

# Dropped Between Stitches

By Ann

We could never get through all these days. If it weren't for the folk with their kindly ways. Who carry our burdens and help us along. And cheer the dark places with laughter and song.

We'd never be brave when the frightening things loom. If it weren't for the people who lighten the gloom. And it's now we have learned what a great deal depends on having staunch, loyal, and lovable friends.

Thank you, Jessie, for sending in this "Friends" poem... it's an exceptionally well-chosen one, just right for the people in this world-to-day... remember, the greatest compliment that anyone can give you is to say that you are a friend of their's... to-day, the poem might be dedicated to Gracie Fields, who visited the Porcupine over the week-end, and certainly the last line of the first verse could not be more suitable... for over a quarter of a century, "our Gracie" has cheered the dark places with laughter and song... surely, if you were one of Saturday's large audience, you came to work on Monday with a smile... and perhaps you were humming "All for one, and one for all."

Probably the greatest thrill to have come to Ann during the four and a half years she has sat at this desk telling you about the interesting things in this district, was the half-hour she spent talking to Gracie Fields on Sunday... it wasn't the easiest job in the world to make one's way over to the R. J. Ennis bungalow for the interview 'cause there seemed all kinds of reasons why there might be nothing said... but Gracie's welcoming gesture to be seated, and her solemn statement that she was no different from anyone else, soon dispelled all fears.

But it isn't true, she is different, from you or I... just as everyone else is different from the next person... Gracie has the luck to be different in her ability... she is talented and gay in a manner that makes all who hear or see her feel that they, too, are like this lassie from Lancashire... on Sunday, although she said that the strain of nightly concerts and constant travel had made her quite tired, she looked as bright and wide-awake as anyone else would look after twelve hours sleep... she wore a forest green tweed suit, with silken blouse, and black accessories, and later, when she left the bungalow to tramp through the surrounding woods and enjoy the Canadian snow, she donned brown velvet cossack boots, a small cat cap (which, by the way, seems to be her favourite headgear), and to top it all off, a mink coat... she wrapped the coat firmly about her, snuggled her chin into its collar the way a little girl might do, and vanished around the back of the bungalow.

While sitting and talking to Ann, Gracie Fields twirled horn-rimmed glasses, occasionally picked up a newspaper or a magazine on her table, these magazines, she said, were her favourite pastime... while away from home on tours like those she has made during the past few years in aid of the British government, she has studied many of these magazines, and has made many plans for her home when she once got back to it... but the intervals at home were so short that there just wasn't time for anything but just the enjoyment of being at home... but, said Gracie, it was worth being away from home to know that her performances like the one she gave here, were sending back dollars that would help to win this war... and when it's all over, she'll relax and do all the things that she has planned while away.

Last year Gracie made her Canadian tour by air, but she said, she preferred to feel good solid earth beneath train-wheels, and that's the way she was travelling this year... her trip to England had been made by clipper, and it saved a lot of time, but, wherever she could manage it, trains would be her means of transportation... one of the things she especially enjoyed during her Porcupine visit was the serving of home-cooked meals and the opportunity to rest in a home instead of the usual hotel... yes, she enjoyed her visit here, and certainly, thousands of folk from this district enjoyed having her here.

One of the special treats at the concert before Gracie appeared, was a little girl who, at an age of not more than four years, seemed to know all about music... and so she appointed herself as assistant-conductor to Mr. Lomas with the McIntyre band... while the band played before the programme, this little lady directed it from the sidelines... her arms would keep graceful time to the measures of

music, and not once was she out of time... when a rollicking marching tune would be heard, she would march along in front of the row of seats swinging her little arms... a gallant little soldier-lady in a maroon coat and bonnet, with touches of dainty white fur.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Tauno J. Flink, whose marriage took place quietly on Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. A. I. Heinonen, 53 Bea street south... Mrs. Flink is the former Miss Gertrude V. K. Heinonen, and both bride and groom are well-known and popular in this district... they'll take up residence in Toronto.

At the Harmony hall on Saturday evening the women of the Finnish organization at the hall entertained their friends at a dinner, bingo and dance, with all proceeds for the British Bombed Victims Fund... each of the Finnish women brought along some of the special dishes made by their nationalities, and two long tables were heaped high with many tasty delicacies... the event was thoroughly successful, and provided good entertainment for all who attended.

