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### Novel Story For Picture

A completely original idea is the basis of a tender, heart warming story of "Come to the Stable," the picture which comes to the Capitol Theatre here next Monday to Wednesday. It is a film adaptation of the novel of Clare Booth Luce.

The film centres around the sometimes humorous and sometimes pathetic problems that confront two penniless French nuns—played by Loretta Young and Celeste Holm—who come to America with only a prayer and a promise to build a hospital for children.

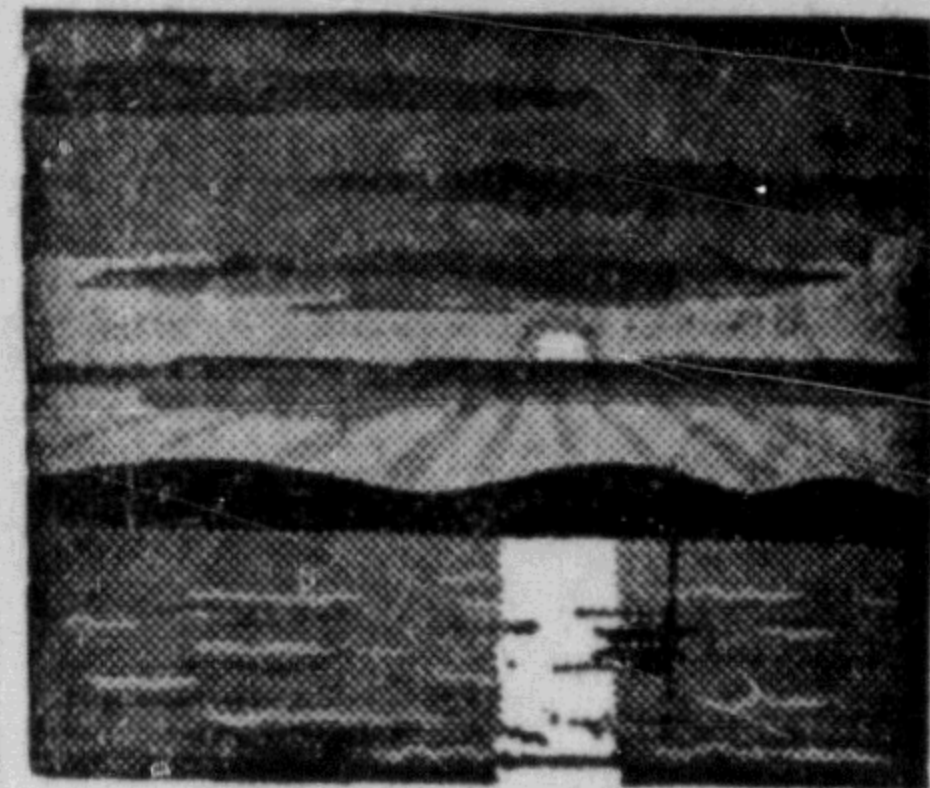
There is a basis in fact for the story in the actual piége of the

### Local Soldier May Be Home

After having prepared an advanced training camp for the United Nations troops from Canada, in Southern Korea, three hundred Canadian soldiers have returned to Fort Lewis in Washington. It is not known if these include George Evans, who grew up in Prince Rupert and whose parents and fellow family members are living here.

two nuns to perform an act of appreciation for their liberation from the Nazis in the last war. The story of their untiring efforts to secure funds and land for the monastery makes a stirring drama.

The cast also includes Hugh Marlowe, Elsa Lanchester, Thomas Gomez and Dorothy Patrick.



## WATERFRONT -- WHIFFS

### Fur Trading Active Now—Herring Fleet Back—Christmas on the Prince George

Big item on the waterfront this week has been fur trading. Trappers from all up and down the coast have been bringing in a rich harvest of furs. Chief item this year is mink which are being caught successfully for the first time in two years. Last year freezing weather and snow conditions made

them too difficult for most trappers to catch. Probably the largest catch sold to date is that of John Sheldon—over 180 mink. Marten are also bringing good prices this year, particularly the dark marten. Otter and beaver are selling well but bringing in much lower prices compared with mink and marten. The market for furs is much stronger this year than last. All type of transportation are being used to get the furs to market when sales are being held. Close to a sale date, air freight and express are used, but, when time is not so important, sea and rail transportation are used. Chief benefit from the fur trade is that those engaged in trapping have lots of money—from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars—at the season of the year when employment in the city and district is at its lowest. Hudson Bay, Fowlie and Ruttle and Bill Scuby are active dealers here.

