



Summer or winter, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorie McMullen, Tenth St. S., Stouffville, is always attractive but at the Christmas season, it takes on even more eye-catching colour. —Staff Photo.

Mrs. Laura Stapleton Active At Ninety-two

(Continued from Front Page) In her younger days, Laura recalled Christmas as the nicest time of the year. "We had a Christmas tree," she said, "and it was decorated with long strings of popcorn. These were the only decorations on the tree." "We hung up stockings, and were always in bed early so that Santa Claus could leave our presents."

Laura explained that one member of the family would distribute the presents to the rest of the gathering on Christmas morning.

"Oh, I would get an orange in my stocking, and a toy of some sort," she recalled. "It was nothing compared to what they get today, but at that time, we thought it was terrific."

Christmas dinner consisted mainly of goose. "A big gathering always came to dinner at our place for Christmas. With no phones the only way to talk to anyone was to visit and Christmas visiting was the favorite time of year."

"Too Commercialized Today," claims Laura, "Christmas is much too commercialized. In my day, there were no Christmas cards, but all the families seemed to be knit close together. Sleigh rides were very popular then, but now the roads are cleared so well, a sleigh ride is impossible."

Mrs. Stapleton claimed that Christmas would be thought of about the middle of December, and said that everyone today is reminded about the season two months ahead of time.

"You couldn't buy things then like you can today, but Christmas was just as exciting, if not more so."

"People in the area baked all

their own pies and made cookies and cakes," said Mrs. Stapleton. "Every once in a while there would be a 'butcher bee' in the neighbourhood. The residents would all gather together cooking all sorts of delicacies."

In Laura's younger days, Christmas Carols were always sung in the churches. Laura remembers "Silent Night" as the most popular carol, but all the others that are sung today, were sung in the 1800's.

"Christmas has always been good," Laura said. "I can't remember which Christmas was the best."

Still Want More "Years ago, people were satisfied with what they had. Today, people who have everything, seem to want more."

Mrs. Stapleton has two sisters in the United States. Mrs. Carl Estes lives in Lexington, Michigan and Mrs. Carl Sarver resides in Detroit.

Laura has travelled extensively through the United States visiting friends and relatives.

When at home, Mrs. Stapleton explained that radio and TV are very nice to help pass the time.

"My favorite show is Red Skelton," she smiled.

When asked the recipe for a long life, Mrs. Stapleton replied "in bed at 10; up at 8; eat three hot meals a day and keep busy."

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Candlelight Pageant at Christ Church Anglican

The second annual Christmas Pageant of Christ Church Anglican, was presented on Sunday evening.

In the absence of the Rector, Mrs. Margaret Britton welcomed the parents and friends and read the story "What Is Christmas?"

The choir entered singing, "What Child Is This?" then, with lighted candles formed a cross as they sang "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

Doreen Barton and Sandra Swash read passages from the Bible proclaiming the arrival of Christ. Nancy Paul recited "The Magnificat" and it was portrayed in pantomime by Burnheld Ramsay as Gabriel.

Rickey Mann sang a solo "His Blessed Name."

The Nativity Scene opened with the choir singing "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Paddy Smith and Royanne Colwell each sang a solo.

David Dean and Jackie Mumford were Inn Keepers explaining "No Room" to Joseph and Mary, played by Mr. Sherwood Jackson and Susan Britton.

Bridget Ramsay recited "No Room" and Jennifer Johnston sang "Angels Come Out."

Four angels Valerie Harroitt, Kathy Roper, Bridget Ramsay and Robin Colwell appeared and recited "Salute the Christ." The Junior angels sang "Silent Night."

The Shepherds, boys of Mr. McMurray's class, arrived and Gabriel appeared to enact "Peace, Peace" as read by Gail Britton. All the angels sang "Realms of Glory."

Mark Harroitt recited "Let us go into Bethlehem" and led the shepherds in, while all sang "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night."

Mary and Joseph appeared in the Manger Scene and the Shepherds presented their gifts. Then they led in the lambs, pupils of the Nursery and Kindergarten classes, who sang "Away in a Manger."

The "Star" appeared and Sandy Paul read "Star of the East."

