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by Lillian O'Donnell

Most of the people from whom we receive gifts at Christmas are well known to us . . . friends, families, loved ones . . . and their presents are material things we can see, touch and use. We value these gifts and express our thanks . . . but thousands of other people contribute to our Christmas—people we may never have known, benevolent strangers, whose gifts, being intangible, go too often unnoticed and unappreciated. These are the people who work on Christmas Day, whose man-hours hold together the complicated machinery of our present civilization and keep available to us the services and conveniences of our lives.

To all the people who stoke the furnaces and watch the generators and supervise the pumping stations, so that the turkey will brown in the oven and the lights on the Christmas tree will keep burning and there will be water from the spigot . . . to the people who keep the switchboards open and plug in the loved voices and transmit the messages of cheer from one house to another . . . to the people who drive the conveyances that bring the wanderers home and unite families . . . to the members of the fire departments, which stand by to keep the tinsel from going up in smoke, and the members of police departments, who secure our safety . . . to doctors and pharmacists and nurses and the personnel of hospitals, who find no holiday from the demands of life and death . . . to the bus drivers and elevator operators and the special-delivery mailman staggering under the last tardy sacks of Christmas cheer . . . to the thousands of other unknown friends in countless categories, we send our grateful thanks and our deep appreciation for their willingness to make our holiday good at the expense of their own. We wish you the special satisfaction of a job well done, and we want you to know that you make us very happy . . . and to our readers, our friends, we extend our sincere good wishes for a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

THERE IS NO PLACE ON EARTH LIKE HOME AT CHRISTMAS . . . All this week and right through until Saturday . . . from the four corners of the land, trains, planes, and highways are packed to the gunwales with folks who share a common joy—"I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS" . . . For home is the magnet, home is the magic, home draws the wanderers back to the hearth, especially at Christmas. Home provides the setting, whose warmth binds loved ones together in Christmas spirit. And whether home to you means a tiny city apartment or grandmother's old-fashioned house, there is much you can do to let it express the love you feel, to let it convey good will to family, to neighbors, to strangers within your gates.

Journeying from far and near they come to the holly-wreathed door to renew family ties and old friendships. They come to share the tinselled, starlit tree, to bring their gifts and be part and parcel of today's Christmas story . . . For the joy of Yuletide is sharing—sharing your home, your love. The deepest happiness comes when children, relatives, or friends join in cherished yuletide traditions—the hanging of stockings, the lighting of trees, the singing of carols.

Your Christmas story is the fun you make, the things you do to make merry the holiday season. There's happiness in making ornaments and decorations, in decking the walls with holly, mantels with fragrant pine, green boughs with bright, shining balls. The fun grows as the family together sets the friendly candle in the window, places the wreath on the door to shout to all the world a jolly St. Nicholas greeting. Holly and mistletoe and candlelight are merely symbols, but they tell the yuletide spirit we feel. Truly, home is the most wonderful place in the world. Isn't this something worth making a fuss about!

The staff of the Bank of Montreal held a most enjoyable Christmas party on Saturday evening . . . decorations included a Christmas tree bright with colored festoons, lights and ornaments . . . gifts were exchanged, dancing enjoyed and tasty refreshments served . . . Those attending were Zoni Rechetnyko and Bob Graham, Theresa Roy and Glenn Church, Cecile Clouthier and Ernie Bisson, Gladys Pasco and Al Patterson, Hilda Harrison and Norman Armstrong, Velma Laurila and Anto Kangur, Teresa Fasian and Ross Casey, Elsie Keddie, Aileen Stickley and Rolly Mathe, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Moxon, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Robinson, Jeanine Quimet and Gary Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Stonehouse, Gordon Hammer and Ruth Aiken, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Westaway.

Dr. Judith MacLean left this morning for Sarnia where she will spend the holiday season with her family and where her marriage to Jan Ochalski will take place on December 29th . . . Both Judith and her husband will return to Timmins on January 2 and will take up residence at 4 Elm street south.

The Third Timmins Company of Girl Guides entertained their parents and friends at St. Matthew's Pro-Cathedral. They presented a short pantomime, "The Queen's Cakes," and the "Nativity Play" . . . The Guides surprised Captain Secombe with the presentation of a gift and then served tea to their guests.

Dr. Sydney Smith, president of the University of Toronto and Mrs. Smith who were in town for a brief visit were entertained at an informal luncheon Saturday noon at the Goldfields Hotel. Attending were Dr. and Mrs. J. B. McClinton, Col. and Mrs. Reynolds of North Bay, Dr. and Mrs. I. T. Brill, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Shellen, R. J. Ennis, president and manager of the McIntyre Mine and Dr. Graham B. Lane.

The executive of the Toronto University Alumni entertained at an afternoon tea in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Smith later in the afternoon at the Goldfields Hotel . . . Guests were received by Dr. and Mrs. I. T. Brill . . . guests included Col. and Mrs. Reynolds, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. McClinton, Miss Norma Routliffe, Edouard Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Campbell, Dean Cooper Robinson, Dr. and Mrs. Graham B. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. John Beattie, Mrs. A. A. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gillies, Mr. and Mrs. H. Birkenshaw, Dr. and Mrs. J. I. Scholes, and others.

orn—To Rabbi Irving Margolies, 77 Elm street south, on December 22, 1949, a daughter, (Malka Zonia). Baby weighs 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Mother and child doing well.

