

Christmas Around The World

GERMANY
The Christmas tree tradition here dates back 400 years and until recently with the introduction of artificial lighting candles were used as trim.

GREECE
Christmas spells romance for young Greek people who foretell their future by tossing olive leaves on the burning Yule log. Tradition decrees that if the leaves, symbolizing the girl and man, curl toward each other, the lovers can expect happiness to be long-lived.

THE MANGER
So familiar to all who know and love the Christmas story was an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock near the centre of the hill town of Bethlehem.

HURON INDIANS
On Christmas Eve, Huron Indians believed deer knelt to the "Great Spirit." In the hope of seeing this wondrous sight they would hide in the cold winter night of the forests for hours.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS
It is probably from the European custom of setting out the shoe or sabot for gifts that we derive our own ceremony of hanging up a stocking on Christmas Eve.

NORWAY
Norwegians hide an almond in the Christmas pudding. Tradition says the finder will be married in the next year.

IN SCANDINAVIA
People place sheaves of grain and bits of suet on trees and rooftops so birds can feast on Christmas Day.

"REVEILLON"
In French-Canadian homes one of the highlights of Christmas is the "Reveillon", a middle-of-the-night family feast for adults. The meal is served after return from midnight mass. Traditional dishes such as "tourtières", spicy pork pies, are featured.

IN JAPAN
Christmas is observed widely despite the fact that fewer than one percent of the population is Christian. Each year, Tokyo's streets are bright with holiday decorations and "White Christmas" is almost as popular as it is in America.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

New Chicken Villa Receives Hearty Welcome

Hundreds of Richmond Hill families enjoyed Scott's Chicken Villa's take home dinners last Saturday night as they took advantage of the opening special. A portion of the line-up is seen inside the attractive new building on Yonge Street North. In the window is a life-size portrait of Colonel Sanders, whose recipe is used in preparing these dinners.

Cooking Christmas Turkey

Turkey is still the traditional meat for our Canadian Christmas dinner even though nowadays we serve it often on any day of the year. We are eating more turkey this year than ever before as there is a size to suit every family and every occasion.

If you are planning a large family Christmas dinner, the home economists of the Consumer Section, Canada Department of Agriculture suggest buying a 16 to 24 pound eviscerated bird. This should give 21 to 32 servings of turkey based on 3/4 pound of ready-to-cook turkey per serving. But remember some of your guests may want a second helping! For example, if you are planning dinner for twenty you would need a turkey weigh-

ing about 23 pounds. That would give 30 servings and enough to serve "seconds" to half the guests.

For the smaller family's Christmas dinner there are 12 to 16 pound turkeys providing 16 to 21 servings. With fewer guests, the smart hostess can plan an left-over-turkey, for cold sliced turkey, turkey salad, or turkey casserole for a party or two during the holiday week.

The small family of four has two choices — a turkey that weighs less than 10 pounds or turkey half weighing 10 to 12 pounds. If you are planning a dinner for two, a 6 to 8 pound turkey broiler may be purchased in most centers. If this is not available, ask your butcher to quarter a turkey for you.

In some of the larger cities, turkey half breasts, weighing 3 1/2 to 4 pounds are available.

All of these turkeys may be stuffed and roasted. Allow 1 1/2 to 3/4 cup stuffing for each pound of ready-to-cook turkey.

Here's a handy timetable to help you estimate the time to allow for roasting turkey. Use a moderately slow oven (325 degrees).

Weight	Approximately	Roasting Time
Eviscerated Whole Turkeys		
6 to 12 lbs.		4 to 5 hrs.
12 to 16 lbs.		5 to 6 hrs.
16 to 20 lbs.		6 to 7 1/2 hrs.
20 to 24 lbs.		7 1/2 to 9 hrs.
Turkey Halves		
8 to 10 lbs.		4 to 4 1/2 hrs.
10 to 20 lbs.		4 1/2 to 5 hrs.
Turkey Quarters		
4 to 6 lbs.		3 to 4 hrs.

Turkey Half Breasts
6 to 8 lbs. 3 to 3 1/2 hrs.
3 1/2 to 4 lbs. 2 1/2 to 3 hrs.

To test for doneness — Press thick muscle of drumstick, protecting fingers with cloth or paper towel. It should feel soft if bird is done and leg should move readily when lifted or twisted. If meat thermometer is used, insert it into the thickest part of thigh muscle one hour before end of calculated roasting time. It should register 190 degrees in the thigh or 165 degrees to 170 degrees in the center of the stuffing.

