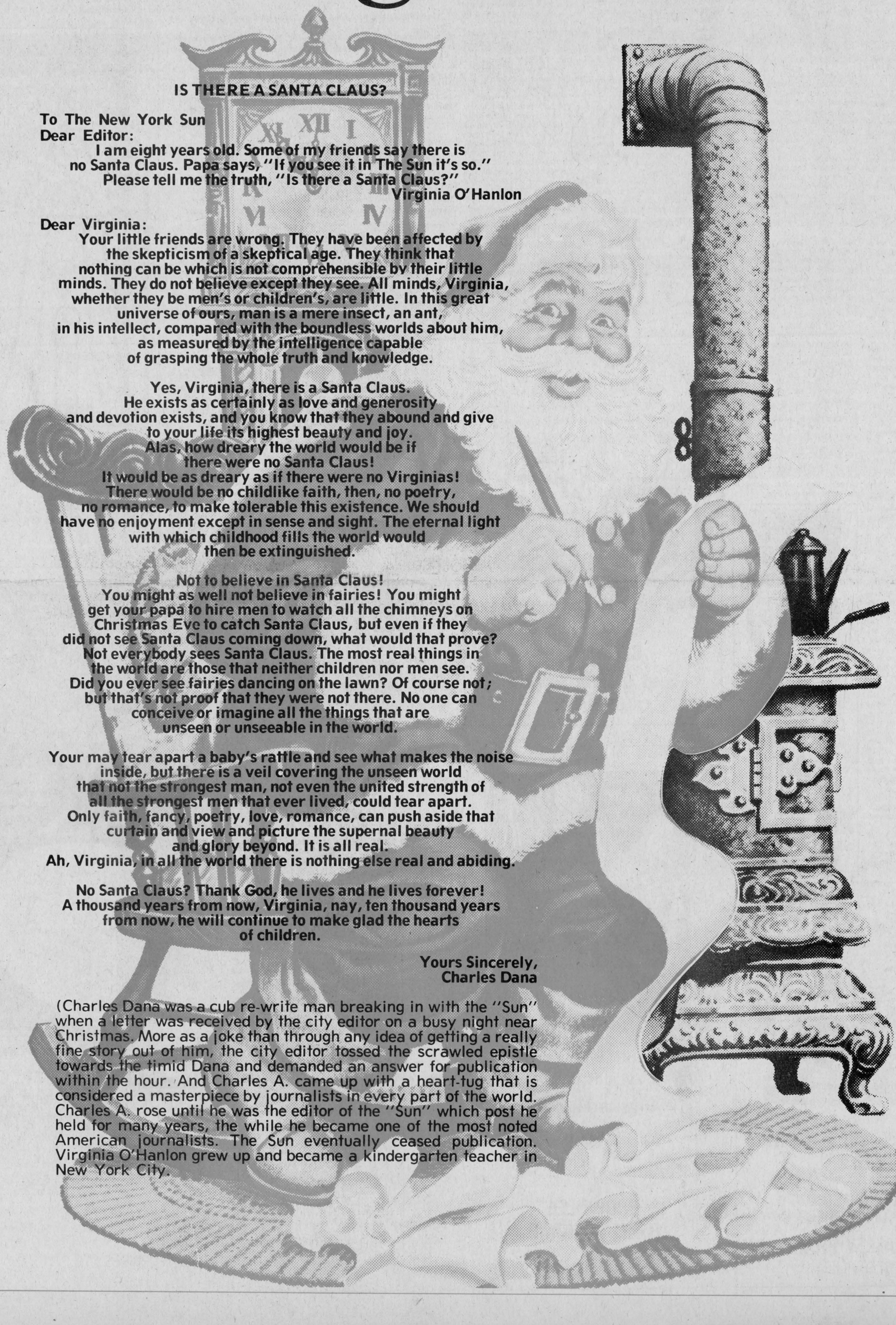
Yes Virginia . . .



IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

To The New York Sun
Dear Editor:

I am eight years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth, "Is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon

Dear Virginia:

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. They do not believe except they see. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, compared with the boundless worlds about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exists, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary the world would be if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias! There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would then be extinguished.

Not to believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Not everybody sees Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; but that's not proof that they were not there. No one can conceive or imagine all the things that are unseen or unseeable in the world.

Your may tear apart a baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world that not the strongest man, not even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. It is all real. Ah, Virginia, in all the world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives and he lives forever! A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of children.

Yours Sincerely,
Charles Dana

(Charles Dana was a cub re-write man breaking in with the "Sun" when a letter was received by the city editor on a busy night near Christmas. More as a joke than through any idea of getting a really fine story out of him, the city editor tossed the scrawled epistle towards the timid Dana and demanded an answer for publication within the hour. And Charles A. came up with a heart-tug that is considered a masterpiece by journalists in every part of the world. Charles A. rose until he was the editor of the "Sun" which post he held for many years, the while he became one of the most noted American journalists. The Sun eventually ceased publication. Virginia O'Hanlon grew up and became a kindergarten teacher in New York City.

Dear Ann Landers



Dear Ann Landers: I have never written to you before, but I believe the following might interest you and your readers. I found it in an old magazine. No author's name was mentioned, just "A Heavy-Hearted Observer."

"Yesterday was an old man's birthday. He was 91. He awakened earlier than usual, bathed, shaved and put on his best clothes. Surely they would come today, he thought.

"He didn't take his daily walk to the bus station to visit with the old-timers of the community, because he wanted to be right there when they came.

"He sat on the front porch with a clear view of the road so he could see them coming. Surely they would come today.

"He decided to skip his noon nap because he wanted to be up when they came.

"He has six children."

"Two of his daughters and their married children live within four miles. They hadn't been to see him for such a long time. But today was his birthday. Surely they would come today.

"At suppertime he refused to cut the cake and asked that the ice cream be left in the freezer. He wanted to wait and have dessert with THEM when they came.

"About 9 o'clock he went to his room and got ready for bed. His last words before turning out the lights were, "Promise to wake me up when they come."

""It was his birthday and he was 91."

-From A Friend In Florida

Dear Friend: I don't often puddle up when I read letters, but this one did it. Thank you for sharing.

Dear Ann Landers: Rick and I are in love. I always wanted to have a church wedding with my family and friends present, my sisters as bridesmaids and my favorite uncle, who is a priest, conducting the service. Rick says I am a childish romantic - that weddings are a commercial gimmick to stimulate the economy. He insists a priest's words are no holier than a ribbon clerk's.

Rick wants to drive to the forest preserve, find a quiet knoll and ask God to marry us. He says if we FEEL married in our hearts, our union is sanctified in the eyes of the Lord.

When he talks to me it sounds sensible, but when I am alone, especially when I go to mass, I think there is something wrong with his concept. Please help me straighten out my head.

-Ella In Greenwich

Dear Ella: After you "marry yourselves" what do you plan to do if you become pregnant? Whose name will the child have? The ribbon clerk's, maybe?

Rick sounds like a slick operator who wants the pleasure of marriage but none of the responsibilities. I say beware, Babe.

Dear Ann Landers: For the woman who found it impossible to keep her house in order, here is a wonderful tip I learned many years ago. It worked for me and it might work for her. Please ask the typesetters to print it in large type.

DON'T PUT IT DOWN
PUT IT AWAY
I'm signing this

-Everything Is Where It Belongs In Midland, Mich.

Dear Everything: I wish I could say the same for Chicago. My desk drawers are a mess. Tomorrow I am going to get organized.

Don't get burned by a "line" that too hot to handle. Play it cool with Ann Landers' guide to "Necking and Petting - What Are the Limits?" Send your request to Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11995, Chicago Illinois 60611, enclosing 50 cents and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Old time customs blend into a modern Christmas story

By Ruth Kling

Christmas is the loveliest time of the year. Even the most sophisticated seem to get caught in the spirit of the season. They pause to listen to carols, smile at children whose faces show wide-eyed wonderment when pressed against festive store windows, and even drop contributions for sidewalk Santas.

All of this often conjures up pleasant thoughts of Christmas past. This is a wonderful season to ponder the many customs that make the holiday season so special.

There are so many customs, brought from all over the world and from all periods of history, that have become a part of our Christmas customs.

Music is an important part of this holiday. One of the most popular of all the carols is "Silent Night". It was written quite by accident because an organ broke down.

Joseph Mohr, a poor parish priest in the Austrian Tyrol region more than 150 years ago, was upset when the old organ refused to peal when played. He felt his faithful parishioners would be keenly disappointed without music at the traditional Christmas Eve services.

He sat down and hastily wrote the words for "Silent Night". Then he asked his friend, Franz Gruber, to write the melody. In just a few hours, these two dedicated and humble men wrote a carol that became world famous. Back in 1818 in the little church, they sang the carol accompanied by a guitar.

One of the most popular symbols of Christmas is the Christmas tree. This is said to date back to the eighth century. Martin Luther is credited with adding lighted candles years later in his native Germany.

The holly wreath, according to legend, goes back in time to the crucifixion. Christ's crown of thorns is said to have been made of holly leaves. The early Romans ornamented their temples and homes with green boughs, considered a symbol of peace.

Almost everybody has a special place where mementoes of past Christmases are kept. Sometimes it's an ornament from childhood, a card, a tiny toy or a piece of jewelry that had a significance of love.

While the practical side of one's nature may say tis is the year to give something useful, the romatic side will say this is the year to give something different.

Anyone can give a gift certificate, clothing or a book. With just a little more thought, there are several really unique

What children believe about Santa in other countries

In AUSTRIA, children put notes to "dear child Jesus in Heaven" on the window sill for St. Nicholas to take so that the Christ Child could bring the requested gifts on Christmas Eve.

In BELGIUM, children place shoes, baskets, or dishes under the tree for St. Nicholas to fill on Christmas Eve. They put water, hay and carrots outside the door to attract his gray horse to their home. St. Nicholas wears a bishop's robe and a miter, and he carries a pastoral staff. On Christmas morning the children find chairs toppled over in their rooms and further disarray to show evidence that St. Nicholas has been there. Good children find their shoes filled with gifts. Bad ones find switches stuffed in theirs.

