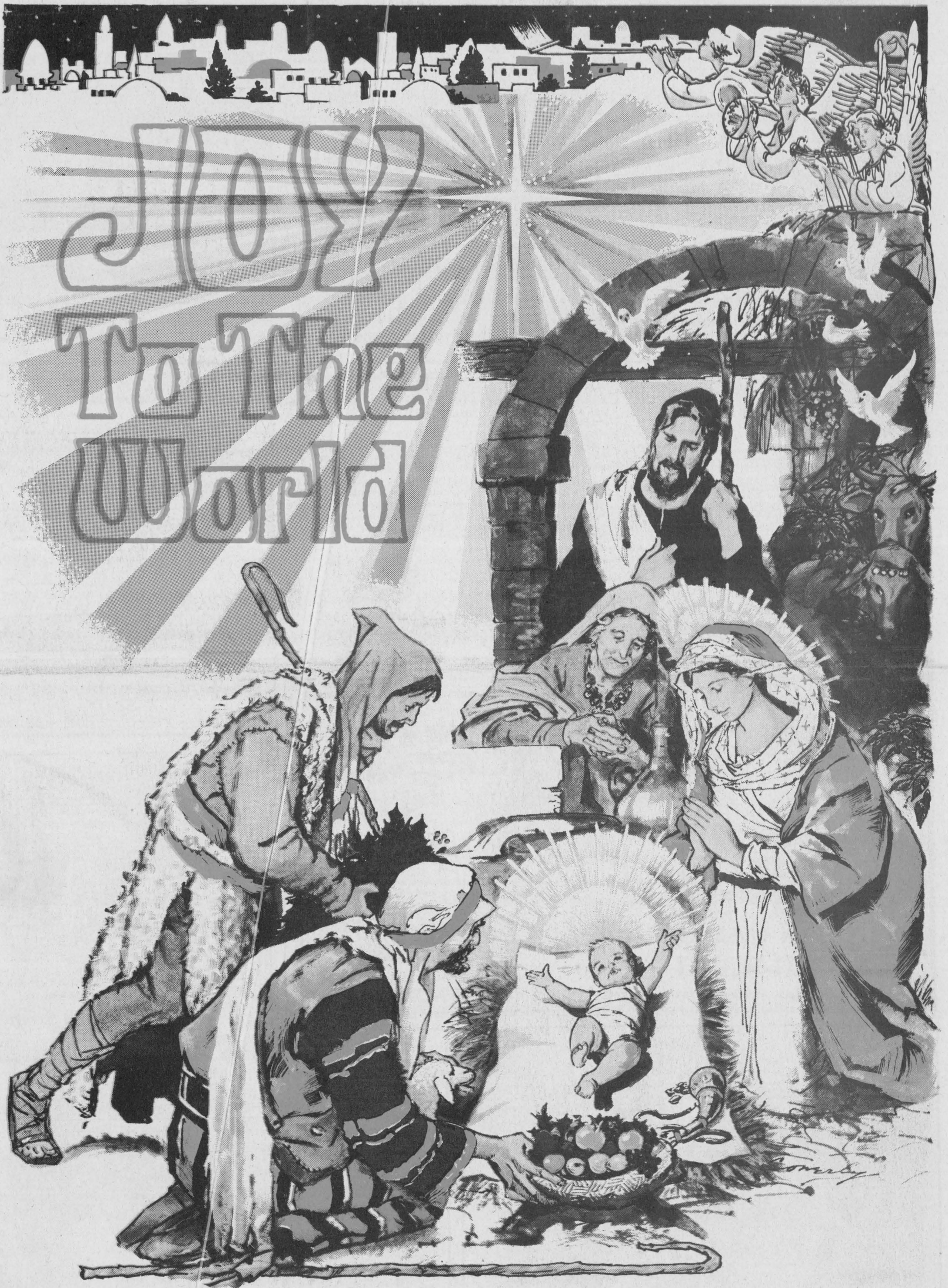


Christmas Greetings



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Pictures capture seasons true feelings

It often seems like every moment of the holiday season bears a special once-in-a-lifetime significance. Those "Kodak moments" are plentiful at this festive time of year. Special photo opportunities go by so fast it is hard to catch them all. However, with a little thought and preparation, you can capture and preserve all the little things that make the holidays so treasured.

The professional photographers at Kodak Canada Inc. have provided some basic tips on picture taking to help ensure that the holidays are beautifully documented from the first shopping expedition to the last drop of egg nog.

The first thing to remember is always keep your camera handy. Spontaneous moments cannot be recreated. Keep a camera, film and extra batteries close by at all times. To help capture the holiday spirit from everyone's perspective, try placing several one-time-use cameras around the house. (Much like at weddings, so anyone can grab one and shoot what they see).

Next would be your focus, always on faces at this time of year. People's facial expressions can tell a complete story. A photo of a child laughing, smiling or making a silly face can bring back a torrent of special memories. In addition to group photos, experiment with close-ups as kids open their gifts, as dad carves the bird, or as mom opens her special gift from you.

Someone once told this writer to "hold your breath" as you snap a picture...not! If you are the DP (designated photographer) and are taking a posed picture, do not hold your breath as you take the shot. Inhale as you compose the shot through the viewfinder, then exhale gently as you press the shutter. This simple tip can help you keep the camera steady and depress the shutter with a smooth, even movement.

If you try to photograph the Christmas tree, do so at dusk. The most common problem with "tree shots" is that they are too dark and the lights or ornaments are pinpoints of bright light that cannot be seen clearly. Try taking your picture of the tree at dusk or on a cloudy day and use a higher speed film than you usually would. (a 400 for instance.)

Be careful of your background, a beautiful picture can become unintentionally funny if the background is wrong. One photographer spent an hour setting up a lovely photograph of his grandparents in front of his fireplace; only

to have it look like the candles were pointing out of his grandfather's head. When you get the picture set up, take a last look through the viewfinder to make sure you have given considerable thought to the background as well as the subject of the picture.

Do not take just one picture of a great moment; snap two or three or even more. Every time you press the shutter, different expressions and moods will be captured. Don't hold back, go for the whole shooting match.

Sure, everyone loves to have a formal family portrait taken during the holidays, but you will definitely want to capture the spontaneous moments that are the true spirit of the holidays. People photograph best when they're relaxed, having fun and unconscious of the camera. Candid shots will bring back the best memories in the long haul.

The holiday season is much more than what occurs on Christmas Eve or the eight days of Hanukkah. To really chronicle your family's special moments, begin taking photos on the first shopping expedition or when dad makes a trip to the tree farm. And do not stop when Christmas is over...unexpected shots of the wrapping paper strewn on the floor or everyone watching the football game are part and parcel of personal memories that help

document the season in its entirety.

It is wise not to wait for things to happen, special moments will not come to you, go looking for them. If it is cold, put on a hat and gloves and go outside. If it is raining or snowing, take waterproof precautions and to grab those action packed sleigh rides and snowball fights on sunny days, be sure you have some 100 speed film.

Selecting the right film is often more crucial than the type of camera you are using. For extra

special holiday moments check out the new Kodak Royal Gold Film, or a comparable film. This will ensure that its special formulation can let you be sure that "trophy shots" you will want to enlarge do not come out too grainy etc. The ones you want to frame and give to friends and family members need special attention.

Above all when it comes to holiday picture taking, have fun! Make picture taking a part of the tradition and celebrations at your home and those you visit over the season.



The Three Kings crowned

It seems that until the fifteenth Century the Magi were all portrayed with fair skin; but in that century one of the three kings was painted as a black person.

The Magi were given king's titles in the sixth Century but were not painted with crowns until the eleventh Century. The kings were portrayed as representing three stages of life-youth, middle life, old age, as well as the three great divisions of the human family-the Europeans, the Asians, and the Africans.



Worth a 1000 words

A picture is worth a thousand words and last year this time the weather was ripe and the trails were ready. With Christmas two days away most have already found that perfect tree. On the trip above, the whole family made the trek into the bush to find that special addition. This year you could almost wear shorts! But never fear, with any luck, we'll have a bunch of the white stuff before the 25th.

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston.



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The festive celebration a long lasting tradition

Hanukkah is a Jewish celebration that takes place around the time of the Winter Solstice and lasts for eight days, beginning the twenty-fifth of the Hebrew month Kislev (November-December). It celebrates the victory of Judas Maccabee over the Syrian tyrant Antiochus over 2100 years ago. After seven years of fighting, during which Judas won a number of battles over the Syrian armies, he returned with his followers to Jerusalem, determined to cleanse and rededicate the Temple which had been desecrated by Antiochus. When it came time to light the Holy Light they found just one jar of oil, enough to light the lamp for only one day. It would take eight days to prepare fresh consecrated oil. Miraculously, the one jar of oil burned for eight days and eight nights.

Since that time Jews have celebrated the miracle of the light as well as the miracle of the weak triumphing over the strong. They praise God for delivering the few out of the hands of the many, the believers in God out of the hands of the wicked. Each night of the festival, the family gathers around the menorah, a special candelabrum that holds eight candles. On the first night the head of the family uses a helper candle called a shamosh to light one candle; on the second night two candles are lit, and so on, until all eight candles are lit on the eighth night. Each night gifts are given and children play games with a small four-sided wooden top called a dreidel. On each side of the top is one letter of NGHS which stands for Nes Godol Hoyoh Shom which means "A great miracle happened there."

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Christmas Exchange

Busier than Santa's elves, the volunteers at South Dundas Christmas Exchange were filling food boxes and sorting gifts last Wednesday as the Morrisburg Legion was transformed into a workshop of sorts. The response to the local need was great, and some 200 families in South Dundas will have a Merry Christmas thanks to the generosity of others. It was amazing to see the loads of items come flowing in.

Christmas

Afrikaner - Een Plesierige Kerfees
Argentine - Felices Pasquas Y felices ano Nuevo
Bohemian - Vesele Vianoce
Brazilian - Boas Festas e Feliz Ano Novo
Bulgarian - Chestita Koleda
Chinese - Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan
Croatian - Sretan Bozic
Danish - Gldelig Jul
Dutch - Vrolyk Kerstfeest en Gelukkig Nieuw Jaar
English - Merry Christmas
Esperanto - Gajan Kristnaskon
Estonian - Roomsaid Joulu Puhi
Finnish - Houska Joulu French - Joyeux Noel
German - Froeliche Weihnachten
Hungarian - Kellemes Karacsonyi unnepek
Indonesian - Selamat Hari Natal
Iraqi - Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah
Irish - Nodlaig mhaith chugnat
Italian - Buone Feste Natalizie
Lettish - Priecigus Ziemassvetkus
Lithuanian - Linksmu Kaledu
Norwegian - God Jul Og Godt Nytt Aar
Polish - Boze Narodzenie
Portuguese - Boas Festas
Rumanian - Sarbatori vesele
Serbian - Hristos se rodi
Slovakian - Sretan Bozic or Vesele vianoce
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Swedish - God Jul and (Och) Ett Gott Nytt Ar
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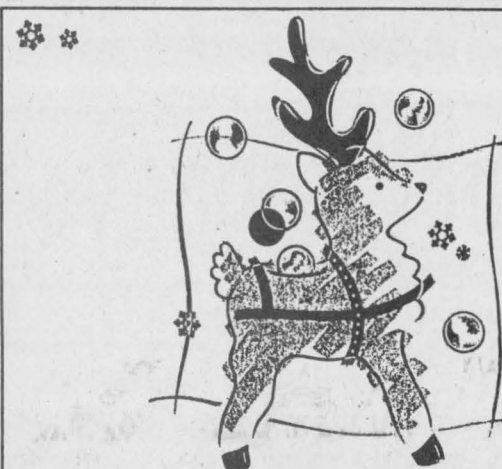
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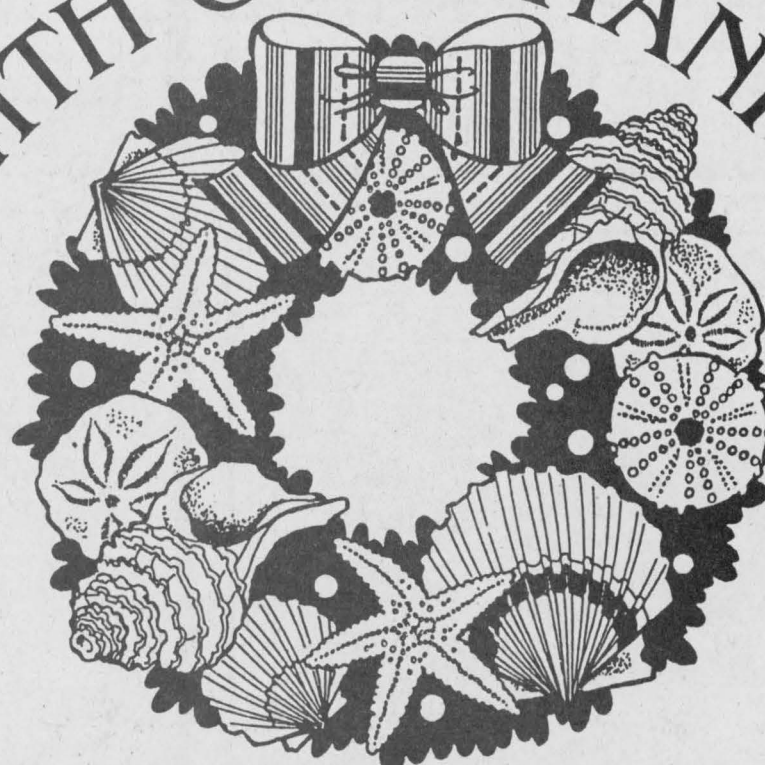


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A time of fun and festive happiness and holiday joy

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Christmas is a time of fun and feasting, happiness and holidays and it is almost impossible to imagine it other than the way we celebrate it today. The twelve days of Christmas mean decorating a tree, sending cards by the dozen, expecting Santa Claus loaded with presents, over-decorating the house with evergreens

and tinsel, pulling crackers and eating turkey, sticky puddings, pumpkin, berry and apple pies, and iced cake by the pound. yet, many of the features that characterize Christmas for us, that feel so traditional and so ancient, are actually quite new, having existed or just developed in the last 150 years.

