Christmas Greetings



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Your *Community Newspaper*

To Santa, With Love



Just in the "Nick" of time, we're pleased to present these heartwarming letters from our area's kids to their favorite holiday hero.

Dear Santa,
Hello. Merry Christmas. How are the toys going? Are you cold? It is kind of cold here.Ho-Ho-Ho.
Love Derrick
XOXOX.

Dear Santa,
Are you going to bring me Christmas presents at Christmas, Santa?
Love Chantal.

Merry Christmas!!
Dear Santa,
Hello! Merry Christmas. I hope your elves and reindeer are doing well. Is it snowing at the North Pole? It is very cold here. I hope you bring lots of good things at Christmas.
Love Connor
XOXOXOXOXOX

Dear Santa,
Hello! How are your reindeer doing? I hope you are doing good!
XOXOXOXOXOXOXOXOXO-XOXOXOXOXO
Love Branden Tuttle.

Dear Santa,
Hello! I love your taste. I love when you let everyone have presents.
Love Brodie.

Dear Santa,
I want Hot Wheels cars for Christmas. I have a stocking and I want some chocolate too.
Love Randy
Grade 2, Dixon's Corners School.

Dear Santa,
I love you. I just want a happy Christmas.
Your friend,
Mitchell Miron

Dear Santa,
can I have a Kitty Kitty toy and a real rabbit and I want a real Hamster.
From Kristina Robichaud,
St. Mary School Grade 1.

Dear Santa,
I love you. All I want for Christmas is a great big hug.
From Kristen Hamiaux
St. Mary School
Grade 1.

Dear Santa,
I love you.
Megan Himes
St. Mary's School,
Grade 1

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a Barbie.
Your friend
Sydney Hass

Dear Santa,
I love you, can I please have a toy doll and a unicorn?
Your friend
Joanna Toonders,
St. Mary's school
Grade 1.

Dear Santa,
I love you. Can I have some hockey gloves please?
Your friend,
Victoria Van Hoof

Dear Santa,
Hello! Merry Christmas.
I hope you are doing well. Is it snowing at the North Pole? It is cold here. See you at Christmas.
Love Karen

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa! How are you doing Santa?
I hope you bring me some good presents.
Love Emily

Dear Santa,
My name is Michael. I am 11 years old. I live in Morrisburg. I go to St. Cecilia School in Iroquois and am in Grade 5. We celebrate Jesus' Birthday on Christmas Day.
For Christmas, I would like a bike and toy transport.
Thank you Santa.
From your friend, Michael.

Christmas
by Jordon Keeler
Grade 5, IPS
Christmas comes and Christmas goes. Then you start to feel the snow on your toes. It just keeps going round and round, then you don't know what's up or down. Cause Christmas is coming to town.

Dear Santa,
Hello! Merry Christmas! I hope you are doing well. Give me 18 presents. It is cold here. Is it cold at the North Pole? I hope you bring me what I want.
Love Myranda.

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa. I hope you are doing well. I want some presents please. Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
Hello. Merry Christmas.
I can't wait for Christmas to come, I hope I get a Barbie Shop with cash register.
Love
Taylor Houghton
P.S. Thank You.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I hope you are not sick it is Christmas. I want some toys that I want very much.
Love Zachary X0X0.

Dear Santa,
I don't want 100 things. I only want a new skidoo and gas.
Love Kurtis xo

Dear Santa,
I'm going to leave you some cookies. I'm going to come down the stairs and see you, Santa! And I'm going to bring my little sister and big brother Brian to see you. So all three of us can see you. Santa, I would like a Pom Puppy, they are really cute. That's it! Thank You.
Shannon VanMoorsel,
Senior K.
St. Mary's School.
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Dear Santa,
Can I please have the jet for the Rescue Heroes, because I am collecting Rescue Heroes. I just moved to Brinston.
Love,
Daniel Wickwire
Senior K.
St. Mary's School.

Dear Santa,
My mom is going to get cookies for the reindeer. My dad, Jack and Uncle Donald made a playhouse for my sister and me. I like playing in the playhouse. I love Santa.
Ashley Smith
Senior K.
St. Mary's School

Dear Santa,
I like opening presents. For Christmas I would like Muddy Puppy. I am going to leave you milk and cookies.
Bailey Hass,
Senior K.
St. Mary's School.

Dear Santa,
I like you Santa because you bring presents. We leave cookies and milk on the table for Santa and sugar and carrots for the reindeer. For Christmas I would like a Barbie and a toy kitty.
Thank You.
Love Sage Barclay
Senior K.
St. Mary's School.

Dear Santa,
I really want you to put presents under my Christmas tree. I am going to make cookies for you and leave them on the table for you. I like to have you give me Pretty Petals.
I love you!
Your friend,
Breanna Robinson.

Dear Santa,
Hello, Merry Christmas. I can't wait until Christmas. I hope you bring me lots of presents. I like Christmas. Is it cold at the North pole?
Yours truly,
Jared.

Dear Santa,
I am being very good most of the time. I like all kinds of toys. I would like backhoe, a loader, a monster truck with four wheels. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and some salt for your reindeer.
Love,
Andrew Durivage,
Senior K.
St. Mary's School.

Dear Santa,
I want two tractors and a trailer. Thank You. I like you. At my dad's workplace, close, I saw you on a couch with your mom. I was sitting on your lap and you gave me a candycane. Someone took my picture with you.
From,
Justin Schwerdtfeger,
Senior K.
St. Mary's School.

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Jeep for Christmas. I was good all year. I will leave you some cookies and some for your reindeer.
Love,
Dana Van Beilen,
Senior K.
St. Mary's School.

A Christmas Letter to all the Kids and Parents,
I hope you have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.
Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus' Birthday and to love one another.
You can celebrate Jesus' Birthday by:
* Going to Church
* Praying
* Helping others
* And by being kind.

I plan to celebrate this Christmas by doing all of the above.
Christmas is a time to drive through the community and see all the lights and decorations people have on their homes.
It is a fun time of year. You can play in the snow, go skiing, build snowmen and a lot of fun things. Christmas is the best time of the year for kids, we love what we get at Christmastime. I really love Christmas.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Jessica Lortie,
Grade 8,
St. Cecilia school.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing all the presents for all the people in the world. I would like a Nintendo and a makeup kit. Santa, I have been a very good girl. I love you because you bring gifts for all the boys and girls.
Love,
Shelby Beckstead, xoxoxo
Senior K.
St. Mary's School.

Dear Santa,
I would like a bubble gum maker. I would share the gum with my friends. I love you.
Christyn Veinotte
St. Mary's School.
P.S. I would like a make-up kit.

Dear Santa,
I like to play in my sandbox. I like playing in my clubhouse. This is what I really want-a sort of a John Deere dump truck. I would ride on it and pick up stones. I'm going to leave you cookies and milk.
Your friend,
Brody Picotte
Senior K.
St. Mary's School.

Dear Santa,
Well, I would like a Pokemon. Now, I would like a Rescue Hero Helicopter. That's all. Thank You. I have a baby brother-this is his second Christmas. I am going to give you some cookies. My grandma is a good cooker.
From your friend,
Casey Thom,
Senior K.
St. Mary's School.



Rejoice!

May you and yours revel in the splendor of the season.

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Thank you for visiting us this year.

From all of us at
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Mgr. Ken Rundle

As We Welcome the Holidays...



We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our club activities during the past year.

We look forward to seeing you at our endeavours throughout 2002 and

FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU

May your festive season and the New Year be filled with family & friends, health & happiness.



Installing lights in Morrisburg at Tourist Booth.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Picking the perfect Christmas video

Children's videos are everywhere. They are also less expensive and longer-lasting than many of the hot toys on the market. In short, they make perfect Christmas gifts. But, for many, choosing the right video can be a daunting task.

Romney and Vicki Grant, creators of the award-winning children's series, Scoop and Doozie, are often asked how to recognize quality videos from the countless offerings in stores. They agree that taking their cue from their own kids taught them a lot about creating, recognizing and selecting quality children's entertainment. They have the following tips for choosing just the right video gifts for Christmas.

1. A children's video, like a book, is a very personal gift. Visit a shop where the sales staff are knowledgeable about their products and are willing to help you make the best selection for your child.
2. Children grow as quickly on the inside as they do on the outside. When you buy a video as a gift, look for age appropriate entertainment with a bit of staying power. A classic video can be enjoyed for a lifetime.
3. If you are unfamiliar with a particular video, or video series, the best way to select quality entertainment is to narrow your search to award-winning and well reviewed videos. You can usually find accolades printed right on the video's packaging.
4. If your children are very young, check to see if the video features music. Songs add a lively and happy dimension to any children's video. For Scoop and Doozie, the Grant sisters brought in acclaimed Canadian children's performer, Norman Foote to create the music. "These videos may be a child's first exposure to musical entertainment and we wanted to make sure they were singing along to the best we could offer."
5. Children tend to pick out their favourite videos and then watch them again and again. If you want your gift to become one of their favourites, carefully read the back cover and pick out something that appeals specifically to the child's personality and interests.
6. To make sure your child gets the most enjoyment out of their new video, squeeze them - and you - into one big chair and watch along!

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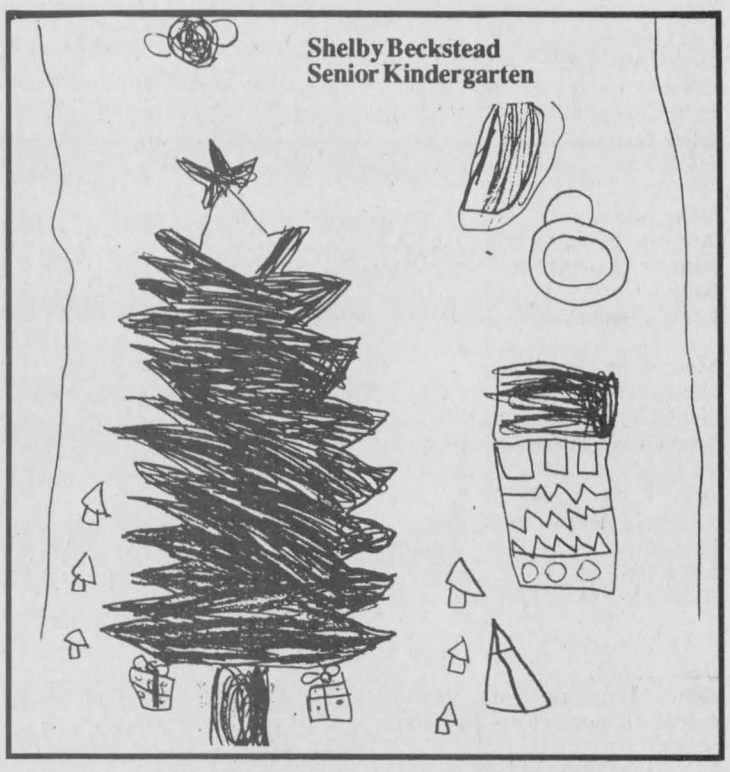

Brimming with Holiday Joy

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Make sure the base of your Christmas tree is immersed in water at all times.
Never place lit candles on or near the tree.
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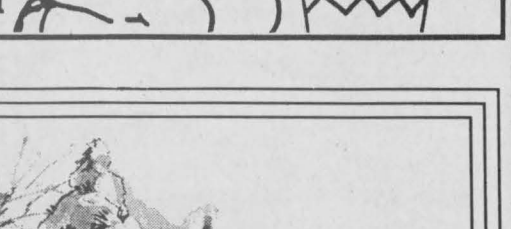

Happy Holidays



Our warmest holiday wishes go out to you and yours during this special time of year.

Sincere thanks and well wishes go out to all of our good friends and neighbours.

Thanks for your loyal support.

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To a properous year!
Wishing you peace and good fortune
this holiday season.

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A Woodsy Santa display creates an outdoor mood.

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What's in a Word

Christmas Time
by Courtney McDermid
Grade 5, IPS
Santa's coming
And it's snowing,
We're all humming,
Thoughts of Santa going.

The beautiful Christmas tree
We sit around and play a game,
While sipping Christmas tea,
At Christmas nothing is the same.

We all love Santa Claus
With all nine reindeer
And back home is Mrs. Claus
After he's come you never see a tear.
Around the tree are all the presents
I just love to open them
I gave gifts to the peasants
I gave a dress with a beautiful hem.

When Will He Come?
by Taylore Mattice
Grade 5, IPS
Will the fat guy
Dressed all in red,
Ever come tonight
When I'm in bed?

Will that guy come
To my house tonight,
I made some cookies
And hope they taste alright.

Christmas
by Jessica Sullivan
Grade 5 IPS
Christmas is fun
Christmas is great
Christmas is not to hate
Christmas I love Christmas.

At Christmas Santa makes his rounds
To every tiny little town,
He has big blue eyes
And a sack full of toys.

Whenever Christmas comes a round,
The town is filled with joy,
And every child hopes they get a toy

Boys hope for toys
Girls hope for joy
And everyone of you
You Christmas Carol.

Things About Christmas
by Kurt Delegarde
Grade 5 IPS
When you're under holly,
You should be very jolly.
Don't play with your toy presents,
Or open all of your presents.

Don't you like Christmas trees?
Don't you feel sorry for the bees?
Have fun putting up your wreath,
And enjoy all of that beef.

Don't you just love Christmas?
So go over and kiss that miss!
Don't waste your time on a grocery cart,
Go to your family and think of them in your heart.

Christmas is...
by Jasmine Comfort
Grade 5,IPS
Christmas is the time of year when ever kids get up and cheer.
I think of stuff like joy
Or maybe even one blue toy.

I will keep out goodies
Some stuff like milk and cookies
I'd like one blue doll
I don't know if it will be tall.

Merry Christmas
by Cory,
Grade 5, IPS
On Christmas morning, every kid gets up and eats breakfast and waits for their mom and dad, but when they don't get up, they get mad.

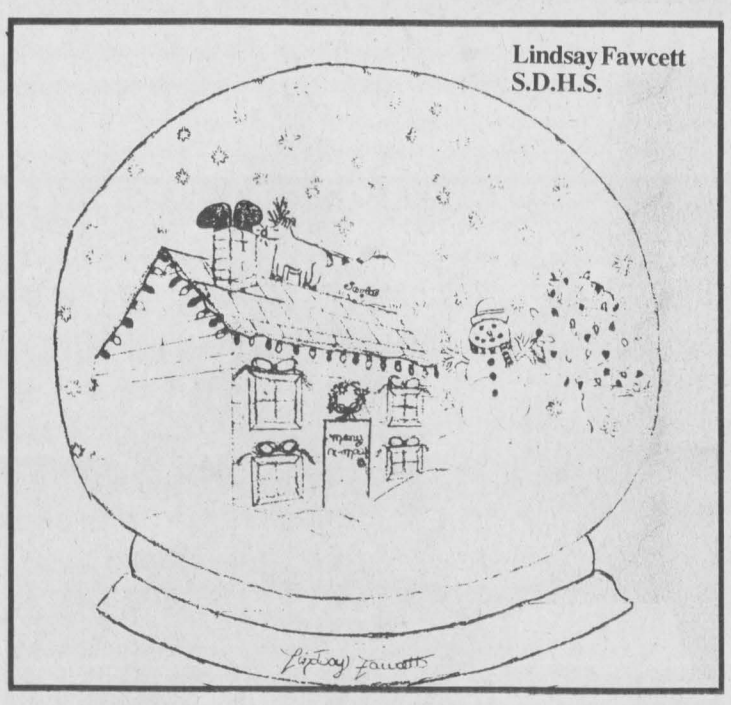
After breakfast, they open their presents from Santa. Sometimes they do not get what they want. The end.

Santa's Workshop
by Dane Levere
Grade 3, IPS
Elves make the best toys
Some elves are girls, but most are boys,
Elves work day and night
I wonder if they never see light.

Does Santa go to different places?
Does Santa see different faces?
Do reindeer stay inside?
Or do they sit near Santa, like right beside?

Christmas is Coming
by Daniel Glauser
Grade 5, IPS
There's probably some elfs
Making some shelves.
There's a guy named Joe,
And he likes wishing for snow.

For this special vacation
We need more decoration,
I'm wishing for a race car,
It hopefully won't be made of tar.



Lindsay Fawcett
S.D.H.S.

Happy Holidays

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



Thanks for your continuing support.