Y's Menettes Hold Christmas Party

A very successful Christmas Party was held by the new Y's Menettes Club in conjunction with the Timmins Y's Men's Club at the McIntyre Auditorium, with 50 adults and about 30 children in attendance. The committee in charge of arrangements, Mrs. S. Brillinger, Mrs. H. Bressler, Mrs. M. Davey and Mrs. G. Metcalfe, had the Auditorium beautifully decorated, with favours on the tables and a gay Christmas tree on the platform with gifts for all the kiddies present.

Basil Howse was in charge of the teaching staff of Birch Street School leaves today for her home in Stoney Creek, Ontario, where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

man called on Santa, who was assisted by Don Fink, to distribute gifts from the tree. The last item on the program was movies which were shown by Jim Morton, after which the chairman expressed appreciation to the Y's Menettes and congratulated their committee upon organizing such a successful party.

Miss Doreen Routliffe, who is teaching on the staff of the Schumacher High School, and Miss Norma Routliffe, of the teaching staff of the Timmins High and Vocational School have left to spend the holiday season at their home in Toronto.

Miss Sheila Green who is on the teaching staff of Birch Street School leaves today for her home in Stoney Creek, Ontario, where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

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Christmas Stars



CYD CHARISSE, lovely M-G-M actress, wears stars in her hair and on her frock to wish her friends the merriest Christmas ever. Miss Charisse is now appearing in "East Side, West Side," with Barbara Stanwyck, James Mason, Van Heflin and Ava Gardner.

Taylor Hardware Hold Jolly Christmas Party During Weekend

A jolly Christmas party was held at the Taylor Warehouse during the week-end. The spacious room was decorated in traditional Christmas manner with evergreen branches, colored lights, streamers and a tinselled tree.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by staff members and their friends in dancing. Games also formed a part of the evening's entertainment. During the evening a tasty lunch was served. Among those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. G. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. S. David, Earl Meehan, Betty Fulton, Mary Sutherland, Bert Wharton, Gordon Miller, Nora McCormick, Don Dagenais, Peter Rochefort, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bergeron, Anita Bernier, Blackie Richard, Mr. and Mrs. J. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. Glen White, Ens. Mattioli, Dianne Banfich, Pep Bozzer, Margaret Rebmam, Roy Waynor, Betty Taylor, Jerry Larocque, Doris Desormeau, Archie Boisvert, Ann Linder, Ross Church, Alice Leach, Len Luxmore, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wallingford, Frank Vievie.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Dafeo, Mr. and Mrs. S. Durell, Hilda Harrison, Norman Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Vern White, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Currie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Torrence, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ryan, Vance Ruffe, Mr. and Mrs. T. Taylor, Kenny Trevenna, Hazel Kelly, David Fitzjohn, Mr. and Mrs. L. Parent, Mr. and Mrs. A. St. Pierre, Mr. and Mrs. C. St. Pierre.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nemmo, Slim McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lockett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hubert, Percy Leach, Lena Vachino, Bobby Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. A. DePelteau, Mr. and Mrs. C. Boutin, K. and Mrs. S. Babin, Mr. and Mrs. Len Henry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Landsdale, Mr. and Mrs. L. Berube, Louise Delich, A. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Trouer, Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Don Francis and many others.

Bucovetsky Staff Hold Annual Party

A most entertaining staff party was held in the McIntyre Auditorium on Saturday evening when the Sam Bucovetsky Stores Limited management and their staff held their annual Christmas party. The hall was festive with colored streamers and a lighted tree.

Dancing was enjoyed and refreshments served around midnight.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Centner, Mr. and Mrs. B. Corman, Roger Cantin, Helen Rathier, Millie Rinfret, Den Dagenais, Connie Pilon, Gerard Bisson, Gerard Bisson, John Krasenev, Meyer Bucovetsky, Marcella Hedicar, Jack Keen, Geraldine Leblanc, George Rousson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Molson, Mike Bodnarubb, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Belec, Jean Asselin, Y. Caron, Henry Babin, Ruben Peterson, Donald Desormeau, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zarski.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tennyson, Aina Yliharila, Mrs. O'Gorman, Gwen Edney, Chris Edney, Hazel McFadden, C. McFadden, Mr. and Mrs. L. Clark Current, Kaly Nowasad, A. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. R. Vreboch, Louella Mongeon, Fred Robb, Mark Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Laverdiere, Leona Didone, George Yorkie, Mr. and Mrs. Lauri Mikko, Bernice McGuire, Faust Didone, Mary Dasovich, Allan Wilson, Norma Carbone, Roger Meunier, Flo Vaillancour, Ted

Walter Fisher Lion's International President Feted At Banquet And Dance

Walter C. Fisher, Queenston, Lion's International president, was entertained by the Lion's Club during his brief visit to the Porcupine district. Prior to the holding of the banquet in his honor a cocktail party was held in the McIntyre Gymnasium. Gil Chenier, chairman, proposed a toast to the King and to the President of the United States. Following dinner dancing was enjoyed.

