

# The Women's Nook

JOAN SELKIRK

## LETTERS FROM OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

S. S. No. 4, Markham, Ont.,  
December 29, 1926.

Dear Joan:—  
I would like to tell you about the old barrel organ which I heard played in St. John's Church, York Mills, at the Christmas service.

It was brought from England in 1842, and is still in good condition. Last year it needed repairing, and they had a hard time to find anyone who understood it. Finally two men had lived in England fixed it and it is now played on important occasions. The old sexton John Squire who has been there over sixty years, is very proud of the organ and likes playing it for people. It is operated by a handle and plays several tunes.

Wishing you a very happy New Year, I remain,

Yours sincerely,  
ELIZABETH CAMPBELL.

### BEST LETTER

Joan Selkirk welcomes letters from the children, and each week a handsome Eversharp pencil will be given to the boy or girl writing the best letter, of 100 words or less on any subject. The winner for last week was Edgar R. James, Langstaff.

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## Seasonable Recipes

In the holidays when the young people are outside skating or sleigh riding they develop enormous appetites. One dish which they find very satisfying when they come in hungry is home-baked, pork and beans.

Two pounds of white beans will make a good potful. Wash and soak overnight. Drain, cover with fresh water and a teaspoon of soda and boil until soft. Drain and add one pound of fresh pork cut in inch cubes one tablespoon salt, two tablespoons molasses, one teaspoon mustard, one-half teaspoon pepper, cover with boiling water, cover with tight fitting lid and bake for four hours. Serve with brown bread.

Croutons to serve with soup. Cut stale bread into half-inch cubes. Fry in deep fat until golden brown. These may be kept in a tin box and heated when needed. A simpler way to make croutons is to butter the bread before cutting into cubes and toast the cubes in a very hot oven.

### Onion And Potato Soup

Slice two or three large onions and fry them in butter or dripping until they are soft. Then add two tablespoons of flour and stir until it is slightly cooked. To this add slowly a pint of boiling water, stirring all the time so it will be smooth. Boil and mash three large potatoes. Add to them slowly a quart of hot milk stirring well. Add the potato mixture to the onion mixture. Season with salt and pepper, let it get very hot and strain into a hot tureen. Sprinkle parsley over the top and serve with croutons.

## BUTTONVILLE

A number of the sports took in the shooting matches held last Saturday at Wilson Johnson's, 4th line and at Mr. Harding's, Milliken. Bill Young and Geo. Boynton were the lucky stars from this neighborhood.

Mr. John Burr of Richmond Hill has purchased the "Venus" chopping mill from Mr. F. Stephenson and is busily engaged tearing down the structure. This means the passing of one of Buttonville's oldest land marks.

Mr. Coline Burr has been appointed deputy returning officer for this subdivision in the municipal elections.

Mr. Walton's sale was a decided success. Some of his cows brought over \$100 each.

Mrs. Henry Hooper is still under the doctor's care. We hope she will soon be able to gain her usual health again.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton spent Christmas in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brillinger of Newmarket held their Christmas at home of their daughter, Mrs. Allen Meyer.

The shooting match at Dave Brown's held on Christmas Day had the usual thrills. Tim Patterson, Newton Burr, Sandy Young were among the lucky ones.

Everyone enjoyed the Christmas concerts held at the School and the church.

A New Year's dance will be held in the hall, Thursday evening, December 30.

The program of the Y. P. S. Sunday evening included a debate, "Resolved that the world is getting better." Messrs. Walter Craig, Lloyd Gohn and Miss Viola Walker upheld the affirmative while Miss Florence Craig and Messrs. Chas. Hooper and Allen Meyer took the negative. The judges Messrs. Ernest Walton, James Atkinson, William Rodick decided that the affirmative gave the better argument.

According to recent accidents some

## "RESOLVED THAT—"

When we stand on the threshold of the New Year saying good-bye to the Old Year we are always filled with good thoughts and high aspirations. What does it matter that we tried last year and failed? This is a brand new year and we can get a fresh start at our good resolutions.

There is a certain country not far from us which has more laws on its statute books than any other country in the world although it is one of the youngest of them. And it is a well-known fact that that country has more law breakers than any country in the world simply because the laws are not rigidly enforced. As one public speaker said, "Their laws are not so much laws as pious aspirations."

So when we are busy making our good resolutions for 1927 let us think of that country and not make too many of them. Make a few good ones and keep them rather than a lot of "pious aspirations" which will be almost impossible to keep. Resolved, therefore, not to make too many resolutions.

One of the best and most helpful things in life is the possession of a sense of humor. Some people are born with this and they are the easiest people in the world to live with. This doesn't mean the cynical humor which smiles at the shortcomings of others, but rather the kind that sees the funny side of every situation and laughs with people instead of at them. Almost every situation, however black it may look at first sight, has a funny side, just as almost every stone has one side which is flat. Just turn it over and look at it from all angles and you will see that this is true. So if the minister calls when you are papering a bedroom and you leave a strip of paper half pasted while you entertain him it seems tragic at the time but you'll get a good laugh out of it some day. The trouble with our domestic difficulties is often that we haven't this saving sense of humor to bring to bear on the case. If we can only learn to laugh at ourselves and our troubles we will get a lot more fun out of life than we ever thought possible. Resolved, therefore, to cultivate a sense of humor.

