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## BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

For many, many years newspapers have been accustomed in the final issue for each year to express best wishes to all for the approaching new year. So, here goes, again!

First of all, to one and all and everybody, a happy, prosperous, pleasant and hilarious new year!

Then getting down to details, the wishes may be broken up or broken down into particular wishes. So, it's best wishes for the best of health in 1944! And the most of wealth!

And a good job for everybody!

May the war be over before the new year is out!

May the peace be a sensible one that will not leave the demented nations in position to start to prepare for another war!

May 1944 see all the bureaucrats out of a job, and everybody else have congenial and profitable work to do!

May the new year see the last of irrational rationing!

May the new year see the governments turn over a new leaf, and start in by example to show the people how to save and economize and conserve, instead of lecturing the folks about these things while themselves going to fuzzy limits in waste, extravagance and recklessness!

May the new year see Canada's war effort based on plans to hasten victory rather than in schemes to benefit party favourites!

May the governments and people alike come to the conclusion that the slogan, "Don't you know there's a war on!" is no excuse for incompetence, negligence, stupidity or dictatorship!

May Canada have more and better homes!

May more than 40 per cent of the people express themselves by using the franchise that is theirs and for which so many are offering their lives to maintain!

May all work earnestly and intelligently to better conditions by doing their own work better!

May there be more thought for the children, more care for the unfortunate and the dependent, more attempt to understand and to help!

May there be more sympathy, more co-operation, more individual recognition of responsibilities and duties, and less desire to build impossible Utopias by simply dreaming about them!

May all good things come to all good men!

May the old things that are good be maintained and extended, along with the diminishing and destruction of all things, new or old, that are evil or useless or undesirable!

May, health, happiness, success and contentment thrive in 1944 as never before!

And as The Advance is always in advance, may occasion be taken now to sincerely wish one and all a merry Christmas in 1944.

## A SITE FOR A SOLDIER'S HOSPITAL

In recent issues The North Bay Nugget has suggested that North Bay would be an ideal site for one of the several hospitals that should be built to serve the soldiers from Canada who have served so well in this war. The North Bay Nugget no doubt feels that it is doing its duty to North Bay in thus advocating the virtues of the Gateway City as a site for a soldiers' hospital. While this attitude need not be censured the fact remains that North Bay is no more an ideal site for such an institution than a score of other centres in the North or many scores of places in the South, the East or the West. With the large number of men who have enlisted in the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, commonsense and fairness would suggest the erection somewhere in the North of hospitals and convalescent homes for the men returning from service. This does not, however, mean that North Bay is necessarily the logical choice. Indeed, the fact is that there is another place much more suited for the purpose under discussion. It may be that the reader now expects that The Advance is going to put forward the claims and the advantages of Timmins in this respect. It would be easy enough to do that. Timmins would be a convenient centre for a large proportion of the returned men and their families. This town has in normal times an array of skilled medical and dental experts that cannot be duplicated in the average centre. There are more and better trained nurses available here than in the usual large town or small city. To press the claims of Timmins in this matter, however, would be to set the interests of the town before the needs of the soldiers and the financial interest of the Dominion.

The ideal site for hospital and convalescent purposes for the men and women returning from active service would appear to be Monteth. Already at that place there are hospitals unusually well-equipped and not only ready to care for hundreds, but actually doing that very same thing very effectively. No thoughtful person who has visited Monteth or even considered it in passing, but has been anxious as to what may be done with all the

buildings and the equipment recently installed there. Many have feared that after the present need is over the many buildings and the modern equipment at the Monteth camp will be scrapped or allowed to fall into decay. To allow that would be to excuse shameful and unnecessary waste. There is an impression abroad that all the expenditures at Monteth are being financed by the British Government. Even if this be the fact, it would appear to be criminal waste to destroy all that has been built, either by actual demolition or by simply permitting the structures and equipment to rust and rot. A much more reasonable and patriotic course would be to purchase the buildings and equipment from the British Government and extend the facilities to meet the new needs. This would be a valuable assistance to the British Government, while at the same time it would provide the necessary facilities for the care of the sick and wounded returning after service in this war. It would save both time and money and effort. It would be the quickest, the safest, the surest, the cheapest, the most logical way to handle the situation that will undoubtedly arise. Indeed, the great fear is that because it is so economical, so reasonable, so logical, it may fail to find favour on those very accounts. It may be too sensible for consideration by a group of party zealots more interested in political considerations than in anything else.

