



PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

DO THE OLD THINGS IN NEW WAYS

Christmas Parties Can be Ever So Simple but They Should be Oh so Festive—Ideas for Formal and Informal Holidays.

The youngsters rate Santa Claus and presents as the top blessings of Christmas—the rest of us count dearest the music and the festivities of friends gathered—a few even remember why there is Christmas at all. It probably doesn't matter so much what our motives are in celebrating Christmas—just so we do celebrate. Because we can't take part in Christmas without sharing something of ourselves.

Christmas hospitality is one of the most gracious ways to interpret the spirit of Christmas, and here are some ideas of doing the old things in a new way:

A Carol Sing -- Set the table with sheets of old music or place mats and figures of little carol singers for the centerpiece. After supper have the gang gather around the piano, pass around typed copies of words and see how lustily all will join in.

Let Them Have A Hand
Kitchen Soiree -- If you're lucky enough to have a big kitchen, that's the place to have a grand old-time party. Make it a candy pull or a steak fry or some other kind of an affair where guests can have a hand in the goings-on -- at least watch the fun. Have lots of fine coffee and thick cream or else a pitcher of fruit juice or country buttermilk or hot chocolate. Decorate only with evergreens -- have a green cloth and red napkins and a centerpiece of fine red apples.

Christmas Gift! -- Have the table covered with a plain white cloth tied across both ways with broad red ribbon with a big red bow right in the middle of the table so it looks like a huge festively wrapped Christmas package. Set with plain white china and linen.

Holiday Open House -- Have your best white damask tablecloth ironed to perfection, spangle it with large gold stars of plastic or else cut from gold paper. Light with brass candlesticks and use a crystal punch bowl and white and gold china-plates.

Green and Red
Tree Trimming Supper -- When the tree is finished, chances are everybody will feel like food -- set the table with a green and white checked gingham cloth with a bowl of red glass Christmas balls for the centerpiece. Decorate with red jello, green mints, loganberry juice, cakes and wine -- for Christmas callers. A white cloth, green napkins, white cup cakes decorated with candied fruit bouquets, a shining glass decanter and stemware.

Christmas Buffet -- A red damask tablecloth (an old one eyed), a centerpiece of evergreens and gilded pine cones, crystal plates, giant white candles banked with evergreens around their bases.

Family Dinner -- A shimmering



Ring Around the Rosy—Celebrate old friendships and make new ones around this Christmas tea table. Set this on a dumb-waiter tier table or else make one at home. If your husband is handy with tools, or if your son is in manual training, get him to cut discs out of plywood and fasten them on wooden blocks or else set them on heavy glass containers. Each tier and the table top can be covered with checked gingham or oilcloth, with edges finished in a narrow pleating. The tea equipment logically should be gay and informal—a red pot and white cups, wooden trays and star-candles on the top tier. As for the food, this is simple but festive with ham paste spread over an unsweetened pastry crust foundation and topped with pastry strips—tea served piping hot to the accompaniment of beaten biscuits with honey—cookies cut in star shapes—two cakes with snow white icing decorated with Christmas trees and evening stars (the designs cut from red, green and yellow angelica).

white rayon or fibreglass tablecloth, sapphire blue glass plates and stemware, blue glass Christmas balls with silver tinsel for the centerpiece.

Tea On The Tree -- A tiered dumb-waiter table can be gayly set for a Christmas tea tree. Arrange the tea things on the shelves, add decorations and candles and there you are. This can be either formal or informal as you like it.

Tree On The Table -- Make place mats of green cut in Christmas tree shape and trimmed with white fringe. Set with white plates, and have a centerpiece of Santa candles.

Yule Log -- For table or mantel, hollow out a fine log to hold candles or flowers in brilliant reds.

