



JO-ANNE GRANT



JOHN MURRAY



DON RENEHAN

## What I don't want for Christmas

Each and every Christmas we all get something we don't particularly want. Not that we are unappreciative, but how many uses are there for an electric wainut washer, especially if you love spanish peanuts?

This week to keep in with the holiday season the Herald again hit the streets to determine what people do not want for Christmas.

Remember that the Aunt Maude gave you last year that found such a warm place in your heart at the back of the closet. You know the one, the one that Liberace wouldn't wear. The answers are both surprising and interesting.

Albert Doyle, Main Street, out of trouble I don't want any Georgetown. "I don't want any alcohol. I just want someone trouble for Christmas. To keep friendly to talk to. That's what I

do want and don't want this Christmas.

John Murray of Georgetown does not want any bills for Christmas. Little does he realize that the bills come after Christmas to brighten the New Year. Mr. Murray also suggested that he does not want to see prices go any higher. A wish shared by us all this and any time of the year.

While some of us would welcome a pay raise Nick Piccini a driver-salesman for Christie Bread does not want a raise. "The more money I get the more they can take away. I don't want them to raise the income tax rate either," he added.

Don Renehan of Park's Variety does not want to see the MP's get their 50 percent pay hike. "They tell us to starve while they get double."

Jerry Clarke, Plant Manager of Halton Cable Systems was too busy to have his picture taken but was able to shout down the pole that he didn't want to see any unhappy faces during the holiday season.

Mrs. Kay Thatcher, cashier at Stedmans on Main Street does not want to eat Christmas dinner with just her husband. "I want the whole house full of guests for the holiday and Christmas dinner."

Anne Currie of Elizabeth Street doesn't want any old gloves for Christmas. We hope that Annie has been a good girl so Santa and his helpers will get Anne some new ones.

Jo-Anne Grant, Little Theatre Clown and director of the past production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs does not want any red long-johns for Christ-

mas. Personally though that is not what Santa promised Mrs. Grant but due to the secrecy oath between The Herald and Mr. Claus we cannot divulge the gifts Mrs. Grant can expect Christmas morning.



NICK PICCINI

## Sheila Cannon top drawer

Sheila Cannon, a student at St. Francis of Assisi Separate School, has produced the best fire prevention poster drawn by a girl in all Halton.

Miss Cannon's name headed the list of winners in the Halton Regional Fire Prevention Committee's 1974 poster competition. The best poster submitted by a boy was drawn by Russell Laffin of Robert Little School in Acton.

Runners-up were: Tammy Gould of Robert Little PS, Acton; Lenore Chisholm of Brookville Public School, Milton; Andy Shoemaker of St. Michael's School, Oakville; and Christopher Crozier of Holy Rosary School, Milton.

The annual contest was open only to students of Grade 5 in Halton and was conducted through the local fire departments in Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills. Winners from the four local divisions went on to the regional competition. Guelph Fire Prevention Bureau and Guelph Fire Chief Arnold Quillman selected the winners.

All six winners will receive a prize from the Halton Committee early in the new year. Each will receive a desk pen set and certificate. The two top posters will now go on to an all-Ontario competition.



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# Your government's position on negotiations with the Civil Service Association of Ontario.

**The Government of Ontario has offered the CSAO an average 20% pay increase over one year and is prepared to go to arbitration. CSAO leadership has refused this offer and also refuses to go to arbitration. We believe, as your government, we have offered a fair and reasonable contract.**

For almost three months now the Government of Ontario has been trying to negotiate a new collective agreement with the Civil Service Association of Ontario covering some 19,000 civil servants in the Operational Services Category.

With less than two weeks' negotiating time left before the current contract expires and the CSAO threatening an illegal strike on January 1st if it doesn't have a new agreement by then, we thought it was time to let you, the taxpayers of Ontario, know directly how and where things stand.

After all, it is your tax dollars that will be used to pay for any wage settlement we make with these employees. And it is your services that will be threatened with disruption if the CSAO carries out its threat of an illegal walkout.

### The government has tried to negotiate in good faith.

Government and CSAO negotiators have had a number of meetings since September. At them our representatives have consistently tried to bargain seriously and in good faith. We have shown reasonable flexibility in our position. When that approach failed to draw a response from the other side, government negotiators on December 3rd put their full mandate on the bargaining table.

By contrast, CSAO negotiators in September demanded a 61½ per cent increase in a one-year contract for 1975—an increase that would cost you, the taxpayers of Ontario, almost \$100 million in additional wage bills next year. The CSAO refused to move from that position until December 13th when it put forth an equally unrealistic and unreasonable demand for a 41 per cent increase in one year.

### The government has made a fair and reasonable wage offer.

The government's current offer was made in a sincere attempt to be fair and reasonable with our employees, while, at the same time, recognizing our wider responsibilities to the taxpayers and economy of our province.

In recognition of the current inflationary climate in Canada, we proposed a one-year contract so that both sides could return to the bargaining table within 12 months and review the situation in the light of economic circumstances at that time. For 1975 we offered wage increases averaging 20 per cent for the 19,000 employees involved. These increases would cost an additional \$32.7 million next year.

### The government wants a settlement—but it must be prepared for an illegal strike.

The government remains ready to negotiate seriously and in good faith within the framework of its current proposal. We have already offered to submit the matter to an arbitration board. And an arbitration board, we might add, which would be constituted in a way which would meet the CSAO's own demand for equal representation on such boards.

In the meantime, since January 1st isn't far away, the government has had to formulate contingency plans in the event the CSAO leadership persists in calling an illegal strike. We hope that doesn't happen. But if it does, we are determined to meet our responsibility to maintain those services you rightfully expect to receive from your government.

**We believe we have been fair and reasonable with our employees and responsible to you as taxpayers and to the economy of our province.**



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*This statement represents the status of negotiations as of publication deadline.*