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Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Rudolph the Green Nosed Reindeer

by Dinu Chande

It t'was the night before Christmas Eve. In the distance you could hear a noise. It was Rudolph doing his daily work-out. He was running around Santa's house.

Santa called him in, so without thinking he ran in. Santa was upstairs. Rudolph started to go upstairs but he tripped and landed in a pile of green paint which Santa was painting from. He was completely covered.

Rudolph took a bath. He got it all off except his nose (which he forgot about). He went back outside and all the reindeer laughed at him. Rudolph wondered what it was. Prancer told him it was his nose. Rudolph said, "Hey we went through this last year, what's going on?"

Prancer told him what was wrong. Rudolph scrubbed and scrubbed his nose but it had already dried.

Christmas quickly came. What will he do? He couldn't guide the sled because green isn't bright enough. Prancer tried guiding the sled but it didn't work. Then magic came to Rudolph's nose which started to shine too brightly for the paint and the paint wore off! Rudolph led the sled and everyone got their presents.

The Key Elf

by Courtney Kates

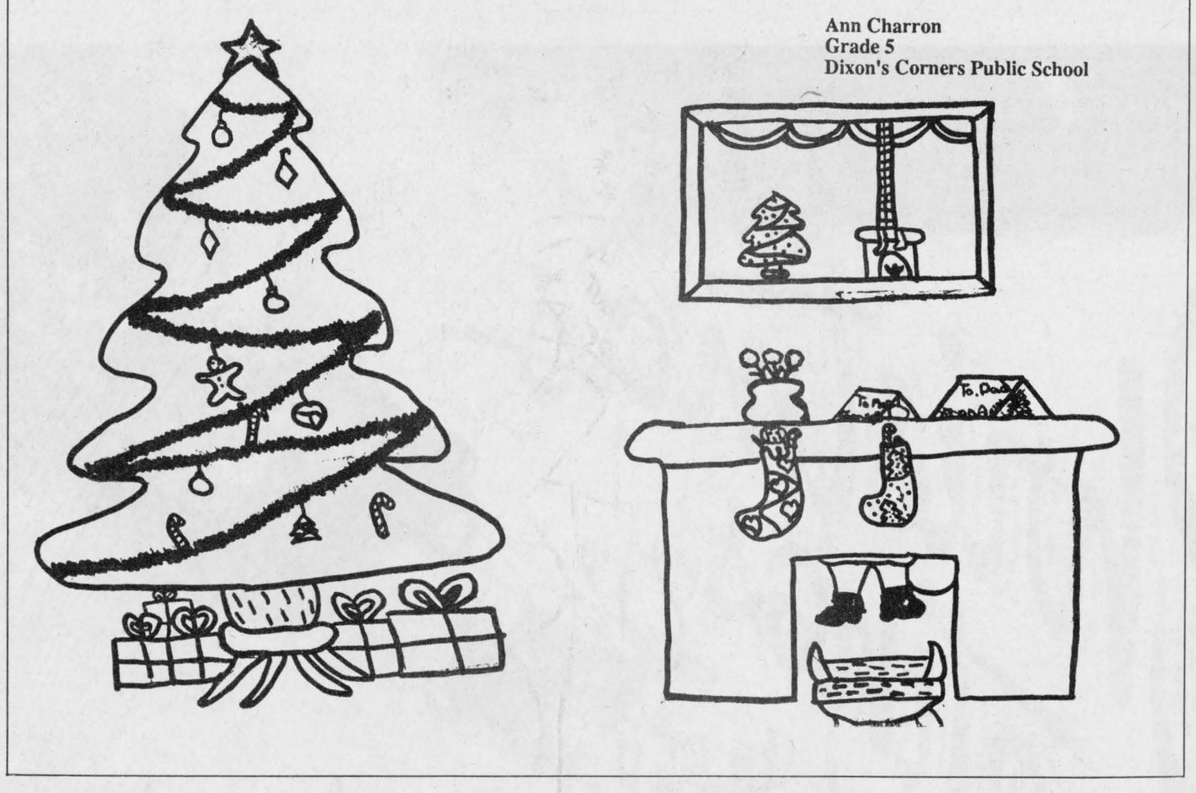
There is an elf that I know of that was born much too small.

All the other elfs wouldn't give him a chance, so you can guess who his best friend was...that's right, Rudolph.

The year after Rudolph was asked to lead Santa's sleigh, Small (the little elf) was asked to come along and open the doors of the houses that didn't have chimneys for Santa to slide down.

Because Small, was so small, he could fit through the lock and open the door from the other side and lock the door again as they were leaving.

So from then on, Small was called the Key Elf, and travelled with Santa and Rudolph every year.



Ann Charron
Grade 5
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Case of the missing tree

by Marla Duvall
Grade 6

Once upon a time in the very small Village of Iroquois, there lived a family of four. As a tradition, this family would always go out to look for a tree. "The tree this year was beautiful," said the father. They had hoped and hoped for a tree so beautiful but could never find one. They brought the lights for the tree and the decorations up out of the basement.

Father wanted to put lights outside on the house, so everybody agreed. When it was done it took father three hours to decorate (just the outside of the house). Father went inside and the kids started to beg him if he could help decorate the Christmas tree so he said, "Okay!"

They got inside and brought the decorations in the living room. Another tradition in this family, is the family had a record for how long it took them to decorate the tree. This so called record last year (Christmas '88) took two hours. As father started his stop watch, he said, "Commence decorating."

They were almost finished when mother called and said, "Supper's ready." "Just a sec ma," yelled the two kids at the same time. "Ha ha! We broke the record kids!" yelled the father. "It only took up one hour this year." For supper they had potatoes, chicken, peas and buns. It was Christmas Eve, and mother brought some candy in and said, "DIG IN"

It was now 10:00. The kids went to bed and as they were walking up the stairs, both yelled, "Hey look, who's the big dude with the red suit on?" One of the kids said, "Oh look, he's pulling up in a red Porsche!" "Kids you have to go to bed; you're seeing things. I'll put out the coke and smarties."

The next morning, the kids came downstairs. One of them said, "Hey, where did our tree go to? We have tons of presents but no tree." Then just as they saw the big dude with the red suit, and a red Porsche with a green thing hanging out of the back, father yelled, "I'm going to the Supreme Court!"

Overspending has become holiday tradition

Many Ontario consumers may be dreaming of a white Christmas, only to end up in the red once again.

Overspending has become more of a holiday tradition than baking cookies, says consumer-education specialist Carolyn Lentz.

"The temptation to buy, buy, buy is overwhelming at this time of year," says Lentz who works for the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations (MCCR). "Instead of spending time finding thoughtful, meaningful gifts, we often spend fortunes proving we shop at the right stores or watch the right ads."

Many spendthrift Santas pay the price for their extravagance in steep credit charges for months after Christmas. Although they may be able to carry the load, it would make more sense to set a Christmas budget now and stick to it, Lentz says.

For those already deeply in debt heading into the holidays, even minor excesses could be disasterous. Anyone in this position should contact the nearest Credit Counselling Bureau for help before Christmas, she advises.

Bureau staff can try to arrange affordable payment plans with creditors and will help set up a practical budget. The service is free and offices are listed in the phonebook white pages.

"Once you've got things in order, join the trend back to more enjoyable traditions like spending time together making gifts, stringing popcorn for the tree, or doing some volunteer work. People in all income groups are showing a lot more interest in these sorts of activities. Finally, something that makes sense is getting trendy."

Ironically, many ideas for gifts to be made at home can be found in expensive boutiques, Lentz points out.

Some examples include small baskets of homemade preserves, mulled cider 'kits', a recipe for a particular dish, packaged with the spices needed to make it, and fragrant pot-pourris to scent cupboards or drawers.

"These are special gifts that are far cheaper to make than to buy and they mean so much more when you make them yourself," says the consumer expert. "Have you checked the prices of 'homemade' cookies in speciality shops lately? Package up some of your own specialties as gifts and everyone will be hoping you do the same thing next year too."

In the same vein, 'Claus coupons' are continuing to gain popularity. These are hand-drawn or painted coupons offering a service of some kind to the recipient, Lentz explains.

For example, children might give coupons for washing the car, walking the dog, cleaning the windows or anything not part of their normal responsibilities.

Friends can offer each other babysitting, housecleaning, chauffeuring, gardening and other services.

"With both parents working in many families, time is more precious than ever and I guess that's why gifts like these are more appreciated every year -- they mean more," says Lentz. "Even an inexpensive gift purchased from a store can be special if a lot of thought and time went into its selection."

For information about credit laws and many other consumer issues, contact the ministry's information centre at 555 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2H6 -- (416) 326-8555 or toll free at 1-800-268-1142. Ontario residents with an 807 area code may call the 416 number collect. The TDD/TTY line for the hearing/speech impaired is (416) 236-8566.



What I'd really like Santa

Sarah Robertson and Santa are old buds by now. She had her list ready and although a bit shy, she was prepared to let him know what will make Christmas '89 special for her. Grandpa Don brought her and older brother Andrew to meet the dude in the red suit. Andrew was just too shy (old) but I guess Santa will know what he wants (you are really never too old for Santa).

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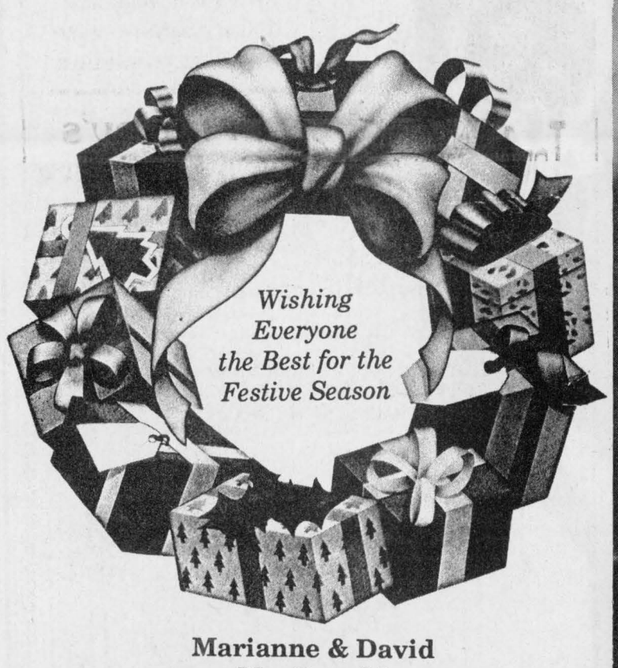

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Gr. 3 I.P.S.

C - is for Christ where he lay
H - is ior herd, herd of sheep
I - is for his country of Israel
S - is for the star that glittered so bright
T - is for terrible when he died
M - is for manger where he lay
A - amazing when he was born
S - is the ending of this poem, sad.
Bambi Blue
Gr. 3 I.P.S.

When the snow flakes hit the earth
They begin to melt.
Twisting, swirling, twirling,
White, delicious, yummy
White, white, snow.
Cheryl McKee
Gr. 4 I.P.S.

