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—**BEDEQUE UNITED CHURCH.** —On the Bedeque United Church Charge the services for Sunday, December 29th are as follows: Bedeque 11 A. M. Albany 3 P. M. Cape Traverse 7 P. M. Rev. Ralph W. Barker, Minister. L-799-12-28-1i.

—**QUIET WEDDING** — A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Baptist Parsonage on Monday evening, Rev. C. W. Cook officiating when Miss Myrtle Olive Brooks of Kensington was united in marriage to Albert Joseph Hiscott of Stanley Bridge. The couple were unattended. —S.

—**CHRISTMAS MAIL**—The Post Office at Summerside report very heavy outgoing mail this Christmas and about the usual heavy incoming mail. Cards were exceptionally heavy. The trains being very late made the work very heavy for staff even with three extra helpers, but every mail was kept up to date and Postmaster Allen and the whole staff were genial and courteous as always even under the stress and strain of one of the heaviest years for some time.—S.

—**SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED** — The citizens of Summerside as was done in other parts of Canada and in England, entertained the soldiers on Christmas Day. The boys all enjoyed themselves very much and the kindness of those in whose homes they were received made them feel quite at home. The officers in charge made everything as easy as possible for the boys so that as many as possible could get off. Something similar is being arranged for New Years. —S.

—**CHRISTMAS SERVICE** — The service last Sunday in the Summerside Presbyterian Church was in keeping with the Christmas season. Rev. William Verwolf, pastor, preached eloquent sermons both morning and evening. In the morning the subject chosen by the pastor for his discourse was "The supernatural breaks through" and in the evening "Sharing with Christ." Special music was rendered by the choir. The anthems in the morning were "The Shepherd's tell us" by J. W. Henney; and "The Lord is Come" by Fred Holton and 'Christ is Born" by Loring. The anthems in the evening were "Joy to the World" and "Glory to God". Mr. Lowell Hancock sang "There's a song in the air." —S.

—**BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICE** — On Sunday evening in the United Baptist Church the choir presented a Christmas service of song "In Quest of the King" based on the story of the Nativity from the Gospels. The readers were: Mr. Edgar Clark, Mrs. Jack MacLeod, Miss Ruby MacNeill, Miss Connie Lefurgey, Charles Taylor, Mrs. John F. MacNeill, Mrs. Robert Palmer and Miss Ruth Dodds. The solo parts were taken by Mrs. Jack MacLeod, Miss Schurman and Mrs. Colin Stewart. Mrs. Dobson the organist played the accompaniments. The church was very prettily decorated in Christmas greenery. In the morning Rev. C. W. Cook brought a special Christmas message to his congregation, his subject being "The World is waiting". Special music was rendered by the choir. —S.

—**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**—The annual Christmas concert of the Sunday School of the United Baptist Church was held in the Church hall last Friday. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cook were present. The children had a very nice program of songs and recitations. Mrs. Dobson presided at the piano. The program opened with a Christmas chorus by all the children, in keeping with the Christmas season. A welcome song by Margaret Smith and Welcome duet by Helen and Peter Green; a recitation, Christmas Clipper by Malcolm Palmer; recitation, Richard Snogren; recitation, Betty Gay; recitation, Shirley Dodd; an action song, Christmas Cooks, by three young girls, Inez Peters, Eleanor Smith, and Joyce Currie was a special feature in the program and much enjoyed; recitation, Helen Gay; solo by Laurie Peters; recitation, Domaine Snogren; recitation, John Smallman; recitation, Wanda Simmons; recitation, Beverly Gay; trio, Lois Brooks, Barbara Currie and Laurie Peters; recitation, Junior Morrison, Bobbie Gay and Janice Hughson. Closing chorus by the school. Santa Claus came in and presented the children with gifts from a prettily decorated tree. The entertainment closed with the King.

—**BISMA-REX** for the morning after. Taylor Drug Co., Kensington.

—**ROCK SALT** and Sol-Min for all livestock, sold at Brace's. L-761-12-27-2i.

—**FRESH** frozen boneless horse meat. Order now at Brace's. L-761-12-27-2i.

