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Merry Christmas



A HAPPY HOLIDAY

The Staff of the Terrace Bay News extend to one and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We thank those who contribute items for publication and our Advertisers for their patronage.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Let's make this a fire free Christmas! Seasons change but our wish remains the same. May good fortune and success be yours in the New Year ahead.

George Maitland,
Terrace Bay Fire Department.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas at a meeting of the Council of the Township of Terrace Bay held on Tuesday, December 13th, the Reeve declared "That Tuesday, December 27th, be and the same is hereby fixed as Boxing Day for the current year; and that the usual proclamation be published;" These are, therefore, to make known in compliance with the foregoing. "I do hereby proclaim Tuesday, December 27th AS BOXING DAY for the year 1960, of which all persons are hereby requested to take notice and govern themselves accordingly."

Signed J.A. Ferrier,
Reeve
The Corporation of
The Township of Terrace Bay.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

MINOR HOCKEY ASS'N. TO HOLD AWARD NIGHT

On Wednesday, December 28th at 7:30 P.M. in the High School Auditorium, the Minor Hockey Association will hold an Award Night to which all Minor Hockey players and their parents are invited to attend.

The evening's programme will include movies, the presentation (Cont'd Page 15)

THE FORGOTTEN CHRISTMAS

The story of Christmas with its eternal message of goodwill was never told so often or so widely as in recent times. Yet goodwill among all men has seldom seemed so far away as during the year just ending, while a lasting peace on earth appears but a chimera.

Can it be the Christmas story does not really get "inside" us any more? So much may go into the eyes and ears from radio, and television, and pulpit, and newspaper that the road to the heart is choked. For let us not blame the sad state of the world only on those who do not keep Christmas. We who keep Christmas have done little to prevent events that tear at our souls.

In our hearts we know that we have not been keeping Christmas any better than the heathen and the infidel. We sing "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" instead of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," or "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" instead of "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful." A red-nosed, pot-bellied Santa Claus with an insane laugh has displaced the Three Wise Men; a garishly decorated tree has dislodged the Nativity Scene. To send a Christmas card with a religious theme is to risk being considered a little queer.

For far too many of us Christmas has become an orgy of eating, drinking and spending, which mocks everything the name of its Patron ought to stand for. Who can have goodwill toward men in the last mad shopping scramble or who has time for peace on earth when there are so many parties to attend.

In the 10 days before Christmas Canadians spend \$70 million on beer and liquor - twice as much on card postage as on charity - go \$100 million in debt for things we don't need or for gifts to people who don't need them.

It's true, five million Canadians will go to Church Christmas Sunday, proving that the spiritual impact of Christmas is still strong among some. What will the other 11,000,000 be doing? And after church, how will some of those who attended spend the day?

And yet, even knowing that the Spirit of Christmas has been lost sight of in the revelry of a pagan feast, who of us would give up hope? For the greatest hope of mankind is in the Babe whose birth in Bethlehem we are about to celebrate. The world changes. New barriers to the happiness of mankind arise (Cont'd P.15)