



**OLD-FASHIONED SING-SONG** is enjoyed by the Friends of the Museum and their children during a recent visit to Halton Region Museum. Enjoying the music of Vi Slade on the old spinet are Carol Lee, Marion Adams, Susan Henderson,

Bonnie Dowdell, Melanie Wilyman and their children Kathryn and Andrew Boyle, Cory Wilyman, Coby Dowdell, Meg Henderson, Bethany Lee and Colin Adams.

## Friends of the museum

The "Friends of the Museum" is an auxiliary group of men and women interested in the development of the Halton Regional Museum and welcomes new members. Special programs are held during the year such as the annual festival on the third Sunday in June and the pre-Christmas Open House.

The Friends in this issue are Carol Lee, Marion Adams, Susan Henderson, Bonnie Dowdell, Vi Slade, Melanie Wilyman. Children are Kathryn and Andrew Boyle, Cory Wilyman, Coby Dowdell, Meg Henderson, Bethany Lee and Colin Adams.

### THIRSTY TREES

A Christmas tree's beauty can turn into a fiery nightmare if safety precautions are forgotten. Consumers' Association of Canada urges that when erecting a Christ-

mas evergreen, consumers re-cut its butt diagonally. The tree should then be stood in water and the water supply maintained for the duration of the tree's use.

## Safety should be remembered too

The Council on Family Health in Canada urges you to consider the following safety checks to ensure that your Christmas Day is a happy and safe one.

The Council is a nonprofit organization established by members of the drug industry to encourage and promote safety in the home.

That fabulous chemistry set Uncle Harry gave Tommy could turn into a disaster for the rug you just had cleaned and send up a smell that overpowers the most succulent turkey.

Be sure to check directions

and have a safe place where Tommy can do his "chemical trick" without smaller brothers or sisters trying to imitate.

#### Check wires

Those cute little electrical toys such as trains, racing car sets, and home appliance stoves have to be plugged in. Before you do, examine the wires and plugs and take a few minutes to instruct the children how to use these properly. Be sure the plug is firmly in the socket, that the socket is not overloaded and that the plug and wiring are in good condition.

New bikes and trikes should not be ridden in the living room. The tree can too easily be knocked over, wires pulled and accidents could occur.

Cooking the delicious Christmas feast should not be taken lightly. When the house is full of excitement, accidents can happen quickly. Be sure pot handles are not within reach of inquisitive two-year-olds, do not reach across hot burners, have oven mitts and pads handy, and keep some baking soda near by to throw on fires just in case. Keep your stove free from grease accumulation at all times.

#### Turn off

Tree lights should be turned off even if you go out for an hour.

A nap for the children in the afternoon, especially if they are under three, will keep

everyone happy. Remember children at this age require 14 hours of sleep at night and active children cannot always store up enough energy during the night to last all day, especially a day with so much excitement.

## Red-nosed Rudolph becomes a tradition

That reindeer is becoming a tradition.

Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a built-in flash-light bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1938 the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familiar as Humpty Dumpty and Cinderella to youngsters everywhere.

First invented as a sales giveaway promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas.

Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own publishing company using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 2,000,000 copies.

Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale ranging from boogie-woogie by Sugar Chile

Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.