—**I WILL BE AT CLIFTON** at Marshall Constables on December 30th collecting taxes from 12 P. M. till 5 P. M. W. D. Colley. L-807-12-26-1i.

—**RALPH G. MUTTART,** General Insurance Agency. Insurance of all kinds. Rates and particulars without obligation. Phone Summerside 527-1; 527-2.

—**MALPEQUE** Keir Memorial Presbyterian Church services, Dec. 29, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Lloyd Henderson preaching. L-823.

—**FLYING OFFICERS ARRIVE**—Flying Officers Kimball and Guyer from Western Canada arrived in Summerside last evening and will be stationed at the Summerside airport. A number of other Air Force men also came last evening accompanied by their wives. S.

—**FUNERAL OF MRS. PALMER** —The funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. Palmer were held yesterday afternoon from the home of her grandson Albany Palmer, Rev. L. E. G. Davies conducted the service which was attended by sympathetic friends and neighbors. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Dan MacLeod; Willard Phillips; Joseph DesRoches; Harry Sudsbury; Ellis Bradshaw and Fred MacQuarrie — S.

—**DEATH OF MRS. ALEXANDER GAUDET**—The death occurred on Christmas Day of Mrs. Alexander Gaudet at the home of her son, Mr. Peter Gaudet, North Bedeque. She was 70 years of age. Besides Mr. Peter Gaudet another son, Camile of Summerside survives her. The funeral is taking place this morning from St. Paul's Church, Summerside.—S.

—**CHRISTMAS PARTY** — The Sunday School children of the Presbyterian Church were entertained on Christmas eve to a very jolly Christmas party by the pastor Rev. William Verwolf and Mrs. Verwolf. Mr. Donald Baker superintendent of the Sunday School assisted and presented the children with candy and gifts. Christmas carols were sung and a very jolly time spent by the children. —S.

—**DISCUSS ENTERTAINMENT OF SOLDIERS** — The matter of entertaining the soldiers which will be stationed here this winter was discussed at a meeting attended by interested citizens in the Town Hall Summerside last night. Mayor John E. Campbell presided. Mr. MacPhail of the Y.M.C.A. at Halifax outlined the methods used in cities throughout Canada for the entertainment of the troops. The matter of providing recreations rooms or a club room for the use of the boys. Committee appointed to look into the matter. On the committee were: Messrs. A. R. Brennan, W. A. Currie, Clifford Whalen, Leith Smith, who will report to the committee later. —S.

Personals

—Mrs. Cyril Hickey is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P Titus of the Clifton Hotel. —S.

—Miss Patricia MacLellan of Halifax is visiting her mother, Mrs. (Dr.) MacLellan at Kinkora. —S.

—Mr. Murray Eaton Cook, student at Acadia University, is visiting his parents Rev. and Mrs. Cook at the Baptist Parsonage, Summerside. S.

—L. A. C. Carmen Johnson of Ottawa is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Johnson of Bedeque. S.

—Captain Victor Inman of the P. E. Island Highlanders spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Elsie Inman, Summerside. S.

—Mr. Vernon MacQuarrie, a student at Dalhousie University is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark MacQuarrie, North Bedeque. —S.

—Mrs. D. A. Mason of Alberton is spending the holiday season with Mrs. Clara Bell of Notre Dame St., Summerside. —S.

—Miss Phyllis Stewart who is in the Civil Service Department at Ottawa is spending her Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colin H. Stewart, Summerside. —S.

—Miss Ruby MacNeill, student at Acadia University is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. John F. MacNeill. —S.

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Attention Farmers

Starting Dec. 30 will be paying highest market prices for all hides and skins delivered at my warehouse, Kensington and at Fred Moase's, Freetown.

GEORGE H. BROOKINS

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Kensington And Vicinity

The Misses Yvonne LeBlanc, Theresa McNally and Gladys LeBlanc were recent visitors to Summerside.

Mr. Gordon Toombs of Summerside was a business visitor to Kensington recently.

The Misses Marion Bernard, R. N. now on active service and expecting to leave for the Old Country before long, Jennie Clark, R. N., of Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax, N. S., and Norma Davison nurse in training in Campbellton, N. B., are enjoying the season's holidays at their respective homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Howatt spent Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Howatt, Charlottetown.