During the war the Government neglected the opportunity to use the established facilities in the North for training airmen. Instead immense amounts of money were spent to provide similar facilities elsewhere. The cost was not the only matter to consider, either. Still more deplorable was the waste of time involved. It cost time as well as money to build airfields here and there throughout the Dominion. Time was a factor well worth consideration, and that fact applies with equal force in regard to the days following the war. Hospitals and convalescent homes will be very necessary after the war, and to wait until ambitious buildings and equipment may be provided will be a deplorable lack of consideration for the returning heroes who are suffering from illness or from injury through the war. It is true that there will be a short time after the victory is won before Monteth will be free from its present charges. The brief period referred to, however, will not be a serious one. In any event temporary accommodation will have to be provided for a short time for the injured and ill men and women now on active service. Any immediate service to be rendered will necessarily be incomplete and inadequate. The needs may be met the more promptly and properly by utilizing the facilities offered at Monteth than by adopting any other plan. The public in general should take a hand in proceedings by urging in the proper places the advantage to servicemen and women by the speedy and considered plan of utilizing the facilities already established at Monteth.

## RECORD FOR EFFICIENCY

Some newspapers are making much of the fact that a German prisoner escaped for the third time from a prison camp in Northern Ontario. It might be more pointed to say that he was captured for the third time. It is worth while to consider the number of prisoners that have been kept at this particular camp and the small fraction of a percentage of escapes, together with the fact that at this one camp the re-captures have been one hundred per cent. There is no prison in the country where there are so few escapes as there have been in the prisoner-of-war camps in Canada. The prisons, of course, have much better facilities for holding prisoners than the prisoner-of-war camps, but any prison anywhere would be very proud of the record of Canada's camps. Even Devil's Island and the other famous prisons of the world that have boasted of the impossibility of escape have lost large numbers compared to Canada's record with prisoners-of-war. Canada has handled literally tens of thousands of prisoners, and of this number only one has finally escaped. The number of escapes and attempted escapes have been comparatively few in comparison to the number concerned and all but one have been returned eventually. It should be remembered that prisoners-of-war make a business, a sport, of attempting to escape. There have been literally hundreds of escapes from German and Italian prison camps where less attention is paid to international law and humane treatment than in Canada. The record in Canada is one for much pride. There is no doubt but that there is some organization outside to help the prisoners-of-war in attempted escapes. Despite all this Canada's record remains. The credit for it seems to go to the Veteran Guards of Canada and their officers who have made a remarkably fine job of very difficult work.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Some of the Christmas cards coming into The Advance office were marked as having been examined by the censor. It looks as if the C.C.F. were already in power when even the Christmas cards are censored.

A prominent advertising agency suggested that an Ottawa newspaper adopt the slogan, "Covers the District Like a Tent." This prompts The Smith's Falls Record-News to ask "Who wants a Tent?" and to point out that for a short trip in summer weather a tent may be all right but it does not give modern service the year round like more substantial structures do. After the report of The Record-News, the Ottawa newspapers may

drop that slogan. Some years ago a Northern newspaper adopted the slogan, "Covers the North like a Blanket." Someone was kind enough to point out that the newspaper with the blanket slogan was "all wet," and that slogan was at once discarded.

## Still stands the motto of the King:

"Put into your task whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high and with God's help we shall not fail."