LOGICAL
Billy, who was beginning a diary, made his first entry thus: "Got up this morning at seven o'clock."
When he showed his handwork to his mother, she was very much displeased. "Have you never been to school?" she exclaimed. "Got up, indeed! Such an expression! Does the sun 'get up'? No, it rises."
That night, having taken the lesson to heart, Billy showed her his second entry. It read: "Set at nine o'clock."
—Geraldton Times

Twenty Years Ago

From the Porcupine Advance Files

At this time of year in 1921 the Christmas spirit was well abroad in the town. Proof of this was given in the council meeting where the Council gave orders that town employees should all get their cheques before Christmas rather than to wait for the regular pay-day. At the same time Mrs. Moffat got a sort of Christmas gift in the form of payment for a town patient in the Cairns hospital, but at the same time she was warned again that never more would an account be paid unless authorized before the patient was taken in at the hospital. Mrs. Moffat would not refuse admission to anyone ill or injured and was often difficult in collecting afterwards. Mrs. Moffat, however, said that she did not have the heart to turn anybody away who really needed her help. And she was Scottish, ingers for waterworks to the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines to the extent of \$37,801.20 at six per cent, to run fifteen years. The town had about \$135,000.00 more in debentures to sell at that time, and were duly thankful for the interest shown by the Hollinger in taking up the block of practically \$40,000.00. The Advance suggested that the debentures were excellent from the investment standpoint and that townspeople should consider plans to take them up. With everybody apparently trying to get a start in business or in life generally, nothing was done along the local-selling line, and the debentures were later sold in the usual way. Reference was made at the meeting to the telephone service. Councillor Longmore had investigated the matter and found that the girls at central were doing their best under the circumstances. They had needed improvements to the board and also additional help. The patronage having outrun the equipment. The company had put on extra help and the service was now much improved.

The Advance of Dec. 14th, 1921, said: "A sad death took place at Mattagami on Saturday, Dec. 10th, when Mrs. J. Morin, of Mountjoy, passed away after a brief illness. The deceased was a young woman who had many friends who were highly regarded by all. There will be sincere sympathy with the family in her death. In addition to the bereaved husband two small children are left to mourn her loss."

Twenty years ago there was a report of a deal for the purchase of the Schumacher mine. The Advance said that it was understood if the deal went through the Schumacher Mine would be reopened and developed on a large scale, the story being that one of the best established mines of this part of the North was taking over the property. There was nothing further to report for some time, but eventually a deal was consummated whereby the Schumacher property was re-opened and developed by the Hollinger.

The Advance twenty years ago, under the heading, "Capt. S. Donaldson Killed at Kirkland Lake," had the following:

A very sad accident occurred at Kirkland Lake on Monday of this week, whereby Mr. Steve Donaldson, for several years captain for the Beaver at Kirkland Lake, met sudden death. He was walking through a tunnel over a blast had been set off and a large piece of rock fell on him. It is thought death was instantaneous. This is the fourth death in the Donaldson family in the past two years, the father, mother and a daughter, also passing away in that time. The late S. Donaldson was thirty years of age and leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss. He was a brother of Mrs. T. Hardy, of Timmins, and Mrs. F. C. Evans, of South Porcupine. Mrs. Hardy left yesterday (Tuesday) morning for Kirkland Lake, news of the sad death being sent here Monday afternoon. The funeral will likely be held at Haileybury, where the family have been esteemed residents for many years. The late Mr. Donaldson was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

At the Galician Society of Timmins twenty years ago there was a largely attended meeting in the Odd-fellows hall, with the president, M. B. Scott, in the chair. D. Dunlap one of directors of the Hollinger, was unanimously elected as an honorary member of the Society. A. J. Downie's paper on "John Bull" was a special feature of the evening, the essay showing much originality of outlook and philosophy. Mr. Downie showed how other empires had crushed themselves by greed, selfishness and low ideals, while Great Britain by its more unselfish outlook and by "playing fair" with her own and other peoples had grown great and promised to go on to increasing greatness, in the true sense of the word. Touching on modern problems, Mr. Downie emphasized the necessity for an unselfish outlook and a square deal to all. Between labour and capital, he pointed out there must be this square deal, "a fair day's wage and a fair day's work." There must be co-operation and confidence. Another special feature of the evening was an address by P. Douglan on "What is Success?" His central thought was that true success lies in the service of others and in the development of the right type of character. A piano solo by Miss Griffin was much appreciated, as was also a humorous song by Mr. Downie. Dancing was enjoyed during the evening.

