

"CITY STYLE COUNTRY SMILE"  
**EXPLORER**  
INN LTD.

"An All Canadian Co."



PHONE  
(519) 587-2241  
**JARVIS**  
32 ROOMS  
COLOURED T.V.



JOSEPH

# MAKE THIS A VERY Merry Christmas

Enjoy Organ Music  
By **MICHAEL LINES**  
8 TO 12 P.M. FRI. & SAT  
5 TO 7 P.M. SUNDAY

## dining OUT

Enjoy a leisure hour of delicious salads and cold cuts prior to the exotic meal that will be prepared by our Master Chef Joseph

YOUR CHOICE

(Member of the Chefs DeCuisine)

**TURKEY**

With All The Trimmings

**ROAST BEEF**

Standing Prime Ribs

**WHOLE GLAZED HAM**

Vienna Style

**SEAFOOD**

"El Newburg"

CHRISTMAS DAY AND BOXING DAY 1 P.M. TIL ?

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW FOR DELICIOUS MEAL CHRISTMAS DAY & BOXING DAY AT THE EXPLORER

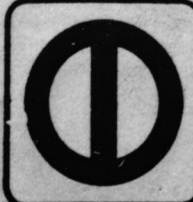
Served in an atmosphere of soft music and beautiful surroundings  
FULLY LICENSED UNDER THE L.C.B.O. INCLUDING SUNDAYS

LUNCHEON SPECIALS DAILY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

PHONE EARLY FOR RESERVATIONS,  
WE WELCOME YOU

VISIT THE EXPLORER TWO BLOCKS EAST OF THE LIGHTS AT JARVIS

DINERS CLUB



## Trees Flourish In Festivities

Of all the customs of the Yuletide, none flourishes more merrily than the Christmas tree. It's a happy holiday tradition to set up a tree, string it with lights, deck it with ornaments and win it with a star. Legendary suggestions about the origin of the tree plentiful. Just about every country has one to offer. The pine trees of the Roman Saturnalia, the great Yggdrasil in Norse mythology and the papyrus trees the Egyptians used to adorn their homes at the winter solstice are but a few of the possibilities. In Scandinavian mythology, the three roots

of Yggdrasil bound together the home of the gods, the land of mankind and the netherworld. Though the Yule tree began can't be pinpointed, it first showed up as an accomplished fact in the 16th century. Strasbour manuscripts of that era describe decorated trees as a regular, established part of the Christmas season. The custom of the tree was probably brought to the New World by Hessian soldiers fighting for the British in the Revolutionary War. The chronology of the Christmas tree in America reveals these highlights, as

compiled by the editors of Encyclopedia International. 1856 - First Christmas tree in the White House introduced by President Franklin Pierce. 1909 - People of Pasadena, California erected

a towering tree on Mount Wilson. 1912 - Community trees decorated in Madison Square Park, New York City, and on the Common in Boston. 1913 - "Children's Christmas Tree" placed in Independence Square, Philadelphia. 1920 - Giant deodar cedars create a mile-long panorama of lighted trees, on "Christmas Tree Lane" in Altadena, California. 1923 - First National Community Christmas Tree inaugurated by President Calvin Coolidge. 1926 - National Christmas Tree designated by U.S. Department of Interior. It's a "Sequoia gigantea," or coniferous evergreen, in King's Canyon National Park, California. 1933 - First Rockefeller Centre Christmas tree erected - a 70-foot high Norway spruce with 1,200 colorful lights. Since then, huge Christmas trees - usually Norway spruce - have been a tradition in this New York business-entertainment complex. Tallest ever was a 90-footer, in 1948. 1947 - Minneapolis celebrated with a tree made of waterpipes. 135 trees placed in the pipes served as limbs. 1950 - A Seattle shopping centre set a record for the highest tree, with a 212-footer. Canadians celebrate with a National Christmas Tree on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

### Images

#### Of Christmas

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" and C.C. Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas" ("Twas the Night Before Christmas") have been credited with doing the most to give the favored modern concept of Yuletide joyous spirit. Both men - and in fact, most memorable contributors to popular Christmas-time literature - have owed much to imagery provided by artists. Moore's verses gained impact from drawings by Thomas Nast which enlivened and expanded earlier visualizations. Dickens' Cratchits, Scrooge, Fezziwig, and other characters in "Christmas Carol" are remembered best as John Leech drew them in original editions. Works of other English artists - William Hogarth, Thos. Rowlandson, George Cruikshank, Randolph Caldecott, John Tenniel, the pseudonymic "Alfred Crowquill," among them - would be adornments of walls in a gallery of great Christmas illustrations, as would be paintings of Norman Rockwell, lithographs of Currier & Ives, drawings by A. B. Frost, Nell Brinkley, Grace Drayton in the United States; W. Ralston in Australia; Jan Steen, the Brueghels, Ludwig Richter, Robin Jacques, Josef Kelbner, and more in Europe who made Scandinavian, German, French, annual albums of Christmas sentiment cherished internationally.