It seems hard to imagine that before the reign of Queen Vic-

toria, which was 1837-1901, there was little or no significance to Christmas. In fact, it was hardly celebrated and regarded by enlarge as little more than a half-forgotten festival. We have the Victorians to thank for bringing new life to it and transforming it into one of the most exciting times of the year. Of course, they did not invent Christmas, but took the mess it was and turned it into a wondrous, fun-filled family celebration. It became a time of closeness with family and friends, for goodwill towards all and generosity towards the less fortunate.

A Victorian Christmas is, for many people, the way Christmas ought to be. It is so easy to imagine a log fire blazing in the hearth, cards adorning the mantle, carol singers at the door and family and friends meeting and greeting one another. We can see children filled with excitement admiring a tree glistening with lights and surrounded with presents gaily wrapped, a house filled with beautiful decorations and a table groaning with food and drink. Some even wish for snow to add that crowning touch.

Too often today, though, Christmas is an expensive, commercial affair, too long in coming and too soon over. The emphasis seems to be more and more on promoting and marketing Christmas and many people feel that much is being lost in the process. Every year, we wish it was something different and something better. recapturing the magical spirit of Christmas past, celebrating the occasion with innocent fun like the Victorians did.

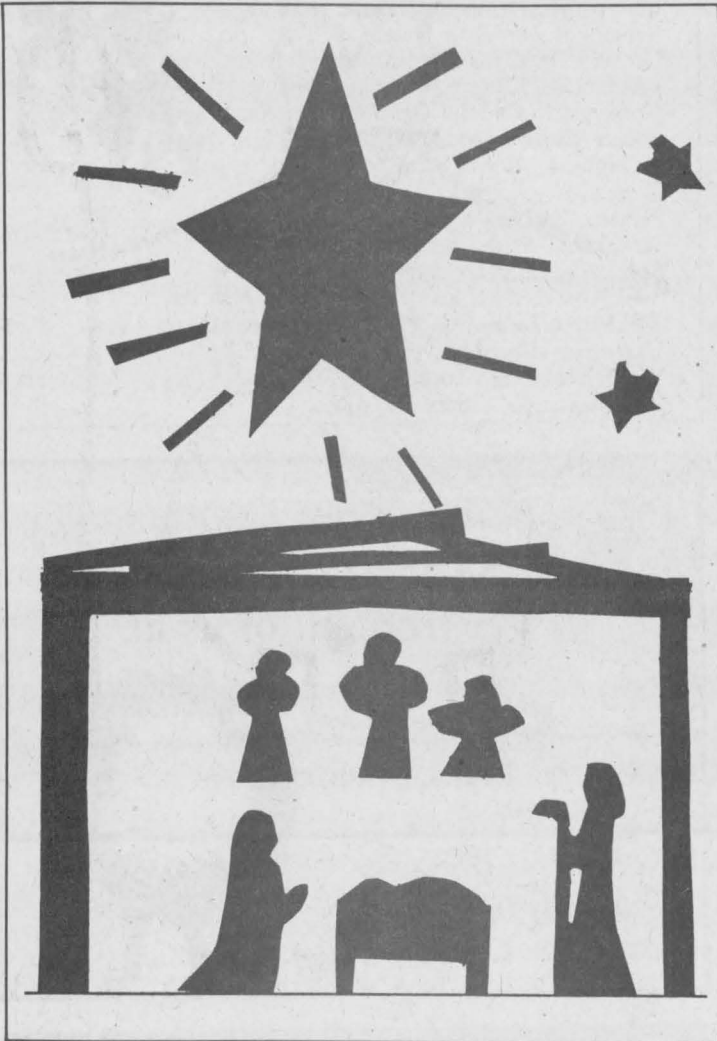
Celebrating Christmas should be a personal and meaningful experience.



The Cratchit family

St. Cecilia Catholic School performed a musical rendition of Dickens' A Christmas Carol last Wednesday evening. A matinee dress rehearsal went smoothly as Scrooge, Bob Cratchet, and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come took the stage in front of a preview audience. Nicholas Whelan gave a commanding performance as the stingy Ebenezer Scrooge. Here, Tiny Tim is the centre of attention while the Cratchits celebrate the season in song.

Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen



Tracey Noort, Timothy Christian School, Grade 7

Happy Holidays

Old Saint Nick joins us in wishing you the merriest of Christmases.

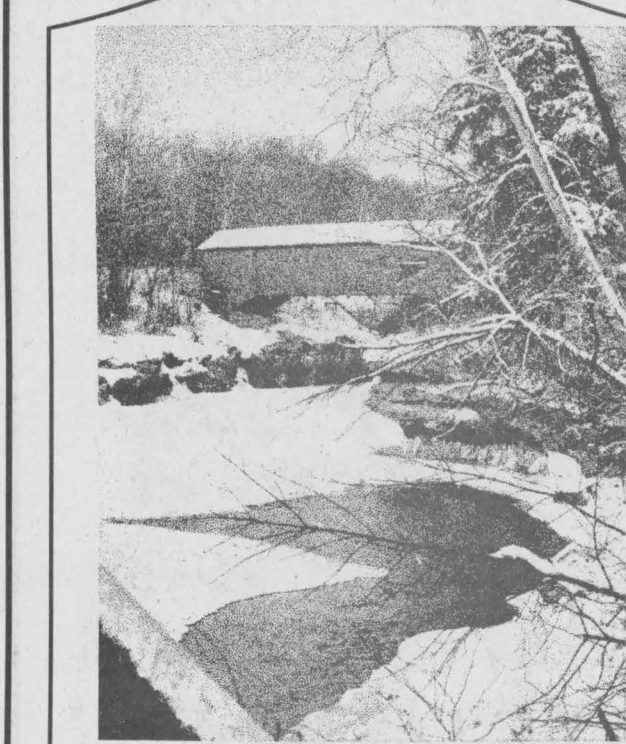


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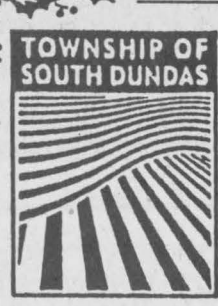
The holiday blossoms with good tidings.
May you know peace throughout the year.
Many thanks.

from the President and members
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1 cinnamon stick or whole cinnamon
4 whole cloves
1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg
1 tablespoon sliced lemon peel
apple cider
Place the spices and lemon peel in large saucepan, barely cover with water and simmer for 30 minutes. Strain and add the cider. Heat but do not boil. This even tastes good cooled.






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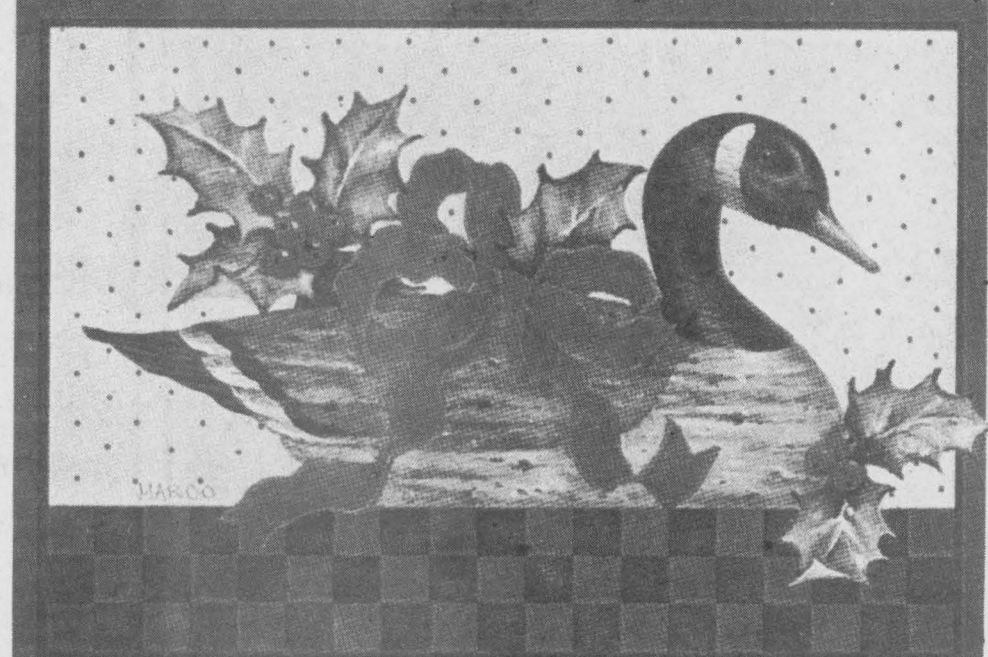
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Fun wagon rides at Iroquois P.S.

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Last Wednesday evening was also the night for a spaghetti dinner at Iroquois Public School, and then a spin around the block on a hay wagon. Philip Pietersma fired up the tractor to take this eager group of students and parents for a ride. Too mild for a horse-drawn Christmas cutter, the crisp, clear evening was enjoyed all the same.

Gift ideas to carry youngsters through

How can parents beat the post-holiday blues that their children so often feel? Presents that encourage creativity provide hours of fun long after the holiday.

Stockings are a terrific way to carry out an activity theme that provides fun for children and develops their special interests.

For the youngster who is always hanging around the kitchen, a stocking filled with cookie cutters, small pots and pans and a good children's cookbook can provide-- with parental supervision, of course-- hours of culinary education, and perhaps even a lifelong hobby. Colorful additions include bright potholders,

an apron, or even a child size chef's hat.

For the budding artist, try an arts and crafts stocking. Include samples of various creative media, such as paints, crayons, pastel chalks, modelling clay, or a beginner's needlework kit. An exciting new crafts product is Elmer's GluColors(TM), brightly colored glues that possess the same adhesive properties as Elmer's Glue-All.

Thicker and more dimensional than paint, GluColors also can be used to make Stickies(TM), transferable objects that will cling to most smooth metal, glass and plastic surfaces, including windows, refrigerators and mirrors.

The fashion-conscious child will appreciate a stocking filled with materials for creative clothing expressions, such as sneakers and caps.

Stockings filled with items that encourage kids' imaginations will keep children entertained and busy throughout the holidays and for months beyond.

Letters to Santa

The students at Iroquois Public School wanted to be certain Santa knew what they wanted for Christmas this year and so their letters were written in time to be mailed to the North Pole. They dropped a copy by The Chieftain--so you too can enjoy them... Thanks everyone for sharing!!

Barbie, Carey Cartwheel and I would really like a cosmetic playset.
Jasmine.

Dear Santa,
How are you?

How are your reindeer doing? I've been good. I'll leave a toy and hot chocolate.
Can you bring me a Diddy Kong Racing? I would really like some Army Men.
From Neil.

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph? Are the elves busy? Can I please have a GT-Racer and a Nintendo 64? But I would really like a Box of Magic Tricks.
I've been good this year and I've done all of my homework.
I will leave cookies and milk.
From Hilary.

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. How are you? Are you getting everything done? Is Rudolph feeling OK?

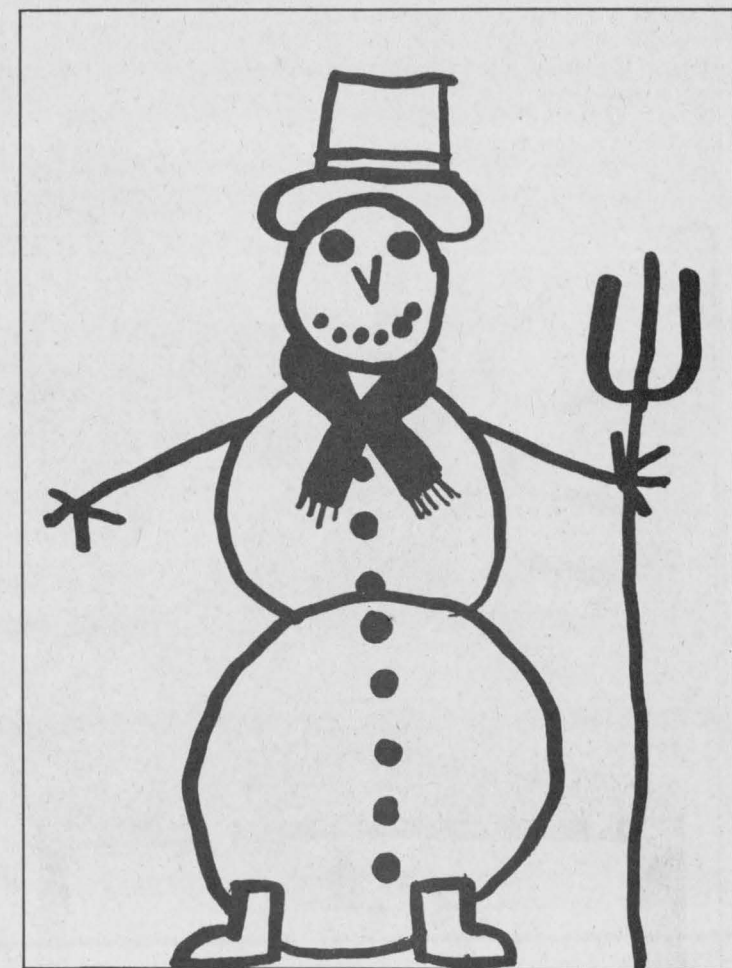
I would like a remote controlled car for Christmas. I want some new books and some Lego. If I can have only one thing it would be the Lion King two.

