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At Home Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn

CHRISTMAS TRYST

By L.A.C. William Elliott
Except the vision of Christ's mind,
Enter our minds this Christmastide,
Except His unerring purpose be our
guide,
We shall not build His Kingdom of
Right.

Then, let every heart keep its Christ-
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Let each one learn of the mind of
Christ;
Know His pity for sorrow; His hostil-
ity to sin;
His concern for the weak, His courage
to win;
His care for the oppressed, His scorn
of false might;
His pattern of service, His love for
the right.
O tarrying heart, bid timidity cease:
Strive now for the Kingdom—the glad
reign of Peace;

JESUS OUR BROTHER

By R. Davis

Jesus, our Brother, strong and good
Was humbly born in a stable rude.
Friendly beasts around Him stood.
Jesus our Brother, strong and good.

I said the donkey shaggy and brown,
I carried His mother, up hill and
down;
I carried her safely to Bethlehem
Town.

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I carried His mother, up hill and
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I said the cow all white and red,
I gave Him my manger for His bed;
I gave Him my hay to pillow His
head.

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I gave Him my manger for His bed;
I gave Him my hay to pillow His
head.

I said the sheep with curly horn,
I gave Him my wool for His blanket
warm;

He wore my coat on Christmas morn,
I said the sheep with curly horn,
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I said the dove from the rafters high,
Cooed Him to sleep that He should
not cry;

We cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I,
I said the dove from the rafters high.

Every beast by some good spell,
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Immanuel;
Of the gift he gave Immanuel.

THE LIGHT WITHIN

By Charles Malam

Small candles from the window light
An inner room, a sheltered floor.
The holly wreath hangs green and
bright
Against an inner door.

Expressionless the curtained panes
Look out upon a darkened town,
The midnight light of city lanes
The light the stars send down.

The season makes its careful way
With guarded step on guarded street.
Only by inner lamplight may
Men of good will meet.

Yet firm and strong the songs begin
And laughter fills the walls about
Where soon the friendliness within
Will shine from windows out.

—The Christian Science Monitor

COMFORT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Rev. R. G. Quiggin, Pastor of First
Baptist Church, Owen Sound

I wish to give a word of comfort
to all in our city and neighbourhood
who are mourning for loved ones this
Christmas season.

Not for you the tinsel and tawdry
commercialism of Christmas. Not for
you the superficial excitement and
merrymaking. But, for you is the
Master's benediction: "Blessed are they
that mourn, for they shall be comfort-
ed." His presence shall be with you.
For you the dark night sky shall be-
come radiant with the gleaming rays
of the Resurrection Star. Around the
Throne is a rainbow; the rainbow of
eternal hope. Hope on, sad hearts!

"Bear the brunt, in a minute pay glad
life's arrears
Of pain, darkness and cold.
For sudden the worst turns best—to
the brave
Shall change, shall become first a
peace out of pain,
Then a light, then thy breast,
O thou soul of my soul! I shall clasp
thee again,
And with God be the rest!"

SONG OF THE SOLDIERS' CHRISTMAS

Wise men, shepherds and kings
To the Inn draw near;
Wise men, shepherds and kings,
Never a soldier here.

Is there no room for us,
We of the tank and gun?
We, too, would worship the Child,
God's holy Son.

Shepherds and kings depart,
The wise are gone;
But the door is open yet,
And the star shines on.

And lo we are beckoned in,
We men of the spear and the sword;
And lo in the smile of the Child
We see the smile of the Lord.

Wise men, shepherds and kings—
But we of the sword and the spears,
We, too, we worship the Christ
Through tears—through tears.

L. W. B.

Our naval victory in Philippine wa-
ters proved to be even more decisive
than was at first supposed. Complete
returns show that it was a seaslide.—
Brubaker in The New Yorker.

In Other Communities

Taken From Our Exchanges About
People of Your Acquaintance

Sequel to Deer Story

Hedley Fagin and Dan Wilson met
with and captured the friendly deer
which The Banner wrote about two
weeks ago. They took the animal to
Fagin's service station in Mono Mills,
whence Mrs. Wilson phone Mrs. Tor-
ran Beardmore. It transpired that
the deer was a pet on the Beardmore
estate and had caused its owners not
a little anxiety by its disappearance.—
Orangeville Banner.

Deer Hide Found

Provincial police are investigating
the circumstances surrounding the
killing of a deer in Carrick Township
on Thursday night or early Friday
morning of last week. A fresh hide
was found on the sidewalk just off the
highway two and a half miles south
of Midway on Friday morning by
Solomon Grubb and marks of blood
on the snow indicated that the animal
had been skinned not long before.—
Midway Gazette.