In FINLAND, Father Christmas brings children their gifts from England. In some sections he is known as Wainamoinen or Ukke. He is an old man with a long white mustache. He wears a white peaked cap with blue trim and a red coat.

In HUNGARY, the children believe that a male Kriss Kringle brings their gifts. He is dressed in white and rides a white horse.

The SOUTH AMERICAN children leave notes to "Little Jesus" during Posada. They leave them in front of the crib for the angels to take to heaven for answering.

In SWEDEN, Jul-nisen in his red robe, pointed cap, and long white beard, riding his goat, brings gifts to good Swedish children.

In the PHILLIPINE ISLANDS shoes are put in the window by the children on Christmas Eve. They expect the Three Kings to fill them.

In MEXICO, Santa is not as popular as the figure of Quetzal-coatl, the Aztec god of the sun. He is an old man with a long white beard and flowing white robes. Before Christmas children write letters to the Christ Child listing what they want. And on the eve of Epiphany, January 6th, they place their shoes at the foot of their beds for the Three Magi to fill.

In SWITZERLAND, the tradition of St. Nicholas is observed. He arrives on December 6th and distributes fruit, candy and toys. Sometimes there is a parade in his honor. A giant figure of St. Nicholas leads a group of children dressed in long white nightgowns and masks. The paraders blow long Swiss horns and bells ring.

SPANISH children fill their shoes with straw for the camels of the Three Kings, on the eve of the Epiphany. It is thought that each year the Wise Men repeat their journey to Bethlehem and pass through Spain on the way. As they pass by, the camels eat the straw and the shoes are filled with gifts by Balthasar, who rides on a donkey.

Holiday Candles

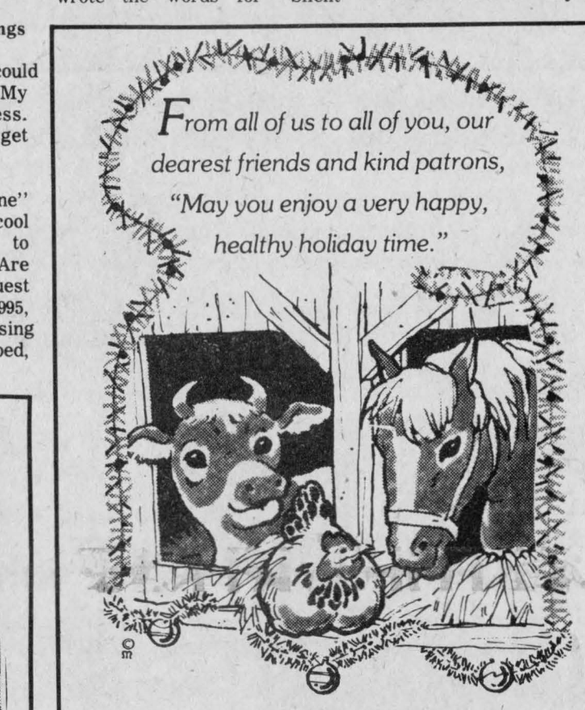
You have only to light a candle to fill your home with the tempting smells of holiday fare. Cranberries, gingergread, nut bread waft through the air whetting family appetites. Hollyberry and fresh pine scented candles add to natural greenery and give an elegant touch to a mantle or dinner table. Scented candles, newly available, add to the festive mood of Christmas. To make candles last through the holiday season here are some suggestions:

Tapers on a dinner table should be at lip or chin level. The soft glow is flattering to all.

When blowing candles out hold your finger in front of the flame to keep the hot wax from spattering.

Scratching through the outer layer of wax with your fingernail, will release additional fragrance from scented candles.

Store candles by laying them flat in a dark, dry place. For slow and even burning, place candles in refrigerator overnight before using.



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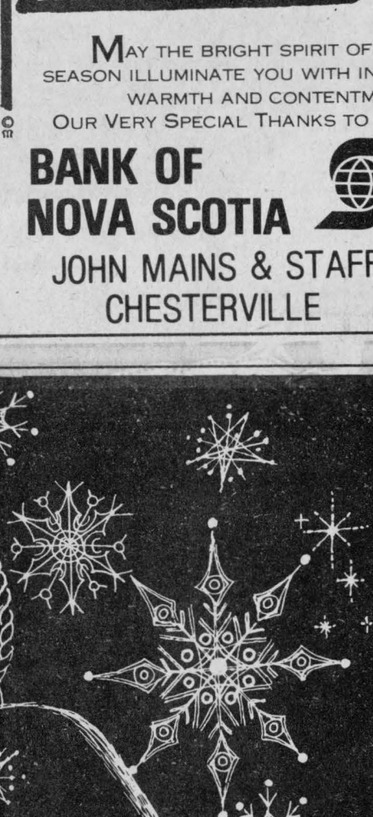

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Santa Claus parade go-ers were treated to the best of weather and the best of entries last Saturday when the jolly old saint visited Morewood. Pictured here the Morewood Fire Department urges everyone to have a safe Christmas with their float themed, Be Safe Not Sorry, was named Best Seasonal Entry. Clown, Kathy Hillis seems to be checking over her shoulder now and then to see if Santa is watching her carefully.

- staff photo -

Christmas date set in 1752

We know that our calendar today is a relatively modern institution. But do we realize that in earliest times, Christmas was celebrated on January 18? It is still so celebrated by the Armenian church. Later on, the date became January 6 - and it was only in 1752, with the final change to the Gregorian calendar, that the rearrangement of dates placed Christmas Day on December 25.

Some church people in England were very indignant when this change took place - feeling that somehow they had been robbed of 11 days and the corresponding wages. Some of them tried to find out if the new date were correct by noting whether or not the tree called the Glastonbury Thorn (supposedly planted by Joseph of Arimathea) would flower on the new date or the old. Sometimes the tree bloomed on one day and sometimes on the other, however, depending on the weather - so that supporters of both dates managed to keep up the quarrel for some time.

You can create an exciting centerpiece

A beautiful setting adds glamour to holiday entertaining and serves as a colorful accent to your table and menu. Seasonal decorations are easy to put together. Try one of these.

Stand red jumbo candles of varied heights in a group at the center of your table. Twine a garland of greens, oversized pine cones and nuts around them, extending the garland onto the table beyond the candles. Wire greens and pine cones together and using florist's clay, stick clusters of nuts together and attach.

For an attractive edible centerpiece, frost fresh fruit and arrange in a wicker basket or shaped bowl. Beat egg whites with a fork in a deep bowl, dip apples, pears, grape clusters and oranges; sprinkle well with granulated sugar and let dry. Line container with plastic wrap and arrange frosted fruit, using toothpicks if necessary to hold them together.

Scoop out a pumpkin that is a comfortable size for your table setting. Put a bowl of water in the pumpkin and arrange bright fresh flowers in it.



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The Story of Old Scrooge

ADAPTED FROM A CHRISTMAS CAROL
IN PROSE
BY CHARLES DICKENS



With a wife and three children to support, Bob Crachit hardly made enough money as a clerk in the firm of Scrooge and Marley. When Marley died, Scrooge, his sole administrator, retained the firm's name and continued the business. Scrooge was tight-fisted and grasping. He was also untrusting. One particular Christmas Eve, as Crachit sat busily copying letters in his cold, drab little corner, he was mindful of the fact that Scrooge, in his counting room nearby, had left open the door in order to keep a cautious eye on his employee.



Scrooge ill-tempered as usual, seemed annoyed when his nephew entered wtih a cheery greeting. "A Merry Christmas uncle! God save you!"

"Bah," said Scrooge. "Humbug!"

So much as the nephew tried, so hard did Scrooge resist the idea of Christmas. He denounced it and wouldn't say a good word about it or about anybody or anything.



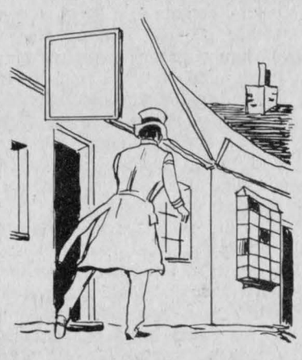
"Christmas a humbug, uncle? You don't mean that, I'm sure."

"I do", said Scrooge. "Merry Christmas! What reason have you to be merry? Your poor enough."

What Scrooge failed to understand is that being rich or poor isn't the most important thing in the world.

The friendly nephew said, "Don't be cross, uncle."

But Scrooge continued. "What elese can I be when I live in such a world of fools as this? Merry Christmas! Out upon Merry Christmas! What's Christmas time to you but a time for paying bills without money; a time for finding yourself a year older, but not an hour richer? Bah! Keep Christmas in your own way and let me keep it in mine."



The friendly nephew left and went out into the fog and darkness. It was very cold. Workmen repairing gas-pipes had built a fire and stood around it to warm their hands.

These shops were still bright and holly sprigs and berries were in the windows. Merchants were busy as everyone prepared for Christmas.

The Lord Mayor in his Mighty Mansion gave orders to his fifty cooks and butlers to keep Christmas in a proper way.

The little tailor busied himself stirring tomorrow's pudding while his wife and baby went to the market to buy the beef.



When the hour for closing arrived at the counting-house, Scrooge grumily stopped his money-counting, dismounted from his stool and told his clerk, Bob Crachit, that work was ended for the day.

Scrooge didn't approve of the holiday, but he had to recognize that it existed. "You'll want all day tomorrow, I suppose?"

"If quite convenient, sir."

Looking all the more unpleasant, Scrooge said: "It's not convenient, and it's not fair. If I was to stop half-a-crown for it, you'd think yourself ill-used, I'll be bound? And yet, you don't think me ill-used, when I pay a day's wages for no work."



Tactfully as he could, Crachit reminded his employer that Christmas came but once a year.

"A poor excuse for picking a man's pocket every twenty-fifth of December!" said Scrooge. "But I suppose you must have the whole day. Be here all the earlier next morning."

Buttoning his greatcoat to the chin, Scrooge growled to himself as he walked out the door. He was hardly out of sight before the clerk had closed the office and headed homeward to Camden Town. Because it was Christmas Eve, he paused long enough to go down a slide on Cornhill, twenty times, behind a lane of boys.



