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A Merry Christmas To All



The Spirit of Christmas

The spirit of Christmas is everywhere. Church bells ring, Salvation Army kettles swing on busy street-corners; happy faces are being worn and cheery greetings shouted to everyone who comes our way. Good fellowship is very much in evidence, hand-clasps are warm. Even the little "menaces" assume cherubic countenances and display strong desires to help at the most inopportune moments.

Santa Clauses are in all the bigger stores and the little ones want to visit them all. Some are speechless as they approach his resplendent throne, while others with no difficulty at all manage to produce a staggering list of things they hope to find under the tree on that special morning. In the spirit of giving we empty our pocketbooks, spending money freely, who try so hard to make every penny count all the rest of the year. And all this stems from the lowly cattle shed where rich and poor alike gathered to shower gifts on the tiny babe in the manger who lived but to give.

The spirit of Christmas is a feeling we carry around within ourselves, a feeling created by the excitement of the children and the feverish bustle and busy energy of most everyone, the big build-up in the magazines and the desperate merchandising of the stores which, while it repels us at first, gets us in the end. This feeling is highly contagious and there are very few who manage to remain wholly immune from it. It sustains us from about two weeks before Christmas until the festivities are over and then, like Christmas, it is gone.

Well, Christmas comes but once a year. Some people say it is too bad we can't keep that Christmas spirit all year round. Perhaps it is true, and just as well, that nothing lasts. Gone are the too cheery faces, the hearty back-slapping of people we may pass by next time we meet, the splurge of high-pressure entertaining, the endless conversations, the meaningless exchange of unnecessary gifts. All these things suddenly pall and become as out-

dated as the drying Christmas tree with its dropping needles and tarnished tinsel which is hastily relegated to the trash heap where it belongs. All these things are superficial. We wouldn't want them to go on forever.

But the real meaning of Christmas remains—the "good-will to all men," the self-less giving, the giving because we want to give not because it is the thing to do, the giving to those who are in need instead of only to those who can afford to give to us. This is a sincere and deep-rooted reaching toward our fellow creatures and it is going on all around us every day of the year, unobtrusively and without benefit of garish advertising and mass emotionalism. It is the something that causes people to rally to the aid of those less fortunate than themselves, to organize dances and create funds for the benefit of people in their community hit by polio, or desolate from burned homes or other circumstances beyond their control. It is the something that makes people voluntarily donate blood for transfusions and gamma globulin, and to give up many hours and much energy in search of lost hunters, to spare one dollar to feed five Korean children for one month.

Each of these things have been started by just one person, one person radiating good-will toward all men. This is the "spirit" that requires no label.

M. W. Dyer.

Christmas Message

"Christmas comes but once a year and when it does it brings good cheer." This is an old saying which is probably familiar to most people. But in the years since it was first written its meaning has changed beyond recognition.

The old-fashioned Christmas was just as noted for good things to eat and drink as it is to-day. Perhaps even more noted for its gargantuan feasts. But there the resemblance ends, at least for a great number of people.

Then, in Christian countries, the Birth of Christ was and remained the centre and being of all things. Even Santa Claus was known to be St. Nicholas, a faithful follower of the Christ Child. To-day Santa has been so commercialised that in a city of the United States an attempt was made to take him out of the procession in order to emphasize the real importance of the day. The Santa of the children is a pleasant and harmless image, but the Santa of the business store is simply an aid to selling goods.

This year let's get back to the real meaning of December 25th. To put the name in full, the Festival of the Nativity of Jesus Christ. He invites us to spend part of His Birthday in His House which is our Church to whatever one we belong. Who ever celebrated a birthday and ignored an invitation to the house of the celebrant. If we put Christ back into our hearts then His Birthday will take its proper place of honour and the sham Christmas of commercialism will cease to be of importance.

"He came unto his own and His own received Him not, but as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God."

A real and Happy Christmas to all readers of Spindrift on behalf of the people of St. David's.

D. C. O'Connell,
Vicar.

And a
Happy and
Prosperous New Year

St. David's-by-the-Sea

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SPINDRIFT'S THANKS

This issue brings us to the end of our sixth year, during which we have lost from the staff Doreen Warden.

