



For Parents Only

Resolutions

by Nancy Cleaver

That witty writer, mother of two girls, Betty MacDonald in "Onions in the Stew", confesses that she doesn't know the answer to adolescence. Her one piece of advice is to hang on to your sanity and pray. From her own experience she states: "Adolescents do not hate their parents. They merely feel absolute contempt, occasionally coated with condescending pity for them." This seems a rather sweeping verdict although it agrees with the comment of a speaker who remembered, "When I was in my teens I came to the conclusion that I must be adopted. I considered myself so clever and both my parents so stupid, that it just seemed impossible to me that I should have been born into my family!"

Teen-agers no longer accept their

parents as they are, and consider them "just right" in the way a small child does.

No, in every home wherever there is a high school son or daughter, there are 'points of conflict' or places where the ideas of the two generations clash. Parents who have spent years telling their children what to do, suddenly waken to the not too pleasant truth that children have very definite ideas of the ways which fathers and mothers should act. Directly, or indirectly, they tell their parents of their standards for them.

Parents' Decalogue

A few years ago a 16-year-old American youth presented a "Decalogue for Parents" to a youth congress to 250 delegates representing 176,000 adolescent school students. They approved it and these ten suggestions are worthy of careful reading. Here are pointers of interest for any thoughtful father and mother.

Cultivate the friendship of your child; take him into your confidence; be his buddy, not his policeman. Remember you were a child yourself. Show your child the right way by example. Make him proud to be your offspring.

Make it your business to know the whereabouts of your child at all times, but don't allow him to feel "haunted".

If a child errs, it is chiefly because he has never been shown the right way; hence, don't punish him to excess, but show him where he has faltered. Show him the right way with kindness.

Weakened Threat

Disciplinary action should not be shifted from one parent to the other as exemplified by the commonly heard phrase, "Just wait till your father comes home." Threats of this nature soon become so weak they go unheeded.

Don't give your child the impression that he is a nuisance when adults are present. Make him feel that he is a vital member of his family unit and that you are counting on him to fulfill his obligation as such.

It is the duty of every father to explain to his teen age boy facts of life, and his debt to society as a man. If the father is unable to cope with this task, the family doctor should be consulted, so that the two can sit down together, "behind closed doors" and have a man-to-man chat.

It is likewise the duty of every mother to explain to her adolescent daughter fundamental truths about life, impressing upon her the right and wrong choices.

Keep the doors of your home open to your child's friends if his home life is wholesome and enjoyable he will not seek the haven of pool rooms.

Church Attractions

Encourage church attendance. Here he will find many attractions awaiting him, such as clubs, parties—and at the same time he will ac-

Hornby W.I. Holds Christmas Meeting Approves Donations

The December meeting of the Hornby Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. McCarron and was their Christmas meeting. There were 15 ladies present.

The president, Mrs. W. Coulton, was in charge of the business session and opened the meeting in the usual manner. The secretary read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report. The usual Christmas gift to the Halton Centennial Manor of three subscriptions to the Champion was approved. Donations were also given to the Children's Aid and Retarded Children's School. Cards are to be sent to friends.

The roll call was "My Favorite Christmas Carol" and was answered by all present.

Program Presented

Mrs. S. May was in charge of the program which opened with the singing of the carol, Silent Night. Mrs. M. J. Brown gave a paper on the origin of, When You and I Were Young, Maggie. Mrs. C. Ford rendered a delightful solo.

Mrs. May introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Maurice Beatty, who is a former member. Mrs. Beatty gave a short story of Edna Jacques' childhood and read several of her poems with a short comment on each. Mrs. R. King expressed the pleasure of the ladies in having Mrs. Beatty with them and thanked her for her talk.

Mrs. Coulton and Mrs. J. Wallace reported on the senior training school which they had attended. This was called The Third Meal.

An exchange of Christmas gifts took place and Mrs. Wallace acted as auctioneer for a sale of articles. Mrs. M. J. Brown and Mrs. R. King assisted the hostess in serving lunch.

First Tree

The Christmas tree is believed to have originated in Germany, and may go back to the days of heathen tree worship or to the medieval custom of welcoming guests with trees studded with candles. Christmas trees were introduced into England just over a hundred years ago after the marriage of Queen Victoria to Prince Albert of Germany. German immigrants brought them to America at an earlier date.

Christmas Town

Believe it or not, Santa Claus is a town in Indiana—which means that mail is being addressed to Santa Claus every month in the year.

quire a code of morals and ethics which are extremely vital in regard to his present and future relations with people.

Instill within your child a love for his country. See that his energies are utilized in Red Cross work and other patriotic movements of high calibre. A busy child has no time for immoral practices.

This may all seem, very idealistic. But are there not many practical ideas and ideals here, which would make our homes happier places for our teenagers?

Sheila Martin, L.A.C. Merle Gunby Wed in R.C.A.F. Chapel, Uplands

In the chapel at the R.C.A.F. Station, Uplands, Ontario, on December 13, Flight Lieutenant Rev. J. H. Avanny conducted the ceremony uniting in marriage Sheila Rosalie Martin of Ottawa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hartley, Campbellville, and L.A.C. William Merle Gunby of Uplands, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Burdge Gunby of R. R. 1, Millgrove. The groomsmen were L.A.C. Raymond Macmillan of Rockcliffe R.C.A.F. Station.