Scrooge took his usual lonely dinner in a melancholy tavern, read all the newspapers in the place, then turned homeward to bed. He lived in chambers that once had belonged to his deceased partner. It was a dreary place. No onle else lived there, although some rooms were let out as offices.

The fog lay heavy and the yard was dark, but Scrooge knew every stone and soon was putting his key into the door lock.

There was, upon the door, a huge knocker. There was nothing unusual about it except, at this very moment, it appeared not as a knocker but to the startled Scrooge as the face of his late partner. Marley's face, plain as could be.



Scrooge felt a terrible sensation within himself. He had never had such a feeling before. He had stared until the sight before his eyes became only a door knocker again, turned the key and let himself into the room. Once inside, he paused, looking behind the door as if he expected to see Marley standing there. He closed the door with a bang, and the sound echoed like thunder throughout the house.



Satisfied with his search Scrooge locked himself in - double-locked himself in, which was not his custom. Strange sounds were in the air and strange things happened. A disused bell hung near his bed. It began to swing slowly, then rang loudly, as did every other bell in the house. Scrooge listened intently. Another sound began when the bells ended. It seemed someone was dragging heavy chains over the wine merchant's casks in the cellar below.

The sound grew nearer and nearer. And then, within the room, he stood. Marley, with his pigtails, his waist-coat, tights and boots. The chain he drew was wrapped around his middle. It was made in steel, but resembled familiar things - cash boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds and heavy purses.



It was a ghost, no doubt, for Scrooge could see right through the waistcoat, the two buttons on the back clearly visible. A ghost that talked. the ghost told Scrooge that the chain represented all the misdeeds and unkind acts of a lifetime and that he, Scrooge, was fashioning his own chain, a heavy weight that would bear upon him when he was dead.

But, all was not hopeless, the ghost reminded. He told Scrooge that other visitors would follow throughout the night. Three spirits in all would come, each with a message of importance. If Scrooge were wise, the ghost cautioned, he would listen carefully and see clearly all the visitors would show him.



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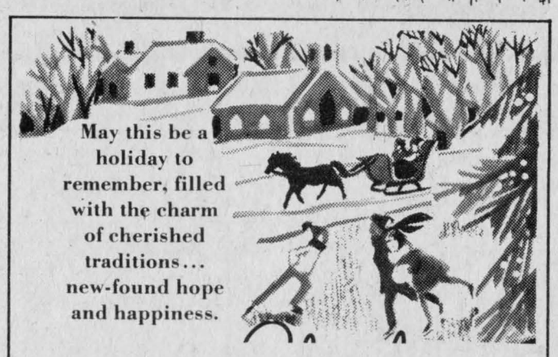

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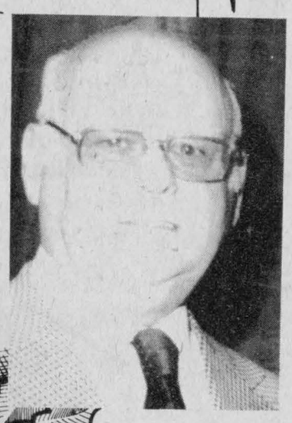
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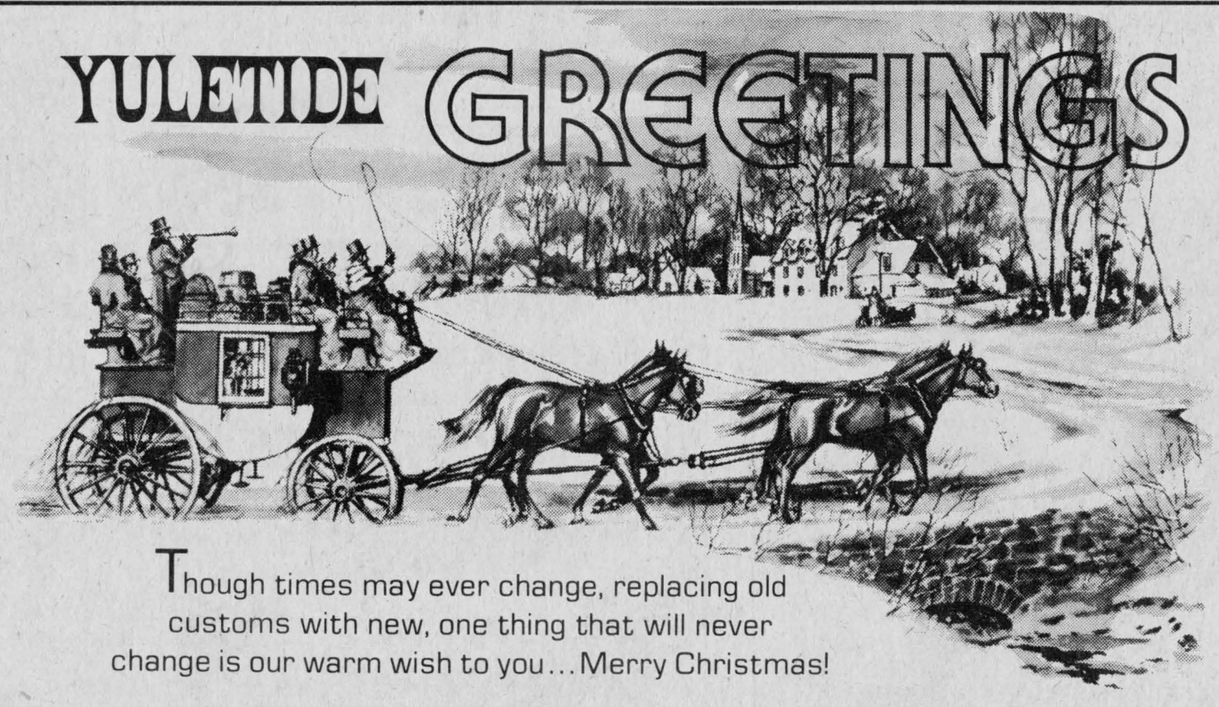
Though times may ever change, replacing old customs with new, one thing that will never change is our warm wish to you... Merry Christmas!
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The Story of Old Scrooge

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When the ghost vanished, Scrooge checked his door. It was still double-locked. Wearily he put himself to bed and eventually fell asleep. He awoke, not knowing the time, to find it was still dark. The curtains beside his bed were drawn back by a hand and the first vision appeared. It was a strange figure, like a child, and yet again like an old man. It's hair was white, yet the face was smooth as that of a child. It held a branch of fresh green holly in its hand and, in contradiction, its dress was trimmed with summer flowers. Strangest of all, however, was a bright, clear crown of light that surrounded the head.



The visitor told Scrooge that he was the Ghost of Christmas Past and, before Scrooge knew it, he was taken back in spirit, many weary years, to his boyhood home. The Christmases of his youth paraded before him. some of them were sad, for he was a lonely boy, but others were jolly. Scrooge was amazed as events of the past flew before his eyes. Times and people that he had known and many of them long forgotten. The best of these he had not forgotten and he felt pleasure when the spirit took him to a warehouse where he had served as an apprentice.



When they peered into the window, Scrooge saw an old gentleman in a Welsh wig, sitting at a high desk and he exclaimed, "Why it's old Fezziwig! Bless his heart, it's Fezziwig alive again!"

As they looked, Old Fezziwig laid down his pen. He looked at the clock. "Yo, ho, there! Ebenezer! (that's me, thought Scrooge), Dick! (Ah, Dick, Wilkins, to be sure), no more work tonight. Christmas Eve, Dick, Christmas, Ebenezer. Let's have the shutters up."



In came a fiddler, who sat on a lofty desk and began to play. In came Mrs. Fezziwig and the three Miss Fezziwigs and six young followers. In came all the young men and women employed in the business, the housemaid, with her cousin, the baker.

The party began, Scrooge relived every moment of it. Yet, ever-conscious that the Ghost of Christmas Past still had eyes upon him. Other scenes of his past life were re-lived, until at last he felt he could bear no more.

Scrooge cried out, "Leave me! Take me back. Haunt me no longer!" Again, he was in his own bedroom, exhausted, drowsy and eventually to sleep.



Again, in the dark, Scrooge found himself awake. No vision appeared within the room. He waited. When he could restrain himself no longer, he reached for his slippers, put them on, and walked cautiously to the door. As he reached for the lock, a voice on the other side called his name and bade him enter. He complied.

It was his own room, no doubt, but it was changed. It was gaily decorated, with holly, mistletoe, and ivy. In the center of the room, heaped together to form a throne, were turkeys, geese, game, sausages, mince pies and much more. In the centre of the room, too, a jolly giant. "I am the ghost of Christmas Present. Look upon me!"



Suddenly, the two of them stood in the city streets on Christmas morning. All the sights and sounds that Scrooge had refused to recognize were there - people in the streets, greeting one another, the smell of good food and fruits, the church bells calling good people to church and chapel. Scrooge and the jolly giant went on, invisible, through the streets, to the very door of Bob Crachit's house. Scrooge stood in awe as the Spirit blessed the small dwelling. Inside, Mrs. Crachit, her daughters Belinda and Martha, and son Peter, awaited the return of their father. In he came, carrying Tiny Tim upon his shoulder. Tiny Tim, bearing a crutch and his limbs supported by an iron frame.



Scrooge continued to watch as the Crachits busily prepared their small Christmas feast. Everyone joined in preparation of the meal. Excitement mounted as they gathered about the table and Mrs. Crachit approached the roast goose with a carving knife. A murmur of delight arose and even Tiny Tim shouted Hurrah! A pudding, much to small for so large a family, was a wonderful treat. Dinner over, the family gathered round the hearth. Bob Crachit raised a toast: "Merry Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us". The family re-echoed the sentiment and Tiny Tim, the last of all, said "God bless us every one!"



Scrooge felt an interest he had never known before. He asked of the Spirit if Tiny Tim would live. The Spirit replied, "I see a vacant seat and a crutch without an owner, carefully preserved." Scrooge hung his head. He felt worse when he heard Bob Crachit propose another toast and Mrs. Crachit responded that she did not wish to drink a toast to Mr. Scrooge, "such a odious, stingy, hard, unfeeling man." But, she did, and the children drank after her, while the Ghost of Christmas Present took Scrooge to visit here and there about the town, showing him both misery and happiness along the way.

