

PLEASANT HOMES

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HOLIDAY PARTIES HAVE THE STAGE THIS WEEK
Even Good Times Have Individuality This Year — Ideas for Festive Entertaining— Suggestions for Droppers-In.

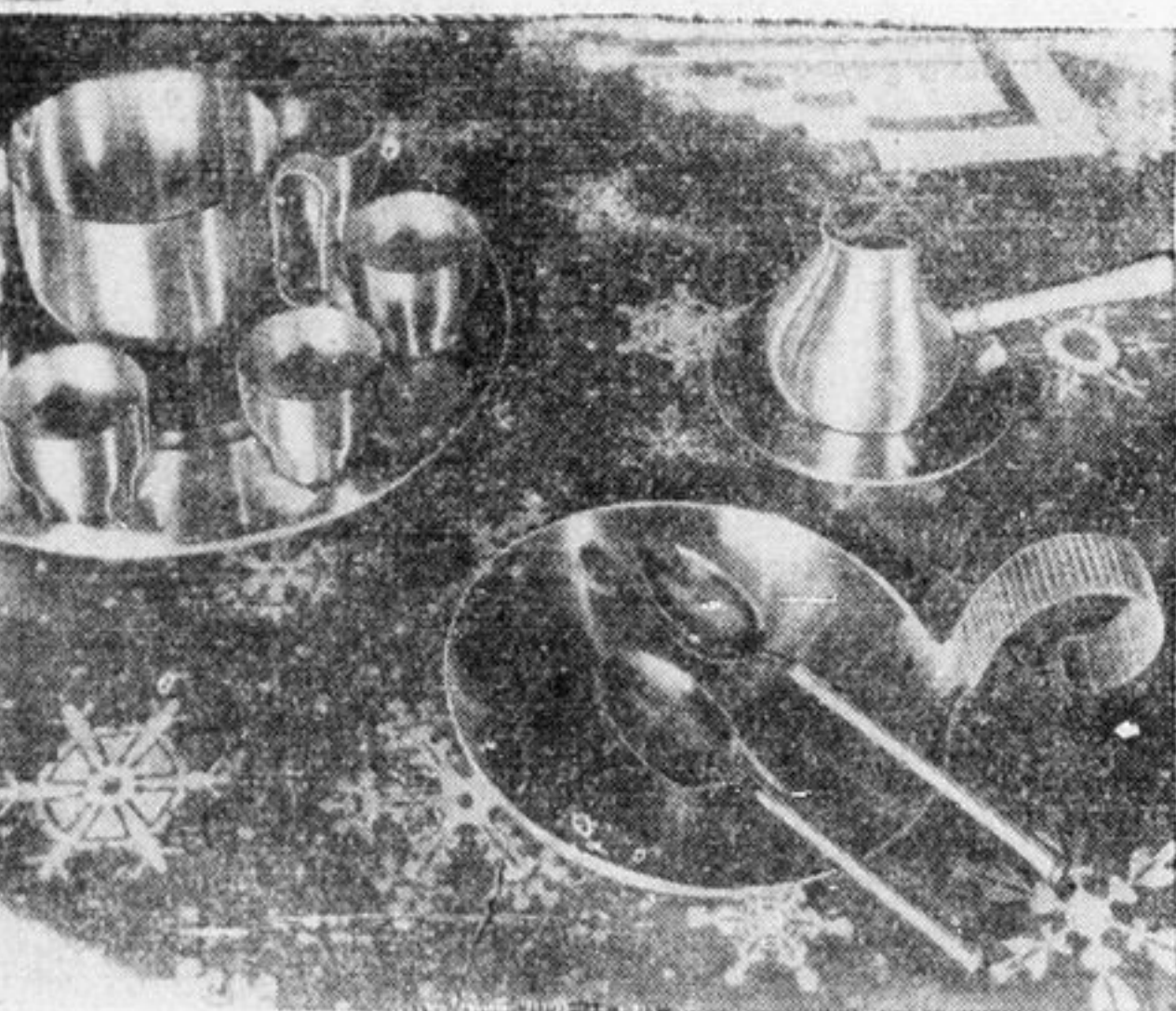
Everybody I know seems to be getting ready for big doings — I guess Christmas always is more fun when it comes on a week-end, and the festi-



Be ready to serve again, especially to friends who drop in on New Year's day if you want to make your home seem really gracious and hospitable. We suggest tea and cakes as the simplest type of refreshment to get ready on the spur of the minute for whoever happens to drop in.

ties will continue all week. Our "party" has been having a lot of fun planning personality parties — that is, having parties that reflect their own taste or play on their names. The Carrolls, for instance, had an old-time sing on Christmas night. The house was decorated with big silver bells with silver glass balls replacing the tongue in-

a large poster with music and words of a famous carol drawn on it with illuminated decorations. A cluster of bells on each side and a row of candles added festivity. Mrs. Carroll served cake and coffee — what more could we eat on Christmas night? But the cake had in white with big notes of music in red icing for decoration. All



A buffet supper is an easy and sociable way to entertain your holiday company. Here spun aluminum ware by Russel Wright is set on a red linen cloth with white snowflakes for its pattern—Marguerita Mergentime was the designer of the cloth. You could achieve the same effect by sprinkling paper snowflakes all over the dark red cloth for a festive evening.

the old time Christmas songs were sung by everybody, along with some special solos, duets and quartets, all in all a grand musical evening.

