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Let's be different this year

terious gifts from their hiding places. year.)

Right now in town, the panic is on. with Yuletide goodies and the Post Office is preparing for battle stations. underway. There are some among us, probably countable on one hand, who not only have completed their Christmas shopping but also have finished for rarity.

parcel wrapping, can't find enough feeling it'll be to have it all finished. short on our Christmas cards.

say, we make it easy on ourselves, the mailing over early this year. See you Post Office and their extra staff. in the lobby.

month from today the pre-Christ- We'll buy sufficient stamps to begin mas excitement will have reached / with, make sure we have all the sturdy itsspeak. By tradition no mice will be brown wrapping paper we need, a few stirring in Prince Rupert homes and extra stickers and Christmas won't mother and dad will be waiting matter, we can always use them next patiently for their off spring to fall year. (No one kicked when they reasleep so that they can bring out mys- ceived those 1956 ones we sent last

We'll get all the parcels properly Stores and shops are burdgeoning wrapped and tied (scotch tape is illegal just by itself); we'll address them in a clear legible hand so that the The annual Christmas postal rush is postman in Toronto or Saskatoon won't have trouble reading them; we'll put our stamps in the right hand corner and the TB seals on the back; and we'll make sure that the return mailing their out of town presents. address is in the upper left hand cor-These are very clever people. They ner of the envelopes or parcels so that gank alongside the whooping crane they won't get lost. Furthermore we'll post early this year. We'll avoid Most of us, however, still belong to those long tiring 'line-ups, waiting that mass of folks who are still lining with one's arms full of parcels. Toup with parcels on the day after a mail morrow we'll clean up our shopping, deadline is past and are wandering. Wednesday night we'll wrap the pararound town on Christmas Eve look- cels and address the cards, Thursday ing for last-minute presents. We run we'll hit the post office and get rid of out of paper half way through our the works. Man! what a wonderful

string when we want it, find that the Come to think of it though, if baby has licked all the gum off the everyone else has read this they'll be parcel stickers, the cat has torn up all down at the post office too. Oh well, the TB Christmas seals and we are 25 you meet some of the nicest people in the post office and it will sure help the Let's be different this year. What Post Office workers if we get our

One law for all

Act as it pertains to liquor is a failure. criminating between different people Unpleasant incidents here and in in the same country as regards conother parts of the country can be sumption or anything else, only serve traced to the fact that a race of to emphasize the problem. people has been placed in an untenable Why prohibition should work for position in regard to liquor.

must agree that there is something tion that would be hard to answer. radically wrong. Admitting that

ROHIBITION failed and it has been liquor is a curse, we also have to adapparent for years that the Indian mit that it is here to stay. Laws dis-

the Indian when it never worked for Those trying to enforce the laws the rest of the population is a ques-

—Courtenay Argus.

Danger in hanging a hat

"for want of a nail," etc. Not for nail imbedded in a log might reach a want but for presence of a nail deep sawmill before it did its damage. lost.

site of a former hunter's campground his red hat. and were so full of nails it was dan-

THE forest industry has come up gerous to fell them with a power saw. with a switch on the old saw about Where the hazard is not so apparent, a

inside a log a band saw may fly to bits While neatness is to be admired in and valuable property and possibily a camper, Mr. Kolbe asks that hunters the life of a sawmill worker will be do not pound steel nails into trees to provide hangers for their gear. Alum-Ernie Kolbe, chief forester of the inum or copper nails are less danger-Western Pine Association, tells of in- ous, but best of all are wooden pegs specting a logging operation where forced into holes in the bark. The trees were being cut eight feet above hunter should consider this admonithe ground. The trees stood on the tion when he looks for a place to hang

—The Portland Oregonian.

The rural churches

An editorial by Hugh Templin, Editor of the Fergus News-Record

paper is that portion devoted to the news from , young people's organizations. The weddings the rural correspondents. The faithful souls who write these budgets of news, more or less regularly, tell about what is happening in their tiny villages or school sections.

Since a large portion of the circulation goes to readers who live on the farms or in these small villages, the newspapers would not be complete without the correspondents. Some of them' used to write without recompense, but those days are generally past. The contributors usually get paid at regular rates because their news items obtain and hold rural subscribers. Editors treat them with the respect that is their due.

The editor, reading over the copy which comes in the office mail, occasionally has some doubts. There is a certain similarity, week after week. This is not only in the names: that is inevitable because there may be only 20 or 30 families in the village. More likely it is because he wonders sometimes if everything really takes place in the churches.

A most important part of the weekly news- services, of Bunday school activities, of the take place in the church and the receptions rare sometimes in the basement. If the "doceased" (terrible word) is important enough, his funeral is from the church. At this season of the year nearly every one of the small churches holds its fowl supper, taking in \$500 or more in a night: After Christmas the young married couples will get up a play and present it in the Bunday school room. The WMS and WA meetings are reported each month, Ieven the Women's Institute meets occasionally in the "church parlor," a fancy name for the

> Burely, the editor thinks, there must be something important that hasn't any connection with the church. There are a few accidents, operations, births and week-end visitors, but they are un-planned. The church has no control over them.

Purhaps a large part of the undoubted strongth of character of urban Onturio is explained by the fact that the little church roally is the centre of the community. Nearly everything revolves around it.



