

Markham Village home all a-glow at Christmas

The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wardman, Christmas Court, Markham Village, is one of the most beautifully lighted this Christmas season. It can be seen from Hwy. No. 7 east of No. 48. —Staff Photo

Sterling silver grape scissors

# A gift favorite in grandma's day

By Kathy O'Meara  
 What was tops on Grandma's Christmas list? Maybe it was a pair of sterling silver grape scissors for a mere \$1.75 or, perhaps, a ladies hat or bonnet duster, at \$1.50. All of these items were mounted with 925/100 fine silver.

These are only a few of the popular gift items offered to Canadians by the T. Eaton Co. in its Christmas catalog of 1897.

There are many intriguing bits of Canadiana recorded in this catalog, the earliest on record at Eaton's archives office in their College Street store, in Toronto.

It offers quite a contrast to today's glossy, high fashion, tinsel and no books. Its pages have no color, lists are plentiful, and it offers no lengthy description of its contents.

On the cover we see the slogan of the T. Eaton Co., "The Greatest Good to the Greatest Number" and on their first page, an assortment of items made of sterling silver. These goods made favorite gifts.

Knickknacks, such as button hooks and moustache combs, were guaranteed to please Grandpa

when he found them under the tree on Christmas morning. Many a Victorian Miss was thrilled to receive one of the "fine quality feather fans, newest designs, fancy handles in cream, pink, blue, mauve and black at \$1.00." For the children, there were fans in ostrich or gauze.

Victorians had a box for everything. Photo cases, work boxes, necktie boxes, glove boxes and cuff and collar boxes — all made welcome Christmas gifts. These were

made of celluloid, a "new" miracle synthetic in the "90's," and were available in plain or fancy styles. Toys were as plentiful then as they are now, and their price tags would be an answer to a modern parent's prayer. Shoofty rockers in the large size and of extra strong material were only 60 cents. Sleds, an ever popular item, came in a price range of 15 cents to 25 cents each. Boys velocipedes, a type of bicycle, were an expensive gift at \$1.65. What child could

ask for a better gift, and what parent could ask for a more reasonable price list?

If expense was no object you could order one of the more lavish articles — a sofa with mahogany finish, a full 41 inches long with silk tapestry covering the springs, at \$13.

Clothes, fur pieces and watches were as popular in the 90's as they are today, but other gift selections reflect the Christmas spirit of a less cynical age. Books, hymnals and Bibles bound in leather were an obvious Yuletide choice with our grandparents, to whom Christ was an important part of Christmas. He was not someone who had to be "put back" into the season.

Christmas catalogs have come a long way since 1897, but those early mail order offerings marked the beginning of a trend. The days of personal gift shopping were in too many cases numbered, and would soon be replaced by the sterile, computerized mail order system of today. Even the happiest, holiest season of the year has paid the price of progress.

Giving Gifts

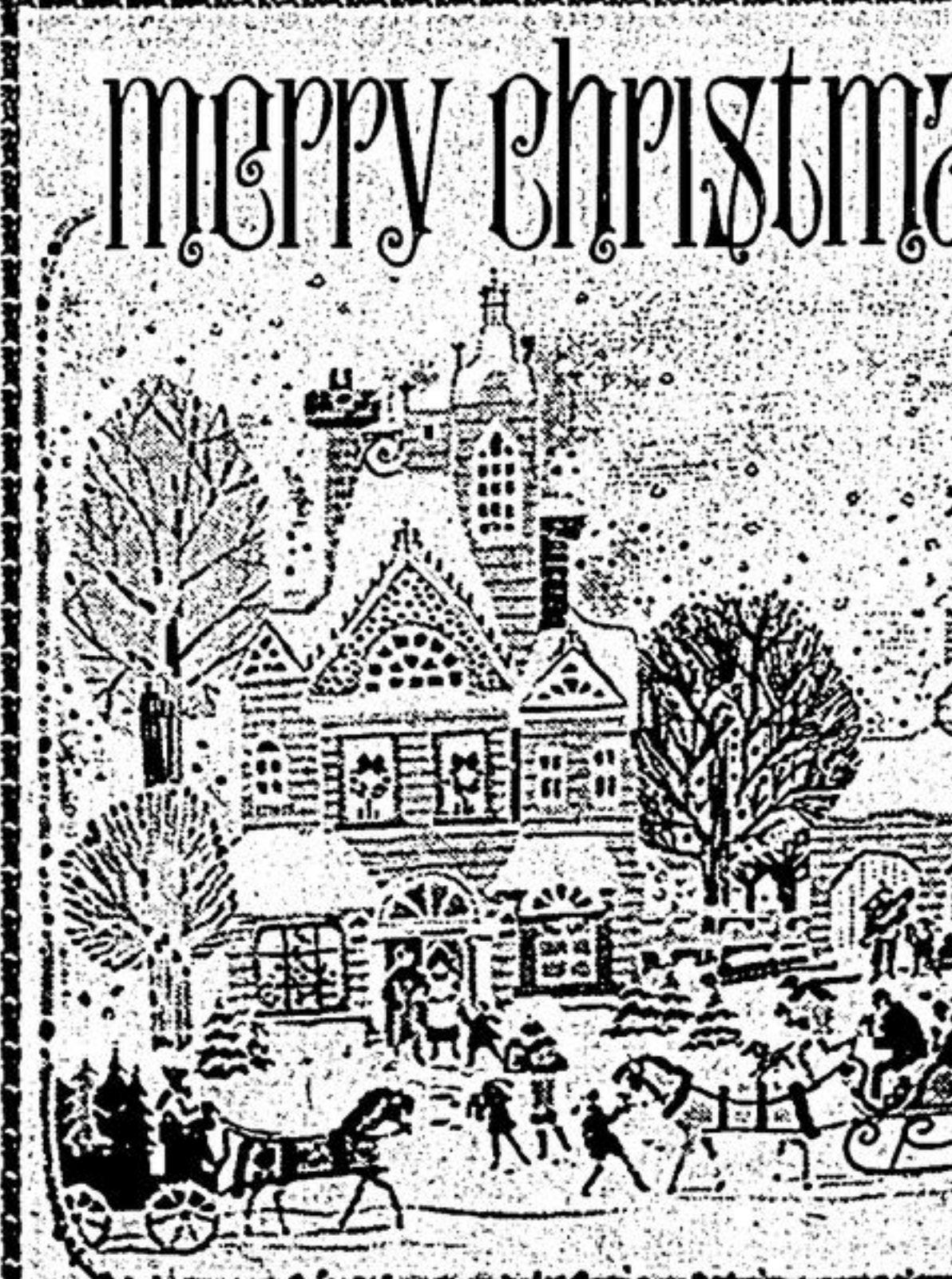
Like greetings, gifts are synonymous with Christmas, as part of a custom that probably has its beginning in the Wise Men's presentation of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child. Some researchers trace the gift-giving tradition to even earlier, pre-Christian times. During pagan holidays observed at about the same time as the modern Christmas, ancient Romans and Britons exchanged gifts in token of the season.



