

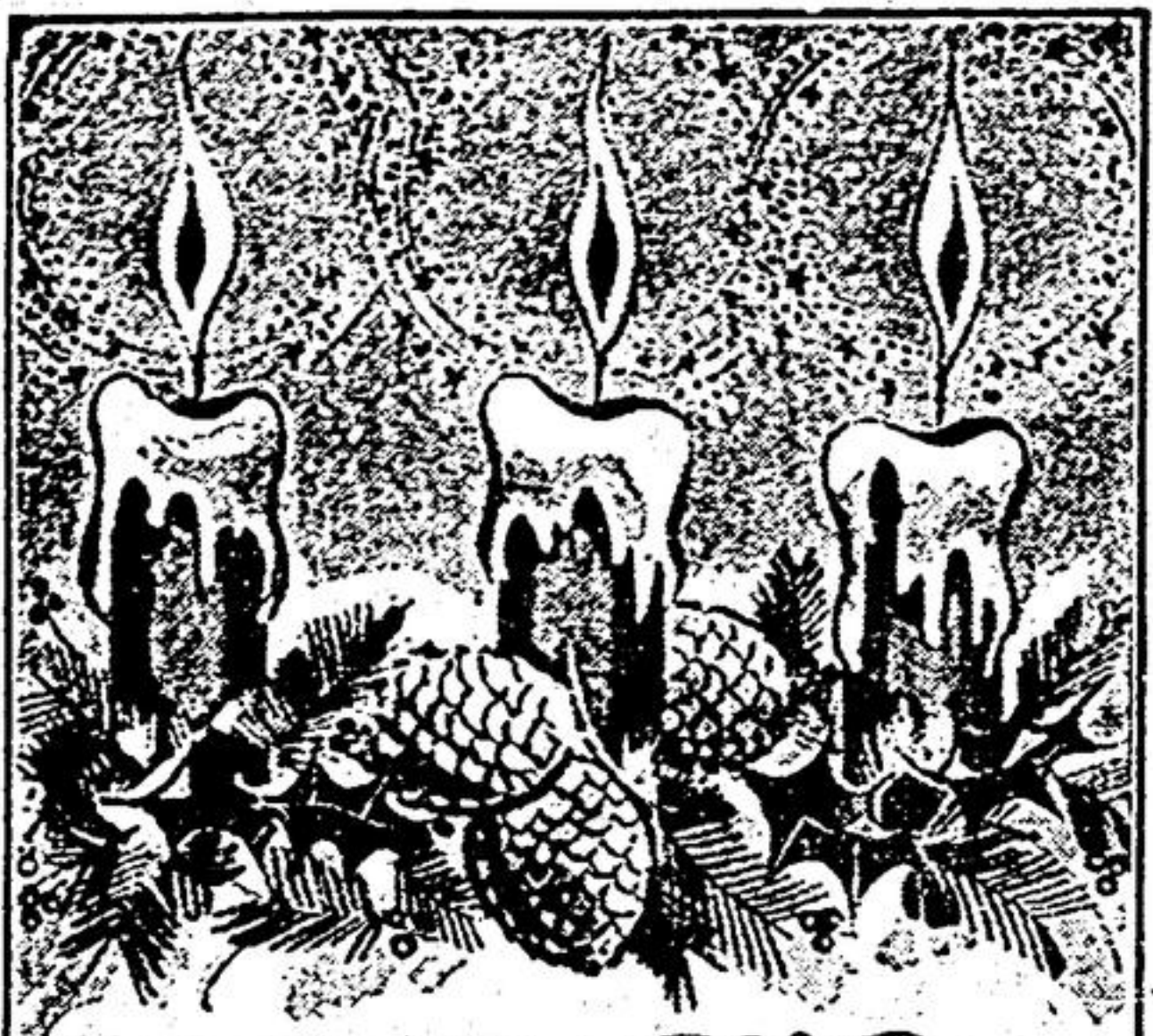
\$1 Million School to be Built North of Uxbridge

It has been announced that the St. John's School for Boys will build a new large school on the farm formerly owned by Ivan Monkman, about one mile north of Uxbridge, according to the Uxbridge Times - Journal. Building is expected to commence the beginning of the New Year.

with the Times-Journal stated that value of the new school will be in the neighborhood of one million dollars and when completed will have modern dormitories, trade shops, classrooms and other facilities. It is expected one hundred and fifty boys will be housed in the new school along with their teachers and instructors.