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CEDAR GROVE: George Freeman of Steeles Avenue celebrated his 94th birthday here December 13. Mr. Freeman, who enjoys very good health, was born on the farm on which he still lives with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Little.

Woodbridge Man Burned In Rescue

A Hurricane Hazel veteran who rescued 27 Woodbridge area residents from the flood in 1954, James McEachern, 52, of Park Drive tried another rescue attempt last Wednesday.

This time his efforts were in vain. Mr. McEachern was attempting to free Grant McKnight, 22, of Bradford from the cab of his truck after an accident on Highway 7 and 27 when the gas tanks exploded.

In an interview at his Woodbridge home, he said he had not seen the actual collision between McKnight's truck and a westbound car but did see the truck turn on its side and slide along the highway.

He pulled his car off the road and despite warnings that the tanks might explode from another motorist, had freed one of the driver's legs when the tanks blew up.

Crediting the fact that he was not more badly burned to being partially inside the truck door, he said his trousers caught fire and his hands were burned. Mr. McEachern will be off work for several weeks while his hands heal.

During the hurricane, he and another man in an eleven foot motorboat took 27 people from their flooded homes to safety. He was awarded a gold watch by the Humber Valley Lions Club.

More than 9,000 pheasants, including 4,750 day-olds, 4,000 poults and 650 adults were distributed by the department to the regulated townships in 1964. These totals do not include Markham, East Whitchurch, Toronto and Albion Townships, it is reported. In addition, Whitchurch Township released 426 adult birds last spring, which they had carried over from the previous year.

A field check of 1,795 hunters carried out by conservation officers during the open season, indicated a harvest of 967 birds or half a bird per hunter. This is an increase of 15%

Issue 5,518 Township Licences During 1964 Pheasant Season

Thirteen regulated townships over 1963. The time required in the Lake Simcoe District issued 5,518 township hunting licences during the pheasant season which ended November 7. Resident licences totalled 2,047 and non-resident totalled 3,471. This represented a decrease of 10.6% in the total issued as compared to the previous year, reports the Department of Lands and Forests.

Unusual weather conditions greeted hunters on opening day of the season, with a cold rain starting in the morning and turning to snow by afternoon. Hardy hunters were rewarded by good success in the Townships of Pickering, King, and Chinguacousy, capturing an average of one bird per hunter.

While some hunters reported a bird scarcity in certain townships, others obtained a complete bag in a very few hours of hunting. The overall picture presented a fair increase in the harvest over previous years.

One significant feature was that with hunters wearing the new numbered back patch for the first time, not one complaint was received at the district office of any hunter causing a hunter-landowner problem.

TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

PROCLAMATION CIVIC HOLIDAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1964 BOXING DAY

WHEREAS at a meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill, held on the 14th day of December, 1964, it was resolved that Saturday, December 26th, 1964 (Boxing Day), be and the same is hereby fixed as a Civic Holiday for the current year and that the Mayor be authorized to publish a proclamation in connection therewith.

These are, therefore to make known that in compliance with the aforesaid resolution, I do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 26th, 1964 (Boxing Day) as a CIVIC HOLIDAY.