Christmas Day was thoroughly enjoyed by citizens in their different ways. Social calls were numerous and church services in the morning and evening, were as usual fully attended. Many of the younger set, with the weather man on his best behaviour enjoyed the day in hiking, skating, sleigh riding and skating.

Pte. George Webster and Pte. Edward Gallant of the P. E. I. Highlanders left on return to rejoin their units in Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacLeod, Mr. Arthur Larkins, Mr. David Condon and Mr. William McNally, have arrived home on holiday from DeBert, N. S., where they are employed. —H

BORDEN

Mr. Blair Birch of Mount Allison University is spending the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Birch of Borden.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Chappell of Borden were visitors to Moncton on Saturday.

Messrs. Charles Sexton and Jack Dalziel students at St. Dunstan's University are spending the holidays at their homes here.

Miss Glenn Bernard of Borden left on Tuesday evening to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bernard of Kensington.

Mrs. Russell Bell of Borden and Mrs. Gordon Ross of Carleton were visitors to Moncton on Saturday.

Sincere sympathy of friends here is extended to Mr. Thomas MacTavish of Borden on the death of his mother which occurred at Belfast early this week.

Miss Patricia Rodgers of Moncton spent Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Rodgers of Borden.

Messrs. Charles Love and Gordon Jay, of R. C. N. V. R. and Mr. Ralph Ozon, R. C. A. F. of Halifax spent Christmas at their homes here returning to the mainland on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Mary Webster and daughter Virginia and Joan of Charlottetown spent the Christmas holidays in Borden, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. MacIsaac.

Mr. Reginald Rodger student at St. Thomas College, Chatham, N. B is spending his vacation at his home here.

Women's Social Club met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Toombs on December 11th. There were nine members present. After the usual business a report of the chicken supper and bazaar were given which showed that it had been a success, the sum of $51.50 being realized. Next meeting of Social Club was held on December 18th, at the home of Mrs. George Jay with eight members present. At this meeting it was decided to give some Christmas gifts and also to have a Christmas tree for the children of the Sunday School. The committee appointed to look after this was Mrs. Julian Herring and Mrs. Cecil Stewart. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and it was decided the next meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. Julian Herring. A

MISCOUCHE CONVENT SCHOOL

Honor Roll for December:
Grade XI—1. Imelda Doiron; 2. Mildred DesRoches.
Grade X—1. Velda Small; 2. Ormond MacNeill; 3. Jean DesRoches.
Grade IX—1. Teresa Gaudet; 2. Gerard Poirier.
Grade VIII—1. Aileen Claire Pineau; 2. Theresa DesRoches.
Grade VII—1. Edith DesRoches, 2. Edna Martin; 3. Phyllis Pineau.
Grade V—1. Catherine Gallant; 2. Francis A. DesRoches; 3. Una Gallant.
Grade IV—1. Della DesRoches; 2. Margaret Small; 3. Desmond McNeill.
Grade III—1. Aloisi Arsenault; 2. Mildred DesRoches; 3. Mary Edna Gaudet.

MUSIC
Senior:

Eunice Martin; 2. Juliette Poirier, Dorothy Gallant, Rita Martin, Una Gallant, Francis A. DesRoches.

Junior

Theresa DesRoches, Theresa Arsenault, Edna Martin, Bradford Poirier, Doris DesRoches, Tillie Belle Squarebriggs.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

1. Nazaire Poirier, 2. Alice MacQuaid, 3. Alden Small; 4. Eunice Martin. S.

PUCKAPUNYAL, Australia—(CP)—Pte. Harold Clark, of the Australian Imperial Force, died as a result of a "one-in-a-million chance" when a bullet struck him after ricochetting from a tree in battle practice.

Kensington and Vicinity

His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. Boyd Bearisto, employee of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, is confined to his bed ill with pneumonia.

Mr. George Woodside was a business visitor to Summerside on Thursday.

Miss Margaret Matthews has resumed her duties at MacKenzie & Co.'s General Store after spending Christmas at her home in Alberton.

Mr. Eric Heeschen, employee of the Bank of Nova Scotia, receiving his transfer, left here Thursday morning for Sheet Harbour, N. S., where he will join the staff. His many friends wish Eric the best of success in his new surroundings.

