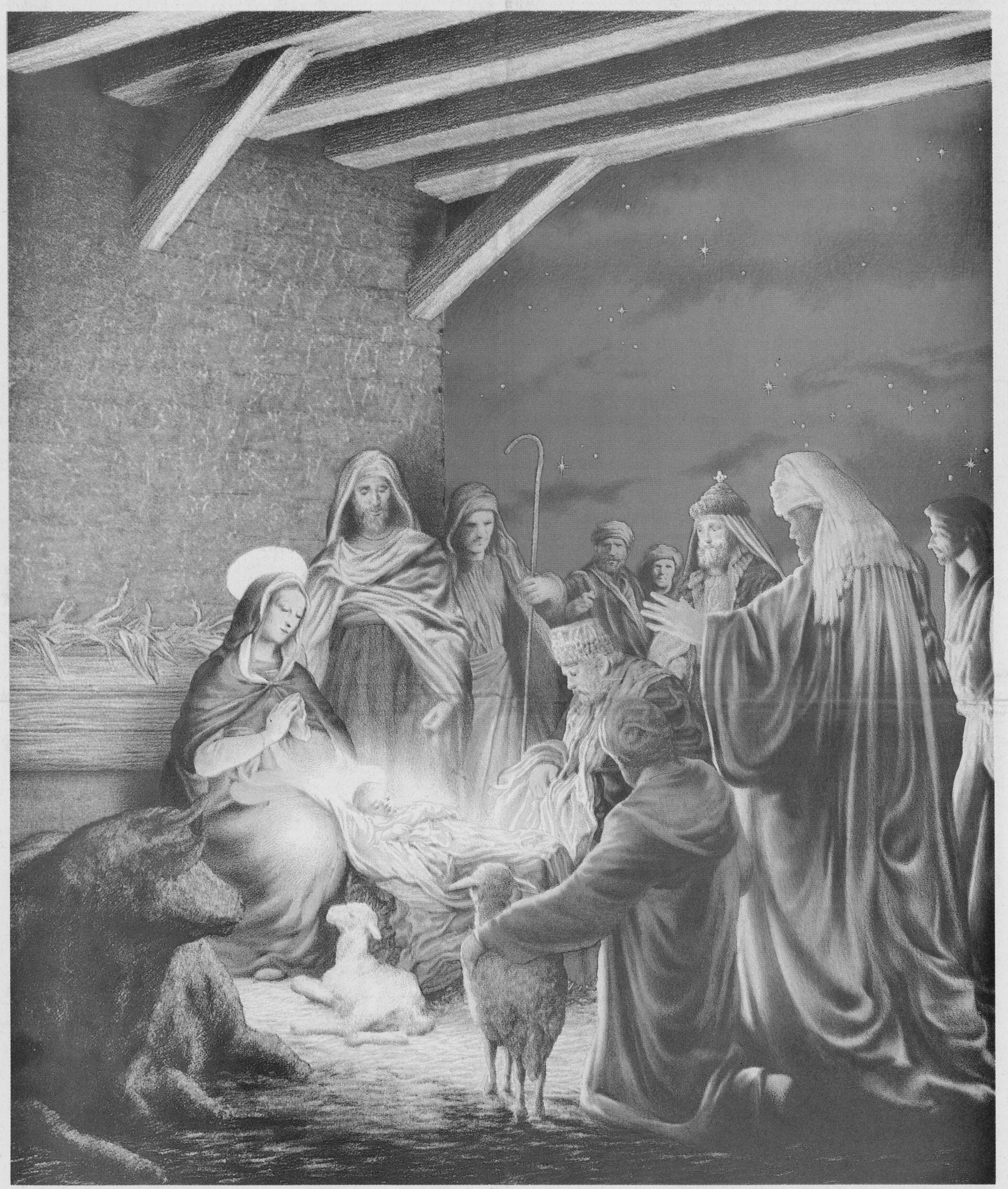

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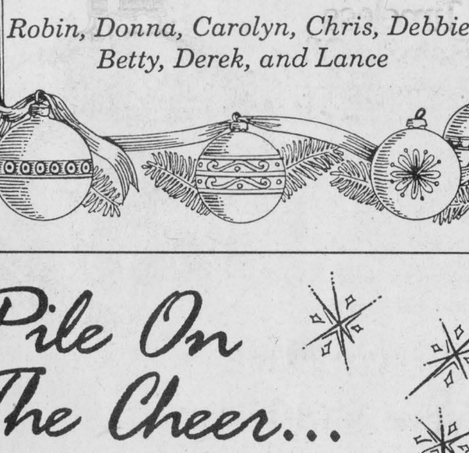
Christmastime Will Soon Be Here!
As we prepare for another festive season our thoughts turn to the many individuals who have helped us grow this past year.

Thank you for putting your trust in us.



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and staff
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Walking parade presents

These two wrapped gifts can both walk and talk! They can even give away candy! They were both part of the first annual Morrisburg Santa Claus Parade held on Saturday, Dec. 9. For a first-time event, the parade was very successful. Both participants and parade-goers had a great time!

Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen

CHRISTMAS PROSE

The Kidnapped Santa Claus

Once upon a time there was a city named Hate. They did not believe in Christmas. They thought Christmas was a waste of time. They hated Santa Claus so they decided to kidnap Santa Claus.

On Christmas Eve they set up a Christmas tree and milk and cookies. The Prime Minister will hide under the table and when Santa Claus comes they will grab him. The plan worked. Santa Claus is now the city of Hate's prisoner.

Soon the city of Love found out that Santa Claus was kidnapped. Now they want to get Santa Claus back. They decided to go to the city of Hate at night and get Santa Claus back. The plan worked. Santa Claus is back.

The next time you see Santa Claus ask him what it's like to be kidnapped.

Thomas Byvelds
Grade 5, St. Cecilia's

Christmas
Christmas is when:
the angel is on the tree,
you feel joy and happiness,
you love people,
everyone's face is lit up with joy,
it is the birthday of the king,
and you put up the Christmas tree.
Merry Christmas!
By: Jeanne Fox-Dibble
Grade 2
Benson P.S.

Christmas
Christmas is when:
the angel is on top of the tree,
Jolly Old St. Nicholas is on your roof,
Christmas presents come from Santa Claus,
we get Christmas trees,
and we wrap presents.
Merry Christmas!
By: Tiffany Hanes

Santa Claus, Santa Claus

Santa Claus, Santa Claus, what do you see?
I see kiddies looking at me.
Kiddies, Kiddies, what do you see?
We see presents under the Christmas tree.
Presents, Presents, what do you see?
I see hands coming at me.
Hands, Hands, what do you see?
We see a cho, cho train chuggin-g at me.
Merry Christmas to all!
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Sabrina Berseth
Grade 5, Dixon's Corners PS



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May our sincere holiday wishes ring true for you now and throughout the year. To all of you who've been so kind, we say, "thank you for being there!" We greatly appreciate your business and your support. Hope your holiday is a bell-ringer!

from Ena, Ron & Evonne
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Caring for your poinsettia

Poinsettias are always bought in bloom and can be kept blooming for 2 to 3 months under the right conditions. It is the most popular of the Christmas flowering plants, not for its flowers, but for its bright petal-like bracts in red, white or two-tone colours.

Poinsettias need cool room temperatures, preferably not above 70 F (21C) during the day or 55F (13C) at night. Water thoroughly, but let dry out somewhat between waterings. Do not feed. Keep in bright light and out of drafts.

It is possible to hold a Poinsettia over until next winter and to get it to bloom again, however, you must follow a rigorous routine. After the bracts have faded and fallen off cut back the stem to about 6 inches.

When growth stops keep the dormant plant at normal room temperature and in bright light. In early May repot with a sandy loam mixture. Feed every 2 to 3 weeks with a complete fertilizer (ie. 20-20-20). Remove some of the new growth to leave 3 or 4 strong stems.

The plant must again be kept out of cool drafts and prefers bright light. Starting at the end of September for a period of 8 weeks the Pointsettia must be kept in total darkness for 14 hours then in bright light for 10 hours each day.

A black polyethelene bag can be used for this. If one of these dark periods is interrupted for even a short time the flowering cycle will be lost.

Therefore you must be very careful!

Then thoroughly enjoy your colourful Poinsettia once again.

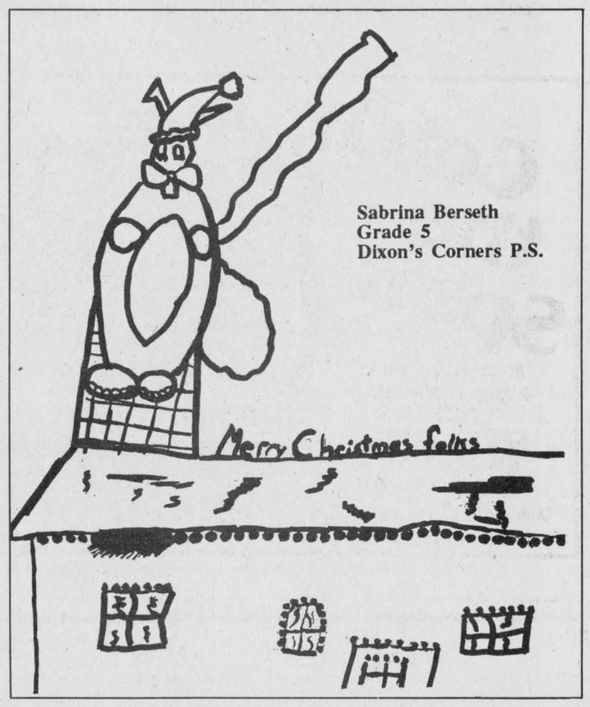
Your Poinsettia will however be much taller than commercially produced Poinsettia's because professional growers use a dwarfing chemical.

Generous giver

St. Nicholas, from which the name Santa Claus came, was a bishop of Bari. Many stories of his generosity have been told. It seems a merchant lost his fortune and so had no dowry to give his three daughters. It was a serious matter not to have any dowry in those days-without it a young woman of high birth was doomed to a life of hardship.

When St.Nicholas heard of their plight he threw a bag of money through their window at three different years so that the daughters could marry happily and according to their rank.

St.Nicholas is represented in some paintings as holding a book on which three balls are placed symbolizing the three purses. The three golden balls on pawn shops of our day represent the money lenders of yesterday.



Sabrina Berseth
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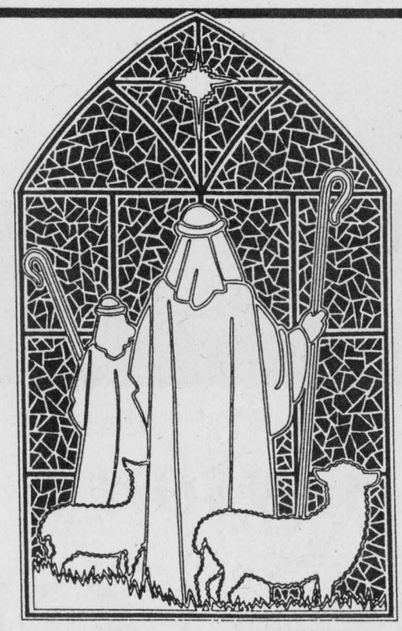

...'O Come All Ye Faithful!

At this holiest time of year, we'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks unto the Lord for his never-ending love and guidance in helping each of us to find our own way.

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Irish welcome to strangers

In agreat percentage of our homes lights are placed in windows. This custom originated from an Irish custom.

On Christmas Eve a Candle light To shine abroad through Christmas night.

Tha those who pass may see its glow.

And walk with Christ a mile or so.

Candles were placed in windows on Christmas Eve to guide the way and as an invitation to any who might be wandering around, as did Mary and Joseph, trying to find a place to stay for the night.

