



Santa Claus is making sure this driver gets a good supply of courtesy, caution and common sense... three things he's going to need to get through traffic safely, not only during the busy holiday season, but all year round. The Ontario Department of Transport cautions all drivers to be particularly careful during the coming holiday season. Winter is always a hazardous time for drivers... early darkness and bad weather cut down visibility... and snow and ice make roads treacherous. But the holiday season brings additional hazards. City streets are crowded with shoppers and dazzling Christmas decorations add to the confusion. Highways are crowded too as families head out for holiday reunions. To reach your Christmas destination safely, leave home a little earlier, leave more stopping space between cars, and reduce your speed to suit road, weather and traffic conditions.

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### Successful Platter Could Spell Stardom for Blues Inc.

The future looks bright for a local rhythm and blues group billed as "Blues Incorporated" consisting of Bill McKeown, singer, Manfred Jansen, rhythm guitarist, Bob Woodbridge, lead guitarist, Rick Randall, organ, Wayne Noble, bass guitar, and Bob Porter, drums.

They joined forces about six months ago, and have played frequently at the Riviera, Norval.

They are booked for a week at the "Concord", on Bloor St., and for a few weeks at "The Ticket", better known to the older folks as the ex-club Kingway, in Toronto.

New Year's Eve, after midnight, they will take over at the Riviera, again.

In February they will cut some records for Tampica recording company. If the records sell, the sky's the limit.

"We specialize in soul music," says singer Bill McKeown with the psychedelic lighting effects added.

### Seven Lesson Carol Service at St George's

The Seven Lesson carol service a traditional feature at St. George's Anglican Church took place on Sunday evening.

Familiar carols were sung by the congregation with several anthems by senior and junior choirs under the direction of George DeKleer. There was a profusion of lighted candles and a Christmas tree.

Lessons were read by members of the congregation, representing various groups in the church, with the rector, Rev. Eric Mills, concluding with the gospel of the incarnation.

Those reading lessons were Paul Armstrong for the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen, Frank King and Patricia Irwin choristers; Mrs. William Chaplin, Woman's Auxiliary; Mrs. Walter Blehn, Daughters of the Church; and Sharon Collier, church school staff.

### WITCHES AT CHRISTMAS

One of the most popular symbols of the Christmas holidays, candy canes, began with an old superstition during the Middle Ages. Europeans of that period carried glass canes filled with coloured candles to distract witches. They believed that the witches became so interested in sorting the candles that casting of evil spirits was forgotten.

### PETTICOAT TREE

Use a gay petticoat to replace the cotton at the base of your Christmas tree this year.

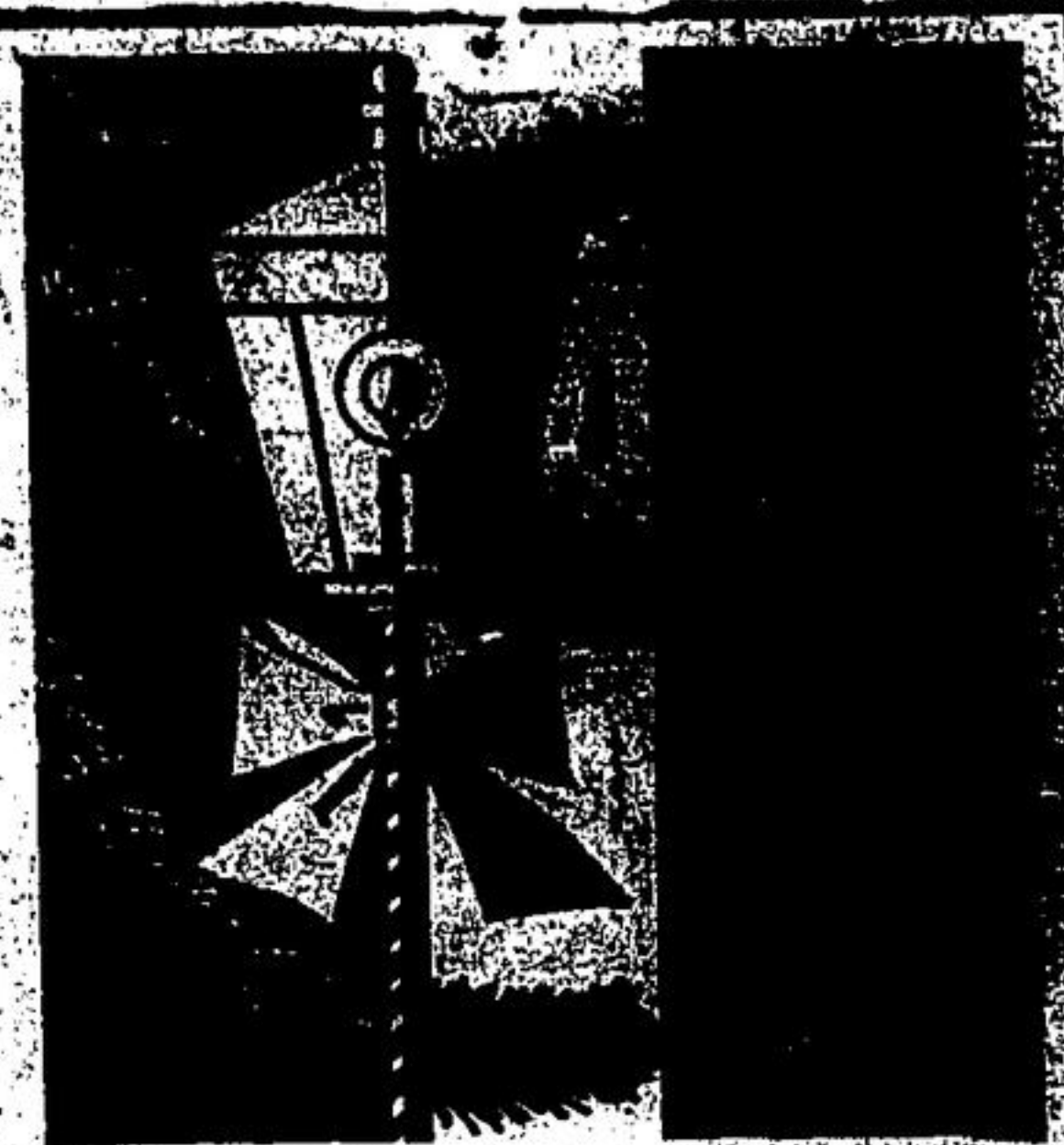
The "petticoat" can be made quickly with felt and pinking shears. Cut a hole in the middle of the felt and slash from outer edge to fit around the tree. Scallop with pinking shears and decorate.

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**IN SYRIA**  
The holiday season in Syria differs from that in most countries. It begins on St. Barbara's day, December 4 and continues until Epiphany, January 6. St. Barbara was outstanding in goodness. This eve, sacred to her memory, a table of sweetmeats is arranged, prepared from nuts, sugar, honey, and wheat, the latter in memory of the dead and signifying the resurrection of the soul.

*Season's Greetings*

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Canada has been built upon the lives of a legion of good and courageous men in government, church and commerce. On the eve of our Centennial we pay homage and thanksgiving to Him whose birth brought the message of love, truth and brotherhood to the world the spirit of which dwelt in the hearts of those men who raised us to the council of nations.

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