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Prayer Not Outdated

EACE on earth-Good will towards men.

The singing of Christmas carols dates back to the 13th century. Since that time the hope has been repeatedly expressed in carol - "Peace on =arth!"

With what success?

Unfortunately, as education, science and transnortation advance, those factors which contribute to unstable relations become more prevalent and hreaten "our peace."

However, we as a democratic, religious nation pray that those in control of our national and international affairs may be given the guidance and courage to effect peaceful settlements.

"Good will towards men"-this is the spirit of our religious teachings and it is directly controlled by us as individuals.

Most people express their sentiments at this season by prayer, the handclasp or toasts and thereby break any barrier or resentment which may exist. As individuals, we celebrate our good will at this festive season-let us face the coming year with a determination to exercise good will towards our neighbors, acquaintances, fellow workers and business associates.

The principles expressed in Christmas carols as far back as the 13th century have not been outdated with the passing of time.

"Peace on earth-Good will towards men."

REFLECTS

SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS

A hamlet is a little pig.

power to appoint and dis-

appoint members of his

Filet Mignon Is an opera

After sinking a shaft 100

"It isn't possible to satisfy the

feet at the mine, they final-

by Puccini.

ly struck bedpan.

FINALLY DEFINED

Farmers are people.-Ex.

The president has the

Lots of folks living in Prince box. And that means "broke" Rupert keep on growing older, close to it. Now, that Over Seventy dinner in United Church hall Thursday Financial and other experts comes as an illustration. Prem- all seem to agree that compo ises were crowded, laughter and tition will be keen in 1954. After brightness prevailed, many were all, isn't that the life of trade?

far beyond seventy-even as far as ninety and beyond-everyone booked hearty and happy. Infact, three score years and ten had disturbed nobody in the slightest degree.

The best bridge between despair and hope is a good night's

How did Boxing Day get its name? Don't know, unless it means we are all in the same

OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. McLEOD

Any thought that the ending of the fighting in Korea would mean an immediate cut-back in Canadian defence costs, leavspending on all kinds of civilian ed last week when the federal man Catt. Statistics Bureau published an analysis for the first nine Thousands are candid in de- ever seen. months of this year of all na- claring that, to them, New When Bonnie was five.

goes on, but so far they don't forgotten how it feels to be a paralysis. of the government spending Night in New York City. dollar.

These figures include govern- Canadians, it appears, make hour of the day and night. ment expenditures of all kinds more use of their telephones Who knows? Maybe George' -by all kinds of government; than any other people in the prayers-plus the skill of the last three months of last year. United States per capita was all the other healers at that hosall these governments spent 382.1. And doubtless the next pital-did the trick. \$1,187,000,000 of taxpayers' mon- thing to worry over will be car Anyway Bonny got almost betcluding defence. In the first that. three months of this year, the second highest since the start been fined \$50 for being pickled time to look around, and think. of 1952.

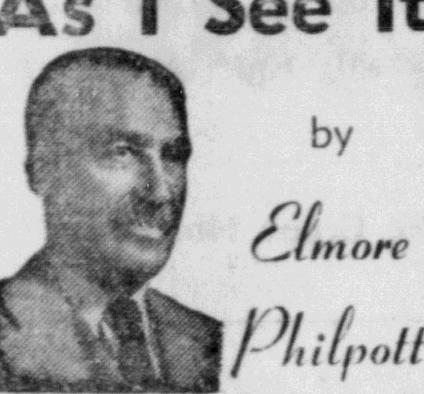
Those are whopping sums of like enough. money, and the size of the defence program so far as its dol- THIS WINTER? lar cost is concerned is indicated Even if a 30-below winter in the fact that in the first starts not later than New afford a fraction of the cost. quarter of 1953 the amount was Year's, Prince Rupert will have almost half-49.86 per cent-of not the slightest kick. Isn't the that everyone of those ailing take the wheel." all that was spent by all gov- season already nearly half over? youngsters was as dear to someernments in that period.

The rate continued to climb anyway? as the year progressed, although the first three months was the Real Estate Agent (showing biggest dollar-value spending couple a house about to fall period. In the second quarter, down): "You can do a lot with for instance, federal govern- this place if you're handy with ment expenditures on defence money," amounted to 44.83 per cent of all expenditures on all goods WHAT'S NEEDED and services by all levels of gov- People, inquires the Royal ernment. The increase wasn't Bank, frequently ask a writer: much—just 0.03 per cent—but "How long does it take you to when you get into the billions write an article?" Preparations even that is a great deal. include all the experiences of

Now in the last quarter for the writer-school, travel, work, which figures have been pub- church, sports, societies, social lished—the third quarter of the life. It includes drab days and year-the percentage of total days full of adventure. It ingovernment expenditures which cludes happiness and sorrow, went into defence was 38.61. The realization and disappointment. It includes friendships and their

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George Was Hard

IT IS a terrible thing to see a big, strong man all broken up from a blow he never expected.