Merry Christmas from

JIM, JAN,
BENJAMIN,
KRISTAN, TANYA,
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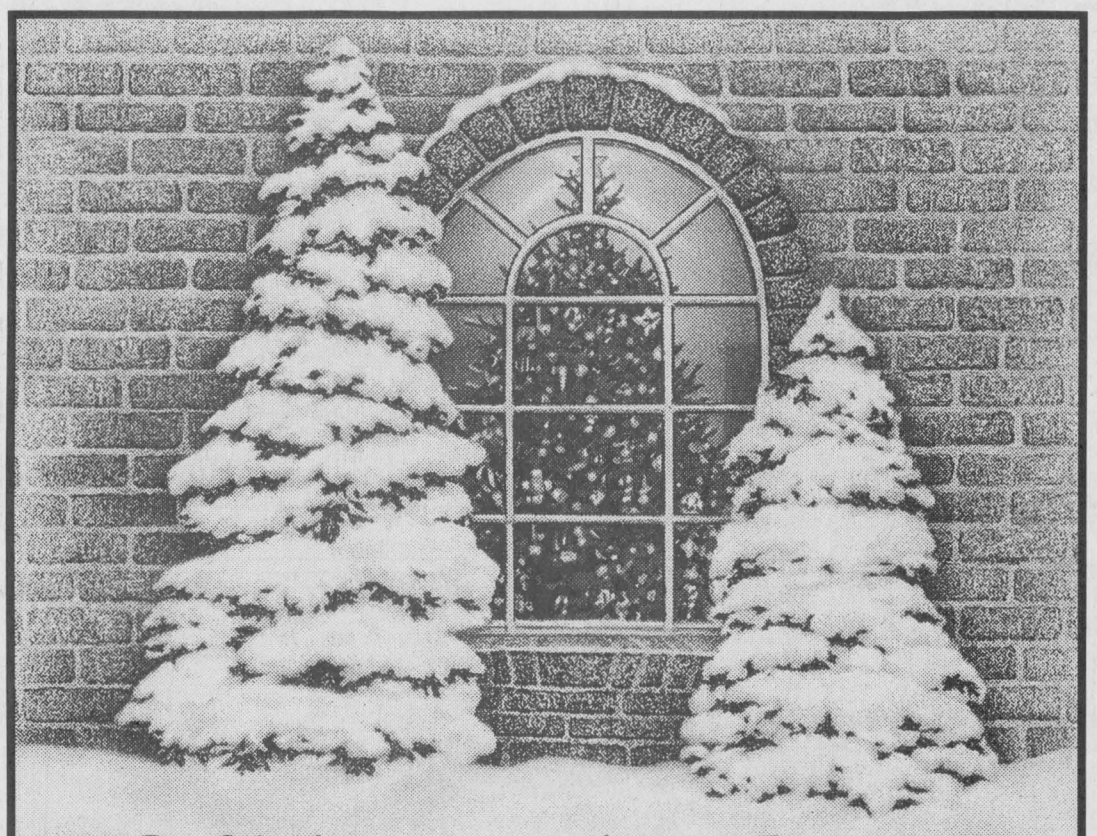

Welcome the Season

Welcome Christmas into your home
By gathering friends from wherever they roam;
Welcome Christmas into your heart
By sharing the faith and doing your part;
Welcome Christmas by honoring others
Fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers;
Welcome the season in your own special way,
And enjoy all the blessings of Christmas Day!

From All The Employees At
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A Carman House Christmas with Crystal Merkley and Dorothy Omond.

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Christmas Gift-giving ideas

With gift-giving, it is always the thought that counts. But in some cases, the thought is more effective if accompanied by an example.

Many of us have no idea, for instance, how many seriously ill children there are in Canada facing the harsh realities of a high risk, life-threatening illness. But if we were told - or if we told our kids - that as a family we could all help to put a smile back on a sick child's face, there may be no finer example this Christmas to the true meaning of giving.

Some families are deciding to give up one gift per person and then accumulate the dollars saved to send to The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. Last year, the non-profit organization fulfilled as many as 750 wishes for children afflicted with a high risk, life- threatening illness, and each year the wish list grows.

Give as a family

The gesture of giving to an unknown child can be far more fun and meaningful if it is organized into a planned, family event. Perhaps on the day that letters are written to Santa Claus, the family can gather to discuss the meaning of the season, the importance of giving and not directly receiving, and which presents can be given up, so that as a family you can make a real difference.

"Each wish is an individual adventure, carefully structured to meet the needs of a particular child," says the Foundation's executive director, Laura Cole. "It may be arranging a trip to a far away destination, providing a customized computer for a child with special needs, tracking down a favourite sports celebrity, or finding just the right puppy. Wishes cannot alter the situation but contemplating all the possibilities is a wonderful distraction from the realities of coping with the illness. A family becomes involved in the discussion, the planning, and so the focus is shifted instead to the anticipation of an up-coming, happy experience."

Perhaps you have a child, or your family knows of a child who needs a dream like this to come true. All cases should first be referred to the Foundation and from there eligibility for the program is determined. Anyone looking to make a referral, or wishing to support The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, can call toll-free, 1-800-267-9474, or visit their website at www.childrenswish.ca.

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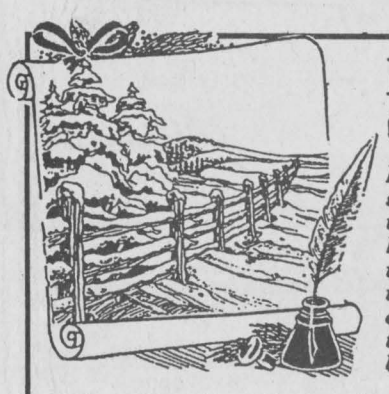
Robby Kavanaugh
Senior Kindergarten
Benson P.S.



Merry Christmas

May you experience the season, and all the joy, warmth and happiness it holds in store. Our warmest thoughts are with you on this holiday occasion, along with our thanks for your valued business.

Season's Greetings from the staff at

Edie's House of Fashion

Morrisburg Village Plaza - 543-2561

Recipe

Rum Balls

1 1/2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs
1/4 cup Bacardi Black Rum
1/4 cup honey
2 cups ground walnuts or
2 1/2 cups chopped walnuts
Confectioners sugar

In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients except sugar. Shape into 1 inch balls. Roll in sugar. Store in tightly covered container. Makes approximately 2 1/2 dozen.

Sweet and Spicy Peanuts

1 tbsp brown sugar
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp cayenne pepper
1/2 tsp chili powder
2 tsp peanut oil
2 cups unsalted skinned peanuts, about 1/2 lb.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl, stir brown sugar with salt, cayenne and chili powder. Stir in oil. Add nuts and stir until evenly coated. Pour onto a baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven, stirring occasionally, until nuts are toasted and fragrant, about 10 minutes. Turn into a bowl, taste, and toss with additional salt if necessary. Serve warm or a room temperature. Peanuts will keep well stored refrigerated in an airtight container for several weeks or freeze. Makes 2 cups.

Season's Greetings!



Peter B. McCooeye



Joseph F. McCooeye BBA, CFP

Wishing the very best for you and your family in the New Year.

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Have a Thrilling Holiday!

As we rush headlong into the hustle and bustle of the holidays, we hope you'll have ample time for lots of old-fashioned Christmas fun with family and friends.
With sincere thanks for contributing to our success this season.

From the office of
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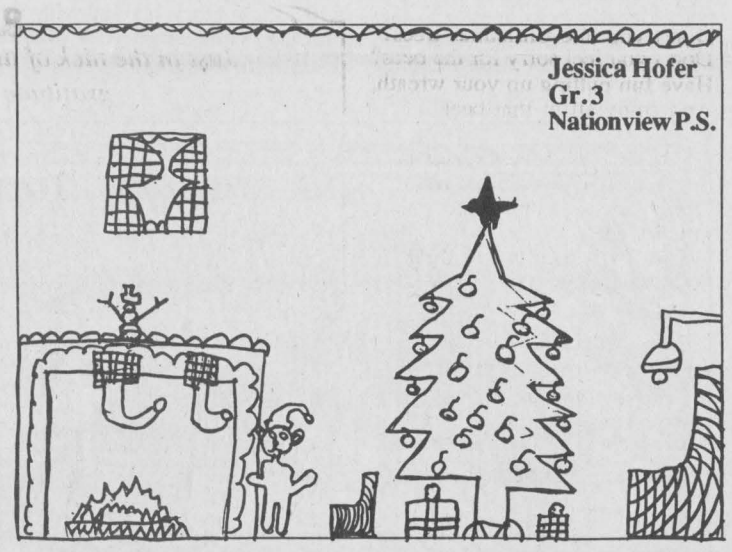

Jessica Hofer
Gr.3
Nationview P.S.

Dessert

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.

Recipe

Chocolate Peanut Butter Truffles

Truffles:
8 oz bittersweet chocolate, chopped
2 tbsp butter, softened
2 tbsp smooth peanut butter
1/4 cup icing sugar sifted
2/3 cup whipping cream

Coating (optional):
Finely chopped peanuts
Unsweetened cocoa powder, sifted
Chocolate shavings
Edible gold flake
Icing sugar, sifted
Chocolate decorations

In a bowl set over (not in) a sauce pan of hot (not boiling) water, melt chocolate with butter, stirring occasionally until smooth. Whisk in peanut butter, icing sugar and whipping cream until smooth. Remove bowl from saucepan. Transfer chocolate mixture to a shallow glass baking dish. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until it stiffens but is still pliable. If it is too stiff to work with, let stand at room temperature for several minutes.

Roll about 4 tsp chocolate mixture into the palm of your hand to form a 1 1/4 inch ball. Place on plate Repeat with remaining chocolate mixture. Cover with plastic wrap and chill until serving.

To coat truffles: place coating mixture of your choice in a small bowl. One at a time, roll the chilled truffles in the coating. Lift shaking off excess coating. Store coated truffles in refrigerator until serving.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

FROM THE WHOLE GANG!

Wishing you a season that's merry and bright, filled with laughter, love and much delight!
It's been a privilege and pleasure serving you this past year. Thanks, friends!

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home for the holidays

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Andrew & Sandra

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December-A month of celebration

"Sometime last night snow began to fall,
So gently did it come, so softly white;
Its music we failed to hear at all
As it whispered to the listening night.
It is pure and beautiful outside-
Within, my room is cosy warm.
A sense of peace within me abides
As I look out at the first snowstorm."

Edna McCann, a well known for her writing in the Heritage Books explains: "Growing up as I did on Canada's East Coast, the weather during advent was often considered to be a harbinger of the winter to come. It was an old Acadian belief that a cold, miserable Advent meant that we would have a mild winter. If Advent weather was more temperate, it was almost sure to be a long, harsh winter.

The fourth Sunday before Christmas marks the beginning of **Advent** and for many families this is the start of the Christmas season. In our home, the Sunday before Advent was also a special occasion. It was known as "stir-up" Sunday, an old Anglican tradition that came from a prayer on the last Sunday of the church year. "Stir up we beseech Thee, Oh Lord, the wills of they faithful people, that they plenteously bring forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

"In the kitchen, we had to stir up the mincemeat and the Christmas pudding and cake. Each person who came to our house stirred the pot three times in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Advent has its own special traditions. The Advent wreath,a circle of greenery in which four candles are set, originated with the German Lutherans. One candle is lit the first Sunday, two are lit the Second Sunday and so in until the fourth Sunday. A large white candle in the centre of the wreath is lit on Christmas Day."

"The **Advent Calendar** also originated in **Germany**. There are elaborate calendars with twenty-four windows used to count down the days until Christmas. Some calendars have pictures behind the windows; but the most popular Canadian calendars have a piece of chocolate as a treat for the youngsters who anxiously await the arrival of Christmas Day.

In the past, Advent was a period of fasting, when no meat, cheese or alcoholic drinks could be consumed. This no longer is true, although some do choose to fast at this time."

December 6 is the day for **Finnish-Canadians** to celebrate the independence of their country of origin. On this date in 1917, Finland broke free from Russian control and declared its independence. Wherever there are sizable numbers of Finns across Canada, the Finnish community sponsors Independence Day programs and commemorative services are held in the churches.

"While my great-grandchildren will anxiously await the arrival of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, many youngsters who are of **Dutch** or **German** origin will be expecting St. Nicholas or Stinterklaas on the night of **December 5**. This is the eve of St. Nicholas Day, **December 6** and is one of the oldest and most popular of all Dutch traditions."

Very little is known about **St. Nicholas**, but, according to legend, he was born in Lycia, in Asia Minor and in the early fourth century, he was the Bishop of Myra in what is now known as Turkey. Known for his kindness and charitable deeds, particularly to children, it is said that he provided bags of gold for three young girls, giving each a dowry and saving them from a life of prostitution. This is possibly the source of St. Nicholas' association with gift giving.

In the **Netherlands** on **December 6**, St. Nicholas still rides into town on a white horse wearing his red mitre. Zwarte Piet, or Black Peter, a companion or helper who is dressed in the Moorish costume of a page precedes him. Black Peter carries St. Nicholas' bag which contains candy and gifts for the good children and a switch in order to punish those children who have been bad.

German children leave their shoes outside their bedroom doors on the eve of **December 6** believing that St. Nicholas will leave them small gifts if they have been good.

"**Dutch** children leave out hay and carrots for the Saints' horse, much as my great-grandchildren leave carrots and apples for Santa's reindeer."

Gifts for the children are not wrapped in paper but are placed in whatever ingenious containers that their parents can find. It is not unusual for a gift to be placed in a hollowed-out cabbage for example. Each gift also contains a humorous poem that usually connects the gift and the container to the person. For example, a gift hidden inside a child's plastic telephone may remind a young teen that they talk too much on the phone."

In Canada, **Dutch** parents relate the traditional folk tales of Sinterklaas and Zwarte Piet on the eve of St. Nicholas Day. It is a special family time of gift-giving and enjoying traditional Dutch foods."

For **German** and other European-Canadian children, it is also a time to exchange gifts and enjoy family gatherings and delicious dinners together.

Many **Japanese** Buddhists celebrate **December 8** as the anniversary of Buddha's enlightenment or Bodhi. It is said that Buddha sat for forty-nine days under the Bodhi tree to find the answer to the riddle of life.

On **December 8** there is another celebration for the Japanese. In a ceremony dating back to the fourth century A.D., a requiem service is held for sewing needles, the services are attended by tailors, dressmakers and even those who sew at home. Set up in the style of the traditional Shinto shrine, a sacred rope with white paper stripes is suspended over the three-tier altar. On the top tier are offerings of cake and fruits. The second tier holds a pan of tofu and the third and lowest tier offers a place to put scissors and thimbles.

"I find the tofu to be a very interesting part of the ceremony. This is why people insert their broken or bent needles while offering prayers of thanks for the needles' years of service. Sutras are also recited for the repose of the needles. After the service, the needles are wrapped in paper and laid to rest in the sea.

Although it is not common tradition here, some Japanese-Canadians in the west hold a Hari Kuyo on this date."

One of the loveliest observances at this time of year is St. Lucia Day or as **Swedes** call it, "Luciadagen." This "Festival of Lights" which marks the beginning of the Christmas season for people of the Scandinavian countries of **Denmark**, **Norway** and **Sweden**, is held on **December 13** although the original St. Lucia Day used to fall on the solstice.

Legend has it that St. Lucia was betrothed against her will, to a pagan nobleman. He claimed that her beautiful eyes haunted him day and night. In an attempt to end the engagement, she supposedly cut out her eyes and sent them to her suitor. God rewarded her sacrifice by giving her even more beautiful eyes. For this, she is known as patron saint of the blind.

"Lucia" means light and all of the traditional ceremonies for the Day centre on a beautiful St. Lucia dressed in a shining white robe and lighting the darkness with a crown of candles.

It is traditional to dress the oldest daughter in a family in a white robe tied with a crimson sash. The metal crown, covered with lingonberry leaves, with its burning white candles, is placed

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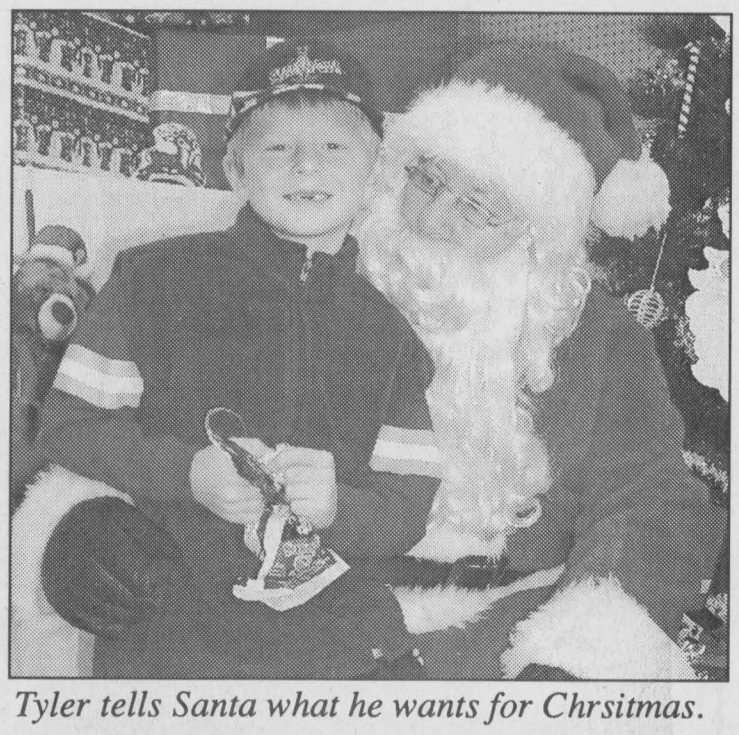

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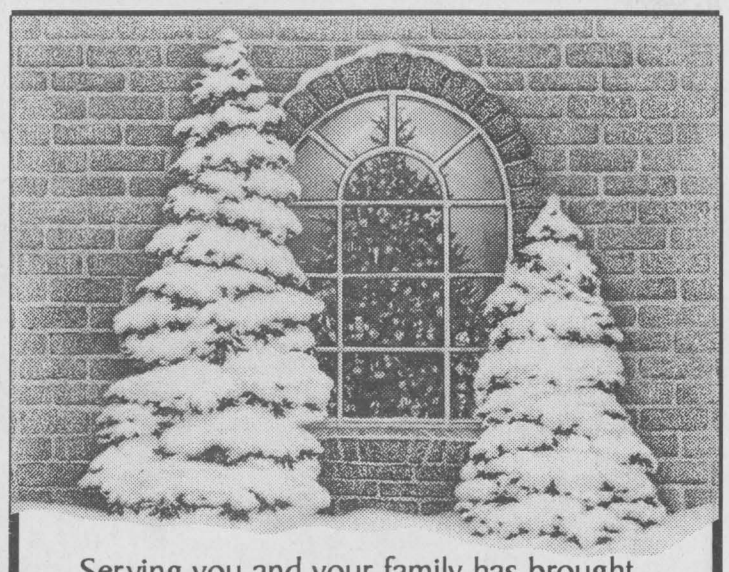

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My Presents Only
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Last night we set up the Christmas tree.
My teacher, Mrs Phifer turned me into a busy bee.
On Christmas morning I opened my presents and said,"Mine!"
I said as well, "I'm pretty fine."

