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Skilled Fliers Suggest This Should Be Open to Women

By ANITA FREEDMAN

Canadian Press Staff Writer TORCNTO, Dec. 22 ()-Four Toronto girls would like to convince authorities that Canada should have a women's ferry command 28th day of November like the B.itish women's Air Transport Auxiliary of the R. A. F. and he Women's Auxiliary Flying Ser-

> Right now the only ferry command operating in Canada is that of the R. A. F. with headquarters in Montreal, mainly concerned with transporting bombers across the Atlantic.

The office of the Department of Transport in Toronto estimates there are only 20 to 30 active women pilots in Canada. When Canadian flying was curtailed, the four Toronto girls-Marion Gillies, Margaret Littlewood, Violet Milstead and Marion Orr - were the only four active women instructors in Ontario. Two hundred and fifty lying hours are required for an instructor's license.

All these girls have trained lads who have gone on to R.C.A.F. air observer schools. Three of them have at least 1,000 flying hours to their credit. They claim that women in the Air Transport Auxiliary of the R. A. F. are flying Spitfires, Hurricanes and other types of aircraft, except the heaviest bombers, freeing male pilots for combat work. They would like to get into he air, release air force personnel here in Canada, by ferrying airgraft from factory to field or acting as staff pilots.

Women A pable

Marion Gillies, 27, has been flying since 1938 and has chalked up 1,050 hours. One of her pupils was 300by Martin, believed to be the icense at 21 and runs a wool shop structor go up in smoke when the Joungest pilot in Canada when he | when she takes time off from fly- | St. Catherines Flying Club burned | capable of carrying out dutice of in Canada. ferrying planes."

the Air Force-why, they do fine sort of work I can do-ferrying work but they don't fly and that's light aircraft," she said. "Actually what I felt I could do better than the fact that girls like myself cananything else." Marion finds am- not get the work we want to do salesalerk in a department store vitions blocked in another way now does not mean there's an injustice and put her money into flying lesthat civilian flying has been cur- being done. It's just unfortunate sons.



When Canadian women traded in their dishmops for a spanner they flocked to man Canada's aircraft factories in such numbers that special attention is being focussed on their needs. Under the able tutorship of Mrs. Ethel Colwell, extreme left, women all across the country are being trained to help with the problems of their fellow workers in plane factories. Among her first pupils were, left to right, Mrs. Minnie Winn, who came from England and is working in aircraft production at Fort Erie, Ont.; Mrs. Mary Harrison, of Toronto, and Mrs. Alice Anderson, of Vancouver.

to continue it. But women are bar- women pilots." red from the only place it is taught now-Air Force schools.

Violet Milstead, 23-year old Tor- ada's youngest woman instructor, into girl who got her instructor's saw her job as civilian flying in-

"As for the women's division of men pilots in Canada to do the she argued." iled. She has made a study of that Canada—at the moment anyprimary navigation and would like way-seems to have no need for

Marion Orr, at 22 probably Can-

Young Instructor

soloed two years ago at the age ing, has 1,000 hours to her credit, down November 1. She too would of 12. She spoke for the group when | She adopts a practical attitude to- like the chance to prove that Canshe said, "Women are perfectly ward the position of women pilots adian girls can be competent ferry pilots. "From all reports the Eng-"We're told there are enough lish girls aren't doing a bad job,"

Littlewood, 26, got her 950 flying hours the hard way. She worked as Canada at War

25 Years Ago

By The Canadian Press Dec. 22, 1917—Peace negotiations begun by Russian, German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish dele-Starting five years ago, Margaret gates at Brest-Litovsk. Nantieh, Palestine, captured by British.

Three British destroyers sunk off Netherlands coast. Italians recovered slopes of Monte Asolene.

ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. AND Y.W.C.A.

By DOROTHY GARBUTT, Hostess

We have had Arnold Ducklin with us for a few days. He is the Senior YMCA supervisor at Terrace and has been pinch-hitting at Aliford Bay until Gordon Webb came up to take over. Arnold likes the country around Aliford and is full of its beauties (the country's). Leading Telegraphist (is that right this time Louis?) and Mrs. Bon-Bernard returned yesterday from their furlough in Saskatoon. Louis met Dorothy's sister for the first time and has come home convinced that he has married the wrong woman. It's his story and he tells it in front of his wife so I

guess it's all right. My Hospitality Book has taken an encouraging step forward with the enrolment of four more names. Thanks folks!