I will leave sugar for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you.
Love Kyle.

Dear Santa,
How is Dancer dancing? I have been good this year. I've been good by helping my older sister make an instrument. I would like an electric road race and a Lego set. I would like a flute but what I would really like is a Jump Start 3rd Grade Mystery Mountain.
I will leave milk and cookies.
From Daniel Stevens.

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How many elves do you have? How are you and Mrs. Claus? I would like a discgirl pretend CD player and a Deluxe Music Centre Keyboard. The best thing I would like is a Sun Jammer vehicle.
From Courtney Hall.

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I have had lots of fights with Sam.
I would like a Barbie Clock Radio with a light, a Teacher



Kaylie Van Haren, DCPS, Grade 6

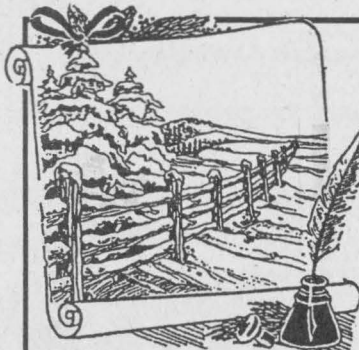


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Holiday Season



Christmas harmony. It's a feeling that fills the air and warms the heart, bringing forth a spirit of goodwill and friendship, as people everywhere delight in the joys and glad tidings that abound. We cherish this time and would like to extend warmest wishes to you and yours for a truly joyous season.

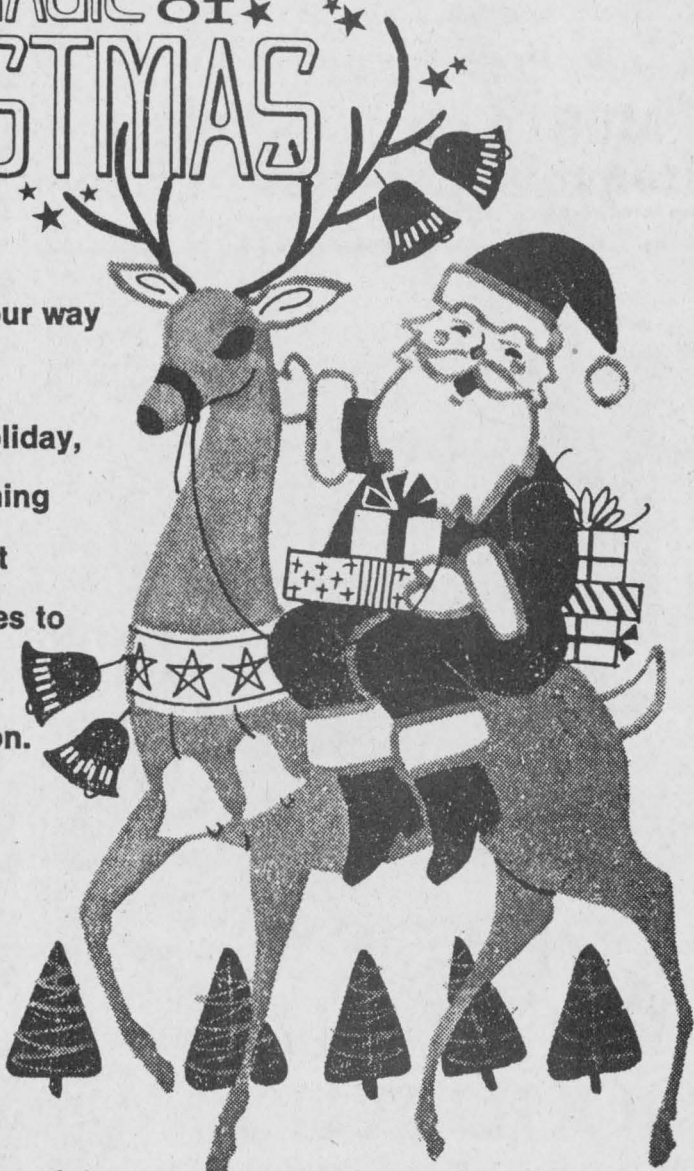


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As Santa jingles your way
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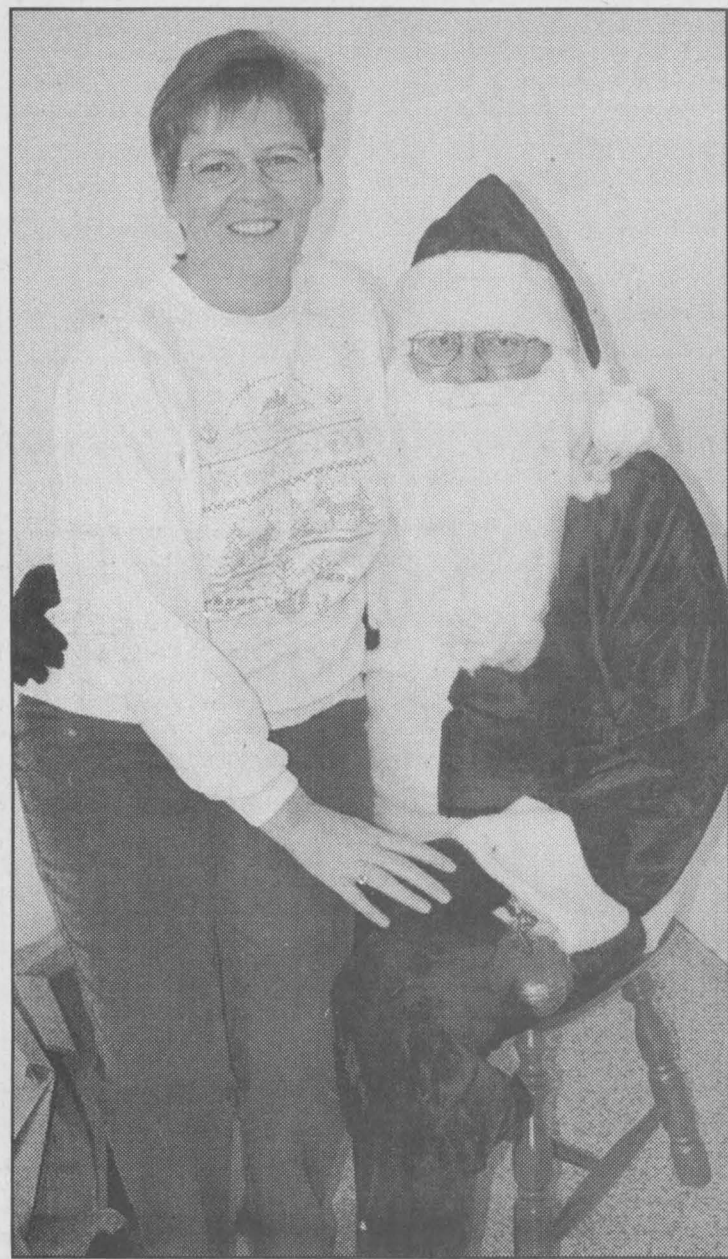


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Santa meets...

Councillor Rooney on Santa's lap... um, what could she be wishing for this Christmas? She got a new car recently, and she is certainly being kept busy in her ward... She and Santa seemed to know one another pretty well after all these years. Merry Christmas one and all!

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

Wreaths a symbol of the holiday season

When wreaths are hung from the doors of our stores and homes, sprigs of holly grace the walls and windows and poinsettias brighten our lives, we know that the Christmas season has truly arrived.

Wreaths make wonderful decorations and lovely gifts. They are not too tough to put together and the materials you can use are only limited by your imagination.

Traditional green wreaths are made from spruce, hemlock, balsam fir, pine and yew. Some more exotic wreaths can be made of dried red chili peppers, of wheat and wild grass, of natural moss and lichens, fresh fruit and flowers, of herbs and spices and even of basic household items like coloured paper or scraps of cloth.

Wreaths and greens are an important part of our celebrations at this time of the year.

With the wide range of materials available to us, we have created hundreds of modern variations on the evergreen wreath.

One very special wreath at Christmas is the Advent Wreath of Northern Europe. Made of evergreen branches, it holds four candles, one for each Sunday in Advent. The evergreen boughs are trimmed with

pine cones, ribbons, sprigs of holly, mistletoe and artificial snow. Some families have traditional brass Advent candle holders which are placed in the wreath each year.

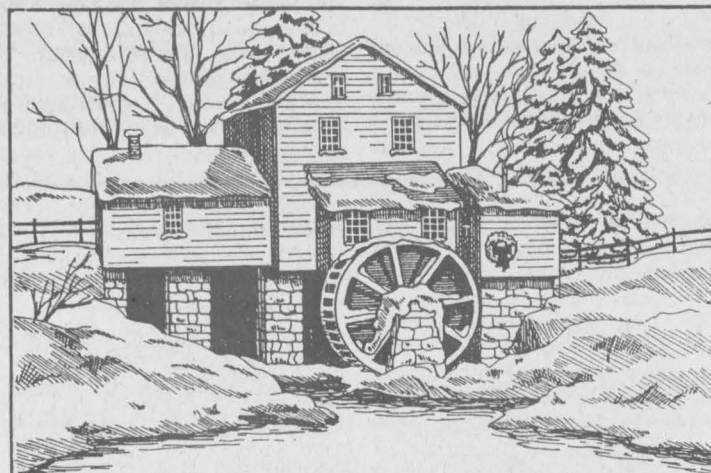
An Advent wreath with its white candles lit, make a truly beautiful sight when hung over a festive table. Advent candles are lit in many local churches throughout the month of December to signify the season.

Christmas desserts

Plum pudding and mince pie were originally called Christmas pudding and Christmas pie. The mixture of spices is supposedly a symbol of the offerings brought by the Wise Men to the Christ Child. The Christmas pie was in years past made in the shape of a manger.



Brittany, Grade 2
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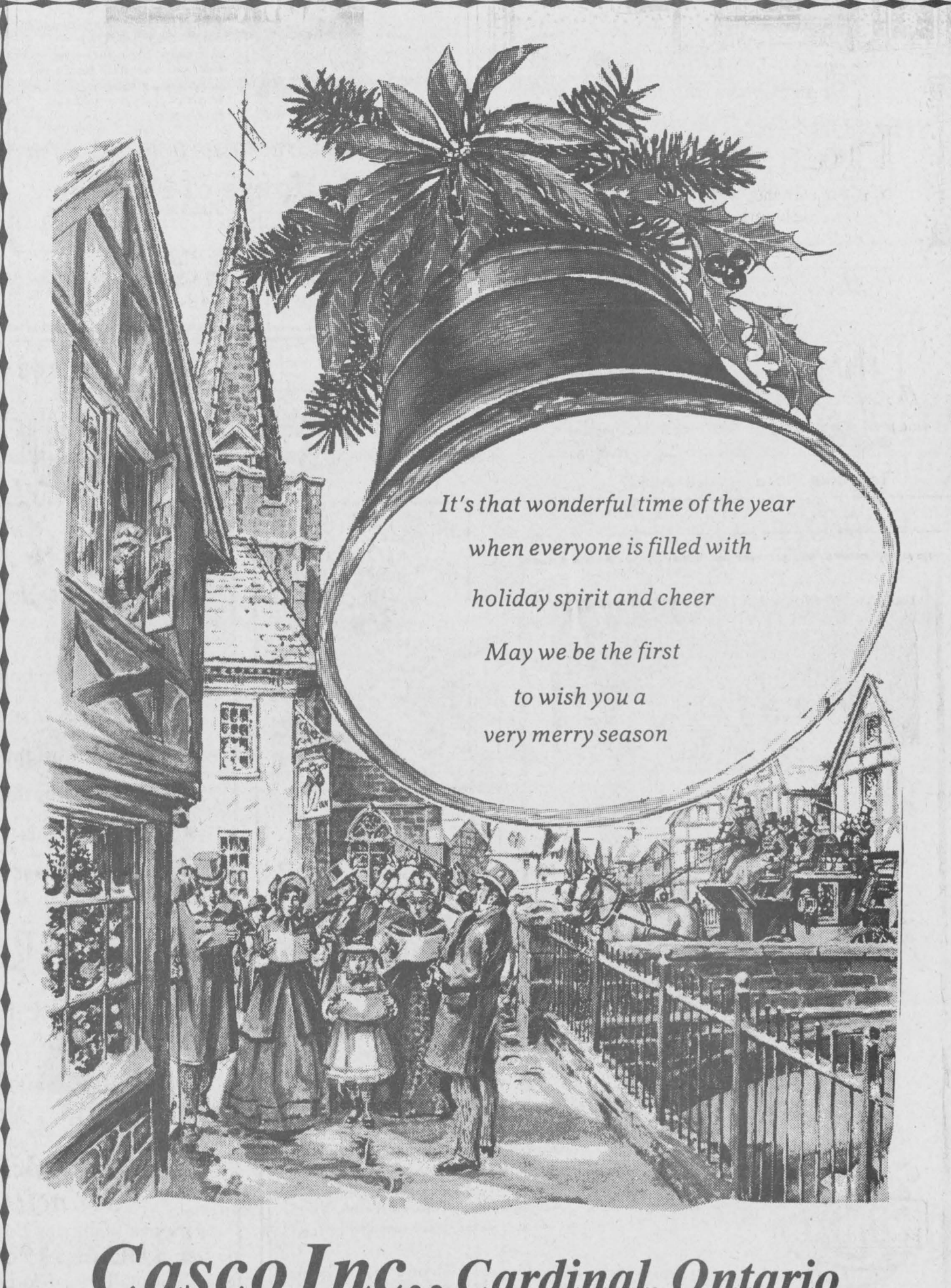


May the heavenly sounds of Christmas bring our grateful message to you all...