Good luck to Ruby, Linda and George Essey, while Linda is the infant daughter, and the family is leaving Timmins on Saturday... Mrs. Essey will go to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Binkley in New Liskeard, while George has joined the Ordnance Corps of Canada's active forces... you'll remember George as the male vocalist with the Henry Kelneck orchestra... the couple became a mother and father last summer, and the dainty little girl was only three pounds when she was born... there will be many who will miss them, and especially, miss the part George played in adding to the music at many dances.

December 5th... that is a day to mark down in your date-book... first of all, over at the McIntyre auditorium the Princess Alice Club will entertain at a Christmas dance... the music will be by Henry Kelneck's orchestra, and extensive plans are underway for a really good time... the members of the club, as you know, are the women who work so hard in helping in the work at the Children's clinic... This is the first open event they have held since their organization last year and all proceeds of course will go to helping them to carry on the work they are doing... then, at the Timmins High and Vocational school auditorium, the students of third and fourth forms will play hosts and hostesses at the annual graduation dance... the dance is in honour of graduates in 1940 and 1941, and admission is by invitation only... last year, friends of the graduates were sorry to miss the dance, so there'll be many of your friends in attendance.

The McIntyre Concert Band, directed by Lieut. J. W. S. Lomas is winning more "fans" with each appearance... on Sunday, once again, they pleased a large audience that was present at the McIntyre for another in the series of concerts sponsored by the Schumacher Lions' Club in aid of the Bombed Victims' Fund... soloists included Sergt. D. Roberts and Mr. Ron Jones, director of the Porcupine Male Choir... and the band did not stop to play only concert selections... perhaps one of its great attractions is the varied programme that it has always presented... included among the numbers were the overture, "If I Were King"... the concert waltz "Spring Beautiful Spring"... excerpts from the opera, "Martha"... and the popular selection "Intermezzo", which is becoming more of a favourite with each hearing... the last concert in the series will take place on December 7th, and, to let you in on a secret, reports say that "we'll all be there"... so, to insure a good seat, drop around to the McIntyre early that evening.

Tuesday afternoon found many members of the Women's Institute as well as several other women from the district, making their way to the Hollinger hall, where the Institute held the first open quilting bee to have taken place in this district... large frames were erected throughout the hall, and five quilts were completed by these energetic women during the afternoon... of course the members have made quilts before, to send to the people who so greatly need them in England at this time, but this is the first party-quilting-bee that has been held... its great success immediately set the members to planning further work of this kind, and on Tuesday of next week, they'll meet again for the same purpose... all visitors are welcomed, and perhaps this is just the place for you to spend next Tuesday afternoon... a bit of entertainment included piano selections by Mrs. Surman and Mrs. W. Rowe, and a dainty lunch was served... there was talk, too, of the barrel of apples that the branch recently sent to the ship which they adopted some time ago, the "Cape"... those sailors are in for a great treat, as nothing can equal the tastiness of Canadian apples.

Over three hundred pupils of the French separate schools in this district took part in that grand concert that was presented on Tuesday evening in the hall of St. Anthony's cathedral... and a mighty fine programme they offered for the enjoyment of an audience of more than five hundred parents and friends... a specialty of the evening, was the making of candy in traditional French custom for St. Kathleen, which was done by one of the girl students... and best of all, the candy was then distributed to the audience.

A few reminders... this afternoon the Gold Nugget Rebekah Lodge is entertaining at its annual tea and sale of baking... and, for the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, on Friday evening there's to be the regular executive meeting.

and Monday is the December election meeting... a good attendance is expected to elect the officers for the coming year.

And, all graduates of St. Mary's Hospital are asked to attend the regular meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae on Wednesday next at St. Mary's Hospital... the meeting was postponed from last night to next week, and it is hoped that there will be a good turnout... remember, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 3rd, in the auditorium of the nurses' residence... members are also asked to return any completed articles that they may have on the layettes.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ayoub, who said their "I do's" in a quiet ceremony at the Notre Dame des Larmes rectory last evening... Mr. Ayoub is the former Miss Violet Boucher... witnesses were Mr and Mrs. Tait, and the couple will take up residence in Timmins.

