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## RINGING CHEERS AS CHURCHILL RELATES NEW BRITISH VICTORIES

EMPIRE AND GREEK FORCES  
STRIKE KNOCKOUT BLOWS  
IN ALBANIA AND LIBYA

LONDON, Dec. 19 - Ringing cheers broke out in the House of Commons Wednesday as Prime Minister Winston Churchill cited the recent smashing attacks against the Italians in the Middle East and Albania, Royal Air Force raids against vital German cities and bases and other progress of the war.

Churchill added a note of warning to Britons as he reviewed the progress of the war. He told the members of parliament in his speech that Hitler, as a result of Italian defeats, would have to do something desperate within the next two months.

"Hitler may still try an invasion," the Prime Minister predicted. "We must not relax our vigilance."

At the same time he told the House that the tide was now swinging as each day brought new British and allied successes.

Churchill also said frankly that German submarines and bombing attacks against convoys and the resultant heavy loss in shipping still proved one of Britain's most serious menaces from the enemy.

DEC. 19 - Britain's forces in the Middle East, re-inforced by fresh troops, continued their sledgehammer blows against the fleeing Italian armies in Libya. Many vital Italian bases have been captured and thousands of enemy troops encircled and faced with surrender or annihilation. The British are pressing forward to Tobruk, chief Italian stronghold in Libya.

British blitz troops and infantry are being aided by the navy and air force. Bombing planes this week struck swiftly at all important Italian bases in Albania, Africa and dropped heavy bombs on Naples, Genoa and Tripoli.

In Albania Greek forces continue to drive onwards towards the last remaining Italian port of Valona. Heavy fighting, in bitter cold weather, has marked the Greek campaign this week. Thousands of Italian soldiers are reported to have been found frozen to death by the stinging cold. The Italian retreat has become so serious that German transport planes are carrying fresh Italian troops to Albania in a last minute effort to bolster Mussolini's beleaguered forces.

DEC. 19 - British navy ships carried out a brilliant naval action this week by sailing into the Adriatic Sea to bombard Italian bases on the Albanian coast.

## SANTA CLAUS PAYS FIRST VISIT TO MAYO THIS SEASON

Thanks to the efforts and energy of two popular young women of Mayo and the hearty co-operation of everybody in town, the children of this community were able to enjoy the annual Christmas Tree affair again this year. The community tree, which held presents for every child in Mayo and at the Indian Village, was held in Pioneer Hall Friday night after the School Concert. The big hall was crowded with kiddies and grown ups who turned out en masse to help make the merry occasion a fine success in every way.

When it became apparent that none of the local organizations intended to do anything about arranging a Christmas Tree for the kiddies this season, Mrs. Jack Andison and Mrs. Neil Keobke came to the rescue. Full of optimism and energy they started out Tuesday morning to take up a public subscription around town and it wasn't long before they had all the funds necessary. They were given fine co-operation and encouragement by everybody in Mayo with the result that they were soon able to buy and wrap a present for every child in Mayo and at the Village. With each present went a bag of nuts, candies, apples & oranges.

Mrs. Keobke has four children of her own and Mrs. Andison two so that it was no easy task for the two young women to undertake such a big affair. However willing neighbors stepped in to take care of their kiddies while the mothers went out Santa Clausing. Mrs. R. S. Steeves assisted Mrs. Andison with the gifting buying on Thursday while George Andison and A. T. Hall helped do up the bags of confections. Alex Nicol donated a big Christmas tree while Jack Andison and Jack Smith fitted it up gaily. Santa Claus, round and jovial as ever, arrived in the hall right on schedule to the deafening applause of the children. He was assisted in distributing the presents by Rev. R. S. Boyd and Father Bosse.

