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**GRADE ONE AND TWO** students of Mrs. George McEachern at the Bruce Street school held a Christmas party on Friday afternoon. Around the Christmas tree with their gifts are, seated: Michael Mitchell, Stuart Hall, David Ambrose and Paul Borbely, and standing, Susan Waters, Nancy Hood, Alec Borbely, Leslie Wilson, Robbie Lachine and Lynne Ellis.

## Horticultural Notes For the Month of December

Prepared by the Milton and District Horticultural Society

Bulbs that were planted in October may not need protection, but those planted later need protection. Four or five inches of strawy manure, straw, hay or leaves will prevent bulbs from being lifted or heaved. Some spruce or pine boughs may be put over the straw or hay to keep the covering in place. Dutch Hyacinths and fritillaries, no matter when planted, must have protection.

### Clean Up Now

Now is the time to clean garden tools and implements. Give them a good coating of heavy oil or grease to prevent rusting. Garden hose should be coiled in a flat position or wound on a hose reel rather than hung up. Apple and pear trees may be pruned now if you do not wish to wait until spring. In very cold districts it would be wiser to wait until spring.

Currants, gooseberries, grapes, many ornamental shrubs and some other kinds of hard wooded plants,

may be propagated by means of dormant cuttings taken now and stored, or they may be taken any time in winter, allowing time in storage for the formation of a callus at the butts before planting time. Cut off the lower ends close to a bud, and leave the exposed surface clean and smooth. The upper cut may be half inch above a bud. The length of the cutting would be governed by the distance apart of the buds. Store with the butts uppermost, in moss, sand or sawdust, either in a pit outdoors or in the cellar.

### Decoy for Mice

Mice and rabbits prefer young bark to old. They would not touch the tough bark around the base or trunk of a tree, if they can get at the young limbs and twigs. Why not provide these for them as a decoy? Cut out the water sprouts and other unneeded young branches and pile them on the ground in the middle of the spaces between trees or rows, for them to gnaw on

## Mistletoe, Yule Log Customs Dating Back to Pagan Days

Many of the customs of the present-day Christmas were carried over from pagan festivals. Two of the most cherished are the hanging of the mistletoe and the burning of the yule log. The Druids are said to have regarded the mistletoe with great veneration. It is believed that the burning of the yule log was handed down to the English by their Scandinavian ancestors

who, at the feast of the winter solstice, kindled huge bonfires in honor of their god Thor. In medieval times in England, the log usually included the root of a huge oak, which was drawn into the castle with great noise and singing.

### Burn Log Properly No Evil on House

The custom of burning a specially chosen and prepared log at festive time goes back into antiquity when fire and the log were held in special reverence. It was believed that evil would not descend upon households where the Yule log had been properly burned.

### Stand in Stables

Horses and cattle in Denmark are given extra food on Christmas Eve. It is believed that manger animals stand at midnight in honor of the Christ Child's birth.



Season's  
GREETINGS

Warmly, we welcome  
the happiest season of  
the year, with hearty wishes  
to our friends and  
customers, for a holiday  
abounding in joy  
and good fellowship.



Peace

May the peace and  
good will of the first  
Christmas be with you  
and yours, always.

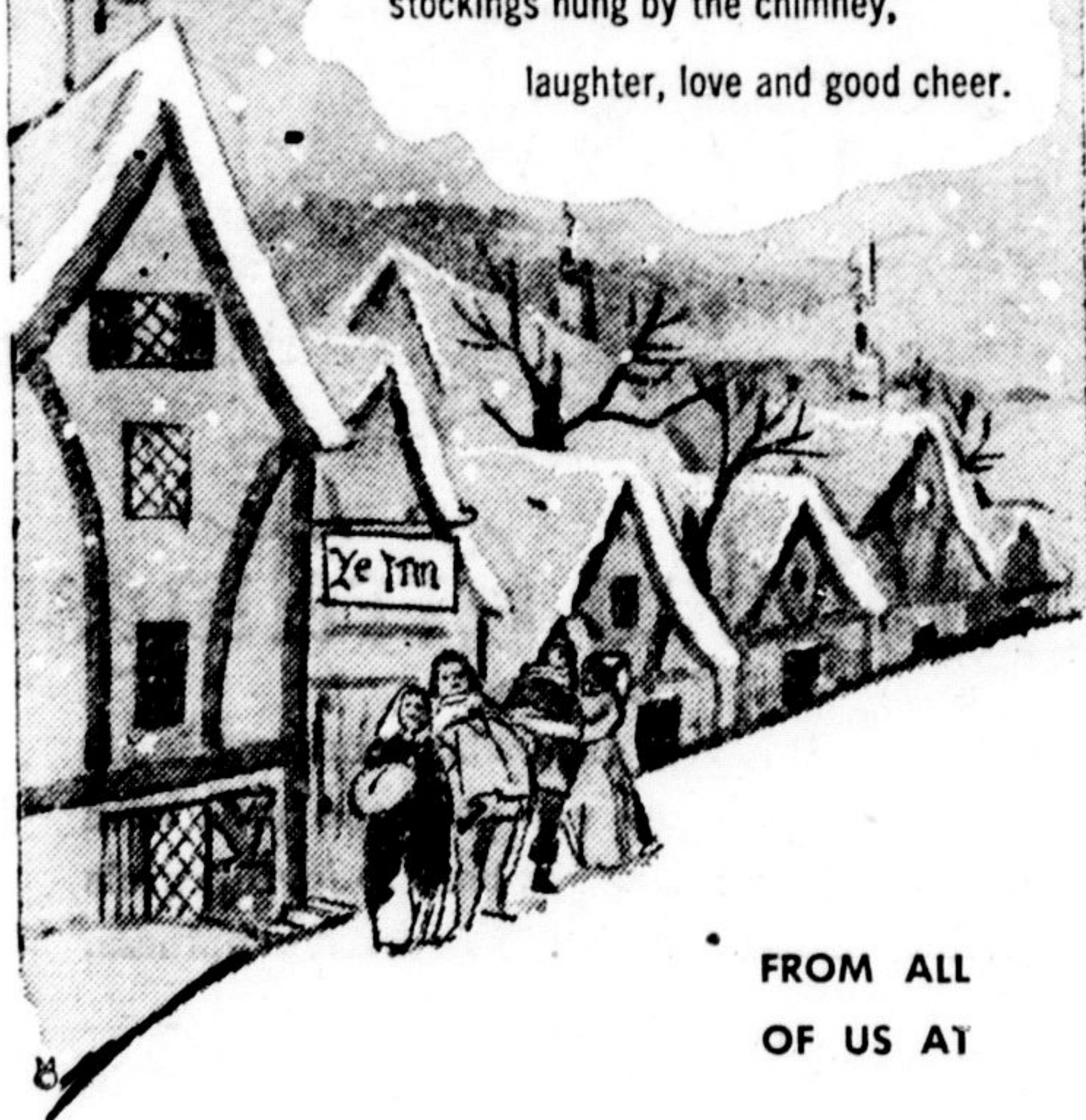
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Milton Greenhouses

## Christmas Cheer

We hope you have a very Merry Christmas,  
the good old-fashioned kind with all  
the trimmings...joyous carols,  
stockings hung by the chimney,  
laughter, love and good cheer.



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