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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

It's about nineteen hundred and forty-six years since it happened. Three men followed a star whose light led them to the town of Bethlehem. There, by a manger, they laid down their gifts and knelt.

When we were first told the story, some thirty-odd years ago, the thing that puzzled us in the tale of the three wise men was their choice of gifts. Gold, frankincense and myrrh — to a newly-born child!

A number of Christmases passed before the point of the story became clear to us. Then we realized that what the Christ-child must have seen was not the gifts which had been brought to him, but the kneeling forms of the givers. For what men hold in their hands can never be so important as what they hold in their hearts.

So it will be, when the tinsel and gay wrappings are laid aside on Christmas day and when the gifts themselves have been put away on the shelves, that we will remember the people who did the giving, and find pleasure and comfort in the remembrance.

The gaiety and brightness of Christmas are things to be thankful for, and we hope all of you find your share of them. We hope you will find happiness, good cheer, and the heartiness of friendship on Christmas day and on every day thereafter.

We hope, too, that those who made the greatest gift they had to give, in order that the world might come a little nearer to the conditions of peace, will be remembered — and that because of that remembrance, we may be willing to try to build a little better world than we have managed to do so far.

CONGRATULATIONS, TIMMINS!

One thing has been made clear by the recent nomination and subsequent municipal elections: There is no lack of persons whom the electors consider good enough for the job of councillor; nor is there lack of adequately qualified men who are willing to run for such office.

On this the people of Timmins are to be congratulated. It indicates a commendably healthy state of affairs.

Also to be congratulated are the candidates themselves, particularly those whose names appeared on the municipal ballot for the first time. The decision to jump into the race for public office is not one to be lightly undertaken, and it is good to know that a number of Timmins' citizens have the necessary courage and interest in the public welfare to let their names stand for election.

The newcomers to council, Mr. W. J. Doran and Mr. Philip Fay, bring welcome qualifications. Mr. Doran's wide interest in matters that affect Timmins is well known, and his conduct of these interests and of his business associations testifies to his ability. Mr. Fay adds to his former experience in council, a knowledge of the problems confronting the returned serviceman.

Three candidates were not elected — or were, perhaps, laid aside for another year. Each of these had qualities which would find a useful place in council, and it is to be hoped that they will carry over their willingness to serve until the next election.

EFFECTIVE INACCURACY

One other feature of the recent elections might appear to call for comment, and that is the position occupied by Miss E. M. Terry after the final count was made. For while this Councillor's work has in the past won her top position at the polls, such was not the case in the most recent election.

The object of a "smear" campaign which was loosely based more on fancy than on fact, Miss Terry — evidently on the assumption that those who knew her did not need an explanation and those who didn't know her might not believe one — refused to hit back.

The results show that while those who knew Miss Terry maintained their confidence in her, there were a number of others who chose to give credence to the one-sided views expressed elsewhere. It is hoped that in the future she will receive fuller and more accurate reporting.

Anyone in possession of pencil and paper can give a one-sided story. It requires a genuine interest in the public welfare, plus a certain amount of intelligence, to write an accurate report. The public, generally, expect accuracy in what they read. We have seen what can happen when that accuracy is not given.

THE BY-LAW VOTING

Only some 260 rate-payers were willing to pay their share of the half-million dollars needed for a community centre; some 420-odd thought they might be willing to be taxed for a \$45,000 town garage. In other words most of the people who would have to put up the money are neither anxious to do so, nor convinced of the need of it.

As none of the candidates felt strongly enough on the matter to make an issue of it, it may be presumed that both projects will be shelved for some time. Perhaps that is just as well.

After all, there may be things which more

urgently warrant expenditure of the tax-payers' money. Such things as roads, sidewalks and sewers, for example. A little more activity on the part of the town in improving its subdivisions would display valuable leadership in encouraging a building program to end the housing shortage.

Much requires to be done in this respect, and the Council will find the public more receptive to a plan for decent living conditions than they were toward the two by-laws put before them in the recent election.

DRIVING AND DRINKING

Christmas and New Year's Day are times of celebrating, and rightly so. On these days we abandon our cares and find pleasure in conviviality with families and friends.

