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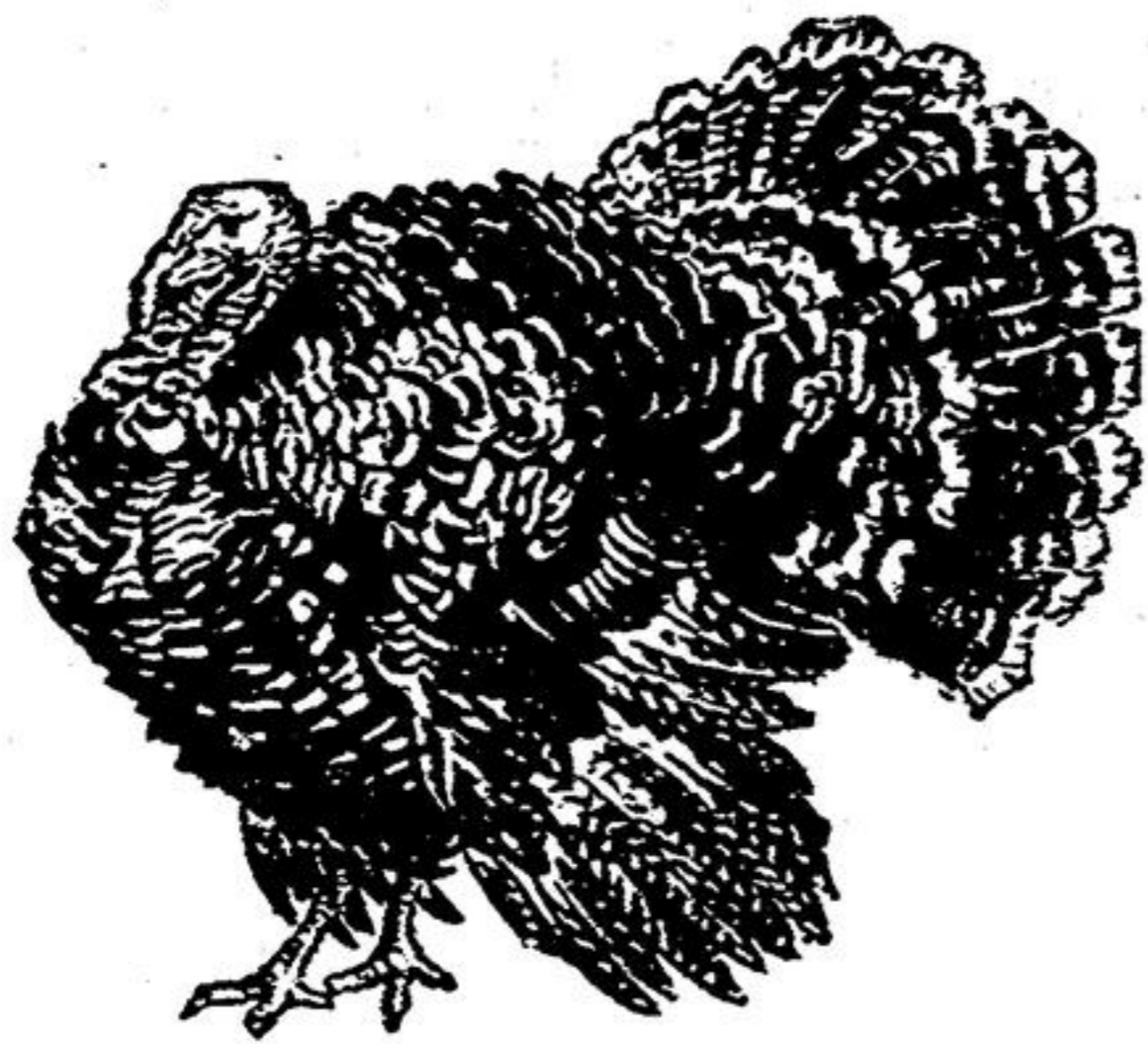
Sponsored by the Stouffville Legion

at the LEGION HALL on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

Turkeys - Geese - Chickens

A real chance to get your holiday fowl.



## Augustus and Herod Forgotten, But Only Christ Remembered

Twenty centuries have passed since the inn at Bethlehem was overcrowded because of Caesar Augustus and his census.

The inn were committed to oblivion by their contemporaries and, except for the census and resultant conditions at Bethlehem, it wouldn't matter too much if Augustus completely vanished from the history books.

