

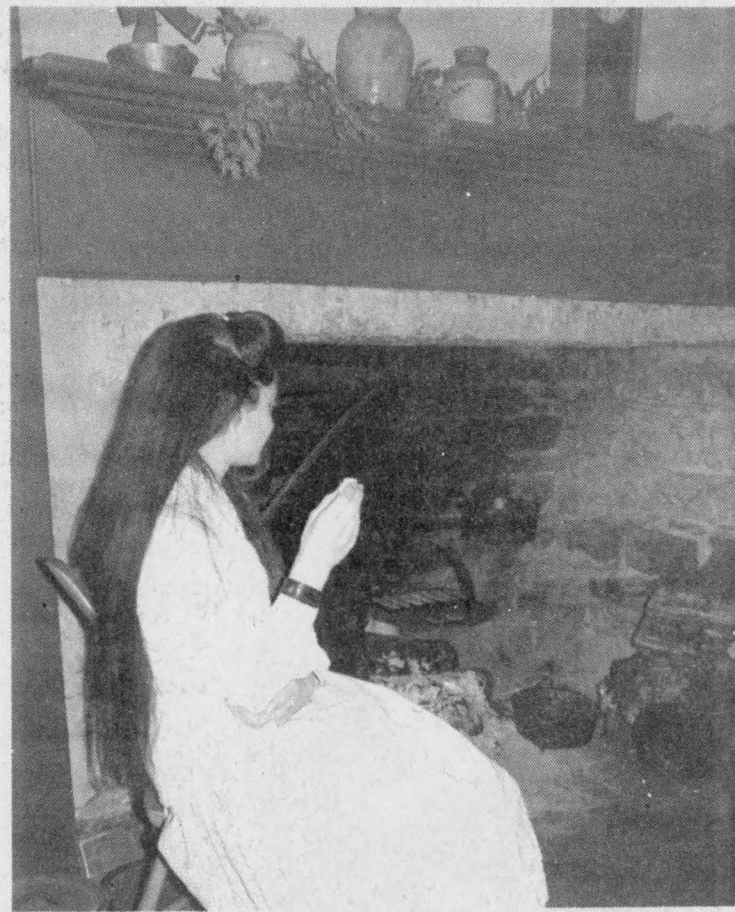
Season's Greetings from

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Old fashioned Christmas

The Iroquois Women's Institute celebrates an old fashioned Christmas each year at the Carman House. The open hearth cooked treats are so good, the hot cider warms everyone, and the craft displays make it a great way to get in the mood for Christmas. Sherri Shaver helps keep an eye as corn bread cooks. The hot soup was delicious and the decorations fantastic. Hope this idea continues each year.

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

Cards across the miles bring warm greetings

The holiday season is the time of year when people like to remember each other in thought, word and deed, in written communication of spirited good wishes.

Hallmark estimates that more

than 2.3 billion greeting cards will be sold in 1992.

Like decorating a Christmas tree, the custom of exchanging cards seems timeless to us today, yet both

these traditions came to us during the Victorian era.

In 1874, as an outgrowth of his thriving chromolithography business, Louis Prang, a German who emigrated to Boston in 1850, produced his first Christmas greeting cards in a 2 by 3 and a half inch format that replicated his trade and business cards. Prang's greeting cards were superbly designed and masterfully printed and so caught on immediately. Once Prang enlarged his format to 7 by 10 inches and added verses to his standard holiday message, his cards dominated the market until the turn of the century when they were overtaken by competition from manufacturers producing less expensive cards. Rather than compromise his standards, Prang withdrew from the marketplace and spent the remainder of his career publishing educational books.

Literally thousands of commercially produced cards are designed and marketed each year. Whatever your sentiments, be they sublimely spiritual or frankly humorous, there is indeed a card for you.

In the environmentally conscious 90s, many manufacturers are printing cards on recycled paper...look for the symbol on the cards.

To keep in "visual" touch friends far away, many families opt for a photo card. If this is your choice, remember, to plan your photo session well in advance to give everyone enough time to get in the spirit. Dress for comfort and use a special occasion like the family vacation to grab the shot when everyone is congenial and happy. These types of cards take time, allow enough so you're not disappointed.

Personalized cards also include those with a photocopy picture on them, a verse you add up, a picture your child drew and always a signature.

Writing, addressing, stamping and sending cards takes time, so set up a reasonable schedule to accomplish everything will reduce the stress of a deadline.

Buy all the stamps you will need well in advance. Holiday stamps are pretty and can be bought in sheets.

Check your list well in advance, so that you will know how many you will have to send, who can be deleted and who has to be added. Keeping a list, year to year will enable you not to overlook anyone.

Family members will be great stampers as the envelopes have to be addressed and stamped ready to mail. Holiday music on the stereo will set the mood and the work will be done before you know it.

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, religious 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 Medieval 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 popular 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 thoughtfulness and enjoy your holiday.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa-

My name is Melissa Dionne. I'm five yrs old. I would like a ballerina dress and some hi-heels. For toy's I would like Magic Potty Baby a dress to go with her. A magic copy doddle. If you please I also like Singing Aerial the Little Mermaid. I would also like the Ice Cream Maker and I want Don't wake daddy. Aslo Roller Blade Baby if that is not to much to ask for.

I will leave milk and cookies out for you. I love you Santa.

P.S. How is Mrs. Claus.

Your friend

Melissa D.

Dear Santa

My name is Michelle Dionne. I'm 4 yrs old. I would like a magic potty Baby, magic Jewels Baby, a stroller for my Babies. I also would like a new dress-size 6. Some hi-heels. I have been a good girl all year

Love

Michelle D.

Dear Santa

I would like a gun belt that holds 50 bullets. And 2XL. And a surprise. Merry Christmas
OXOXOXOX
HO HO HO!
Warren Leroy
Morrisburg

Dear Santa

Hell Santa, Thank-you for the toys you brought me last year. Please bring me Magic Copier, Cat woman Figure and Batman, Plantsters, Home Alone 2 Game and Don't Wake up Daddy Game, and Rock Tumbler.

I will leave you milk and cookies and sugar for Rudolph. Thank-you
Matthew Snyder
Iroquois, Ont.

Dear Santa Claus

Please bring me a new dress-size 8. I would also like magic Baby, Magic Jewels Doll. Some new story-book for when I stay at my nanny's house. The story Book's are "Don't Wake Dad", "The Little Mermaid". I'm only in grade one so make the book's easy to read "please". I will leave some cookies for you and some pancakes for the reindeer's.

Love & Hugs from
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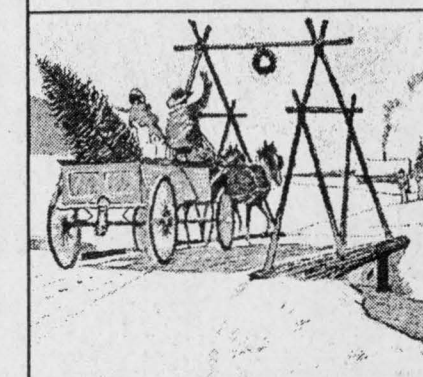
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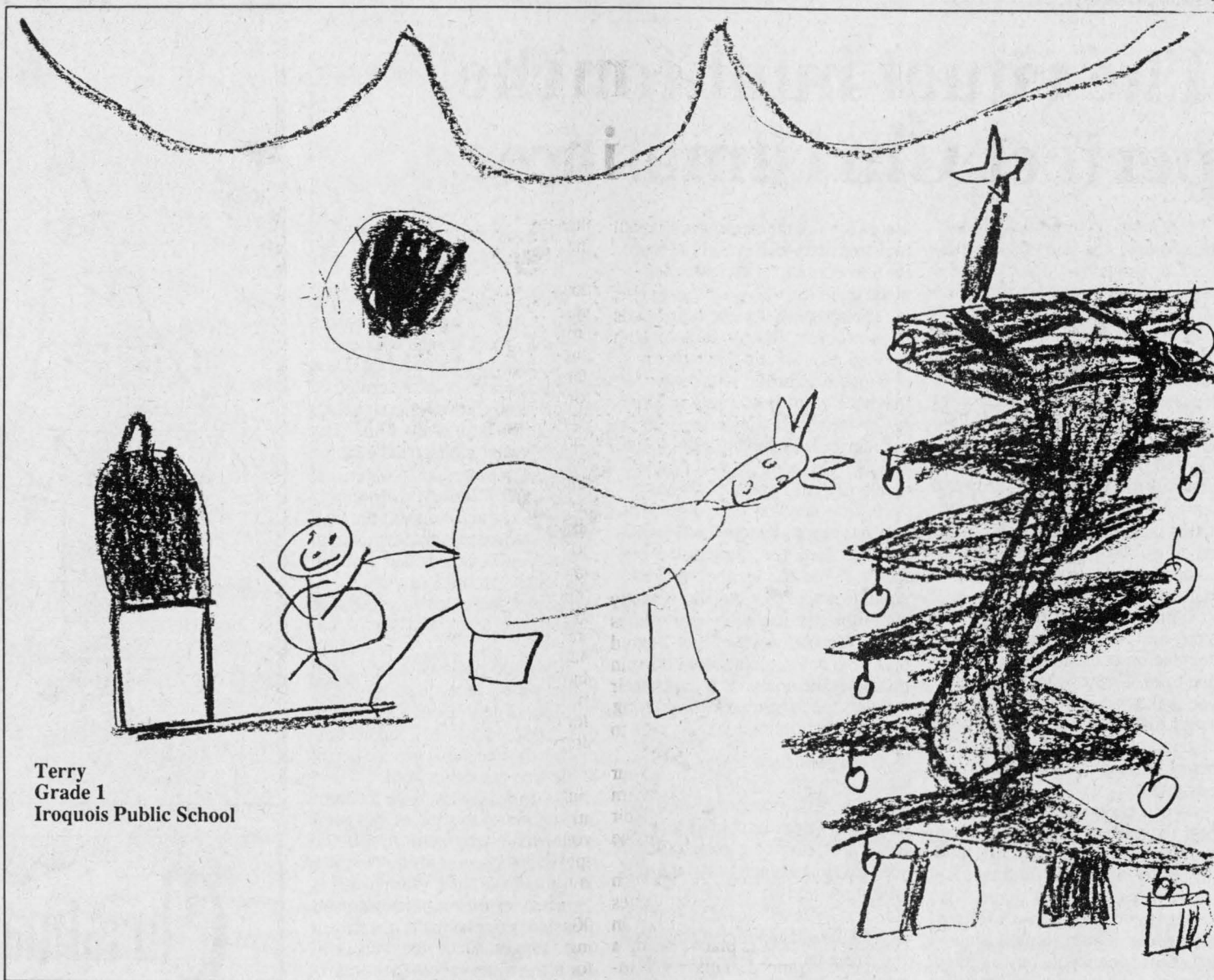




Wee Mary and Santa

Santa surprised the ladies of St. John's Anglican Church as they enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner. Here wee Mary Bueley tells the old guy what she wants to find under her tree on Christmas morning. Santa called his favourite girls up one at a time and gave each a candy cane. Great fun!

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston



Terry
Grade 1
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CHRISTMAS PROSE

Santa Clause Poem

We all love christmas time, so lets start saying those christmas rymes.

Presents, gifts, and toys are all under the tree, for all the little children in the world to see.