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It's that wonderful time of the year
when everyone is filled with
holiday spirit and cheer

May we be the first
to wish you a
very merry season

Casco Inc., Cardinal, Ontario

Holiday window displays are a wonderful tradition

As the holidays season approaches, a seemingly magical transformation takes place in department stores across the country. Santa and his helpers arrive, festive music fills the air and Christmas decorations abound.

On New York's Fifth Avenue, the elaborate window display at Lord and Taylor has a unique kind of magic: it is the only Christmas display in the country that is assembled below street level and raised into place at a special unveiling ceremony at the start of the holiday season.

The tradition began in 1914, when the store's hydraulic windows were installed in a newly-constructed building. In the past ten decades, the Lord and Taylor Christmas windows have recreated scenes featuring authentic buildings and landmarks in New York's history.

Window themes have chronicled the city from as far back as the 1600s, all the way up to modern-day sites, including the Roosevelt Island tramway and the New York City subway.

The 1988 windows, which depicted Radio City Music, the Chrysler Building, the lobby

of the Daily News Building and the Rainbow Room, each as they were in their 1930s splendour, won an award for Outstanding Evocation from the Art Deco Society of New York.

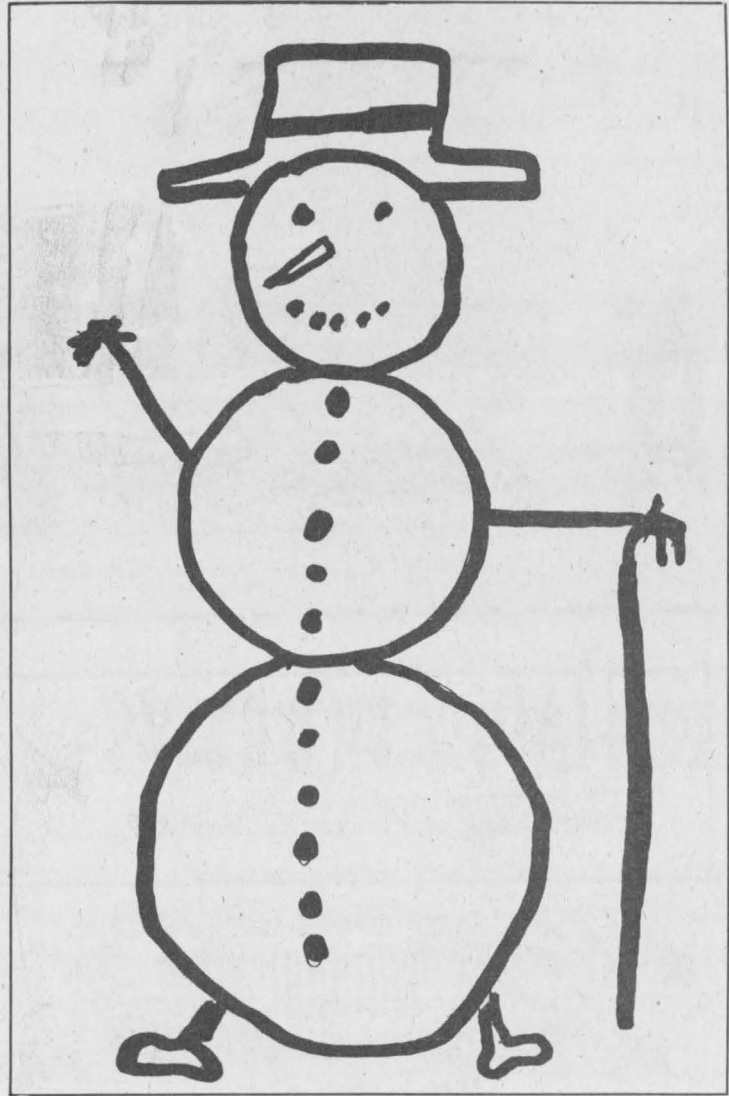
Creating the Christmas windows is a year-long process. The theme is discussed in January, design plans are started in February, the final drawings of each window are established by May and final research is undertaken to create a scene whose details are precise to the period and depicted.

Since 1976, Lord and Taylor has enlisted the talents of Spaeth Design whose designers work closely with store representatives to weave the famous Fifth Avenue magic that has become a holiday tradition.

Construction of the sets begins at Spaeth during the early summer, setting off a busy season that designers compare to the activities at Santa's North Pole workshop. At the end of October, the four scenes are shipped to the Fifth Avenue store, where they are installed, decorated and finishing touches are added to each.

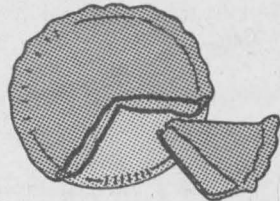


Erin Fawcett, DCPS, Grade 2



Raisin Pie

Cook and stir until the 1 1/2 cups raisins (rinsed twice in warm water) swell up and look plump. With them you have 1 1/2 cups boiling water, 3/4 cup of sugar, 2 tbsp corn starch, 1/8 tsp salt and 1 tsp lemon juice or vinegar. Cool slightly and pour into a pie crust. You may put a crust on top as well or make a lattice top. Bake at 350 degrees F until golden brown, serve cool or cold.



Greens rich in symbolism & history

Decorating with fresh greens is one of the easiest ways to bring a bit of Christmas season indoors. The fragrant scent of evergreen boughs or a herb wreath, the simple beauty of a mantle topped with several sprays of pine tied with a festive tartan plaid ribbon, or the striking contrast of colors when holly garlands a bowl of bright oranges and apples, are natural complements to virtually every holiday decorating style.

Houses have been decorated with holly for centuries. According to pagan lore, plants that retained their leaves all year had magical properties. Consequently, these greens were displayed to ward off evil spirits.

The Christians, however, believed that holly had sprung up under Jesus' footsteps as he preached in the Holy Land, and in the bright red holly berries, they found a symbol of Christ's blood and suffering.

In medieval England, where holly and ivy came to be known as Christmas greens, it was said that the first person to bring holly into the house would rule the home in the coming year. Evergreens were considered a symbol of eternal life, and pine and fir boughs were thought to bring good luck and fertility.

In Victorian homes, 'welcome rings'—wreaths of holly, pine cones and ribbon—were often hung on the front door. The combination of the holly, which was associated with masculinity and ivy, representing femininity, was a means of evoking fertility for the whole household.

The Victorians also instituted the holiday tradition of mistletoe kissing balls, which were based on an ancient Roman custom: When opposing warriors met beneath mistletoe, they put down their arms, kissed, and declared a truce for the rest of the day.

In American homes, garlands of pine intertwined along banisters, draped around doorways and chandeliers, and perched atop mantles, were a part of holiday decorating long before Christmas trees were a standard feature of the season.

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Christmas Stories

The students at Iroquois Public School wanted to be certain Santa knew what they wanted for Christmas this year and so their letters were written in time to be mailed to the North Pole. They dropped a copy by The Chieftain-so you too can enjoy them... Thanks everyone for sharing!!

Dear Santa,
Do you want Rudolph's nose so it will be brighter every year?

I've been really good lately. I don't go in the neighbours field again. I would like an "Eyes Light up" and a "Desert Challenger" and "Twister." I really want a "Eyes Light up Robot." I will leave the door open unless you want to end up in our pellet stove.
Love, Nicholas McCaslin.

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I would like a Barbie for

Christmas. I would like a Magic Centre Keyboard. I would like a Carnival Collection, but the best thing I want is a telephone.
From Macey Markell.

Dear Santa,
How are you?
On Friday 27, Mom had to tell me to stop cleaning up! By the time I stopped cleaning, my soup was cold.

There are some things I would like, Skipper Baby Sits and Flip and Dive Barbie and Puppy so Real. But I really want a Baby Crawl and Walk.
Love Lindsay Gilmer.

Dear Santa,
How is it at the North Pole?
How good have the people been so far?

How are the reindeer doing?
I will put out some cookies, milk and carrots.
I have been good this year. I want a Soccer Table, cyberstrike gear. I want a Nintendo, this is my best thing.

From David Gutierrez.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing in the North Pole?

I would like an electric road racer, a Ford F-150 pick-up and Play Station hardware.
I want a ghetto-blasters.
I have been really good Santa.
From Jody.

Dear Santa,
What is the temperature at the North Pole?

I left some cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer.
How are you? How is Rudolph and his big, red nose?
This is what I want; a Max Force Electric Eel, a Biting Dino Electronic Raptor and a Nintendo 64.

From Thomas Corden

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Are your elves busy? How are Rudolph and your other reindeer?

I tried to be as good as I can. I tried to remember to feed my dog every morning and take him out.
On Christmas Eve, I will leave

you out a Christmas cookie and a carrot and some salt or sugar for the reindeer.

How is Mrs. Claus?
Thank you for all the nice presents you left me and my brother last year. I really liked the Nano and the music tape and the wrapping paper.

This year I would like an Another Game, Twister, Nano batteries, Twinken big note pad. If I could have only one then I would ask for Twinken that you hide and another person tries to find.

Thank you for the presents.
Love Courtney McDermid.

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer?

I've been good this year.
I helped my aunt.
I helped my mom by cleaning.
If you can get me it I would like the Happy Meal Baby.
I will leave some cookies and milk. I will leave a carrot for Rudolph.
Love Taylore Mattice.

Dear Santa,
How is rudolph?
I have been really good this year.

I have been reading good.
I'd like a stuffed dog, King Pin Bowling and Mighty Duck Game and what I'd really like best is a Damano Rally.
From Bryan Hutt.

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer?
I've been good this year.

I would like a Buzz Lightyear and a real kids dirt bike.
I will leave some milk and cookies.
From Chris.

Dear Santa,
How are your elves?

I will leave the door open so you can get in.
I will leave some cookies for you.

I want a snowboard. I want a wrestling match and toy bikes.
From A.J.

The timeless spirit of the season lives on

"Christmas is not a time or a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."-Calvin Coolidge.

As we celebrate the arrival of the holiday season, Coolidge's words are a particularly apt reminder of the importance of cultivating and maintaining the true Christmas spirit.

When friends and family members join together, it is the genuine warmth of loving relationships...not the presents or elaborate meals that gives life to the season's festivities and immeasur-

ably enriched the lives of the participants in years to come.

The joy of the season can be captured in even the simplest activities: teaching a child to make gingerbread men, tying a bright red ribbon around a bunch of fragrant greens, going caroling with friends, stringing popcorn and cranberries for the tree...

Whether holiday traditions are simple or elaborate, they serve to bind family and friends together, creating a sense of continuity and permanence that transcends the all-too-common worries of the workaday world.

Despite the uncertain economy and concerns over the unsettled international scene, at this special time of year, we pause and in the process, are rejuvenated and strengthened, made ready to face the challenges of the new year.

So, even when your Christmas gift budget is not as big as you would like, celebrate the good will of the season and find ways to share joy with those you love. Whether you put festive music on the stereo, light some candles and have a tree trimming party or arrange for a more formal event, your efforts are sure to be both rewarding and appreciated.



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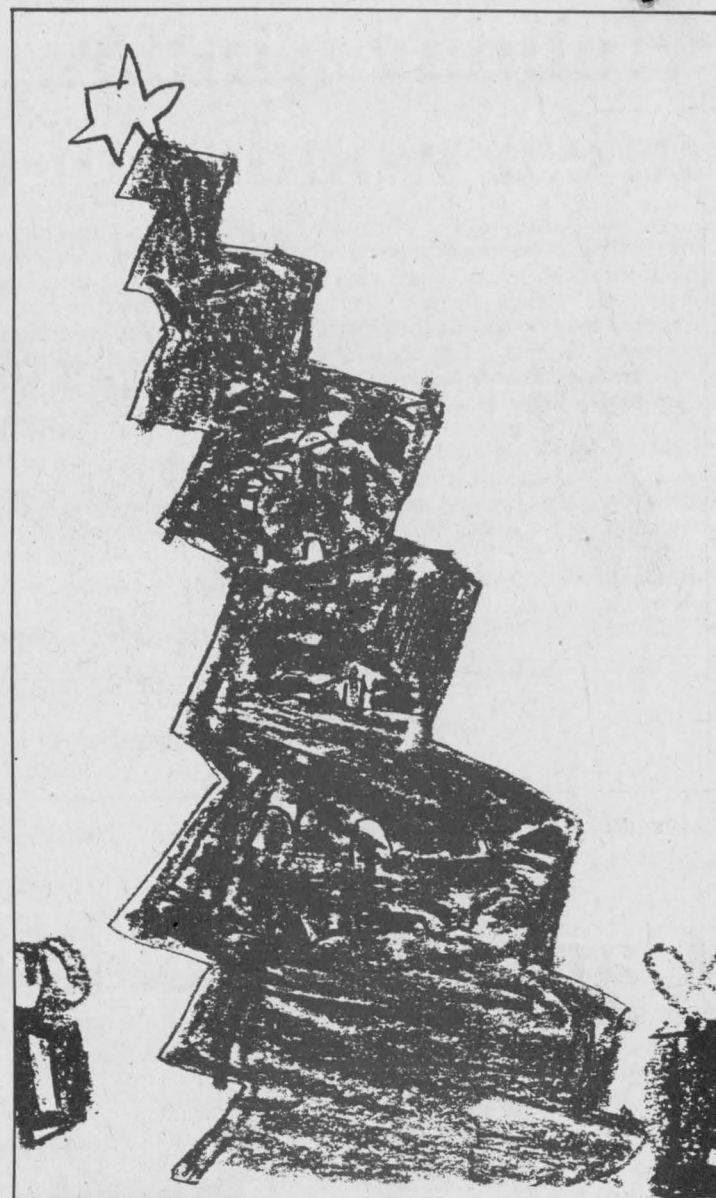
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Cards a big part of season

Sending Christmas cards has been a part of the North American holiday tradition for generations, but the practice originated in Victorian England, where personal "visiting cards" were embellished with seasonal designs for Christmas and New Year's.