Plans are to have the school completed for occupation by early in 1957.

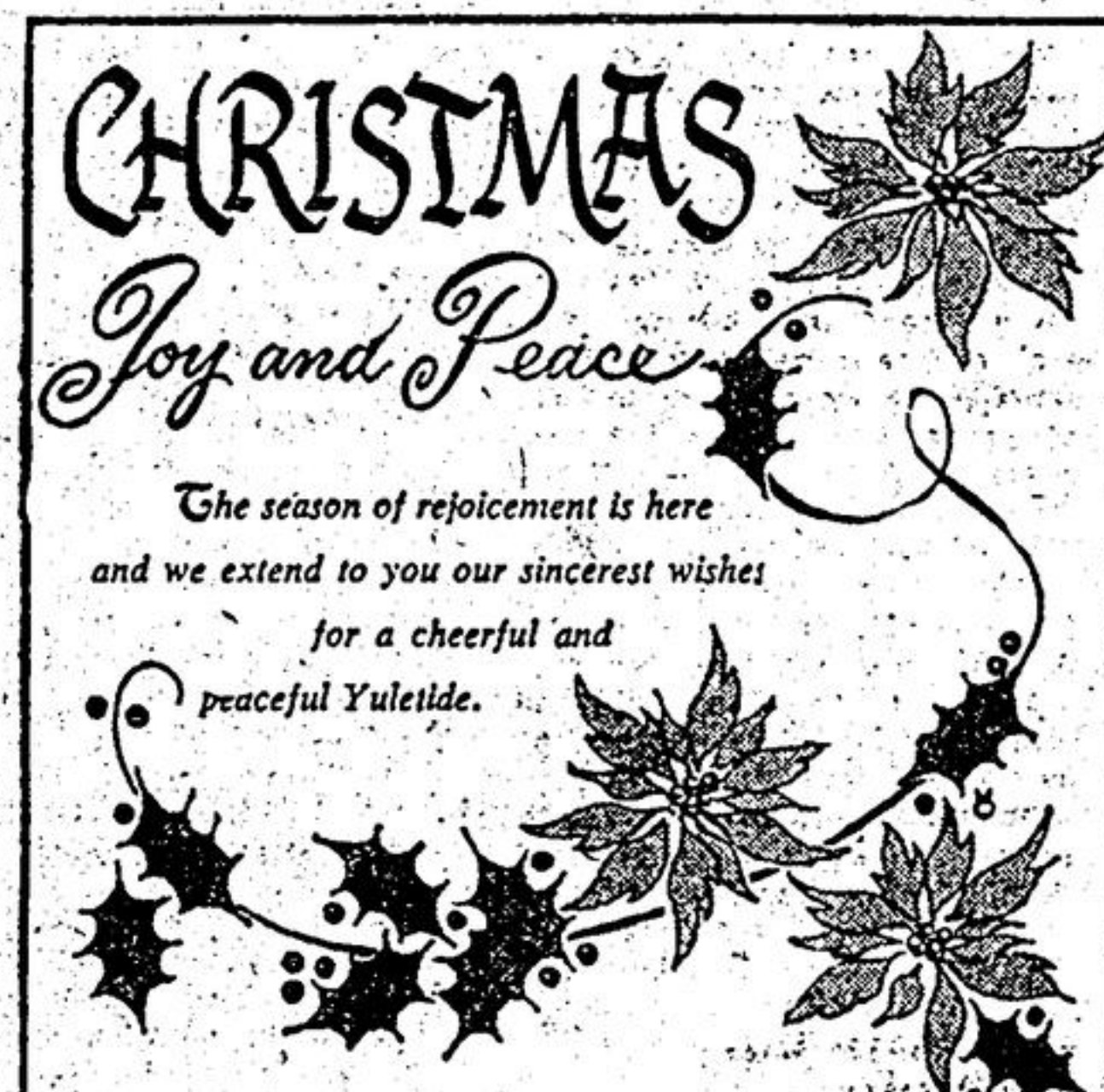
Experience is the thing that enables you to recognize a mistake whenever you make it again.