Only too often, however, we also abandon the common precautions and safeguards against sickness, accident and death. Far too many happy gatherings have been marred by tragedy in the past. In an effort to cut tragedy out of the list of holiday excesses, Timmins' Chief of Police has issued a warning to car drivers.

"Don't jay-walk," he tells pedestrians. "If you drink, don't drive," is his warning to car owners.

Let us all enjoy the holiday season to the utmost. But let us remember, too, that we will enjoy it all the more if the threat of tragedy can be removed by a little sanity and thoughtfulness.

WELCOMING THE ALGONQUINS

With the news that the Algonquins of Northern Ontario have left England and are now in Holland, came word that a meeting is being held in North Bay to arrange an official welcome to the famous Regiment.

Mayor Brunette has wisely taken steps to ensure that Timmins will be represented at that meeting and in this he has been heartily endorsed by Council.

Not all, by any means, of our returning servicemen served with the Algonquins. But so far as any one unit of one service can symbolize the war effort of Timmins, that unit is the Algonquin Regiment.

In welcoming the Algonquins home again, we are given the opportunity of signifying our gratitude to all the men who served with Canada's armed forces overseas. Let us make the welcome a hearty one.

Timmins citizens will be agreed on this — that the Algonquins must be given the best welcome the Town can give.

THOSE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Fire Chief Wm. Stanley has passed on to us the following hints on how to get through the Christmas holiday without calling the Fire Department. If the hints prevent even one fire, they are worth publishing:

Every year at the Christmas season several families experience sorrow and loss due to special arrangements to celebrate Santa's visit. During five war years fires in Christmas trees and decorations caused two deaths and destroyed property valued at \$18,467, on 125 premises in Ontario.

In many homes this year, families will be reunited; homes, stores and public buildings will be gaily decorated; Christmas trees will be more plentiful; cares of war years will be forgotten. The result can be tragedy for any family. Before relaxing to enjoy the Christmas holiday, safety from fire should be planned for every home or other Christmas gathering.

Few persons realize how serious are the Christmas hazards nor know the measures required to overcome them. Most fires occur from special Christmas lighting, particularly candles. Any open flame lighting should be arranged in suitable holders well away from flammable decorations, Christmas trees, window curtains and table cloths. Constant watch by adults should be maintained over them while lit. Electric lighting circuits designed for tree illumination should be examined for defects in insulation, points of contact of various parts and proper size fuses used.

Flammable decorations should be kept to a minimum. They provide fuel for a rapid fire from any source of ignition. Metal, glass or asbestos decorations should be preferred in any selection. Flame-proofing treatment is available at low cost. In public buildings, flammable decorations are PROHIBITED.

Smoking habits are particularly important because of the quantities of wrappings, decorations and trees that might become involved. Matches and lighters should not be used near a tree, curtain or decoration, and extra care should be exercised in lighting or throwing away matches.

An evergreen tree dries out rapidly in a warm room and should remain in a building for a few days only. It will retain freshness longer if the base is cut diagonally and stood in a pan of water. Location and support of the tree is important — well away from fire places, stoves, heaters and light bulbs and far distant from exit doors. The tree should be well supported, preferably with metal rods or wires.

Disposal of loose wrappings should be effected immediately in a metal container or barrel with metal cover. It is hazardous to leave loose paper around and it is dangerous to stuff them in any quantity into a stove or furnace. A fire extinguisher kept in readiness can be very valuable but in case of fire CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.

Supervision of children's activities is a necessity particularly in the operation of electric or fuel-powered toys. Children should not be left alone particularly at night.

Remember Christmas is for the kiddies. It is for them a time of excitement and joy. They do not appreciate the dangers Santa brings. We must plan safety that every one may have a Merry Christmas.

World News in Review

Drifting snow in Southern Ontario is keeping the highways department busy in that section and the storm was bad enough to cancel the Toronto-New York air run on Wednesday.

President Truman urged the U. S. congress to speed up approval of universal military service this week.

A spokesman for the Bakery and Confectionary Workers (A.F.L.) threatened to tie up every bakery in Toronto unless there was a prompt settlement of the strike at Brown's Bread in that city.