Christmas Time
Christmas time is a part of the year
To be giving love and good cheer,
To be going to a Christmas bash,
And to be giving and getting gifts and cash.
Melora Fader
Grade 5

A Christmas Poem
Children opening gifts from Santa,
Happy people enjoying Christmas,
Ringing church bells in the air,
Inside everyone is putting up the tree,
Stockings hung by the fire,
Trees all decorated, Santa sees,
"Merry Christmas," says Santa,
All is quiet and Santa is gone,
So, open your presents and wait another year.
Tara Lewis
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Age 9



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M - Merry
A - Angel
S - Star
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Grade 5

Snowflakes
white, fancy
falling, twirling, melting
making designs all over
snowflakes
Linda Schaafsma
Gr. 4 I.P.S.

CHRISTMAS
by Nicole Jakes
Grade 4, Dixons
Taste the scrumptious candy,
Taste the apple pie.
Feel the warmness in your heart,
Feel the new things that you get.
Hear the children singing songs,
Hear the bells on Santa's reindeer.
Smell the turkey in the pot,
Smell the chicken, nice and hot.
See Santa coming down the chimney,
See the Christmas tree.

Christmas
Christ
Hanging ornaments
Reindeer
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Santa Claus
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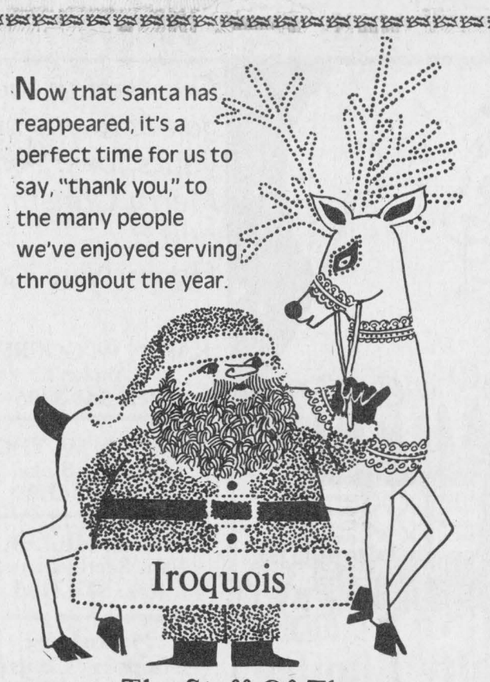
Santa
S - Silent
A - Asks
N - Nice
T - Treats
A - Arctic
Paul Empey
Grade 4

Snowflakes
white designs
falling, dropping, floating
blowing all over houses
snowflakes
Stacey McKee
Gr. 4 I.P.S.

A Special Christmas Poem
Christmas time is here again
Time for joy and time for fun
We have waited so long this year
Hurry Christmas! Hurry fast!
Come on Christmas, don't be late
Angie Thompson
Grade 4

Now that Santa has reappeared, it's a perfect time for us to say, "thank you," to the many people we've enjoyed serving throughout the year.



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The Staff Of The Bank Of Montreal

Be sure that Christmas turkey is cooked safely

Food is an important part of Christmas celebrations and the turkey holds the place of honour at most festive meals.

If the last turkey you roasted did not come out juicy, tender and flavourful, it may be because you used an outdated cooking time table.

According to Agriculture Canada, new varieties of turkeys, a change in the sizes available and the fact that birds are now sold in metric units, have made it necessary to revise the cooking times for turkey.

Roasting Timetable
160°C (325°F) oven

Turkey weight (as purchased) kg	Average cooking time (hrs.)	Unstuffed Range (hrs.)
4	4¼	3½-4½
5.5	4¼	4-4½
6.5	4¼	4½-5½
10	6½	5¾-7¼

Average cooking time (hrs.)	Range (hrs.)	Stuffed Number of 90g servings of cooked meat
4½	4-5¼	17
5	4¾-5½	24
5¼	5-6¼	29
6¼	6½-7½	42

This roasting time table is for thawed turkey. It is best to thaw the turkey in the refrigerator (it takes about 10 hours per kilogram). If the turkey is thawed at room temperature the outside of the bird warms to room temperature before the centre of the bird has thawed. The bacteria which multiplies quickly on the outside may not be destroyed during roasting.

Make the stuffing and stuff the bird just before roasting. If the bird is stuffed the night before, the hot stuffing cools slowly and this warm, moist atmosphere will support the growth of harmful bacteria if they are present. When the bird is roasted, the cold stuffing takes a long time to heat through and may not be heated to a temperature high enough to destroy harmful bacteria before the turkey is cooked. For the same reason, cook a turkey all at once; never partly one day, finishing the next.

Turkeys should be roasted by placing breast-side-up in a shallow pan. Cover with foil, leaving openings at the side. Roast at 325°F. To finish browning the turkey, remove the foil before the end of the cooking time and baste. To test for doneness, press the thick part of the drumstick. If it feels soft, the turkey is done. The leg should move readily when twisted. If you use a meat thermometer, roast stuffed or unstuffed turkeys to 85°C (185°F) in the thigh.

Serve the turkey, dressing and gravy piping hot.

Leftover dressing should be removed from the turky immediately and refrigerated, along with the leftover turkey. If stuffing is left in the turkey it cools slowly and harmful bacteria will multiply if present.

A general rule to follow with food at any time of year, but particularly during Christmas season when there are distractions and time is limited, is to serve hot foods hot (60°C) and cold foods cold (4°C). Salads or desserts containing mayonnaise, salad dressings or milk products should be refrigerated until served, and leftovers should be immediately refrigerated. These types of foods are susceptible to the growth of bacteria because they are moist and if the food warms to room temperature conditions for bacterial growth are even better.

Handle food carefully, keep work surfaces and hands clean, and be sure equipment such as can opener blades are clean.

Come All Ye Little Children

Come all ye little children
Now come and gather near,
And you shall hear a story,
The loveliest little story that ever you did hear.

If you believe in Santa
And if you think he's true,
Hang up your Christmas stocking,
Your longest Christmas stocking,
And see what he will do.

Perhaps he'll bring a present
And tuck it in the toe,
And bless his sleeping children
His sleeping, dreaming children,
Then, puff!away he'll go.

Christmas pets are a long-term investment

Before you bring that adorable puppy home for someone's Christmas surprise, be sure you're prepared for the financial obligations that will result, advises Dr. Wayne McDonnell, a clinician at the University of Guelph's Ontario Veterinary College.

Most people consider the regular cost of dog food and incidental expenses for a collar, dog tag and a toy or two, but they overlook the inevitable cost of preventative health care, he says. "The prospective dog owner should be prepared to spend a minimum of $100 to $150 per year for health care."

Vaccinations, de-worming procedures and the treatment of common skin conditions represent only a few of the expenses a dog may incur. All dogs should be vaccinated against distemper, parvovirus and rabies. The initial series for these may total as much as $60, and annual boosters could amount to an additional $30 a year, he says.

If you choose to have your pet neutered, you could pay anywhere from $75 to $150 for a spay operation and $50 to $100 for castration. Costs vary depending on where you live, the age of the animal and complications that may arise.

Anyone considering putting a puppy in a Christmas stocking should be prepared for the health-related expenses that will arise.

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow,
In a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way.
Bells on bobtail ring,
Making spirits bright.
What fun it is to ride and
sing a sleighing song tonight.
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh what fun it is to ride
in a one horse open sleigh!

May all your dreams come true for you and your loved ones this season!

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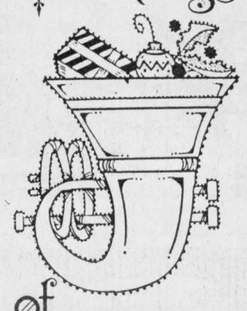

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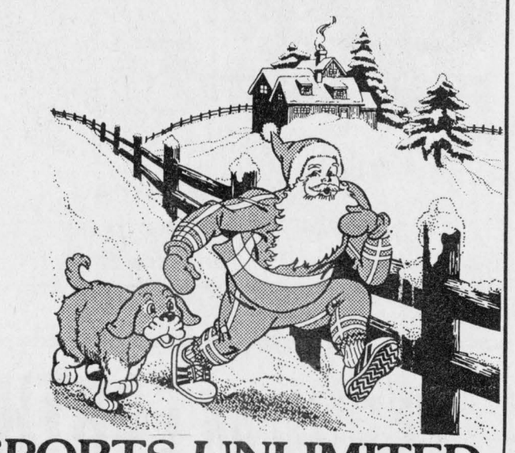

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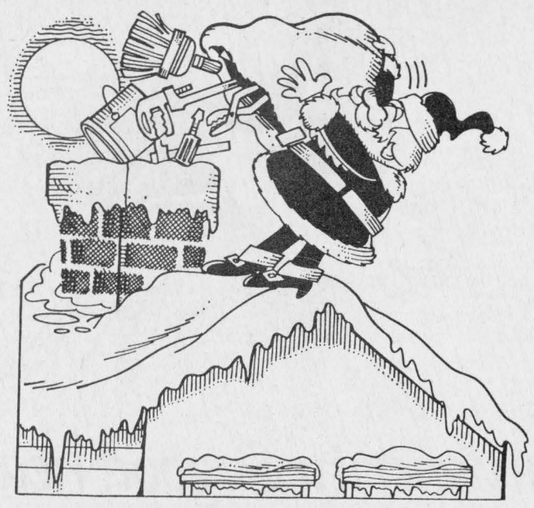

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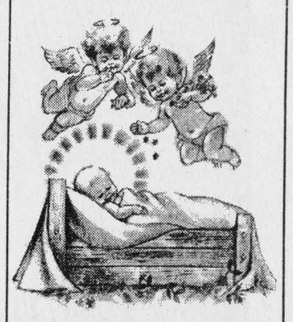

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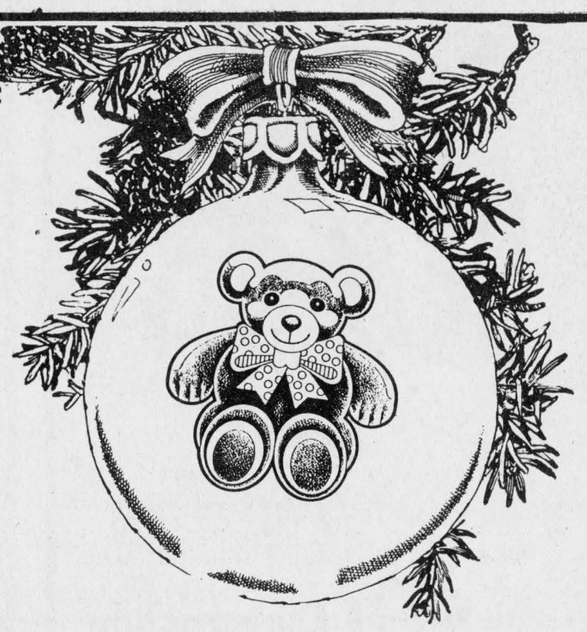

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Kristen Busse
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The elves go on strike

by Karen Glaus
Grade six, Dixons School

One day, a cold winter day, Santa's elves were doing their work as usual when Santa interrupted them.

"Excuse me elves, but I just got a letter from a boy saying that he would like a remote control Robot for Christmas and I was not sure you elves could make such a thing?"

Then, K.K. spoke up.."If we do not make what the children ask for they would not want to see Santa again in their lives nor an elf either."

"Well then we will go on strike until a better solution can be found to this problem."

