

PICTURED DURING A PIANO RECITAL are pupils of Mrs. D. Armstrong and Mrs. G. Harris, of Rockwood. The recital was held in the Rockwood United Church. Pictured left to right are: Bradley Thomas, Cary Drybar, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Harris, Rudy Drybar, Billy Wingate and Gordon Kingsbury. Absent at time of picture, Wesley Darou.

Christmas Lighting

Decorating for Brighter Holiday

To help you make this Christmas season the brightest, safest ever, here are some worthwhile hints on decorating inside and outside, all around the house.

Trimming Your Tree
As soon as you bring the tree home, stand it in a pail or tub filled with water until you are ready to set it up and trim it. This will prolong the life and appearance of the tree, keep the needles from falling, and minimize the danger of fire.

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Keep your tree stand waterwell full and your tree will remain fresh and fragrant throughout the holidays.

Bear in mind that tree trimming follows a fundamental rule of women's fashions accentuate the opposite. If your tree is tall and slender, decorating lines should tend toward the horizontal (See Fig. 1). If it is short and full, trim your tree along lines which tend to be vertical (See Fig. 2). Applying this simple rule will help you bring out the best in the tree.

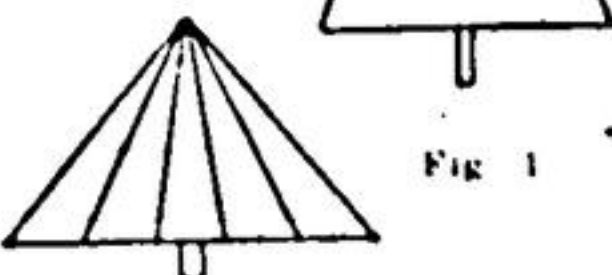


Fig. 1

Use Many Lights!

Too often, the number of lights used to trim a tree is arrived at by guesswork, and results look disappointingly "spotty." There is a formula, however, which does away with much of the guesswork and helps produce an evenly lighted appearance. To achieve what professionals call a "good lighted effect," try this formula:
Height of tree (in feet) x Width of tree at base (in feet)

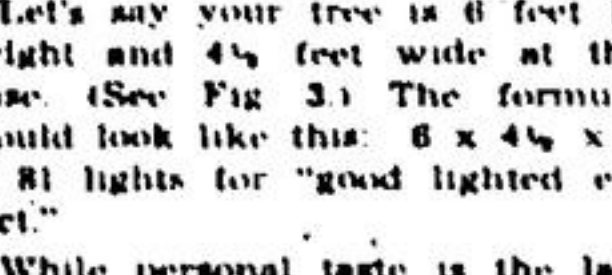


Fig. 2

Let's say your tree is 6 feet in height and 4 1/2 feet wide at the base (See Fig. 2). The formula would look like this: 6 x 4 1/2 x 3 is 81 lights for "good lighted effect."

While personal taste is the last word in decorating Christmas trees, each year finds more families adopting the above formula which will help in bringing out the natural beauty of their tree and give a "good-lighted effect."

No. of lamps required to give a "Good Lighted Effect"

5'	50
6'	80
7'	110
8'	144
10'	225

Where to Start

Trees should always be trimmed from the top down. In working from the bottom up, a trimmer is literally "in his own way," and runs the risk of knocking the tree down. He starts at the top, with your angel or star ornament, and work down.

After your tree-top ornament is firmly in place, string the tree lights, using the formula outlined above for a good lighted effect. Reflectors and halos are available at modest cost, and these greatly increase the brilliance of tree lights. Next, add your "continuous" decoration, such as strung popcorn, Follow this with glass ball ornaments, snow balls, candy canes and similar decorations. Last, add aluminum or lead tinsel, one piece at a time, and finish perhaps with a spray of artificial snow.