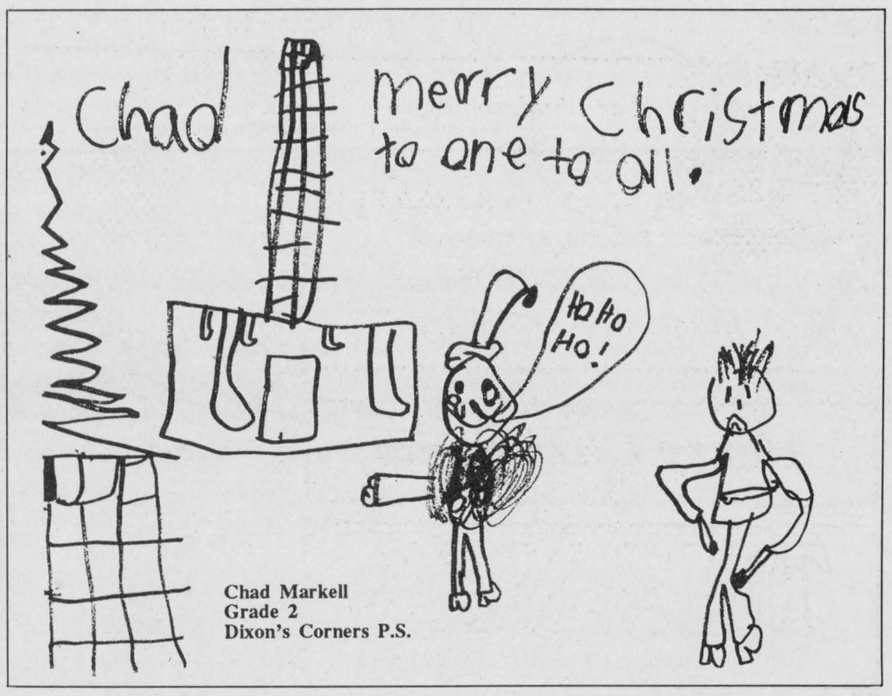
Poor wanderers and tramps are welcomed everywhere in Ireland. These wanderers are given a good meal, a comfortable bed to sleep upon and then sent on their way in the morning after being given a bit of money.



Anticipating Christmas!

These four youngsters got into the spirit of Christmas at the third annual Cardinal District Resource Centre craft sale at the Cardinal mall on Dec. 8. They seemed to thoroughly enjoy these festive candy canes that are such a delicious part of this Christmas season. In the front-middle is Kaylee Mallett, and in-behind are Lacey Mallett, Ashley Mallett and Derrick Jackson.

Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen



Chad Markell
Grade 2
Dixon's Corners P.S.

Part-time courses make great Christmas presents

The Guide to Part-time Studies from St. Lawrence College is available this week... just in time for Christmas. With the variety of courses being offered this winter there is a good chance that some of these courses will make their way under the Christmas tree. For one member of the family, maybe the newest course in Windows 95! For Mom or Dad, fun filled evenings of Landscaping, Gardening or Internet might make their day. Sis might enjoy an Interior Decorating Workshop and what about a Strategic Parenting course for the newest parents in the family?

The College part-time "regulars" won't wait to receive a course for Christmas; they'll be hurrying to register for the final courses they need to complete a certificate program.

There are plenty of programs to choose from including Teacher of Adults, Creative and Freelance Writing, Human Resources, Business Management, Home Support, Environmental Studies and more!

Taking courses doesn't necessarily mean going out once or twice a week to sit in a classroom. More and more, St. Lawrence is offering alternate methods of delivery that are more flexible and meet the needs of busy individuals with hectic schedules.

The Open Learning Centre allows students to work either at home or at the Centre at a time that is convenient for them; the courses are self paced so that individuals can work at their own speed.

Correspondence courses are also popular in areas such as Early Childhood Education, Government Education and Training, Occupational Health Nursing, Animal Care Techniques and Mathematics at a Distance.



All innovative in their delivery and interesting in their content, part-time studies can bring family and friends more than just knowledge and friendships... it can bring a Christmas smile too!

CHRISTMAS PROSE

Stanta's Night

Christmas time is almost here
this is a time of the year
stanta is looking for his hat
and he step on the cat

Stanta walks though the snow
here him calling ho!-ho!-ho!
is there some hay
on the sleigh

Stanta will fight
the wether out there
on that night
stanta with his coat of hair

The deers hoofs
land on the roof
down he go
ho!-ho!-ho!

Here is a tree
here is number three
here is stanta clause
and here is a beautiful vose
Bryan Groniger
Grade 6, St. Cecilia's

Mr. Handsaws Christmas

Mr. Handsaw was walking when he saw a Christmas tree for sale. So he brought the home on his car. When he got home he put the tree up. He knew that his friends were coming to his place. So he was preparing his turkey when his watch got stuck in the turkey. He was looking for his watch when his head got stuck. Eventually he got his head out of the turkey. The door bell ran Mr. Handsaw answered it "hi" said Mr. Handsaw. "Yo" said his friends. They were eating when they realized it was time to go home. Mr. Handsaw realized that he forgot to say goodbye. Mr Handsaw realized that he locked himself out of his house. He got in his car and drove to a hotel. When he got to his room he went to sleep. The next morning it was Christmas. Mr. Handsaw was so happy he went to everyone's room and sang Christmas carols. When he got to the last room he sang so loud the person sleeping said "go to sleep you goof" and so he did.
Jamie Byvelds
Grade 5, St. Cecilia's

Christmas

Christmas is when:
everyone has a smile,
Mom bakes cookies,
Santa goes down the chimney,
we decorate the tree,
Mom and I go shopping,
and my stocking is full of a lot of neat things.
Merry Christmas!
Kara Lockhart
Grade 3, Benson PS

Christmas Time

Christmas time is a wonderful time of the year. It is when families are reunited together to celebrate the holiday.
It is the time of the year when children are given something special to believe in.
Christmas is a time when people go out of their way to help people.
Christmas time is not just about getting gifts, but about giving and sharing.
It's about setting up the tree and putting up the lights.
It is also the time when we celebrate our Saviour's birthday.
That is why I like Christmas so much.
Michael O'Brien
Grade 6, St. Cecilia's

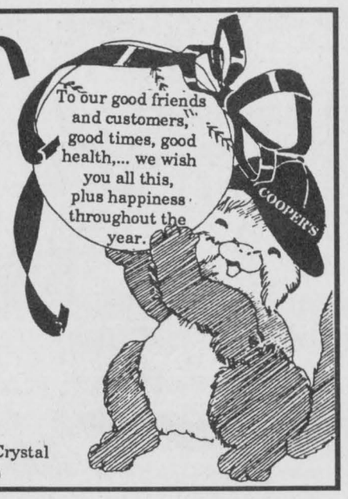
Christmas Traditions

Every Christmas, our family celebrates it in a different sort of fashion. We have never gotten an artificial tree for Christmas. Except this year. We get two 3 (foot) trees for our bedrooms, and a real one for our living room. The next thing we do is put our house decorations up.

We have about five million (sarcasem) but, it still takes a long time.

Last but definitely not least, we put our nativity scene up. It is made out of white china. After completing that, our house is complete. Now all we have to do is wait for "Santa". On Christmas Eve, my sister and I can never get to sleep. When we finally get to sleep, and wake up in the morning, we really want to go downstairs but first my parents make us brush our teeth, wash our faces, and then go the bathroom. Then my mom goes downstairs and goes "Wow!" "Santa must have been here!" When my mom finally says we can go downstairs, we run so fast we practically fall down the stairs! When we are halfway done ripping open our presents, we notice our stockings, and dump them out. What wonderful treats are there! Even cat and dog treats are there for the pets. I love Christmas!
Ashley S.

Catch the Spirit



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For good tidings and cheer --
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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

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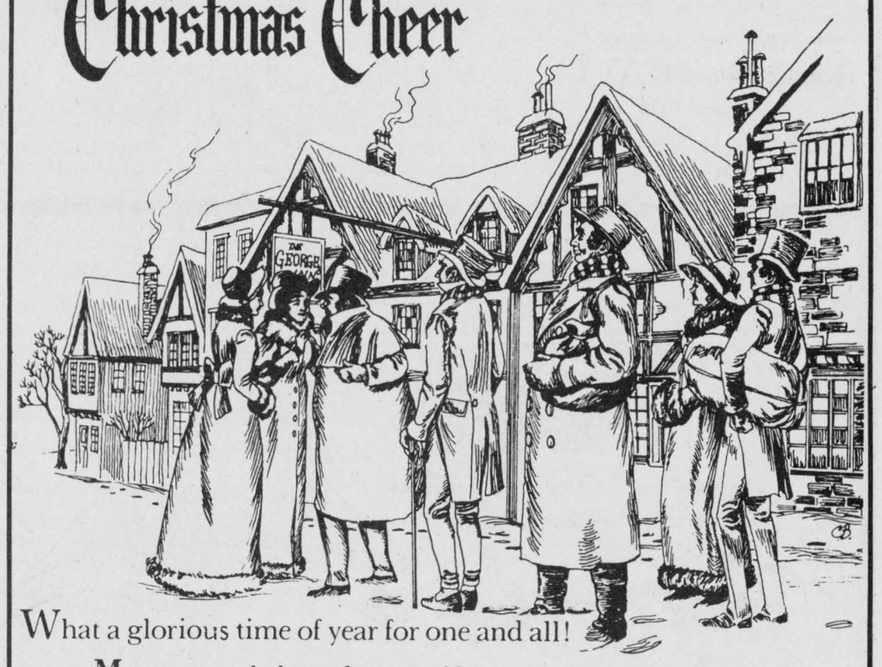
Christmas Cheer



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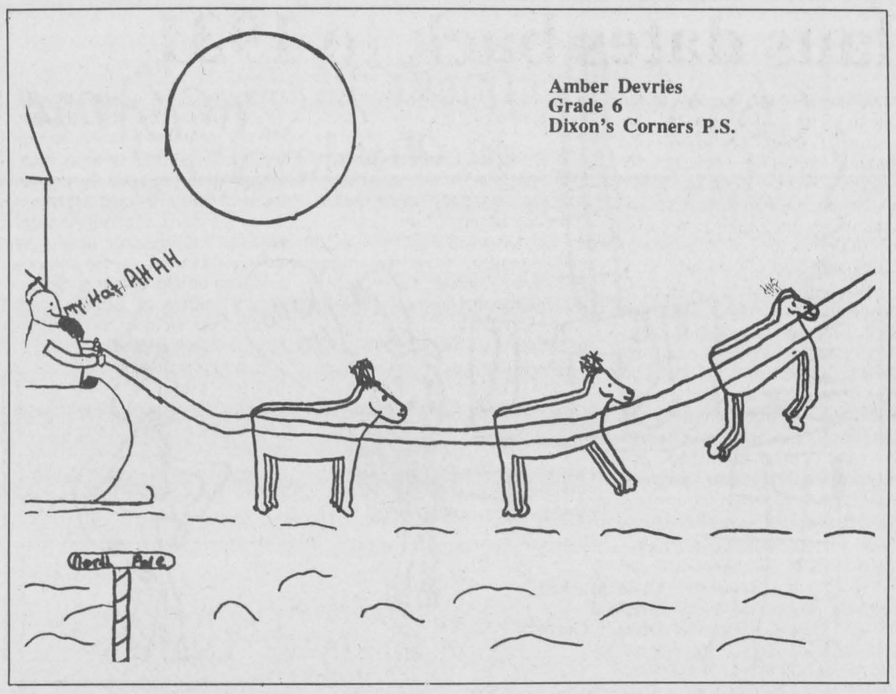

Amber Devries
Grade 6
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Be sure Christmas turkey cooked

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

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

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

Roasting Timetable
160°C (325°F) oven

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

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

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

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

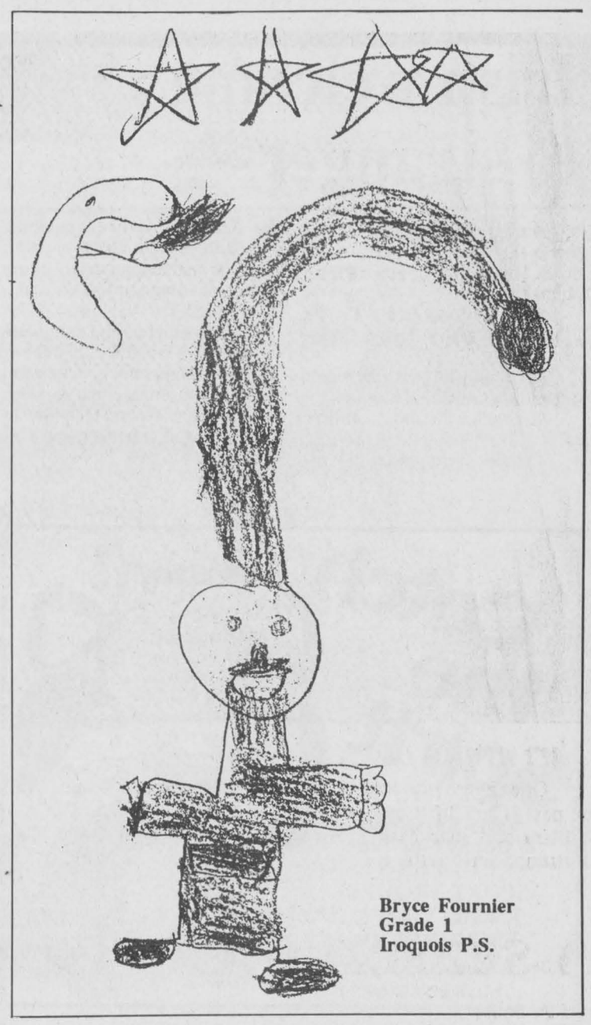
Turkeys should be roasted by placing breast-side-up in a shallow pan. Cover with foil, leaving openings at the side. Roast at 325°F. To finish browning the turkey, remove the foil before the end of the cooking time and baste. To test for doneness, press the thick part of the drumstick. If it feels soft,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

Serve the turkey, dressing and gravy piping hot.