I said, "That's my present" to my brother, then we fought.
I got it, it was a sling shot, I aimed and made the shot...
My brother went AAAAAA!
Mom!
I think his arm is numb.

For Christmas I got a sleigh
Last time I broke it in May,
I also got a shirt,
Finally, my name is Kurt!
I was so excited about Christmas dinner
My last name is Skinner.

Christmas
by A.J. Urquhart
Grade 5 IPS

On Christmas Eve you receive Christmas presents from Santa Claus and when he gets home he is very tired.
When you're asleep he comes in and then he creeps very quietly putting presents in the stockings.

The Christmas tree
by Daniel Stevens
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I think this Christmas tree might
Be just as bright
As any tree in sight.

This Christmas tree is green and blue
And much better than a brown stew,
This tree won't give you the flu,
And by this tree you'll feel brand new.

Under this tree there are toys
For all the good little girls and boys,
And for a great many joys,
Try not to make much noise.

This is the best tree
If you come you will see,
There will definitely be
Many stories about this tree and me!

Christmas Trees
by Melinda Harper
Grade 5 IPS

There once was a Christmas tree
That fell on two bees,
There once were two bees
That each had five knees.

Christmas trees love tinsel,
Houses have light,
Something Stinks !
And something bites!

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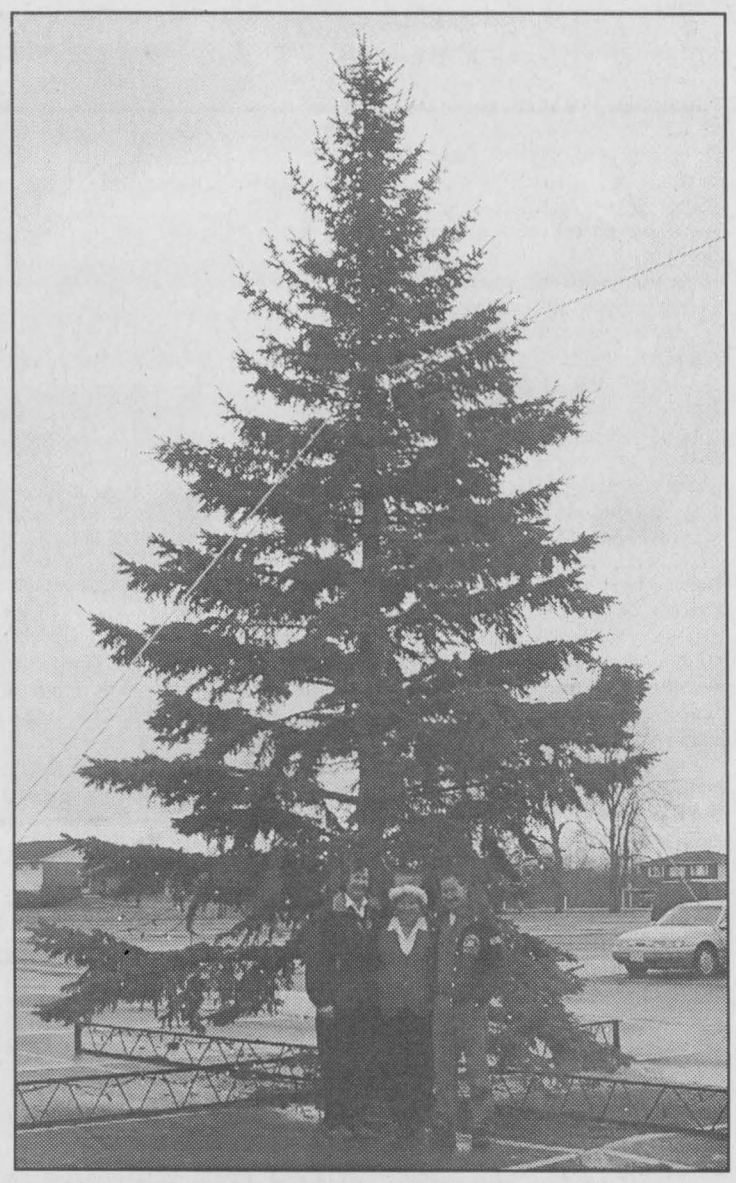
Santa drove his sleigh
To a fine little play,
Santa went to say
Hey! Hey! Hey!

Santa gave candy
To a kid names Sandy,
The kid named the candy,
"Little Little Pandy."

Sandy went insane
Then he was a pain,
Sandy had a candy cane
Then his name was Jane!
Jingle Bells.
I have shells.
Jingle bells.
Jingle Bells.

Christmas
by Nathan Alexander Bygott
Grade 5, IPS

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree How did you stand so much longer than all the rest of the trees?
You have stood for 80 years and the rest have not. The others have stood for only 8 years.
On Christmas morning you went down stairs and said, "Where's my toys?" Oh, look they're on the sled.



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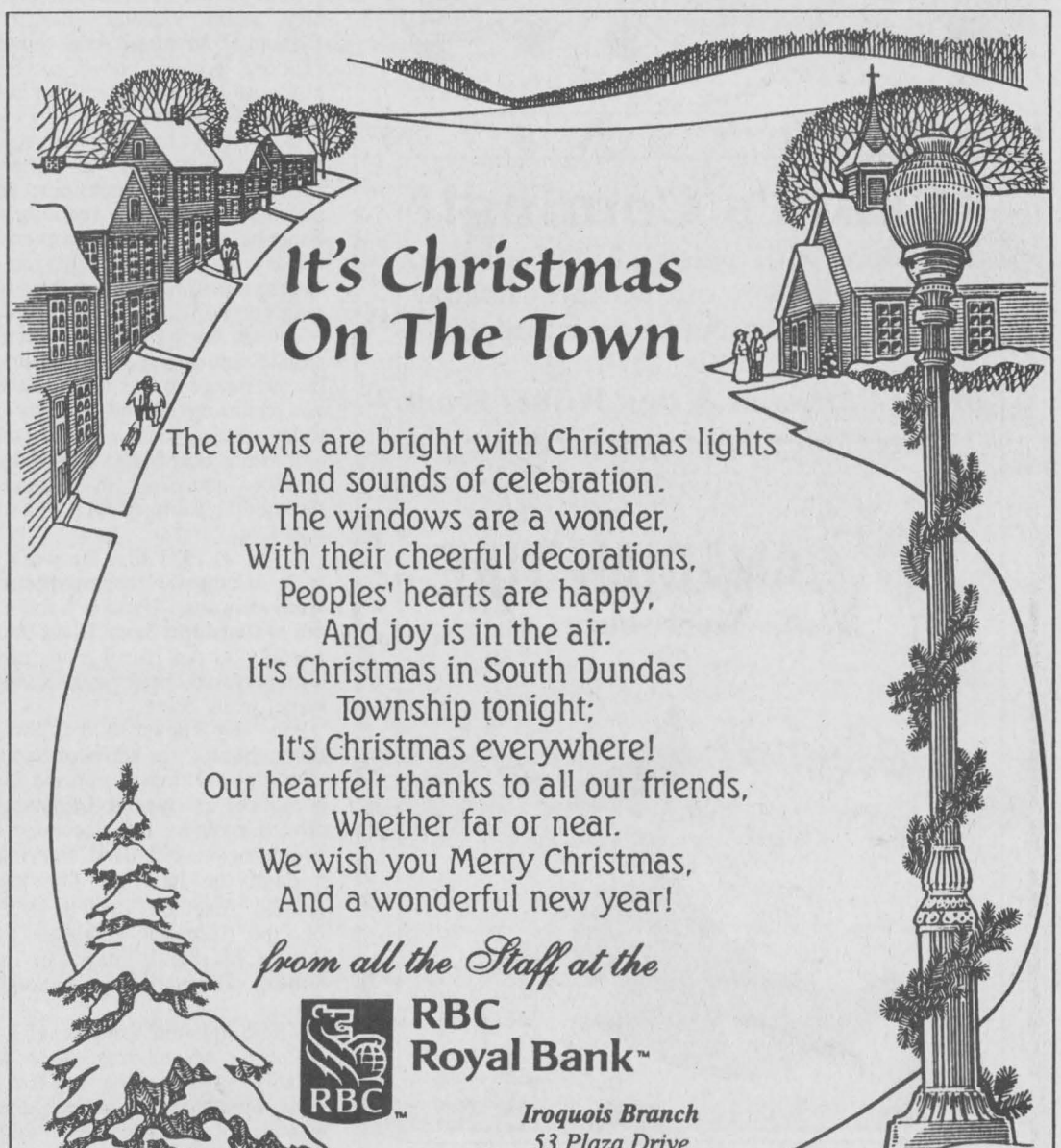

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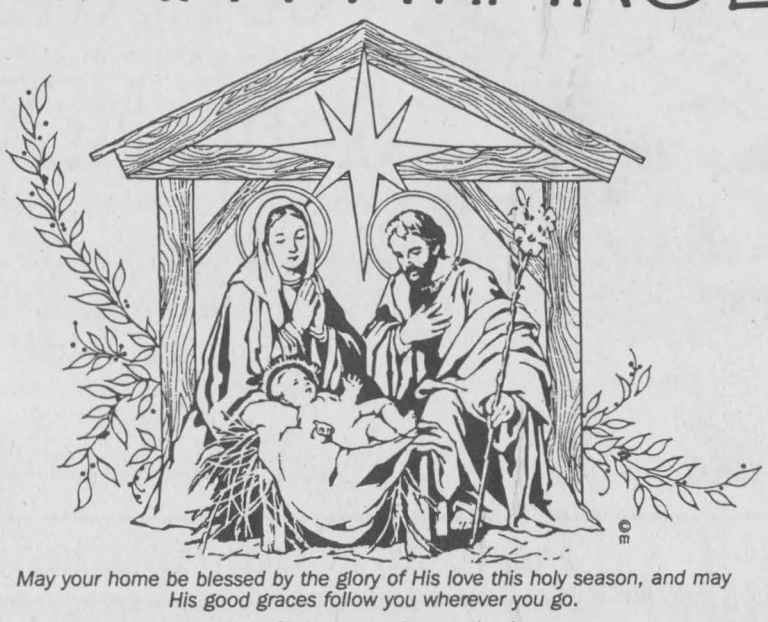

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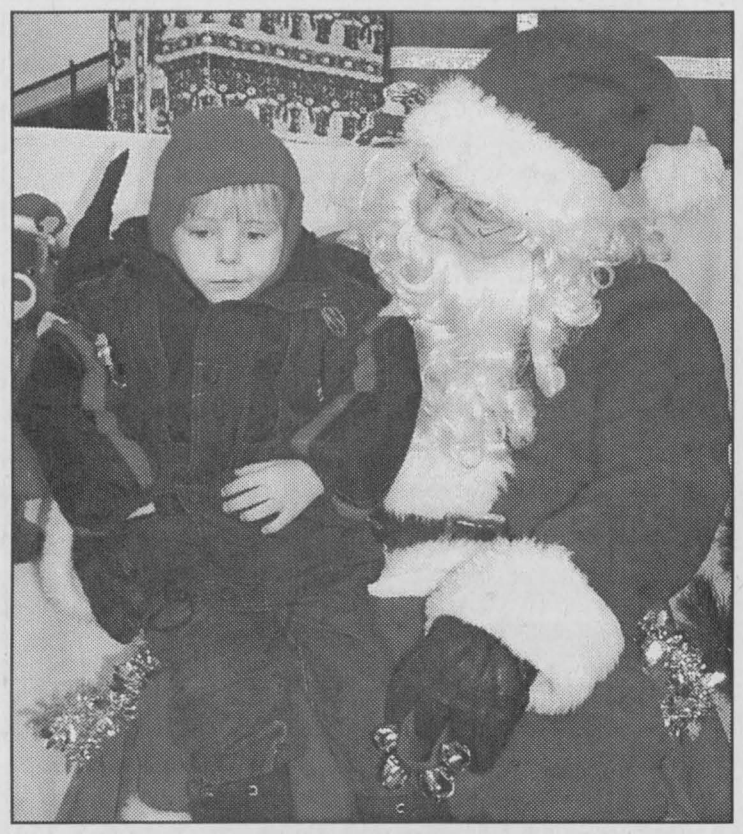

Tristan making sure Santa has his list correct.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Not just kid's play

Dolls important to learning

"Play is quite literally learning for living," says Dr. Kathleen Alfano, leading child researcher and manager of the Fisher-Price Child Research Department.

The Canadian Toy Testing Council agrees. According to the council's web site, children are particularly interested in imitative play and dolls are an important part of this. "They (children) act out their environment and prepare themselves for adult roles by playing house or family," the council says.

Playing with dolls may also contribute to several aspects of cognitive and emotional development, says Dr. Michael Shore, Mattel's Director of Research. Studies indicate potential benefits of doll play include motor skill development, sharpening/stimulating the senses, expressing emotion, encouraging the development of imagination and vocabulary growth.

This holiday season, girls will have a number of dolls with which to play and learn. What better way to facilitate role playing than with a life-like baby doll like Mattel's Miracle Baby? With a beautifully sculpted face, expressive eyes and soft skin Miracle Baby looks, feels and acts like a real six-month-old infant.

Other new dolls include Diva Starz, four high tech dolls designed with smart chip technology. Each doll has a distinct personality and a unique vocabulary. Diva Starz have life-like conversations with the girl who is playing with them.

What's Her Face are four "create-your-own" fashion dolls known as Cool, Hip, Sweet, and Glam. The girl who is playing with them can create her very own unique doll by changing the dolls face, hairstyle and fashions as many times as she likes. The four have a fun interactive website, www.whatsherface.com.

Barbie, a perennial favorite, is back as a ballerina and a pop star. The SugarPlum Princess Barbie makes her very first movie, staring as Clara in The Nutcracker. Jam 'n Glam Barbie is a real cool rocker with a trendy look. She has a tour bus that includes a concert stage and backstage dressing room. There are also Barbie Dress Up Magnets, which allow girls to get Barbie ready to go out with lots of fun mix and match outfits.

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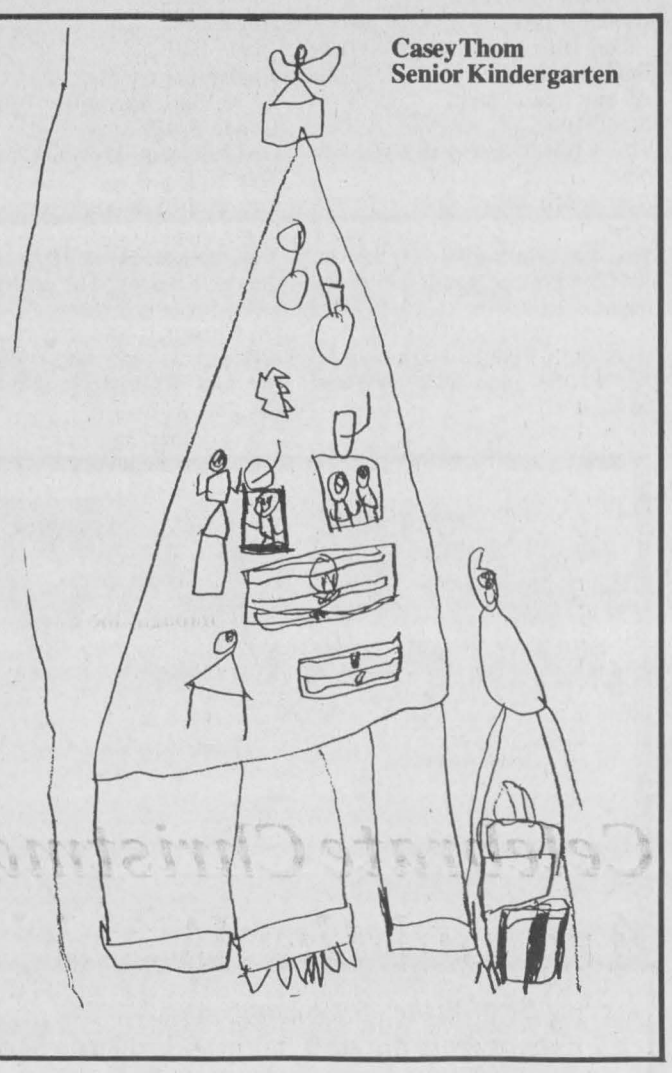

Sundblom Santa is the world's vision of Santa Claus

Santa Claus, easily one of the world's most popular characters, also is one of the most mysterious.

