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CHRISTMAS COMES

While so many lands are stained with blood and millions of men are killing each other with the most infernal means that the brain of man can devise, Christmas returns, and "the hopes and fears of all the years, are met in thee tonight."

And always the outstanding message of Christmas is "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men" and it is essential that we keep alive the spirit of Christmas if Peace and Goodwill is ever to return to this troubled world.

This time in the world's history is far from the first when goodwill appeared to be far distant, but it returned as it will again, if we lose not our faith in the Babe of Bethlehem.

There is in many lands today much the same feeling that existed at the very beginning of the Christian Era. The ancient world was filled with ill-will. To the Greeks, non-Greeks were barbarians, to the Jews, non-Jews were "Gayim" (outlanders), the early Romans had the word "Hostis" for both stranger and enemy.

The dictators would today do away with all the Goodwill which has been slowly created during the centuries. It is a heavy burden which has been placed upon Christian nations to strive for the return of such goodwill as existed half a century ago.

"So hush your noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing" as they sang of old "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men".

A MESSAGE TO YOUNGSTERS

No Santa Claus? Yes, my little man, there is a Santa Claus, thank God! The world indeed be poor without one. It is true that he does not always wear a white beard and drive a reindeer team — not always, you know — but what does it matter. He is Santa Claus with the big, loving, Christmas heart, for all that; Santa Claus with the kind of thoughts for everyone that make children and grown-up people beam with happiness all day long.

And shall we, the editor, tell you a secret which we did not learn at the post-office, but it is true all the same — of how you can always be sure your letters go to him straight by the chimney route. It is this: Send along with them a friendly thought for the boy you don't like; for Jack who punched you, or Jim who was mean to you. The meaner he was the harder do you resolve to make it up; not to bear a grudge. That is the stamp for the letter to Santa. Nobody can stop it, not even a cross-draught in the chimney, when it has that on.

Because — don't you know, Santa Claus is the spirit of Christmas; and ever and ever so many years ago when the dear little Babe was born, after whom we call Christmas, and was cradled in the manger out in the stable because there was not room in the inn, that Spirit came into the world to soften the hearts of men and make them love one another. Therefore, that is the mark of the Spirit to this day. Don't let anybody or anything rub it out. Then the rest doesn't matter. Let them tear Santa's white beard off at the Sunday School festival and growl in his bearskin coat. These are only disguises. The steps of the real Santa Claus you can trace all through the world as you have done here with us, and when you stand in the last of his tracks you will find the blessed Babe of Bethlehem smiling a welcome to you. For then you will be home.

King City District News

Congratulations to Mary Creighton of Kettleby, Isobel Walkington and Elizabeth Larkin of Eversley, form prize winners at Aurora High School, ranking high pupils in academic work for the year.

King W.I. heard the Convention Area report from Mrs. J. P. Norris, delegate. She had prepared a detail report of great interest to the members. Twenty dollars was voted to King Township Red Cross, proceeds from recent pictures. Twenty-five dollars will go to Central Fund war work. Laskay W.I. voted \$25 to Red Cross Russian relief.

King City "Tinee Club" are soliciting pennies for B.W.V. Christmas Cheer Fund. This group of girls set a good example in patriotic effort.

Two hundred and forty attended the fifth annual banquet of District Eight Milk Producers Association at Nobleton Community Hall on Dec. 10th. The Nobleton W.I. catered and an excellent entertainment was put on. Mr. Cockburn, Agricultural Representative, dropped in and offered useful suggestions to farmers in the labor shortage problem. "Plan the work early; exchange help and work" as an immediate means of relief, he advised. Mr. Ernest Carson was chairman of the evening.

The Commencement Exercises of Schomberg Continuation School will be held on December 18th in the Town Hall in conjunction with the annual Christmas entertainment by Continuation and Public School scholars. Mr. Elwood Dale, chairman of the school board, will act as host.

Prizes for academic proficiency go to Helen Abbott, grade 9; Jack Gourlay, grade 10; June Terry, Middle School. The athletic prizes go to Gibson Smith and Adeline Sullivan. The sportsmanship award given by principal Ferris Cantelon to William Stonehouse. June Terry, Howard Watson, Bruce McGuire and Hildegard Seager are the graduating class and Howard Watson is the Valedictorian.

Schomberg public school pupils have made a fine effort in gathering scrap metal and magazines and more than \$200 in War Savings Stamps.

Township schools as a whole have contributed well to these war efforts. The work goes on so quietly and consistently all the year that nothing but a school to school contact would check up on the results. The interest of teachers and pupils is so well established and apparently is given so little publicity that the general public does not fully realize the deep significance and far-reaching effects of the patriotic work of our Township schools. That is Democracy, the kind we appreciate; the kind that is lasting.

Mrs. Ben O'Brien, with ladies of the United Women's Missionary Society, was hostess to an afternoon tea at her home last Saturday afternoon. The full blown snow storm was in progress but a goodly number turned out to help on the good work of the W.M.S.

