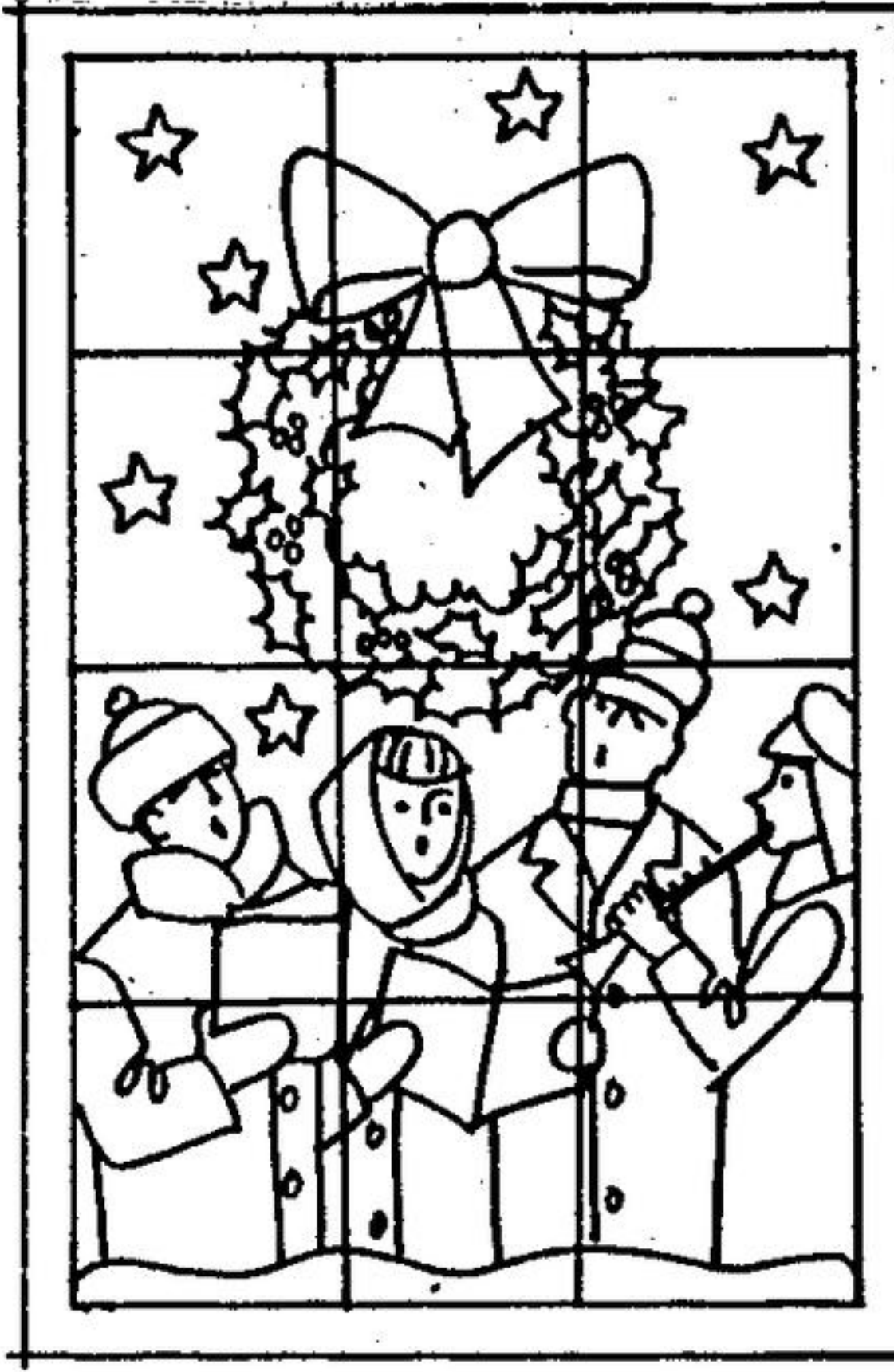




Everyone's anxious to trim the tree  
To make it beautiful for all to see.



Carolers' sweet voices joyously sing  
Hymns to praise the Newborn King.



Watch Santa listen with great joy,  
As a good little girl asks for a toy.



Christmas shoppers have lots of fun  
As they buy presents for everyone.



