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THE PRESENT

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headed husband, there is only one alternative. The only humane thing to do is to have George "put to sleep".

Oh, I couldn't do that, I said, looking into George's great big stupid eyes, I just couldn't.

Suit yourself, said my cool-headed husband, and the discussion was closed.

Things went on in their usual nightmarish way with George continuing to ignore all my begging, pleading and orders; wreck the house and bring chaos into my daily routine. But the day he knocked Maureen off her feet was the last straw.

She was just toddling about filled with the joy of using her feet to get from chair to chair. George, I was sure, was tied up to his ranch-style kennel outside, barking his head off as usual.

Genine and Kathy were playing in the back yard with a friend. I was enjoying the look of wonderment, as only a mother can, on Maureen's face as she took one step after another around the living room.

Suddenly the back door opened and big stupid George shot in like a black bolt of lightning and crashed headlong into Maureen, causing her to fall and bump her head against the corner of the coffee table.

My heart turned over. I howled at George to go in the kitchen; Maureen howled; George howled as I tried to whack him out of the way so I could pick up my injured baby. He, in all his excitement, was walking all over her. As I stooped to pick her up, he jumped up on me, knocking baby and Mummy flat on their faces.

By this time I was so worried, so mad, that I was crying; Maureen was crying; George was barking, and my other two, running in to tell me their friend had let George loose and into the house, immediately started crying because everyone else was.

I picked the baby and myself up yelling above the noise for the girls to follow me and rushed into the bathroom, locking the girls and myself in and that stupid George out.

That night when Bob came in and the girls were in bed, I said, "Take George." That's all I said, just "Take George."

But George's guardian angel in Dog Heaven must have been working overtime. That same day Bob had received a phone call at the office from an old family friend Ab Martin who was in Toronto to attend the Royal Winter Fair.

Ab was a farmer from up Midland way who had the softest heart in the world where dumb animals were concerned and the most extensive vocabulary of swear words ever heard by man or beast.

Bob had told him of the plight of old George and Ab, in his off-color English, had offered to take George home with him, to train as a cattle dog.

Ab's old dog Lucky was having trouble getting around with his great age making his movements slow and Ab, being Ab, left Lucky to spend the last of his days by the warmth of the kitchen stove.

And so, with dry eyes, we said goodbye to George. He would be Ab's Christmas present this year. Ab, a grown man, big enough to withstand the onslaught that was George. A man with the kindness and patience to probe that huge black head for any inkling of doggy grey matter. I wonder how many new words Ab might invent, in his probing.

Poor Ab. Lucky George.

So you see why I would give a lot of thought and consideration before I mention getting the girls another dog for Christmas. Not that I don't like dogs any more. I don't want you to think that.

It's just that I think I'll wait another 10 years before I raise the question again.

You can be sure I won't let Bob choose him, either. I will purchase the next dog for the Stewart family. The first thing I will look at is the size of his feet.

If the pup is only eight weeks old and his feet could wear my slippeers, I'll know darn well all his food is going to his feet and his brain must be starving.

Sa pleas, don't anyone offer us a puppy in the next 10 years. I still melt whenever a puppy licks my hand.

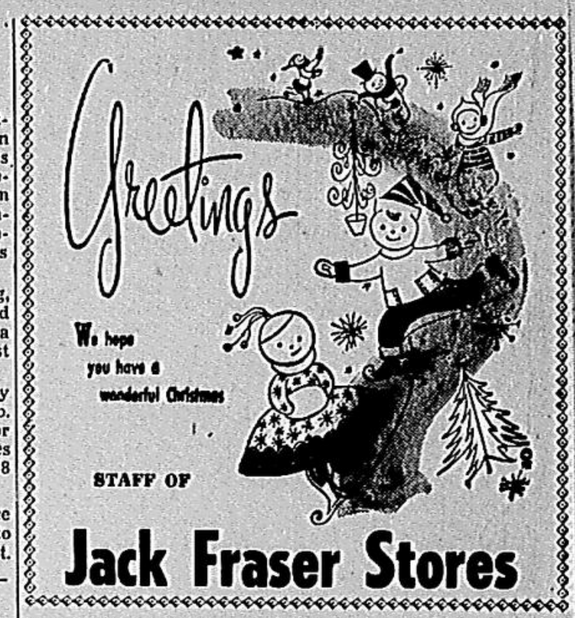
BADMINTON CLUB FORMED IN KING

King City — A long awaited badminton club has been formed at King City It was made possible by the development of the new Anglican Church Hall where 40 members or more can be accommodated for this community's new sports activity.

At the organization meeting, December 8, it was agreed that two double courts and a single will constitute the first games.

Ray Cousins is temporary president of the new club. Couple membership fees for the season are $3.50, singles $2. Young people 14 to 18 years will pay $1.