## Timmins Legion on Record as Against New Allowance Plan

### More Money for Legion's Cigarette Fund.

There was only a fair attendance at the monthly general meeting of the Canadian Legion on Monday evening. Major Cornthwaite, S.A., 1st vice-president occupied the chair for the meeting. The usual honours opened the meeting. The financial report shows the branch strong.

Poppy Fund will have around \$700.00 added to it as a result of the campaign.

Several applications were voted upon. These will be initiated in January. Much correspondence was read and one on the Legion's "Total War Effort" was endorsed by the members after a discussion. Each organization and service club will be asked to discuss the report and forward a resolution regarding this brief.

All committees reported. Sick Visiting, Chairman A. Jenkin had a long list, some in bad condition, but rallying around. Pension Officer W. A. Devine reported three cases settled and voiced disapproval of the provisions governing the increase in War Veterans' Allowance. A resolution was carried asking that the "5 and 10" additional grant be made payable to all in this class, "with no strings."

Chas. Keates, Cigarette Committee chairman, asked for \$250.00 for the next quota of cigarettes overseas. This was

granted. The members also learned of the following generous donations to this fund:—Sacred Heart R. C. Church, per Fr. Fontaine, \$100.00; McIntyre Mines War Chest, \$250.00; Beverage room penny box, \$3.09 since last meeting; donations and draw percentage per Stewart James Gordon, \$10.00; picture of Hollinger Mine, donated by C. Wilkins, \$41.00. All this money will be used for sending local lads overseas cigarettes during the war.

A cribbage tournament is under way with a beautiful rose bowl, donated by Comrade Bodley and War Savings Certificate donated by Dr. Durkin as prizes. All cribbage players were asked to take in this tournament.

Mention was made of the plan to have all children of men on Active Service at a big Christmas Party, and this it was suggested would be discussed at the Citizens' Committee meeting. Austin Neame, mentioned the fact of the several donations for toys which he receives and he will co-operate with any who might plan the distribution this year.

Several votes of thanks were passed, and these will be recorded by the secretary.

There will be an election for president this year both Walter Greaves and Austin Neame qualifying. The remainder of the nominations for executive have until next Saturday to qualify, but to date there are around twelve on the list. The full list will be published in next week's issue. An election committee was appointed with A. Borland, Sr., as chairman. The meeting closed with singing of the National Anthem.

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## Rouyn Taxi Driver Charged Here After Minor Car Accident

### Had No Ontario Operator's License. One Man Charged With Illegal Possession of Liquor.

Ernest Keroauc, a taxi driver from Rouyn, Quebec, who had his Ontario operator's license suspended a couple of years ago, was involved in an accident in Timmins yesterday afternoon and as a result of the accident he will now appear in police court here charged with driving without an operator's license.

Police were called to the corner of Maple street and Third avenue about half-past four yesterday afternoon to investigate an accident. They investigated and found that neither of the drivers were to blame but they also discovered that Keroauc had no Ontario driver's license. Keroauc was travelling south on Maple street and had stepped at the stop street and started again but before he got across the intersection he was struck by a Cartier Cab. The police determined that the Cartier Cab, which had been travelling east on Third avenue, was unable to stop because of the slippery streets. Archibald Foster, 86 Polaris Road, was the driver of the Cartier Cab.

Police reported this morning that Jean Paul Labelle, Room 8, St. Charles Hotel, was facing a charge of illegal possession of liquor. Police said that during a raid they discovered a bottle

## Events Under Auspices of Ladies' Auxiliary of Legion

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion entertained on Tuesday evening at the regular weekly whist drive when members and their friends filled twelve tables for whist. Winners were: 1st, Mrs. Chauleux; 2nd, Mrs. Engman; and 3rd, Mrs. W. Mackey; gentlemen, 1st, Mrs. B. Richards; 2nd, Mr. W. Bezanon and 3rd, Mrs. Durkin on a cut (first and latter playing as gentleman).

Winners of lucky number prizes were: Mrs. Olsen and Mr. Gauthier. On Wednesday afternoon, the members enjoyed the weekly comfort fund tea, and made plans for an executive meeting which will be held to-morrow (Friday) evening.

of liquor in Labelle's room and he had no liquor permit for the purchase of the spirits. The raid took place at 1:30 p.m. yesterday afternoon.

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