

**FROM THE KITCHEN WITCH**  
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**GINGERBREAD COOKIES**

This recipe was printed about six years ago in the Smiths Falls paper and is the best I have ever tried. The dough is infallible for youngsters to work with and is still delicious to nibble on after hanging on the tree for a week. You can buy up to 8" cookie cutters in boy or girl forms or make your own out of heavy cardboard and just trace around them with a sharp knife. We cover the table with plastic and saucers containing many different colours of an icing sugar and water mix. The food colourings from the cake decorating store are the best. They come in all shades from fluorescent to black. We use all the glitters and cookie decorations we can find and let our imagination go.

- 1 c. packed brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 c. margarine or butter softened
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 1/4 c. molasses
- 1 tbs baking soda
- 1 tsp ground cloves
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground allspice
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 3 cups flour plus 5-6 cups (to be used later)

Beat everything together except the extra flour until well blended. Stir the additional flour into the mix until a stiff dough has been attained. Divide dough in half and wrap in plastic. Dough can be used immediately or refrigerated for up to two days.

Preheat oven to 350 deg. F. On a lightly floured surface roll out the dough until 1/8" thick. Make your cookies and using a large pancake turner, slip them on a lightly greased cookie sheet and bake about 10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack and then decorate. If you wish to run a ribbon through the top of the cookie for hanging then punch a hole through the cookie before you bake it.

**James Auld Provincial Waterway Park**

The Public Advisory Committee for the proposed James Auld Provincial Waterway Park will hold its fourth meeting on Nov. 26 in Kingston.

Several members of the 14 member Advisory Committee will present alternatives to the park proposal originally set forth by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

As a result of consultations between the Federation of Ontario Naturalists and the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Federation has deferred its presentation to the Advisory Committee until a later date.

At the Committee's last meeting on Oct. 26, Mr. Norm Richards, the Director of Parks and Recreational Areas Branch for the Ministry of Natural Resources addressed the Committee on behalf of the Minister, Vince Kerrio. Richards made it very clear that Kerrio wanted to "move away from the debate over 'park' versus 'no park'"

Richards stated that "the Ministry favours some sort of recreational management and resource protection along this waterway" and that the Ministry believes that the "role of the Public Advisory Committee is to recommend what form this recreational management and resource protection should take".

The Public Advisory Committee consists of representatives of interest groups from along the waterway that were invited last June by Kerrio to advise him on issues and concerns related to the proposed park.

The meeting will be held at the 401 Value Inn and will begin at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is open for the public to observe. Advisory Committee members and Ministry of Natural Resources staff will be available for questions after the meeting.

**My Kind of People** by Mike Murphy

Mike Murphy was raised in this area and his story is an entertaining and lively journey through his memories. From Kingston, Elgin and other parts of the Valley, to Skid Row in Toronto he travelled with an acutely observant eye and usually a good supply of booze. The great old railroad days out of Smith Falls, the Almonte wreck, Harry McLean the millionaire who shared his wealth, Bill Cook the famous NHL player and many, many other memorable characters and their stories flow from his pen. There is something for everyone in this book, not to absorb all at once but fun to return to for another trip into the past. The third publication from Butternut Press, edited by our own "Pam in Portland". Paperback, \$11.05.

**Christmas Tree Growers of Ontario**

William Hamblen, Chairman Public Relations and Education for the Christmas Tree Growers of Ontario, has announced that the firm of Warnick & Assoc. of Toronto has been awarded the Public Relations contract for this Christmas season.

Special emphasis this year will be placed on stressing the advantages of real trees as well as tree safety. A special booth has been established at the Royal Winter Fair with prize winning trees on display.

Mr. Hamblen has reported that a tree will be presented to the Ontario Legislature early in December. The Public are invited to view this tree during the holiday season.