It is generally immaterial that, as puppet king of Judea, Herod fortified the Kingdom and kept it out of the clutches of Sexmaria and endowed several pagan temples long since crumbled into

dust. Few people know, and few care that his wife and two sons were murdered at his command. This sort of Romanized Jew is remembered chiefly because of his hypocritical treatment of the Wise Men and because he authorized the slaughter of the Holy Innocents—and even this deed of incredible cruelty might have been forgotten if the Innocents were not associated with the Babe of Bethlehem who grew into the Christ and bequeathed a new philosophy of love and peace to all mankind.

Some men question what has been accomplished during the 20 centuries since Bethlehem.

True enough, some of the records have been written with indelible inks of hatred and prejudice and are splattered with much blood but cynics had best not rest their argument too confidently upon the gory records written or provoked by men who either did not know Christ or openly rejected his commands.

On the other hand the glad tidings announced to a few shepherds at Bethlehem have inspired courage and faith and love such as no earthly degree or proclamation has ever called forth.

Faith and peace are eternal guests—and twenty centuries are mere fleeting moments of Eternity.

## The Big Smoke

By George Abell of Stouffville

Forty years before the birth of Christ a Roman Legion was hard at work teaching the Ancient Britons the difference between organized warfare and just fooling around with clubs. Things were going according to plan when one of those supply problems that plague all armies cropped up. With columns of troops operating north and south of the River Thames some sort of a central supply base was badly needed. Thirty-seven miles up from the river mouth a reconnaissance squadron of what was probably the Third Imperial Centurion Scouts found just what the brass hats at G.H.O. wanted. A low tide found with a good solid gravel bottom and a settlement was built at once. By 125AD there were 40,000 people there and a wall was built all around its 300 acres of buildings.

Disease and war kept the population almost static for a thousand years and it wasn't till about the time that Wellington did the dirt to Napoleon at Waterloo that the population reached the dizzy figure of a million. But how the old place has expanded since then. In 800 square miles of solid brick, stone and chimney pots there are 8½ million people carrying on with the business of living. The services needed to keep the whole thing going are pretty complicated and have reached fantastic dimensions.

For example, there are 320 million gallons of water used every day. It takes a generating capacity of 2,700,000 kilowatts of electricity to keep the lights burning and the toasters toasting. This is all generated by a steam driven plant using coal as fuel at 27 generating plants. One thing the London area is a little short of is a waterfall to make hydro power.

There are 8,500 miles of gas mains which supply a half billion cubic feet of gas a day to nearly two million households.

The tax payer has plenty of employees. Three thousand firemen, 20,000 policemen and there are close to 100,000 on the post office staff.

The transportation system alone is big enough to handle the needs of any average sized country.

There are 10,000 buses and trolley buses and 4,000 railway cars on the underground system. The routes total over 4,000 miles in length, much of which is overlapped, where there are more than one service on the same road.

There are 230 buses an hour for twelve hours a day going down Whitehall to the Parliament Buildings where they span out over the different bridges. At Chaung Cross Underground Station there are 220 trains an hour on the three lines that converge there. Every day ¼ of a million people are carried into central London to work and every year there are five billion passenger journeys made on the London Transport System with an accident rate of one injury to every 200,000 passengers carried. The Transport staff is a hundred thousand and they use up 600,000 yards of cloth each year for the green uniforms they wear.

Incidentally they also use up 33,000,000 gallons of diesel fuel, 2½ million yards of electric cable, 100,000 gallons of paint, 250 tons of soap and so on ad infinitum.

They collect 30 tons of coins a day and the year's receipts are 60,000,000 pounds which is a lot of pounds. But by their last balance sheet I see that operating costs were 61½ million pounds so the Transport Board is the same as the rest of us, always more or less on the wrong side of the bank ledger.

Speaking of banks over 355,000,000 pounds worth of cheques and drafts are cleaned every day at the Bankers Cleaning house on Lombard Street which is only a part of the cheque cleaning done in a day.

Yes the little village has sure grown up and if you aren't too bored by now I'll go into some more details next week.

## PEACHES

We understand Miss Fern Hoover has taken a position as a clerk at Stedman's 5c to .1. Store for the holiday rush.

Many folks in our district attended the numerous Christmas concerts sponsored by the different school sections.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Kirk and daughter Grace of Toronto spent an evening visiting their mother, Mrs. Joseph Kirk.

