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Holiday Traffic

There is a world of difference between celebrating Christmas at home and in the hospital. Driving conditions could hardly be worse than at this season.

The Christmas spirit should include care to make allowance for the unexpected behaviour of other users of the road.

A first requisite of safe driving at this time is to keep speeds well below what is normally considered safe.

So serious is this danger of death and injury on the highways at Christmas that the President of the United States called for a nation-wide campaign to reduce the fatality rate.

The Best Drink Of All

Believing that what their product needs is more publicity, the dairy farmers of New England—more than 10,000 of them—have decided to go after it in a big way.

Why not make the campaign general throughout the continent? New England producers intend to show that milk surpluses are the best proof that the American people are not using enough milk for good health.

In Florida, visitors and natives have found it necessary to invest in warm clothing and fuel while December in the Maritimes has until now been unseasonably mild.

Eisenhower's Trade Policies

It is reported that President Eisenhower is preparing, as soon as the new U. S. Congress convenes in January, to advance his freer trade policies on three separate fronts.

Secondly, he will ask the Congress to give its formal approval to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which was negotiated by the Truman government and enforced under the authority of the reciprocal trade agreements law.

approve a new trade agreement with Japan. Public hearings on such an agreement are getting under way now and may be expected to reveal a sharp difference of opinion in the business community.

Besides expanding international trade directly, he is hoping to expand it indirectly by continuation of foreign aid on a reduced but substantial scale, especially in Asia, and by the establishment of the proposed International Finance Corporation, with capital of \$100 millions, to encourage private investment in the industry of under-developed countries.

Soviet Subtlety

The enslaved press and radio of the Soviet Union and her satellites are busy extracting the utmost propaganda value from the recent Moscow conference on "European security."

Invitations to the conference, it will be recalled, were extended by the Kremlin to the western powers as well, but were flatly rejected on the ground that no discussions on European security could properly take place until ratification of the Paris accord.

Moscow's "European security" conference has, therefore, been made to serve the purpose of playing upon the fears of Poland, Czechoslovakia and the satellite countries in the Balkans concerning the re-arming of West Germany.

Such a pronouncement may mean much or little. In the interim, however, it serves the Kremlin's purpose of keeping the free world guessing as to Soviet intentions, which, along with propaganda, appears to have been the sole purpose for which the Moscow conference on "European security" was called.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Halifax is traditionally an army town and cannot forget it. The circumstance that it also happens to be a seaport and must put up with the presence of seamen seems to be regarded as a misfortune.

The closing of the ports of Montreal and Quebec is a perennial Christmas present to Halifax, Saint John and Portland, Maine. There is generally some controversy, however, as to which is the most deserving.

In Britain in the spring it seems. The re-designation of constituency boundaries has been postponed until after the Christmas recess and members and others will require a reasonable time to adjust to the expected changes.

A private study in Washington indicates that from 1975 to the end of the century, 80 per cent of all new generating capacity installed in the United States will be atom-powered.

Thomas Robert Malthus, British political economist, died this date 1834. After a distinguished scholastic career he entered the Anglican Church. He had already begun to write on economic subjects and in 1798 he wrote and published anonymously the famous "Essay on the Principle of Population as it affects the Future Improvement of Society."

From a group of ten members in 1938 there are now 86 full members of the Community, some 800 associates, and over 6,000 friends. In the winter the Community moves back to Community House in Clyde street, Glasgow, and only the craftsmen and small permanent staff remain, with the island population of about 150.



Something Different In The Way Of Letters

The Poet's Corner

FOOTHOLD

The decimals of distance have been lost. In breaking through this last frontier of all: The barrier of sound securely crossed, They see a world incongruous and small.

Link With St. Columba

(News of Scotland) The Island of Iona, off the West coast of Scotland, where St. Columba landed from Ireland in 563 and founded a monastery, is the base of a remarkable religious community whose two-fold aim is the training of students and the restoration of the centuries-old abbey.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Canada might take a leaf from the report of a British committee which urges government control of air pollution by motor vehicles. If you don't think this necessary, stand for ten minutes outside the Post Office on Dalhousie street one evening around five and then read something about the harmful effects of carbon monoxide.

The problems of contemporary art are not merely problems of popularizing strange-looking pictures. Art touches life in so many ways that its problems have significance and value even for those who consider themselves to have no particular "appreciation" for art.