Dr. I. Jardine, Mrs. Jardine and two daughters, motored to Charlottetown on Thursday.

Mr. John Lockhart of Charlottetown was a business visitor to Kensington on Thursday.

Mr. Harold McFarlane, member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, in New Brunswick, arrived home Thursday evening to spend the New Year holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery McFarlane.

Mr. Frank Arnett of Summerside was in Kensington Thursday on business.

Mr. William Profitt received a pleasant surprise Christmas Eve, when on arriving home in the early evening, he was met by an enthusiastic gathering of friends from Margate, his former home, and after an appropriate address read by Mr. Turner Glydon, he was presented with a beautiful floor lamp, Mr. William Johnson, presenting the beautiful gift on behalf of the many friends gathered. Mr. Profitt, although completely taken surprise thanked one and all for their thoughtfulness and extended to each and everyone a hearty invitation to visit himself and family at anytime. The remainder of the pleasant evening was enjoyed in social chatter.

A hockey team composed of Kensington juniors journeyed to Borden on Thursday evening where they crossed sticks with the Borden juniors. It was their first game of the season and they broke even, the final score being two all. For the majority of our local boys it was the first time on the blades and with a few more practices under their belts will be able contenders for the junior or juvenile title as all the boys are eligible for a juvenile squad.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Dunphy on the arrival of a bonnie wee lassie on Christmas night, a Christmas present they are mighty proud of.

His many friends will regret to hear that Lowell MacLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacLean, suffered a severe face injury on Thursday evening when coasting, which has confined him to the house for a few days. All join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brookins, accompanied by Mr. Orin Jardine, motored to Charlottetown on Friday.

Miss Agnes McKenzie is enjoying a pleasant holiday with relatives and friends in Charlottetown.

Miss Nora Taylor one, of our popular young ladies, who holds a responsible position in Charlottetown, arrived home on Friday for the New Year's holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Taylor.

Pte. William Gill, Pte. John Dobson and Pte. John S. Burns, returned to Home Guard duty on Friday after enjoying the Christmas holiday at their respective homes here.

Messrs. Everett Hughes, Ted McKinnon and Ralph Rose, three more of our local young men, left on Friday for Charlottetown where they will leave on Saturday morning for training with the R.C.A.F. somewhere in Upper Canada.

Mr. Kenneth MacLean was a business visitor to Charlottetown on Friday.

The many farmers in this section of the province are now taking advantage of the ideal weather and hauling conditions to get their winter's wood and lumber out. H.

GOLD RUSH AT PLANT

NEWARK, N.J., Dec. 26.—(AP)—A gold rush is under way at the L. E. Waterman Company, fountain pen plant. "Prospectors" have ripped up 20,000 feet of flooring, scrubbed walls and equipment, and filtered everything from part of the soil beneath the building to water from the workmen's wash basins to recover an estimated $20,000 worth of gold lost in the manufacture of pen points.

Il Duce Plans

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squadrons daily against the British besiegers.

The preparations at Tobruk obviously are designed to form a new line of defence when Bardia falls and the strategy appears to be for the 20,000 beleaguered men to fight for time to complete the task.

British authorities, confident of taking Bardia, prepared to renew a withering fire on the pill boxes and dugouts about the port and the town itself, while the fliers went up and roamed far to the west in attacks designed to halt the harassment by Fascist bombers.

Examination of captured Italian material showed that while the amount brought into Egypt, was greater than had been believed, much was of poor quality.

A BUSY YEAR

(By S. J. Hungerford, Chairman and President, Canadian National Railways, and President, Trans-Canada Air Lines).

With steadily increasing force, the impact of the war is being felt in every phase of the Dominion's industrial and commercial activities. The needs of modern mechanized warfare are so numerous and so great, the cost in labour and materials so immense, that there is created a greatly increased demand for commodities and services of all kinds. The present conflict gives promise of being the most expensive in consumption of material and equipment of any which the world has yet known. By the close of the war we will have added to our manufactures a long list of items which a year ago were comparatively new to Canadian factories and mills.

