



### THE OLD YEAR IN PICTURES

TOP LEFT: Popularity of lightweight motorcycles becomes so great that week-long school is organized to provide riders with safety education. TOP RIGHT: Pollution controversy grows out of Georgetown dump, but inspection finds only this roll of waste paper reached the Credit River. BOTTOM LEFT: Local pre-schoolers have anti-cavity coating applied directly to their teeth in free fluoride clinic here, part of a Halton-wide program. BOTTOM RIGHT: Georgetown Citizens' Band wins third consecutive group championship at Canadian National Exhibition competition.

## AUGUST

### SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

#### THE ORDEAL IS OVER

This is the time of year — between Christmas and New Year — when some people wish they were Moslems or Buddhists. Yes, that Christmas caper is getting rougher and rougher. Worse than the Feast of Ramadan.

The main bout, Christmas itself, went off smoothly enough. It's the preliminaries that are most murderous.

One of the first, and the worst, of them, was Christmas Card Night. The kitchen table was a melange of cards, stamps, envelopes and lists.

About half the cards are no trouble at all. You merely sign your name. But you're working with some left-over cards from

Such coyness. Such insincerity. You don't believe it? A sample.

To a couple you met on a trip six years ago, who live 1,200 miles away. "We still remember the wonderful times we had. Why can't we get together for a week-end? Does Jim still do his famous trick? Our kids are certainly growing up. How about yours?"

You know perfectly well they were dull as porridge, that you would take off like the Canada goose if you ever dreamed they were coming to visit, that Jim was stoned and made a mess of his trick. You know your kids have grown up, but you're not even sure they have any kids. And you have to look up their last name in your Christmas register.

It would be a lot more fun sending brief, pungent notes to old friends. Each requires a cute, or sentimental, or witty note.

Try writing 50 such notes of an evening, and it takes more out of you than a day in the salt mines.

Such inanities. Such garbage.

res me destroy, with my family, the image which I have built up, so carefully, during the preceding 12 months.

This event drives me into a frenzy which neither psychology, science nor faith can explain. It's not exactly a religious frenzy, through I must admit the Lord's name comes up with awesome frequency.

I've tried them all. Iron stands, aluminum stands, buckets of coal. And the damn thing invariably winds up with the same list as a sailor on the sixth day of a seven-day leave.

The last, and not the least of the preliminaries is Gift-Wrapping Night. You wander around, having a drink and giving the Christmas tree the odd quiet kick, while your wife gets the paper and presents out.

Nothing fits. The expensive gold paper bought to wrap Aunt Flo's present isn't big enough, and you wind up wrapping it in that cheap junk from Woolworth's. Oh, well, there goes a \$5,000 legacy.

Then there's the pre-Christmas party. We've had one for the past six years. Ask me why and I'll explain to you why I'm not in a mental home. But high on the list for admittance.

You'll notice I haven't even mentioned Christmas shopping, which is a form of self-destructive exercise, better than any yet invented. Nor Christmas "music," which is neither music nor Christmas. Nor Christmas lights on the cruddy cedar on your front lawn.

Oh, well, the heck with it. It's all over now. But that doesn't prevent me from doing something pleasant, in the midst of all these pains in the posterior.

I'd rather shake hands, or kiss you, depending on your sex. But I can't. To all my readers, from Newfoundland to the Yukon, and down to B.C., and then across the prairies, and through the old provinces and down as far again as Shelburne, N.S., permit me to say "God bless and good heart."

#### MEDICAL ATTENTION

In the town of Telach, Alberta, a CARE MEDICO team is running the only hospital for 42,000 people in a area that formerly did not have a single nurse or doctor. The team is supported by contributions from MEDICO a service of CARE 63 Sparks St. Telach, Alberta.

#### Has Good Word to Say for Teenagers

Mrs. Murray Bridgen of R. R. 2, Georgetown, reports two young gentlemen did a lot to improve teen-age public relations Saturday evening when they assisted her and her husband in starting their car.

The Bridgens alighted from a bus in downtown Milton and discovered the battery in their vehicle had been discharged.

The teen-agers pushed the car and followed the couple until

#### HOUSEHOLD HINT

The next time you're waxing furniture, wax the inside of each metal ash tray and it will clean more easily.

### Greetings 1967

We're saying goodbye to old '66 and greeting young '67. We sincerely wish you a New Year full of the best things life has to offer.

