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Christmas Spirit

Theoretically, we all believe that it is more blessed to give than it is to receive. But practically, most of us do not think it is nearly as much fun to hand out things as it is to get them.

Christmas time is, perhaps, the season of the year when we come nearest to acquiring a true perspective. And that is one of the big blessings of the Yuletide. It takes us out of ourselves for a little while. It breaks the vicious habit of self-centeredness and selfishness.

Even so, it is just as well to remember that, on the whole, we get out of Christmas about what we put into it. Some people may think they can "beat the game," but they are not likely to. In one way or another, the scales will strike a balance. If you give presents in order to receive "returns," you probably will get the returns and not much else. If you make gifts in order to give pleasure to other people—you probably will receive in recompense a great deal of pleasure, whether you find that Chrisrtmas morning brings you a big pile of remembrances or a small one. It is a good thing to avoid forgetting this.

Another wise precaution is to keep from overdoing the matter. There is no difficulty at all about running a good horse to death. If you give to the point of extravagance, so that the amount of your outlay is a nightmare and a cause for regret or even remorse, you spoil everything.

Excessive and disproportionate generosity isn't generosity; it is weakness. Frequently it is an exhibition of moral cowardice. Always it indicates a lack of good sense.

The rule, "Temperance in all things," should apply to the making of Christmas presents as much as it does to other matters.

If everybody would keep this in mind, thousands would be happier and in better temper at the close of the great festival.

A Child Designs!

Did you ever give a child a book of pictures and a pair of scissors to entertain itself to its heart's content! It is one way busy mothers keep their "youngin's" out of other devilment on blustery days when they cannot be in the back yard to hurl stones over the fence at neighbor kids.

The boy, following in the footsteps of his dad, clips pictures of automobiles, guns, fishing tackle etc. The girl mutilates the pages of pretty dresses, dolls and furniture and then proudly shows them to mother. They take especial delight in clipping pictures of brides and their trousseaus.

In that respect the lives of children may be started right. Let them pick up those things that will be useful to them in the days and the years that come. A child kept industrious stands a better chance of growing in industry where it is needed as a part of "God's creation of beautiful things."

The boy starts out constructing the things he needs, not destroying them. The girl, likewise, as a matter of nature, adopts the more material things, the question of apparel, of marriage, and babies.

Thus the happiness of many is promoted. Let the child, as if grows into manhood and womanhood, be developed along those lines. Then we shall not worry over the horrors of wars, but rather shall enjoy the sweetness of peace.

A Thousand Stories in Lake District of Manitoba Says Canadian Authoress

Martha Ostenso Gave Best First Novel of Year that Setting

Miss Martha Otenso, who was awarded the $2,500 prize and royalties on the book for the best first novel submitted during the past year in a contest organized jointly by Dodd, Mead & Company, Pictorial Review and Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, is a twenty-four-year-old school teacher from Manitoba. Miss Ostenso's novel will be serialized, filmed and published in book form in 1925. The story, which is called "The Passionate Flight," deals with the farmers of the Western Prairies and portrays the romance of one whose ambition to soar beyond the black loam led to dramatic consequences.

More than 1,500 manuscripts were submitted. The judges state that Miss Ostenso's was so far superior that no other story seriously rivalled it.

A brief sketch of her life and the circumstances which inspired her novel, as related by Miss Ostenso, follows:

"Where the long arm of the Hardangerfjiord penetrates farthest into the rugged mountains of the coast of Norway, the Ostenso family has lived in the township that bears its name since the days of the Vikings. The name means 'Eastern Sea,' and was assumed centuries ago by an adventurous forbear who dreamed of extending his holdings over the mountains and through the lowlands of Sweden eastward to the very shores of the Baltic. Although his dreams never came true, the family name recalls it and the family tradition of land-holding has persisted unbroken; the part of the land that borders the lovely fjord is still in its possession, handed down from eldest son to eldest son.

"My father, a young son, was free to indulge his roving disposition. A few years after his marriage to my mother he decided to emigrate to America.

