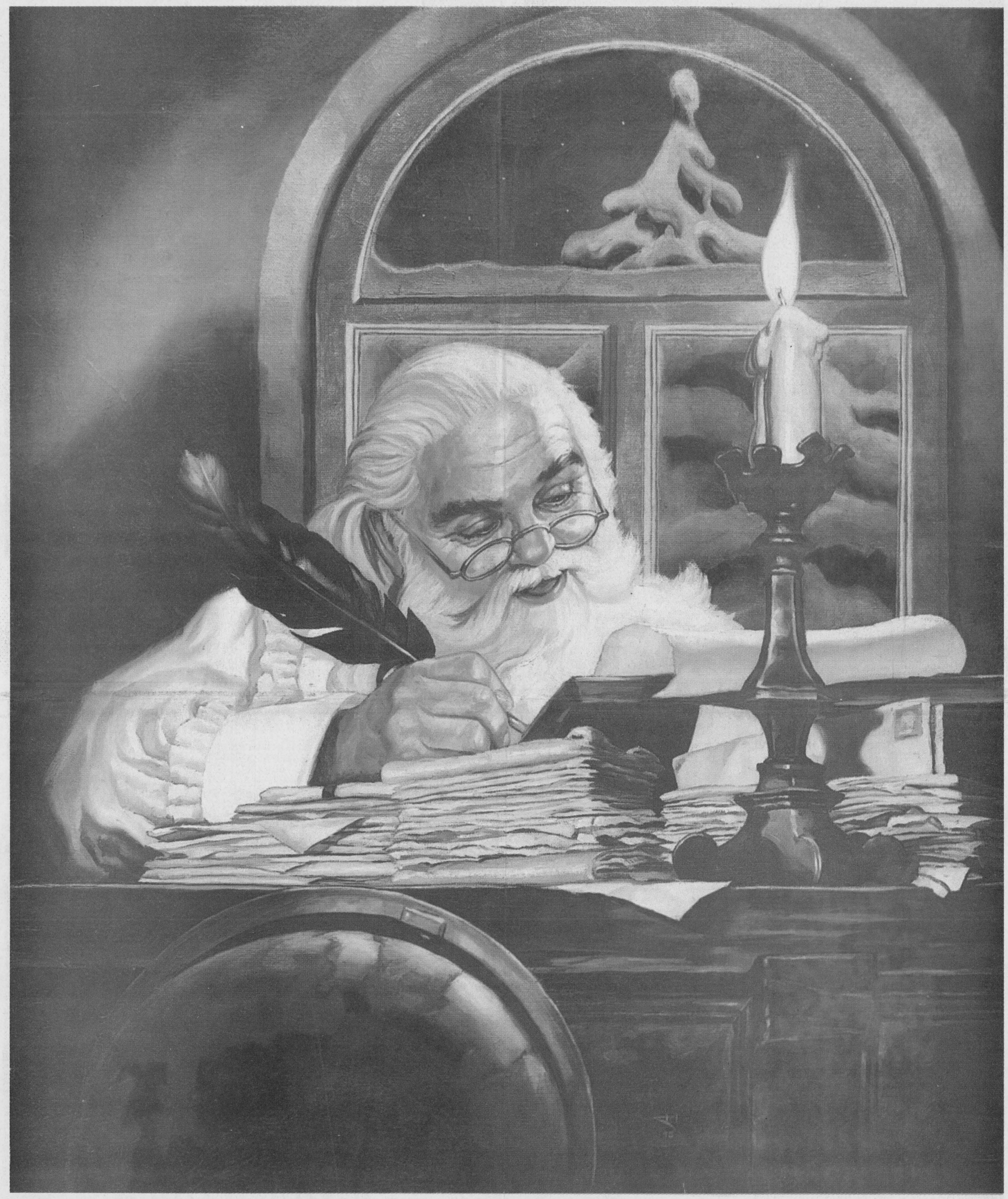

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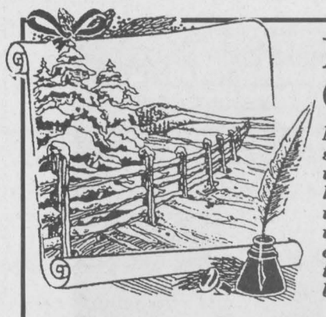

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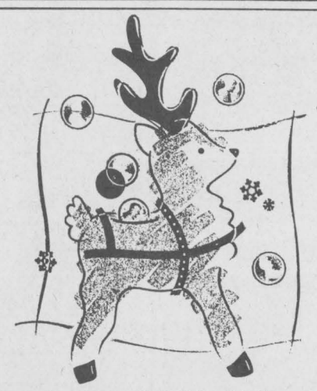

A Statement Of Holiday Cheer

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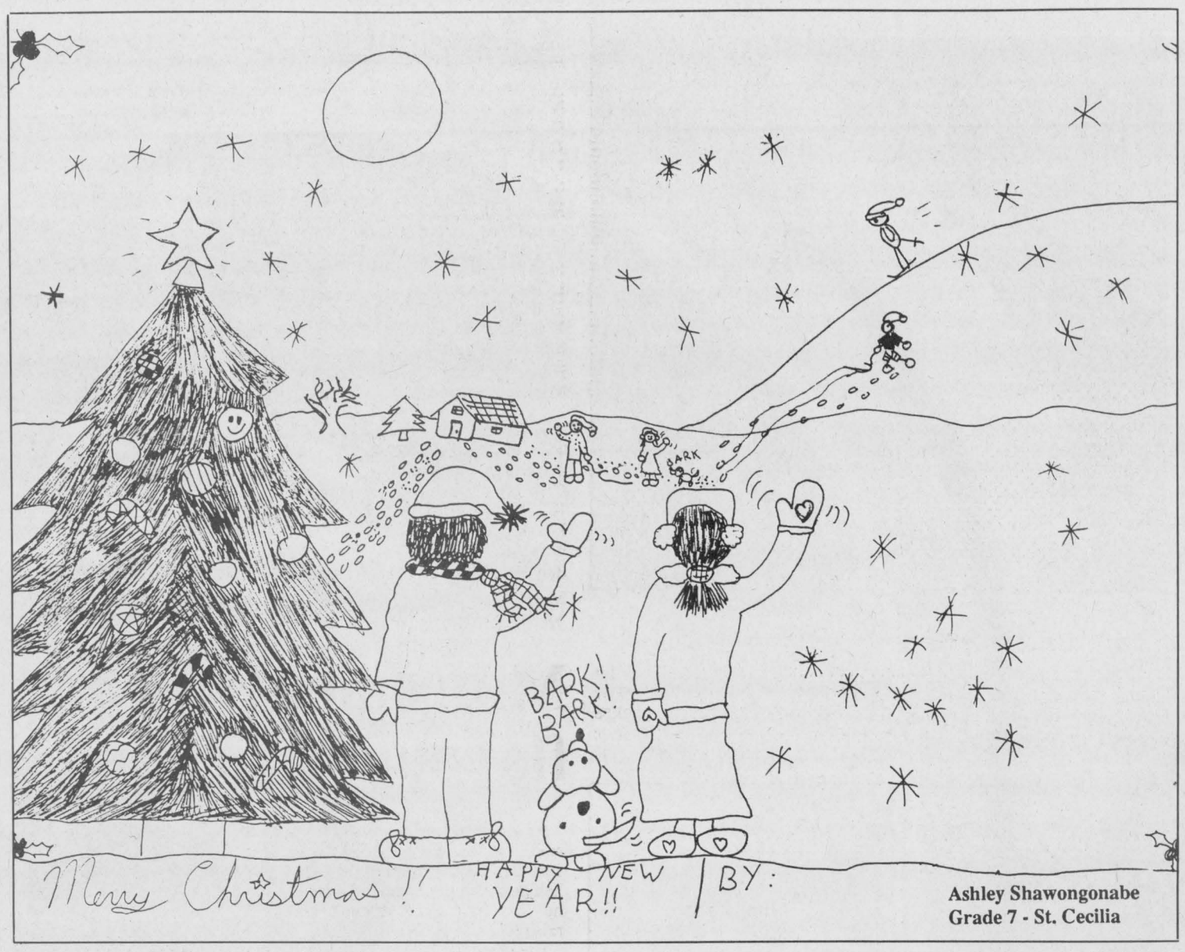

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What do you think Christmas is?...
Do you think it's
Milk and cookies
Toys and candy's
Is that what you think?

Do you think it's
Presents and holidays
Santa and his elves
Is that what you think?

Do you think it's
Gathering with family's
Sharing and caring?
Yes, that is what it is!

Do you think it's
Learning the real meaning of Christmas
Going to church and learning right from wrong
Yes, that is what it is...

by Andy Derouchie
St. Cecilia, age 12.

Walking down the street
Snow is falling on the ground.
Snow is falling all around.
I am walking down the street,
It goes crunch beneath my feet.

Every house has coloured lights,
Brightening up dark, winter nights.
Listen to the church bells ringing.
I hear Christmas carollers singing.

I must send them a Christmas card.
How nicely they've decorated their front yard.
With a statue of Santa Claus and his reindeer,
He looks so happy and full of Christmas cheer!

A wreath is hung upon every door.
Some houses are decorated with even more.
One final message for everyone:
"Merry Christmas to all and have lots of fun!"

by Joanne Pepers.
Grade 7, St. Cecilia.

That Baby Boy

On a cold night,
The shepherds watched,
A very bright light,
They followed it to,
A little baby boy,
Whom lay in a manager.
He slept there,
Not knowing quite yet.

But what the shepherds,
Did not know
Is what I am writing here,
A story about a baby boy,
Who gave us all a lot of joy,
He brought love and laughter
Peace and joy.
So, let's not forget
That little boy.

by Nicole Bing
Grade 8, St. Cecilia.

The meaning of green is explained

Decorating with fresh greens is one of the easiest ways to bring a bit of Christmas season indoors. The fragrant scent of evergreen boughs or a herb wreath, the simple beauty of a mantle topped with several sprays of pine tied with a festive tartan plaid ribbon, or the striking contrast of colors when holly garnishes a bowl of bright oranges and apples, are natural complements to virtually every holiday decorating style.

Houses have been decorated with holly for centuries. According to pagan lore, plants that retained their leaves all year had magical properties. Consequently, these greens were displayed to ward off evil spirits.

The Christians, however, believed that holly had sprung up under Jesus' footsteps as he preached in the Holy Land, and in the bright red holly berries, they found a symbol of Christ's blood and suffering.

In medieval England, where holly and ivy came to be known as Christmas greens, it was said that the first person to bring holly into the house would rule the home in the coming year. Evergreens were considered a symbol of eternal life, and pine and fir boughs were thought to bring good luck and fertility.

In Victorian homes, 'welcome rings'-- wreaths of holly, pine cones and ribbon-- were often hung on the front door. The combination of the holly, which was associated with masculinity and ivy, representing femininity, was a means of evoking fertility for the whole household.

The Victorians also instituted the holiday tradition of mistletoe kissing balls, which were based on an ancient Roman custom: When opposing warriors met beneath mistletoe, they put down their arms, kissed, and declared a truce for the rest of the day.

In American homes, garlands of pine intertwined along banisters, draped around doorways and chandeliers, and perched atop mantles, were a part of holiday decorating long before Christmas trees were a standard feature of the season.

Holly symbols

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

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

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

Merry Christmas



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Down Home Greetings

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May Christmas be your time of dreams come true!