Between 90 to 100 presents were handed out to the expectant kiddies who went home happy as larks and firm in the belief that Santa Claus never lets them down.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

## THE MAYO MINER

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES: \$1. a month or \$5. for 6 months,  
payable in advance. Advertising rates on request.THERE'LL ALWAYS BE  
A CHRISTMAS

As we stand on the threshold of another Yuletide season, our usual cheerful spirits on this historic and revered anniversary of the birth of Christ, are clouded this year as we stop to think of the terrible suffering and sacrifice caused throughout the world by the present war.

To countless thousands in war-torn Europe whose homes have been invaded and ruined; whose loved ones have been persecuted and slain and in whose hearts there remains only sorrow and suffering and grief; to these ill-fated people the spirit of Christmas is only a memory, a faint gleam of sunshine through the overpowering gloom. Even in their despair and tragedy, their suffering and sorrow is made more poignant by the memory of former years when the spirit of the Yuletide season flooded their homes with peace, tranquility and happiness until the greed and wanton cruelty of the aggressor blackened their doors.

Here in the Northland where most of us are still immune from the terror and catastrophe of a world in chaos, we have much to be truly thankful for.

Christmas is still Christmas and our homes and hearts are filled with happiness and good cheer. The blessings of the Christmastide shine into our homes and hearts and souls as in years gone by, undimmed by the threatening gloom of war clouds overhead.

In our security and sanctuary, amidst the pillars of liberty, freedom and justice, no matter how humble our resources or how great our estate; the blessings of the Yuletide season come as a crowning light; our beacon and our guiding star.

Let us then, as we search our hearts this joyful Christmas morn, feel deep compassion and sympathy for those afflicted thousands; victims of cruelty and lust; homeless, starving, downtrodden and abject.

And let us, too, as we

ponder these things, remember in our hearts and thoughts, those gallant, courageous sons and daughters of the British Empire and their allies who are offering up their lives; who have sacrificed their homes and loved ones, who are standing undaunted to block the power and oppression of the tyrants, rule of might.

Across the Christmas dawn the light of the star which shone nearly two thousand years ago o'er Bethlehem, still guides us on. Along its path of Glory brave men and women still stand to fight and defend the way of light and truth and freedom, no matter against what odds, no matter what sacrifice.

And so it is that as the Christmas festival draws near, we ponder these things in our hearts and enjoin in the festivities of the Yuletide season, with humbleness, charity and compassion for those less fortunate than ourselves.

What the mad and greedy aggressors who have started this terrible world conflict with its cruelty and oppression and sorrow entirely forget or ignore, is this:

THERE'LL ALWAYS BE A CHRISTMAS.

No matter how powerful or mighty, no matter how ruthless or despoiling these mad tyrants may be; the simple majesty of the Saviour's birth on Christmas Day, is a power far greater, far mightier, far more sanctified than anything the world, so far, has ever known.

Wars come and go. Warlords rise and live a little space, then fade away. The Star of Bethlehem shines on. Will always shine on, bringing into the hearts of Christian millions the world over, new hope, new faith, new courage.

Try as they may, despots and greed-crazed tyrannies in their sway, never, and never will be able to cast down the bright and morning star; symbol of love, hope, faith and charity.

THERE'LL ALWAYS BE A XMAS?

## PERSONALS

After a two and a half months trip to Vancouver where she underwent medical treatment, Mrs. Sinc. Dunnett, Jr., returned to Mayo on Wednesday's plane, looking and feeling greatly improved in health.

Although it was "Mickey's" first trip outside, she enjoyed it thoroughly, her only regret, of course, being that she had to leave Hubby Sinc. and their baby daughter at home in Mayo. During her absence her sister, Mrs. Chas. Taylor and mother, Mrs. Alice McLennan took good care of baby Peggy. Mickey could hardly believe the baby had grown so much while she was away. Getting home, to see her family again, was the biggest thrill of the entire trip for Mickey.

While in Vancouver she saw many Mayoites now wintering in Vancouver. Quite a few of them plan on returning to Mayo if operations resume here in the spring. She reports that her sister, Mrs. Alex Smith and hubby "Smithy" are comfortably located in Vancouver and enjoying city life.

