SECRET PALS DRAWN

Members exchange presents at annual Christmas party

A Christmas party including the exchange of Christmas gifts, followed the Wednesday night regular meeting of the Order of the Royal Purple in the Elks lodge, with Honored Royal Lady Mrs. Louis Gastaldini in the chair.

During the business session it was decided to donate the sum of $100 to a needy family in the city for Christmas gifts.

It was announced that the initiation of new members will take place at the next meeting, January 13.

Providing entertainment for the party were Mrs. Omar Tweed, Mrs. Wallace Seymour, Mrs. Joseph Gallant and Mrs. Donald Crowe, who presented a humorous skit.

Exchange of Secret Pal and Christmas gifts were made and new names were drawn for Secret Pals.

Mrs. Gastaldini announced that members who still wished to have a secret pal, could draw a name at the next meeting. A sing-song of Christmas carols and refreshments concluded the enjoyable social function.

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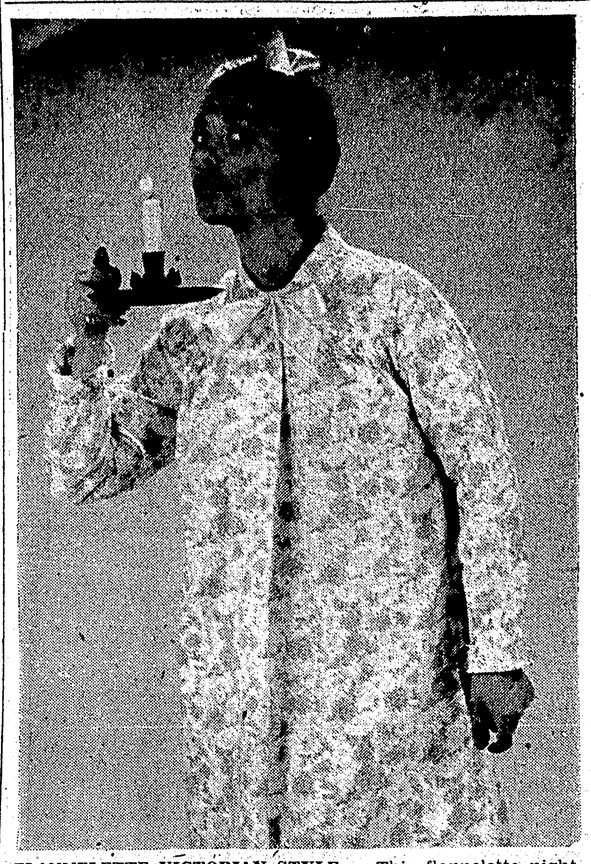

FLANNELETTE VICTORIAN STYLE — This flannelette nightgown with an aqua pattern on white is reminiscent of the Victorian era. It is an example of the nightwear now being made in Canada. Cotton mills are producing quantity yardage of plain and printed flannelette for many household and garment uses. —CP photo.

Francois Lake News

By AGNES H. NEAVE
Daily News Correspondent

FRANCOIS LAKE—As soon as we heard of the arrival of the triplets I wired the Daily News, so it will probably be in Monday's paper. We now hear that all three were girls, and the parents already have a large family. The mother, Mrs. John Fehr, was not very well for two days but is improving now. The babies each weighed five pounds and are doing well.

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When the ferry came over on Saturday morning the flag was at half mast, and on enquiring who had died we were told that one of the ferry deck hands, Ed Stone, had passed away the night before. He was 63 years old and lived alone not far from the Southbank store. He has one daughter, Mrs. Ernie Howlett, and one son, Albert, who was away logging near Quesnel. Ed Stone will be missed, for he was a friendly person and cheerful. He was in our store the morning that he died buying food for his dog, and was laughing and joking in his usual manner.

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Alma and Seymour Loveseth have been married for years, and on their Silver wedding anniversary on Monday relations and friends descended upon their home for a surprise party. There were 17 adults and three children, and they all had a grand time. During the evening Alma's sister Tillie Mellander phoned from North Surrey, and this visit put the finishing touches to a perfect evening for all of them.

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Rev. John Frame held the first of a series of Bible Classes in Hilary and Clifford Routley's home on Tuesday evening which we found most interesting. The next class will be in the Partington home.

Mrs. Reg Partington invited mothers and grandmothers of her Activity Club girls to her home on Sunday afternoon for their Christmas party. The children were served cold drinks and the older folk tea, also home made buns and cakes. The older girls were given large jig saw puzzles, and the younger ones were given beautiful large figurines, and the small brothers and sisters all had a small gift and candied apples. The children sang carols while Mrs. Partington played the accordion. We had intended leaving before dark as the roads are rather slippery with ice, but it was well after five before we left for home.

Santa greets more than 175 tiny tots at Civic Centre

Santa Claus greeted more than 175 children yesterday afternoon in the Civic Centre gymnasium when the Civic Centre Tiny Tot class held its annual Christmas party, following the regular program of songs and games.

Singing "Jingle Bells," the youngsters heralded the arrival of Santa who distributed treats to all the children with the assistance of the leaders.