Canada's railways made possible the very important expansion in the variety and volume of the Dominion's commodity production which took place in the twenty-five years preceding 1939. The same railway network is making possible the present expansion in our production, and the expansion which is to follow. The Canadian National Railway System —its 22,000 miles of line traversing the Northern forest belt, tapping the mineral riches of the Canadian Shield, spreading out across the agricultural areas of the country, serving every principal manufacturing centre, ocean and inland port of the Dominion —is proving itself able to provide Canadian industry with the efficient transportation service required to effect this expansion in our production of materials and equipment.

The increasing demand for railway service is reflected in the Canadian National Railways' operations in 1940. While the audited figures for the month of December are not yet available, carefully estimated results for that month added to the known figures for the first eleven months of the year show that the system had in 1940 net revenue of $42,000,000 after the payment of operating expenses. For comparative purposes, results for 1938, 1939 and 1940 are shown:

	1940	1939	1938
Operating Revenues	$244,000,000	$203,820,186	$182,241,723
Operating Expenses	$202,000,000	$182,965,768	$176,175,313
Net Revenue	$ 42,000,000	$ 20,854,418	$ 6,066,410
Operating Ratio	83.78%	89.76%	96.67%

The safe and expeditious handling of special wartime movements of thousands of men of the navy, army and air force has been the concern of all departments of the Canadian National System — railway transportation, sleeping and dining car, steamships, air lines, hotels, express and telegraphs. Less in the public eye but extremely important has been the task of moving thousands of trainloads of construction materials, machinery and equipment to the new manufacturing plants. As these plants are completed there comes the work of transporting to them large tonnages of many kinds of raw materials, and carrying to ocean shipping points the production of war material and equipment. Besides meeting the transportation requirements of Canada's fast growing munitions industry, the country's railway transportation facilities must maintain the flow to the United Kingdom and other countries of timber, metals, grain, meat, etc.

Expanding Services

Meeting the increased demand for railway transportation service means the expansion of rolling stock and other facilities. The Canadian National early took steps to ensure that its supply of cars and locomotives would be adequate. Its shop programmes on repair and rehabilitation have brought the number of units available for service up to a very high percentage figure. During 940, 2,760 new box cars, 500 flat cars, 100 refrigerator cars, 30 mail, express and baggage cars, 150 ballast cars, and 25 heavy duty steam locomotives were added to the equipment of the railway. The box cars are of all-steel construction, 90,000 lbs. load limit, similar in design and equipment to those purchased during recent years. The flat cars, 52 fet long and 125,000 lbs. load limit, are supplementing equipment being used in handling airplanes sections and also lumber from Pacific Coast sawmills to Atlantic Coast ports. Locomotives purchased are of the "6100" class, primarily designed for freight service but also suitable for heavy passenger service. In working order, locomotive and tender weigh 343 tons: over-all length is approximately 93 feet. These engines are equipped with mechanical stokers, superheaters, feed water heaters, and roller bearings.

Increased traffic due to war conditions made advisable certain additions to track facilities by way of passing tracks, sidings and yards. Further additions to physical facilities are under study and consideration to meet growing wartime demands for railway transportation service.

Trans-Canada Air Lines

1940 has also seen the expansion of Canada's national air service, the Trans-Canada Air Lines, spanning the Dominion and forming an important link in Empire communications. Additional passenger, air mail and express service was provided between Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, making two flights daily in each direction. There were also inaugurated services between Toronto, London and Windsor, and the latter connecting with planes to Prince Edward Island and to the Atlantic ports of Halifax and Saint John. Over a total route mileage of nearly 4,000 miles, the T. C. A. planes are now flying 15,000 miles every day, carrying passengers, mail and express in regular service. Further extensions are planned to speed up the commerce of the country.

At sea the vessels of the Canadian National Steamships (West Indies) Ltd. and of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine Ltd., are doing important work in the import and export activity of the Dominion and in passenger carrying. The vessels now operated by the C. G. M. M. include some steamships formerly managed by French and Danish interests. Engaged in the naval defence of the Dominion are the "Prince Robert," the "Prince David," and the "Prince Henry," formerly of the Canadian National Pacific Coast Steamships fleet.

