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Twenty Years Ago

From The Porcupine Advance Files

Twenty years ago The Advance was referring to the enthusiasm shown by many in town for the game of curling and the popularity of the proposal to have a curling rink and curling club here. "Curling is admitted to be one of the most wholesome and interesting of winter sports," said The Advance. "It is a sport for old and young alike. It has a fascination that few other games possess. There are many curling enthusiasts in town and one or more of them should take the first steps at once to see what can be done in the way of establishing the royal winter game here."

Comrade McGregor, field secretary of the Great War Veterans Association, visited Timmins twenty years ago, and addressed a meeting of the local branch. He reviewed the good work accomplished by the G.W.V.A. and emphasized the necessity for continued and increased co-operation among returned men and the keeping alive of the spirit of comradeship. Over sixty veterans were present for the address.

A very successful bazaar was held on Nov. 25th, 1919, in the Masonic hall, under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Matthew's church. The event concluded with a very pleasant dance in the evening. The attendance was very large at both the bazaar and the dance and all present had the usual enjoyable time.

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In the Victory Loan campaign twenty years ago Timmins district made practically double its objective while the District of Temiskaming led the whole province. Temiskaming by its high standing won one of the captured German guns awarded as prizes in the Victory Loan. In the town of Timmins there were 219 applications and \$162,300 subscribed or 309.14 per cent of the objective. The Hollinger Mine made

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PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE SYMBOLS OF GOOD WISHES
And So Give Things That Connote Good Cheer and Hospitality, Leisure and Luxury and Beauty.

The symbolic character of gifts at Christmas time is something we often forget in the flurry of buying "things." It mightn't be a bad idea if we'd all pause and think of that as we plan gifts for friends and family this holiday season. Time was when gifts of "honeyed things" were made to indicate a year of sweetness; lamps or candles were given as symbolic of light; gifts of copper, silver or gold were wishes for wealth; gifts of grain indicated a year of bounty.

Translated into today's vernacular, this idea of symbolic gifts might be adapted generally into a plan for a modern Christmas. The more we thought of this idea the more it appealed to us, and so we went shopping to see whether we could still find symbols of good wishes for the coming year to give to those we want to remember this Christmastide. And here are the things we found.

Gifts of Hospitality

Six fragile shell-shaped Lenox China coffee cups.

A hand-carved leaf shaped wooden salad bowl of unusually grained hardwood.

A leather writing portfolio for the otherwise perfect guest room with no space to spare for a desk.

An eight-cup glass coffee maker if there's a big family—a two cup size for the cousin who lives alone.

An electric muffin warmer is our idea of what is needed for perfection in a

Brussels lace finger bowl dollies are the sheerest luxury of course, but so fastidious.

A rocking chair—just for the comfort of it, and for auld lang syne.

A dozen fine china place plates, laden with gold encrustations.

A dozen yard square linen damask dinner napkins with monograms.

Gifts of Leisure

A bed tray that is adjustable also to hold a book or paper—for reading in bed.

A large mahogany humidifier for the man who makes a point of fine cigars or pipe tobacco.

The noblest gift of all—an electric organ, one of the new small ones with all the fine nuances of tone of a pipe organ, yet occupying no more space than a grand piano.

A novelty flower holder, in either glass or china, would delight the hostess who takes her flower arranging seriously.

A soft-as-down woven throw in light weight crochet weave and pastel color—for those revitalizing forty-wink naps.

Pretty china dessert plates—for tea parties or for the dinner table.

Gifts of Cheer

A box of festive cookie cutters in Christmas shapes would delight certain names on your list.

To light the weary wayfarer to the door—a studded reflector type of street-number sign.

Androns of appropriate design for someone who has a worthy hearth.

Tall, tall goblets of glass that's thin and sparkling and preferably monogrammed personally.

Impudent small beverage napkins for large mad parties where everybody comes and brings a friend.

An hors d'oeuvre tray for knick-knacks served casually.

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Dr. Russell expressed gratitude for this prompt response

"Those who act quickly," he said, "are doing an extra service in the campaign. If those who receive the seals in the mail pay promptly for them and then start using the stamps on their letters, they are lending a valuable hand in making the Porcupine Camp "Christmas Seal-conscious." Moreover, early payment for the seals saves time, energy and money. It never fails to hearten the workers in the campaign. We hope the people will continue to respond as enthusiastically as they have done so far in the drive."

Clever, What!
(From an Exchange)
"If this is an all-wool rug, why is it labelled cotton?"
"That, madam, is to fool the moths."