The MacPhersons had a Scotch party one night during Christmas—a ten-cent store party — with everybody bringing a dime gift wrapped in some Scotch way. Mrs. MacPherson served a buffet supper, set on a plaid gingham tablecloth with wooden bowls and trays and with tin funnel candlesticks. The ceiling of the dining room was plaid too, made by tacking colored ribbons across the ceiling both ways. The menu was "Scotch woodcock," fruit, salad, tea and scones.

The Aldens are going to have a New England supper with real Boston baked beans and brown bread as the menu. The table will be fun—it's to be a boistered set on a pair of saw horses. Just for the fun of it, the dining room will be lighted with kerosene lamps and the Aldens are digging up old family mottoes and samplers to hang up. These will be draped with garlands of pine and spruce. Pasted on the window panes there will be white paper snow flakes of various sizes to create the illusion of a real New England night in deep winter.

The middletons are Southerners from way back, so they're planning a regular "Gone With the Wind" open-house, complete with egg-nogs, mistletoe. And because a southern holiday event wouldn't be complete without firecrackers, they're having quite a handsome display as soon as dark falls.

The Hardwicks are English as they come, so of course, their celebration centred around the yule log—on the mantel and for their table centerpiece, they have small yule logs holding candles and draped with Christmas greens. And refreshments at their house will be plum pudding of course—with strong English tea brewed to look like coffee.

The Hendersons who have lived in Japan a lot are having a Japanese party—decorations are fans big and little made of holiday wrapping paper. Everybody's invited to come in kimonos and refreshments will be sukiyaki, which guests will cook on grills on the floor. And they'll like it!

But some of the nicest holiday parties aren't planned so carefully ahead. What about all the droppings-in of neighbors and kinfolks? A casual call becomes a party if you have something nice to serve without a lot of to-do. That means that you'll want to have plenty of home-made cookies kept fresh and moist in a tightly covered tin. Or else a festive cake laid in white and decorated with a wreath around its top made of candied fruit. Tea or coffee are the easiest things to serve on the spur of the moment; but perk them up a bit—cloves or mints, leaves do things to tea while whipped cream is the Viennese way to partify coffee. Or follow the West coast tradition for hospitality and have an interesting fruit punch flavored with some of the less familiar juices that you'll find on your grocer's shelves.

Twenty Years Ago

From The Porcupine Advance Files.

There was the spirit of Christmas evident at the statutory meeting of the Timmings town council on Dec. 15th, 1918. Mayor J. P. McLaughlin was in the chair and Councillors C. G. Williams, A. Brazeau, Dr. Moore and Dr. McInnis were present. Councillor Chas. Pierce was out of town and so could not be at the meeting. The council heard a deputation from the Volunteer Fire Brigade asking for an increase in the amount paid for volunteer fire fighters. The council went on record as expressing very deep appreciation for the good work of the volunteer firemen and favouring an increase in the grant. Another expression of appreciation was for the excellent services of Mayor McLaughlin. On motion of Councillors Williams and Brazeau, it was resolved "That the councillors of the town of Timmings express our appreciation of the courteous and efficient manner in which the mayor has presided over council for the past two years." An increase to \$100 per month was granted the second permanent fireman—which was one more mark of appreciation. On motion of Councillors C. G. Williams and Dr. McInnis, the council joined the city of Toronto in memorializing the Ontario Legislature for the discontinuance of the levy of provincial war tax on municipalities.

The Advance twenty years ago reported that the influenza epidemic in town and district was practically over. The ban on schools and churches was lifted this week twenty years ago. The churches re-opened on Dec. 22, and on Dec. 23rd the principal's room at the school was re-opened but it was thought to be hardly worth while opening the rest of the schools until after the regular holidays of the season. The New Empire theatre in re-opening for Christmas week took occasion to provide a very attractive program. The feature picture was Hall Caine's "The

Heiress Fiancee of Prince



Prince Aage, of Denmark, who is serving as an officer in the French Foreign Legion, is going to marry Miss Dorothy Gould, of the wealthy American railway family. Miss Gould, pictured here, indicated that the nuptials would take place as soon as the prince obtained a divorce from his present wife, Countess Calvi de Bergole.

