



HAPPY NEW YEAR

SODA WATER, TONIC, BITTER LEMON OR COLLINS MIX Canada Dry Gingerale PLUS 25 DEPOSIT PER BTL. 750 mL BTL. 39	HIGH LINER ALBACORE Solid White Tuna 7-OZ. TIN 1.19	Maxwell House Instant Coffee 10-OZ. JAR 5.29	CHRISTIES Ritz Crackers 250 g PKG. 79
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CUT FROM CANADA GRADE A BEEF

Standing Rib Roasts

LB. **2.28**

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Beef Rib Steaks

LB. **2.58**

DEVON SLICED Side Bacon	1-LB. PKG.	1.25
SHOPSY'S, BOILABLE BAG Corned Beef	4 X 57 g PKGS.	1.79
BURNS, SWEET PICKLED BY THE PIECE Back Bacon	LB.	1.99
"FUNTASTIKS" Shopsy Wieners	1-LB. PKG.	1.35
SHOPSY'S Old Vienna Salami	500 g CHUB	2.19
MAPLE LEAF, MILD OR MARBLED BY THE PIECE Cheddar Cheese	LB.	2.18
MAPLE LEAF, BY THE PIECE Polish Sausage	LB.	1.59
SHOPSY'S Beef Sausages	1-LB. PKG.	1.69
SHOPSY'S, ASSORTED Parfay Desserts	13-OZ. TUB	.65
SHOPSY'S Potato Salad or Cole Slaw	24-OZ. TUB	.99

PRODUCE OF U.S.A. CANADA NO. 1 GRADE

Tomatoes

LB. **39**

PRODUCE OF U.S.A. Sunkist Navel Oranges

SIZE 113'S DOZ. **\$1.29**

PRODUCE OF U.S.A. Yams	3 LBS.	.99
PRODUCE OF U.S.A. Green Onions	3 BUNCHES FOR	.99
PRODUCE OF U.S.A. Cello Radishes	3 6-OZ. PKGS.	.99
PRODUCE OF U.S.A. Bunch Carrots	2 BUNCHES FOR	1.00
PRODUCE OF U.S.A. Parsnips	2-LB. BAG	.69
PRODUCT OF ONTARIO Cole Slaw	2 8-OZ. PKGS.	.88

SEALTEST ASSORTED VARIETIES Chip Dips	250 g TUB	.59
HEINZ, FANCY Tomato Juice	48-FL. OZ. TIN	.69
STOKELY, FANCY Cream Style or Whole Kernel Corn or Honey Pod Peas	3 12 TO 14 FL. OZ. TINS	1.
DOLE, FANCY Fruit Cocktail	19-FL. OZ. TIN	.69
WHOLE DILLS NO GARLIC, POLSKI, GARLIC OR SWEET MIXED OR YUM YUM Bicks Pickles	32-FL. OZ. JAR	1.09
IGA, ROYAL GOLD MILD, MEDIUM OR OLD COLORED Cheddar Cheese	12-OZ. PKG.	1.59
P.F. ASSORTED, CHIP RING, HOME ASSORTED, BOURBON CREME, ASSORTED CREME, FRUIT CREME OR FAMILY DIGESTIVE Peek Frean Biscuits	14-OZ. PKG.	.99
MFG. 5¢ OFF LABEL DEMPSTERS, DARK OR PLAIN Rye Bread	16-OZ. LOAF	.59
HOSTESS, REGULAR, DIP, SALT & VINEGAR, BARBECUE OR SOUR CREME 'N' ONION FLAVORED Potato Chips	200 g PKG.	.69

Christmas of Yesteryears

A store gift was very special

By JIM HOLT STOUFFVILLE — Those of us who think Christmas isn't what it used to be, can be thankful in some ways it isn't. Yet, talking to Clarence Summerfeldt of Elm Road, one wonders if, perhaps, we're not missing something.

Clarence, now 75, was born on a one hundred acre farm near the 6th Concession, the second of six children, three brothers and three sisters.

Prior to Christmas Day, Clarence remembers how everyone worked extra hard so they'd be able to take it "a little easier", Dec. 25. It wasn't unusual for them to rise at 5 a.m. and be in bed at eight. However, Christmas Day was the exception.

At dawn, the first one awake would rush around getting everyone else up, so they could open their presents. The stockings had been hung the night before and one knew pretty well what to expect. For the most part, the gifts were small — hand-knitted mittens, long socks, home-made candy and fruit. Occasionally, there'd be something special, a "store bought" present.