"But, but...No buts, P.R. and K.K., you will be back in 4 days,A.D. and S.O., you are to return after 5 days, C.C. and E.Q. you come in 6 days and P.J. and D.F. in 7 days we will see you."

"But, Santa, we can't go on strike, Christmas will be here in only 12 days."

"It will have to do,now GO HOME!"yelled Santa. Each elf was sad and disappointed but they went home.

Alone, Santa started to think, nothing seemed to come to mind, then something did occur to him...I could get others to come in and teach the elves how to make these new fangled toys.

That was what he did and everything was ready in time for delivery.

Merry Christmas and lets' hope this never really happens!.

Gift giving a tradition

Gift-giving is one of the most wonderful aspects of Christmas. Through gifts we can express our love for family and friends.

For some of us Christmas has a deeper, Religous meaning; and so gifts can be a reminder of the gift God gave to mankind, his son Jesus Christ. The three kings brought gifts when they arrived to worship the newborn in the manger. Why we even learn that the poor could give gifts, the small boy who played his drum since that was all he could offer.Of no material value, it was all he had to offer and it was in the right spirit, the spirit of love.

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.



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Santa Claws

by Jason Bailey
Grade six, Dixons School

On Christmas Eve at 4:40, Santa and his elves were packing the toys into giant sacks.

"Where does this one go,Santa? Asked a small elf. "Put it in the back,"answered Santa.

By 11:30, they were ready to go. Mrs Claus told her husband to dress warm, because this year was especially cold and the forecast called for the thermometer to drop to 11,000,000 below Celsius.

The troupe was half way to Canada when, all of a sudden....."Aoooooooo!"

Santa Claus had turned into Santa Claws!!!

All of the elves jumped out of the sleigh, they were so scared.When Santa reached Canada, instead of giving presents to each child, he instead began to take all of the Christmas trees, ornaments, presents and food.

At 12:45, the elves returned to The North Pole and told Mrs. Claus what had happened.

"Santa turned into Santa Claws!!No wonder, there is a full moon...."

So when he came home that Christmas, she gave Santa some liquid and he was cured.

He took back all the things he had taken and all the Canadians were happy.And that is the story of Santa Claws!!

My first Christmas tree

by Shawn McMillan
Dixons' Corners School

It was 1987 in the middle of the summer, when one day my dad was cleaning the sled and I saw some funny decorations. As winter came nearer, I began to see more and more of these same type decorations.

Then one day, my dad left for a while. When he came back he was carrying a nice, green bushy tree.

He stood it in front of the window in a holder and then started putting the decorations on it, the very ones that I had seen. He also put some coloured lights on the tree.

When he was finished, he sat down and told me about Christmas. He told me about the baby Jesus, and his birthday being on Christmas Santa Claus and how we get presents from Santa and how special the day is.

Whenever I went to bed I had a dream about Christmas. In the morning when I woke up, there were a lot of presents under the tree for everybody.I got a lot of nice toys and clothes.

I still remember that day and I still enjoy Christmas a lot.

Winter Wonderland

Sleigh bells ring, are you list'nin?
In the lane, snow is glist'nin.
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight
Walkin' in a winter wonder land!
Gone away is the bluebird, here to stay is a new bird.
He sings a love song as we go along,
Walkin' in a winter wonderland.

In the meadow we can build a snowman,
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown.
He''ll say ''are you married?'' we'll say ''no man!''
But you can do the job when you're in town.
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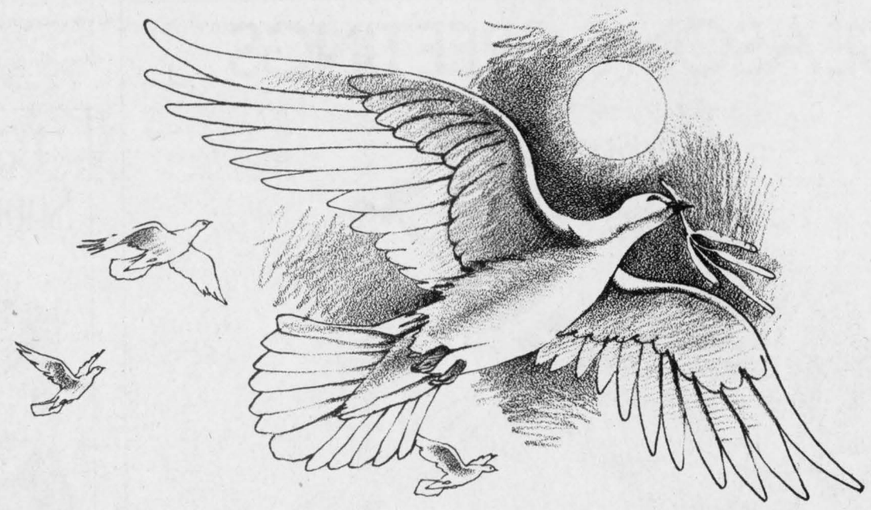

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Natural Christmas tree buying guide

There is nothing like a real tree at Christmas time. The scent, the look, the very feel of a natural tree is essential to the warm, homey atmosphere of our most festive season. To ensure that this year your tree adds more charm than needles to your Christmas decor, here are a few tips on buying the freshest tree you can find and how to keep it that way:

Selection

The most popular trees available to consumers in Ontario are Scots Pine (medium length needles) and Balsam Fir (soft, aromatic needles). Whatever your preference, pick a tree with strong green colour and a noticeable fragrance.

To ensure your chosen tree is fresh, lift it a few inches off the ground then bang it down on the stump end. The outside needles should not fall off in great quantity, although the inside ones shed naturally every year.

Care

Store the tree in a sheltered but unheated area such as a porch or garage until ready to use.

When you bring the tree indoors, but about one inch off the butt end to open the tree stem and allow water intake.

Place the tree in a stand that holds a generous supply of water and top it up daily. If the water drops below the end of the trunk, the stem may re-seal itself and require a fresh cut.

Keep the tree away from all sources of heat and drying including radiators, furnace ducts, television sets, fireplaces and windows with a direct exposure to the sun.

Remove the tree within 10-14 days. After that amount of time in a heated building, even the freshest tree will begin drying out.

Safety

Ensure that all electric lights and connections are in good condition.

Turn off lights when leaving your home or retiring for the night.

Never use combustible decorations or lighted candles on a fresh tree.

The best protection for a tree is moisture. Because of its high moisture content, a fresh tree is naturally fire resistant and will remain so with a continuous supply of water.



Oh Christmas Tree

'Tis the season...and the gaily decorated tree is the focal point in many homes. Trimming the tree is a tradition that delights young and old...whether a family affair or a solo job-it sure adds to the season.

Chieftain photo by S. L. Johnston

'Twas the Night of the Playoffs

by Crystal Collison
Grade Six, Dixons' Corners Public School

'Twas the night of the playoffs when
out on the ice,
The Canadiens were playing the
Toronto Maple Leafs.
They skated..and what a relief when
Montreal had scored on the Leafs.
But to no one's surprise,the game
turned around, when the Leafs had
scored in their own home town.
Coach spoke not a word, but went
straight to the ice,
To give the Leafs a word of advice.
The Leafs were ahead, no doubt
about that,
Toronto was knocking the Canadiens flat!
Second period soon came, time for
Alczyk to rest,
Because everyone knew he was the
best.
When the Leafs scored again, what
a relief..
They soon came to know victory
was theirs,not defeat.
The fans were screaming every time,
Leeman was racing towards the blue
line,
The crowd screamed and the Coach
roared,When a fast play was
made,the Leafs had scored ...
What a surprise it was indeed,it was
something the Canadiens really did
need,

Their captain told the goalie,"You
haven't seen the last of me yet!"
But the Leafs stole the puck and off
they did go,
They shot the puck and got yet
another goal!

Third period came,
And the Canadiens looked ashamed,
For the way they were playing was
NO kind of game.
Then, He stole the puck back and
off He did go,
Gave a hard slapshot and by golly
He made a goal,
2-3 for the Leafs was not a very big
lead,

So they stole the puck at a very high
speed...
The crowd yelled and screamed in
vain..
Hip, hip, Hooray, the Leafs won the
game!!!

An unusual Christmas

by Doug DeVries
Grade 5, Dixons

It was the year 1990, December 24th, Christmas Eve. I couldn't sleep a peep. I was thinking of all the presents and goodies. Then I heard the clock strike twelve o'clock.It was midnight and all I heard was the cat purring.

Then, all of a sudden, I heard tapping on the roof and then a second later a swoosh from the chimney. Then a loud, "Ouch!"

I know I should have turned off the fireplace...I raced down stairs to grab a bucket of water and threw water all over him!!

Now Santa couldn't bring presents to all the good girls and boys all over the world...he would have a cold in no time flat!

There was nothing to do, but that I would deliver the gifts this year.

He gave me a list of people and addresses, what they were to get and the keys to the sled. The reindeer are getting old so they need some backup!!

I got my coat and off I went.I was glad that night was not too cold, but very clear.When my job was finished, Santa was all warmed up and dried out and so he headed home.

I would like another Christmas like this one. It is a very tiring job though.

"The" Christmas symbol

For families in North America, Germany and other parts of Europe, the Christmas tree is "the" symbol of the Christmas season.The sight of the tree lights glowing through a window inspires warm memories.

Long before it became a part of Christmas the tree was a symbol of hope and joy.In ancient pagen religions, the tree played an important role.

To the Vikings for instance, the evergreen was a reminder that the darkness and cold of winter would end and spring would return.

In many religions the tree was believed to be the home of spirits and gods.

No one knows exactly how the Christmas tree custom began, but there are various stories.Charles Dickens described an English tree that was decorated with dolls, fruit and candy in the 1850's.

The first record of a tree on display at Christmas time for the public to enjoy was in the U.S. in the 1830's.

Ornaments were imported by 1890, from Germany and became very popular in the U.S.During the early 1900's trees were decorated mostly with homemade ornaments. Apples, nuts and almonds were traditional German-American decorations along with marzipan cookies in a variety of delightful shapes. Popcorn was dyed in bright colours and strung with nuts and berries.

The electric light bulb allows the tree to glow with light for days on end. It was in the twentieth century that community trees for Christmas began to spring up all over North America.

In many cities the season takes on a special glow...in the U.S. at the Rockefeller Centre in New York, a giant tree gleams above the outdoor skating rink. In Washington D.C., the President lights a tall spruce tree on the White House lawn, with large coloured balls one to represent the states. A large Norwegian pine graces London's Trafalgar Square and every year since 1947, the people of Oslo have donated a Norway pine to the citizens of London. The lighting of these trees symbolizes the start of the Christmas season for people in these cities.





We Wish You A Merry Christmas!

May the love of home and family be a special gift to treasure throughout the season.