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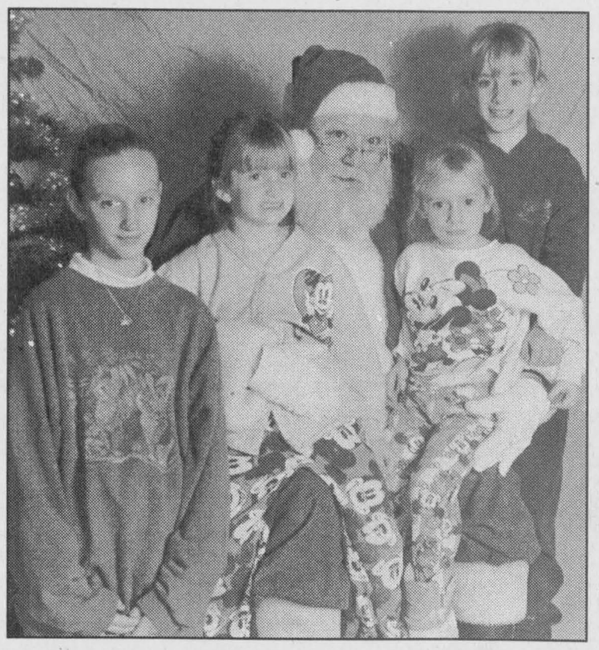


Santa and friends

Before he got ready to join his float in the Second Annual Santa Claus Parade in Morrisburg, the Jolly old Gent took in the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club's pancake breakfast. In between pancakes he posed for pictures with different children. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

CHRISTMAS PROSE

A is for ANGELs
N is for a new year
G is for Giving
E is for Eve
L is for Laughter
S is for Snow
Happy Holiday, Alex Bouwman, Grade two

E is for eat
L is for love
V is for vixin
E is for eve
S is for Sleigh
Happy Holidays from Amber Milloy, Grade two

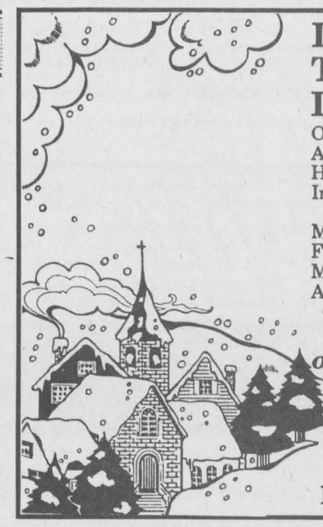
S is for Santa
T is for Christmas tree
o is for ornaments
C is for Christmas Cookies
K is for Kids
I is for ice
N is for New Year's
g is for gifts
Merry Christmas from Kurtis Merkley, Gradde two

C is for Candy that we get in our Christmas stocking
H is for happieness on Christmas day
R is for Santa's Reindeer
I is for ice and snow in winter
S is for Santa
T is for time to open presents
M is for making everybody happy
A is for a special present
S is for the star that goes on top of your Christmass tree

Merry Christmas from Matthew Goodmurphy, Grade Two

C is for Christmas Time
A is for Angels
R is for Reindeer
O is for Ornaments
L is for lollipop
S is for sharing

Happy New Year from Meagan Fawcett, Grade Two



It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas!

Opportunity's knocking
And we'd just like to say,
Hope your season is perfect
In every way.

May it open the door,
For good tidings and cheer --
Merry Christmas to all
And a joyous New Year.

To all the residents of Iroquois and area, we'd like to wish a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Peter & Ada Swank

Mincemeat has had flavourful history

As an early English writer once said, "He that discovered the new star in Cassiopeia deserves not half so much to be remembered as he that first married meat and raisins."

The origins of mincemeat...a rich mixture of minced meat, suet, fruit and spices are obscure. But the mince pie may have been born during the time of the Crusades. Preparing for a holiday feast, a daring cook may have added exotic spices brought back from the East, to a mixture of minced meat, dried fruits, lemon peel, juice and sweetening and then baked the mixture in a rectangular "coffin" or crust.

The Christmas association of this new dish was strengthened by the lore that likened the shape of the pie to Christ's manager and the spices to the offerings of the wise men. It became the custom to eat one pie a day between Christmas and Twelfth Night, as each was thought to bring good luck.

Mince pies became as popular in the New World as they had been in England. The first cookbook produced in the U.S.A., written in 1796, offered a simple recipe for mince pie. Adaptability may have been the key to mincemeat's longevity. Ingredients were easily varied as the time and place required.

During the 1870s, great gains were made in the field of food preservation. Condensed mincemeat continues to be a boon for cooks, but delicious old-fashioned versions of this Christmas classic are easy to make from scratch.

If you are brave and want to create your own mincemeat, go for it: (This writer is from the old school and not yet adapted to litres and so on, sorry) one and one-half pounds of lean beef (rump, neck or chuck) mixed with one-half pound of suet, finely chopped, three cups of cider, two cups of sugar, one 15-ounce package of dark raisins, same amount of golden raisins. Add one 10-ounce package of currants, two thirds of a cup of diced citron and two thirds cup of candied fruit. One-half cup of molasses, four teaspoons of ground cinnamon, two teaspoons of salt, one and one-half teaspoons of ground nutmeg, same of ground mace and then two cups of sherry and one cup of brandy.

In a medium saucepan, cover the beef with water. Boil for one and one-half hours or until tender. Cool.

In a blender container or a food processor, finely chop the meat. In a kettle combine the chopped meat, suet, apples, cider, sugar, raisins, currants, citron, candied fruit, molasses, cinnamon, salt, nutmeg, mace and one-quarter teaspoon of pepper.

Bring the mixture to a boil, stirring occasionally. Stir in the sherry and brandy. Simmer for 30 minutes, stirring often. If the mixture gets too thick, add more cider.

This can be frozen or canned for future use.

Wreaths signify season

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

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

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

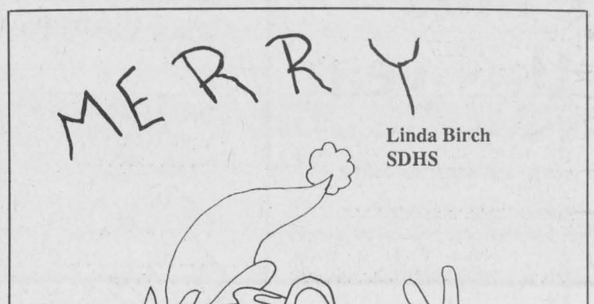
Wreaths and greens are an important part of our celebrations at this time of the year.

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

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

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





Linda Birch
SDHS

The message of Christmas is clear

by Ralph Hodgson

The media message of Christmas is conveyed in a variety of packages much like our breakfast cereals. But are the messages we are receiving authentic or should we question their veracity?

It is advertised as "tis the season, happy holidays, seasons' greetings, the festive season". But is there not more to this time of the year? What is the purpose behind the giving of gifts? Why do we decorate our homes and sing carols in our shopping malls? The message surely isn't about Santa Claus! Let me think for a moment as I battle for the right - God help us to realize that Christmas is about Jesus and His coming to this earth. So decorate your homes and unwrap those presents on Christmas Day, but don't forget the real meaning of Christmas. It is about God giving us His Son through whom we may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:16, 17) This is the message of Christmas. The veracity of the life changing message is proof in itself!

Merry CHRISTmas!

Ralph Hodgson is a Burlington resident.



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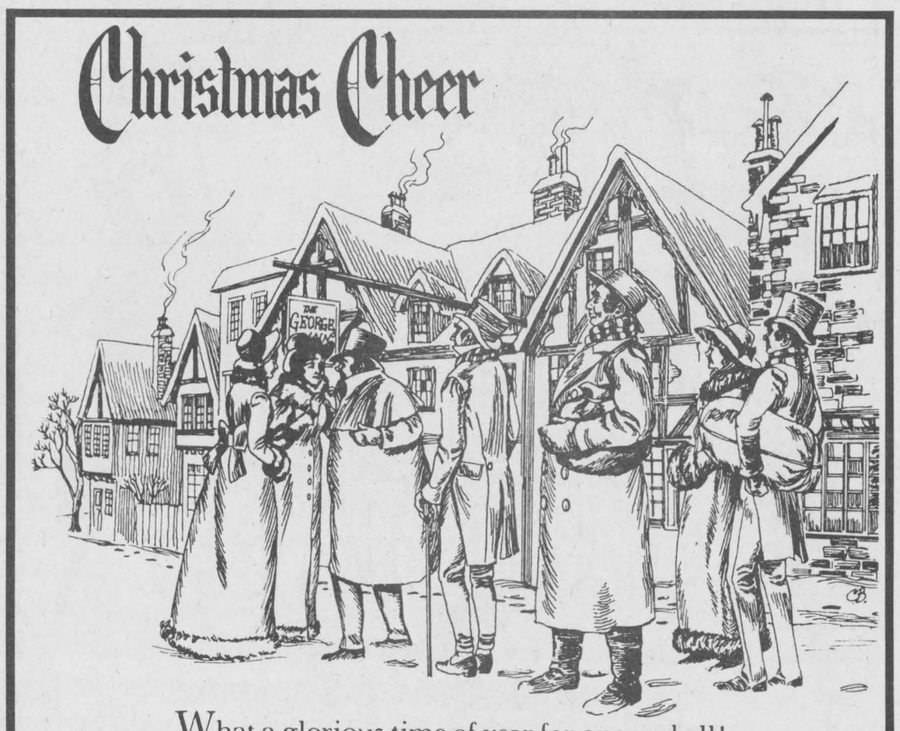

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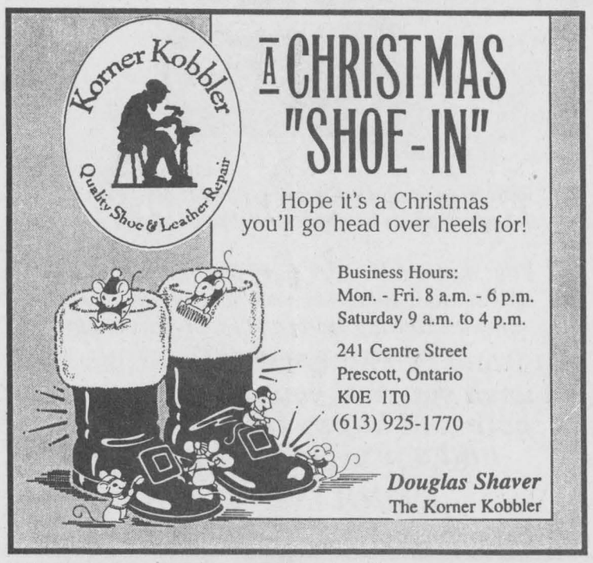

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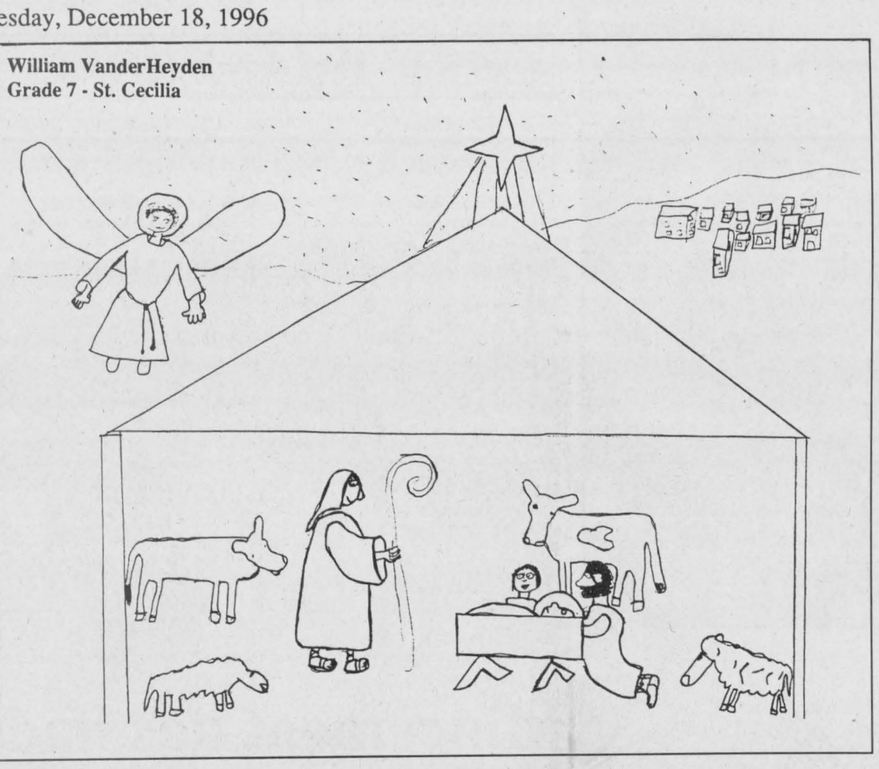

Don't be a crazed Claus at Christmas time this year

As you throw open every cupboard in the kitchen searching for Christmas dinner ingredients, your spouse rifles through the blue box frantically trying to locate the gift list you made with the name of that toy whatchamacallit that Tommy needs to have and a gift idea for your niece. Unsuccessful, you switch tasks. Your spouse begins calling every department store in the vicinity to find "that new toy-you know the one," while you pull out your old shoe box with the Seasons Greeting Card information. Pen in hand, your stomach drops as you remember that after 50% of the cards were returned "wrong address"last year, you swore to: but never did update this list. Or order cards. You both forget to walk the dog...