Some seventeen hundred employees of the Canadian National System are on active service with the Navy, Army and Air Forces of Canada. The preservation of seniority and continuity of service on the railway for these employees has been the subject of action by the Board of Directors.

On land, at sea, and in the air the Canadian National System and its personnel face the tasks which lie ahead with confidence and with a determination to leave nothing undone to contribute a maximum of service to the nation.

The War This Week

(By Don Gilbert, Canadian Press Cable Editor)

Prime Minister Churchill made a memorable appeal to the Italian people. A Christmas lull slowed the air war. British forces continued their penetration of Libya and the Greek army pierced deeper into Albania. Germany began movement of a large body of troops to Rumania.

That sums up briefly the 69th week of the war, the second Christmas period of the Second Great War. A year ago Finland and Russia were fighting in the northern snows. The Maginot line stood as the supposed bulwark of French security. The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway and Rumania grasped tightly their precarious neutrality.

Mr. Churchill's speech was calculated to add to the discomfiture of the chief of the Italian government. It blamed Mussolini alone for Italy's present plight and frankly invited the Italian people to get rid of him before their empire is torn "into shreds and tatters."

The German air force's destructive work was suspended over the holidays, and from the ruins of Coventry Cathedral the cathedral choir broadcast to the Empire a Christmas hymn. For its part, the Royal Air Force limited its holiday activitity to keeping an eye on the Nazi invasion bases along the channel shore lest Hitler spring a surprise.

The British forces in Libya concentrated on the siege of Bardia, and dispatches indicated the town can be taken as soon as the commander in chief gives the word. Large forces of Italians are encircled there. To the west, at Tobruk and Derna, Marshal Graziani rallied his remaining troops to resist the British advance, which is expected as soon as Bardia is cleaned up.

In Albania, the Greek army advanced slowly toward its next major objective, the port of Valona. Afforded valuable air support by the R.A.F., the Greeks overcame each Italian resistance point and nullified every Italian effort to rally their troops with reinforcements flown over from Italy.

The number of troops Germany is sending through Hungary to Rumania was estimated as high as 300,000. It was thought unlikely that a winter campaign is planned in that part of Europe.

Glancing Back 25 Years

Christmas, 1915, brought a lull in fighting on the western front, but in contrast to the 1914 observance of the festival, there was no fraternization between allied troops and the enemy. A British force in Egypt was in action and dispersed a band of 3,000 tribesmen in the western desert. It was reported on Dec. 27 that enemy submarines had destroyed five allied merchant ships.

Watch Family Now While Epidemic Colds Are Spreading

At a treacherous time like this with an epidemic of contagious colds all around you, what you do today may save you and your family a lot of sickness, worry and trouble later.

Follow these simple rules of health: Live normally. Avoid excesses. Eat simple food. Drink plenty of water. Keep elimination regular. Take some exercise daily—preferably outdoors. Get plenty of rest and sleep.

Then use these two time-tested treatments when needed.

AT THE FIRST SNIFFLE, SNEEZE OR NASAL IRRITATION . . . put a few drops of Vicks Va-tro-nol up each nostril. This helps to prevent many colds from developing, because Va-tro-nol is expressly designed to help Nature's own defenses against colds. (If a head cold causes stuffiness, you'll find that a few drops of Va-tro-nol helps clear the clogging mucus and makes breathing freer and easier).

IF A CHEST COLD OR COUGHING COLD DEVELOPS (some colds get by all precautions) use Vicks VapoRub on throat, chest and back and cover with a warmed cloth. VapoRub acts to bring relief 2 ways at once. It stimulates surface of chest and back like a poultice. At the same time it releases helpful medicinal vapors that are breathed direct into the irritated air passages.

Both Va-tro-nol and VapoRub have been tested through years of use in millions of homes. When you use these two medicines you are not experimenting, you are not taking needless chances. Remember: If the condition of the cold fails to respond quickly to treatment — or if more serious trouble is indicated — call your family physician right away. In the meantime be prepared! Get a bottle of Vicks Va-tro-nol and a jar of Vicks VapoRub today — have them handy, ready to use.

Timely Notes

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good of us all we should take an interest in each other's activities and lend a helpful hand wherever possible. We have had our hard times and no doubt will have many more of them, but if we use our intelligence and persevere we will surely make good.