"I am in the presence of Christmas Yet to Come?" said

And so thereafter, Scrooge was face to face with another visitor.

"I am in the presence of Christmas Yet to Come?" said Scrooge.



The robed spirit seemed to incline its head. It quickly showed Scrooge how his own death might be, with no one to mourn his loss; in fact, some seemed happy at his passing. It also showed him how Tiny Tim might die and leave countless friends to mourn and sorrow for him.

Scrooge assured the Spirit that he was a changed man, and that the shadows that had passed before him had altered his life: He said: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the past, the present and the future....Oh tell me I may sponge away the writing on this stone!"



When the third Spirit had gone, Scrooge kept the memory of the sight of his own name upon a tombstone, and no mourners in sight. When he awakened, he renewed his promise, "I will live in the past, the present and the future."

Scrooge dressed in his very best and went into the streets. People were everywhere. Many of them he had seen during the time of his visit with the Ghost of Christmas Present. Scrooge looked so pleasant that people spoke to him and, afterwards, he confessed, their voices were music to his ears. One gentleman, only days before rudely refused when he asked Scrooge for a donation to a fund for the poor, was surprised when Scrooge presented to him a healthy sum of money.



Scrooge journeyed on, to his nephew's house. He passed the door a dozen times before he had the courage to knock. Then he made a dash to the door, and did it.

"Fred," he said when his nephew appeared.

"Why bless my soul!" cried Fred.

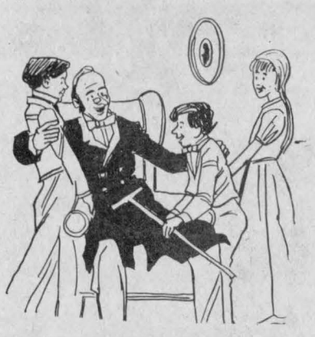
"It's I. Your Uncle Scrooge. I've come to dinner. Will you let me in, Fred?"

He was made so heartily welcome. He thought his nephew would shake his arm off. He was perfectly at home within minutes.



Next morning, Scrooge hurried to the office, much earlier than usual...he wanted to be there before Bob Crachit, to catch Crachit coming late to work. He did. Bob was nearly twenty minutes late. He had his hat in his hand, awaiting the wrath of Scrooge. It never came.

Instead, Scrooge greeted him cheerfully - and told him that he was to receive a raise in pay. Crachit was amazed. But he knew, finally, that Scrooge was sincere. The old man patted him on the back. "A Merry Christmas, Bob! A Merry Christmas - a merrier Christmas, Bob than I've given you in many a year."



In the years that followed, Scrooge kept his word and his promises. Tiny Tim did not die and to the gentle lad Scrooge became as good a friend, a master and a man as the city ever knew. A few people laughed to see the change in him, but Scrooge let them laugh and paid little heed. His own heart was laughing, with joy and happiness, and he gave joy to all who knew him.

Scrooge never encountered another Spirit. And, long years after, it was often said of him that he truly knew how to keep the Christmas. May that be true of each of us and, always, as Tiny Tim observed, "God bless us every one!"









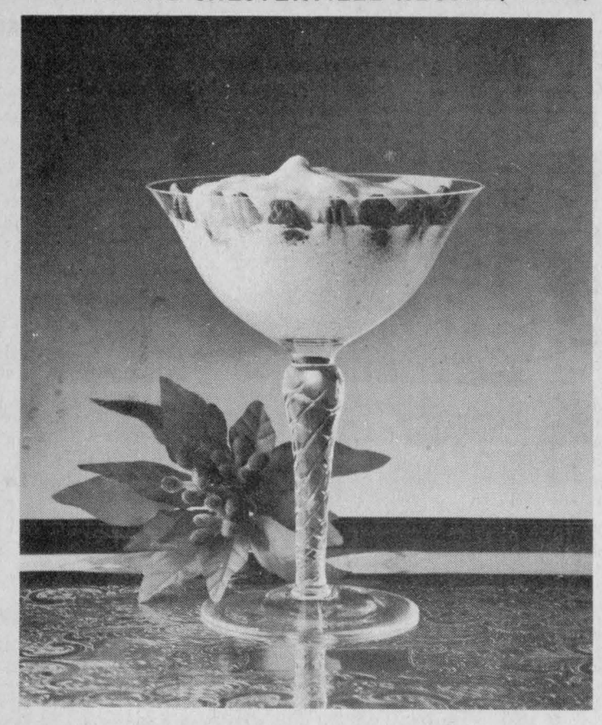












ZABAGLIONE

Zabaglione, (sometimes spelled Sabayon as it is pronounced) originated in Italy.

Although the name sounds exotic the dish itself is so simple and so light it is the perfect dessert, and a final touch to your Christmas dinner. Serve over fresh fruit or nuts in your best stemware!

8 eggs, separated
½ tsp. (2mL) cream of tartar
½ cup 125 mL sugar
½ tsp. (2mL) vanilla extract
½ cup (125 mL) Madeira or Marsala
1 cup (250 mL) whipping cream
Assorted fresh fruits

In a medium bowl, beat egg whites and cream of tartar with mixer on high speed until soft peaks form. Gradually add ¼ cup (65 mL) sugar, beating until stiff peaks form; set aside. In a separate bowl, whip cream.

In the top of a double-boiler, mix together egg yolks, remaining sugar, and vanilla. Place over simmering water and beat with mixer on high speed until thickened and lemon-colored. Gradually add Marsala. Continue beating over simmering water until mixture mounds when dropped from a spoon, 10 to 12 minutes. Fold egg yolk mixture into beaten egg whites. Fold in whipped cream and chill.

Serve over fresh fruit in stemmed glasses.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

This recipe along with other exciting egg recipes can be found in the recently published paperback "Entertaining with Eggs", available in most bookstores or on supermarket shelves.

"Women on the go" highlight at WMS

MOREWOOD (Special) - On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6th the Morewood Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society held their Christmas meeting in the hall in the village.

All women of the church were invited and the ladies were welcomed by the president Mrs. Colin MacGregor.

After singing the opening Christmas carol the Scripture lesson from the second chapter of Luke was read by Mrs. Bill Reid and Mrs. Alva Stewart led in prayer.

A most appropriate song for the holiday season "Christmas Joy is Everywhere" was sung by Mrs. D. (Pete) Carlyle.

Miss Jennifer Wiebe, junior leader of the CGIT, presented a beautiful Atlas of the Bible to the members of the Missionary Society and the Ladies Aid Society.

The Atlas was given on behalf of the CGiT leaders and girls in appreciation of the assistance both Societies had shown to the CGIT group.

Mrs. Doug Hunter accepted the gift and expressed appreciation on behalf of all members.

The offering was received by Mrs. Delburn Carruthers and Mrs. Roy Nurse and dedicated by Mrs. Norman McLeod.

Five junior girls from the Explorers and CGIT were given seals to be placed on their junior life membership certificates by Mrs. Art Koolwine. The girls were Jennifer Wiebe, Laura Hunter, Patty Nesbitt, Glenda MacGregor and Julie-Anne Duckworth.

Throughout the service Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. Ken Stewart at the piano. After the singing of "O Little Town of Bethlehem" a skit entitled "Women on the Go" was presented.

Mrs. Doug Hunter had written the entire script and taking part, along with her, were Mrs. Dennis Carkner, Mrs. David Wooldridge, Mrs. Alan Lapierre and Mrs. Rick Lavictoire. The skit was enjoyed by all and a warm round of applause greeted the "stars" at the conclusion.

A highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of a Life Membership Certificate in the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to Mrs. Alva Stewart.

Mrs. Malcolm MacGregor very capably presented the certificate to Irene on behalf of the Morewood Society.

Following this, Mrs. Paul Stewart, representing the Stewart family, gave her mother-in-law a Life Membership Pin. Irene thanked both the Society and her family for the honor bestowed.

The familiar carol "Silent Night" was sung and Mrs. Ross Nurse closed with prayer.

A pleasant afternoon drew to a close with everyone enjoying a cup of tea and sharing the fellowship of the WMS members.

Casual get-togethers call for food plans

(Special) - When unexpected guests arrive this holiday season, marketing specialists at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food suggest serving some of the wide variety of Ontario foods.

Casual get-togethers call for casual food plans. Between meals, it's a good idea to serve some light finger foods. Raw vegetables with dip is a popular and refreshing choice for surprise occasions. Wash and cut an assortment of carrot coins, rutabaga sticks, and fresh mushrooms. Arrange prepared vegetables on a platter around a bowl of savory dip made with sour cream, yogurt, or cream cheese.

For a more substantial array of food, serve open-faced sandwiches. They're easy to prepare, delightful to see and delicious to eat. Start with an assortment of breads and rolls. Slice and spread with butter, mayonnaise or a favorite condiment like mustard, ketchup or horseradish. Choose the fillings from the wide variety of Ontario processed meat slices, cold cooked meats, cheeses and eggs. Keep fillings separate or mix them together for a tasty change. Garnish the sandwiches with onion rings or carrot curls. For a finishing touch, serve with an assortment of Ontario pickles.

Cheese trays are always welcome, whatever the occasion. Arrange a generous assortment of Ontario cheeses on a serving tray. Include samples of cheddar, farmers', brick, provolone, ementhal, colby, brie, havarti and camembert. Decorate the tray with plenty of crisp, juicy apples for good looks as well as great taste.

Remember to keep plenty of Ontario foods on hand to serve unexpected guests during the holiday season.

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Don't despair if the maple syrup develops specks of mold. Heat it until it foams and skim off that surface. Pour the syrup into a sterile jar and store in the refrigerator.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Erin Lynn Lachance. I am 3 years of age. I live in Winchester, Ontario, Canada.

I have been a good girl this year and been very nice.

This year I would like a Fisher Price Farm, Mon Ahichi and baby.

Thank You Very Much
Love,
Erin.

Dear Santa,

My name is Lane Richard Lachance. I am 7 years old . I live in Winchester, Ontario, Canada.

