

## King-Vaughan Hockey 1951-52 Season

Dec. 14: Bolton vs Kleinburg, 8:00 p.m.  
Kettleby vs Nobleton  
Dec. 19: Kettleby vs Kleinburg, 8:30 p.m.  
Dec. 21: King vs Bolton 8 p.m.  
Schomberg vs Nobleton  
Dec. 26: Bolton vs Nobleton, 8:30 p.m.  
Dec. 28: Schomberg vs Kettleby, 8 p.m.  
King vs Kleinburg

Jan. 2: King vs Kettleby 8:30 p.m.  
Jan. 4: Nobleton vs Kleinburg  
Bolton vs Schomberg  
Jan. 9: Schomberg vs Kleinburg, 8:30 p.m.  
Jan. 11: King vs Nobleton  
Kettleby vs Bolton.

All games are played in the Nobleton Arena. The Wednesday night games start half an hour later than the regular Friday night games.

## Let's Fix Up Our Homes For The Festive Season

Let's put it this way. Christmas is coming and you're looking forward to a jolly time, with lots of fancy lighting and colorful decorations — and it strikes you that some spots in your home are, well, not so new-looking as you would wish. Actually a bit shabby in places. Yours is a nice home, but maybe a trifle overdue for a retouching job at the beauticians.

You note the worn edges of your thresholds. There's a "traffic" trail across your stained and waxed floor. As the evening shadows lengthen outside, you notice your hall doesn't brighten up to greet you the way you'd like it to when

you switch on the light. As for your kitchen, where you expect to be unusually busy soon, it could do with a "lift."

Yes, there may indeed be need for a beauty treatment and who, better than yourself, can diagnose? You can direct the application too, with the help of the men of the house. You can do quite a bit of it yourself, in fact. A touch of paint, properly applied, and the worn threshold the chipped indoor window sill, can be patched to look brand new. A stained and waxed floor will respond to a patching operation too. Your kitchen, however, may need a rather more thorough going over.

More than in summer, when vacations and week-end excursions often have eased the load, your kitchen is in for a daily bombardment of steam and grease. A bright new color scheme will do a great deal here to preserve during the months to come the summery brightness the weather will not always supply. Whatever scheme you adopt should be light and airy. Enamels, easily cleaned and highly resistant to stain, have their place here. An off-white — ivory or cream or perhaps sunshine yellow — is popular, and a deeper hue for the dado and a red trim for gaiety, is an idea to consider.

Give a thought to some of the attractive new deep colors for your hall. Here again reds are stimulating, and in this transient spot of your home you can afford to be rather more daring than elsewhere. Deep greens provide a friendly atmosphere. Or perhaps, if you don't want to go too far at this time, it may suffice to paint just one wall in a bright light-reflecting color; in as little as two or three hours you can create a real transformation. The old-time smell of paint is no deterrent nowadays, either; in the past ten years or so the manufacturers have relieved it of its former offensiveness. Paint nowadays has a clean odor; many people find it actually pleasant.

How's your front door? The festive season is a time when visitors come. Maybe you'll have a Christmas tree on the veranda, adding a jolly touch, and a big red bow of ribbon on your door, with perhaps a cane painted barber-pole fashion to look like candy. After a couple of days of good weather, it may be as well to re-finish your door, to keep up with the gaiety of the occasion. First repair any cracks in the woodwork with one of the many available commercial crack fillers. And at this time of year, it may be as well to work in direct sunshine.

While you're using paints and finishes, also, it's a good idea to look to your decorations. Pine cones lightly painted and sprinkled with artificial snow before they are quite dry make a pleasing addition to your Christmas finery. You can paint up a packing case to make a toy-chest for Junior — who will be scattering his gifts untidily around if he has no place to keep them. In fact there's no end of things you can do just now with a paint brush to be just the beautician your home may really need.