Christin."

A suggestion made in The Advance twenty years ago read: "An old-time prospector of the old Porcupine, met with a pitiful case of helplessness and trouble at Connaught last week. Having to go home across the railway bridge to call at a house on the other side of the river, he found no one in the place but an old man. The old gentleman had a partly crippled leg that made it difficult for him to get around except on crutches, and several days ago while moving about the house one of his crutches slipped and threw him against the stove. He hurt his side so badly that he could hardly move and certainly could not get out to get help or even cook meals for himself. His son, who usually resides with the old gentleman, has been away for some days on a trapping and hunting trip, and no one knew of the plight of the father who is now about 80 years of age. The old man had been unable to do anything to help himself and when found by the prospector he had practically no wood for a fire, no water in the house, and only a small quantity of food. In a few days the old gentleman would have passed from all his troubles if that prospector had not happened along. The prospector cut and carried in wood, brought a supply of water enough for several days, and saw to the re-stocking of the pantry. After cooking up a meal for him, he tried to get the old gentleman to go to a hospital, but the old fellow said he was in need of no hospital, though he did require a little care for a day or two. So the prospector made everything as comfortable as possible and notified some of the good people of Connaught who promised to look after the 80-year-old pioneer until the son returned from this trip." It was pointed out, however, that the son had to make regular trips away, and that the father then would have to be left alone. The son would have been glad to have kept his father in his declining years in a comfortable place where he could be properly cared for, but "there was no such place in the North Land."

There was a very threatening fire at the big boarding house conducted by Mrs. A. Maki on Third Ave., twenty years ago. The property adjoined that of Mr. A. G. Luxon. The alarm was turned in at 2.55 a.m., and in a few minutes the firemen were on the scene. The fire looked so serious, however, that Chief Borland at once turned in a general alarm so that all the volunteer firemen would turn out. Soon there were more than a dozen firemen at work and the general belief was that they averted a very serious fire. At first it looked very probable that not only Mrs. Maki's house, but also the adjoining buildings would go up in smoke. The good work of the firemen, however, prevented damage to the adjacent buildings and even saved the Maki building. The Maki house was damaged but not destroyed, the loss being estimated at about \$1,000. It was not long before that the place had changed ownership, the price being \$2,800.

Announcement was made in The Advance twenty years ago that through arrangements made by the Timmings Board of Trade citizens of the town who wished to cut their own wood for the winter's fuel could secure a few acres of good standing timber in the fire area around the town. The Board of Trade had induced the Government to refund all timber dues as soon as the slash was cleared away. The announcement pointed out that further particulars could be secured from Fred Hamilton, Monaca, chief fire ranger for the district, or from Dr. J. A. McInnis, president of the Timmings Board of Trade.

Trenton Courier-Advocate: Here is an idea that comes from Detroit, Mich., and on the face of it, it looks sensible. If an electric light bulb burns out in Detroit, it is taken to the utilities office and it is replaced free of charge. The point is that bulbs may be purchased for very little money if taken in large quantities, and the more bulbs lighted up more electricity will be used. We are not sure that such a plan would work out in Trenton but there is no harm in telling how it is done in Detroit, Mich.

Says Mining Lacks a Proper Cohesion

Legislation of Various Kinds Should Have Been Opposed.

(From Globe and Mail)
 The lack of co-ordination among followers of the mining industry—big and small—is simply woeful.

And that goes for both Canada and the United States throughout the years in which the writer has been associated with the industry and has had continent-wide means of observation.

Whether it is due to selfishness or to lack of a real effort at unity among those who lead the industry and therefore constitute the only element that can put backbone and financial support into the job we do not know.

Look over events of the past few years and review the unfortunate, repressive legislation that has been forced upon the Canadian miner while the backs of those who received the brunt of the blows were turned!

The bullion tax of the Bennett regime, subsequently squelched by a tide of telegrams that almost buried the Prime Minister; Bill No. 5 of Quebec, which in effect put up the "don't-Trespass" signs to keep out other citizens of the Dominion, and Amendment 32B, which, but for the journalistic enterprise of the Northern Miner, would have been fastened upon those willing to risk their dollars in search of new mines.

That's a formidable list of back-stabs at the industry in a few years, and there are many more, stabs that tell us we are forsaking the rules of law laid down by the experience of centuries and substituting what really amounts to embryonic fascism in handling of the prospector and his partner, the small promoter, without whom he would be futile.

We cannot believe there is any set purpose in the minds of legislators of any of the provinces of the Dominion to work hardships upon the industry, because they all must know the im-

portance of encouraging activity in every legitimate way, but politics is a queer game, and more often than not these destructive attacks are led by men who have no other desire than to show their constituents that they are doing something to earn their salaries to qualify themselves as statesmen or provide cushy jobs for vote-gathering henchmen.