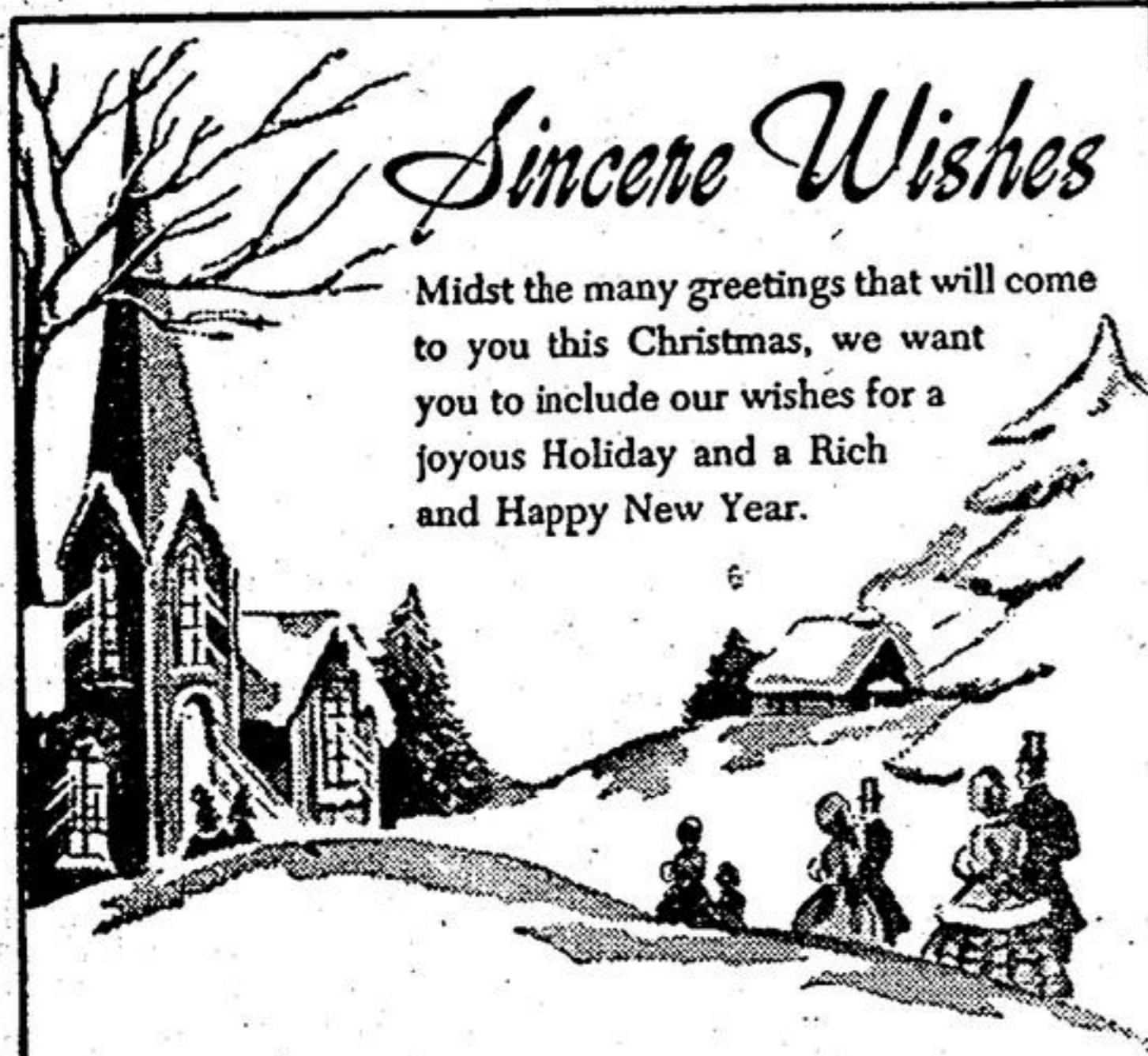
A very enjoyable social was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller for Peaches Young Peoples and friends last Tuesday.

Numerous white gifts to be taken to the Fred Victor Mission in Toronto were placed under the decorated Christmas tree.

Remember, Friday nights are home games for the Peaches hockey club. The boys are showing real promise of an exciting season, so come out and cheer them to victory.

Guests at the Miller home Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown and daughter Susan.

After all is said and done the successful man does a lot more than expected.



## Sincere Wishes

Midst the many greetings that will come to you this Christmas, we want you to include our wishes for a joyous Holiday and a Rich and Happy New Year.

ROY CURTIS

Stouffville, Ontario



## Greetings

To our many friends and patrons who have made this Christmas so grand for us, we wish the Merriest Christmas of all, and a Rich and Happy New Year.

