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Goose, Lamb, Beef Yuletide Favorites

While turkey has long been the traditional Christmas dish in America, of late the goose has been forging ahead like a shot in many lands as the piece de resistance of the Yuletide meal.

The goose rates especially high in the Scandinavian countries, heading an impressive list of meats and fish served during the Christmas and holiday season. In Sweden, celebrants like to see a suckling pig decorate the groaning board along with the many dishes associated with the Smorgasbord.

France and Ireland look with high favor on the goose, and the Germans, noted trenchermen, gild the goose with apple stuffing. The Hollander gives the nod to highly spiced dressing for his Christmas goose, with plenty of puddings, fruit cakes, honey cakes and dessert breads to go with it.

Latin countries forego the goose choosing lamb as the dish of the day, while the Englishman sticks by his roast beef (along with various fowl) to the bitter end. Cuba says "Si, si!" to roast pig, and it's fish and fowl for Portugal.

But here in Canada, the turkey remains the King of the Holiday feast. And most of us wouldn't have it any other way.

AS COUNCILLOR YOUR VOTE IS SOLICITED

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SHOPPING EARLY? START WRAPPING GIFTS EARLY TOO FOR BEST EFFECT

Shopping early! The stores in town are all ready for you!

Why not start wrapping early, too, to give your imagination lots of time?

Maybe it isn't wise to judge a book by its cover—but you can be sure that your Christmas gifts will be judged, at least in part, on their "covers," or the Christmas wrapping you send them in!

Manufacturers of gift wrapping paper, colored string, ribbons, seals, stickers and other wrapping accessories offer greater variety in patterns, designs, and colors than ever before.

You'll find that more and more people are "personalizing" their wrappings with matched paper, stickers and ribbons—all in the same distinctive designs. Colors of the wrappings may harmonize or they may contrast as imaginatively as you wish.

Characteristic of the "individual" emphasis is the current trend to gift wrapping "themes" with overall color motifs of the wrapping paper, stickers, ribbons, etc.—all unified and harmonious!

Not only does the theme allow you to play up your imagination—it gives you unlimited scope in "tailoring" each package to the very person who will receive it. A flattering touch to add to any gift!

However, for a Season simply loaded with tradition, it follows that the traditional designs are still the largest sellers.

Favorites are the bright papers, stickers and ribbons with jolly Santas, gay poinsettias and holly, cheery Christmas trees and other Yuletide designs of tradition.

The idea of all of this extra care to wrapping is—that any gift worth giving, is worth giving with dash and flair.

The wide selection of gay, sprightly gift wrappings and accessories now available will help you individualize your gifts, signed and "sealed" with the "stamp" of YOU!

Try tucking a sprig of holly in the red bow atop your packages. Or let every gift carry a gay little greeting by fastening tiny bells to the ribbons of each package. Cones

look attractive on plain paper.

A candy cane tied crosswise through a red ribbon bow will bring back wonderful memories of childhood Christmases to everyone. Clever cut-outs pasted on your packages will give them added holiday sparkle. A Santa can be made of cotton glued to cardboard.

If you're giving hankies, wrap them in cardboard tubes and spiral glittering tinsel down the package. Camouflage the easily recognized tie and sock boxes with large cardboard Christmas tree cut-outs glued to the top of the box. Cut a hole in the tree cut-out at the top to slip ribbon or tape through for easy tying.

Make your Christmas a merrier one by giving gifts so cleverly wrapped they're doubly exciting. Plan your wrapping theme early and allow plenty of time to achieve your imaginative effects.

Wrap Yourself Up As Present to Love

The interchange of Christmas gifts has a long history and many are the customs relating to it. St. Nicholas is supposed to have been the earliest donor of Christmas gifts. He is certainly the most famous.

Not much has been recorded, however, about the early history of wrappings for the gifts. Traditional gift containers are the stocking on this continent and the shoe in France, Holland and Germany.

Sweden still practices the quaint custom of the "Fulkapp" This is a small but precious gift wrapped in an enormous package which takes much time and labor to undo. The task of discovering the gift hidden within the innumerable coverings usually results in much fun and laughter.

One romantic custom is still practiced by young men in some European countries. They have themselves wrapped up in a parcel and delivered to their lady love, emerging on arrival to request the lady's hand.

Christmas Parcels, Cards Being Mailed

Already plenty of Christmas mail has passed through the Acton post office. Many parcels have been mailed overseas and cards for abroad are being posted daily.

The deadline for parcels to the British Isles and to Europe was last Saturday, but they're still coming!

For the post office staff, this is just a sample of the deluge of mail that is expected during the next month. This will probably be a peak year for the Acton post office at Christmas time.

"Has Everything?" Not Women Today

The Christmas picture looks rosy this year, especially from the feminine point of view. Fashion has conspired with Santa to introduce a new and wonderful note of luxury into everything women want for Christmas.

