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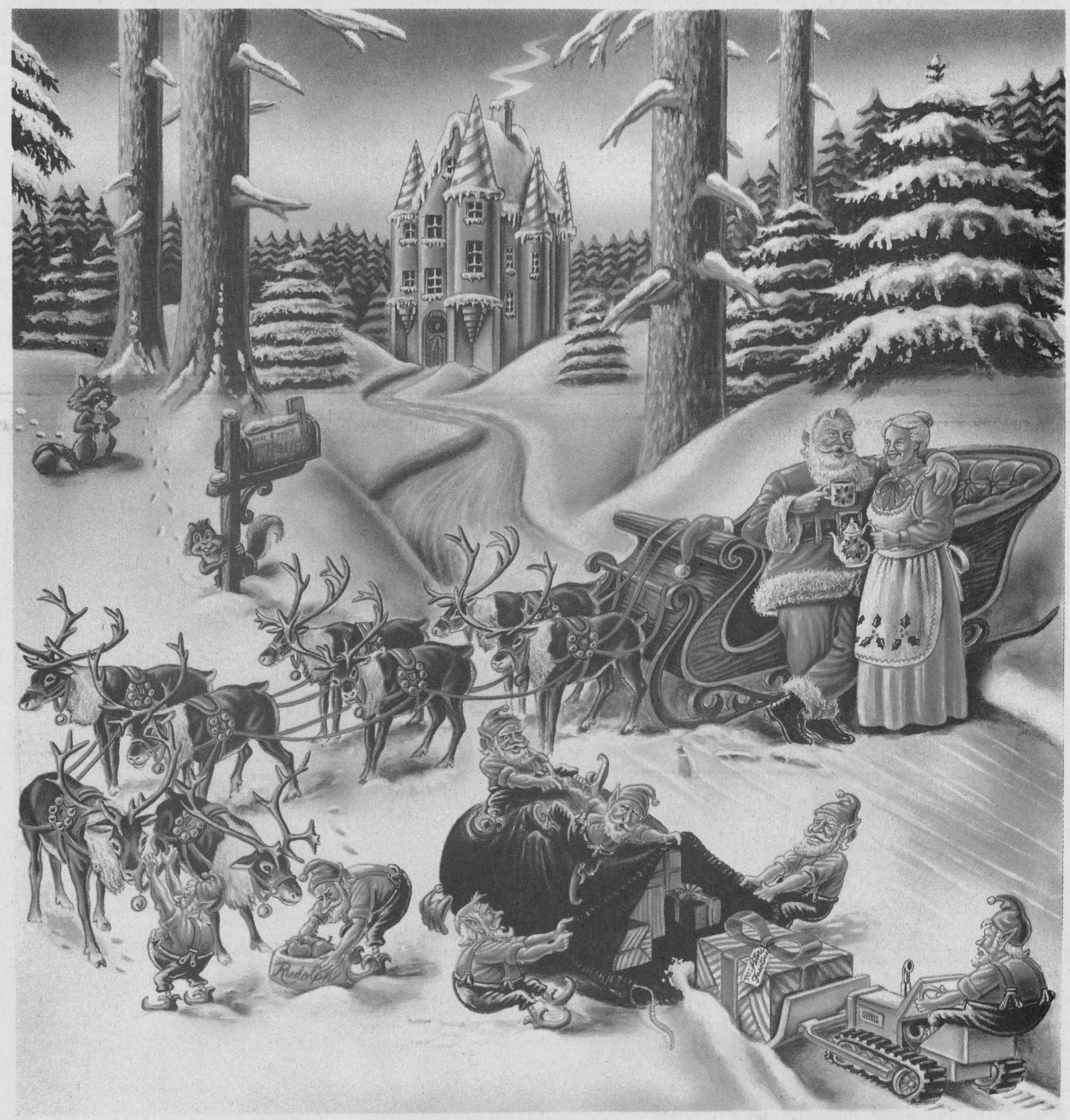

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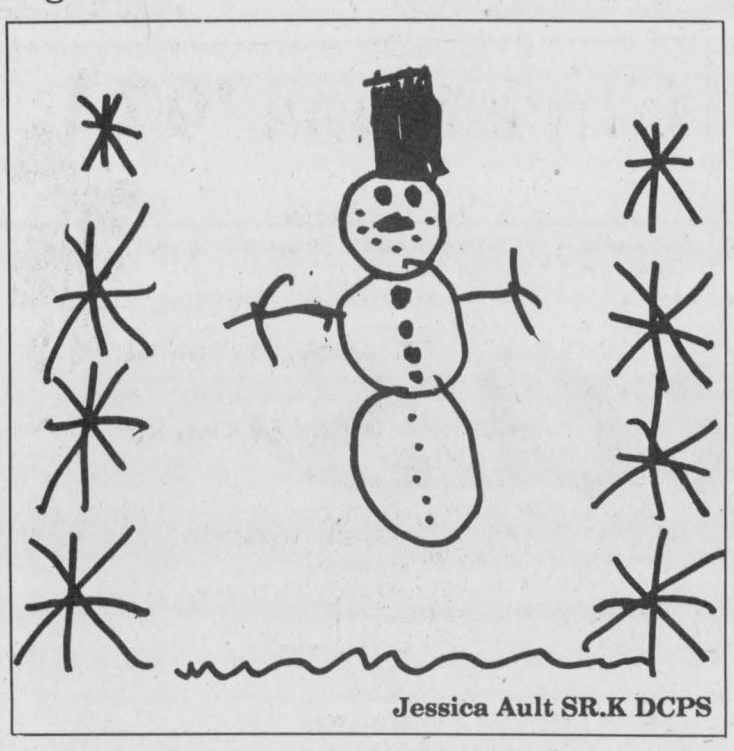

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Christmas is fun for your family

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 Victoria, 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.

Cool decorations

Decorations are a big part of holiday fun, but they can take up a lot of valuable time and money. Here are few ideas to make decking the halls a little easier and cheaper.

* Always buy shorter strands of tree lights. If a string goes out, it will be less noticeable, not to mention cheaper and easier to replace.
* Store lights on artificial trees. If you have an artificial tree, put lights on each section. After the holidays, take the sections apart and store separately with lights still in place. Next year's tree assembly will be a snap!
* Wrap gifts as you go along. Set up a wrapping station in an out--of-the-way place. Keep gifts nearby in a laundry basket and wrap one or two when you have a few spare minutes.
* Make inexpensive decorations with a can of gold paint. Spray paint baskets, candles, nuts, leaves, flower pots or other objects and arrange them into a display. For example, a basket of gold nuts and pine cones looks elegant and costs pennies.
* SPRAYING TIP: Paint may not cover item completely after the first coat. Be patient and spray lightly several times to avoid drips. * A little glitter and glue can turn real or plastic fruit into a sparkling center piece. Lightly rub fruit with a small piece of wax paper dipped in glue. Roll gently in glitter and set aside on newspaper or wax paper to dry overnight. A pint of glue and a medium size carton of glitter will cover about a dozen pieces of fruit.
* Glittered fresh fruit will last from one to three weeks. Of course, it's not edible.
* Ice cream cone ornaments are fun to make with kids. Just let them glue plain Christmas balls on to real ice cream cones. Satin covered styrofoam balls are safer for children to work with.
* Make teddy bear garland by tracing a teddy bear cookie cutter on a strip of grocery bag folded "paper doll fashion." Unfold the garland and draw faces and sweaters on each bear with colored markers. It's fun to write the name of each family member on the bears. Use it to trim the tree.
* Make a candy garland by stapling together wrapped hard candies. Drape it on the tree or wrap it around pine garland for added color.
* Make a colorful gumdrop tree with a styrofoam cone, toothpicks and gumdrops. Break toothpicks in half. With a gumdrops secured to one end, poke the toothpicks into the cone. Even very little children can help with this.
* Let little ones string colorful lifesavers on ribbon. Tie a bow and hang it on the tree.

Christmas prose

Chocolate
Holly
Reindeer
St. Nick
Tree
Mistletoe
Amazing
Santa Claus
by Chris Tupper, Grade 2, IPS

Celebrating Christmas
Holidays
Running in the snow
Icy icicles on the window sills
Snow on the ground
Trees all decorated
Making shortbread cookies
Angels
Snowing lightly
by Angela B. Grade 5
Nationview School

Candles glowing
Helping Santa
Instrumental music coming from the North Pole
Singing carols
Thinking of presents
Making gifts
Amazing things happening
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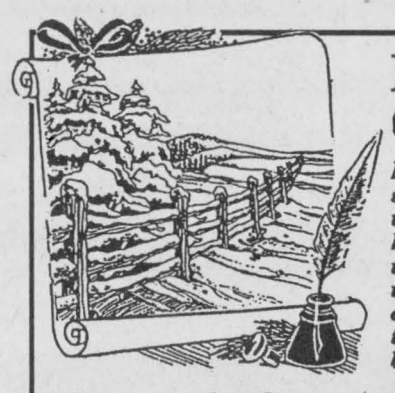

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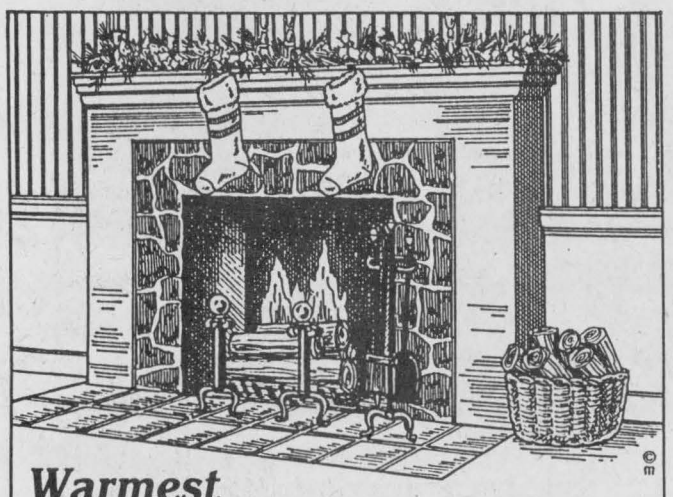

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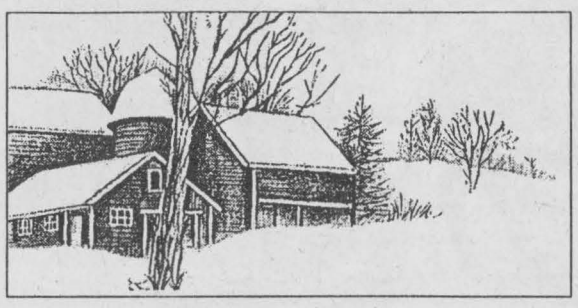

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Why I like Christmas

Ashton says...I like Christmas because I get presents and I get to go to St. Catherines for christmas. On the way back to Iroquois, I get to play with my toys. That is why I like Christmas.

Kristen says...I like Christmas because it is a sharing and a loving time of year. I like to help people when they need help. I like to open up presents, eat turkey. Christmas is a really special time of year because that is when Jesus was born. That is why I think Christmas is a special time of year. Everybody should be caring and loving and very kind to other people, that is what Christmas is all about.

Kyle says...I like Christmas because it is when you get lots of presents and egg nog, there is no school and some free time with family and pets.

Karen says...I like Christmas because sometimes I get to see my cousins and aunts and uncles that live in Pheonix and Winnipeg. It is really fun to play with the cousins from Pheonix, they are Erica and Brittany. The cousin from Winnipeg is named Wittaney. She is only one, but she still is fun to play with. Erica is 11, and she is fun to play with too. Brittaney is 6 and she too is fun to play with. My aunt and uncle from Pheonix, well my uncle is fairly goofy, and my aunt is maybe serious, but she is still fun. My aunt and uncle from Winnipeg are both fun, but my Uncle Mike is goofy. My aunt is funny. My aunt and uncle from Pheonix are named Aunt Maryella and Uncle Paul.

Bryce says...I like Christmas because Christmas is the best time of the year. It just never stops coming. Christmas is lots of fun. You get to see people that you hardly ever see. You get to eat a big, big dinner with other people. But, the best thing of all is that come Christmas Day, there will be lots of presents to open. You get stuff that you didn't get last Christmas. But, what can I say? You get a lot of stuff don't you? Like I said, Christmas is the best time of the year. The end.

Tiffany says...I like Christmas because you get toys from people. And you can play in the snow all day. You can build a snowman and a snow fort. You can make a big hill of snow to go down with a sled and toboggan. You can eat a big meal at your friend's house or you can have friends over to your house and play with them while they are at your house.

