

## On The Farm Front

At this festive season the staff of the Extension Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, Cayuga, take this opportunity to publicly count our blessings.

Each year we are blessed with the support of a large number of people and their organizations through whom it is possible to achieve many of the things that are intended to be for the good of the farmer and rural resident of Haldimand. High on our list of "thank you's" is that to the leaders

of 4-H Clubs who give so much of their time for the good of Haldimand's youth.

Directors of the Haldimand Soil and Crop Improvement Association have been most generous in their support of crop programmes for the county. It is rewarding to know that their work and the information about it, is sufficiently appreciated that many have voluntarily come forward with membership fees and a special request to be kept on the mailing list.

And so it goes with many other organizations:—

The County Hog Producers Association, Milk Committee, Holstein Club, Federation of Agriculture and many others have very willingly undertaken projects and programs that have been designed with the good of their fellow farmer in mind.

Their programs and projects in turn depend on the participation and support of many individuals. The International Plowing Match coming up next fall is an example of the excellent support that is provided by

many individuals. Already there must be well over a hundred individuals involved in the many committees necessary to make the Match a success.

Before it is over many hundreds more will have an opportunity to become involved.

With the change in times and the general economic situation, much more of agricultural extension work of necessity becomes work with the individual farmer and his own "peculiar" farm situation. Farm

management and all that that implies including record keeping, money management, estate planning, etc., takes up a large share of our time as it does with the farmer concerned. We've appreciated the opportunity to try to help the many individuals who have contacted us at the Agricultural office, Cayuga.

All of us associated with agricultural extension in Haldimand County take this opportunity to say thanks and Seasons Greetings.

# Seasons Greetings From The Team

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Head Cashier



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Meat Manager



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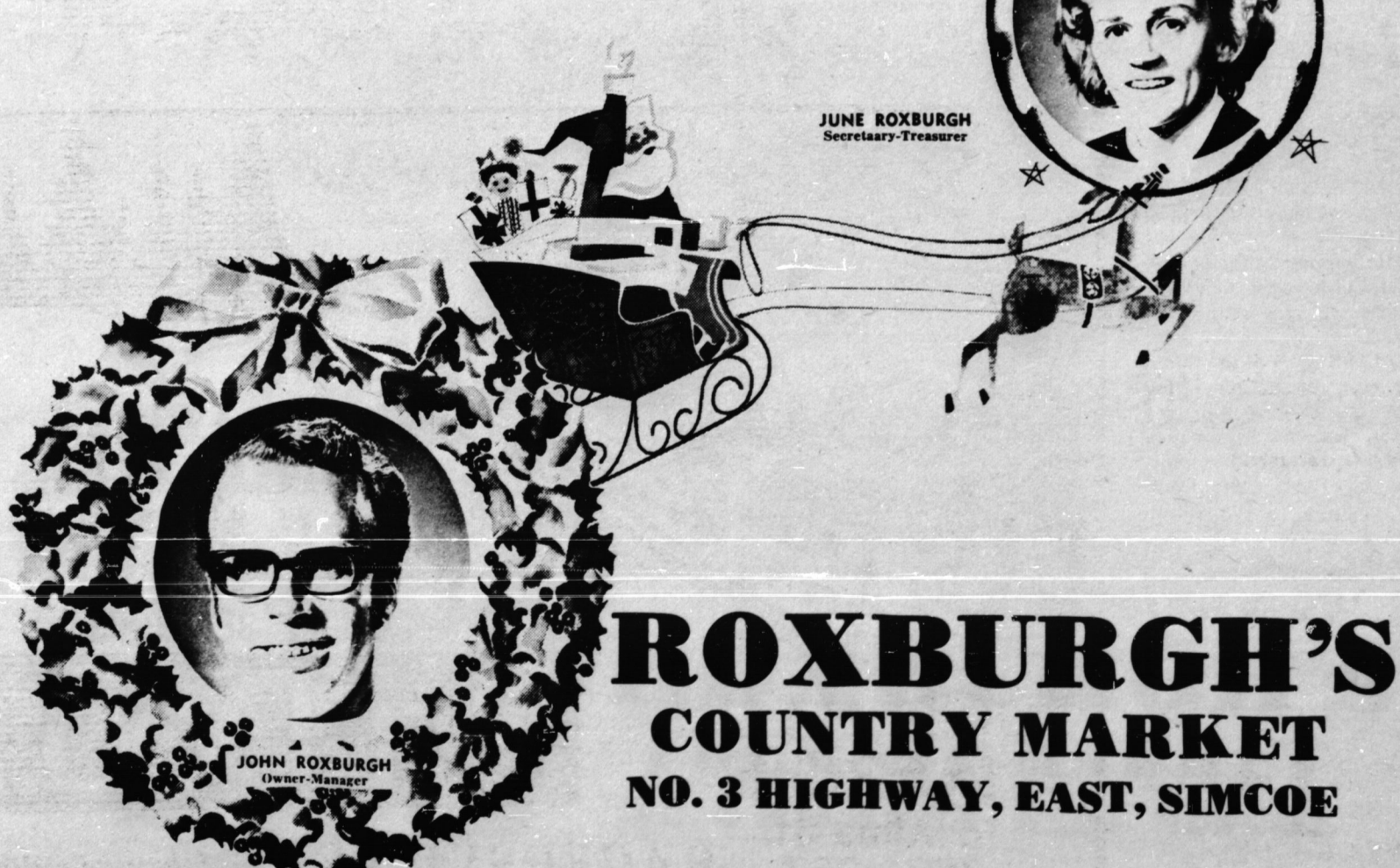
ERLAND LAMPMAN  
Grocery Manager



