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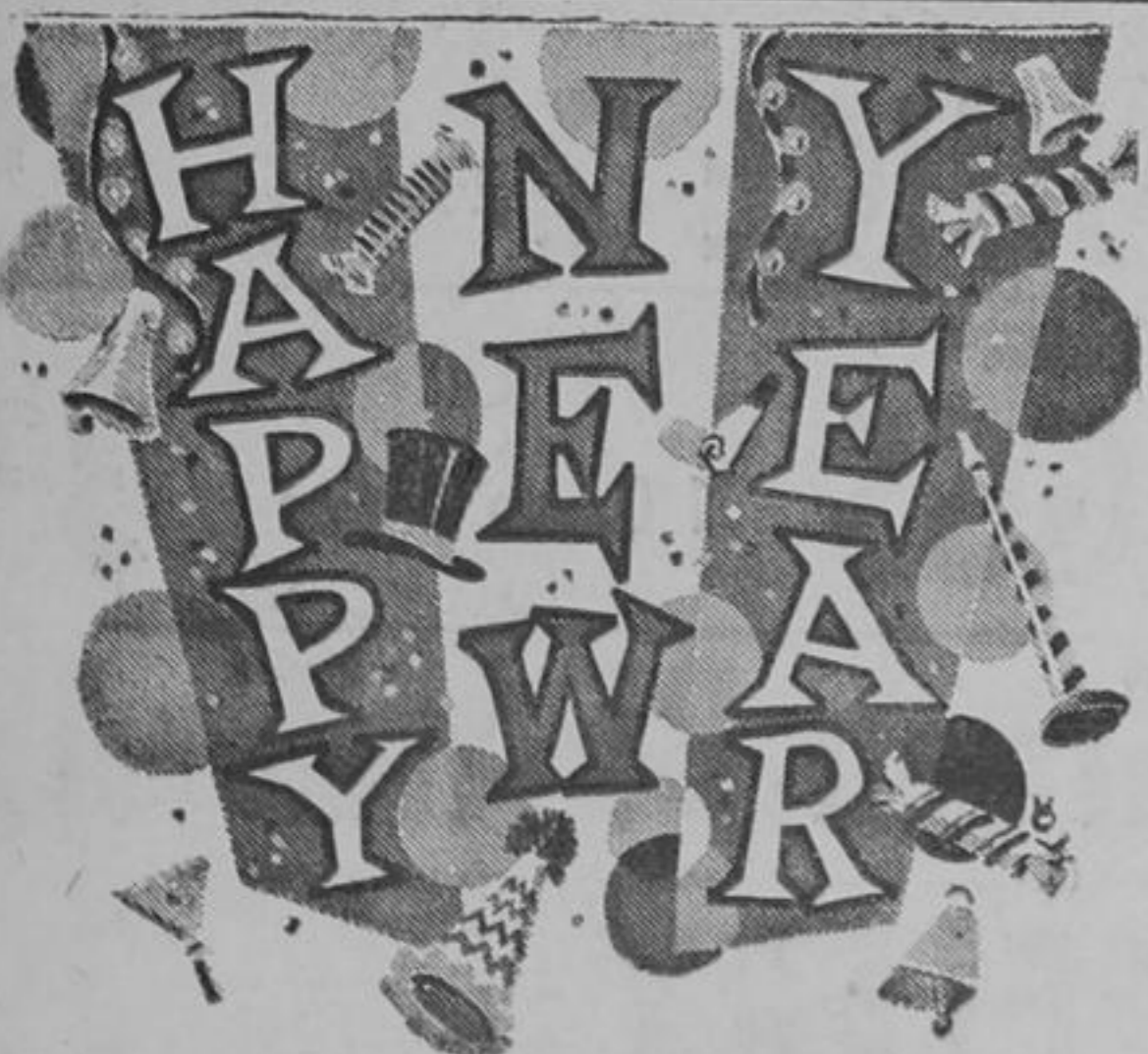
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Forums Differ On Advisability Unemployment Insurance On Farm

(By Mrs. R. Stuart)
The majority of Farm Forum members in Ontario stated they were in favor of unemployment insurance for farm workers but were divided in their opinion as to whether or not this should be administered on a compulsory basis. That, in brief, sums up the first part of the discussion on "Social Security on Canadian Farms," discussed by Forum members early this month.

The Edgeley Farm Forum was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jackson and the two discussion groups were divided in their findings. One group thought unemployment insurance would encourage a better class of help to come to the farm, also help hold a good man while he may be laid off through a slack period. This was on a voluntary basis. The other group, also on a voluntary basis said that we cannot see that the farmer with one or two men will want it. May be alright where there is a large number of employees, the Forum members stated.