There were so many returning here for Christmas, and so many here to visit during the holiday week, that if Timmins could only have had its men and women on active service back here again, the population would have reached a figure equal to that before the war.

So far as generally noted Christmas this year was a particularly pleasant one, though much more quiet and restrained than in pre-war days. This year it was observed chiefly as a home affair and so particularly in keeping with the spirit of Christ-

## Christmas Concert at Schumacher on Wednesday Last

### Other News of Schumacher and District.

Schumacher, Dec. 28th, Special to The Advance.

Trinity United Church Sunday School held their Christmas concert, Wednesday evening in the Church hall. The Rev. Lora Carlson was chairman for the evening and Miss Lily MacGowan accompanied at the piano. Miss Betty Killens was in charge of the program. The program opened with the singing of Christmas carols by the junior girls. A play put on by the tiny tots under the direction of Betty Killens had each one of them speak to Santa Claus and tell him what they would like for Christmas. Some clever stunts were put on by the junior boys organizations and caused much laughter. The highlight of the evening was the clever conjuring stunts by George Harper. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close. The Rev. Lora Carlson expressed thanks to the many parents and friends who attended.

A.W.2 Janice McGhee, R.C.A.F. (Women's Division), stationed at Toronto, spent the Christmas holiday visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Wils, First avenue.

A.W.2 Lalla Webber, R.C.A.F. (W.D.) stationed at Rockcliffe, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webber, Third ave.

A.W.2 Kay Leck, R.C.A.F. (W.D.) stationed at Rockcliffe, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. McGee, Fourth ave.

A.W.2 Peggy Sutherland, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), stationed at Rockcliffe, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sutherland, Birch street.

Mr. James Fowler, Fourth ave., left Tuesday for Hamilton hospital where he will receive medical treatment.

Pte. Victor Battigilli, Infantry Corps, Brantford, spent the Christmas holidays at his home on Third ave.

O.P. Paul Laine, Royal Canadian Navy, Toronto, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Laine, Second ave.

A.W.2 Doreen Wills, R.C.A.F. (W.D.) Toronto, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wills, First avenue.

Miss Madge Tomlinson, secretary at the Porcupine Skating Club, left last week for St. Catharines, where she will teach figure skating.

The many friends of Mrs. George Proulx, Fourth avenue, will be sorry to hear that she is ill in St. Mary's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Nilson, Toronto, spent the Christmas holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Len Thomas, Second avenue, and Mr. Axel Nilson, Fourth avenue.

Wren Sadie Blondell, stationed at Ottawa, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Fowler, Fourth avenue.

LAC Muriel Harris, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), stationed at North Bay, spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harris, Third avenue.

Jr. L. Fournier, R.C.A., Nova Scotia, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home on Fourth avenue.

Pilot Officer Buck Cripps, R.C.A.F., Toronto, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Len Thomas, Second avenue.

LAC Willie Hunter, R.C.A.F., stationed at Brandon, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Hunter, First avenue.

L-Cpl. James Fowler, R.C.A.F., stationed at Ottawa, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Fowler, on Fourth avenue.

LAC John McCusker, R.C.A.F., stationed at Clinton, is visiting at his home on Second avenue.

Pte. Norman Cripps, Canadian Army, Toronto, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Len Thomas, Second avenue.

Jack Shields, who is employed on Munitions in Hamilton, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home on Fourth avenue.

Johnnie Connell, employed on Munitions at Hamilton, is visiting friends here during the Christmas holidays. A former resident Johnnie left here during the summer with his parents to take up residence at Aldershot, Ont.

Nick Tomuk, employed on munitions at Hamilton, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home on Fourth avenue.

mas. Of course, so many men and women are on active service overseas, with some never to return, that many homes found the season had its special touch of sadness and of longing.

