

WELCOME TO THE SHOP, Melanie Wilyman seems to be saying to the mannequins dressed in old-fashioned clothes at Halton Museum.

Yule baking sessions fun, but dangerous

Children enjoy Christmas baking sessions. They can be a rewarding experience, with the whole family pitching in to create delicious Christmas goodies.

Don't spoil your fun with careless actions. Ontario Safety League reminds you that safety precautions go hand-in-hand with any good

recipe. Hot fat, oil or grease are major causes of burns and often home fires. Never drop food into over-heated oil-it can splatter easily. Overheated grease can burst into flame on the stove top or in the oven. Be sure to use sturdy cooking utensils, with heat resistant and tight handles turned well away from passing, curious children. Keep a lid to completely cover the pan, or a box of baking soda on hand.

Smother it If grease does flare up, DO NOT pick up the pan and run. This fans the flames. Turn off the heat and smother the pan with the lid or baking soda. An oven grease fire will extinguish itself when the heat is turned off and the door is kept closed. Remember, water is ineffective and will only splatter the grease and flames. If you are intending to save the oil for future use, wait until it has cooled before pouring into your storage containers.

Electrical appliance cords drooping over the side of counters and tables can easily catch on clothing or be pulled by small children. It is better to let tiny tots watch while safely seated in a chair, rather than let them 'help'.

Always dress properly for cooking. The TV hostess dressed to the teeth may look beautiful on the screen, but in

reality she'd be her own worst enemy in a normal kitchen. Regular shoes will help prevent foot injuries. Robes and caftans may be great for lounging, but those long the fire department before attempting to fight the fire yourself. Your first rule in the event of fire is Get Out Safely.