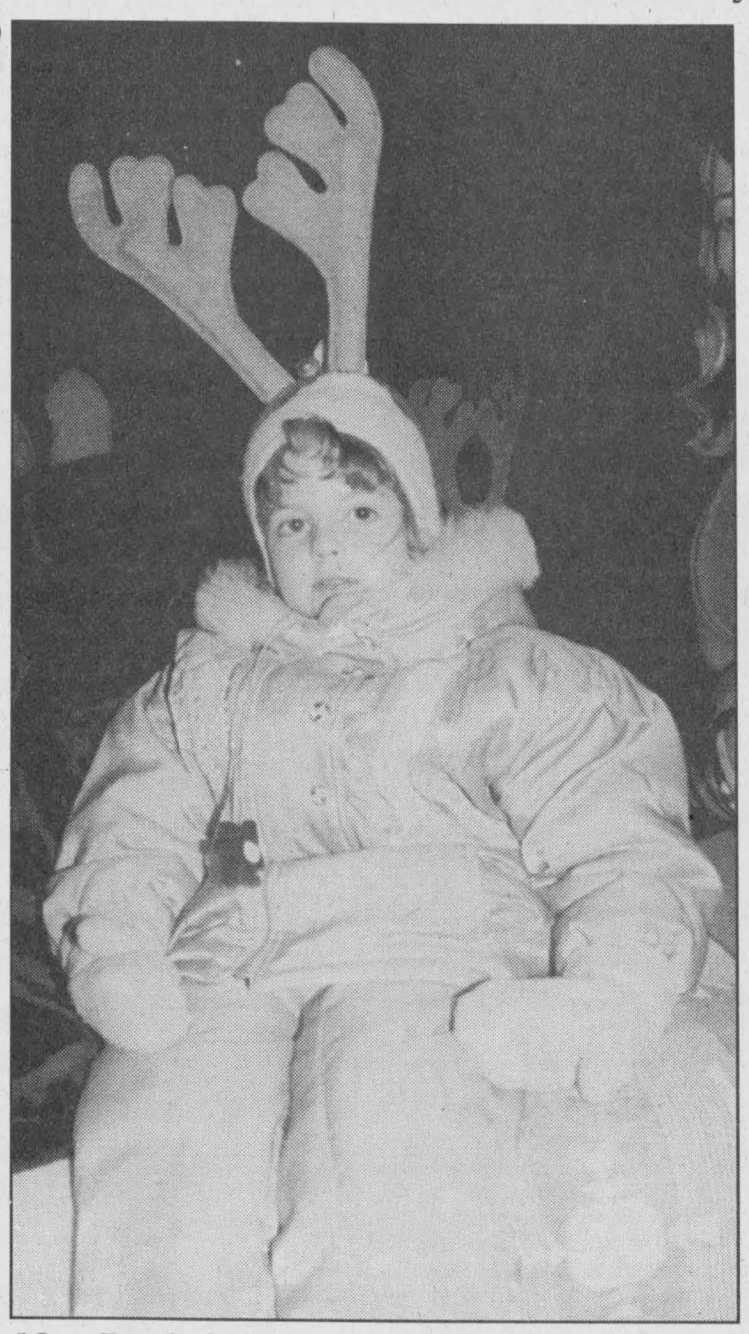
Meagan Diane Fawcett says...I like Christmas because it's sharing and meeting people you haven't seen in a long time and a Christmas list saying what you want for Christmas and leaving a snack for Santa because that's the best of the year.

Natasha says...I like Christmas because you can see some of your aunts and uncles and get lots of presents under your Christmas tree. You have a Christmas evening with your family and friends and share presents with some friends. We play in snow and go Christmas shopping with my mom and dad and it is very nice to see all these things with my family.

Charles Dickens

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Another profound influence on the attitude of the people towards Christams was the work of Charles Dickens. Like many others in the first half of the 19th century, he was nostolgic for Christmas of the past and so consciously set about to recapture this nostalgia in workd like "The Pickwick Papers"



Not Rudolph! *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

This wee lass was on a float in the Winchester Parade of Lights which was a fantastic hit. She was wearing antlers but insisted she was not a reindeer! Costumes for this event were terrfic as were the entries themselves. The way everyone pitched-in showed marvellous community spirit.

Christmas '97

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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
Spanish - Feliz Navidad
Swedish - God Jul and (Och) Ett Gott Nytt Ar
Turkish - Noeliniz Ve Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun
Ukrainian - Srozhdestvom Kristovym
Welsh - Nadolig Llawen
Yugoslavian - Cestitamo Bozic

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 shamos 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 at 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."



Recbecca Hollands Grade 9 SDHS

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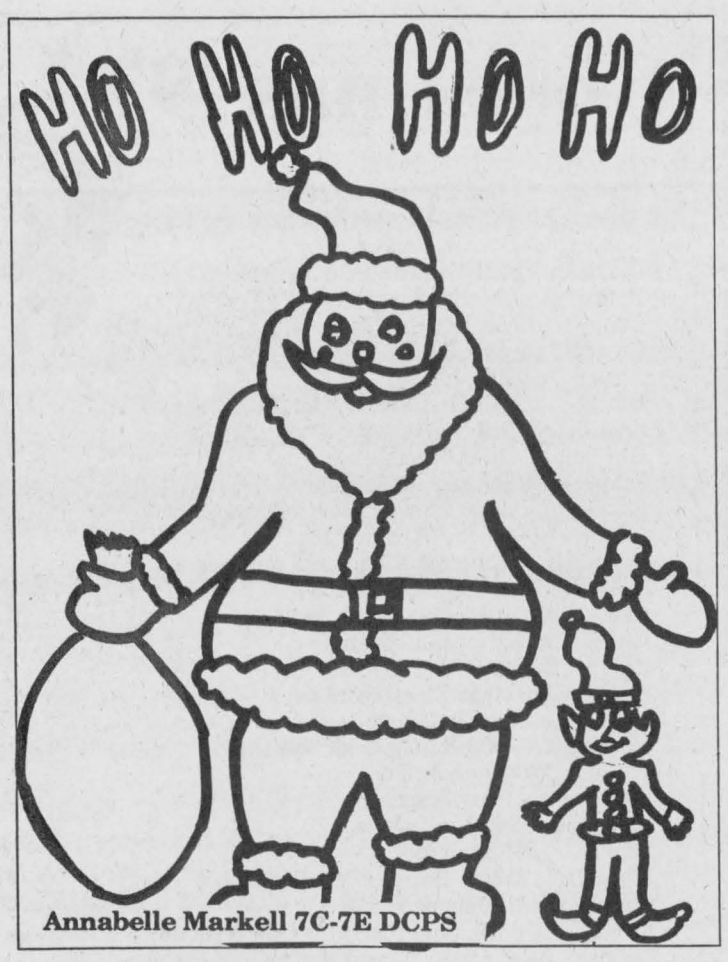

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Looking way back at how it was

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Midwinter festivals occurred long before the Christian celebration of the birth of Christ. Most civilizations have tried to survive the cold, infertile days of winter by courting the goodwill of their gods and by praying for a renewal of light and warmth.

For the Romans, these midwinter festivities centred on honouring their god Saturn during Saturnalia, in late december. This time featured a great deal of drinking and making merry, giving of small tokens and the decorating of households with evergreens. It was also customary for masters and slaves to exchange , temporarily, their garb and roles.

The Roman feast of Brumalia, the birthday of the Unconquered Sun, also occurred in December, the 22nd actually. this was the religious equivalent of Christmas for those worshipping the sun-god Mithras. The Romans also celebrated the new year with a feast called, Kalendae Januarii, which was associated with Juvenalia, a feast honouring childhood and youth.

Races like the Celts and Vikings also had their winter solstice celebrations to propitiate the gods and ensure the return of life to the land. throughout northern Europe this festival was called Yuletide. It was a time to celebrate the annual triumph of light over darkness, to practise fertility rites and to burn huge fires in honour of the sun and the god Thor. As with the Romans, the festival featured much feasting and "wassailing" or toasting the yule-log.

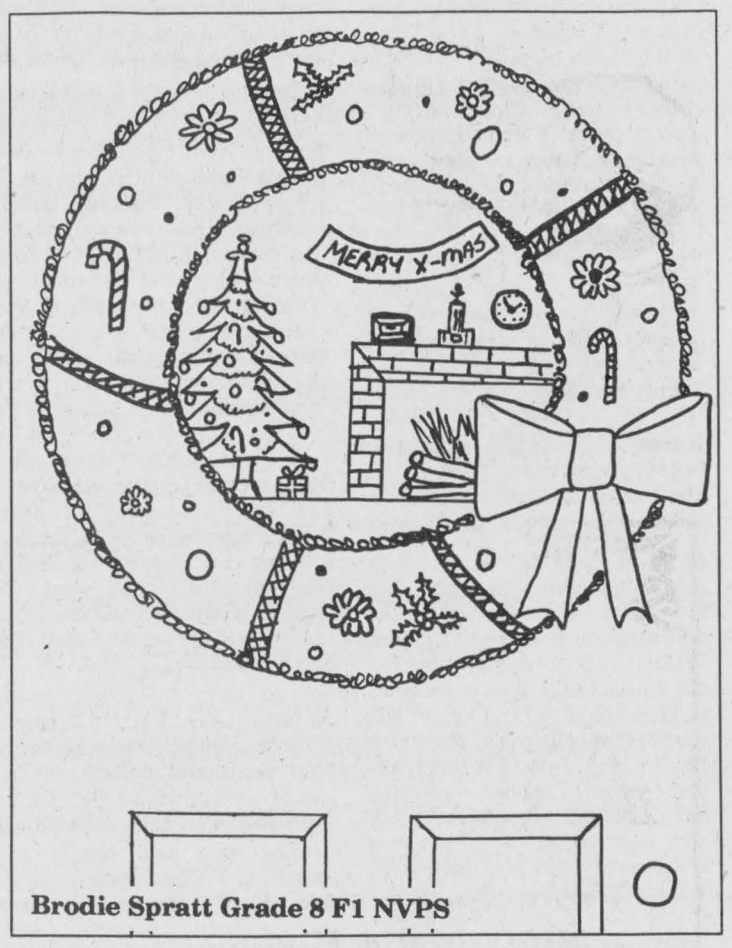
The Jewish people also celebrated their faith in December, and still do, with the Feast of Lights called Hanukkah or Chanukah. For eight days, candles are lit, first one, then two, then three and so on, to symbolize the strength of the faith. Gifts are given and games played during this time.

The early Christian church wanted a midwinter date to honour the birth of Jesus Christ, and in the fourth century, 25 December was chosen, although, of course, this was not the true date of the nativity. This convenient date was arrived at by rather simplistically adding nine months to the official date of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary on March 25. The church decided that the twelve days of Christmas between the nativity and Epiphany was to be sacred, but also a festive season. Sensibly, the Roman Catholic church assimilated some of the pagan customs already in existence rather than try to eliminate them.

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.





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Gift giving a tradition

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The giving of gifts became part of the Christmas tradition in the Middle-Ages. The Kings of England demanded gifts from their subjects and the common people exchanged gifts;trinkets and entertainment were normal as parties and songs went hand in hand.

Boxing Day on December 26, originated in Medievil times when every priest was supposed to empty the alms box of his church and distribute gifts to the poor.Wealthy people indulged in huge Christmas feasts and when they were finished they packed up the remains in boxes and gave them to their servants. In many countries Boxing Day is still the day to give gifts to tradesmen and servants.

In North America we place our gifts under the tree and open them Christmas day. Children hang their stockings over the fireplace to be filled.

A tradition pupolar with the Dutch is said to be that of playing games when giving gifts. A hunt is an example. A note is placed inside a box and wrapped. This gives instructions to the person on where to look and there will be another note there telling them where to go next until finally they find the gift.

And what is nicer than a mantle--piece decorated with cards from friends and family?Christmas cards are a simple but meaningful gift at this special time of year.

Chose your gifts with care and thoughfulness and enjoy your holiday.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels.

CHORUS

O, come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

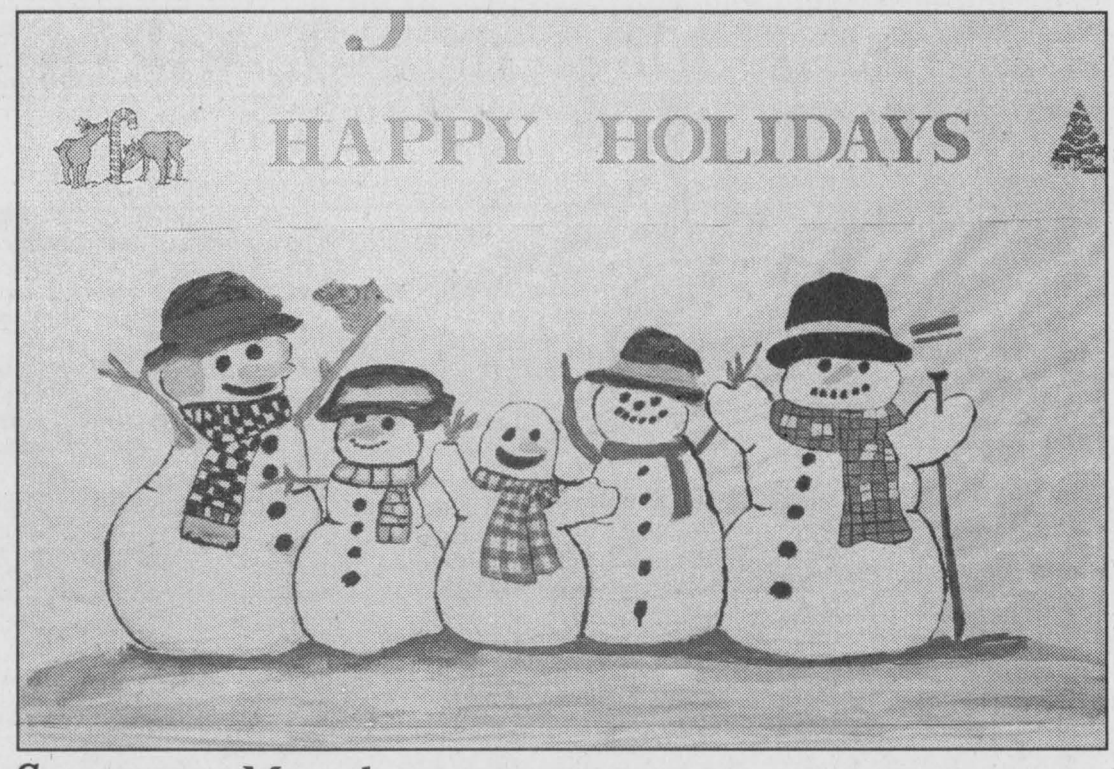
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest;

CHORUS

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will hither bend our joyful footsteps;

CHORIS

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.