We know he lives at the North Pole with Mrs. Claus and we know he and his elves load the sleigh each Christmas Eve for a marathon trip around the world, but little else is known about his past.

Some historians believe the legend started in the fourth century, when Nicholas, the first Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (Turkey) became known for his kindness to children and for his help to the needy.

As recently as 65 years ago, Santa Claus literally was a character of many dimensions. In numerous artistic renditions, Santa has been depicted as everything from a pixie to a leprechaun, sometimes even a frightening gnome.

But, thanks in part to the Coca-Cola Company, the jolly fellow has an image that is well known and enduring around the world today...plump man in a red suit and white beard who travels by reindeer and slips into homes through the chimney each Christmas Eve.

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"The Sundblom Santa is remarkable for several reasons, most notably because of the way Haddon Sundblom captured the essence of St. Nicholas," said Phil Mooney, archivist, "Sundblom created an enduring symbol, the spirit of Christmas which Coca-Cola shares with the world through its packaging and advertising."

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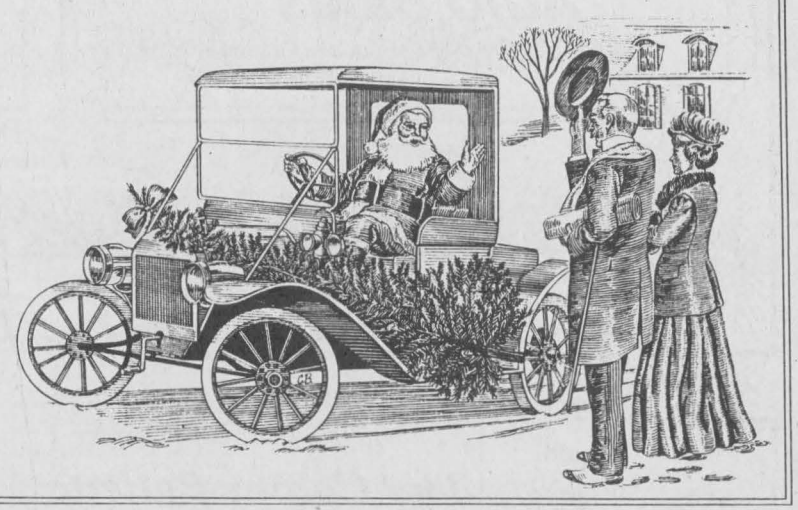

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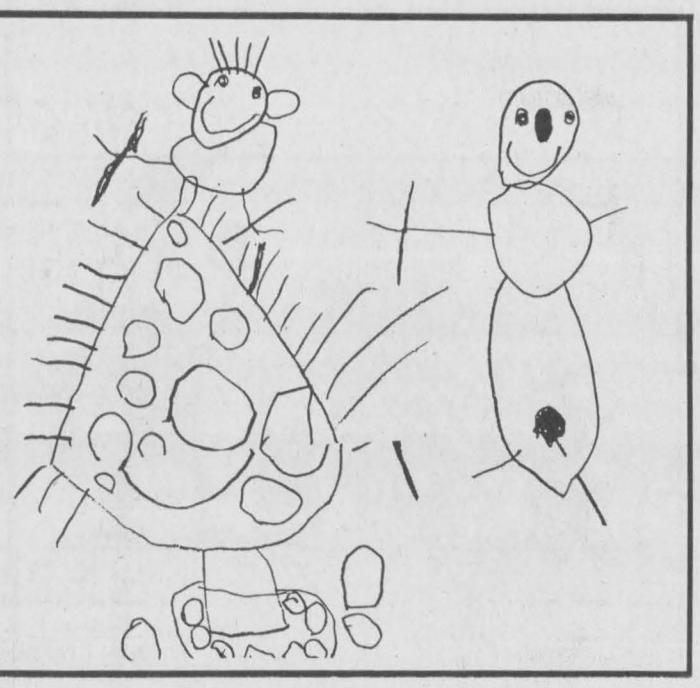

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on her head. Younger girls also dressed in white are given tinsel halos, while boys wear white robes and cone-shaped hats of silver paper and carry star-topped sceptres. On the morning of the 13th, they awaken the family members by delivering a tray of saffron buns or ginger cookies and coffee to their bed.

Mexican-Canadians have a most interesting way to prepare for Christmas. A nine-day celebration from **December 16-24** commemorates the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem and their search for shelter. These processions or losadas take place each night for nine nights as a couple dressed as Joseph and Mary go from home to home seeking shelter. As it was in Bethlehem, the couple are turned away until they knock on the door of the home that has been chosen to host the party that evening. With their arrival, the party (posada) begins. The highlight of each party is the breaking of the "pinata." The children are blindfolded and given the chance to swing a stick at the pinata, a paper-mache animal, hanging by a string from the ceiling and filled with toys and candies.

The "posadas" are repeated for nine evenings, the last being Christmas Eve. That evening, known as Noche Buena or the good Night, the pilgrimage ends when the procession arrives at the church for midnight Mass. This Mass is known as the Misa de Gallo, or Mass of the Cock because it is held so early, ending just after midnight.

December 21 or 22 is the winter solstice. The shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere it is also the first day of winter. In areas of the far North there will be no daylight hours at all today! There are many pre-Christian traditions marking winter solstice and bonfires were often a part of these rites.

Some traditional **Chinese** families in Canada may observe the Chinese Festival of the Winter Solstice with services of prayers to their ancestors. The Chinese have great respect for parents and ancestors and many of their festivals honour the older generation, both living and dead.

Hanukkah is a **Jewish** celebration that takes place around the time of the winter solstice and lasts for eight days. Hanukkah celebrates religious freedom and commemorates the successful rebellion of the Jews against the Syrians in the Maccabean War of 162 B.C. After the victory, the Temple was cleansed and purified and rededicated and the Menorah, or perpetual lamp was re-lit. As the story goes there was only one jar of sacred oil left but by some miracle this one jar kept the holy lamp burning for eight days. Jewish families today celebrate the miracle by lighting a special candelabrum known as the "chanukah." One brightly coloured candle is lit each night until all eight candles are kit, always using the "shammus' or helper candle to light the candles in the Menorah. A special prayer is recited during the lighting of the candles and while the candles burn it is time for songs and games and the giving of gifts to the children.

One of the more popular games is the dreidel game, played with a four-sided top.

A traditional food served at Hanukkah celebrations are Latkes, potato pancakes...the recipe follows:

2 cups coarsely grated potato uncooked,
2 eggs separated,
1 tsp salt,
1 rounded tbsp flour,
1 onion grated

Combine the potatoes, egg yolks, salt, flour and onion. Beat the eggs and fold into the mixture. Drop by the spoonful in a skillet with 1/2 inch of sizzling oil. Fry latkes on both sides until golden brown. Drain on a paper towel and serve hot with sour cream and/or applesauce.

The **Anglican** calendar used to name the day of Solstice, December 21. as St. Thomas Day. You recall that St. thomas the Apostle was named "Doubting Thomas" because after the Resurrection when the other Apostles told Thomas they had seen Jesus, he refused to believe them until he touched Jesus' wounds himself. At one time it was the practice for widows or poor women to go door-to-door collecting gifts of food, clothing or money to help them through the long winter. This tradition was called, "going-a-Thomasing" and many families might never have survived had it not been for the generosity of the neighbours on St. Thomas Day.

Celebrate Christmas Around the World

There are similarities and intriguing differences in the way Christmas is celebrated from continent to continent. In the United States many customs have blended to create what many people celebrate as the traditional Christmas.

From the first chords of "Silent Night" written in Obenhorf, Austria in 1818 to the first Christmas stamp issued in the United States in 1962, the holiday is definitely a cultural event. Find out how different areas of the world celebrate the holiday season and incorporate some of these traditions into your own holiday gatherings, courtesy of "Christmas Around the World" by Mary D. Lankford.

Australia:
Greeting is "Merry Christmas"

Many Christmas customs were brought to Australia by early settlers from England, yet with warmer climates and exotic animals, traditions were modified for life well below the equator.

Although Christmas falls during the summer vacation, crowds fill the churches for special services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. After a breakfast of ham fried with eggs, some families follow church services with a picnic on the beach.

Homes may be decorated with ferns, palm leaves, the red and green flowering Christmas bush and other flowers. Children hunt for the gold Christmas beetle and search for gifts found in their pillowcases or at the breakfast table.

Canada:
Greeting is "Merry Christmas" & "Joyeaux Noel"

Canadian customs are quite similar to those in our neighbour the United States. In Nova Scotia during the 12 days of Christmas, small groups of belsnicklers or masked mummers appear in neighbourhoods ringing bells, making noise, seeking candy or other treats. Their host may provide Christmas cake or a drink made from a mixture of water and thick, sweet syrup. Costumes may include grandmas nightgown or dad's winter underwear. The host attempts to identify the disguised visitors. Once identified, the mummer removes his or her mask and ceases all of the noise.

The French speaking Canadians of Quebec display creches or nativity scenes in their homes. After attending midnight mass, families are served tourtiere or pork pie. A Christmas banquet is called a revellion and acts as reunions for extended family members.

Greece:
Greeting is "Kala Chrisougena."

In Greece, Saint Nicholas, a giver of gifts during the Christmas season is also the patron saint of sailors and fishermen. Most Greek homes trim an evergreen tree with tinsel and top it with a star. Gifts are exchanged on January 1, St. Basil's Day. St. Basil is one of the four fathers of Greek Orthodox church is supposed to visit all Greek homes on the first day of the year. Some families leave a log in the fireplace for St. Basil to step on as he climbs down the chimney with tops.



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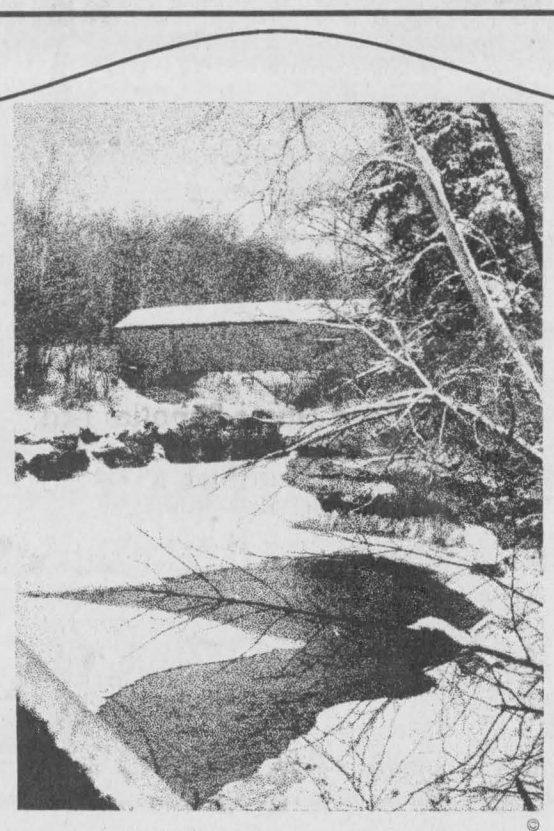

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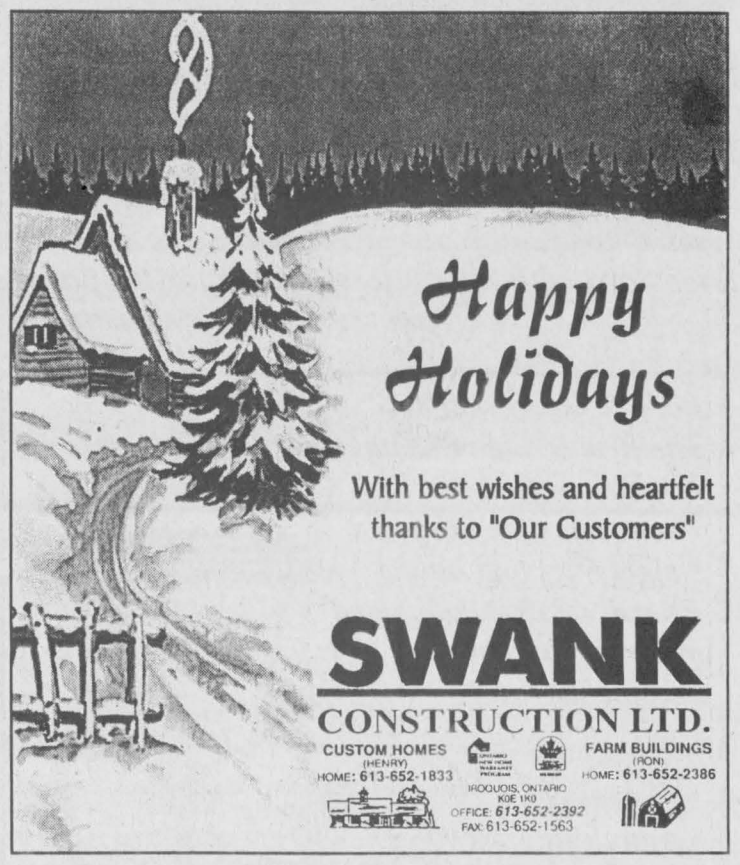

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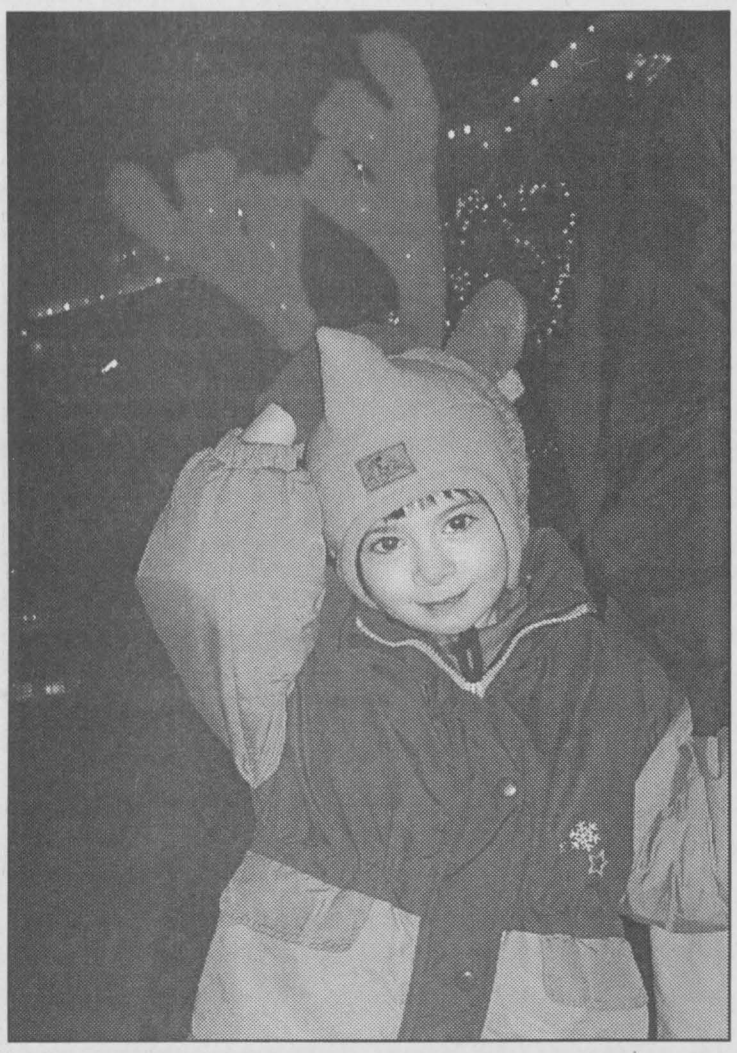

Wee Sara with her antlers waiting for the parade.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

What's in a Word

Christmas
by Mark Peters
Grade 5, IPS
Christmas is cold and snowy.
Christmas is about giving.
Christmas is trees and axes.
Christmas is holly and wreaths.

Christmas is about Santa.
Santa's reindeer too.
Christmas is about presents,
Another thing is opening them too.

Christmas is ornaments.
Christmas is about fun.
Christmas is about lights.
It's about shopping.

It's about loving.
It's about caring.
Christmas you can have fun,
It's about hardwork.

Christmas
by Matthew Hanson
Grade 5, IPS
Christmas is a holiday to celebrate giving and receiving.

Christmas is for Jesus who was born on Christmas Day.

Christmas is to get to know your family better.

Christmas is to have fun and forget your troubles.

Christmas Time
by Nicholas McCaslin
Grade 5, IPS
Verse 1
Christmas time is a time of joy,
For each and every girl and boy,
When Santa laughs his great big belly,
Wiggles like a bowl filled with jelly,
And when Christmas comes around,
We all give out with a bellowing sound,
Christmas time is here!

verse 2
Christmas time is a time to give,
Up in Heaven is where we shall live.
Up in the sky where there's lots of love,
We all must meet a turtle dove.
And when Christmas is about
We all shout,
Christmas time is here!

Christmas Eve
by Kyle John Wheeler
Grade 5, IPS
It's Christmas Eve! It's Christmas Eve!
Can you believe it's Christmas Eve!
When you're asleep inside your bed,
Closing your eyes and resting your head,
You might just wake up and hear a noise,
It's Christmas Eve and Santa's bringing toys!