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With happy memories of many pleasant friendships, we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas to all.

MARGUERITE SIMONS
The Three Sisters

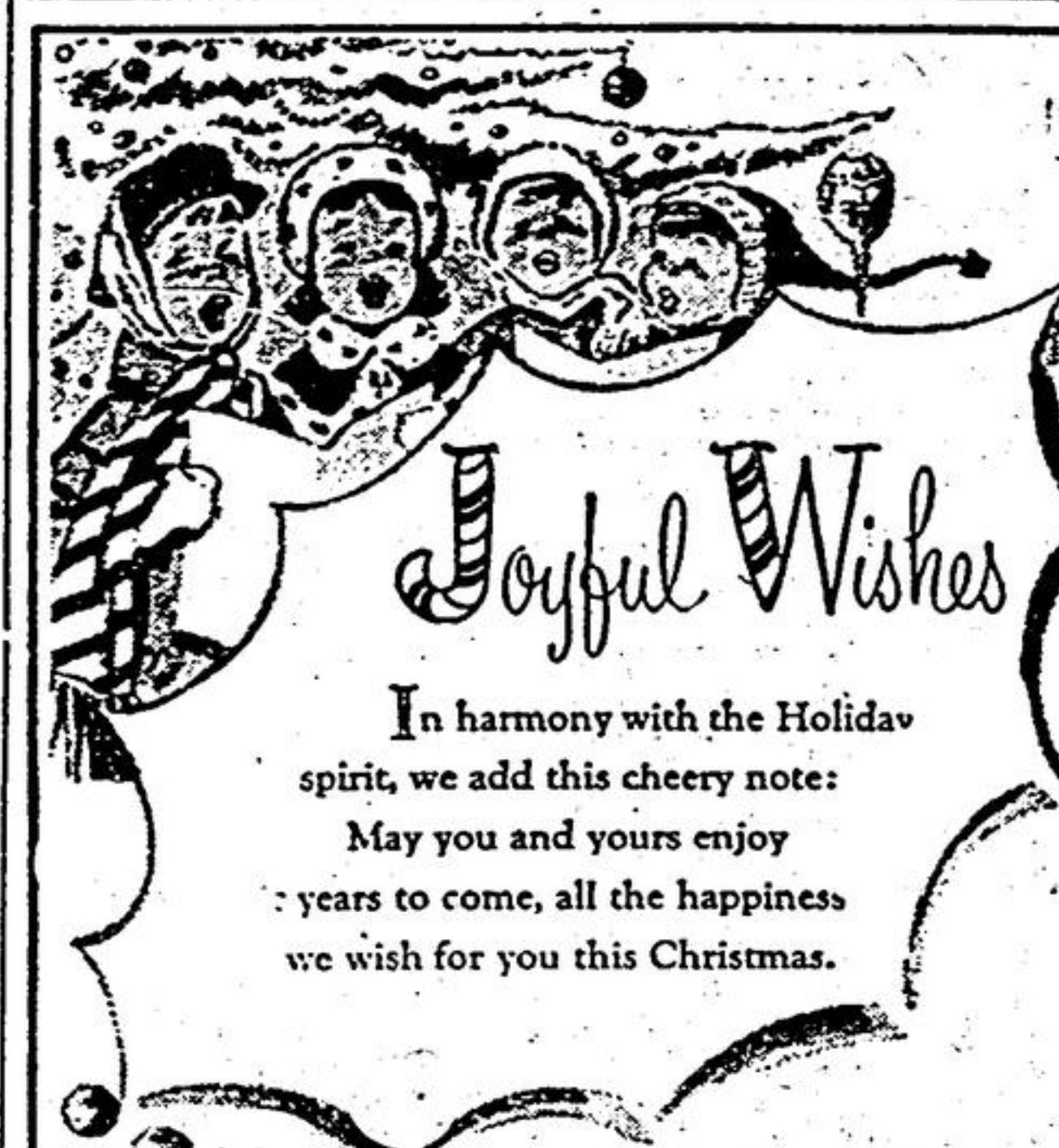


CHRISTMAS

Joy and Peace

The season of rejoicement is here and we extend to you our sincerest wishes for a cheerful and peaceful Yuletide.

Earl Hoover
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Joyful Wishes

In harmony with the Holiday spirit, we add this cheery note: May you and yours enjoy years to come, all the happiness we wish for you this Christmas.

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Season's Greetings

On your journey through the Holiday Season, may good health and happiness always ride with you.

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CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

by WILL C. BARRIE, Manager
1955
CANADIAN PLOWING TEAM

W. C. Barrie

Aboard the Empress of Scotland
The last day of our Swedish visit was the only wet day we had. We were very lucky to see so much of Sweden in fine weather, as we were told that it was unusual to have such a long stretch of good weather so late in the year.

While checking our baggage for the plane, we were told that our bags, which went over all right, were now 160 pounds overweight and we had to pay \$34 extra. We had purchased more souvenirs than we realized.

At London we were met by the Esso representatives and heartily received, and all were pleased that the Golden Plow, having been won by a Northern Irishman, was to stay on British soil for another year. (Ivan McLaughlin of our team came second, and our other team member, Joe Tran, finished fourth out of 24 plowmen from 12 nations.)

