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### Chatting..

**TAKING A DRIVE** around town to see the outdoor Christmas lights was practically a whole evening's excursion this year. Never have there been so many homes aglow with the brightly coloured lights, and never have the ideas for Yuletide beautification been so original. It took us a good hour and a half slowly driving around most of the streets in town, to see them all and our eyes ached from unaccustomed exercise of looking so hard, but it was well worth it.

Several homes had beautifully made Santas with his reindeer illuminated with spotlights. Incidentally, the use of spotlights was fairly widespread this year to point up some quite clever ideas. There was one home with a white front floor done up to look like a huge gift. Wide scarlet ribbons "tied" it up from corner to corner, and in the centre was a large name tag complete with seals. Another original door decoration was displayed on a home with a bright red front door. It made a wonderful red suit for Santa. With what I imagine was cotton batten and shiny black plastic, the clever illusion of a more than lifesize St. Nick was outlined on the door. The framework of the door was then filled in with evergreens and lights.

**ANOTHER HOME** with an original idea had a huge Christmas gift attached to the outer brick wall, and spotlighted. The manufacturers of outdoor lighting decorations quite outdid themselves this year, with the addition of illuminated angels, snowmen, stars and wreaths, all adding to the variety of gayly decorated houses. And of course, I don't think we'll ever tire of coloured lights simply illuminating evergreens — or indoors evergreens for that matter. I love the brightly lit indoor Christmas tree too. It is always a sad day in the household when we dismantle it and haul it out to be carted away.

**DRIVING PAST** the Art Scott's pond last week we noticed a lot of unusual activity at the pond's edge. Slowing down to see if there was some trouble, we discovered the swans were causing all the commotion. And I do mean commotion. About ten men and five swans were flying around in all directions. A quick glance showed one swan held firmly in captivity, the others were at large, and one was leading two or three men a merry chase up the field and over a little hill. When last seen by us the truant was "taking off". It seemed the pursuers were outwitted for the time being at least.

Wondering what it was all about, I made some enquiries and learned that after the one young male swan had disappeared several weeks ago, the remaining young swans had their wings clipped, but apparently not enough to prevent them from flying a little. Incidentally there has been no clue as to the whereabouts of the missing member of the family to date. But to return to my subject, what the men were trying to do the day we saw them by the pond was to capture the six swans in order to put them in the golf club barn for the winter. And to make what I'm quite sure, was a long story, short, they did finally succeed in catching all six, including the truant we saw flying away, and now the swans are ensconced in the barn for the winter. The parent swans are still on the golf course pond, and the poor mistreated aunt is safe from further molestation by her sister and brother-in-law, on the Scott pond.

Looking after that number of swans in an enclosure is quite a chore. They have to be fed and given water every other day. Just now their diet consists mainly of trimmings from lettuce and other greens, which a merchant is donating and trekking out to the golf course for the swans.

I have an idea that swans are not the only creatures living on a diet of greens, etc., these days. Wherever women congregate, sooner or later the subject of dieting seems to crop up. Seems the rich holiday foods have piled on a bit of weight here and there. Thoughts along these lines reminded me of a timely little item I clipped from the Durham Chronicle concerning the wonderful qualities of Eno's Fruit Salt. It was in an advertisement in the front of an old book, being discarded from the Durham library, containing the following letter from an officer dated at Ascot, January 2nd, 1896.

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### Mrs. Arthur Semple, 84 Active Church Worker

A resident of town for forty years, Mrs. Arthur Semple, 84, died at her home, 25 Albert St. on Thursday. She had been in failing health for the past two years.

A native of Belfast, Ireland, she was the former Lenora Steele, and came to Canada for her wedding. Mr. Semple, who died on August 3rd, 1940, was an employee of the Provincial Paper lower mill. A faithful member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Semple was active as a member of the Royal Circle of the W.A. She was also a member of Georgetown Women's Institute and the True Blue Lodge.

Her closest surviving relatives are a grandniece and three grand-nephews in Toronto. Rev. Alex Calder conducted the funeral services on Saturday at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home, with interment following in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. Pallbearers were William Mc-Ninch, William Hoey and Jack Donan of Toronto, Alf Goodwin, Bert Fiddler and James Ritchie of town.

### May Revise Opinion On Georgetown Hospital

Prior to the annual meeting Thursday, January 10th of the Georgetown Hospital Association, members of the association met with Dr. Harvey Agnew in the Municipal Conference Room on Wednesday, January 9th. The purpose of the meeting was to study and consider the comments made by Dr. Agnew with regard to a hospital in Georgetown. The comments were contained in a report that he submitted to the Halton County Council which report, up to the present time, has not been endorsed or rejected. After a thorough discussion with the association Dr. Agnew decided to make some changes in the report.

**RATEPAYERS GROUP TOUR FORD PLANT**  
Fifty-five members of East Georgetown Ratepayers' Association had a tour of the Ford Motor plant at Oakville on Thursday evening. The party went to Oakville by Georgetown Transportation Co. bus and thoroughly enjoyed their visit to see one of the world's most modern assembly lines.

that will always remain at the bottom of the glass. I give, therefore, the following advice to those wise persons who have learnt to appreciate its inestimable benefits: "When Eno's Salt betimes you take, No waste of this Elixir make, But drain the dregs and lick the cup Of this, the perfect Pick-Me-Up."

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Hon. Kobo Roberts, Attorney General, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM ANOTHER GEORGETOWN**  
Christmas greetings from a far-off Georgetown were received this year in a card addressed to Mayor Jack Armstrong. The card was a handsome one, which featured a full colour picture of the Queen and the word "The President, Councillors and Officers of George Town, Penetang send you Christmas greetings and best wishes for your good health and happiness throughout the coming year." It was sent from the Municipal Office, George Town, Penetang, Malaysia.

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