



# Safety measures help ensure Merry Christmas

For most Canadian families the Yuletide season isn't complete without a Christmas tree well covered with attractive decorations and bright lights.

"But safety should be the foremost concern, when purchasing and installing your decorations this season," says Robert Price, Electrical Inspection Superintendent in Ontario Hydro's Central Region.

To ensure a safe and happy holiday, unmarred by the dangers of fire, Mr. Price recommends the following Christmas safety suggestions:

#### Look for seal

1. When purchasing decorative lighting sets and electrical appliances be sure they bear the Canadian Standards Association seal of approval. The large "C" enclosing the letters "SA" means that your purchases have passed the severe approval tests of CSA which have been established for your protection.

2. Store the tree in a cool place until you put it up.

3. Keep it in a water-filled container.

4. Do not block an exit with the tree.

5. Make sure that all ornaments and such things as cotton batting for decorations are fireproof.

6. Check both indoor and outdoor tree-lighting equipment for frayed wires, cracked or brittle insulation, broken lamp sockets or damaged plugs. Throw away and replace deteriorated lighting sets.

7. Avoid overloading electrical circuits with holiday lighting.

#### Call for help

8. If a fuse blows, check first for defects in the lighting sets. If the trouble persists, call an electrical contractor for assistance.

9. Turn off the lights when you go out or leave the room.

10. Never use electric lights on metal Christmas trees and keep metal icicles away from lighting sets.

11. Manufacturers' instructions on lighting equipment should be followed carefully. The safety features built into them may be nullified by careless or improper handling.

12. Take down the tree as quickly as possible when the season is over and store all lights in a dry place. Outdoor sets should also be put away as the wiring deteriorates quickly from summer sun and heat.

13. When you purchase new appliances or electrical toys as gifts examine each device

for the CSA mark of approval. These safety tips from Ontario Hydro will assure that you do have a truly "Merry Christmas".

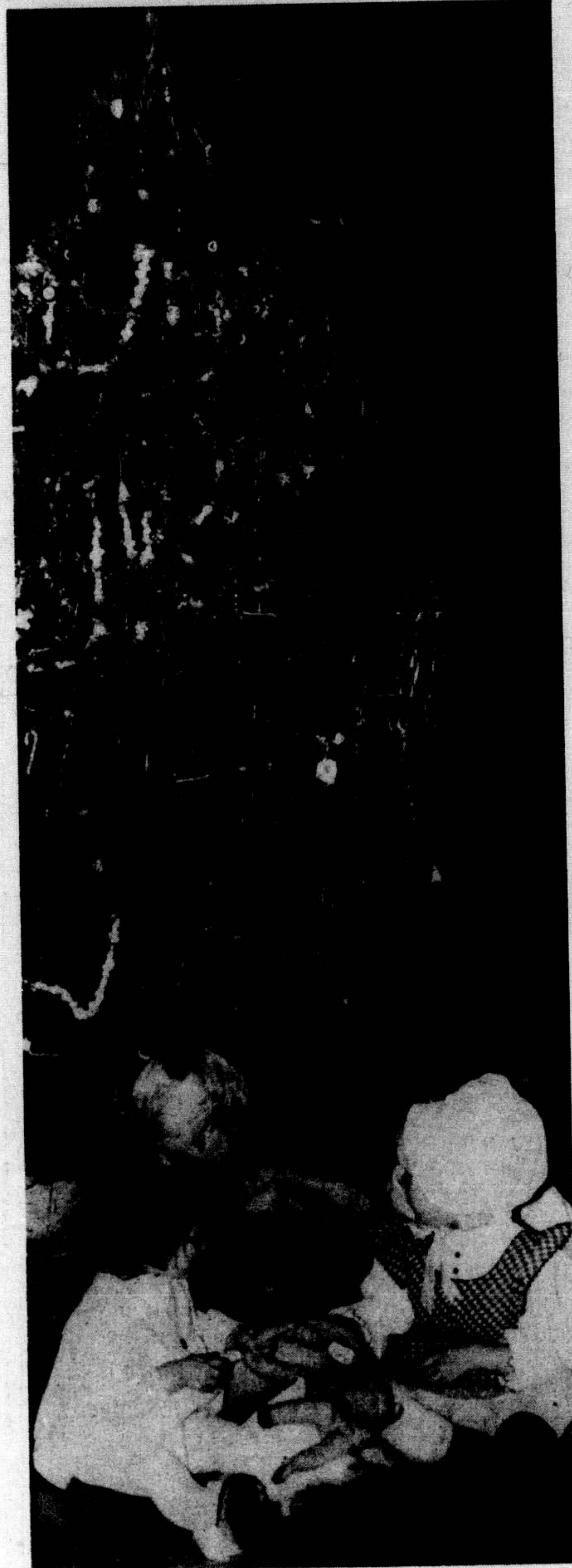
Do not engage in excessive spending—it will be a happier Christmas for you. Plan your gift-buying well within your income.