Aubrey Archibald has been engaged as mail carrier of Rural Route No. 1, replacing Cecil Kinnee who is working in munitions.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Everton Smith of Newmarket visited Mr. and Mrs. W. Rolling on Sunday.

The death of Mr. Luke Gibbons of Kettleby removes the township's oldest citizen. In his 96th year, Mr. Gibbons had lived all but two years on the farm where he was born. He was an interesting person and in his earlier days a man of literary talent, interested in the public affairs of his district and well known for his genial personality. His father and mother were pioneers at Kettleby. Carrying on the same pioneer farms is his daughter Mrs. George Paxton. There are two sons, one at Richmond Hill and one at Montana, U.S.A.; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Deceased was a devout Roman Catholic. The funeral service was held from St. John's Church, Newmarket, on Saturday, December 13, with interment in St. John's Cemetery.

A very worthy person was lost from Eversley locality in the person of Mrs. Albert Jones, whose death on December 10 followed a sudden illness of a painful and difficult nature. Her passing is a deep bereavement to her family and community and church. Those who shared her life knew her as a woman of excellent principles. Wherever she went her christian character manifested itself and was always a blessing. Her hands and home were always open to the church and any good cause. She was a member of

the Eversley Presbyterian Church, the W.M.S., the W.A., a former Sunday School teacher, choir member and church organist. The funeral service was held from the residence on Friday, December 12, Rev. Mr. Atkinson conducting. Interment was made in Maple Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Howard Cairns; one grandchild, Billie Cairns; three sisters, Mrs. Bert Hall, Mrs. Hilda Love, Mrs. James Fernley, and a brother James Fernley, all of Toronto. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

All Saints Nativity Pageant, to be held on Tuesday, December 30th will prove interesting, as talent and costuming are being well taken care of with special preparation for the production of an original nature, written by Miss Marjorie Jarvis of King.

Laskay United Y.P.U. closed the year with gratifying results, the missionary allocation of \$35 to be completed by the end of December. Rev. Mr. Anderson presided for the election of officers: Hon. Presidents, Mrs. Wm. Boys, Rev. H. J. Anderson; president, Marshall MacMurchy; past president, Lawrence Scott; secretary, Aubrey Glass; treasurer, Jesse Bryson and Bill Kerr; Convenors: Christian Fellowship, Vera Hunter; Missions, Helen Hunter; Citizenship, Lawrence Scott; Culture, Jas. Marwood; Publications, Lorne Scott, Bill Kerr; Recreation, George Forrester; Social Committee, Irene Marshall, Jean Ross, George Marwood; pianist, Irene Marshall, Marjorie MacMurchy.

Laskay S.S. anniversary will be held on Sunday, December 21, 2.30 p.m. S.T. An excellent Christmas entertainment on December 22 in the Hall. A good play and also slides on Dickens' "Christmas Carol" will be part of the program.

Mrs. Andrew McClure attended the monthly executive meeting of the W.M.S. Presbyterian at Knox Presbyterian Church last week.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY YOUR COAL

Who can tell what the conditions will be this winter. This year you are playing "second fiddle" to War. Why not avoid all worry and order "blue coal" NOW for next winter's supply. Your order appreciated. I. D. Ramer & Son, phone 10.

The Hotel Manager was passing down the passage one morning when he saw Boots kneeling at one of the bedroom doors cleaning a pair of shoes.

"What are you doing?" he asked. "Take them down to the basement at once and clean them there."

"Impossible, sir," replied the Boots, "there's a Scots gentleman inside the room, and he's hanging on to the laces."

Do Your Bit
**SAVE SCRAP METALS
 RAGS, PAPER, BONES**
 AND HELP
**WIN THIS
 WAR**
 SEE YOUR LOCAL COMMITTEE

Teston and District

Miss Hazel Carson, bride-to-be has been the recipient of many lovely and useful gifts at showers tendered for her by a community shower at her home recently and showers given by Mrs. N. MacDonald, Maple; Mrs. W. Hembruff, Toronto; Miss C. Layton, Toronto; Mrs. E. Patton, Laskay and Mrs. C. Wright, Toronto.

The church service at Teston on December 14th took the form of a Carol Service with appropriate passages of scripture.

Special Christmas music will be given by the choir next Sunday morning. There will also be a junior choir in attendance.

Members of Teston W.A. met at the home of Mrs. D. C. Murray on December 9th. Mrs. E. Carson gave the topic, "The Christmas Spirit". The roll call was answered by a Christmas Carol. The election of officers for 1942 took place and the slate reads: Presidents (each takes a 3-month term), Mrs. W. Windas, Mrs. L. Hadven, Miss H. Deisman, Mrs. W. Maginn; secretary, Mrs. B. Robson; assistant secretary, Mrs. W. Clarkson; treasurer, Mrs. J. Murray; pianist, Mrs. W. Williamson; Flower Committee, Mrs. H. Ireland, Mrs. P. McQuarrie. The four presidents make up the Parsonage Committee.

Laskay Sunday School concert will be held in the Institute Hall on Monday evening, December 22nd. Good program. Everybody welcome.



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