On the following morning Ivan, Mrs. McLaughlin and Joe Tran accepted an invitation extended by the manager of the British team, Willie Dick, to drive by car up to his home in Scotland. Mrs. Barrie and I left by train for Edinburgh so as to have as much time as possible with friends and relatives in the land of the heather.

During the train trip to Edinburgh we saw many large herds of cattle and sheep. Plenty of pasture was to be seen everywhere, and the only evidence of a very dry summer was the small amount of plowing done. The British farmers seem to raise far more livestock than the Swedish farmers. On our trip through Sweden we saw no beef cattle and the herds were confined to the Swedish red and white dairy cattle.

As we drew nearer the border of Scotland there was a decided change in the appearance of the countryside. Instead of well-trimmed hedges and red brick houses with red tiled roofs, so familiar to England, we saw grey stone houses and stone walls. More hills and valleys appeared and the flocks of sheep were larger.

Old Castles
As we entered Edinburgh we were most impressed with our view of the long bridges spanning the river, and the narrow streets with grey stone buildings.

On the following morning we went on a conducted tour of the city and saw a few highlights of that old and historic city: Edinburgh Castle, Princes Street, Scott's Monument and Holyoak Castle, and St. Giles' Cathedral.

We were taken along the Queen's Drive and as we drove up the winding mountain, the guide pointed to a village at the far side below us and said it was the most famous watering place in Scotland. Then, with a chuckle, he said it had six breweries!

"Come Awa Ben"
From Glasgow we went to visit cousins in nearby Barrhead. Although our grandparents had come from Ayrshire 135 years before, we thought we understood the dialect. To be greeted at the door by "Come awa ben the hoose" was worth going a long way to hear. The hospitality we received in Scotland was far beyond anything we had hoped for.

