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 rowdyism 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 Christmastide the trees and bush are welcomed 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

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 townsfolk seemingly like trees-but not for too

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 to talk on a province-wide basis estimated another \$60,000 would be LOWE-At Burnside General Hosworth \$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

While total farm acreage has decreased by ing cities, the local Chamber significantly, Santa was to arrive 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 10.00 a.m.—Sunday School and Adindication 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

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"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing . . . "

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No Time For Feudin'

In Bronte, and Oakville, four Irishmen have rallied to the aid of a fund. The fact that they're divid- in the western corner of town ed by North-South traditional allegiance isn't making any differ-ence. "There's not time for feuding", they said.

Who's Got the Blame?

entertain the idea And, naturally, included in the deal. each claims the other is responsible for the rift.

Bronte Eyes Industry an industrial commission and figures Bronte has much to gain if at 3 p.m. at the bank corner. it goes after industry properly.

Form Citizens' Committee incompetence and non co-operation. groceteria window.

Nod on Draft Plan

In Acton municipal nod of apflood victims in Dublin by starting subdivision for a 240-lot property Soften the Crown?

the public library in the former Postville, was destroyed by fire on post office building looks to be a Saturday night. \$152,100 proposition, the Record In Oakville the strike goes on Star ruefully reports, "unless the ing Santa visited the 30 children at and on and on. Big snag in the way town fathers can soften the heart the Gordon Home and brought a of any further concillatory conflabs of the Department of Public generous share of Yuletide cheer. between company and union is the Works." The Crown wants \$92,100 insistence on the part of the latter for the land and buildings and it's and refusal of the company to needed to acquire other properties

Santa at the Bank In Georgetown, judging from a report in the Herald, times must be In Bronte, after John Feduck was pretty good all around. When Santa named president for 1955, the local Claus came to town last Saturday Chamber of Commerce decided to he was thoughtfully provided with establish, with the help of council a new sleigh to wave and laugh a from. Pre-parade notices speculatpaid secretary - treasurer. Sand - ed this year's event would be bigwiched between two rapid y-grow- ger and better than ever, and,

This and That in Erin In Erin, culled from the local In Burlington, dissatisfied with paper, it's learned that: the Lions a meagre explanation surrounding Club has donated two dummy the removal of T. V. Lambert as policemen to the school board for recreation director, local people safety's sake; total donations to the have formed a citizens' committee | Hurricane Relief Fund were \$1,to demand further facts. Lambert 623.70; a truck on main street was put out of office at a public threw up a stone which passed meeting last week after becoming between two conversing bystanders the reported target of charges of and went on to put a hole in a

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disciples. 7.00 p.m.—Annual Candlelight Service. Ladies' choir, mixed 10.00 a.m.-Children's Service. quartette, male quartette, duet, choir and congregation singing the well known and we'l loved carols.

Wednesday, December 29, 8 p.m.-The Christmas party of the Couples' Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Les Wills. We would especially like to we!come new-members to the group.

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> 4.00 p.m.—Holy Baptism at St. George's. 8.00 p.m.-The Carol Candlelight Service at St. George's. "Oh, Come, Let Us Adore Him."

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1954 10.00 a.m.—Senior School 11.00 a.m.-New Year Service, Junior school and nursery class. Wednesday, December 29, 3 p.m.-Christmas meeting of St. Paul's

W.A. will be held at the home of Mrs. Stanley Randell, 27 King St. A cordial invitation extended to all ladies. Friday, December 31, 11.15 p.m.—

Combined Watchnight Service in Grace Anglican church.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1954 8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion. 10.00 a.m.—Sunday School. 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7.00 p.m.—Carol and Candlelight

"Unto you is born this day — a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." St. Luke 2: 11.



THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

land, Oregon.

Twenty Years Ago

Thursday, December 27th, 1934

The cold weather has fixed things for the skaters and hockey players as there is a fine sheet of ice in Milton Arena.

Buffalo, spent Christmas at the eight months in Montana and Porthome of her father, Thomas Ford. November was said to have been

the mildest for many years. recent cold snap will prevent December from establishing a similar \$1800. reputation. It took several stitches to close

Hall, Trafalgar, when his axe slip- Ethel Emmerson, eldest daughter of ped while cutting a tree. The Champion extends congratu-

lations to Crown Attorney W. Dick of Milton who was recently appointed a K.C.

the eight prisoners in the County jail, under his care to a Christmas St. Paul's United church distributed Christmas cheer among the prisoners of fruit, candies, cakes, pies etc.

It was a bunch of weary tired merchants and their staffs, went home early Christmas morning. Few stores were able to close at midnight on Christmas eve many customers were on hand for last minute purchases..

A Canadian silver dollar will be George's accession to the throne. It cy, which was so happily terminatand will be slightly thicker than Watts. proval was given a draft plan of the present 50c piece and slightly larger in circumference.

One of the oldest houes in Tra- anniversary on the 3rd inst. falgar townshp, the home of Chas In Oakville the cost of putting Ryan, on the Dundas Highway at

At 10 o'clock on Christmas morn-

BORN Lowe, a daughter.

Fifty Years Ago

From the Issue of the Champion of From the Issue of the Champion of Thursday, December 22, 1904

Miss Maggie Bousfield of Boyne left on an extended trip to visit

friends at Didsbury, Alberta. Miss Nora Panton got home last Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Blampied, of night after spending a year and

> Crown Attorney Dick has bought Mrs. Jane Watson's residence, corner of Thomas and Sarah Sts. Price

Toronto newspapers have announced the engagement of Captain the wound in the foot of Ewart F. H. Deacon of Milton to Miss Hon. H. R. Emmerson, K.C.M.P., Minister of Railways and Canals.

We understand Telfer Bros. have about completed the purchase of two imported stallions from O. Sor-Governor J. F. McCallum treated ley of Guelph — a hackney and a heavy draught.

Rev. W. M. McKay of Norval will dinner. The members of the W.Y.A. be inducted into the pastorate of Knox church, Milton, on Tuesday.

Rev. C. T. Tough of Hornby, on Wednesday evening, conducted prayer meeting services in Boston Church, Esquesing, and at the close was presented with a beautiful morroca purse containing \$50, accompanied by a very appreciative address. The presentation was the gift of the Boston church congregation as a mark of their appreciation minted next year, to commemorate of Mr. Tough's services as interim the 25th anniversary of King moderator during the recent vacanwill be called the "George Dollar" ed by the induction of Rev. J. R.

> Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore of Acton celebrated their silver wedding

> JUST AS IN YEARS GONE BY WE WISH IT MOST SINCERELY AGAIN

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

NO ROAMERS

Sydney, N.S. (CP)-As part of a police campaign to make persons keep a tigher rein on their animals, pital, Toronto, on December 23, a Ball's Creek farmer was fined \$1 1934, to Mr. and Mrs. Achton and costs for allowing his horse to amble unescorted on the highway.

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