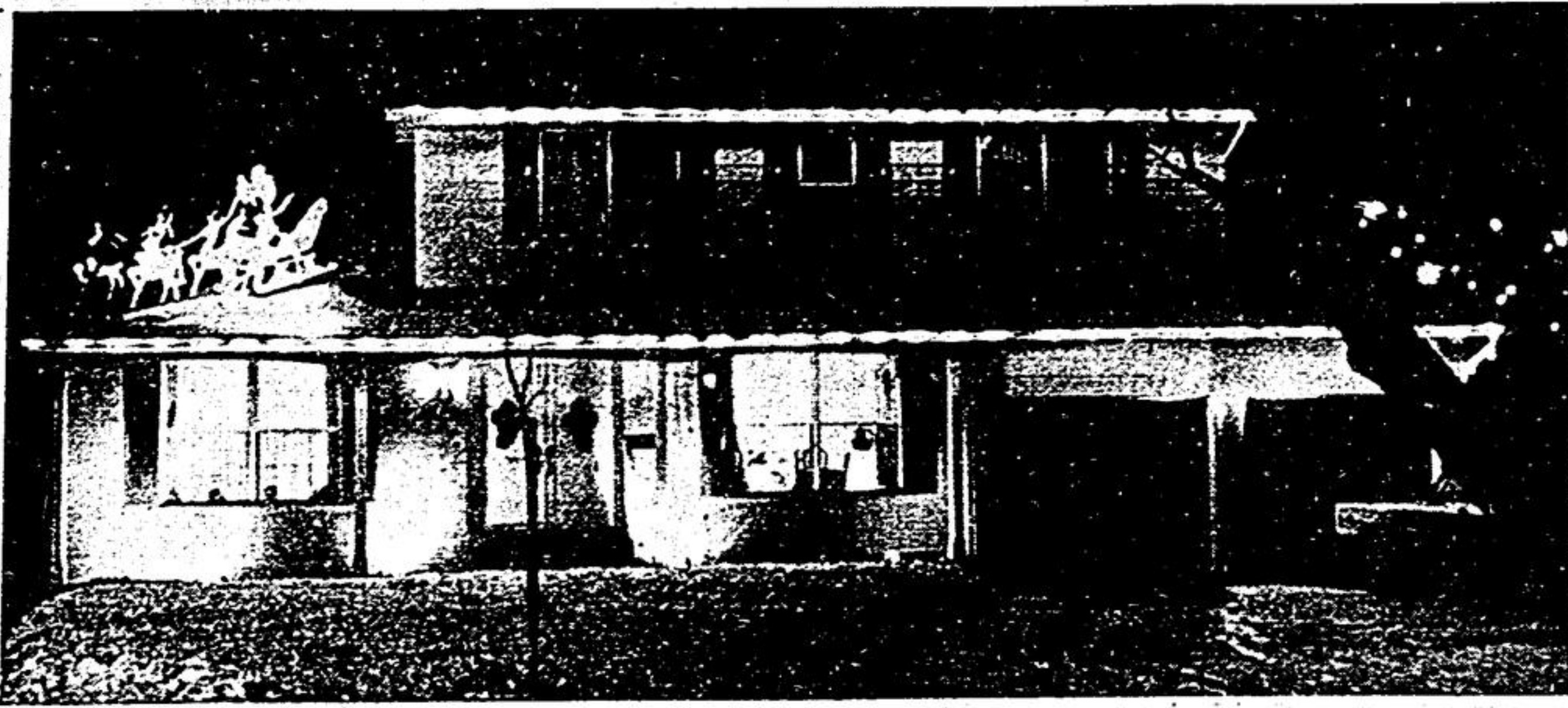