## "Literally Speaking"

... About Books

### A DRAGON APPARENT By Norman Lewis

Far-away places with romantic names have a fascination all their own: Cambodia, Saigon, Angkor Vat — exotic and evocative of thoughts of golden-colored dancing girls, Buddhist temples in the jungle, and the customs of strange people.

In "A Dragon Apparent," Norman Lewis sets out to find for himself what these places are really like. Most people will enjoy taking the journey with him.

This is primarily a travel book, about a country — Indo-China — of which too little is known in the West. The publishers claim that it is "clear, objective reporting." It is good reporting, but it is not objective. Rather it is interpretative: the study of a Far Eastern colony by a European stranger who has a deep-rooted hatred of imperialism. It is not a book that will be welcomed by the Quai d'Orsay.

Lewis sees the French purely as exploiters, taking advantage, sometimes in the most brutal fashion of a conquered people for selfish ends. He takes the fairly general view that soon the foreign invader will be driven out by the new upsurge of nationalism, and says as he leaves:

"I wondered whether it had all been worth it — the brief shotgun marriage with the West, now to be so relentlessly broken off. Had there been, after all, some mysterious historical necessity for all the bloodshed, the years of scorn, the servitude, the contempt?"

Although he established contact with the Vietminh, though little explained means, the author gives no sign of the fact that the rebels are tools of Moscow and armed by the Chinese Communists. Nor does he indicate that the French, perforce, are now in the vanguard of the free world's battle against the Reds.

His impressions are of the wealthy planters, knowing their time to be limited, conscripting native labor to swell their profits even though the men may not survive. When the supply runs out locally, he claims, planters have enough influence to suggest getting as workers trained men in uniform.

Even high Vietnamese officials serving in the Bao Dai regime told him, he says, that they hated the French, "who are driving us into Communism." He does not emphasize the tremendous difficulties the administration has fought since 1945, and seems to have failed to appreciate the significance of the immense loss of face suffered by the French when they did not defend the country against Japanese invasion.

However, as already mentioned, the book is a complete success as

a colorful travel document. Lewis has been to wild and dangerous territory far from the tourist routes, and while he does not say so, several of his trips must have taken considerable mental and physical courage.

In clear, pungent prose he describes the customs of strange races and cultures on the point of vanishing. The lavish photographic illustrations give an excellent idea of the story's background. Naturally he visited the fabulous temple ruins of Angkor Vat, "probably the most spectacular man-made remains in the world," which drained the wealth and manpower of thousands of villages for generations.

There is a John Gunther-like quality about Lewis's ability to find and correlate facts about a country hitherto unknown to him. He writes on vivid initial impressions which he manages to convey to the reader intact.

"A Dragon Apparent" is very readable, and will open the eyes of many to things the existence of which they had not suspected.

### CAROLINA QUEST By Richard M. Saunders

This is the story of a jaunt taken by Mr. Saunders — who is professor of modern history at the University of Toronto — in the June of 1936 for the purpose of seeing and hearing birds he had not had opportunity of encountering before. He was accompanied on the trip by Thomas Murry, at that time a student at Toronto, and now a quite noted bird watcher. The book is enriched with some charming woodcuts of bird life by Sylvia Hahn. Professor Saunders has the gift of writing pleasant narrative, and even if bird watching is not one of your hobbies you will find yourself carried along and becoming almost as enthusiastic about each bird discovery as the author. And there seem to be so many birds in South Carolina — dozens of different warblers, herons, egrets, rails, terns, pelicans and many others; colorful birds and birds that sing, friendly birds like the tits (kin to our chickadees) and the great lonely vultures.

And one encounters human beings, also — sometimes seeming almost as strange as the birds. It is a pleasure to meet "Old-Man-Dorricott" and certainly pleasanter to dine with him vicariously than in actuality.