The boat house bought last year by Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht Club from S. Mellor, to be used for a paint shop, has been moved this week from its temporary position on the west side of the club float to its permanent place on the east side. In its old location, it rested on bottom at low tide. At its new site it remains floating all the time.

Visitor in port this morning is the tanker Standard Service, Capt. Grant Brewster, with petroleum products for Standard Oil Company.

Back for another crack at the herring in these waters are the crew of boats tied up in the district since herring fishing closed down after quotas were filled before Christmas. Many of the seiners and packers tied up here and their crews flew to their Vancouver homes for the holiday. They, along with Columbia Cellulose Company employees, have taxed the capacities of Canadian Pacific Airlines to get them back for the re-opening of the season Sunday.

The set of herring for bait in the harbor this week has brought about much speculation concerning the possibility of a large run in the harbor and a good portion of the fleet working right there. In days gone by, the harbor has produced as much as 28,000 tons of herring in a single season.

Union steamer Chilcotin, Capt. H. F. McLean, which arrived yesterday afternoon from Vancouver and waypoints enroute to Masset, had the following passengers disembark here: G. P. Thompson, J. McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Simonsen, K. W. W. C. Jeffery, A. Lechasseur, J. Gruener, T. Rosbotham, M. and M's. M. Martin and family, Bob Williamson, C. Moen, A. C. Thompson, R. F. Dayer, J. V. Singerland, J. B. Smith, J. V. Notsche, Mrs. Little and child, R. J. Weston, S. Jackson, B. McLagan, E. Worthington, D. Graham, H. Antonsen.

Went down to watch them raise the plank and who should be the last man to climb aboard but my old friend Don McDonald, baseball's famous pitcher and first baseman. He was well loaded with parcels and turkeys (two of them) and was being wished on his happy way by that tobacco mogul and outstanding catcher and basketball player, fellow by the name of Herb Morgan, Herb, Mac and I all shook hands and the 'George', skippered by Capt. Ernest Caldwell, was on its way.

"Watched the lights of Rupert grow dim, then went back to the cabin and Tommy and I had a yarn and then went down for a spot of supper. What a sight greeted us! The whole ship was decorated for the festive season, that is for sure, but the dining salon was really something . . . holly wreaths, boughs, gay streamers. The only thing missing, as far as I could see, was the mistletoe. We tucked away a pretty good snack, met some of the other electricians from Watson Island and then we all went up to listen to a few of the fellows pound the ivories of one of the many pianos aboard. Those that could play all had a go at it and it was then that I found that my friend, Tommy Easton, was quite a pianist and used to have his own band a few years back. Finally they were all played out and so to bed.

"Didn't get up early enough the next morning for breakfast but, as we were in the first sit-

ing for lunch, we surely did enjoy the excellent fare. The afternoon was spent in reading and resting and, of course, watching more happy south-bound folk join the ship at Ocean Falls. Shortly after leaving the Fall, had a chat with Milliner Barbeau of Prince Rupert who was journeying to Vancouver to attend the wedding of one of her nephews, Jack Sargent, a former Hazelton young man. Jack is now a lawyer in Vancouver, and it so happens that he and I were very good chums during our high school days.