SUNSHINE STRIKES the woods on the far side of Taylor Lake as Norman Kinslor, member of the Prince Rupert Outboard association starts out on a buoy-collecting cruise. Association's buoys were tied up for the season before the lake is frozen over.

it said, "and certainly today's

traffic is an ideal place to

demonstrate the true Christ-

mas spirit of sharing with

to stay away from the

wheel after drinking, and

to every pedestrian to stay

out of the street when he

isn't in full possession of

"The most dangerous drink

ever concocted is 'One for

the road.' Turn it down. You'll

live longer—and so will the

his faculties.

other fellow."

"We appeal to every driver

Flowing bowl at office party blamed for Yuletide traffic toll

The office party with its flowing bowl was blamed by the National Safety Council today for boosting the Christmas traffic toll.

"Either dry it up or cut it

out," the Council urged business and industry. Surveys made by the Council indicate, it said, that a sizeable percentage of Christmas traffic accidents in Canada and the United States occur

in the early hours of the holiday period. Many of these can be traced back to the office party and its highbal hilarity. "This is no effort to dam-

pen the traditional Christmas spirit," the Council emphasized. "It is a practical attempt to eliminate a definite source of death and destruction on the highway at a time they hurt the most—the Christmas.

"But don't forget—drinking and driving are a letal combination any time, anywhere, and not just in connection with the Christmas party."

The Council is asking its 8,000 business and industrial member concerns to take a new look at their office parties and either keep the cork on the bottle or eliminate the

"It is tragically ironic," it said, "to celebrate a holiday dedicated to Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" and then send people out on a public highway in a condition to injure or destroy their fellow men."

The Council is enlisting the support of churches of every faith and creed in a united effort to keep the threat of drinking drivers to a minimum over the Christmas holiday season.

"There is no better place to apply practical religion than behind the wheel of a car,"

Wifely influence

From The Baltimore Sun The cult of the organization man is being extended by A New York firm of management consultants which interviews not only candidates for Jobs, but their wives, too. The check includes IQ, ink-blot, mochanical comprehension and personality tests, and a "depth interview." Low scorers, presumably wreck their spouses' careers,

Yet history gives innumerable examples of men who soared to great heights because they were driven from home by termagants, and many more of men who were sustained by the domostic twitterings of protty nitwits. And what if the test reveals to the horrified male that the admiring simpleton at the hearth has an IQ higher than

More dependable From The

St. Thomas Times-Journal The president of a big company once said that when he hired an executive he always. asked him about his church activities. He contended that a man who attended church, took part in its work and contributed to it was more ma-

-Photo by Gladys Baldwin.

Demons at wheel From The Calgary Herald The fact is there are a good many people driving automobiles who refuse to exercise

ordinary common sense at the wheel. Unfortunately there is no way of determining just who these drivers are when licenses are being issued. An individual may pass a

driving test with honors, he may possess all the car handling skill and quick co-ordination of an expert. But no test can foretell how fast he will go when he gets on the highway or how courteous he will be toward other motorists. Some of the mildest, kindest-looking characters turn into aggressive demons when they get behind the wheel of an automo-

Public inquiry best way

From The Ottawa Journal

Ottawa and Westminster are accustomed to meet in public and it would be more than equally devoted to the principles of Parliamentary governpassing strange, after the tument. It does not follow that mults of its recent sittings, if it every United Kingdom mechshuts its doors and pursues its anism, of Parliament should be further inquiries in camera. copied by Canada: The Canadian Senate and Commons have their own rules and procedures and methods developed from the operation of s

federal system of government. So there is a weakness in the argument put forward by the able Mr. Alan MacNaughton, M.P., who has returned from London with the though that our Public Accounts Committee of which he was chairman at the last session, would work better in private, following the example of a similar committee in England.

The United Kingdom committee, active for years, has won a position in which it is regarded as non-partisan, almost a part of the Civil Service. Undenlably it has vast prestige. It is a terror to the spendthrifts and incompet ents as it examines the outlay of public money. The House of Commons receives its reports with respect and little

The London committee earned its status by long and diligent work. In Canada the Public Accounts Committee for years was an easy-going group which might, or might not, be active in a session. In the present year it achieved prominence by its inquiry, into the Printing Bureau.

For the first time the Canadian committee, following to this extent the London example, had an Opposition member as chairman. Whatever the other observations on the work of the committee, which revealed the furies of party divisions in its discussions, Mr. MacNaughton's chairmanship deserved nothing but praise.

It is understandable that, as he saw the angers of opposing forces and the embarrassment of Civil Servants caught in the cross fire, he should feel that the privacy of meetings such as those of the United Kingdom would be more desirable.

Whatever may be done in !

the United Kingdom now, and in Canada in the future, Canaz " dians have expected that the committee will study the use of their money in open court. There may be ambarrassment to Civil Service witnesses (who are net as thin-skinned or naive as some seem to think), there may be undignified arguments and even doubt as to whether this is the best method of inquiry.

All this accepted, the Canadian system of public examination of accounts, letting the chips fall where they may; still must appear to be the best for Canada. People should be informed on the nation's business and how it is being con-

This information they could hardly obtain, or obtain in a dependable way, from a committee sitting in private.

LETTERBOX

APPRECIATION The Editor.

The Daily News:

What a wonderful editofial' on October 14 urging support for the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society!

You have explained so ably the work which is being done by CARS in your community and the need of community co-operation in its continuance. As in so many other community services, you have been very largely instrumental in helping CARS to maintain a high standard of work and to bring the benefit to many of your residents.

May we express our thanks and wish for your success and good health.

> (Miss) Mary Pack, Executive Secretary, CARS (B.C. Division).

The fact remains that the Canadian committee has been Try Daily News Classified



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