In conclusion we wish to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to these columns through suggestions, letters or otherwise, and to our readers particularly who have been so faithful and have many times expressed their pleasure at what we have published. May you each and all have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year is our sincere wish.

WEAKER SEX?

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 27—(CP)—The Texas A. & M. College extension service estimates a housewife using a six-pound iron lifts 1,200 pounds and pushes the iron six miles while doing an "average" washing.

Farmers Attention

There will be a special meeting of the farmers of Kensington and vicinity in the Town Hall, Kensington on Thursday evening, Jan. 2, 1941, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the proposed new compulsory marketing scheme regarding the marketing of hogs and lambs in this province. It is in the interest of all farmers to attend this meeting also a special invitation to the members of the Provincial Marketing Board to attend. If not fine meeting will be held Friday evening Jan. 3, 1941.

WM. L. JOHNSON.

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YULE VILLAGE ANNUAL EVENT

PROSPECT, Ky., Dec. 27—(CP)—This will be the 40th year that Miss Mada Keidel and her sister Katherine set up a Christmas village in their home.

Children from miles around come to see the spectacle, made of odds and ends of furniture, cardboard and rags. The Santa Claus is built around an old-fashioned phonograph; the fireplace is an old wardrobe.

- NEWSY NOTES -

By AGRICOLA

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probably derived from the mediaeval mystery plays. These fell out of fashion in time, but the children still continued the plays with classical or local characters suited to the time and place. The little actors usually dressed up in borrowed clothes, or wore their coats turned inside out, and if possible top hats. The plays all followed the same general plan: the fight, in which one or several, was slain, the arrival of the doctor who revives the dead, followed by the collection. Here is a specimen taken down from a performance in the year 1876.

The first guiser throws open the door and says:

"I open the door and I walk in,
I ask your pardon for to win.
Stir up the fire and make a light
For in this house there'll be a fight."

St. George: "Here comes St. George.
St. George is my name,
With my sword and pistol by my side
I hope to win the game.

First Guiser: "The game, Sir, the game, Sir,
Is all within my power,
I'll slash you into mince-meat
In less than half an hour."

St. G. "You, Sir?

F. G.: "I, Sir!

St. G.: "Take your sword and try, Sir.

They fight and the First Guiser falls dead. Napoleon and Alexander the Great are successively slain. At last St. George says:

"Oh dear, oh dear, What have I done?
I've killed my father's only son.
Send for the five-pound doctor.

Dr. Brown enters, carrying a surgeon's bag.

D. B.: "Here comes in old Doctor Brown,
The best old doctor in the town.

St. G.: "Who made you the best doctor?

D. B.: "By my travels.

St. G.: How far have you travelled?

D. B.: England, Scotland, France and Spain,
Three times there and back again,

St. G.: What can you cure?

D. B.: The itch, the pitch, the colic and the gout.

St. G. Can you cure these dead men?

D. B.: With this little bottle
I'll run some down his throppie,
Take a drop of this and rise.

The dead men rise, and all join hands and sing:

Once I was dead but now I'm alive;
God bless the doctor that made me alive.

ENTER JOHNNY FUNNY

J. F.: "Here comes in old Johnny Funny,
I'm the man that carries the money,
All copper, no brass,
Bad money won't pass.
All: "God bless the master of his house,
God bless the mistress, too,
And all the little children
That round the table grew.
With your pockets full of money,
And your cellar full of beer,
I wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year."

That little play was taken down by an antiquary in the southern part of the County. Notice the use of the old word "thropple" (Anglo-Saxon "throtbolla") where moderns use "throttle." This version differs in some respects from the one in vogue in our village. Johnny Funny was replaced by "Little Divvle Doubt," a character who had a sooty face, ragged clothes, and a rope for tail. He used a word not permitted in polite society as he said:

"Here come I little Divvle Doubt,
With my breeches—turned inside out,
Money I want and money I'll have;
If you don't give us money I'll sweep you all to the grave!"

He carried a broom to do the sweeping, but the money was collected by a boy in girl's clothes — another sign of great antiquity, for females were long ago debarred from taking part in plays.

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