



GIFT FOR BOYS: The faces of many a boy and man will light up at the Christmas tree if they find a scale model of the famous East Asiatic ship, *Skansen*, which is a model of the famous East Asiatic ship, built nearly 50 years ago, but was designed from blueprints of the fastest clipper ship of the middle nineteenth century.

Debenture Discount Assumed by County

County Council authorized the payment of the controversial \$23,182 discount on debentures issued by the Milton High School Board on the sale of their debentures. These debentures were issued when the North Hutton High School Board was in existence. The amount will be included in the 1961 levy.

"I wonder why the same reasoning wasn't used when the Joseph Brant Hospital debentures were sold at a loss," quipped Reeve Ryckman. "Believing the hospital by-law specifically states that any discount on debentures has to be absorbed by the Hospital Board," replied Warden D. Sargent, "whereas in High Schools any loss on debenture sales must be absorbed by the municipality."

Gold Wrist Watch is Present for Minister

A group of forty friends presented a gold wrist watch to Rev. Alex Calder last Wednesday evening when they gathered at North Hutton Golf Club for a party in his honour.

Mr. Calder has accepted a call to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Peterborough, and will be leaving town in January. He has been minister of churches in Georgetown and Limehouse for twelve years.

After a buffet supper, John Ord was spokesman for the group, and expressed the feeling of those present of regret at his departure, while wishing his God speed in his new field of endeavour. Mr. Ord particularly mentioned the fine job Mr. Calder had done as chairman of the residential area and have a happy, safe Christmas.

Hi!

To all our friends and neighbors, we extend our warmest good wishes for a merry Holiday Season and a bountiful year to come.

Bill & Ray's B.A. Service Station
HWY. 7 AT DELREX BLVD.

A FAMILY CHRISTMAS

We hear many complaints today about the modern generation's lack of the old time Christmas spirit. Maybe this is because in times past, much of the pleasure was derived from preparing for the holidays. The whole family worked together in order to get ready.

In those days, there were no ready-made Christmas trees. The men of the family went to the nearest hillside or wood plot and equipped one of their liking. Tinsel, angels, hair ornaments and electric lights could not be bought anywhere. All the tree decorations were home-made and it was custom for the entire family to take part in their preparation.

It would be foolish indeed, not to take advantage of today's many beautiful ornaments and decorations made possible by modern industry. Yet, we can still recapture a little of that old time Christmas spirit by making some of the decorations as a family project.

A variety of ornaments are possible from such materials as plastic foam. A cookie cutter, for instance, can be used to outline such shapes as snowmen, Santa Clauses, gingerbread men, dolls, clowns and stars on a one inch sheet of plastic foam after the shapes are cut out with a sharp knife, each member of the family can decorate an ornament. They can glue sequins to the figures to form features. The foam can be tinted with food coloring or felt can be glued to the ornament to add extra details, such as hats, ties, and buttons. A pipe cleaner inserted and glued to the top of the ornament provides a hook.

Decorating the tree is usually a family project, enjoyed by both young and old. Preparing the decorations for the tree can be equally enjoyable and memorable.

No Postage Due on U.S. Christmas Cards

Postmasters in Canada have been authorized to deliver any Christmas cards marked "Postage Due" by United States postal authorities without the collection of any additional postage from the addressee, it was announced today by the Postmaster General, the Hon. William Hamilton.

In announcing this item of Christmas cheer, Mr. Hamilton made it clear that he did not think it would cause any loss in postal revenues. "We are not playing Santa Claus," he said, "but maybe we are being Santa's helpers."

Disturbed

Last year many Canadians were disturbed to learn that some Christmas cards mailed in the United States failed to cross the border because they lacked sufficient postage. This year the United States authorities have decided that any such "short paid" items which bear a return address will be returned to the sender. Those which do not will be taxed for postage due and forwarded to Canada.

In order to avoid embarrassment to both the sender in the United States and the addressee in Canada, Mr. Hamilton said the additional postage will not be collected by the Canada Post Office.

The Postmaster General pointed out that last year the United States postal service was employing a relatively new postage rate for un-rated Christmas cards and that, as a result, a large volume of short paid items were mailed. This year the new rates have been widely published in the United States, and a much smaller volume of short paid cards is expected.

Short Paid

Mr. Hamilton said the move was an indication of the close cooperation between the Canadian and United States postal services, both of which were deeply concerned with giving the best possible service to patrons during the Christmas season.

Trafalgar Police Chief Fred Oliver was appointed County Police Coordinator for police services under the Emergency Measures Organization. A budget of \$24,495 for the E.M.O. group, beginning April 1, 1961, was submitted for approval and will be turned over to the 1961 council at the January meeting.

Although not accustomed to drafting petitions and forwarding them to other municipalities, for approval, council last week approved one dealing with Ontario Municipal Board orders. The resolution will ask that the Board prepare written reasons for their decisions and that a copy of their decision and reasons should be

Christmas Is Not 'X's' Birthday

Today is the day of commercialization and advertising. Throughout the year we are bombarded with ads and promotions of one kind or another proclaiming the merits of everything from automobiles to \$10,000 autos. Everybody has something to sell and Christmas is the biggest selling season of all.

In our efforts to buy and sell, we too often lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. We seem some of us to forget whose birthday it is. Evidence for this can be found in the word "Xmas." It's easier to say and much easier to write on an ad label or sign. However, we are not celebrating X's birthday. Who was or is "X"? Put the "Christ" back into Xmas.

Notice To Creditors

In the Estate of **GEORGE ALBERT DENHAM, Gentleman, deceased.**

All persons having claims against the Estate of George Albert Denham, late of the Town of Georgetown, Gentleman, who died on or about the 16th day of October, 1960, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of January, 1961, after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim the undersigned shall not then have notice.

Dated at Georgetown, this 12th day of December, A.D. 1960.

MARY MAY DENHAM, Administratrix of the Estate of George Albert Denham, by her Solicitors, Dale, Bennett, Latimer & Baines, 23 Mill Street, Georgetown, Ontario. 12-29

Christmas, or JUL: Baked Cakes and Boar

In Scandinavian countries, the celebration of JUL, or Christmas, begins on Christmas Eve and continues for 13 days, ending with a "twelfth night party". Baked delicacies and sweets are abundant during the 13 days and cakes are baked in the shape of a boar recalling the ancient feasts of the Norsemen which always centred around a boar.

Scandinavian Christmas trees are decorated with bright gold and silver stars and long strips of gaily colored paper. A small figure of a goat constructed of straw serves as a reminder of the custom of saving the last sheaf of the harvest for the magic it was supposed to possess.

Presents are brought by the TOMTE, tiny, gnome-like figures dressed in Christmas outfits.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Many are aware that the famous hymn "Silent Night" was written by Joseph Mohr, a German priest, but the origin of some of our other Christmas music is not so well remembered. "O Come All Ye Faithful" is a Portuguese hymn written in the thirteenth century. "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Joy to the World" were written by Englishmen, Charles Wesley and Isaac Watts, respectively.

YULETIDE GREETINGS

Our sincere thanks to all our kind friends for their continued patronage and our best wishes for a happy holidays.

JOE AND VERA GREENWOOD & STAFF

"THE COTTAGE INN"

Main Street South Georgetown

THAT'S FOR ME

This is the time of year when young eyes have a special glow when they stop to admire the bright store windows along Main Street. The sight of a girl and a doll — well, that's a part of Christmas, too.

THE PEACE, THE EXPECTATION AND THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS ARE NOT GIVEN TO EVERYONE TO KNOW. LET US CHERISH OUR INHERITANCE WITH GRATITUDE



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