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

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

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



Bryce Fournier
Grade 1
Iroquois P.S.

CHRISTMAS PROSE

Christmas
Christmas is when:
we celebrate Baby Jesus' birthday,
we see people kissing under the mistletoe,
we sit on Santa's knee.
we have turkey,
snow falls,
and Santa comes down the chimney
Merry Christmas!
By: Vanessa Elliot
Grade 2
Benson P.S.

The Little Christmas Tree

There once was a little Chrimas tree. Named Tiny. Tiny was a quiet Chrimas tree and she loved playing with the children. Tiny lived by a pritty church in town.

Tiny always got teased by the bigger trees. One day Tiny ran away for a long time. 5 years passed and Tiny was no longer small. When the trees saw Tiny they did not bug Tiny any more and Tiny lived happily ever after.
Sarah Toonders
Grade 5, St. Cecilia's

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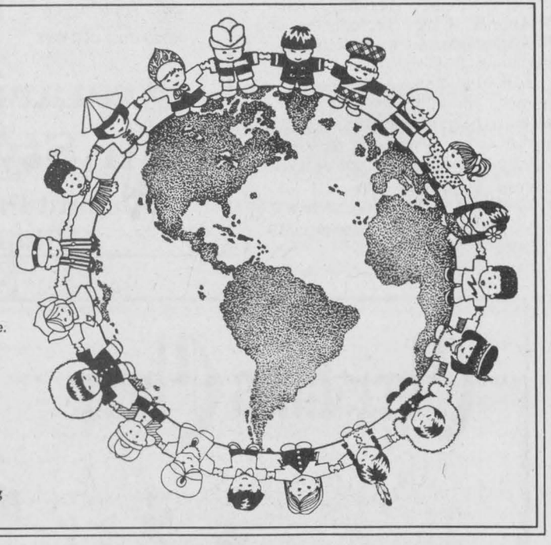

In the true spirit of Christmas, we'd like to join together with people everywhere to pray for peace, brotherhood and understanding between the many nations that inhabit this small planet we all call home.

And to you, our dear customers, we hope that good cheer abounds. May there be plenty of love and joy to go around!

Thanks for your friendship this past year.

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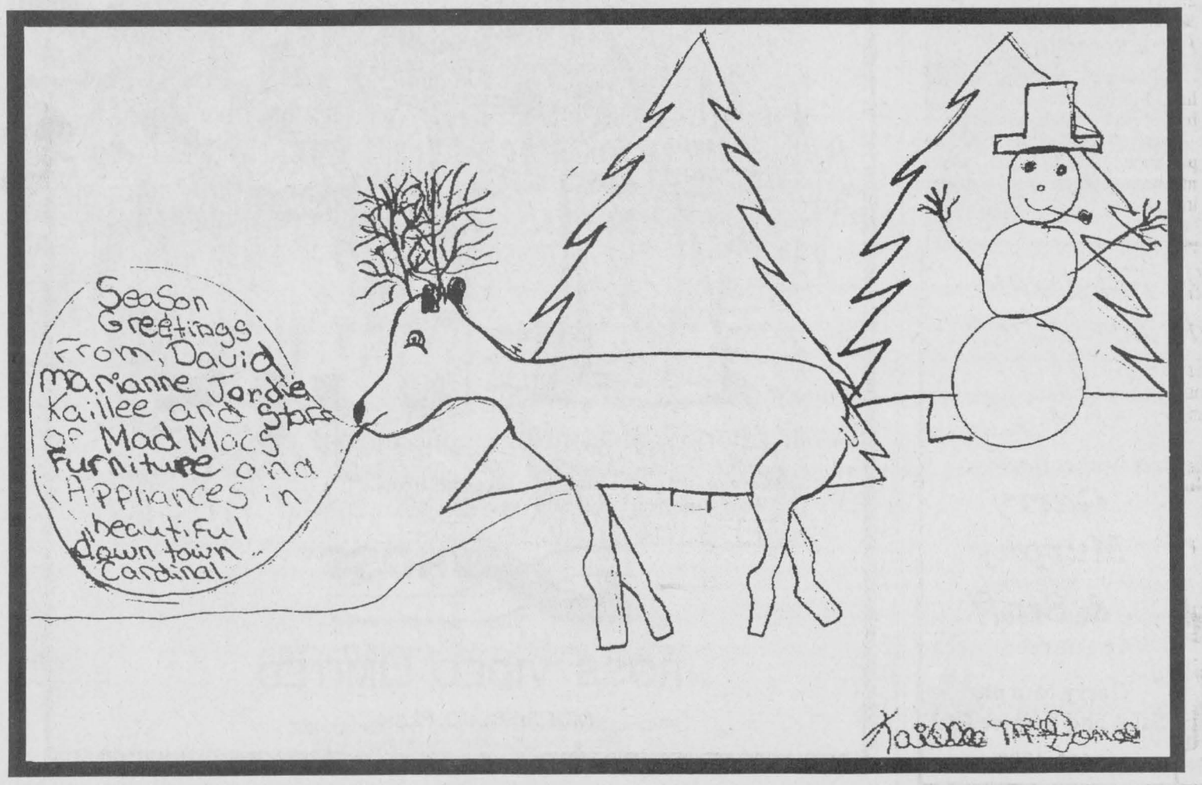

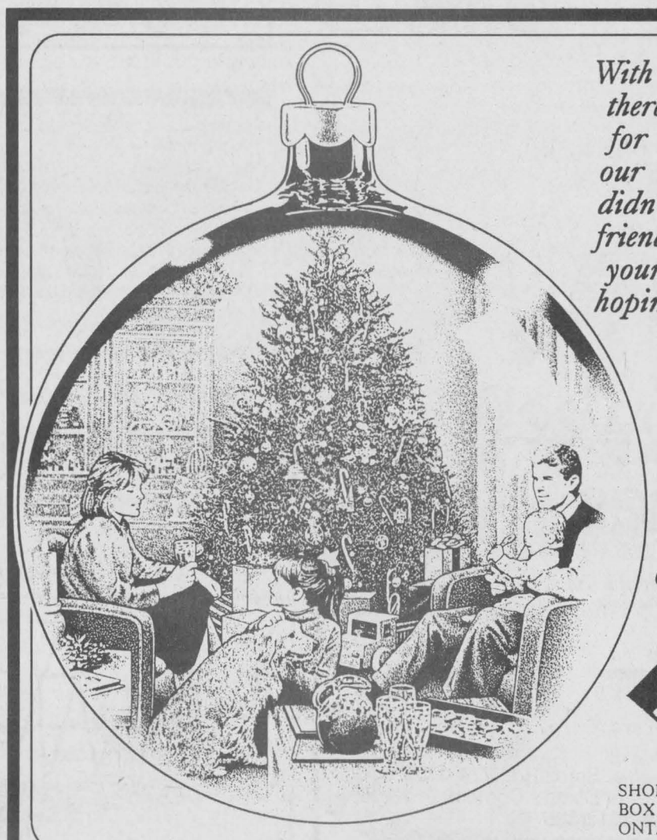

With the holidays upon us once again, there's so much to celebrate, so much for which to be thankful. We count our blessings, but we'd be remiss if we didn't say how much we celebrate our friendship with you and we truly value your ever-loyal patronage. Here's to hoping that we continue to share more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

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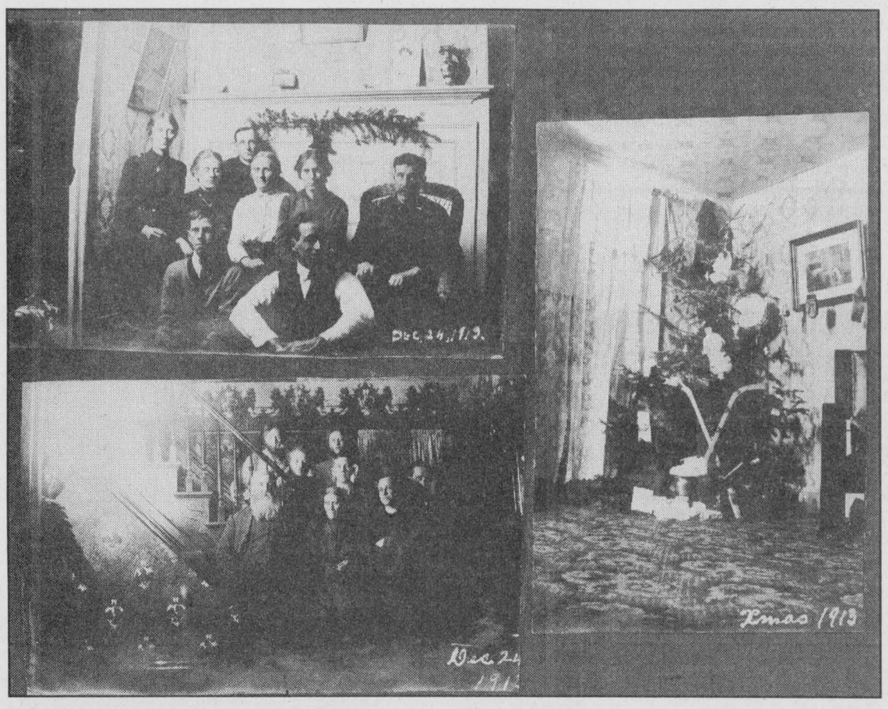


Christmas past!

Once again Iroquois resident Bob Martin has come up with some Christmas photo gems from the past. The Christmas tree photo and group pictured above (top), were taken at the home of William and Jane Martin, located at 52 Elizabeth Drive. The bottom photo is one taken at Christmas-time at the residence of J. Bois, later the home of Col. Mulloy.

Courtesy photo

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 satrted 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 predecesors. 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 unmarriageable young maidens. He was the patron saint of the people, especially the serfs in Czarist Russia, sailors, prisioners, pawnbrokers and of course children. Though dressed in Christmas red more often than not, he could hardly be described as a jolly ole 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.a 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 Clemant 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 olf 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 rotund, 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 thoughout most of the world.

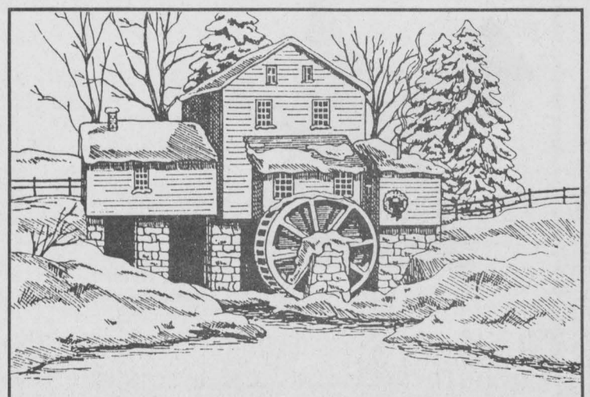
But, long before our kindly Santa set up shop at the North Pole with Mrs. Claus and toymaking elves, he assumed a forbidding character called Belsnickel.In the U.S., he was known to pay visits to Pennsylvannia German children early on, but his roots go back much farther. He ranged much of Europe and Asia Minor for centuries and may have orginated 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 ajingle. The childrens' fears were well based, for this fellow could punsih 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, chaines by Saint Nicholas and made to carry gifts and brandish a birch rod to threaten th 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.