Among those present were Walter C. Fisher, Queenston, Cecil J. Drummond, Noranda, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Robb, Stan Fowler, Leo Laporte, Gilbert Chenier, Anna Drummond, Noranda, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Evans, Vi Chenier, Mr. and Mrs. T. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leek, Mr. and Mrs. F. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Maki, Mr. and Mrs. K. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. B. Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. B. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Biggs, Connaught, M. McHugh, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bannerman, Mr. and Mrs. T. Byck, J. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. M. Belanger, Mr. and Mrs. C. Woodall, Mr. and Mrs. H. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. H. Roy, Mr. and Mrs. L. Marlen, Mr. and Mrs. L. Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown, Fred Mark, O. McCulloch, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wighton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gallonardo, D. McCulloch, Laura Grant, Mr. and Mrs. M. Aprams, Mary Adams, Bob Brown, Dr. and Mrs. O. Stahl, Marion Irvine, Wes. McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dodge, Colin Sellar, Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton, Anson Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. R. Eddy, A. McPhate, South Porcupine, R. Quesnel, South Porcupine, T. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. D. Carriere, Mr. and Mrs. J. Watt, Kathryn Constable, Rose Calameco, Geo. Constoff, Mr. Colley, Hearst, J. Mc-

Christ. Those taking part were Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Wynne, Mrs. Bennett, and Mrs. Charlton. The soloist was Miss Isabelle Rose. Mrs. Christmas and Mrs. Smith presented the offering. Following the adjournment of the meeting a social period was enjoyed. Mrs. Whitehead's group were the hostesses.

Hi-Clubs At T.H.V.S. Receive Charters

This week the Tri-Y and Hi-Y Clubs at the T.H.V.S. received their official Charters and Membership Cards admitting and recognizing them in the International Hi-Y Fellowship. This means that the Clubs have met the standards set by the Chartering Committee and now are officially affiliated with Hi-Y Clubs in High Schools throughout North America.

The Charters and Cards were presented to Kathy Murray, president of the Tri-Y and to Norm Lillie, president of the Hi-Y Club by Gower Markie, General Secretary of the Porcupine Community Y.M.C.A.

YMCA Ski School Again Presented

For the Third time the Y.M.C.A. is again presenting its Ski School in conjunction with the Porcupine Ski Club. The School will again be held at the Gulch during the Christmas vacation from December 26 to 31 inclusively, and the instructors will be Gauth, Brillinger, Norm Lillie and Andy Anderson—all championship skiers who are well-known locally. There will be special classes for beginners and for girls.

All interested may register for the School at the YMCA office or by phoning 3893—there is no charge for the School but all who register are expected to become members of the Ski Club.

First United W.M.S. Hold Xmas Meeting

The Christmas meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of First United Church was held in the church basement with Mrs. R. Milne presiding.

Mrs. Milne reported that two Christmas parcels had been sent to East London, England. On behalf of Rev. Olds of Deptford Mission, South the W.M.S. Mrs. Jackson presented Mrs. R. Wynne with a life membership in recognition of her outstanding work as an hospital visitor.

Mrs. Ireland reported on the nominating committee and the new slate of officers for the forthcoming term are: Honorary president, Mrs. W. Mustard; past president, Mrs. R. Milne; president, Mrs. A. Jackson; first vice president, Mrs. G. Golden; second vice president, Mrs. C. Jury; secretary, Mrs. Lehman; treasurer, Mrs. W. Bull; associate helper, Mrs. W. Hayes; christian stewardship and finance, Mrs. A. Gillies; literature Mrs. A. A. Rose; missionary monthly, Mrs. Isnor; community friendship, Mrs. Charlton; supply, Mrs. S. Ireland; temperance citizenship, Mrs. E. Horning; press, Mrs. Milne; pianist, Mrs. P. Carson; hospital visitor, Mrs. R. Wynne.

The program centered around carol singing and a candlelighting ceremony based on the scene of "In

Mrs. McDowell Heads Local Guides

The local Girl Guide Association held their annual meeting in the Municipal Building with Mrs. S. H. McDowell occupying the presidential chair.

Following a business discussion an election of officers was held and the new slate for the coming term is Mrs. McDowell, re-elected president for another term; Mrs. Wilma Langdon, vice-president, Mrs. Morgan, secretary; Mrs. Ellen Tait, treasurer; Mrs. L. Farrow, Guide secretary; Mrs. M. J. Nolan, publicity.

The Guides tendered their annual report and plans were discussed for the holding of a bridge party early in the New Year. Date to be announced later.

Engagement

The engagement of Joyce Dagenais, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dagenais, of Timmins, to Douglas Gilbert, CKGB announcer, has been announced this week.

Harry Phillips of Toronto is visiting friends in town.

Saves Child's Life



Prompt action by his mother, Mrs. Charles Semark, Belleville, Ont., is credited with saving the life of her son, Bobby, one, who bit the top off a Christmas tree electric light bulb and swallowed part of it. Noticing him choking, she held him upside down and shook him until glass came out of his throat.



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