Luxurious is indeed the word for the kind of Christmas it can be this year for every woman. An expensive collar, for example, now deftly endowed by designers with new glamour can be just as luxurious in its own way as the most costly fur.

Choosing the right gifts for the right girl, therefore, is going to be much easier this year even for the always doubtful male and a lot more fun.

Choosing the right gifts starts most smoothly with just a little bit of pleasant thinking. How does she like to dress? How does she most like to spend her time? What does she like most to do? What colors does she favor?

Choosing the right gifts winds up in the stores right in town where plenty of help will be found in making the most appropriate selections.

The plural gifts not just a gift is emphasized because no Christmas for a fair lady can be called complete unless it includes something to wear, something to use and something that might be called sheer, but delightful, extravagance.

For the outdoor girl, you'll find colorful picnic hats, gay knit gloves, warmly lined leather gloves, smart jackets. A storm coat or jewel-trimmed sweater will show your thoughtfulness.

Perhaps she's a career girl. She wants to make the same outfits look new and different every time she wears them. For her there are the accessories: the tapered handbag, a sparkling jeweled belt, scarf, an unusual decorative blouse.

If she's a feminine flower of a woman, you've a wealth of delicacies to choose from.

The tailored type is no problem either. For her, choose simple elegant costume jewelry, a scarf, an assortment of tie-on collars. Her lingerie should skip the lace, concentrate on garting or dainty applique. Her blouses might be any of the slim new casual styles.

The woman who "has everything" never has! For the essence of fashion is change, and there is always something new, something wonderful, something she'd love to own.

And no woman ever has enough hosiery or hankies.

EXPECT MORE OUTDOOR DECORATION THIS YULE SEASON THAN EVER BEFORE

More homes than ever before will shine through the coming nights of the Yule season this year, brilliantly illuminated with exterior Christmas decorations.

That this prediction is infallibly accurate is indicated by two simple facts.

First there are "more" privately owned homes in the country than ever before, and second, the trend toward exterior illumination for the Holiday season has been constantly upward ever since the blackouts of World War II became a thing of the past.

Literally hundreds of thousands of home owners who have observed this characteristically Canadian tradition in the past already are equipped with basic requirements in terms of lengths of waterproofed outdoor wiring, a few floodlights and even some decorative gadgets.

They, for the most part are ready, with the addition of some replacement lights and wiring and some of the newer illuminated decorations now available on the market, to plan this year's exterior home illumination.

Hundreds of thousands of other home owners will be starting from scratch to vie with more creation of most effective displays.

Generally speaking, basic designs for exterior illuminated Christmas

time decoration for the home starts with the architectural and landscaping features of the property.

Windows with interior lighting shining through them, also should be taken into consideration. The doorway can frequently be the focal point, for here is the actual point of welcoming friends.

The widespread new vogue for ranch type houses and homes of "modern" design, promise exciting new interpretations of Christmas lighting for whole neighborhoods this year.

If this is the first time the home owner is planning to illuminate the exterior for the Yule season, there are a few points to be borne in mind.

Indoor lights and wiring should never be used outdoors. Short circuits may be caused by wet weather. Weatherproof wiring, bulbs and sockets are available for this purpose and can be used again and again.

Outdoor Christmas lighting usually requires more wattage than the indoor variety.

Complete sets of wiring for exterior illumination of the home at Christmas time are available. They can be arranged to any design the homeowner wishes. Most of all the new sets come equipped with safety fuse plugs to prevent overloads.

BIG, GAY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CAN BE MADE AT HOME WORKBENCH

No need to make Christmas decorations an expensive part of the happy season—you can make plenty of them yourself!

Here are some Christmas projects for the man with a workbench, or for the ladies who have been taking the night school course in wood-working.

Choose a cheery illustration of a standing Santa in a magazine or newspaper. Mark it off in squares. Then mark off a plywood panel in proportionately larger squares. Now draw a replica of your Santa, a square at a time. Cut him out and color him and the job is done.

Outdoors or in, your larger than full-size Santa, will enhance the Christmas spirit. Cut from waterproof glue fir plywood, colored with exterior paints, he will weather the festive season and be ready for other years.

Christmas trees, quickly cut from fir plywood, are adaptable to many decorative uses.

Tree for Cards

One of the cleverest ideas is a tree Christmas card display. Cut out your plywood tree a convenient size for table display. Paint it all over a bright green and attach numbers of tiny screw-hooks on both sides. On each hook hang a Christmas card as it arrives and

your tree will need no other decoration.

If you don't have a suitably sized evergreen handy in the front yard, a plywood tree fitted with colored lights will brighten up your outdoor display.