George was a strong man, and a hard man too. Of course you couldn't blame him. The old man had not exactly kicked George out of the poverty-stricken home, in those terrible years of the depression. Even as a boy George had a way of looking all the facts of life square in the face-his hard, calm brown eyes saw for themselves that he could not stay, so he went with hardly

GEORGE never talked much of those depression days nor of his life in the army. But you did not need to hear him talk to know that they had tempered him into being the hard man that he was.

George did his job well, and as the years went by, made better and better money for doing it. Around the office nobody ever tried to borrow a dollar from George, much less, a five or ten spot. For everybody knew, without asking, what the answer would have been. Nor did anyone ever know George to give a single, solitary cent to any charity drive. True, he would break down when they were taking up a collection to buy somebody in the office a wedding present. At such times, George would not be mean about it. He would simply say, in curt resigned syllables 'How much?"

GEORGE picked his bride with the same open-eyed calculating calm as he showed in every aspect of life.

You could be sure she was a good strong, healthy, intelligent girl when George married her for otherwise George-being the kind of man he was-would never have given her a second

They lived in a neat little white house, drove a car, and went to the movies once a week. In their summer holidays they stayed home, for George said, why should they go chasing around the country when they already had a perfectly good house to live in.

WHEN George's child was born the office joke was "Ain't nature grand" or "Who would have believed it of that old chunk of

granite?" George suddenly mellowed. He never missed an opportunity to tell something about "her."

Behind George's back, the farmers," asserts a government others around the office were official. Certainly it is not. divided between cynicism and curiosity. "She is probably another dead-pan like her old man" one young miss said,

that never will fail. It is made But they were wrong. For when up of 10 rules. Go out among George had the wife bring down the people and perform one the baby, expressly to show her needs, was effectively discredit. kind act 10 times.-Carrie Chap- off to the office, everybody agreed that "Bonnie" was truly as bonny a baby as anybody had

tional income and expenditures Year's as much more important George's little world died. One Doubtless there already has been than Christmas. Perhaps it's day she was happy, well and ful and will be even greater reduc- because they feel maturity was of fun and laughter as ever. The tions in defence costs as time reached long ago. They have next day she lay stricken with

show. Defence of Canada is tak- child. Anyway, should you have George had never once really ing a steadily increasing share any doubts, spend New Year's prayed in all his life. But now he found himself groaning out silent prayers, at almost every

federal, provincial, and muni- world. They averaged in 1952 doctors and nurses, and physiocipal. It's estimated that in the 388.7 calls a person, while the therapists and technicians and

ey on all goods and services, in- or garage or something like ter. But George changed too, For in all the months in which George went daily to the childfigure was \$1,185,000,000, the A gentleman from Guelph has ren's hospital, he had plenty of