Shelburne Bush Accident

Gordon Waller, son of Mr. George
Waller of the Best Backline, Arteme-
sia, suffered severe injuries to his
left hand while helping buzz wood in
a bush on the Walter Braiden farm in
Amaranth Township. He was at-
tempting to dislodge a jammed block
in the machine, when his hand came
into contact with the whirling saw,
resulting in his hand being cut partly
through the bone and otherwise sev-
erely lacerated. The injured man was
rushed to the office of a Shelburne
doctor, where treatment was admin-
istered.—Flesherton Advance.

Councillor Caught Fox

Councillor A. E. Bryan of Amaranth
is a sprinter who can hang up a cred-
itable short or long distance mark if
there is any occasion to do so. The
other day he set up a record of an-
other kind by running a fox for 2 1/2
miles and then knocking it down with
a stick for the capture. In fairness to
the fox we hasten to explain that
reynard was handicapped by the weight
of a trap in which his right
front foot had been firmly caught.
The chase started on Mr. Bryan's farm
near the Harvey West and Ernest
Hughson farms and ended on Mr.
Bryan's farm close to the 7th line. Al-
bert confesses that he was about all
in when he closed with his quarry.—
Orangeville Banner.

Car Accident at Bridge

The first bridge south of town was
the scene of another accident. This
time it was Saturday evening and the
cars involved were driven by Walt
Mason, No. 4 Highway, and Gus
Healey of town. Walt Mason was pro-
ceeding north into Wingham and Gus
Healey was on his way to his par-
ents' home in Morris. The roads were
in a very slippery condition and it is
thought this may have caused the ac-
cident. Apparently the Mason car
slipped on the ice and the rear of the
car hit the Healey coupe. The result
was both cars were removed by the
wrecking car. No one was injured.
The accident took place on the bridge.
No charges were laid. County Con-
stable Deyell and Provincial Officer
Frank Taylor investigated.—Wingham
Advance-Times.

Shoots Fox Out of Tree

Sam Goheen and son, Don, of Con.
14, Proton, had a unique experience
while out fox hunting Friday morning.
After a chase of about two hours their
dogs came back. The Goheens were
puzzled by this action and decided to
take up the chase themselves. Coming
to a leaning cedar tree they found
dog tracks all around it. Turning their
eyes to the treetop, imagine their
surprise to see a fox sitting in a crouch-
ed condition about 40 feet from the
ground. The tree was quite steep and
no branches on it for about ten feet.
The animal was a "sitting duck" so to
speak for the hunters. Sam says he
has hunted foxes for 35 years but this
is a new experience for him. He has
known them to go into a hole in the
ground or a hollow log, but never be-
fore had he known one to go up a
tree.—Dundalk Herald.

Boys on Sleighs Had Close Shaves

Older people know about the danger
but the little youngsters apparently
do not. Even when they have narrow
escapes, it doesn't seem to make any
impression on some young minds. Last
Friday afternoon, after the first snow
that came to stay, the hill on Maiden
Lane, down past the Catholic Church,
was like a sheet of glass. Two sleighs,
one of them with two boys on it, were
coming down the hill. A car was
going east on St. Patrick street. Just
before it reached the intersection, a
sleigh went whizzing past in front.
The driver must have been a bit
startled. Perhaps he never saw the
second sleigh, with the two boys on
it, but it just missed his rear wheels
as it shot past after the car crossed
the middle of the intersection. None
of the boys were hurt. They contin-
ued on down almost to St. Andrew
street—then pulled the sleighs up the
hill and came down again.—Fergus
News Record.

Summer Cottage Destroyed by Fire

Mystery surrounds the fire on Sat-
urday evening that destroyed the
newly-erected log cottage at Oliphant
owned by Dr. E. L. Hardman of Wiar-
ton. The fire was first noticed by Mrs.
George Clemens, but by that time it
had gained such headway that nothing
could be done to save the building. The
cottage was not occupied at the time
although Dr. Hardman was out on
Wednesday and had had a fire gong
but he believes this would be out in
a very short time. There were no mat-
ches available for mice to have been
the cause and on examining the door-
locks in the debris they were found
to be locked. Provincial Constable
Johnson investigated and he, too, is
unable to establish the origin of the

Holstein North

The Season's Greetings to Editor
and staff.
Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan of
Holstein visited recently with Mr.
and Mrs. W. J. Allan.

North Egremont

We wish Ye Editor, staff and read-
ers a very Merry Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. Carman Wilson spent
Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs.
Archie Henderson.