Christmas is a time for giving so lets get in the spirit and start singing.

Children all over the world can't wait so please Santa don't be late.

When children hear the clicking on their rooves they can only hope it's the sound of reindeer hooves.

The toys are loaded on the shelves, while all the other work is being done by those hard working elves.

Santa is checking his list row by row, while the reindeer are getting ready to go.

On christmas eve I will leave Santa a treat, so on the way home he will have something to eat.

Christmas time is coming near, so start spreading some christmas cheer.

On christmas morning while sitting around the tree. Children will be full of joy and glee.

So after reading my little poem, mabeey some of my joy and happiness will fill your home.

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Steeped in traditions of the past

The brightly lit tree, gayly wrapped presents, stockings hung by the chimney...all this and more of our modern day Christmas celebrations have their roots in the customs of our European forefathers. Still settlers in this New World found ways to make the holiday their own.

Looking back into the history books, it may seem amusing to us today what some early settlers actually did when the holiday season rolled around.

It is written that if the Pilgrims had their way, Christmas day would have been like any other day of the year. In 1620, the Puritans at the Plymouth Colony actually banned Christmas celebrations, connecting the holiday with the Anglican reveling of the England they had left behind.

Then in 1659, the General Court of Massachusetts went so far as to arrest anyone who was found to be

observing any day such as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing labour, feasting or in any other way. The fine was five shillings for each offence. The law in Connecticut was even more specific, it prohibited the making of mince pies, laying at cards or performing on any instruments of music except the drum trumpet and Jew's harp. Although the laws were repealed in 1681, Christmas was considered a common workday in Boston until 1856.

It was a different story though for the fun loving Dutch. They continued their homeland traditions when they came across the ocean to their new home in what is New York today. In 1625 when they arrived, they honoured their Saint Nicholas on his feast day, December 6, by drinking punch, playing games and roasting the first Christmas turkey.

Farther south, the Virginians kept the Anglican customs by feasting on goose and plum pudding and burning the Yule Log. It was a day for hunts and toasting the success of their tobacco plantations.

In the early days, gifts were given only to the children. They would find candy and toys hidden in their stockings.

Christmas trees were unheard of by most in America before the mid

19th century, though some German immigrants had them in their homes as early as 1710. Uniquely American is the tree that reaches from the floor to the ceiling, for in Germany the evergreen sat on a tabletop. If there was no evergreen available, then the pioneers used sassafras or oak trees.

One of the first decorated trees appeared in 1832 in Boston. Adorned with gilded and coloured egg shell cups, paper cones filled with nuts, crystallized fruit and candy, moss, seven dozen wax tapers, dolls and whimsies.

Even in poorer homes, the trees were festooned with cookies, ribbons, pinecones, nuts, dried seedpods, lady apples and garlands of popcorn and berries. Pennsylvania Dutch farmers dressed their tree with doughnuts and strings of dried, sliced apples. Out west Indian beads and the handiwork of the local tin-smith could be found among the bouquets of paper flowers, and stars made of soap.

The children's presents hung from the branches and became a part of the decorations. There would be wooden soldiers, tiny sewing kits, a warm pair of gloves, corn husk dolls, puzzles and hand carved whistles. One Ohio family newly arrived from Sweden, soon adapted to the American custom by hanging their silver spoons, forks and knives on their

tree.

It was reported that another holiday celebrant decked his tree with some \$70,000. worth of gold nuggets found in the 1897 Klondike gold rush. The first glass ornaments-icicles and balls came to America with the German immigrants, and began to be imported around 1870.

Though electric lights on trees were first used in 1882, they were prohibitively expensive, costing the equivalent of \$1000. today! So until the early 1900s, candles provided the Christmas glow. Small, thin tapers were attached to the branches with wire, carefully placed so that they were in no danger of setting fire to anything hanging above...but just in case, a damp sponge, tied to the end of a long stick was kept handy to put out any blaze. Up until 1900, only one in five families had a Christmas tree of their own. Instead, an evergreen was set up in the schoolhouse, church or town hall for everyone to decorate and enjoy.



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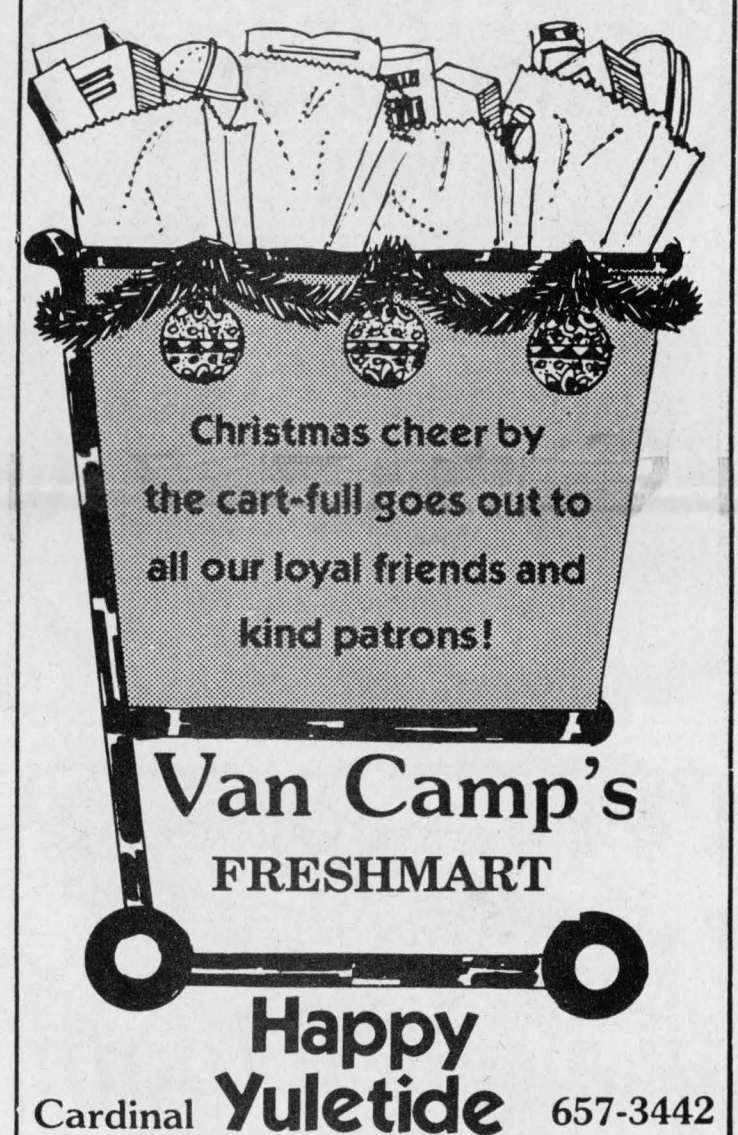
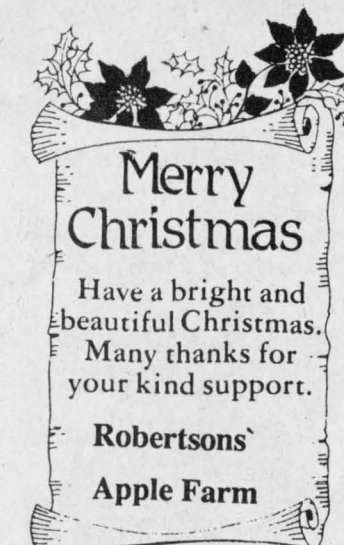
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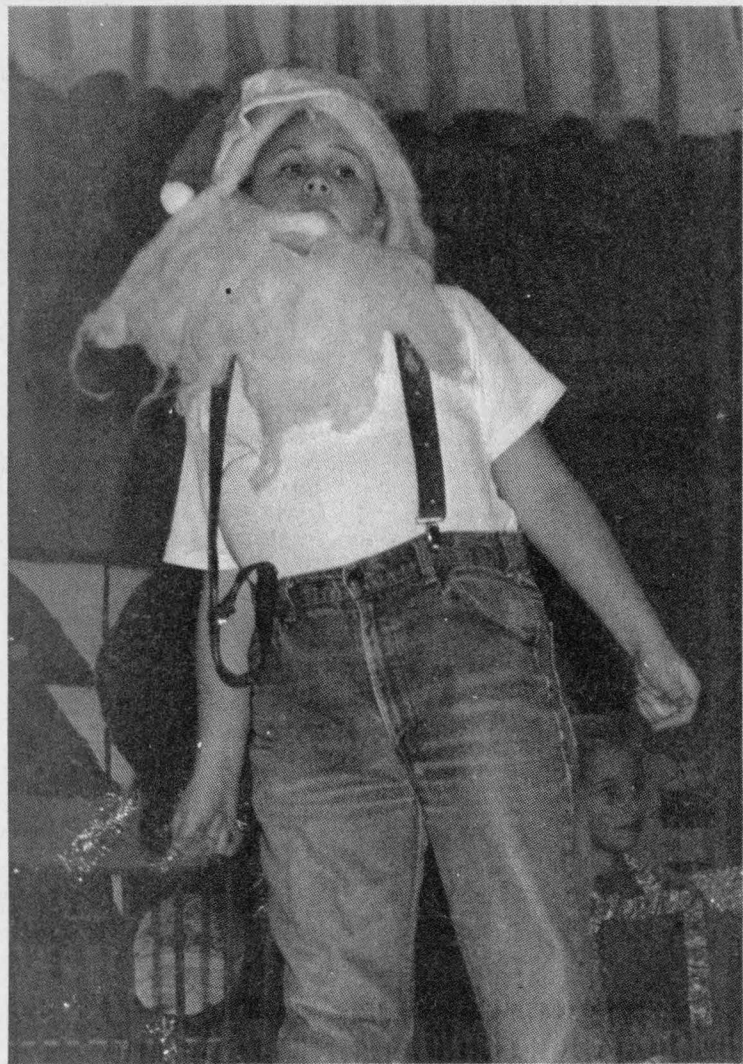
One of the great pleasures of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to exchange greetings with those whose friendship and goodwill are valued so highly.

In this spirit, it is a pleasure to say "Thank You" and may a bright and prosperous New Year bring happiness to you and to yours.

Mel Shannon & The Staff of
The Stove Store

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Hip ol' dude

Santa isn't always dressed in red. Here we catch him in his work attire, a T-shirt and jeans. Sarah Charbot did a terrific job as the jolly, old man who makes children's dreams come true. In the show, Santa becomes a hip, rock and roll Santa, but when no one likes him that way, he reverts to his original state of mind and dress. Ho-ho-ho...we love Santa just the way he is.

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

The ritual hunt for the perfect Christmas tree

It has begun in homes all over the country...the hunt for the perfect Christmas tree. Then, once it has been accomplished, the ritual of decorating it will be performed.

Some folks prefer to choose and cut down their own at a tree farm or plantation, while others are content to make their selection at a lot stocked with seasonal tree sales. The fellow down the street may have a driveway full of trees to pick from or the sidewalk merchants who set up and sell from the back of their pickup during these hustle and bustle weeks heading to the big day may be your favourite way to acquire a tree...no matter.

It may astound you to learn that there are 30 different species of evergreen trees that are sold as Christmas trees. Certainly the best one for you is the one grown in your area. Trees that have been hauled long distances are harvested several weeks before being made for sales in your community.

