

## Candles Cast Festive Glow On Traditional Yule Scene

Candles have cast a glow over Christmas festivities for centuries.

One of the very earliest of legends tells of the Christ Child wandering the streets of the world in search of shelter on Christmas Eve. Lighted candles are placed in windows to welcome Him.

From Germany comes a sim-

ilar belief that the Virgin Mary and a host of angels pass over the countryside each Christmas Eve. Candles are put in the windows of German homes as an invitation and guide to the food that is traditionally left for them.

Many of the Christmas traditions that have sprung up around the use of candles had their origin in pagan rites.

The pagan Yule, nearly coinciding with today's date for Christmas, was accompanied by the burning of a giant log during the twelve days in which it was thought that the sun stood still. From this stems Yule log tradition.

In medieval Europe the custom arose of also lighting a giant Christmas candle that would burn brightly till Twelfth

Night. During their Saturnalia Romans fastened candles to trees to dispel the darkness, thus indicating the sun's return.

There is an old story that Martin Luther brought a fir tree into the nursery one Christmas Eve for his wife and children. To show them the glory of the night when Christ was born, he decorated the tree

with lighted candles, representing stars. Today, electric lights have taken the place of candles on Christmas trees, but candles still burn brightly in churches and homes throughout the world.

One of the most impressive holiday uses of candles is in the candlelight carol and communion services held in many churches at Christmas time.

Appropriately enough, one of the loveliest of candlelight cer-

## Professor George Michie Named Research Officer

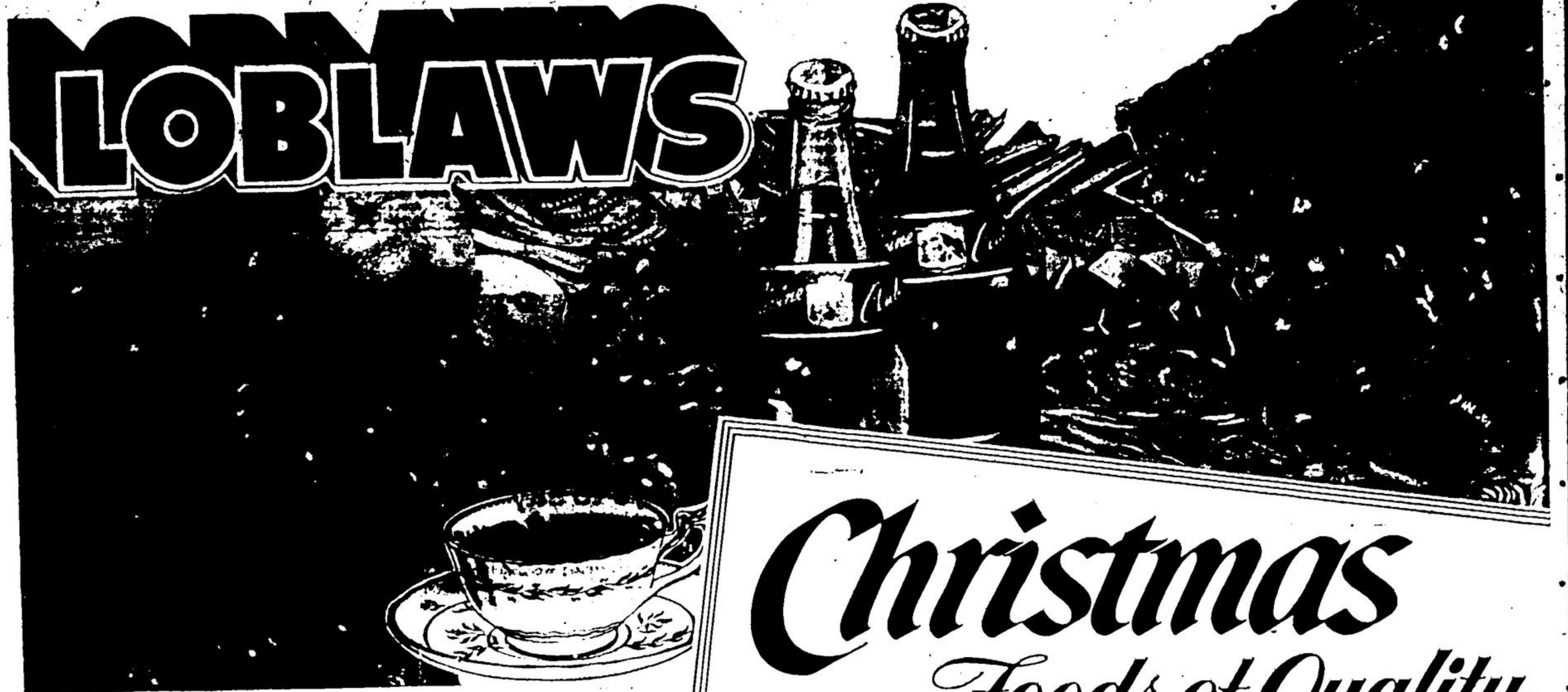
Professor George H. Michie, brother of Georgetown district

man John Michie, has received an appointment to the post of Research officer in the Dept. of University Affairs. He has been with the Dept. of Geography at McGill University for the past seven and a half years. The announcement was made at a reception for university presidents and officials of the

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Provincial Government including Premier John P. Robarts and former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson at the Royal York Hotel, Thursday, Nov. 27th.

The Minister of Education, William G. Davis, in his additional office of Minister of Dept. of University Affairs, announced the appointment.



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