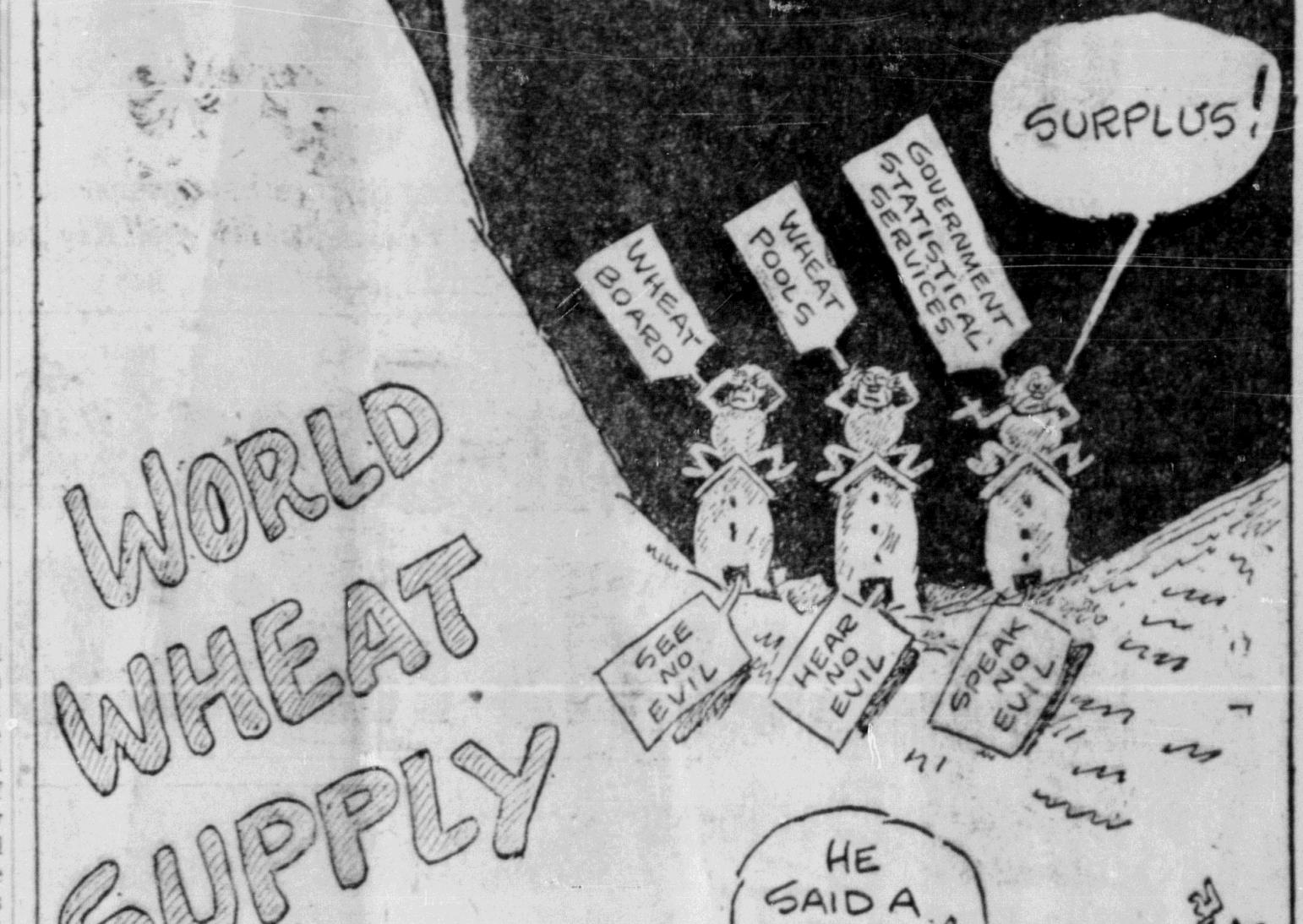
> while flying. Higher than a kite, For there he saw many children, from near and far, each! needing treatment. Many came It gradually dawned on George

And what did it amount to, one as his own Bonnie was to him, but that some nad no fathers who could help.

That is why George sits down each Christmas and writes a fair-sized cheque to the March of Dimes fund.

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HUSH! SOMEONE MIGHT HEAR-By Arch Dale in Winnipeg Free Press.

AllAboard

province's story.

Miss Wolfenden's memory

series of cubbyholes into which

she pokes odd bits of historical

information, much as one stows

away string in a bottom drawer

many a researcher in good

two years, sometimes longer.

She never gives up. Mostly

sooner or later, she finds what

became a fascinating hobby

and her hobby of the utmos

Staff in 1914, E. O. S. Schole-

field was librarian-archivist

Then came John Forsyth, John

Hosie, Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, and

them all she has given invalu-

however minor, in newspaper,

radio, magazine, after-dinner

speech, ever escapes Madge Wol-

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By G. E. MORTIMORE

One of the modern educational toys is a dummy steering wheel that allows the small son to "drive" the car alongside Daddy, As well as being a toy, it is also a kind of safety de-

My own son, a year old this month, has waged a long campaign to wrest the real wheel from my hands. He nearly succeeded once or twice. Had I believed in letting a child have his way at all costs to both parents would be lying in a heap of crumbled metal at the bottom of a cliff.

To give the child's dawning mechanical ability something to work on, I borrowed one of these dummy steering wheels and fixed it in the car. But the child was a better mechanic I thought. He found out right away how to take the steering wheel to pieces. Then he lost interes in it and reached for the rea steering wheel again.

Perhaps I should keep the dummy wheel until the boy is older, or else give it away to a ehild who is more easily fooled by imitations. I feel anxious about the ef-

fects of the dummy wheel on a lad who does use it.

If the boy is an apt pupil, he will soon learn to copy Daddy's actions, as well as the words that Daddy says when a car passes him on a curve.