JUNE ROXBURGH  
Secretary-Treasurer



From Christmastide of yesteryear come many of the happiest traditions of the season. It is in this good old-fashioned spirit that we greet you, and wish you all the best the holidays can bring. A very merry Christmas, everyone! We thank you, our customers, for your friendly patronage... serving you is our pleasure, and an enduring privilege.



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## Concern

by Rev. Dick C. Los  
Once, on a busy shopping plaza a man was assaulted by a robber and seriously beaten. There were lots of Christmas shoppers around, but all of them passed by, hurrying on to the next store.

Nobody cared, or dared to come to the beaten man's rescue. This made me think of Christmas. Jesus saw our need, and He cared.

In His great concern He came down to us in Bethlehem to rescue us. "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners," the Bible explains. That's what Christmas is about: the Child in the manger came to save us from our sins!

Let us rejoice in thanking Him for his love and concern.

## Instant Plum Pudding

by Father G. Wubbels  
This is one of the miracles of our push-button time. Buy also some instant coffee, a frozen turkey-dinner, get yourself a bottle with ready-made punch and you only have to start your Christmas dinner while your guests are taking off their coats!

"Instant is a 20th century word; we save time and energy if we are in tune with the miracles of modern industry, and almost everyone is.

I want to suggest a special gift for this year's Christmas, something you'll find in no store: "Instant Self Confidence!"

We all have it already in us, it is only waiting to be used. In our lives we have known failures, successes and mixed experiences. If we minimize the failures and see the successes in our past, tasting them again and again, humbly, not boatsfully, Self Confidence becomes a second nature to us, a treasure trove waiting to be tapped the instant we want it.

It is debatable, perhaps, whether your coffee is better, percolated or instant, but there is nothing debatable about Instant Confidence.

You cannot start too soon to use this instant product.

If you are 25, it is not too soon.

If you are 12, it is not too soon.

If you are 12 months old, it is not too soon.

At the same time, if you are 45, you are not too old. And, if you are 65, you are not too old.

"Anyone who starts to plow and then keeps looking back is no use for the Kingdom of God." (Lucas 10-62)

Be smart and give yourself some "Instant Self Confidence" for Christmas!

IN PERPETUAL MEMORY  
Memorial cards are available from the Unitarian Service Committee for bereaved families who do not wish to buy flowers. Donations are used for constructive rehabilitation of families overseas. Please contact USC headquarters, 56 Sparks Street, Ottawa.

## Editorial Comment

### Christmas Tradition

It's that time of year again. Christmas with family gatherings and traditionally fine food brings each of us to special thoughts about our families, friends and goals in life.

Christmas should help us to look at some of our opinions in a new light giving some benefit to other people who we might have thought had nothing to offer.

The only sad part about Christmas is that many forget how to practise what they preach. If this was done a good many of our problems including those with other countries could be eliminated with one stroke.

Maybe this can be possible in another 2,000 years.

### 'Wise, Unwise and Otherwise'

By The Old Owl.

What does Christmas mean to us today? Of course, all know it is the celebration of the Birth of Jesus, who is God the Son, born into humanity. But just what does it mean to you and I? Surely He must have given us something by His coming, and He has.

He was born into a very ordinary family. Joseph and Mary were good people, honest, hardworking, devout and sincere. They were certainly not society folk. The great majority of mankind are of such people, few have great wealth or high position. In other words He became one of us, sharing the life of the great majority. He was not idle. He worked for a living; they did not live in luxury, but had enough. It was not an easy life, it required toil, met with difficulty and involved certain privations.

Sometimes we feel impatient, frustrated by the life we are living. When we do, remember that Jesus lived just such a life as we live for 30 years.

This humble Man, the village carpenter, came to show us God. The Prophets never could fully explain God, but in Jesus we see God in action among men. In Jesus, God went about doing good, showing love in all that He did. We know that God loves us because God the Son came and showed by His life and action that He loves us.