The first Christmas card was created in 1843, when Sir Henry Cole commissioned artist John Horsley to design illustrated holiday postcards for conveying seasonal greetings to his many acquaintances.

Apparently the idea was warmly embraced; approximately 1,000 of the newly designed postcards were sold for one shilling each.

In less than thirty years, the custom of exchanging Christmas cards also was incorporated into North American holiday observances.

The earliest cards generally featured illustrations of flowers, landscapes, children or animals, but as American Christmas lore and traditions continued to evolve, the art of these seasonal postcards incorporated and reflected these changes.

In fact, the Christmas postcards of the late 19th century provide a fascinating look at the portrayal of Santa Claus.

In early representations, he appears in a purple outfit, a brown robe or a green coat and in his physical representation, he personifies the European traditions of St. Nicholas, Kris Kringle, Sinterklass or Father Christmas more than he does the modern day image of the jolly red-suited Santa Claus.

It is widely believed that American Christmas postcards, along

with Clement Clarke Moore's, The Night Before Christmas and Thomas Nast's drawings in Harper's Weekly magazine were pivotal in defining and standardizing the visual representation of the rotund bearded elf we now fondly know as Santa Claus.

In 1870, the United States Postal Service introduced a half-price rate for mailing unsealed cards and the first American made Christmas cards were designed in Boston around this time of year.

Lemon Tartlets

These tasty treat takes 15-20 minutes to prepare and 10-12 minutes to bake. The recipe makes 14 tartlets. You need...

1 pkg. Betty Crocker Sugar Cookie Mix (496 g. size)
1/2 cup (125ml) of butter or margarine melted
1 egg yolk
1tsp (5ml) vanilla
1tbsp (15ml) water (or as needed)
Lemon Filling:
3 egg yolks
1/2cup (125ml) granulated sugar
1/3cup (75 ml) lemon juice
1tsp (5ml) butter
1tsp (5ml) grated lemon zest
Garnish with berries or jam.

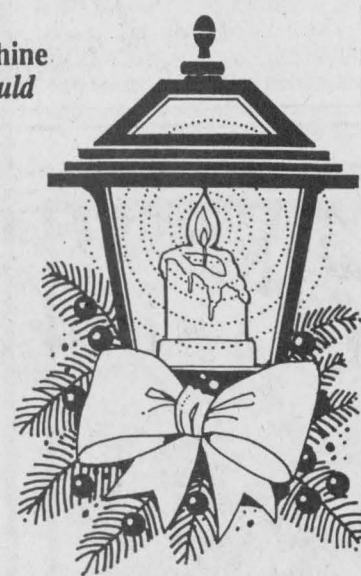
Cooking:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 C). Stir together the cookie mix, butter, egg yolk and vanilla, sprinkle in enough water to form a ball. Divide into 24 pieces and press each into a non-stick tartlet or mini-muffin tin. Chill 15 min. and then bake 10-12 minutes. Let cool. Whisk the egg yolks, add sugar, lemon juice and cook, stirring over low heat until it starts to thicken. Remove from heat Stir in lemon zest and butter, cover with plastic wrap and chill til set (1 hr.) Spoon lemon filling into each tartlet, top with a slice of fruit and dust with icing sugar.

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Christmas Prose

Giving Gifts

by Peter Young
Timothy Christian School
The time of year
Has now drawn near
To write Christmas lists
In hope of beautiful gifts

People get gifts

On the twenty-fifth
For Christmas all over the earth
It's the day of Christ's birth

Angels in the sky

Singing to God on high
Shepherds kneeled
In the lonely field

Kings of Orient are

Who travelled so far
Came on a mission
And started a tradition.

Rudolph has a bright red nose and he is brown. On Christmas night Santa asks if he can lead the way because it is foggy. He did and got through the night. All the girls and boys were happy to get their presents. Thank you Rudolph.
Britney Conklin
Grade 4
Benson Public School

Christmas

Christmas Day
Happy New Years too
Reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh
Icicles dangling from the roof
Santa Claus is coming
Tinsel hanging patiently on the
Christmas trees
Mr. Claus once again stays home
Angels fly gracefully through the night
Seeing the sights below.
Ryan Gilligan
Grade 4
Benson Public School

Christ child is sleeping
Has the blessing and the spirit
Running to help Jesus Christ
I see you can't wait for Christmas
Santa is coming to town
Tina Jin is my name
Merry Christmas
A present for you
Star is on my Christmas tree.
Tina Jin
Grade 4
Benson Public School

White and made out of snow
Eyes made of coal
A jolly soul with a magical hat
Come to life one day
Has an orange carrot nose
He's Frosty the Snowman!
Chelsea Roode
Grade 4
Benson Public School

S is for Saint Nick riding in his sleigh
A is for all of Santa's little helpers building our toys
N is for night time when the jolly old man comes
T is for twinkling lights on your Christmas tree
A is for a glass of milk waiting on the table.
Brian Day
Grade 6
Benson Public School



The Christmas Joy

The Christmas joy is remembering the birth of Jesus and getting lots of gifts too. We don't just get gifts from each other, we also get gifts from father Christmas (Santa Claus). We decorate a pine tree and call it a Christmas tree. At the top of the tree we put stars or an angel. That is the Christmas joy.
Liam Piamonte
Grade 3
Nationview Public School

Christmas

by Jessica Weatherhead
Grade 8
Timothy Christian School

While snowflakes dance around our heads
And gently on lashes make their beds
To the boughs we lift our eyes,
To find the perfect one
As we search we sing a song of Jesus-God's own Son.

As heavy breath swirls 'round our face,
We drag our burden home, to decorate with lace
Stopping to stare up at the stars,

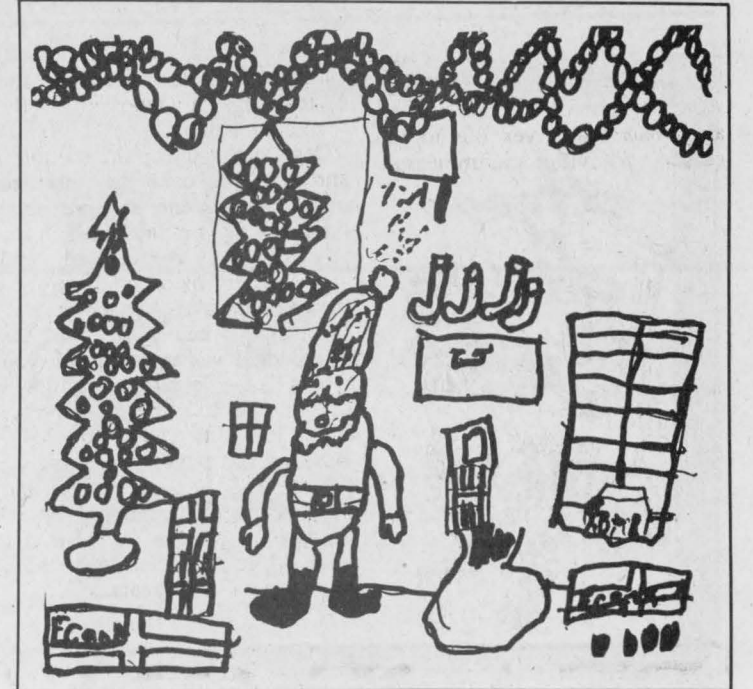
we thank again
For the precious gift that gave us love, both now and then.

And so, this time of year
We give to those we hold most dear
Just as God gave us his son
Holy and Begotten One!

Christmas is.....
by Matthew Hoftyzer
Grade 7,
Timothy Christian School
Christmas is the snow on the ground
The lights that brightly shine all around
Decorating the Christmas tree
For the neighbours to see.

Christmas is baking the treats
So all can come for something to eat
After people give their kisses
Everyone can make their Christmas wishes

Christmas is much more than that
More than jolly old Santa who is so fat
It's about Jesus being born
Who would grow up and for our sake wear a crown of thorns.



Frank Berseth, DCPS, Grade 4

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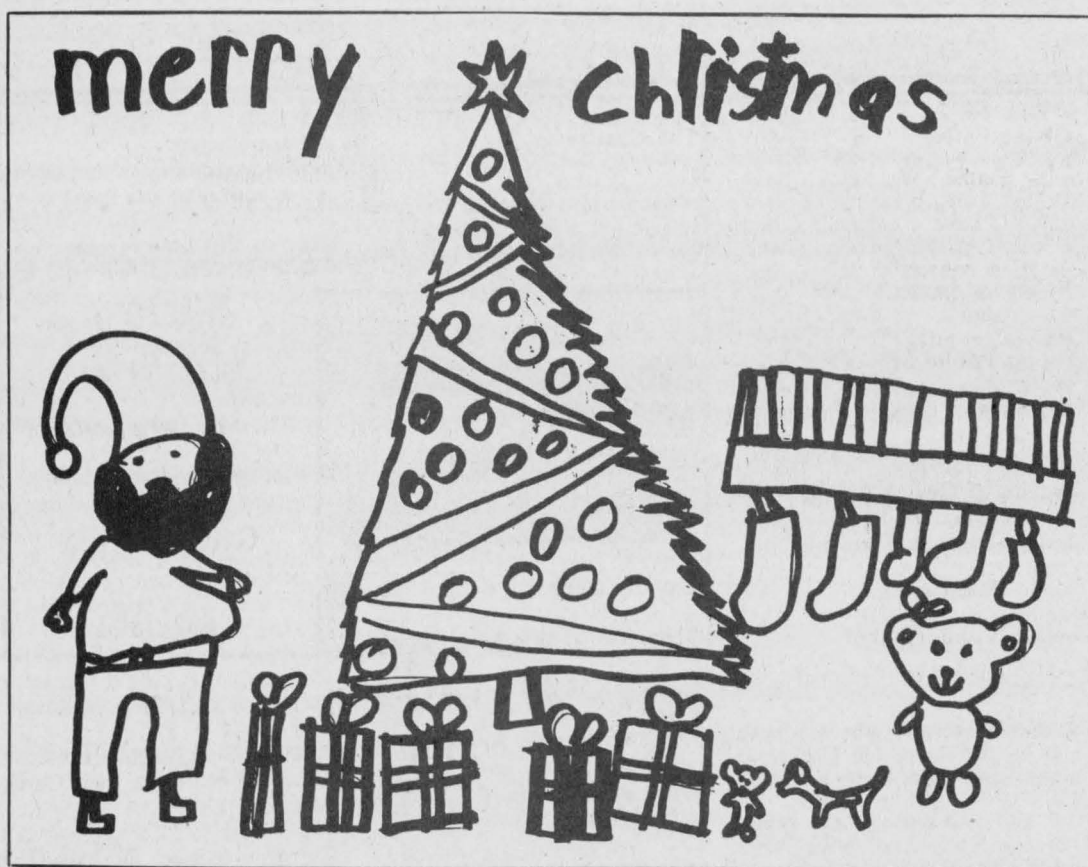
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Letters to Santa



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Amy Veltkamp-Bead Blast Barbie
Morgan Thompson-Barbie
Alan Trumble-Army Play Mat
Nicole Toonders-Babe the pig
Joshua Lacroix-Game Boy
Sarah Casselman-A Vanity
Luke Whitteker-A C.D. for the Computer
Molly Chesboro- A Telescope
Melissa Toonders-Flip'N Dive Barbie
Amella Wickwire-Perfect Pink
Teresa Barbie
Travis McMillan-Cool Tools 4x4
Curtis Pashak-A Goofy Watch
Eric Anderson-a Godzilla Remote Control Car
Morgan Hass-Easy Bake Oven
Sherry Lynn Harbers-A Make-Up Barbie
Tanya Gadbois-A guitar

Generous giver

St. Nicholas, from which the name Santa Claus came, was a bishop of Bari. Many stories of his generosity have been told. It seems a merchant lost his fortune and so had no dowry to give his three daughters. It was a serious matter not to have any dowry in those days-without it a young woman of high birth was doomed to a life of hardship.

When St. Nicholas heard of their plight he threw a bag of money through their window at three different years so that the daughters could marry happily and according to their rank.

St. Nicholas is represented in some paintings as holding a book on which three balls are placed symbolizing the three purses. The three golden balls on pawn shops of our day represent the money lenders of yesterday.

Mincemeat is a flavourful tradition in many homes

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

As an early English writer once said, "He that discovered the new star in Cassiopeia deserves not half so much to be remembered as he that first married meat and raisins."

The origins of mincemeat... a rich mixture of minced meat, suet, fruit and spices are rather obscure. But, the mince pie may have been born during the time of the Crusades. Preparing for a holiday feast, a daring cook may have added exotic spices brought back from the East to a mixture of minced meat, dried fruits, lemon peel, juice and sweetening, then baked the mixture in a rectangular "coffin" or crust.

The Christmas association of this new dish was strengthened by lore that likened the shape of the pie to Christ's manger and the spices to the offerings of the wise men. It became the custom to eat one pie a day between Christmas and the Twelfth Night, as each was thought to bring good luck.

Mince pies became as popular in the New World as they had been in England. The first cookbook, produced in America, written in 1796, offered a simple recipe for mince pie. Adaptability may have been the key to mincemeat's longevity. Ingredients were easily varied as the time and place required.

During the 1870s, great gains were made in the field of food preservation. Condensed mincemeat continues to be a boon for cooks, but delicious old-fashioned versions of this Christmas classic are easy to make from scratch.