I have been a good boy this year.

This year I would like Beware of the Spider, a magnifying glass, a hockey bag, figure smurfs, yoda and missing link.

Thank You Very Much
Love,
Lane



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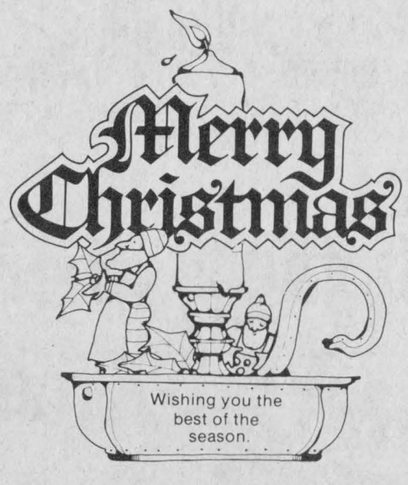

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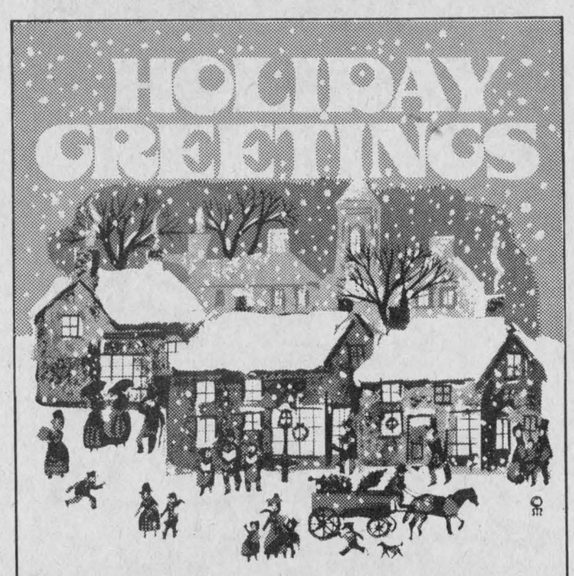

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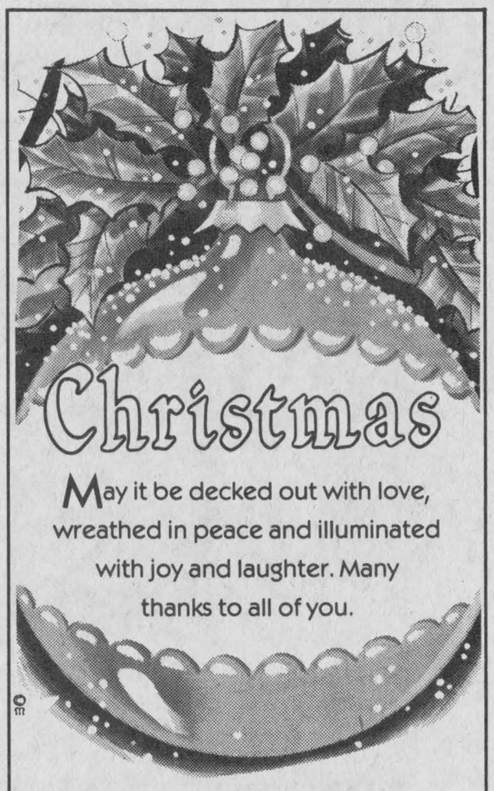

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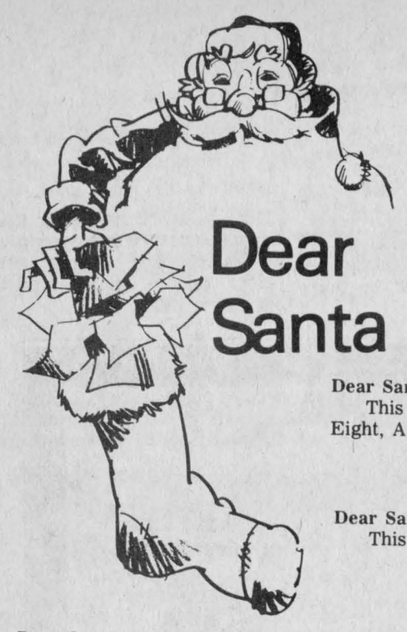
Morewood Public School gives Santa last minute instructions



Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
This year I want a candy cane truck thank you.
Patty Duke

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Duke of Hazards car. Thanyou
Chris Stewart

• •

Dear Santa
This year I want a train with an elephant.
Thankyou.
Marc-Andre Gutknecht

• •

Dear Santa
This year I want a control Racing car.
Rhonda Carruthers

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a legoset and a racing car. Thank you.
Daniel Haitsma

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a strawberry shortcake doll. Thank you.
Candy Feeley

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a stove and a Barbie doll. Thankyou.
Lyann Merkley

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want an Electric Train. Thankyou.
Jamey Grant

Dear Santa,
This year I want a After Eight, A Duke car. Thank you
David Couthart

• •

Dear Santa
This year I want a Smurth.
Thankyou
Mary Susan Gibson

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Electronic Truck.
Brett Hillis

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a soft kitten. Thank you.
Robin Richer

• •

Dear Santa
This year I want a big doll. Thank you.
Melanie Whiting

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a train. Thank you
Jean-David Gutknecht

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a typewriter. Thankyou.
Heather Goncalves

Grade 1

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Race Track set.
Cory Woods

• •

Dear Santa
This year I want a train.
Jaime Gregoire

• •

Dear Santa
This year I want a package of erasers.
Jennifer Roberts

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a motor-cycle set. Thank you.
Dean Antille

• •

Dear Santa
This year I want a racing set. Thankyou.
Jamie Francis

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a radio controlled jeep. Thank you.
Jimmy Carruthers

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a jacket. Thankyou
Therese Scheuner

Dear Santa;
This year I want a penny car. Thank you
Steven Backes

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a control racing car. Thank you.
Derek Merkley

• •

Dear Santa
This year I want a Rubic's cube. Thank you.
Jodi Williams

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Dolly Popps.
Thank you,
Kiley Lacelle

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Duke of Hazard's set.
Shawn Steinburg

Grade 2

Dear Santa,
This year I want a moshee-shee-monkey
Angela Young

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a train. Thank you.
Tommy Cinnamon

Dear Santa,
This year I want a Ken Barbie. Thank you.
Chris Lightfoot

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a control racing car and Duke Boys' car.
Casey Tym

Dear Santa,
This year I want a control truck, control bandit car, control fire bird car.
Andre Patenaude

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a set of book shelves. Thank you.
Roland Brunner

Dear Santa,
This year I want a pair of skis. Thankyou.
Katie Carkner

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want a controlled Duke Boys' car. Thank you.
Jeffery Merkley

Dear Santa,
This year I want a racing set key car. Thank you.
Craig Mattice

• •

Dear Santa,
This year I want an electric train.
Thank you.
Jason Steven



Holiday Greetings

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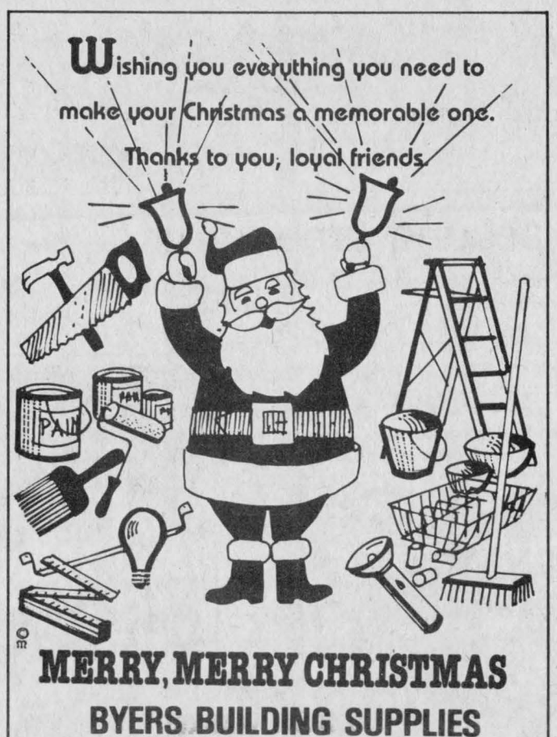

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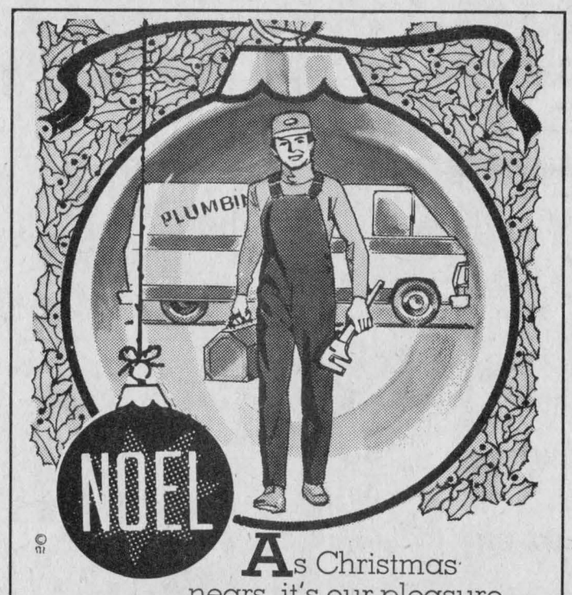

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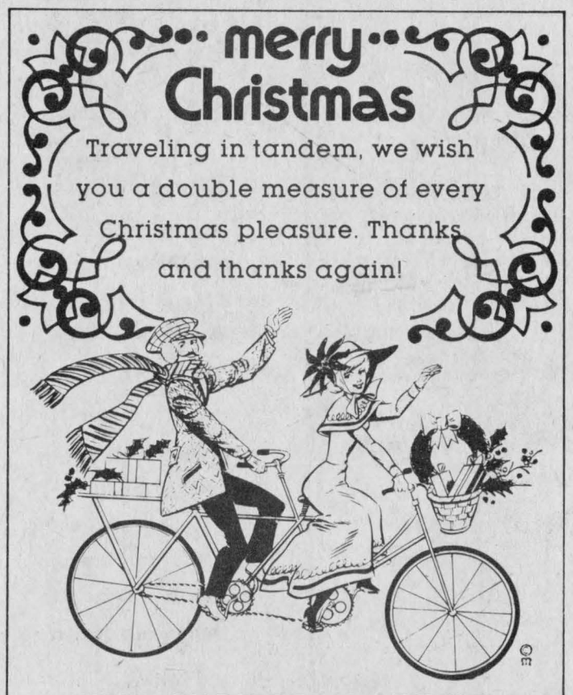

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Ginger beer completes Jamaican Christmas



Jackie Hudson grates ginger root for her traditional Jamaican Ginger Beer recipe.

