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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—Watson.

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Three Allied Powers Discuss War Strategy.

The past couple of weeks have been important ones as regards the war situation. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, has been in Russia discussing war plans with Stalin, and Prime Minister Churchill has been in the United States discussing war plans with President Roosevelt.

On Friday afternoon last, Premier Churchill of Great Britain delivered probably the best speech of his career when he addressed the members of the United States Congress and Senate at Washington.

In Russia, Anthony Eden was assured by Josef Stalin that Russia would never surrender until Hitlerism has been annihilated.

To us, the most significant part of the discussions between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill was the statement that their countries would carry the war to their enemies "in the same manner as they were carrying it to them."

Already the Japanese have broken almost every section of international law in their bombardment of the open city of Manila.

This was will be a terrible carnage, and is almost inhuman, but there is only one way to defeat savages. Ethics and high ideals will accomplish nothing, and while Japan may do a lot of damage in the early part of the war, we can give her no chance for ultimate victory against the resources in men, money and material of a country like the United States.

Japan Hates the Whites And Wants Control of Asia.

It is no new story that Japan hates the white race. We don't know when she started hating, but it was more than 40 years ago, as we know.

were no more slippery than the Germans under Count von Walderssee, who by some freak or another was placed in command of the Allied armies of Britain, the United States, Japan and Germany. What his scheme was we don't know, but he was the cause of the American troops leaving the column and getting into Peking first.

It isn't Hitler we are after today. It is the "Uber Alles" gang in Germany, who have had only one thing in mind since 1870—the subjugation of the world. It's the system we must defeat, not one, two or three men, but a whole gang of them, banded together to cause trouble that they may advance themselves in power and affluence.

COUNCIL'S ACTIONS LAST YEAR APPROVED BY RATEPAYERS

Durham citizens were satisfied with the work of last year's Council, and as the personnel is the same for 1942, with one exception, it is hoped the present members will go ahead and do even more than in 1941.

Durham citizens, somehow or other, do not take to public meetings. This is no sign they are not interested, however, as when there is cause for action we usually get it. The 1941 Council did nothing spectacular. They merely went ahead and did their job in a business-like manner and this is what counts.

There was some mild criticism regarding the spending of money for a jail, but we do not believe it was serious. The majority of citizens believe the Council did the right thing, hope there will never be any occasion to use it, but if anybody gets obstreperous, we have it, and the Chief of Police has the sanction to go ahead and do his duty.

Mayor Duffield was on solid ground when he said that if Durham was to be a town it should act like one. Either that or acknowledge the corn and be a village.

The Council of 1941 was not perfect by any means. The Council of 1942 will not be perfect either. They are only human. But they have done pretty well in the past year, and we predict they will be just as good this year. They should be better.

The trouble with nominations is that objections are too often taken to a rise in the tax rate. Too many electors fail to realize that the tax rate rise may be justified. Economy does not mean parsimony.

Watch your date line! It's 1942 now. A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All! If you can't fight, you can at least buy Victory Bonds, save scrap and economize.

Prime Minister Churchill thinks the Allied Powers will be in shape to commence an all-out campaign of invasion by the end of 1943. Still, there are those amongst us who think the war will be over before the end of 1942.

We cannot understand the objection to the Free French forces taking over the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, off the coast of Newfoundland. They are in friendly hands, at least and that is more than can be said for the Vichy Government.

The loss of Hong Kong is to be deplored, but is not vital to the war. We doubt if the British ever thought they could hold it. A commercial centre, its usefulness was gone so long as the war between China and Japan continued.

Priceville North

The school children enjoyed the Christmas party at their school last day. The teacher, Mr. Matthews, treated the children to candy and nuts and had the Christmas exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Carson spent Christmas week in Toronto with their family.

Misses Annie and Agnes Harrow of Owen Sound, spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. William Beaton.

Mrs. William Brown entertained her family, brothers and sisters to dinner Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McLean and Innis spent Christmas at Mr. Alex McLean's, Toronto. Mrs. McLean remained for a longer visit.

Mr. Elmer Neun spent Christmas with his parents in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hincks and family spent Christmas at the home of Mr. G. A. Black, Swinton Park, where 31 were present.