IT'S CHRISTMAS... and part of the holiday fun is found in the things children can do to help decorate the home for the Yuletide season. Whether painting windows or decorating the tree, it makes Christmas more meaningful when children participate.

## Village Residents Alarmed By "Potential Flood Plain"

Serious devaluation of private property and other economic hardships are reported by Terra Cotta property owners as a result of flood-control legislation. Complaints were heard Friday night at a meeting of the Terra Cotta and District Prevention Committee, held at the home of co-chairman W. E. Doole.

Chairman John Agg stressed that the Preservation Committee is by no means opposed to the conservation objectives of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, nor in this particular case the intent of the Order-in-Council to save lives and property from any future Hurricane Hazel. He said, however, that needless economic hardships would be suffered unless the new regulations were "reasonably interpreted and enforced".

banks to anywhere near the newly-designated danger level.

Many homes, and landmarks such as the Terra Cotta Inn, the Old Forge, the general store, and several brand-new residences are shown to be potential "Hurricane Hazel" targets. A young couple who moved there in November from Cooksville were unaware of the new regulations (introduced quietly, the committee maintained, last February) until they applied for a permit from Chinguacousy Township seeking minor alterations to their home. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Blower said the lawyer who handled the purchase of their home was unaware of the new laws governing the flood plain.

Among the hardest hit, at the moment, is David Hurst, who told the meeting that he

has just been turned down by the authority in his bid to build a new home.

Hurst bought a tiny, structurally-unsound cottage on the Town Line about a year ago, with the intention of replacing it this year. He obtained a permit from Esquering Township to install a new septic tank, designed for the projected larger home. Then, when he sought a building permit, the answer was "No" because of the new flood-plain legislation. Hurst said he would appeal the decision through his lawyer.

**COMPENSATION?** Art Rice, whose lot touches the river, said the authority would have to compensate him if the new laws undervalued his property. Additionally, he suggested, property-owners affected should seek tax relief through lowered assessment.

Co-chairman Loole said he had visited the Credit Valley authority recently and been assured by the general manager that each case affected by the legislation would be dealt with on its own merit.

Committee members suggested that the full impact of the Order-in-Council has yet to be felt, and that hundreds of property owners were as yet unaware they were in a potential "disaster area".

Chinguacousy Reeve Robert Williams, telephoned for his reaction, said the Credit Valley authority was in no position financially to offer compensation to residents whose property had been devaluated. He favored strong public protest.

Esquering Reeve Tom Hill, who had hoped to attend the meeting but was unable to do so, told a member that he would fight for any citizen who suffered unfairly because of the new law.

**COPY OF MAP**  
A copy of the official flood-control map for the Terra Cotta area was produced, and residents were shocked to see what is now officially delineated as the new potential flood plan. Long-term residents of the area couldn't recall the Credit River ever overflowing its

## Puppets Treat for Nursery Children

At the end of November, Maple Nursery School took the children into the city for their Christmas treat. A bus was rented, and the three teachers, along with eight volunteer mothers climbed aboard with the toddlers to leave Georgetown at 8.30. They had chosen to attend the puppet show at Simpsons' downtown store, and had made reservations to see the first performance at 10.00.

The timing was perfect for arrival in Toronto, and the half-hour show left time for them to see the animated windows and still be home shortly after noon. The puppet show itself was absolutely charming. It was bright and colourful, geared to younger children, but with enough Christmas fantasy to appeal to older children and adults too! It is free of charge and deserves priority on your Christmas treat list.

At its finish, we bundled up the children and spent the next half-hour gazing at the windows, then met the bus outside the store at

11.15. The kiddies, of course, were exhausted and at least half of them had succumbed to sleep before reaching Georgetown. The morning was a great success. If you think that the spirit of Christmas is dead, take a few little ones for a treat like this. Watch the wonder in their faces. It'll restore your faith immediately!

May this Christmas season be blessed and joyful for you. May every happiness be yours at this loveliest of seasons.

### Save the Bows

If you have to travel a distance to spend Christmas with families, wrap all the gifts but do not put the bows on packages — use the stick on type. Put all the bows into bags and when you reach your destination, the bows can quickly be put on the right packages. This allows stacking of packages in the car or suitcases with no worries about crushed bows.

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