Yes, the holiday season is upon us once again and you feel like a crazed Claus, swamped with things to do. Where to begin? All you really need is a little advanced planning and the right tools.

"While it can feel overwhelming, the secret to a smooth holiday season is knowing that everything that needs to be done will be and done well. A simple plan can help you manage your time effectively," says Patricia Philpott, Human Resource Consultant."Being organized in the 90s means taking advantage of the productivity-enhancing technology on the market. Once you know how to begin and what to use, you can enhance productivity in all you do,"adds Pat.

If you are one of every four Canadian households that has a personal computer, you can make use of some of the latest software programs to help you get things done, and incorporate a creative flair. A favourite software package for the home is ClarisWorks, an all-in-one software program that contains word processing, spreadsheet, database, presentation and draw/paint programs. To help organize the festivities you may also want to use Home Pack, a set of templates that runs with ClarisWorks, and lets you design invitations, newsletters, stationary, balance your chequebook, keep an address book and help figure out if you can afford to buy everything on your list.

Five ways your computer can make Christmas work:

Envision your ideal holiday in your mind. Give yourself a little quiet time to do this: lunch hour or after the kids have gone to sleep.

Next, list each task necessary to achieve this ideal including the questions you need to answer for each task: Cards-which ones? to whom? Presents- for whom? what? how much to spend? Well, ClarisWorks comes equipped with pre-set outline capabilities to ease the process, while you answer your questions.

Using the word processing program, chart these activities to organize your time and access information at a glance.

Being creative is great. Where there is room in your plan, use the Home Pack to add something special like a holiday newsletter or homemade invitations.

Delegate, afterall you are not responsible for all of this holiday stuff yourself. Divide the jobs. When everyone gets together, things not only go faster, but you begin to share that holiday spirit...and is that not what it is all about?

Things under control

The aroma of your baked-ahead-of-time Plum Pudding wafts through the home while you and your spouse walk by the pile of already wrapped gifts and turn on the computer. According to your personalized "to do" print outs, which hang by the chimney with care, all you have left to do is create those personalized dinner menus with a Home Pack template.

The phone rings, interrupting the carolling playing softly in the background. It is your sister, calling to RSVP to your beautiful Christmas dinner invitation. You tell her it was created with a design template from your computer and chat about what she should wear. Opening the database, you pull up your dinner guest list and check the RSVP box next to your sister's name.

Out of curiosity, you open the gift box file to see what you bought for the children. Oh yes, you bought that special doll for your niece. Following the "how much can you afford" template, you discovered you could in fact afford it, won't she be surprised!! And you know Tommy will love, Amazing Animation, a multimedia program for kids all his friends are talking about.

The Christmas cards that Tommy designed using the drawing capabilities of your program were so easy to send out, since the program automatically mail merged your up-dated addresses with the cards, and even printed the envelopes. Your already walked dog wags his tail, knowing he will get something under the tree as well...

Hot mulled cider

1 cinnamon stick or whole cinnamon
4 whole cloves
1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg
1 tablespoon sliced lemon peel
apple cider

Place the spices and lemon peel in large saucepan, barely cover with water and simmer for 30 minutes. Strain and add the cider. Heat but do not boil. This even tastes good cooled.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, I would like a book, a skirt, a Barbie and a Polly Pocket, and a stuffed animal, and a real Dalmatian puppy.

I have been a good girl this year and try to help my mother, and not fight with my big sister too much.

How are you, Mrs. Claus and the elves doing? We Have no snow, but hope you can still come to see us this year. We cut down some trees at the front of the house and so it is easier to see.

Bye for now,
Samantha

Dear Santa,

This is what I would like for Christmas.

1. A Minnie Mouse sleeping bag.
2. Pet Doctor Barbie.
3. Tickle Me Elmo.
4. Baby Headstand Surprise.
5. Winnie the Pooh movie.
6. Easy Bake Oven.
7. My Pretty doll house, enchanted castle.
8. Sindy Explorer 4x4 playset.
9. Mickey and Minnie stroller.
10. Teddy Bear.

and for my mommy and daddy, I would like a new TV since ours is broken.

Anything from my list would be great, thanks. My brother would like some Polo Sport collogne.

Love,
Katie

Dear Santa,

How are you?

For Christmas, I would like an electric guitar. I have been quit a good boy.

You will know my house because I will have a big Christmas tree in my yard.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Mike

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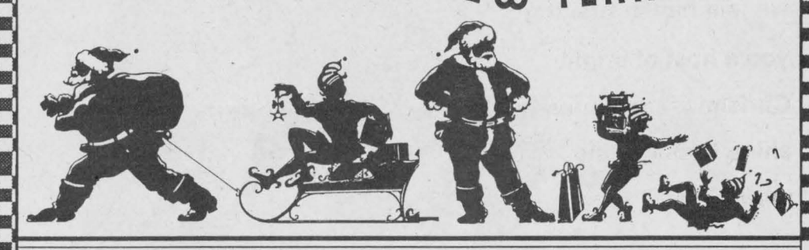

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from Ena, Ron & Evonne
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Holly Felker
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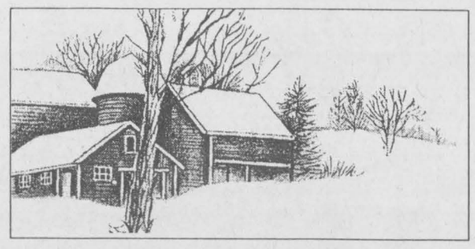
The parade was a huge success

The Village of Morrisburg was alive with the Christmas spirit on the 7th of December. The Second Annual Christmas parade was well attended and even the weather managed to co-operate with the organizers. Pictured above, the staff from Odonto got into the spirit, entering their own float. Parade organizer George Davies did an excellent job. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*



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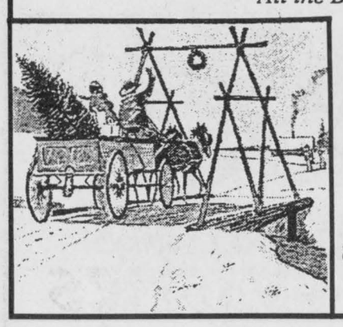

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From frothy, nutmeg-ladden egg nog to fragrantly-spiced hot cider, serving a special seasonal drink can add a particulary festive touch to entertaining during the holidays.

The preparations need not be elaborate; your guests are sure to enjoy cradling a cup of steaming cocoa or sipping a holiday punch.

A Scandinavian tradition

In Scandinavian homes, "glogg parties" are common. At these events, everyone enjoys *glogg*, a hot, spicy punch, and adults join with the children to make decorations for the tree, which traditionally is put up on Christmas Eve.

Glogg may be made with or without alcohol. (If you're making a version with alcohol, remember that the evaporation point is 172 degrees Fahrenheight; allowing the punch to boil will reduce the potency.)

Make your own

The glogg recipes below are reproduced from Beatrice Ojakangas' *Scandinavian Feasts* (Stewart Tabori & Chang).

The Wassail and Almond Mocha recipes are reproduced from the *Joy of Christmas* (Barron's) by Helen Feingold and Mary Lee Grisanti:

SPICED TEA GLOGG

3 quarts water
1 teaspoon whole cloves
l (3-inch) cinnamon stick
1 piece fresh ginger, about 1 inch square, peeled
5 bags of tea of any variety, or 2 and a half tablespoons loose tea tied in a cheesecloth bag
3 cups orange juice
1 cup lemon juice
1 to 1 and a half cups sugar
1 whole lemon thinly sliced
1 whole orange, thinly sliced

In a large non-aluminum kettle combine the water, cloves, cinnamon stick, and ginger, and heat to boiling. add the tea. Cover the kettle, remove it from the heat, and let steep for 5 minutes. Then remove the tea bags or leaves.

In another pan, heat the orange juice, lemon juice, and sugar over medium heat, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Pour the hot fruit juice mixture into the spiced tea. Add the lemon and orange slices. Keep hot until ready to serve, but do not boil.

25 servings, about six ounces each.

RED WINE GLOGG

1 and a half cups water
1 half cup sugar
5 whole cloves
1 (3-inch) cinnamon stick
1 half teaspoon cardamom seeds, slightly crushed
1 (28 ounce) bottle dry red wine

Several hours or days in advance combine the water, sugar, cloves, cinnamon stick, and cardamom seeds in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, cover, and let stand until cold. Store in a covered jar or container until ready to use.

When you are ready to serve the glogg, pour the red wine into a non aluminum saucepan or glogg pot. Strain the spice mixture into the wine. Heat to between 150 degrees F and 170 degrees F, just below simmering, Do not boil. Serve hot.

6 servings, about 6 and a half ounces each

WASSAIL BOWL
MAKES 25 PUNCH-CUP SERVINGS

Ingredients
12 small red apples
6 whole cloves
6 whole allspice berries
1 half teaspoon ground cardamom
2 cinnamon sticks
1-inch piece peeled fresh ginger
2 litres ale
1 bottle (750ml) dry sherry
6 eggs

1. Bake apples whole in a preheated 350 degree oven for 20 minutes or until they are tender, but still hold their shape.

2. In a large saucepan, combine spices and 1 litre of the ale. Bring to boil, lower heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Strain and return liquid to saucepan. Stir in the remaining ale and sherry and bring just to simmer.

3. In a 4-quart punchbowl, beat eggs until thick and lemon-colored. Gradually beat in hot ale mixture. Float baked apples on top. Serve warm in punch cups.



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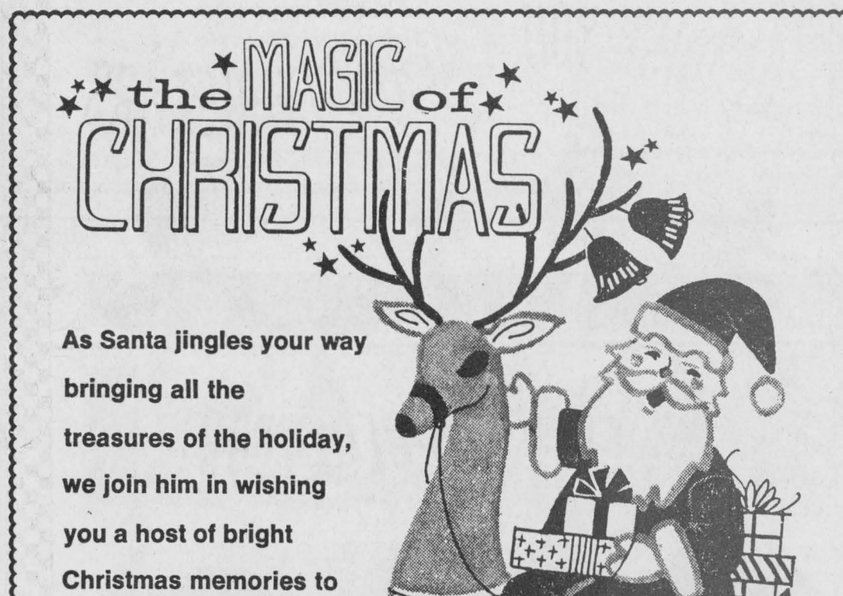
Light up the holidays

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

Out, out brief candle...the first electrically-lit trees cost the equivalent of thousands of dollars today, but the public quickly realized the benefits of the electric light. General Electric began mass-manufacturing miniature bulbs and by 1910, they were advertising that "the danger ever present with candle-lit trees is entirely removed, as well as the inconvenience of grease, smoke and dirt.

Hired help...turn of the century "wiremen" or electricians would hand-wire each bulb together in a time-consuming process, then wire the contraption into an overhead light fixture to provide electricity. It wasn't until 1903 that ready-made strings of wiring were sold alongside packages of miniature General Electric bulbs.

Lights of today...contemporary light sets are a far cry from the 1882 version. Now, computer chips are getting into the act, allowing consumers to program up to six different twinkling, fading or chasing patterns to suit their decorating tastes.