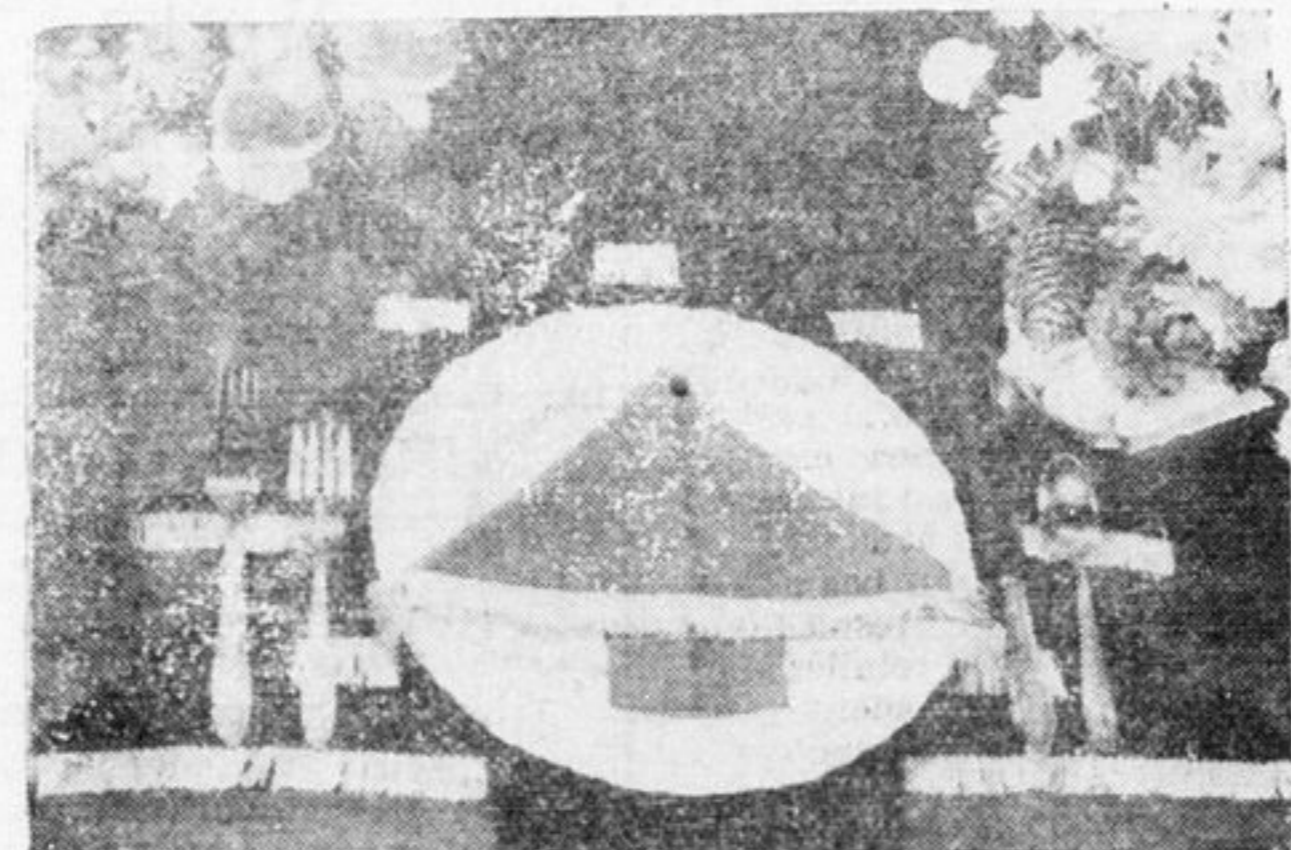
Further Donations for Christmas Seals Committee Fund
To Help Fight Tuberculosis in the Porcupine.