Poplar Hill

Season's Greetings to Editor and
staff.
Mrs. Andrew Picken spent an after-

Watch Cat Does Its Bit

John Warnock, Orangeville says
that his Persian cat, foiled an attempt
to break into his garage the other
night. About 2 o'clock, Mr. Warnock
was awakened by the antics of a tabby,
which was racing excitedly between
his bed and the window and growling
angrily. Mr. Warnock went to the
window and looked out just in time
to frighten off some men who were
trying to break into the garage,
where two cars were stored. They
were likely after tires and Mr. War-
nock is satisfied that his cat prevented
the loss of several precious tires.—
Orangeville Banner.

Miss Luella Hargrave

was a visitor for the past few weeks at the
home of her brother, Mr. C. Hargrave.
Mrs. John Nelson and son, Douglas,
visited on Friday at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. J. Johnson.

Sergt. D. Johnson

spent the past
week enjoying a holiday with friends
in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. C. McAllister

and daughter, Mary Elizabeth visited with
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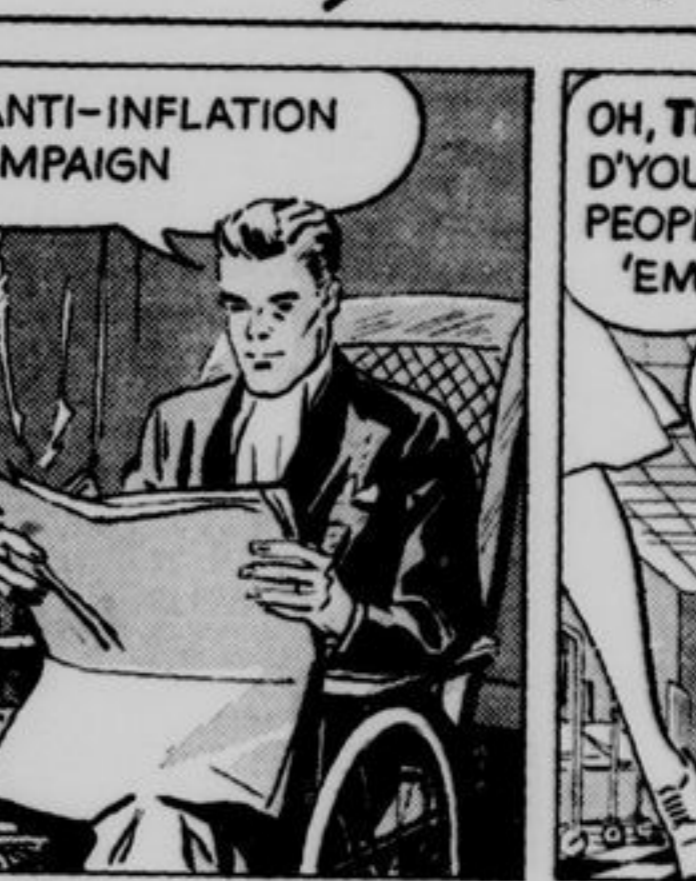
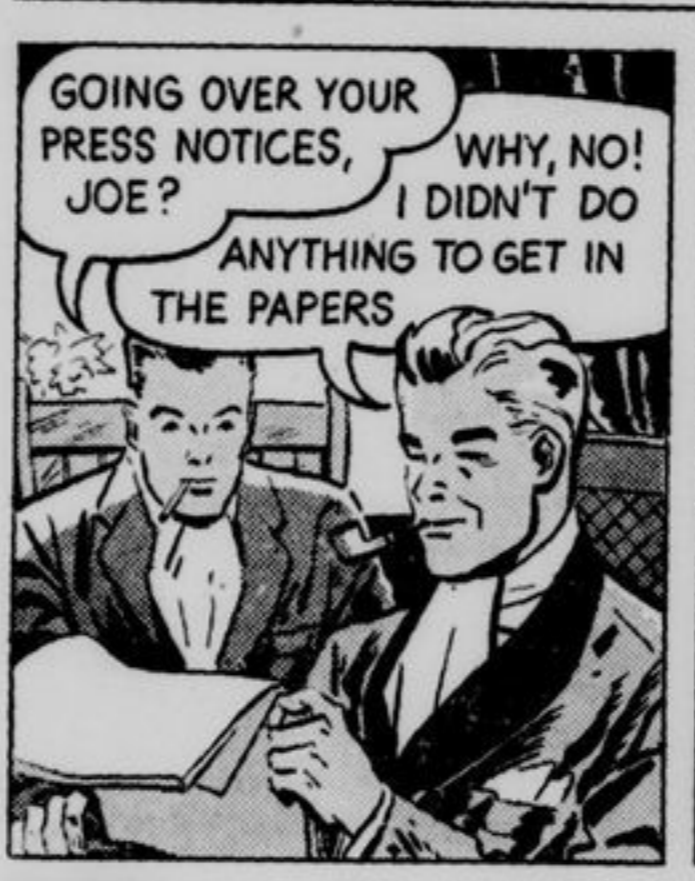
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