Snowman Mural

St. Cecilia's Separate School in Iroquois was decorated through the talents of the students as they painted up a storm of seasonal delights in the hall of the school. Kelly Verhoeven and Joey Baker did this beauty of a snowman family, mom, dad and the all the little snowchildren. As it reads, Happy Holidays to everyone!!

Chieftain Photo by S. McKibbon

Christmas is...

* Having supper with all my family on Christmas Eve: **(Jenna Shay)**
* Putting on our play at Sunday School: **(Taylore Mattice).**
* Going to bed early on Christmas Eve: **(Hilary Prowse).**
* Getting presents from Santa: **(Brittany Elliott).**
* Sharing toys with my brother: **(Lindsay Gilmer).**
* Opening presents at Christmas morning: **(Thomas Corden).**
* Saying Thank You for our gifts: **(Courtney Thompson).**
* Visiting my family on Christmas Day: **(Jesse Lapier).**
* Putting the star on top of the tree: **(Bryan Hutt).**
* Santa Claus: **(John Bosman).**
* Decorating the Christmas Tree: **(Lauren Wood).**
* Looking for the perfect tree: **(Daniel Stevens).**
* Decorating my house: **(Johnathan Merkley).**
* Being with my mom: **(Christopher Deschambaut).**
* Giving and getting presents: **(Kurtis Delegarde).**
* All the kids in our class being happy and excited: **(Mrs. Perry).**
* The best time of the year!! **(Anthony Johnston).**
* Jesus' Birthday: **(Jasmine Comfort).**
* Giving presents to my friends: **(Courtney Hall).**
* Loving and sharing: **(Nicholas McCaslin).**
* Putting decorations on a tree: **(Courtney McDermid).**

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Christmas Prose

Celebrate
Holly
Rudolph
Is there such a thing as Santa Claus?
Santa Claus
Tree
Mistle toe
Angel
Star.
by Nicole
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Christmas carols are being sung
Happy holidays
Rapping presents
Instruments are playing songs
Snow is falling
Trimming the tree
Merry Christmas
Antlers on reindeer
Santa is coming.
by Matthew Rawson
NVPS

Christmas is fun
Happiness fills the air
Ride toboggans in the snow
Is there time to spare?
So be jolly like some
True happiness is there
Many people open gifts
As you see a twinkle in a kid's eye
So, Merry Christmas everyone!
by Sarah Gobey

Christmas is a holiday for gifts
Holiday for kids to have fun
Rudolph has a red shiny nose
It's time to see Santa at the hall
Santa's elves make toys for kids
Time to leave Santa cookies and milk
Merry Christmas to all little kids
A Santa is a big hairy guy
Santa comes to see little kids
by Megan D.

Christmas is beautiful
Harry hung his wreath
Ring, ring went the bell
Is the tree ready?
Shawn sang a song
Tim was in the snow
Matt said he was an elf.
Allright, don't peak at the gifts
Santa came on his sled at mid-night.
by Shawn Gilmer

Christmas is coming
Holly
Rays
Icicles
Santa came down the chimney
The tree was decorated
Mass was at 9 o'clock
Angel was on top of the tree
Star was shiny on top of the tree.
by Karen Forbes.

Christmas Time
by Curtis Whitteker
Grade 6, DCPS
Christmas is a merry time,
When all bells chime,
And colourful lights shine.

Green and red are colours a bloom,
When Christmas carols are sung in tune,
And children are anxious for Santa to come soon.

Festive foods, chocolate and candy,
Wrapped up gifts looking dandy,
hoping dad's gift will come in handy.

Snow is falling from the sky,
As the reindeer and Santa are way up high,
And little ones ask; how do they fly?

Santa's Elves
by Stacey Lapier
Grade 6, DCPS

Way up North, at the North Pole; Santa and his elves were very busy. It was Christmas Eve and only half the work was done. "Oh, oh!" cried Santa,"What are we going to do?"

"We can't go any faster!" yelled one of the elves.

"We are already tired from working all year!" protested another.

Soon every elf was yelling...

"QUIIIET!" yelled Santa.

Wee, the littlest elf came in, but he was not alone. "I've got two hundred more elves."

Soon every elf was busy working

Meanwhile, Santa was outside checking the reindeer. "Think we can make it tonight, old pals?! asked Santa.

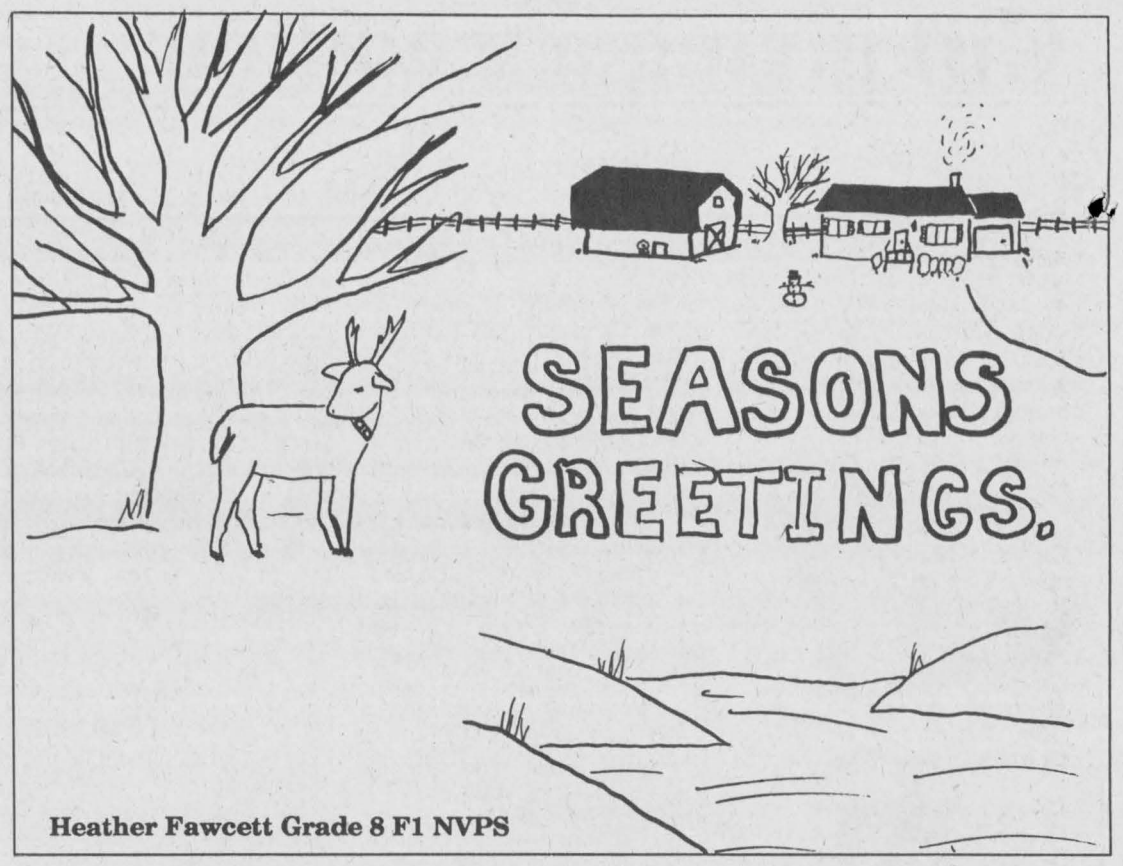
Then Rudolph spoke up, "The light bulb in my nose is broken."

"I'll fix that in a jiff, " said Santa.

That night, everything went swell.

STAR
S is for the shining bright.
T is for twinkling at night.
A is for always a wonderful sight.
R is for a real delight.]

Caring
Happiness
Ripping open presents
I see presents and toys
Saying prayers at suppertime
Toys, toys and more toys
Mothers, fathers and the entire family
A time to be with your family
Seasonings on the turkey roasting.
by Zachary A., Grade 5, IPS



Heather Fawcett Grade 8 F1 NVPS

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 scrumptuous 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 proepr 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 alden with gifts and was then transformed into Santa Claus by the Americans. The Christmas card was invented, singing carols regained popularity. Turkey took oevr from raost beef and goose as the centrepiece of the Christams feast. Crackers nd board games were invented and many industries sprang up to produce all the presents and novelties required.

Drawing all theser elments 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 improtantly 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 teh Victorians made was the way Christmas was celebrated. For the first time it was rpesented as a complete package. It became a time of social cinscience and most importantly a time for family...the whoel family. This change was largely brought about by the queen and the prince, for family was central to them. They adored their children adn 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 peopel followed. In time their children married into European households, and took the ideas of Christmas with them..so the Victorian Christmas spread.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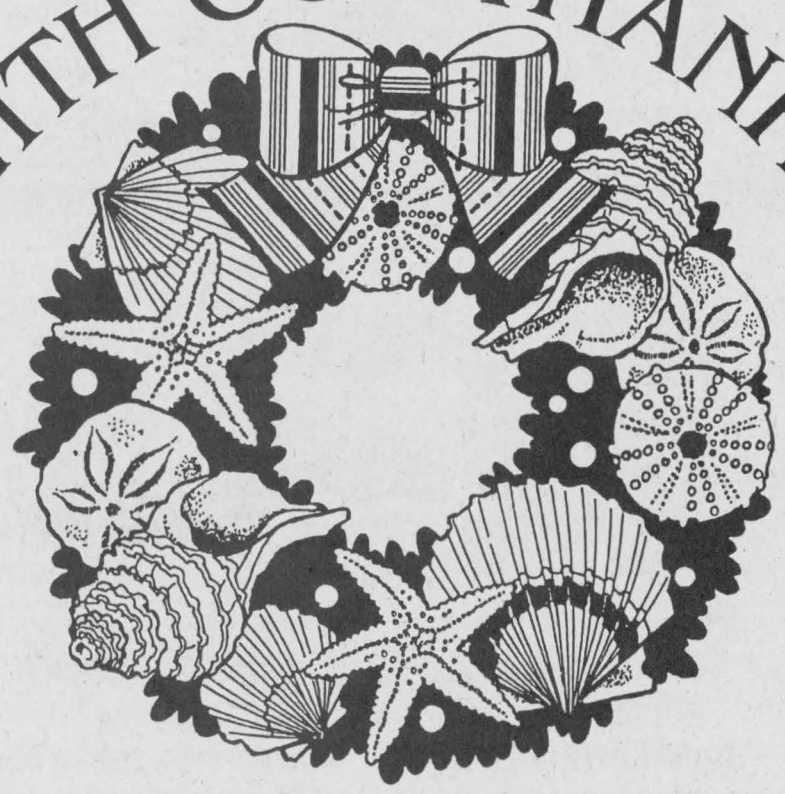

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Charles is polite about now.
Ho ho ho says Santa.
Red and green are x-mas colours.
Is Santa going to give you coal?
Santa knows if you're good or not
Trees are green and have brown stems.
Matthew is my name.
As the snow comes down, it becomes a new world.
Santa is kind and polite.
by Matthew Hoogenboom, Grade 5, Nationview Public School

Christmas is cool.
Holly is a Christmas plant.
Rudolph is a deer.
I like Christmas
Santa likes cookies and milk.
Today I wish were Christmas
My favourite day is Christmas.
After Christmas is boxing day.
Santa has 9 deer to pull his sled.

Carols are heard in the streets.
Hollies are made into wreaths
Reindeer are getting ready for their long journey.
Icicles hang from the rooftops.
Santa Claus is coming to town.
Trees are brought into houses.
Mistletoe are hung over top of doorways.
Angels are put on top of trees
Shopping is going around everywhere.
Rosanna D. Persanna, Grade 5, Nationview Public School.

C-Celebrate
H-Holly
R-Reindeer flying.
I-Icicles hanging from windows.
S-Shopping for presents.
T-Trees being decorated.
M-Merry people walking down the street.
A-Angels are singing.
S-Santa Claus is coming.
by Dan Lapier.

Children having fun
"Hark the herald angels sing"
Rudolph the red nosed reindeer
Ice for skating on
St. Nick travelling in his sleigh
Twenty fifth of December
Mrs. Claus making Santa bigger
Angels high above
Santa travelling down a chimney
by Will Howard, Grade 5, Nationview Public School

Holly symbols

Holly is one evergreen that grows in practically all the countries in the world.

There are more than 150 varieties of holly. This evergreen has been used in the Christmas festivities. In ancient times it was a symbol of immortality because it bore fruit even in the wintertime.

In Denmark holly is called Christ-thorn and an old legend says that when the shephers went to the cave to rest, that one little lamb was scratched by the thorns of the holly bushes, and the red berries on the holly were blood drops that froze on the bushes.

In the Spirit of Christmas time

"C'mon let's get going," Debbie Sheriff calls out, "we have a lot of shopping to do and not very much time." Like millions of people at this time of year, Debbie is preparing for Christmas. Between shuttling the kids back and forth from school, preparing lunches and keeping house, she has the additional responsibility of shopping for gifts and sending out cards to family and friends. But today, like every Friday afternoon, the hectic pace of the week is brought to a halting stop. It's a day when both Debbie and her daughter Jenna are especially happy. For Jenna 13, it not only signals the end of another school week, but more importantly, Friday afternoons are when she attends her weekly water therapy class.

Unlike swimming classes, which many children Jenna's age likely attend, Jenna's program is restricted to those with arthritis. Once a week, for forty minutes, she immerses her painful joints into soothing warm water and is lead through a series of stretches and exercises designed to relieve her stiffness and pain. "I think the exercises work better in the water than outside of the water," Jenna said. At one time, she was the only child in a class of adults, but things have changed. "There is now another child in her class," Debbie said, "which is great, because it used to be just Jenna and the adults." Unfortunately, the number of children in her class may continue to increase, as juvenile arthritis currently affects about one in a thousand children in this country.