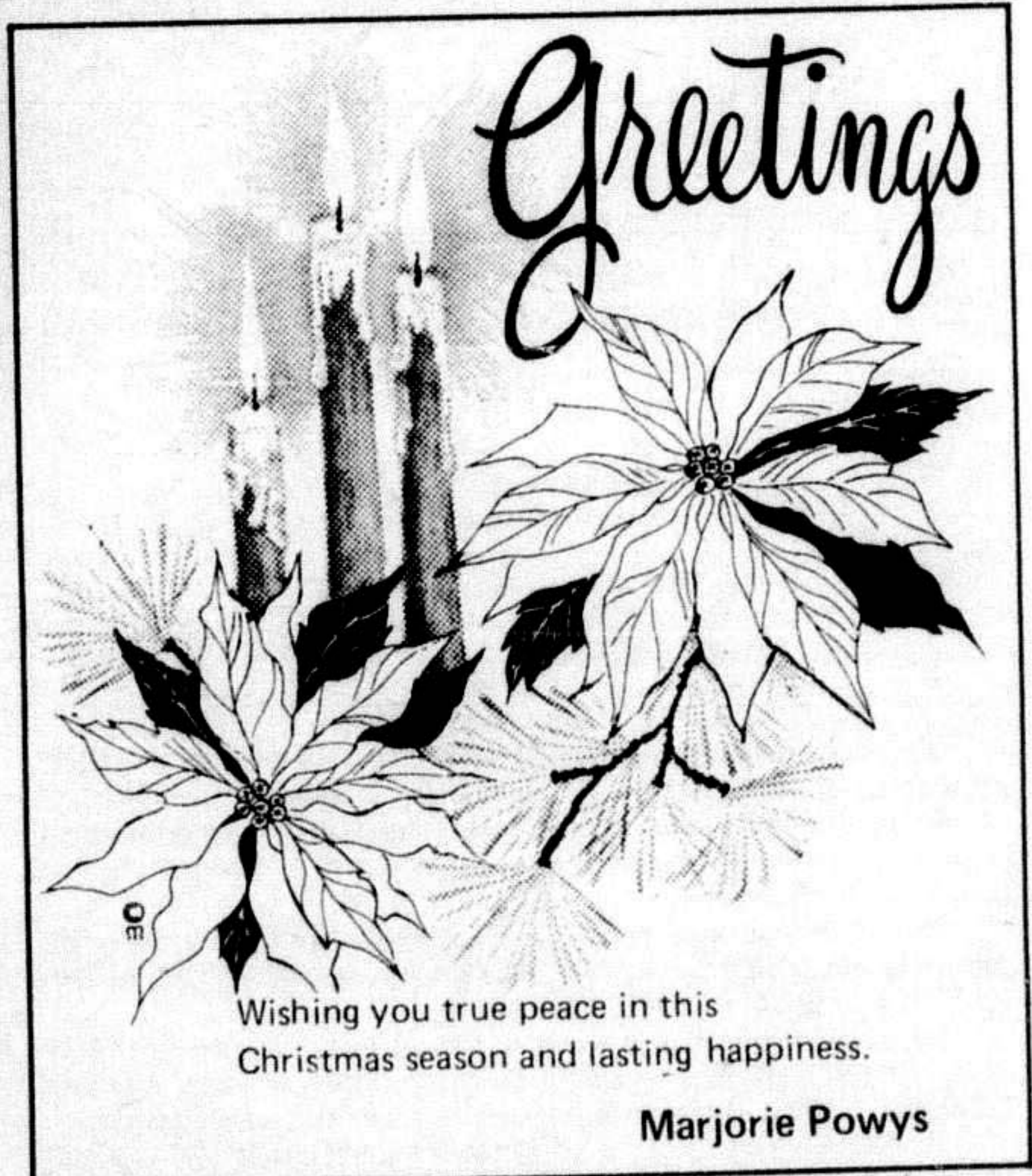
**merry Christmas**

Throughout the land, the season spreads its warmth and happiness with our message of sincere gratitude.

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### SANTAKLAUSEN

Christmas is the most important festival of the year in Austria, but Saint Nicholas (Santaklausen), the patron saint of the children, appears on Dec. 6. Santaklausen is accompanied by the devil and demands that the children tell of their bad deeds, as well as their good ones. After the children promise to be good, Santaklausen rewards them with candies, fruits and nuts.



Wishing you true peace in this Christmas season and lasting happiness.

Marjorie Powys

With pride and gratitude for the loyalty you have shown, we extend our sincerest wishes that you and yours enjoy

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