Remember girls, tonight's the night for the big Ontario regiment party. Everyone meet at the "Y" as usual and the boys will be there to take us out. The chaperones are Mrs. Bussey and Mrs. Garbutt. Mrs. Bussey has a standing invitation to attend the Ontario regiment dances because she took home the chesterfield covers and chair covers and washed them for the boys.

Well, Skippy Mackenze distinguished himself by eating dill pickles the other night after the show at the Ontario camp and he liked them. Later on, of course, there was a howl which might have been from a tummy ache.

Now that the 'Y" dances are on again I think I'll revive a little verse I did for a paper called 'Thumbs Up" which we ran when the "Y" first opened. I was a smart gal in those days. Well brace yourselves, here it is:

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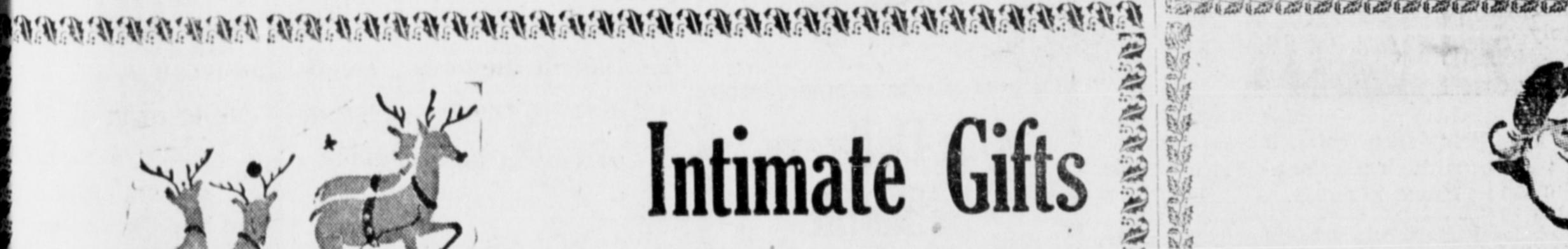
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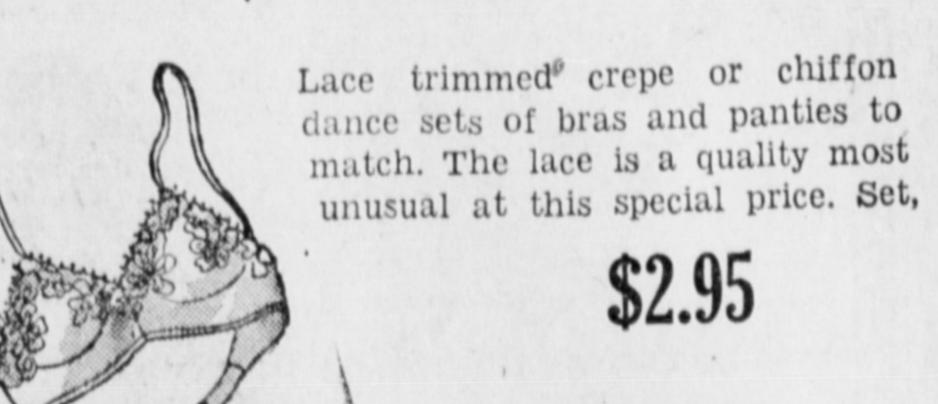
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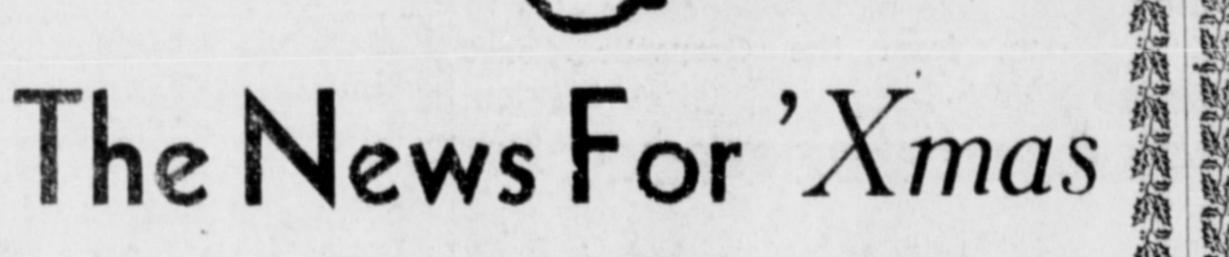
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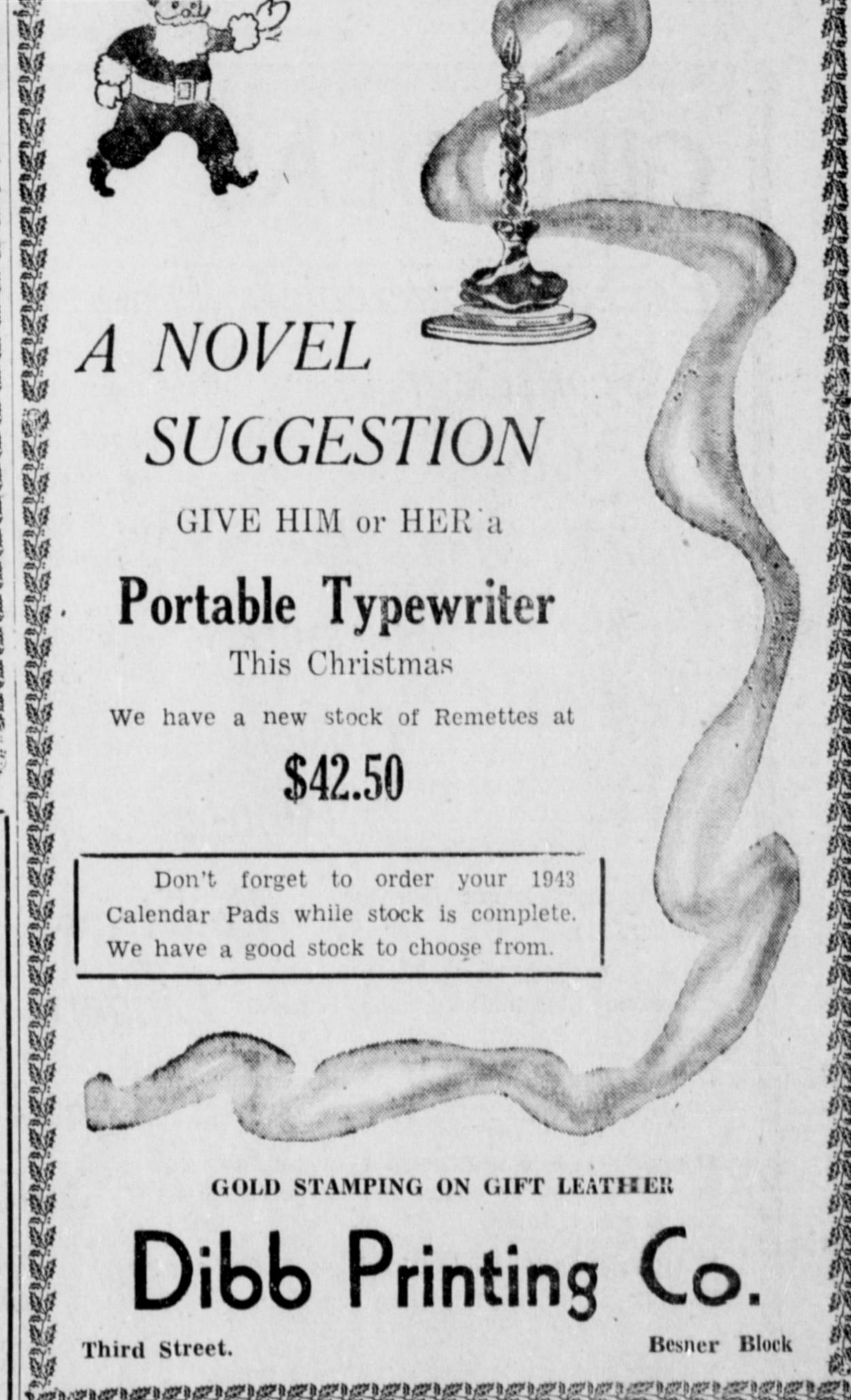
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