Safety tips for smokers

Smokers are urged to use care with fire during the Christmas season, particularly around the Christmas tree.

To keep your Christmas a merry one, use care, and don't smoke in the vicinity of the tree.

After the tree has been up several days, it is still more of a fire hazard because standing trees dry out.

The Canadian Underwriters' Association estimates that nearly one-fourth of all fires are caused by matches and smoking. Care by smokers can help reduce our gigantic fire toll.

So, keep your smokes far away from the Christmas tree.

Christmas Blessings
May the joys and blessings of Christmas abide with you.
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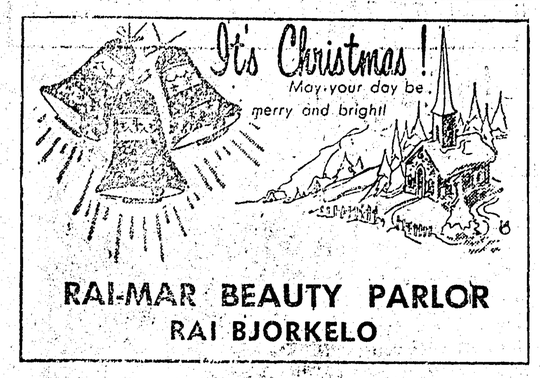
It's Christmas!
May your day be merry and bright!
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GREETINGS
FOR
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TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
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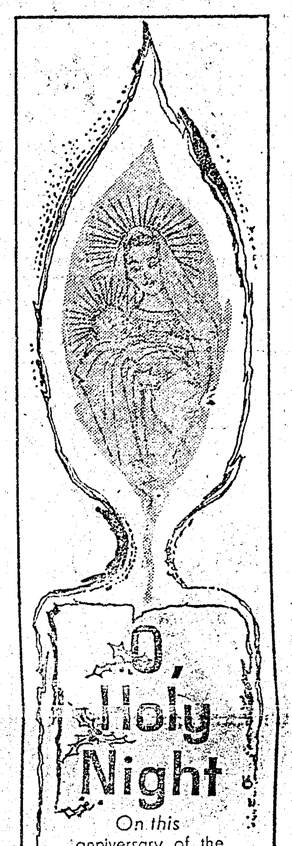
JAPANESE SANTA—A Japanese Santa Claus was on hand to greet 90 children at a Christmas party staged by the Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens Association. The unidentified Santa chats with Patsy Furugori (left) and Gordon Goto.


O, Holy Night
On this anniversary of the birth of our Blessed Saviour, accept our most sincere good wishes for a joyous Christmas to you and yours.
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Yuletide in Quebec

By GERRY McNEIL

QUEBEC (CP) — Many district Christmas customs survive in Quebec, though the North American way has overwhelmed a few in this French corner of the continent.

New Year's Day, not Christmas, was the traditional time for gift-giving in Quebec, but most families now fill the stockings Dec. 25.

Yuletide here is the family time it always was. Whole family units exchange visits.

Daughters who are nuns and sons who are priests come home to the hearth.

Kitchens are busier than post offices. Before supermarkets, the whole family worked for weeks butchering and gathering food for the Christmas period.

The Frenchman's long love affair with food becomes passionate at Le Reveillon—the feast that follows midnight mass.

MADDEN TASTE BUDS

Succulent pork dishes—steaming tourtieres, aromatic ragouts—madden the taste buds. Head cheese, oyster patties, plum pudding flaming in cognac, flamboyant pastries weigh the table.

In the storied Beauce country, where tradition dies hard, a braised tete de cochon—pig's head— decorates many tables.

On Christmas Day, small children wend their way to the parish church to place token gifts at the creche — the nativity scene. In some rural communities, children dress as angels or shepherds to bring the infant Jesus to the church in a procession.

Legends surround the 12 days from Christmas to the Epiphany Jan. 6. Some are expressed in carols sung at home and not heard in church or on the radio.

The top of a cardboard shoe box placed in the bottom of your Christmas shopping bag will save you time. It will keep the filled bag from toppling over each time you set it down.

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When a candle is too large for the opening in the candlestick, dip the base of the candle in very hot water. Then you can press it gently into the holder.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
Again, at this happiest of all seasons, may we extend our heartiest wishes to you all . . . hoping that every joy and delight of the Yuletide will be yours to enjoy to the fullest. Merry Christmas!
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Christmas in Cuba will be sad affair

By PETER BEALES

HAVANA (Reuters(— Christmas in Cuba this year will be a sad and strictly austerity affair—so far as there are any celebrations at all.

This island republic's Christmas used to be a blend of traditional Spanish celebrations overlaid increasingly by customs imported from the United States.

But since the Fidel Castro revolution of Jan. 1, 1959, the ruling regime has played Christmas down and the family feast has become less than a shadow of its former self.

As in so many parts of the world, Christmas used to be a time for big family reunions. But in the last three years, celebrations have become either restricted or abandoned altogether. Too many families have been split up.

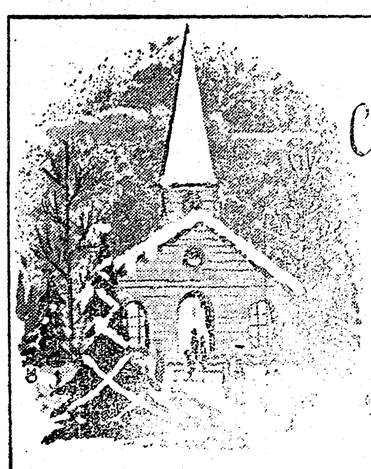
By tradition, Christmas began here on Christmas Eve with a midnight family dinner of roast suckling pig with black beans, rice and yucca root followed by turron, a rich almond nougat made in Spain.

Outside, the streets were hung with countless lights, decorated with Christmas trees and brightened by gaily adorned store windows.

In 1959 a ban on the slaughter of piglets put an end to traditional fare for Christmas Eve and by last Christmas, the only public decorations to be seen were a little bunting and a few sprays of silvered pine branches.

This year, food is tightly rationed and expensive; there are no Christmas cards on sale; stores are almost empty of gifts; many churches are closed following the expulsion of hundreds of Roman Catholic priests and many more have been taken over as warehouses or military depots.

There is no incentive for celebration, and Christmas is expected to be, for most people here, no more than just another day off.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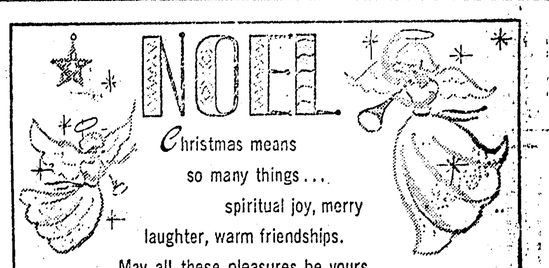
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Christmas means so many things . . . spiritual joy, merry laughter, warm friendships.
May all these pleasures be yours.
Canadian Pacific Airlines and Staff

Wishing you all the joys of the Christmas Season, and sending you our sincerest thanks for allowing us the privilege of serving you.
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Greetings for Christmas
As big and bright as the shining star atop your Christmas tree . . . our happy wish to you and yours for a Merry Christmas!
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