



### Party guests with Santa

Laura Bradshaw, left, and Susie Barber, right, sit on Santa's lap at the Midland Nursery School's Christmas party on Wednesday afternoon.

## The poinsettia...

The poinsettia plant is a welcome addition in any home or business during the Christmas season and, for that matter, all year round.

The poinsettia received its name from diplomat Jel Roberts Poinsett, who first brought cuttings to the United States from Mexico in the late 1820s.

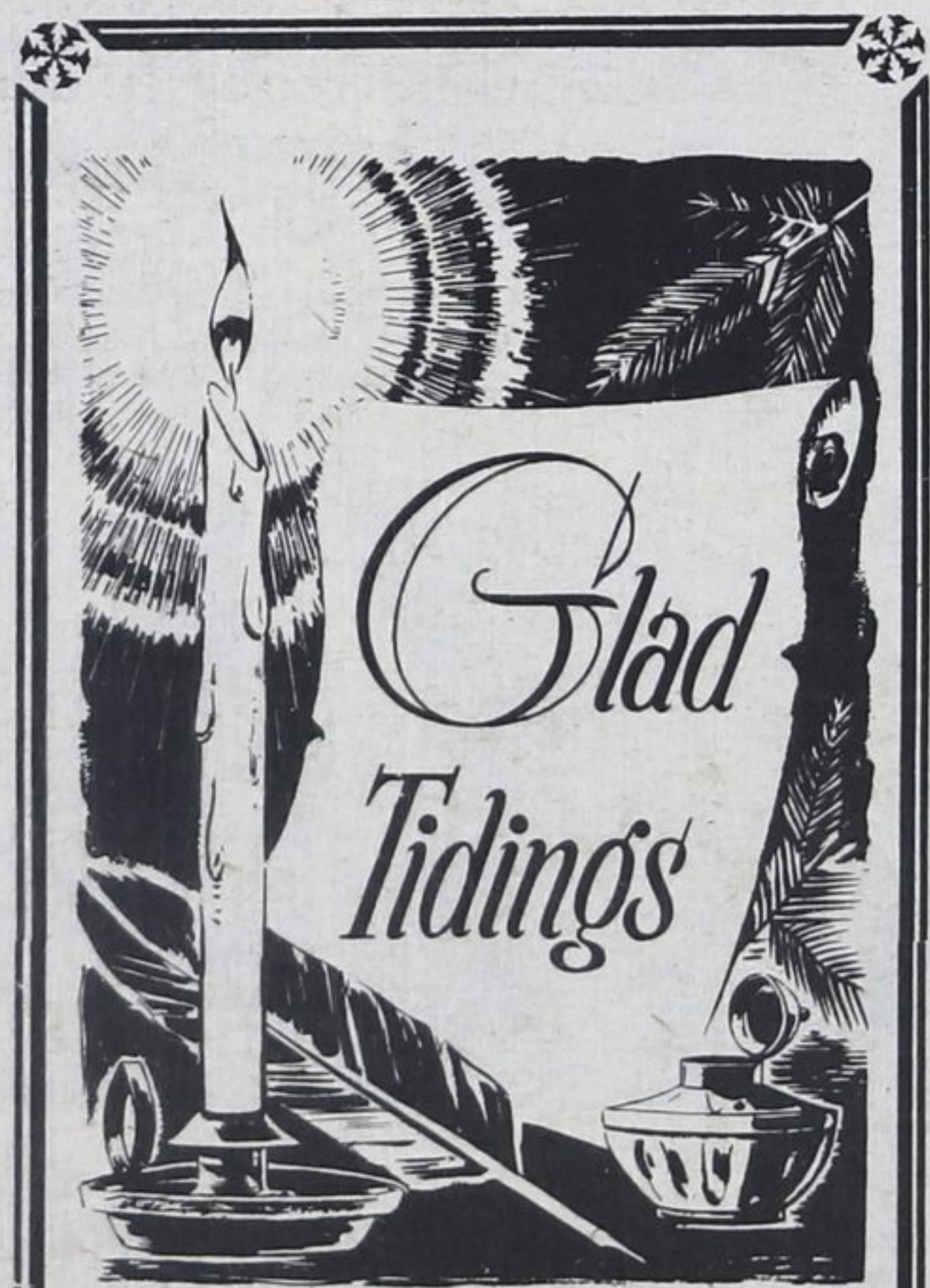
A general misconception about the plant concerns the red "blooms." These are not flowers at all, but bracts that become colorful when exposed to sunlight. The actual flowers are tiny, yellow blossoms in the centre of the beautiful bracts. Another misunderstanding is the charge that the poinsettia is poisonous. Exhaustive research has proved beyond doubt that the poinsettia is non-toxic.