While driving through Ayr to visit Burns' cottage, I stopped at the newspaper office for a paper. I mentioned that we came from near Ayr, Ont. That really started something. The publisher asked for an interview and had several pictures taken. We were shown through the printing office and loaded down with newspapers and booklets referring to the 750th anniversary of the city of Ayr, which was celebrated there 3 years ago.

To this anniversary the village of Ayr in Canada had flown a bouquet of flowers inscribed "To Ayr by air from Ayr." Ayr is a lovely seaport made famous by Burns' cottage, Burns Museum, the Brig-O-Doon and monuments to Robbie Burns and William Wallace.

First Rate Farmer
Meanwhile, the rest of our party, Mrs. McLaughlin, Ivan and Joe, were visiting on the farm of Willie Dick.

Mr. Dick is a striking example of a successful farmer, and after hearing about his farm operations, we began to think we were living in the wrong country. His wheat yields are from 70 to 80 bushels per acre, and barley from 90 to 100. He has nine tractors and eight balers, and all of this on 300 acres. He keeps just one cow and there are no fences on his farm.

After uneventful journeys to Liverpool, our party of five was reunited, and we boarded the Empress of Scotland, bound for Montreal.

The previous trip made by

the Empress was reported to be a very smooth one, but we cannot say that about this one. Ever since this voyage began, we have been tossed about and a goodly number are on the sick list, including some of our party.

Tremendous Power
This morning we were fortunate in being shown through the engine room by the chief engineer, and only then realized the amount of power it takes to propel a ship of this size. One hundred and ninety tons of fuel oil are consumed daily and 17 men are required for each of the three shifts. The fuel oil which looks like molasses is loaded in Canada for the round trip. It is amazing to think that it takes a crew of 460 to man this ship, which is carrying only 450 passengers.

This evening Joe mentioned it was his 35th birthday, so the ladies got in touch with the headwaiter, who had the chef bake a large fruit cake covered with thick icing and topped with a model of a tractor and plow Ivan's silver cup was in the centre of the table and the Captain insisted on filling it with champagne. When the pianist played "Happy Birthday to you," all of the dining room guests joined in the singing and Joe, who was taken completely by surprise, seemed more nervous than he did during the two days of plowing in Sweden!

On the last day aboard ship, the weather was perfect and the upper decks were lined all day with passengers taking in the sights. We saw a great many impressive things during our wonderful trip abroad, but we found there was nothing to match the thrill of stepping onto Canadian soil and knowing we would soon be home once again.

TURKEY DINNER

Planning a turkey dinner for Christmas? If you are, and you want to be sure it's a "good" bird when you place it on the festive table, then follow these tips in preparing that important part of your holiday meal.

Be sure all wing-tip feathers are removed. They may be pulled out easily by pressing the skin between the feathers down to the tips of the quill with the forefingers of one hand and pulling the feathers straight out with the other.

The drum stick can also be greatly improved by pulling with a pair of pliers as many of the nine heavy tendons in each leg as possible.

Singe your bird the easy way. Put a few teaspoons of rubbing alcohol in a jar lid, light, then rotate the turkey slowly over the flame. The bird should then be washed with soap in luke-warm water, using a scrub brush, then rinsed in clear water and dried.

Don't stuff the turkey until just before putting it into the oven. Three skewers should be used before closing the cavity and a square knot tied after each skewer so the lacing won't tighten. If there is not sufficient opening to let off steam, the dressing will get soggy.

Holiday Cheer

May the joys of the Holiday Season come to your home...to stay!

Fred Byer & Son

Christmas GREETINGS

May this cherished holiday season bring high happiness to you and those you hold dear.

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Christmas

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A Christmas Greeting to Our Wonderful Community

...We'd like to shake the hand of every one of you. We'd like to wish you all a personal Merry Christmas. But, please take the thought for the act and accept our sincere good wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity now and always!

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