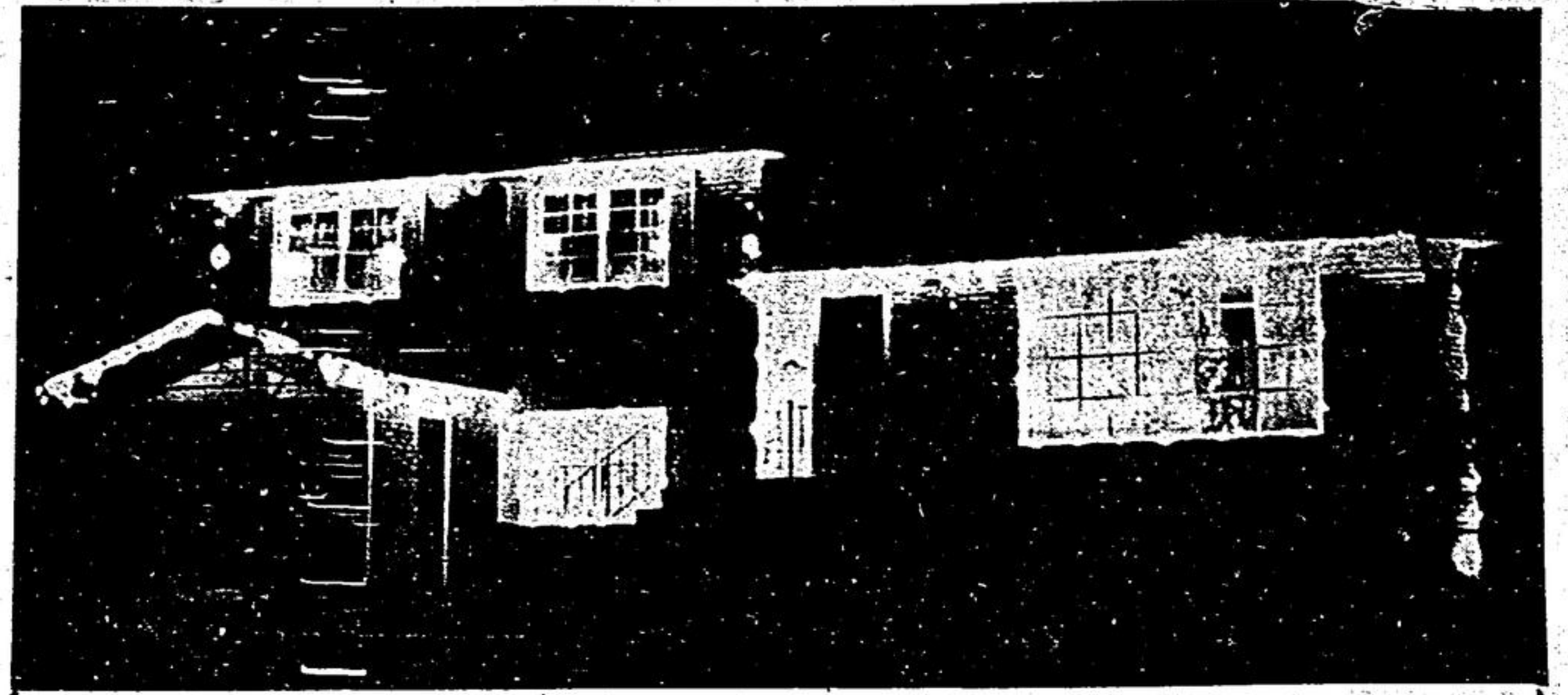