Organized effort would counteract all these misguided experiments in the stage of inexperience and allow the industry to go full steam ahead without being shunted off the track to prosperity every now and then by some asinine obstruction.

Let Canada take heed of the example set by the American Mining Congress, which has done a lot to head off at least some of the adverse legislation in the United States. It is entirely apart from all technical societies, which, here and here, have never shown disposition to tackle real problems. Over the past forty years that continent-wide organization has rendered outstanding service to every class and in every phase of the industry.

Such a welding together—Dominion wide and embracing all classes of men connected with the mining and oil industries—would make those callings a unit and exert an influence upon legislation, Dominion and provincial, that would insure plainer sailing for a while and thus permit the industries to work out their evident destinies as the chief creators of prosperity and expansion in this, the last frontier land of the white man.

Rouyn Copies The Trick Played Here Not Long Ago

(From Rouyn-Notre-Dame Press)

One of the most daring thefts ever committed in Rouyn resulted in what the owner estimates as \$4,000 worth of jewellery being taken from Sole Brothers' store on Main Ave. early Friday morning.

A window full of gold wedding rings, diamond rings and wrist watches attracted the thieves. They apparently used a glass cutter to start their work, then broke out enough of the heavy plate glass to reach in and lift what they wanted.

Included in the loot were 50 wedding rings, 50 engagement rings, eight men's gold rings and a gold woman's wrist watch. Fred Sole said that the value of the haul was about \$4,000.

Investigation has revealed that the theft must have taken place between 4.30 and 6.00 o'clock in the morning. The glass smashers left no clues. The jewellery was insured, Mr. Sole says.

Toronto Telegram: A magician is a man who can eat a grapefruit without squirting the juice in his eye.

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In the arrangement of the list, lands are given in the judicial district in which they are situated, and in each district the lots in townships are placed first and in alphabetical order, according to the townships; then follow the locations or claims not originally in surveyed territory, also alphabetically arranged and in sequence. Owners of property thus advertised are advised that extra costs are incurred if payment is delayed beyond February, 1939, as the Act requires an additional notice to owners of claims on which the taxes have not been paid by this time for which there is a statutory charge.

Communications regarding this matter should be addressed to G. R. Mickle, Mine Assessor, Department of Mines, Toronto.

Toronto, 6th December, 1933

H. C. RICKABY,
 Deputy Minister of Mines.

COCHRANE DISTRICT

BEATTY TOWNSHIP

	Area (acres)	Amount Due
N.E. 1/4 of N. 1/2	Lot 1, Con. 2	52.75 \$30.52
S.E. 1/4 of S. 1/2	Lot 1, Con. 3	52.75 30.52
Part	Lot 8, Con. 5	40 23.87
N.W. pt. of N. pt.	Lot 8, Con. 6	40 23.87
S.E. 1/4 of S. 1/2	Lot 12, Con. 6	37.5 22.56

GUIBORD TOWNSHIP

S.E. 1/4 of S. 1/2	Lot 7, Con. 2	40.125 23.93
S.W. 1/4 of S. 1/2	Lot 9, Con. 2	40.125 23.93
S.W. 1/4 of N. 1/2	Lot 9, Con. 6	41.375 26.71

JAMIESON TOWNSHIP

N.W. 1/4 of N. 1/2	Lot 12, Con. 1	40 23.87
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MOUNTJOY TOWNSHIP

S.E. 1/4 of N. 1/2	Lot 11, Con. 1	40 23.87
S.E. 1/4 of S. 1/2	Lot 1, Con. 3	40 38.05

MUNRO TOWNSHIP

N.W. 1/4 of S. 1/2	Lot 9, Con. 1	39.625 22.18
N.W. pt. of N. pt.	Lot 11, Con. 2	40.125 28.23
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S.W. pt. of N. pt.	Lot 11, Con. 2	40.125 23.93
N.E. 1/4 of N. 1/2	Lot 12, Con. 2	44.5 30.99

13924	Shaw	47.4	32.81
13925	"	45	31.30
885	"	41.3	28.97
886	Deloro	45.4	31.55
887	"	39.3	27.72
888	"	41.8	29.29
889	Shaw	39.3	27.72
1101	Carman	45	26.46
1102	"	52.25	30.26
1103	"	52.5	30.39
L	Harker	22.88	20.09
L	Holloway	20.76	18.50
L	"	29.28	24.87
L	"	26	16.56
L	"	22.27	14.62
L	"	23.26	15.13
L	"	39.86	23.79
L	"	20.83	13.87
L	"	24.66	15.87
L	"	23.42	15.22
L	"	22.76	14.87
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