On Christmas Eve, On Christmas Eve,
What happens on Christmas Eve?
On Christmas Eve you hear the sound
Of Santa moving all around.
This only happens once a year,
It's Christmas Eve, so tomorrow Christmas Day will be here!

Santa
by Brittany Jade Elliott
Grade 5, IPS
When will Santa come?
Santa has a big tum,
Santa has a red coat,
He doesn't have a boat.

Santa has rosy cheeks,
He always has to peek,
He lives at the North Pole,
Santa has a very big mole!

Santa has lots of toys,
For all the girls and all the boys.
Santa even has cats,
he also has a lot of hats.

He is a very big thing,
He is almost like a King!
He comes every year,
Hurray with a big "CHEER!"

Santa Claus
by Travis Fawcett
Grade 5, IPS
There once was a man named Santa Claus,
He was a human with no paws.
He went to bed,
He turned all red.
He has a daughter named Holly,
He is fat and jolly.
His wife's name is Mrs. Claus,
She is also a human with no paws.
He has a son named Matt,
His son is like a bat.
There is a deer named Prancer,
There is also a deer named Dancer.

The Christmas tree
by Courtney Dawn Hall
Grade 5, IPS
The Christmas tree so green and bright
Decorated to the top with so many lights.
he had no arms, so he couldn't fly like a kite
He had no one to say good night.

The Christmas tree was very sad
It was almost Christmas, but he was sad,
No one wanted him, so he thought he was bad,
Someone came along one day and he was very glad.

The little girl brought him home
Just then he started to moan,
As soon as the girl brought his home,
The little tree started to groan.

What Christmas Is
by Michael Zandbergen, Grade 3
Timothy Christian School
Christmas is God's love for that he died upon the cross for our sin. He loves us so much. Christmas isn't getting stuff it's giving. The reason why we give is because we love. Christmas is about loving and giving not hating and getting.
This is Christmas ...

What Christmas Is
by Kyle Bergsma, Grade 4
Timothy Christian School
Christmas is a tree all lite up, to light the dark. Christmas is a baby born in a manger. The baby is Jesus. Jesus is the light in the dark.

Thank You
by Rebekah Ann DeRoos, Grade 4
Timothy Christian School
Thank you.
Thank you God for Baby Jesus.
Who lay upon the manger hay.
Also gave us Christmas Day.
Without love and joy no Christmas
Would there be.
Jesus came to earth.
So we can have eternal life.
Come with me and we shall have a merry day!

The Meaning of Christmas
by Emma Whaley, Grade 5, and Bonnie Witten, Grade 1
Timothy Christian School
Gabriel is the angel that came to Mary.
At the stable Jesus was born.
Baby Jesus is special
Remember Jesus for Christmas
It was a happy night
Every angel was singing.
Love was in the air.



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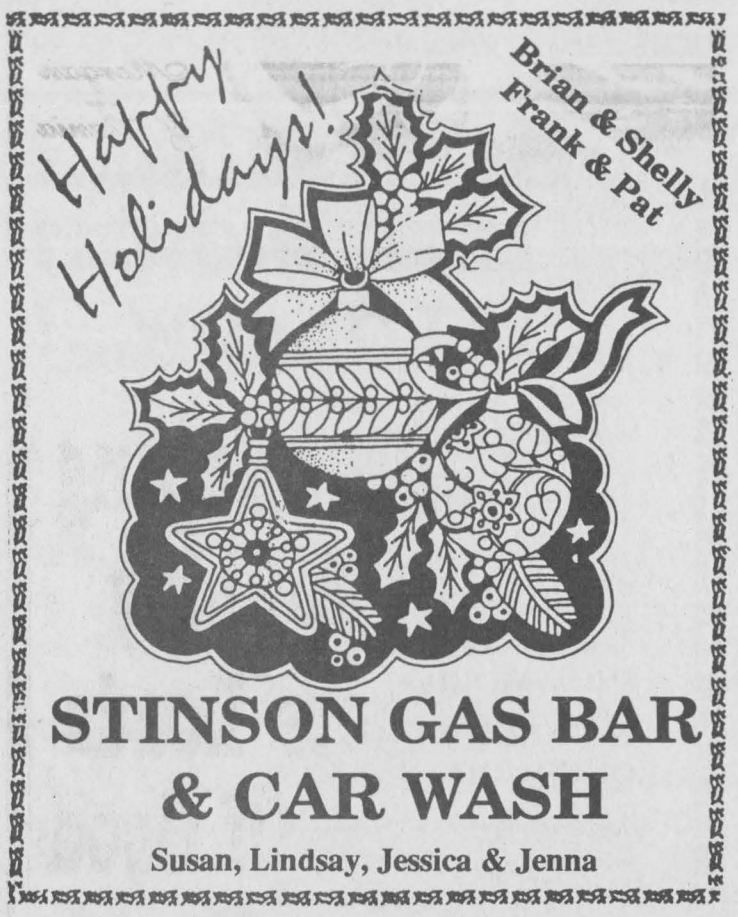

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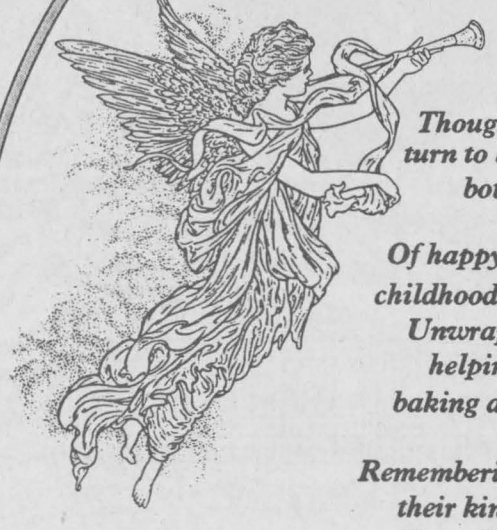

Thoughts turn to loved ones, both past and present.
Of happy childhood memories.
Unwrapping toys, helping with the baking and licking the bowl.
Remembering always their kindness and love. Sweet times gone by.

Thanks for looking to us in times of loss and sorrow

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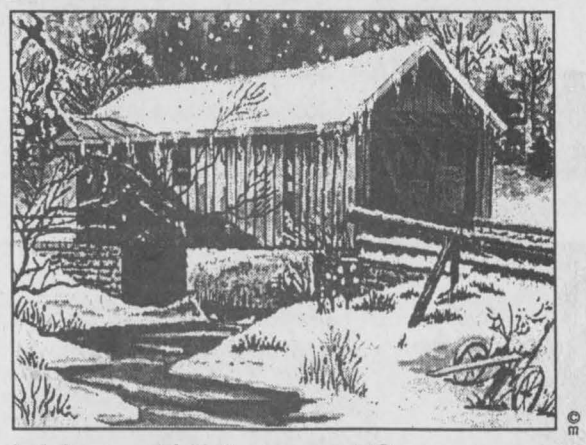

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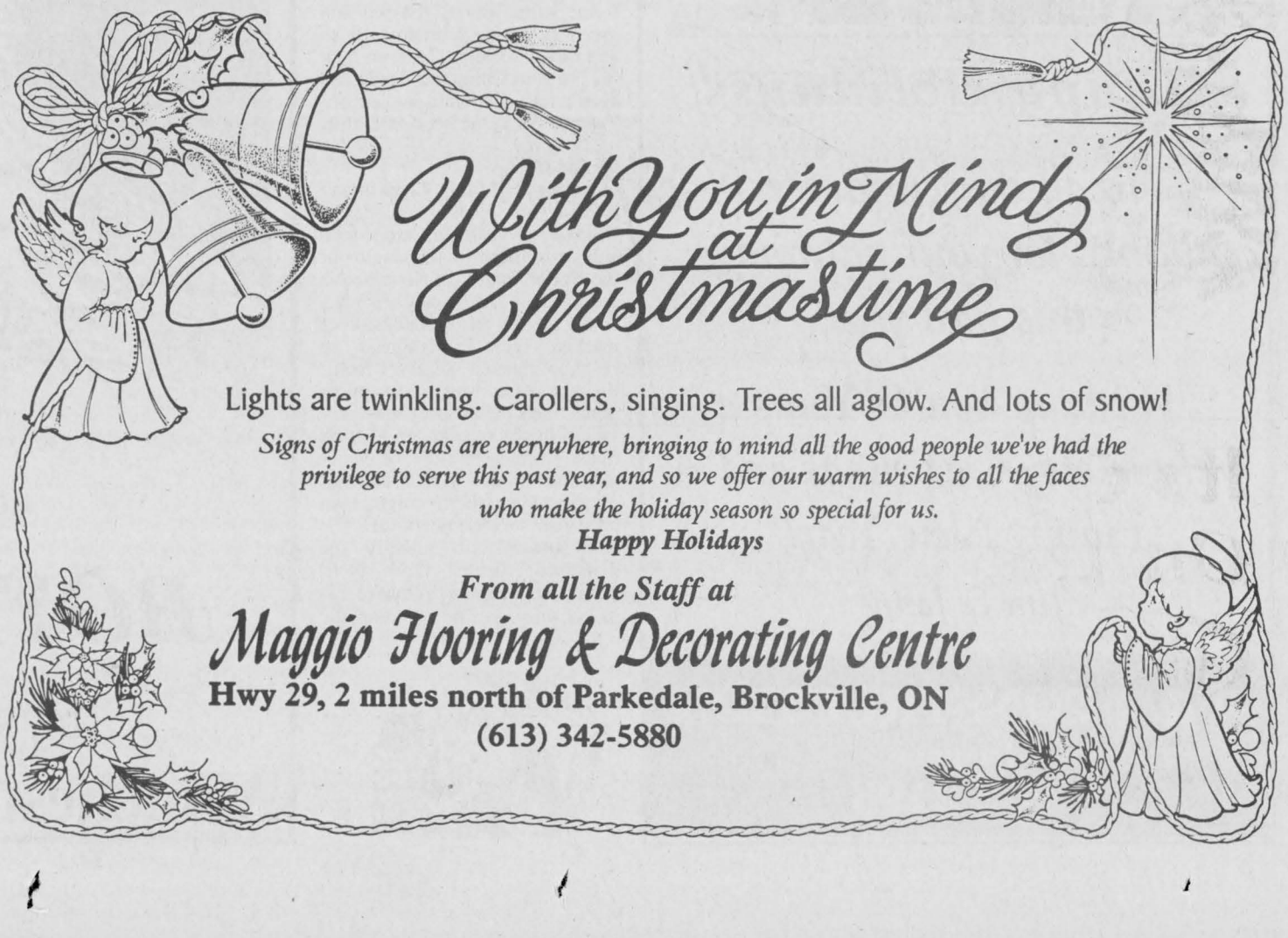



A reminder of Christmas past.

Photo by Rebecca Comfort

Christmas Pros

Berger
par Holly Byker, 8ieme annee
Timothy Christian School
Bebe Jesus dans une
Ecurie
Recoit les cadeaux
Gloire a Dieu chantent le anges
Encens offrit par un des mages
Resplendissante etoile au-dessus de l'ecurie.

Noel
par Stacey Tibben, 7ieme annee
Timothy Christian School
Noel n'est pas apropos le pere noel c'est apropos le bebe quand il est ne dans l'etable alors l'annee prochaine rappelle toi du bebe Jesus.

Emmanuel
par Lindsay Bergsma, 7ieme annee
Timothy Christian School
Etable
Mangeoir
Magi
MArie
Jesus est Ne a Bethlehem
Paix sUr Terre
JosEphe
Les anges

Le Jour de Noel ...
par Ashley Vandermeer, 8ieme annee
Timothy Christian School
Le Jour de Noel Bebe Jesus est ne
Les bergers viennet regarder le bebe Jesus
Les trois manges apportent des cadeaux
Bebe Jesus est ne dans une grange.
Vous celebrez
A cause du Bebe Jesus on celebre le jour de Noel.

Jesus Christ
par Kaitlyn Douma, 7ieme annee
Timothy Christian School
Jesus Christ est envoye sur la terre pour nous sauver. Pendant Noel nous celebrons la naissance du bebe. Il se repose dans une mangeoire dans l'ecurie a cause qu'il n'y a pas de place pour Marie et Joseph dans l'auberge. Dieu envoit un ange pour dire a Marie qu'elle sera maman. Le nom de l'enfant sera qui signifie.

Marie et Joseph
par Chelsea Joldersma, 7ieme annee
Timothy Christian School
Marie et Joseph marchent a Bethlehem, ils trouvent une auberge pour Marie. Ils n'y a plus de chambre. Ils passent la nuit dans l'etable. Plus tard Marie donne naissance a un bebe. "Il s'appelle Jesus" dit Marie. "Oui, il est tres speciale" dit Joseph. Peu apres ils sont visites parles trois mages. Ils voient l'etoile de l'Est. Ils apportent l'or, encense et myrrh. Marie et Joseph son tres content. Ils adorent bebe Jesus.



Macey Markell
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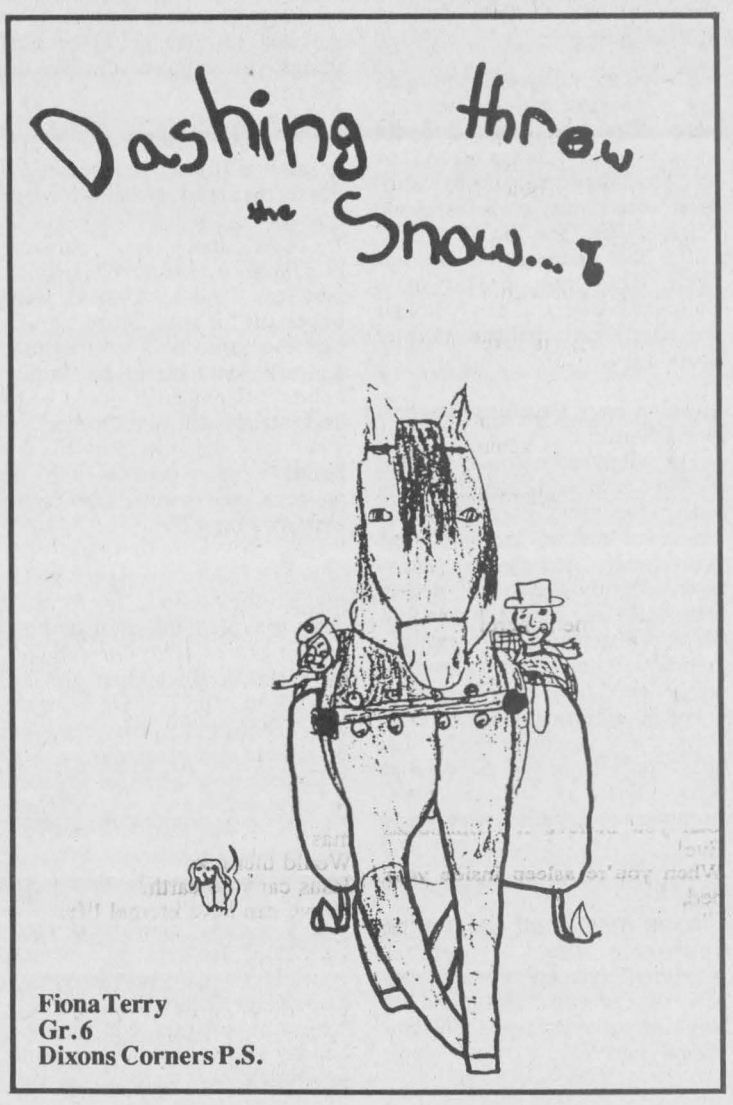

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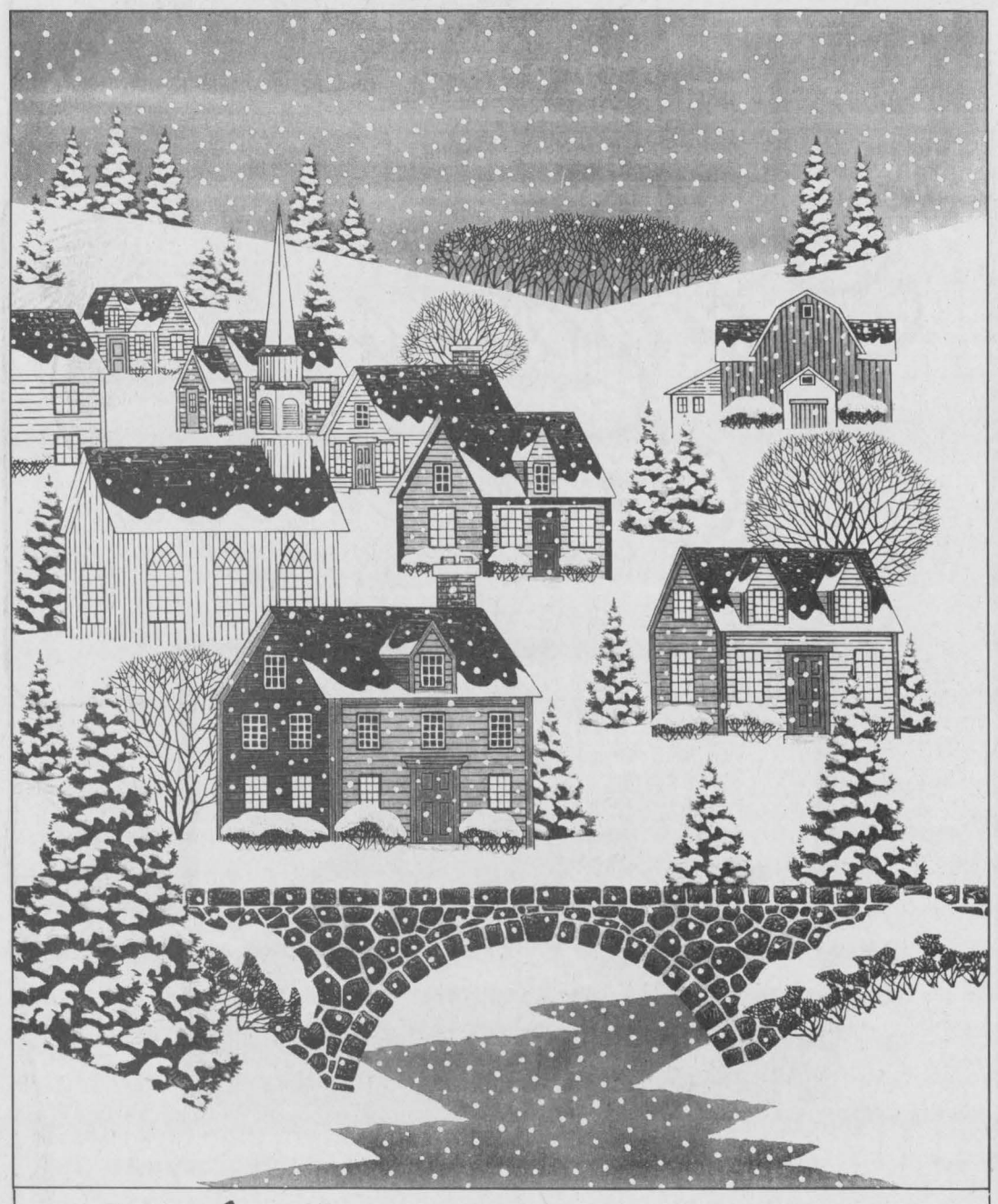

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Whether far or near.
We wish you Merry Christmas,
And a wonderful new year!