Most Important of All Safety

From coast to coast, some 3,500,000 families will light up their Christmas trees this year. If all of us practice safety, we may make this the year when no Christmas tree fire sweeps through an American home, turning a family's joy into grief. There is a highly effective way to protect against short circuits and overloading. Simply make sure you plug a safety fused plug set into your original source of current and then add your other decorative sets to this set. This will ensure protection against overloads and short circuits, and prevent event darkened rooms due to blown-out fuses. In addition, inspect all light sets carefully for fraying or exposed wires. Let's make this Christmas the safest on record.

Light Up Those Indoor Focal Points

Windows, end tables, mantels, foyer tables and stair rails are all decorating focal points at Christmas. Window wreaths and candleholders come in a wide variety to suit the individual taste, while end tables lend themselves to small artificial Christmas trees and lights that bubble or twinkle merrily. Mantels provide an ideal setting for angel figures, candles, and lights with reflectors set into a background of evergreen branches. (See Fig. 4.) Foyer tables are just right for a specialty display, such as illuminated paper poinsettias in a centre piece basket. Your stair Christmas Lighting Galley two 2 rail, aglow with lights tucked between pine and laurel branches

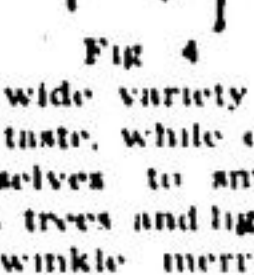


Fig. 4

Hold Annual Christmas Party For Acton Women's Institute

The annual Christmas Party of the Acton W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Anderson, the president Mrs. Geo. Fryer presided. Following the opening ode and prayer, The Christmas Story as recorded in the 2nd chapter of Matthew was read by Miss Marjorie Hall.

The roll call followed with members answering by naming people or places mentioned in the story. Mrs. W. Maddox, the Secretary, read her report and the correspondence. The usual donation was voted to the Christmas Seal fund and plans were made for the cheer boxes to be sent at the Christmas season. Mrs. Wm. Denny, and Mrs. Earl Lambert were named to assist the secretary and president in this work.

Sympathy was expressed to a member Mrs. J. Wilds and family in their bereavement.

The motto of the month "It is more blessed to give than to receive" was emphasized by Mrs. W. Denny and a box of gifts were presented from members to assist the Halton Children's Aid Society.

Mrs. Wm. Bradshaw was a welcome guest and presided at the piano for a group of Christmas carols and also contributed some lovely musical numbers.

A timely Christmas reading was given by Mrs. Earl Lambert, "The Children's Prayer," and a closing poem by Mrs. W. Denny, "What Christmas Means to Me."

Santa Claus with Miss Marjorie Hall taking his place, arrived to the tune of Jingle Bells and presented each one with a gift. "The Queen" was sung and a lunch of Christmas variety was served by the committee.

Mrs. S. Holmes expressed the thanks to the hostess and all the helpers for a delightful afternoon.

White Gift Service Held At Rockwood

The annual "White Gift" service was held in Rockwood United Church Sunday School on Sunday. This has now become a custom, each child bringing a gift of food that is later taken to Cedarvale School in Georgetown.

Miss Gladys Hanna led the children in special singing. A pageant was also presented with those taking part in costume.

Scripture texts were read, carrying out the theme of the Nativity. Superintendent Robert Leslie thanked the children for their splendid program that took the place of the usual Sunday School lessons.

White Gift Service Held At Rockwood

The exterior of your home and your grounds offer tremendous decorating opportunities. But practice safety outside as well as inside. Make sure all outside wire is No. 12 or No. 14, rubber insulated and heavy duty.

The best source of current for outdoor lighting is a permanent, protected outdoor-type receptacle in a garage or porch lamp. Even without such an outlet, you can safely reach an indoor receptacle. Merely drill a hole in a board which will fit a convenient window snugly. Close the window on the board and run the outdoor wire in through the hole in the board. The window can be "brace-locked" with a stick (See Fig. 5).

Your Doorway and Eaves

Lights in outline form around a doorway, outdoor candles and lighted sprays are highly successful main entrance decorations, proved over years of use. Many standing specialty units, such as Fig. 6 Santas, Snowmen, Carols and the like have more recently come into greater use near front doorways.