The final chapter is devoted to birds of the south in Canada; for many of the birds that were new to the author in South Carolina he has since seen and welcomed along the shores of Ontario lakes. His description of some 80 persons all eagerly waiting for a rail to appear — much to the bewilderment of a provincial policeman — forms a delightful coda to the book.

## The Sports Clinic

(An official department of Sports College)  
Conducted by Lloyd "Ace" Percival

### MANOEUVERABILITY

The ability to manoeuvre on ice wins hockey games and nicknames as shown by Max "Twinkletoes" Bentley of the N.H.L. Toronto Maple Leafs.

The nickname part is relatively unimportant. "Butches" can win hockey games too. But they also need manoeuvrability. Brawny Butch Bouchard showed that with the Montreal Canadiens. He has learned the knack of moving his bulky body into the paths of rushing forwards with resulting bruises to the forwards — and control of the puck.

Star hockey players like Bouchard and Bentley have found their ability to manoeuvre aptly in their own positions invaluable aids.

The ability to skate into scoring or defensive positions is not a born talent. It is the result of

practice — not skating practice alone but a thorough study of control skating. That means cutting, not from one direction but from and to all directions.

One of the most important aspects of control skating in hockey is the cross over. It is found that some stars can reverse, cross or change direction instantaneously. Combined with speed and the ability to stickhandle they generally are the stars who have most goal scoring opportunities.

The cross over is nothing more than cutting corners — getting to an awkward situation quickest in the best possible shape to utilize a break. To be effective a player must be able to cross both to his right and his left.

The ideal training program for workout for the hockey player who wishes to utilize his corner cutting abilities to best advantage is a square skating exercise. For the exercise beginners, a 40 foot square is best. It can easily be formed with four chairs, pucks or even snowballs. As manoeuvrability is increased, the square should be decreased, first to 30 feet then to 20 feet.

The skater moves first to the right and then to the left. After timing his swing around the square he probably finds turning in one direction takes one or more seconds more than the swing the other way. That then, is an immediate fault to be practiced until it is corrected.

As the swings around the square become faster the skater should develop fluid ease in cutting corners and changing directions. With that ease comes manoeuvrability which pays off in goals for forwards and effective checks for defencemen.