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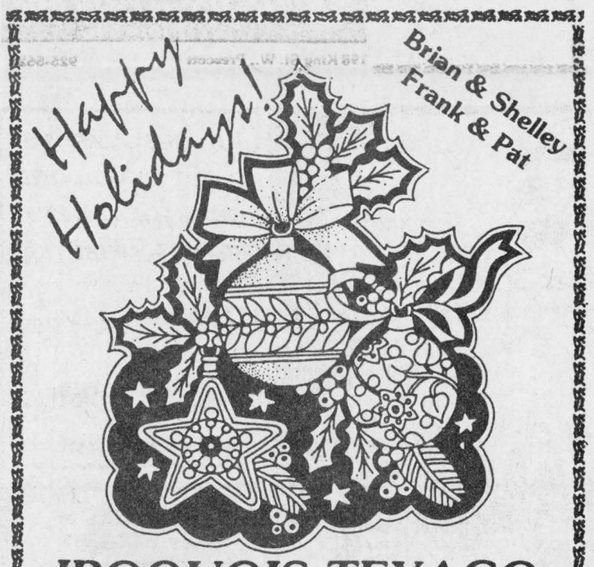

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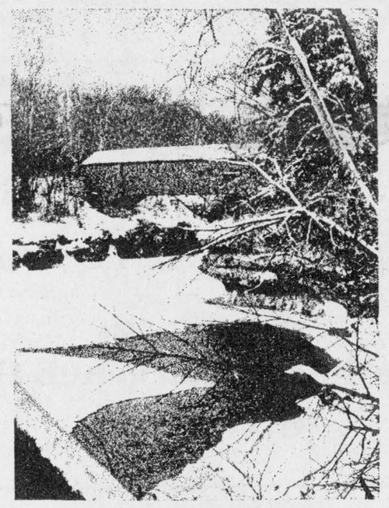

The holiday blossoms with good tidings.
May you know peace throughout the year.
Many thanks.

from the President and members of the Iroquois Royal Canadian Legion Branch 370

Have a Glittering Holiday



May the gladness and the glory of this magical time abide with you throughout the coming year.

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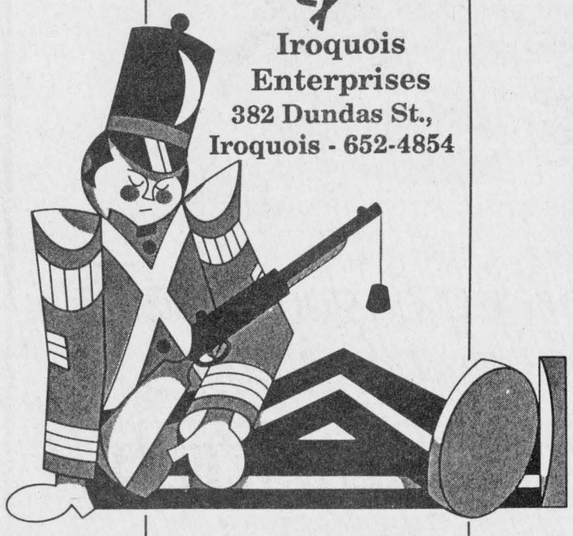

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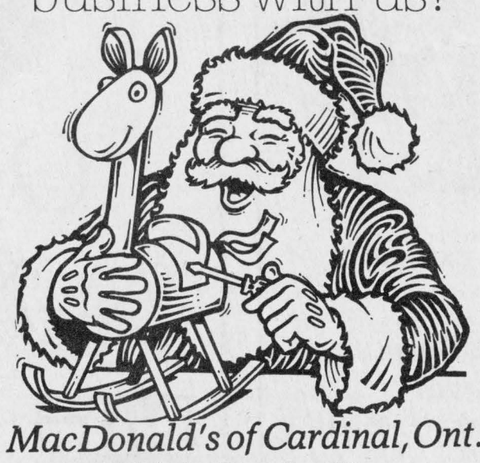
Thanks for doing business with us!



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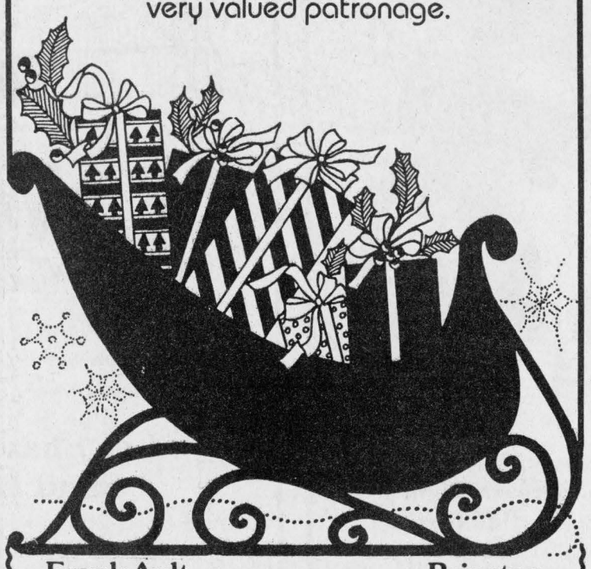

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May all the warmth of this holiday season continue to kindle throughout the New Year . . .



Season's Greetings
From
Mel Anne Carol
Don Glenn Frank

The Stove Store
Spencerville 658-3101

Wreaths and greens brighten the season

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

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

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

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

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

One very special wreath at Christmas is the Advent Wreath of Northern Europe. Made of evergreen branches, it hold four candles, one for each Sunday in Advent. The evergreen boughs are trimmed with pine cones, ribbons, sprigs of holly, mistletoe and artificial snow. Some families have traditional brass Advent candle holders which are placed in the wreath each year.

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



Abby VanCamp
Grade 1
Benson Public School



Styled for the Season

Along with the magic of the season, goes our expression of friendship and thanks for your very special patronage

Pat Robertson
at Boddies
Iroquois Plaza
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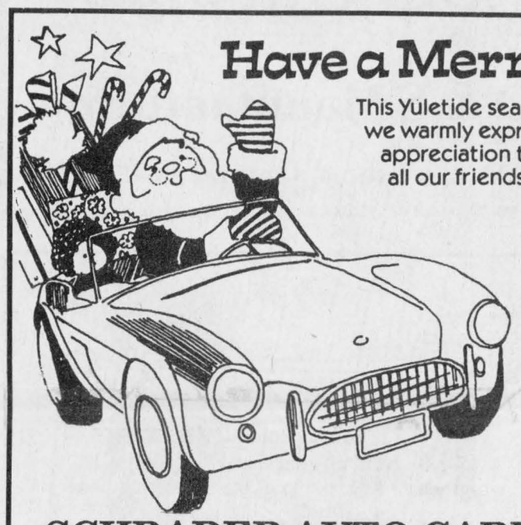

Have a Merry!

This Yuletide season, we warmly express appreciation to all our friends.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
My name is Chris Cook. I live in Cardinal. During the past year I have been good. I take out the garbage. Help do the dishes and clean my room. Sometimes I make my bed. I put my clothes away. I wash my hands before eating. I help Don take the leaves back to the pile. I would like a remote control transport, some goalie pads, a blocker, and a catcher. And a lost and found.
I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love Chris Cook
Benson School

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like an ice cream maker that makes ice cream in three minutes. Santa works hard this Christmas and has to go all the places in the world. I would like a real elf and a real Santa Claus. I would like a lot of clothes, especially pants. I would also like a big keeper and the little keeper too. I would like a Little Miss dress-up. My sister says I can't get it because she says she's getting it. I will leave carrots for Santa's reindeer. I will also leave apples and cookies.
Your friend,
Billie-Joe Jodoin
Benson P.S.

Dear Santa,
My name is Shawn. I have been a good boy for Christmas. I would like a gear bike, a wind action and a four wheeler. I will leave some milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Shawn Craven
Benson P.S.

Dear Santa,
My name is Michael McCurrie. I live at 907 Marjorie St. Hi Santa. Did you have a good holiday?
I have been a good boy. I want a ghetto blaster and tapes and a b.b. gun.
Look out for jets. I will leave out milk and cookies.
Yours sincerely,
Michael McCurrie
Benson School

Dear Santa
My name is Stephanie. I would like New Kids on the Block Christmas tape, Little Miss Dress-up, P.J. Sparkles, a telephone, Nintendo, radio. I will leave the lights on our tree for you to see around. I've been a good girl and I will be asleep when you come. I hope you will put some things in my stocking too and I would like some computer games. I will leave a snack and a drink.
Your friend,
Stephanie Law

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? My little brother wants a Tonka dump truck and a portable Nintendo, a four wheeler and Nintendo tapes. I would like the same things and a new shirt, socks, pants, pyjamas, slippers and mittens. I also would like a punching bag. There will be cookies and milk for you. I'll have sugar out for the reindeer. Have a happy ride.
Love,
Carl and Brandon Groul
Benson P.S.

Dear Santa,
My name is Dana Hasson. This Christmas year I would like New Kids on the Block Christmas tape and the game Operation and the one more thing is a Nintendo Game R C Program. Thank you for the Christmas presents last year. I really enjoyed them. The things you put in my stocking were really nice.
Your friend,
Dana

Dear Santa,
My name ia Alexis. I would like a guitar, Garfield watch, Garfield tent, Garfield sleeping bag, it comes with a Garfield book bag, Ernie hand puppet, please and thank you. The end.
Your friend,
Alexis McQuigge

Dear Santa,
I wish for the bunny tape and I wish for a Batman tape and I wish for a remote controlled car.
Your friend,
Scott Cougler

Dear Santa
How are you?
I hope you feel fine. I have been a good and sort of bad girl this year. Well, here's my list. I would like a maxi doll, a nice teddy bear please, a dish set, video games, a dolly surprise, a stuffed horse, a nightie, a toque, and a story book. I wish you luck.
Love,
Sarah Van Allen
Benson P.S.

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Melisa. How is your reindeers and your elves and Mrs. Santa? I would like for Christmas a radio and cheerleader Maxi and the game called Mousetrap.
P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
From your friend,
Melisa Gibson

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler. I want a Ghostbuster Pack and Ninja Turtle and I want a Ghostbuster Trap and I will leave you something to eat.
Your friend,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
My name is Robbie Turnbull. I live in Cardinal on Dundas St. During the past year. I have been a good boy. I have went to the post office for mom and the Valu Mart. I have cleaned up a little bit. I go to Beckers for mom. I am good most of the time.
I hope you are not going to be sick on Christmas. I hope that for Rudolph, Blitzen, Comet, Prancer and all the others. I really want to know if Rudolph's nose still glows.
Watch out for the smoke at the factory. When you are in Toronto look out for the C.N. Tower. Can I please have a blocker and catcher's glove, goalie pads, transports, dinky cars and anything else.
I will leave you milk and cookies.
From
Robbie Turnbull
Benson School

Dear Santa,
My name is Greg. How was your summer? Mine was good and I wish I had a race track, a pair of road hockey pads, and spy vs. spy, and skate or die, and Teenage Ninja Turtle Blimp, and a Turtle Cycle and a hockey catcher.
Your friend,
Greg

Dear Santa,
My name is Sarah Burgess. I live at 243 News St. in Cardinal.
I make my bed. I cleaned some of my toys. I have been a good girl. How are you? I hope there is no fog.
Merry Christmas Santa. Thank you for the toys last year. This year I would like P.J. Sparkle, the Barbie Van and an Oopsie baby.
I will leave you some cookies. Do not forget me.
Your friend,
Sarah Burgess
Benson School

Try barbecuing Christmas turkey for this holiday meal

Traditionally, the Canadian Christmas turkey has been relegated to the confines of the oven. Until recently, barbecuing the sacred family bird was a rare occurrence. However, with advancements in barbecuing technology and a willingness to experiment with the foods, more and more Canadian cooks are barbecuing the big bird for their Christmas feast.

