

## Lowville Spirit of giving is emphasized here

By Mrs. T. Ramshaw  
Christmas is the time of year when sorrow or joy are more intense. And in this still affluent society the greatest worry for most of us seems to be what can we give to people who already have all they need.

It is also a time when we renew old friendships with those from whom we haven't heard since last Christmas. Many are the entertainments, pot luck dinners, presentations, good deeds, etc. that culminate at this time of year. The Fairview school pupils did their good deed by taking gifts and candy to the trainees at ARC Industries at Hornby. They also put on two Christmas concerts, one day the seniors and the second the junior grades entertained

their parents', grandparents' etc. with songs and pageantry.

**Help family**  
The Couples' Club gathered food, clothing, toys and money from their own group and the members of Lowville United church to help a needy family of six children whose father has Multiple Sclerosis and can't work. For the rest of the year the Couples' Club get together and have a good time but at Christmas, they give a good time away.

The evening U.C.W. group met in the church basement at 6.30 on Wednesday evening for a delicious pot luck dinner. A Christmas program, Canadian Friendship Carol Service of readings, carols and solos by Joan Fox was headed by May Hall. Others

taking part were Jean Millar, June Richardson, Nancy Ramshaw, Margo Johnson, Jessie Jansen and Glenna Colling.

Instead of exchanging prayer partner gifts, an offering was made and given to the Couples' Club for their project.

On Thursday evening after church practice the ladies of the choir met at the home of Lorraine Swallow and presented Carol Foster and Rosemary Poole with two lovely floral arrangements in appreciation of their efforts and leadership on behalf of the choir and the church in general. Shirley Bye of McEwen Rd. made the arrangements.

**Special music**  
Lowville church was beautifully decorated for Christ-

mas with colorful felt banners made by Jessie Jensen's class. The tree was provided by the youth group and the youngsters decorated the tree during the Christmas service.

Special music was provided by the youth choir and a duet sung by Carol Foster and Carol Thomson.

At the evening service the church was filled once again to hear the Good News of Christmas in scripture and in song. The three choirs performed under the leadership of, Junior choir, Lorraine Swallow; youth choir, Mabel Davey and Richard Gibson; ladies choir, Carol Foster and Rosemary Poole.

A special musical treat was given by Sandy Thomson accompanying the carols and some of the anthems on the

## 42 B.C.—Long Year; 14 months; 445 Days

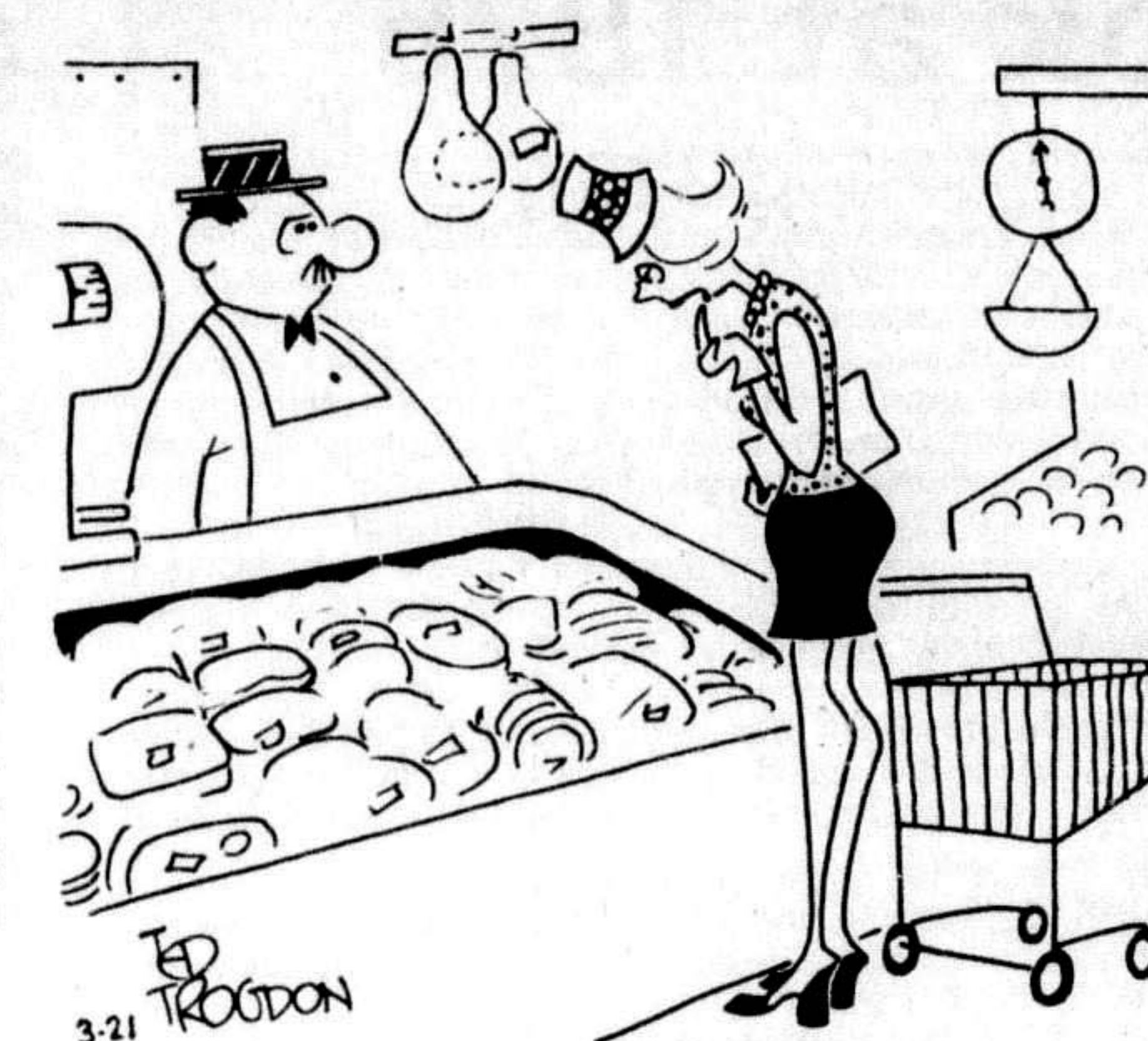
Keeping time has been a problem for mankind since before the birth of Christ. Mathematicians estimate our present Gregorian calendar will be accurate until about 2500 A.D., but it hasn't always been so. In fact, things were so bad that the 46 B.C. went on record as the longest year of all—445 days.

Numus Pompilius supposedly created the Roman calendar in the seventh century B.C., and it was some two months behind the sun when Julius Caesar put his experts to work on the problem. The experts had devised a calendar, but still had to do something about the two months needed to catch up with the sun.

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