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

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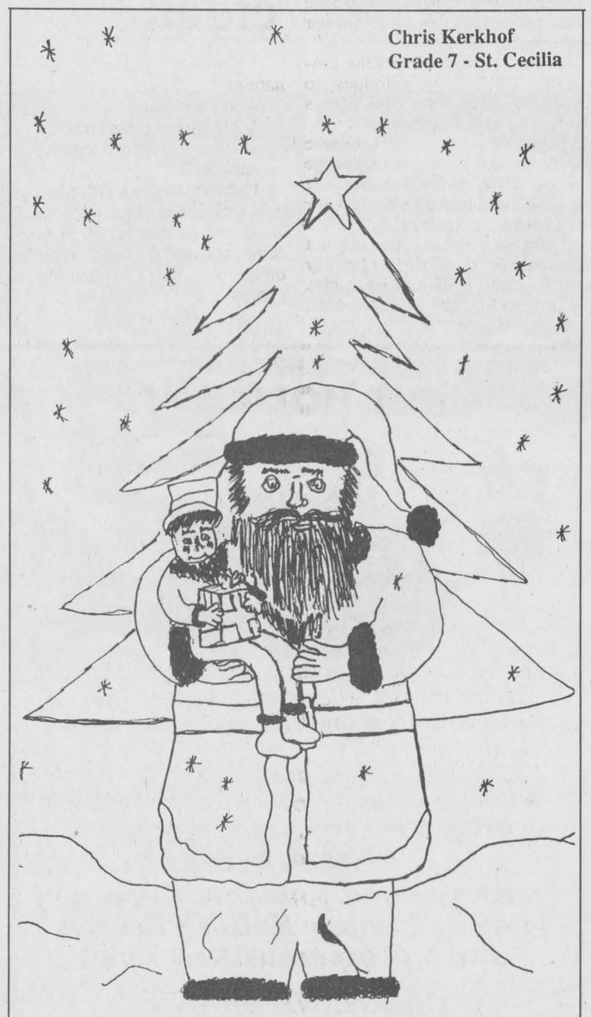

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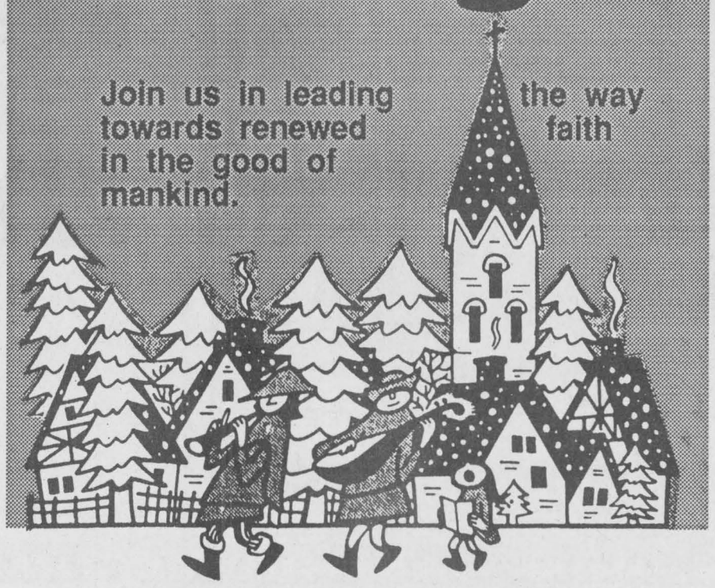
Christmas Greetings

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



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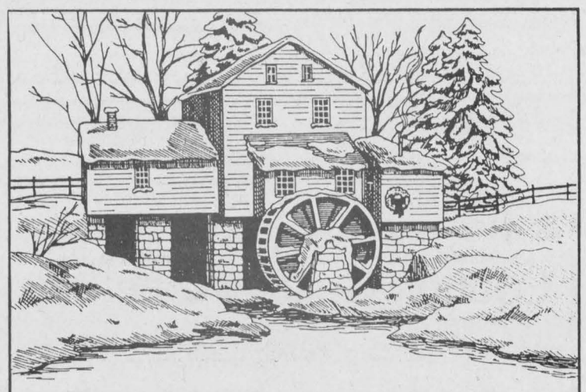

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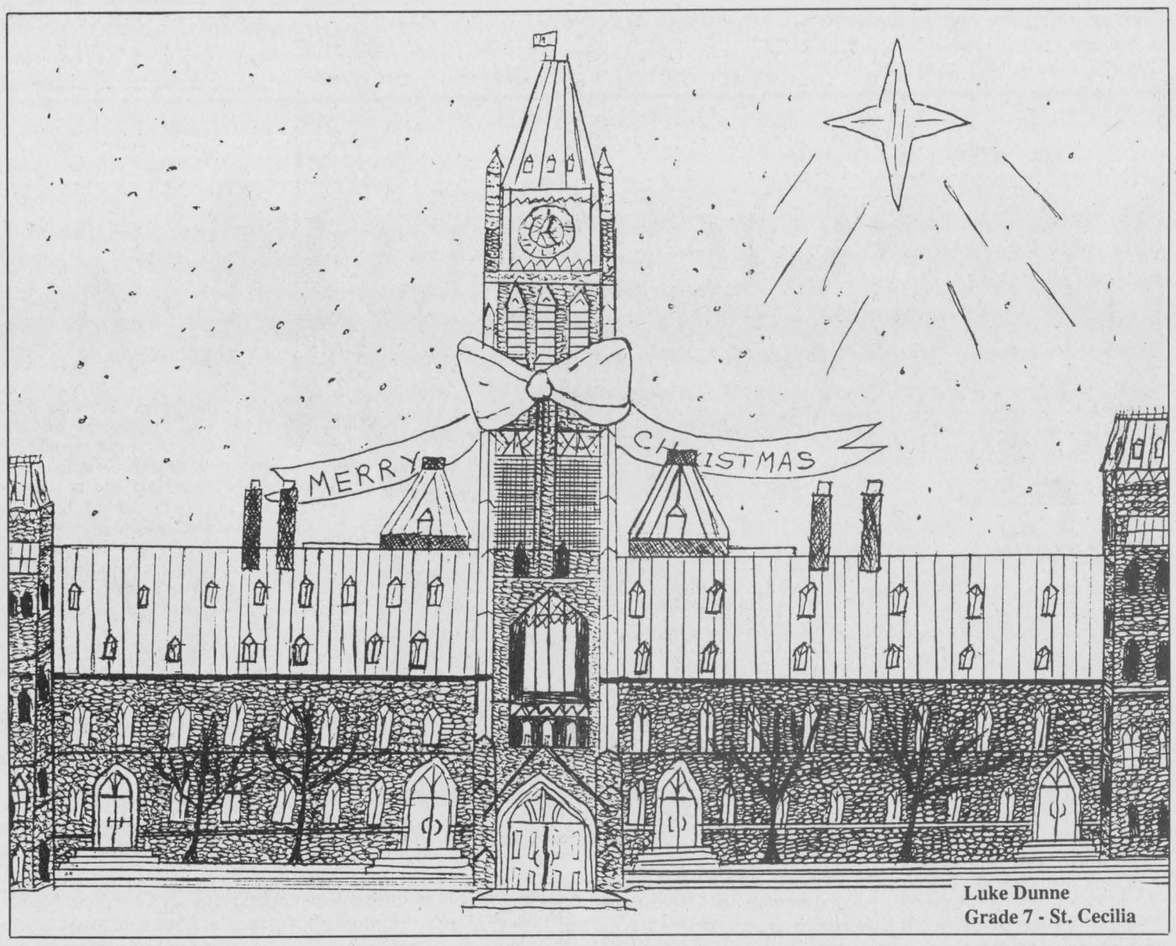

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Kelly, Cindy & Emily Peters & Staff

Pictures capture seasons true feelings

It often seems like every moment of the holiday season bears a special once-in-a-lifetime significance. Those "Kodak moments" are plentiful at this festive time of year. Special photo opportunities go by so fast it is hard to catch them all. However, with a little thought and preparation, you can capture and preserve all the little things that make the holidays so treasured.

The professional photographers at Kodak Canada Inc. have provided some basic tips on picture taking to help ensure that the holidays are beautifully documented from the first shopping expedition to the last drop of egg nog.

The first thing to remember is always keep your camera handy. Spontaneous moments cannot be recreated. Keep a camera, film and extra batteries close by at all times. To help capture the holiday spirit from everyone' s perspective, try placing several one-time-use cameras around the house. (Much like at weddings, so anyone can grab one and shoot what they see).

Next would be your focus, always on faces at this time of year. People's facial expressions can tell a complete story. A photo of a child laughing, smiling or making a silly face can bring back a torrent of special memories. In addition to group photos, experiment with close-ups as kids open their gifts, as dad carves the bird, or as mom opens her special gift from you.

Someone once told this writer to "hold your breath" as you snap a picture...not! If you are the DP (designated photographer) and are taking a posed picture, do not hold your breath as you take the shot. Inhale as you compose the shot through the viewfinder, then exhale gently as you press the shutter. This simple tip can help you keep the camera steady and depress the shutter with a smooth, even movement.

If you try to photograph the Christmas tree, do so at dusk. The most common problem with "tree shots" is that they are too dark and the lights or ornaments are pinpoints of bright light that cannot be seen clearly. Try taking your picture of the tree at dusk or on a cloudy day and use a higher speed film than you usually would. (a 400 for instance.)

Be careful of your background, a beautiful picture can become unintentionally funny if the background is wrong. One photographer spent an hour setting up a lovely photograph of his grandparents in front of his fireplace; only to have it look like the candles were pointing out of his grandfather's head. When you get the picture set up, take a last look through the viewfinder to make sure you have given considerable thought to the background as well as the subject of the picture.

Do not take just one picture of a great moment; snap two or three or even more. Every time you press the shutter, different expressions and moods will be captured. Don't hold back, go for the whole shooting match.

Sure, everyone loves to have a formal family portrait taken during the holidays, but you will definitely want to capture the spontaneous moments that are the true spirit of the holidays. People photograph best when they're relaxed, having fun and unconscious of the camera. Candid shots will bring back the best memories in the long haul.

The holiday season is much more than what occurs on Christmas Eve or the eight days of Hanukkah. To really chronicle your family's special moments, begin taking photos on the first shopping expedition or when dad makes a trip to the tree farm. And do not stop when Christmas is over...unexpected shots of the wrapping paper strewn on the floor or everyone watching the football game are part and parcel of personal memories that help document the season in its entirety.

It is wise not to wait for things to happen, special moments will not come to you, go looking for them. If it is cold, put on a hat and gloves and go outside. If it is raining or snowing, take waterproof precautions and to grab those action packed sleigh rides and snowball fights on sunny days, be sure you have some 100 speed film.

Selecting the right film is often more crucial than the type of camera you are using. For extra special holiday moments check out the new Kodak Royal Gold Film, or a comparable film. This will ensure that its special formulation can let you be sure that "trophy shots" you will want to enlarge do not come out too grainy etc. The ones you want to frame and give to friends and family members need special attention.

Above all when it comes to holiday picture taking, have fun! Make picture taking a part of the tradition and celebrations at your home and those you visit over the season.