"My mother's parents lived high up in the mountains, remote from the softening influence of the coast towns. At their home it was, near the little village of Haukeland, that I was born. This, the first of many small towns in which I have lived, is known to me only through hearsay, for when I was two years old we came to America.

"The story of my childhood is a tale of seven little towns in Minnesota and South Dakota. Towns of the field and prairie all, redolent of the soil from which they had sprung and eloquent of that struggle common to the farmer the world over, a struggle but transferred from the Ostensos and Haukelands of the Old World to the richer loam of the new. They should have a story written about them—those seven mean, yet glorious little towns of my childhood! In one of them, on the dun prairies of South Dakota, I learned to speak English. What a lovely

Martha Ostenso

language I found it to be, with words in it like pail and funeral and alone, and ugly words, too, like laughter and cake and scratch! What strange sounds the new words made to me.

"Later, in another of the little towns, I learned that it was fun to make things with words. It was while living in a little town in Minnesota that I became a regular contributor to the Junior Page of the Minneapolis Journal, and was rewarded for my literary trial-balloons at the rate of eighty cents a column. In the public school of that little town there still hangs, perhaps, a large print of a rural scene in a resplendent frame, with a neat name-plate at the bottom of it. That also came from the Journal, in recognition of an essay which, in my eleven-year-old opinion, placed me abreast of Emerson.

"When I was fifteen years old, I bade good-bye to the Seven Little Towns. My father's restless spirit drove him north to the newer country. The family settled in Manitoba.

"It was during a summer vacation from my university work that I went into the lake district of Manitoba, well toward the frontiers of that northern civilization. The story that I have written lay there, waiting to be put into words. Here was the raw material out of which Little Towns were made. Here was human nature stark, unattired in the convention of a smoother, softer life. A thousand stories are there still, to be written.

"My novel lay back of my mind for several years before I began to write it. In the intervals of those years, spent as a social worker in a great city, I often compared the creaking machinery of skyscraper civilization with the cruder, direct society of the frontier. Slowly, as my work among the needy brought me nearer and nearer to the heart of the city, the border life began to be limned clearly against the murkier background of my work-a-day scene.

"A year ago last summer I returned to Manitoba. The approach to remembered scenes renewed my interest in my story, the character stood out clear-cut at last, and I made the first draft of the novel.

"I was not satisfied with the result and laid the manuscript aside, with no definite purpose regarding it. It was not until spring that I returned to the city and learned of the Curtis Brown contest. It was with diffidence and reluctance that I was persuaded by friends, who thought well of the early draft and its possibilities, to rewrite it in time to submit it for consideration. At best, I felt, if it were as good as my friends said, it might not be wholly ignored.

"I leave it to the scientists and pseudo-scientists who argue interminably about the relative influence on men of heredity and environment to decide the responsibility for whatever merit my story may have. The blood of the Norsemen! The Seven Little Towns? Perhaps—I do not know. No—but I have my own very unscientific opinion. It won't bear stating, but this much may be said of it: It has something to do with magic and fairies and all the other impossible, beautiful things that I believe in."

COUNTY COUNCIL

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ronto and Guelph Winter Fairs	10.35
Harold Fulsom, exp. to Toronto and Guelph Winter Fairs	10.35
Russel B. Hare, exp. to Toronto and Guelph Winter Fairs	10.90
Ben Petch, exp. to Toronto and Guelph Winter Fairs	5.45
Cayuga High School, bal. of grant	5305.44
Caledonia High School, bal. of grant	7002.24
Hagersville High School, bal. of grant	5395.99
Dunnville High School, bal. of grant	7820.92
Jarvis Continuation School, bal. of grant	353.27
Selkirk Continuation School, bal. of grant	231.80
Board of Education, Hamilton, bal. of grant	27.31
County Clerk, County of Norfolk, share of Haldimand work on town line between Walpole and Norfolk Co.	59.80
B. E. French, hardware, Caledonia bridge	8.67

The committee recommend that the usual grant of $500.00 be made to the Warden.