Ho...Ho...Hoping Your Holiday Delivers Loads Of Good Cheer!

From all of us who write the stories, edit the pages, run the presses and carry it to your doorstep daily...to you, who make it all worthwhile...our sincere best wishes and heartfelt thanks. May all your news be good news this holiday season.

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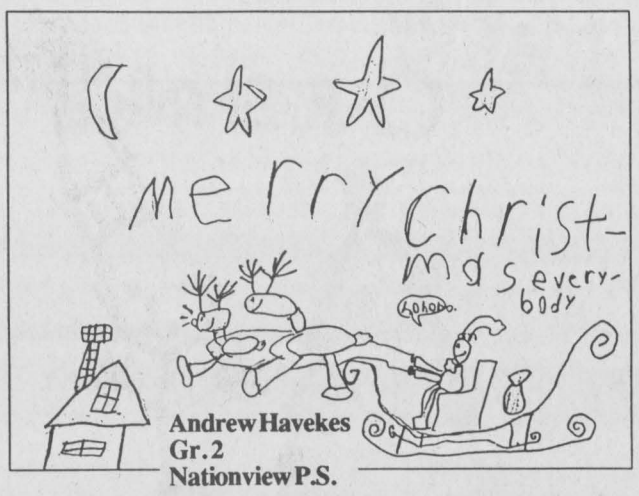

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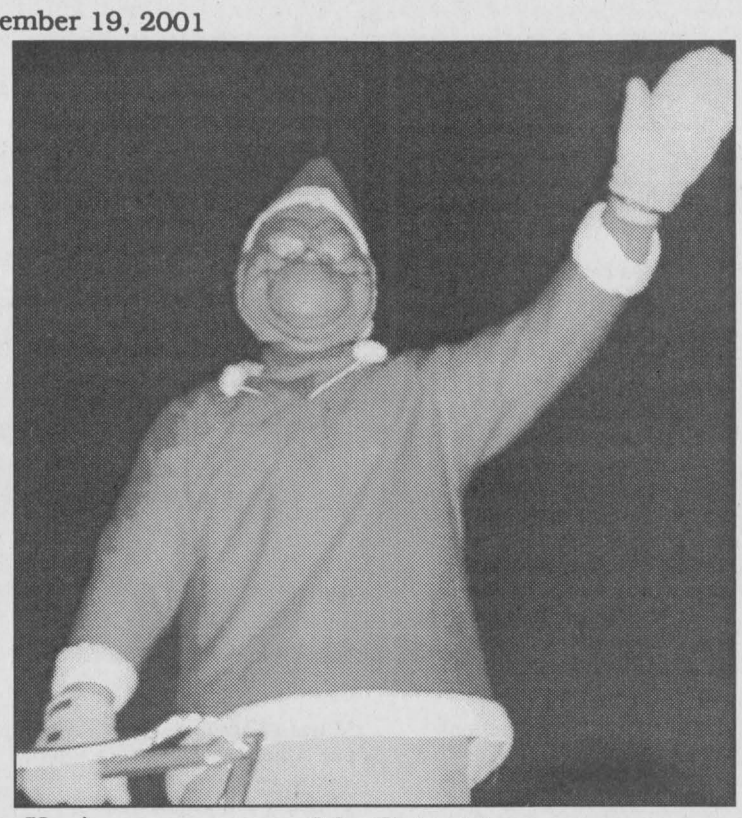
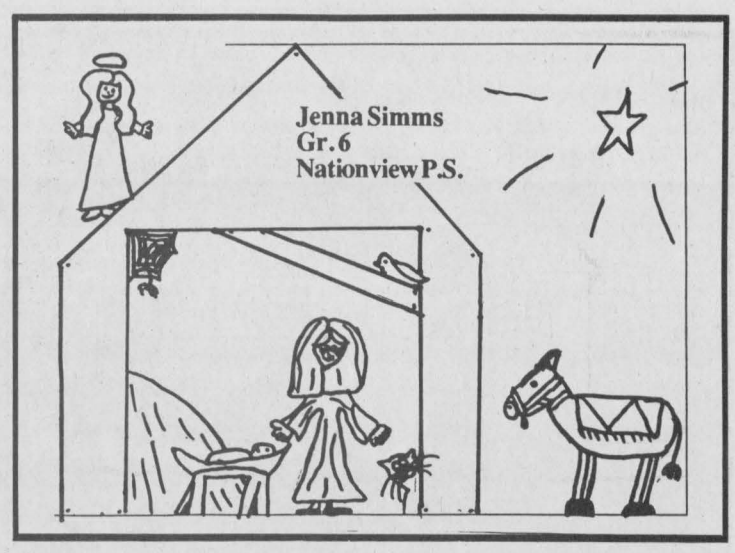


You're a mean one Mr. Grinch! *Photo by S.L.Johnston*



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Customs of the season

Why do we send cards at Christmas time or put up a tree? There are many traditions we take for granted during the holiday season and it is interesting to learn how some of our customs originated.

The ancient Druids can be thanked for the custom of hanging mistletoe at Christmas. In the rituals of the Druids, mistletoe was cut down with a golden sickle in November. The mistletoe would be divided up among the people who took the plant home to hang over their doors. The Druids believed that the plant could work miracles of healing, protect against witchcraft and make the land fertile. The origin of the custom of kissing under the mistletoe is not known, but it may have been inspired by the plant's supposed powers of fertility.

The Germans originated the custom of placing a tree in the home at Christmas time. there are several legends to explain this custom. One credits St. Boniface, a missionary to Germany during the 18th Century. According to the legend, one Christmas Eve the saint chopped down a sacred oak which had been used as a site for human sacrifices. As the oak fell, a fir tree miraculously appeared in its place. Another legend says that on the night Christ was born, all the trees in the forest bloomed and bore fruit, even though it was the middle of winter.

Martin Luther, a German is thought to have first decorated the Christmas tree. The story goes that Luther walking under the stars one night was inspired to bring home an uprooted fir tree and place candles on its branches as a reminder of the heavens.

The custom of sending Christmas cards probably originated with an Englishman, Sir Henry Cole who commissioned John Horsely to design a card in 1843. The card featured a family celebrating the season with two smaller motifs depicting charitable acts: "Clothing the Naked" and "Feeding the Hungry." The card was lithographed and sold in 1846 and thus the Christmas card was born.

Whether originating in legend or real life, the customs of Christmas enrich the season for all of us.

New twist on the holiday

Stocking

Let your imagination run wild as with any number of wonderful ideas for holiday stockings. A Christmas tradition, stockings can be used for any of the winter holidays including Chanukah and Kwanzaa. Why not wrap one up in pretty tissue paper and give as a house warming gift, or home for a child's favorite doll or stuffed animal.

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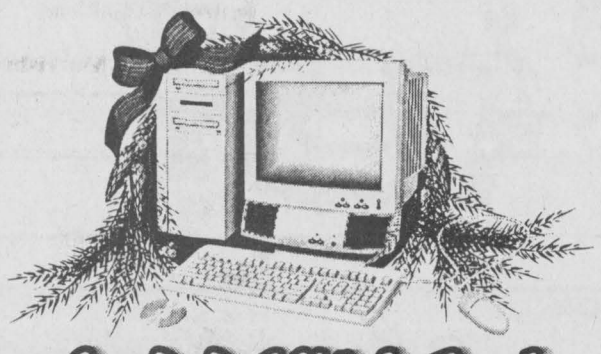
Resolve your Family's 'December Dilemma'

The slightest mention of the holiday season brings to mind many for many long-cherished images of tradition and gatherings with family and friends. However, for thousands of people who enter into interfaith relationships or marriages each year, the holidays bring plenty of controversy "ring, ting, tingling, too".

For interfaith couples, the holidays are a yearly reminder that they don't share the same religious, ethnic or cultural background, and deciding what to do or not to do for Christmas and Chanukah is often a stressful process.

While there is no one way to approach the "December dilemma," couples create a variety of successful solutions by working to understand their individual and family needs while jointly creating their own celebrations. Here are some tips courtesy of www.interfaithfamily.com and www.ehow.com:

* Look for common elements in your different beliefs and incorporate these similarities into your holiday celebrations. Create your own special traditions as a couple. They could be a blending of things you have both done in the past or they could be new things you explore together for the first time.
* Take the time to learn about your partner's religion and participate in those ceremonies or rituals that hold meaning for him or her.
* Think about your personal holiday memories. What holiday practices and activities were important for you? Share significant memories with your partner and ask about his or her family holidays. Your goal should be to understand each other's point of view and the meaning of the holidays rather than to "win" or pressure your partner into doing what you'd prefer.
* Help children understand both of your holidays, no matter which religion they follow. Try to work out a trial plan and evaluate how well it works after the holidays have ended. If children are old enough to express their thoughts and feelings involve them in discussion and planning.
* Explain your plans in advance to extended family and selected friends so that they will not feel left out and can know what to expect. Be respectful and inclusive when possible by showing that you have considered their view and feelings, but decide yourselves what is best for you as a couple or family.
* Most importantly, don't use the holiday season as a battle-ground to struggle over unresolved conflicts concerning your relationships, children or extended families. Use holiday planning as a chance to learn how to negotiate and resolve other issues in your lives together. Happy Holidays!



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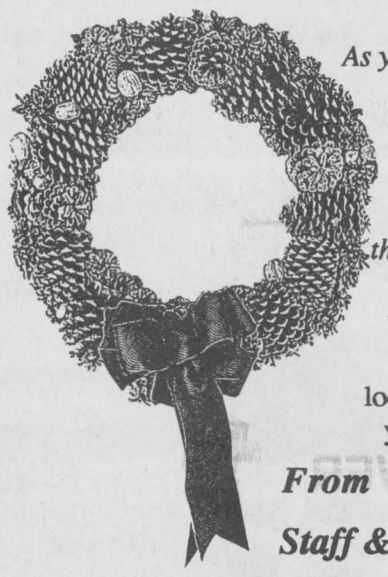

As you gather with loved ones during the holidays, we wish you the best that the season has to offer.

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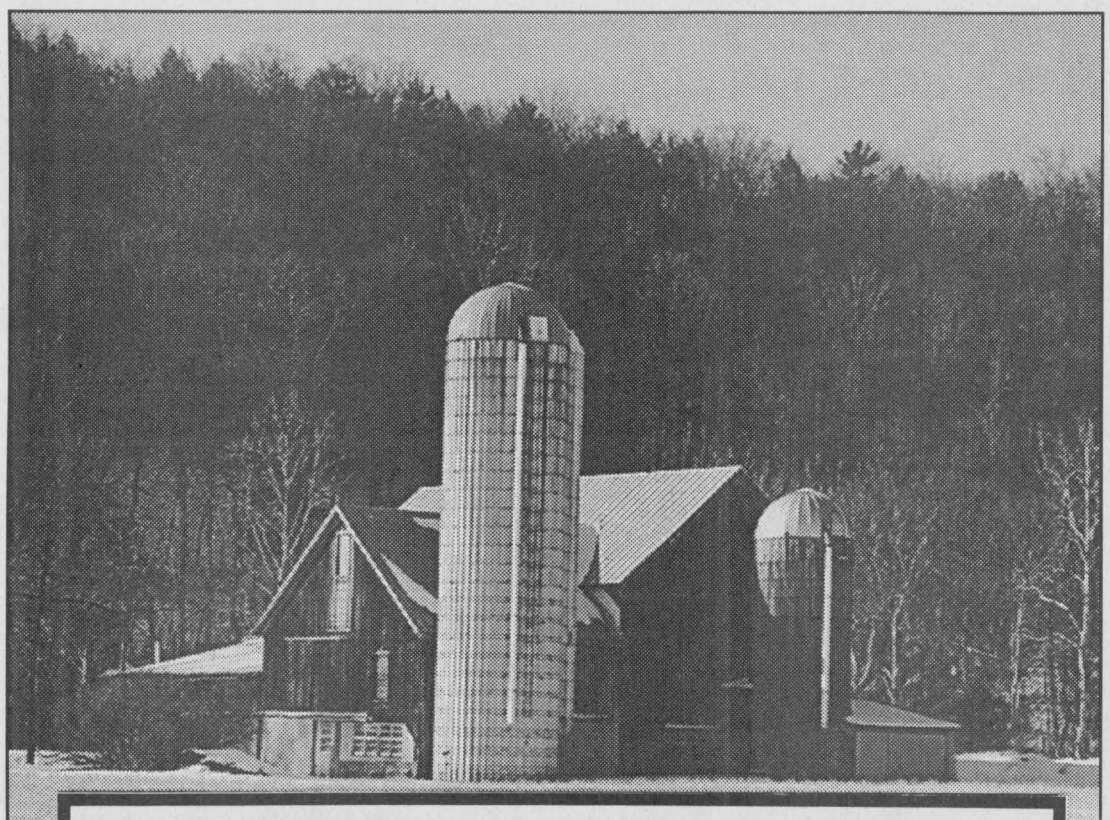

Happy Holidays

Wishing you peace and joy at this wondrous time of year.
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From all of us Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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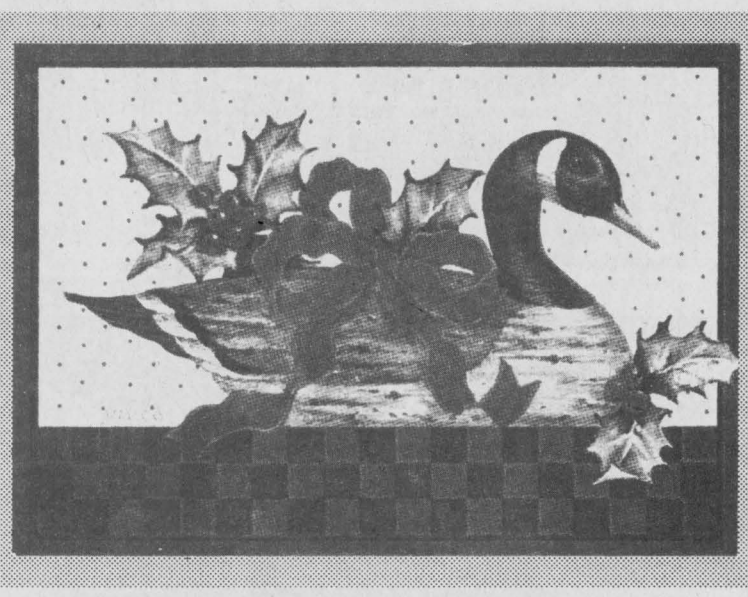

