

We And Our Neighbors

A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS STORY

This Christmas story is pure fiction. Any similarity in names, characters or situation is entirely coincidental. The beginning is as grim as that of the "Christmas Carol" but the ending I promise you will be just as happy as Charles Dickens' famous story.

Mary Wilson gave the big turkey a final scrubbing with vicious jaws of the brush. "That's done anyway," she said to herself. "I didn't have to stuff the creature. I'm so tired I could drop that attack of 'flu must have left me weaker than I thought. If I could only take a nap. Ha, that's a good one. In an hour the boys will be from school yelling for their lunch and any minute Jackie will be at Dottie and I'll have to run up and settle that."

"Well, better get at the stuffing. This porcelain bowl will hold it. What do I need—poultry seasoning, bread crumbs." She tried to get her tired mind, taking many unnecessary steps but finally assembled the ingredients and began mixing and blending.

All the while she was thinking, sometimes out loud: "Why did I have to invite Ralph folks? It's their turn to have us for Christmas dinner. And what made me ask Elsie and that young man she is trying to marry? Next thing I'll be running round the block."

"Oh, dear, if at least one of the older boys was a girl. By the time Dottie is any help to me—"

Heavens! Mrs. Wilson had almost forgotten the turkey giblets simmering on the stove. She went to get them when suddenly Dottie rushed into the kitchen and up to the table. "We want to help Mommy," she said and grabbed the long spoon in the mixing bowl.

"Dottie," warned her mother, "keep away from that bowl! But it was too late. The startled child jerked the spoon and the bowl slid off the table breaking into pieces its contents covering half the floor."

Mrs. Wilson blew up completely. She seized the child and slapped her hand sharply four or five times, shouting, "You naughty girl. Santa Claus won't bring you a single toy. Not you either, you bad boy," she told Jackie who stood frightened in the doorway. "I asked you to keep your sister out of the kitchen. Now get out of here, quick, both of you." The children ran out of the room, sobbing bitterly.

The sound brought Mrs. Wilson to her senses. "What have I done," she asked herself. "What is Christmas for, if not for the children. A fine Christmas I've been giving them. I'll never forgive myself if I let it happen again."

She followed the children and caught up with them on the landing and sat down an arm around each. "Darlings," she said. "I am very sorry I was so cross. You know how cross you sometimes get when you are very tired. That happened to Mommy, but it won't again. You weren't naughty at all and anyway Santa Claus would come—like so hard to be good all the time. I know, but Mommy and Daddy will love you even when you are naughty. Daddy is going to make a small table for lunch soon and I have a surprise for you." They returned her loving hug and kisses and she knew all was forgiven.

With tear-filled eyes she told her husband Ralph what had happened and they decided to spend the holiday saved for each other's Christmas presents for extra help for her during the holidays, and

whenever she felt the work was a burden.

It turned out to be a wonderful Christmas for the Wilsons and all their guests. A special guest was elderly Mrs. Atkins from across the road whose daughter and grandchildren couldn't visit her this Christmas. She joyfully helped Mrs. Wilson in a hundred ways, very grateful for this solution to her loneliness.

An entertaining feature of the Christmas dinner was the expert manner in which the oldest son acted as head-waiter in a high chef's hat. There was delicious food and best of all, a relaxed and happy atmosphere. Indeed this Christmas cheer lasted all the year around in the Wilson family!

Diamond Wedding Anniversary Poem

(Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harding (1894-1954))

Hand in hand for sixty years,
Walking the paths of life,
The byways and the busy streets
Amid the joys and strife;
Bestowing flowers on the friends
And all who pass your way;
A "yes" to all the calls for aid
And never yet a "no."

Exemplifying love and trust,
Encouraging the weak;
Standing upon the side of right
And for its cause to speak.
True stalwarts in the house of God
And through each passing day,
Many hearts enriched, made glad
Meeting you on the way.

Laughter — you kept its tonic charm
Bright-eyed and ever near,
Warming the chamber of each heart,
Melting each chill and tear.
Making your home a haven for
Sojourner, traveller, friend;
Entwining hearts with courage and
With hope unto the end.

He liveth long who liveth well.
From this truth it appears
Your anniversary should read
One hundred, twenty years.
May God preserve your going out,
Your coming in, your rest.
While you remain, our hearts, our lives
Are richly warmed — and blest.

— Hazel and Barlow Bird.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our dear Mother, Mrs. Wesley Stewart, who passed away December 20th, 1951.

We have only just a picture
Of the face we loved so well,
To part with you it was so hard,
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Record Number Long Distance Calls Seen

Long distance telephone lines will be carrying a record load. Telephone people are preparing for a large volume of long distance calls this Christmas than ever before. What they are hoping is that many people will call early, that is, before Christmas Eve and before Christmas Day. Many who wait until Christmas Eve or Christmas Day may be disappointed when their calls cannot be completed, so if possible, they urge, call early Christmas week.

Since last Christmas, additions have been made to the out-of-province circuits that link Prince Edward Island with other points in Canada and the United States. The volume of long distance calls is already ahead of the same period last year, and this increase, despite the pleas to call early, will in all probability be climaxed by an all time record of calls on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This year the reduced rate period on Sunday, December 26th, as well as Christmas Day, will mean an advantage to those who were unsuccessful in getting through earlier. The use of operator toll dialing has helped a lot to speed long distance connections. It means the operator in Charlottetown is able to dial the called telephone directly in Summerside and vice versa, and to many points in Nova Scotia without the assistance of an intermediate operator anywhere en route.

People in Prince Edward Island, and the Maritimes in general, have an advantage in the Atlantic time zone, having a time "edge" on our more Westerly neighbors, so it is obvious that the earlier the calls are placed on Christmas Day, the greater the chance of getting through. In a fore Christmas Day, the "early bird gets his call completed" before the West to East Traffic has hit its stride. Full staffs of operators will be on duty to handle calls as they come in working on "around-the-clock" shifts to handle the expected traffic load. On Sunday, too, the Staff will be increased to handle the expected overflow from Christmas Day as well as the normal traffic being offered.

Elsewhere throughout the Province, trained Staffs will be on hand to take care of the load. Approximately 100 operators will be on duty over the Christmas period to handle calls to almost every part of the American Continent as well as calls to the United Kingdom, Europe and Australia as the vast network of communications is brought into play.

While telephone people would like to have the Christmas calling done early, it is difficult to overcome the Christmas rush. However, as one official of the Company put it, "I think we can depend on the 'Spirit of Christmas' to understand when there are unavoidable delays because of the volume of traffic."

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\$2.00 each: William Hayden, Sterling Inga.

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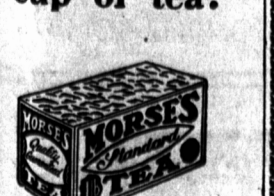
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