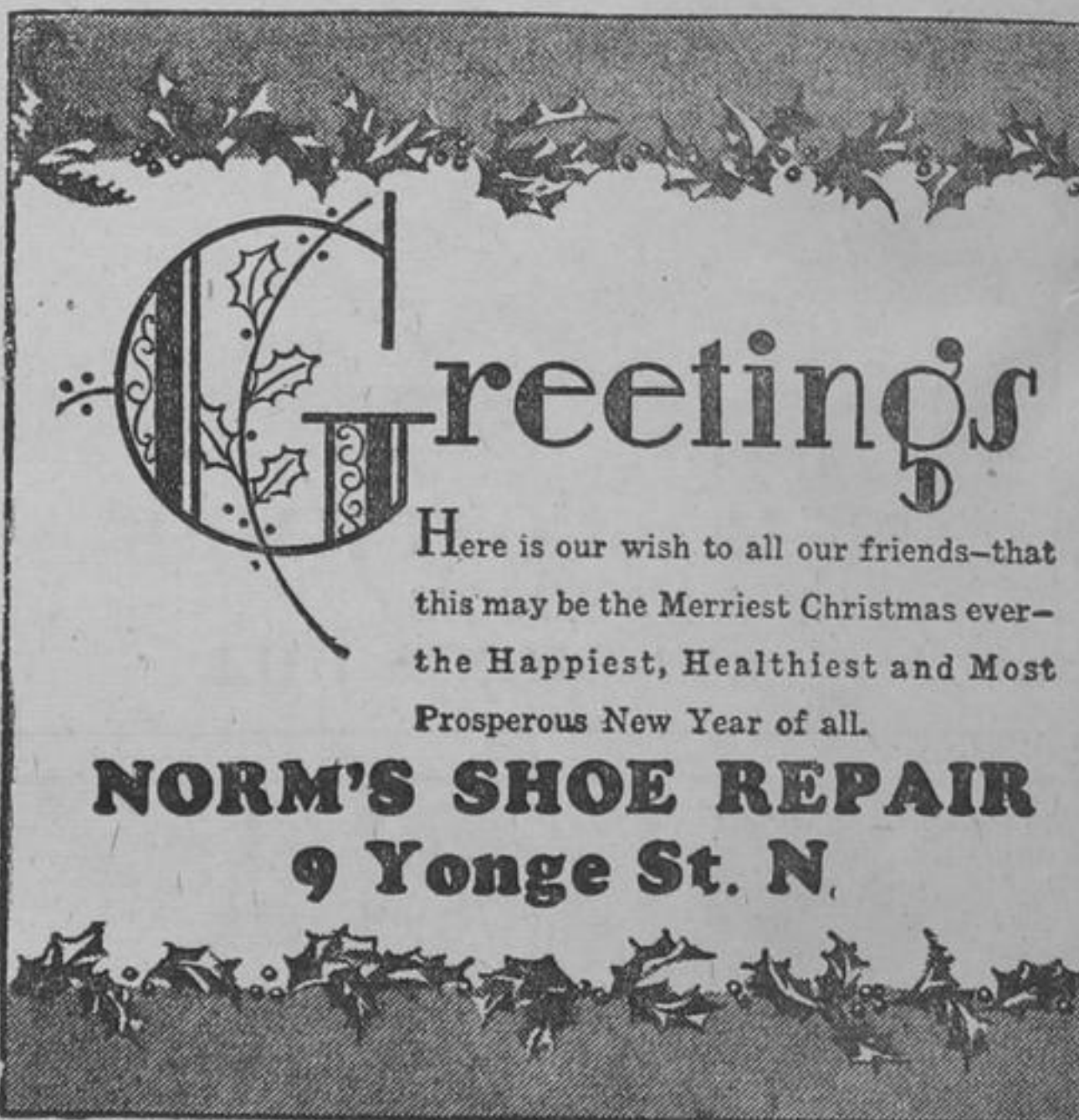
In The Hockey Handbook, a 160,000 word instructional guide written by Lloyd Percival, an entire chapter is devoted to the subject of skating and its development. This book can be obtained from Sports College for \$3.50 plus 10c postage.

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
May a joyous Christmas usher in a New Year of happiness and good health for all our cherished friends.

**E. C. Mansbridge & Staff**



**Greetings**  
Here is our wish to all our friends — that this may be the Merriest Christmas ever — the Happiest, Healthiest and Most Prosperous New Year of all.

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**A WISH FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**British American Service Station**  
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**Silent night...**

