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GIFT-GIVING CUSTOM IN ANCIENT ENGLAND.

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England.
In the days of the knights, it was customary to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.
As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

BALLANTRAE

Kiddies, don't forget Mom and Dad are invited to the Happy Hour's Christmas program on Friday at 7:30 p.m. There will be special music and a sound film.
Mr. Moddle will conduct the church service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day at 2 p.m. Bring your company with you. We'd like to see as many out as there were for the White Gift Service last Sunday.
The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Windsor and family in the death of Mrs. Windsor's mother.

The annual school meeting will be held at the school next Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 8:30 p.m. A good turnout is expected. We hope you will be there.
As a result of the meeting held at the church last Friday night, it was decided to organize a Cub Pack early in the New Year.

HOW IS YOUR CULINARY SKILL

The advantage of carefully carving a roast turkey is that the whole fowl can be served without bones.
That's good Christmas advice for dining car chefs, says Canadian National Railways Chef Instructor Joseph F. Nellis, but when the traditional dish is being served on a family table, there's always someone who wants to pick a drumstick or a wing.
So carving becomes a slightly different prospect when a succulent turkey faces you on the home dining table on December 25.
Chef Nellis' timely advice, then, is to first slice off the bird's right leg. You can carve it — if it's not already requested by a diner — by holding onto the drumstick and laying it flat on a platter. Start by carving the meat off the tender second joint first, and the rest will slice off easily.
The CNR chef finds that about five percent of dining car patrons make specific requests for drumsticks, but generally he can use the trimmings from a carved drumstick for croquettes or in stuffing for other birds.
The right leg attended to, the breast is next on the list. Here Chef Nellis recommends the carver hold the left leg to steady the bird, then carve towards oneself. This system, he says, produces fine slices that don't fall apart. You strike the grain when slicing in the other direction, and it is harder to keep slices thin.
Chef Nellis says the rest of the bird can be carved in this fashion. When the wing is reached it can be cut off and the tasty, popular meat around it sliced — always with the knife drawn toward the carver.
In this way the "head of the table" can avoid crumbling, clumsy pieces of meat and produce clean slices that look attractive on every Christmas plate.

Federation Spokesman Urges Abandonment Of Farm Individualism

J. A. Ferguson, past president of Ontario Federation of Agriculture, spoke at the Annual meeting of York County Fed. of Agriculture at Sharon. He told those present: "You must take more authority and control of marketing and this means working together. Get away from the old individualism. It has been our weakness and our downfall. We must concentrate on quality and not so much quantity. Other Countries that have been successful with their export business have established producer control of sales and publicity offices. We must place our problems before the public and censor the press for always trying to drag down farm prices. Farmers must take more interest in economics. Local organizations must not be satisfied with just sending a representative but must work to create interest locally."
Mr. Ferguson then went on to show how each one present at the York County meeting was represented and helped support the work of farm organization

Stouffville CHURCH UNITED MISSIONARY

SUNDAY, DEC. 25
Special Christmas Message
by the Pastor at 11 a.m.
Special Christmas Program
by the Young People's Society at 7:30 p.m.
LADIES' CHORUS will sing.
Come and Worship with Us.

in the church on Friday evening, December 23, at 8 o'clock. There will be a Variety programme followed by a film, "The Guiding Star." Everyone is welcome to attend.
The annual Candle-light service of the C.G.I.T. and Explorers was held on Sunday evening. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The members of the C.G.I.T. and Explorers were in the choir. The Scripture Readings were read by Misses Faye Nichols and Lynn Ardis. Miss Nancy Spears led in prayer. The choir sang two numbers with Miss Mary Hooper taking the solo part. Mrs. Huston led the Responsive reading. The usherettes were: Mrs. Lloyd Canning, Misses Margaret Canning, Audrey Gee, and Marion Nichols. The address was given by Rev. H. C. Burkholder B.A., B.D., Secretary of the Ontario Christian Educational Council. He gave a very inspiring talk on "Star-light." The following took part in the Candle-Light service: Mrs. Black, Misses Gail Steffler, Janet Oakes, Betty Snider, Elizabeth Barker and Betty Patterson. The girls and their leaders are to be congratulated for the lovely service that they gave.

and their children. Following the supper the children had a few games. Pictures were shown the children by means of a View-Master which was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson. With the singing of Jingle-Bells, Santa Claus arrived, much to the delight of all the children. He distributed the gifts to everyone. The members of the club presented Rev. and Mrs. A. Huston with a record. Rev. Huston replied in a few well chosen words.
A speedy recovery is wished for Mr. Ross Nichols who had the misfortune to fall when the ladder slipped on some ice, and injured his knee which required hospitalization for several days.
Birthday Greetings to Miss Evelyn Beatty for December 23; to Allan Chadwick for Dec. 26; to Mrs. Earl Empringham for Dec. 28; and to Allan Nichols for Dec. 30.
Mrs. Beatrice Alder of London, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Helmkey of Creemore spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nichols.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham and girls had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. L. Knapp and Irene.
S. S. No. 6 will hold its annual Christmas Concert in the Community Hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 22, at 8 o'clock. Everyone welcome.
The annual Sunday School Christmas Concert will be held