Clarence remembers well the time he "struck it lucky" and received a pair of boots from Eaton's. "They had rubber bottoms and leather tops," he recalls. "Unfortunately, they were tight, but rather than return them and take a chance they couldn't be replaced, I said nothing. The darned things nearly crippled me, but there was no way I was going to part-with them."

As with most families, Christmas Day meant a visit to grandparents' place. The cutter being too small, the horses were hitched to a nine-passenger sleigh.

"I can remember nearly freezing on the way, but grandma always had hot cocoa or chocolate waiting for us when we arrived."

Christmas dinner, Clarence recalls, was "enormous". All the vegetables came from a root cellar in the basement of the farm house. Goose, plum pudding and Christmas cake rounded out the meal. "I can recall eating so much, I could hardly struggle from the table," he said.

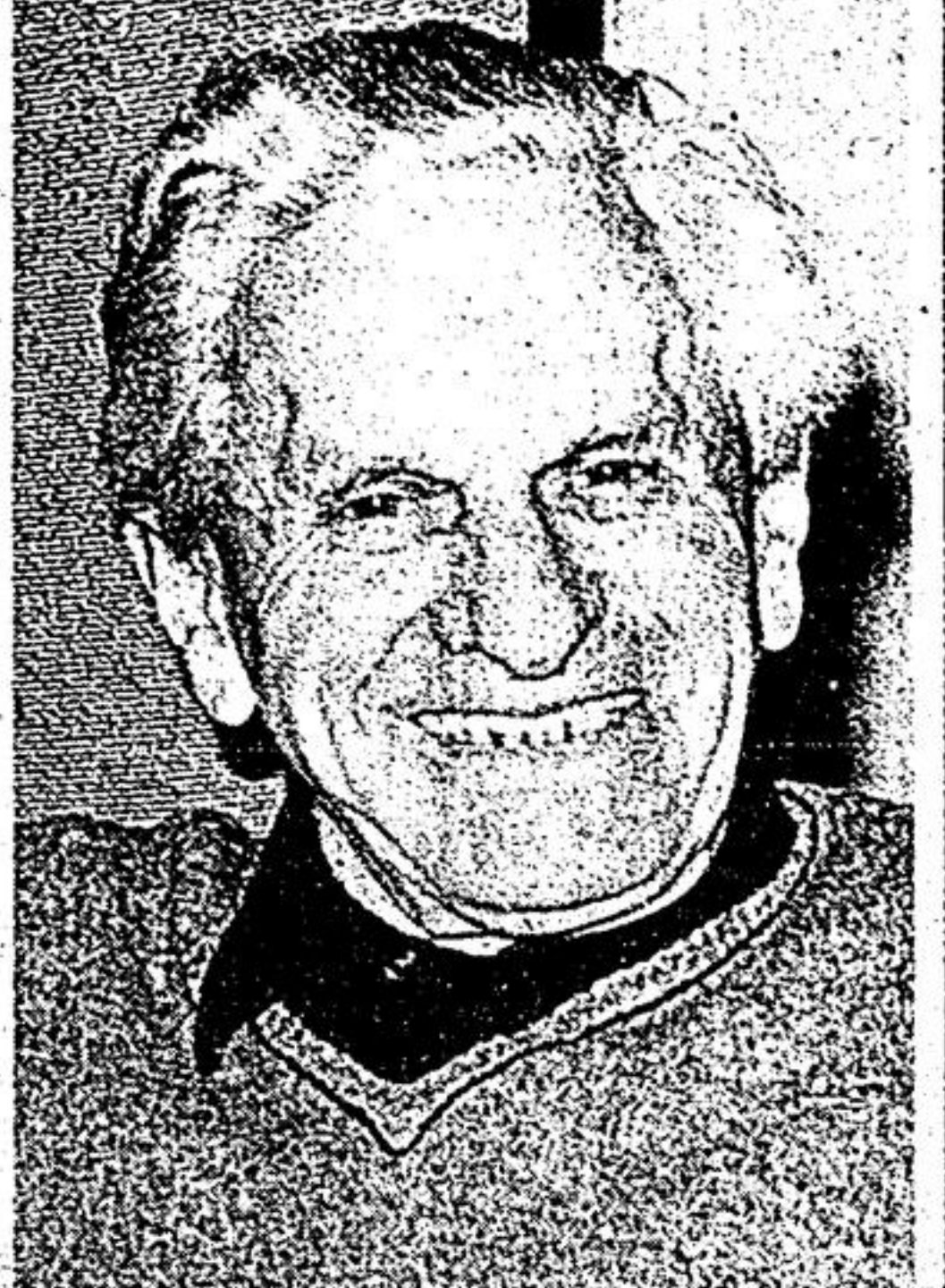
Entertainment was strictly "home-made". Clarence recalls how his Uncle William would play the part of Santa Claus in a skit in which all members of the family participated.