Mincemeat has field the winter air with its spicy scent for centuries. In fact, it virtually has come to taste like Christmas to many. So, whether you try mincemeat for the first time or are a connoisseur, you're going to love what Christmas tastes like this year.

Traditional Mincemeat

1.5 lbs. lean beef cubed
1/2 lb. suet, chopped finely
4 lbs. firm, tart apples-peeled, cored and finely chopped
3 cups of cider
2 cups of sugar
1-15oz pkg. dark raisins
1-15oz pkg. golden raisins
1-10oz pkg. currants
2/3 cup diced citron
2/3 cup diced candied fruit
1/2 cup molasses
4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoons ground nutmeg
1 1/2 teaspoons ground mace
2 cups sherry
1 cup brandy
In a medium saucepan cover the beef with water and boil for 1/2 hours or until tender.
In a blender container or food processor, finely chop the meat.

In a kettle combine the chopped meat, suet, apples, cider, sugar, raisins, currants, candied fruit, molasses, cinnamon, salt, nutmeg, mace and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Bring the mixture to a boil, stir occasionally. Stir in the sherry and the brandy. Simmer for 30 minutes stirring often...if the mixture becomes too thick, stir in more cider.

Your mincemeat may be either frozen or canned. To freeze it, place two or three portions in moisture and vapourproof containers. Seal, label and freeze. To can, pack the hot mixture into hot, clean pint jars, leaving 1/2 inch headspace. Adjust lids. process in pressure canner at 10 pounds of pressure for 20 minutes. Makes 10 pints.

Irish welcome to strangers

In a great percentage of our homes lights are placed in windows. This custom originated from an Irish custom.

On Christmas Eve a Candle light To shine abroad through Christmas night.

That those who pass may see its glow.

And walk with Christ a mile or so.

Candles were placed in win-

dows on Christmas Eve to guide the way and as an invitation to any who might be wandering around, as did Mary and Joseph, trying to find a place to stay for the night.

Poor wanderers and tramps are welcomed everywhere in Ireland. These wanderers are given a good meal, a comfortable bed to sleep upon and then sent on their way in the morning after being given a bit of money.

Let It Snow!



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Christmas is...

Christmas

Christmas means giving, sharing and caring for other people. It also means presents and shopping for other people. Jesus was born on Christmas Day. I go to my nanny's and get presents and at my house. My cousins come down from Burlington to my nanny's house.
Carrie Calhoun
 Grade 3
 Benson Public School

Christmas

Christmas is giving and caring about others. Jesus was born on Christmas day. That's how it became Christmas. Christmas means sharing, shopping and presents. On Christmas I am going to my Dads and he will take me to my Nannys and my grandpa's. Before Christmas I will go shopping. Christmas is mostly about Jesus and Santa Claus.
Alyssa Deschamps
 Grade 3
 Benson Public School

Christmas

Christmas is a family getting together. Christmas isn't about getting presents its about being thankful for what we have. It's thinking about people who do not have a house so they don't celebrate Christmas. That's what I think Christmas is all about.
Chelsea Fraser
 Grade 3
 Benson Public School

Christmas

Christmas is hanging up stockings and getting presents. You can make a snowman and snowforts. I celebrate with my cousins and my nanny and my grandpa and my mom and my dad and my sisters and my brother. I like Christmas. It is fun.
Amanda Riddell
 Grade 3
 Benson Public School

Christmas is sharing.
 Christmas is good.
 Christmas is presents.
 Christmas is baby Jesus
Reilly Grootjans
 Grade 2
 Benson Public School

Christmas

Christmas is jolly.
 Christmas is holly.
 Christmas is good.
 Christmas is Jesus' birthday.
 Christmas is opening presents.
 Christmas is red and green.
 Christmas is candycanes.
Jordan Witteveen
 Grade 2
 Benson Public School

Christmas
 To me Christmas is a day of giving, loving and thinking about others. To others it might be some thing else but that's what Christmas means to me.
Jade VanKoppen
 Grade 3

Christmas

Christmas is sharing
 Christmas is caring
 Christmas is love
 Christmas is the day that baby Jesus was born.
 Christmas is when Santa Claus comes back each year.
James Colligan
 Grade 2
 Benson Public School

Christmas is love.
 Christmas is fun.
 Christmas is nice.

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Christmas

Christmas is getting presents, playing and with my cousin from Perth. We play Sega together. I buy presents for other people. I have a calendar called 24 day Christmas count down. I'm in a concert at the United Church on the 20th.
Mike Allan
 Grade 2
 Benson Public School

Christmas

Christmas means being thankful. You have family come down to your house. You get gifts. You buy presents for family and friends. I like the presents best of all.
Cassie Douglas
 Grade 3
 Benson Public School

Christmas

Christmas means being with your family. It's about giving to others. It's thinking about others and caring.
 Christmas is thinking about Jesus. It's just not all about getting presents.
 That's what Christmas is all about.
Nicholas Perry
 Grade 3
 Benson Public School

Christmas

Christmas is giving.
 Christmas is Jesus birthday.
 Christmas is trees.
 Christmas is reindeer.
 Christmas is stockings.
 Christmas is candy canes.
 Christmas is Santa Claus.
Bradley Carriere
 Grade 2
 Benson Public School

In the beginning

by Sandra Lee Johnston
 Chieftain Staff Reporter

Christmas developed as a religious and cultural festival over the centuries. Throughout the twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth centuries part of their celebrations included the appointment of a Lord of misrule, who was supposed to ensure continuous fun from All-Hallows Eve on October 31 until Candlemas on February 2. The Lord was also known as the Christmas King and the Abbot of Unreason was flamboyant figure with a mock court and he personified enjoyment and merrymaking. Many of his antics were derived from the Roman end of year celebrations. The emphasis was on disorder, role-swapping and parody, particularly of church officials and rituals. This swayed the festivities towards an orgy of drinking, eating, gambling and general misbehaviour. During the reign of Elizabeth (1558-1603), the Lords of misrule made themselves unpopular with church reformers by disrupting ecclesiastical services by elating their unruly "courts" into churches and wearing fanciful clothes and grotesque masks.



And the winner is... Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston
 Crystal Johnston was the lucky winner at SDHS as the Prom Committee raffled off a wreath to raise funds for Prom '99. Donated by Jan's Flowers (Janice Charbot, Highway 2), the beautiful wreath raised over \$200. Here, Sarah Charbot presents Crystal with her prize! Nice, and just in time for Christmas too!

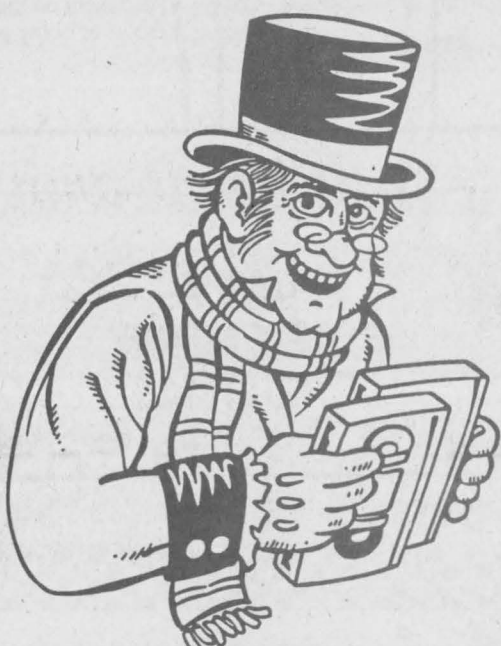
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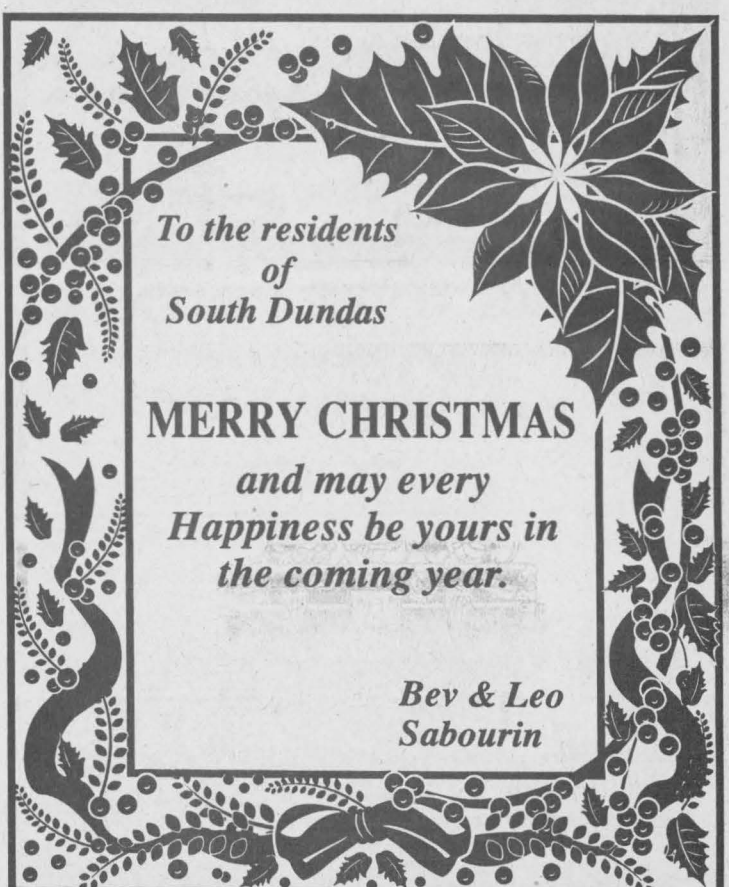
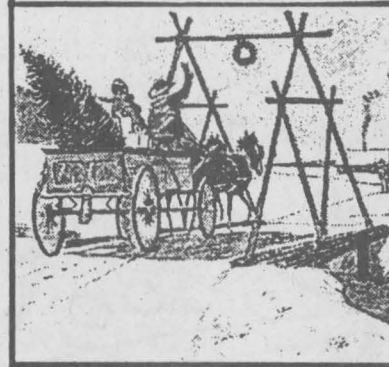
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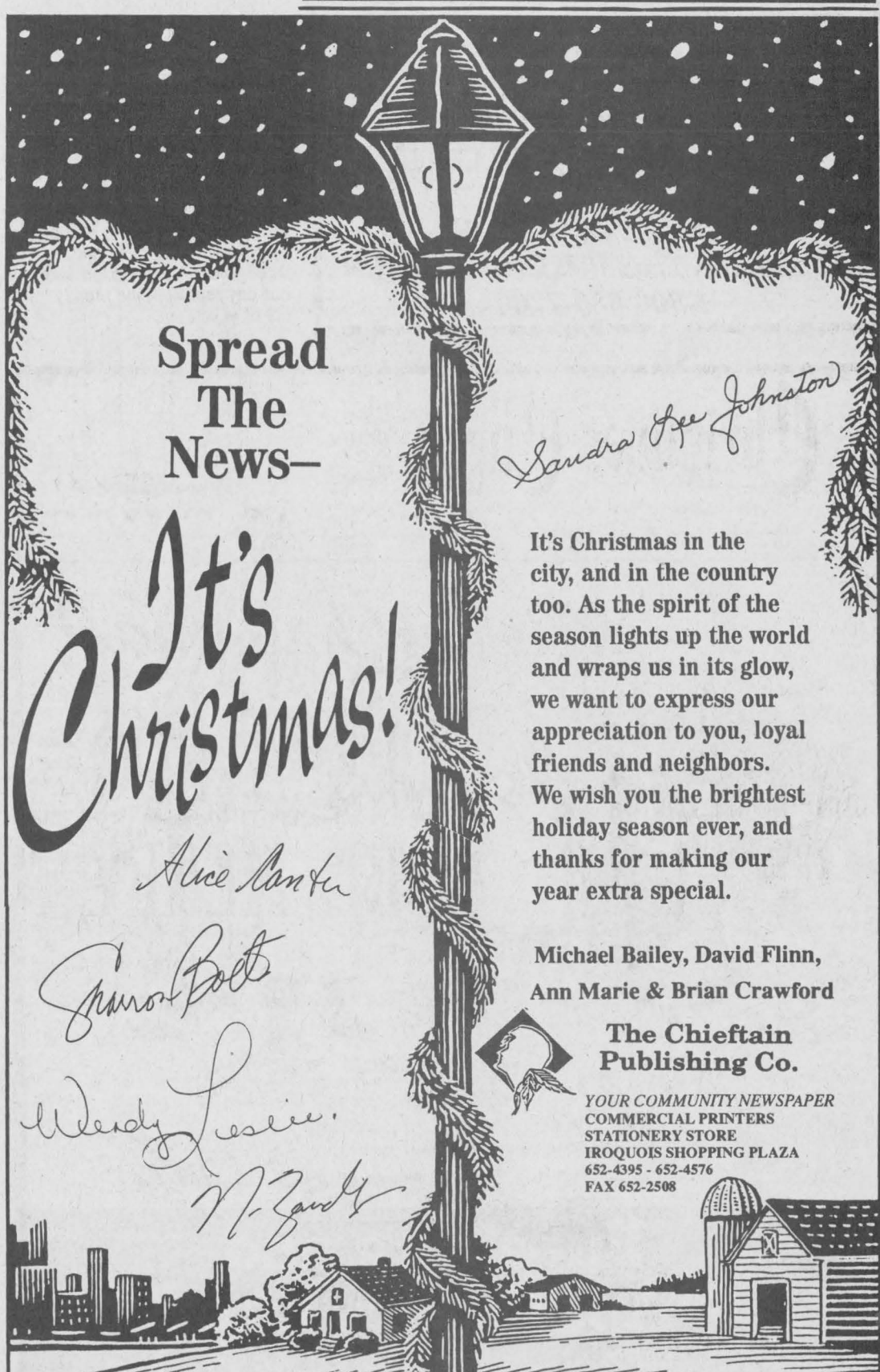
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You are a card, Santa

Melissa Flinn seems to know Santa pretty well. She visited him in Iroquois, as the 1st Iroquois Venturers (Scouts Canada) brought him by for a brief visit. Busy preparing for Thursday night, the jolly elf was noting what everyone is wishing for this year. A good number of youngsters stopped by and Santa provided them with a bag of treats courtesy of the Lions Club and the Fire Department.