While red is the traditional poinsettia color, the plant is also available in white and shades of pink. Your retail florist may also be carrying some of the new two-toned varieties - white with pink and red with pink.

Poinsettias are grown in two distinct categories. The "branched" plants are pinched short and full of blossoms - like a "bouquet." The "single-stem" varieties contain several individual plants in a pot - each bearing one large bloom.

New to the market are poinsettias that cascade from hanging baskets

and plants sculpted to resemble topiary trees. Because of their novelty, your florist may have to special-order these items.



May the radiance of love and friendship brighten each day of the Yuletide Season. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

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## Make it a sharing Christmas ...

This Christmas as you enjoy the festive season with family and friends take time out to remember this:

Simcoe, scores of families who often go to bed without supper. In some cases there are families who wonder where their next meal will come from.

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One doesn't have to look too far to see that there is a real need to share our wealth with others.

This Christmas, make

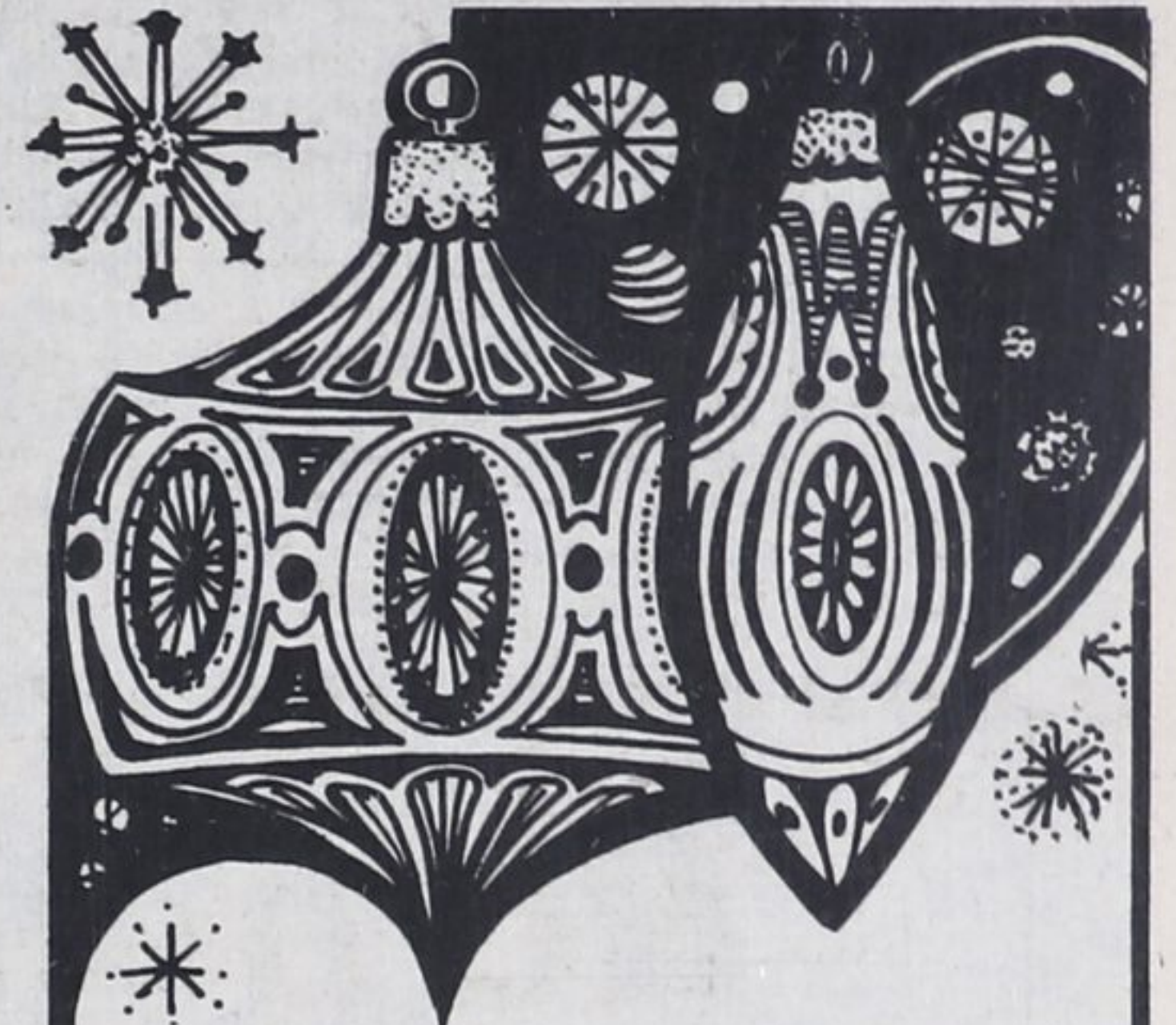
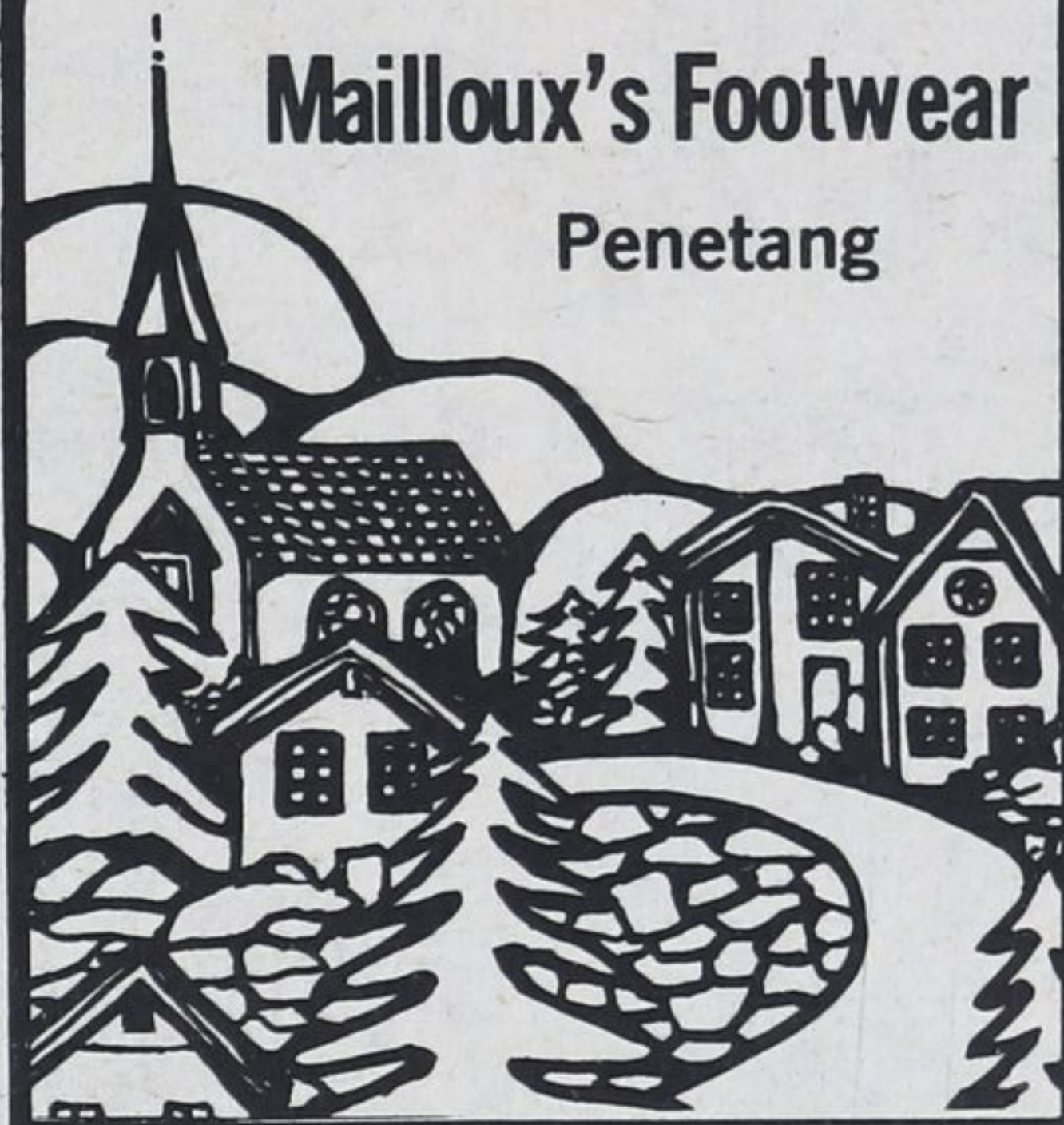
it a sharing Christmas. That's the message of the Midland Salvation Army...dedicated to sharing food for the stomach and food for the soul.



## CHRISTMAS JOY

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## Warm Wishes

Here's an old-fashioned greeting from all of us to all our friends!

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## Joyous Holidays



It's the happiest time of year, the time when we draw close to those we love. May you enjoy the best of this Holiday Season.

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