



SIGHT OF SANTA delights Sandra Incoe at the Legion children's party. She sits on the knee of dad Barry. The legion hall was filled with happy children. — (Staff Photo)

## Different Christmas decorations for home

If you're old enough to be caught kissing under the mistletoe, then you're old enough to try your hand decorating with it and with other Christmas greenery. Decorating can start appropriately at Saint Nick's doorway—the fireplace. A gleaming plate glass mirror over it proves the frame for sprays of holly tied with bright red ribbon. In addition, boughs sprayed in various colors can bring a final touch of tasteful beauty to your setting.

If you have no fireplace, a large mirror centered over a bookcase, serving chest or long table (to hold packages or Christmas cards) will "centre" your room decorations and provide a focal point while reflecting Christmas from every view.

To make your family's eyes sparkle, and with push-button ease, spray your tree, wreaths and pine cones with colored enamels that dry in minutes. Pale gold, silver and copper are

colors now offered, as well as the traditional Christmas hues of white, red and green.

Cranberries, textile pieces, crepe paper, cardboard, nuts, fruits and cellophane plus imagination are some of the other ingredients you can use to make your evergreen displays more dazzling.

Want a stained glass effect in your living room on a sunny Christmas morning? Try

covering some of your window panes with red, purple or yellow cellophane framed in black cardboard. Or you may want to let your children try water and poster paints for a stained glass effect.

Top off your window decorations with a candle, a wreath or a spray of evergreens.

Have a doorway that looks like everybody else's? Then consider how it would look after a quick repainting job. You might want to stay in the Christmas spirit by painting it red or green or for something equally as exciting a touch of history might be just the thing to flatter your home. A door that wears the painted Colonial touch recalls the gaiety of Christmas celebrated two

hundred years ago and more. For your freshly painted door with a "Welcome canopy" to put your guests in a festive mood. It can be made quickly and simply, using gaily colored oil cloth.

Start with the supporting posts, cover two wooden poles approximately 7-feet long (depending on the height of the doorway) with strips of oil cloth. Candy stripe them with gift ribbon. The canopy support frame is made of narrow strips of wood, measured to the width of the door by the length of the canopy. Attach frame to the top of doorway and to supporting posts.

Make the canopy cover with alternate strips of oil cloth (three five strips, 10 inches wide by 42 inches long). Cut one end of each strip to a point, and attach strips to another with tape. Now



It's Christmas

## Everybody's hard at work

Christmas comes to Canadian homes each year bringing more than just gifts and good cheer. It has a habit of bringing along a lot of hard work as well.

For although Christmas is undoubtedly Canada's happiest holiday, it can also be the most fatiguing.

During the Yuletide season, everyone from the postman to the department store salesman has to add some extra hustle to meet the Christmas rush.

Even the housewife has to quicken her pace. She has to stir up the Christmas pudding, mix up the mince-meat, clean out the house in readiness for the family get-together and perform a

thousand other household chores in preparation for the festive day.

Then there's the Christmas shopping, shuffling with the crowds from store to store looking for the perfect present for husband Harry, sister Sue, or brother Bob.



Of course, once the presents are bought, there's still the wrapping to do. And inevitably the rest of the family feels mother is such an artistic wrapper that they would like her to fancy up their pile of presents too.

After that, there's the Christmas cards to do. There's a hundred addresses to look up, a hundred cards to sign, and a hundred stamps to lick.

But the husband doesn't escape his share of Christmas time chores.



For example, it's his duty to go out and choose the Christmas tree. And to please the family, he naturally feels obligated to pick out the biggest one he can find—even though he knows he's the one who'll have to lug it home.

After that, there's the lights for him to string up around the house. Then there's the lawn Santa and the rooftop rendezvous to put together. And perhaps the hardest job of all, he has to find some remote corner in which to hide the children's presents so they won't be able to find them.



The children too, seem to work a little harder at their errands and schoolwork just before Christmas. After all, it's their last chance to impress old Saint Nick.

And if it turns out to be a white Christmas, you may learn your youngster is more than willing to go out and shovel the front. Don't be surprised by this. It's just that he wouldn't want to see his grandmother slip on the walk when she comes to the house—carrying all those heavy presents.

Increased work at Christmas extends beyond the family

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**Keeping Christmas**

Christmas is essentially a religious holiday, so church activities should be an important part of holiday planning. The homemaker who entertains during the holidays can plan ahead and prepare foods which will require little last minute attention. Buffet serving is recommended for large groups as it can be informal and easily done.

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