When choosing your tree, it is best to seek one out that has an attractive colour, good needle holding ability, a pleasing fragrance and a symmetrical conical shape. Also keep in mind that a densely foliated tree while it may look lush and beautiful when you buy it, then, when you get it home, you may not be able to decorate it as easily as one that is less dense and has open

places among the branches. Check for a tree that will have ample room for the decorations that you plan to place upon it.

Transporting the tree home can be a problem that is seldom addressed. You should make sure it is tied together firmly, with a rope so that none of the branches will blow off or brush off. Once the tree is vertical and mounted in a stand, the bunched up branches will descend nicely to their normal position.

Before heading out to get that tree, it is best to decide exactly what you will look for. Height is a big factor, if you end up chopping one down to a size that will fit, it may well look like it when you are finished. Also be aware of how much bulk your room can accommodate. Do not let the branches be so broad that they touch furniture or that they impede traffic flow.

It is a good idea as well to know where you are going to put your tree. There is no sense spending money on a tree that cannot be seen. Remember, if you are going to stand your tree in a corner, only half of it will show and so a tree with one side not quite as nice as the other may fit the bill just fine. If you place the tree against a wall, again only one side will show. Only if you place the tree in a window will all sides be visible, and in this case it

will be necessary to ensure that the tree is ideally shaped all the way around.

When you get the tree home, make a fresh diagonal cut across the trunk, about an inch up from the end with a saw. This gets rid of the natural resin that has accumulated and clogged the water conducting tissue at the base of the trunk. The smoother and cleaner the cut, the better the tree can take in water, and this is indeed the key to sustaining the freshness and safety of the tree. A tree harvested up to a month before you bought it and watered adequately should maintain its appearance and penetrating fragrance through the entire Christmas season.

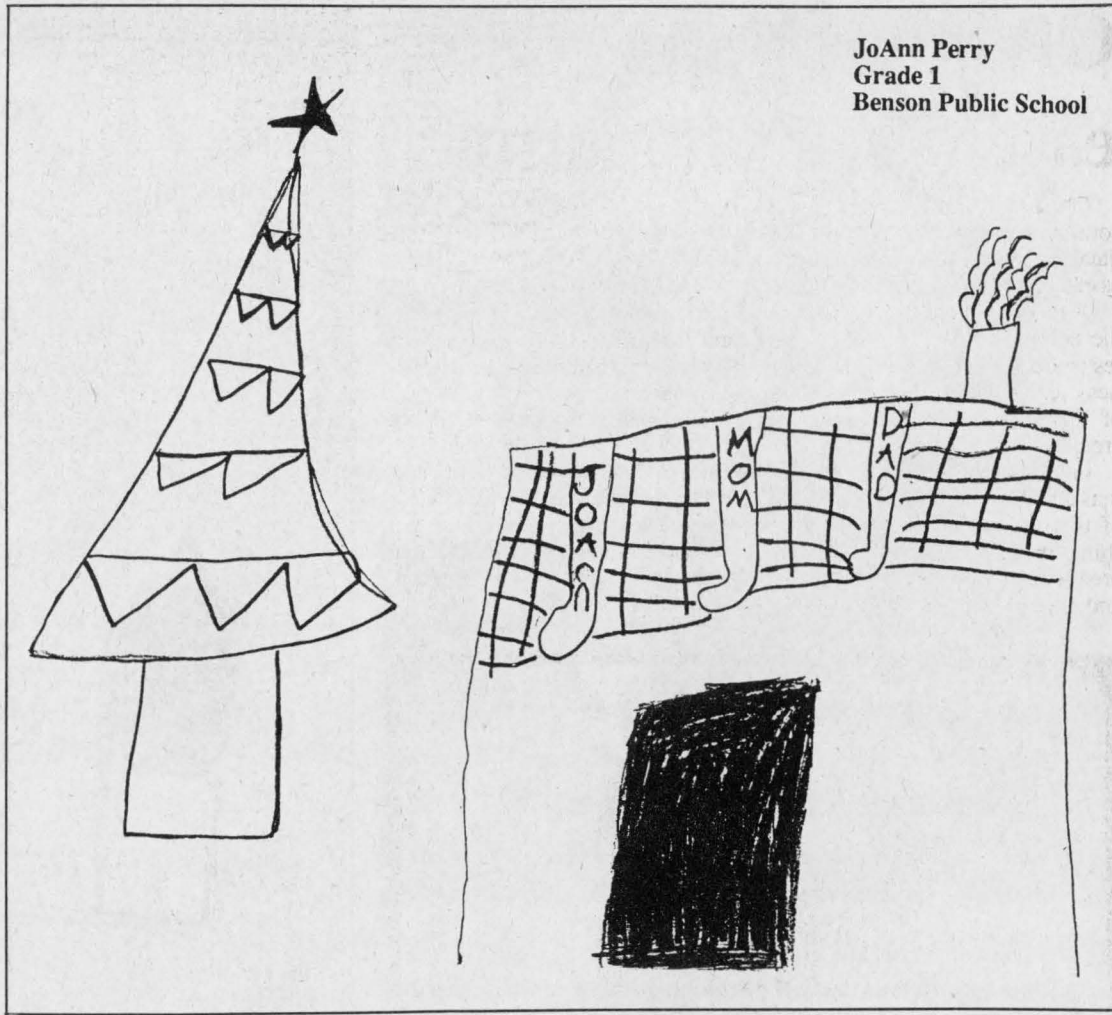
If you do not own a tree stand with a water reservoir, it is wise to think about getting one. Just be sure that the stand you buy can accommodate the tree trunk, and the height of the tree you bring home.

The tree does not have to come into the house as soon as you get it home. You will need to fill the reservoir though with fresh water well above the base. Warm water is absorbed better than cold water and a pinch of sugar helps the tree remain fresh longer. Once the tree is in place, the water supply in the reservoir should be checked regularly.

The water will keep your tree looking fresh and green as long as you stand it where the needles are less likely to dry out quickly and drop off. Putting the tree in the coolest part of the room you choose for it, away from sunny windows, the fireplace, a woodstove, radiator or air duct from the furnace...even the television set, will enhance the life of the tree.

If you choose a table top tree or want one or more smaller trees rather than a large one, it may be necessary to have tree stands for each of them. A bucket filled with sand or gravel may be sufficient to support a small tree and hold the water you add to it. Always test for sturdiness before putting your tree in place, and put a large platter beneath the bucket so that neither dampness nor condensation mars a table top etc. The bucket can be painted, or wrapped in seasonal paper or cloth or put into a basket for effect.

If you are very particular and decide your tree needs shaping once it is in place, be careful and use garden quality pruning shears. Keep the clippings, they make great embellishments on a tabletop arrangement or to decorate a mantle or verandah, window ledge or to make a wreath. A wire wreath from a craft shop with the cuttings woven into it makes a nice touch on the front door. Adding scraps of ribbon, pinecones, berry clusters or tiny bells etc. add a festive touch to the wreath.



JoAnn Perry
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Christmas Cheer



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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa
I've tried to be a good boy this year. I would like a blue train set with smoke coming out, wireless remote control car and a remote control dinosaur that walks, mouth snaps and roars. I would also like a Beauty and the Beast tape, a BIG KING KONG stuffed toy that roars when you hug him, a red bike, colouring book, playdoh, basketball set and a flashlight radio.

I love you SANTA
Michael Timleck
Iroquois

Dear Santa,
Hello my name is Tyler. I am 6 years old. Thank-you for the nice toys you brought me last year. I have been kind of rough on some of them, so I need more this year. Please bring me The Grape Escape, Walkie-Talkies, Terminator 2 Sleeping Bag, Batman Figures, Batman Return's Game and Crash Dummies and car.

Thank-you
Tyler Snyder
Iroquois, Ont.

Dear Santa
How are you? I'm fine. Merry Christmas!
I would like...
Kitty Surprise, four in one Master workshop, A Sheep Squeezer,

luv-a jug troll, roller blade Barbie and Ken, The Grape Escape Game, Please, 2XL The robot, Canyon of doom race set. Traveling Magna Doodle. A watch.

Merry Christmas!
S. Robertson
rr#1, Iroquois

Dear Santa
My name is Melissa. I am 3 years old. I'm writing to tell you what I would like for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl. I help Mommy and Daddy when I can.

I would like California Rollerblade baby, Baby Shivers. I also would like a new, pretty outfit and maybe a pair of shoes.

If your not too busy, I would like a letter from you. I love you Santa.

Your Friend
Melissa Kennedy

Dear Santa Claus
How is Mrs. Claus. I hope she is fine. I hope the reindeer are ready too. I bet the elves are working hard.

I have been good this year. and healthy too but my pets hav'nt been too good. My cat got real sick and had to go to the animal hospital for a week. My pony broke a bone in his foot and Candy our dog got hit by a car and died. That is why I am asking for a new puppy dog. I would also like a new cement truck. I take care of my dump truck and my loader. A new watch, a Amber porcelain doll. A my little pony. A dizzy doodler pen. A dont wake daddy game. And lots of gum. Beauty and the Beast puzzle (large), Beauty and the Beast barbies. A ken doll. A backpack. B&B. My dad would like a bull-dozer. A farm country house. Make up. Books. Board games. A home hardware tractor trailer

Well good bye
Love April Murphy



A Happy Holiday
Sing a song of Christmas
Of snow and faces glowing,
Of holly wreaths and mistletoe
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Giving is the essence of Christmas

Christmas traditions reflect the continuity of families, customs and rituals evolving slowly over the years as each celebration leaves its mark.

A diversity of festivities across the country, where museums and restorations interpret with new freshness each year, the Christmas of their own particular region or area.

Giving is the essence of Christmas and nothing is more reflective of that spirit than creating something that is homemade. Festive breads, jars of rich desert sauces and tins of cookies that are only

made once a year are unique and personal gifts for the holiday season.

The Christmas kitchen filled with spicy aromas, bustling preparations and traditional foods bestows the special warmth of sharing with family and friends.

Decorating the tree, wrapping presents and placing the wreath on the front door, stringing lights outdoors and even placing a special welcome on the mailbox post and the light standards give that festive appearance that shows the celebration is about to begin.



Care bears Big Hit at South Mountain Parade

There was a fine parade to welcome Santa Claus To South Mountain; there were clowns and horses, floats and fire engines; even Elvis dropped by for a visit! One of the favourite floats in the parade featured the Care Bears who had a friendly wave and a happy thought for all of their young fans.

Photo: P.H. Nicol

This Disappearing Santa

by Danielle Lepitre
Dixon's Corners School
Grade 4.

It was a dark night at the North Pole.

Well, Santa had a problem! The reindeer were missing. "It's Christmas Eve and everyone of my reindeer are missing," said Santa glumly. "Now, now," said his wife, "I'm sure it is not that bad. They will turn

up sooner or later."

Santa replied, "I don't know, it is only one hour until I start my rounds, I am doomed. I am going to see how the elves are doing."

Santa went to the workshop where the elves were making toys. He entered the room and found the elves looking around. "What are you doing?" Don't you realize it is Christmas Eve, and I am to start my

rounds in a half hour and I need toys!"

"We are sorry, boss, but when we heard that the reindeer were missing, we went out to try to find them for you. When we were gone, someone came in and stole all of the toys," said one of the elves.