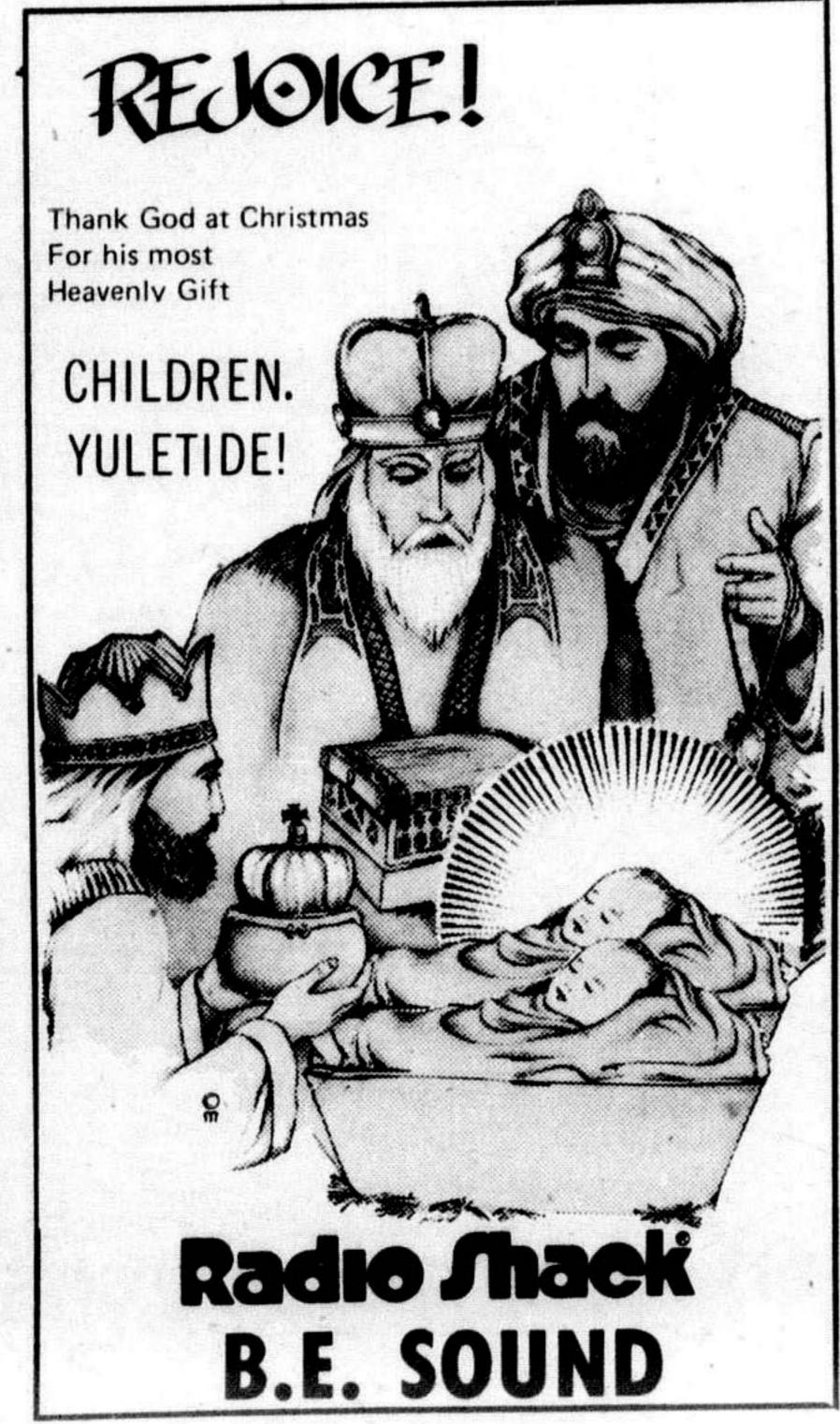
GET OUT FIRST

get everyone out of the house,

then sound the alarm and call

If fire should strike, first

sleeves and loose folds are a catch-all in the kitchen.



Alexander home

This was the home of three generations of Alexanders. Built about 1860 of cut limestone from the immediate area, it was a large and ornate structure. A two storey building with full basement, it had a storage and tool shed attached to each wing.

In 1918 sparks from a passing C.P.R. train started a fire on the roof of the east wing which destroyed that

Make Tree Show Change Of Pace

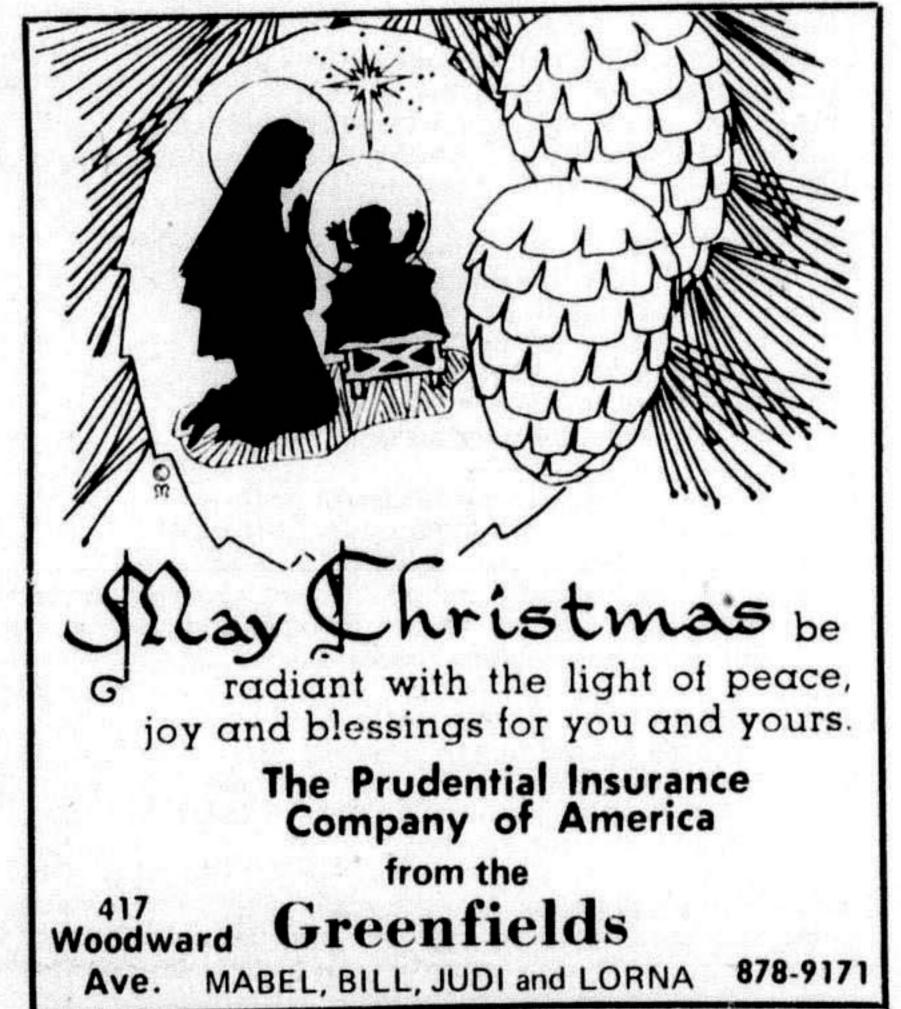
To depart from a traditional Christmas tree, some families like to try a new theme or let children make ornaments.