British chemists claim this week to have discovered a cure for malaria which 64 out of 65 soldiers treated.

Stalin is now a grandad, it is learned this week. A child was born to his daughter, Svetlana.

By a vote of 306 to 126, the British House of Commons voted this week to nationalize the Bank of England. The matter was expected to cause a considerable stir in the House of Lords.

Almost 9,000 Jap aircraft have been delivered to the Allies since Japan surrendered, it is stated.

"Numerous beverage rooms have become incubators of crime," is part of a statement made in connection with beverage rooms in southern Ontario, by a recent grand jury. Action against such hotels was urged.

British troops burned an Indonesian village this week to prevent sniping against guards of an adjacent railroad crossing.

Four Russian soldiers have been arrested in Berlin following the wounding of two British soldiers by gun fire recently.

Scotland Yard has taken action in connection with a meeting held by Sir Oswald Mosley with accompanying fascist salutes and "hells". Mosley was leader of the British fascists before the war, and was interned when the war started.

The number of Nazi casualties in the German campaign against Russia is said to be almost eight million.

Stalin, after a lengthy vacation, returned to work this week, as foreign ministers of Russia, Britain and U. S. prepared for their third formal session on world problems.

WHOSE SECURITY IS IT?

By LEWIS MILLIGAN

Labor leaders all over Canada are demanding "union security", and that demand is acknowledged to have been the focal point of recent labor disputes and strikes.

The Ford strike at Windsor might never have occurred, and it certainly would not have been so long drawn out, but for this demand of "union security".

Ten thousand workers lost three months' wages, and 8,500 sympathy strikers lost one month's pay, and the commercial life of Windsor was disrupted and impoverished because of the insistent demand for "union security." Most of the other 21 demands could have been settled by negotiation.

What is "union security"? What benefits or security did those 18,500 workers hope to obtain from it? Would it give them security in their jobs by promoting the automobile industry and the sale of motor cars — that is the only way in which jobs in any industry can be made secure.

"Union security" has nothing to do with the security of employment for the workers. That is up to the enterprising industrialist in reducing the cost of production, improving the quality of his product and promoting the sale of his goods at home and abroad.

The retail price of a product has a great deal to do with sales, and that price is determined by the cost of production, which in turn is determined by the cost and efficiency of labor. Low prices mean more sales, and more sales mean more and steadier employment for the workers. High prices mean the opposite.

To whom, then, does "union security" give security?

The answer is: To the labor leaders and those employed in union organizations.

Who is asked to provide "union security" and by what means?

The answer is: The employer, by means of the closed shop and the check-off. The closed shop is a shop in which no one is allowed to get or hold a job unless he is a member or agrees to become a member of the recognized union.

The right of a man to hold a job is important, but the right to get a job is equally important, and any organization which interferes with that right robs him of his free citizenship.

The very fact that unions are demanding from employers that they maintain union membership and collect union dues, plainly indicates that many workers are indifferent to the union and are only members by compulsion.

Trade unions have maintained their memberships and collected their own dues ever since they were instituted. Why do they now want to place that task and responsibility upon the employer, to whom unions have been a constant source of disputes and strikes?

If by "union security" disputes could be settled more amicably, and if workers could be given security against the loss of wages, and employers from the loss of business through strikes, then there might be some all-round advantage in such an arrangement.

But experience has shown that "union security" has not given security against strikes or even helped collective bargaining. On the contrary, the power obtained by labor leaders through "union security" has rendered them more dictatorial, and there are more and worse strikes than ever.

Australia is perhaps the outstanding example of the power of trade unionism. In that country the unions have full financial and membership security with the closed shop, yet labor disputes have increased from year to year, and today Australia is suffering from the greatest strike in its history.

In spite of "union security", or perhaps because of the power it has vested in the unions, labor disputes increased in Australia from 183 in the year 1935 to 580 in 1941. The disputes in 1941 involved 248,107 workers, while this last strike of 1945 lone has put 586,000 union men out of work.

Thus while "union security" provides security and power for labor unions and their leaders, it gives no security to the workers against the loss of jobs and wages, but rather adds to that loss by periodically disrupting industry and the entire life of the nation through strikes.