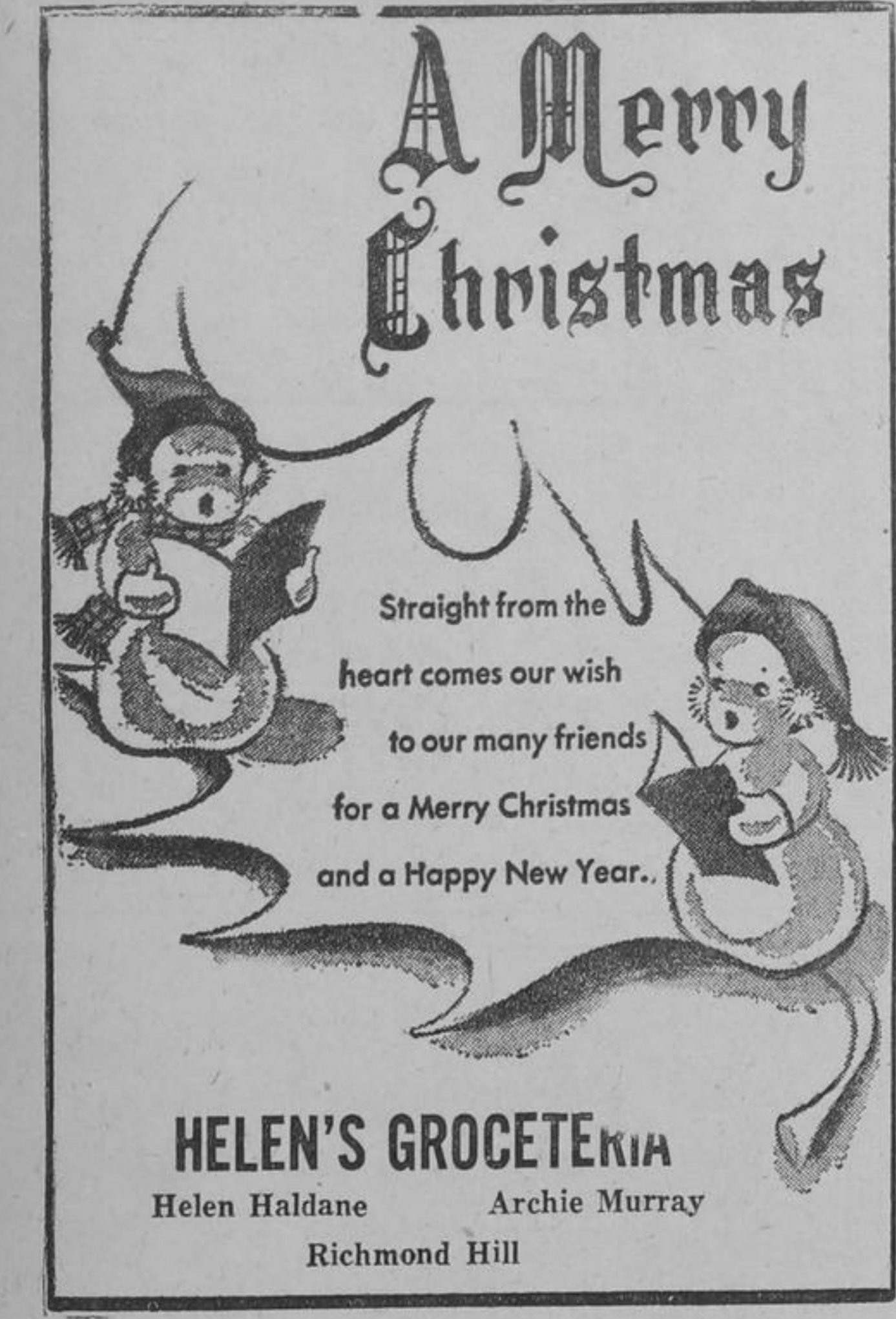
As joyous songs of Christmas Night  
Ring out in their own sweet way  
May all be calm and all be bright  
In the hearts of our friends this day.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