We thank her for her services so willingly given and our best wishes go with her for the future.

We have been fortunate in having Myrtle Dyer as Editorial Assistant and thankful for her willingness to step into the place left vacant.

We thank the whole staff and all who have contributed by working or writing, including the Buckle Printing Company for the time, energy and co-operation they have given without which the paper could not have been produced.

We wish everyone, including our readers and advertisers, A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

VIOLENCE

How many of us give a moment's thought to a certain class of entertainment with which we are being sprayed day after day and week after week throughout the whole year?

It is only necessary to stop for a moment and look at the piles of paper-backed books on any bookstall. I have no quarrel with a 35c book as such, but, examine the titles and the picture on the cover and it at once becomes apparent that most of them are shoddy tales of blood, murder and violent death. If one asks why the answer can only be that this is the kind of book which will sell and judging by their number they must sell by the million. That being so it is difficult to place more than a small proportion of the blame upon the author. Even authors must live and to do so their work must sell. This places most of the blame on the public or to bring it nearer home, ON US. What applies to books also applies to plays, films, radio and comic strips.

Lux Radio Theatre, no matter how much you dislike the advertising, which can always be turned off for the two or more minutes between the acts, usually puts on a good play, as also does Ford of Canada, but even Ford of Canada fell from grace last week and indulged in bloody murder. There are others, a considerable number, who throw out over the air one detective story after another, all of the same type and all involving at least

THANKS

Thanks to the people of Saanich for your wonderful support. I shall do my best to serve all of you.

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season.

Yours very sincerely,
Stuart W. Brock.

COMING EVENTS

United Church, White Gift Service,	
Church, 11 a.m.	Dec. 20
C.B. Scouts & Cubs Christmas Party	Dec. 21
United Church Junior and Senior W.A.,	
Christmas Party	Dec. 30
New Year's Eve Dance, Hall	Dec. 31
L.A. Guides & Brownies, Mrs. K. K.	
John's, 8 p.m.	Jan. 4
St. David's Women's Guild, Church,	
2:30 p.m.	Jan. 5
Ladies' Auxiliary, Annual Meeting	Jan. 11
Scouts & Cubs Group Committee,	
Mrs. E. Jones'	Jan. 12
Ladies' Auxiliary, Court Whist	Jan. 15
Cordova Bay P.T.A., next meeting	Jan. 28

one murder. To their eternal credit be it said that the B.B.C. Radio Players keep carefully free from this kind of play. Their last broadcast, "The Blood Is Strong," was a model of what a radio play can be.

About the films, to which I seldom go, I am scarcely qualified to speak, but judging from the posters they seem to steer a middle course. On the other hand the comic strips are quite bad and due mainly to the limited space allowed to each strip are so monotonous as to be merely tiresome. What their effect and that of the radio and films is on the young can be judged by the action of a ten-year-old boy I saw the other day. He was standing well out on Cordova Bay Road, almost in the way of the stream of traffic, which was heavy, with a toy gun in each hand snapping the triggers at every car as it passed and was, in his mind, wiping out all the occupants. Can anyone wonder at him with such a mental diet available. The question it raises is: Will he throw it off as he grows older or will he carry it over into manhood?

The remedy is difficult to find and once found would be even more difficult to apply. It might be that if comedy was given a greater place in entertainment, and there is much good comedy to be had and more could be written if there was a demand for it, we could be gradually weaned off drama.

Harold Gorse.

TWIN BOUQUETS

The Publication Committee of Spindrift wishes to offer a word of welcome to Mrs. Myrtle Dyer as co-editor of Spindrift. All of us who have had the pleasure of working with Myrtle realize that this new task will be handled as easily and effortlessly as all of her previous accomplishments. We welcome her wholeheartedly and wish her well in this new important post.

The previous co-editor, namely, Mrs. Doreen Warden, is the person that we now ask to take a well-earned bow for her faithful work in our behalf over a period of almost three years. Doreen may not be well known to all of us but to the few that had the pleasure of working with her on Spindrift we salute her sincerely with admiration for her unlimited capabilities. There are few people blessed with such quick understanding and ability to unravel situations as Doreen. Nor should we overlook the assistance rendered by her husband Jack, who often contributed so much from the background in such a pleasant way.