The busy world of affairs knew nothing of the Babe in the manger. The rulers of the mighty Roman Empire knew nothing of Him until the Jewish leaders brought Him before Pilate, and he was as quickly forgotten. Yet the Kingdom He founded has outlasted all human institutions of His day. Today millions of people and their rulers, honour the Babe that was laid in the manger. There was no room for Him in the Inn but today some of the world's most magnificent buildings are erected in His honour.

We can learn from His method. He did not push and struggle, cheat or quarrel, or fret and worry. He just went steadily forward. It is better for us to go steadily and quietly on, trusting in God, maintaining our own honesty, confident of the "rightness" of our purpose and our aims, even ready to give up some pet whim or fancy in order to bring our lives to be more like His. "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

So, the coming of the Son of God as a Babe at Bethlehem means many things to us today. It means that God the Son shared our ordinary human life. It means that Jesus showed us what God is really like, giving us an example we can all follow. Finally, He showed us that quietness and righteousness are better than a lot of struggle or worry.

We live in a fast moving age, an age of confusion, but if we try to follow Him we can be a little island of peace and contentment in the raging waters around us.

### GREAT CANADIAN

To the list of great men, leaders in their fields, we add the name of Jean Drapeau, mayor of Montreal. More than any man in current history, this dynamic French Canadian typifies the true spirit of Canada—the nation of two prominent cultures—yet united and loyal to a fundamental belief that Canada is and will continue to be one of the great democracies of the world. West Vancouver (B.C.) Lions Gate Times.

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## Counter Clockwise

20 YEARS AGO

The annual Christmas party sponsored by The Marshall Dairy Ltd. for their employees and their families was held in the IOOF Hall, Jarvis, last Thursday evening.

Nearly 90 sat down to the turkey dinner served by the ladies of the Rebekah Lodge, under the direction of Mrs. Ernest Braund. Following the banquet Mr. Lea Marshall welcomed the guests and a program followed which included some films, recitations and musical numbers. Children contributing to the program included Leona and Winona Stone, Roberta Chisholm, George Bartlett, Howard Sloat and Denton Miller.

Gifts were distributed to the children and to the ladies by Mr. Marshall, J. R. Eadie and Donald Sloat on behalf of the staff, made presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. Mr. Earl Fess expressed the appreciation of those gathered at the banquet to the management.

The following copy is taken from Pen Scissors and Paste Pot—

We have often been asked what use the Board of Trade is in Jarvis. Well, besides the honour of being the smallest municipality in Canada with a chartered Board of Trade, which is honor enough in itself to support the organization wholeheartedly, the Board of Trade has many marks to its credit. Anyone with any doubts in this connection should attend one of the Christmas Children's parties in the Town Hall which is sponsored entirely by the members of this organization. Just stand for a half hour or so and watch the little children walk up and shake hands with Santa Clause and receive a bag of candy if you don't think this effort is worthwhile. If you are not convinced then—well, we doubt if there is any prescription that would do you any good or would make you think any effort in the world was worthwhile.

30 YEARS AGO  
Denton Massey, once wrote a book entitled "The

Stuff Men are Made Of," and whenever we make a personal appraisal of a man, we think of this title.

We are thinking this week about a fellow known as Frank L. Turner, formerly of Montreal, where he was engaged as a manufacturing Optician. Since we have been connected with the Record, we have come to know something of this fellow, despite the fact it has never been our privilege to see him personally. Through the medium of correspondence, however, we have come to appraise him highly, and in this appraisal, we again think of the book title, "The Stuff Men are Made Of."

Frank Turner, we are told, was the dynamo that generated the sparks of human delights and goodwill in this Village around the turn of the Century. He was alive, a vitalized young man, who

looked on the sunny side of life and poured sunshine into the hearts of others, more than he will ever know, or care particularly, so long as he knew he did it. Sometimes he added a gray hair of two to the locks of his uncle, the late venerable C. E. Bourne, by exceeding the bounds of social propriety but this was offset by the sunshine and happiness he gave in return.

Along with a Christmas card of his own design, we received a letter from Frank Turner this week. It radiated with the personality that many of the older residents know, and which we have long visualized. Despite the fact both of his legs have been amputated and he is no longer able to pursue those things in life which gave him happiness before, he remains unchanged.

His letter says in part: "I remember having heard many years ago, that—The Human system undergoes a complete change every

seven years, and I could not help but wonder, how many changes mine had undergone in the past 70 years. Although my last change has left me legless, Thank God it has not left me handless or brainless."

That, we think, is "The Stuff Men are Made of."

### CHRISTMAS HOLLY

Holly is used in decorative wreaths, garlands and sprays in many Canadian homes during the Christmas festival season.

The holly plant, despite its rugged appearance, is not a hardy tree by Canadian winter standards. In fact, in Canada it will thrive only on Vancouver island and some coastal sections of B.C.

Because of this, a small and highly-specialized industry has developed on the west coast to serve all of Canada.



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