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### CEDAR GROVE

(Thursday, Dec. 11)

Mr. George Freeman has just celebrated his 82nd birthday. Despite his long years Mr. Freeman enjoys life to the full and is one of the keenest of card players. He celebrated his birthday week by attending three social card functions.

Mr. Arthur Reesor who celebrated his 79th birthday last week would like to thank the many friends and neighbors who sent him cards and gifts to commemorate the occasion. He received over a hundred cards.

We heard a rumour that Ila Reesor was home last Sunday and that she will be home for two days at Christmas.

Mrs. Lewis went into the East General Hospital last week where she will shortly undergo an operation. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Austin Reesor is home for the winter and has already begun work on the rink. After a few days visit to Trafagar he will return to the Grove and the rink.

A large group of villagers attended the Agincourt Presbyterian presentation of Trial By Jury last Friday and Saturday nights. All report an excellent production.

Frank Sewell has been ordered to bed for a month or so following a couple of attacks last weekend. That really means quietly, Frank, although we know it will be hard.

The W.M.S. held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. Arthur Lapp with group 3 in charge. Mrs. A. G. Little presided. Following the minutes and roll call Mrs. R. Scott gave a reading on Christian Citizenship. Mrs. Austin Reesor sang a solo and Mrs. Harold Lapp, assisted by Mrs. Russell Reesor, Mrs. Murray Milroy, Mrs. Frank Reesor and Mrs. A. Lapp, was in charge of the worship period. Dressed in her native costume, Mrs. Pogolus was guest speaker. Her subject was her own country, its customs, dress and Christmas celebrations. It was rather a lot to cover but Mrs. Pogolus told of the design, buttons and material of her native dress and in comparing Christmas in her land and Canada said that the chief difference was that in Latvia the celebration lasts three days. The talk concluded with Mrs. A. Reesor playing the Latvian National anthem. The meeting closed with a hymn and benediction after which the group served lunch.

The W.M.S. officers for 1953 are as follows: Honorary Presidents, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. McCowan; President, Mrs. A. G. Little; 1st vice president, Mrs. Charlie Whitaker; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Murray Milroy; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Maurice Hamill; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. C. Scott; Treasurer, Mrs. Allan Reesor; Flower Committee, Mrs. Jake Burkholder and Miss Ruby Reesor; Christian Stewardship, Mrs. McCowan, Mrs. Fred Beare and Mrs. A. Lapp; Community Friendship, Mrs. Lloyd Taylor and Mrs. R. Reesor; Temperance and Christ-

ian Citizenship, Mrs. R. Scott; Supply, Mrs. Elliot Harrington and Mrs. Frank Sewell; Literature Secretary, Miss Jessie Beare; Missionary Monthly, Mrs. Bert Tapscott; Press Secretary, Mrs. Frank Reesor; Mission Band, Miss Mabel Reesor; Baby Band, Mrs. Maitland Ryan.

### Source of Familiar Hymn Shrouded In Speculation

Everyone knows and sings "O Come All Ye Faithful," especially at this time of year, and the original Latin rendering is only slightly less familiar than the English.

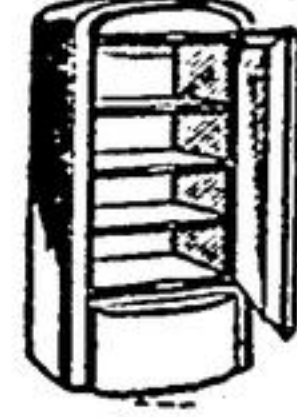
Whence came this grand composition? Many people, observing the usual hymn-book marking for the piece, "Composer unknown," probably assume that it is very old. As a matter of fact it is not, being a work of an 18th century musician.

For a long time the authorship was ascribed to John Realing, organist of Winchester Cathedral (1675-1681), but scholars found this to be in error. Likewise, they determined that "Adeste Fideles" was not from either France or Spain.

A music critic of the London Times finds that new light has been shed on the case by Dom John Stephan, a Benedictine scholar of Buckfast Abbey, as a result of his examination of a manuscript choir book that turned up at an auction last year.

This book, the Times' critic explains, while lacking a title page, is in the same handwriting as the other manuscripts containing the hymn at Songhurst Old Hal, Ware,

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### What If There Were No Christmas

What if there were no snow... no snowballs, no sleigh bells, no snowmen? What if there were no trees... no evergreens, no pine cones, no Yule logs? What if there were no laughter... the gayest melody in the world? What if there were no music... no wealth of soul in sound, no voice which links our voice with that of the past?

And worst of all: What if there were no Christmas... no chance to share what we have with others who haven't as much as we? What a shallow world it would be if we didn't unbar the door once a year and let our generosity flow out! What if there were no Santa Claus? Do YOU believe there isn't such a fellow? Ask yourself this question... and answer it honestly... as your child's eyes fill with fearful wonder when he

comes face to face with St. Nicholas on some street corner, or in some department store. What if there were no other day besides Christmas when we could help someone? What if all our giving and our kindness had to be crammed into 24 hours once a year? What if... in our frantic one-day effort to help all those who need our help, we missed out someone really, desperately in need? Let us thank God that these

"what ifs," are an ugly alternative to fact. There is snow, there are trees, there is laughter, there is music, there is the spirit of Santa Claus and—most important of all—there IS Christmas! And luckily for us, we CAN stretch Christmas to last a whole year. We can give constantly to ourselves, and in return get the far greater gift of spiritual contentment.

The Chairman, Commissioners and all of Hydro's thousands of employees throughout the Province join with the Municipal Systems in wishing you the compliments of the Season.

The Commission also take this opportunity to extend their best wishes and thanks to the engineers, suppliers, technicians and men and women of labour whose co-operation has contributed in great measure to the speedy development of new power sources.

May this Christmas Season be bright and merry and may the New Year bring good health, happiness and prosperity.

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# Greetings from the Hydro Family



and the Henry Watson Library in Manchester, which are dated between 1746 and 1760. These are all in the handwriting of John Francis Wade, an English teacher of Latin and song, who was a copyist at Douay, France, though not a student at that college.

If this man was the author of both words and music, as Dom Stephan thinks, it would account for the fact that "Adeste Fideles" is sung not only in Britain, the Empire and the United States, but also on the Continent.

This is a matter of keen interest to those given to the professional study of such matters. Most people, however, will be quite content to leave these speculations to the learned and to say of the composer of the beloved Christmas song, "Bless him, whoever he was!"

### Yule Pantomime British Feature

Once again this year some of Britain's leading stage stars will be playing traditional roles in the gay fairy tales and nursery rhyme stories on which the "pantomime" is based.

Pantomime has been developed over a period of 400 years. It has outlived its name—there is very little "miming" today—but it does have some unusual stage features. One of them is the reversal of the sexes in the leading roles. The hero or "principal boy" is an actress whose shapely limbs are clad in "fleshings"—high-length flesh colored stockings. The hero's mother is known as the "dame" and is played by a man wearing unorthodox female clothes. This state of affairs dates back to the 18th century.

Other features are the company of juvenile dancers, the theme song in which the whole audience joins, and the "transformation scene" in which the stage setting is cleverly transformed. In full view of the audience, winter becomes summer or earth changes to fairland. Flying ballet dancers flit airily about on the stage, and small boys in the audience peel and eat oranges while they wait patiently for the arrival of giants, dragons and other pantomime impediments.