Mickey reports a fine trip coming North, all the way from the coast. She and the baby will be remaining in town as Sinc. is now working at the Calumet.

Another well known young Mayo woman returned to her home here this week when Miss Mabel Sullivan stepped off the plane Friday, from Whitehorse. Mabel had wired her mother Thursday night that she was coming back but she certainly surprised her Mayo friends who didn't have the faintest idea. Mabel left here several weeks ago to accept a job in Whitehorse but found that the position was not what it had been cracked up to be. While in Whitehorse Mabel resided with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Millar drove in from Galena Thursday night to take in the Old Time Dance in IODE Hall.

WE HEAR THAT: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Murdock are now located in Prince Rupert where Mike is engaged as a welder.

THAT: Trevoer (Taffy) Jones, is now owner and operator of a hotel at Francis Lake, B. C. "Taffy", we are told, married the widow of the former owner, and who has two children.



# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1940

## GREETINGS

ONCE AGAIN, AT THIS YULETIDE SEASON, WE EXTEND TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS, HEARTY HOLIDAY GREETINGS.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE IN 1940 AND TRUST THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU THROUGHOUT 1941.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TAYLOR & DRURY  
Mayo - LTD - Yukon

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a BRIGHT & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS & FRIENDS, IN EVERY PART OF THE MAYO SILVER CAMP

BURNS & CO. LTD  
GEO. ANDISON . Mayo Manager

We Take This Opportunity of Wishing All Our Patrons and Friends Throughout the Mayo Silver District & in all other parts of the Northland

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
A BRIGHT & HAPPY NEW YEAR

G.N. CAFE  
GEO. NAGANO . Prop.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO SILVER-ITERS EVERYWHERE .

JOE LONGTIN  
Mayo, Y. T.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Wishing One and All a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright & Prosperous New Year

G.S. CHURCHWARD

## SEASONS GREETINGS

TO YUKONERS EVERYWHERE

We EXTEND A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

THE WHITE PASS & YUKON ROUTE

AIR PLANE SERVICE

## GREETINGS FROM NABOB

TO ALL MY FRIENDS & CUSTOMERS IN THE MAYO SILVER DISTRICT I EXTEND HEARTIEST GOOD WISHES, TRUSTING THAT YOUR XMAS MAY BE A VERY MERRY ONE.

P. W. FORREST

Yukon Representative for  
Kelly Douglas Ltd.

## AVIATION NEWS

Every year, at this season, Santa Claus generally comes to the Yukon on speeding wings and this Yuletide has proved no exception. For on Wednesday Pilot Alex Dame brought the Fairchild "AXJ" in from Whitehorse with a capacity load of Christmas mail and parcels from Tuesday's CPR boat. Mail which left Vancouver last Friday was in Mayo homes by 5 o'clock Wednesday night. The Wednesday plane also brought mail from a recent American boat.

Incoming passenger for Mayo on the Fairchild Wednesday was Mrs. Sinc. Dunnett, Jr.

Pilot Dame returned to Whitehorse direct, taking outgoing mail from here.

This week's incoming mail was made up mostly of Christmas cards, greetings, etc. in addition to a large number of Christmas parcels.

THREE AWAY MONDAY: Pilot Dame flew here from Whitehorse Monday of this week bringing airmail and freight. He returned south direct with the following passengers from Mayo: Miss Dorothy Durie, Mrs. A. Pelland and Jimmy Profeit.

UNABLE TO GET INTO DAWSON on Monday a White Pass plane made a rush trip to the Gold City Tuesday, taking a load of Dawson passengers south to catch Tuesday night's southbound steamer out of Skagway. The Dawsonites were flown straight through to Carcross where they caught up with the train.

YUKON SOUTHERN ACE PILOT Ted Fields is back on his regular air run with the YSAT following his recent honeymoon in California.