When considering the types of pension plans for farmers, the Forums were one third in favor of a private plan. Quite a substantial number thought life insurance and government annuities provided the best kind of pension. Edgeley Farm Forum members reported, however, that a person may pay into a private plan for years, then when drawing on the pension, find the

value of the money may be very different. They think it is best for a farmer who wants a pension to work out his own plan. A few Forums suggested that the old age pension should commence at the age of 65 and that others stated that it should be increased. Farmers should be able to invest their money any way they see fit, returns from this,

supplemented by the old age pension should provide for retirement. Springville Farm Forum stated: "We feel the average farmer can best provide a pension plan through building up his farm equity and carrying a comparable amount of life insurance which will provide him with both savings and protection."

VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS

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A very happy and prosperous New Year to one and all is the sincere wish of your correspondent.

Tyro
The Tyro boys with their leaders, Mr. Art Story and Mr. Roger Tedwell, along with Mr. Percy Bennett, held their Christmas party on Saturday afternoon. They enjoyed an afternoon of skating at Easton's pond. Refreshments were served at the Sunday school room by Mrs. Story and Mrs. Bennett. Gifts were exchanged.

On Friday evening of last week 21 members of the Victoria Square and District Lions Club and two visitors boarded one of Lion Gordon Morton's buses and went a-carrying to the Gormley Rest Home, Jones Groceries, Arnold Farms and the I.G.A. at Alencourt. V. Mickelsen provided their accordian accompaniment.

They returned to the home of Lion Dr. Ian Glenroy where refreshments were served. Lion Lawson Mumberson dug out one of his top silk hats for the occasion.

Church News
The flowers in the church on Christmas Sunday morning were in loving memory of Mrs. V. Westbrook and Mr. Louis Stoutenburgh.

During the service on Christmas Sunday morning the service of infant baptism was held when John Edward Houck, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Houck, and James Mark Petty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Petty were baptized by Rev. A. F. Binnington. The minister was assisted by the Clerk of Session, Mr. Heber McCague.

The choir sang two Christmas anthems and Mrs. Allan Orr sang a solo. Rev. Binnington gave a very inspiring Christmas message.

Candlelight Service
The annual candlelight and vesper service of the CGIT and Explorers of Victoria Square was held in Victoria Square United Church Sunday evening. The service proved to be very impressive.

Mrs. John McCague, leader of the CGIT conducted the service. The Tyro boys were the ushers and took up the offering. Rev. A. F. Binnington gave the closing benediction.

Sunday School Concert
On Wednesday evening, December 23, the annual Sunday School Christmas concert was held with a good attendance. Mrs. L. Mumberson was mistress of ceremonies. Miss Anne Buchanan was at the piano.

Farm Forum
Be sure to watch Channel 3 on your TV on Sunday evening, January 3 from 5:30 to 6 p.m., as there will be two friends of local interest appearing on the Farm Forum broadcast. The subject will be "Adjustment in the number of farms in Canada". Every Sunday in January someone from York County will appear on this broadcast.

Church News
Our three churches have promised to support the Toronto Home Missions Council Extension Fund over a three year period. The council has committed itself to nearly \$100,000 in York Presbytery alone. It is interested in helping Oak Ridges, St. Matthews, Richmond Hill, East Gwillimbury, Newmarket, and Regency Acres, Aurora. In addition there is extension work all over the three Toronto Presbyteries and the rebuilding of the Fred Victor Mission. If you have not made a contribution to the fund as yet in 1959 the treasurer of the fund for our churches would be pleased to receive it this week. Headford Mr. Freeman Barker; Brown's Corners - Mr. Edgar Fuller; Victoria Square - Mr. Fraser Gee.

On Sunday, January 3, 1960, at 11:30 a.m. Rev. A. F. Binnington will be in charge of the church service. The reception of new members will be held, also Holy Communion.

Annual Meeting
The time for the annual meetings approaches. All organizations are asked to have their books audited and their annual reports ready as soon after the close of 1959 as possible.

The suggested dates for the annual meetings are: Brown's Corners, January 19; Headford, January 21; and Victoria Square, January 22.

Park Meeting
The annual meeting of the Park Committee will be held in the Victoria Square Community Hall on Thursday evening, January 7, at 8 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to everyone in the community to attend. It is requested that there be a good attendance. W.A.

The executive of the W.A. will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. M. Jarvis on Monday, January 4, at 2 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

Neighbourhood Notes
Birthday greetings to Allan Nichols for December 30.

Mrs. Mary Buchanan has returned home after spending three weeks in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Matthews and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter

Jeffries and family, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brown and family, Miss Marjorie Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barber Jr. and Timothy spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barber Sr. and David.

Mrs. R. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Morton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barker and Ross, Miss Minnie Pickering spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pickering and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nichols, Miss Vera Nichols, Mr. Wilfred Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boynton and Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Canning and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sandle and girls spent Christmas with Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Boynton, Grace, David and Donald.

Mrs. P. Willows and Mrs. Hewitt spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ridley and family at Whitby.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Nigh spent Christmas with Mrs. F. Walker and Freddie.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker, Mr. and Mrs. George Veitch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Steckley and Miss Margaret Walker spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry West of Newmarket, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bennett and Ricky of Richmond Hill had Christmas Eve dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett.