And why not? Cooking a 10-14 pound turkey takes less than 2.5 hours on a gas barbecue or charcoal kettle, it requires minimal attention, it frees valuable kitchen space for preparing the Christmas trimmings, and it can be an enjoyable experience.

Before venturing out into the cold to barbecue the bird on the balcony or patio, it is important to have it fully prepared. Your favourite stuffing can be baked in a foil pan on the grill beside the turkey, during the last 45 minutes of cooking time. The entire outer surface of the turkey should be brushed with oil. Basting with melted butter, orange juice, Grand Marnier, or perhaps a mixture of cranberry juice and port wine can be done during the last 30 minutes of cooking time. Be inventive!

And why not use the extra grill space around the turkey to cook the potatoes, or accompaniments such as acorn squash boats. The barbecue should be placed on meduim heat, covered, and the turkey cooked until the meat is tender and the thermometer inserted inside the bird's thighs registers 180 F for 2-2.5 hours. (approximately 11-13 minutes per pound).

And while the turkey is on the grill, you can use the kitchen over for making pumpkin or mincemeat pie, or perhaps candied yams, dinner rolls, artichoke casserole, sauerkraut or some other dish for this special festive occasion.

When the turkey is ready, remove it from the grill and let stand indoors for approximately 15 minutes before carving. Now sit back and enjoy the taste of barbecued turkey and listen to the accolades from family and friends as they comment on great tasting turkey.

Barbecuing the Christmas turkey is easier than you think. Try it once and you may never use the oven again.

Our fond thoughts of you will sparkle from one end of Christmas to the other. Warm thanks.

Watson's General Store
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The key to our success is our fine patrons. There is a no more fitting way to extend our gratitude than with a simple and sincere "thanks!"

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Ken, Dale, Jamie,
Joyce, Cliff, Don,
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Angie, Brent, Chris

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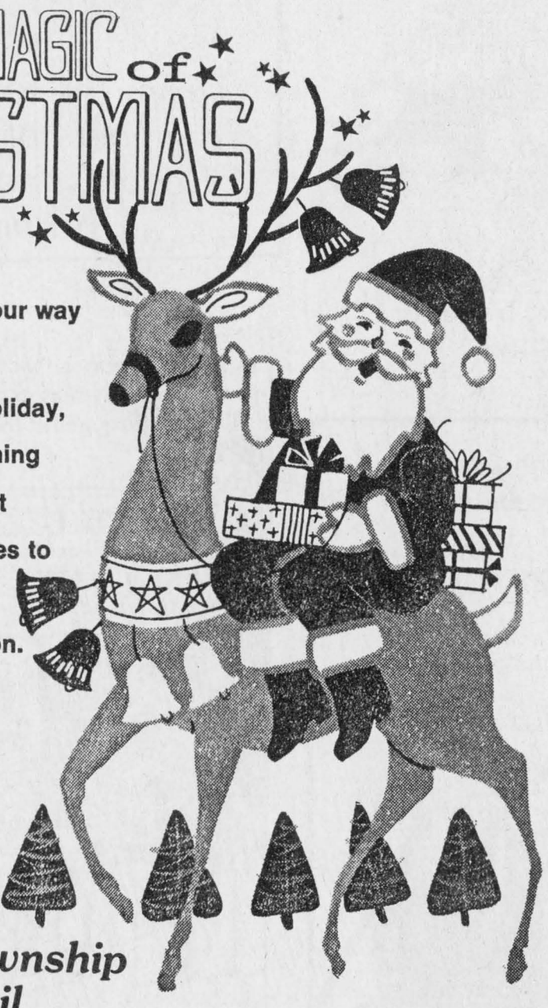

As Santa jingles your way bringing all the treasures of the holiday, we join him in wishing you a host of bright Christmas memories to shine through this merry, merry season.

Matilda Township Council

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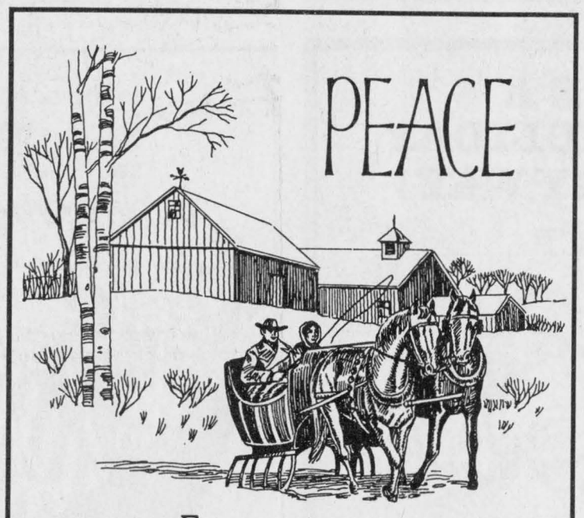

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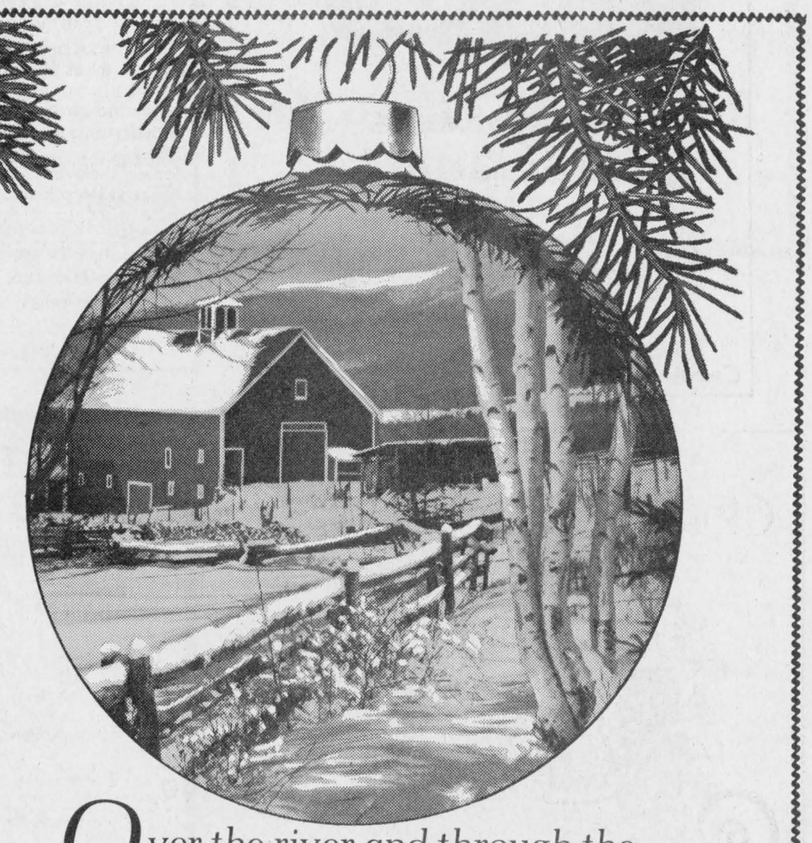

Over the river and through the woods... bringing with us tidings of true Christmas spirit. It's been our pleasure to serve you.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,
My name is Amy Holmes. I wish you could get me a Girl Talk Game and bunk beds for dolls and a baby cabbage patch. Oh, and you're the best! And my Christmas tree is in the living room and I'll leave a snack on the kitchen table.
Your friend,
Amy

Dear Santa,
I would like a New Kids on the Block tape for the V.C.R. and a lost and found and I would like a Dynamite game. You are the best person I know and I liked the present that you gave me last year.
Love, Jaime Walsh

Dear Santa,
My name is Andrew. I would like Crazy Crocodiles Quicksand and Big Foot for Christmas. But I really want Big Foot. Thank you for the presents last year. I really liked the silver airplane.
Your friend
Andrew Henry

Dear Santa,
My name is Cindy Glauser. Thank you for last year's gifts. I really enjoy Christmas. This year I would like a Beach Barbie and a Bouncing Barbie and a Dolly Surprise and I will leave you something for you and I hope you bring me a lot of presents and I like you very much. And I will try to be a good girl. And I will have a tree at my cousin's.
Your friend,
Cindy

Dear Santa,
My name is Adam Peters. I live on John St.
I have been a good boy this year. I do the dishes and the laundry. I make my bed. I go to bed when my mom tells me to.
I like to play in the snow. School is fun because you get recess and gym. I like Dec. 24, and 25.
Did you have a good holiday? I'm leaving carrots and lettuce in the kitchen. I will leave an apple for you.
I'll be watching for you.
Yours sincerely,
Adam Peters
Benson School

Dear Santa,
My name is Derek Swank. Thank you for last year's gifts. For this Christmas the presents I would like Double Dare, and a Nintendo, and the Ghostbusters Protonpack, and the Ghostbuster Trap, the Ghostbuster Hiwayhunter and when you leave we've got a snack for you. The snack for you is eggnog or some milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Derek....Swank

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? Are the elves working hard? For Christmas I only want one thing and it is My Little Pony Sweet Dreams Crib and Baby. I have been a good girl.
Your friend,
Linda Schaafsma
Iroquois Public School

Dear Santa,
My name is Sonya Landon. How is Mrs. Claus?
I've been a good girl this year. I have cleaned up my room. I brush my teeth and make my bed. I help my mom clean up the house.
I live in Cardinal, Ontario on the number 2 highway.
Merry Christmas Santa. Why do you ride a sleigh instead of a car? Go through the door of my house.
For Christmas I would like Cricket clothes and a Bouncy baby. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I will leave the reindeer apples.
I love you Santa.
Sonya Landon
Benson School

Dear Santa
Hi, my name is Trevor Bradford. I am four years old. I try very hard to be a good boy. I would really like a Kobota and Case Tractor, just like my Uncle Wes has, also some Ninja Turtles. My little brother David, who is 16 months old, would like some cars and blocks of his own. We will try extra hard to be very good boys. We will leave some treats for you and your magic reindeer.
Lots of love
from your friends
Trevor and David

Dear Santa,
My name is Erika Coughler. I wish I had a Nintendo and a New Kids on the Block Christmas tape and a telephone and a Clue Video Game and a lost and found. Thank you for the gifts last year.
Your friend,
Erika Coughler

Dear Santa,
I would like a P.J. Sparkles and Oopsie Daisy and Baby Shivers for Christmas. And I would like a Little Miss Dress-up for Christmas too.
Your friend,
Kristan Mustard



Santa's got a beard that's white

Young Matt Pepers (son of Mr. and Mrs. Wil of 3rd Concession Matilda) meets Santa for the first time and although a bit apprehensive, made fast friends with the "Big Guy." Santa can sometimes be a bit overwhelming to the very young...anticipation turns to tension and then to tears, good thing Santa always seems to know just what we want anyway!