LES COOK, ace pilot for Northern Airways was playing Santa Claus to Atlinites Thursday. All day Les winged back and forth between Carcross and Atlin, freighting in Xmas parcels and supplies for the Atlinites.

BOAT SAILINGS: CPR - Tues. Dec. 31st. Princess Norah in and out the same day.



# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1940

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

To All our Customers & Friends in  
the Silver District we wish you

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a BRIGHT & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

We Thank you for your patronage  
and look forward to your patronage &  
Goodwill in 1941.

### J. H. MERVYN

CHATEAU MAYO

CORDIAL XMAS WISHES

and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

to Silverites Here, There and

Everywhere

### KIMBEL BROS

ED. KIMBEL . Manager

COMPLIMENTS OF THE  
HOLIDAY SEASON

May Your Christmas Prove a Very  
Happy One and May the New Year Bring  
You Health, Wealth & Happiness

### PETE PETIOT

"The Silver Clipper"  
Chateau Mayo

TO ALL OUR PATRONS &  
FRIENDS IN THE SILVER  
LAND

MERRY CHRISTMAS

&

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

### THE SILVER INN

Joe McLellan .. Mrs. A. J. Kinsey

TO ALL MAYOITES

I Take this opportunity of  
Extending to You, One and All, best  
wishes for the Yuletide Season and  
the coming New Year. I thank you for  
your patronage in 1940 & look forward  
to serving you in the new year ahead.

### JNO. F. MACLENNAN

Dispensing Chemist . Dawson, Y. T.

MAY EVERYTHING THAT MEANS  
LASTING HAPPINESS  
BE YOURS AT

CHRISTMAS and  
ALL THROUGH THE COMING NEW YEAR

### BANK OF MONTREAL

A. T. HALL .. C. F. MacNAUGHTON

## CHURCH SERVICES

ST. MARY'S (Anglican)

SUNDAY, Dec. 22:

Children's Xmas Service 11 a. m.  
Parents & Friends are Invited to  
Attend.

Christmas Service 7.45 p. m.

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Carol Service at 11.30 p. m. followed  
by Holy Communion

REV. R. BOYD- Rector

MAYO TAKES ON A FESTIVE  
AIR AS YULETIDE SEASON  
BEGINS

Coloured lights and signs twinkling along  
front street and in other parts of the town,  
the stores resplendent with displays of hol-  
iday goods, the community Christmas Tree and  
school concert now over; all of these are  
signs that the Yuletide season has come again  
to the Silverland.

The stress of war, as felt in many other  
parts of the world, has hardly touched the  
Northland. In the stores busy Christmas shop-  
pers may obtain practically anything they  
want, without stint or restriction. Silver-  
ites again this season may obtain the choicest  
turkeys, geese, chickens and other Christmas  
meats & poultries as well as a full complement  
of groceries and delicacies so becoming to  
the annual holiday feast. What's more prices  
on many lines are no higher, and in some cases  
less, than those prevailing outside this year.

Friday night Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bellerby  
turned on the lights on their big Christmas  
tree outside their home; a sure sign that  
the Yuletide season is upon us. Gay lights &  
Christmassy signs in front of the Mayo stores  
add to the cheery holiday atmosphere. In most  
of the homes busy preparations for the annual  
Christmas festivities are going ahead.

The Mayo stores are all displaying a par-  
ticularly fine line of Christmas gifts and  
goods this season. At Taylor & Drury's a  
veritable Toyland is attracting the attention  
of the kiddies while other counters are laden  
with choice Christmas delicacies and gifts of  
every description.

At Mervyn's store the counters there are  
also laden with modern, up-to-the-minute  
Christmas goods and gifts. The window dis-  
plays at the Mervyn store are especially  
attractive this year, featuring a glittering  
Christmas tree, a cosy fireplace and other  
appropriate Christmas trimmings. The window  
displays at Mervyn's were artistically des-  
igned and completed by Mrs. John Shandro.