The water therapy program, sponsored by The Arthritis Society, "is truly is a wonderful program," Debbie said. "Jenna has gone into the pool with a lot of pain before, but she always comes out feeling better." It has provided Jenna and others with the kind of escape from pain that plagues them on a daily basis. Although some days are better than others, there isn't a day that Jenna forgets that she has arthritis. "When I wake up in the morning, I am always stiff and sore," she said, adding, "but I can walk home from school now where I couldn't before." This Christmas, when you are buying gifts for family and friends, remember Jenna and four million other people living with arthritis who rely on your support through donations. There are over 100 forms of arthritis including: osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and juvenile arthritis. The Arthritis Society is the only non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for research into the causes of arthritis. To show your support this Christmas, please call 1-800-321-1433.



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Wee Elves at IPS

These kindergarten youngsters presented a marvellous Christmas Concert on Thursday evening last week. Parents, friends, siblings and numerous relatives gathered in the gym to see these stars shine. They did a terrific job and were rewarded with thunderous applause.

Evolution of Christmas traditions over the centuries

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 ther 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 wasa 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 elading their unruly "courts" into churches and wearing fanciful clothes and grotesque masks.



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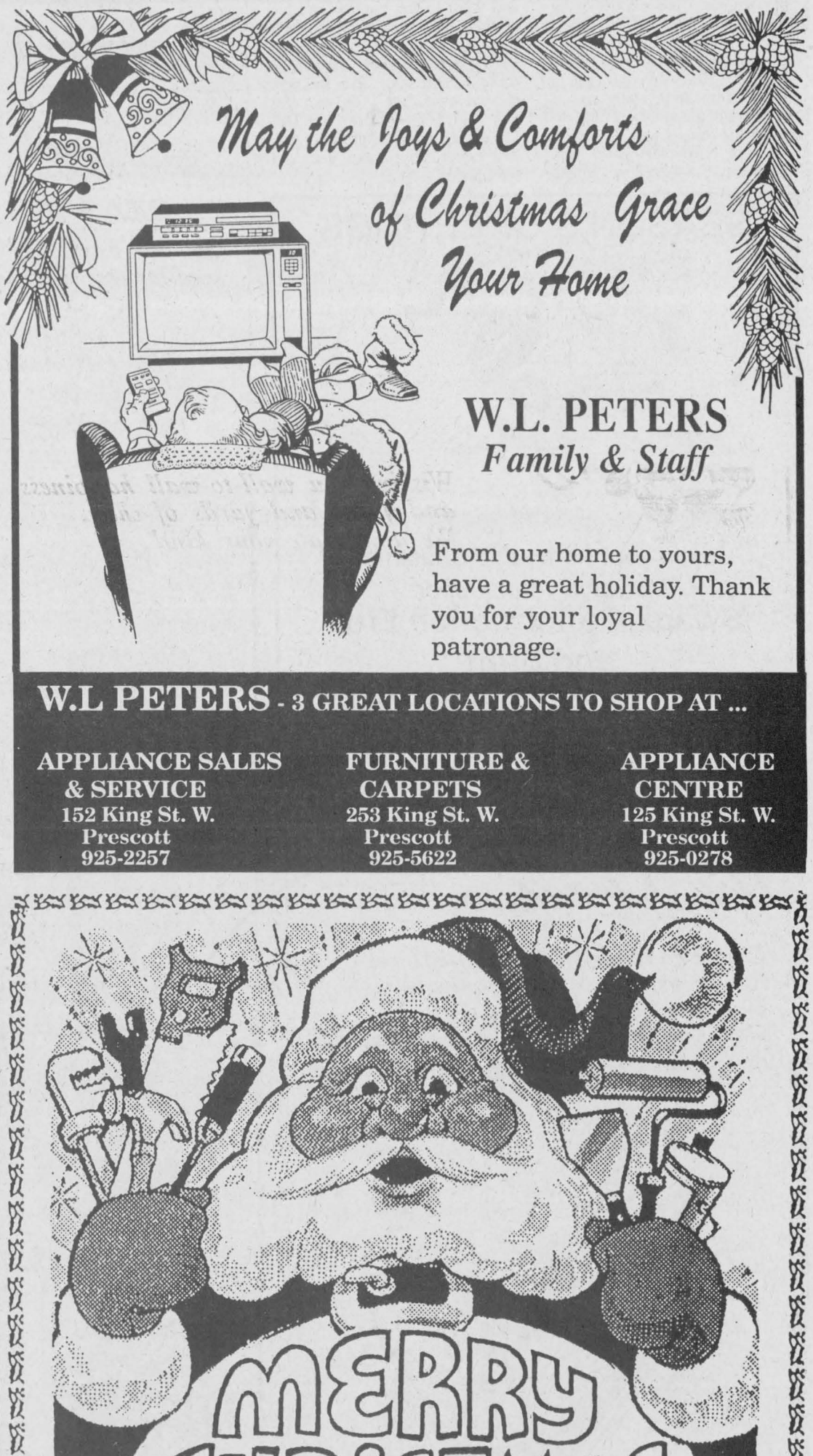
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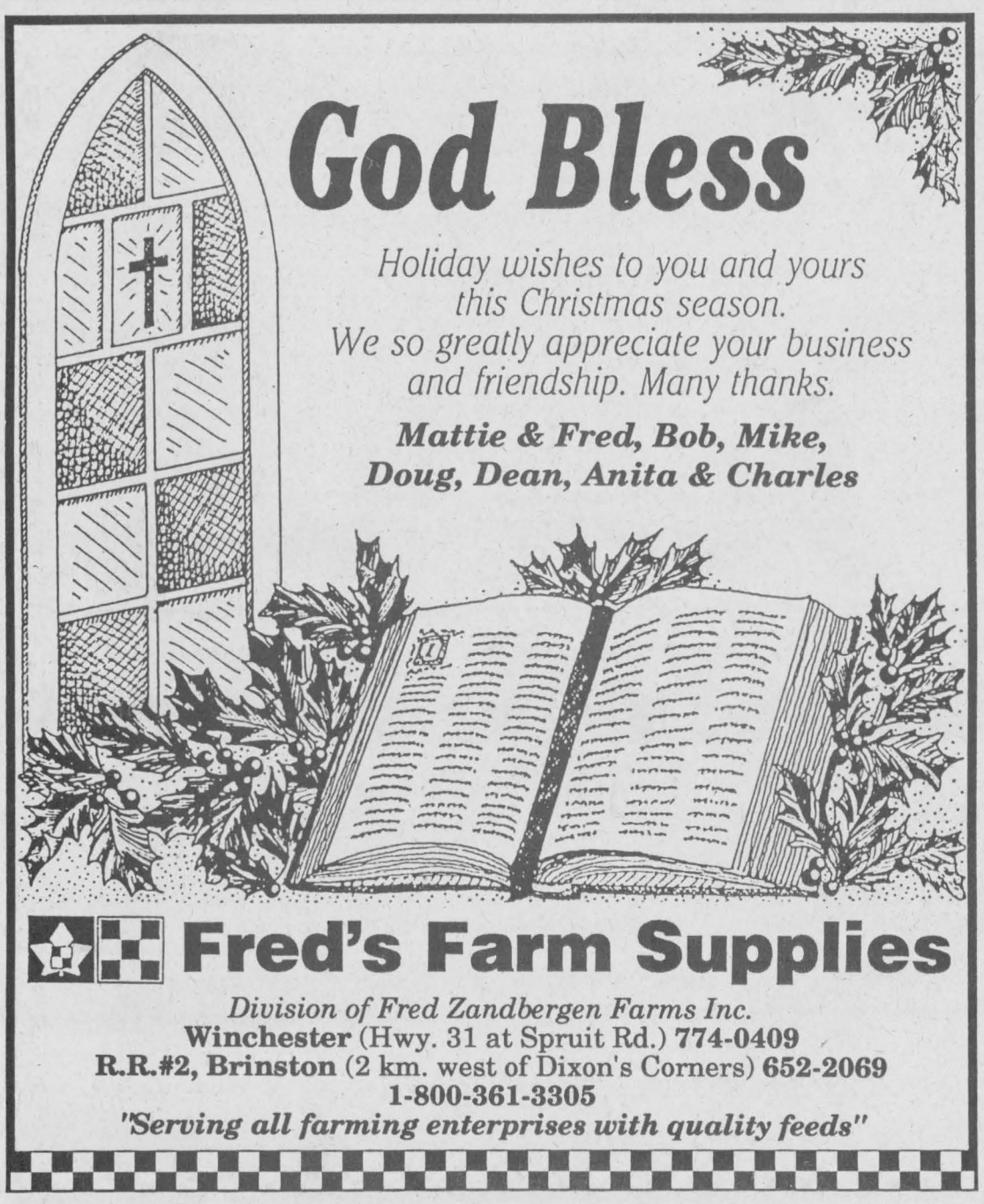
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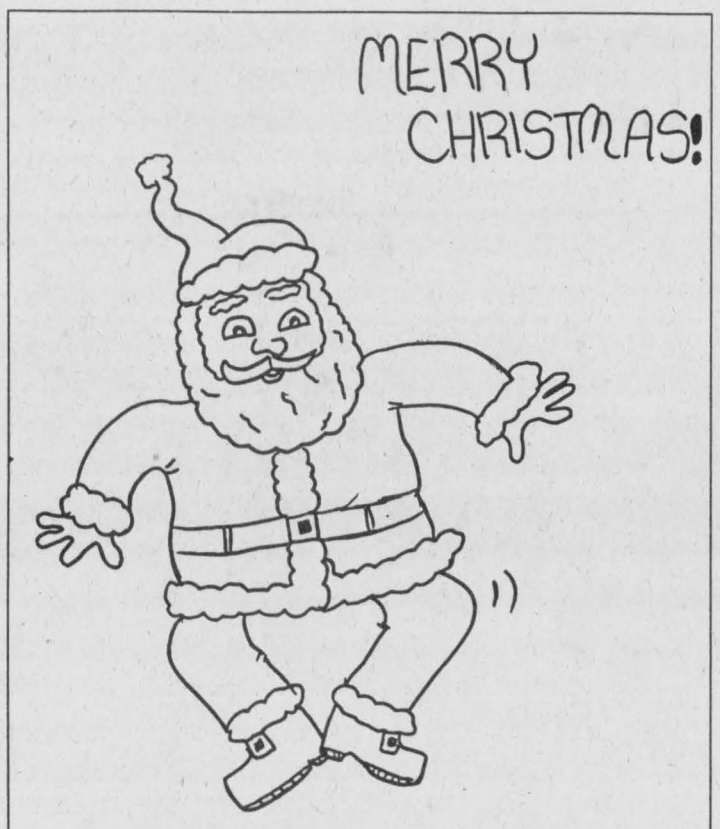

Treena Guy Grade 7 NVPS

The best Christmas ever!

by Daryl Locke
Dixon's Corners School

Once there was a boy named, Tim, who lived in a small, small hut. He only had one blanket and a potato sack for a pillow. he had no dad; he lived only with his mother, who was sick and old.

Tim made money by helping a nice, old man on his farm, but he did not have much money either, so Tim only made five dollars every week, but he didn't care; it kept him and his mother fed.

It was only a month till Christmas and Tim wanted to get his mother something really special, so he spent his money wisely and saved the rest.

It was only two weeks until Christmas and Tim finally thought of what to get his mother...a red dress. So he ran to the store, bought a nice, red dress, took and wrapped it and hid it under his bed. Then he waited for Christmas.

Finally, it was the night before Christmas. Tim prayed that night, that his mom would get better. he went to bed.

The next morning, Tim got up and went to the kitchen and his mother was making pancakes. Tim ran to get his present and gave it to his mother. She put the dress on and said, "It is the best present ever, but I did not get you anything." tim replied, "That's all right, as long as you feel better...hey, mom, let's go for a walk."

Over 98 percent of Christmas trees begin life at the nursery

Prior to the 1950s, most family Christmas trees came from the forest; today over 98% are plantation grown.

Most Christmas trees begin life in a nursery where superior seed is planted and grown to two-year--old seedlings. Most seedlings are then taken from the nursery beds and replanted in Christmas tree farms for their final years of development. Christmas tree farms have environmental benefits. They replenish the environment's oxygen supply, serve as wildlife habitat, increase soil stability and provide a valuable and aesthetically pleasing improvement to the land. Christmas trees are frequently planted on barren slopes or under power lines where no other crops will grow.

A Christmas tree takes 4-16 years to mature. During the time a Christmas tree is growing into a well-shaped 6-8 foot tree, it faces many hazards. Trees can suffer from too little or too much sun or rain, destruction by rodents, insects, disease, hail or fire, and overgrowth from bushes, vines and weeds, or theft from the field.

Christmas trees are pruned annually. By holding back rapid upward growth, the grower can encourage the tree to branch more quickly, and gradually achieve the full bushy appearance consumers look for in a Christmas tree. At harvest time, wholesale growers select and tag the finished trees. The tagged trees are cut, bundled and loaded on trucks and railroad cars for the journey to any one of thousands of retail lots across the country.

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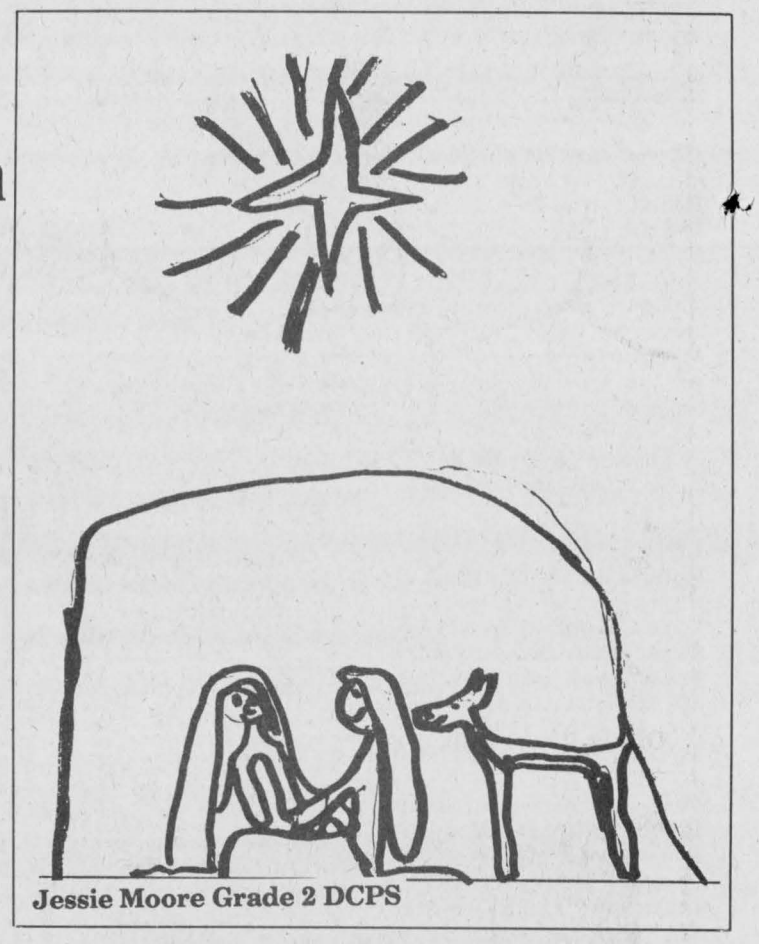

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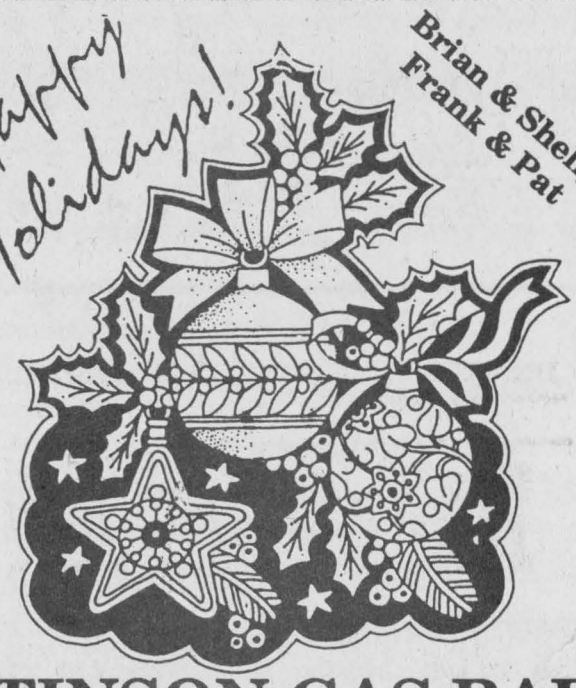

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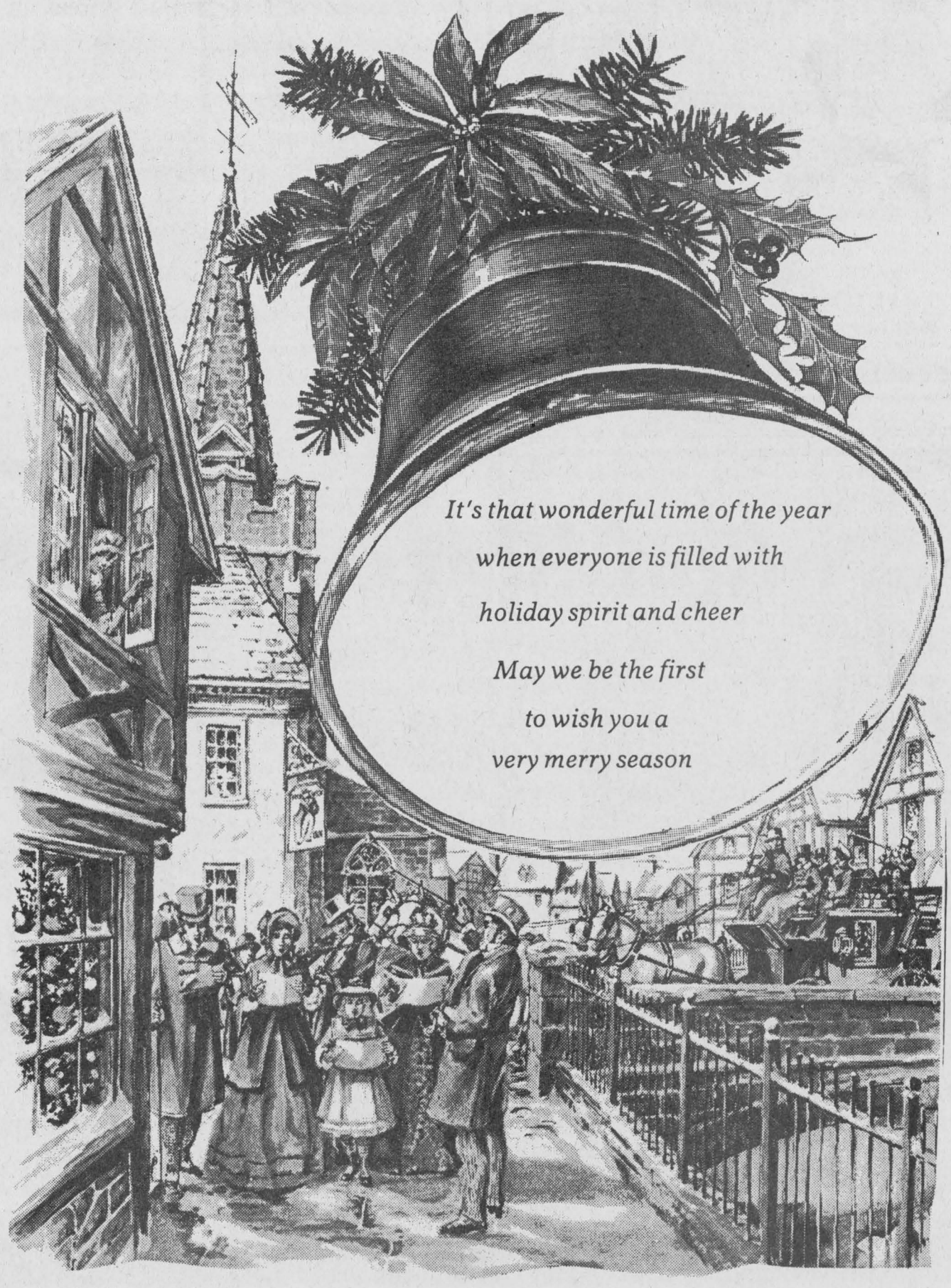

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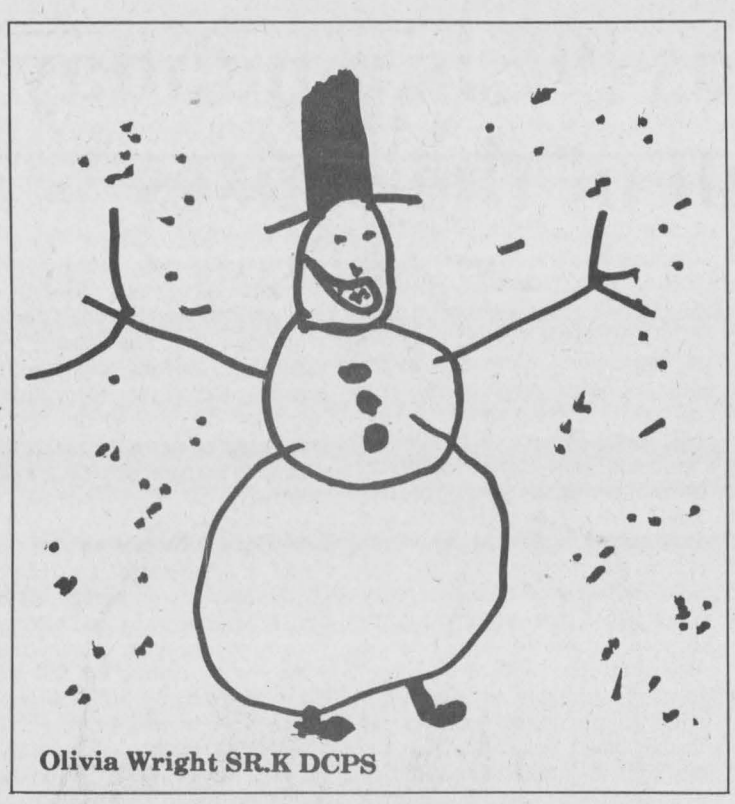

Olivia Wright SR.K DCPS

Christmas in Scandinavia

Throughout Scandinavia: It is from Scandinavia that most of our yule log traditions derive. The dark cold winters inspired the development of traditions concerned with warmth and light.

Yuletide, meaning "the turning of the sun" or the winter solstice, has traditionally been a time of extreme importance in Scandinavia - a time when fortunes for the coming year were determined and when the dead were thought to walk the earth. For a long time, it was considered dangerous to sleep alone on Christmas Eve. The extended family, master and servant, alike would sleep together on a freshly spread bed of straw.

The Yule log was originally an entire tree, carefully chosen, and brought into the house with great ceremony. The butt end would be placed into the hearth while the rest of the tree stuck out into the room. The tree would be slowly fed into the fire and the entire process was carefully timed to last the entire Yule season.

Sweden: A thousand years ago in Sweden, King Canute declared that Christmas would last a month, from December 13, the feast of St. Lucia until January 13, or Tjugondag Knut (St. Canute's Day). No one is quite sure why Lucia, a 4th century Sicilian saint, came to be so revered in Sweden. Some say she once visited the country, and others believe missionaries brought stories of her life which entranced the Swedish people. Her story is that in the days of early Christian persecution, Lucia carried food to Christians hiding in dark underground tunnels. To light the way she wore a wreath of candles on her head. Eventually Lucia was arrested and martyred.

On her feast day the eldest daughter in each family dresses in a white dress with a red sash, and wears an evergreen wreath with seven lighted candles on her head. She (very carefully) carries coffee and buns to each family member in his or her room. Many schools, offices, and communities sponsor Lucia processions in which carols are sung and everyone thanks the Queen of Light for bringing hope during the darkest time of the year.

On Christmas Eve a certain Christmas gnome, known as the tomte, emerges from his home under the floor of the house or the barn. He carries a sack over his shoulder and leaves gifts for all.

Denmark: The Christmas feast, in Denmark, is celebrated at midnight Christmas Eve. Everyone looks forward to dessert when a special rice pudding is served in which a single almond is hidden. Whoever finds the almond will have good luck for the coming year.

The jolly bringer of gifts is known as Julemanden and arrives in a sleigh drawn by reindeer, a sack over his back. He is assisted with his Yuletide chores by elves called Juul Nisse, who are said to live in attics. Children leave out saucers of milk or rice pudding for them and are delighted to find the food gone on Christmas morning.

Norway: Like the other Scandinavian countries, Norway has its gift-bearing little gnome or elf. Known as Julebukk or "Christmas buck," he appears as a goat--like creature. Julebukk harkens back to Viking times when pagans worshipped Thor and his goat. During pagan celebrations a person dressed in a goatskin, carrying a goat head, would burst in upon the party and during the course of evening would "die" and return to life. During the early Christian era, the goat began to take the form of the devil, and would appear during times of wild merry-making and jubilation. By the end of the Middle Ages, the game was forbidden by the Church and the state. In more recent times the goat has emerged in the tamer form of Julebukk.



Frosty the Snowman

Standing guard outside this Williamsburg home, this snowman stands silently alone. It was easy the past while to tell where youngsters live, as the snow was just right for making snowmen and homes where children lived had at least one and sometimes four snowpeople on the lawn. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*



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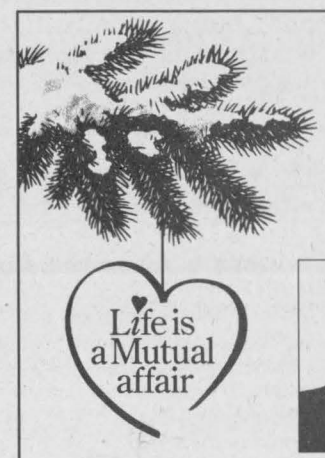


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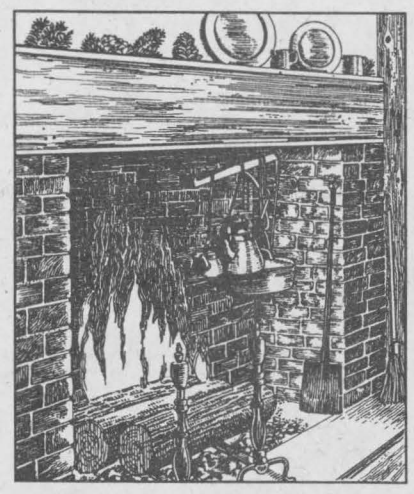

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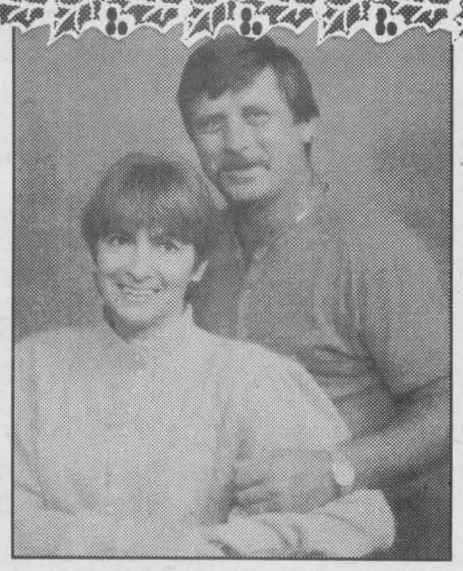
Mummers Play

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The mummers play was amedieval folk drama with much pagan symbolism that was performed during the winter months, traditionally between All-Hallows Eve on October 31 and Easter. It became popular as a part of Christmas and the celebrations. Where the word mummers came from is not known for sure; it could have come from the German word, "mumme" meaning mask or masker, or from the Greek word Momme, which means a frightening mask of agress.(a female monster or ghoul from the fairy tales).

The plays were performed only by men, usually eight and everyone wore disguises and masks to hide their true identities. Faces were often blackened and they wore visors, which were made of fringed cloth to keep the person's identity a secret and thus avoid losing the luck that the performance brought.

A mummers play basically dealt with the symbolic death of the earth by winter and its rebirth again in the spring. In general, the characters in a mummers play were given well known names and roles...for example the hero might have been Saint or King george and the villan would be a Turkish Knight. In a typical play a rather pagan Father Christmas would shout and weild a club; the hero would arrive on the scene and be confronted by the villain. During the ensuing fight, the hero would kill the villian (as plants and crops are killed off by the cold in winter). The hero would regret the death and so after some subplots and general goings on, a doctor would revive the dead man (as the soul is rejuvenated by the sun's warmth in spring).



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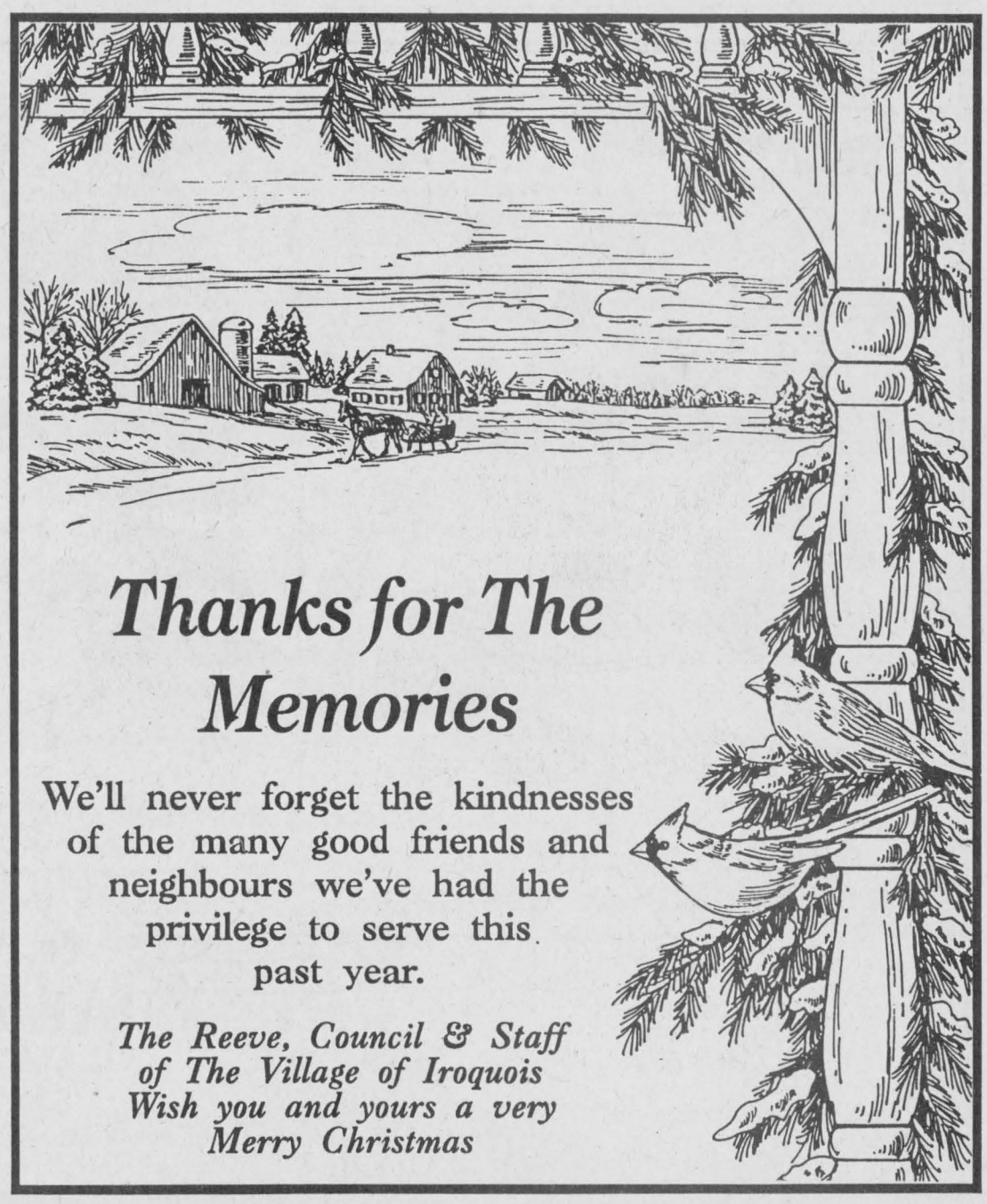
(Depending on demand, please call ahead to book your order.)

The Staff at Little Rikki's would like to wish the new owners, *Patricia and Dale Kelly*, a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. We all enjoy working for you and wish you much luck and success in your new business. Also, a special thank you to all our patrons.

Have a very Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year.



Thanks for The Memories

We'll never forget the kindnesses of the many good friends and neighbours we've had the privilege to serve this past year.

The Reeve, Council & Staff
of The Village of Iroquois
Wish you and yours a very
Merry Christmas



Toy Soldiers

Standing straight and tall these are about the sweetest soldiers imaginable. The Senior Kindergarten class "B" along with their friends from "A" and the Junior Ks were able to instill the true meaning of the season in everyone attending the concert last week. These small people were able to sing two songs in their other tongue...amazing how quickly they pick up French. Congrats to their teachers as well who spent the time working with the students so the concerts could be possible. Merry Christmas for sure!

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Christmas '97 is a holiday gift for all of the senses

This year, give family and friends something to excite their taste buds A homemade gift is an ideal way to show someone you care. Thanks to a revitalization in the "home arts", more people are venturing into the kitchen to create special treats for family and friends. Jam-making is part of this trend; it is a fun, easy and low-cost way to add flavor and flare to the holidays.

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"Homemade recipes calling for fruit pectin are easy to make, require little time and make an exceptional gift. You can be in and out of the kitchen in less than an hour and you'll have delicious jams and jellies for entertaining, as well as a collection of unique gifts," explains Susanne Stark, a Home Economist in the Kraft Kitchens.

Great Recipe Idea

Creating creamy Cranberry Orange Butter to spread on savory breads, muffins or scones is as easy as it is delicious. A special combination of cranberries, sugar, orange rind and Certo Liquid Fruit Pectin creates this delicious substitute for dairy butter. This spread is sure to become a holiday classic around your home. Prep time: 15 minutes, cooking time: 20 minutes.

4 3/4 cups prepared cranberries (3 bags [12 oz/340g each] frozen cranberries)
7 cups granulated sugar
1 tsp grated orange rind
1 pouch CERTO Liquid Fruit Pectin

Combine cranberries with 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) water. Bring to a boil and simmer covered for 5 minutes or until cranberries are soft. Remove from heat. Pour cranberries and water mixture into a blender or food processor and puree. Measure 4-3/4 cups (1175 mL) of prepared fruit into a large pot. Add sugar and orange rind to prepared fruit and mix well. Place saucepan over high heat. Bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Immediately stir in liquid fruit pectin. Pour quickly into warm, sterilized jars filling up to 1/4 inch (0.5 cm) from rim. Seal while hot with sterilized 2-piece lids with new centres. Makes 10 cups (2500 mL). Usage Ideas To dress up a turkey sandwich, simply spread some of this festive butter on bread. Start the day right and mix with scrambled eggs and back bacon. Spoon onto meat pies or traditional holiday tourtires. Spread on grilled lamb or pork chops and delight family and friends at dinner.

Create Exquisite Holiday Gifts

Trim a jar with old fashioned ornaments, add dried flowers and fancy ribbon for a gift with instant panache. For decorative and fragrant gifts, attach cloves or cinnamon sticks to dried fruits and glue to jar. For the "person who has everything", create themed gift baskets with edible goodies. Remember to include a copy of the recipe on festive stationary or cards to make this delicious homemade treat a tradition.

For More Information

Still craving more jam recipes or holiday entertaining ideas? Satisfy your appetite and have all your jam-making questions answered by calling the toll-free Certo Hotline at 1-800-268-6038 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (EST) Monday to Friday. To receive Certo's Recipe Book, a unique collection of 26 specially developed, no-fail recipes, as well as an extensive introduction outlining Certo's Secrets to Success Tips, send your name, address and a $2 cheque or money order (for postage and handling) to: Certo Pick of the Season Recipe Book Offer, P.O. Box 5161, Paris, ON, N3L 3W5.

CHRISTMAS PROSE

Chimney
Hot chocolate
Reindeer
Ice
Sack
Tree
Merrily
Angel
Sleigh
by Justin Saunders, Grade 2, IPS

Christmas is...by the Grade 1/2 class at Benson Public School, Cardinal, Mrs. Lampson.
... special.
... sharing with others.
... a great holiday.
... baby Jesus' birthday.
... singing carols.
... waiting for Santa.
... giving to others.
... decorating the house.
... putting up our tree.
... visiting friends and family.
... writing letters to Santa.
... visiting Santa.
... fun for all ages.

Christmas
Holly
Reindeer
Ice
Sleigh
Tree
Merrily
Anxious
Santa
by Liam M. Grade 2, IPS.

RUDOLPH
Reindeer **U**p **D**ancing **O**n **L**awns **P**rance **H**igh.
by Cassandra B. Grade 3, IPS.

Elves, Holly, Nick, Reindeer, Christmas, Sleigh, Presents, Decorate, Chimney, Toys, Jolly, Stocking.
by Jordon H. Grade 2, IPS

Christmas in the Netherlands

In the Netherlands St. Nicholas is known as Sinterklaas. Dutch children are told that he sails from Spain on his feast day, December 6. They fill their shoes with hay and sugar for his horse and awake to find them filled with gifts such as nuts and candy. Sometimes Sinterklaas appears in person in the children's homes, bearing a striking resemblance to the children's father or an uncle. He questions the children about their behavior during the past year. In the past he carried a birch rod, but these days he is more kindly.

The people of Twente in east Holland hold a special Advent ceremony in which special horns are blown to chase away evil spirits and to announce the birth of Christ. Horns are homemade out of one-year-old saplings and are three or four feet long. Blown over wells, they sound a deep tone, similar to a foghorn.

Have a Holiday Filled with Old-Fashioned Love & Joy

The simple pleasures are still the best, and for us that means having the chance to say thanks to all of you.

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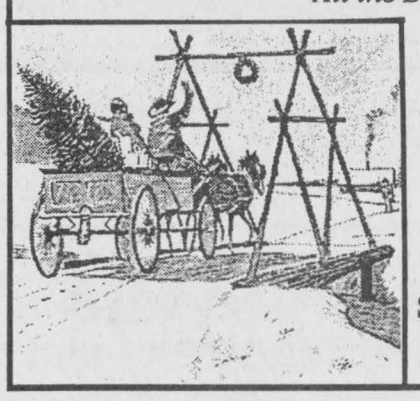

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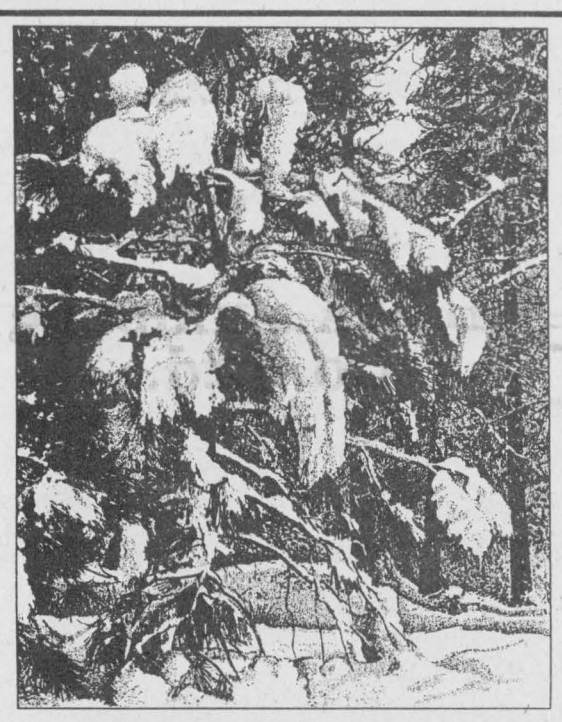

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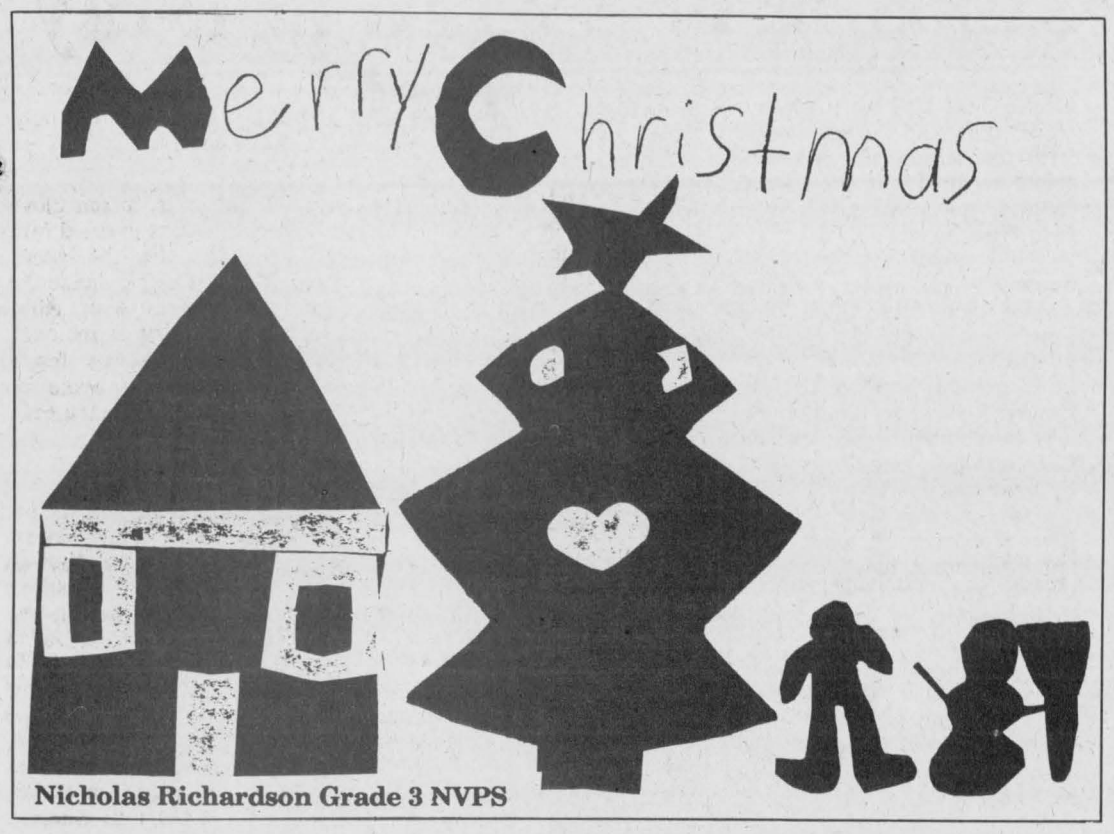

Nicholas Richardson Grade 3 NVPS

Why I like Christmas...

Why I like Christmas...Iroquois Public School Grade 3 class:

Jason says... I like Christmas because I get presents. I am going to get a computer and I want a Sega game. I also want brand new hockey skates and I want a hockey helmet.

Danica says... I like Christmas because it's a nice time of year, you see lights and family. It's just not about presents; it is about giving and celebrating Jesus' birthday. You should go to church. I know I should, but I don't because I go to my dad every second weekend.

Michael says... I like Christmas because sometimes on Christmas you get different stuff to eat than on regular nights. Sometimes you get to see people that you haven't seen in a long time and you get to open gifts.

Amber says... I like Christmas because I get egg nog for a treat. When I have a bad day, I just get one of my new toys and remember opening it, so I don't feel so bad. That is what I like about Christmas. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kenny says... I like Christmas because you get presents and you get an advent calendar. On Christmas Day you get to open up your presents. You can play and play with your presents. You can play outside in the snow with your new toys.

Melissa says...I like Christmas because Jesus is born on Christmas Day and two more weeks and six more days it will be Christmas as you will see. See Christmas is made for fun right? Well it is! Or not...I can't hear you!

Alex says...I like Christmas because we get to open presents and we get lots of candy in our stockings. Another thing I like about Christmas is eating Christmas dinner because when it is dessert, we get to have cherry delight and I like when people come over to my house.

Meghan says...I like Christmas because you can see people that you haven't seen in a long time. You can have a Christmas dinner and you feel good and it is fun getting presents. You can have happiness and I like Christmas.

Kurtis says...I like Christmas because I get to see the people that I never hardly get to see, like my Aunt Helen. I like Christmas because I get to open a lot of presents. I would like a sewing kit so I can sew on my badges that I got last year in Beavers. I sewed on 4 badges last night and I like sewing a lot and I pricked myself a lot, but it doesn't hurt me a lot, unless I prick myself really hard. I get angry whenever the thread breaks, like it happened last night and this morning. On Christmas I am going to give my grampa and grandma a burgundy candle and it is really nice. It smells like pine.

Recycle your Christmas tree after the holiday season ends

Christmas trees are more than just the celebration of life during the holidays, they're a source of life after it. Each year more consumers are discovering the recyclable, renewable benefits of real Christmas trees.

Real Christmas trees, unlike artificial ones which aren't biodegradable and will remain in landfills for centuries after their disposed of, can provide something back to the environment in a variety of ways:

* Christmas trees are biodegradable - the trunk and branches can be used as mulch for gardens, parks or in animal stalls. The mulch provides a protect barrier for the roots of other plants and vegetation while preventing weeds from growing. The mulch then decomposes, providing the nutrients plants need to thrive.
* Mulching programs are a fast--growing trend in communities throughout the nation. Check with your local department of public works for information.
* Some communities use Christmas trees to make effective sand and soil erosion barriers, especially at beaches and on river beds. Sunk into private fish ponds trees make excellent refuge and feeding area for fish.
* Before recycling, Christmas trees can be used to make bird feeders, adding color and excitement to the winter garden. Utilize orange slices, suet, and seed to attract the birds. They will come for the food and stay for the shelter in the branches.
* Important: Never burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove. Burning the tree may contribute to creosote buildup. NOTE: Living trees have a better survival rate in mild climates.

Christmas tree tradition and all kinds of folklore

The tree, used as a symbol of life, is a tradition older than Christianity and not exclusive to any one religion. It's a part of our holiday customs that engages not only our senses of sight, touch, and smell, but also our sense of tradition, hope and good will. Long before there was a Christmas, Egyptians brought green palm branches into their homes on the shortest day of the year in December as a symbol of life's triumph over death. Romans adorned their homes with evergreens during Saturnalia, a winter festival in honor of Saturnus, their god of agriculture. Druid priests decorated oak trees with golden apples for their winter solstice festivities.

In the middle ages, the Paradise tree, an evergreen hung with red apples, was the symbol of the feast of Adam and Eve held on December 24th. The first recorded reference to the Christmas tree dates back to the 16th century. In Strasbourg, Germany (now part of France), families both rich and poor decorated fir trees with colored paper, fruits and sweets. The retail Christmas tree lot also dates back that far - in those times, older women would sell trees harvested from nearby forests.

The tradition spread through Europe and was brought to the United States by German settlers and by Hessian mercenaries paid to fight in the Revolutionary War. In 1804 U.S. soldiers stationed at Fort Dearborn (now Chicago) hauled trees from surrounding woods to their barracks at Christmas.

The popularity of the Christmas tree then proliferated. Charles Minnegrode introduced the custom of decorating trees in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1842. In 1851, Mark Carr hauled two ox sleds loaded with trees from the Catskills to the streets of New York and opened the first retail lot in the United States.



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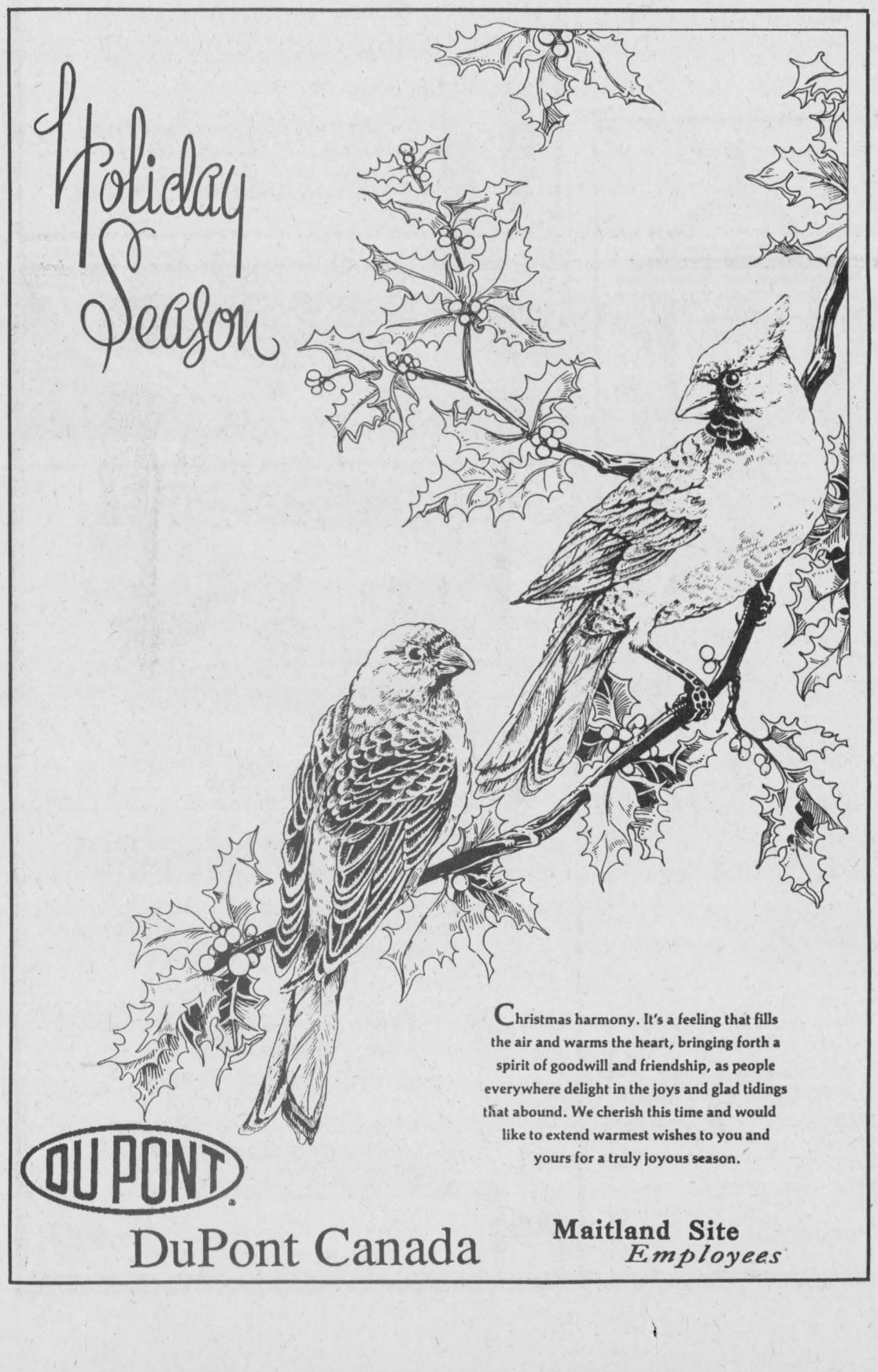

Christmas harmony. It's a feeling that fills the air and warms the heart, bringing forth a spirit of goodwill and friendship, as people everywhere delight in the joys and glad tidings that abound. We cherish this time and would like to extend warmest wishes to you and yours for a truly joyous season.

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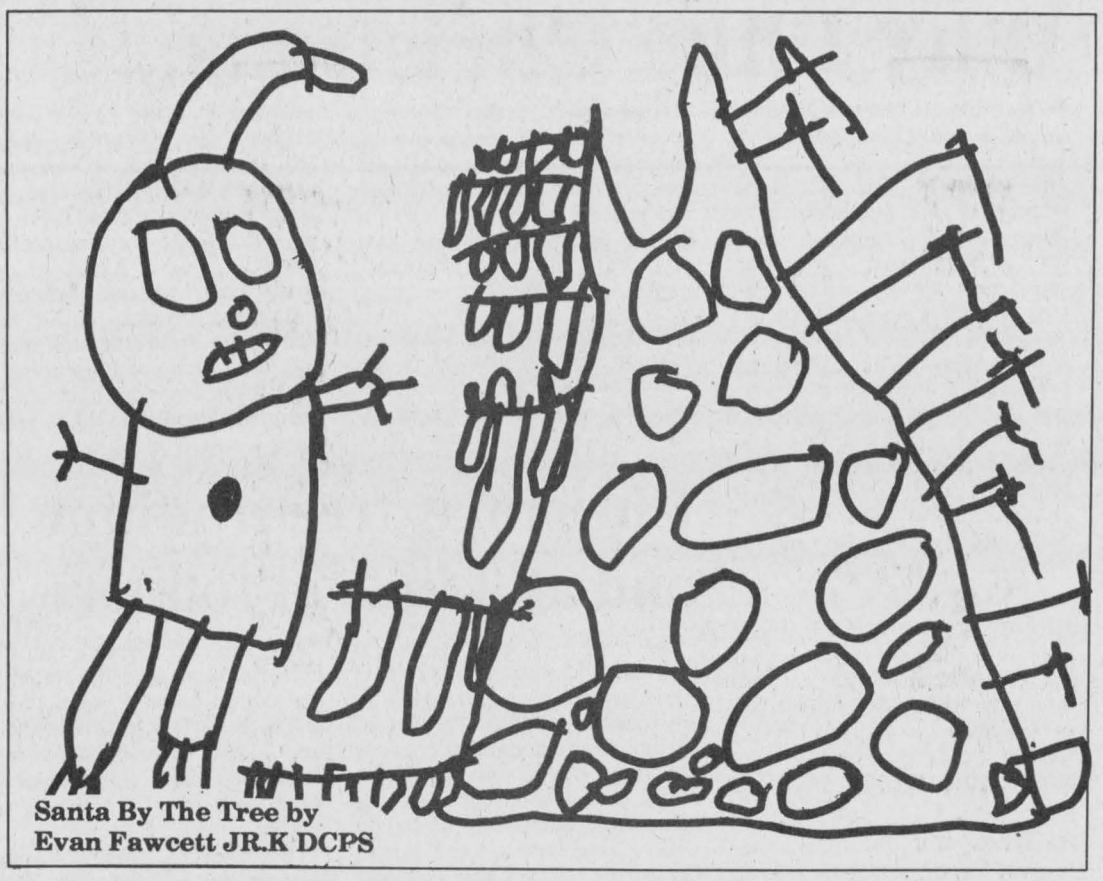


Santa By The Tree by
Evan Fawcett JR.K DCPS

A middle east yuletide...

While the predominant religions of the Middle East are Moslem and Hindu, there are a fair number of Christians who celebrate Christmas in their own ways, combining the Christian customs with those of their own country's religion.

Bethlehem: The little town where Jesus is said to have been born is the site of the Church of the Nativity, which is ablaze with flags and decorations every Christmas. On Christmas Eve natives and visitors alike crowd the church's doorways and stand on the roof to watch for the dramatic annual procession. Galloping horsemen and police mounted on Arabian horses lead the parade. They are followed by solitary horseman carrying a cross and sitting astride a coal-black steed. Then come the churchmen and government officials. The procession solemnly enters the doors and places an ancient effigy of the Holy Child in the church. Deep winding stairs lead to a grotto where visitors find a silver star marking the site of the birth of Jesus.

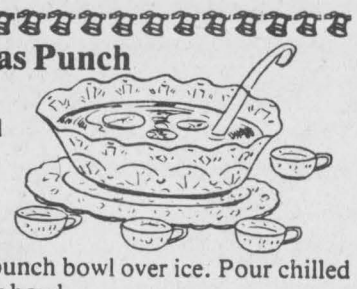
Christian homes in Bethlehem are marked by a cross painted over the door and each home displays a homemade manger scene. A star is set up on a pole in the village square.

Iran: Iran, formerly Persia, is the land where the Three Wise men are believed to have lived when Jesus was born. Today Christians in Iran begin fasting from animal products on December 1. This is called "Little Fast." "Big Fast" occurs during Lent, the six weeks preceding Easter. After Church service of December 25 they enjoy Christmas dinner which they call "Little Feast." A traditional dish is a chicken stew called harasa. Gifts are generally not exchanged but children get new clothes which they wear proudly on Christmas Day.

Iraq: On Christmas Eve, Iraqi Christian families gather together and one of the children read about the birth of Jesus while other family members hold lighted candles. Afterward the reading, a bonfire of thorn bushes is let and everyone sings. If the thorns burn to ashes, good luck will be granted for the coming year. When the fire dies, each person jumps over the ashes three times and makes a wish.

On Christmas Day another bonfire is lit in the churchyard. The bishop, carrying a figure of the Baby Jesus leads the service. Afterwards he blesses one person with a touch. That person touches the person next to him or her and the touch is passed around until all present have felt the "touch of peace." Return to Christmas Traditions Around the World.

Christmas Punch



- 1 quart lemon juice
- Juice of 4 lemons
- 2 quarts cranberry juice cocktail
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 quarts chilled ginger ale
- Halved maraschino cherries
- Thin lemon and orange slices

Mix sugar and juices. Pour into punch bowl over ice. Pour chilled ginger ale slowly down the side of the bowl.

Stack a lemon slice, an orange slice, and a halved cherry to place on surface of bowl.

Christmas Prose

Grade 5 at IPS were given a word that can be associated with the season and asked to relate to it. What they wrote follows, the word given is in bold type.

Snow: White, soft, swirling, melting, jolly fun filled time, forts.
by Justin.

Candy: Red, white, biting, chewing, swallowing, hyper, excited, Christmas tree, canes.
by Brandon.

Elves: Pointy ears, helping, painting, hammering, funny, cheerful, singing, busy, Ho-Ho-Ho!
by Stephanie.

Rudolph, Comet, Cupid, Doner, Blitzen, Prancer, Dancer: Santa's, big antlers, flier, pulls sleigh, graceful, powerful, rednosed, reindeer.
by Natasha C.

Christmas: Joyful, happy, shopping, waiting, wrapping, excited, eager, can't wait, Eve.
by Holly F.

Candy: Skinny, stripped, making, unwrapping, eating, yummy, sweet, cheap, good, canes.
by David P.

Candy: Stripped, thin, making, eating, hiding, yummy, sweet, minty treat, canes.
by Christopher B.

Santa: Fat, jolly, builds, delivers, laughs, excited, happy, joyful.
by Matthew F.

Elves: Pointed ears, toy makers, helping, funny, happy, cheerful, generous, irreplaceable.
by Leah S. (Leah included some pretty nice pictures with her description.)

Elf: Happy, hyper, building, painting, packing, friendly, funny, silly, busy, workers.
by Kevin P.

Christmas: Wrapping, secrets, hiding, opening. exciting, loving, funtime, presents.
by Christina G.

Ginger: Spicy, tasty, mixing, rolling decorating, excited, eager, funfilled, bread.
by Amanda S.

Snow: cold, white, playing, throwing, packing, happy, excited, chilly time, flakes.
by John.

Christmas: Stuffed, candies, making, hanging, filling, excited, delighted, hungry, merry, stocking.
by Jenna B.

Pine: Aroma, prickly, chapping, carrying, decorating, excited, happy, joyful, beautiful, tree.
by Tyler S.

Christmas: Friends, family, opening, opening presents, snowing, happy, surprised, friendly, cheerful, Day!!
by Chelsea B.

Christmas: Songs, Angel, Nativity, toys, anxious.
by Melissa G. Grade 2, IPS.

Snow:cold, beautiful, changes, melts, swirling, excited, happy, eager, anxious, crystal.
by Mindy M. (Mindy out her writing on a huge homemade snowflake..nice touch!!)

Christmas: Fun, happiness, dancing, playing, singing, laughing, loving, smiling, caring, party.
by Tracy Jones, IPS

Reindeer: Big, heavy, flying, landing, moving, comfortable, shiny red, full sleigh.
by Samantha Shaver, Grade 5, IPS.

Candy: Red, white, licking, sucking, chewing, a very tasty treat, canes.
by Katelyn Merkley, Grade 5, IPS.

Elves: Pointy ears, helpers, painting, hammering, funny, happy, hyper, laughing, RULE!
by Kyle M.

Reindeer: Big, strong, cute, nice, beautiful, huge, magical, awesome, team.
by B.J. Blue, Grade 5, IPS



Kevin Joldersma, Grade 9,
Seaway District High School

Experience Christmas and the Dutch European tradition - Chocolate...

The first Christmas seal was endorsed by Denmark's royal family, and was designed and put on sale in that country's post office. A children's hospital was needed in Copenhagen in 1904. Einar Holbell, a postal clerk, thought of the idea to sell seals to be placed on packages and letters, to finance the cost of the hospital. The Danish citizens bought enough seals to insure medical care for the sick children.

One bright little seal stuck on a letter that was addressed to Jacob Riss went across the ocean to America. Jacob Riis inquired about its purpose; he was so impressed that he wrote an article that was published in the OUTLOOK describing the seal's achievement. From there, the article inspired Emily O. Bissel of Wilmington, Delaware, who organized the first sale of Christmas seals in the United States, thus building a tuberculosis pavilion. Later the Red Cross would join with the National Tuberculosis Association for the sale of Christmas seals-accomplishing much good work.

Festive Tidings To You

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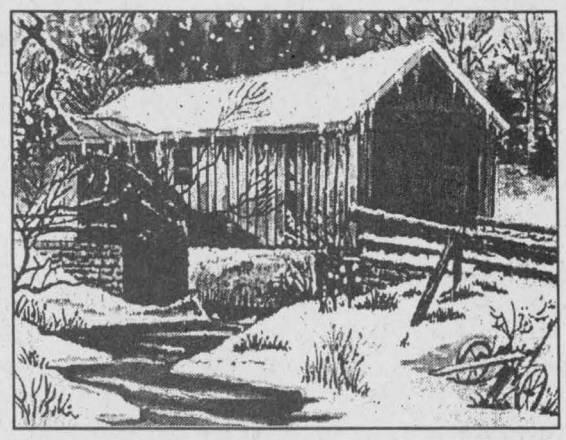

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A time of fun and festive happiness and holiday joy

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 Victoria, 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.



Amanda Casselman, Grade 10,
Seaway District High School



Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Merry Christmas

The opening verse at the Kindergarten Concert was about Welcome and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. The closing was wishing the best of the season to all. Dressed in their finest, they did a great job and everyone was proud of them and their efforts. The Kindergarten classes put on their very own performance and showed that they can do it with style. The band was wonderful and those attending left with a bit more of the spirit of the season.

Seventeenth century Christmas

by Sandra Lee Jonnston
Chiefatin Staff Reporter

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.

Christmas prose

Christmas is fun
Holly jolly Christmas
Riendeer are Santa's helpers
Ice to skate on
Stockings by a fire
Merry Christmas everyone
Angels fly in the sky
Santa Claus is coming to town
by Anne C., Grade 5, NVPS.

Christmas is soon
Have a holly, jolly Christmas
Reindeer can be big and small
Ice is slippery
Stockings filled on Christmas day
Trees are in people's homes
"Merry Christmas,"said Santa
"Angel," said the baby
Santa Claus is coming to town
by Meagan D. Gr.5, NVPS

Hot mulled cider

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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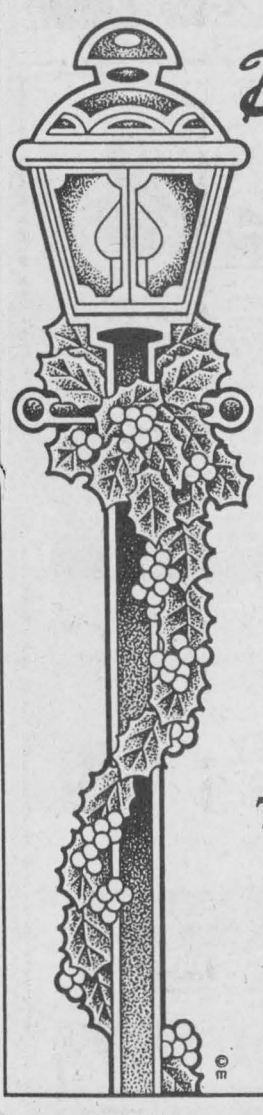
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LET IT SNOW...!
LET IT SNOW...!
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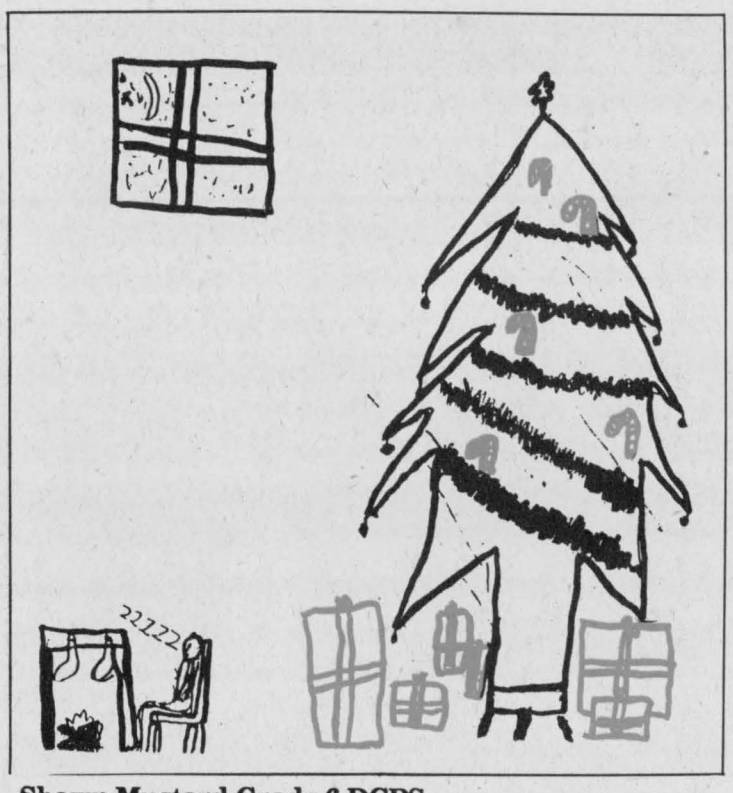

Shawn Mustard Grade 6 DCPS

CHRISTMAS PROSE

C- Carols are being sung
H- Ho, ho, ho, says Santa
R- rapping gifts
I- Is Santa real? of course
S- Santa comes at Midnight
T- Time for the tree
M- Merry Christmas
A- A time for presents
S- Santa comes at night
Rachel Rawso, Grade 5,
Nationview Public School

Christmas trees decorated,
Holly on the walls.
Ribbons on presents.
In the night sky Santa flies.
Stars in the sky.
Trees in the living rooms.
Many presents under the tree.
Art of Christmas on the walls
Santa Claus
by Sara Scott, Grade 5, Nationview Public School

C celebrate
H holly
R Rudolph
I I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus
S Santa Claus
T Tinsel
M Mistletoe
A Angel
S Star
by Sarah Smith, Grade 5,
Nationview Public School

Christmas trees are for decorating
Holly
Rudolph guides Santa's sleigh
Icicles hang on the roof
Santa makes toys for boys and girls
Tree
Mistletoe
Antlers
Stockings get hung on the fireplace
by Tristan Tremblay

C Cool presents are unwrapped on Christmas morning
H Happy Holidays to all and to all a good night.
R Running in the snow.
I Icy, wet snow goes up my boots.
S Santa Claus a wife named Mrs. Claus.
T today I wrapped my presents.
M My dad has a funny looking stocking.
A Angels
S Stockings hung on the wall.

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.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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