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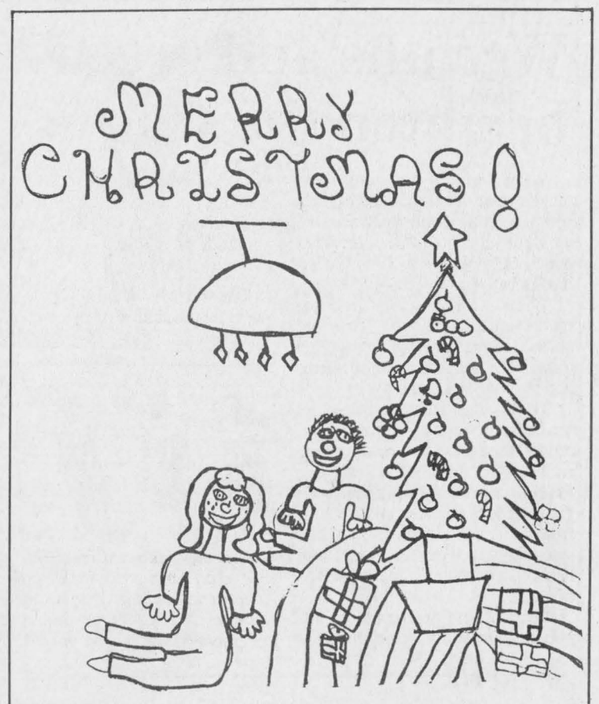

Sarah Baker
Grade 5
Iroquois Public School

Christmas safety clauses

While everyone else writes gift lists, the advisory elves at Ontario's Consumer Ministry have compiled a roster of Christmas savings and safety tips.

The hectic holiday pace can encourage careless spending and dangerous behaviour, says Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations Gregory Sorbara.

"From fire hazards to rip offs by phony charities, this otherwise joyous season is dotted with pitfalls for the unwary," Sorbara says. "But with a little foresight and planning, the risks of making mistakes can be cut down without cutting into the fun."

Ministry staff offer the following tips to help make Christmas safe and satisfying:

* Don't drink and drive, drink and ski, drink and operate machinery...basically, don't drink and do anything potentially hazardous.
* When buying a natural Christmas tree, be sure it is fresh by doing the "drop test". Hold the tree upright, a few inches in the air, then thump the stump on the ground. If needles fall off in abundance, the tree is not fresh.

To set up a natural tree, always cut about one inch off the trunk butt to allow the absorption of water. Stand the tree in a plentiful supply of water, taking care to refill the container as required. Trees may use from 500 ml (approximately 1 pint) to two litres (about two quarts) of water daily. Properly treated, natural trees can be kept indoors for about two weeks.

* Do not hang stockings above a fireplace that has been in use within the last 12 hours.
* Before donating, check out charities carefully by asking questions. Who benefits and what percentage of proceeds actually go to the charity? Get addresses and phone numbers of canvassers and charity headquarters. Remember, the existence of a federal-income-tax registration number is not a guarantee that the charity is legitimate.
* Don't burn gift wrap or other trash in fireplaces or wood stoves.
* Place Christmas trees -- natural and artificial -- away from all sources of heat and avoid putting them where they obstruct exists.
* A few days before they are needed, turkeys should be put in the refrigerator to defrost. Don't defrost poultry or, for that matter, any large amount of frozen food by leaving it sitting on the counter for extended periods. Consult kitchen guides to determine the amount of defrosting time required or call the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food's Consumer Information Centre at (416) 326-3400.
* Check store refund-and-exchange policies before buying anything, especially gift items. Keep all receipts, tags and product packaging until sure the merchandise is suitable.
* Check all outdoor and indoor Christmas lights to ensure they bear the CSA approval mark of the Canadian Standards Association. Don't leave tree lights on when the family is asleep or away from home.
* Don't give live animals as presents. Too many gift pets end up unwanted, neglected and homeless.
* Never let your credit card out of your sight or give the number out by phone unless you initiate the call and are certain of the company's honesty. Destroy all carbons from credit card slips.

For information about consumer rights and responsibilities at any time of the year, contact the ministry's Consumer Information centre at 555 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2H6 -- (416) 326-8555 or toll free at 1-800-268-1142. Ontario residents with an 807 area code may call the 416 number collect. The TDD/TTY line for the hearing/speech impaired is (416) 326-8566.

Ginger cookies

More than any other holiday treat, gingerbread cookies mean Christmas. Ginger people are a charming addition to a tree at Christmas time, and a little imagination can turn Christmas cut outs into wonderful gifts and decorations. Use you ideas to create special treats.The basic recipe for gingerbread follows...why not try it this year???

1/4 cup butter (room temp.)
1/2 cup light brown sugar (packed)
1/2 cup molasses
3 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup water

In a large bowl, blend the butter and brown sugar until creamy. Beat in the molasses. In another bowl, sift all the dry ingredients together. Add the dry mixture in thirds, alternating with the water. Stir to blend. Knead lightly with floured hands. Form the dough into a ball and cover with plastic wrap.Refridgerate for 3 to 4 hours.

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Roll the dough to 1/4 inch thickness and cut into desired shapes. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Cool on a rack. Decorate with icing when cool.

NOTE: for darker cookies substitute dark brown sugar and black strap molasses.



Here's hoping your Christmas is styled with sheer joy. To all our many customers, it's been our sincere pleasure to serve you.
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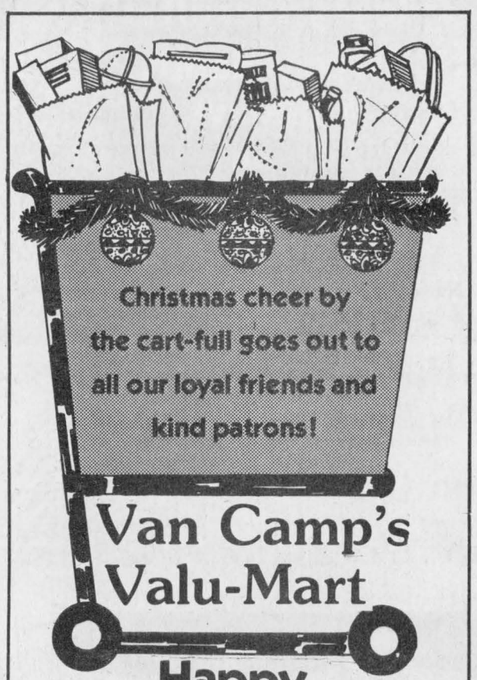

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Happy Yuletide
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Christmas is here filled with love and good cheer!
May your holiday bustle with joyous surprise!
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
May your season be brightened by expressions of love, peace and good will. Many thanks, friends.
Thank You for your Patronage!
Ted & Betty Styles


Winter Wonderland
The sparkle, glow and brilliance of Christmas is all around.
At this most beautiful time, we'd like to say thanks for your friendship and support.
Ron Fader Furniture Ltd.
Iroquois Shopping Plaza
Ron, Joyce, Ed, Doug
Gayle, Linda

Merry Christmas
Have a bright and beautiful Christmas. Many thanks for your kind support.
ROBERTSON APPLE FARM

Merry Christmas



Our holiday spectacular features Jolly St. Nick who joins us in beaming warmhearted greetings of the season to you!
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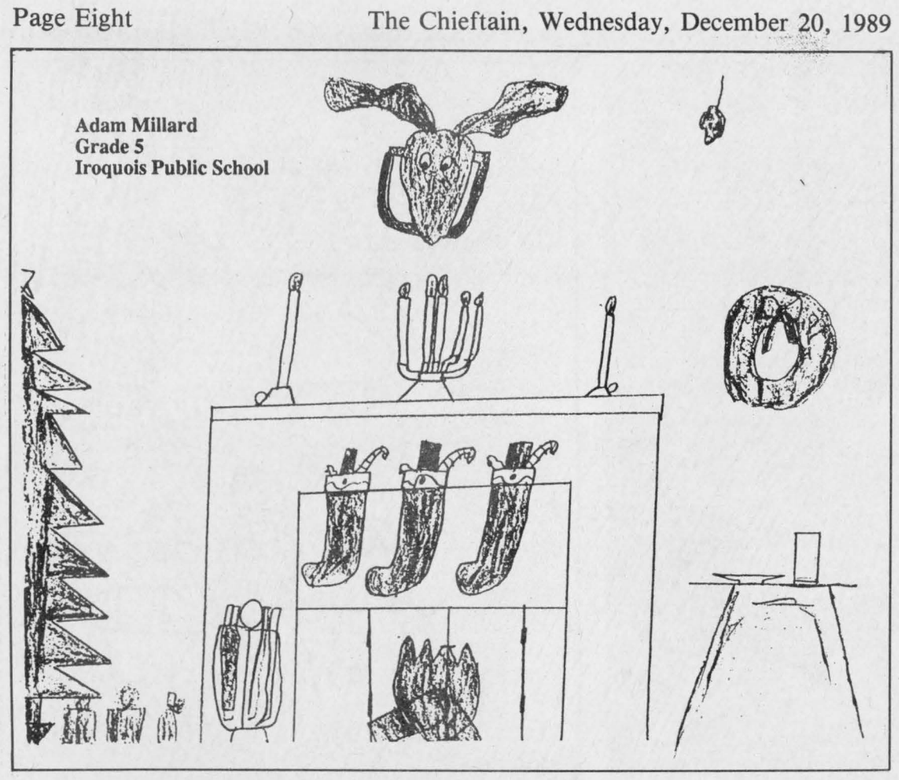

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa

Hi how are you? My name is Michelle Pennell. I am eight years old.

I hope you have had a good holiday. I have one sister named Lindsay. She is five. I live back of Cardinal on the Scott Road. I have three horses, 15 chickens and two cats. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

This year I would like a Sipping Cabbage Patch Kid. I would also like Baby sitter books and make-up.

Look out for my barn roof. I am leaving you chocolate cake. I will leave some hay and carrots for your reindeer.

My best friend in Jeanna Wallace. Is Rudolf still alive?

Some of the good things I have done are being quiet when my dad is sleeping and making my bed. My favourite subject in school is art. I really like New Kids On The Block.

See you soon.

Yours sincerely,
Michelle Pennell
Benson School

Dear Santa

My name is Philip Lewis. Thanks for last year's gifts. I really enjoy Christmas. This year I would like...I will leave a snack for you and the reindeer.

Your friend,
Philip

Dear Santa,

My name is Danny. I would like these things for Christmas: Double Dragon, Ghostbuster Pin, Wheel game, Twirl-O Ping, Hopper, Ninja Turtle set.

Your friend,
Danny

Dear Santa,

My name is Donald. I wish I had a motorbike and disappear oil and a race car without a cord.

Your friend,
Donald

Dear Santa.

My name is Amy Sullivan. I would like a Crayola Caddy, Teen Time Barbie and a Ken doll. I am seven years old.

Your friend,
Amy Sullivan

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Sarah Charbot. I would like please a New kids on the Block Christmas tape and a New Kids on the Block normal tape and a piano, please. And a Baby Shivers, please. And I will leave a snack. And thank you for the gifts last year.

Your friend,
Sarah Charbot

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Nintendo and a robot because my other robot broke. I need some new clothes, especially a snowsuit. I'd like some more toy cars, Batman station, a desk, a radio, army men and an Apple Computer. How are you and your elves and reindeer? I am going to leave some milk, sugar and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Your friend,
Tommy Hutt
Benson P.S.

Dear Santa,

I would like a remote control car for Christmas. I would also like a robot that shoots gum, a remote control boat, fifty-one dinky cars and some clothes. I would like a Police Academy jogging suit. I would like a remote control train set. I have not been that good but I'm going to try harder. I'll leave cookies and milk and sugar cubes.

Your friend,
Billy Armstrong
Benson P.S.