"Well, you will have to make more, can you do that?" asked Santa. "We sure can try," said another elf.

"Well, then get to it," said Santa. "Okay boss," said the leader of all of Santa's elves.

"I am going out to find my reindeer," said Santa, and out he went to search for the lost reindeer.

Meanwhile, back at the workshop, the elves worked their fingers to the bone. When Santa got back, he had great news...he had found the reindeer.

"Oh, that is great," said Mrs. Claus. "Now if only the elves have the toys finished."

Santa went out to find out how things were in the workshop and found it full of toys for the kids.

This turned out to be a wonderful Christmas after all...and Christmas has been wonderful ever since!

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)	Average cooking time (hrs.)	Range (hrs.)
4 kg	4 1/4	3 1/2 - 4 1/2
5.5 kg	4 1/4	4 - 4 1/2
6.5 kg	4 1/4	4 1/2 - 5 1/2
10 kg	6 1/2	5 1/2 - 7 1/4

Average cooking time (hrs.)	Range (hrs.)
4 1/4	4 - 5 1/4
5	4 1/2 - 5 1/2
5 1/4	5 - 6 1/4
6 1/4	6 1/2 - 7 1/2

Unstuffed

Stuffed

Number of 90g servings of cooked meat

17

24

29

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). 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 turkey 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.

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"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 pagan 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.

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Decorations a reflection of personal preference

Christmas decorations need not be pricey or old, they should be personal, items that reflect your family's taste and preferences. Handcrafted ornaments are highly regarded today, either the folk art type or those you craft yourself. Remember, you need not be an artist either to make them.

Not every household has antique ornaments handed down from generation to generation, or purchased in antique shops, and they don't have to be.

Some people make delightful ornaments from dried twigs, or from various sizes and shapes of pasta. Fashion decorations can be made

from scraps of lace or coloured fabrics gathered together and strung with wire. Hole punched greeting cards saved from past Christmases can be strung with ribbon and hung on the tree, as can small folded fans trimmed with lace or sections of lace paper doilies. Attractive decorations can also be made from coloured or metallic paper cut into free form shapes or you can use stencils or cookie cutters. When the cookie cutters are out, why not try making gingerbread people to hang on the tree?

On the subject of edible ornaments, there are popcorn garlands,

wrapped lollipops hung in groups, and toothpick skewered gumdrops poked into styrofoam shapes to be created and hung on the branches.

Some tree trimmers favour colour themes all red, all blue or all silver ornaments for example, or the use of recurring shapes like stars or hearts. You should use whatever it is that you like. Keep in mind that the ornamentation you use should point up the beauty of your tree by providing colour and visual interest. Thus, what you use is more important than how you use it. Simple ribbon, paisleys, stripes or solids and gold or silver cord threaded among the branches will define the shape and sweep of your Christmas tree handsomely.

Collecting natural items from the woods can provide some pretty special time together and great ornaments as well. Fallen pinecones present numerous alternatives, ribbon, wire or coloured twine make them hangable ornaments. They can be painted, bright red or green or shimmering gold or silver, or daub shellac on the tips of the cones and sprinkle some store bought glitter on them...what a sparkling idea, eh?

Tree ornaments need not be major investment, but collecting ornaments can be a special historical hobby. Some families include ornaments among the presents they exchange, while others like to purchase ornaments when they travel. Maybe Grandma gives the grandchildren a different ornament each Christmas, they are fun when new, but great mementos when they grow up.

Christmas ball ornaments are a traditional favourite in a great many homes. Whether in a mix of colours or one brilliant hue, they always dazzle. So it is important that they are labelled carefully when stored and their fragile being has to be protected, so wrap them with care and when unwrapping them, exercise great care as well. A broken ornament may be useless, but never toss out a damaged one.

Light up the way

When unpacking your strands of lights, be careful, and check the status of the plugs and sockets. Some strands operate such that when one bulb blows, no lights work, so experiment until the one is found to be replaced.

If you are working on carrying through a colour theme, you may want to replace the bulbs with the same colour.

Watch extension cords when plugging in the tree lights. Ensure that they are not under foot where they will cause trouble. Tape them under a rug, or along a baseboard out of the traffic area.

When the season is over be sure to wrap your light strands around cardboard tubes or store in the original packaging so that they are not damaged or broken while not in use.



Christmas early for Lois

Lois Rosenquist has given notice that she will retire at the end of this year. She has been General Manager at Upper Canada Playhouse since it was housed in a tent. A tough act to follow, she was honoured at a dinner and presented with this lovely piece of art. Good luck Lois; enjoy your free time!

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Angela Fawcett
"Merry Christmas"
Grade 6, age 11
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa

My name is Matlock. I am almost 4 years old. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like, Batman, hook Robin, Splinter and the Ninja Turtles and the movie Beauty and the Beast.

My baby sister Katie would like Cookie Monster for Christmas, she has been a good girl too. I will leave you out cookies and hot chocolate when you come to my house.

Your friend

Matlock Guse

R.R. 1 Iroquois, Ont.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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

CHORUS

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

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

Glory to God in the highest;

CHORUS

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

CHORUS

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

Dear Santa

My name is John Shay. I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like a magna doodle, machine shed for my farm toys, roller skates, batman, Rudolph movie and some clothes. I will leave you some cookies and pepsi. Also some hay for your reindeer. Thanks for the presents you left me last year.

Love John

Dear Santa,

I would like a Christmas tree and a duck.

I have tried to be a good boy at school.

My mom loves bingo. Can you help her win a Christmas turkey or cash!

Joey Merkley

R.R. 1, Chesterville

Dear Santa-clause:

Beauty and the Beast movie and toy please.

Roller blade gile 1.

Tropical mermaid please two.

Tropical cupcake please give us two.

Princess cupcakes please two.

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Totally hair Barbie two please.

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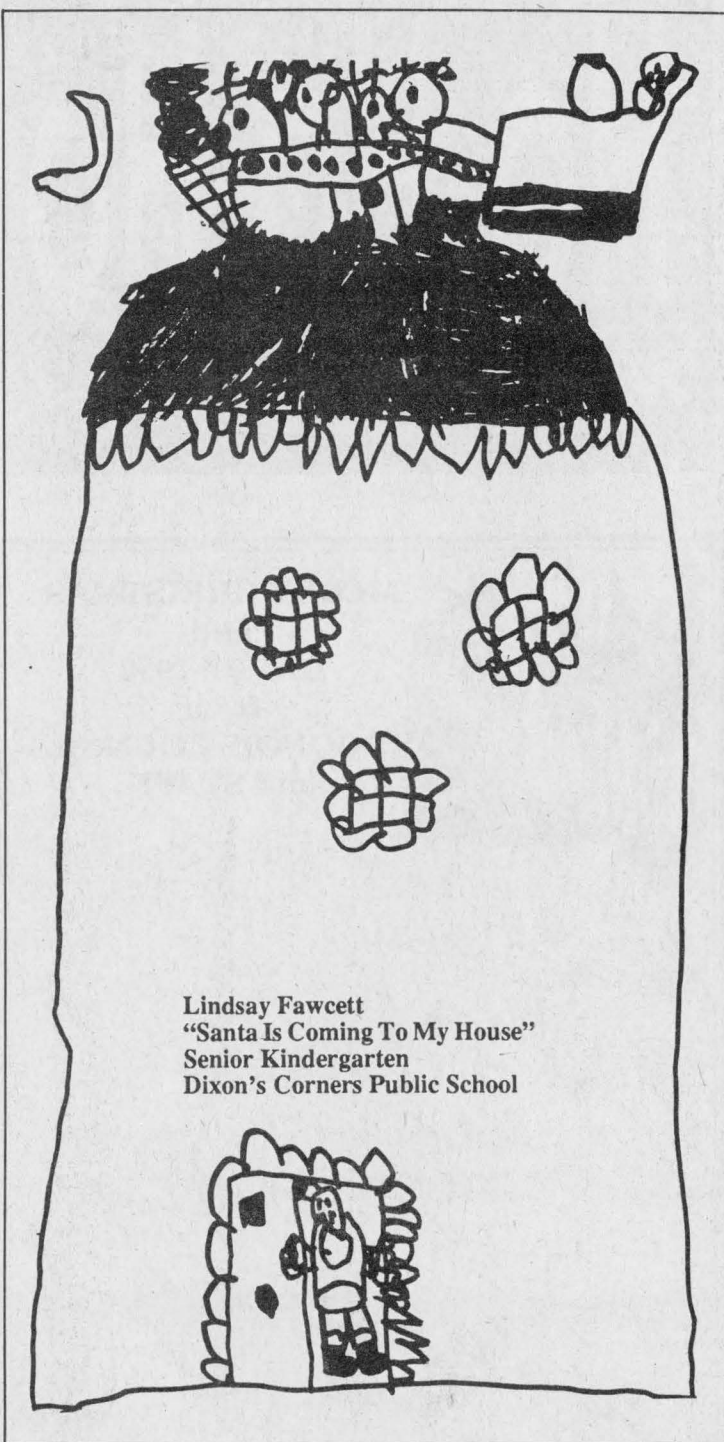
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"Santa Is Coming To My House"
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Welcome - Sr. Kindergarten style

The young people from Senior Kindergarten welcomed their families, friends and neighbors to the annual Christmas Concert at Iroquois Public School the other evening. They spoke verses for the letters and then sang about "Toyland." Individual students had plush toys to tell about in this number. A cute way to welcome everyone who came out. The gym was packed for both morning and evening performances.

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston



Tony Keeler
Grade 4, age 9
Iroquois Public School

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

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

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

There are many species of trees grown specifically for use as Christmas trees. The most popular around this area are Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) and white spruce (*Picea glauca*). Scots pine is popular for its

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

When selecting a Christmas tree, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Some people look for a more traditional cone-shaped tree, where others tend to pick the "Charlie Brown" style. There are no rules to go by when choosing a tree. If you like a uniform, high quality tree the best place to buy on is a roadside lot. These trees are generally the best of the crop from growers, and have the shape and size that appeals to most people. If you aren't particular about shape and size, and want to make an adventure out of selecting a tree, then a "choose and cut" operation is the place for you. You will find all sorts of trees here, from high quality to ones with character.

When you get your tree home, it is important to cut off the bottom 2 inches of the stem. This opens up the conductive tissues which transport water to the tree. If the tree has been bundled, it should be shaken before being brought in - to remove any loose needles (and grass, bark and bugs!). Trees should be put in their stands, watered and given a chance to acclimatize before starting to decorate. This allows the branches to return to their natural state. It is very important that the tree be kept supplied with water. A tree will use up to 4 litres of water per day. If it does dry out, cut off

another 2 inches from the base and keep watering. A moist tree not only looks and smells better, but it holds its needles and is more fire resistant.

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

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

pungent smell of the needles.

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

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

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Christmas is.....

Christmas is receiving presents.
Christmas is a joyful time.
Christmas is a loving time.
Christmas is a nice glittering snowfall.

Christmas is decorating a tree.
Christmas is when Christ was born.

Christmas is milk and cookies.
Christmas is when Santa and his reindeer come to town.
Christmas is picking out a Christmas tree.

Christmas is happiness in the air.
Christmas is when tree lights twinkle.

Christmas is hanging mistletoe.
Christmas is when three wise-men came to see Christ in a manger.
Christmas is playing in the snow.
Christmas is stockings filled with toys.