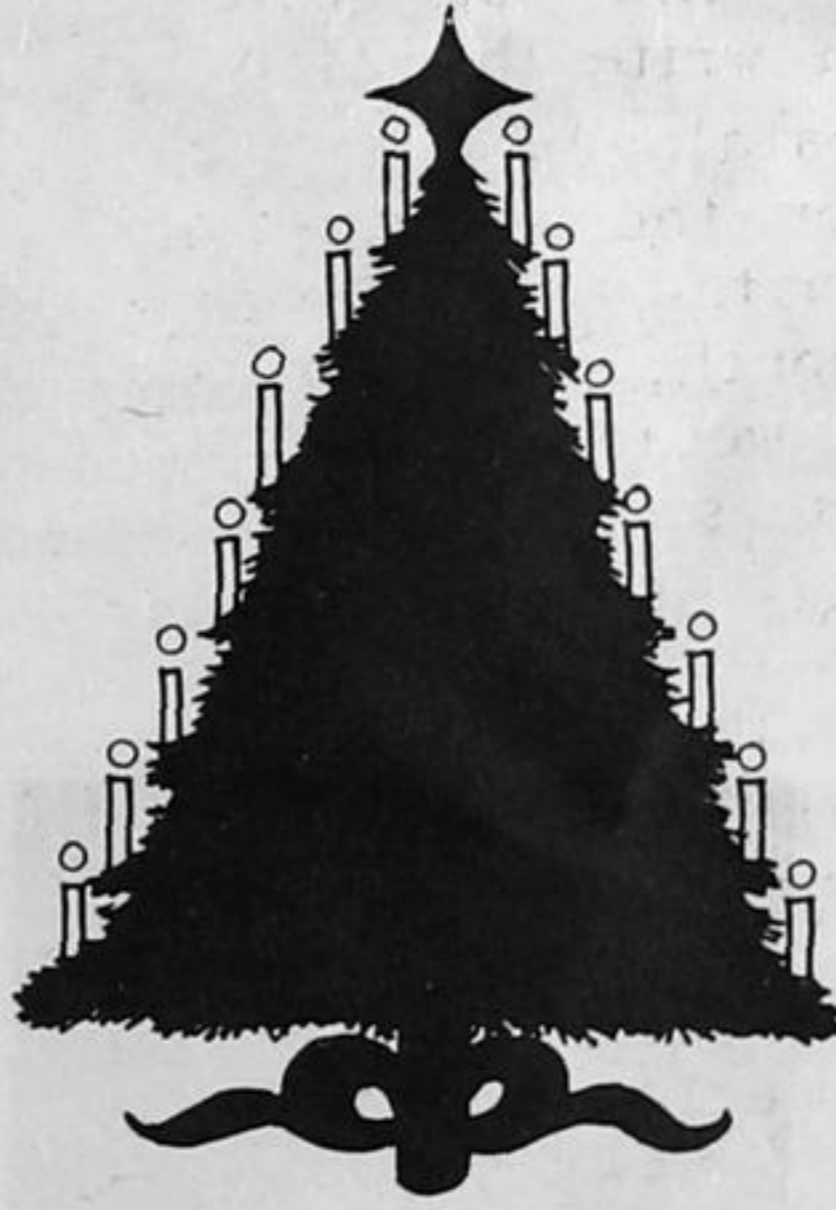
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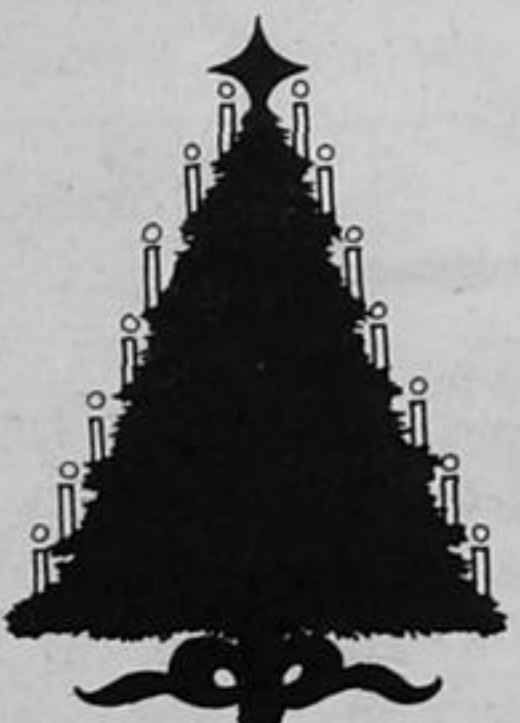




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