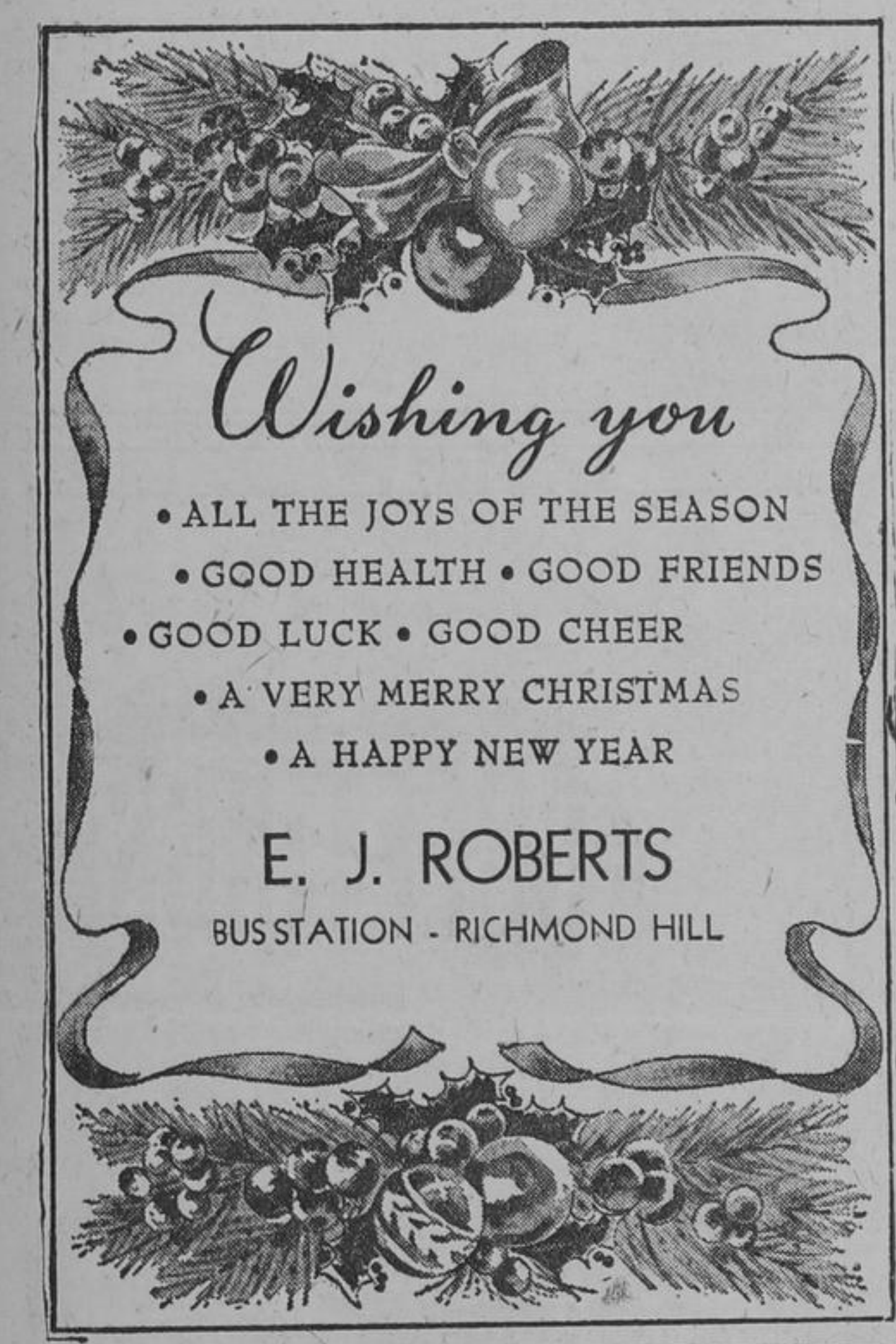
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## A Merry Christmas

Straight from the heart comes our wish to our many friends for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Helen Haldane Archie Murray  
Richmond Hill