Christmas is turkey and dressing.
Christmas is wonderful!
Lindsay Smith and Marsha Halladay,
Gr. 4, Dixon's Corners P.S.

On Christmas Eve
On Christmas Eve, the people cheer,
On Christmas Eve, the reindeer fly,
On Christmas Eve, Santa fills our stockings with candy,
On Christmas Eve, people get to open one of their gifts,
On Christmas Eve kids go to bed early,
On Christmas Eve, Santa comes.
Katrina Little, Grade 4, Dixons



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LETTERS TO SANTA

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Merry Christmas
Your Friend
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Dear Santa:
I hope you have a Happy Christmas. I am 5 years old and in Sr. Kindergarten. For Christmas I would like a turtle that turns into a baby, a race car, a nice brown teddy bear, curious George stuffed animal and a nerf bow 'n arrow set. I love you Santa.
Brandon Zewuster
Iroquois

Dear Santa
My name is Cody Murphy. I am six years old. I think I have been a good boy all year, except for maybe a couple of times. I would really like to get a Nintendo for Christmas but my mom says she doesn't want me to have one. So if I can't have that the other things I would really like are a race car set, batman cave and the penguin. I have a little brother and his name is Travis. He is 4 years old. He would like the claws truck, the hungry, hungry hippo game and a watch. I will leave you a glass of milk and some cookies and also some carrots for the deer. I hope you have a nice trip and the weather isn't too bad.
Bye for now
Love Cody and Travis

Dear Santa
My name is Jenna Shay. I am 2 1/2 so my mommy is writing this for me. I have been a good girl. I would like a doll that cries, stroller, dishes and clothes. I will leave you some cookies and pepsi and some sugar for your reindeers.
Love Jenna

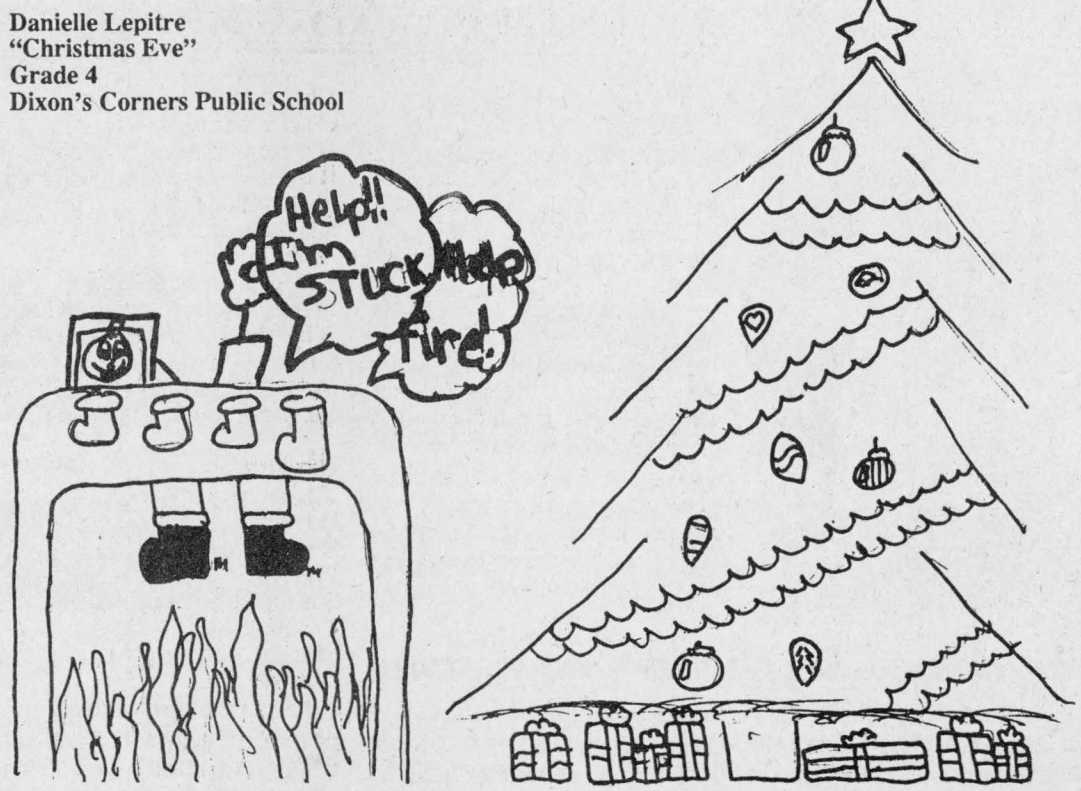
Dear Santa
My Christmas list. I would like a big G.I. JO, Batman, train set, keyboard and legos.
I love you.
Derek Timleck
Iroquois

Hello Santa
I hope everyone and everything is well at the North Pole, everything is fine here (except the weather). I am lead to believe ye all know what I would like for Christmas this year, but I will tell you a few things anyway.
C.D. player, 1979 Corvette L88 (black with burgandy interior), ha ha ha, Big house compact disc, 101 Dalmation Comforter and pillow cases, Identification bracelet 10kt gold, dumbbell set of weights.
I hope you come for a visit, I will leave you something sweet, and something crunchy for the deers! I also hope you have a lot of time this year so that no-one gets left out.
There's one other special Christmas gift I would love to have although I know it's not possible. I can still wish. I want my cat Skeezer back. I miss him so much that no Christmas present would be as perfect as that.
Love your friend
Sherri Shaver

Dear Santa-
I've been good all year. How is Rudolph, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen? How are the elves? I bet Mrs. Claus is busy baking. Are the Reindeers ready for the big flight? May I have...Happy Holiday Barbie, and a puppy picture, 90210 puzzle. And a Shampoo, 90210 Brenda & Dillan. I like you. I believe you.
Love Jessica Ault
P.S. Ho Ho Ho
Age eight

Dear Santa
I love you very much.
I have tried to be good this year. I don't care what you give me.
On the 29 of Nov. we went to the Mills Childrens Christmas party, and it was fun.
I got a 90210 hat, a pouch, two books, a diary and a pen.
I like them very much.
I will leave some milk or egg-nog out and some cookies out for you and I will leave some carrots out for your reindeer.
Love Hollie Timleck
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Danielle Lepitre
"Christmas Eve"
Grade 4
Dixon's Corners Public School



A hip north pole!

Mr. S. Claus (Sarah Charbot) and the Mrs. (Julianne Bygott) pose with the elves (Emily Millard, Amy Holmes, Kaitlyn Shaver, Sara Dulmage and Sarah Hawn) around the juke box. Mr. C tried to become a hip Santa but the children preferred the old one, and let him know!
Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

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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 holds four candles, one for each Sunday in Advent. The evergreen boughs are trimmed with pine cones, ribbons, sprigs of holly, mistletoe and artificial snow. Some families have traditional brass Advent candle holders which are placed in the wreath each year.

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

Catch the Spirit

To our good friends and customers, good times, good health... we wish you all this, plus happiness throughout the year.

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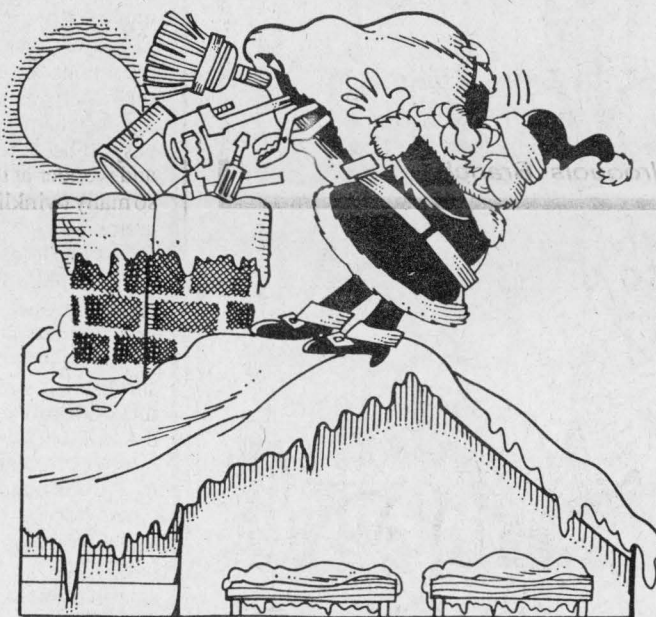
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from the Management
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Merry Christmas

The IPS Choir has some strong voices and as they sang during the annual concert, held last Wednesday night, Christmas seemed very close. The Operetta entitled, "The North Pole Goes Hip," was fun and very well done. There is a load of talent there! Alexis McQuigge seems to be singing her heart out in this one, good job!

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

CHRISTMAS PROSE

The Best Christmas Ever

One day there was a new boy in the park. He sat on a bench with a bag of full of bottles and cans. I walked over to him. I said "Hi what is your name?" He said "My name is Jesse Jackson. What is your name?"

"My name is Chris. Nice to meet you. I go to Benson School. What school do you go to?"

"I don't go to school. My family is poor for my mother and father died and Christmas is coming up. I don't have any place to sleep.

I said "Come on I will take you to my house. I'll show you my toys and get you some food. Some people don't like me because I'm black. I tried to tell them black people are the same as white people. Oh well some people call me names."

Chris's family was rich. They got him nice clothes.

33 years later Jesse Jackson was graduated and he was a millionaire. All the people that called him names and hurt him were bugging him for money.

As for Chris and his family, Chris had graduated and he was the President of the U.S.A. Chris and Jesse had family. Now Jesse and Chris's family had two baby boys. Jesse's family had a boy and a girl and they all had a Merry Christmas.

by Daniel Berry
Benson P.S. Gr. 4

Christmas

C is for Christmas tree
H is for Christmas holidays
R is for Rudolph with the red nose
I is for igloo that people live in
S is for Sam's birthday on Christmas

T is for a tree with lights
M is for mistletoe that we kiss under
A is for angels that praise the Lord
S is for Santa that rides in a sleigh
by Megan Clifford
Benson P.S. Gr. 3

Christmas

C is for candle that flickers.
H is for hockey we play.
R is for reindeer that fly.
I is for icicles on trees.

S is for Santa that gives gifts.
T is for trees that is decorated.
M is for Mary, Jesus' mother.
A is for angels that sang.
S is for sheep in the field.

by Adam Turnbull
Benson P.S. Gr. 3

the christmas santa overslept

It all started on Christmas Eve. Santa slept in. I don't know why. It was so weird he must have been sick. He had never been sick before. So the elves had to do it but the elves did not get to everyone. So the next day Santa woke up and all the children sent letters to Santa. Was Santa ever mad at the elves. Mrs. Claus said "Don't be mad at the cute elves." "O.K." said Santa. "I'm sorry" said Santa Claus. "We can just have another Christmas tonight." "OK" said the elves. "We better get working." "OK" said the elves, "we better get going". Did they ever and they were done in 15 min.