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

Baskets can be a gift to save & use again

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The beauty of baskets for holiday giving is that they are so versatile. Not only does the basket itself become an appreciated gift, but all that it holds adds to the merriment as well.

Baskets come in such a wide range of shapes, sizes and materials that you can find one suited to whatever gift you care to give. Look for baskets in out-of-the-way places, in unique little shops, craft stores and those stores that sell miniatures or special gift items. The unexpected places will yield the most treasured and delightful results.

Keep your eyes open for other surprising containers such as Chinese takeout-style boxes for tiny treasures or colourful pails that could be used in a child's room after the holiday season.

If you cannot find just the basket you want, you might well create your own. Classes from local craft people will provide the instruction and if there is no one available what about craft stores, they may have them or know how to put you in touch with someone who can show you. Several country-style reed baskets can be produced in a week-end.

The gifts suitable for giving in a basket are as unlimited as the container itself. Food, of course is always an excellent choice. Wrapped and ribboned jars of homemade preserves, cookies or candies are a special treat. Do not be afraid to let your imagination go even further. Consider theme gifts that tie the basket and the gifts together.

For example, purchase a summertime picnic basket to hold a Christmas turkey and a bottle of wine for a special family gift. Or,

choose a rustic basket made from grapevines or twigs and fill it with bundles of dried herbs and flowers plus some flower seeds and gardening tools for that green thumb. It will also bring back fond memories of warmer weather and encourage the receiver of what lies ahead.

One of the joys of basket giving is the array of gifts you can give all at once. Look for tiny soaps, scented sprays and packages of potpourri. These can then be

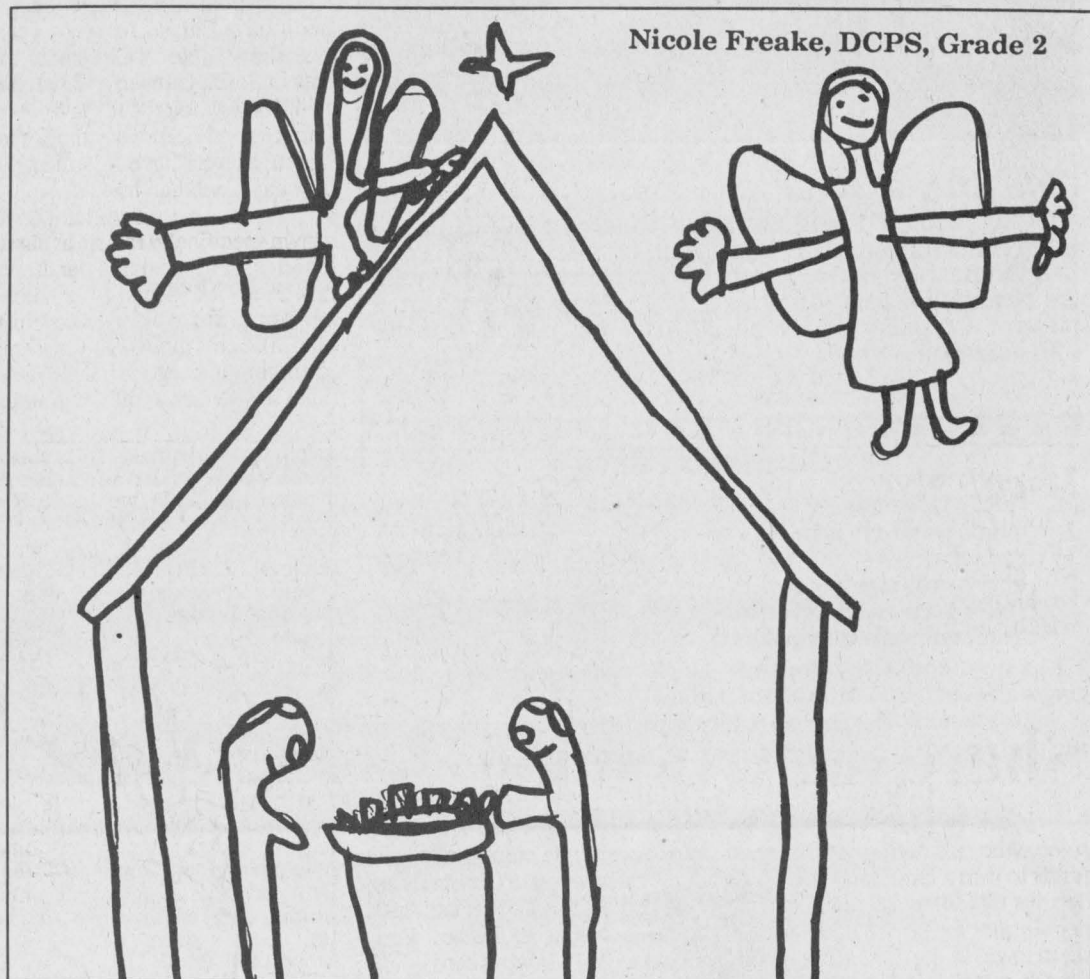
arranged in layers of excelsior and tissue paper for a Christmas morning treasure hunt. Even people who seem to have everything will appreciate smaller items that add to such a unique gift.

For Christmas decorating you can use the baskets themselves as you turn them into charming tree ornaments or to package trim etc.

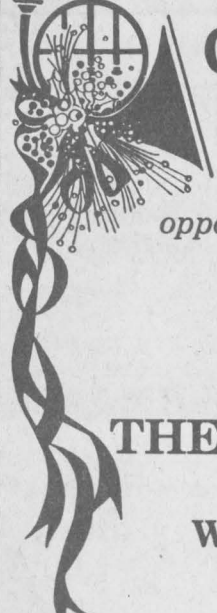
For the nature lover on your list, fill a tiny basket with straw and perch a bird ornament on the

edge, then hang the nest from the tree with a ribbon. The child on your list will enjoy a miniature basket filled with candy and trinkets, then tie it to the tree with colourful, namesake shoelaces.

With a basketful of giving, you can personalize your presents to the needs and interests of each person on your list this Christmas. This type of thoughtfulness makes basket gift-giving the most special of all.



Nicole Freake, DCPS, Grade 2



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The Levesque's & Staff

A view from the woods; safety hints for Christmas tree selection

Once again, the festive season is fast approaching. The evidence of this fact is all around us. The sounds of Christmas carols over the radio and in stores, people rushing about to finish up their shopping, outdoor lights being strung, and of course, the hunt for the perfect Christmas tree.

Christmas trees have been a tradition in Canada for many years. The first recorded Christmas tree was in Sorel, Quebec in 1791. The tradition is thought to have come from Germany. Since that time, "real" Christmas trees have become a part of many Canadian homes.

There are many species of trees grown specifically for use as Christmas trees. The most popular around this area are Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) and white spruce (*Picea glauca*). Scots pine is popular for its form, colour and good needle retention. It also has a pleasant smell.

White spruce has the ideal Christmas tree shape. The drawback with spruce is that unless watered conscientiously, the tree will quickly dry out and lose its needles. Balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*) is a species that is starting to enjoy an increase in popularity. It is commonly used in Eastern Canada. The tree has good form and colour, as well as a beautiful smell. It also has good needle retention, and is forgiving of short dry periods.

When selecting a Christmas tree, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Some people look for a more traditional cone-shaped tree, where others tend to pick the "Charlie Brown" style. There are no rules to go by when choosing a tree. If you like a uniform, high quality tree the best place to buy on is a roadside lot. These trees are generally the best of the crop from growers, and have the

shape and size that appeals to most people. If you aren't particular about shape and size, and want to make an adventure out of selecting a tree, then a "choose and cut" operation is the place for you. You will find all sorts of trees here, from high quality to ones with character.

When you get your tree home, it is important to cut off the bottom 2 inches of the stem. This opens up the conductive tissues which transport water to the tree. If the tree has been bundled, it should be shaken before being brought in - to remove any loose needles (and grass, bark and bugs!). Trees should be put in their stands, watered and given a chance to acclimatize before starting to decorate. This allows the another 2 inches from the base and keep watering. A moist tree not only looks and smells better, but it holds its needles and is more fire resistant.

When decorating, be sure to use lights that are CSA approved, and checked for bare wires and faulty connections. Careful placement of bulbs and tinsel is also suggested, to avoid shorting out the lights. Candles are not recommended, as

they present a rather large safety hazard.

When Christmas is over, don't forget to recycle your tree. It can be put outside for use as a bird feeder, the stem can be cut up and used for kindling, and the needles can be dried, put in cloth bags and used as pot-pourri. Spruce needles are not suited to this last activity, due to the pungent smell of the needles.

"Real" Christmas trees are a wonderful tradition. Support your local grower and buy one for this festive season.

Be advised that the removal of trees from forested areas, either private or public, without the landowner's permission is theft, and is punishable under the Criminal Code of Canada. It is not worth the risk of prosecution to save the \$15 to \$20 that would normally be spent on a tree. Visit a local grower and help support a business in your community.

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Local skater on National Team

Joel Geleynse has skated his way to the Junior National Team. This young man will represent his country as he spins and glides across the ice. Featured at Cardinal's skate show, he showed why he has progressed so rapidly. A joy to watch, he has presence on the ice, for sure.

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

Share the trimming

It can be quite expensive to some who are living on meager funds to trim a Christmas tree, and besides that there are some lonely people among us who just can't seem to get in the Christmas mood to trim a tree just for themselves. Why not make it happen-help some lonely person trim a tree or let them help your family with it's Christmas decorations and baking.

It's still fun to string popcorn

and cranberries-which aren't very expensive. Little cornucopias made of pretty paper, with Christmas card cutouts pasted on them can easily be made to hang on the tree. Cookies cut in pretty shapes can be hung on the tree.

Christmas can be even merrier by sharing the fun with someone whose Christmas might otherwise be blue.



Danny Beach, Nationview Public School, Grade 3

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The season would have been very different a long time ago

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Christmas as we know it today would have been very different if not for the influences of the Victorians. The Puritan rejection of the festival, although short-lived changed forever the idea of Christmas...hugely scrumptious feasts, exciting tournaments, good fellowship, playing the fool and gambling never were fully revived.

When Queen Victoria came to the throne in 1837, Christmas at best a social event where communities came together had all but been lost. It was not regarded as an occasion of any note, shops remained open and daily papers printed, life ran along normally.

But the feelings ran strong and all the ingredients were there, everything a socially and family conscious people could want...strong family feeling, piety, sentimentality, alms-giving, fun and games, feasting and drinking. All that was necessary was their reviving and ensuring that the proper mix was managed, along with the addition of some new things. The German custom of decorating a fir tree was imported to Britain and popularized by Victoria and especially by her husband, Prince Albert. Father Christmas metamorphosed from St. Nicholas, arrived laden with gifts and was then transformed into Santa Claus by the Americans. The Christmas card was invented, singing carols regained popularity. Turkey took over from roast beef and goose as

the centrepiece of the Christmas feast. Crackers and board games were invented and many industries sprang up to produce all the presents and novelties required.

Drawing all these elements together, the Victorians popularized them, commercialized them and by the time Queen Victoria died sixty-four years later, Christmas was a very different and very special occasion. It had been reshaped into a hugely religious and more importantly family-oriented festival which centred on hearth and home. It became a highly anticipated holiday which was long in the preparation stages and eagerly enjoyed.

Perhaps the most significant change that the Victorians made was the way Christmas was celebrated. For the first time it was represented as a complete package. It became a time of social conscience and most importantly a time for family...the whole family. This change was largely brought about by the queen and the prince, for family was central to them. They adored their children and saw Christmas as the ideal opportunity to set time aside from busy duties to share fun times with the family. Christmas at Windsor became the established model for festivities throughout Britain. Where the royals led, the people followed. In time their children married into European households, and took the ideas of Christmas with them...so the Victorian Christmas spread.

Gifts from the heart

(NC)—Christmas gift giving shouldn't only mean dollars and cents: gifts from the heart are special, too. Let your children experience the wonderful feeling that the joy of giving can bring without spending any money.

Give each child some colored paper and pencils and let them make a "coupon" book for the special people on their list, with a "gift" on each page to be redeemed later.

Let them decorate the pages, then punch two holes in one side. Create a cover for the coupons, add a gift tag, then tie them all together with ribbon.

Here are some ideas to help youngsters get started. Once they begin, you'll be surprised at how generous they can be.

- Two weeks of drying the dishes for Mom.
- A winter's worth of shovelling snow from the front walk for a favourite neighbour.
- Ten little kindnesses to a brother or sister.
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Out, out brief candle...the first electrically-lit trees cost the equivalent of thousands of dollars today, but the public quickly realized the benefits of the electric light. General Electric began mass-manufacturing miniature bulbs and by 1910, they were advertising that "the danger ever present with candle-lit trees is

entirely removed, as well as the inconvenience of grease, smoke and dirt.

Hired help...turn of the century "wiremen" or electricians would hand-wire each bulb together in a time-consuming process, then wire the contraption into an overhead light fixture to provide electricity. It wasn't until 1903 that ready-made strings of wiring were sold alongside packages of miniature General Electric bulbs.

