Our first meeting in 1955 will be devoted to making plans for broomball, sleigh rides, skating parties and, for the indoor types theatre nights and bridge parties.

Best wishes for a Happy 1955 from the EARO,

H.M. Larkin.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT

On October 17, 1954, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. McGovern of the Canadian Consulate General, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. were having a friendly game of cribbage. As soon as Mr. McGovern had the deal, he managed by luck (or could it have been sleight of hand.) to deal himself the Jack of Spades; the 5 of clubs, the 5 of diamonds and the 5 of hearts, together with a seven and an eight. Mrs. McGovern, quite unaware of her husbands good luck, obligingly cut the 5 of spades, which enabled her spouse to score the crib players dream count of 29 points. Mr. McGovern won the game, but it should be noted that, even after holding a top score hand, he did not manage to skunk his opponent.

On December 1st, 1954, Miss Esther McGoff was having a friendly game of crib with a friend in Ottawa. Her friend dealt to Miss McGoff 3 fives and a jack and turned up the other five-(no sleight of hand here.)

# HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

From Paris - Miss Fran Gagnon

- Miss Joan Galligan

From Moscow - Miss Pearl Hussey - Mr. and Mrs. D. MacKinnon

From Brussels - Miss Simone Routier

From Lima - Mr. E. Vaillancourt

## BIRTHS

Agnes, Jennifer Mary - daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Agnes, born in Ottawa on November 4, 1954.

Hutchingame, May Catherine daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Hutchingame, born in The Hague, October 4, 1954. Matheson, Ronald James - Son of Mr. and Mrs. A.J.Matheson, born in Ottawa on December 4, 1954.

Pearson, Hilary Marion - daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.A.H. Pearson, born in Paris on October 4, 1954.

#### MARRIAGES

Nixon, Miss Ethel - Married on November 13, 1954 to Mr. Arthur Russell, at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa.

### RETIRING

Mr. W.J. Duchastel, Vice-Consul, Paris Embassy.