Thomas Richard Henry, a columnist in The Toronto Telegram, is disappointed at the retirement of General McNaughton, Commander of the Canadian Army overseas. Thomas Richard Henry says that the General has been publicized as a great military commander and that now he is retiring before the world has a chance to see whether he is a genius or not. In this The Telegram writer is wrong. General McNaughton has already proved himself a military genius either through his own personality or the greater gift of being able to select and hold a staff that has outstanding talent. Anyone who can handle Canadian troops out of action for years and keep them from open rebellion is entitled to the name of military genius. The Canatians, held in Britain for years while fighting was in progress all over the globe, must have strained fiercely at the bit. It is true that their presence was needed at times in Britain, but it was a difficult task to remain on guard when all were anxious to charge.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gilbert, McIntyre Property.

A.C.2 Walter Craik, R.C.A.F., Winnipeg, spent the Christmas holidays at his home on First avenue. On his return to Winnipeg he will be posted to his new station, Dauphin, Manitoba.

A.C.2 Bob Moore, R.C.A.F., stationed at St. Thomas, spent the Christmas holidays at his home on First avenue.

## More Soldiers Send Thanks for Cigarettes Sent

Lieut. R. B. Stock, Cpl. W. A. Chisholm, Pte. P. DiSavero, Spr. A. Butterfield, P.O. D. H. Baker, Sgt. P. Blackman, Sgt. E. C. Knott, Spr. R. H. Tonkin, Cpl. J. Byron, Sig. S. W. H. Simpson, Bdr. A. W. Steele, Pte. M. M. Moffatt, Pte. J. W. Martin, Spr. R. W. Scott, R.Q.M.S. Ken Blow, Sgt. M. J. Sweeney, Gnr. J. Lafrancier, Sig. A. F. Maxwell, Spr. M. J. Spiane, Pte. D. F. Gibbons, Sgt. Bert McCabe, Spr. A. Godin, Pte. G. Thomas, Chief Stoker A. Powell, Spr. D. J. McPhail, Spr. J. McEachern, Gnr. E. R. Walsh, L-Bdr. R. W. Cooke, Spr. Eddie Lebrun, Pte. E. MacDonald, Spr. P. O. Ojanen, Pte. L. Landriault, Sgt. G. Garneau, Sgt. A. MacIsaac, Spr. Alf Scott, Pte. H. Bannerman, Spr. H. Gaw, Pte. J. Dierner, Cpl. A. C. Bannerman, Pte. F. A. Booker, Spr. G. R. Cudmore, Gnr. J. J. Carriere, Sgt. Leo Roberts, Cpl. W. W. Lippett, Pte. J. Venn, Bdr. G. A. Roy, Sgt. H. DiDomenico, Cpl. L. A. Robinson, Pte. R. B. Veinotte, Sgt. E. Spencer, Lieut. R. J. Bryson, Lieut. M. G. Corbell, Tpr. H. R. Waitman, Major J. S. MacBrien, L-Cpl. J. B. LaCourse, Pte. Abbie Coulas, Tpr. R. E. Hazelwood, Spr. C. E. Kellow, Spr. W. G. MacKenzie, Spr. L. T. Kazton, Tpr. F. Shannon, Sgt. G. Namtu, Spr. E. Curtis, Spr. N. Salomone, Pte. L. Tremblay, Pte. A. N. Nikumaa, Pte. R. P. Brunet, Pte. S. Bilinski, F.S. J. O. Fink, Sgt. L. A. Walker, Spr. A. A. Villeneuve, Sig. R. Levesque, R.M. T. Gardiner, Spr. A. Salomone, L-Sgt. R. E. McDonald, L-Cpl. J. H. Cannell, Pte. A. R. Knott, Sgt. A. R. Marshall, LAC J. P. Lafrancier, Spr. R. S. Clarke, Spr. J. A. Dadds, Pte. A. Martin, CSM J. E. Hamm, L-Cpl. F. Roberts, Pte. D. McGaw, Pte. E. Thrasher, Pte. E. G. McGlashan, LAC M. E. Thomas, Cpl. R. R. Calverley, Sgt. C. H. Howey, Bdr. C. Miller, Pte. F. Griffin, Pte. J. Grenfell, Spr. R. Morin, Tpr. C. P. Fuller, Spr. O. Robillard, Gnr. R. L. Ling, L-Cpl. F. McGrath, Spr. A. Lariviere, L-Cpl. C. D. Boyd, Spr. R. Valenius, Spr. Bill Duncan, Spr. W. B. Cherry, Spr. A. A. McDonald, Gnr. Ray Webb, Spr. J. C. Nelson, LAC G. E. Roy, N. Zaitz, Sgt. J. E. A. MacDonald, Major T. A. C. Tyrrell, Pte. L. L. Bissonette, Pte. A. Paradis, Pte. M. Parisis Gnr. R. J. Convery, L-Bdr. H. R. Stoneman, LAC J. Forrester, Pte. G. Soulsby, Pte. B. Loughton, Tpr. H. J. Shaw, L-Cpl. R. J. Couture, Spr. P. Loubert, L-Cpl.

## Death on Tuesday of Mrs. Bombardier of Schumacher

Schumacher, Dec. 29th, Special to The Advance.

It was with regret that word was received Tuesday morning of the death of Mrs. Josephine Bombardier, 39 Second Avenue, who passed away in St. Mary's Hospital from a heart attack. A resident of Gold Centre for many years, the late Mrs. Bombardier had many friends who sincerely mourn her passing and extend sympathy to the family in their sad bereavement.

Funeral services will be held this morning (Thursday) at nine o'clock in St. Alphonsus Parish Church. The Rev. Father Martindale will officiate at the service. Interment will be in Timmins cemetery.

A. Graham, pr. J. W. Torrie, Lt.-Cpl. E. O. Thorpe, Lt.-Cpl. H. Mayhew, LAC V. Volchuk, Pte. G. Pooley, Lt.-Cpl. J. D. H. Pooley, Spr. A. Spence, Cpl. V. W. Thompson, Tpr. L. R. Giroux, S.B.A. W. Cooke, LAC J. Shushkevich, Lt.-Sgt. D. McChesney, Tpr. J. Clark.

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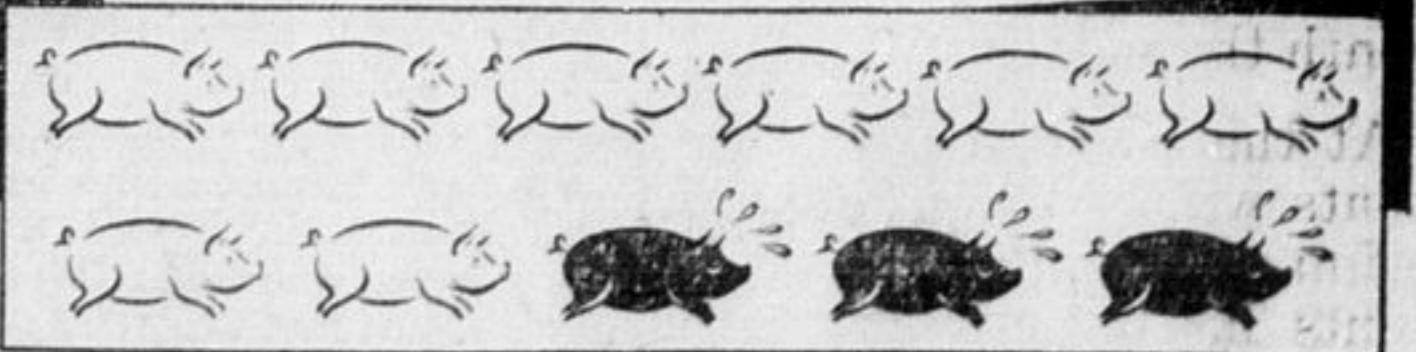


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