The End.
by Bridget Nicholls
Benson P.S. Gr. 4

a marvelous night

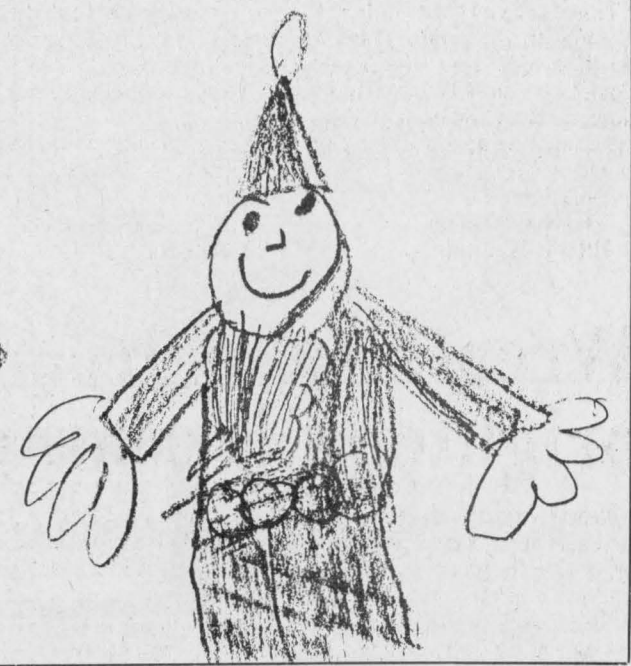
Christmas is a time of cheer
Beautiful presents and lights
Baby Jesus and Santa Claus
Both in the very same night
Christmas trees and candy canes
All are wonderful sights
But nothing is as wonderful
As when it rises to such heights
As to see a sparkle in a tiny tot's eye
On such a marvelous night
by Kim Warren
Benson P.S. Gr. 8

In my stocking is...

...a pair of socks
...candy
...a doll
...a gold necklace
...a game
...earrings
...a deck of cards
...pony tails
...a ring
Stacey Marriner
Gr. 2 Benson P.S.



Leah Summers
Sr. Kindergarten
Iroquois Public School



In my stocking is...
...cologne
...wrestler candy
...a harmonica
...a chocolate puck
...tapes
...army set
...G.I. Joe
...a gold chain
...baseball cards
...a watch
...a game boy game
Joshua Baldwin
Gr.2 Benson P.S.

In my stocking is...

...a watch
...candy
...a ball
...colouring markers
...a baby roller-blade
...a cup cakes doll
...starla
...a ring
...a holiday Barbie
...gold necklace
...earrings
...candy canes
Krista Sayeau
Gr. 2 Benson P.S.

Happy Holidays!

Brian & Shelley
Frank & Pat

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Andrea, Tracey, Amanda & Karen

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.

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Iroquois Branch

Holiday thoughts

When December rolls around, our thoughts turn to home, family and traditions.

Christmas time is the period of goodwill and happiness. Sharing with those we love as well as those less fortunate, we all feel warm and a glow spreads over the land at this time of year.

December is so busy that it is easy to forget what the season is all about. The sound of carols and church bells reminds us that it is a time of great joy. What could be more joyous than sharing the absolute wonder of the season with family and friends, especially children. No matter how many years pass, each Christmas when the tree is up and the lights turned on for the first time, many of us are in fact children again. Gazing at the tree top it is easy to become a child once more and wonder at the dazzling sight of so many twinkling lights and happy memories.

When December comes, we turn our thoughts to children building snowmen, evergreen boughs tied with red ribbons to lamp posts and twinkling lights strung on trees and shrubs, decorations in the community and smiles on faces met along the street.

Christmas is also special aromas of cakes and cookies, pies and cider mulling away in the corner. The kitchen counter is loaded with baked fare as it cools. There are smells of logs burning in the fireplace and the pungent perfume of evergreens that fills every room in the house, the spicy fragrance of cinnamon and cloves and nutmeg simmering away in a gently boiling kettle...the smell of the turkey and dressing as they cook in the oven, all add up to a great tempting aroma that has saliva glands screaming for food.

We tend to cling to the old fashioned traditions to ensure that Christmas does not become just a tradesman's festival. Those items most important to us, we hang to like glue.

We plan the traditional dinner that our family enjoys the most, whether it be turkey and the trimmings, goose or a roast.

We hang stockings from the mantle, toss another log on the fire and check the decorations to be sure we have everything ready for the festivities.

Enjoy your Christmas festivities.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Thanks to the support of friends old and new, it's always a pleasure doing business with you. Happy holidays.

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Cardinal Village Square

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Iroquois Public School

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Merry Christmas
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Joan, Darlene, Lorraine,
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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa:
I love you. I've been a good boy some times this year.
For Christmas I would like some skis, skates.
I also would like a new guitar and cassette player.
I love my teachers, and try to listen to Mom and Dad.
Love
Michael Lyon
Mountain

Dear Santa
I've tried to be a real good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a toboggan, books, gun, toy cars and a loud radio.
Please bring toys for my brothers too!
Love
Steven Postma, Morrisburg

Dear Santa:
I have been a very good girl this year. I am coming to see you on Friday Dec. 4th. This year I would like some new clothes for Christmas. I love you very much. I will leave some sugar for your reindeer and a drink for you.
Love
Kim Yu
Winchester

Dear Santa Claus
I hope you and Mrs. Claus had a good year. Are the reindeer and elves doing fine? I'm doing fine. I have been good this year, but my pets haven't had a good year. My sister already told you about it, but I really Miss Candy our dog a whole

bunch. And now my cat has been feeling a lot better and she chases April around the house and our pony went outside for the first time today. He enjoyed it. And that's why I really want a little puppy that stays small. I would also like a watch, a volleyball set, and new skates. (Size 4) Some jewelry and some make up. The game giggle wiggle, 90210-Kelly, dizzy doodler pen, Crimp 'n curl cabbage patch kid, The Twins, Starla, doller ball, 90210 board game, 101 dalmations, stuff animal. Good bye for now Santa. See you at Christmas
Love Jenna Murphy

Dear Santa
I would like some new jewelry with Beverly Hills 90210 Hits and a dress.
Love
Amanda O'Neil
R.R. 2, Brinston, Ont.

Dear Santa
I would like some new clothes and make up for Christmas. I have ben viery good. 90210 jewelry.
I love you from
Lisa Jenning

Dear Santa:
This year I am going to be 13 years old. What I want is a new night gown and a tape of 90210. And some make up and some new clothes. And a ring for my birthday and Christmas. Can you get my mother and father something from you. When I went to Prescott, Nanny gave me 3 loonies to get mom and dad something. I got mom a cat and for dad I got dad a dog. And we got something for Margrets baby Daryon for his first christmas this year. I was a very good girl all year.
Your best friend
Dawn Levere

Dear Santa
I'm going to see you on friday in Brockville at the mall. I getting a computer. I would like some new clothes, toys, make up for christmas. I have been year good girl.
I love you from
Jessica Lafortune
R.R. 1, Morrisburg

Homemade decorations make Christmas special

Christmas is the most exciting celebration of the year and is planned, thought about and looked forward to for weeks and even months in

advance. The beginning of December is the time to start sending cards, thinking about gifts and planning decorations. It is sensible for everyone who wants to, to gather craft tools and materials well before Christmas day, and start making whatever they have decided to create.

Don't be late sending Christmas cards this year; you can even start making them in the summer time. Collect and press flowers, then completely dry them and mount them to make beautiful and unusual designs on cards. You can make prints, collages, drawings...anything you like to make your card truly special.

While collecting flowers, look for plants and seeds, such as thistles, pine cones etc. that you can dry and use for table centrepieces and room decorations. When arranged carefully with evergreen foliage, berries and candles, these attractive materials make original and distinctive displays, as good as any manufactured chains or balloons.

Those who want to be really original, can try making their own paperchains. All that is needed is tissue paper, a template, a sharp knife and some glue. Once you have made a few, you can design your own to suit a specific room or person.

Candles add a warm and friendly glow to the season, whether they are used in a table centerpiece or for illumination. You can easily make your own candles from a few basic materials and use your imagination to create ideas for shapes and colours. In no time at all flickering candles will light a dark space.

Every year, children of all ages retell the Christmas story in words, music and pictures. Making the Nativity scene with paper, paste, cloth, clay, wire, wood, stones, bark, twigs and anything else that can be found that offers a suitable recreation of the Nativity.

Making angels from straw and metal foil as extra decorations to be placed anywhere throughout the house.

Making your tree even more personal is a creative task and one that all members of the family can join in on. Home-made decorations are fun and exciting to create and to display. Ordinary coloured paper makes a great medium for youngsters to make cut-outs from to make the tree more something they can identify with.

With all the work and effort that you put into your decorations, the fun of quality time spent with loved ones, it will be a never-to-be-forgotten Christmas, that gives pleasure and enjoyment to everyone concerned. Each person who makes something will feel a great joy making their special contribution to the season.

Dear Santa
I would like some new clothes and games and a tape.
From
Chris McPherson

Merry Christmas

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The spirit of Christmas lives inside all of us as we remember old-fashioned traditions. May you enjoy this festive Yuletide to the fullest!

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Glueckick Feiertag
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Legend of Santa Claus dates back to 1931

In 1931, the Coca-Cola Company wanted to link their product with the good feelings associated with the holidays. For that campaign, Chicago based commercial artist Haddon Sundblom created the Santa Claus we know in the 90s.

From 1931 to 1966, he produced a Santa Claus ad each year. The ads ran prominently in magazines, on billboards, indoors on posters and as cardboard cutouts.

This is the Santa we all know. He has a long, white beard, wears a bright red, fur trimmed suit with a shiny black belt and black boots together with a look that is enough to circle the globe in one night. Oh, yes, he is jolly and most rotund.

Holding onto the bottle of the product or being offered a swallow by some fresh faced child, Sundblom's Santa Claus is almost larger than life and yet he is delightfully human.

Is it disillusioning that a modern Santa Claus is a commercial icon? Or that he's so far removed from the

spiritual image of Christmas?

It really should not be. If we regard Santa as the outcome of a tradition started long before Christmas and as a tradition which existed side by side with Christmas for centuries, we need not be too troubled. The happy marriage of Santa Claus and Christmas occurred fairly recently, considered his long and varied history.

As the holiday season nears and preparations for Santa's visit begin, maybe you will think about this jolly old elf and his many colourful predecessors. His legend is filled with fascinating characters...frightening and benevolent, secular and sacred, male and female and rich in myth and folklore. But he is real enough that he fills our lives each December...you just have to believe.

Down through the years, Santa has had an assortment of costumes and personalities, from one part of the world to another. Most venerable of Santa is Saint Nicholas, a stately, robed figure with a bishop's miter, who lived in the fourth century and was Bishop of Myra and Lycia in Asia Minor. Born wealthy, he devoted his life to charity and provided dowries to otherwise unmarried young maidens. He was the patron saint of the people, especially the serfs in Czarist Russia, sailors, prisoners, pawnbrokers and of course children. Though dressed in Christmas red more often than not, he could hardly be described as a jolly old elf. He paid calls on the eve of his feast day, December 6, and still does in many parts of Europe, particularly in Roman Catholic countries.

Puritans banned any religious or secular celebrations of Christmas in New England until the 19th century. When Saint Nicholas came to America, he was more inclined to visit on Christmas instead of his feast day, and he took on a less saintly guise. Still wearing a robe, he nevertheless looked a bit more jolly, and his bishop's miter had been exchanged for a warm hat.