-staff photo-

A Jamaican Christmas isn't complete without ginger beer, says Jackie Hudson of Chesterville; although some of her traditional recipes have ingredients difficult to find locally, ginger beer has relatively easy to find components.

Ginger Beer

¼ lb. ripe root ginger (120 grams)
2 lb. sugar (1 kg)
1 ounce yeast (16 grams)
½ ounce cream of tartar (20 ml.)
6 quarts boiling water (12 cups)
1 lime (15 ml. lime juice)

Grate the ginger and put in a large bowl. Add the thinly sliced lime or 15 ml. lime juice and cream of tartar. Pour boiling water over all.

Mix yeast with one cup sugar. Add ½ cup lukewarm water and mix a smooth paste. When the ginger mixture is lukewarm, add the yeast mixture. Stir well. Let stand for about two days. Strain and sweeten to taste. Chill before serving.

Jackie has admitted, on occasion, she has let the mixture ferment for more than the recipe's two days sit. It makes a 'real' drink, she laughed.

She also shared her recipe for rice and peas with Record readers.

Rice and Peas

½ cup kidney peas
2 cups rice
1 pint coconut milk
salt, green onions, thyme and hot pepper

Place the peas in 1½ pints cold water and boil until tender. Add the coconut milk, seasoning and salt to taste. Jackie notes coconut milk can be made by blenderizing 1 cup coconut with 2 cups water at high then straining or coconut cream can be purchased in tins.

Allow to boil briskly for five minutes. Add rice and stir with a fork. Cover and simmer until tender and the water has dried out. Serve six.

Celebrating the day after Christmas

Wondering what to do on the day after Christmas? Why not invite some guests over, mull over the events of the previous day's celebration, and throw nuts at each other just prior to dinner. This is an old practice which commemorates the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christmas martyr, who was stoned to death on December 26.

Every day that is born into the world comes like a burst of music, and rings itself all the day through; and thou shalt make of it a dance, a dirge, or a life march, as thou wilt.

St. Francis de Sales

Yuletide turkey can be good second time around

An elaborate turkey dinner at Christmas time yields untold dividends in second day lunches and dinners. You'll enjoy these delicious menus...and so will family. The best part is that they're so tempting you'll never think of them as "leftovers."

Easy Turkey Loaf

6 cups turkey finely chopped
½ cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped green pepper
½ cup fine dry bread crumbs
1 cup mayonnaise
½ cup chili sauce
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper; Combine all ingredients, mix well. Turn into greased loaf pan 9" x 5" x 3". Bake at 350 degrees for half hour or until lightly browned. Serve plain or with your favorite tomato sauce. 8 portions.

Crunchy Company Casserole

3 cups diced cooked turkey
2 hard cooked eggs coarsely chopped
¾ cup diced celery
1 tablespoon chopped onion
1-4 oz. can sliced mushrooms
½ cup blanched almond slivers
¾ cup mayonnaise
1-10½ oz. can cream of chicken soup
Crushed potato chips or chow mein noodles

Mix first 6 ingredients to together. Stir mayonnaise and soup together; toss into turkey mixture. Turn into 2 quart casserole and sprinkle with noodles or potato chips. Bake in 350 degrees oven for half hour or 'til dish is bubbly, 6 hearty portions.



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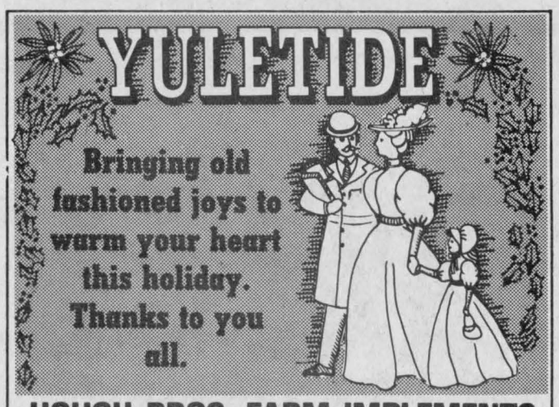

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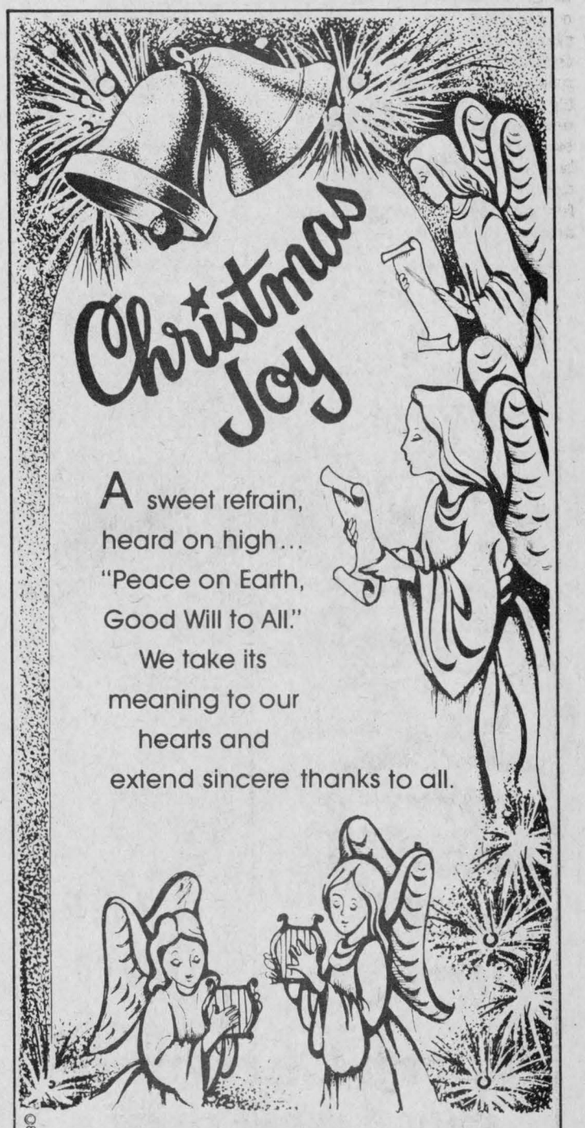

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Krisjanis family recipes hail from Estonia, Latvia



Marta Krisjanis tests one of her Christmas recipes. -staff photo-

Marta Krisjanis says she hates to cook and dishes taste 100 per cent better when someone else bakes them, but the evidence in her kitchen seemed to indicate otherwise. A golden brown cake filled the sparkling white kitchen with an aroma that takes Christmas back several years.

Many of her 'recipes' are not, in fact, recipes. She was taught by her mother how a dough should feel or taste and ingredients were added to make up the difference, she remembers.

It was difficult learning to adjust to temperatures on the oven since she learned to guage temperature by throwing a wisp of flour into the brick oven. When it burst into flame the oven was too hot. A golden brown flour was the go ahead.

Two favorites in her family are a sweet Christmas bread and meat rolls. Mrs. Krisjanis remembers leaving the house for minutes and returning to scant quantities of both left, saying the kids are "crazy for them".

Christmas Bread

8 level cups flour
5 or 6 cardamom pods
2 eggs
1 tsp. salt
sugar to taste
½ cup raisins (or to taste)
1½ cups mixed fruit (or to taste)
2 packages dry yeast
2 cups lukewarm water
4 tbsp. butter

Start the yeast with ¼ cup of the 2 cups of water and some of the sugar. While this is readying, put the flour in a bowl. Open the cardamom pods and take out the seeds. In a clean cloth, pulverise them into a fine powder until no hard bits remain. Add this to the flour.

Put in the chopped fruit and raisins and dust with the flour. Beat the eggs into the water and ready yeast mixture. Add all this to the flour and knead until your hands come clean, says Mrs. Krisjanis.

Her mother would tell her the dough was ready when it talked back. She would ask what it was going to say - Hold it? No, explained mother, when it begins to crackle and make odd noises. Mrs. Krisjanis explains the kneading process is complete when your hands come clean.

Roll out the dough and cut into thirds or quarters. Then divide into three strips to braid. Bake at 325 for 20 to 25 minutes.

A novelty for this bread, she explained, is to soak 1 teaspoon of saffron in lukewarm milk (part of the lquid ration for the recipe) and the dough takes on a yellow shade and has a slightly different taste.

Meat rolls are a great success, at this time, too added Mrs. Krisjanis noting she has been reminded to include them in the holiday bake list.

Meat Rolls

boiled pork (with whole pepper corns and bay leaf)
1 egg
onions chopped (to taste)
Frozen bread dough

There is the recipe, says Mrs. Krisjanis, just do it. Chop the meat finely and add the chopped onion, salting to taste. Make circles of bread dough approximately the size of your hand and place the meat mixture in the centre and seal the edges to make the shape of a half-moon. Paint the tops with the egg white and a bit of milk beaten together and bake at 325 until the bread dough appears done.

Mrs. Krisjanis' traditional recipes from her mother, she says are in most middle European countries, but her family is Estonian and her husband is Latvian.

Origins of modern Christmas card

Christmas cards originiated with an English nobleman who yearly wrote Christmas letters to friends and family.

One year - 1843 - he didn't have the time and so comissioned an artist to design a card to which he could just add a note. By the 1860's Christmas cards had caught on in England, and shortly afterward crossed the ocean to American.

Today Americans exchange some 3 billion Christmas cards each year. What with the rising prices of cards and postage, it's a custom that can be costly. No wonder so many people are now making their own.