All in all, Mayo is in festive garb for  
the Holiday Season and Christmas promises to  
be a truly Happy One in the Silverland.



## NEWS OF THE NORTH

WHITEHORSE

Reporting the fire which destroyed the White Pass hangar and machine shop recently the Star makes this observation:

The fire made a most spectacular blaze and was observed for miles around. One spectator stated that while the fire was raging he saw a gasoline drum, which was in front of the building, blown so high into the air that it looked like a tomato can.

The construction of new premises will be deferred in all probability until the spring. In the meantime the company is maintaining its regular service but at a decided disadvantage.

Malcolm Ross, pioneer Carmacks resident, was brought to town the beginning of the week and will be under doctor's care for the next month. Fortunately his ailment does not necessitate his remaining in the hospital all that time.

T. C. Richards was expected back from his recent trip outside on the Princess Norah this Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Eighteen members will take part in the choir at the special Christmas Carol Service to be held this year at Christ Church.

There were 8 tables of bridge at the IODE card party held recently. The hall was beautifully decorated for the party with pine cones and pointsettias etc. and in keeping with the Xmas season. Mrs. Taylor, Regent, presented the attractive prizes. The funds were used for the purchase of supplies for Christmas hampers.

T. C. Richards recently enjoyed the distinction of putting thru the first long distance radio telephone call from Whitehorse to Calgary.

MAYO BACK TO WHITEHORSE:

The Miner sends Xmas greetings to former Mayoites Dick & Ivy, Ted & Bolly, Mabel, & Fred.

LES COOK, MIRACLE MAN OF THE NORTHERN SKIES, WALKS AWAY FROM HEAP OF JUNK AFTER FORCED LANDING

From Atlin this week we received the details in connection with the recent plane crackup in which Les Cook, crack ace of Northern Airways Ltd., escaped uninjured although the Fairchild plane was a "mass of junk" after Les set her down to a forced landing.

Pilot Cook was over Ten Mile Point when his motor began to buck and then conked out cold, spraying thick oil over the windshield making it hard for him to see out. He was flying at 300 feet from the tall timber, owing to a heavy fog bank.

Les sized up the icy beach for a quick landing but saw in a flash that the rocks and ice cakes below him were so big and rough that landing there would prove disastrous. Banking and twisting to hold what little altitude he had, he headed for a nearby creek and landed with a thud that made him think every bone in his body had been broken. However he scrambled out of the wreck alive and walked away from a junk heap that looked like one of those German Junkers that one sees in photos after it has plunged to earth from 10,000 feet high.

Luckily, just before his motor cut out Les had reported his position by radio to George Simmons, at Carcross. The NAL chief immediately contacted Whitehorse and Pilot Lionel Vines flew quickly to the spot. But Pilot Vines could see neither hide nor hair of Cook .. not at least, for a few minutes when he spotted him limping along on thin ice.

A few days later the "miracle man of the northern skies" was aloft again in the firm's other ship, winging along with a lilt and a song, same as usual.

George Simmons, President of Northern Airways, left for the outside the first week in December to buy another plane to replace the disabled Fairchild.

NEARLY 100 TURN OUT FOR OPENING OF SKATING RINK

WHITEHORSE, Dec. 13 - Close to 100 persons swarmed over the new sheet of ice at the rink Tuesday night as the hockey and skating Executive turned on the music for the opening night, reports the Whitehorse Star.

The season proper started Wednesday night. Fees are \$3 single, \$5 a couple while children are charged \$1 if under 12, \$2. if over.

Skating sessions will be held each Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday nights and a school period each Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Hockey practises will be held on Tuesday and Friday nights while the first hockey game of the season is scheduled for Sunday afternoon between the Town and the White Pass. The rink will be open to skaters immediately after the game is over.

Nice going...Whitehorse.