**Wishing you**

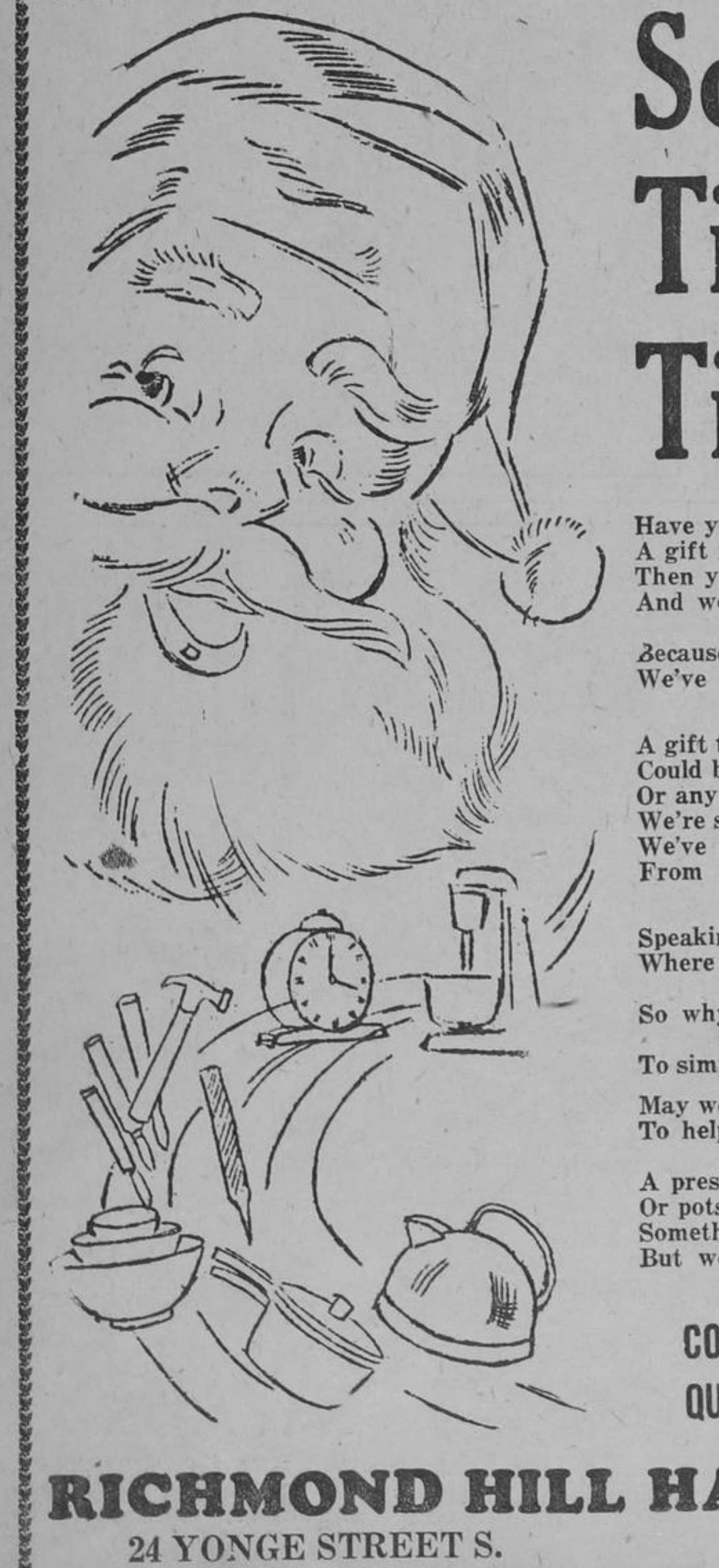
- ALL THE JOYS OF THE SEASON
- GOOD HEALTH • GOOD FRIENDS
- GOOD LUCK • GOOD CHEER
- A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
- A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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**BE MERRY**  
And the New Year  
**BRING YOU**  
**HAPPINESS**  
and  
**CONTENTMENT**

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## Some Timely Tips

Have you a problem on your mind? A gift for someone you cannot find? Then you'd better call around on us. And we'll help you out of your fret and fuss.

Because right under our very roof We've gifts for the smart, gifts for the aloof.

A gift that'll bring dad a cheery smile Could be a chisel, a hammer or file, Or anything in the workbench line We're sure you'll find will fit in fine. We've such a variety of stocks From big white bowls to kitchen clocks.

Speaking of kitchen, that's the place Where you always find mother's happy face. So why not buy something shiny bright To simplify her kitchen plight.

May we suggest a nice Mix Master To help her make those swell meals faster.

A pressure pot, an electric kettle, Or pots and pans of durable metal. Something she wouldn't buy herself But would love to have on her top shelf.

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