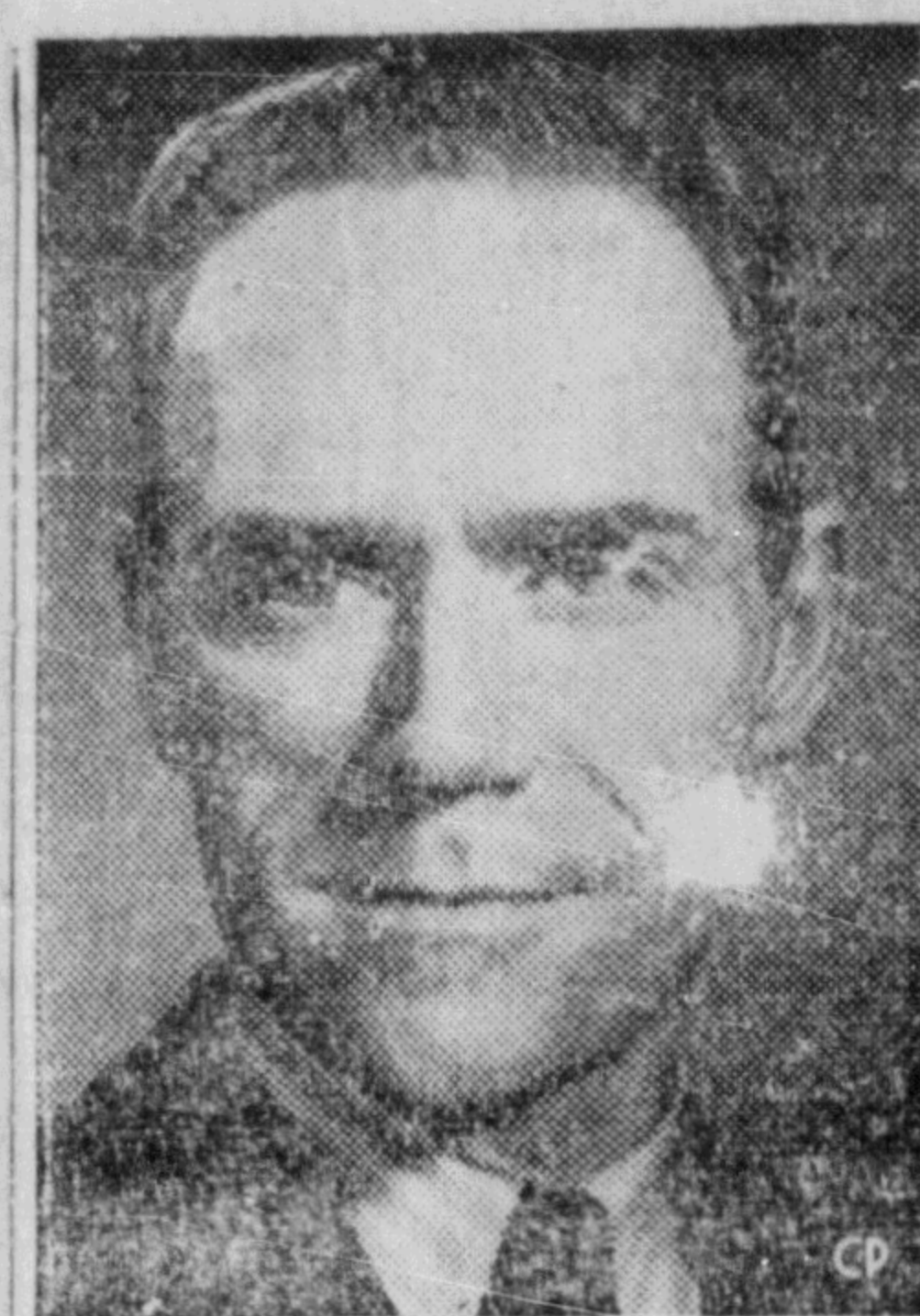
"As far as food was concerned Friday evening's dinner was the highlight of the trip. It was then that the 'Christmas' dinner was served. Greeted at the dining salon by Second Steward Walter Regan and given the best of table service by Steward Sullivan, better known to travellers on the 'George' as 'Sully', we tucked away a wonderful meal, everything from soup to nuts and Christmas crackers. There is no doubt that everyone aboard thoroughly enjoyed it. The early part of the evening was spent in digesting the dinner and listening to the piano and the singing of Christmas songs and carols. It was at this sing-song that a 6'4" shop steward from the Cellulose plant, McArthur by name, kept everyone amused with his singing and jokes.

"Later in the evening went below to the recreation room and watched Don McDonald and Chief Engineer Les Wilson battle it out at table tennis. Both are tops at this game but Les Wilson has the edge and is, I understand, the champion of the ship and possibly the CN fleet. At any rate, they played three fast sets while I was quite content to sit and watch and to study the outstanding cedar inlaid panels in the recreation room. Mac and I then adjourned to his cabin and we talked Prince Rupert baseball, lacrosse and stuff. Then back to my cabin and bunk.

"After breakfast on Saturday, decided to have my hair cut and it was in the barber shop that I met David Wellington, one of the most interesting chaps that I have ever met. Dave is THE barber on the 'George' and he has been cutting hair aboard deep-sea and coastal vessels for over 40 years. Born in England, and still carrying a pretty fair accent, he became a barber in his early youth. In the Old Country he barbered at all the famous watering places and at these resorts shaved and dressed the hair of many famous men, including a good few of royal blood. Then Dave decided to barber at sea. Since that time he has touched just about every port in the world, with the exception of the Australian ports, a country which he has never had the opportunity of visiting. It was just by accident that he missed sailing as a barber on the ill-fated Titanic. Dave is one barber that I could listen to all day. If you wish to meet an old gentleman, a scholar, a keen student of human nature, a trooper from the First World War and an excellent barber and teller of interesting tales all rolled up in one, then have a haircut or a visit with David Wellington.