VICTORIA SQUARE

Season's Greetings to all! Euchre.
There were fifteen tables of euchre at the Community Hall on Tuesday evening of last week. Prize winners were: Ladies—(1) Mrs. Nellie Snider; (2) Mrs. E. S. Watson; Consolation—Jeanette Tishall; Gents—(1) W. J. Muirhead; (2) Wm. White; Consolation—Lawrence Stephenson. High Score for the season—Mrs. Bonner and W. J. Muirhead, Freeze-Out—Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hess.
The next euchre will be held in the Community Hall on Tuesday evening, December 27, at 8:15 p.m. Everyone welcome.
W.M.S.—
The annual Christmas and Candle-Lighting service of the W.M.S. was held on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the Manse, with twenty-one ladies present. The meeting opened with the singing of a Christmas carol, followed by prayer by the president. Then the business was conducted by the president. Several letters were read from absent members. Mrs. A. Huston, Mrs. F. McRoberts and Mrs. H. Acreman read the Scripture. Miss Betty Huston sang two lovely solos with her own accompaniment, which were very much enjoyed. Mrs. McRoberts and Mrs. Acreman read chapters from the "Home Missions Digest." Then the Candle-Lighting service was held. Those taking part were: Mrs. H. McCague, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. S. Boynton, Mrs. W. Sandle and Mrs. H. Acreman. Cards were signed and sent to several of the Shut-Ins. Rev. A. Huston conducted the Election of Officers which was as follows:

Honorary Presidents — Mrs. M. Haig, Mrs. McEachern, and Mrs. W. Brumwell; Pres., Mrs. H. D. McCague; Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. Acreman; Recording Sec., Mrs. G. Joyce; Baby Band Supt., Mrs. W. Sandle; Treas., Mrs. R. Boynton; Christian Stewardship Sec., Mrs. V. Westbrook; Temp. Sec., Mrs. H. Acreman; Christian Citizenship Secty., Mrs. S. Boynton; Missionary Monthly Secty., Mrs. F. McRoberts; Community Friendship Secty., Mrs. H. Smith; Associate members Secty., Mrs. W. Orr; Associate members assistant, Mrs. F. McRoberts; Mission Band Supt., Mrs. R. Boynton; Pianist, Mrs. R. Perkins; Mission Band Assistants, Mrs. D. Gee, Mrs. P. Bennett and Mrs. S. Boynton; Baby Band Assistant, Mrs. G. Morton; Supply Secty., Mrs. R. Beatty; Supply Committee — Mrs. L. L. Nichols, Mrs. W. Orr, Mrs. F. McRoberts, Mrs. Nicklin, Mrs. R. Glover, Mrs. Deverell, Mrs. McKendry, Mrs. C. Walker, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Story, Mrs. V. Westbrook, Mrs. A. Huston. Auditors — Mrs. L. Nichols and Mrs. P. Willows. Following the meeting, dainty refreshments were served by the hostess and her committee.
W.A.—
The Christmas meeting of the W.A. was held on Wednesday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. Harvey Collard with twenty-seven ladies present. The meeting opened by the singing of Christmas carols. Mrs. Collard took charge of the Worship Service and read the Scripture lesson. Others taking part were: Mrs. Fraser Gee, Mrs. C. Steckley, Mrs. McKendry and Mrs. Nicklin. Mrs. A. Huston gave a very timely talk on "Putting Christ back into Christmas." It was very much enjoyed by all present. Rev. A. Huston then conducted the election of officers. A full list will be published at a later date. Mrs. DeFoe conducted the business, followed by a delicious lunch.
Couples Club
The Couples Club held its Christmas party in the Sunday School room on Saturday evening. A delicious turkey supper was enjoyed by the members

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Assist., Joyce Byer, Beginners' Class, Mrs. Norman Neal; Asst., Joyce Reynolds; Primary Boys and Girls, Ernestine Cooper, Assist., Mrs. Bob Lewis; Junior Girls, George Byer; Asst., Charlotte McNair; Junior Boys, Mrs. Walter Carter; Asst., Glen Byer; Girls' Intermediate, Grace Lehman; Assist., Mrs. Charles Reynolds; Boys' Intermediate, Bob Lewis; Assist., P. Meyers; Senior Girls, Mrs. Fred Byer, Assist., Mrs. Harold Lewis; Young Men's Class, Norman Lehman; Assist., Fred McNair; Newly Married Class, Mrs. Fred

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We join Jolly Santa in extending our hearty greetings to everybody. May your holiday be full of joy and good fellowship.
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