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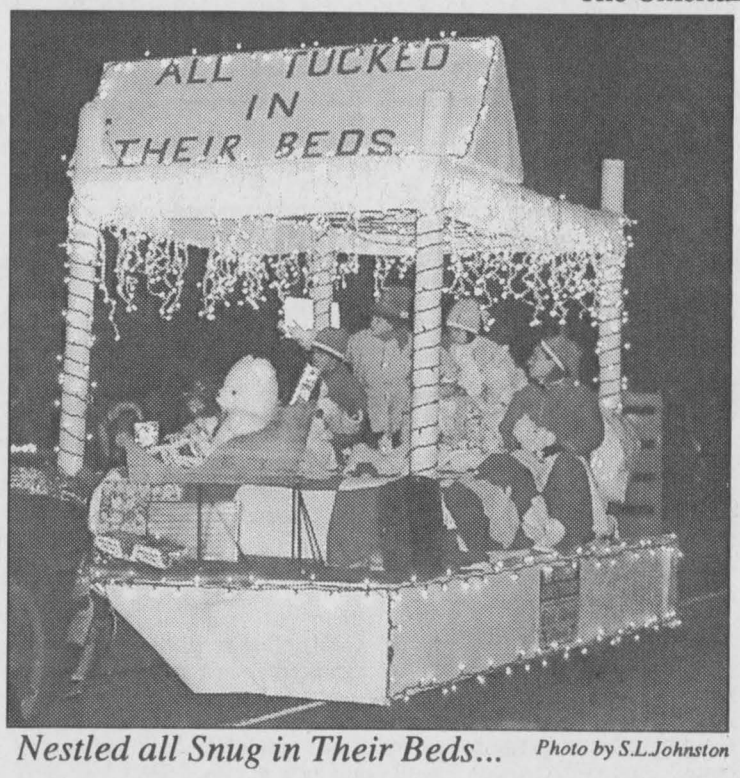
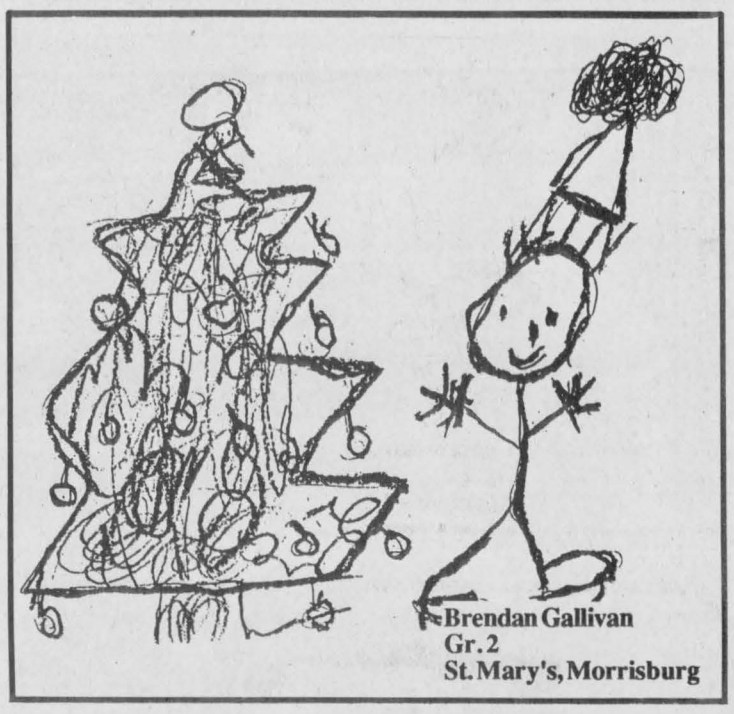


Nestled all Snug in Their Beds... *Photo by S.L.Johnston*



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Light up the holidays

It all began in 1882...the first electrically-lit Christmas tree was unveiled in the New York City home of a colleague of Thomas Alva Edison. It featured 80 hand-wired and hand-blown coloured bulbs in red, white and blue; turning slowly on a pedestal, the tree created a "superb exhibition" of "starry fruit" as reported by a Detroit paper.

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.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

We're happy to have this opportunity to express our gratitude and offer our very best wishes to all of you at this joyous time of year. Thanks!

Merry Christmas from
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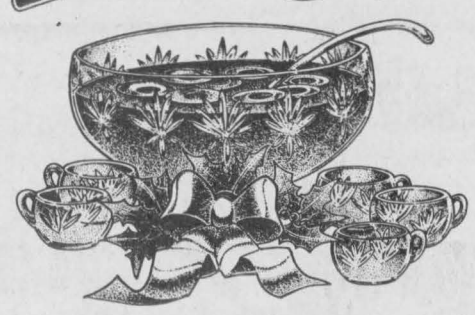

Here's to a sparkling holiday with family and friends!
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Santa joins the Parade of Lights atop the firetruck.

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Well it doesn't have to be that way. There are a dozen and one ways to celebrate the holidays frugally - that is, without spending an arm, a leg and three ribs to buy gifts for family and friends.

One of the easiest ways in which to save money during the holidays is entertainment. Parties are fun, but expensive - and messy. After all, who's going to clean up after everyone has gone home. And what about all of those leftovers? There are so many free or very frugal holiday celebrations that you don't have to spend much money on them at all. Here are some ideas:

* **Parades** - They're free and loads of fun. Packed with tourists and other frugal-minded folks, take you're own hot chocolate and snacks and have a ball.
* **Town celebrations** - Many towns have an opening ceremony to kick off the season. These can include anything from a great tree-trimming party to free, outdoors concerts by local musicians and choirs.
* **Grab the kids** and the neighbours and take a walking or driving tour of local decorations.
* **Watch the local paper** or church bulletins for plays, parties and special services during the holidays.
* **Volunteer opportunities** are all over the place, but if none of them suit you, make your own. Go caroling at a retirement home; send greetings anonymously to someone in prison or the armed forces; help and elderly or disabled neighbour or friend decorate their homes.





Wee Zack meets Santa at CTC.

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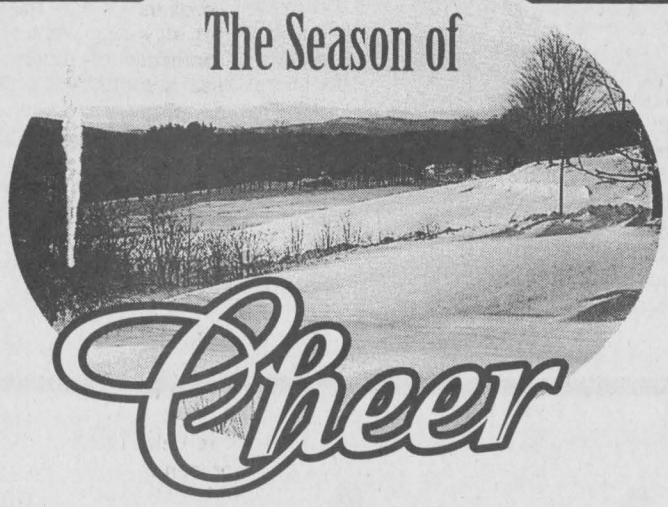

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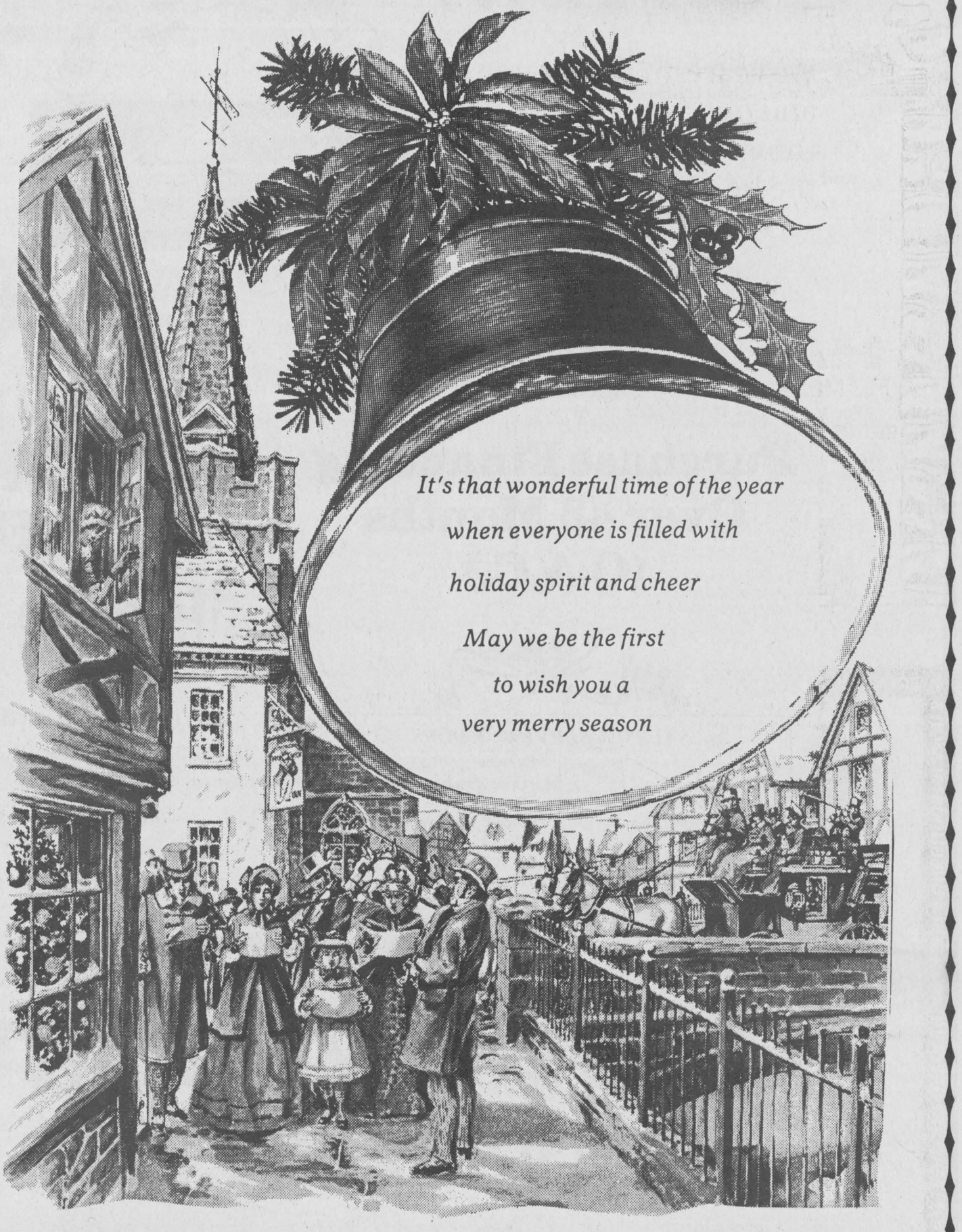

It's that wonderful time of the year
when everyone is filled with
holiday spirit and cheer
May we be the first
to wish you a
very merry season

May Your Days Be Filled With Light & Laughter

Wishing You Joy At Christmas And After!

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Respect and Tolerance

"'Twas the night before Christmas,
And all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a mouse."

The now immortal poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas" was written by Clement Moore for his children back in 1822. The words seem to bring into focus the realization that the parents of the time were not frantically racing about trying to put together some complicated child's toy in order that it be in working condition by Christmas morning. Today it seems we have to have a degree in engineering to assemble some of the gadgets we buy our children!

Christmas Eve is celebrated in this country in a variety of ways. Most families of French Canadian descent try to come together for Christmas Eve. Midnight Mass is celebrated after which the family returns home for a wonderful dinner shared by family and friends. Gifts are opened after Mass and children may stay awake all night, but by 1 or 2am all eyes are usually closed and children are sleeping soundly. Tourtiere and soup with hot homemade bread is a delicious part of the evening.

Midnight church service celebrating the birth of Jesus is the main Christmas Eve tradition for Christians of all denominations. Many European Canadians eat a large but meatless meal before attending church because it is a fasting day.

Polish Canadians celebrate this night much as the Ukranian Canadians do on January 6 (Christmas Eve on the Julian Calendar). Celebrations begin when the first star is seen and that star symbolizes the Star of bethlehem. The Polish Wigilia is the most solemn event of the year and is celebrated with the most beautiful tablecloth and finest cutlery and china on which to serve a twelve-course meatless dinner. One extra space is set for any stranger who may arrive and also in memory of relatives who have passed away during the year.

After Mass when the fast has ended, Poles enjoy a hunter's stew of cabbage, sauerkraut, onions, mushrooms keilbasa sausage, beef ribs and other meats. Carolling going from house to house singing Christmas Carols is also a Christmas Eve tradition in many areas Thsi began in the Middle Ages and came to North America with the English settlers.

Italian Canadians also get together in family groups on Christmas Eve. After a meatless meal the family heads out to church. An impressive part of the Italian celebration is the "presepio", a model of the Nativity scene. It is not unusual to have life-size figures of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus in the manger worshipping angels, shepherds and animals both inside and outside the church. It is said that St. Francis of Assisi actually used live animals and people in his presepio.

Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus, is observed by Christians around the world. As a holiday, Christmas is a strange joining of Christian and pagan traditions. Decorating with holly, ivy and mistletoe, indulging in eating and drinking, exchanging gifts and stringing lights on trees can all be traced back to Saturmalia, or the rites of winter solstice. The Yule log, which burned during the Christmas season, was probably part of the winter solstice rite of burning bonfires to celebrate the return of longer days.

Today, the Buche de Noel, or Yule Log, is a chocolate covered cake with white icing "snow" that symbolizes the Yule log of years gone by.

The custom of decorating evergreen trees is borrowed from Germany. Martin Luther is said to have had the idea when he saw the stars twinkling over the evergreen trees while he was walking. The lights on the tree would be symbolic of the heavens from where Christ came. Candles provided early lights, most trees are now decorated with electric lights. Kado Matsu is an old Japanese tradition that sees families go into the woods to cut down a pine tree to place near their front door in the week before New Year's Day. The evergreen is a symbol of strength and long life.

Christmas day is most often a time of family get togethers and wonderful traditional Christmas dinners.

Boxing Day on the 26th gets its name from the English custom of giving Christmas boxes of food and money to family servants, tradespeople and others. The boxes were usually little earthenware boxes that were carried from house to house to collect tips and year-end bonuses. For centuries December 26 was also known as St. Stephen's Day.

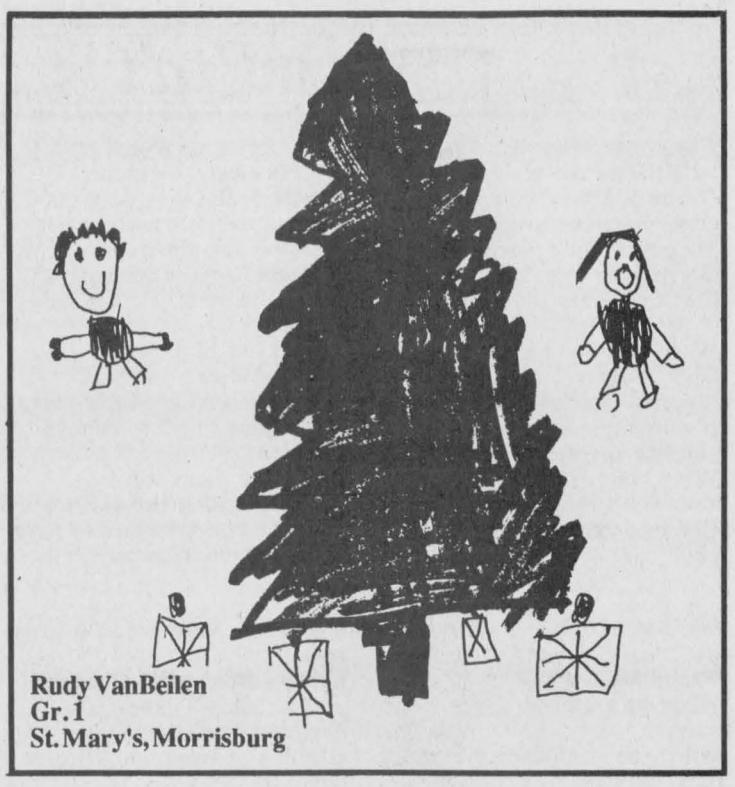
December 26 is the day when" Kwanzaa", a relatively new celebration begins. A cultural festival Kwanzaa was founded in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, a college professor in California to encourage people of African origin to celebrate their rich heritage.

Kwanzaa is a Kiswahili word meaning "the first fruits of harvest." Based on seven principles...one of the seven is highlighted each day of the holiday. A seven-branched candelabrum holds three green candles to symbolise hopes for the future and one black candle in the centre to represent the African-American people. Families gather each evening to light a candle and to discuss the principle of the day. On the evening of the 31st there is a community feast or "karamu." These customs are being developed but are becoming more important and more widely celebrated each year.

December 31, the last day of the year is celebrated in many ways. For some it is a time to attend midnight church services. For others it is a time to gather in a public place and count down the final seconds of the old year. A fun tradition created by a family and encouraged is to take the calendar of the year passing where events have been kept track of and these are read aloud as a reflection on the year that was. This walk down memory lane can remind of good times and bad, recount the sorrows and the joy that made up the year that is being saying farewell to. Although this sounds dull, it is a load of fun...wait for the comments!

Learning what the many varied cultures in this country and how they celebrate will help increase the tolerance and respect we have for one another and enable us to show the same.