Games will be played twice weekly. The club is open to those interested in the sport.



We hope
you have a
wonderful Christmas

STAFF OF

Jack Fraser Stores

When Guests Drop In Suddenly

The holiday hostess is never caught short with the arrival of unexpected visitors if her pantry has a good stock of emergency items like canned salmon.

SOUP

For a tasty holiday soup, keyed to the traditional tones of Christmas prepare canned or dried mix green pea soup substituting a little dry sherry or white wine for the water called for.

Heat to simmering, then add a little grated lemon rind and one cup of flaked canned salmon and its liquid for every can or package of soup. Simmer until thoroughly heated; serve Bisque Noel piping hot, garnished, if desired, with popcorn. This makes about five servings.

SIDE-DISHES

Stuck for a starter? An appetizing holiday menu prelude starts with canned salmon. It's a striking new version of deviled eggs and one of its many assets is its prepare-in-advance factor.

For eight servings of **Egg Victor**, hard cook four eggs. Peel and slice in half lengthwise. Mash scooped-out yolks, blend in salt and pepper, a little prepared horseradish and about two tablespoons of chili sauce.

Fold in half a cup of flaked canned salmon (one, quarter-pound can). Then blend in additional chili sauce or dairy sour cream until mixture is moist and fluffy. Lightly pile into egg white shells. Cover and chill until serving time.

Meanwhile blend one-third cup chili sauce into one cup dairy sour cream. Chill. To serve, place a lettuce leaf on each small side plate, place stuffed egg half on top. Top with a little of sour cream-chili sauce mixture. Sprinkle with paprika.

SNACK

Here's a quickie that's long on flavor and appearance, short on preparation time. **Petite Salmon Puffs** are a delightful addition to the buffet table or sandwich tray and stand admirably on their own as a snack item.

Spread small toast rounds with a well-seasoned mixture of flaked canned salmon, lemon juice and minced parsley.

Beat one egg white until stiff, then fold in half a cup of stiff mayonnaise, one tablespoon of lemon juice, three tablespoons of very finely chopped dill pickles and a teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce. Lightly pile a little of the mixture on each salmon round. Slip under the broiler until top is puffed and lightly browned. Serve hot.

DIP

The dip'n'dunk routine is a firm mixture of the the successful festive food formula. And kudos are the reward of the hostess who comes up with one or two new ideas in the realm of dips. **Zippy Salmon Dip** is one such, bound to create favorable comment.

Into one, four-ounce package of soft cream cheese blend two tablespoons lemon juice, two tablespoons prepared mustard, two teaspoons minced onion, one-eighth teaspoon garlic powder, half a teaspoon Worcestershire sauce and a few drops tabasco sauce.

Add sufficient sour cream to lightly moisten mixture, then fold in one cup flaked canned salmon and its liquid. If mixture is still a little stiff, blend in additional sour cream to moisten.

Serve with potato chips, pretzels, melba toast rounds, crisp crackers and/or raw carrot sticks, flowerets of cauliflower, celery sticks.

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your home to bring you a

Joyful Christmas

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An Evening Of Ballet

The National Ballet of Canada is repeating a successful innovation of last season. Out-of-Towners were so enthusiastic about last year's 7 p.m. curtain that the company has scheduled two Early Curtain performances, Swan Lake on Feruray 20 and The Nutcracker on February 27 for its coming season at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Toronto.

The National Ballet planned these Early Curtains to enable people living outside Toronto to attend these choice ballets, starring Lois Smith and David Adams and still arrive home at an early hour.

Since Swan Lake and the Nut cracker are invariably sell-outs once the box-office opens, this notice gives out-of-towners the opportunity to obtain seats in advance for the two early performances.

Ticket prices range from $3.50 (orchestra and front balcony) to $1.50 (gallery). Cheques are to be made payable to the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Toronto, and must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

(Choosing the Christmas Tree)

How did you go about choosing your Christmas tree this year? Down in Ohio in 1959, experts visited several of the bigger cities and asked people to state in order of importance the qualities they looked for in choosing their tree.

Twenty-seven per cent rated needle holding capacity as the most important consideration.

Seventeen per cent chose the species that was traditional back home.

Sixteen per cent put good density of foliage at the top of the list.

Twelve per cent felt that desirable color and length of foliage was most important.

Eleven per cent mentioned shape and balance as top priority.

Seventeen per cent gave miscellaneous reasons such as fresh appearance, price, availability and easy to decorate.

Scotch pine was definitely the most popular tree species but about a fifth of those questioned rated balsam fir and Norway spruce as either their first and second choice. Good needle holding capacity of Scotch pine seemed to be an important factor in the increasing popularity of that species.

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