Victorian Tree

Carol Sargent decorated this tree in the Victorian style...as it would have been. Delightfully delicate and pretty as a picture, this was on display at the Christmas Fair sponsored by the heart and Stroke Foundation-Dundas Chapter. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*



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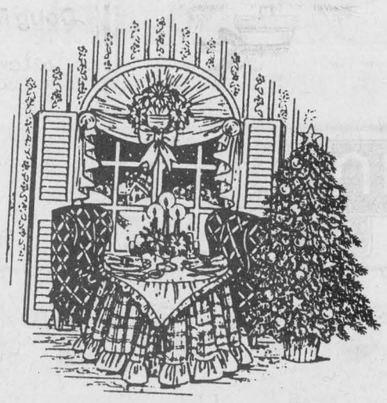

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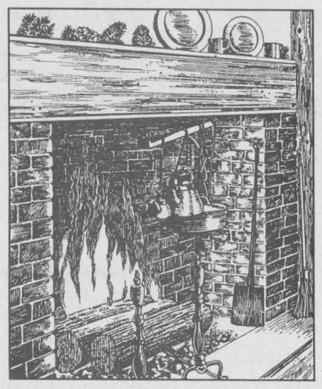

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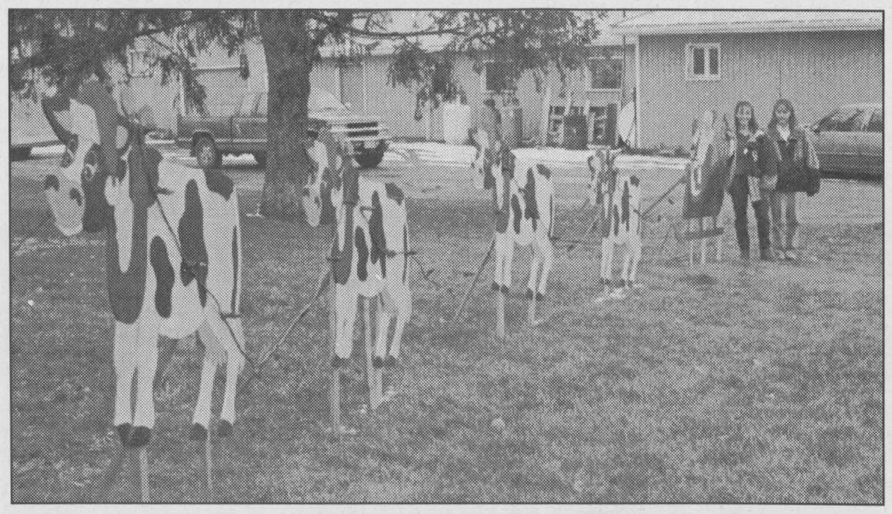


Santa and his cows?

Sarah and Amanda (pictured with Santa) just couldn't believe how the Jolly old Gent arrived in Brinston last weekend. While doing his North American pre-Christmas tour, Mr. Claus decided to give the Reindeer a rest and try out these really cool flying cows. If you happen to be touring through Brinston, check them out!

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,

Yo Santa! How ya doin'? I haven't been the best person this year, but I have not been rotten either.

This year, I would really like to have a CD player and a jersey that has "Potvin" and his number on the back. That's basically all I want, but I do have a wish that it does not snow on Boxing Day, so I can go and see my dad in Sarnia, Ontario.

I would like to say something about my mom. She is a good person and deserves the best you can give her. She has brought my sister and I up the best she could on her own and she is doing a very good job, but we fight a lot around the house and I would like that to stop. I would like there to be peace in my house, but I have a feeling that is not going to happen, so could you please help us out a little, for my mom's sake? Our family has gone through some rough times, but I know there are people worse off than we are.

I would like you to help my pa, he is very sick, so please help us out if you can.

Yours truly, Jennifer.

Dear Santa,

I would like to thank you for the gifts from last year.

This year, I have done many good deeds, so I deserve many wonderful gifts.

This year, I would like Nintendo 64, jeans, rollerblades, shoes and a Nike hat.

Have a safe trip around the world.

Sincerely,
Leslie

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl all year. For Christmas I would like a doll and an Elmo doll.

You will be able to find my house because it will have a big reindeer in my front lawn.

For my brother, a small John Deer tractor and a car.

Thank You very much.

Love,
Sally.

P.S. I will leave some cookies and milk and a carrot for Rudolf on my counter.

Cards a big part of season

Sending Christmas cards has been a part of the North American holiday tradition for generations, but the practice originated in Victorian England, where personal "visiting cards" were embellished with seasonal designs for Christmas and New Year's.

The first Christmas card was created in 1843, when Sir Henry Cole commissioned artist John Horsley to design illustrated holiday postcards for conveying seasonal greetings to his many acquaintances.

Apparently the idea was warmly embraced; approximately 1,000 of the newly designed postcards were sold for one shilling each.

In less than thirty years, the custom of exchanging Christmas cards also was incorporated into North American holiday observances.

In 1870, the United States Postal Service introduced a half-price rate for mailing unsealed cards and the first American made Christmas cards were designed Boston around this time of year.

The earliest cards generally featured illustrations of flowers, landscapes, children or animals, but as American Christmas lore and traditions continued to evolve, the art of these seasonal postcards incorporated and reflected these changes.

In fact, the Christmas postcards of the late 19th century provide a fascinating look at the portrayal of Santa Claus.

In early representations, he appears in a purple outfit, a brown robe or a green coat and in his physical representation, he personifies the European traditions of St. Nicholas, Kris Kringle, Sinterklass or Father Christmas more than he does the modern day image of the jolly red-suited Santa Claus.

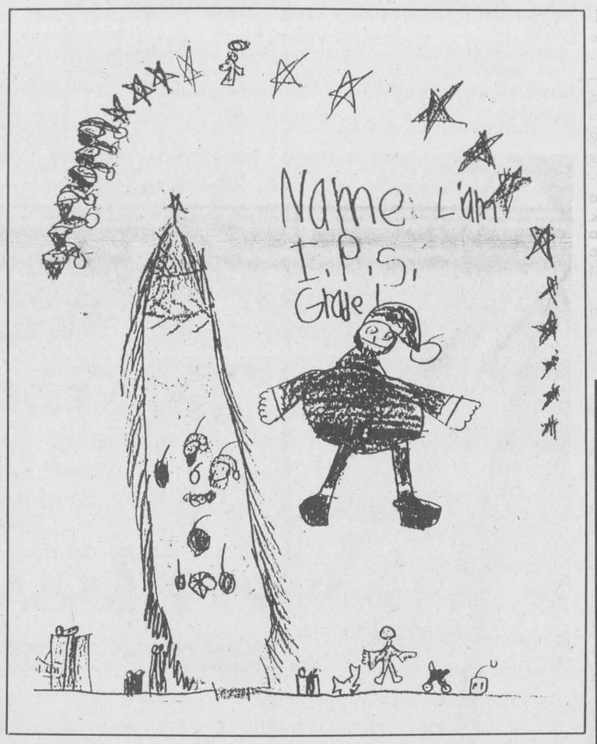
It is widely believed that American Christmas postcards, along with Clement Clarke Moore's, The Night Before Christmas and Thomas Nast's drawings in Harper's Weekly magazine were pivotal in defining and standardizing the visual representation of the rotund bearded elf we now fondly know as Santa Claus.

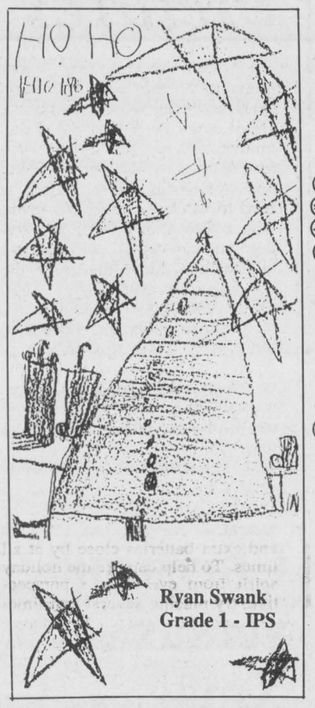
Share the trimming

It can be quite expensive to some who are living on meager funds to trim a Christmas tree, and besides that there are some lonely people among us who just can't seem to get in the Christmas mood to trim a tree just for themselves. Why not make it happen-help some lonely person trim a tree or let them help your family with its Christmas decorations and baking.

It's still fun to string popcorn and cranberries-which aren't very expensive. Little cornucopias made of pretty paper, with Christmas card cutouts pasted on them can easily be made to hang on the tree. Cookies cut in pretty shapes can be hung on the tree.

Christmas can be even merrier by sharing the fun with someone whose Christmas might otherwise be blue.





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A basket full of giving

The beauty of baskets for holiday giving lies in their versatility. Not only does the basket itself become an appreciated gift, but what it holds adds to the festivities as well.

Baskets come in such a wide range of shapes, sizes and materials that you can find one suited to whatever gift you care to give. Look for baskets in those out-of-the-way places. Places like antique shops, craft stores and establishments that sell miniatures or specialty gift items. The unexpected places will yield the most delightful results.

Keep your eyes open for other surprising containers, too, such as Chinese take-out style boxes for tiny treasures or colourful pails that could be put to use in a child's room after Christmas is over.

If you are unable to find just the exact basket you want, you might well create your own. With the help of instructions or lessons from the local craft store, you may make several country style reed baskets in a single weekend.

The gifts that are suitable for giving in baskets are just as unlimited as the containers themselves. Food of course is an excellent choice for Christmas giving in a basket. Wrapped jars of homemade jams and jellies, pickles or such, cookies, candies or fresh bread make great gifts and special treats. Don't let your imagination stop there. Consider theme gifts that tie the basket and the gifts together.

For instance, buy a summertime picnic hamper to hold a Christmas turkey and wine as a special family gift. Or choose a rustic basket made of grapevines or twigs and fill it with bundles of dried herbs and flowers, plus flower seeds and gardening tools for the springtime reminder during the cold winter months.

One of the joys of basket giving is the array of gifts that you can give all at once. Look for little soaps, scented sprays and packets of potpourri for instance. Arrange them in layers of excelsior (wood shaving) and tissue paper for a Christmas morning treasure hunt.

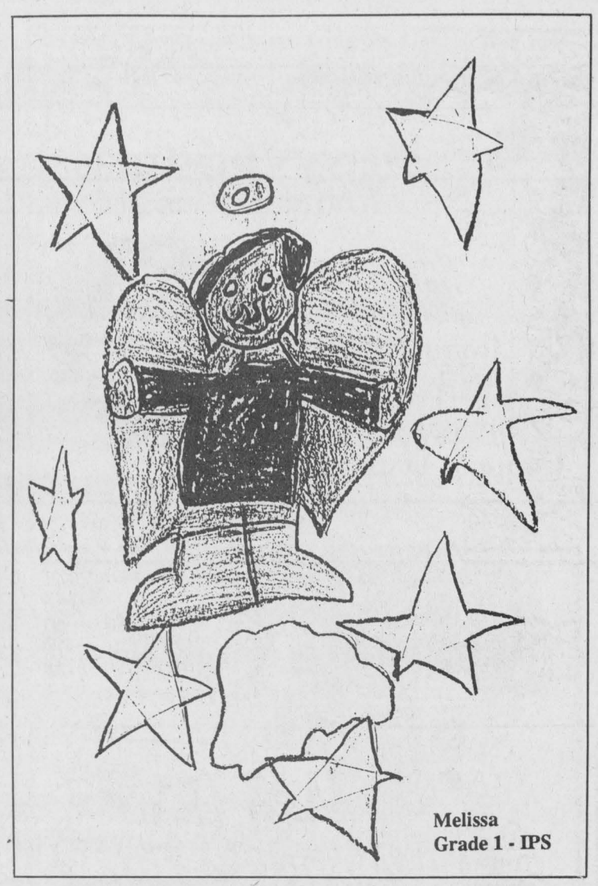
For Christmas decorating you can turn the baskets themselves into charming Christmas tree ornaments or package trims, too. For a nature lover, fill a tiny basket with straw, perch a bird ornament on the edge and hang the "nest" from the tree with a ribbon. Or for a child, fill a miniature basket with candies and trinkets and tie it to the tree with colourful namesake shoelaces.

With a basketful of giving, you can personalize your gifts to the needs and interests of everyone on your Christmas list. That type of thoughtfulness is what makes basket gift-giving the most special gift of all.



Parade excitement

This motely looking crew of youngsters were eagerly anticipating the start of the Santa Claus Parade in Morrisburg on the 7th of December. The float was entered by the Morrisburg Cubs and they all had an excellent time. Following the parade, everyone was invited to a Christmas party at the Operating Engineers Training Institute. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*



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CHRISTMAS PROSE

Iroquois Public Grade 2 class

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T is for Christmas Tree.
O is for Ornaments.
C is for Cookies.
K is for Kids.
I is for Ice.
N is for New Year's Day.
G is for good.
S is for sleigh.
Holidays Happy
from Kyle Edwards.

SANTA
S is for Santa.
A is for Angeil.
N is for Night.
T is for Tree.
A is for All the kids having toys.
Merry Christmas
from Jason Snelling.