"Union security" therefore means

insecurity for the workers and the whole population. It puts into the hands of labor unions greater power than that of the Government.

The avowed aim of "union security" is to secure greater power for the union leaders. This is attested by the following statement in Labor News, the organ of the Workers' Educational Association:

"A form of joint action, expressed vividly in Windsor by the threat of the AFL unions to pull out in sympathy, is in process of being created, which will lift labor in Canada to an absolutely new level of influence." Are the people of Canada of the workers themselves willing to give security to labor leaders in the exercise of this power?

What Canada needs and what workers and industry need at this time is security against the disrupting power of irresponsible labor leaders.

Need Foreign Trade, Bank Official Says

The importance of foreign trade in Canadian economy was stressed by A. E. Arscott, C.B.E. in his presidential address to the shareholders at the annual meeting of The Canadian Bank of Commerce in Toronto on Tuesday. He pointed out that both exports and imports had been maintained at a high level, about 50 per cent above pre-war average, despite contraction in war supplies.

The cessation of lend-lease and mutual aid did not, however, mean the restoration of normal trading in which there was no exchange of exports and imports on balance. The import requirements of countries which had suffered the worst physical effects of war would be very great during the early reconstruction period, and assistance in one form or another would be necessary until their economy was again functioning, he stated.

While any assistance thus given would have compensatory benefits in maintaining a high rate of employment, Mr. Arscott considered that such arrangements should not be continued after their economic justification had ceased, since it evaded the necessity for taking imports in exchange and was in effect an attempt to export unemployment.

While our foreign trade would for a while be largely a one-way affair, the restoration of trade on a mutual exchange basis was inevitable and would doubtless require readjustments by both labor and management. The disturbing effects of this change-over could be minimized by so utilizing our present opportunities in the export field that Canadian goods would become known and established in world markets.

Short-sighted burglar: I must get another pair of spectacles. This is the third time I've mistaken a flag pole for a drain-pipe.

NOTES TO YOU

We should have told you this story weeks ago, but haven't been able to stop laughing long enough to get it down on paper. It's the sort of story we like best to tell, one that needs no dressing up -- all the laughs are in there, waiting to be let loose.

It happened in a nearby town, during one of those weekends. A returned serviceman, now working at one of the mines, wished to cash a cheque during his working hours, and asked a friend to get it cashed for him and at the same time to pick up a toy for his young son.

Sometime afterwards the miner was called to the police station to identify the chap to whom he had given the money.

Someone had seen this chap and had reported to the police that he was in possession of a considerable sum of money, plus a pistol. In view of the recent bank robbery, both the informant and the police were anxious to check up.

They did.

But the money was the proceeds from cashing the miner's gratuity cheque for him. The gun was a toy pistol bought by request, for his son.

Well, that's the way we heard it, and we're not sure enough of the facts to mention any names. Besides, we might want to cash a gratuity cheque ourselves someday.

jfw

Speaking of mentioning names, that reminds us that something of a contretemps (means unlucky accident, it says here) was caused by something appearing in this column the other week. Seems the chap who writes the sports column got blamed for something which crept, willy-nilly, into "Notes to You".

To avoid further confusion, we would point out that Jack Wilson's initials are J.L.W. The initials used by the writer of this column are, on the other hand,