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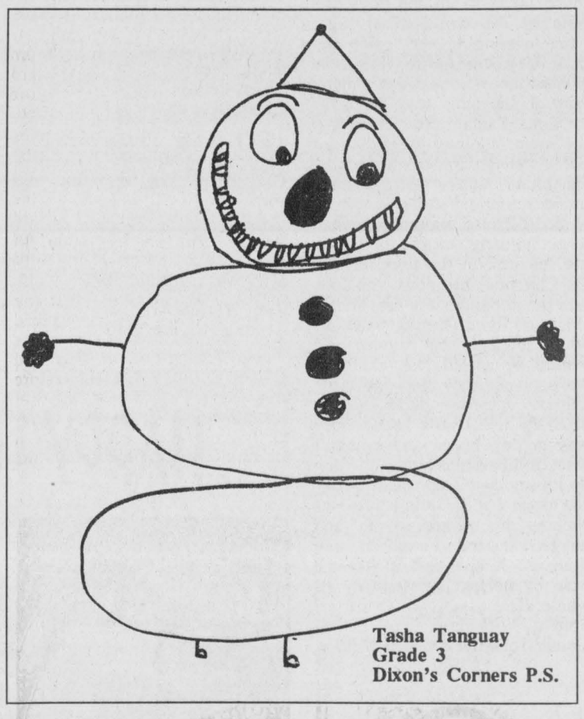

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A seasonal Christmas story

by R.J. Bailey

OH Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree, how perfect art thou branches. Like the words of the song, the annual right of "puttin up the tree", always begins with Dad heading out on Saturday morning to find the perfect evergreen to grace our humble abode and provide the right atmosphere for the season.

Dad's idea of a proper tree, starts out with the price, ease of acquisition, colour, then shape lastly kind. In other words, if it is cheap, easy to throw into the trunk and evergreen, it's good enough for me!

Mother on the other hand, views the tree as something else altogether. To her price is no object! The tree must be chosen with great care, always with a view to perfection in mind.

A few of her guidelines are as follows: Height, not too tall, not too short; Colour, a succulent emerald green, no subtle shades of brown or yellow. Each needle should be perfectly formed, with the proper resilience to touch; Shape, the trunk must be perfectly straight, each branch must be perfectly formed, so as to allow no glimpse of the straight trunk, ie. no bare spots.

Once this simple task is performed, and the tree comes into the house, the proper place for this natural work of art must be decided upon.

Furniture must be moved from every corner of the living room, and the tree erected in every conceivable spot in the room.

After this has been accomplished we are allowed to put the tree in the corner at the end of the chesterfield, where I might add, it looks the nicest, and where we have put it every year for the last twenty.

The next step in TREE 95, Dad is designated to put on the lights. Mother's dream is a "A thousand points of light". Picture in your mind a clear frosty night, gazing up at the celestial canopy of the heavens, with a glittering shifting aurora borealis thrown in and you will have some idea of how the lights should be arranged on the tree.

Dad figures if you wrap the string around the tree a few times, plug the sucker in and all the bulbs come on, it's good!

Decorating the tree, mother selects each ornament based on it's tasteful but artistic value. Hand crafted angels, gold beads, porcelain angel dolls and a few candy canes, every adornment is placed with care and precision, with a view to overall effect.

Dad's tastes run to a few Christmas tree balls, popcorn strings and lots of tinsel icicles!

You would think perhaps with all of the fuss, fury and dissension involved in "puttin up the tree", that we would not be happy campers at this time of the year.

Nothing could be further from the truth, we all love our tree and everything it symbolizes: Love, Sharing, Joy and the celebration of the birth of Christ.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Ginger cookies

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

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

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

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

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

Easy, low-fat fruitcake, balances festive overload

Do festive feasts disrupt your body's status quo? Rich holiday foods can skyrocket calorie intakes and tip already high fat consumption over the edge. We end the season looking and feeling stuffed.

Here's a new twist to a traditional fruitcake which can help create a better balance to holiday treats. The cake uses no butter and only two eggs, so it's low in fat — only 0.6 grams and 75 to 78 calories per serving. Using Kellogg's Müslix, a multigrain ready-to-eat cereal which includes dried fruit, not only shortens the ingredient list but also adds dietary fibre. The abundance of fruit, some of which is found in the cereal, naturally sweetens this holiday cake so added sugar is minimized.

Low-Fat Pineapple Fruitcake
Preparation: *25 min*
Bake: *70 min*
2 cups Kellogg's Müslix cereal, Bran or Five Grain
1 cup pineapple juice
¾ cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 cup candied cherries, halved
½ cup diced candied pineapple (2 rings)
½ cup diced candied citron
2 eggs
¼ cup granulated sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract

Grease an 8 x 4-inch loaf pan; line with greased parchment or brown paper or aluminum foil.

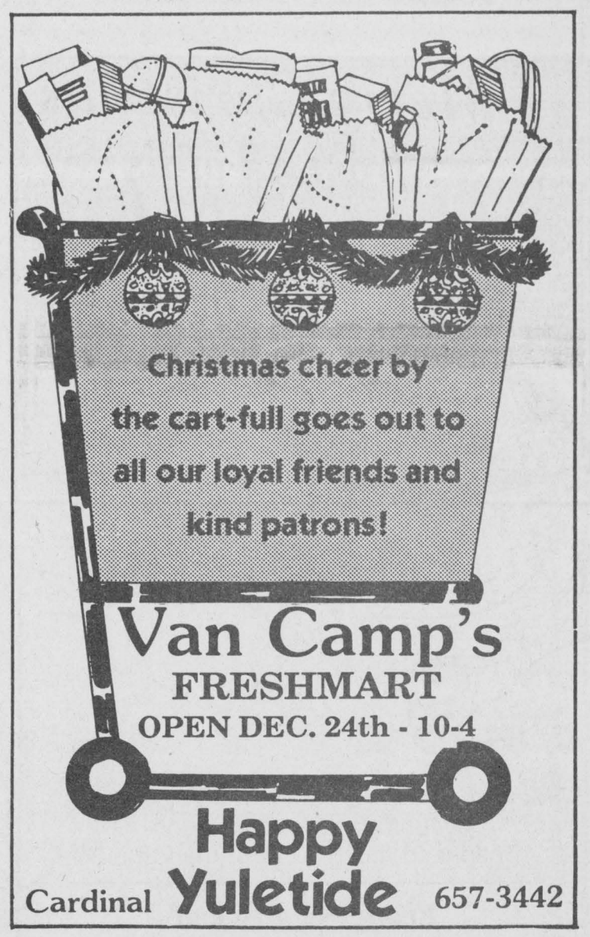
In small bowl, stir cereal into pineapple juice. Let soak about 15 minutes, while preparing remaining ingredients.

In medium bowl, combine flour and baking powder. Stir in cherries, pineapple and citron, tossing to coat. Set aside.

In large mixer bowl, beat eggs until foamy. Gradually add sugar, beating until thoroughly blended. Stir cereal mixture and add to eggs along with vanilla. Add fruit mixture, stirring until well mixed. Spread in prepared pan.

Bake at 300°F for 65 to 75 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in centre comes out clean and surface is lightly browned. Let stand 10 minutes. Remove from pan and peel off paper. Place on wire rack to cool completely. Wrap in plastic wrap; store in refrigerator at least 3 days.

Makes 1 loaf, 32 servings.







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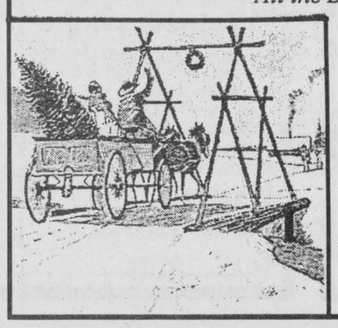

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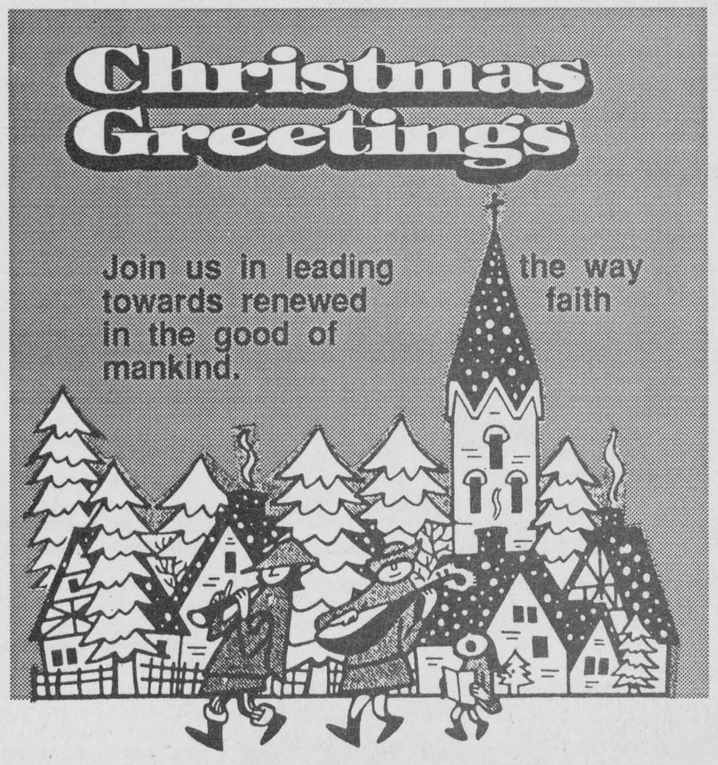



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CHRISTMAS PROSE

Ode to Christmas

Santa is coming, put up the tree,
Hang up the stockings for all of us to see!

Hurry, hurry if you're able,
Set the cookies on the table!

Hang the mistletoe above the door,
A kiss at Christmas, you couldn't ignore!

Get all tucked up inside your bed,
While visions of sugarplums dance in your head!

Opening presents on Christmas morn,
On this day, Christ was born!

Every child loves Christmas day,
Oh, Santa, don't delay!
Amanda Byvelds
Grade 6, St. Cecilia's

Joey the Jaguar

One day in Santa's Workshop a little sleek stuffed jaguar toy, named Joey, was on the shelf with all the other toys that were going to be taken to all the boys and girls in the world. That night when everything was quiet and dark, Joey came to life. He was so excited that when he was playing with all the other toys, he woke up Santa. Santa came rushing into the room but Joey jumped under Santa's sleigh. Santa was looking all around but everything seemed perfectly normal so he went back to bed because tomorrow he had to get up early and put the finishing touches on the toys. Finally the Christmas had come and Joey was put in Santa's big brown bag. He was flying through the air when suddenly he stopped and went down an old dusty chimney. As soon as they got down the chimney Joey was under the tree of Sally and Tom's house. Joey was getting board and couldn't what till Christmas morning. Finally it came and Tom was so suprised to see that the little jaguar was walking he picked it up and hugged it and kissed it and squeezed it and said it was the best toy he had ever had in his whole life.
Shawn Workman
Grade 5, Dixon's Corners PS

The Missing Mistletoe

Three days before Christmas, Santa went to the mistletoe greenhouse to check on the mistletoe tree. Every year he gathered mistletoe and sold it the day before Christmas. The money he earned helped pay for supplies to make toys the following year. When he opened the door he felt that something was wrong. Then it dawned on him. All the mistletoe had been picked from all the trees. Nothing was left! Santa was very concerned and called a meeting of all the elves to tell them the bad news. They decided to have an investigation to see if they could find the thief.

Meanwhile, in another building on the ege of the North Pole, Elmo elf sat sadly looking at hundreds of bags of mistletoe. His idea of selling the mistletoe and keeping the money to pay for a trip down south didn't seem like such a good one anymore. Even though he hated the cold, he couldn't help feel guilty about taking money that would pay for the toys for next year. He couldn't think of any way to get the mistletoe passed Santa and the other elves. He couldn't even think of a way to return it. He left it in his room and decided to leave the village. He soon felt very sad and lonely. Back at the village it wasn't long before they found the mistletoe and realized that Elmo had run away. A search was started immediately and in a few hours, they found Elmo and returned him to Santa. After hearing his story Santa decided that a suitable punishment for Elmo would be shovelling coal into the huge furnace that kept Santa's village warm. Since Elmo always was a good worker it turned out to be a good solution for everyone.
Chris Moise
Grade 6, St. Cecilia's

The Perfect Tree

Don't you love it when it's time to put up the Christmas tree? I do, I think it's great! We first go up to a person's house that owns part of a forest, then we go looking for the perfect tree. When we find the perfect tree we put it on the wagon and they take it back. Then we get some hot cocoa. It's the best. Then when we get home we take the tree downstairs and set it in the right spot. Then we get the lights out and twirl them all around the tree. We get out all our favorite decorations and hang them all around the Christmas tree. Then we wrap tinsel around the tree. The final touch is to put the angel on top. That's the perfect way to have a great Christmas tree.
Aideen Maguire
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The elf who saved Christmas

It was four days till Christmas and Santa Claus was looking for one more elf. Santa was walking on the snow covered when he saw a small person. Santa was thinking "He can be my elf. I better go ask him if he wants to be an elf for me." Santa ran over and ask the small person if he want to be an elf and work for him. The elf tolled him he'd love to work for Santa.