Mountain Trail Blazers

The Mountain Trail Blazers were well represented at the Mountain Santa Claus Parade Saturday, December 9th in the Village. Over 13 entries complimented this year's edition and the streets were lined with enthusiastic onlookers who enjoyed the assortment of candies offered throughout the route. *Chieftain Photo*



Lloyd McMillan Equipment Limited
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Christmas flowers

Bright flowers are a symbol of joy in the middle of a gray winter.Old legends tell of rare plants and flowers that bloom in the snow on Christmas Eve, for just one night in honour of Christ's birth.

In some parts of the world, Northern and central Europe it is custom to break off a branch of a cherry tree at the bginning of Advent and keep it in water in a warm room...the flowers should bloom at Christmas time.

Another treasured flower is the European Christmas flower, the Christmas Rose or Winter or Snow Rose.

The beautiful pink flower blossoms only in parts of Europe.

In North America, the favourite flower at Christmas is the Poinsettia. Native to Mexico, it is called the Flower of ths Holy Night there. It was brought to the U.S.A. in 1828 by the ambassador to Mexico from that country. The bright petals that look like flowers are actually the upper leaves of the plant called bracts. It is said by some that the star-shaped bracts symbolize the Star of Bethlehem.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
"Peace on the earth, good will
to men,
From heav'ns all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Stil thro' the cloven skies they came
With peaceful wings unfurl'd.
And still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains.
The bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

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.

Merry Christmas
We happily join in sending out warm thoughts of thanks to you, our very valued friends
ROONEY'S FEED Ltd.
Iroquois
Frank, Louie, Karen, Perry
Jay, Barton and Mike



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Christmas Greetings


Sandra and Roger Johnston

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To laughter . . .
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We remember everything Christmas has meant to us over the years,
and hope that you find the joy that this season brings.
Our many thanks to each and all.

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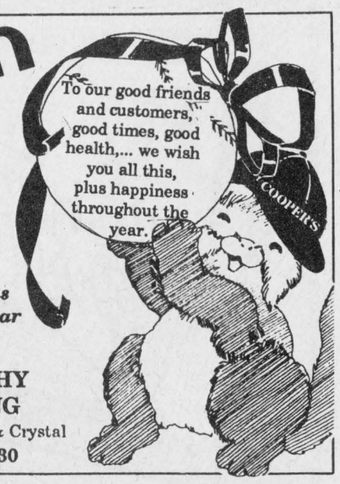
and staff
D.W. Fetterly, D.E. Bilmer, J.R. Borris
P.W. Lennox, B. St. Pierre, R. Latulippe & B. Fetterly

Catch the Spirit



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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Sydney Markell
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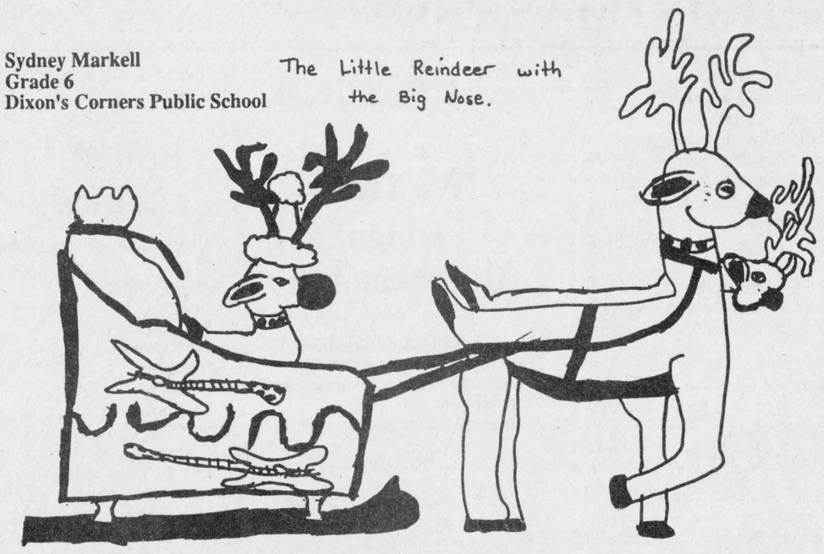
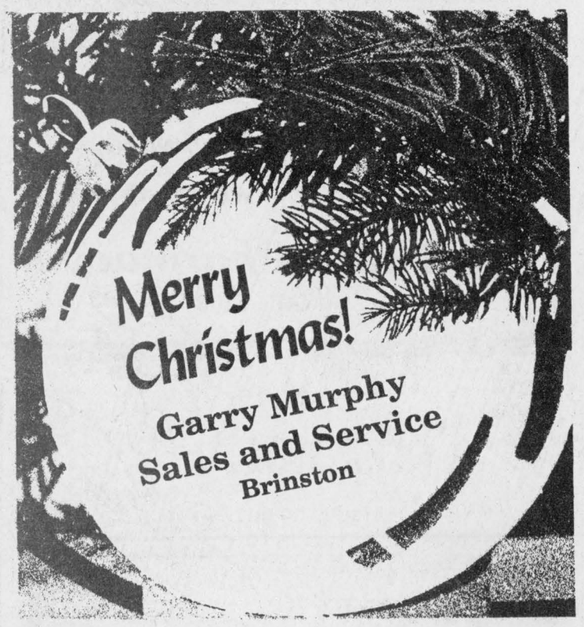
The Little Reindeer with the Big Nose.







Kaitlyn Shaver
Grade 1
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Worry free entertaining

Just in time for holidays...VITALE, the new worry free solution to all your entertaining needs. Nutritious, natural, non alcoholic -- the perfect 'sparkling' addition to any party, dinner or get-together.

There is a definite shift these days towards drinks with little or no alcohol. Because of the increased awareness of the danger of drinking and driving and the trend towards physical fitness, The Ontario Grape Growers' Marketing Board perceived a void in the marketplace for a suitable alcohol-free grape beverage. The Board initiated research into the development of such a product and helped fund the program through The Horticultural Research Institute of Ontario at Vineland Station. The research came up with the concept of a sparkling grape drink.

Then Essex Natural Beverages carried the process one step further. For the first time in Canada, premium French hybrid grapes (normally used in the production of high quality table wines) were combined with spring water to produce Sparkling VITALE. Brian Nash, Chairman of The Ontario Grape Growers' Marketing Board, says VITALE is "a very refreshing drink that is right in line with today's interest in health and nutrition". Available in red or white, Sparkling Vitale comes in 750 ml glass bottles with resealable aluminum pressure caps designed to retain the 'sparkle'. VITALE is the first sparkling grape drink of its kind made and sold in Canada.

VITALE -- the ideal 'entertainer'...looks like wine...sparkles like champagne. VITALE -- non alcoholic..low in calories(white-43 calories per 100 ml - red-53 calories per 100 ml) ...a perfect thirst quencher...made in Ontario from quality Ontario fruit. VITALE -- produced and marketed by Essex Natural Beverages.

A Christmas Poem
Santa's coming
So be good
Because Santa's coming soon
Go to bed, close your eyes, and don't peek
In the morning, don't look under the tree
Go eat your breakfast and wait until
Everyone is there

Jennifer Casselman
Grade 5



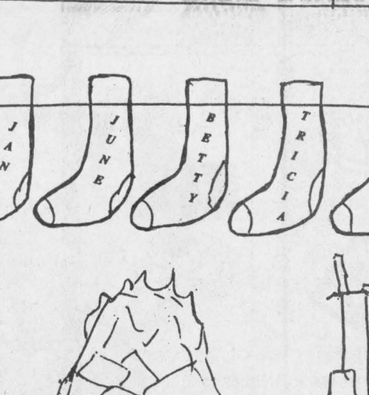
May the magic of Christmas stay with you always. Happy holiday to all our friends.

That Craft Place

7½ Perth St. S. 342-1913 Brockville

Merry Christmas

May you and your family share a starbright Christmas full of joy and merriment, in the warmth each other's love! Our thanks to you all.



The Management and Staff of

The Royal Bank of Canada

Iroquois Branch

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YULETIDE GREETINGS



Thinking of dear friends, old and new, and wishing them all a season of unending, old fashioned delights!

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Something magical about Christmas plants

There is something magic about plants that stay lush and green through the dark, cold winter. Even today we decorate our homes with holly, ivy and mistletoe.

The later, mistletoe was once considered sacred by the people of ancient Europe. The Druid priests used it in their sacrifices to the gods.

The Celtic people believed it had miraculous healing powers.

In fact the name Mistletoe in the Celtic languages is "all-heal". Mistletoe could cure diseases, render poisons harmless, make animals and humans fertile, protect the house from ghosts and bring good luck.

In 18th century England, Mistletoe was credited with a different kind of magic. It was the magic element in the "kissing ball", a special decoration used at Christmas parties. The kissing ball had a round frame that was trimmed with evergreens and ribbons and ornaments. Tiny nativity figures were placed inside it. For the finishing touch, a sprig of Mistletoe was tied to the bottom of the ball.It was then hung from the ceiling and party-goers would play kissing games under it. A kiss under the Mistletoe would mean a deep romance or lasting friendship and goodwill.

The idea of kissing comes from a Norse myth. According to it, Figga, one of the gods, gave her son, Balder a charm of mistletoe to protect him from the elements. But because mistletoe grows neither from the water, nor the earth, nor the air or fire...it infact grows on trees, it held the power to harm Balder.One of the gods' arrows made from the mistletoe struck Balder down. His mother cried tears of white berries. She brought her son back to life and vowed that she would kiss anyone who rested beneath the plant...and so the kissing tradition was born.

Holly with its dark green, spiky leaves was also believed to have magical powers and the ability to drive demons away.

Germans considered holly to be good luck against the hostile forces of nature.

In old England, unmarried women were supposed to tie a sprig of holly to their beds to guard them against devils and ghosts.

Supernatural creatures were believed to be very active at Christmas time. The long, dark, cold and often stormy winter nights were great for the hearing of voices in the wind and the magical powers of Mistletoe and holly were taken very seriously.

Ivy was the ancient symbol of Bacchus, the god of wine and revelry. Because of its association with pagen festivals, for a long time Ivy was banned from the inside of Christian homes and used only to decorate the outside.This is not so anymore and the green has become a part of the traditional Christmas. -

Nut brittle

Use the nuts you enjoy most, mixing varieties for new tastes..or try adding a tablespoon or two of sesame seeds.

3/4 cup hot water
2 cups sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
2 cups raw nuts
1 tablespoon butter
2 teaspoons baking soda
Sesame seeds

Combine hot water, sugar and syrup. Cook until the mixture reaches the soft ball stage...238 F. Add the nuts, then cook to the hard crack stage...300 F. Remove from the heat and add butter. Blend in baking soda, stir and add sesame seeds. Quickly pour onto buttered cookie sheet. Set in freezer or in snow to cool for about 20 minutes. Break into pieces when cool and enjoy!!

Greetings From

MUSTARD'S VARIETY

Greetings Christmas

Join us in leading the way towards renewed faith in the good of mankind.



from Management and Staff

ROHM AND HAAS CANADA INC. MORRISBURG PLANT

Poinsettia a Christmas legend

The poinsettia comes from Mexico, where many stories tell of its enchantment. This is one of our favorites:

On a Christmas Eve long ago, Pepita was sad. This little Mexican girl wanted more than anything to give a fine present to the Christ Child at the church service that evening. But she was very poor and had no gift.