It is our fervent hope that Doreen will again serve in a similar capacity with Spindrift at some later date. In the meantime accept the combined thanks of Spindrift Publication Committee for a job thoroughly well done.

B.D.

A five-year-old upon being offered a ride to Sunday School started the conversation with the driver by pointing excitedly to another youngster approaching a doorstep and yelling, "There's Teddy."

"What's Teddy doing?" was the remark made in order to keep the conversation rolling.

"Selling tickets."

"What's he selling tickets to?"

"People."

"Yes, but what is he selling tickets for?"

"Money."

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B. D.

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CLUB AFFAIRS

The next general meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday, January 6th, at 8 p.m. in the Hall.

The recording secretary, Myrtle Dyer, read the minutes of the last general meeting which were approved and adopted.

The president, Stuart Brock, announced that he had received and acknowledged a letter from Mrs. J. G. (Doreen) Warden resigning her membership of the Club. A letter had been sent to the Municipal Council informing them of the Club's approval of Bob Sutcliffe's intention to place a Bowling Green and small Club-house on his property east of the property of the Club. It was also intimated that a cheque had been sent to Ken Genn paying over to him the balance remaining in the Anti-Secession Fund, in payment of the portion of the amount expended by him which the Club had been able to raise.

A complaint from the Ladies' Auxiliary that they had no safe place to keep their material was considered and it was decided that a cupboard would be provided for them.

The president also drew attention to an opportunity of acquiring more chairs at a very favorable price.

The treasurer, Bob Renfrew, read the bank balances and informed the meeting that the request sent for payment of unpaid dues had met with a very good response and had been well worth the effort.

Jo Crampton, social director, speaking on the socials said that they had been quite successful and enjoyable.

Tory Lindal, membership director, had no new members in view at the moment. With the end of the year so close this situation seemed quite natural.

A pane of glass in one of the back windows of the kitchen has been broken and Bob Sutcliffe suggested that we cover all the downstairs windows with wire screens. This would not be necessary if the children would think of the Hall as they would do of their homes and do their utmost to take care of it. The Club will be greatly obliged if parents will impress upon their children the necessity of taking care not to cause any damage. A discussion followed on the advisability of keeping all doors locked when the Hall is not in use and having no more doors unlocked than necessary when it is in use.

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Annual General Meeting

The general meeting to be held on January 6th is the Annual General Meeting of the Club at which, among other business, there will be the important business of the election of directors and officers of the Club for the year 1954. The Nomination Committee will, as usual, put forward a candidate for each office but their election should not be allowed to become mechanical. There should also be nominations from the floor, to obtain which it is necessary that there be a good attendance.

Please make it YOUR business to be present and thereby show your interest in the Club and the Community in which you live.

If you are willing to take office yourself it will show even a greater interest.
 H. G.

George Kirkendale expects to be able to show some good films in January and February and intimated his intention of using the Film Fund for the purpose of building a Projection Room which is a necessity if films are to be shown with the maximum of safety.

Ed Jones announced that preparations for the New Year's Eve Dance are going well.

A nomination committee consisting of the four past-presidents of the Club was appointed to obtain nominations for next year's directors.

Fred Sutton said that plans for food at the New Year's Eve Dance have been made and some ladies are required to help. Signs for the dance are being placed in all the stores in the Bay advertising the sale of tickets, a considerable number of which are out, although it is too early to say how the sale is going. It is expected the furnace will be ready for the dance.

Rhoda Price proposed that a sign be placed at the corner of Cordova Bay Road and Sutcliffe Road on the opposite side of the street from Sutcliffe Road, pointing to the Hall. This would keep the sign away from the Church property and also from Mr. Weir's house.

Rhoda Price intimated that the Scouts and Cubs Christmas Party will be on the 21st and a Christmas Tree will be provided.

There will be no Club Christmas Party for children this year.

Harold Gorse,
 Publicity.

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CORDOVA BAY SCOUTS AND CUBS

The Group Committee meeting of the Cordova Bay Scouts and Cubs was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Price on November 17.

Three delegates were chosen to attend the general meeting at the Scout Hall on Johnson Street on November 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker and Mr. Garrett kindly consented to go. We hope to derive some constructive and useful ideas from their visit. Mr. Tipper reports that he is making great strides toward getting our lads organized.