S is for Snowman.
A is for At Christmas.
N is for Night.
T is for Christmas Tree.
A is for All the people celebrating Christmas.
C is for Carols.
L is for Little Boys and Girls.
A is for Angels.
U is for I love You!
S is for Santa Claus.
Merry Christmas
from Ashton Urquhart.

S is for Stockings.
A is for Angels.
N is for New Years.
T is for Taking presents to the tree.
A is for All children.

Merry Christmas from Kenny.

C is for Carols.
H is for Holly.
R is for Reindeer.
I is for Ice.
S is for Santa.
T is for Christmas Time.
M is for Merry Christmas.
A is for Angels.
S is for Santa's cookies.

T is for time to open.
R is for Rudolf.
E is for Christmas Eve.
E is for Eve.

Happy Holiday
From Kristen.

REINDEER

R is for Rudolph.
E is for Elves.
I is for Ice.
N is for Saint Nicholas.
D is for Decorate.
E is for Every girl and boy.
E is for Christmas Eve.
R is for Rudolph's Red nose.

Merry Christmas
From Karen Stevens.

SLEIGH

S is for Santa.
L is for Lights.
E is for Elf.
I is for Ice.
G is for Good girls and boys.
H is for Holly.

Happy Holidays!
From Danica.

Christmas versus Xmas

"Christmas" is often shortened to "Xmas".

It is said that X is an abbreviation for Christ, originating from the Greek letter X which starts the name "Christ" the anointed but many feel it takes away the sacredness of Christmas to "X"-out his name.

The Three Kings crowned

It seems that until the fifteenth Century the Magi were all portrayed with fair skin; but in that century one of the three kings was painted as a black person.

The Magi were given king's titles in the sixth Century but were not painted with crowns until the eleventh Century. The kings were portrayed as representing hte three stages of life-youth, middle life, old age, as well as the three great divisions of the human family-the Europeans, the Asians, and the Africans.



Sarah Toonders
Grade 6 - St. Cecilia

Merry Christmas

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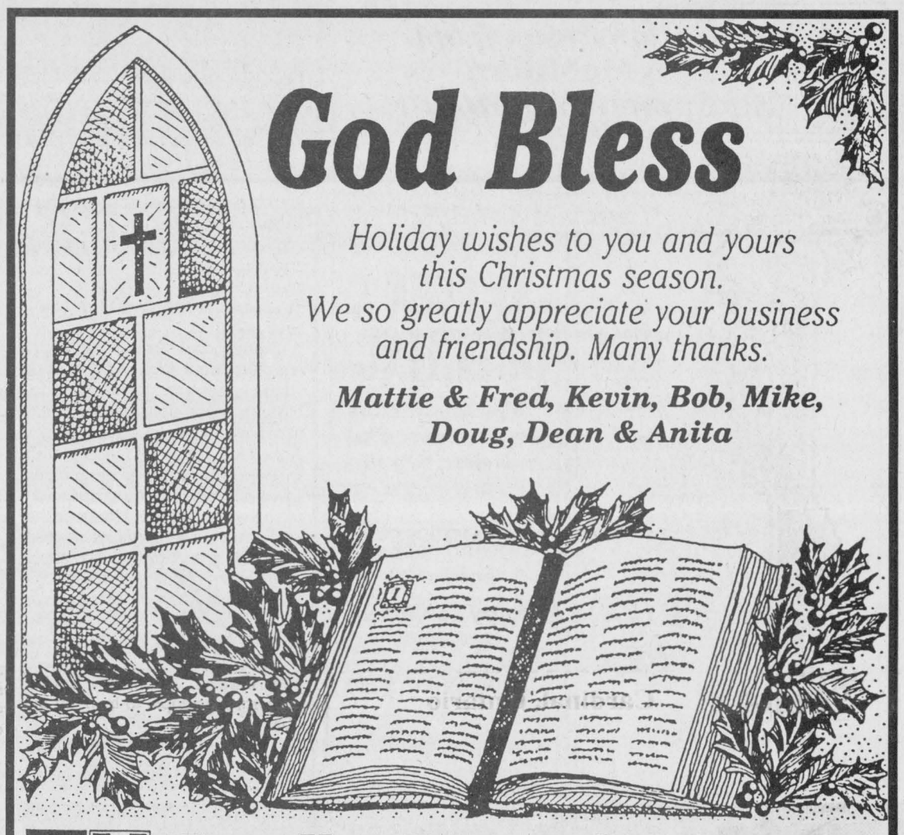

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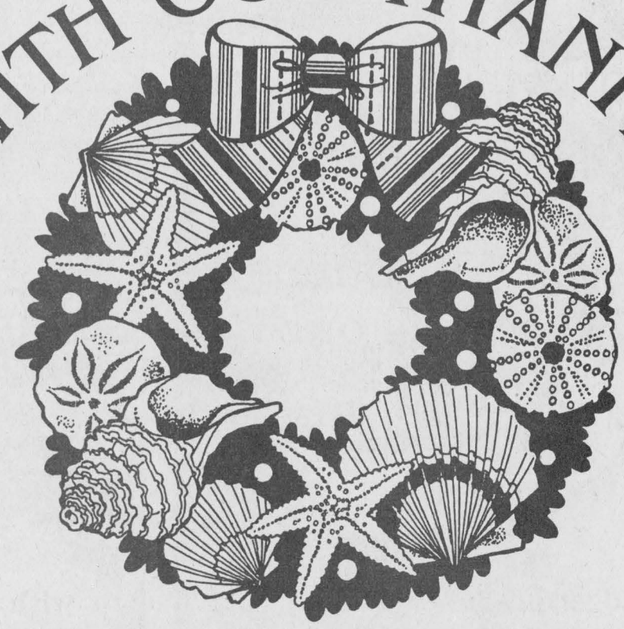

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Christmas Crafts

Isobel McInnis and her daughter Sheri worked on some pretty nice crafts for this season at the Upper Canada Bird Sanctuary. The Friends of the Sanctuary had a crafty afternoon where even rank beginners could learn to create some special items. These two ladies are not learners, but quite accomplished as far as crafting is concerned. *Cheiftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

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 alterntives, 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 a 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 momentos 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 PROSE

Christmas
Christmas is kids screaming with glee,
As they find something great under the tree.
Its building a snowman on christmas day.
There's lots of things you can watch or do.
You can even build a small igloo.
Going for a drive, a ski or a walk.
Sipping hot chocolate while having a talk.
Francis Zambon
Br. 6
St. Cecilia

The Elf Who Couldn't Make Toys

It was the first of December when we discovered his problem. He couldn't make toys! His name is Henry and he was one of our newest elves. He always looked depressed for some reason. So we decided to send him to a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist finally discovered his problem. He couldn't make toys! All the other elves were shocked! They tried to teach him how to make toys but he goofed up every time. So they decided to send him to Santa Claus. Santa Claus was as jolly as ever when we went to see him. Santa was shocked when he heard the news. He told us that we should all try to think of a solution to this problem. Then one hour later Santa thought of a great idea. He said that if he couldn't make toys maybe he can do an other job well. We told Henry to try to do other jobs. Finally they discovered Henry's hidden talent. He was a master at wrapping presents. So Santa put him in the gift wrapping section and on that Christmas Eve Santa congratulated Henry for a job well done.
The End
Thomas Byvelds.
Gr. 6
St. Cecilia's School.



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

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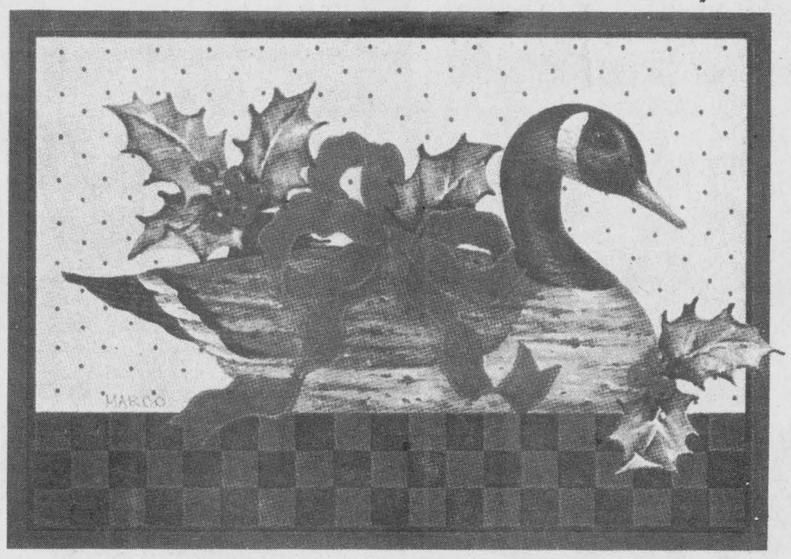

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Don't forget those less fortunate during this holiday season!

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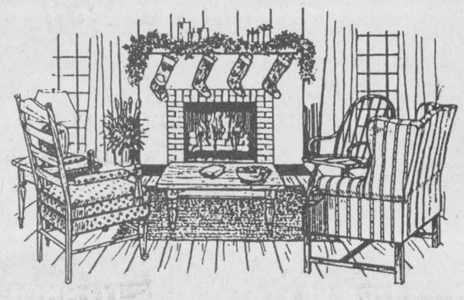

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As we prepare for another festive season our thoughts turn to the many individuals who have helped us grow this past year.

Thank you for putting your trust in us.



Fetterly's

from the Management;
M.D. Fetterly, J.L. Fetterly
and staff
P. Lennox, B. St. Pierre,
Rob Murphy



Chieftain photo by S. McKibbon

How do you do Mr. Bear?

Four-year-old Zachary Baker contemplates Christmas with Mr. Bear while his sister Anjulee (10), mother Judy and craft show marketer Bill Crummy look on. The Bakers and Crummy are all Winchester natives visiting South Mountain for the Lion's Club's 1996 Christmas Craft Show, Sun. Dec 8. Organizers said as many as 500 people had visited the three-day show when the picture was taken.

CHRISTMAS PROSE

MERRY CHRISTMAS
by Kate Wilson
Grade 4, I.P.S.

Christmas is a very good time of the year. You get a lot of presents at Christmas.

I can hardly wait for Christmas to come.

My last thing to say is that I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and may Santa bring you everything you wished for!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
by John Shay
Grade 4, I.P.S.

Christmas is the best time of the year.

I can hardly wait for Christmas to come.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
by Matthew Fawcett
Grade 4, I.P.S.

Christmas is the coldest time of the year, but I like it because you can build a snowfort.

A CHRISTMAS HOUSE
by Jamie Hoogwerf
Grade 4, age 9, I.P.S.

I love my parents.

Here is a picture of my new house.

Christmas Night
by Katelyn Merkley,
Grade 4, I.P.S.

Julia and Tom were snug in their beds on Christmas Eve as sugarplums danced in their heads. At 10:05, Tom woke up to see if Santa Claus had come yet, but he hadn't. Tom thought Santa would never come!

Then, he heard someone yelling for help. Santa Claus was stuck in the fireplace!

When Santa was out of the fireplace, he thanked Tom and sent him to bed. Julia and Tom woke up, they could only see presents and no Santa!

Christmas is coming
Christmas is coming.
I can feel it in the air.
People are looking for
Presents here and there.

Christmas is coming.
I can feel it in my bones.
People are singing the old Christmas tunes.
Because Jolly Saint Nick will soon arrive.

