Candles light way for Christ Child

Although it had been said there was no candle to light the manger in the stable at Bethlehem, still from early times people have placed tapers in windows to light the way for the Christ Child and

welcome Him. In many countries, anyone coming to the door at Christmastime was invited to enter. For

some believed that Christ jem reveals that candles from heaven, and it was Himself would appear at a house with a candle, concealing his identity, to learn the extent of their

Inspiration Candles have inspired men throughout the ages, linking their bright glow with the beauty of faith. Research by Hallmark candle expert John Sin-

were generally used at not unusual for religious Christmastime as far back as the 11th Century. Until the 18th Century they were made pribeeswax. The latter was preferred, as an emblem of Mary's purity, for wax

is the product of virgin

Many persons

ing to an early writer, the wax represented Christ's marily from tallow or body; the wick, His soul; and the flame His divine

institutions to keep

swarms of them. Accord-

The religious symbolism of the candle grew through the centuries believed that bees came after early Christians,

huddled in the damp chill catacombs of Rome, used lighted candles as a source of comfort.

Candles guide The Irish place lighted candles in their windows on Christmas Eve as a guide and an invitation to all, who like Mary and Joseph, may be seeking





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Christmas decorations officially opened last such as the stuffed candy Saturday, is a gift and wreath, pine shelves and mirrors. thing from wicker to wall mache boxes. Italian porcelain, wicker "It's a little bit of baskets...the list goes

and manager Sherri Mooney. She sells table Ms Mooney and her mats, matching napkins, partner bought the Mill Street home where the

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Bill Somerville made the discovery of an autographed guilt which his relations had a hand in making on a bed display at the Halton Museum where members of the Esquesing Historical Society held their annual Yule party. Bill's forbearers settled in Esquesing. The Halton Atlas of 1877 shows the Somerville (Summerville) name at Lot 24. Concession 5, just north of Limchouse. They later moved to the Dublin area, near Acton.

Society party at museum

at the piano.

Henderson, told

gathering there was a

tremendous difference

between urban and rural

illustrated her talk with

artifacts' a porcelain

which attached to a boot

and an account of her

own upbringing in the

children had stockings

provided for them to

hang by the fireplace for

country kids had to use

his own stocking, she

She said the urban

country.

graceful skate

Members Esquesing Historical Society and their guests their annual Christmas party in an appropriate setting last Wednesday night-the Halton Museum. It was a social evening with a brief talk on Christmases past and present, rural and urban, by museum curator Erla Brittain, the only concession

business. Members fraternized around the punch table and the cosy fireplace inthe museum's main room and looked at exhibits of the early days in Halton.

Bill Somerville made an interesting covery-an autographed gullt which was made in 1899 and contained the names of his uncles and aunts from the Dublin area, just west of Acton.

said, because there was no money for such

A VERY MERRY

CHRISTMAS

was amazing how soon citrus fruits were used Christmas carols were

St. Nick while

sung with Bruce Harding for stocking stuffers. "As early as you go back there was an orange in troduced by George the heel and a Brazil nut the in the toe."

One of the exhibits at the museum which the board is especially proud Christmases in the early of is a saddle used by a days of Halton. She woman who escaped from the United States during the American revolution, settling in Halton. The description with the saddle points out the escaping party was guided by a band of

Mohawk Indians. Perhaps members of the Esquesing historical Society who travelled to the museum by bus didn't realize their bus driver brought through the snow storm was also a full blooded Mohawk, He's Clarence Mrs. Brittain noted it Hill, long resident of this

area and orginally from Reserve the Deseronto. Clarence Is in demand to drive chartered buses. He also drives a school

bus route near Milton in the mornings.

Tinsel legend

According to an old legend, a poor peasant woman, with many children, decorated a Christmas tree with such humble trimmings as she was able to gather, mostly berries and nuts and such odds and ends as she had managed to save up during the year. She labored far into the night trying to make her tree as beautiful as she could.

While she was asleep, spiders erawled from branch to branch, trailing their lacy webs behind them.

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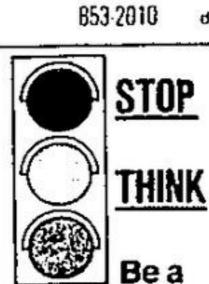
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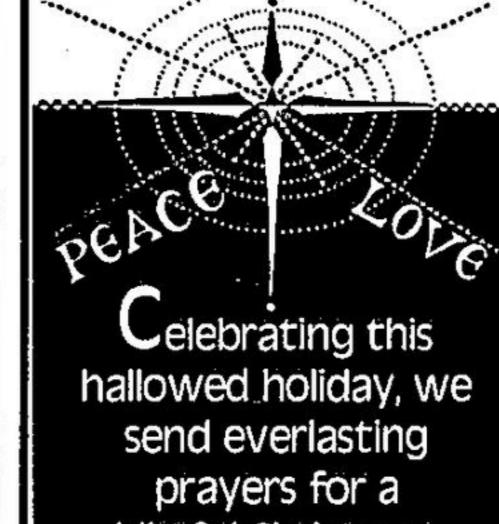
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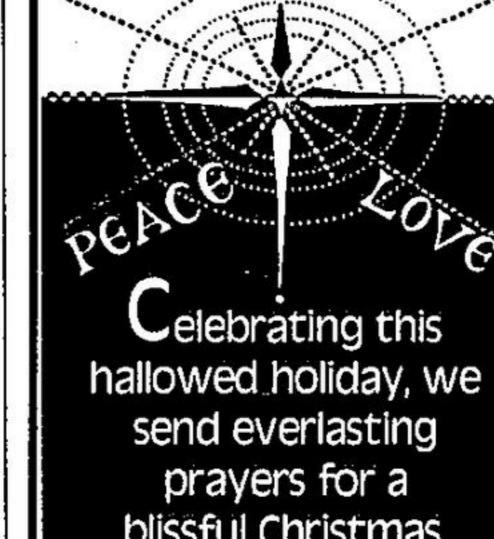
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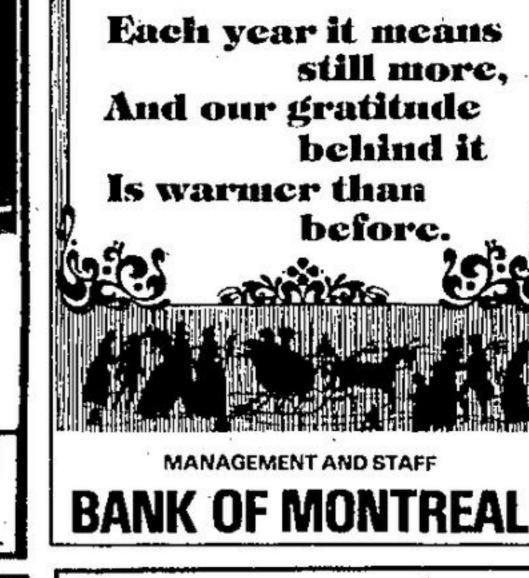






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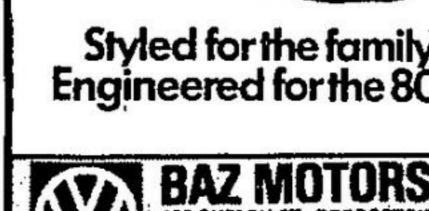
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