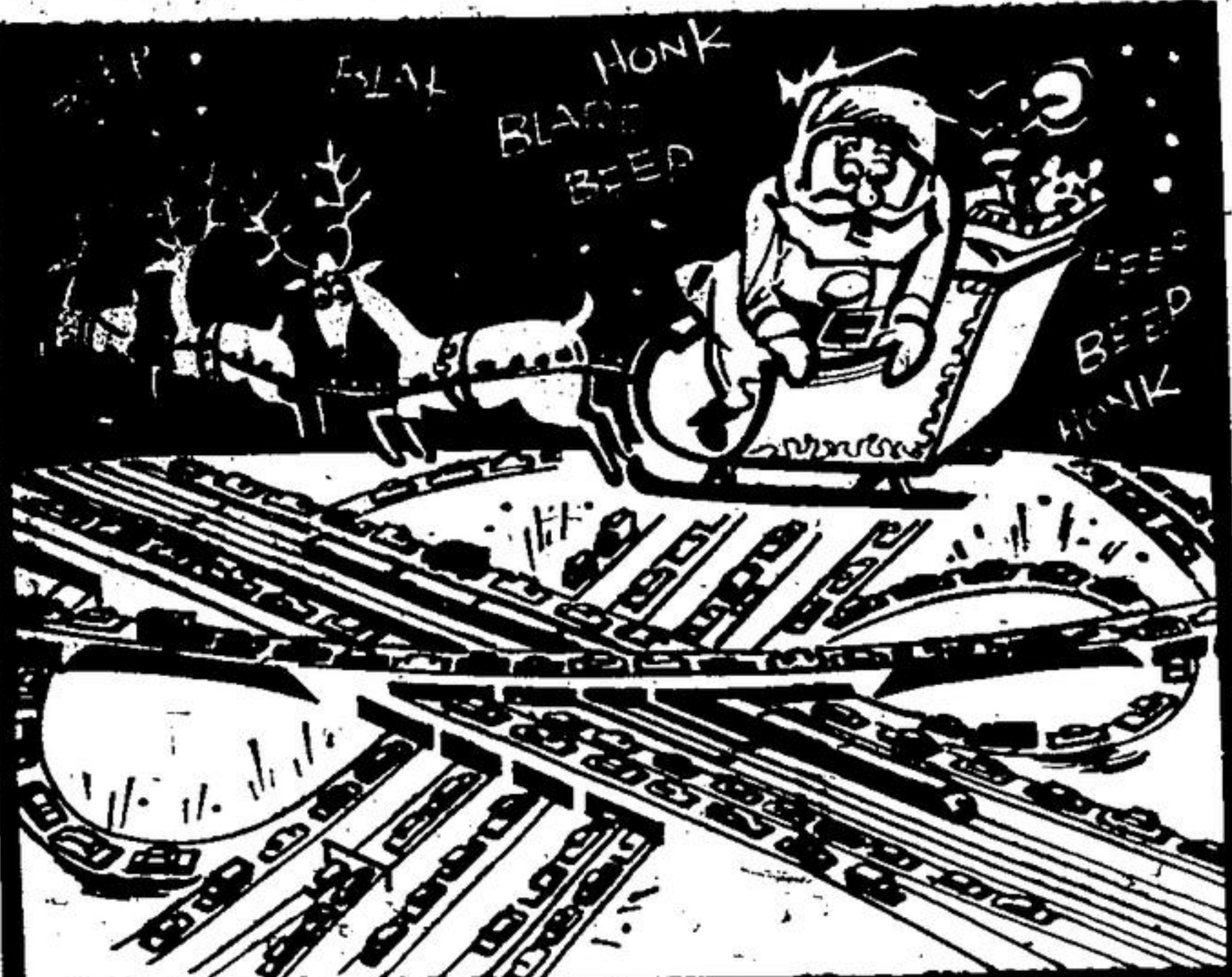
BEST WISHES TO ALL

**WHEELER'S GENERAL STORE**  
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There's always time to wish old and new patrons the very best for the New Year!

FROM THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT  
**ANDREW MURRAY MOTORS**  
61 GUELPH ST. LIMITED 877-6944



"HEY, RUDOLPH! Just look at that holiday traffic. There'd be a lot of disappointed children tomorrow morning if I had to make my rounds through THAT". Don't YOU disappoint the folks who are expecting you this Christmas. The Ontario Department of Transport has this advice for drivers who want to reach their Christmas destinations safely, and on time: start out a little earlier so you won't have to rush... leave a little more space between cars for an extra cushion of safety... don't pile parcels for passengers inside the car in such a way as to obscure your vision or hamper your driving. If the weather is stormy, get the best of the road by testing your brakes as soon as possible... if you do have to stop in a hurry, pump your brakes, don't jam them on.

#### SILVERWOOD

**SNOW FLORAL DESIGN AT SILVERWOOD PARTY**  
Silverwood Women's Institute had their Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Ironside when turkey and all the trimmings was enjoyed by 28 members and guests.

Mrs. Bob Harris, of Harris Floral, demonstrated floral arrangements which were later auctioned off and brought a

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also sum to help the funds of the Institute.

Many homes in the Silverwood district are beautifully decorated to celebrate Christmas season.

During the past week anti-cavity brought property damage to several cars on No. 7 Highway in this district.



New Year Greetings

Thanks to all our many friends. We wish you a very Happy New Year!

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That's our wish for you and yours, as we greet you at the beginning of a glad New Year. We fully realize our own good luck in being honoured by your favours and friendship, and we thank you heartily.

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It's time for us to thank you, our patrons, whose friendliness and good will have made this past year so pleasant. Happy New Year to all!

**STEEN'S DAIRY**

FRED STEEN AND STAFF

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