"Good going" Mr. Tipper!

Further plans were made for the Christmas Party which is to be held December 21st. Entertainment will be provided by the boys and their leaders. Refreshments will be served. A hearty invitation is extended to all parents of the Scouts and Cubs. We hope to see you out with the boys that night.

There will be no meeting in December.

The next meeting of the Group Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 12th, 1954, at the home of Mrs. E. Jones, Cordova Bay Road.

Let's resolve to get behind the boys more than ever in the new year which lies before us.

(Mrs.) A. Garrett,
Publicity, C.B. Scouts & Cubs.

ST. DAVID'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The December meeting of the Women's Guild, St. David's-by-the-Sea, was held at the home of Mrs. N. Westwood. It was reported the Christmas bazaar proceeds were over \$260.00. Various year-end matters of business were discussed.

The annual meeting of the Guild will be held January 5th in the Church Hall at 2:30 p.m. (Please note, this meeting is to be held on the first Tuesday in the month, not on the regular meeting day, which is the second Tuesday.) All women in the parish, interested in the work of the Church who have done so much through the year to help the Guild in the various projects throughout the past year, are invited to attend the meeting, hear the reports and enjoy a social hour.

E. M. L.

GUIDE AND BROWNIE NEWS

The Local Association and the Guides and Brownies take this opportunity to wish one and all a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

The Guides finished up the old year with a party on December 10th. Each Guide brought a guest and refreshments were served.

Brownies closed out the year on December 18th at 3 p.m. with a tea for their mothers when each mother was presented with a gift, made by her Brownie.

Don't forget the Local Association meeting at the home of our Brown Owl, Mrs. John, on Monday, January 4th, 1954, at 8 p.m. Let's start the new year with a full turnout of mothers to support our Leaders.

Edith Jones,
Sec.-Treas.

CORDOVA BAY UNITED CHURCH

On November 28th the first wedding took place in the Church when Mr. Stansby and Mrs. Thorpe were united in marriage by Rev. C. E. Rogers.

The bride was accompanied by her eleven-year-old daughter. The wedding march was played by Mrs. C. E. Rogers. A Bible was presented to the happy couple by Mr. H. R. Bell as a memento of the first wedding in our new church. The church was beautifully decorated with roses and chrysanthemums by Mrs. R. MacCourtie and Mrs. W. H. Miller. It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Stansby will make their home in Cordova Bay.

Plans are being made for the Christmas White Gift Service, which will be held on Sunday morning, December 20th, at 11 a.m. The Sunday School scholars with their teachers and parents will be attending the service. Gifts of money, clothing and toys will be presented to be sent to the destitute children in Korea.

Our Sunday School, under the direction of the superintendent, Mrs. Brooks, and a fine group of teachers, is doing a good work among our boys and girls. Parents are asked to encourage their children to attend their classes regularly.

A number of events are being planned by the Senior and Junior W.A. groups, to take place in the near future. One of these will be a Christmas Party, to be held on Wednesday, December 30th.

Moving pictures will be shown as part of the program. We extend a hearty invitation to all United Church families to take part in our Church activities.

W. H. M.

CORDOVA BAY P.T.A.

The regular meeting of Cordova Bay P.T.A. was held in the school on Thursday, November 26th.

A Flutophone "orchestra" is in the process of being organized at the school. Parents will be encouraged to provide their child with one of the inexpensive instruments for use in music periods. Other more orthodox instruments will be added at a later date. The P.T.A. will co-operate with the school to help offset cost regarding this project.

Regarding the serving of soup to the students, it was decided to encourage the parents to send hot drinks in thermos bottles rather than to undertake a project which seemed far too complex.

There will be no December meeting. Next regular meeting will be held on January 28th, 1954.

The showing of two colored sound films and serving of refreshments brought the evening to a very enjoyable finale.

Helen I. Schmelz,
Publicity.

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To Parents of Basketball Players

The basketball season is now well under way and as the majority of the youngsters playing at the Cordova Bay Community Hall are participating in the game for the first time, I would like to take this opportunity to explain a few points regarding the organization under whose wing these youngsters are playing.