Ballerina Length Dress

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, David Martin of Guelph, wore a ballerina length dress of ivory brocaded satin with full skirt and wore the groom's gift of a silver locket. Her head-dress of flowers held an embroidered veil of white illusion. She carried a star nosegay bouquet of white carnations and deep red roses.

The bridesmaid was Miss Germaine Delorme of Ottawa, in yellow organza in ballerina length, with white feather hat and a star nosegay bouquet of yellow and mauve chrysanthemums. The usher was L.A.C. Allan Butler of Uplands.

Reception Follows

After the ceremony a reception was held by the groom's colleagues in the photography section of the R.C.A.F. at Uplands, at the home of L.A.C. Keith James and Mrs. James. The mother of the bride wore a gold dress with white carnation corsage, and the groom's mother wore a similar corsage with a beige dress.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ridgeway of Milton, the latter the sister of the bride, also attended. L.A.C. W. M. and Mrs. Gunby will reside at 380 MacLeod St., Ottawa.

CHRISTMAS

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Our holiday wish for you is that the Christmas season finds you looking and feeling the picture of health and happiness.

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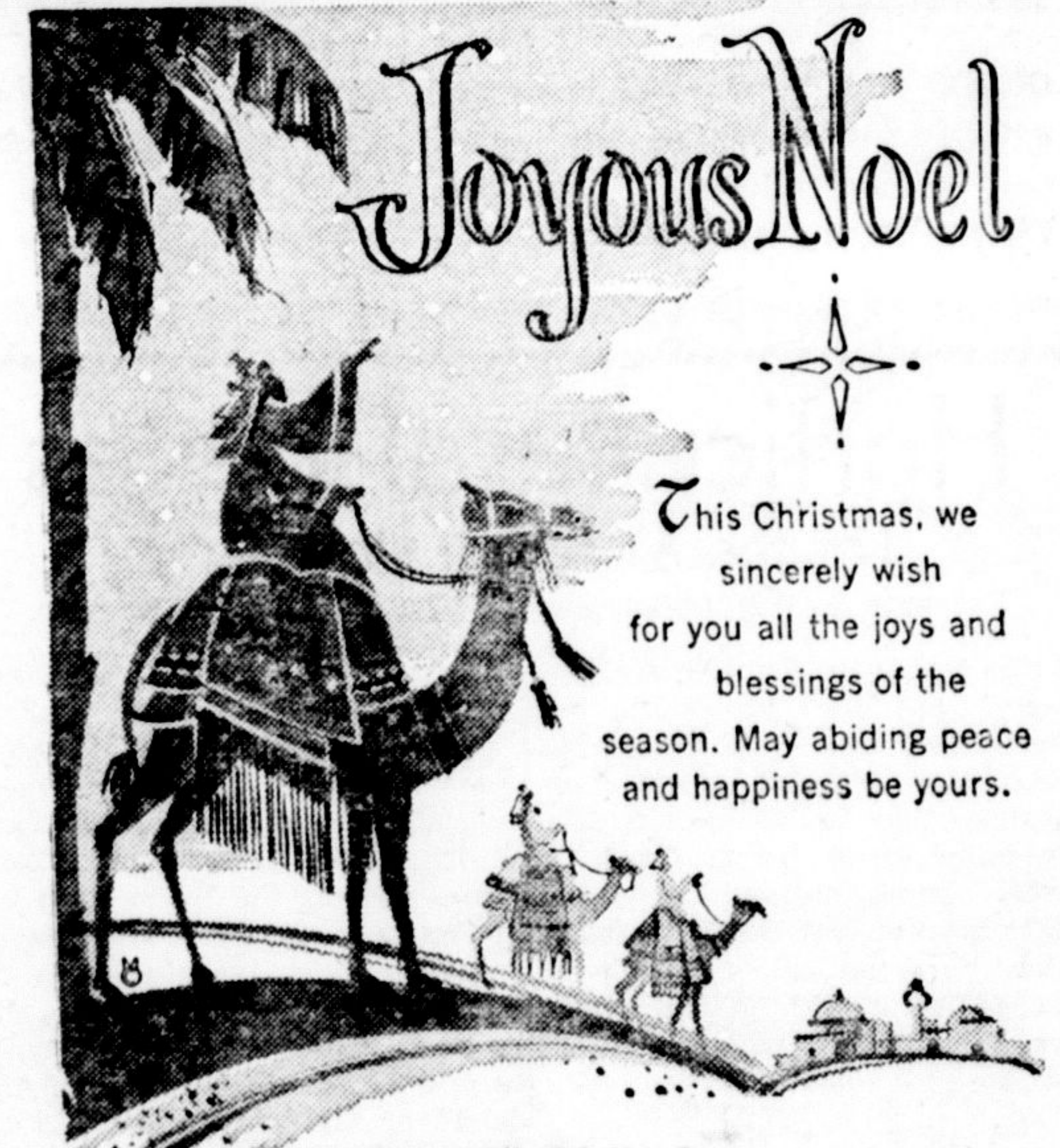
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The Christmas Story

May the Christ Child born in Bethlehem so many years ago bring his message of Peace and Good Will into every heart on this most joyful Day.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT & STAFF OF
MILTON DAIRY



Joyous Noel

This Christmas, we sincerely wish for you all the joys and blessings of the season. May abiding peace and happiness be yours.

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Holiday Greetings

Warm and hearty good wishes to our friends and neighbors. As you deck the halls with boughs of holly... as you hark to joyful carols... may the season bring you much happiness.

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PARK FARM DAIRY