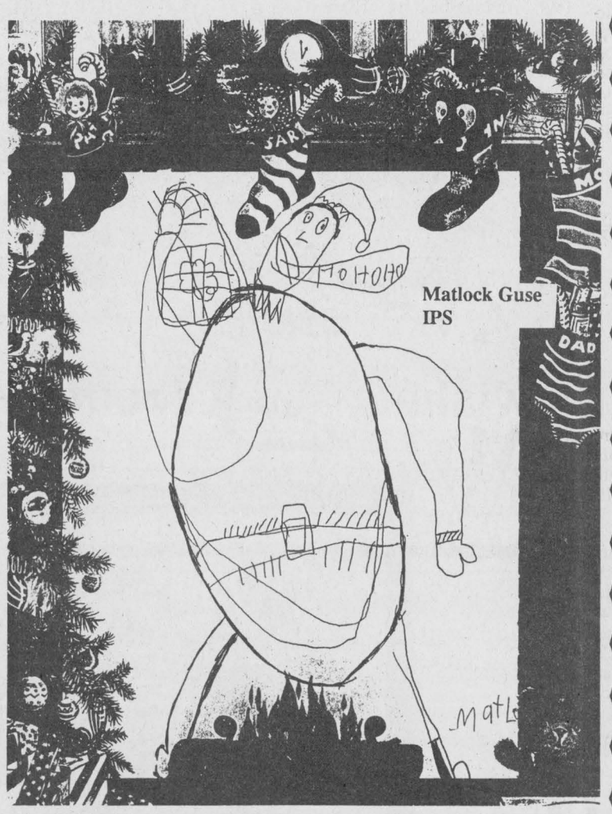
Christmas is coming.
I can feel it in my heart.
Santa is going to bring a sled full of presents.
He'll be leaving saying "Merry Chritmas to all".
By Jamie Byvelds
Gr. 6
St. Cecilia's School
Iroquois, Ontario

Christmas Punch

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

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

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



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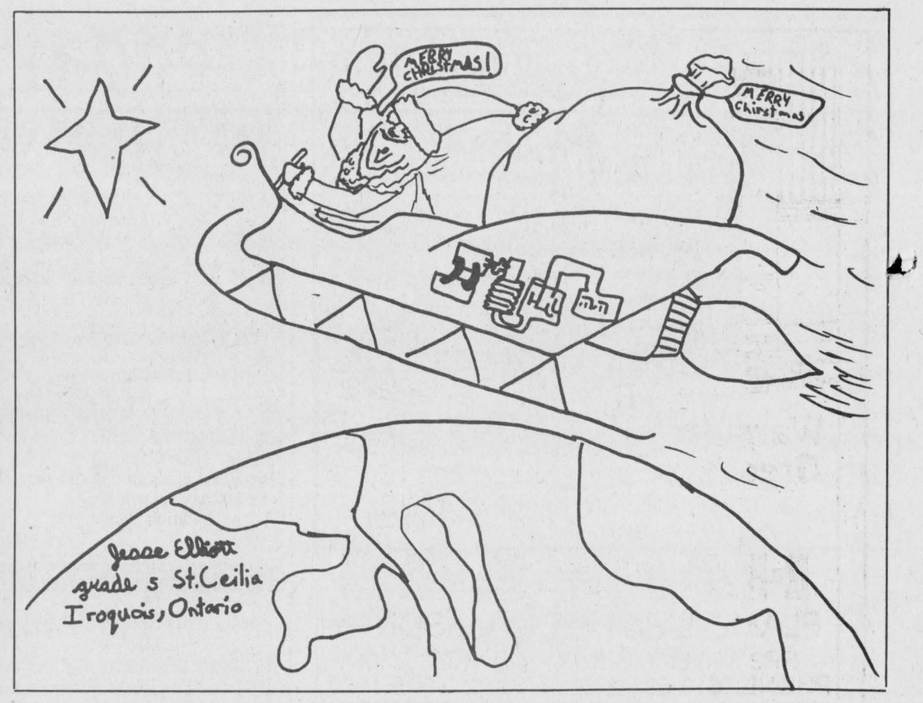
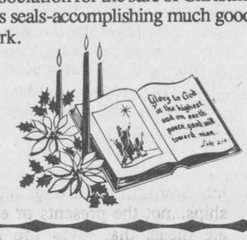


Christmas seals

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

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



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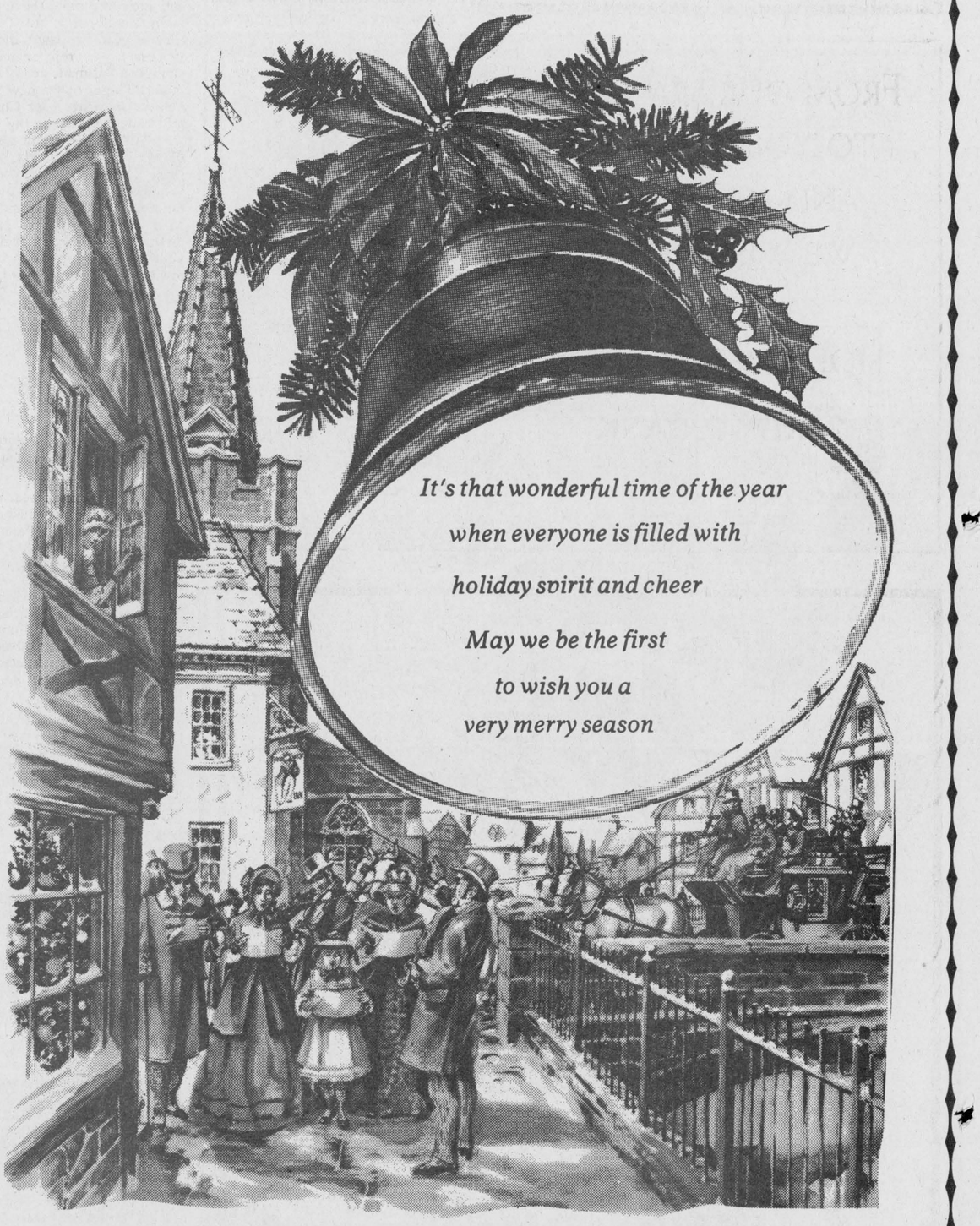

It's that wonderful time of the year
when everyone is filled with
holiday spirit and cheer
May we be the first
to wish you a
very merry season

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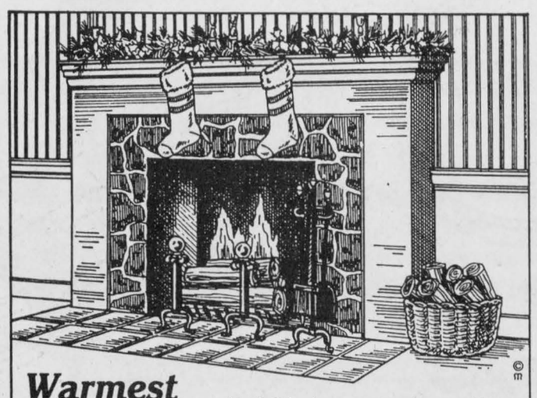

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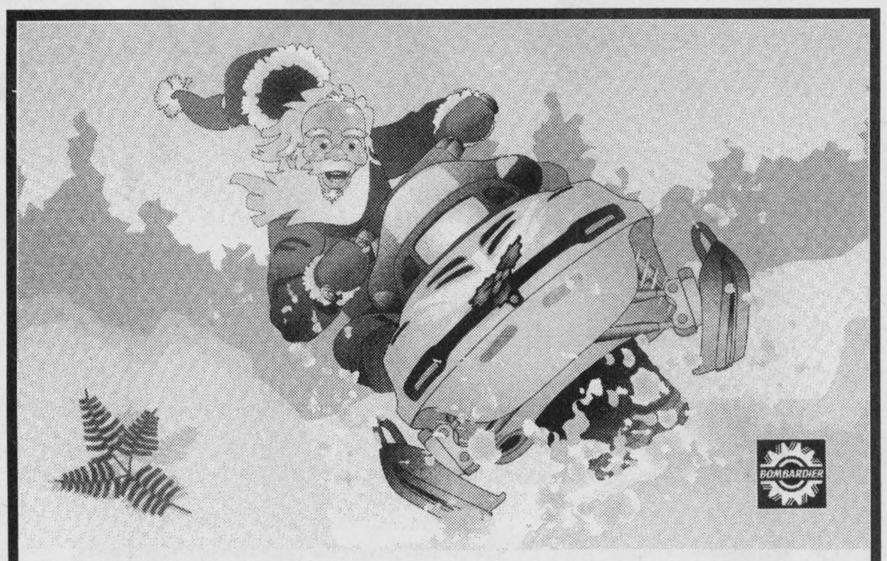

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Holiday window displays are a wonderful tradition

As the holidays season approaches, a seemingly magical transformation takes place in department stores across the country. Santa and his helpers arrive, festive music fills the air and Christmas decorations abound.

On New York's Fifth Avenue, the elaborate window display at Lord and Taylor has a unique kind of magic: it is the only Christmas display in the country that is assembled below street level and raised into place at a special unveiling ceremony at the start of the holiday season.

The tradition began in 1914, when the store's hydraulic windows were installed in a newly-constructed building. In the past ten decades, the Lord and Taylor Christmas windows have recreated scenes featuring authentic buildings and landmarks in New York's history.

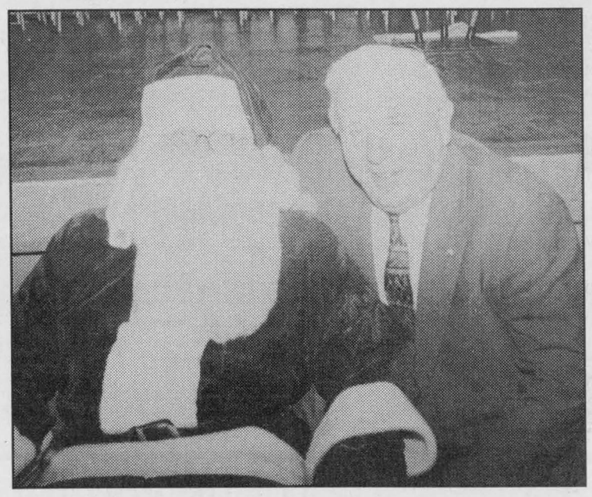
Window themes have chronicled periods from as far back as the 1600s, all the way up to modern-day sites, including the Roosevelt Island tramway and the New York City subway.

The 1988 windows, which depicted Radio City Music Hall, the Chrysler Building, the lobby of the Daily News Building and the Rainbow Room, each as they were in their 1930s splendour, won an award for Outstanding Evocation from the Art Deco Society of New York.

Creating the Christmas windows is a year-long process. The theme is discussed in January, design plans are started in February, the final drawings of each window are established by May and final research is undertaken to create a scene whose details are precise to the period and place depicted.

Since 1976, Lord and Taylor has enlisted the talents of Spaeth Design whose designers work closely with store representatives to weave the famous Fifth Avenue magic that has become a holiday tradition.

Construction of the sets begins at Spaeth during the early summer, setting off a busy season that designers compare to the activities at Santa's North Pole workshop. At the end of October, the four scenes are shipped to the Fifth Avenue store, where they are installed, decorated and finishing touches are added to each.