County Road Construction

Chas. Ross, 12 18-in. tile	34.65
W. W. Jennings, ins. press	25.00
Winford Mitchell, repairs	22.15
D. B. Martin, 3 culverts	4.95
Peter Banks, sharp. blades	2.50
Chas. Reynolds, drayage	3.00
Hagersville News, print'g	2.50

County Road Maintenance

L. Bradt, 335 yds. gravel	134.00
W. H. Lishman, 21½ barrels cement	8.50
Hagersville Con. Co., stone	6.79
A. Bailey, lumber	9.04
W. H. Smelser, 4 12-in. tile	6.00
B. E. French, small tools	14.00
W. H. Lishman, tile and posts	15.15
C. Smelser, cutting brush	2.00
Chas. Ross & Son, 1 15-in. tile	2.05

The Department of Highways have made a demand on the County for the payment of the following amounts covering the County's proportion of the expenditure on Provincial Highways for construction and maintenance:

1921	Construction	$10,881.95
1921	Maintenance	nil
1922	Construction	60,694.38
1922	Maintenance	nil
		$71,576.33
1923	Construction	60,098.33
1923	Maintenance	5,159.73
		$65,258.06
		$136,834.39

We recommend that a payment be made to the Provincial Treasurer at once of $71,576.33, which will be payment in full up to and including the year 1922, and that the amount owing for 1923, amounting to $63,259.06, be paid next year.

Indemnity

George Montgomery	$296.20
S. J. Scott	227.60
H. R. Kern	117.50
W. J. Saunders	185.00
W. G. Clark	229.08
Harry Buckner	290.50
Chas. S. Brown	277.75
Thos. Camelford	188.00
R. S. Colter	164.80
B. E. French	215.90
Daniel Glenny	252.30
Nicholas Last	143.50
Geo. L. Miller	100.00
Archie McDonald	255.20
Chas. Patton	175.00
Wm. Runchey	258.20
C. J. Smelser	308.15

B. E. FRENCH, Chairman.

Buckner-Runchey—That this Council at this time join heartily in extending to our worthy warden our appreciation of the able services rendered this council in the discharge of his duties as its chairman during the year 1924, wishing him the compliments of the season and a long and happy future in his new home. Carried.

of this Council wish to extend to one of its former members, W. T. Wilton, ex-Reeve of Hagersville, their sincere sympathy in his recent bereavement in the loss of his wife, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to him by the Clerk. Carried.

Glenny-Camelford—That this council do now adjourn sine die.

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We have every reason to use this oft repeated phrase to convey our Christmas sentiment to you this year,

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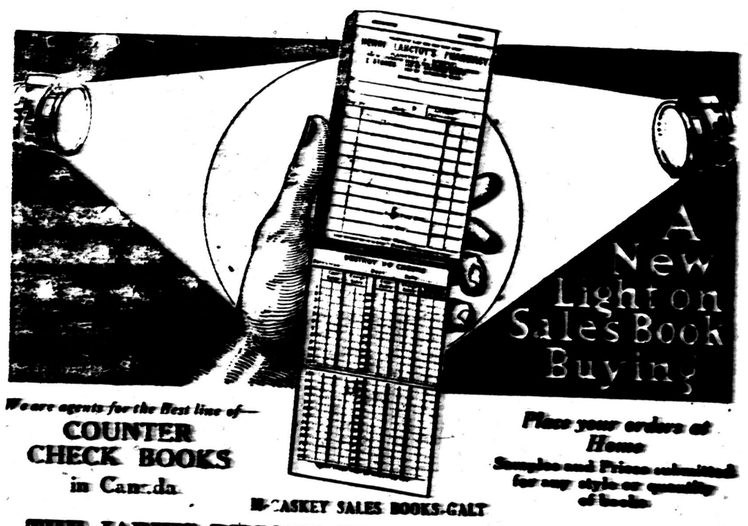

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All are cordially invited to attend these services.