The Porcupine Christmas Seal Committee last week announced that on Dec. 10th they had received total donations of \$1196.52. Further donations not previously acknowledged are given below:—
December 10—Robert Anderson, Thos. Anderson, Dr. G. C. Armitage, J. Barron (S.P.), Lucien Barrette, Alex. Belec, E. Berglund (S.P.), Leigh Bladen (S.P.), Frank Boychuk, F. C. Butler, Bruno Carnovale, Cecil Clark, Olivio Ciarracca, Sid Cook (S.P.), W. K. Coombes (S.P.), Mrs. W. Cowan, Mike Czubski (S.P.), Nick Detulio, J. P. Douglas (S.P.), Mrs. Margaret Fleut, John L. Fulton, Leo Gagnon, Lyall Harrower, Ernest H. Hill, Melvin Hobson, Geo. Howlett, Hans Jensen, Miss E. Joiner, Bert Keats (S.P.), James Keene, B. Klieban, Gordon Kirk, R. J. Legare (S.P.), Dr. J. E. Lewis, Bert Levinson (S.P.), Miss L. Loughton, Nap Maguen, John Mitchell, Michael Morris, J. L. Murray, Miss M. McLaughlin, Mrs. A. S. McMullan, Guiseppe Orland, L. Pasoneu (S.P.), Rev. Father Roberge (S.P.), Dr. W. D. Robson, J. Rochefort, I. Rosner, Lucien Roy, H. R. Rowe, W. J. Simmers, Fred C. Smith, F. C. Smith, Dr. O. J. Stahl, Miss Lillie Sullivan, Mrs. V. Taderon (S.P.), Joseph K. Teal, Samuel Tennyson, Mrs. E. D. Thompson, Herb Thompson, J. D. Thompson, Mrs. J. P. Thompson, Mrs. H. L. Traver, Wm. Trumble, Maurice Williams, S. Wilson, Mr. Fred Vickers.

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Hilda Burke, blonde soprano of the Metropolitan Opera, puts the finishing touches to the decorations for her Christmas dinner table. The striking centre-piece, designed by Lucille Fischer, is a yule log resting in a nest of pine needles. In place of the customary fire, flaming red roses shoot out of the full length center opening of the log. Long white candles and silver pine cones give the final accent to this festive table.



This Christmas wise budgeters are looking for penny-stretching gift ideas. There's no smarter or thriftier way to solve that problem than to make the gifts yourself. Here is one idea that is unusual and can be saved over for other holiday seasons—Luncheon place mats of green felt, cut in the shape of Christmas trees with red cotton napkins to match. You can make them in less than an hour with those magic attachments in the modern sewing machine kit. If you've never stitched before, the sewing center in your neighbourhood will be glad to show you all the short cuts and base and about fourteen inches tall. The outside edges of the felt are pinked quickly with the pinker attachment, and the hand-craft guide attachment does a jig-time job of looping the white fringe to achieve a snow-capped look on the branches of the tree. The bright red cotton napkin is a twelve-inch square with a wide flap attached to the center of one side, giving the napkin, when folded, a perfect Christmas tree shape. Fringe edges of the napkin on four sides.

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Table No. 2—TRAIN No. 33—Due to leave Noranda for connections "The Northland", Swastika, 5.45 p.m., will operate Saturday, December 20th, instead of Sunday, December 21st, 1941.

Cochrane - Moosonee

Table No. 5—TRAIN No. 223—Cochrane-Fraserdale—cancelled Monday, December 22nd and 29th. Will operate Friday, December 26th, 1941, and January 2nd, 1942.

TRAIN No. 224—Fraserdale-Cochrane—cancelled Monday, December 22nd and 29th. Will operate Friday, December 26th, 1941, and January 2nd, 1942.

TRAIN No. 221—Cochrane-Moosonee—cancelled Wednesday, December 24th and 31st. Will operate Monday, December 22nd and 29th, 1941.

TRAIN No. 222—Moosonee-Cochrane—cancelled Thursday, December 25th, 1941, and January 1, 1942. Will operate Tuesday, December 23rd and 30th, 1941.

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