The week prior to Christmas, everyone attended a concert in the church. This was a big event in the neighborhood. People would come for miles.

The smaller children each had to memorize a verse while the older ones put on a play. Each child, Sunday School member or not, received a bag of candy.

Boxing Day was, in Clarence's words, "was normal", with everyone out of bed at five to do the chores.

How have times changed? "People aren't as close to one another as they used to be," he said. "There seems to be so much money around, folks can buy just about anything they want. They don't have to rely on each other as they once did."



CLARENCE SUMMERFELDT

Gertrude Byer

A simple life but great fun

By JIM THOMAS STOUFFVILLE — Christmas was simple but fun when Mrs. Nels Byer (then Gertrude Kendrick) was a little girl down on the farm. Her parents, David and Elizabeth Kendrick owned 150 acres on both sides of what is now 19th Avenue, between the 6th and 7th concessions of Markham Township. She had a brother, Roy and a sister, Nellie.

"We always had a tree, cut it out of the swamp," she said. But she doesn't remember any expensive gifts. Hard candy and nuts were popular plus one present.

"We were on top of the world," she stated.

A goose with all the trimmings highlighted their dinner table. "Very few people raised turkeys then," she explained.

Because the country roads were often plugged full of snow, Christmas at the Kendrick house usually included only the immediate family. However, the afternoon concert at Melville School was a time for the whole neighborhood to get together. Willie Martin was the teacher.

Gertrude remembers Reub Meyer, now of Markham. He attended school in the winter along with other older boys in the area. "Everybody liked him," she said. She recalls how Reub would always drop off a bag of plums at the school for the kids.

Church and Sunday School played an important role in the community, not only at Christmas but all year round. She, her brother and sister thought nothing of walking to Second Markham (Springvale) Baptist Church at night and Melville Sunday School in the afternoon. Tobogganing was a favorite sport.

Mrs. Byer remembers the sound of sleigh bells. Every set was different and one could tell the various teams even before they came into view — the Nigh's, the Spofford's, every farmer had them. Her father had a long string that went half way round each horse.

Familiar names back then were Mabel Boynton, George Hoover, Libby Wideman, Orval Carruthers, Lottie Houck, Annie Gayman, Norman Hoover, Henry Miller, Janie Vague and Reub Meyer.

Was it a hard life? I asked.

No, she replied. It was a good life.

Bill Morris remembers

School concerts

By JOANN THOMPSON STOUFFVILLE — It was hard getting around in the winter of 1914, but back then, when folks did get together, good times were enjoyed by all; especially at Christmas time. Bill Morris, Park Drive North, recalls the merry season 'down on the farm'.

It was that year he moved to property northeast of town and eventually worked more than 300 acres. As a boy, he attended Glasgow School and retains fond memories of the late Arthur Latham.

Music has always been an important part of Christmas and Bill remembers the concerts put on at the school. All the folks in the community would come, even if it meant trudging two or three miles through deep snow.

It wasn't uncommon for even the train to be "snowed in", he recalls. Volunteer would band together and clear the tracks.

Winter brought hard work but fun times as well. Bill and his friends often walked a mile to the local pond; would spend two hours shovelling it off; then skate for half an hour. By then, it was chore time.

As Christmas Day drew near, Bill's mother kept busy knitting socks for the children and preparing for dinner. The stockings would always be hung on the mantel-piece along with a glass of milk and a few cookies.

In the morning, the kids would find an apple, an orange and a pair of warm mittens.

Turkey was not the prime bird then. It was goose, chicken or roast duck.

Comparing the festive season of today with yesteryears, Bill says it's too commercialized now. "We didn't put up near the decorations they do today — no fancy colored lights," he explained.

House parties were popular, he remembers, with square dancing and cards. Often the gatherings lasted till well past midnight.

This Christmas, Bill and Luella enjoyed the day at the home of Clifton and Dorothy Morris and family in Uxbridge.



BILL MORRIS

Music Mania - 1980

STOUFFVILLE — Persons wishing to participate in Music Mania 1980 and living within the 640 telephone exchange, are asked to attend a meeting in the gymnasium at Summitview School, Wed., Jan. 9 at 8 p.m.

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