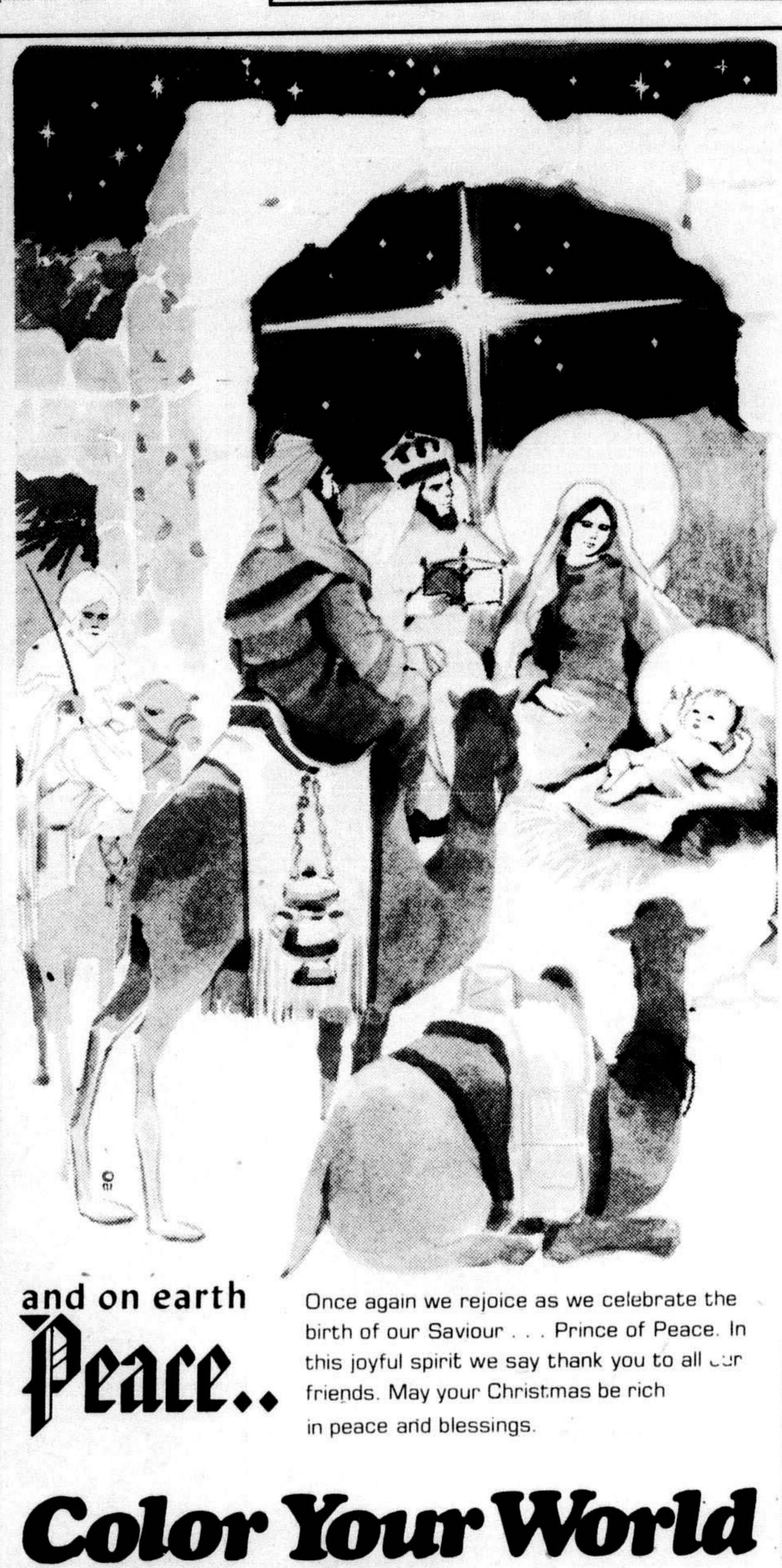
Cookies, gingerbread men, and popcorn or candy strings are traditional tree decorations, but dried corn kernels and gumdrops can be used. Painted nuts or decorated blown eggshells will add an unusual touch, along with different shapes of uncooked macaroni gilded and glued to a foam ball.

A tree decorated with miniature packages wrapped in velvet or brocade and tied with brightlycolored ribbon can be a tree theme.

Cut-outs of animals, toy soldiers, dolls or sleds from foam rubber sheeting or plastic foam can be decorated by gluing sequins on them. wing and caused extensive smoke damage to the rest of the house. However, it was quickly restored with only slight change in the original design.

The Museum is developing a library and archives in the east wing and is presently using the second floor as a costume storage area and workshop.





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