Santa tolled the elf to come with him to work with the other elves. Santa said, "Oh yeah I forgot to ask what your name is, what is your name!"

"My name is little helper."

"Why is that?" Santa asked.

"Because I like to help."

Suddenly a masked person stole all of the presents and ran away with them. Santa was so worried he told little helper to go and try to get the toys back. So little helper went and snuck up behind him and triped him. He fell right to the ground knocked himself out. Little helper took the gifts back to Santa. Christmas was saved thanks to little helper.
Andrew VanMoorsel
Grade 6, St. Cecilia's

What do you see
Green Tree
Green tree,
Green tree,

It's Christmas, It's Christmas, It's Christmas morn.
The special day the babe was born.

He was born and lay upon the hay.
Oh it was a special day.

Kelly Verhoeven
Grade 6, St. Cecilia's

Christmas
Christmas is when:
my family gets together,
we receive gifts,
we sing carols,
we put up decorations,
we get presents from Santa,
and we eat turkey.
Merry Christmas.
By: Michael Armstrong
Grade 3
Benson P.S.

Christmas
Christmas is when:
we hand a wreath,
we get a tree,
we love each other,
we sing "Joy to the World",
we sing "Jingle Bells"
and we open our presents.
Merry Christmas!
By: Krista Schrader
Grade 2
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Christmas Eve

It was Christmas Eve in Winter Scape Village. We wrap all the presents and bring cookies and milk. I go back to bed. My kitten woke me up. His name is Tim. When I woke up I got lots of presents and I got lots of candy. I got almost everything on my list.
Alexis Whitteker
Grade 5, St. Cecilia's

Winter Fun

One cold winter day
Scott and Jason went out to play.
Up the hill they ran
And down the hill as fast as they can.
Off the toboggan they rolled
Into the snow that was cold.
Many times they went up and down the hill
Until they were called in by their sister Jill.
Eric Vachon
Grade 5, St. Cecilia's

Tthe Polar Bear that wanted to be like a reindeer!

Every Christmas Eve Pauster the polar bear would sit on the snowy hills that were very cold. He would watch the stars, and see a flashing light with a bunch of reindeer pulling, the jolly old Santa Claus. As he watched he would dream of being up there too!

One Christmas Eve morning Pauster was walking near Santa's home, when he heard a lot of fuss. Pauster peeked through the bushes and saw Santa, three elfs, and Mrs. Claus, all helping one old reindeer.

"Great, who's going to take Rudolph's place", mumbled Santa. Then Pauster jumped in and said, "I'll take his place!"

"Well, you're a little...different but okay, we'll start training in five minutes," Santa said in a deep voice.

So Pauster and Santa started their first lesson. It soon got darker. When Santa was done hooking up all the reindeer Pauster felt a little different. He thought he looked a little funny, but once they got going he realized that Santa and the reindeer needed him. From that day on Pauster flew with the reindeer and was treated as royal as one of them! So if you see Santa and happen to see a polar bear, don't be surprised!

The End.

Kyllie Jansen
Grade 6. St. Cecilia's

Santa's Problem

It was ten thirty p.m. and Santa suddenly heard a window open. Mrs. Claus woke up too. They turned the bedroom light on. Suddenly they heard something that sound like toys dropping. They called the security elves. The robber was caught and tied to a chair. Santa came out and identified the robber. It was The Grinch! He finally learned his lesson. Don't mess with Santa.
Travis Baldwin
Grade 5, Dixon's Corners PS



Visiting Santa

Following the first annual Morrisburg Santa Claus parade on Dec. 9, children had a chance to sit on Santa's lap and tell him what they wanted for Christmas! Not only did they get to meet Santa, but they also met Rudolph the Llama who watches over the jolly 'ole fellow!

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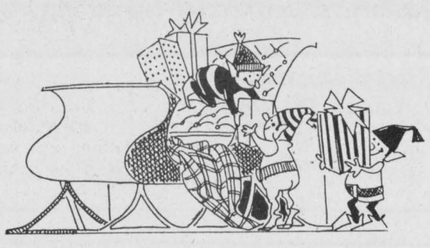

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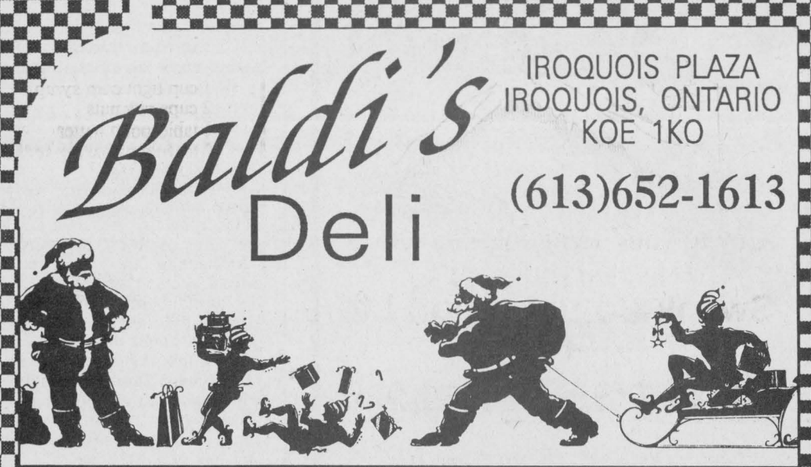

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December one of richest most nostalgic times of year

Since before the Dominion of Canada in 1867, people from around the world have been arriving in Canada and adding to our culture and traditions.

The month of December is perhaps one of the richest, most nostalgic times of the year. It is during this season that favourite recipes are exchanged, childhood memories and traditions are passed along and some of the most moving songs of all time are sung.

Carols and hymns have been readily accepted and adopted into our yearly repertoire for generations. We have come to cherish them as if they were our very own. Carols seem to have a way of lifting us above the everyday problems of life, into a crisp, white wonderland of incredible emotions.

These long time favourites often spark warm memories of days gone by, inspire an evening by the crackling fire place or even help recent new comers to the area feel a bit more "at home" this holiday season.

Away in a Manager has been traced back to a poem published in 1885 by an Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. Forty different settings for the poem were also uncovered.

For many from Yugoslavia, children in particular, Deda Mraz is often focused on in place of Santa Clause, this Grandpa Frost arrives at the height of the seaon on December 31 and January 1 with gifts and treats.

In Italy youngsters await the arrival of La Befana on January 5. The elated spirits of children during this time is evident through a song entitled, Dormi, Dormi, O Bel Bambin.

During the troublesome times of the 1740s, many of the English Catholic sympathizers with the causes of the Stuarts, found themsleves in and around Douay in France. There John Francis Wade having been exiled worked as a music copyist. At least five copies of Wades' manuscripts for Adeste Fideles have been recovered from various places in England and Ireland. Many believe he composed the hymn, for he signed it, however, his trade as a copyist implies rather that it may belong to an anonymous Frenchman.

A favourite of mine, Good King Wenceslas was actually an historical figure, a 10th century ruler of Bohemia who was murdered by his brother Boleslav for his generous nature.

The carol by the same name retells of a possible errand of mercy while exemplifying Wenceslas' considerations for his pages' frailty. Wenceslas was later distinguished by being cannonized.

Many Russian families celebrate their Christmas Eve with a 12 course meatless dinner. This begins when the children see the first star in the evening sky. The first course served is always the same, and is a barley, poppy seeds, milk and honey mixture.

German families serve roast goose on Christmas as traditional food, served with red cabbage, kale, dumplings and apple sauce.

Chanucah (Hannukkah) or the Feast of Lights begins Kislev 25 and continues for eight days, which puts it at about the time of the winter solstice, December 22nd.

The story of Hannukkah is related to the victory of Judas Maccabeus and his followers in 164 B.C., over Antiocus IV, a Syrian-Greek emperor. It all began when Antiocus ordered everyone in Palestine to follow his ways of worship. When the Jews refused, their temple in Jerusalem was desecrated. This began a seven year long seige. Judas won a number of victories over the years and finally returned determined to cleanse the Temple and rededicate it to one God. The yearly Hannukkah festival is in honour of the first great victory for religious freedom.

When French Canadian families arrive home from midnight mass on Christmas Eve, they celebrate le Reveillon, a time to feast and frolic with their friends. One specialty always served is a pork pie called Tourtiere.

Perhaps the most popular Christmas carol in Germany is "O Tannenbaum". In English speaking countries, however, it has been much less popular due to poor translations. To avoid the literal translation it is best to concentrate on the feel of the music and sing it in its original tongue.

Of all the winter favourites that everyone has known since they learned to speak, Jingle Bells has to be the one!

With its peppy tempo and 2/4 time signature, one can almost feel the motion of the sleigh as they join in the chorus.

One of the most familiar of the Welsh carols and one of the gayest of all time is Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly. While the history of it is obscure, its popularity reached Mozart by the 18th century at which time he created a violin, piano duet version of it.

On a still and quiet Christmas Eve in 1818, in the little Austrian church in the village of Oberndorf, a 26-year old assistant pastor sat staring at the broken organ.

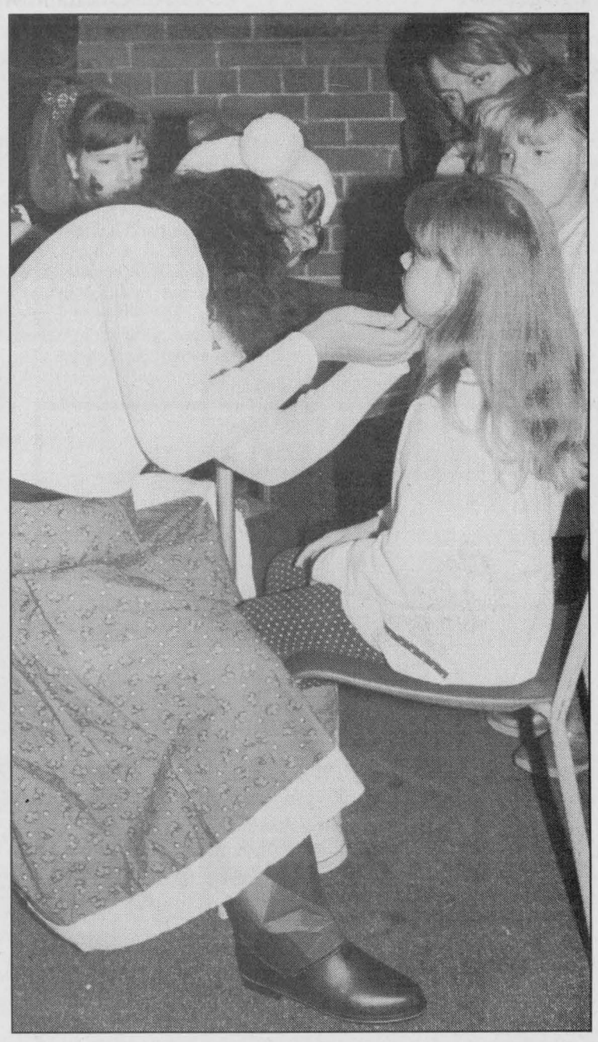
As he pondered what could be done to make up for the mishap, he gazed out of the window at passersby silently gliding under the starry sky.

Within a few hours Father Joseph Mohr rose from his window seat with the words to Stille Nacht in hand. That night Father Mohr delivered his work to the village schoolmaster, Franz Gruber, who doubled as church organist.

That same evening the most widely loved Christams song in the world was heard for the first time.

For those who may wonder, the Twelve Days of Christmas lie between Christmas Day Epiphany, and January 6 when the three Magi offered the first Christmas presents, gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Sing loud and clear, celebrate in song, its the best way for sure!



Face painting

Young residents from Iroquois and around the area were treated to a visit with Santa's helper on Dec. 10, as she painted special and unique designs on their faces. The face painting sessions kept youngsters occupied as they awaited a visit with Santa himself, at the Iroquois Civic Centre. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

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Nut brittle

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

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

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

SEASON'S GREETINGS



Joy to your home this Christmas.
We value your support.
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CHRISTMAS PROSE

Christmas
Christmas is when:
we sneak around the house
looking for presents,
I like to play with my new toys,
my Mom and Dad let me go over to
my friend's house,
we have fun opening our presents,
we decorate our tree,
and we watch Christmas movies.
Merry Christmas!
By: Richard Deline
Grade 3
Benson P.S.