THE SOFTEST THINGS ON TWO FEET!

Dearfoams®  
KITTEN by  
Lullabies



STYLE #6294

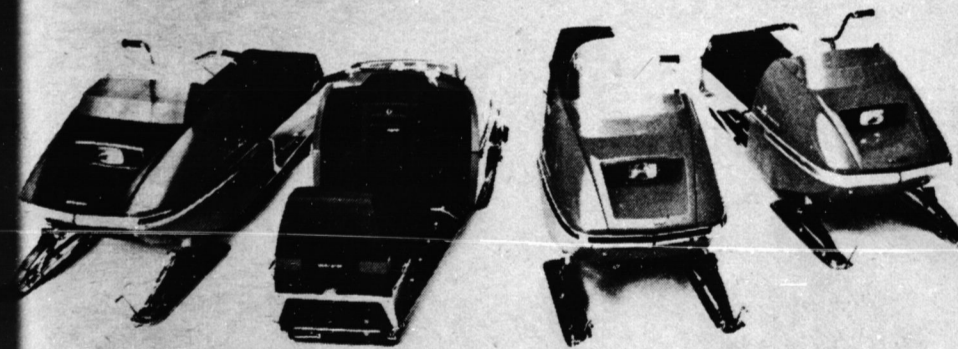
about \$3.50

Pamper your feet in the luxurious softness of this lovely cotton velour ballerina. Deep foam insoles with long wearing outsoles and little heel. In vibrant colours of pink, blue, gold, turquoise, avocado, and white. Completely washable.

### ROY CALLAN SHOES

44 ROBINSON ST. SIMCOE  
426-4862

## Make it a Rupp Christmas



Give a Rupp for Christmas Fun All Winter!

For real winter fun on the snow, you can't beat Rupp Snowmobiles. Rups ride two, handle easy. There's one for everyone, with 4 series, 13 models. And there's one to fit your budget. This year, make it a Rupp Christmas for your family. Or, just for you.

GO CLASS GO RUPP

**W. J. HEASLIP LTD.**  
NELLES CORNERS  
779-3434

**MAY BE TRUE**  
We recall reading somewhere the rather pointed observation that "the only way to get the Americans to respect you is to fight 'em." Looking back over the course of history and current U.S. policy, there may be a weird kind of truth in that observation. —Swift Current (Sask.) Sun.

**LIBERALS' LOSS**  
We might even bring Paul Hellyer and Eric Kierans back into the fold. It is a great loss for the Liberal party and all Canadians that they had to get out of the way or be run over by Prime Minister Trudeau's overpowering and misguided political machine. —Yellowknife (N.W.T.) News of the North

**Landon's Nursery & Greenhouses Ltd.**  
312 NORFOLK ST. SOUTH  
SIMCOE PHONE 426-3190  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
**DECEMBER 5th**  
2 - 5 P.M.  
**DOOR PRIZES**

**ORDER EARLY ALL OUT-OF-TOWN ORDERS**

*Good Selection of*  
**CHRISTMAS PLANTS**  
**FLOWERS AND NOVELTIES**

BE EARLY BE THRIFTY BE WISE

### Shop Early For

- ★ WATCHES
- ★ DIAMONDS
- ★ LUGGAGE
- ★ CRYSTAL



- ★ SILVERWARE
- ★ RINGS
- ★ JEWELLERY
- ★ ETC.

### for Everyone

Be An "Early Bird" avoid the push Christmas Shop Now

This COUPON worth **10.00** on the purchase of a BULOVA or GLADSTONE WATCH And any Diamond Ring

Gifts For All Occasions

PROMPT SERVICE — FREE GIFT WRAPPING — ENGRAVING  
Lay-away Your Gifts Now — A Small Deposit Reserves Your Selection

**DAVID BANKS**  
JEWELLER  
11 Main Street HAGERSVILLE