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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Time marches on and it is about time to tear the last sheet from the 1948 calendar. We may imagine if we had the old year back to live over again we could do much better with it, but it is very doubtful if we would, even if such a wish could be granted. Actually we have something much better than the granting of such a wish. We have a brand new year with every page clean and unsullied. What we do with the New Year is our individual challenge and our individual responsibility.

There are many resolutions we might make, but one all can profitably adopt is to play his part in life nobly and unselfishly. Looking back over the year that is past we as individuals and as a people have much for which to be truly grateful. We can sincerely thank God and take courage as we press on to the accomplishment of the tremendous tasks that lie before us in the coming year.

These are challenging days which will take the very best we can give if we are to meet the many problems of this changing world.

Here's to the New Year with the wish that for all readers of The Liberal it may be a better year than 1948, and that the New Year now dawning may have in store much in happiness, peace and security for all the people of Canada.

NEW THEATRE OPENS

The Richmond Theatre which officially opened to-night will be an asset to the community and will fill a long-felt want. The theatre is modern in every respect and embodies all the very newest in design and equipment for the safety, comfort and enjoyment of the patrons.

The movie theatre provides opportunity for entertainment and relaxation at a small cost and is a necessity in the modern community. Movie entertainment will henceforth be available right at home and will prove a convenience to the people of the district.

The Theatre opening marks another milestone in Richmond Hill's progress and development. Not only does it give Yonge Street a fine modern and attractive building but it also will be an attraction which will bring many people to the village for business, and makes the community more attractive to prospective residents and home builders.

Congratulations and best wishes to "The Richmond". May it prosper and long continue to make a worthwhile contribution to the community life of Richmond Hill and surrounding district.

"Cry, The Beloved Country"

By Alan Paton
Scribners
Reviewed by Dora Lamb

A novel involving racial prejudice on a national scale seems almost certain to inspire a reader at its close with rage; righteous or otherwise, according to his lights. So many books these past few years have fallen into this category and while righteous wrath is a healthy experience, it is not the most inspiring one. Compassion is the main emotion aroused by this book and it therefore appears to be the most successful book written on the subject.

Mr. Paton was, for many years, a social worker in South Africa and he came in time to see behind the hatred and oppression the motivating factor of the stark tragedy being enacted in his beautiful country. It was fear, —unspoken, deep-rooted, and all pervading. As a result of this insight he has written a deeply sincere and moving story, above bitterness and bigotry.

We are immediately captivated in the opening sentences, "There is a lovely road that runs from Ixope into the hills. These hills are grass-covered and rolling, and they are lovely beyond any singing of it. The road climbs seven miles into them, to Caris brooks; and from there, if there is no mist, you look down on one of the fairest valleys in Africa."

We come upon the hero directly, the Reverend Stephen Kumalo, descendant of the proud Zulu race and Anglican minister whose pastorate lies in a remote district once rich land but now fast declining. The essence of Kumalo is his moving quality of innocence and gentleness. Violence and hatred are unknown to him. When he searches for his lost son in the unsavory reaches of Johannesburg this innocence of the dark evil of the native section shines purely like a candle flame.

With the aid of a few friends, memorable people all of them, and after many vicissitudes Kumalo finally finds his son. Here tragedy ensues.

A white man who had dedicated his life to justice for the natives had been killed and Kumalo's son charged with his murder.

The scenes that follow are unforgettable. The most memorable is a superb description of the meeting between Kumalo and the father of the murdered man. The book reaches a slow and beautiful climax when Kumalo returns to his home and keeps a solitary vigil through the last night of his son's life high on a hill in Ndotsheni.

"And while he stood there the sun rose in the east.

Yes, it is the dawn that has come. The titihoya wakes from sleep, and goes about its work of forlorn crying. The sun tips with lights the mountains of Ingeli and East Griqualand. The great valley of the Umzimkulu is still in darkness, but the light will come there. Ndotsheni is still in darkness, but the light will come there also. For it is the dawn that has come, as it has come for a thousand centuries, never failing. But when that dawn will come, of our emancipation from the fear of bondage and the bondage of fear, why, that is secret."

Mr. Paton in his first novel has

not faltered and has, in fact attained his goal with a minimum of words and no involved emotions whatsoever. The book has almost everything to recommend it; beautiful prose, direct narrative, and an inspiring subject.

Alan Paton's book, reviewed by Dora Lamb, is one of the many new books that will be available to the public when the Library opens early in January.

TESTON

Did you know that in Vaughan Township there is a little town called Teston. It consists of a church, a few houses, Case Implement Dealer, General Store, Hardware Store and a Shur-Gain Feed Service Mill.

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Now you may want some hardware. You will find this in the store where you will be waited on by Hazel. There also you may find a joke tied up with your order.

If you want to see Roy, he may be in the mill the store or on the road — getting goods for you or taking them to you.

At this time of year we would like to thank all our customers of the past sixteen years for their patronage and hope to serve you and any new customers that would like to shop in our humble little town as we are ready to serve you from the time we get up in the morning till we get to bed at night.

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We wish to one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mr. Carl Heise and Mr. Harvey Stickley left last week to enjoy three months in California.

A disreputable-looking character waylaid a member of the Raquet Club as he stepped into his roadster, and whined: "Gimme a nickel, mister, I'm starving."

The member obliged, but couldn't help remarking, "I'm afraid you won't be able to buy much food for a nickel in a time like this."

"It's not for food," said the vagrant. "I ain't had a bite now for eight days and I wanna weigh myself."

Happy New Year
and happier housing
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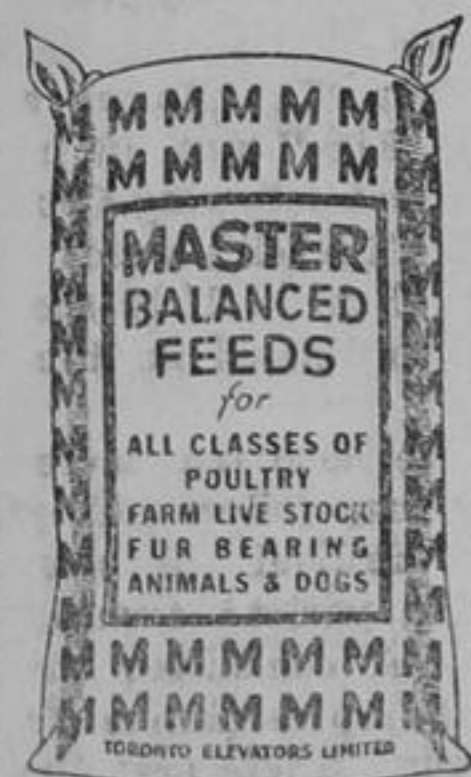
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