



# Markham Village's 20th Annual FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



Friday, November 26, 2004 6:30 pm until 10 pm

## Recapture the Magic of Christmas

by Dr. James Horner,  
Festival of Lights Committee

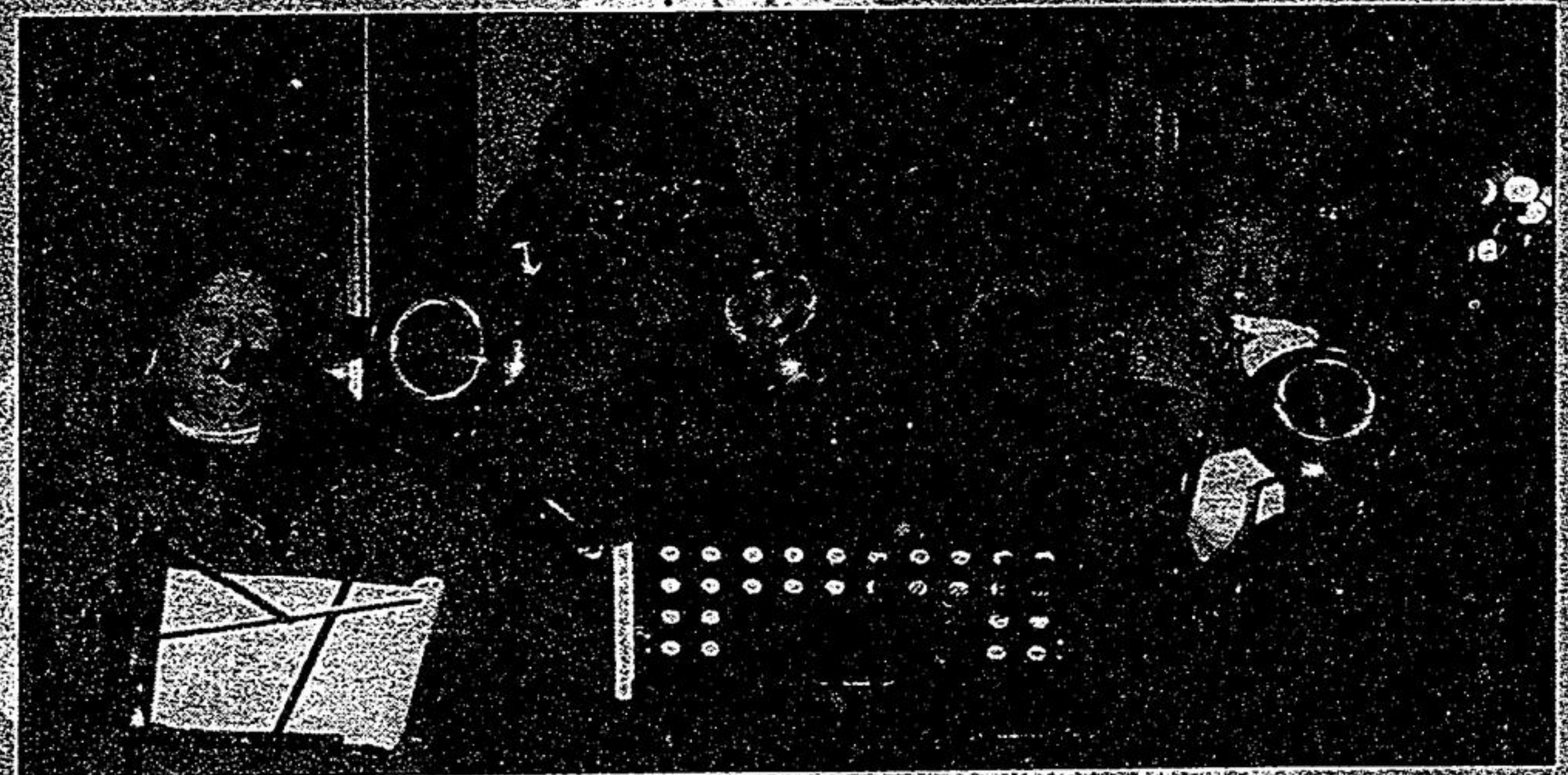
The family gathered to decorate the Christmas tree. Waking up to freshly fallen snow on Christmas morning. The delight of a child transfixed by the old downtown Simpson's Christmas windows. These are a few of the magic moments that each of us treasure from Christmases past, and have inspired the theme of this year's Markham Village BIA's Festival of Lights, *A Magical Christmas*. The Festival organizers have been busy planning one of the area's most popular family events. Held this year on Friday, November 26, from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm, everyone is invited. Shopkeepers will be creating displays to evoke images of the magical theme for the annual Window

### Decorating Competition

Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup>, this annual event annual hosts a wide variety of street entertainers including the Cat and the Fiddle, Scrooge, strolling carollers, school and church choirs, buskers and magicians, as well as the ever-popular Petting Zoo, Dog Cart Rides, Kid's Craft Area and, of course, a visit from Santa Claus himself! The evening begins with the Opening Ceremonies as Santa lights the Christmas tree followed by a great fireworks display. Neighbours, visitors and friends can then enjoy a giant festive street party and visit the wide variety of high quality merchants in the Town's historical core, who will be staying open late to celebrate the Holiday Season, with lots of in-store specials. New to the Festival this year will be traditional horse-drawn carriage rides and a

silent auction of tremendous gifts in support of DREAMS Inc., a local charity that teaches life skills for developmentally challenged adults. Join your neighbours, new and old, in this fun for the whole family event! It's a

festive night not to be missed! For more information, visit our website at [www.markhamvillage.com](http://www.markhamvillage.com) or call (905) 472-2462. Adult and student volunteers are always welcome!



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Through music,  
scriptures, meditations  
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A service of reflection  
for those who have  
experienced loss and  
find it hard to be part  
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Monday Dec. 13, 2004  
7:00 p.m.

Chapel Ridge Funeral Home  
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(3 lights north of Hwy. #7)

special music by contemporary tenor  
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with clergy and volunteers from  
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part of the remembrance ceremony.

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