The eaves of your roof represent an ideal display point for Christmas lighting. The most common difficulty in eave lighting is a tendency for lights to sag. Eliminate this problem by running the outdoor Christmas sets through "drive" rings hammered into the eaves at regular intervals up to the house corners and roof peaks. The drive rings will carry your Christmas string of lights in straight and beautiful lines, outlining your home perfectly. (Drive rings are available at hardware stores everywhere.) (See Fig. 6.)

Lighting Evergreens Outdoors

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Publish Paper On Wednesday

Next week's paper comes out on Wednesday afternoon. In order to fit the publishing schedule in with the Christmas holidays, the staff has decided to publish on Wednesday of next week, Monday of the following week (December 23) and Tuesday of the following week (December 31) so that readers and advertisers will not miss any copies in December. The following week's issue will be published on the regular date January 6.

Readers are asked to remember these dates and advertisers are requested to observe them as well as that managers to the readers may be submitted at the appropriate time.

Deadlines for classified advertising for next week's Wednesday issue is noon on Tuesday, while display advertising must be submitted to this office by noon on Monday. Correspondents are also asked to remember the earlier publishing date when submitting copy.

To assist correspondents and advertisers, the office will remain open this Saturday until one o'clock in the afternoon.

Announce Results of Neighboring Elections

With neighboring municipal elections complete, the following are the results.

TOWNS

Georgetown
Mayor—J. T. Armstrong (recl.)
Reeve—Douglas Sargent (recl.)
Deputy Reeve—Walter Gray (recl.)

Council to be elected: John A. Gunn, 971; Garfield McGilvray, 92; Ernest T. Hyde, 928; Alfred Sykes, 750; John Elliott, 714; Fred H. Harrison, 648; Mrs. Annie Currie, 637; James H. Kemmaron, 681; Roy Warwick, 408; Murray McDonald, 356.

Hydro Commission—Edwin W. Binkley (recl.)

Public School Board—W. E. Wilson, H. T. Smith, Roy H. Hansen (recl.)

Brumpton
Mayor—Mrs. Nancy Howwood, 1,731; Carman Cure, 1,826; Reeve—Fred Klein (recl.)
Deputy Reeve—Russell Prouse (recl.)

Council to be elected: W. H. Rydon, 2,209; Harold Laughlin, 2,319; Jack Pawley, 1,820; Lila Trout, 1,568; Anthony Wilson, 1,826; Walter Misher, 1,431; Ernest Allen, 1,423; Garnett Nix, 1,401; Clayton Cheyne, 1,323; David Post, 1,314.

School Board—William O'Hearn, William Davis, J. M. Kirkwood, D. F. McInnis (recl.)

Hydro Commission—Wilfred Abel (recl.)

Water Commission—Dr. W. F. McLennan (recl.)

VILLAGE

Steeleville
Reeve—Frank Dowling (recl.)
Deputy Reeve—Marshall Adamson (recl.)

Council to be elected: Ward One—William Arch, 110; Ward Two—George Parker, (recl.)
Ward Three—Frank Smith (recl.)

TWINGANEE

Reeve—Cyril Clark (recl.)
Deputy Reeve—Edward Blair (recl.)

Council—Robert Reid, Norman Weir, Weir Reid (recl.)

High School News

By Lorraine Cox

This week Christmas examinations are being conducted in Acton High School. When the clock strikes the hour, 350 diligent heads are seen pouring over that paper that must be written, examined, and recorded in a report card before fast-approaching Christmas catches up with us.

Mr. Hansen has arranged very ingenious seating plan of alternating students from one grade with students from another grade. Thus our chances of "peeking" are lessened.

The Acton Public Utilities Commission may have us, and our teachers, to thank for a rise in electrical consumption for the month.

Next week will see the "taking up" of papers, provided the teachers can get them marked in time. Our teachers tell us that now work will be taught, it is to the advantage of every student to be present next week.

Pupils are looking forward to a Christmas party to be held in Room 8 on Friday before school closes. There will be an exchange of gifts, and carol singing. And who knows? perhaps the Student's Council has a treat in store for us?

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