norma O'Shea, 43 Edith St., was home for Christmas to Wolfe Island, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. O'Shea.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Powers, Linda and Murray, 144 Rowan Drive, were holiday guests in Thamesville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Christman, of Port Credit, were Christmas guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sampkins, 39 McGilvray Cres.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Farber, 45 Victoria Ave., have her mother, Mrs. W. D. Cassidy, and her brother, Mr. Bill Cassidy, of North Bay, as holiday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Fraser, and son Brian of Stevensville, spent Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. McDougall, and sister, Mrs. Janet McDougall, 16 Chapel Street East.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gudgion, Jack, Ann, Mary and Susan, 9 normally Blvd., spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gudgion, Ham 21.

Miss Thelma Hunter, who teaches at Queen's High School Belleville, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hunter, 17 Valley View Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mackenzie, Sandy and David, 50 Main St. South, were in Swanton for Christmas, visiting with Mrs. Mackenzie's brothers, John and Nelson Cardno and their families.

**FARM NEWS**  
**Halton Meets York In Debating Contest**  
The Halton Junior Farmer's Club and Debating Team will take part in the second round of the Provincial competition by debating with the team from Ontario county.

The debate will take place in York county, at the Village Hall, on Wednesday, January 11th. The subject of the debate is, "Resolved that current unemployment is detrimental to Canadian agriculture."

John Mottat, Rockwood RR No. 2, and Jack Robertson, Milton, RR No. 5 will debate the affirmative side, and Marg Marshall, Milton RR 1, and Bill Segsworth, Burlington, RR No. 2 will debate the negative side, for Halton County.

The Halton County team is being coached by Tom E. Edmond, Q.C. and Douglas E. Jackson, Assistant Agricultural Representative.

## Was Active in Fall Fair, 4-H Circles

Well-known to agricultural fair committees and 4-H Club personnel across Canada, E. P. "Ed" Pineau of the Canada Department of Agriculture retires this month after 40 years of continuous service with the government.

He has just completed a visit to the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions in his official capacity, to whom he made a plea for fewer fairs and better quality. He offered a number of suggestions for improving fairs and exhibitions and stressed the importance of combining type and performance in livestock classes.

Mr. Pineau was complimented by spokesmen for the convention and described as an impartial official who was always gentlemanly in his conduct.

Mr. Pineau, 65, was born in Rustico, Prince Edward Island. He served with the Royal Air Force overseas in World War I and was injured in a crash.

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**WORDS OF THE WISE**  
The history of all the great characters of the Bible is summed up in this one sentence: They acquiesced themselves with God, and acquiesced in His will in all things. — Richard Cecil.



for  
**The New Year**

May the New Year descend on you ripe with good health and good fortune.

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## Leaves Tri-County Post To Form Milton Juniors

Art Starr tendered his resignation this week as president of the Tri-County Major Hockey League. The effective date of his leaving will be January 2 when vice-president Fred Hammond of Oakville will take over the chair until someone else is appointed.

Starr is aiding in forming the new junior hockey club in Milton and felt he should devote all of his time to this job this year. He has added a great deal of strength to a fine executive in his four years with the Tri-County executive since its inception.

He will still be connected with the annual juvenile hockey tournament.

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