Our college friends who are home for the holiday are: Misses Lillian and Faye Nichols, Miss Betty Hill, Allan Binnington, George Collard, Denton Brumwell and David Boynton.

Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Binnington and Allan spent Christmas with Dr. Vera Binnington and Mr. E. L. Binnington at Dixie.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mumber-son of Barrie, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ridpath of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Mumberson. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mumber-son are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Mumberson.

Miss Olive Glover spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hazelwood and family at Richvale, and is staying with them for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Jarvis spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Len Martin and family at Leaside.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hart and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Harrington and family at Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and boys of Etobicoke, Mrs. L. Knapp and Irene, Mr. and Mrs. John Empringham spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farr, Mr. Ken Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tyndall and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fawcett and family, Mrs. J. King and Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Collard, June and George spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Morton and Joy.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nichols, David, Carroll and Barbara, of Willowdale, Mrs. Percy Nichols of Parkhill, paid visit on Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nichols.

Thornhill Notes

Thornhill United Church

On Sunday, December 20th, the children of the Junior and Intermediate Departments of the Thornhill United Church Sunday School presented a colourful pageant, depicting the birth of Christ. It was held in the Sunday School Auditorium at 4 p.m. and was well attended. Approximately 45 children took part. Congratulations to them for an excellent performance, as well as to the two directors, Mrs. Roland Pack and Mrs. Roy Jones.

The Christmas Eve Service at the church was well attended. The choir presented the Cantata "This is Noel" and this was followed by a carol service and by Communion, with 180 people taking Communion.

Social Notes
Miss Marilyn Fugler of 116 Thornridge Drive, Thornhill was given several showers last week, prior to her marriage on Saturday, December 26th to Robert Miner. On Saturday, December 19th, Miss Anne Redman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Redman, No. 7 Highway, gave her a pantry shower which was attended by 30 friends.

Miss Judy Royale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Royale, of 6 Blain Drive, Don Mills gave a linen shower at the home of her

parents on Sunday, December 20th and the 20 friends present showered the bride with a wide variety of handsome linens. On Monday, December 20th, Mrs. Robert McKeown, the bride's sister-in-law held a miscellaneous shower at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Miner, 787 Spadina Rd., Toronto with 45 friends present.

On Tuesday evening, following the wedding rehearsal, a buffet supper was held at the bride's home. On Wednesday evening, December 23rd, also at the bride's home, Dr. Emerson Dowd, of Toronto, the bride's uncle, held a shower, but for the groom it was a Sox and shorts shower, and the groom received a useful supply also of hankies and ties.

Well folks, sorry this is all I have for you this week, but at the moment we have been without hydro for about 10 hours, which means we have no heat, light, water or cooking facilities. The typewriter keys are glacial to touch and I must get busy trying to whip up a meal at the fireplace. So if I have singed eyebrows the next time you see me, you'll know why.

And a Happy New Year to you, too!

Thoughts and Theories

by Elizabeth Kelson

We are standing at the threshold of a brand new year. This year to come is 1960, a gift that God has given us to do with as we please. Twelve golden months, a very precious gift indeed. We shall be rewarded, each to his desire, according to the way we use this good gift today. It will be during this year of promise and hope which will decide whether we pave the way for the greater gift of 1961.

The one force that this year of 1960 needs more than anything else is love. It is the only creative and constructive force in the world. Hate, whether it be between nations or individuals is destructive, and hate at the present time can destroy the world. The Christmas song of yesterday promised peace to men of goodwill, and fulfillment of this promise alone can avert world tragedy. If hate wins out, it may well be, that there will be no more Christmases and each New Year, an everlasting nightmare as well as a monument to the foolishness of mankind.

No nation is any better than the individual families that compose it. If the primitive family bickerings, jealousies and resentments cannot be resolved between its members, the general health of the family will suffer. The governing bodies of each village, town, city, province and country are made up of individuals whose home base is usually the family. If the pattern of their home living is revealed in their public life by means of backbiting, name calling or dishonesty of business practices, the general health of the country suffers also. These are delicate subjects perhaps but who can honestly deny that corrupt conditions exist in one form or another. The year 1960 will not be a year for sugar coating the evils that exist nor will it be a blind for the dangers that may be latent in its tomorrows. The saying, "everybody does it" is used by many to justify their actions. The standards of others are never a proper measure for any individual. The gospel of love has been the greatest insight into the real nature of things that the world has ever known. Let love be the answer, the Peace and Goodwill of the Son of man. Everything that is good in the world has been the direct result of this altruistic love, and its lack has been the cause of most of its sorrows. It is the custom to make good resolutions at this time of year. Add one more, about loving your neighbor as yourself, and if you don't like yourself, make one more. Get to like yourself too. Twelve golden months until the very end!

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