Too Brusque
"Come, come, my man, you've been looking round here for a long time without buying anything. What is it you want?"
"Guess I want another shopwalker. I'm the new owner of this place."

First One Hundred and Thirteen to Respond to Appeal

List of First Purchasers of Christmas Seals.

The first one hundred and thirteen purchasers of 1939 Christmas Seals in the Porcupine Camp were announced today by Dr. N. H. Russel, treasurer of the Porcupine Christmas Seal Committee. The honors went to:

Alon, Charles; Anderson, Thomas; Andersen, Sverre; Anderson, Raider; Anderson, Robert; Ansara, Samuel; Ankey, Culver; Anzil, Fiore; Armstrong, F. S.; Arnott, Wm. C.; Ashton, Lynn.

Bank of Nova Scotia; Banning, Gerald; Bailey, Albert; Beck, Mrs. C. M.; Bender, Irene P.; Belanger, J. M.; Black, William; Boutin, Dr. Charles; Boutin, Dr. Paul; Brewer, Elvin C.; Brown, Charles G.; Cathers, Ethel; Caterello, D.; Chapleau, Rev. Father; Charet, Rosario; Clark, M.; Cloutier, Joseph; Cooke, Mrs. Sid.; Cosser, W. F.; Currie, Mathew; Cushing, Rev. Canon; Cuthell, Duncan.

Darling, H. W.; Dafos, Mrs. F.; Davis, J.; Day, Mrs. A. E. F.; Demeza, A. E.; Desautiers, M. C.; Disher, H. (South Porcupine); Downing, Harvey M.; Drew, George; Drew, Mrs. George; Ennis, R. J.; Eskalen, John; Farnan, D.; Farr, Florence; Farrer, Mrs. J. Fisher, John; Fontana, Rev. Louis.

Gagnon, Leo; Gallagher, Chas. V.; Gauthier, John; Graham, Wilson.

Hansen, Mrs. R.; Hass, Wm.; Hell, L. P.; Hell, Dr. Mathew A.; Heino, H. W.; Heinenon, Arvi; Heinenon, Miss Gertrude; Helmer, George; Hollinger Mine; Holtze, John.

Jackson, Adeline; Jamieson, W. S.; Jones, Wm. A.; Jowsey, J. L.

Keene, James; Kemsley, Mrs. C. G.; Kerr, James; Kleiman, B.; Klinga, Mrs. M. (South Porcupine).

Lane, Dr. Graham; Lowry, R. Martin, Miss Cecile; Mazzuca, Michael; Millette, Miss Irene; Millette, Miss Annette; Morrow, James S.; Murtagh, Dr. A. P.; MacBrien and Bailey; McCarty, Douglas P.; McCarthy, J. J.; McDowell, Mr.; McIntosh, Mrs. O.; McIntyre Porcupine Mine.



The noblest present of all is the gift of music in the form of an electric organ, which has the depth and brilliance of a pipe organ yet takes no more space than a grand piano.

Elephant bells have a musical sound—for calling the family to meals or summoning the maid from the kitchen.

A pair of hurricane lamps—for cheer indoors or out.

A guernsey jug for hot water or hot milk at the table—to hearten and cheer.

Toronto Telegram: Many a man has an aim in life but he hasn't any ammunition for his gun.

Blairmore Enterprise: The children always know when there's company downstairs. They can hear mother laughing at father's jokes.

Gifts of Usefulness

A set of fine steel scissors in different useful sizes.

A desk lamp made to give a restful poloroid light.

A very swish new streamlined toaster that pops-up automatically and looks very dignified and grand.

A round dozen of pure linen kitchen towels—the kind a lady almost never buys for herself but always covets. Preferably in a design bright and gay.

Gifts of Beauty

An exotically beautiful wall mask of porcelain.

A real lace tablecloth with fine linen napkins with inset lace medallions.

Silver shell shaped dishes that are so inspiringly lovely to look at that you wouldn't really mind if they weren't so awfully useful... but they're handy for practically every sort of odd duty.

A classic garden figure or a sun dial for someone who loves her garden.

A crystal chandelier with crystal prisms dripping brilliantly down from it.

Extra-wide, extra-silky, percale sheets in white with an extra-big monogram.

Gifts of Luxury

A pastel crepe and lace blanket cover with a lace inset monogram.

A quilted satin chaise longue throw.

A pair of five branch silver candelabra to cast a gleaming elegance over festive dinner tables.

A silver brush, comb and mirror set for milady's dresser—along with all the bottles and boxes to match if you're in a really affluent mood.

New aluminum foil Christmas tree ornaments look like the old glass balls except they're bigger and brighter and more practical.

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