An organ solo proclaimed the arrival of the Kings, boys of Mr. Jackson's class, who presented their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, the solo parts being sung by Guy Hunter, David Taylor and Larry William.

After the "Christmas Creed" the teenagers of the Teenage Discussion Group, came in pairs to light their candles beside the crèche and then formed a line of guards down the centre aisle. Gabrielle lighted the "Christ Candle."

Royanne Colwell recited "Love" and the teenagers and choir sang "Go Tell It On The Mountain."

All participants of the Pageant left in pairs as everyone sang "O Come All Ye Faithful." The Pages were boys of Mrs. Helen Paul's class.

The Pageant was prepared and presented by Mrs. Pat Kinsella with the help of the Sunday School teachers, members of the Parish and Mr. Jim Rehill who trained the choirs and soloists.

DEATHS

YEAMENS, Miss Emily
The death of Miss Emily Yeamens of Agincourt and formerly of Second St., Stouffville, occurred on Tuesday Dec. 22. She had been living with her sister.

YAKELEY, Earl
Suddenly at his residence Stouffville Rural Route 1, on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1964 Earl Yakeley, age 55 years, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Yakeley and brother of Wilton of Frenchman's Bay, Resting at the Dixon Funeral Home, Markham, for service on Thursday at 2 p.m. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery, Markham.

Mrs. Ralph Atkinson
Mrs. Minnie (Brillinger) Atkinson of Lloyd Ave. Stouffville passed away at the Brierbush Hospital on Thurs. Dec. 17, 1964 following a stroke. She was in her 82nd year and had been in declining health the past few months. Born in Whitchurch Township she was a daughter of the late Simeon Hoover and Mary Morley. In 1904 she married Louis Brillinger and they lived on Conc. 5, Whitchurch until his death. She later married Mr. Ralph Atkinson who predeceased her. For the past 13 years she made her home in Stouffville and was identified with the United Missionary Church. Surviving Mrs. Atkinson are two daughters, Ruby, (Mrs. Russell Sproxtion) of Gormley and Dorothy (Mrs. Herb Hisey) of Stouffville, a son, Leonard Brillinger of Bethesda and a brother, Fred Hoover of Newmarket, a brother Albert is deceased. There are 10 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

After resting at the O'Neill Funeral Home, service was held at the United Missionary Church on Sat. Dec. 19 in charge of Rev. F. Huson assisted by Rev. B. Hisey.

The pall bearers were all grandsons, Herb Sproxtion, Bob Sproxtion, Don Sproxtion, Howard Sproxtion, Harold Brillinger and Stewart Wideman. Interment was in the Stouffville Cemetery Vault, later to be in the family plot at Heise Hill.

BIRTHS
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ENGAGEMENT
HATCH-BRIGNALL
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brignall announce the engagement of their daughter Iona Dorothy to Mr. Douglas Clifford Hatch, son of Mrs. Nancy G. Hatch, Toronto. The marriage will take place Jan. 30, 1965 at 2 o'clock at St. Andrews United Church, Markham.

BETHLEHEM
A small, poor town Shivered between the Cold, frozen hills. The children Quivered by the lash of poverty, Hungry and empty From the futility of trying to be free, Slept. The world was dead to itself, And cared not to see in the darkness. Because they were tired Of toil. Sheep wandered over the frosted rock From blade to sparce blade, Patiently searching, And living, And waiting. Shepherds were gathered Around a fire With their eyes closed And their bodies still. The flame flickered, Then snowed, Then died. Then, All the stars of the night And one, filled the world With light as pure and clean As a droplet of dew On a misty leaf. And as the shepherds looked up The songs and joys Of myriads of angels Cascaded over them. All the waterfalls of Heaven Opened to the earth, Flowing through mortal sands. For lives that wasted, Birth. The shepherds, The wisemen, The town folk of Bethlehem Were all swept as one To the stable under the star. They ran, and hobbled, and crawled. Out of their houses Down the streets To the manger behind the inn. The stables, and streets, and town, Were filled with hearts and tears. When they reached the door, They stilled. Dust, and miles, and years. And then, as they watched, Mary, slapped the bottom of the baby. He cried. Into his lungs Went that breath of life, The magic of life. The Christ Child was born; Tim Wees.

Now Is The Time To-Pot Easter Lily
The Easter Lily is available in types such as the Croft, Kenyon-Davidson; Estate and Creole. The bulbs are usually available in late fall and should be potted up before Christmas. Horticulturists with the Ontario Department of Agriculture suggest using a soil mixture that contains some peat or fiber and is slightly acid. Place one or two inches of soil in the bottom of a 5 or 6 inch pot, set the bulb, but do not firm the soil under the bulb. Add more soil mixture until the bulb is just covered and then apply water.

After potting, keep the temperature at 60 degrees F. and provide plenty of light and a moist soil during growth. When the growth is about 6 inches high, fill the pot with more of the soil mixture, leaving enough room at the top for watering. The plants will benefit from feeding with a complete soluble fertilizer every 2 or 3 weeks.

When the buds are just visible, the plant requires 5 weeks to flower if grown at 60 degrees F. When the buds start to bend over, 2 weeks elapse until bloom. Raise the temperature to 65 or 70 degrees F. if the plants are late. However, avoid too high a temperature or too dry an atmosphere; these factors may cause blasting or drying of the unopened flowers.

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Local And Personal Happenings

Conservation Areas Open For Winter

The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority announces that its conservation areas will again be open to the public this winter for outdoor recreation, when weather conditions permit.

The areas and their facilities are:

- Albion Hills, on Highway #50, about five miles north of Bolton — skiing, tobogganning and skating.
- Boyd area, two miles north of Woodbridge — skiing and tobogganning.
- Claremont area, in Pickering Township, just north of #7 highway — tobogganning and skiing.
- Glen Haffy, in Albion Twp., one mile south of Mono Mills and #9 highway — tobogganning and skiing.
- Greenwood area, 4 miles north of Pickering Village on the Greenwood road — tobogganning and skiing.
- Heart Lake area, near Brampton — tobogganning, skiing and skating.
- Black Creek area, at Jane Street and Steeles Ave. — skating and on weekends horse-drawn sleigh rides.

Winter picnicking is again being encouraged by the Authority and it has set up special picnicking facilities in each of the conservation areas.

Winter hikes along conservation area nature trails are also being encouraged at Boyd, Albion Hills and Claremont areas.

Only charge for use of the areas by the public is the normal 50-cent parking fee for cars. Since weather conditions have an important bearing on the type of activities which can be enjoyed, up-to-the-minute information can be obtained by telephoning the Authority's offices at Avenue 5-5425 during normal office hours.

Two homes on Fairview Ave. that deserve special mention for their decorative appearance this Christmas belong to Mr. and Mrs. Mansell Elson and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Allan.

Open Christmas Eve until 9 p.m. Hustons, the Rexall Drug Store.

Stouffville residents are reminded that garbage collections usually made on Friday, Jan. 1st will be completed on Thurs. Dec. 31st by Lehman and Madden.

The Student's Council of the Stouffville Dist. High School have donated the sum of \$50.25 to the Stouffville Lions Club for use in community work during the Christmas season.

Mr. Eric Button, student at McMaster University, Hamilton is at home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Reg Button for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Brubacher of Manhattan Beach, California are spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Brubacher, Albert St. S.

More than 100 children attended the annual Legion and Ladies Auxiliary family Christmas party at the Veteran's Hall on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13th. The boys and girls were treated to a cartoon show and refreshments prior to the arrival of Santa Claus.

A pre-Christmas family gathering was held on Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Thomas, conc. 9, Markham. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Thomas and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tapscott, John and Ann all of Markham; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Thomas and Susan of Stouffville and Mr. and Mrs. Don Thomas and Bradley.

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There will be church services in the Stouffville United Church both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Christmas service will be a communion service at 11 p.m. and the New Year's Watchnight Service will be at 11:30 p.m.

The CBC is anxious that any last-minute shoppers on Christmas Eve who are still on the street at 6 p.m. should make their way down to Church St. where the live telecast of the Across Canada Show will take place at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies of the Stouffville Legion Auxiliary provided a buffet lunch on Thursday evening in the committee rooms of the municipal building as the town council entertained the municipal employees and their wives. Reeve Timbers expressed the appreciation of the council for the co-operation of the staff and wished everyone present the season's best. Following the social hour gifts were presented to staff members on behalf of the corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harper, Baker Ave. entertained the following members of their family to a pre-Christmas dinner on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harper and David, Agincourt, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Harper, Susan and Ricky, Mr. Albert, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Harper, Anne and Allan of Bloomington and Mr. and Mrs. Rae. Holden, Ross, Terry, and Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis, Rupert Ave. entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. Underwood on Dec. 13th it being their 35th wedding anniversary. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grove and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Underwood of Scarborough and Miss Audrey Underwood and the grandchildren.

A new projector and screen for the use in the Sunday School of St. James' Presbyterian Church was dedicated on Friday evening by interim moderator, Rev. John Forbes of Agincourt as a memorial to the late Rev. Gordon Hamill. The brief ceremony was conducted during the annual Sunday School Christmas Concert and the projector was used for the first time as part of the program.

Mrs. Fred Byer entertained Mrs. Frank Huson and her Sunday school class of girls from Alton a United Missionary Church on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barber, Timothy, Lesley and Kyle of Guelph were visitors on Saturday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Len Buckland, Main St. E.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fockler of Ringwood entertained at a miscellaneous shower on Saturday evening in honour of newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. George Maffey, who are now residing in Scarborough.

Attention last minute shoppers, we have just received a fresh shipment of Laura Secord Candy — ½ lb. to 10 lbs. Get yours at Hustons, the Rexall Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burkholder attended a Christmas concert on Saturday evening in Bayview High School auditorium, by the students of the National Conservatory of Music. Their nephew Barry Raymer of Boon Grove, with his electric guitar, was one of the participants.

A B.F.G. Jim Miller of Halifax is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller, Main St. E. on a two week Christmas leave. On Jan. 8 he sails on a month's cruise of the Caribbean Sea.

On Friday evening, Dec. 11 about sixty relatives, neighbours and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fockler, Ringwood, to tender a miscellaneous shower to Mr. Murray Fockler and Miss Joyce Roberts in honour of their forthcoming marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nigh and family, Charles St. attended a family Christmas party on Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Nigh, Armitage. Also present were Mrs. Sidney Aurora and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Matthews of Toronto.

32 present at pre-Christmas dinner
On Sunday the family of Mrs. Wagg and the late Foster Wagg held a Christmas family dinner and reunion at the Masonic Hall. Those present included, Mrs. Foster Wagg, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Robinson of Newmarket, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brillinger, Jim and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Carruthers, Ruth Anne, and Mrs. Arthur Carruthers, Mr. and Mrs. Gord Wagg, Gail and Wendy, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Robinson, Keith, Sheila, Brenda and Wayne of Willowdale, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wagg, Doug, Danny and Darlene, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wagg and Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wagg and David.

Miss Erma Stouffer is home for the holidays, from Queen's University at Kingston.

Mr. Ron Wallace, reporter on the Tribune staff will spend Christmas at his parents home in North Bay.

Over 40 of the Hi-Cs from the United Church chartered a bus on Saturday evening to go roller skating at the Terrace in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Le Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jennings accompanied the group.

Rev. Arthur Walsh, pastor of the United Missionary Church, was taken to York County Hospital, Newmarket on Saturday, following a recent heart attack.

For your convenience we at Hustons Drug Store will remain open on Christmas Eve until 9 p.m.

A pre-Christmas party was held on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, conc. 10. Present at the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Le Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jennings accompanied the group.

Rev. Arthur Walsh, pastor of the United Missionary Church, was taken to York County Hospital, Newmarket on Saturday, following a recent heart attack.

Mrs. Morley Symes, Lloyd Ave. is home following a recent eye operation.

GREETINGS

* Joy unconfined, hope unrestrained... our Christmas wish for you.