Miss Sadie Livingstone returned from Markdale Hospital and is at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lachie McKinnon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Carson, Toronto, spent a few days at their parental homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben McKenzie and Neilburt were Christmas guests at Mr. Bill McKenzie's, Dromore.

Miss Jean Hincks spent the Christmas vacation with her father, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Tucker.

On Tuesday night the Sunday school concert was held in St. Andrew's church. Mr. Irwin Matthews very ably acted as chairman. A varied program of song, music, dialogues and recitations was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nichol and family, Mrs. T. Nichol, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McArthur and Elinor, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. Bennett, Mount Forest.

Miss Violet Stonehouse spent Christmas at her brothers, Mr. Alex Stonehouse. Sorry to report Mrs. Flora Sinclair, who is staying there, has been laid up. Hope she may soon be better.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Patterson spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Ward Harrison, Flesherton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKechnie were recent visitors at the home of Mr. Charles Tucker.

Mr. Johnnie MacArthur, Owen Sound, and sister, Kathleen, Hamilton, were Christmas visitors with their parents.

Visitors last week at A. L. Hincks' were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tucker and family; Mr. Dave Hincks and Jean, Toronto; Mr. C. E. Hincks, Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKechnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Williams intend spending New Years in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Frook and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harrison visited Sunday evening at the home of Mr. B. McKechnie.

Mr. Bob Whittaker is helping Neilburt McKenzie cut wood this week.

Mr. Alex Stewart is spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. S. McDermid.

Mrs. Minnie McDonald Toronto is spending the winter with her mother.

Town Council

(Continued from Page 1) The committee had worked with the Chief of the Fire Department, and had greatly improved the fire-fighting system. He didn't accomplish everything he had set out to do, one of them the installation of more street lights in parts of town where they were needed.

C. M. Elvidge had been one year in the Council and told of the forming of an Insurance Association in town, the idea being to get better rates on town properties. Already the association had made a saving of \$180 in three years on the town hall building, and could do the same for other town property if the different boards would co-operate.

He defended the cost of the new jail and showed how, by insurance, the payment of town taxes to the treasurer instead of to the banks, the rental to be received from the hydro building, and in other ways, that the council is looking after the interests of the town.

George McKay did not know what he was going to do regarding standing for another term. He was positive he would be elected if he won, because he had as chairman of the Board of Works, given Durham the best gravel streets in the Province of Ontario. He had stayed on the job, and not one dollar had been expended without his

personal knowledge. G. R. Padfield had completed one year in the Council, during which time he listened much and talked little. Beyond becoming a runner-up for the championship of "second order of resolutions," he had little to say to the electors.

W. H. Kress was chairman of the Relief Committee in the 1941 Council. He gave an account of his stewardship for the year stating that his committee had come out with a surplus of some \$30 on the year's operations, spending \$190.65 out of an allowance of \$217. The total relief bill last year amounted to \$762, of which the town paid 25 per cent. An average of 5.75 people per month were on relief, most of them those who were unable to work.

Bert Stonehouse, nominated for both Mayor and Councillor, was in fine fettle, took a round out of the 1941 Council, the Chronicle, and then, like Alexander, sighed for more worlds to conquer. The tax rate had gone up one mill since 1940, the year he was in the council and what had we got for it? The waterworks on Countess street is not satisfactory, and while he has a nice new verandah on his home, it is impossible to use it on account of the dust. What of the town's good roads programme for back streets? The next stop was the Chronicle, which had opposed the Hepburn idea not to hold an election this year. If the editor of the Chronicle were a stiff Grit, what would have happened?

There was no report from the School Board, and Mayor Duffield, in the absence of other members of the Commission gave the P. U. C. report. He admitted he did not know duties of the Commission, and although he had inquired and read a lot about their duties, and thought he had the average intelligence, he still did not know. He thought the Treasurer's Statemen gave a good account of the stewardship of the Commission, and better than he could do.

O. S. Hunter, who had been nominated for the Commission, had no criticism to make. He thought we had a good Council, and good Boards generally in town. He advocated no election this year, and reminisced on the possibilities that might have happened had Durham made the jump and developed her own power from nearby streams instead of linking up with the hydro.

Mr. D. G. McLean. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tucker and family spent Christmas at Mr. Robert Lawrence's.