Mrs. F. R. Peagam, class director, supervised the program. Class pianist is Mrs. Graham Alexander.

Leaders assisting were Mrs. G. R. Sahlen, Mrs. William McLeod, Mrs. W. D. Tait, Mrs. J. A. Botsford, Mrs. J. O. Houchen, Mrs. J. L. Robinson, Mrs. Frank Comadina, Mrs. Robert Tough, Mrs. T. F. Bennett, Mrs. Alex Slater, Mrs. Roy Boychuk, Mrs. George Ferguson, Mrs. H. J. Scholton and Mrs. Lloyd Bowman.

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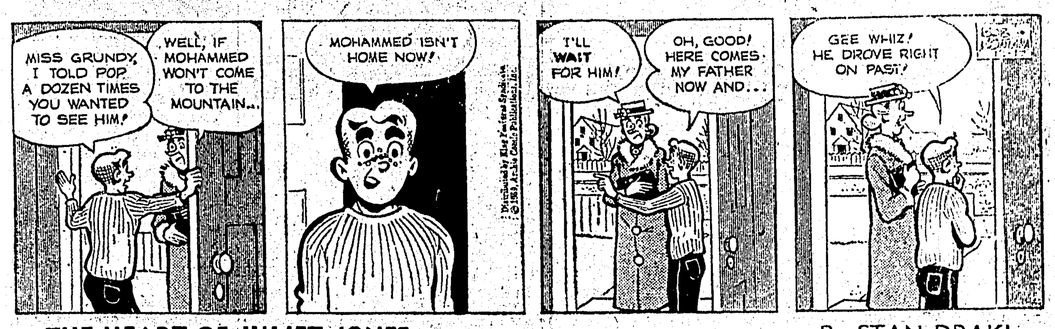

THE HEART OF JULIET JONES By STAN DRAKE

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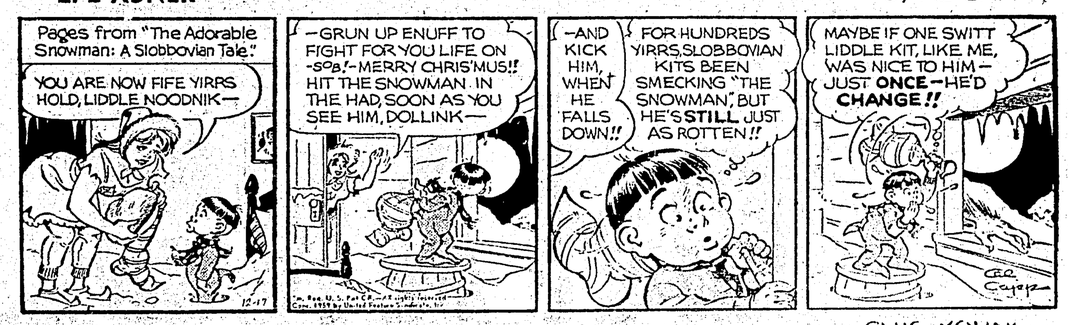

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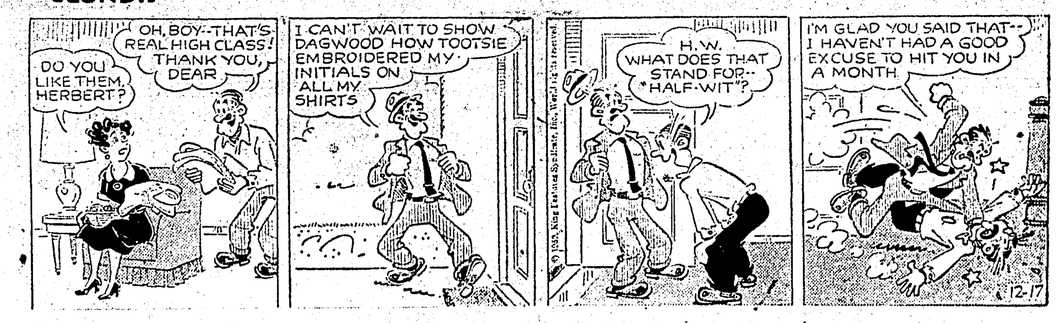

ESKI By WILLIAM RITT

AS ESKI and Doc start away from Mother Hubbard's cottage they hear a loud "Bang!" A bullet whistles through Doc's hat. It is Mother Hubbard, carrying a big gun and she is accompanied by a huge boast of a dog!

"BURGLARS!" shouts Old Mother Hubbard. "Thieves! Stealing from a poor old woman!" "Madam," apologizes Doc in a trembling voice. "We're sorry to intrude, but we came to bring gifts--not to steal, really we didn't!"

TOGETHER Eski and Doc show Mother Hubbard how they've filled her once-bare cupboard. The gentle old lady bursts into tears. "Forgive me," she sobs. "How can I ever repay you for your great kindness?"

"JUST SHOW US the way, please, to the Shoe House where the Old Lady with all those children lives," Doc smiles. "That I gladly will do, my friends," she says. Soon Doc and Eski are on their way again. (To Be Continued)

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