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Rev. W. T. BROWN, Minister.

Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday.
Y. P. S., Thursday at 8 p.m.
You are invited to these services.
Choir practice, Thursday at 9 p.m.

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REV. H. BRAND, Pastor.

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1.30 p.m.—Sunday School
2.30 p.m.—Church Service.
Epworth League and Prayer Meeting on Friday evening at 8 p.m.

Cents a word for first insertion; minimum 25c; two cents a word for three insertions; minimum 50c; cash.

FOR SALE—A young Jersey cow, good milcher, gentle; will sell cheap; also a partly new, large size robe lined and rubber interlined. Apply Jarvis. Phone 17 r 15

WANTED—Live pigeons. W. Hodges, Jarvis

FOR SALE—Two registered Holstein bulls, 7 months old. J. Hagersville.

FOR SALE—Nine pigs, old. Apply Warren Ionson Jarvis.

LOST—A Reo crank, between and Jarvis, about two ago. Finder please leave The Record Office or my place H. Miller, R.R. 3, Jarvis.

STRAYED—To the premises of Frank Pond, Sandusk, a sow. can have same by proving and paying charges.

FOR RENT—A brick house newly papered and painted. to Mrs. Wm. Glanfield, Jarvis

NOMINATION MEETING

A meeting of the ratepayers of Township of Walpole will be held in Peacock's Hall, Jarvis, on December 29th, 1924, from 1 to 2 p.m., for the purpose of nominating a Reeve, Deputy Reeve and three Councillors to serve this township for the year 1925.

If a Poll be required, it will be held on Monday, January 5th, at the different Polling Sub-Divisions in the Municipality. Poll open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Given under my hand at Nanticoke, this 1st day of December, 1924.

S. A. THOMPSON, Clerk.

LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE

From So.—Pt. Dover to Canfield
No. 119—arr Jarvis ..... 7.
No. 123—lv for Canfield Jc. 7.
No. 121—arr Jarvis ..... 4.
No. 125—lv for Canfield Jc. 5.

From No.—Hamilton to St. T
No. 234—arr Jarvis .....11.
No. 235—lv for St. Thomas.11.
No. 236—arr Jarvis ..... 8.
No. 237—lv for St. Thomas. 8.

From Canfield Jc. to Port
No. 123—arr Jarvis ..... 9.
No. 122—lv for Pt. Dover..11.
No. 125—arr Jarvis ..... 8.
No. 124—for Pt. Dover .... 8.

From St. Thomas to Hamil
No. 230—arr Jarvis ..... 7.
No. 231—lv for Hamilton... 8.
No. 232—arr Jarvis ..... 5.
No. 233—lv for Hamilton... 5.

Mixed Train—East and We
No. 355—West—lv Jarvis..12.
No. 356—East—lv Jarvis...12.

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THE JARVIS RECORD A
Farmers' Sun .....
Toronto Mail .....
Toronto Star .....
London Advertiser .....
Hamilton Spectator .....
London Free Press .....
Family Herald & Weekly Star.
Toronto Globe .....

"She Was Too Sick To Try Entrance Exa

Jeanne [illegible] children in New [illegible] each day to school [illegible] Kirk, [illegible] through [illegible] roads [illegible] cotton possible for them. F years had passed since Jeanne's and she had never enjoyed the of health during that time. S these years she had spent in to school, helping around the and at odd times working here there to earn a little money.

One day she was caught in a storm on her way home from s Before long a terrible cough se which finally ended in Consump Of course, it was impossible for h try the entrance examinations. other year, perhaps, but certainly now," said the doctor.

Now she is resting at the Mus Hospital for Consumptives. Her p thinness still remains, her fair hair refuses to behave, whil her eyes with the aid of her radiate cheer and hope. "Sure," Jeanne. "I am going to High Sc hot" and echo, "Why n the doctor. "Why not" Jeanne the rea possible.

Will you help her and other the goal by contributing to the funds? Gifts may be W. A. Charlton, Presi Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont.