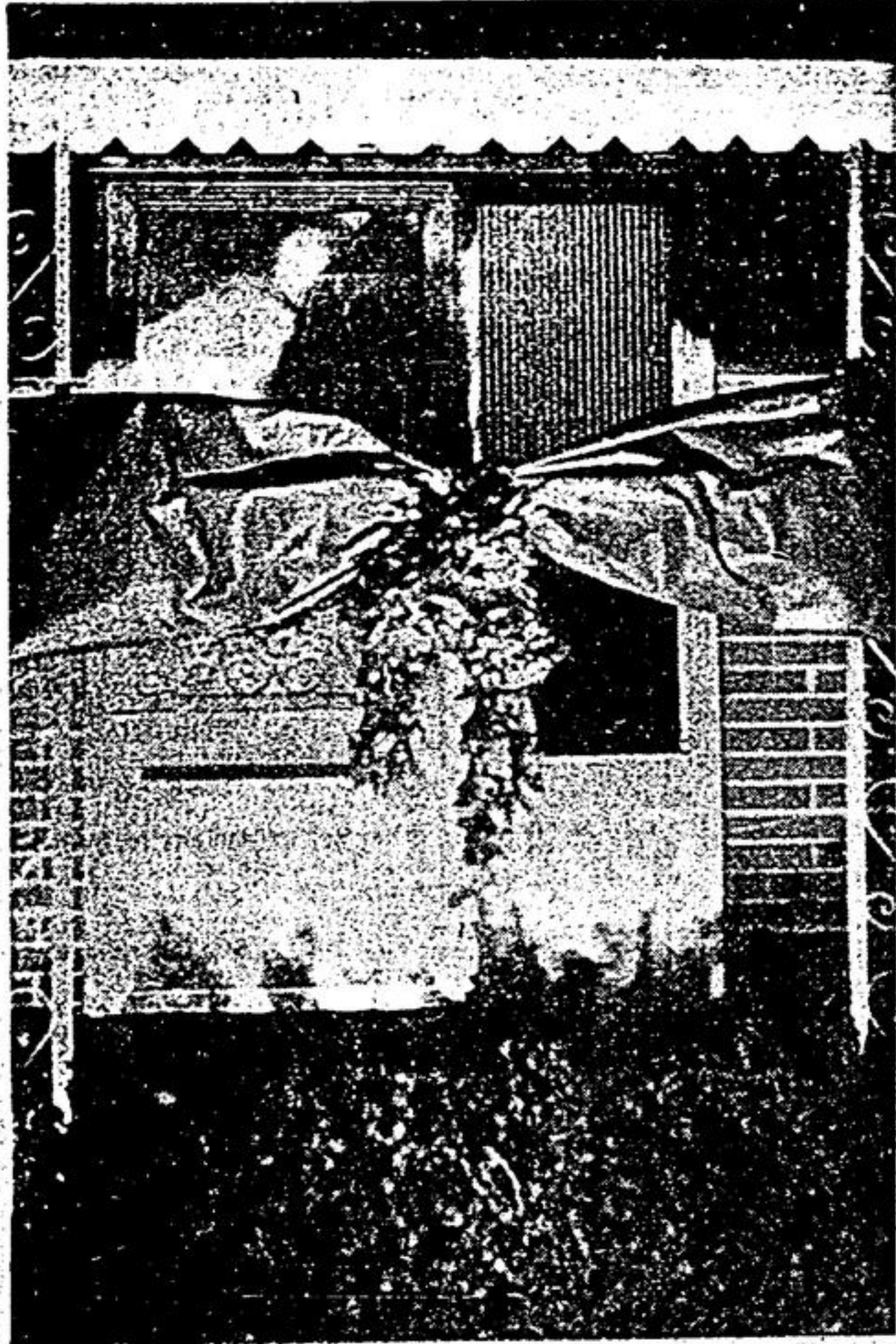


One of many eye-catching home decorations in Stouffville this Christmas may be seen at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Schell, William St. This replica of Santa Claus and his reindeer is located atop the roof of their garage. —Staff Photo.



The floodlit doorway at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harris, Glad Park Avenue, is highlighted by a giant red bow. —Staff Photo.

GORMLEY...

Christmas Mail Sets Record at Gormley P.O.

The Gormley Post Office has handled the largest pre-Christmas volume of mail on record. The two peak periods were Saturday and Monday.

Mr. Mervyn Kelly has been in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill, for over a week undergoing treatment.

Sympathy is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sproxtan on the death of her mother, Mrs. R. Atkinson on Thursday.

The annual White Gift Service was held on Sunday morning, Dec. 20th in the United Missionary Church.

Major Fred Lewis is home from Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto.

Mr. Albert Heise is home from York County Hospital, Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barber entertained the 2 members of their family for Christmas dinner on Saturday.

The pupils of Lloyd School enjoyed a skating party on Monday at Queensville rink.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harvey and family had dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Doner.

Mr. Elgin Sider of Western University, London is spending the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. K. Sider.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George French were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wideman, Mrs. Delta Boyce and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson of Toronto.

BETHESDA

Another former neighbour, Mrs. Ralph Atkinson has passed on and sympathy is extended to the bereaved families.

Bethesda church now has a new identification sign announcing the minister Rev. George Davison, service at 10 a.m. and Sunday school at 11 a.m. — with a welcome to all— Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scott who placed the sign.

Miss Marilyn Brillinger has returned to work after a few days rest, following a fall on the stairs of the Presbyterian Church, Stouffville. Marilyn suffered concussion and painful facial injuries.

A Christmas gathering of the Wesley Brillinger family was held in the Vandorf Hall on Sunday Dec. 20, with sixteen of the family and grandchildren enjoying both the noon and evening meal together.

Planned Christmas gatherings include — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scott expect the Scott and Brooks families, 22 in numbers on Christmas Day in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Herbert expect to spend Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Urquhart, and granddaughter, in Aurora.

The Atkinson sisters have been invited to Brampton to spend Christmas with Miss Thelma Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller.

The Chas. Doners from Pembroke are expected to spend a few days with the Burkholders.

Christmas decorations are on the increase each year with the Bethesda corners showing more floodlights and other decorations — The Bethesda General Store has a large Santa on the white brick flooded with red, while the house is lighted green, with an old fashioned lantern on the verandah. Other homes brightly lighted at the corner are the Bill Walls, the Williams, the Grahams and the Smiths. Mrs. Longfellow's annual lighting of ground and falls mark the beginning of Christmas displays which extend north on the fifth concession.

Winners of the lucky draw at the Bethesda General Store were: Bill Walls winner of a 4 pound Christmas cake, Mrs. Garnet Shaw, a similar cake and Mr. George Felstead a basket of cookies.

Mrs. Beryl Bonnar was the winner of a turkey as a bowling prize recently.

A Merry Christmas to All!

KEEP THE CHRISTMAS

Christmas is essentially a religious holiday, so church activities should be an important part of holiday planning. The homemaker who entertains during the holidays can plan ahead and prepare foods which will require little last minute attention. Buffet serving is recommended for large groups as it can be informal and easily done.

Happy Holiday!



Big day... lots of excitement for you and your family. Probably some driving, too. As you take to the road, remember the common rules of safety. Have a good time, wherever you drive. That's my wish to you from the careful driver company, State Farm Mutual.



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This combination of two large candy canes is located at the laneway entrance to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Hunt, Elm Road in Stouffville. —Staff Photo.

What Indeed Is Christmas?

What, indeed, is Christmas? Why is Christmas, of all holidays, the most eagerly awaited, the best-remembered?

The answer must be that Christmas is the one holiday that has a special meaning for all mankind. The spirit of Christmas was first reflected in the eyes of wise kings and humble shepherds who had journeyed from far and near to witness a special miracle—the birth of a promised Redeemer.

Christmas customs change with the modes and manners of new generations. Yet the real story of Christmas remains forever the same. Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ.

However we choose to celebrate this great holiday, we must find it difficult to ignore that there is in the world about us a spirit of love and goodness, of close communion with God and with mankind. It lives within the heart of all who have recognized the true meaning of Christmas.

Automobiles were offered to consumers "complete equipped" for the first time in 1910.

Glad Tidings
Like the Wise Men, let us marvel anew at the miracle of Christmas.

G. W. HUDSON Florist
STOUFFVILLE, ONT.

Greetings and Good Wishes for Christmas!

DONNA-LEE'S BEAUTY SALON
Stouffville, Ont.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The sounds and scents of Christmas fill the air with joy and excitement. May your Day be filled with these pleasures.

REID and REAMAN
FINA STATION
Ringwood

O, Holy Night...

Let us rejoice at Christmas, the Day of His birth. May we ever be blessed by the wonders of the first Holy Night.

ROSS HETHERINGTON
Electric
STOUFFVILLE

Holiday Greetings

We're grateful to be spending Christmas among all our friends and neighbors... as a measure of our gratitude, may we extend our very best wishes to you for a happy, healthy and festive season.

CREST HARDWARE

DON DONER LLOYD McLEAN
BRUCE GALLAMORE REG. STOFFER

Greetings

Christmas is a feeling... a spirit of well-being and cheer that pervades the very air in this wonderful season. We offer you our sincere wishes for the happiest of Christmases for you and yours.

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Mrs. Allen	Mrs. Hall	Bob Howarth	Dave Oldham	Glenn Ratcliff
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Wayne Crowder	John Hisey	Mrs. McMullen	Bill Powell	Roger Todd
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