Christmas
Christmas is when:
you have fun,
we hand a wreath,
Mom and Dad give you presents,
and we feel happiness, joy, and love.
Merry Christmas!
By: Stephanie Hoffmann
Grade 3
Benson P.S.

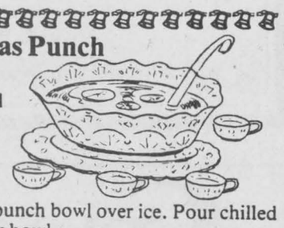
Christmas
Christmas is when:
we get together,
old St. Nicholas comes with Rudolph,
the elves make toys,
we have Christmas dinner,
my mom wraps presents,
and the kids are happy
Merry Christmas!
By: Aaron Lavallee
Grade 3
Benson P.S.

Christmas
Christmas is when:
we hear the reindeer on my roof,
we get a tree,
we decorate the tree with candy canes,
Mom makes cookies,
we open our presents,
and we have fun!
Merry Christmas!
By: Nicole Bernier
Grade 2
Benson P.S.

Christmas
Christmas is when:
I'm sneaking around the house
looking for presents,
we get a Christmas tree,
I go shopping,
I go to Grandma's,
I go to my aunt's
and I put decorations on my tree.
Merry Christmas!
By: Alex Seeley
Grade 3
Benson P.S.



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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Enjoy This Season of Wonder

May you and yours experience the true nature and spirit of the holiday, this Christmas.
Many thanks to all our friends and customers.

Merry Christmas from all the Staff at the
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Susan, Marilyn. Alma, Ruth



HAPPY HOLIDAY

Hearts soar in the crisp winter landscape reminding us of the glories of Nature and of Christmas. May all that brings meaning to this sacred celebration add to the special delight of your holiday. Our thanks.

ROONEY'S FEED Ltd.
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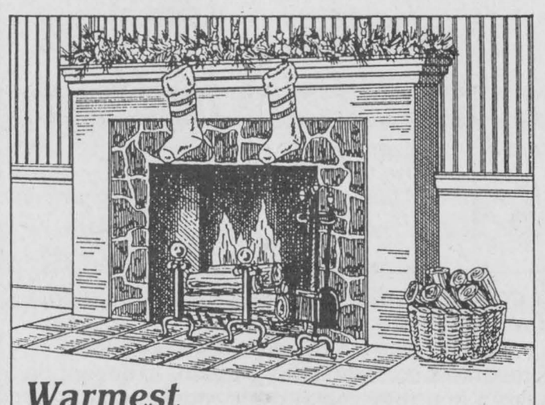

Warmest Greetings!
May holiday joy warm your heart and home. Thank you for your patronage.
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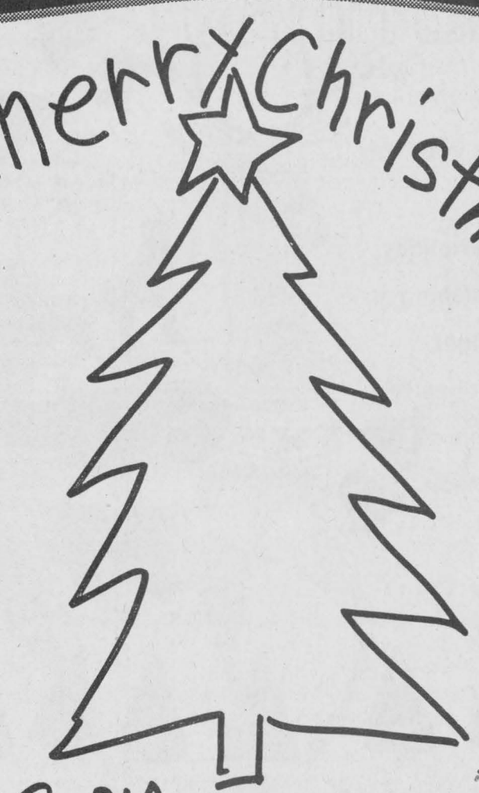
merry Christmas



from
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Gift giving a tradition

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Amada Szaulis
Grade 3
Benson P.S.

CHRISTMAS PROSE

Christmas

This is about Christmas and how it makes most people greedy. I'm Zach Murphy and I see some people only care about themselves and don't care about the homeless and the needy. When I enter a big city I see foodbanks filled with people and see the homeless with kids living on the streets. So please next time you see the homeless or needy please help. They-'re people too!
Zach Murphy
Grade 6, St. Cecilia's

Christmas
Christmas is when:
we give notes to Santa,
we are generous,
we are nice,
we light up our house,
we hang up our stockings,
we unwrap presents,
we hide things,
we behave nicely,
we hang a wreath,
and we eat chocolate!
Merry Christmas!
By: Nathan Smail
Grade 3
Benson P.S.

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.

NOW ARRIVING:
THE HOLIDAYS



The holiday season gives us a chance to celebrate with friends and colleagues, and it also gives me the opportunity to say thank you to all my clients.

Your business, loyalty and friendship are greatly appreciated. It has been my pleasure to give you my best during 1995, and I look forward to serving you in 1996.

I wish you and your families a very safe and happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

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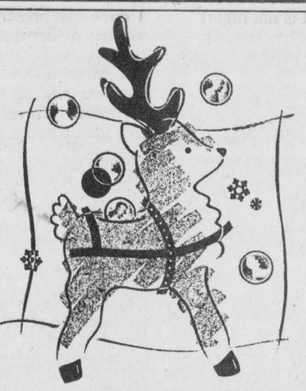

A Statement Of Holiday Cheer

It's our heartfelt wish for all of you to enjoy a balance of good fortune and fun this Christmas!

Season's Greetings and many thanks to all!

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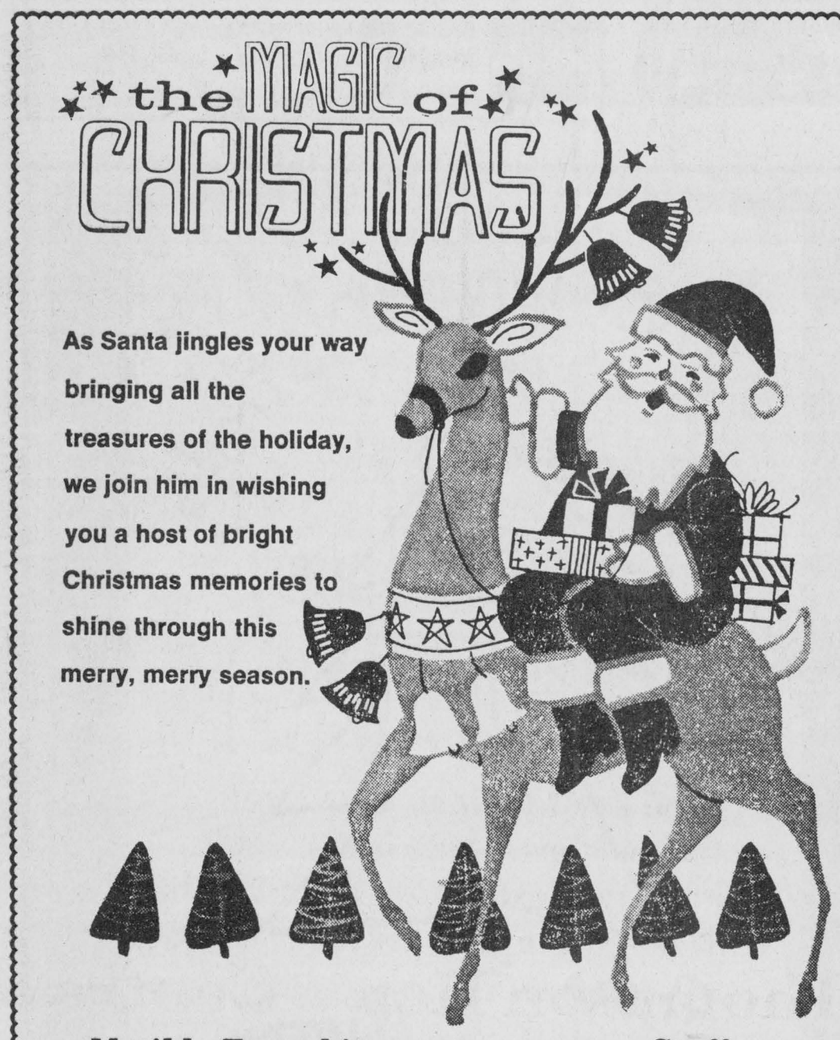

As Santa jingles your way bringing all the treasures of the holiday, we join him in wishing you a host of bright Christmas memories to shine through this merry, merry season.

Matilda Township Council
Reeve - Charles Barkley
Deputy-Reeve - Norm Tinkler
Councillors - Bev Sabourin, Bob Bennett & Jim Locke

&

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Give a Gift to Save a Life.

Still looking for the perfect gift? What better way to show you care than to give a smoke alarm to friends and family.

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Looking for that special gift for family and friends? What better way to show you care than to give a gift that can save lives?
Firefighters consider smoke alarms to be real life savers and they make great stocking stuffers. Any home can use a new smoke alarm for added protection. However, if your friend or relative does not already have one, give your gift early. They really can save lives.

Other great gift-giving safety ideas include carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers. Contact your fire department for more information about these important devices.

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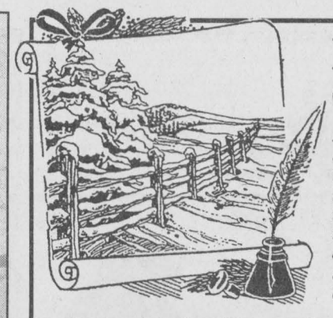
THE IROQUOIS FIRE DEPARTMENT



Merry Christmas

May you experience the season, and all the joy, warmth and happiness it holds in store. Our warmest thoughts are with you on this holiday occasion, along with our thanks for your valued business.

Season's Greetings from the staff at
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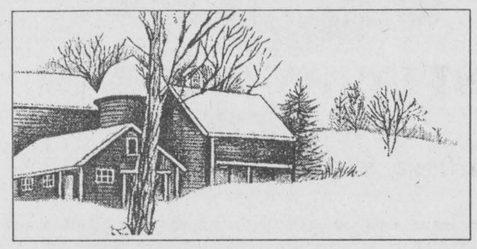

Country Holiday Greetings

We wish all our neighbors a beautiful season.

PITTSTON GENERAL STORE
Cty. Rd. 22, CARDINAL
Tel. 657-4720

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

With the holidays upon us once again, there's so much to celebrate, so much for which to be thankful. We count our many 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.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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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Andrea, Stephanie, Jamie, Marla



Celebrating the season!

Grade one students at Iroquois Public School have been getting ready for the Christmas season over the past few weeks! As they dropped their letters off to Santa Claus two weeks ago, they stopped at The Chieftain office to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Needless to say, these youngsters seem very excited about this special season, as they anticipate a visit from the one and only Santa Claus.

Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen

A gift that keeps on giving each year

Christmas came early for Sally: she recently gave birth to a healthy baby girl. There's also a "bonus": the gift of friendship and support...thanks to the Birth Companion program. Introduced last year by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, the Birth Companion program matches pregnant women with more experienced mothers, who encourage their "match" through the latter weeks or months of pregnancy and provide on-going support for six months after the birth.

And Sally isn't the only one counting her blessings. "This is a really great program," says Jeannette Lavallee who volunteered her time and experience with one new mom and is looking forward to another match. Lavallee, who lives near Williamstown with her husband Pete, managed to juggle her part-time work and caring for her own three young children with the concerns of her "match". "This was something I wanted to do. And the training the volunteers receive is thorough and helpful. The health unit staff is always there if we need any answers or have any concerns along the way. I'd do it all over again," says Lavallee.

Birth companion Sandra Campeau echoes that enthusiasm. "It's a great experience to be able to give something back to the community and to someone who needs a hand," says Campeau, a mother of an 11 year old. "I've been there, done that, so I can understand where a new mom's coming from, and there are no judgements being made."

May Brown of the health unit says that the non-judgemental aspect of the program is much appreciated by all participants in the program.

"We can all use someone to listen to us and someone to offer support at different times in our lives. Being a new mother can be wonderful, but it can be very stressful too...especially if you don't have someone you can turn to with those million and one questions most new moms have. The Birth Companion volunteer is trained and eager to help relieve some of that stress," says Brown.