Mr. John Woolard of Alberta spent Christmas with friends here.

Mr. Ivan Turner, Galt, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Oliver.

Mr. F. McKinnon, Galt, was a Christmas visitor at his parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Oliver entertained at their home Christmas. Mr. Jim Turner and son, R. J. Laurel, Mr. and Mrs. — (nee Margaret Turner) Grand Valley, along with their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hadden Hutchison and family were guests to dinner at the home of Mr. F. R. Oliver Monday night.

(Intended for Last Week) Happy New Year to all.

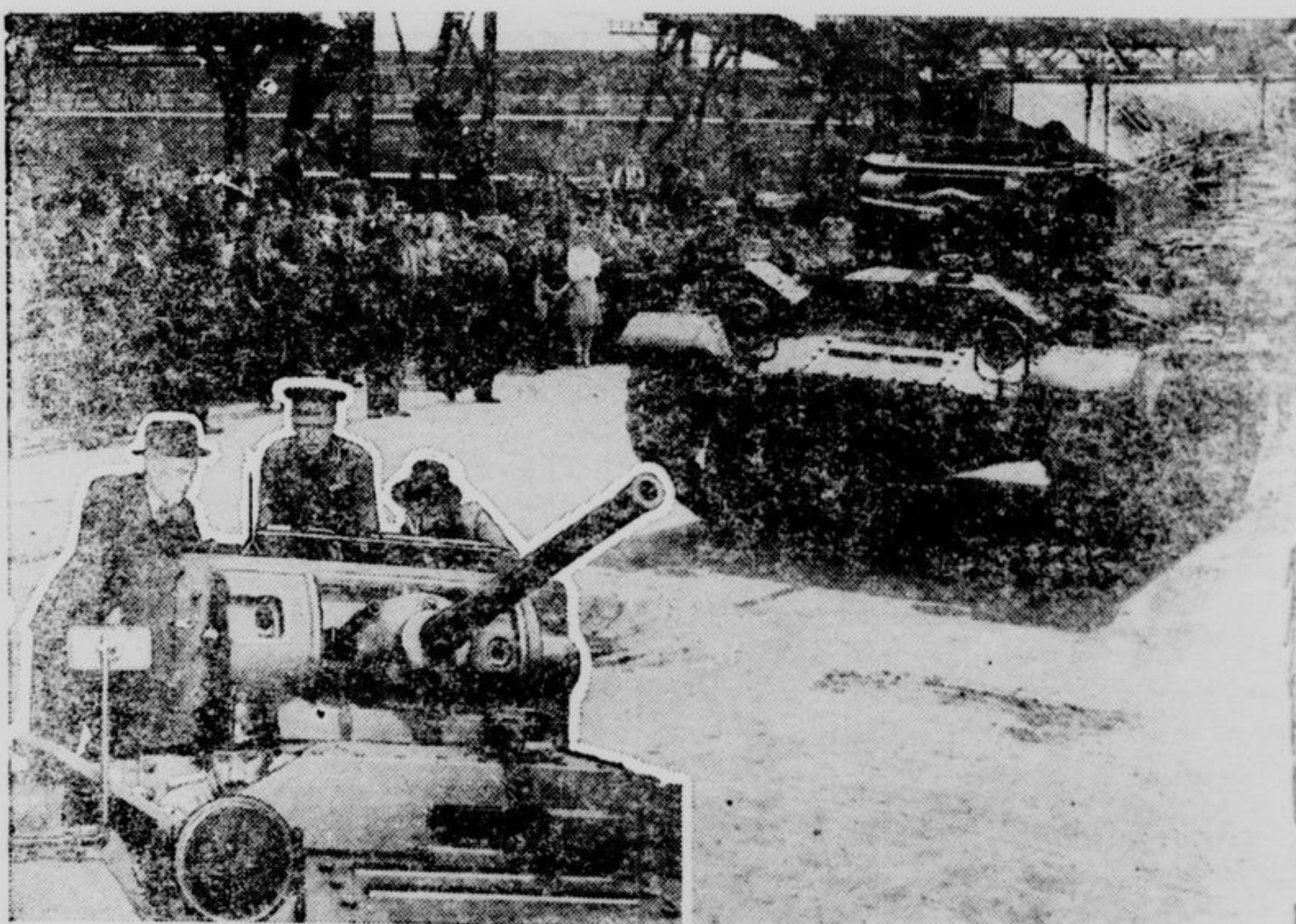
Messrs. Don and Dick Carson, Toronto, spent the week-end at their parental home.