LEHMAN'S SHOE STORE

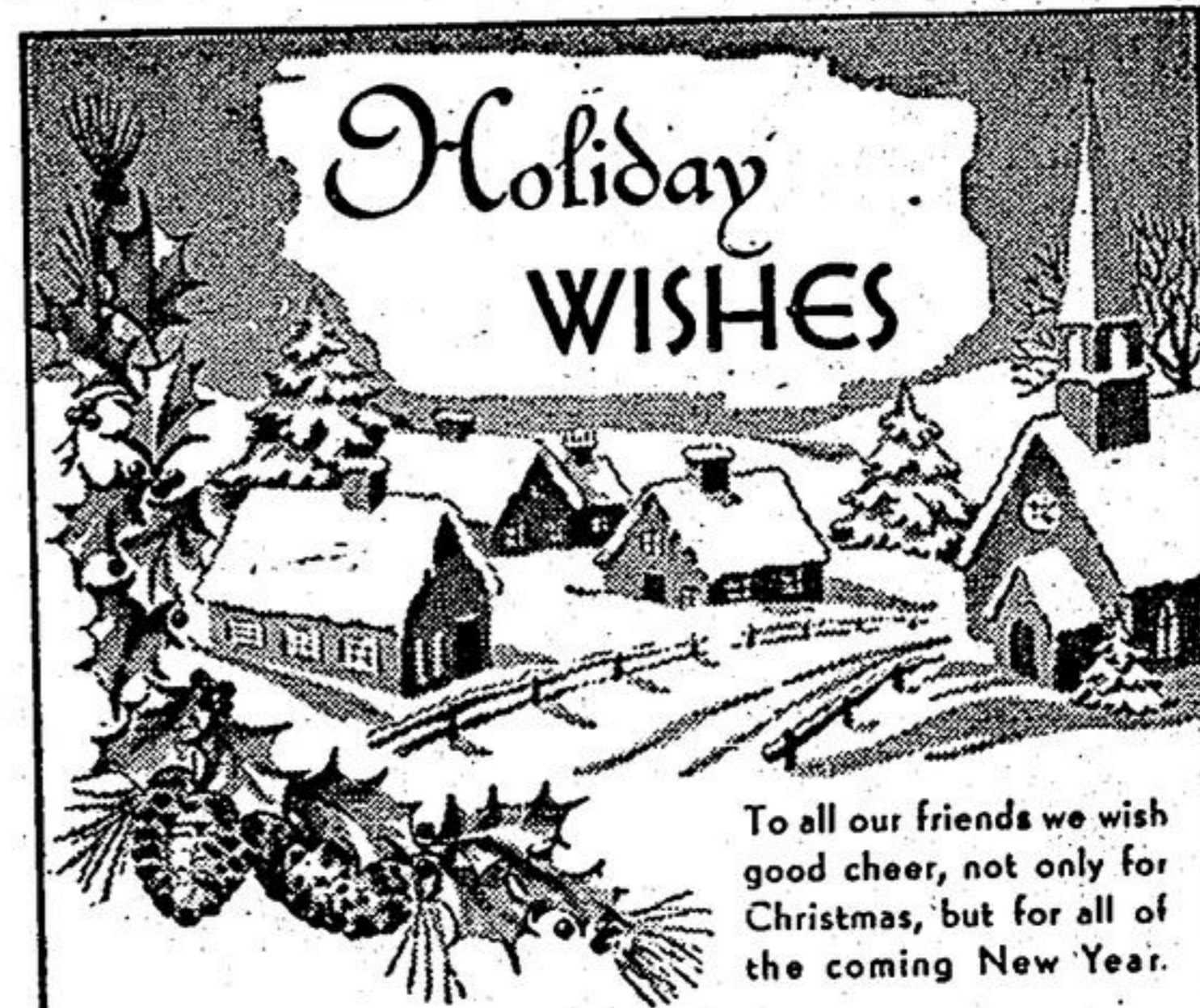
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## At Christmas

May the warmth of the Yuletide spirit surround you and your loved ones throughout a bright and healthy New Year.

Stouffville Youth For Christ



## Holiday Wishes

To all our friends we wish good cheer, not only for Christmas, but for all of the coming New Year.