Now it's the time of the big sleep for the bees, the bears, and even the buds of the plants that shed their leaves. And the intensity of this winter sleep, or hibernation, depends on who's doing it.

In India, Premier Nehru is being suddenly aroused to the reality of the Communist menace to his country. Communists are organizing a nation-wide strike of 50,000 bank employees.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer

Back in the early 1920's Dr. J. Paterson-Smyth, a Canadian scholar and theologian, wrote a little book called "A People's Life of Christ." I happen to have a copy of it in my library; and now and then, for literary enjoyment as well as spiritual benefit—which always comes from good serious reading—secular or religious—I take it down for perusal.

"No part of the Christ story has so touched our imagination as this influx from the other World; how its music swelled and died over the pasture fields of Bethlehem with its glad tidings of great joy which should be to all people; how the hosts of Heaven as they listened could not restrain their delight, breaking forth in the eternal anthem of their World above—Glory to God in the Highest!"

"But unless we keep habitually in mind that other World, that eager, interested, enthusiastic World, its very wonder and beauty tend to separate it from us, to make the picture of the angels from Heaven rather misty and cloudlike beside that of the manger and the baby on the earth. Now, that must not be. Any haziness as to the reality and close presence of that other World puts the whole story out of gear.

"And yet, on second thought, is not this God's method in working all His wonders? Is it not 'just like him' as we say? That is how they do things in that Eternal World. In the building of the oak, in the making of a planet, in the wonder of the dawn, in the miracle of the yellow harvest—that seems God's method always, quiet, simple, unnoticed."

"So Jesus came in utter unexpected simplicity; not with pomp or glory in rendering of the heavens, but quietly, as the dew comes, or the dawn. Here is a stupendous happening, beyond the grasp of thought, and so easily does it blend with the simplest elements of life around us that we feel some difficulty in retaining any wonder and awe. One feels almost as if reading an ordinary village chronicle."

"Did ever baby enter this world in lowlier guise? On the earthly side just a stable, a manger, the cattle in the stalls, a woman wrapping her baby in swaddling clothes. And do we not love Him all the more for it? Somehow it would spoil the picture if He had been born in a palace with princesses to wait on Him and high priests in attendance."

After describing the historical events leading up to the Incarnation Dr. Paterson-Smyth goes on to write what he calls the "other half of the story."

"The angels are coming in. Two worlds are in the picture. We must keep the whole picture in view, else the story will go wrong. In studying the life of Christ we must always keep in

our consciousness the world from which He came. We believe in it all right. But we are dull and slow of heart. We set it aside out of view. And so our picture gets out of focus."

"Every incoming of God into human life, every spiritual uplift which this world received, is begun in that other world before we know anything about it here. It is known on that side long before its manifestation on this side. Think, then, how we should expect such a stupendous project as this incarnation of the Eternal Son to have been acclaimed in Heaven at the beginning, and followed with adoring interest when the stage was shifted to earth; and we shall see how fittingly comes in the angel joy that night over the glad tidings that should be to all people, 'Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour Who is Christ the Lord.'"

VALUABLE METAL

Platinum is widely used in industry as well as in jewelry manufacture, being much harder than silver or gold.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT THE CHARLOTTETOWN HOTEL

1954 - 1955 CHRISTMAS DAY Special Dinner \$2.50 per person (Children 12 years and under 1/2 Price) MAIN DINING ROOM 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CENTENNIAL BALL 1855 - CHARLOTTETOWN - 1955 Dancing from 10 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Buffet Supper served from 11:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Music by Jackie Doyle's Orchestra \$7.50 per couple.

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For reservations call 7371

The Age Old Story

I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

DISTRIBUTE PARCELS

TAPLOW, England (CP)—More than 100 Christmas parcels prepared by members of the Canadian Junior Red Cross Wednesday were distributed to children at the Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital in this Buckinghamshire village.

BANS ALL LOTTERIES

MONTREAL (CP)—Lotteries, even for charitable purposes, will not be tolerated in Montreal, says Mayor Jean Drapeau. The Mayor said Tuesday he had received two calls asking whether lotteries would be tolerated for charitable purposes. He answered: "There will be no toleration of any type of gambling."

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