The earliest surviving printed record that is around from the colonies was published on December 13, 1773, in New York when a writer referred to him as "St. Claus", probably derived from the Dutch pronunciation of Saint Nicholas as Sinter KLAS, Sancte Claus as well as other variations.

In 1821, The Children's Friend was published and Santa was described as Saint Nicholas as wearing a red suit, though a flowing robe instead of a fur trimmed jacket and confirmed that in at least some households, the saint had taken to arriving on Christmas Eve. The book also, for the first time had Santa travelling in a sleigh pulled by reindeer.

It was Clement C. Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas" which was published in 1823 that firmly established St. Nick's American character and appearance. "He was chubby, and plump, a right jolly old elf." Now he has "eight tiny reindeer" and flew through the sky in his sleigh. It remained only for cartoonist, Thomas Nast to draw the round, twinkling character for Harper's Weekly in the late 1800s to fix our present day image of Santa Claus inextricably in the hearts of children in the U.S., Canada and

throughout most of the world.

But, long before our kindly Santa set up shop at the North Pole with Mrs. Claus and toymaking elves, he assumed a forbidding character called Belsnickel. In the U.S., he was known to pay visits to Pennsylvania German children early on, but his roots go back much farther. He ranged much of Europe and Asia Minor for centuries and may have originated when 5th century Saint Nicholas stories combined with pagan myths. Attired in a disreputable costume, he announced his arrival by rattling sticks against the window panes before bursting through the door. Imagine the round eyes of the children, the smaller ones skittering behind the folds of mother's skirt or father's strong legs, as his threatening character swept in with the cold winter air, brandishing his sticks or perhaps a whip, with the bells about his waist a-jingle. The children's fears were well based, for this fellow could punish as well as reward with gifts.

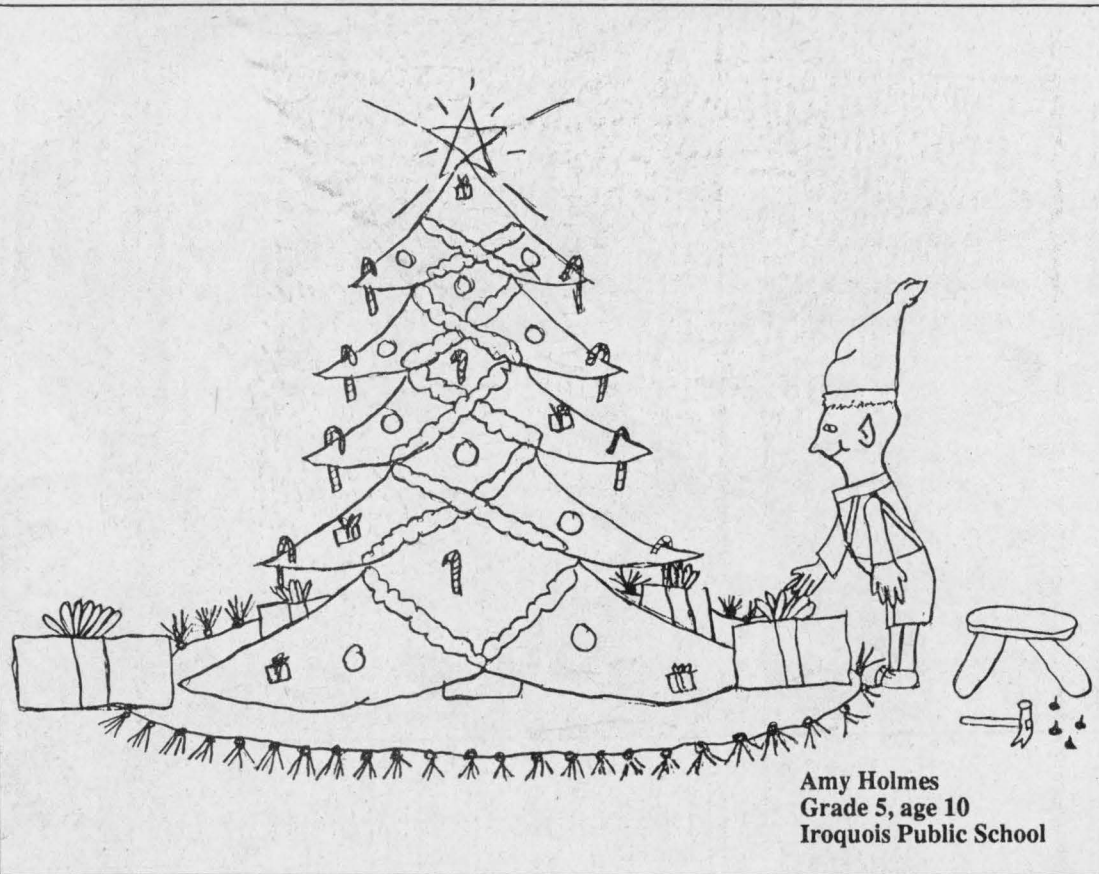
Belsnickel is a derivation of Peltz Nichol, meaning Nicholas in furs.

In the Rhine Provinces of Germany, the Peltz Nichol had a blackened face, a beard and rattling chains. He walked in on all fours to represent the donkey of the Christ child or Christkindel, played by a little girl dressed in white. Peltz Nichol and Christkindel went about with Saint Nicholas until Peltz Nichol struck off on his own at some point in history. Christmas presents were known as Christkindels and the name is the basis for Kris Kringle, the term for Santa in Central Europe.

The Saint's fearsome companions go by several names. Knecht Rupprecht garbed in skins or straw, roamed northern Germany as a

servant to Christ to seek out the worthy. His rough appearance gave him the name ru-Klas or Rough Nicholas. Zwarte Piet, or Black Peter, accompanied the saint during the Middle Ages in Holland. He represented the devil, chained by Saint Nicholas and made to carry gifts and brandish a birch rod to threaten the wicked on December 6. Sometimes a retinue of Black Oeters followed the saint as he travelled about the town on a white horse.

Krampus was another European character associated with Saint Nicholas. The devil incarnate in black with a red face and chains, it was he who would leave switches for the ill-behaved and that famous lump of coal we sometimes fear we deserve.



Amy Holmes
Grade 5, age 10
Iroquois Public School

CHRISTMAS PROSE

just before christmas

by Philip Merkley
Gr. 4, Dixon's Corners P.S.

It was the night before Christmas and all through the house, Everyone was sleeping, including the mouse.

The stockings were hung by the chimney so high, We hoped that Saint Nick would be coming by.

Saint Nick was soon to arrive, He came down the chimney, like a plane in a dive.

He stuffed the stockings with candy and toys, I heard him say as he left, "Good night girls and boys!"

Christmas is the Time

Christmas is the time of year when we are happiest.

Christmas is a time when children laugh and play.

Christmas is the time to give with happiness in our hearts.

Christmas is a time filled with love and joy.

Christmas is the time that Jesus was born.

Christmas is the time that we can't wait for.

Mark Fawcett
Matthew Emmerson
Gr. 5 Dixon's Corners P.S.

In my stocking is...

...a totally hair Barbie

...pencils

...quints

...candy

...earrings

...markers

...bubble bath

...perfume

...pencil case

...candy canes

Michelle Martin
Gr. 2 Benson P.S.

lost rudolph

by Jankees Quist
Dixon's Corners P.S.

Santa was all ready to pack up when he said to himself, "I think I

left the gate open, Oh, dear," he said.

He went to check and Rudolph was gone!

Santa began to cry. He said, "How am I going to fly to give out all the presents?"

He had an idea, he would put an ad in the paper..

LOST-ONE REINDEER WITH A BRIGHT RED NOSE-PLEASE RETURN TO SANTA, NORTH POLE.

And, what do you know, Rudolph was returned, safe and sound. Santa was happy and the presents would be given out on time.

Gifts I would like from satna

On Christmas morning, I hope Santa has left me a key board, a game gear, jet stream, bat cave, missile firing bat man, the movie Prancer, and a glowing bat man. I am trying to be a good boy, so Santa will be sure to bring these presents.

I will leave milk for Santa and chocolate milk for the reindeer.

Ryan Davy
Gr. 1 Benson P.S.

My christmas gift list

I want to thank Santa for the presents he gave me last year. Under our Christmas tree this year I hope I find two little doll twins, and I will name them Abigail and Rebecca, a fantastic flower maker, a fancy new purple and pink dress, and a big troll that I can play with. I will leave sugar cubes for my favourite reindeer Blitzen and Cupid.

Brooke Jodoin
Gr. 1 Benson P.S.

Things i would like for christmas

I am trying to be a good girl, so Santa will be good to me. I would like a real ice-cream maker, a P.J. Sparkles, a troll, a new pink dress with pink tights to match, and new skates. I will leave some milk and cookies on the counter for Santa, and some sugar for the reindeer.

Love Brittney Winters
Gr. 1 Benson P.S.

lost rudolph

by Jankees Quist
Dixon's Corners P.S.

Santa was all ready to pack up when he said to himself, "I think I

Best Wishes and many thanks!

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Reeve's wish list

Reeve John's Christmas List to Santa:

- 1) Happiness and peace in every home.
- 2) Good health or the strength to accept the way we are.
- 3) Healthy Industries
- 4) Several new businesses in our community.
- 5) Friends to keep and make.
- 6) A new Jetta
- 7) A healthier Datsun
- 8) More committee volunteers and increased community participation.
- 9) A new heating system for the Civic Centre.
- 10) Cold weather for a good, early rink season.
- 11) Lots of snow for skiing and snowmobiling.
- 12) No, or at least, a small tax increase in 1993.

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Everybody knows some of the Christmas carols. How could it be otherwise in this electronic world? The amazing thing, really, is how they manage to retain their dignity and beauty in the face of endless repetition. But they do. Every year when the old favorites reappear, they bring with them their mystic power to gladden or soften the hearts of men.

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!

With High-Flying Thanks

Christmas is here, a time for joy, love and togetherness — and the perfect chance for us to say "we're proud to serve you." Thanks for your valued business!

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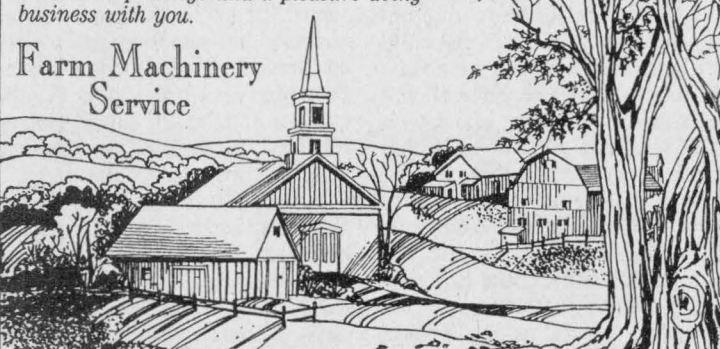
Doug, Kevin & Suzanne

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Wishing You Joy!