THE SILVER PARADE  
By A. A. G.

Since the T. Y. shutdown in September it is estimated that about 150 persons have left this district. That's a lot of people out of a district the size of Mayo.

On Monday of this week three more well known Mayoites left by plane.

That was on Dec. 16th. and we report the exact date for we firmly believe Monday's departures mark the peak of the exodus south from this camp.

From now on, look for a change in the picture. We predict that the travelling, from now on, will be Mayowards and not southwards.

Mrs. Sine. Dunnett, Jr. returned from her recent trip to Vancouver on Wednesday. Although "Mickey" only intended to be outside a few weeks, nevertheless she is the first of the Silverites who left here this fall, to return.

Every mail brings reports from the coast of other familiar faces who are not only planning on returning here, but anxious to do so.

John Shandro informs us that his uncle, Jack Havelock, who left here after the shutdown, is already en route back to Mayo. We have heard of others who plan on heading back to the Silver camp as soon as possible, including Mr. and Mrs. Carl DeClarke, Mr. and Mrs. Christofferson, and numerous others.

So, apparently, the swing back North will soon be under way and instead of every plane taking Mayoites out, they will be bringing them back in.

The next two or three months should tell the story.

DID YOU KNOW THAT,

Syd Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Palmer, of Mayo, was among the passengers aboard the Ginger Coote plane that caught fire over Nanaimo harbor, Syd was on his way back to Zeballos after a visit to Vancouver. He escaped with minor burns.



## OVERLAND STAGE BRINGS CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

PERSONALS  
(Cont'd)

After spending several days in Mayo visiting friends and doing her Christmas shopping, Mrs. Jean Woolsey returned this week to her home in Keno.

Sino. Dunnett, Jr., who was in from the Calumet to meet his wife who returned by plane Wednesday from Vancouver, expected to leave for Galena to-day.

Johnnie McDonald came in from the Elsa Friday on a business trip. Johnnie planned on returning home either to-day or Sunday morning.

John Backe came in from Lightning Creek, on Keno Hill, this week. He has been prospecting there the past several weeks. Providing the Taylors didn't come in from Haggart John was planning on hiking out there to spend the Xmas holidays with them.

Miss Dorothy Durie, popular Mayo musical star, left by plane Monday, en route back to her home in Atlin to spend Christmas with her mother and sister there.

Mrs. Florence Pelland returned by plane Friday from her recent trip to Whitehorse. She left for the south on Monday's plane, the same day as Dorothy Durie

JIMMY PROFEIT  
LEAVES TO JOIN  
VOLUNTEERS

Jimmy Profeit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Profeit, pioneer Mayoites, left on Monday's southbound plane en route to Vancouver to join the Yukon Volunteers. Jimmy is the latest recruit to join up from this district. He expected to be sailing from Skagway on the same boat as Albert and Harvey Pelland, who left to join the colors, last week.

It is understood that Albert and Harvey remained over in Whitehorse for several days going to Skagway by Tuesday's train.

RECRUITING CEASES  
HERE AFTER DEC. 31.

Lance Corporal W. W. Sutherland, R. C. M. P., recruiting officer for the Mayo district, has received instructions that, effective Dec. 31, 1940, recruiting for the Canadian Active Service Force in Mayo District and the Yukon will cease until the opening of navigation in the Spring.

MAYOITES IN THE ARMY  
Who & Where

Every mail brings further word regarding Mayoites who are now in the Canadian Army.

Reports this week state that "Colonel" Billy Boyle is now in the Air Force, handling the controls of one of the big ground "cats" used in connection with airport work.

Billy Lamb has joined the Air Force and is taking up his pilot's training.

Don Poole recently underwent another physical examination and has been accepted in the Air Force. Don left on Tuesday of this week for the Training School to which he has been assigned. It was his third attempt to get into the Air Force, and, apparently, the lucky third.