Santa and Reeve Swank share some time.

Chieftain photo by S. L. Johnston

The timeless spirt of the season lives on

"Christmas is not a time or a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."-Calvin Coolidge.

As we celebrate the arrival of the holiday season, Coolidge's words are a particularly apt reminder of the importance of cultivating and maintaining the true Christmas spirit.

When friends and family members join together, it is the genuine warmth of loving relationships...not the presents or elaborate meals that gives life to the season's festivities and immeasurably enriched the lives of the participants in years to come.

The joy of the season can be captured in even the simplest activities: teaching a child to make gingerbread men, tying a bright red ribbon around a bunch of fragrant greens, going caroling with friends, stringing popcorn and cranberries for the tree...

Whether holiday traditions are simple or elaborate, they serve to bind family and friends together, creating a sense of continuity and permanence that transcends the all-too-common worries of the workaday world.

Despite the uncertain economy and concerns over the unsettled international scene, at this special time of year, we pause and in the process, are rejuvenated and strengthened, made ready to face the challenges of the new year.

So, even when your Christmas gift budget is not as big as you would like, celebrate the good will of the season and find ways to share joy with those you love. Whether you put festive music on the stereo, light some candles and have a tree trimming party or arrange for a more formal event, your efforts are sure to be both rewarding and appreciated.

Christmas prose

R is for Red
U is for up on the house top
D is for Dasher and Dancer and Donner
O is for ornament
L is for loving and carols
p is for pole
H is for Holly

Hapy Holidays from Chelsey Schell, Grade Two

E is for Eve
L is for Love
V is for very exciting
E is for extra special
S is for Santa

Happy New Year from Michael Tatton, Grade Two

H is for Holiday
O is for Ornaments
L is for Loving on Christmas day
L is for Liking your present
Y is for young baby Jesus

Merry Christmas from trent Folan, Grade two

Gift ideas to beat the blues

How can parents beat the post-holiday blues that their children so often feel? Presents that encourage creativity provide hours of fun long after the holiday.

Stockings are a terrific way to carry out an activity theme that provides fun for children and develops their special interests.

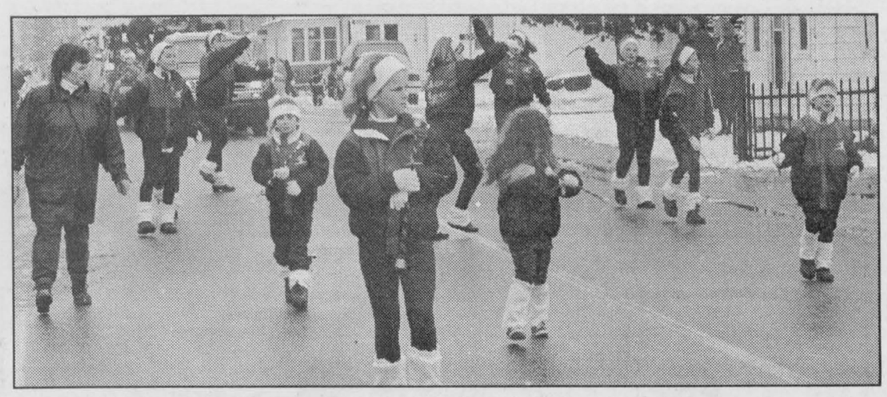
For the youngster who is always hanging around the kitchen, a stocking filled with cookie cutters, small pots and pans and a good children's cookbook can provide-- with parental supervision, of course-- hours of culinary education, and perhaps even a lifelong hobby. Colorful additions include bright potholders, an apron, or even a child size chef's hat.

For the budding artist, try an arts and crafts stocking. Include samples of various creative media, such as paints, crayons, pastel chalks, modelling clay, or a beginner's needlework kit. An exciting new crafts product is Elmer's GluColors(TM), brightly colored glues that posses the same adhesive properties as Elmer's Glue-All.

Thicker and more dimensional than paint, GluColors also can be use to make Stickies(TM), transferable objects that will cling to most smooth metal, glass and plastic surfaces, including windows refrigerators and mirrors.

The fashion-conscious child will appreciate a stocking filled with materials for creative clothing expressions, such as sneakers and caps.

Stockings filled with items that encourage kids' imaginations will keep children entertained and busy throughout the holidays and for months beyond.

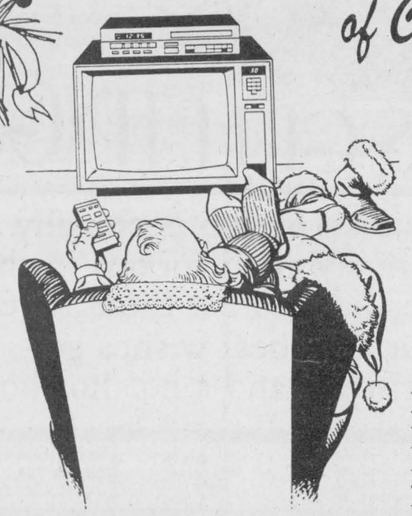


Majorettes march on

Chieftain photo by S. McKibbon

The Matilda Majorettes twirl through town during the South Mountain Christmas Parade, Saturday Dec. 14. There were 19 floats and four fire trucks in the parade according to I.O.O.F. organizers. Throngs of onlookers gathered for the event, which has been a centrepiece of Mountain Twp. Christmas festivites for more than 40 years.

May the Joys & Comforts of Christmas Grace Your Home



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The Village of Morrisburg *Merry Christmas*

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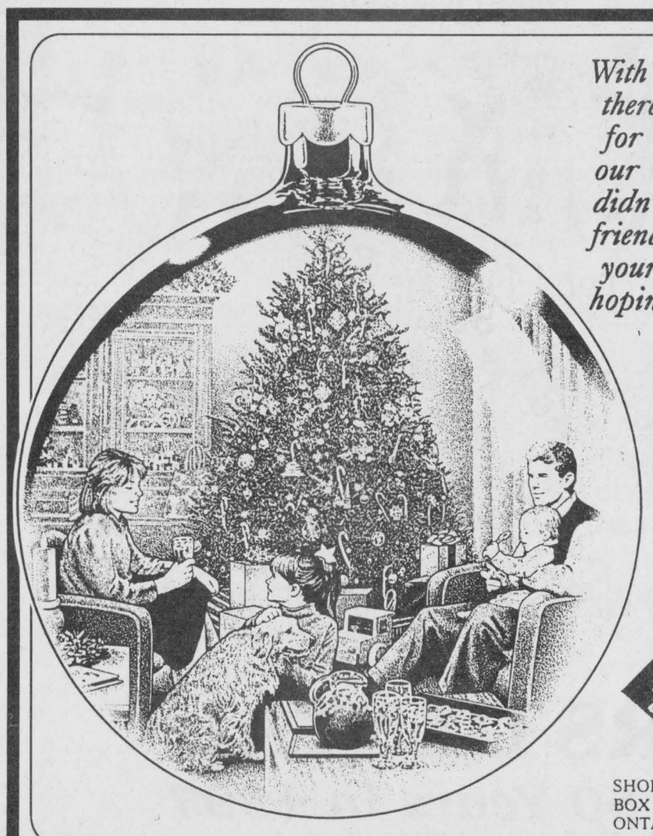

With the holidays upon us once again, there's so much to celebrate, so much for which to be thankful. We count our blessings, but we'd be remiss if we didn't say how much we celebrate our friendship with you and we truly value your ever-loyal patronage. Here's to hoping that we continue to share more wonderful moments ahead.

Seasons Greetings from

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We'd like to thank each of you personally, but we've made too many good friends in the past year to find the space to list them here. So to all of you, our very best wishes go - for a very Merry Christmas and a ho...ho...ho!

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Away in a small manger

A donkey standing in the cold
Outside a cosy manger.
The restless wind speaks softly
And is silent like a stranger.

Joseph says, "I love you."
Mary wonders what made him say that.
Was it the moonlight?
Was it the starlight in his eyes?
It was neither because it came from his heart!

From a faroff distance
The babe's cries are lost in the night.
The wise men came a walking
Walking by and by.
Carrying gifts of myrrh and gold,
Frankincense, baring with the cold.

A young boy wanders off
Carrying a drum
Playing on forever
Christmas has begun!

"His name shall be Prince of Peace!"

by Melinda Mulikow
St. Cecilia, Grade 7,age 12.



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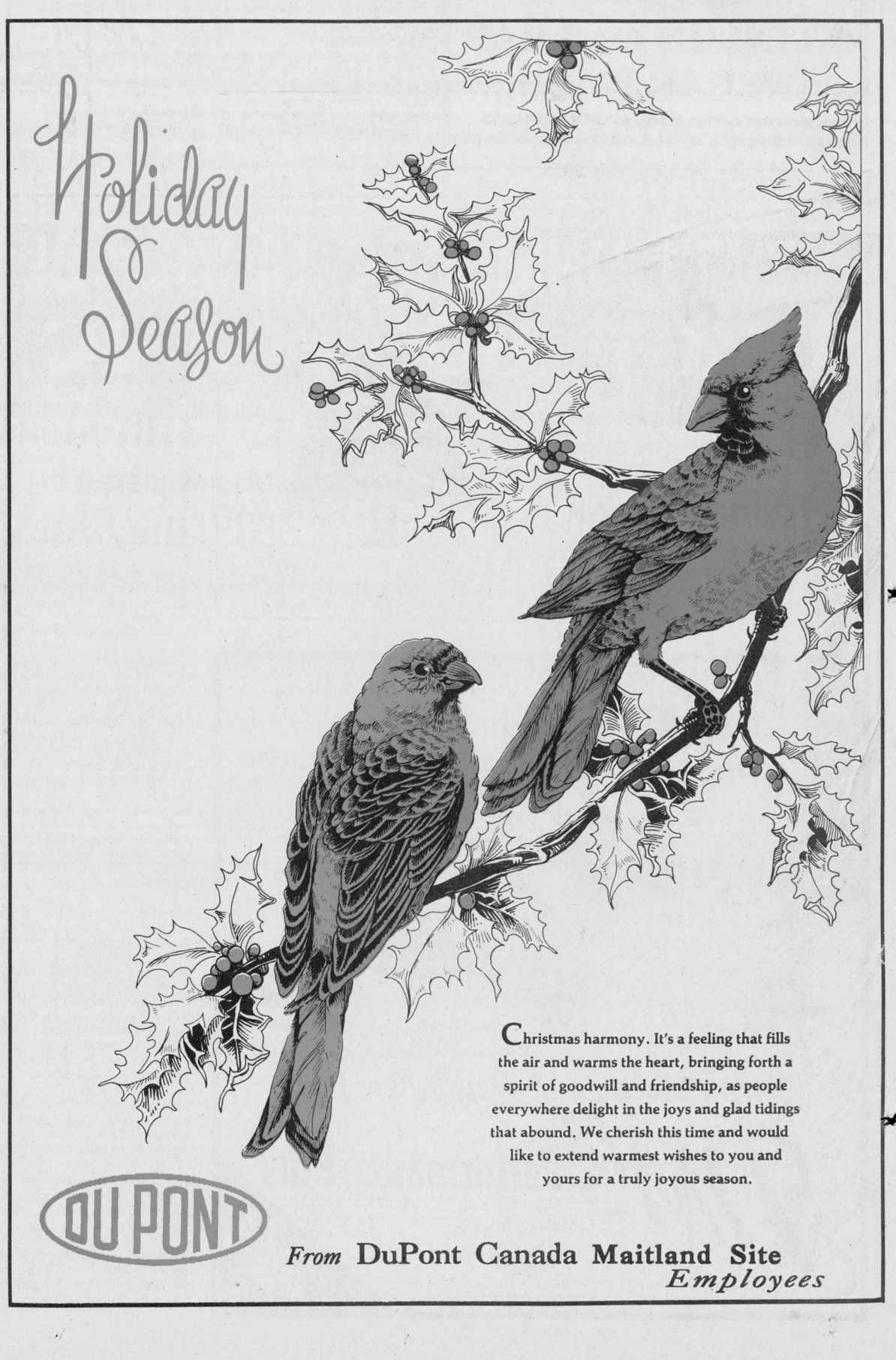

Holiday Season

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

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