The program is based on the popular Mothercraft program, launched in Ottawa to help pregnant teens. "There's a whole host of medical information available to pregnant women and that's wonderful," says public health nurse Jan Mazhar. "But often what new or young mothers need and want is the gentle guidance of an experienced mother---someone who can inform, guide and perhaps, more importantly assure them that they're doing the best job they can for their new baby and for themselves."

Anyone interested in the Birth Companion program may call the health unit at 933-1375 or 1-800-267-7120.

CHRISTMAS PROSE

Christmas Marching Song

Christmas time is almost here,
Christmas time is almost here,
My favorite time of the year,
My favorite time of the year.

Ho! - ho! - ho! ho! ho!

Decorations are going up,
Decorations are going up,
Pour some eggnog in my cup,
Pour some eggnog in my cup.

Ho! - ho! - ho! ho! ho!

Now it's time to go to bed,
Now it's time to go to bed,
Lay down my sweet little head,
Lay down my sweet little head.

Ho! - ho! - ho! ho! ho!

Morning now has arrived,
Morning now has arrived,
Soon it's time to get surprised,
Soon it's time to get surprised.

Ho! - Ho! - ho! ho! ho!

Under the Christmas tree are toys,
Under the Christmas tree are toys,
For all the good girls and boys,
For all the good girls and boys.

Ho! - ho! - ho! ho! ho!

Christmas time is at an end,
Christmas time is at an end,
Now my toys are my new friends,
Now my toys are my new friends.

Ho! - ho! - ho! ho! ho!
Joey Baker
Grade 6, St. Cecilia's

The Birth of Christ

Today is the day,
That our saviour was born,
On Christmas morn,
In a manger he lay.

On a cradle of hay,
He lay down his head,
On his little bed,
Fast asleep he lay.

They travelled real far,
To see their new born king,
As golden bells ring,
By following a star.

A little boy came,
And brought his drum,
And soon was heard a rum, tum, tum,
While angels sang and shepherds came.
Chris Kerkhof
Grade 6, St. Cecilia's

A Christmas Tale!!

Glass memories hung upon the wall,
Hung row on row, they shall not fall!
Then glare at the wonderful Christmas tree,
What a Christmas it shall be!
Presents piled one on one,
It already has begun!
Listen on the rooftop jingle,
Santa's very bell!

Stocking stuffers, candy canes,
Spinning tops, he's coming down the lane.
It's a snowy white outside in the world,
While I'm just asleep, the little girl
Sleeping next to me,
Is my sister even see.
Look she lay right next to me.

Christmas morn, he was born,
My brother lay asleep,
We shall not make a single peep.
For he will wake, and for mother's sake,
Will morn for milk so very warm.

We hurry down, the stairs so bright,
Hip, hip hurray, it is not night!
Open up our gifts that just lay
In front of us this very day!

Go to church that very morn,
To celebrate that Christ was born!
The choir is singing Christmas carols,
For the birth of our new king!
Melinda Mulikon
Grade 6, St. Cecilia's

Christmas Day

Christmas Day
The Children play
With all their toys
Which make lots of noise

All the family gathers here
Because they know it brings good cheer
Grandma and Grandpa come to see
All the children around the tree

Now that Christmas Day has past
We can take the stockings down at last.
Amanda Annable
Grade 5, St. Cecilia's

Santa is on His Way!

Santa is coming there is so much to do.
Put up the tree and hang the stockings too.
Get the decorations and light up the fire place.
Get out the goodies for Santa too
That will light up his jolly face.

Hang the mistletoe where mama and papa like to go.
When will they stop, nobody knows.
They truly love each other and it shows.

Get all tucked up in your bed
While you think of wonderful things in your head.
It will soon be Christmas morning.
Go to sleep without a single warning.

Presents, presents, presents galore
Oh I want more and more.

Christmas
Christmas is when:
elves help Santa put on his coat,
I open the presents,
we get a Christmas tree,
we eat candycanes,
our Mom makes cookies,
and we mail letters.
Merry Christmas!

By: Lacey Mallett
Grade 3
Benson P.S.

Winter

Winter time is here once more.
Animals know it's time to store.
Nuts and berries leaves and grass.
Enough to last till winters past.
Bunnies playing everywhere.
Their fur now white like the polar bear.
The animals are full of cheer.
As they decorate their renedeer.
The leaves have fallen, the ground is white.
The moon lights the forest on a cold, crisp, night.
The animals in burrows are safe and warm
Awaiting the spirit of Christmas morn.
Kristen Lemaire
Grade 5, St. Cecilia's

What do you see?

Christmas,
Christmas,
What do you smell?
I smell cookies cooking in the oven.

Cookies,
Cookies,
What do you smell?
I smell a candy cane wiggling on the tree.

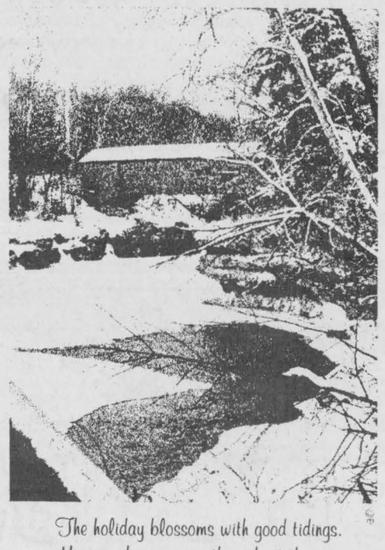
Evergreen,
Evergreen,
What do you smell?
I smell a brown cake cooking in a pan.

Brown cake,
Brown cake,
What do you smell?
I smell a green wreath swinging at the door.
By Michelle Bernier
Grade 2
Benson P.S.

The Magic of Carols



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.


The holiday blossoms with good tidings.
May you know peace throughout the year.
Many thanks.
from the President and members of the Iroquois Royal Canadian Legion Branch 370



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We just wanted to say "Merry Christmas", and "thanks" for calling on us this past year.
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all.
Rose & George Fawcett & Staff


JOY TO THE WORLD!
You've made us feel so welcome in this community, and for that and so much more, we thank you sincerely.
Merry Christmas!
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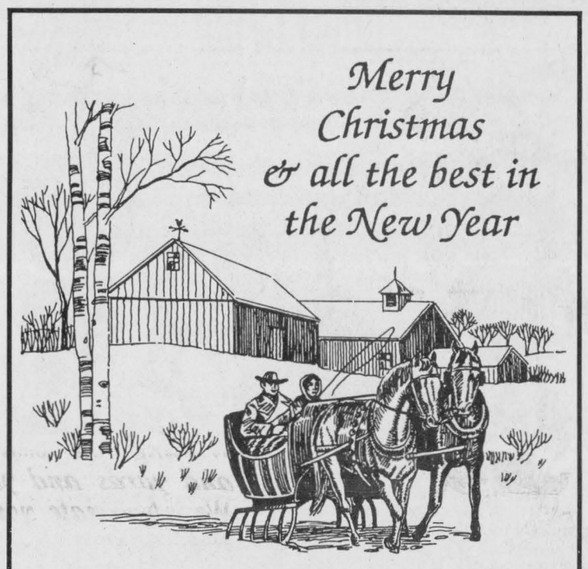
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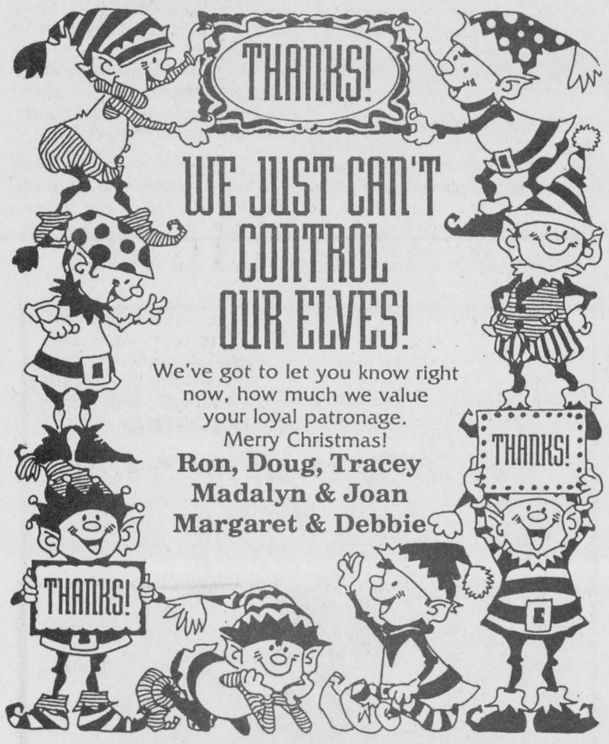
Coming out a winner!

The big bear in the red wagon came out a winner at the Winchester Santa Claus Parade held two weeks ago. Presented by Ault Foods Ltd., "Have a Beary Merry Christmas" received the Boyd Chrysler Jeep Eagle Trophy as best entry in the commercial division. Hundreds of people attended this festive parade as a kick-off to the Christmas season! *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*



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Fri., Dec. 22 9-8; Sat., Dec. 23 9-5:15;
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CHRISTMAS PROSE

Winter Time

The cold wind howls and starts to blow
With it comes fluffy flakes of snow
The kids all want to go out and play
But it is too cold to go out today
The children want to go out and skate
But grandma says they should stay in and bake
The parents are walking in a bunch
The snow goes crunch crunch crunch
This is how winter goes
The wind continues to blow
Francis Jambon
Grade 5, St. Cecilia's

Christmas
Christmas is when:
everyone's face is lit up with cheer,
we get a Christmas tree,
Christmas presents come from Santa Claus,
I think about the star the wisemen followed to the baby Jesus,
we wrap presents,
and I see Santa.
Merry Christmas!
By: Amanda Smith
Grade 2
Benson P.S.

What do you see?
I see a red toy looking at me.

Red toy,
Red toy,
What do you see?
I see a yellow star looking at me.

Yellow star,
Yellow star,
What do you see?
I see a purple gift looking at me.
Purple gift,
Purple gift,
What do you see?
I see Santa looking at me.
By Angela Deline
Grade 2 Benson

What do you see?
Purple bell,
Purple bell,
What do you see?

I see snow looking at me.

Snow,
Snow,
What do you see?
I see a tree looking at me.

Rudolph,
Rudolph,
What do you see

I see an elf looking at me.

Elf,
Elf,
What do you see?
I see a wreath looking at me

Wreath,
Wreath,
What do you see?
I see children looking at me.
By Kristen Jessome
Grade 2
Benson P.S.

Christmas
Christmas is a time for giving.
Christmas is when I put up my stocking.
We get Christmas trees.
I am with my family.
I make a snowman,
and Santa comes.
Merry Christmas!
By Chad Imrie
Grade 3
Benson P.S.

Christmas
Christmas is when:
we put up our Christmas tree,
we put up our decorations,
we are happy on Christmas day,
we have turkey dinner,
we get toys on the 24th,
and we fell joyful.
Merry Christmas!
By: Tyler Halladay
Grade 3
Benson P.S.

Christmas

Christmas time is almost hear
That big guy and his nine reindeer
He gives kids presents around the world
To every good little boy and girl.

His little elves make lots of toys
They make little cars for the boys
The elves make toys for the girls
Like barbies with these nice big curls.

Now it's time to go asleep
Dreaming of the toys you'll keep
You see the presents and you dash
Like a big, yellow lightning flash.

You go to bed and say what a day
And hope that you'll one day ride in his sleigh
You get the calendar and write with a pen
How long till Christmas once again!
Liam Maguire
Grade 6, St. Cecilia's

Rabbits
Rabbits playing
Rabbits laying
Waiting for the Christmas season
Santa Claus will come with presents.
Matthew Julien
Grade 5, St. Cecilia's

Merry Christmas

What is Christmas?

The Pastor's Corner
by Rev. R. Casselman



by Rev. Bob Casselman

Christmas is a little like my youngest daughter's birthday of a few years ago. She would begin to talk about the event three or four months prior to the date and continue to talk about it for some time after the said date. Well, Christmas is this way as well. In fact, Christmas is no longer a particular day, but more like a season.

What is Christmas? A scene that occurred about one year back has fastened itself on the gummy side of my mind. While gift shopping I observed a young couple who were doing likewise. However, the list they were shopping for seemed to be nonstop. They had-allowed themselves to be steered into a situation that many of us have known. They were buying Christmas gifts for brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, cats, dogs - get the picture! In fact, I was a little disappointed because my name was not on the list.

If the store manager had known what this couple were up to, there is no doubt but that he would have rolled out the red carpet. However, these people did not have the cash to pay for all these gifts and did what most of us this season will do - they charged it! They told me it would take a few months to pay off their credit accounts because of the Christmas season.

