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Merry Christmas one and all! Everything looks bright and new and everyone looks happy and gay. It's Christmas! We believe the origin of this greeting stemmed from the land so long known as Merry England, whose people naturally celebrated a Merry Christmas. The Scots and French tend to reserve their excitement for New Year. Probably we owe much of the tradition to such writers as Herrick, Dickens and Shakespeare and to all those singers who have performed their works through the centuries.

FESTIVE BUFFET IDEAS
Mixed Fruit Cocktails: 4 cups of grapefruit juice and 1 cup orange juice; 2 cups sweet cranberry juice and 3 cups pineapple juice; 1 cup prune juice, 1/2 cup lemon juice and 4 cups apple juice.
Garnish Tray: Cheese crackers; cream with olive mixture; mixed soda biscuits spread with cheese and nuts; caraway bread sticks; tiny spice biscuits.
Buffet Main Course: A light party lunch served attractively will be a credit to the hostess after the Christmas Day meals. Select several of the following: Chicken a la King in toasted bread cups; feather fine cabbage and nut salad; escalloped potatoes, jellied star turkey salad with diced celery; potato and turkey dressing salad; pork parcels of sausage meat inside tea biscuits; yuletide salad of orange, grapefruit and malaga grapes; double decker sandwiches; grated carrot, diced orange and raisin salad.
Garnish Tray: Gherkins; dills; apple wedges dipped in pickle syrup; celery stuffed with cheese; prunes stuffed with peanut butter; carrot sticks and olives.
Yuletide Desserts: Baked apples in red sauce and scones; Orange sherbet and cookies; Bavarian cream and hermits; Chocolate-mint layer cake.

FESTIVE DECORATIONS
1. To conserve electricity, use a or Christmas tree lighting.
2. To prevent candles from dripping chill them in the refrigerator for a few hours.
3. Do not place candles near tissue paper, evergreen bows, cellophane, or anything inflammable.
4. To keep balloons from breaking, fasten with twisted elastic band instead of thread.
5. To add a last minute festive decoration, hang a large calendar in the front hall and use Christmas tape to stick the Christmas cards on the back of it.
If you make a border of Christmas cards on the back of the calendar, use a red crayon to print Merry Christmas in the centre.

Halton History Reviewed at Busy Bees' Meeting

As a feature of the December meeting of the Busy Bees Women's Institute, Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, historical research convenor, gave a history of early days in Halton, particularly in Nassagaweya Township and No. 7 School district where it was learned that five farms had been in the same family name since 1870 and earlier. The club is especially interested in learning any history of the old log school on the sixth concession, lot 17 or 18, and would welcome any information received.
The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Irwin Little. Mrs. Alf Allen, the president, convened the meeting by requesting the singing of the Christmas carol. "O Come all ye faithful". Roll call was answered by a Christmas recipe. Mrs. Chester Service expressed her disappointment at not being able to address the club as guest speaker for the day. Mrs. Stephen Coxe read the minutes of two previous meetings and gave the financial report. Mrs. Allen told of the turning of the sod for the new Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto.
It was decided to invite Dublin Institute to attend the next meeting on December 30th at No. 8 School. Mrs. Coxe and Mrs. Locker will demonstrate the art of salad making which they learned at the cooperative program in October. Mrs. E. Coxe and Mrs. William Allison were named lunch convenors.
Mrs. Locker and Mrs. Little each gave readings as part of the day's program and an exchange of Christmas gifts added an interesting and pleasant few minutes. The meeting closed with singing of "Holy Night" and repeating the Mizpah benediction. A social half hour was spent after the hostess served refreshments.
MacHamish: "I hear yer friend Angus has marrit a third wife."
Elder: "Aye, Angus is an expensive friend; two wreaths an' three presents in seventeen years!"

PROVINCIAL PAPER CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Saturday night, the Oddfellows Hall was the scene of the annual Christmas Party planned by the social committee of Local 481, Provincial Paper. Miss Jean Dickie was at the piano for the singing of Christmas carols. After Santa Claus had distributed presents, coffee, cake and cookies were served, with chocolate milk for the children.

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Group A: 1st, M. Patterson, 696; 2nd, B. Dickenson, 674.
Group B: 1st, H. Ritohie, 716; 2nd, M. Herrington, 678.
MEN:
Group A: 1st, E. Wilson, 668; 2nd, Ace Bailey, 649.
Group B: 1st, M. Speece, 675; 2nd, M. Stamps, 678.
Group C: 1st, J. Presswood, 778; 2nd, G. Collier, 665.
Group D: 1st, J. Holden, 672; 2nd, G. Christensen, 614.

Luke: "Gee, I'm happy. A bundle of joy arrived at our house last night."
McGlue: "Boy or girl?"
Luke: "Neither. Last month's laundry!"

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