Did you ever notice how often people say "I haven't time," when time is the one thing in the world which everyone has? Here is an instance—in wartime there was a lady who lived in a small house and yet who "hadn't time" when she was asked to do some sewing for the soldiers. So her next-door neighbor who had a big house and eight children offered to do a double amount. A certain clergyman once told me that when he wanted anything done in a hurry he asked the busiest man in town as he knew that he would be the only person who would have time to do it—in other words he was the only one who would be so willing to help that he would take time from something else. Resolved, therefore, not to make excuses when asked to help but to manage somehow to make time.

And after all this business of helping others, the doing of a little more than the contract calls for instead of a little less, the "going the extra mile" is the surest way to insure A Happy New Year.

of the men of the community must be filled with "Christmas spirit."

A large number from the community journeyed to Unionville on Monday nomination day. The most serious questions discussed were the extra expenditures on roads and the building of a road through Doncaster park just north of Thornhill. Things look favorable for an election by acclamation.

Mr. Burnham of Unionville is re-decorating Buttonville school.

## Newtonbrook

Mr. Young's numerous friends are glad to see him about again.

Miss E. B. Russell is spending her Christmas vacation in Beeton, Ont.

Miss Doris Goulding is home from Guelph for the holiday.

The many friends of little Mary Charlton are glad to hear she is improving so quickly.

Friday evening was the occasion of the Annual Christmas Concert at Newtonbrook United Church. The church was filled to capacity and everyone enjoyed the varied program. The little folks were delighted to see Santa Claus present.

Miss E. B. Tate is spending the vacation at her home in Grand Valley.

The pupils of Newtonbrook Public school had a merry time at their Christmas concert on Tuesday afternoon. There were about two hundred children delighted with the songs, recitation of Santa Claus.

## Victoria Square

A happy and prosperous New Year to all readers of The Liberal.

Among the visitors who spent Christmas week with friends and relatives here were:—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Perkins and son Norman of Toronto; Mr. Geo. McCague of Guelph; Mr. John McCague of Alliston; the Messrs. Topple of Toronto, Mr. M. Reynar of Detroit; Miss Jessie Collard of Thornton, Mr. Duncan Read of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Stoutenburgh moved into their new home last week. Their house is very attractive on the outside and within the furnishings are complete. All modern conveniences have been installed, bath, furnace and electricity to supply light and power. Their many friends trust they may enjoy the comforts of their

cosy home in the years ahead of us. Some of our citizens spent Christmas with friends elsewhere:—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dennie at Bloomington, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Klinck and family in Toronto, Mr. Robt. Hopper and the Misses Hopper in Toronto Mrs. Ida Nicholls in Toronto.

The closing exercises of S. S. No. 7 were held last Thursday afternoon.

The school room was profusely decorated and every pupil's face bespoke a heart full of happiness. The visitors were many, the largest gathering at a Christmas tree ever seen in S. S. No. 7 since it was built. The program was long and varied. To many the most interesting part was an arithmetic contest by the senior pupils. The chair was taken by Rev. W. Haig. Addresses were given by Rev. A. A. Wall, Rev. C. Heise and Mr. B. Boston.

The most delightful part of the exercises for the boys and girls was the advent at the close of Mr. Santa Claus.

Mr. Wilmot Brumwell is busy threshing this week. This is the second week he has had the men running out "gold dust" for him.

Mr. Thos. Frisby has an enormous pile of No. 144 O. A. C. Oats. With over 2000 bushels and the prospects of getting about \$2.00 per bus, he certainly should be able to smile throughout the whole of 1927.

Now Mr. Editor some people predicted blue ruin for Canada when Premier King was returned to power. Do you think the farmers here are feeling the pinch?

## MAPLE

A good program of choruses recitations and dialogues marked the closing exercises of the public school on Wednesday last week. The rendering of all the numbers showed careful training by the teachers, Miss Carey and Miss McQuarrie. After the program the presents on the Christmas tree were distributed. Mr. T. McCormack acted as chairman.

The Community Hall was well-filled on Christmas night at the annual entertainment of the Sabbath School of the United Church. A splendid program of choruses, drills etc., followed by a play entitled, "Christmas at the Stebbens" was given by the members of the school.

Quite a number of family reunions were held on Christmas Day while some of the villagers sent the day with friends in the city.

Christmas services with appropriate music were held in the different churches on Sunday.

Mr. E. Parsons had the misfortune to break a small bone in his leg while skiing on Saturday on the farm of his father-in-law, Mr. Snider at Elia.

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

At this the dawn of the New Year we take this opportunity of extending to the people of this district our sincere wish that all may enjoy a Happy and Prosperous 1927.

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