



Preserve Christmas memories by recording family activities on film. Keep a camera handy during the holidays.

HOLIDAY IDEAS FOR ON-CAMERA MEMOIRS

Memories of Christmas are enjoyed throughout the year. In pictures, they can be retold vividly.

It is easy to take good holiday pictures. A few tips may help you make the best of the photo opportunities.

Encompass Color

Christmas is a natural for color, so let stocking reds, bottle blues and evergreens shine in your pictures. Look for camera angles that will include holiday trim.

Step Into Action

A ready camera is most likely

to catch good action shots. Load your camera with stock like Kodachrome II film for prints, and keep it handy. Spur-of-the-moment exposures of culinary preparations, trimmings and friendly get-togethers will serve well in remembering your varied family activities.

Emotions Tell Tales

Build your Christmas story by photographing facial expressions associated with anticipation, surprise and the enjoyment of Santa's loot, in close-up pictures. Your camera manual is the best guide

to how close your photo equipment can get to subjects without blurring faces. With children, your best results will come from close-ups at eye level.

Complement Subjects

Busy people look natural and relaxed in pictures. Complement family and friends by recording them involved in conversation or play. Even your camera-shy subjects will delight in the results.

When you take a little care in shooting holiday pictures, you produce visual memories that are a joy to share.

Christmas

by Ruth Morgret

Fake stockings hang.
By a make-believe fireplace casting a red glow
From two 20-watt bulbs
Hidden beneath the artificial coals.

In a corner,
A frosty plastic tree stands
By itself, lonely.

Underneath
In a plastic stall
Lies a plaster baby
In plaster hay
Somewhere
Beneath the foil boxes.

Someone dusted off the Bible
And put it on the coffee table.

But what is Christmas?

The cards strung across the ceiling
Of
The felt stockings
Or
The Babe in the manger bed
Or
My father's tales of years gone by?

It's the baby in the hay
That haunts my mind;
Its face though cherub round and fair
Because the painter goofed
The smile that should be
Full of angelic grace
Seems to proclaim:
"I told you that you would not hear!"

Or did the painter goof?

And down the street,
The church bell tolls as if to punctuate
My thought.

First Christmas into Christmas

The National Commander of The Salvation Army in Canada, Commissioner Arnold Brown, says Canadians ought to spend less time looking forward to this coming Christmas and more time looking back to the first Christmas.

If they did, he is certain that the life-changing message of the Christian church would be seen to be totally relevant to modern man's situation, and that probably because of the inner strength that would result, the social services of The Salvation Army and other movements would noticeably decrease.

What is vitally needed, Commissioner Brown asserts, is not environmental improvements, higher income and more refined standards of living, desirable as in some instances these may be. The chief need is for internal rather than external improvement. It is man himself that needs changing.

The internal improvement, the Commissioner feels, can come only from a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ, the significance of whose birth is too often lost in the plethora of food and drink, cards and presents that comprise our commercially stimulated celebration of Christmas. Not, says the Commissioner, that we should feel guilty about being sentimental at Christmas. The sending of cards and the giving of gifts, so often involving a real sacrifice of time and money, keep friendships in repair and intoxicate children with happiness. Christ would not be contemptuous of this.

But with a seriously increasing prison population, with violence multiplying at a horrifying rate, and with alcoholism and the non-medical use of drugs sapping the national strength, to cite only a few of the nation's social ills, the real message of Christmas is obviously needed.

Perhaps instead of peering forward to Venus, man should take time to look back to that Christmas star which illuminated a Bethlehem stable in which was born the Christ Who is the only Hope for mankind, and Whose love alone can work that inner change for good in men's lives and characters. In other words the Commissioner says, man needs to look backward in order properly to look forward.



Pick a card... any card, and send with it your best personal wishes. Enclose a snapshot with your holiday greetings this year, and share happy memories with friends and relatives. Your thoughtfulness will be appreciated long after the festive season.



May peace and joy fill your heart and home this Christmas. Thank you for letting us share your warmth.

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Cut Costs with Christmas Crafts

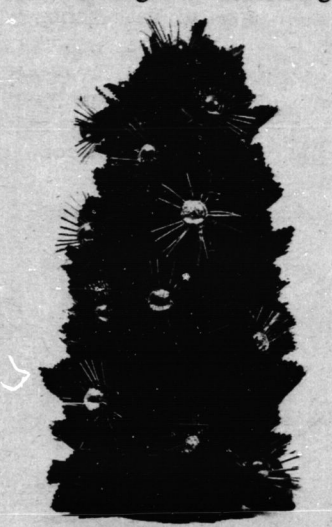
Don't worry about finding last year's Christmas decorations lying crumpled and lifeless in the bottom of a box. Instead of going out to fight the crowds of shoppers, you and your family can have fun making your own decorations from the kitchen stand-by... the green garbage bag.

The articles shown here are simple to make and certainly much less expensive than the store-bought variety.

Miniature Christmas trees, wreaths, table decorations or laurel ropes... the possibilities are limited only by your imagination.