Mr. A. J. McViear had the misfortune to lose a valuable cow, which was drowned in the river last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawrence and family of Durham visited one evening last week at her sister's, Mrs. Henry Tucker's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McLean spent Christmas week at Fergus.

First Tank in Canada Produced by Canadian Pacific Railway



Gratefully accepted by the Government for use by the Canadian Army, the first of thousands of tanks to be produced at the Angus Shops of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Montreal, rolled off the assembly line and gave an impressive test performance before a large group of government and company officials, newspapermen and shop workers.

It is the child of sweat and tears. It will be followed by hundreds and thousands of others to help the Empire to its victory. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, praised Mr. Coleman, H. B. Bowen, chief of motive power and rolling stock of the railway, and the workers who had done the job. He said that the armor plate on the tank is equal to that to be found anywhere. Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, spoke of the great need for all these machines as fast as they can be produced and thanked the railway and the workers for doing such a fine job.

Social and Personal

Miss Violet Brown, Stoth Mary McLeod of North Bay, is spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Annie Cameron, in Ham.

Miss Marion Moore, daughter and Mrs. Joseph Moore left to begin training at Haverley in the C.W.A.A.F. Canadian Auxiliary Air Force, and will be sent to Moncton, N. B.

Mrs. E. Lawson has gone to spend the holiday season with her son and daughters.

Pte. Norman L. Thompson, gara Falls was a Christmas visitor to the home of his brother, Thompson and family, Upper.

Mr. and Mrs. Roman Brown to were Christmas visitors to latter's father, Mr. Wesley Smith.

Mr. Morrison Smith was in Christmas with his father, Mr. Smith.

Christmas visitors with Mr. Allan Bell were Mr. and Mrs. Ready and son, Allan, Mr. and Kenneth Endall of London, and Mrs. C. J. Queen and son of Ridgeway. Mr. and Mrs. G. so visited with the family. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Q. and Mr. and Mrs. Beany visited Sound friends Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. H. Langley spent Christmas with her son, Wallace and Mrs. in Toronto.

F. O. C. D. McLean of the R.C.M.P. at Summerside, Prince Edward Island, spent the Christmas with Mrs. McLean and children.

Mrs. Lynn Grant and daughter Jean of Stratford and Mr. and Victor Catton, Don and Margaret Grimsey were holiday guests of Mrs. Charles Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bay, Blenheim, and Miss Pansy and Charles Port of Norwich, spent Christmas with the family at Aberdeen.

Robert Milne of the R.C.M.P. tawa, and Miss Ina Milne of the were holiday guests with their mother, Mrs. R. Milne.

Mr. J. Legate of St. Catharines returned over the holiday with his son, Osborn accompanied by Mrs. Legate and Mrs. Stanley Blacklock.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Blacklock, accompanied by the latter's sister, Mrs. McCallum, while enroute from Hamilton to Shallow Lake. They were accompanied by Lance-Corporal The Blacklock.

Nursing Sister, Adeline Morrison, Camp Borden, visited her mother, J. A. Graham.

Marjorie and Dorothy Caldwell, James Wilton of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Noble returned to their home at Barrie after a visit with relatives here. They were accompanied home by Mrs. George, who will spend some time there.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Ritchie, Owen Sound, and John Vesie of St. Mary were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ritchie.

Miss Georgina White of Heslop was a holiday visitor with her mother, Mrs. J. Birr.

Mr. Clarence Atkinson of Toronto spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Atkinson of McWilliam. Mrs. John W. McKechnie also spent the Christmas season with her mother, Mrs. Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Boyd of Hamilton were Christmas visitors with the latter's mother, Mrs. E. Kress.

Miss Margaret Farr of Windsor was a holiday visitor with her aunt, Misses Hughes.

"A full-grown deer has been seen here in the country recently by some men folks.—Ex. Blonde?"

SEASON'S GREETING. We wish you a Happy New Year. BELL & M.