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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

To all its readers and friends and acquaintances The Advance once more extends sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas. The good wishes are logically extended to all strangers within the gates, for those who are not acquainted with The Advance have surely missed enough, without missing a Merry Christmas as well. And, if there be any enemies then to them the wish must go double, for assuredly they are in the greatest need for the spirit of Christmas.

There is no irony in wishing a Merry Christmas to those who have their nearest and dearest in danger or chance of death far overseas. It is true that it is difficult to make a Merry Christmas when loved ones are far away. Christmas seems built around families and friends. Yet the spirit of Christmas is not thought of self but thought of others. The truest pleasure of the season comes from the joy of others. The same courage and faith that inspires the gallant men overseas may well prompt those on the home front to face the separation from loved ones with good cheer and faith in the future. In this war-torn world, with so many tortured hearts, the earth needs, more than ever before, the spirit of Christmas—the spirit of friendship, of love, of faith, of thought for others, of kindness to others. Those saddened hearts that bravely strive to make Merry Christmas for others will find in the happiness of others some lessening of their own sorrows and some touch of the true Christmas.

There was depth of wisdom in the thought of Charles Dickens when he made three spirits for Christmas—Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Yet to Be. It takes the first and the last of these three spirits to make the central one all that it should be. Added joy will come to Christmas Present by memories of the Christmas joy of the past, and faith in the hopes of the Christmas Days to be.

A Merry Christmas to all.
May the joy of the season comfort and console the saddened.
May peace and rest be found in it for the tired hearts.
May the young and carefree find in these days treasured memories to carry through the weary years.
May hope and faith abound.
A Merry Christmas to all.

THE PUBLIC BE SLAMMED

By an astounding address made recently by Hon. J. G. Gardener, a Minister in the Part-of-a-Part-of-a-Party Government at Ottawa. Hon. Mr. Gardener blamed the people in general for the tragedy of Dieppe. His claim was that the clamour of the public for a second front forced the authorities to attempt a landing on the shores of France at a time when nothing but disaster could occur. If his theory were correct, neither the Government at Ottawa, nor the Commanding Officer of the Canadians, nor the new Minister of National Defence, can escape the full responsibility for the loss of hundreds of Canadian lives wantonly sacrificed to satisfy a mere thoughtless howl for action. It is not the place of Commanding Officers or Governments to submit to public clamour. The Advance does not believe there was any justification for the suggestion of this Part-of-a-Part-of-a-Party Minister. It was the case in Canada that the senseless demand for a second front originated with the Communist element and was fostered by them and their Pinkish brothers. It was simply the irresponsible demands of a skillfully organized minority. It did not represent public opinion. Even had it been much greater in power than it was—even though it represented a larger proportion of the people in general than it did—there is no possible excuse for men in a position to know the facts of the case to allow Canadian soldiers to give their lives in a worthless adventure. From authorities overseas, however, there comes a totally different story than that told so glibly by Hon. J. G. Gardener. The account given by these authorities is that the raid was part of a studied plan to secure

information and to harass the enemy. That is a reasonable explanation. It is admitted that through some unfortunate leakage or some sheer accident, the Nazis were able to take a serious toll of Canadian and other British lives.

It is quite true that the Government at Ottawa appears ready to make any sacrifice to secure political advantage. The interests of the soldiers overseas were sacrificed to curry favour with a minority of the people. Hon. Mr. Ralston was sacrificed to gain a temporary advantage. It looks as if Mr. Ralston's successor, General McNaughton, is to be sacrificed with equal ruthlessness. There appears to be a general opinion that General McNaughton will not be able to win the by-election in North Grey that would give him a seat in parliament. The Government seems to be giving him little support. There is some reason for believing that the Government will promptly drop him if he fails to win the seat he seeks. There is an appearance of utter ruthlessness about these sacrifices. The public will not worry unduly about this particular brand of sacrifice. But the ruthless slaughter of hundreds of Canadian soldiers in another different proposition. If Hon. Mr. Gardiner told the truth, then there should be prompt trial and punishment of those who wasted precious Canadian lives.