"I meant to mention earlier that, when we docked at Westview, the entire crew turned out to load and unload the freight so that we could make faster time in arriving at Vancouver. In fact, we travelled at full speed all the way down which was very much appreciated by all concerned as many had not had an opportunity for Christmas shopping and naturally we were all anxious to see our relatives and friends.

"So as Tommy Easton, Don McDonald and myself sat and chattered in the forward upper lounge, the Lions Gate Bridge came into view through the mist and rain. (Yes, they get their share of rain in Vancouver, too!) Soon we were pulling in at the CNR dock, about four hours ahead of schedule, thanks to Cape Caldwell and all the crew! All the passengers were very excited, waving at friends and relatives on the dock. Then I spotted my wife and two kiddies . . . "Gorblime, what a Christmas!"



ASSISTANT DEPUTY — Mitchell W. Sharp, former economic adviser to Finance Minister Abbott, has been appointed assistant deputy trade minister. (CP PHOTO)

## CFPR RADIO DIAL 1240 Kilocycles (Subject to Change)

**SATURDAY—P.M.**  
4:30—Sports College  
4:45—Memo from Lake Success  
5:00—Music in Review  
5:30—Musical Program  
6:00—CBC News  
6:05—NHL Hockey  
7:30—Organ Recital  
8:00—Whatcha' Know, Joe  
8:30—Prairie Schooner  
9:00—John Sturgess—Baritone  
9:15—Ardale Chorus  
9:30—Living—1951  
10:00—CBC News  
10:10—CBC News  
10:15—Trocerado Orch.  
10:30—Can You Top This?  
11:00—Weather and Sign Off

**SUNDAY**  
8:30—Recital  
9:00—BBC News and Commentary  
9:15—Music for Meditation  
9:30—Harmony Harbor  
9:59—Time Signal  
10:00—B.C. Gardener  
10:15—Just Mary  
10:30—Way of the Spirit  
11:00—CBC News  
11:03—Capitol Report  
11:30—Religious Period  
12:00—N.Y. Philharmonic Symphony Orch.  
1:30—Church of the Air  
2:00—The Footlighters  
2:30—Critically Speaking  
3:00—John Fisher Reports  
3:15—CBC News  
3:20—Ask the Weatherman  
3:27—Weather Report  
3:30—Organ Recital  
4:00—Winnipeg Concert Orch.  
4:30—My Uncle Louis  
5:00—Startime  
6:00—National Sunday Evening Hour  
6:45—The Four Gentlemen  
7:00—CBC News  
7:10—Weekend Review  
7:20—Special Speaker  
7:30—Little Symphonies  
8:00—Stage '51  
9:00—Chamber Music  
9:30—Vesper Hour  
10:00—CBC News  
10:15—Pioneer Transportation  
10:30—Evening Song  
11:00—Weather Sign Off

**MONDAY—A.M.**  
7:00—Musical Clock  
8:00—CBC News  
8:10—Here's Bill Good  
8:15—Morning Song  
8:30—Music for Modetms  
8:45—Little Concert  
9:00—BBC News & Comty  
9:15—Morning Devotions  
9:30—Morning Concert  
9:59—Time Signal  
10:00—Morning Visit  
10:15—The Barry Wood Show  
10:30—Melody Time  
10:45—"Robin Hood's Musical Kitchen"

11:00—Kindergarten of the Air  
11:15—Round-up Time  
11:30—Weather Report  
11:31—Message Period  
11:33—Recorded Interlude  
11:45—Scandinavian Melodies

**P.M.**  
12:00—Mid-day Melodies  
12:15—CBC News  
12:25—Program Resume  
12:30—B. C. Farm Bcast.  
12:55—Recorded Interlude  
1:00—The Concert Hour  
1:30—Musical Program  
1:45—You and Your Vote  
2:00—The Festive Season  
2:30—Records at Random  
2:45—Ada McGeer  
3:00—The Music Box  
3:15—Don Messer and His Islanders  
3:30—Listeners Choice

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UTOPIA IN WINTER—A picture of snow covering the old snake fence and the little frozen creek is one that evokes a touch of nostalgia during the holiday season in all but the most hardened city dweller. The scene, appropriately, is Utopia, near Barrie, Ontario. (CP PHOTO)



"Where do I think I'm going? Did you stop me just to ask that?"

### BLONDIE —Bedlam in Bed



### —By CHIC YOUNG



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