jfw

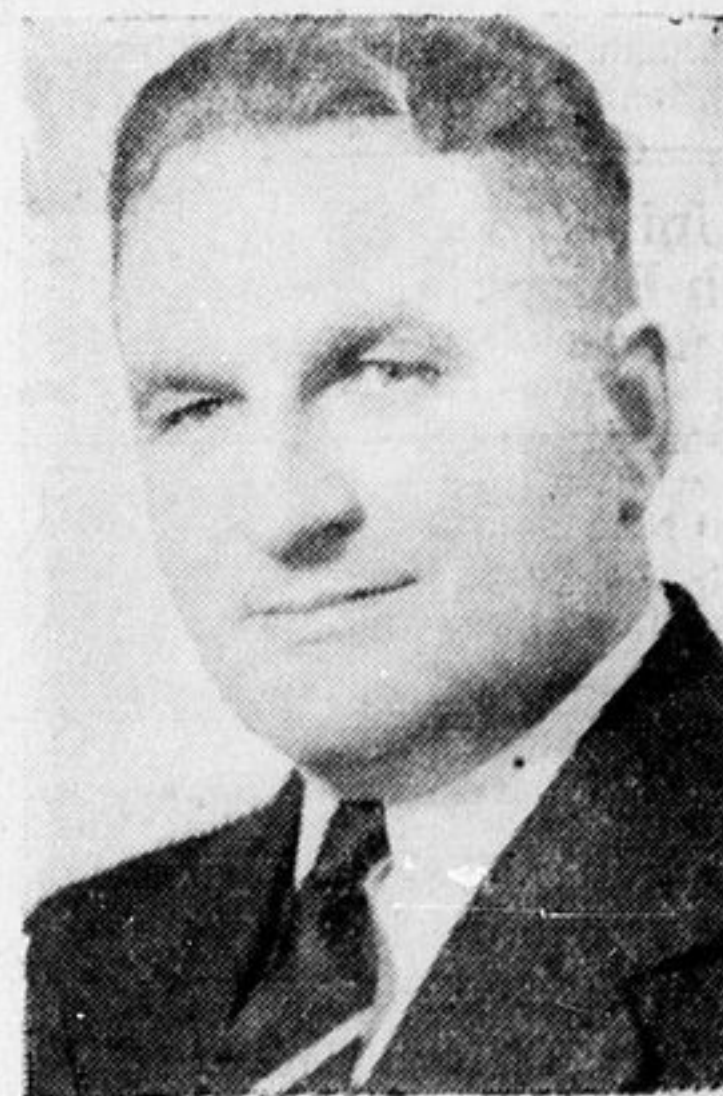
Comrade Wilson, by the by, has got himself in a bit of an argument. Wilson likes things simple and clean-cut. Hockey, he claims, should be played with a puck and sticks. Pistifuffs, claims Wilson, should be put on a separate program.

His trouble seems to be that after getting all set to write about hockey, he has to break off in the middle of it all and discuss slugfests. Naturally, we agree with Wilson. After all, he is bigger than we are and sits right behind us.

We think too, that it is the job of team management and referees alike to ensure clean hockey. This, for the protection of the players themselves, and for the benefit of Joe Public, who foots the bill in a financial way.

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Greetings To One And All



PEACE AT LAST!

The Christmas we have all been waiting for is here Our joy of relief must be tempered by the memory of those of our gallant forces who fought to help bring to us the kind of Christmas we have hoped for

It is in this spirit that I greet the citizens of Timmins at this time to extend to them the old, old wish

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year

The past years have not been easy, but the Town of Timmins has played its part and has come through in excellent shape. It is true that difficulties still lie ahead, but with continued co-operation and goodwill, I feel confident we can all go forward to a happier and more prosperous future.

J. EMILE BRUNETTE,
 Mayor of Timmins

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SOUTH PORCUPINE CHURCH NOTES

In St. Paul's Church on Christmas Eve there will be a Coral Eucharist at 11:30 p.m. The junior choir will be vested for the first time and will lead the singing of Christmas Carols.

On Christmas Day morning service with Holy Communion will be held at 10 a.m.

Special Christmas music will mark Sunday next in the United Church at both 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. services.

On Christmas Day, a morning service will be held at 11 a.m.

The candle-light service of the National Christmas Vesper service of the C. G. I. T., was held last Sunday evening with Mrs. John Bawtinheimer in charge, assisted by Flora Reed, in the United Church.

A man, recovering from an anaesthetic became very sentimental. His wife turned to the nurse.

"I haven't heard him like that since our honeymoon. Where do you buy that stuff?"

"I shall sue you for keeping a dangerous dog. Hhe chased me again this morning."

"You're very ungrateful. You know you would have missed the 8.30 bus if he hadn't."

Private Jones had been in the army a week when the sergeant asked: "What do you think of the army so far?"

"I mav like it after a while," replied Jones, "but just now I think there's too much drilling and fussing about between meals."