Jack Cook is with the Scottish Highlanders, stationed now in Calgary.

John Clifton has joined the Engineers as a sapper.

Bob Westman and George Cooper tried to get into the Air Force but didn't quite make the grade. Bob is now taking up a pilot's course on his own.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Marjorie Nagano, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, is now home again.

Jim Gibson was able to leave the hospital this week.

Johnnie Hansen and Jack McLean, the latter from Keno, were admitted to the hospital this week.

ALEX BERRY planned on leaving to-day for the Elsa where he will spend the Christmas holidays. Christmas wouldn't quite be Christmas up on Galena without Maestro Berry on the job.

ON MONDAY, Dec. 23rd, the wedding will take place in Dawson of Miss Mary Davis to Mr. Alex Van Bibber with a Public Reception in Nugget Hall at 9 p. m.

SCHOOL CLOSES: Pupils of the Mayo school, as well as in other parts of the Dominion, will enjoy a long Christmas holiday this year. Classes came to a close in the Mayo School Friday Dec. 20, and will not be resumed until the first Monday in January which is the 6th. All told the kiddies will have 17 days freedom from school. And are they tickled about it!

MANY XMAS GREETING cards have been received in the mails this week from Mayoites outside.

## LOCALS

LOGGERS RETURN: Eddio Kimbel, Mayo's hustling Timber King, and his chief of staff, Archie Currie and Jimmy Wood, have been up at the big island five miles above the Kimbel mill these past two weeks taking out giant timbers for the local market.

Ed and his crew came in Friday in order to be here for the concert and Xmas Tree in Pioneer Hall that night.

WEATHER GRAND: Nothing has been more appreciated as this Yuletide season dawns than the remarkably mild winter to date. This morning it was around 25 above zero and with three weeks of December now over, it looks like a record winter for mildness.

To-day, Dec. 21st., is the shortest day in the year, and inadvertently, the beginning of winter according to the astrologers. However, with the days lengthening out from now on, it's going to make a big difference, even if we do get a cold spell.

OVERLAND IN WEDNESDAY: The T. C. Richards overland truck in charge of Cecil Richards and Don Murray arrived in Mayo Wednesday afternoon with a big load of Xmas turkeys, geese, chickens & other fresh produce for Burns & Co. Ltd. The truck made good time to the Junction, passing the 26-mile post Monday night. From there to Mayo, however, the overland drivers had a tough trip & had to build roads over numerous places in order to get through. They made Mayo Wednesday at 4 p. m. and left at 1 p. m. Thursday on the long trip back to Whitehorse. "Tiny" Johnson made the overland trip in and back with Richards and Murray. Another trip to Mayo is scheduled for January sometime, local Burns & Co. Ltd. Manager Geo. Andison states.

BIG DOINGS TO-NIGHT  
AT THE ELSA

Everything is all set & hunky dory for the School Concert and Xmas Tree at the Elsa to-night. Pilot Vines brought the toys over this morning from Whitehorse in the big Condor and a Fisher Service Co. car rushed them up the hill soon after their arrival. Two car loads are going up from Mayo, so 'tis reported.



## CANADIAN MINISTER MUNITIONS SAFE LONDON

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Robert Burns  
Late of Mayo, Y.T.

All persons having any claims against the estate of the above named deceased are required to file the same with the Public Administrator at Dawson, on or before the 21st. day of February, 1941, supported by statutory declaration, after which date the estate will be distributed, having reference only to claims which have been so filed.

All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Public Administrator.

Dated at Dawson, Y. T. this 14th. day of December, 1940.

C. E. McLEOD  
Public Administrator

Dec. 21, 28.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity of all those in Mayo who so willingly assisted us in putting on the annual Community Christmas Tree and to all those who donated to the Christmas Tree Fund so generously.

AGNES ANDISON  
DAISY KEOBKE

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all our subscribers in Mayo we want to wish you a VERY MERRY XMAS. We hope you get as much in your Sox next Wednesday as we hope to get in ours.