How to Make:

The basic unit for all the decorations is the single flowerlet. Cut a green "Glad" bag



This Christmas tree will make a great centerpiece for the festive table.

into 4 inch squares with a pair of pinkish shears. Place three or four layers of bag on top of each other. Pinch in the middle and twist, securing the pointed end with cellophane tape. The number of flowerlets needed depends on the decorations you have in mind. The wreath for your door would take, for instance, about two and a half green "Glad" bags. A circular styro-foam form can be purchased from any craft shop. With straight pins fasten the flowerlets on to the form overlapping them to hide the taped ends. You may wish to purchase some, inexpensive red or silver balls or Christmas ribbon to add color or alternate colors of flowerlets by using white "Kitchen Catchers" or orange "Glad" garden bags. Sew a piece of string to the centre top and hang it on your door or from window frames.

This Christmas wreath is made from garbage bag flowerlets and costs only pennies. The whole family can get into the Christmas spirit making these decorations.

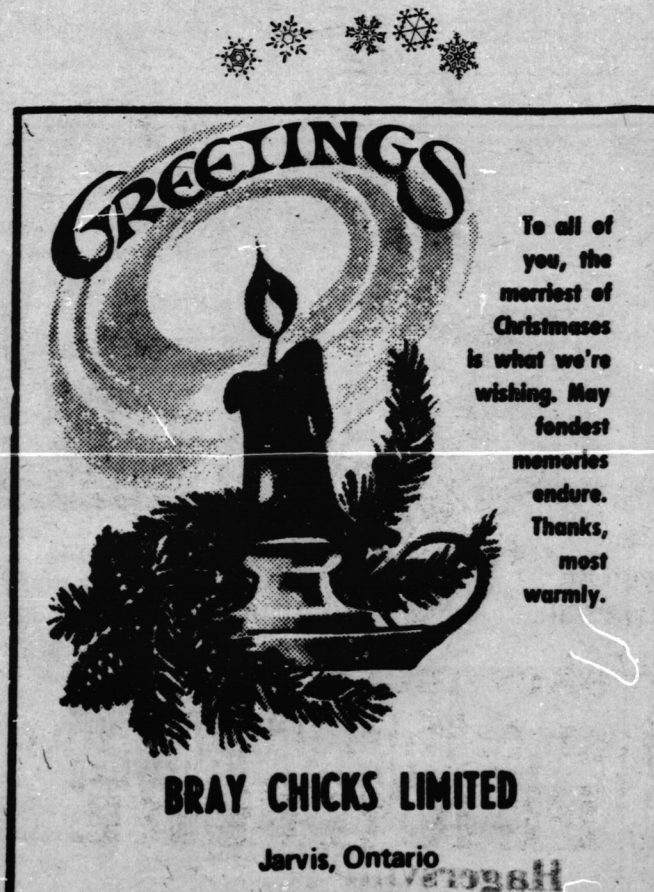
The same method applies to making the Christmas tree. The base of the tree is a styro-foam cone. Attach the flowerlets starting from the top and work towards the base. The addition of silver balls or ribbons gives the final festive touch.

You may wish to use clusters of flowerlets to make table centre pieces or to dress up the corners of a buffet table.

Laurel ropes to hang over doors or around window frames can be made by pinning flowerlets to strips of fabric.

As a word of caution do not use candles with your centre pieces or use the decorations around open fireplaces.

The whole family can get into the act on making these decorations and because they are so inexpensive you needn't worry about how they get packed away.



Greenery and glitter, turkey and treats, love and laughter, that's what holidays are made of. Hope your Christmas is the best!

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Choose your Christmas Turkey carefully

Food specialists at the Ontario Food Council, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, suggest that you give a good deal of thought to the turkey you intend to purchase for this year's Christmas dinner.

Decide what grade of turkey you want. Most Ontario turkeys are graded into one of three grades - A, B, or Utility. On fresh turkey, look for the grade marked on a metal tag which is attached to the breast of the bird. On frozen turkeys, the grade is printed on the bag.

The particular grade is determined by certain quality factors. Flesh - the amount of meat on the carcass and how it is distributed. Fat covering - the amount and where it is distributed. Finish - the presence of defects such as tears in the skin, discoloration, pinfeathers or bruises.

Canada Grade A indicates top quality in flesh, finish and fat covering. Canada Grade B has somewhat less flesh, the finish may not be quite as good as Grade A, or it may be a combination of both. Canada Grade Utility may have a small piece of the carcass missing such as a wing tip, or the skin may be discolored or bruised. Sometimes the bird may have a minor deformity such as a crooked keel bone.

The price per pound of turkey varies with the grade. If cost is an important factor in making your decision, consider the B and Utility Grades as possible choices.

Turkeys are available in weights ranging from 6 to 20 pounds. Calculate 1/2 to 3/4 pound per serving to determine the ideal size. If you enjoy leftover turkey for casseroles, sandwiches, or a personal favorite dish, calculate the size accordingly.

To Wish You the Joys of Christmas

Peace and serenity... love and brotherhood... be yours... and remain with you all through the holidays. Thanks for your kind generosity.

Rev. & Mrs. Taylor-Munro

Christmas Greetings

Happy voices sing out in a chorus of warm wishes. It's been a pleasure serving you.

Cam Thomson

Our Best Wishes at Christmas

Here's hoping that yours is a spirit lifting holiday! May it be filled with gladness. We're thankful for the loyalty you've shown to us.

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peace... joy

Long ago, three kings offered gifts as gestures of goodwill. Please accept our gift... to wish you and your family a warm, wonderful Christmas. Thanks to all.

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