



SANTA AND HIS ELVES pictured above had a busy afternoon at the Legion Auditorium last Saturday afternoon as they handed out presents to the children of the veterans. Pictured from left to right are Mrs. W. Allonby, Mrs. B. Angell, Santa, Mrs. G. Angell and Mrs. I. Roach. The ladies are all members of the Ladies' Auxiliary in Acton. The auditorium was packed for Santa's arrival with all the children receiving presents. Bob Loutier, Legion member entertained the children dressed as a clown.

Mistletoe, Yule Log Customs Dating Back to Pagan Days

Many of the customs of the present-day Christmas were carried by their Scandinavian ancestors over from pagan festivals. Two of the most cherished are the hanging of the mistletoe and the burning of the yule log. The Druids are said to have regarded the mistletoe with great veneration. It is believed that the burning of the yule log

was handed down to the English who, at the height of the winter solstice, kindled huge bonfires in honor of their god. In medieval times in England, the log usually included the root of a huge oak, which was drawn into the castle with great noise and singing.



May the heartlifting happiness of this joyous season shine brightly in your memory for a long, long time to come.

GRANT'S MOTORS

252 QUEEN ST.

ACTON, ONT.

New Christmas Cards Double As Tree Ornaments and Toys

Christmas cards, traditional ambassadors bearing "season's greetings," will enact several additional roles during the coming Yule season.

As a result of the ever increasing ingenuity of their designers in producing brilliant effects and intriguing, almost game-like folds, many will serve as tree ornaments and decorations for mantel and door and table, and even as toys for youngsters.

So universal has become the custom of exchanging Christmas greeting cards, they are now sent to friends and relatives, who normally receive gifts, as well as those who do not.

And in some instances, especially for children, there are many new cards that actually incorporate the gift, taking in concrete fashion, as well as clever greetings.

Simulated Gems

Brilliance of the new assortment is greater than ever, with simulated gems being used in some instances, while other cards are made to glisten with silver and gold treatments.

A series of eight mobiles, specifically designed to serve as tree decorations as well as greetings, have been presented.

Another that also may be put to good use is a two-foot high pop-up Santa Claus, weather-proofed for permanent use as a tree ornament.

Among cards for children is one that carries with it a supply of decorated notepaper and envelopes, which little girls will like. For boys, there is a card that can be transformed into a periscope. And among others is a money tree design with branches that may be filled with dimes. Still another is really a lot of magic tricks.

Christmas

C is for the Christ child,
 Born this Holy Day,
 H is for the Happiness
 For which we all should pray,
 R is for Reverence
 We pay Jesus Christ each day,
 I is for the lowly inn
 And the manger where He lay,
 S is for the singing
 Of Christmas carols and hymns,
 T is for the torture He suffered
 To save us from our sins,
 M is for Mistletoe
 We all have throughout the year,
 A is for Ain't it One
 We can always find so near,
 S is for our Saviour
 Who gave His life for us,
 So let us try our best to put
 Christ back into Christmas.
 — Edith Sharpe

Acton "B" Pack Cubs Enjoy Gift Exchange

Nearly 22 Cubs of "B" Pack held their Christmas meeting in the Scout Hall on Thursday evening and were greeted by Santa Claus and enjoyed a gift exchange.

Following the regular Cub opening the Cubs sat around in a circle and chatted when Santa made his appearance to hand out gifts to the boys.

Each cub had drawn a name the week before. All the presents purchased by the boys were placed under the Christmas tree and handed out by Santa.

After the gift exchange, the Ladies Auxiliary served the young cubs Coca-Cola and cookies before the meeting closed.



May you rediscover during this festive season all of the high-hearted joys and good cheer of an old-fashioned Yuletide, complete with friendships warmly renewed and old times happily remembered... abounding in all the good things of life.

No holiday season would be complete for us without a sincere expression of thanks to our loyal patrons for their confidence and good will. We hope that we may continue to serve you all in 1959.

RACHLIN JEWELLERS



As happy families everywhere gather together to celebrate this most festive of seasons, we take pleasure in extending to you our hope that all the joys of Christmas fill your home.

Symon Hardware

43 MILL ST.

ACTON, ONT.



It's the season for us to wish you and all a memorable and merry Christmas.

WILES' BUS DEPOT

Harold and Laura

18 Mill St.

Acton, Ont.