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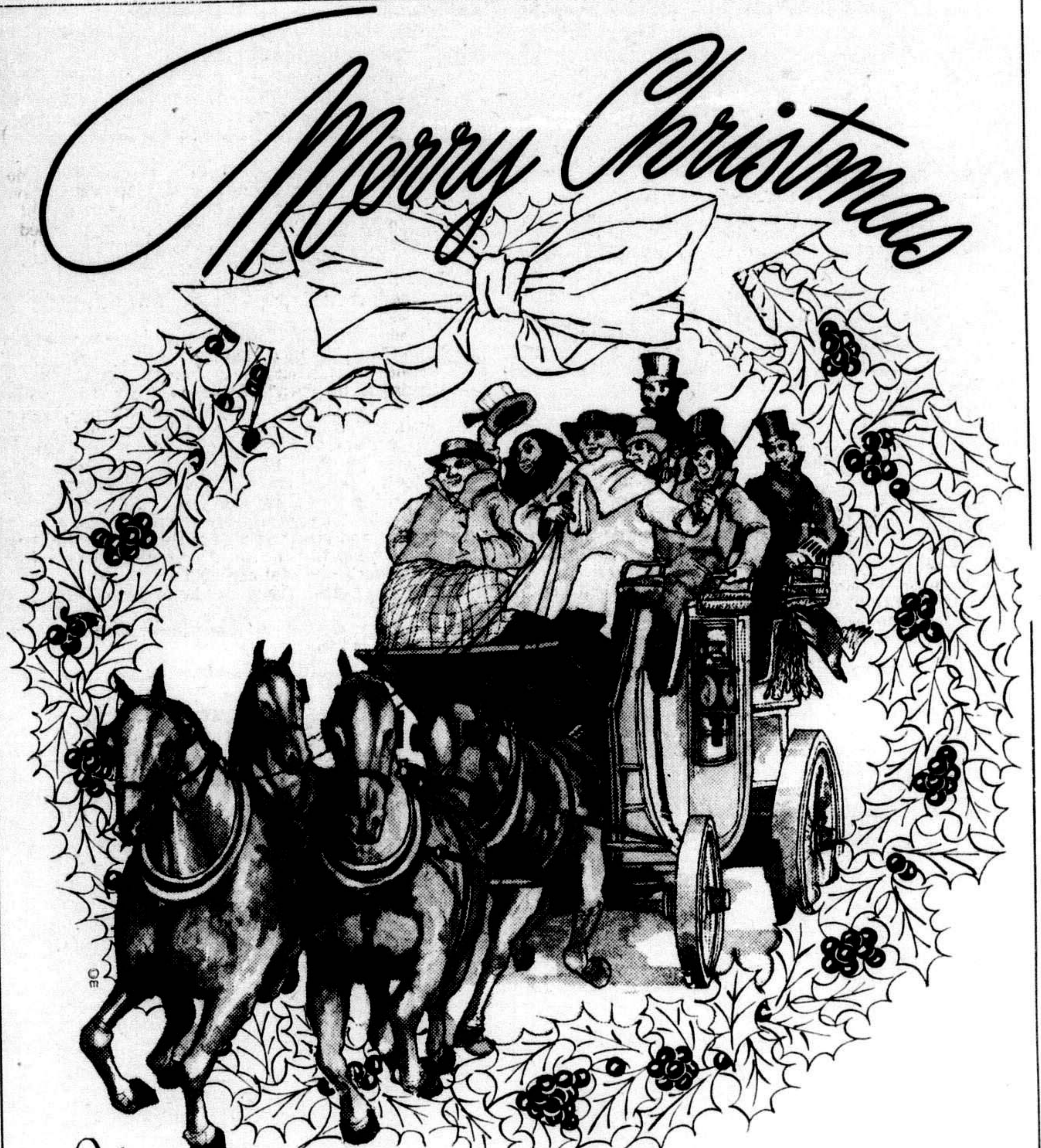
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*Heartfelt wishes for a glowing Yuletide overflowing with good cheer and happy days. We are thinking of you, our dear friends, and hoping your holidays will be filled with many delights.*

*Special thanks to all.*

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