Here are a few ideas, which are easy and fun to make:

First, find envelopes, then cut colored paper or card stock to fit. For a design, cookie cutters are one quick and sure trick, especially for the novice designer.

Trace a single tree or star, or make a pattern of several. Fill in the outline with scraps of fabric, glitter, bits of pretty giftwrap, whatever. You could accent the outline by glueing on contrasting glitter or yarn.

Hint: to keep fabric from ravelling, glue tissue paper to the back and let dry before cutting.

Here is another idea: You can make shiny paint by mixing Elmer's Glue-All and food coloring. Mix in small applicator bottles of Elmer's - red in one, green in another, and so on. Then apply direct from the bottle in dots or lines. Or, mix in small paper cups and apply with toothpicks or paint brushes.

Once you've started card-making, you'll find yourself thinking of all sorts of ideas. You don't have to be an artist to make cut-and-glue Christmas cards - all you need is a sense of fun!

Little folks bake cookies

Youngsters can spend many creative hours in the kitchen, baking and putting together their very own cookies and Christmas treats.

The recipes are easy for little folk and will provide some toothsome goodies to add excitement to your table, hang on your tree or wrap as gifts.

Basic Cookies (from a mix). Decide which cookie to make and make up basic dough from package directions. Use ginger-cookie mix if preferred. Roll dough out about ⅛" thick. Cut in desired shapes. Bake as package directs, then decorate with prepared frosting.

Santa Cookie: From cookie dough mix, cut out tear drop shape about 3" tall. Sprinkle with red sugar. Bake, cool, then decorate. Pointed top of tear drop is Santa's peaked hat. The wide bottom, his body.

Gumdrop Christmas Tree: Cut out triangle for tree, and small rectangle for tree base, from basic cookie dough. Press parts into place on cookie sheet and bake. When cool, add gum drops for ornaments.

Singing Angel: From cookie dough mix, cut out circle for head and larger triangle for body. From contrasting dough cut wings in tear-drop shape. On cookie sheet, press all parts into place and bake. Cool and decorate with frosting or egg paint (recipe below).

Egg Paint: It is easier for young people to decorate baked cookies, but egg paint can be applied before baking too. To make this medium, mix an egg yoke with a few drops of water. Put small amounts in tiny dishes and add vegetable coloring as desired. Use a soft brush for each color, and let your imagination go! If you are using the cookies for Christmas tree trimming, remember to leave a small hole about ½ inch from top of the cookie, for a bit of colored yarn or ribbon as the hanger.



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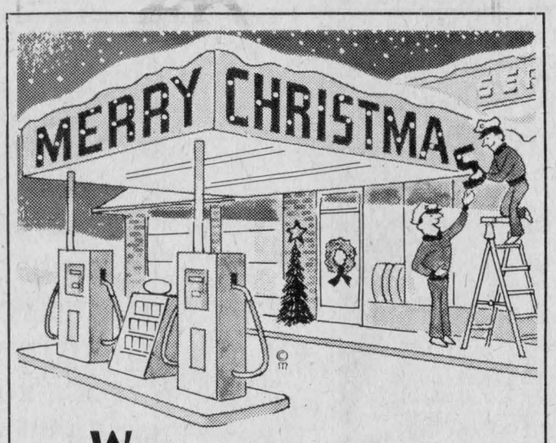

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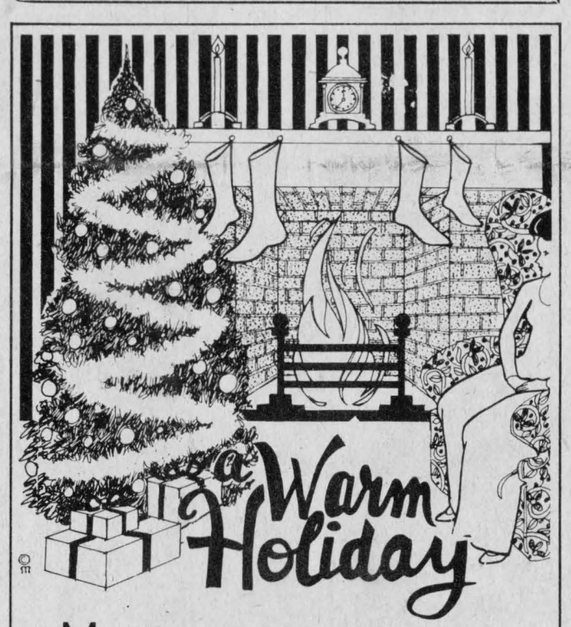

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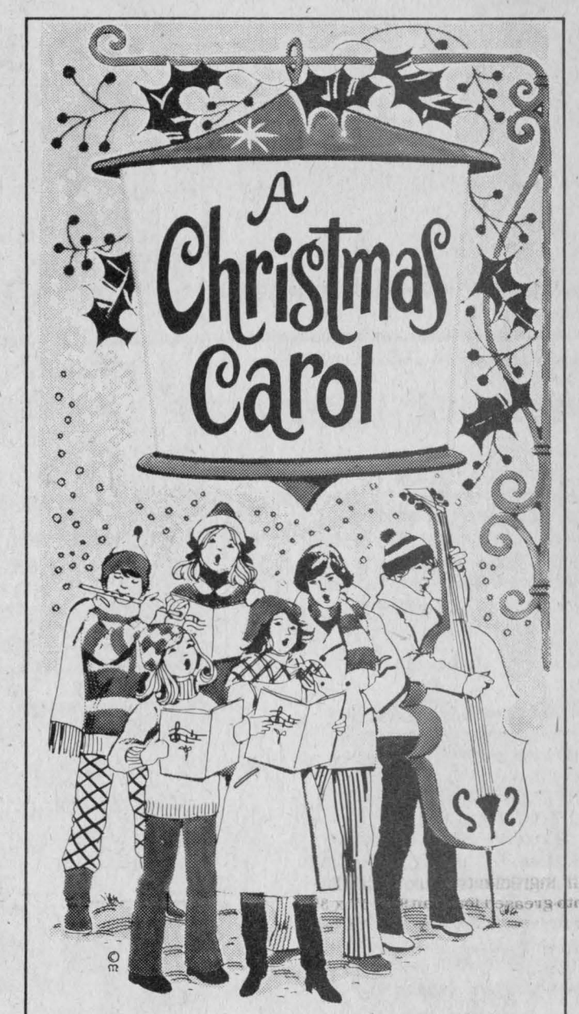

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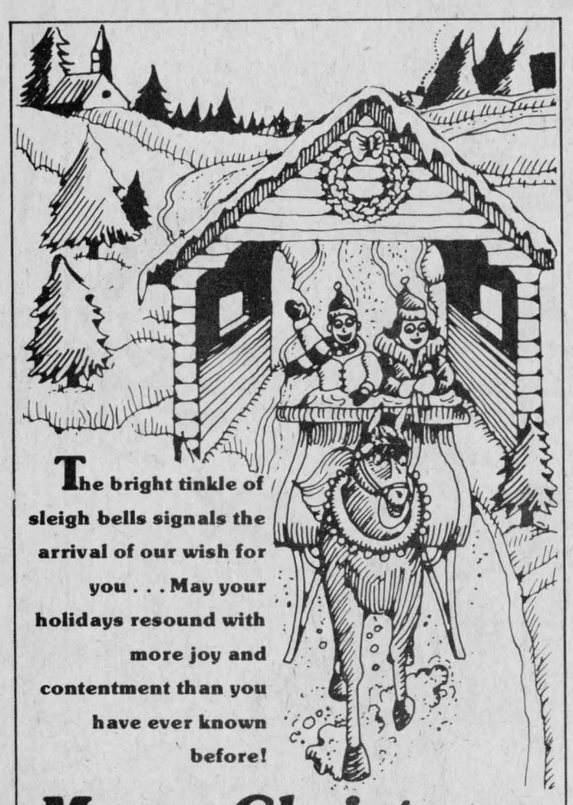
The bright tinkle of sleigh bells signals the arrival of our wish for you . . . May your holidays resound with more joy and contentment than you have ever known before!
Merry Christmas
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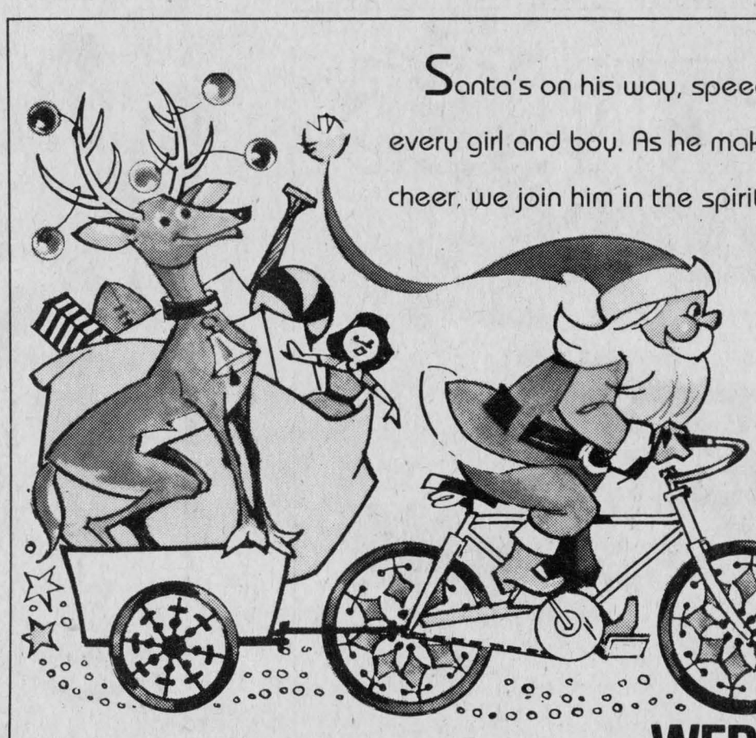
Santa's on his way, speeding boundless treasures to every girl and boy. As he makes his rounds, spreading good cheer, we join him in the spirit of the holiday with wishes for
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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a fishing rod and a race track with the yellow and black Trans Ams. If you think that I deserve anything else, you can bring me it, too.