Marguerite Shoppe

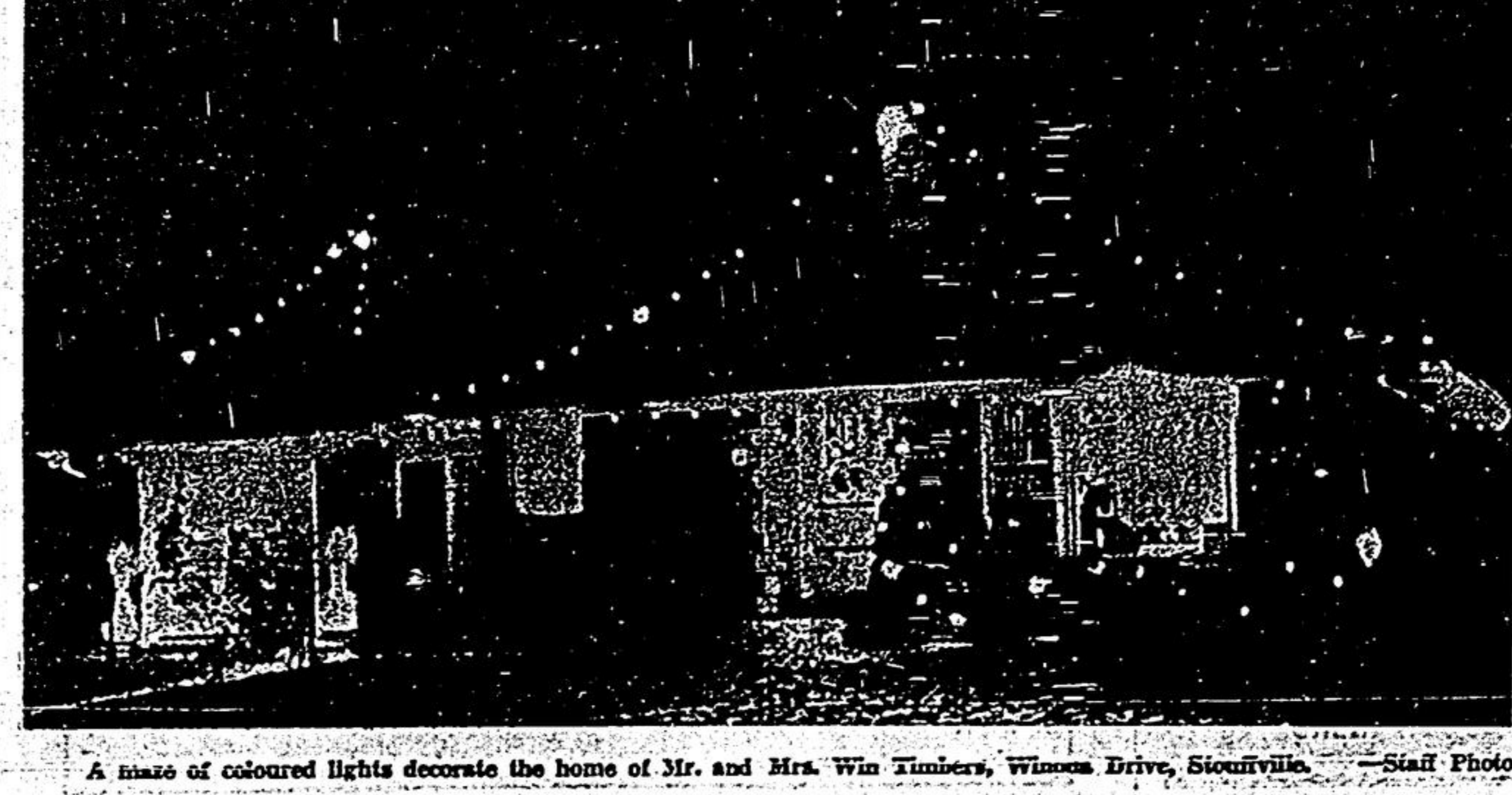
Christmas Greetings

Let us journey in spirit to the manger, that its message may inspire us anew.

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MITCHELL'S FANCY APPLE SAUCE	20-oz. tins 2 for 39c
HEINZ TOMATO KETCHUP	11-oz. btl. 2 for 49c
KELLOGG'S CORN FLAKES	12-oz. pkg. 29c
MAXWELL HOUSE ALL PURPOSE COFFEE	1 lb. 89c
GRAPEFRUIT large size	5 for 39c
LARGE EATING PEARS	5 for 49c

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