Cut the tree a convenient size and stake it on your lawn. Fix lights in little holders on the tree by attaching them through holes bored in the plywood.

Smaller plywood trees, adorned with red berries, cones, tinsel and the like can be cut out. From front door decoration to mantelpiece or walls, they can carry the tree motif throughout the whole house.

Happy carol singers on the front lawn, wreaths, little snowmen, letters that spell out Merry Christmas, a Santa and sleigh with reindeer, all can be cut from fir plywood with a dab of imagination as to coloring and design. Paint them gayly, dress them up with ribbon, tinsel and plastic snow, and they'll fill your house with Christmas cheer.

Keep Them Large

One important last thought. Keep your cutouts large. Larger than you think necessary. Keep them simple in design. Paint them in bold colors exterior paints for out of doors and you'll have lasting, festive decorations this Christmas.

FESTIVE SEASON BRINGS HAZARDS FOR CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS

With the approach of the Christmas season, Fire Chiefs issue warnings and suggestions on Christmas fire precautions.

Christmas fires occur because extra hazards are brought into homes, schools and public buildings. Remember your Christmas tree is very combustible, being filled with pitch and resin. It ignites easily and burns furiously.

Do not set up the tree too soon, make sure it is freshly cut and keep it outdoors until ready to set up. Keep it in the coolest part of the house away from radiators, heaters and fireplaces. Do not block exits.

Retard the drying out of the tree by cutting the base at an angle about an inch above the original cut and keep it in a water and coal filled pail.

When needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it out of doors. Never use candles on or near the tree. Check light wiring carefully. Be sure circuits are not

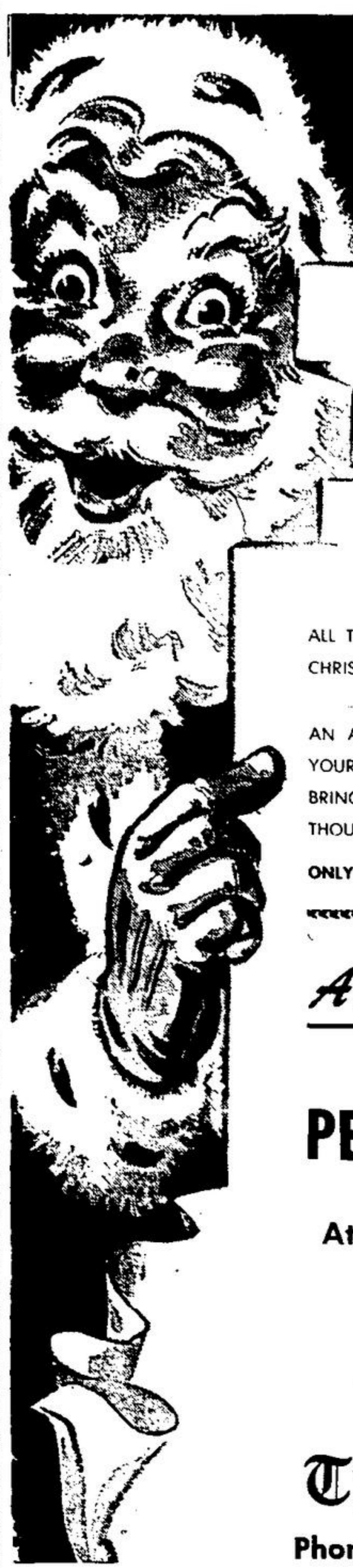
overloaded or fires may start in the walls.

Do not leave the house without turning out the tree lights. Make sure hot bulbs are not in contact with the tree. To fire proof fabrics mix 9 ounces of borax and 4 ounces of boric acid in a gallon of water. Wring fabric by hand, then dry.

It is dangerous to set up electric taps and trains under the Christmas tree.

Above all, if fire strikes, be calm and act quickly. In a public building, avoid panic and calm those around you. Walk quickly to the nearest exit. Stay out of the firemen's road.

The time has come for men to spruce up a little, add some color to their clothing and even go in for some drastic style changes. Such a step would make life more interesting and exciting not only for the men but also for the ladies. -Brooks (Alta) Bulletin.



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FOR ONE POINT Landings WITH THE increasing hazards of highway travel, there may be a big market ahead for a new lightweight aluminum crash helmet developed in Europe. It not only takes unnecessary weight off your mind; tests proved that it also exhibits less "dent depth" when objects are dropped on it—with no one underneath, we should add.

Sounds like a sensible chaparral for construction workers too. Certainly lots of aluminum articles developed for one use have been quickly adopted for others... a process which has helped build heavy demand for Canadian aluminum both at home and in foreign markets. Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd. (Alcan).

It's Wise To Remember... TO GET YOURSELF UNTIED... Especially in December... WHEN YOU'RE SHOPPING-TIRED!



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