Lights of today...contemporary light sets are a far cry from the 1882 version. Now, computer chips are getting into the act, allowing consumers to program up to six different twinkling, fading or chasing patterns to suit their decorating tastes.

Seventeenth century

For all intents and purposes, Christmas was abolished during the 17th century, thanks to the puritanical regime of Oliver Cromwell. The Puritans regarded any wild and jolly time almost as blasphemous and Christmas with its pagan associations was exactly so. The election of the Lord of misrule was forbidden and an act of 1652 strictly forbade the observance of Christmas celebrations; churches were locked and shops remained open. Soldiers enforced the law and anyone caught celebrating Christmas was arrested and even imprisoned. People of course still celebrated, but they did so in private and with great care so as not to be discovered in

their merriment.

Christmas was officially restored, along with Charles II and the monarchy in 1660. Although when this happened the anti-Christmas laws were repealed, much of the vitality and fun of the season had been lost, including the singing of carols and would not appear again until the Victorians revitalized it in the mid-nineteenth century. The changes in society, from a rural economy to an increasingly industrial one, meant that people were moving away from the land and the hub of the country house into the cities. In the process, many of the seasonal traditions were forgotten and lost.

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The cherished traditions that bind family and friends together are what make Christmas so special. It is reassuring and comforting to carry on the memorable traditions of parents and grandparents and to teach our own children these beloved traditions as well as to be open to change and new ideas that can be built upon for the future.

Each family celebrates Christmas in their own way. When looking through old pictures or home movies or even more recent photos and videos, you can't help but notice that much of the Christmas celebration happens around the tree and the table.

The food that goes on the table is an important part of the holiday as well. Of all the meals you serve or consume throughout the year, Christmas dinner has to be

the one that stands out the most. Mealtime is an important part of any event over the Yuletide season. That holds true whether a meal is the focal point of the occasion, such as supper on Christmas Eve or dinner on Christmas Day or a brunch on Boxing day or following an activity such as skating or curling, skiing or snowmobiling. Indeed, foods like turkey and cranberry sauce, Christmas cake and pudding have become synonymous with the word "Christmas."

The festive season sees numerous social occasions. Appetizers are most appropriate at this time of year. The extra touch that adds to the special menu and the special atmosphere. For a casual get together a tray of appetizers is the perfect way to go to provide that little something to nibble on as folks visit and enjoy the season.

A couple of simple, yet delicious DIPS that you will want to try include...**Bacon Cheddar Dip**
* Mix together 250ml (1 cup) of

salad dressing or mayo, with the same amount of buttermilk and grated medium cheddar cheese, add 60ml or 1/4 cup of onion flakes, 75ml or 1/3 cup of Bacon bits and 4ml 3/4 tsp of garlic salt. Cover and chill for one-half hour. Serve with raw veggies and assorted crackers. Makes 575 ml or 2 1/3 cups of dip.

Another that has lots of flavour and is also great with veggies is a **SHRIMP DIP** where you combine 450ml or 2 cups of sour cream, 60ml or 1/4 cup of chili sauce, 113grams or 4oz. of canned broken or small shrimp drained and mashed, 2ml. 1/2 tsp. lemon juice (fresh or bottled), 2ml or 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce, 5ml or 1 tsp minced onion and 2ml or 1/2 tsp beef bouillon powder and mash or beat then together well. Serve chilled with chips and assorted crackers. Yummy!

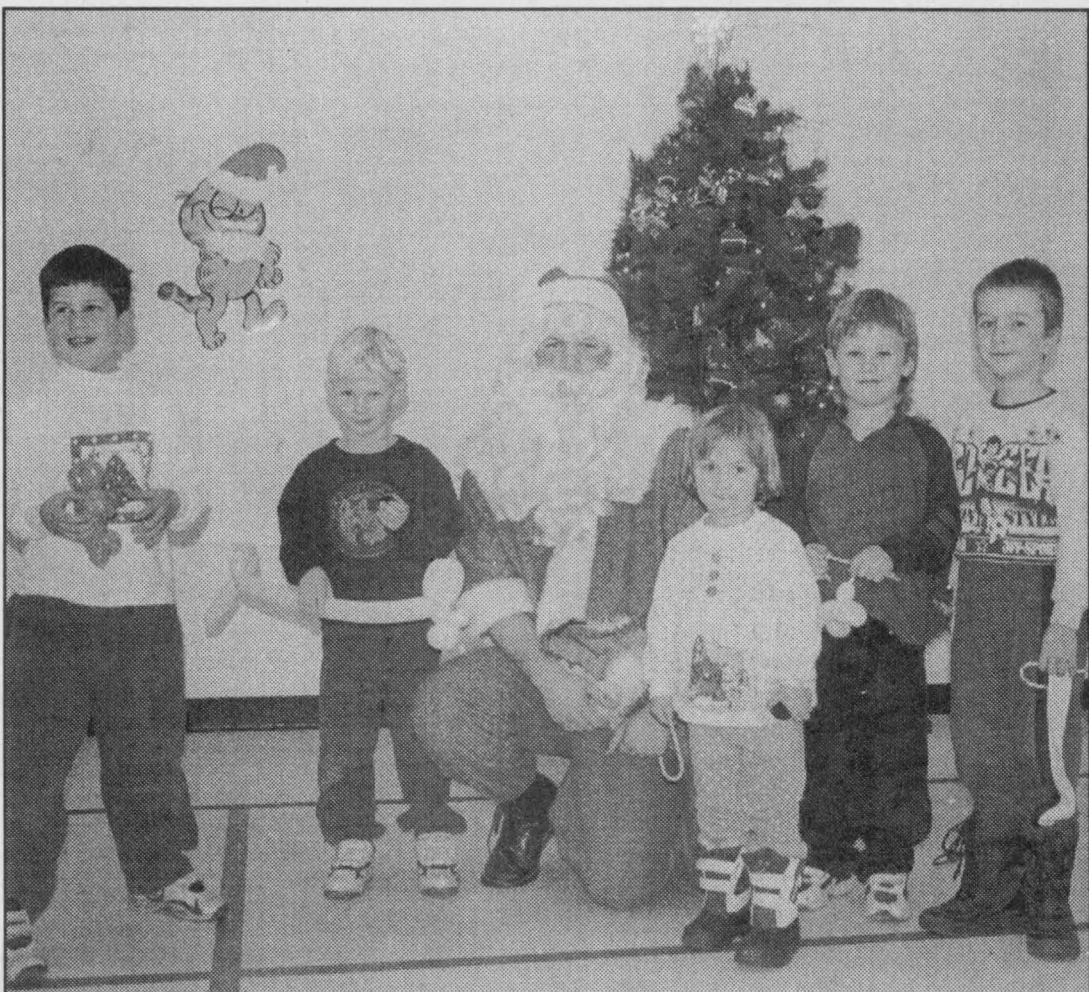
Cheese ball:
Always popular are cheese balls and a Nutty Cheese Ball is always right on the mark. Served with assorted fruit and crackers it will be the talk of the gathering. Combine 398ml (14oz) of crushed pineapple well drained, with 375grams (12oz) of softened cream cheese. Add 5ml (1tsp) of salt and 1ml (1/4tsp) onion powder and beat slowly until mixed well. Mix in 175ml (1/4 cup) of chopped pecans and 30ml (2tbsp) of chopped green pepper. Chill overnight and shape into a ball. **Last Minute stuff:**

In the rush and hurry state we find ourselves most of the time, this one is easy and tasty.

Stir well, 1235ml (1/2cup) of apple or crabapple jelly, 125ml (1/2cup) of pineapple or apricot jam. Add 15ml (1tbsp) of prepared horseradish and a generous 1ml (1/4tsp) of dry mustard powder. Place 250grams (8oz) of softened cream cheese on a serving dish, top it with the jam mixture allowing it to run down the sides. Serve with assorted crackers.

Spinach Dip:
Served in a hollowed out loaf of bread, (leave 1/2 inch sides) and reserve removed bread for dipping; this is a great surprise and everyone will eat their spinach. A sister-in-law always brings this to our gatherings and it is so wonderful...

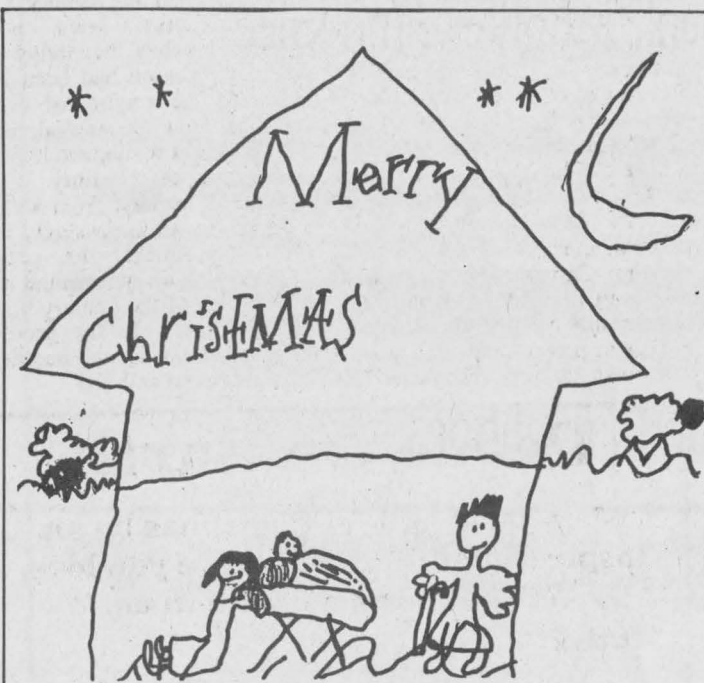
Beat 125ml (1/2cup) of salad dressing or mayo with 2x250ml (2x8oz) of softened cream cheese until smooth. Stir in the following ingredients... 300grams (10-oz) of frozen chopped spinach thawed and squeezed dry. Also 125ml (1/2cup) or six slices of chopped, fried bacon, 60ml (1/4-cup) finely chopped onion, 10ml (2tsp) dill weed and 1ml (1/4cup) of garlic powder or 1 minced clove. Break up the part of the



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Bless my buttons

Santa stopped by MPS the other evening as Christmas drew closer... carols were heard in the gym, balloon creatures were everywhere, hot cider and cookies were enjoyed by everyone. These youngsters got candy from the old gent and seemed to enjoy their time with him.



Michael Adema, Timothy Christian School, Grade 2



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bread hollowed out and sit alongside for dipping. The actual container will be used as the dip disappears as well. A variation for the cool dip is to wrap the completed loaf in foil and heat in the oven at 350 degrees for 2 hours, turn back the foil and enjoy the break dipped into the warm mixture. Great warm and as it cools too.

For the sweet tooth in the crowd, a **Fruit Dip** will do the trick. Stir 500ml (2 cups) of thawed whipped topping (Frozen) together with 60ml (1/4 cup) of brown sugar and 1 ml (1/4cup) of cinnamon. Once this is accomplished, slice and core, but leave peel on apples, pear slices, and add grapes as well to 250ml (1 cup) of water with 30ml (2tbsp) lemon juice (fresh or bottled) and place the fruit in the water /lemon mixture for 30 minutes. Place dip in small dish, arrange fruit around dip and enjoy!

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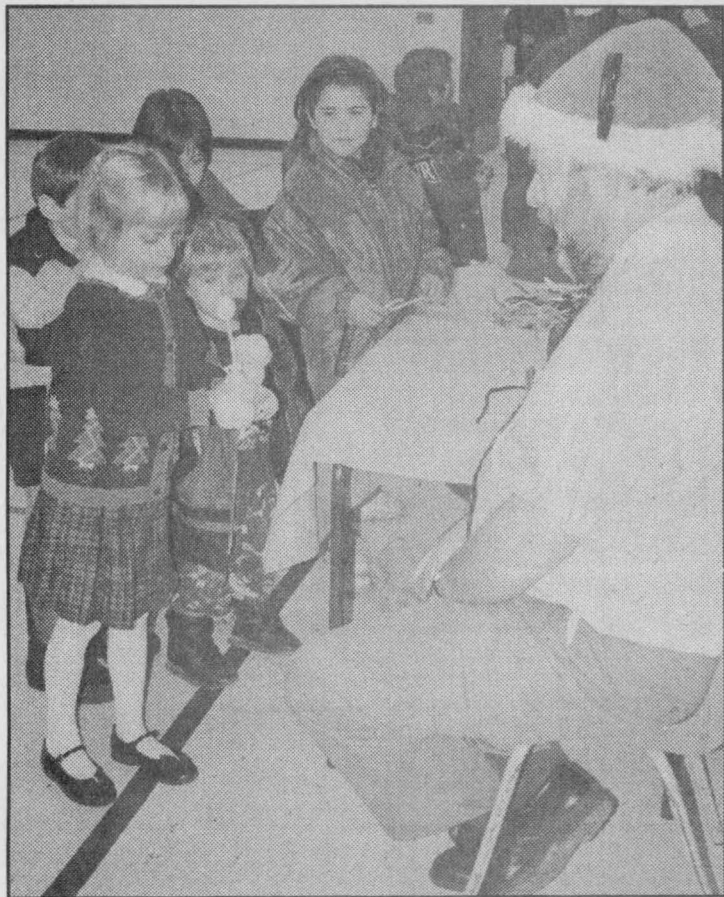
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A crafty pair

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

These youngsters at Morrisburg Public were creating crafty items. Celebrating the season in a different way, parents and students could make some terrific items-- reindeer, wire outlines, gift boxes-- and have fun too!



I think I know how

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

A young lady shows master balloon-creator and Principal at MPS, Brooke Leightizer, (Mickey Mouse ears on his Santa hat) how she would make a balloon animal. A great way to spread smiles, these balloon types always please everyone.

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