Love,
Mark
Mark Brown
Age 7

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Dear Santa:
I am 2 years-old and I have been a good girl all year. I wish you would bring me a doll, tinker toys and some new story books. I will leave some cookies for you on Xmas Eve and sugar for your reindeer.

Love,
Jaime Cass.

Dear Santa:
I wood like some ster Wars stuff.
I Love You Santa.

Ryan Buske

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Dear Santa:
My name is Kristy St. Pierre and I am 2½ years old. I am trying to be a good girl. For Xmas I would like a spring horse, fridge and stove, Tippee Toes and anything else that you think I would like. I have a baby sister named Robyn. Would you bring her some toys too?
We will leave you cookies and milk. I love you. Kisses and Hugs.

Kristy
and
Robyn St. Pierre

Dear Santa:
For Christmas I would like, a berry buggie, tippy toes, western barbie, record player, laces for my skates, presents for Daddy, presents for Mommy, and a good Christmas for all the other boys and girls in the world.

Love,
Terri-Lynn Rushford
xoxoxo

P.S. Also a new seat for Jennifer's bike.

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Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas, I would like a toy train and anything else you think I deserve.

Love,
Paul Brown
Age 4

Economical gifts

If Christmas shopping has just about exhausted your ideas and your money - there are other ideas, other places to last-minute shop, and without demanding lots of spending in dollars.

A willing hand and a few things around the house can combine to produce last-minute gifts at reasonable costs. Also, try your supermarket, hardware or drug store and the five and dime. Some suggestions:

1. Box an assortment of mixes for a little girl who likes to cook.
2. Order Christmas plants through your supermarket's produce department, then deliver them yourself.
3. Make a loaf of date or nut or fruit bread from packaged mix. Wrap in clear plastic, attach a piece of holly for trim, and take to a friend for Christmas breakfast.
4. Give a teenager a box full of snacks or a case of soft drinks.
5. Pack your own basket of fruits or cheese or gourmet foods. Pick the nicest they have at your supermarket - by packing your own you'll have a much less expensive gift and it will have your personal touch.
6. Pot several plants together and make a handsome arrangement for a friend's table.

heirlooms for gifts will surely please

Search your cellars and attics for family heirlooms and old furnishings - they make delightful gifts for relatives or friends at Christmas.

Some of your stored possessions could be packed in pretty boxes and given as lovely gifts - for instance, wine glasses, bowls, china, silver, tea napkins and trays.

It is selfish to hoard lovely things, things you don't use, but miserly types often can't bear to part with them. If one needs money for old age, it would be far better to sell old things before they deteriorate from lack of use.

Surely there's someone on your gift list who would love to have, and take pride in owning something you have packed away. It would not only solve the gift problem, but might clear the air, get old trunks opened and unclutter your house.

Visit of St. Nicholas in Dutch tradition

In Dutch tradition, St. Nicholas lives in Spain and every year on December 5th he brings gifts for Dutch children. It started 600 years ago, and he's doing it still - he and his servant Zwarte Piet.

St. Nick wears a long white robe, crimson cassock, tall red miter and in his gloved hands he carries a gold crozie shaped like a shepherd's crook.

His servant wears a simple look.

After the children are asleep, St. Nicholas flies over the roof tops on his white charger and Zwarte Piet runs up and down the chimneys en route.

Among the presents Piet leaves are spiced honey ginger breads, colored marzipan shaped like apples and potatoes, and, of course, a switch to remind each little dear - to be good for another year.



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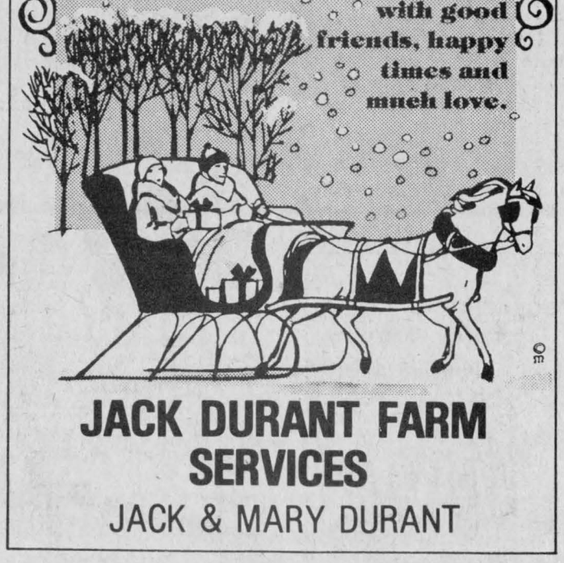

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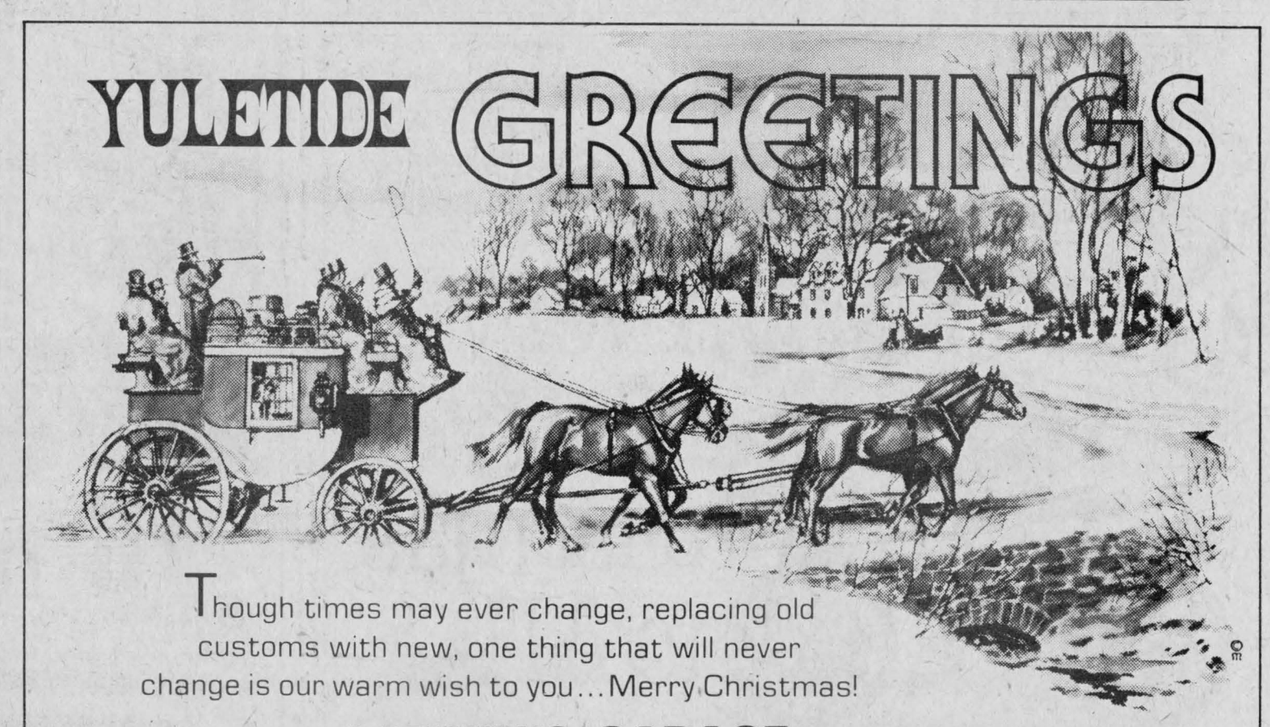

Though times may ever change, replacing old customs with new, one thing that will never change is our warm wish to you... Merry Christmas!

LANNIN'S GARAGE
CHESTERVILLE

Heart-warming letter recounts Christmas traditions

Note: The Chesterville Record has a tradition of contacting area cooks who might share their treasured, time-honored recipes with our readers during the Christmas season.

In response to our request, Dorothy Middleton, RR2 Crysler sent us a heart warming letter that recounts her family's Christmas as only she could.

Dear Chris,

You asked about our family traditions. I got off the phone and started to think. Every paper has Christmas cakes and puddings and they are really too late for this year.

Then I remembered what we had planned for this weekend - shortbreads. I use a very old recipe - my father's grandmother's - his family came from the north of England near the Scottish boarder so...

Scotch Shortbread

1 cup butter
½ cup icing sugar
2 cups bread flour
¼ tsp baking powder
¼ tsp. salt

Wash the butter. I pondered this step for ages. I asked Mom and Dad and they'd just say, "I don't know guess its to take out the salt". Well why add salt? I don't know. But the recipe didn't work as well if the butter wasn't washed.

When I made my own butter I realized washing butter makes it fluffy. Small water molecules get into the butter and it is lighter.

Add sugar gradually. Add flour sifted with baking powder and salt.

Roll on a lightly floured surface then cut and decorate.

Bake at 350 degrees F until delicately browned. Store well in air tight tin. These also freeze well.

The tradition is the kids decorate these. Believe me every kid has his own way. Some like icing - outlining or all over; some like cake decorating; some get fancy and then it's empty the cupboards - nuts, raisins coconut, carob pieces, cherries, etc.

Each year we are treated to the artistic delights of our kids. This year Vicki, age five is the decorator.

I give them all the choices and let them at it. We've never had a mess-up, as its a real responsibility and the best Santa and Rudolph are kept to put out for Santa Claus Christmas Eve.

Traditions (English)

Dirty lucre gets a clean, polish and soak then the silver coins are put into the Christmas pudding. If kept all year the recipient will never be broke!!! The kids would eat, until their eyes popped, for the silver . They are 21, 19 and five and still do this. I wouldn't dare forget this one.

Stockings hung on door handles of bedrooms always contain - a large orange and an apple. These fill up the stocking (useful when money is scarce-like now) and they are also a snack to keep everyone going until breakfast.

Each kid bounds out of bed and onto ours to open the stocking - hectic but fun!

I hope this helps - I wrote as we have trouble getting hold of each other.

Merry Christmas - Have fun.



Dorothy (left) and Vicki Middleton are busy cutting and decorating shortbread cookies. -staff photo-

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