DONNIE GILLESPIE      DICKIE GILLESPIE  
Mayo Miner      Newsies

SCHOOL CHILDREN PRESENT  
FINE CONCERT

The annual school concert was held last night in Pioneer Hall and proved a very fine success from start to finish.

The children, nearly forty strong, presented an interesting program of Christmas carols, songs, recitations and drills.

The pupils were rehearsed with their songs by their teacher, Gordon McIntyre, who announced the concert numbers. Mrs. Alex McCarter and Mrs. Ed. Blieler instructed the school children in the various drills and playlet; all of which were a credit to the children and to their instructors.

One of the highlights of the concert program, and the number which drew the greatest applause was the singing by the children of the rousing patriotic song: "There'll Always Be An England."

There was a large turnout of parents and others on hand to take in the concert and the Christmas Tree which followed directly after.

OLD TIME DANCE: There was a good turnout at the Old Time Dance held in IODE Hall on Thursday night and all who attended enjoyed the evening's dancing immensely.

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, Dec. 19 - German night raiders unleashed a heavy assault against the Merseyside area and London Thursday night. It was the first German air raid since Monday; caused by poor flying weather.

Royal Air Force Bombers flew through almost impossible weather this week to rain high explosive and incendiary bombs on vital German ports, bases and factories. Mannheim, vital industrial centre in Germany, was bombed from dusk to dawn Thursday night in the third successive night attack on that city.

LONDON, Dec. 19 - Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, arrived safely in England to-day following his recent harrowing experience when the boat he was on - Western Prince - was torpedoed by a German sub last Saturday off the Irish coast. Hon. Howe was accompanied by Colonel Woodward of Vancouver and C. S. Taylor of Ottawa. All were aboard the torpedoed vessel as well as Gordon Scott, secretary to Howe, who is missing. 53 passengers and 90 crew members were saved. Capt. John Reid blew three toots as his vessel sank, a signal to the departing lifeboats, then went down heroically with his ship.

LONDON, Dec. 18 - Marshall Petain dismissed Foreign Minister Pierre Laval from his cabinet and placed him under arrest. German authorities immediately protested and have demanded Laval be put back in the cabinet or else. It is reported the Germans may even occupy all of France if Marshall Petain refuses to comply re Laval. The German don't want to see that skunk out of the cabbage patch, apparently.

DEC. 18 - An Italian submarine, captured by the British has led to the uncovering of a base plot. Papers found aboard the sub instructed the Captain to torpedo any Spanish vessels without warning. It is believed now that the blame was to be placed on the British.

DUBLIN, Dec. 20 - A Dublin suburb was bombed to-night by an unidentified plane, said to be German. It was the first bombing to occur near Dublin since the war started.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 - President Roosevelt has given the British full authority to go ahead with the placing of three billion dollars worth of additional war material and planes in the United States under a new British-American plan.

LONDON, Dec. 20 - Viscount Halifax will succeed Lord Lothian as British Ambassador to the United States, Anthony Eden takes the place of Halifax as Foreign Sect'y. and Lloyd George is to enter the British Cabinet in a special post.

Britain is dickering for at least 100 U. S. held ships for transporting of supplies to make up for shipping losses from subs. A large number of American ships have already been turned over to the British.

President Roosevelt has set up a new Defence Council to speed up the defence program in the States.

NEWS FLASHES - Dec. 16 - Al McCoy, 181 lbs, took it on the chin in Madison Square Garden to-night after fighting 5 rounds against Joe Louis, world champ still. The referee stopped the fight. NEW YORK, Dec. 16 - Snow, rain and wind swept through central and eastern States, with temperatures dropping to low levels. The Pacific coast was also swept by wintry gales. FAIRBANKS, Dec. 20 - Chief of Police Blondeau took his own life Thursday night. He had been shell shocked in last war.

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