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Pickering request

# Remove permit control

PICKERING TWP. — The Ontario Municipal Board will be asked to lift the 100 building permit per year restrictions on Pickering Twp.

Councillor John Kruger's notice of motion to this effect was waived to become an official resolution because the restrictions imposed by the O.M.B. expired Dec. 31.

In the interests of all ratepayers of the new County School Board, the O.M.B. and the Minister of Education will be asked to conduct a survey of the economic viability of the region.

The Minister will be asked to refuse subdivisions in all of Ontario County unless they are complemented by industrial assessment.

Mr. Kruger's preamble stated that the O.M.B. had imposed a maximum limit of 100 building permits per year as a means of controlling educational costs in the township, but this was prior to the new board of education. The O.M.B. order has had the effect of, seriously affecting assessment growth; this position will be aggravated because major residential developments are announced for Uxbridge, Whitby, Ajax and Pickering Village.

It was valid, the preamble continued, for the O.M.B. to control the cost of education in Pickering, but it is equally valid to expand this to cover all municipalities in the area for financial reasons; and it would be inequitable and punitive to restrict Pickering when others were not restricted.

The estimated cost of education — 84 percent — in the Divisional Board, changes the economic picture for Pickering Twp., the councillor contended.

"By having this limit imposed on us we are unable to have assessment growth equal to the rising cost of government," he said. "The 100 building permit restriction has been like an iron fist, and our assessment growth is not sufficient to offset this increase."

"With our liabilities, 84 percent of them, being assumed by the County Board of Education and other municipalities having any type of residential development they wish, we are going to end up paying most of the school costs."

He said that the Revenue Properties development in Uxbridge Twp. with an eventual 150,000 people, would have a profit just about equal to the whole revenue of Pickering Twp.

Calling Century City a

very imaginative proposal Kruger said that with an entity of this size, and the position Pickering would find itself in as a result, "we must insist on the same standards applicable to this township."

Reeve John Williams questioned whether there was, in fact, a residential type of development which could pay its own school costs.

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1:25	Glendale Beach	5:20
1:30	Ballantree	5:15
1:35	Jct. 6th & Aurora Rd.	5:10
1:45	Wesley Corner	5:00
1:00	Newmarket	5:50
1:20	Mt. Albert	5:30
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The following By-law is for the information of all ratepayers of the Municipality.

The Corporation of the Township of Whitchurch

**BY-LAW NUMBER 1988**

A By-law to regulate the filling up, draining, cleaning and clearing of and to prohibit the deposit of refuse on any grounds, yards and vacant lots in the Township of Whitchurch.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITCHURCH HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. No person shall dump, place, deposit or permit to be dumped, placed or deposited on any grounds, yards or vacant lots any junk or refuse of any kind whatsoever, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this shall include garbage, tin cans, discarded machinery, automobiles or parts thereof, furniture or any waste material of any kind.
2. The owner or occupant of any grounds, yard or vacant lot on which anything has been dumped, placed or deposited, shall forthwith remove the same therefrom or cover the same with clean earth.
3. The owner or occupant of any grounds, yards or vacant lot on which water collects by reason of any depression, excavation or hole shall cause the same to be properly drained and filled up with clean earth.
4. No person shall permit or allow on property owned or occupied by him any holes, pits, excavations or trenches constituting a health, fire or safety hazard.
5. No person shall throw, place or deposit refuse or debris on any private property without authority from the owner or occupant of such property.
6. Any person convicted of a breach of this By-law shall forfeit and pay at the discretion of the Convicting Judge a penalty (exclusive of costs) not exceeding the sum of \$300.
7. In default of the owner or occupant complying with the provisions of Section 2 and 3 of this By-law, after due notice has been served on him by prepaid registered mail, such matter or thing may be done by the Corporation at his expense, and the Corporation may recover the expense incurred in doing it by action or the same may be recovered in like manner as municipal taxes.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 3rd day of December, 1968.

Stewart Burnett, Reeve  
 Thomas Kerr, Clerk

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