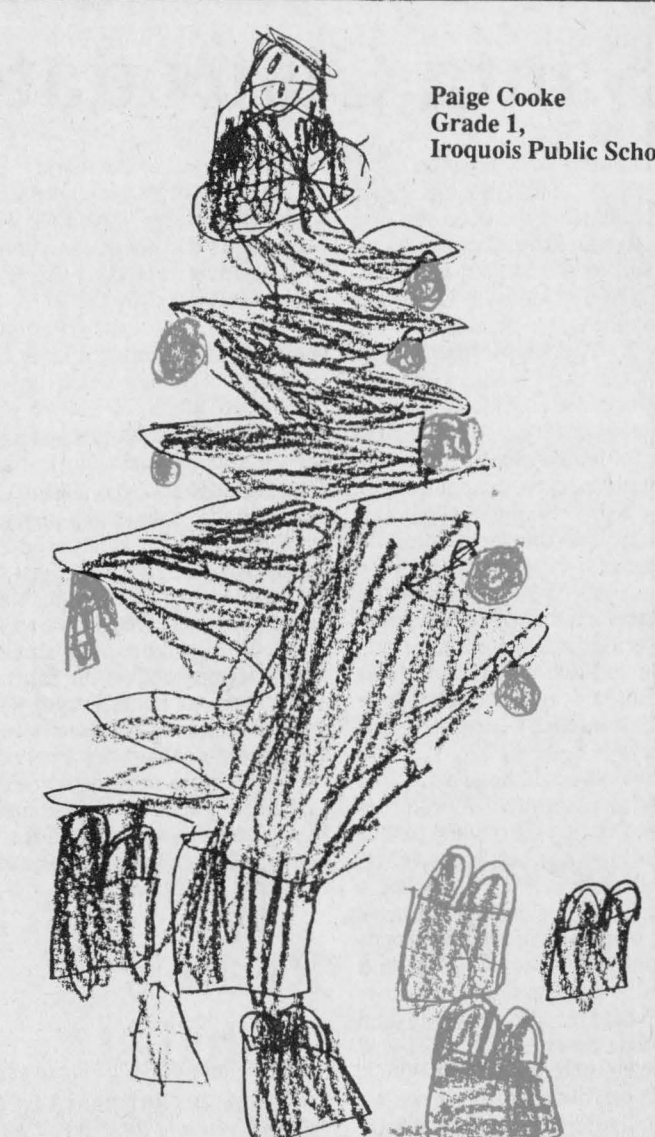
We're counting our blessings and your kind friendship is at the top of the list. It's been a privilege and a pleasure doing business with you.

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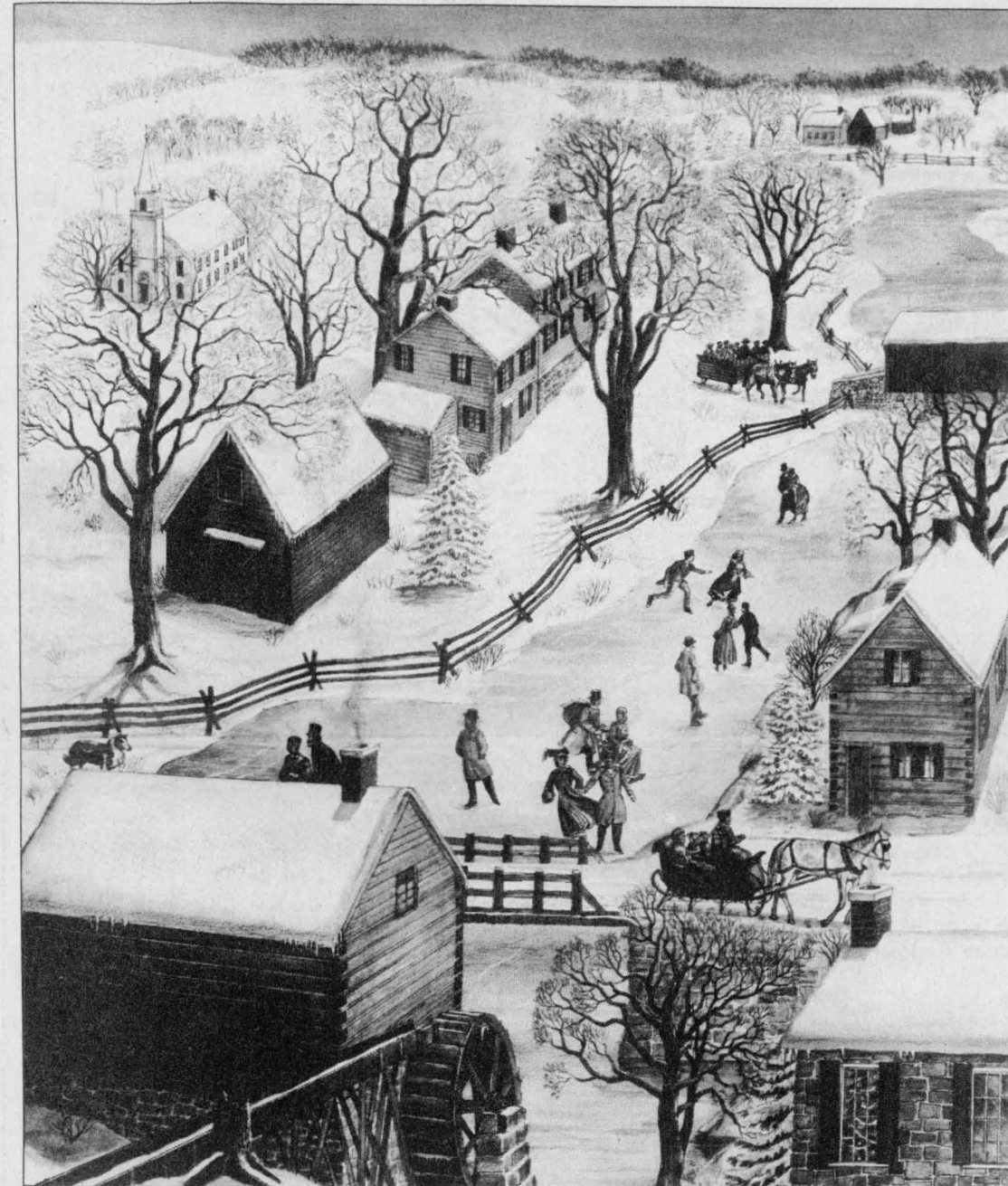


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Merry Christmas from Ron, Joyce, Gayle & Chris



Paige Cooke
Grade 1,
Iroquois Public School



Dear Santa,
I like you Santa! I like Mrs. Claus. Thank you Santa for last years presents. This year I would like the game "The Great Escape", Speedy-Make pop maker, fabric paint set, petite designer, Little Mermaid, lite-up drawing desk, Yoshi game for Game-Boy, video painter, and new white shoes. I will leave cookies for you. See you next year.

Ho! Ho! Ho!
Krista Sayeau
Gr. 2 Benson P.S.

My Christmas List
In a few weeks it will be Christmas. I would like to tell you what I want from Santa. I would like a new pair of skates, a baby P.J. Sparkles, a dolly that roller skates, a new pink dress, a pair of Barbie pyjamas, a Barbie dress and new gold earrings. I will be happy if Santa brings me anything else.

Rebecca Hitsman
Gr. 1 Benson P.S.

Christmas
It will soon be Christmas and we are all getting anxious and excited. I would like totally hair Barbie, a ring set, a brief case for car tapes, new jeans, tops to wear with them, a sewing kit, and new sneakers. My Mom and Dad are getting a new jeep for Christmas. We will be having our Christmas dinner at my nanny's place. I hope it does not snow before Christmas, because I don't like the cold.

Ashley Douglas
Gr. 2 Benson P.S.

Christmas
For Christmas I would like a monster face and Batman. I want Mom to get me these things and I would like Santa to get me G.I. Joes and I hope I get other good things and I am going to get my Mom something that she will like.

Cody Fraser
Gr. 2 Benson P.S.

With Christmastime once again upon us, we pause to remember the simple joys of days gone by. Though times have changed, the true spirit of the holiday remains forever constant. May the enduring happiness and brotherhood that marks this wondrous season be yours always.

Merry Christmas from all the Staff

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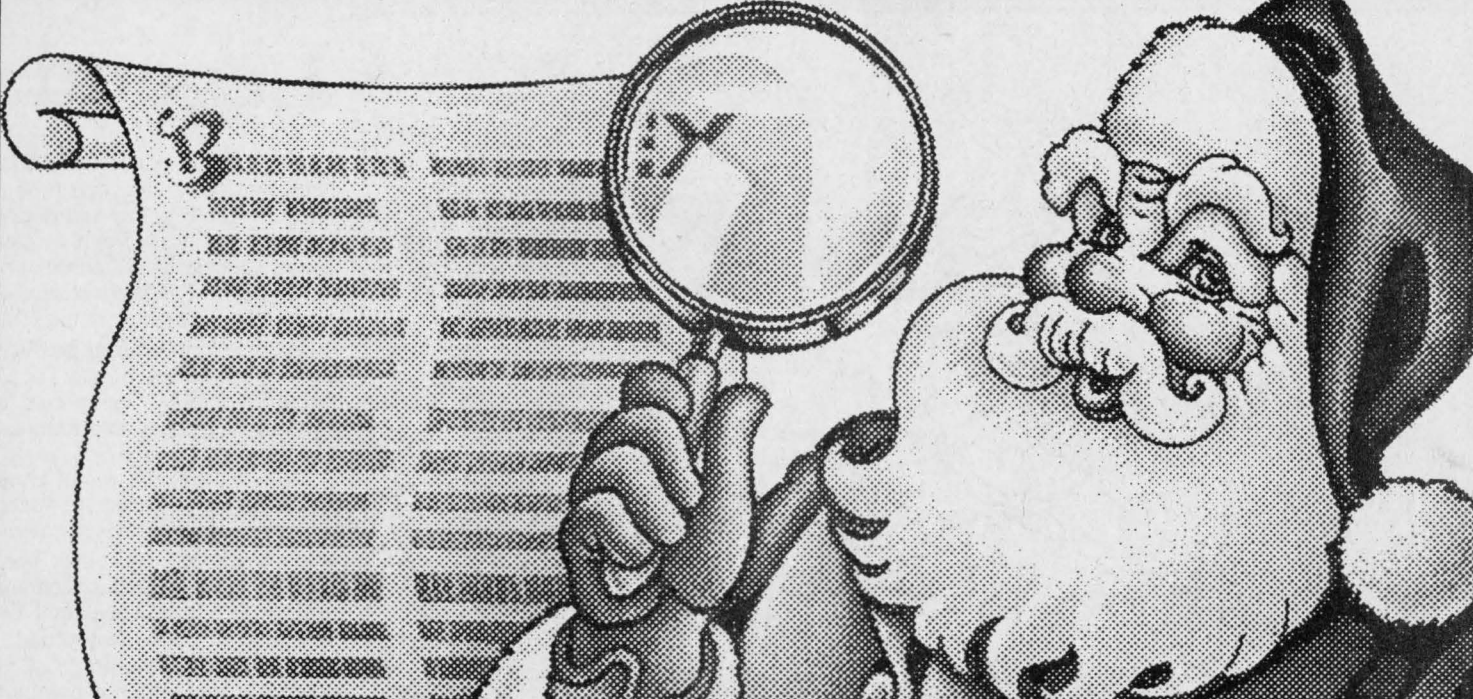



*Christmas is the time we're near
To those we love and hold so dear.
For laughter, tears, hugs and kisses,
Year after year, it never misses.
And so, our friends, we wish for you,
And everyone in your family, too,
A magical holiday filled with mirth,
As we celebrate His wondrous birth.*

*Seasons Greetings from
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From the Maitland Site Employees