As she walked sorrowfully to church with her cousing Pedro, he tried to console her. "Pepita," he said "I am certain that even the most humble gift, given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes." So Pepita gathered a bouquet of common weeds from the roadside and entered the church.

As she approached the altar, her spirits lifted. She forgot the humbleness of her gift as she placed it tenderly at the feet of the Christ Child, and there was a miracle!

Pepita's ordinary weeds burst into brilliant red blooms! They were called Flores de Noche Buena, Flowers of the Holy Night. We call them poinsettias.



Season's Greetings

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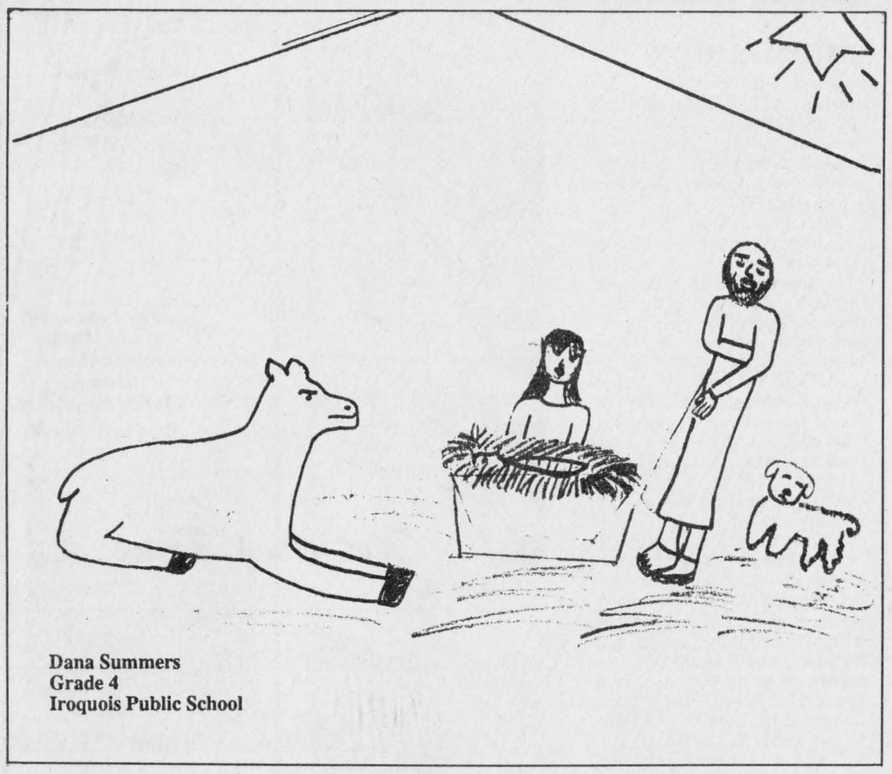

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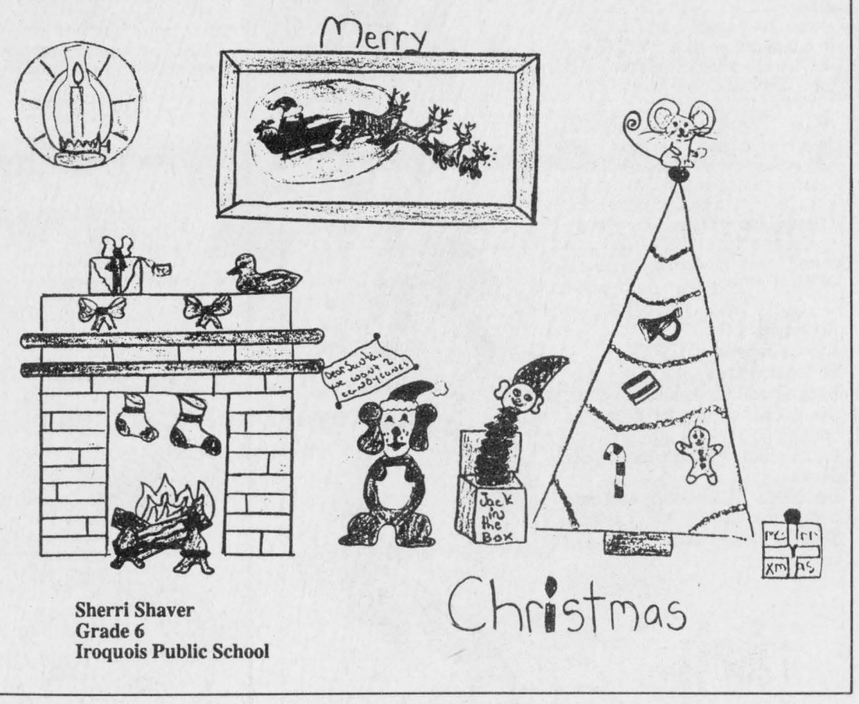

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CHRISTMAS PROSE

CHRISTMAS
by Eugenia Martell
Grade 5, Dixons

Feel the love in the air at Christmas,
Feel Christmas coming so soon.
Smell the turkey on the table,
Smell the scents of Christmas all around you.
See the joyful faces of the joyous people,
See the gifts under the tree.
Hear the church bells ringing,
Hear the children singing carols.

CHRISTMAS
by Jeremie Bailey
Grade 5, Dixons

Taste the turkey going into your stomach,
Taste the warm mashed potatoes,
See the angels singing,
See the decorations on the tree.
Hear the sleigh bells ringing,
Hear Santa coming down the chimney.
Smell the dressing in the oven,
Smell the delicious food cooking.
Merry Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MORNING
by Manuel Martel
Grade Six, Dixons

It was December 24th, all the children were happy because the 25th was Christmas. Their parents were telling then that Santa Claus doesn't exist. One Christmas morning the mother of the children said,"Where are my Christmas presents??"

The children replied, "You told us that Santa does not exist"!

"I was just joking."The children said that they had been fooling too

We Three Kings Of Orient Are

We three Kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder Star.

[Refrain]

O Star of Wonder, Star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Born a king of Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity high,
Pray and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God most High.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Earth to the heavens replies.

and everyone had a great Christmas after all.

Rolled cookies

1 cup butter, at room temperature
2/3 cup sugar
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 3/4 flour
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp mace

Cream the butter and sugar together. Beat in the egg and vanilla until smooth. In another bowl, combine the flour, salt and mace.Add the dry ingrdients to the butter mixture. Gather into a ball and chill at least 4 hours in plastic wrap.

When you are ready to bake, pre-heat the oven to 350 F. Leave half the dough in the refridgerator while you roll and cut out the other half. Roll out about 1/4 inch thick. Make shapes with cookie cutters. bake 8 to 10 minutes on lightly oiled cookie sheet. Cool on rack. Repeat with the remaining dough. Makes about 48 medium sized cookies.





It's all spelled out for you to see . . . a holiday filled with large doses of Peace, Love and Happiness. Capsuling our feelings in one word, we say thanks.

Gilmer's Pharmacy
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Retirement



On my retirement I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my clients and friends a Happy Holiday Season.

Phyllis Jones
Sales Representative
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Morrisburg, Ontario
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Season's Best!

To all our special friends, thank you and have a Merry Christmas.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY 1990 !
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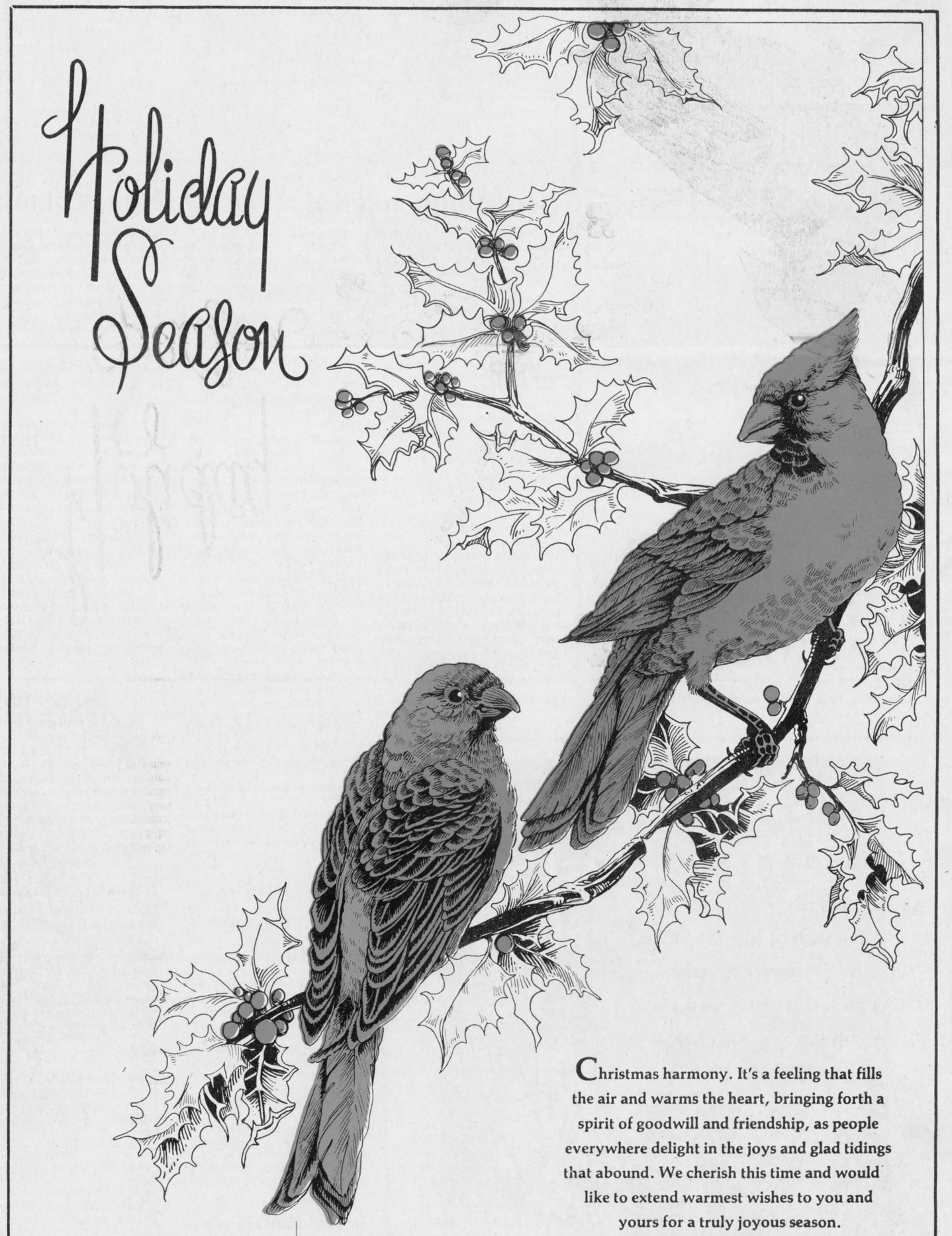

Christmas harmony. It's a feeling that fills the air and warms the heart, bringing forth a spirit of goodwill and friendship, as people everywhere delight in the joys and glad tidings that abound. We cherish this time and would like to extend warmest wishes to you and yours for a truly joyous season.

From the Maitland Site Employees

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