

JUST IN FUN

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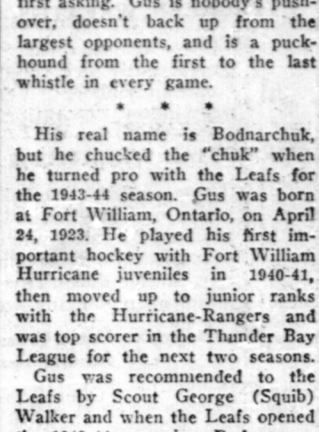
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Know Your Hockey Stars

There isn't a hockey player in captivity with more moxie than Augustus (Gus) Bodnar, slender right winger of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

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VOICE OF THE PRESS

Natural Thing
Our typewriter persists in making its government, and isn't so far wrong at that. —Brandon Sun

Woman of Fine Sense
A Mississippi woman chosen "Mrs. America of 1946" prefers to stay at home with her husband and four children rather than go on tour with the title, and thus demonstrates her right to it. —New York Sun

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It Can Happen Here

The present struggle going on between the U.S. Government and John L. Lewis is, in the final count, one to decide whether decisions affecting the lives of the majority of the people are to be made by the elected representatives of the people or by one man at the head of a small minority. It is a decision which must sooner or later be made in Canada. Yes; it can happen here.

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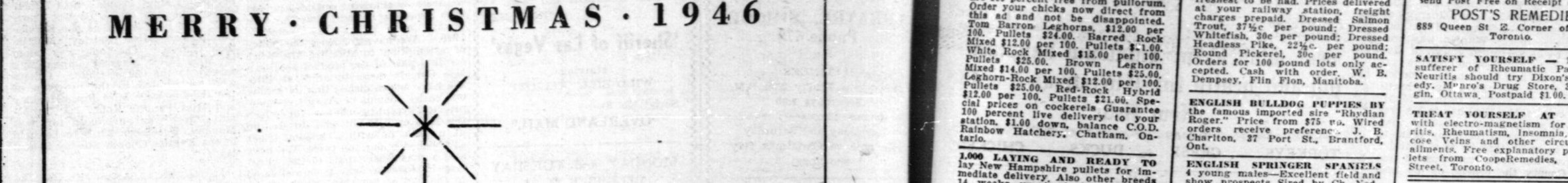
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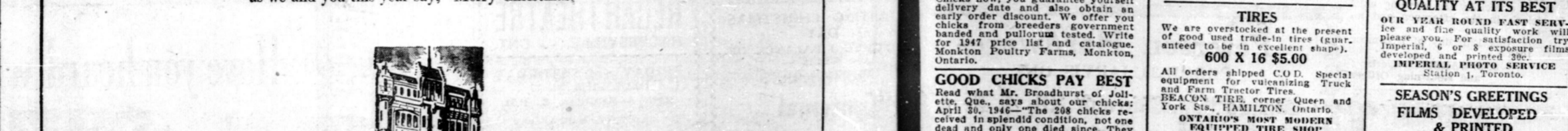
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MERRY CHRISTMAS 1946



This Christmas is a Good Christmas!

Beneath the lighted trees, eager children unwrap their precious gifts. In hearts from the Maritimes to British Columbia, warm fires glow. There is food on our tables, laughter in the air and happiness in our hearts. Canada has earned this good Christmas, these good things. They are ours to enjoy because we have walked the middle road. We have kept our sense of values. We have been moderate in our pleasures... moderate in our spending... moderate in all things. This Christmas is a good Christmas, and The House of Seagram is happy to share the joy of all Canadians as we and you this year say, "Merry Christmas."



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SPOTS OF SPORTS

The news that a man has just successfully used a bookmaker for the recovery of certain money lost betting on the races is highly disconcerting, and has thrown many of our foremost sports characters into something between a dither and a tizzy. It is widely felt, in certain select circles, that the learned judge's decision strikes a cruel blow at one of the most basic fundamentals of life, and much worming is expressed that the newspapers waste so much space on the doings of the Peace Conference, John L. Lewis and the Coal Strike, and such-like fooleries, instead of giving full discussion to a matter of really vital importance.

But by the way, speaking of John L. Lewis, it seems as if that gentleman might have saved a lot of time and 864 words, in giving his reasons for calling off the strike, if he'd just quoted a favorite saying of an old friend of ours, namely, "It's no disgrace to run when you're scared."

But to get back to the subject of our discourse, the basic fundamental referred to is, of course, the law that a man must always pay his bookmaker, no matter what. You may be on the cuff at the grocer's and butcher's, your landlord may have come on his knuckles from rapping at your door in full search of the back rent, your tailor may long since have given up all hope of ever seeing your name on the bottom of a shirt, yet you may still throw cheese-eyes like drummed into them as a self-respecting citizen. But we thought that even kids in kindergarten had it drummed into them that, if you owe your bookmaker,

you must settle, and settle promptly, or forever hang your head in shame.

And why should it be otherwise? If the sage we mean the customer — fall to lay the cash on the line when due, how can you expect a bookmaker to keep up his family and establishment, let alone two or three of them, in the style to which they are accustomed and entitled? If our debts of honor to our bookies are not settled, how can they display, to our admiring gaze, the latest creations in men's clothing and haberdashery, the newest models of cars? It's highly "ridiculous! With this sort of nonsense going on, some of the poor fellows will have to pass up the customary trip to Florida or California, so necessary for proper recuperation after a long summer of counting large, coarse bills. Why, some of them might even have to go to work.

On top of this soul-shattering judicial decision comes the word that Maple Leaf Gardens management is going to clear out the odds-ends of romance, or something, to such otherwise dull and drab goings-on as hockey, basketball and lacrosse. Of course this news did not disturb us nearly so much as the other. As long as we remember—which is a whole lot longer than we'll ever admit—various ball parks, arenas, tracks and other sports centres have been threatening similar action. But somehow or other it always turned out to be a tempest in a teapot and nothing ever came of it.

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