THE WAR GOES ON!

For months past The Advance has been questioning the opinion of some optimistic people that the war was near its end. In recent times there has always been some fellow around ready to wager money or reputation that the war would be over before winter set in, or before Christmas, or before some other succeeding date. In support of this motion, these hopeful fellows quoted the great men, of the day, including Prime Minister Churchill. Yet this week Mr. Churchill has talked about the worst fighting of the war as occurring "next spring or next summer." None of his previous utterances warranted the construction placed upon them by the over-optimists.

The careless talk of an early ending of the war could well be overlooked or laughed about were it not for the evil result of such unduly hopeful opinions. Such opinions have a tendency to slacken the real effort to win the war. Some warrant was given the too-hopeful forecasts by the Ottawa Government. The discharge of hundreds trained in many cases for years in one specialized line, naturally lent weight to the idea that the war was nearly won. Why, otherwise, should the Government make a point of discontinuing war effort in one line? The temptation to rest on the oars, to look for an immediate victory, was a serious one. Over-optimism tends to create a complacency, a slackening of the necessary effort, a carelessness that are far from speeding up victory. There should be no pessimism about the war, but over-optimism should be avoided with equal earnestness. There should be firm faith in the final outcome, but in the meantime, it is well to be prepared for a long contest, while seeking by every legitimate means to shorten the time. Many people felt a distinct shock this week when news came across the sea of the United States forces being driven back by the Nazi viciousness. If there were no slackening of interest or effort, slight reverses would not prove so shocking. It is years ago now since His Majesty the King placed the situation in its proper perspective. In effect, he said that every man should give all his heart and courage to his own particular task, whatever that might be; that each should go forward with head held high and a smile on his face, and then in due time the victory would be sure. The Advance believes so firmly in the King's motto that it has found a place in these columns each and every issue since the noble words were uttered. It is because this motto has not been fully honored by all that victory is delayed. The enemy has much wicked fight left in him yet. Wishful thinking will not hasten the victory, but unending and unceasing effort by all will win the triumph.

GRAVEL AND SAND AND PLASTER

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 unshakable. 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!"
"Are you going overseas?" a lady asked one of the Zombies home here on leave. "Yes!" he answered, "we're going overseas. You know the Zombies are Mackenzie King's secret weapon."
A Merry Christmas to all.

Dropped Between Stitches

A Christmas Blessing

God bless our little home today and all our family—The ones that gather round the hearth, and those across the sea—And some of us have gone away—and drifted far apart—but Christmas ties the cord of friendship close around the heart—May all our fancied grievances be banished from the mind—and may we greet each other with a wish that's good and kind—May nothing false creep in to spoil the perfect harmony—and may we speak sweet words of love and peace and sympathy.

The ladies of the Fireside Club of the First United Church held their Christmas party on Monday evening after a short business meeting at which twenty-two members were present. A nomination committee was appointed to draw up a slate of officers for the forthcoming year. Mrs. Ian Gordon is the convener of this committee together with Mrs. Frank Huckerby, Mrs. J. Wood and Mrs. Gordon Irving. A donation was made by the club to the Victorian Order of Nurses. Mrs. Brewer led the worship service.

A children's choir under the direction of Miss O. Lewis sang carols and Miss Stubbs read a Christmas story. Mrs. A. Gamble led the members in carol singing and gifts were exchanged. Following a social half hour refreshments were served to culminate a most enjoyable evening spent in true Christmas spirit.

Judging by the uniforms of the various services which are very much in evidence in town nowadays there are going to be many happy re-unions in family circles for the Christmas season but on the other hand there are so many families divided through the war and other circumstances over which they have no control that we would like to pass along the following thoughts by Patience Strong:—

"What is distance to a friend?—True friendship is in Mind—though land and sea divide two hearts—their happiness they find—not in exchange of empty words when walking side by side—but in that secret sanctuary where all true friends abide. We send our love around the earth on wings of sympathy—written messages that find their way across the sea. Sometimes the absent ones are nearer than the friends who walk beside us on the way of life, with whom we laugh and talk. Real friends may have communion in world of the Unseen—when spirit calls to spirit with a thousand miles between."

Following a short business meeting about 100 members of Arbutus Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held their Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 12th. The party was a very gay affair, complete with Christmas tree and Santa Claus—Mr. James Goodman being the genial St. Nick who distributed gifts to each of the members who were present.

During the evening a Christmas tree was placed in the centre of the room and the guests sat around and sang carols in the soft glow of candlelight. A vocal duet was rendered by Mrs. Maud McCulloch and Mr. James Kerr. Pianists for the evening were Miss Mildred Tackaberry, Miss Blanche Dodge, Mrs. Grace Luke and Mrs. Marion Parkes. To climax a most enjoyable evening a very delicious lunch was served.

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"God pity those whose eyes never see the sun's good light—Who dwell within the darkness of an everlasting

night—Who cannot see the glories that surround us everywhere—the clouds, the stars, the trees, the flowers—birds winging through the air."

The Timmins and District Advisory Board of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind were hostesses at a very delightful Christmas dinner party on Monday evening. This festive affair was held at the Legion Hall and about twenty-four registered members with their escorts, making a total of almost forty, were present. A most enjoyable dinner, with all the "trimmings," was served by the ladies of the Legion Auxiliary who really excelled themselves in the cooking and serving of the meal. Special guests for the evening were Mayor Brunette, Mr. E. L. Longmore, Mrs. A. R. Chidwick, Mr. Treneer, Capt. and Mrs. Douglas Church, Rev. Father Martindale, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis, Rev. and Mrs. Gilmour Smith and Rev. Father O'Gorman.

Each of the guest speakers spoke briefly but appropriately of the work of the Institute. Rev. Gilmour Smith was especially witty and referred to the honour recently conferred upon him by the Lions Club for telling the biggest lie which happened to be the truth. Mrs. A. R. Chidwick spoke in absence of Rev. Chidwick who was indisposed and unable to attend. Dr. Lewis has been of invaluable help to the Institute by the service and co-operation he has given to the patients under their jurisdiction. Mayor Brunette was responsible for supplying transportation for the blind guests.

After the dinner Mrs. Terry O'Connor delighted everyone with several of her humorous recitations and Mr. Treneer supplied the music and led the community singing and also directed the games.

Each of the registered blind guests was the recipient of a gift from the Institute.

Colouring Grey Days

The housewife gives the furniture some cretonnes bright and gay; and windows have new curtains now that the world is grey. She paints the kitchen cabinet a tender shade of green, and one would think that Spring itself has stepped upon the scene. She says, "The house needs colour when it's so dull outside. With paint and glowing cretonnes a heart is satisfied."

Come! Let us give the furnishings, the trappings of the mind, a bit of extra colour, now summer's far behind. Let's listen to fine music, read books that elevate, and deck our mental chambers for Laughter's kindly state. The minds domain needs colour when it's so dull outside. With bright and gay imaginations a mind is satisfied!

—Wilhelmina Stieh.

While waiting to be served in a very crowded and busy restaurant one day there were three ladies who had obviously enjoyed a very leisurely lunch and whilst they relaxed over their "after dinner" cigarettes one could not help but overhear their conversation which centred on the "privations" of war and the acute shortages of some commodities in the local stores. Boxes of candy were almost unobtainable, "flat fifties" of cigarettes were as "Scarce as hen's teeth" and a local store would only allow two pairs of crepe stockings to each customer when their December quota arrived. It's a tough old world all right for folk like these but they should find consolation in the fact that it could be worse—a whole lot. After reading a white paper published by the British Information Services we wonder if we really know that there is a war on. The paper reads in part—"For Britain, this has not been a war of soldiers only. Every man, woman and child in the island has felt the force of the war, and there are very few for whom it has not meant a drastic or complete change in the life they lead, the work they do, the food they eat, the clothes they wear. To Britain, the war brought about, for all its people, a change in their approach to life. In the grim years which followed Nazi Germany's first triumphs, the ordinary men and women of Britain learned what it meant to face the imminent possibility of an invader setting foot on their

TOWN OF TIMMINS



Proclamation

Pursuant to a resolution passed by the Municipal Council, I hereby proclaim Tuesday, December 26th, 1944, to be a Civic Holiday, for the Town of Timmins and request that all citizens govern themselves accordingly.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Timmins, J. E. BRUNETTE, MAYOR
December 19th, 1944

and destroying their life and liberty. At such a moment, a people knows what it is fighting for; and it knows that every personal sacrifice it makes to keep up the fight is a thousand times worth while. No one could have foreseen how a people could lower its living-standards, give up so much of the comforts of food, clothing and home life, and yet remain cheerful and optimistic. These are the same people who, returning from long hours at the war plants, waiting in line for a crowded bus, and shopping for goods that are almost impossible to find have faced over and over again a renewed bombing, a further evacuation, a home destroyed. It was no false promise that Mr. Churchill made in 1941:

"We shall not fail or falter; we shall not weaken or tire. Neither the sudden shock of battle, nor the long-drawn trials of vigilance and exertion will wear us down"

Maybe it's a timely suggestion that when the Red Cross rooms re-open early in the New Year that we would not have so much spare time to indulge in self pity if a little more time were spent trying to help those who are a whole lot worse off than we are and who don't do as much grumbling about it either!

Girl Guide Company of South Porcupine Hold Successful Tea

South Porcupine, Dec. 20th. Special to The Advance.

The Girl Guide Company of South Porcupine held a successful tea last Saturday afternoon in the United Church. Their leader, Captain Clatworthy, who comes in weekly from Timmins to take both Brownie and Guide meetings, is to be congratulated in organizing and putting on this tea, which was run entirely by the girls themselves.

Mothers of Guides had sent lovely homemade baking for sale, and also provided cookies and cakes to be served at tea.

Paper chrysanthemums, made by the Guides were most effective as table decorations for the tea and a bouquet of red roses made the table at which Mrs. Sharpe (president of the Guide Committee) and Mrs. B. H. Harper (Divisional Commissioner) poured tea, most attractive.

During the afternoon piano selections were given by Guide Patricia

Cross who also accompanied Guide Geraldine Vickers when she sang Christmas carols in a very sweet voice. At the bake table were Reta Adams, Dolores McCann and Patricia Cross while the kitchen workers, supervised by Margaret Beeby were Greta MacDonald, Olga Para, Jennie Amy Buchmann, Patricia Burke, Helen Merrill and Annie Sischuk.

Smart little waitresses were:—June Logan, Nancy Cooper, Audrey Allen, Gloria Adamo, Joyce Ehman, Cynthia McKay, Carmella Dioguardi, Geraldine Vickers, Patricia O'Shaghnessy, Mary Rodgers, Pauline Brown, Peggy Goedbloed.

Lillian Cowan and Barbara Pegg assisted by taking tickets at the door.

Globe and Mail:—Eire will not promise to refuse sanctuary to Axis war criminals. This may be a bit of good news for Hitler and his jittery gangsters.

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Schumacher, Dec 20th. Special to The Advance.

Tuesday evening Schumacher Fire Hall was a real fairyland with bright coloured lights and tinsel decked Christmas trees, when the members of the Fire Department with their wives and families gathered for the annual Christmas treat. Everyone was seated around the Christmas tree singing the lovely Christmas carols, with Mr. Herb Miller accompanying at the piano. There was a knock at the

door. Everyone listened and who should drop in but Santa Claus, and what an array of gifts! He had a lovely gift for everyone. He said he heard them singing the sweet old carols and he just couldn't pass their door. The children all thought it wonderful as he shook hands with them. Fire Chief Jucksch gave Santa a hot cup of coffee and a piece of cake before he left. There were also special gifts for some of the ladies, and each child got a nice new half dollar piece. During the evening the men served a delicious lunch. Mr. Pete Woodruff fulfilled the duties of Santa Claus exceedingly well.