W. G. GARRETT and SON

Stouffville, Ontario



## A JOYFUL SEASON

The remembrance of friends is one of the outstanding joys of Christmas. No wonder then, that we get such pleasure in the approach of the Holiday season, with its all-pervading spirit of friendship and good will. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

FRED E. BYER and SON

Stouffville, Ontario

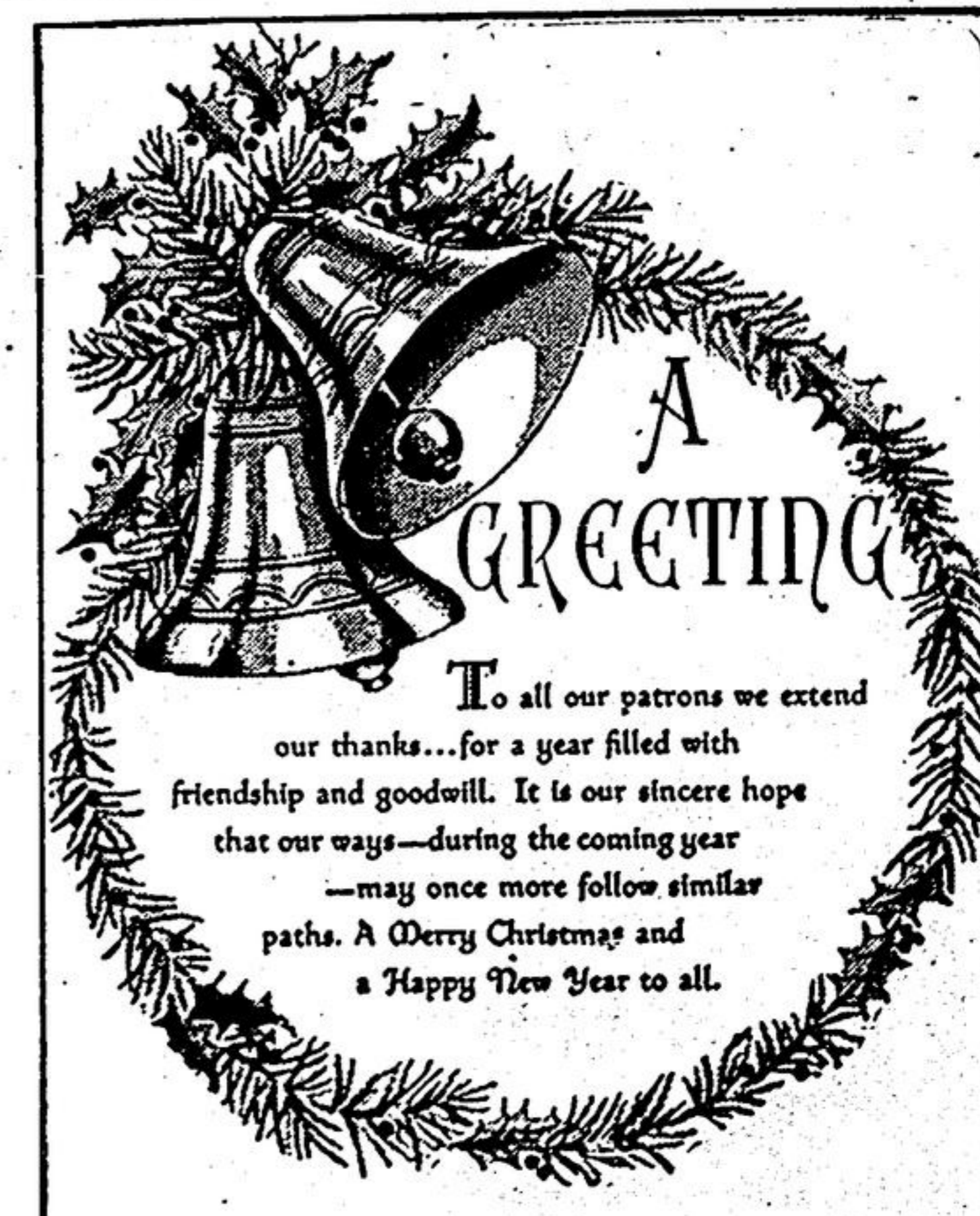


## Merry, merry Christmas

With a genuine appreciation of our pleasant relations, we extend to our many friends the greetings of the season with joy for Christmas and good luck for the New Year

O'BOYLE'S MEAT MARKET

Stouffville, Ontario



## A GREETING

To all our patrons we extend our thanks...for a year filled with friendship and goodwill. It is our sincere hope that our ways—during the coming year—may once more follow similar paths. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

A. R. SANDERS

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