



Merry Christmas to All

McNamara Jewellers

MAIN STREET

GEORGETOWN

Holy night

In the hush of a mid-night clear,
the herald angels
sang out to praise
the new-born King.
May His message of peace
and good will lighten your
heart and brighten your
home this Christmas and
all through the New Year.

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Christmas Tree Origin is Credited to Martin Luther

Some historians trace the lighted Christmas tree back to Martin Luther, who lived from 1483 to 1546. The story is that while strolling through the countryside one Christmas eve under a brilliant starlit sky, his thoughts turned to the nativity of the Christ child. Luther was impressed with the beauty of the heavens and the wintry landscape. He observed the snow-flecked evergreen trees sparkling in the moonlight. Returning home he related the experience to his family and attempted to reproduce the outdoor scene. To a small evergreen tree he attached lighted candles to simulate the reflections of the starlit heaven — the heaven that looked down over Bethlehem on the first Christmas eve.

This would date the first lighted Christmas tree prior to 1546. However, the use of candles apparently did not at once become firmly established as a decoration because mention of the Christmas tree custom in Stratsbourg a century later does not refer to lights. At first, lights on a tree were considered ridiculous or "child's play." Until about 1700

the Christmas tree custom appears to have been confined to the Rhine River district. From 1700 on, when lights were accepted as part of the decorations, the Christmas tree was well on its way to becoming a tradition in Germany. During the American revolution the tradition of the Christmas tree crossed the Atlantic with the Hessian soldiers. A description of Christmas festivities at Fort Dearborn, Ill., in 1804, mentions a Christmas tree. However, the practice did not gain much headway on this side of the Atlantic until about the middle of the nineteenth century when, after a year of controversy and doubt, it became an established custom in Cleveland, Ohio.

Finland is credited with having accepted the custom about 1800, Denmark 1810, Sweden 1820 and Norway about 1830. From these Scandinavian countries the custom spread to France and England about 1840. Records show that 35,000 Christmas trees were sold in Paris in 1890.

At first the trimmings, if any, consisted mostly of tufts of cotton and strings of popcorn and cranberries. Other decorations were flowers, replicas of food-stuffs, paper ornaments and the like. Such trimmings have long since been replaced by factory-made, highly colored ornaments, tinsels, strings of electric lights and various novelties.

The traditional use of evergreen trees during the Christmas season provides a time when all Canadians are brought into close contact with the fragrance and freshness of the forest. Christmas trees probably add more to mark the period of "peace on earth" — good will toward men" than any other product of the soil. Indoors and outdoors, Christmas trees have become essential for decorative purposes in the homes, in the parks and on the streets, in churches and in business houses. Christmas would seem barren without them. The spreading branches serve most fittingly too, as a delightful hiding place for Santa Claus' presents for children and adults.

The Christmas tree is a symbol of a living Christmas spirit.

Province Grants Extra Aid for Unemployment

Extra provincial assistance to municipalities in the field of social welfare will become law the first of the year, according to information relayed by Stan Hall, M.P.P.

The distinction which has existed between the unemployed and the employable unemployed person will be abolished. An unemployed person is now eligible for assistance under the administration of the municipality, subject to the established standards for granting assistance.

A municipality will now contribute only 20 per cent to unemployment assistance rather than the present 40 per cent. There will be a similar reduction in a municipality's share of the cost of medical services to recipients of unemployment assistance.

The government will increase its contribution to cost of maintenance of homes for the aged to approximately 75 per cent. Replacing a present total charge to municipalities for after care allowance to patients discharged from sanatoria, the province will pay 80 per cent of this in future.

The government is also offering more aid to certain private charitable institutions which are operated by such organizations, as the Salvation Army and various churches which give care to unemployed persons.

VISITS FAMILY OVERSEAS FOR CHRISTMAS AT HOME

Second best to a happy family reunion in Canada which he anticipates next year is a trip home to Germany for a local construction contractor, Albert Eutenier who flew overseas last Tuesday. He will be spending a month with his wife and baby son Tommy in Meggedorf, Rendsburg.

In Canada for three years, Mr. Eutenier was married when he visited Germany a year ago and this will be the first time he has seen his son, who was born after his father returned to Georgetown. A technicality in immigration restrictions will not allow his wife to come to Canada at present because of an illness, and they are hopeful that the condition will be cleared up next year and the family will be together again in their new homeland.

SILVER-WOOD

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SILVER-WOOD INSTITUTE

Eighteen members of Silver-Wood W.I. attended a happy Christmas party held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Appleyard. Roll call was answered by "What I would like for Christmas" and the motto "Anyone who thinks by the inch, talks by the yard, should be moved by the foot" was given by Mrs. K. C. Lindsay. A layette was given to Mrs. Frank Thompson of the Children's Aid, and it was voted that \$10 be sent also. Mrs. Bert Corbett, convener for the evening, arranged a contest on the names of trees. Mrs. Ernie Miller and Mrs. Russell Miller tying for the prize. A hilarious hat making contest followed which was won by Mrs. George Burt. A gift exchange was held, with Mrs. Bert Corbett winning the award for the best decorated gift. A delicious lunch ended the evening with Mrs. Clare Wilson, Mrs. Harry Scott, Mrs. Donald Lindsay and Mrs. George Sivill assisting the hostess.

Western Hotelman was Native of Limehouse

A British Columbia hotelman and native of Limehouse, John Duncan Green, 54 died recently as the result of a heart attack.

Mr. Green had been in the west since he was a young man, going to Vancouver with his brother Lloyd. He was owner of Wood's Hotel at Maillardville, B.C., and formerly owned the Rod and Gun Hotel at Parksville on Vancouver Island. He was the son of the late Archie Green and his wife, the former Bertha Hoare. His only son Jack, a lacrosse star, was tragically killed in a hunting accident on Vancouver Island in 1953.

Mr. Green leaves his wife, Emma; his mother, who is now Mrs. Gordon Campbell, of Vancouver; and his brother Lloyd, also of Vancouver; and three grandchildren. He was a nephew of Mrs. Charles Watson, 37 Main St. N., Mrs. Edith Hamilton, Acton, and Mrs. E. Gallaway, Sarnia.

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