MARKHAM HOMES ALL AGLOW FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON



Subdivision homes in Markham Village are all aglow this Christmas. One of the most colourful is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Prue, 55 Drakefield Road. —Staff Photo.



Another eye-catching residence is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bratton, 52 Southdale Drive in the Sherwood South subdivision, Markham Village. —Staff Photo.

Record Farm Income Predicted For 1966

Farm cash income likely will set records both this year and next, the Canadian government's experts said last week. They told a dominion-provincial outlook conference in Ottawa that farmers should have a net income of \$1.8 billions in 1965, against \$1.4 billions a year earlier.

Net farm income, they declared, has been going up about 2.4 percent a year since 1946.

But the picture is not so rosy as this nice statistic suggests. First, the cost-of-living went up by 2.7 percent this year, cancelling out some of the gain. Next, the \$1.8 billions includes the value of grain stored on farms and yet to be sold.

On the other hand, the income is shared between fewer farmers — the farm labor force this year was 611,000, 34,000 less than last year. Nine percent of Canadian workers are on the

farm. The experts say off-farm employment brings in a quarter of all farm income. But the government defines anybody with a few acres as a farmer.

Item by item, farm prospects as summed up by the government's economists, are:

Dairy prices will be the result of government action but production this year will be lower than last. Fluid sales should continue to increase while farm use declines.

Beef consumption is up. About nine percent more beef should be eaten in Canada this year than last and there is a strong demand from the U.S. for Canadian beef. Beef prices should stay high.

Choice cattle at Omaha likely will be \$25 (\$27 Canadian) through 1966 and possibly 1967. Canadian cattle prices should follow this closely. Feeder cattle prices should be fairly steady. Veal calf prices should remain steady through 1966.

Pork prices are at their present levels partly because more hogs are being held back for breeding stock, as a result of firm prices all year. But fall farrowings are nine percent above those of last year and the spring marketings are expected to be higher. But supply of hogs in the U.S. next spring may be 10 percent below those of last spring. Hog prices on the continent will be very favourable from now until at least October, 1966, the experts predict.

Production and consumption of lamb is going down. In 1966 marketings will be lower and prices moderately higher. Wool in 1965 and likely will continue to drop next year. Prices, much lower this year than last, likely will be steady through 1966.

Although the Canadian apple

crop is 27 percent above average, growers should be able to market their produce without price reductions. This is because of short crops in the U.S., Europe and Britain. B.C. growers are in a better position, pricewise, than easterners.

Potato yields per acre are down but higher U.S. production will likely prevent price rises. New markets for Canadian growers are in processed French-fried potatoes in Australia and for potato starch in the new Potash mining industry in Saskatchewan.

Bean, pea and tomato acreage was down this year although prices in Ontario were somewhat better. Corn acreage increased 13 percent. Labor is becoming a limiting factor for vegetable production.

Honey continues to increase in production and consumption. This year's record crop will not result in lower total returns but prices may decline.

What export prospects, especially to Communist bloc countries, appear good. Developed countries offer an increasingly competitive market and backward countries are not increasing wheat purchases. However, part of the strong western Canada wheat position is through big carryover stocks. This does not apply to Ontario wheat, which has no arrangements in its marketing plan for carry-over of unsold stocks.

Feed grain trade in the world is rising. But two-thirds of this is corn and half this corn is from the U.S. New types of barley which respond to heavy fertilization are now coming into the feed grain market. They produce high energy feed at low cost. Canadian barley production this year is up 29 percent. Price at the Lakehead is around \$1.28. Oat production this year is up 16 percent.

Corn prices at Chatham likely will be moderately lower, partly as a result of an 18 percent increase in U.S. supplies.

Soybean production is up this year with lower prices. Opening price for the 1965 crop at Chatham this year was \$2.64 against \$2.90 last year. Last year's crop average \$3.10, although price to the farmer was only \$2.66.

Flue-cured tobacco outlook in export markets is encouraging and a 1966 production of 194,000,000 pounds would not be too much. Current prices are good. The outlook conference made no mention of the Rhodesian situation.

Better prices for eggs may bring an increase in production by the latter half of 1966, with prices going down again. Broiler prices, under the influence of marketing plans, have shown more stability. Christmas prices for turkey may be up. The market has absorbed an increase in production of 12-13 percent. Canadian consumption of turkey last year reached a world record of 8.7 pounds a head and may reach 10 pounds this year.

Sugar prices on the world market are at record low levels and the Canadian government made a deficiency payment of \$3.15 per ton on the 1964-65 crop. Current world price indicates a deficiency payment of \$14.35 per ton. Ontario sugar beet continues to decline as farmers find other crops pay them better.

White bean prices should be up this year, thanks to a smaller crop in Michigan. The Ontario Bean Growers Marketing Board minimum price is \$3.96 to \$4.20 per bushel according to time of delivery. The outlook is for a higher demand than Ontario growers can supply and more acreage in 1966.

Higher prices and more 1966 acreage for Canadian peas are likely. U.S. production is 20 percent down and foreign buyers are seeking Canadian supplies.

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