Each basketball player has to be registered with the Saanich & Suburban League which is an affiliate of the B.C. Basketball Association, which is in turn affiliated with the Canadian Basketball Association.

As proof of age is required in a player's first year in organized basketball, a birth certificate must be produced and sent to Vancouver with the player's registration form. This proof of age is only required in the player's first year.

The B.C. Association guarantees the turn of the certificates. For your youngster's protection while playing or practising the game of basketball, the B.C. Basketball Association has a Mutual Aid Fund to which every player between the ages of 14 and 16 must contribute 50c, per season, and over 16 years \$1.00 per season. Youngsters under the age of 14 years are covered by this insurance free of charge. This is a compulsory contribution, in other words, the Mutual Aid contribution accompanies the player's registration form or the registration form is returned. Benefits include payment of doctors' fees up to \$50.00 for the treatment of any injury incurred while playing or practising basketball.

Each basketball player 12 years of age and older is required to join the Cordova Bay Community Club by paying a fee of \$1.00 per year.

This paragraph is important to parents of these basketball youngsters, transportation is required for the teams when they are playing the away games such as trips to Sooke, Sidney, Saanichton and Brentwood and the writer urgently requests that the parents join a car pool being formed by the sports director for this vital need.

If all parents will offer their cars by phoning the Sports Director at Colquitz 151-G, a system will be worked out whereby the car owners would only be required to turn out about once a month.

In closing, I would like to emphasize to you, the parents, that your youngsters like encouragement. So please turn out to the home games every Wednesday evening, these kids are good to watch.

All proceeds from the Turkey Tombola that the basketball players are selling go towards the new uniforms, help the youngsters to sell all the tickets. If the goal of \$250.00 is reached each team will be furnished with a smart purple and gold uniform. Remember to join the car pool for transportation.

Noel Andrew,
Sports Director.

MUD IN YOUR EYE

Twenty-five to thirty years ago in Alberta and it may be presumed, in B.C., the streets in the cities were paved but anyone who looked for paving beyond the city limits, looked in vain. There was not even any gravel, just dirt, good black dirt which would grow almost anything but had an incurable habit of turning into very gooey mud in the wet weather and wet weather was often something of which there was plenty.

Under those conditions to take an auto off the paving was to ask for trouble and get it in good measure, flowing over.

In the spring of one year, with the snow gone and the roads in good condition, three of us, with the optimism of fishermen, decided to drive out to a lake about 80 miles away which was noted for the size of its trout. It was a week-end trip there and back and required camping equipment.

Saturday morning dawned and the weather looked rather threatening but we were not to be daunted by a mere threat. By mid-day even three optimists could not deny that it was going to rain. After some discussion we persuaded ourselves that we could get there before the roads became impassable. We started and for 15 miles made good time and then ran into a low-lying stretch on which we could barely keep moving. At a cross-road we stopped to speak to a farmer who had evidently just come over the road we had to travel. He was driving an empty wagon and two horses and his verdict was "not too bad." This, in spite of our knowledge of the difference between a wagon and an auto, decided us to go on but in a very short time it became very noticeable that the farmer had little, if any, experience of autos and we were having trouble in keeping out of the ditch, which was steep-banked and deep.

A few miles further and in spite of everything the driver could do the car skidded, reached the edge of the ditch and to keep it from turning over had to be headed down the bank and came to rest in the middle of the ditch. An hour's effort on the part of all hands resulted in the moving of the car a few feet further on and three wet, mud-covered occupants. By this time it had been raining heavily for at least a couple of hours. We tossed to decide who was to go to the nearest farm for help. I lost and left the other two climbing into the car discussing whether we should go on or turn back; and incidentally cussing the rain and the road which neither stopped the one nor improved the other. I walked about three miles to a farm, helped the farmer harness his team and walked back with him to the fateful scene, where by the united efforts of the team, the farmer, and the three idiots, the car was with difficulty got back on to the road. The farmer refused to take anything for his trouble an attitude which became less common as the

number of cars increased. On his advice we pushed on towards the nearest village, the name of which I have forgotten, but whose distance away I remember as being a mere seven miles in the attempt to cover which we were twice more in the ditch, but succeeded in getting out without help. Three miles from the village we were in the ditch again so getting out the blankets and robes we spent the remainder of the night in the car. At daylight we cooked breakfast in the rain, got the car out of the ditch and headed for home, having covered less than half of the distance to the lake.