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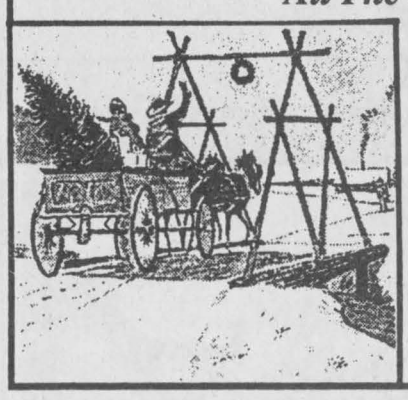

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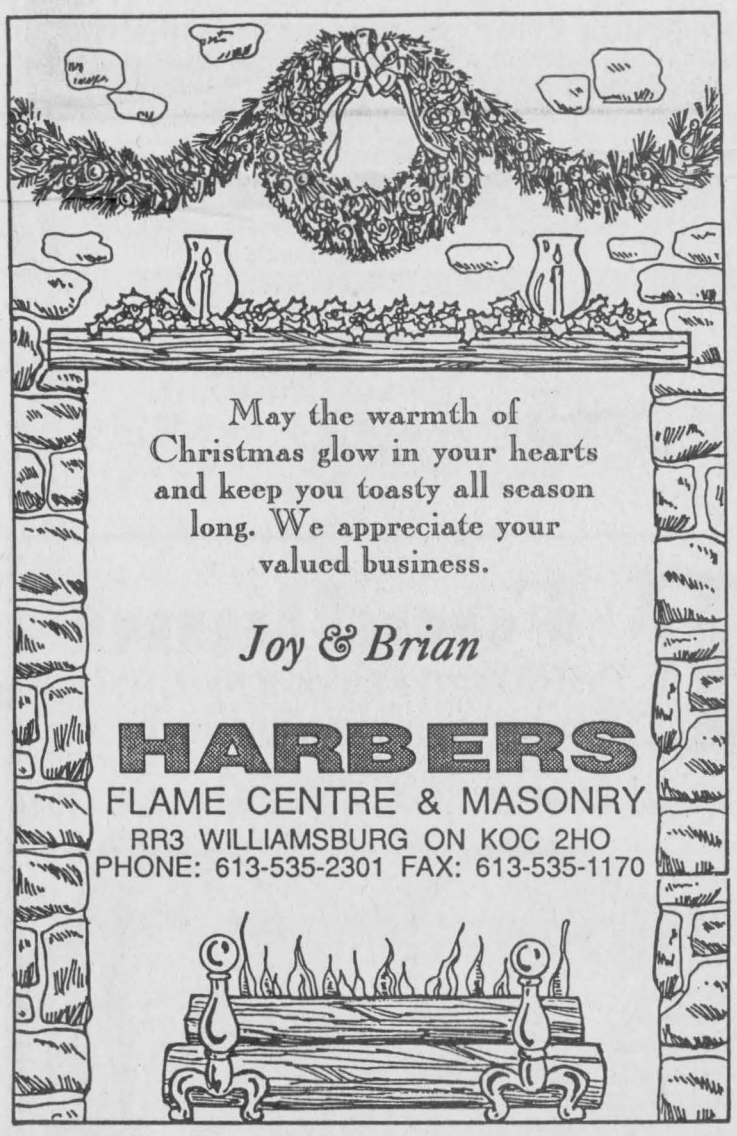

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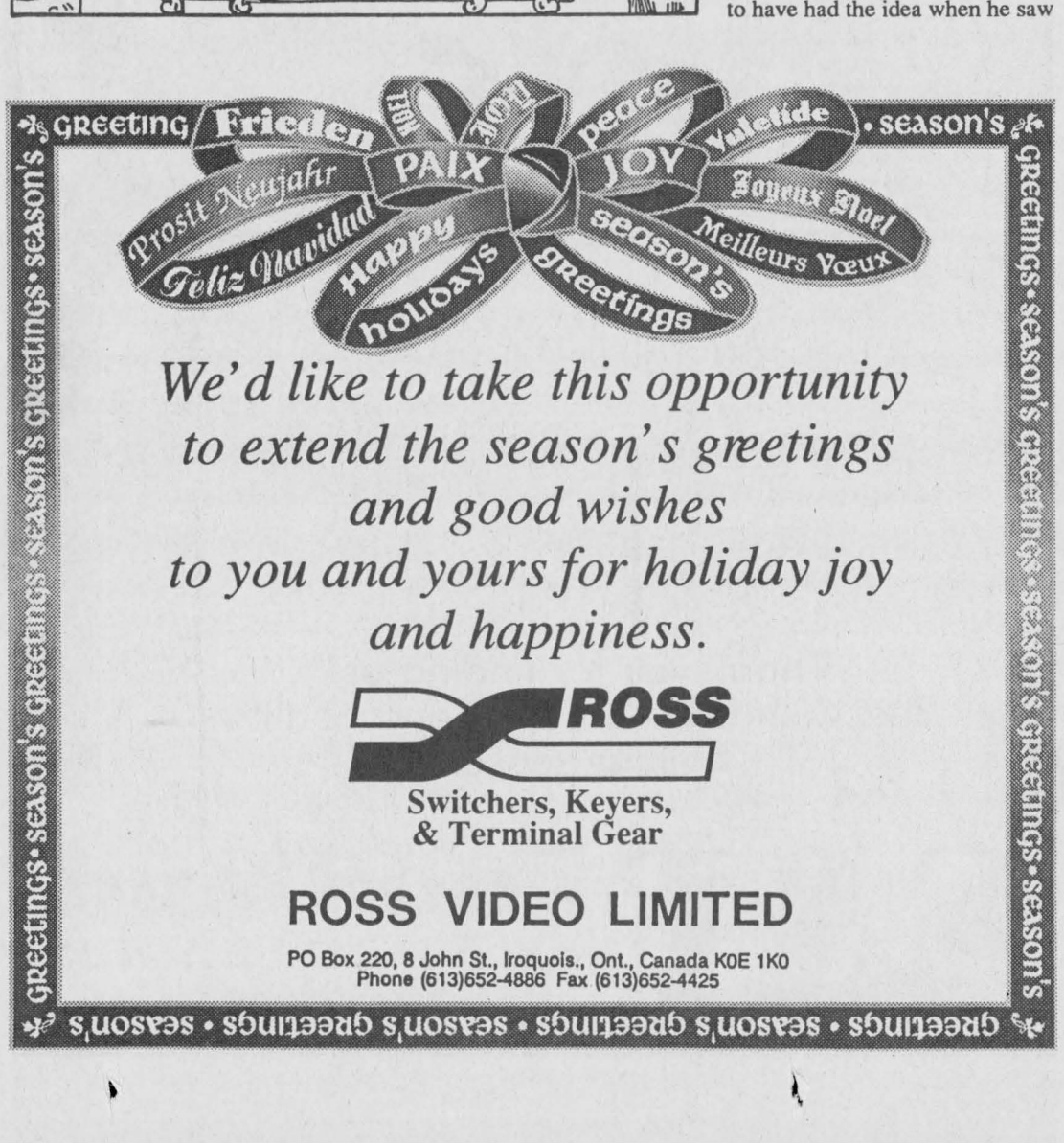

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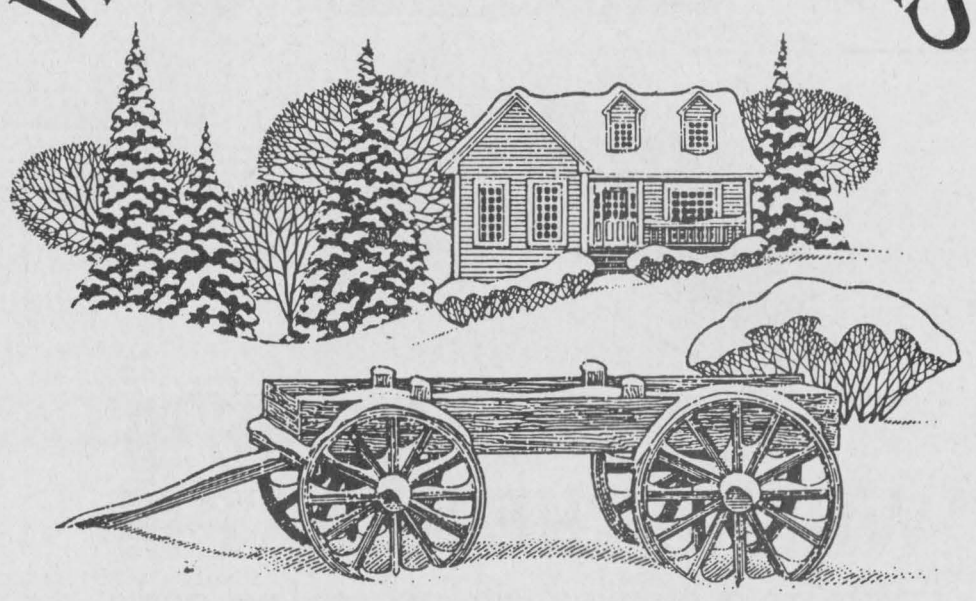

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What's in a Word

Christmas Trees
by Hilary Prowse
Grade 5, IPS
Christmas trees are green and tall
They don't look much like a ball
Every year on December 25,
Christmas trees come alive.

When you're waiting for old Saint Nick,
Listen to your tree
It will gurgle and cheep,
Not like any normal tree
When you first see it,
You won't believe your eyes
Beware, some trees might even bite!

Old Saint Nick
by Lucas Stewart
Grade 5 IPS
When he's around, everything's jolly,
When he's around everything turns to holly.
When he's around there's lots of presents,
When he's around there are no peasants.
When he's around there's laughter in the air,
When he's around there's no phones in the hair
When he's around, everyone's asleep,
When he's around there's lots of hair from sheep.

The Christmas Poem
by Thomas J. Corden
Grade 5, IPS
Get out the milk and cookies
And the Christmas tree,
Because Santa is coming
To the house of you and me.

He has lots of presents
For all the girls and boys
If you've been good this year,
you're sure to get some toys.

And when Santa leaves
You'll hear that Ho! Ho! Ho!
But then you have to wait again
Until it starts to snow!

The True Meaning of Christmas
by Eric Bouwman, Grade 5, and Kristina Tibben, Grade 2
Timothy Christian School
Christ was born on Christmas day.
He saved us from sin.
Remember that he is the true meaning of Christmas.
In remembrance we get gifts.
Son of God.
Today we worship him.
My family does! How about yours.
And we are happy that Jesus is born.
Some people have Christmas trees to remind them about Jesus.

Christmas is Coming
by Tyler Russell, Grade 6
Nationview P.S.
Christmas is coming near
Holly is hanging merrily
Rudoloh is resting for the long trip ahead
Is Christmas coming in your house
Santa is reading every single list
To houses with sleeping children he goes
Mother is sleeping merrily too
All is quiet when Santa comes through the chimney
Sleeping to wake up to wonderful gifts.

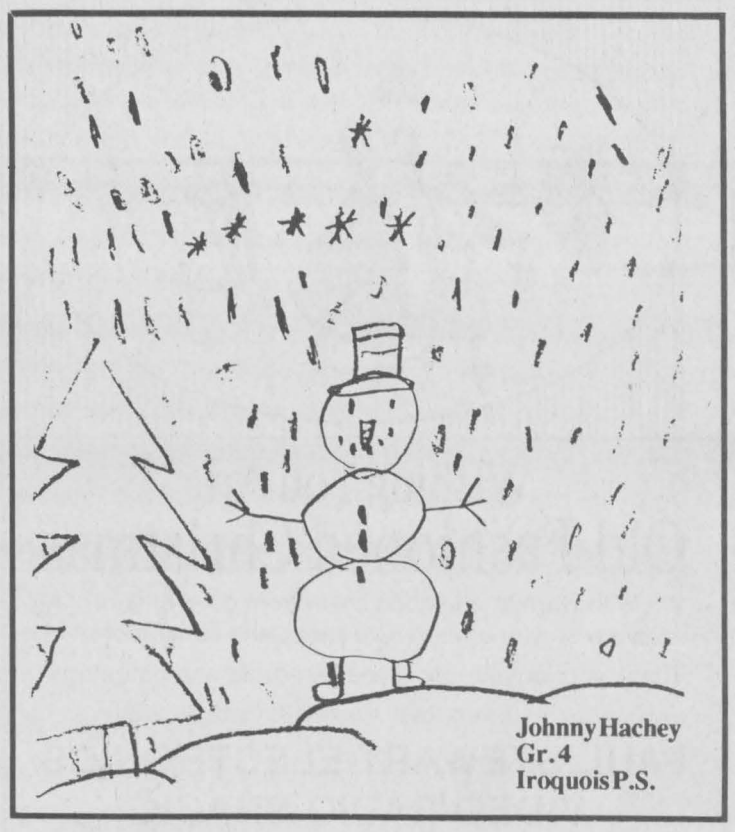
Christmas Trees
by Danielle Strader, Grade 6
Nationview P.S.
Cold snow or
Hot chocolate
Reindeer with a thump!
"I can hear you," yelled Santa.
See the cookies and
The
Milk
As
Santa visits my house next. As I am
Tobboganing I see in the sky
Reindeer fly with Santa.
Ever more
Ever less
Stockings waiting to be filled with joy and happiness. To fill a special someones heart with lots of love.

Christmas Day
by Macey Markell
Grade 5, IPS
Christmas Day is always fun,
How could there be no sun?
Running around seeing happy faces
It's having fun and playing races.

Some people like riding their sled,
Times like this they just wear red,
My favourite part is playing in the snow,
At Christmas we even wear bows!
Sometimes I just like to relax!

Snow
by Sarah Byron, Grade 6
Nationview P.S.
Snow, snow
glorious snow
drifting, twinkling, lifting spirits
now we know
Christmas is coming
Hurray!

Santa Claus
by Ashley Gilmer, Grade 6
Nationview P.S.
Santa, Santa
Where's your suit?
You look so silly
without your black boots!
Is your belly
stuffed with jelly?
Your suit is
gone and its
almost dawn
You better pack
and grab your sack
Before Christmas is gone!



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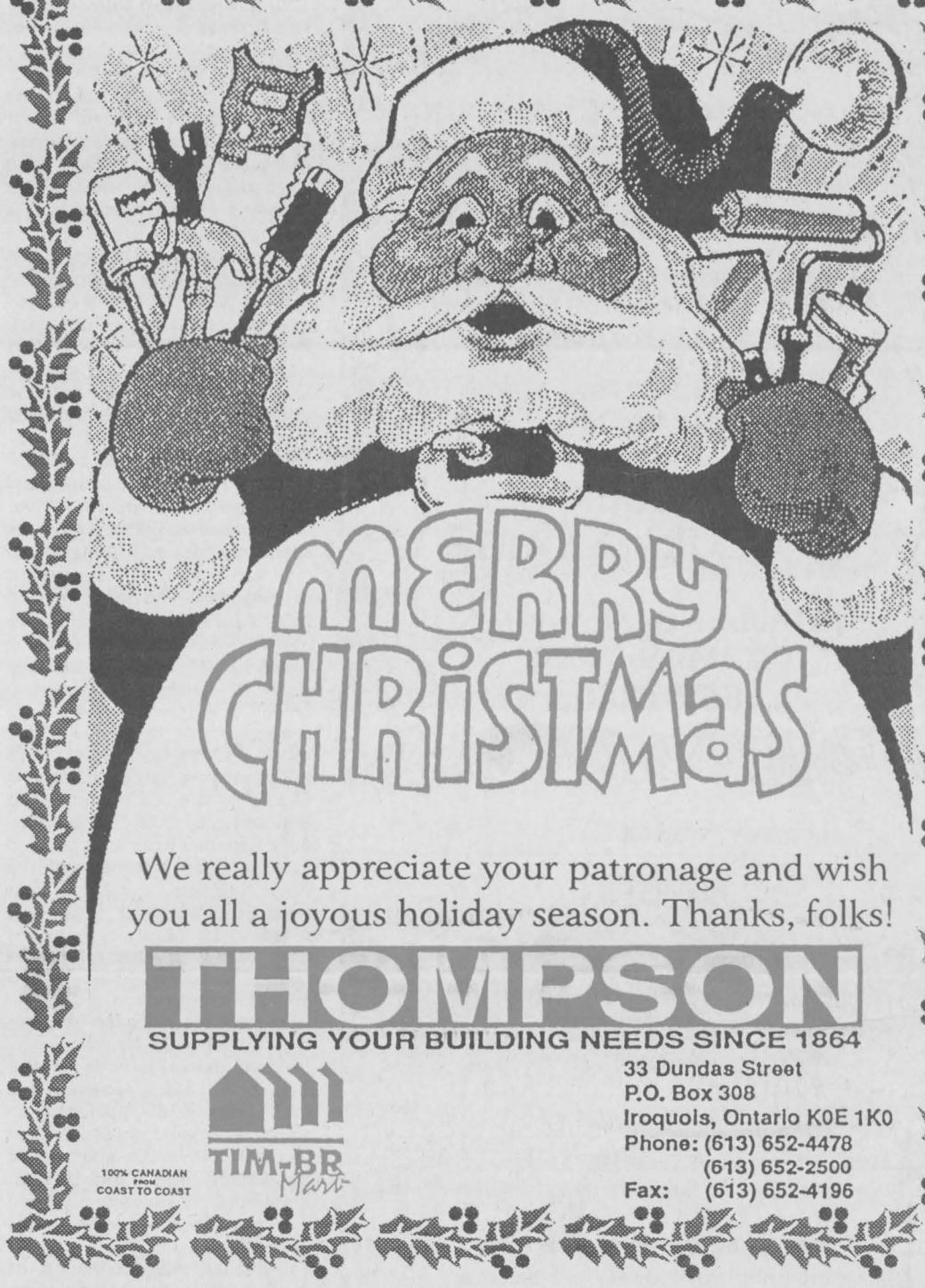



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