But attitudes developed in childhood often continue into adult life. The play driver will grow up to drive a real car, and inside him he will have the subconscious feeling that he need not worry how he drives, because someone else is really at the controls. Already many drivers act as

though they thought someone else was at the wheel. With children growing up under the such drivers may increase in numbers.

On the other hand, grown people might demand to have a wheel in their hands even when they were riding as passengers. Driving-school cars already have dual control. Later we may see triple-control and quadruple-control cars, and finally, a steering wheel for every passenger, so that the majority or the man with the strongest shoulder muscles would decide which way the car was going to turn.

And that brings up the true against the striking IWA, only story of the Hollywood char- one of its kind granted here. acter who had a device built into his car enabling him to were threatened with violence if steer with his knees. He made they removed a carload of lumthe steering wheel readily de- ber. The threats were made suffering from some ailment tachable. When people nagged during anonymous telephone him about his driving, he calls to the train crew, they said. from homes which could only simply pulled the wheel out by the roots and handed it to the been shipped from the mill offender, saying. "Here, you since the owners were granted their injunction.

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WORD

.. by J. K. 1 Jesbitt

VICTORIA-Miss Madge Wol-I'm fussy. But after all, history fenden has retired as Provin- is history, and a fact's a fact, cial Government assistant ar- and there's no getting around it. Laziness is the reason for most For years this digger-extra- of these regrettable mistakes.' Miss Wolfenden's years in the ordinary into B.C. history has been gathering facts she now

Archives have been to her as leaves behind her to fit into the an exciting voyage of discovery. fascinating pattern that is this Always she was stumbling on something new, when others "The bits and pieces usually told her there couldn't possibly add up sometime, if only we'll be anything new in the old. She has her favorites among

have the patience, and never stop digging." she has told those long dead. One is John keep his little personality clear | countless amateur students of Tod; she doesn't think a great of frustrations, the child and B.C. history she has guided and deal of Amor de Cosmos, believing him a rather vulgar political opportunist. It was she who made the startling discovery that John Tod, whose house in Victoria was said to be haunted years after his death, had taken up spiritualism before he

Miss Wolfenden has a proper respect for the men and women stead. If the information isn't who founded British Columbia. in one of them, Miss Wolfenden She knows all the scandals of starts to dig-in old papers, old the early days, but she's disreference books, old, files, old creet when descendants of piboxes, old attics. She'll search oneers visit the Archives. She The London Times and The San Francisco Examiner. It may take never informs them of the goan hour, a week, a month, or ings-on of their ancestors. She lets them find out for themselves. Then, if, they're willing, she'll discuss the matter. If it becomes known that an emishe's after. Thus her job to her nent pioneer took up domestic life without benefit of formal marriage, Miss Wolfenden refers to the lady as "a country When Miss Wolfenden first joined the Provincial Library

Madge Wolienden, in her retirement, will continue to dig into history. There's much left to be done. She wants to know more about old John Tod and his wives and his spiritualism. there's an ancient house in ancient James Bay district here that intrigues her—she'll never rest content until she finds out who built that home, and when,

As she leaves her desk in the fenden. She gently chides the wrong-doef, would never, never Archives, there are indeed many who are sorry that she's going. file an article with a mistake in and who'll miss her, but who it. She first corrects the mis wish her well, and will never forget all she has done to guide and the pethem and always wit patience, good cheer, a gifted sense of humor and a happy knack of making those she has helped believe that she, too, has thoroughly enjoyed herself helping others.



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Russ Back Ceylon Communists COLOMBO, Ceylon (M-Prime Minister Sir John Kotelaweia

says Russia has sent money through Switzerland to Ceylon's Communist party, and "I've ordered the bank to stop payment until we find out more about it.' Kotelawela, addressing a meeting Sunday in the South Ceylon town of Kalutara, said he wasn't sure of the amount of the min alleged payment, but it was

either 7,000 rupees \$1,470 or

£7,000, \$19,600. Communist party secretary S. A. Wickremasinghe challenged the government to prove his party had received money from Russia or from any other country. He called the charge only a "poor attempt to prove the Communist party is an imported

Though he is continuing Ceylon's agreement to ship rubber to Communist China in exchange for rice, negotiated by Dudley Senanayake's government, Kotelawela has been pursuing a cold policy toward the

A week ago he announced he had rejected an overture from Peiping to send a Chinese goodwill mission to Ceylon. He said other than the trade agreement, "Ceylon has no other friendship or dealing with Communist China, nor does she want to."

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