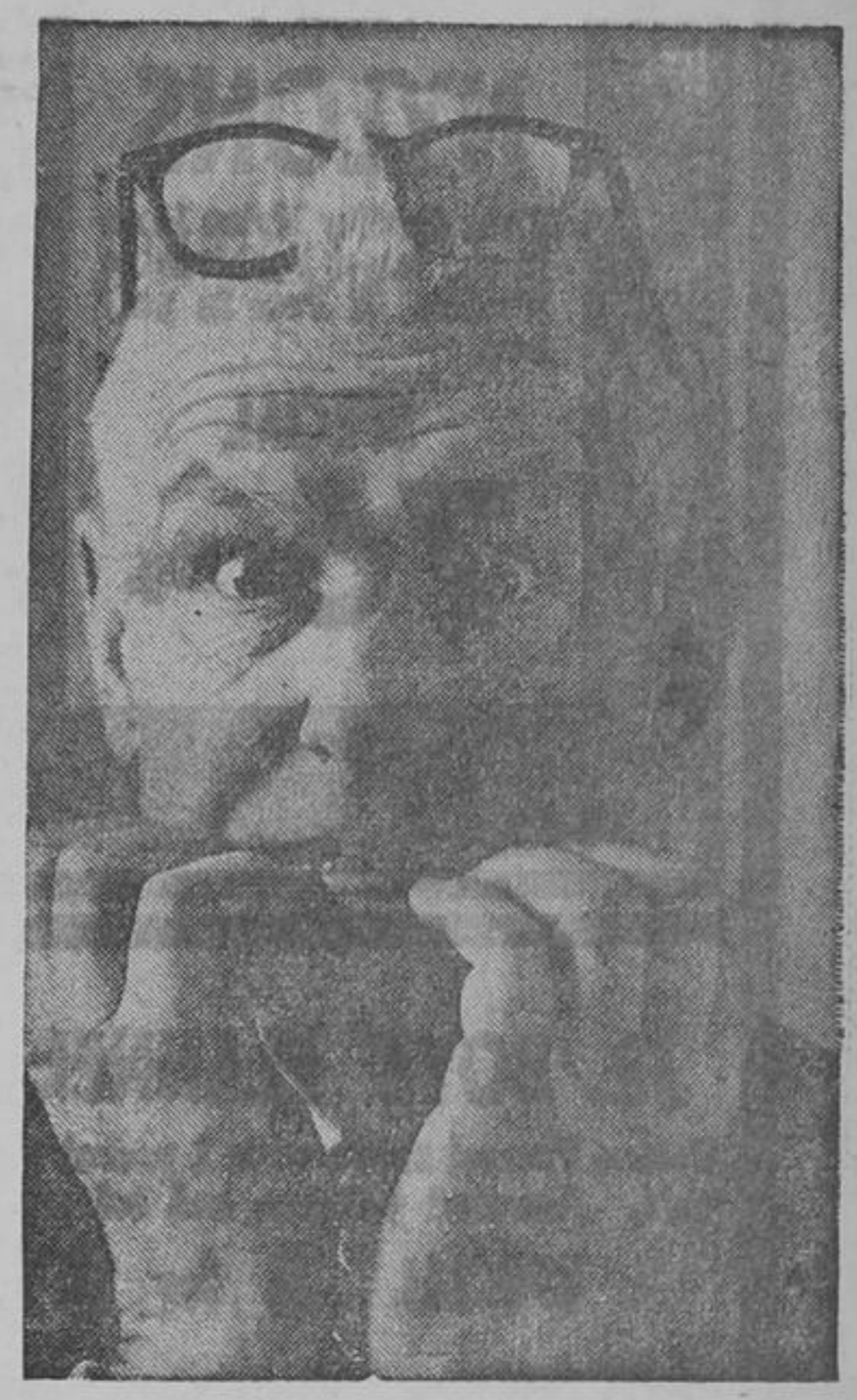
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Christmas Concert
Once again brushed, shining and excited children gathered for the Christmas concert in Headford United Church December 28. Behind-the-scenes agonies, for the adults are as interesting as the final result. "Do I do that part or do you?" "Do I do that part or do you?" "Is my costume on right?" And as always, mistakes were not noticed and everything was lovely from Christine Terry's preschoolers who pantomimed a story, the primary, an action song and Cora Brodie's class who depicted the legend of the first Christmas tree.

Delightful numbers were the rhythm band selections performed by the pre-school, primary and junior pupils under the direction of Mrs. S. Rumble and accompanied by Mrs. C. Lee.

Gloria Lee and Brenda Wellman sang a duet in two part harmony and the choir sang several Christmas selections.

The tempo was changed when the junior boys, Doug Young's class performed an unusual operation in shadow mime. The realistic groans from the patient acquainted the audience with the seriousness of the situation.

And once again the pageant of the nativity was presented by the Hi-C group under the direction of Mrs. E. Lee and assisted by the choir. The story that never grows old began with the choir as they walked up the aisle carrying candles alight and ended with the tableau at the manger.

Slides of local pictures showing the "year's doings" in the community were enjoyed. This program item was just completed when Santa arrived to be met with a warm welcome. His short visit was spent distributing gifts from the gay Christmas tree and so home to bed, while visions of more than sugar plums danced through the heads of the children.

White Gift Sunday
White gift Sunday was observed in Headford December 20. On this day each year the Sunday school is in charge of the service and gifts are brought for families in need. In the absence of Mr. Rumble, the superintendent, Mrs. C. Lee conducted the service. The choir was formed of the pupils and the two lessons were read by the junior girls' and boys' classes.

Mrs. L. Guild told the story bearing gifts, and as the children brought their gifts and placed them before the crèche, the congregation sang "The Wise Men Bring Their Learning." Dr. F. A. Binnington spoke briefly on the theme. **Socials**

The Hi-C group, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. Leek, Mrs. L. Guild and Douglas Calder attended the pageant of the nativity held in Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill.

The snow was a welcome fall-out for the children of the community who had been moaning about, no tobogganing, no skiing, no snow fights and welcome to the mothers too, no mud.

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