I draw a veil over the homeward journey.

H. G.

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SURPRISE

One of the pleasant things about going to town only once a week is that one does not get tired of seeing the same things, at least not too tired to become bored. This is especially the case with anyone who has a particular interest in something. The something in my case is boats, any kind of boat, but best of all sail-boats. This means that having disposed of whatever little business there is to do I make for the harbour. Approaching the Causeway from Government St. the harbour is partly hidden by the low building housing the Tourist Bureau and the eye searches above that building for a sight of a tall mast which would indicate a sailboat. The other Friday there was one such mast standing up from the float opposite the Empress Hotel.

The height of the mast indicated that she was quite a large vessel but on getting closer I gasped with surprise at the smallness of her hull. She appeared to be not more than 24 feet over all. There were several people on the float whose curiosity was as great as mine, so I joined them and as unobtrusively as possible stepped her off to find what her length really was.

This rough and ready method showed that my guess was somewhere near correct and I mentioned it to one of the bystanders. Rather to my surprise he disagreed and said she was 14 feet. This was impossible for her overall length but might be her waterline length.

I went back to her stern to see her name. It was "Venturer." Now I knew I was right. She had just completed a voyage from England through Panama to Honolulu and had been commented on in our local papers and her length quoted as 14 feet, which must be her waterline. This meant that she must be well cut away at the bow since her stern did not greatly overhang.

Her owner was on board and was making sail which is always interesting. A closer examination of her rigging showed the reason for her apparently too great height of mast. She was a gaff-rigged topsail cutter and carried jib, foresail, mainsail and topsail and had running backstays. This meant that each sail was small enough to be handled easily by one person and her sail area could be readily reduced to proportions suitable to any wind except a full gale. It also meant that her owner, who was sailing her single-handed, would have to handle, every time he changed course, two jib-sheets, two foresail sheets, two mainsail sheets and two backstays, but on a long voyage where his course would be, the greater part of the time, on the same tack, this would not give him too much work.

The account of the voyage stated that some bad weather had been encountered during which all sail had been furled and the vessel allowed to drift. This could mean that with her cut-away bow she would not heave-to and ride bow-to-wind.

What is it that compels some young men and some not so young to leave the

LADIES' AUXILIARY

Here we are at the end of another year. Highlights of the year have been the St. Patrick's Tea and Home Cooking Sale, the Holiday Dance of which we were co-sponsors with the Building Fund Committee, the Opening Dance at which we sold refreshments, our trip to Weston's, the Masquerade Social, and, of course, the Court Whist Parties on the third Friday of each month. The next one will be on January 15th.

The first and annual meeting in the new year will be on Monday, January 11th, and you will all want to be on hand to elect a new executive.

Probably you have noticed the cheery new plaid curtains in our kitchen. They can be drawn across for privacy and are very homey. We are also planning new wall cupboards for the near future. Two big push brooms were bought, 100 cups and saucers, and we shared in the cost of the benches for the large Hall.

Be seeing you next year then.

In the meantime, here's this month's recipe for:

A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year

Use large quantities of mirth, humor, industry and tolerance. Spice well, use plenty of ginger. Mix well with assorted nuts. A little "good cheer" may be added if desired, but always with equal parts of good sense. Sprinkle to taste with extravagance. Take it all with a grain of salt.

M. W. Dyer,
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From one of our momentarily confused younger members this modern version originated when relating a much earlier Christmas scene of long ago. "And they came with frankenstein, incense and myrrh."

comforts of home and the pleasures of sailing in waters where they can reach shelter when bad weather threatens, and embark in small boats upon long voyages either alone or with one companion and endure hardship and discomfort. It can be an irresistible urge to get away from a safe, commonplace life or a determination to prove to themselves that they are men enough to do it.

The owner of Venturer is a young dentist just through his examinations who, having done what he wanted to do more than anything else, is going to sell his boat here and go home in a less adventurous way. Good luck to him and may he find another boat in which he can enjoy sailing for many years.

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