When my young bride and myself started life together as a couple in the ministry, we were certainly not weighed down with great wealth. (Can you believe we spent about ten dollars a week on food?) When it came to the Christmas season, we felt under great pressure. While others were buying gifts for us, there was no possible way we could afford to purchase gifts for them in return. The very thought of "charging it" was entirely out of the question. We would never be able to pay it back. Therefore we had to come up with ways and means of having something to give without great expense. Yes there were times we felt a little embarrassed, and maybe a little cheap, but we have never fought over debts that could not be paid. Money does not grow on trees and nobody brings us a wheelbarrow of cash to spend on Christmas.

Just about now every second house in town has somebody fussing over Christmas. "Where in the world are we going to get the money to buy all the gifts needed,to pay for the extra food, and to do all the little things we want to do?" So, there is a whole lot of fussing going on.

What is Christmas? While most of us shed a tear or two at the first winter storm, the merchandising world rejoices. There is nothing like some real snow to put everyone into the buying mood. The only reason Christmas begins in mid October and lasts forever can be summed up in three words - the mighty dollar.

What is Christmas? I understand Christmas to be a celebration of the coming of the Messiah Jesus Christ, the coming of a Light to a dark world, the coming of a Saviour to redeem mankind from his fallen state of sin. Christmas is Christ.

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.'"

Maybe, just maybe, it may be possible for us to stop all the fussing and get back to a little more sanity this year. After all, Christmas is not about fancy packaging, but about God's gift to man - Jesus our Saviour.



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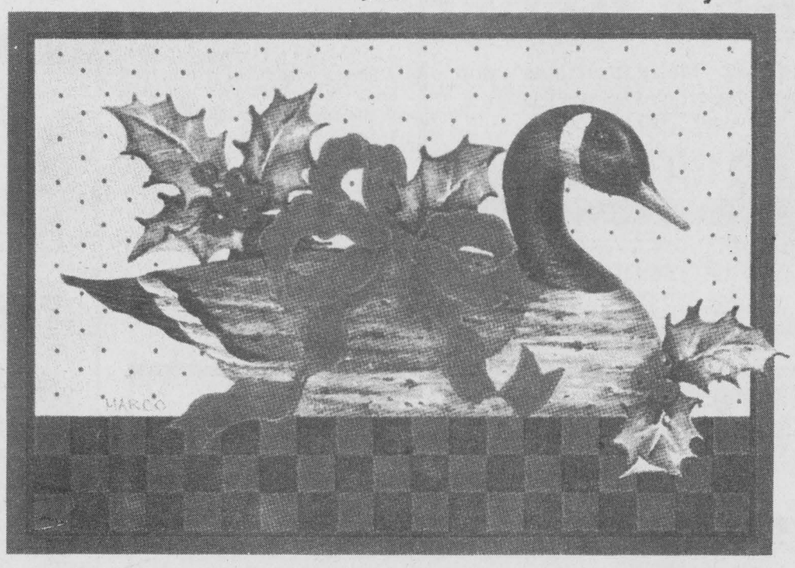

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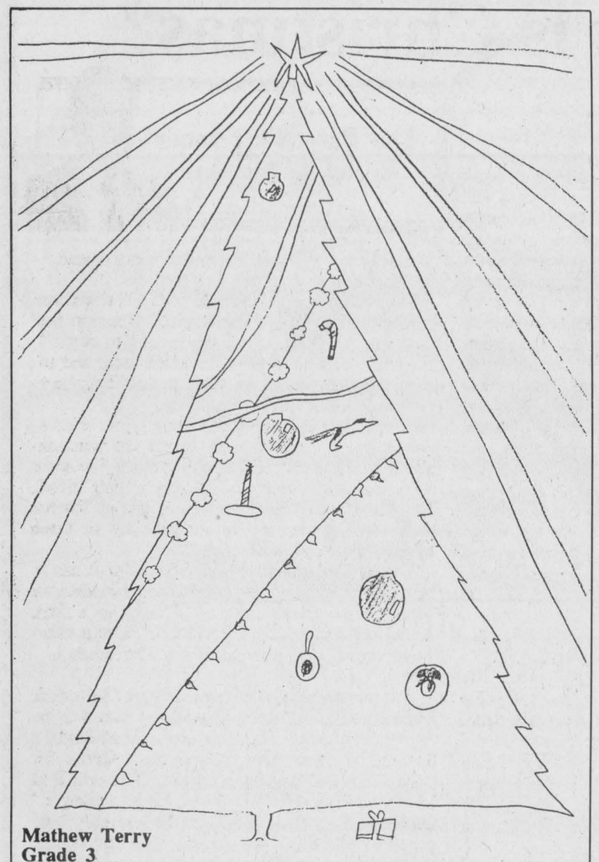

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December

That magic month

December is the month of miracles and madness, of mistletoe, late night baking, wrapping gifts behind closed doors and secret hiding places. It is a time of hugs and kisses, candle glows and hoped-for-snow. It can be and usually is in the 90s, a time of utter panic.

As we scurry and rush, wondering when we will get everthing done, (usually we do come through and all is in readiness) we have to take a breather and perhaps some fresh ideas would be of benefit.

Saying "welcome" with a lovely wreath is one way to bring the spirit of the season to each person who visits your home this year.

Sprinkling holly and greenery throughout your home will give a traditional Christmas feeling and aroma. Filling a basket with packages of decorated cookies or jars full of treats; lighting the fireplace and candles gives a rosy glow to the occasion and a warm welcome for everyone.

Preparing foods ahead of time allows you more time to enjoy the fun and join in . Do not let the season bog you down. Take time to sit back and survey the scene before you.

Remember, it is not how tall the tree is, nor how perfect it appears...the number of presents nestled underneath it is insignificant, it is the traditions that we cherish that really count. From stringing popcorn to singing carols around the piano...from leaving Santa a snack to baking cookies with the kids, these are the things that they will carry with them as they grow and eventually leave home. These are what they will build on to form their own traditions as they have families. Make these great times and ideas something to cherish always.

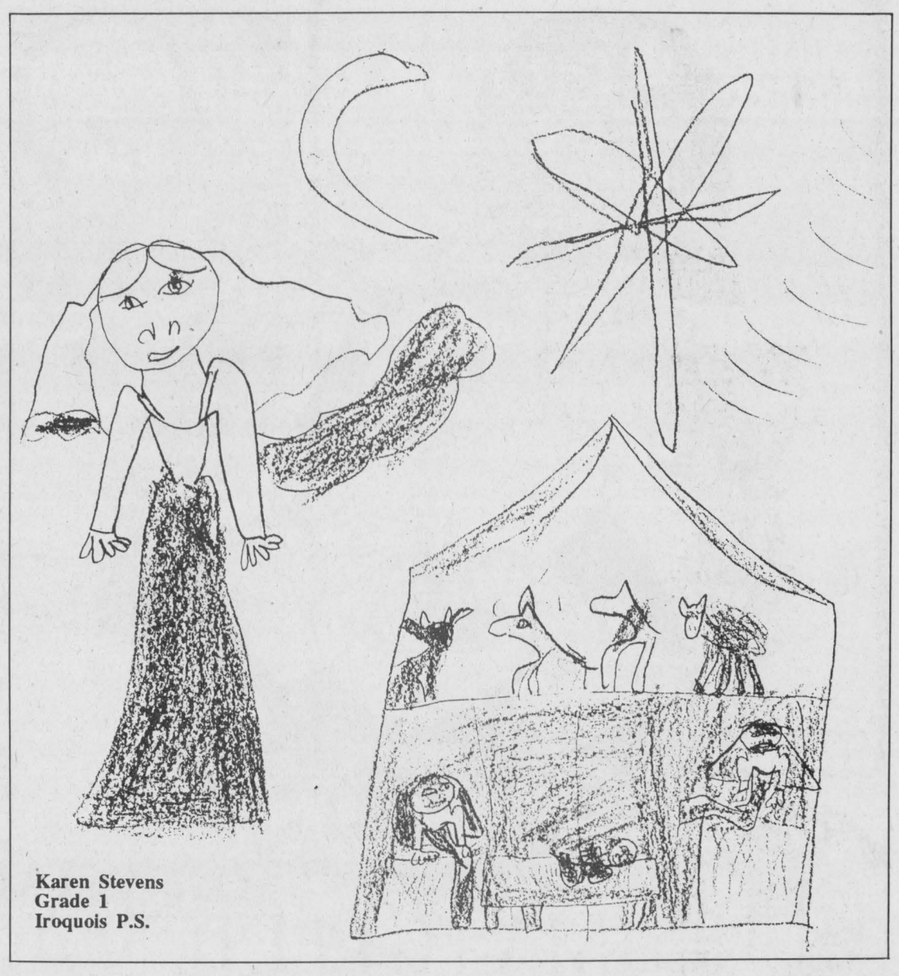
Christmas traditions are a strange mixture of old and new, borrowed and ever-changing customs. Some have been around for centuries and others seem to be relatively newcomers

One of the wonders of the season is the way the neighbourhood suddenly changes.

What fun to take an evening drive or a walk to catch sight and savour the special effects that are there for viewing. The Village of Cardinal ran a contest, sponsored by the Business Association with the theme, "Let's Decorate"...judged last week, everyone who got involved this year is a winner. The display is worth seeing.

When decorating the exterior of your home, there are a few rules to follow. It is well to remember that even though some people can put together near-professional displays on their lawns and verandas, their simplest things can also be most appealing. Starting with a trio of old sleds, an arrangement of fire wood can be made into an attractive show item. Using your imagination, adding some greenery, pinecones, red ribbons and bows, creative and amazing effects can be wrought.

Wreaths do a terrific job of bringing the season "full circle" and making them can be a unique experience as numerous items can be utilized. Take for instance, colourful pepper berries glued to a straw wreath,or traditional greens with juniper berries and pinecones wired in gives an ever pleasing effect.Yards and yards of colourful ribbon in simple bow loops massed together with pins can give a bright welcome. A cedar spray with clusters of berries and cones tied with a bow is effective as are strawflowers inserted in balsam, or tiny white lights that blink a greeting to all, or a wreath of herbs that would emmit a marvellous fragrance and could be clipped to cook with for those who have a talent.



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CHRISTMAS PROSE

The Angel

It was the night before Christmas when Mark and Melissa were decorating the tree. They had to put the bulbs on so they opened the decoration box. When Melissa opened the box a little red bulb was picked up and hung on the tree. The little red bulb was nine years old. He was lucky that he was never broken. Mark was going to the storageroom to get the sparkling angel but he couldn't find it so he went to Melissa to see if she saw it. Mark and Melissa were getting worried so they thought that they should put something on top. They put the little bulb on top. It was time to go to bed so they did. Five hours later Santa came but he was stuck in a tree. Melissa heard him so she woke up Mark and went outside. There was Santa stuck in a tree. Mark had an idea. He would boost Melissa and get Santa out of the tree. Mark said, "One two three pull." Powy, he fell with a thud. Mark cheered Santa up by telling a funny story. Santa went inside and put an angel on the tree and the little red bulb was sadly placed in the box. Hopefully he will be placed on top of the tree next year.
Marlies Quist
Grade 5, Dixon's Corners PS

Christmas
Christmas is when:
we hang a wreath on our door,
I put a star on my treetop,
I wake up before anyone else and
open my presents,
we put decorations on our tree,
I play with the things I get,
and I go skating.
Merry Christmas!
By: Adam Marchand
Grade 2
Benson P.S.

Christmas

Christmas is when:
we get a tree,
everyone's face is lit up with joy,
we think about the star the
wisemen followed to the baby Jesus,
we sing songs around the Christmas tree,
we play with our Christmas toys,
and we colour in our Christmas books.
Merry Christmas!
Stacie Lafrance
Grade 3, Benson PS

Before Christmas

It was two weeks before Christmas. Everyone was bustling around, decorating and shopping. Children were making snowmen. All the stores were packed with people buying their Christmas presents.

Then I found out that there was going to be a Santa Claus parade in town. Not only that, I was going to be in it. How exciting! We went straight to work on our float.

Finally the big day arrived. We had hoped for good weather. But sure enough it was cold and snowing. Our feet nearly froze! We threw candy canes to the kids along the streets. We sang and talked and tried to keep warm. Everyone seemed to enjoy the parade.

It was cold, but we were happy because we knew that Christmas would soon be here.
Alison Knapman
Grade 5, St. Cecilia's

Christmas
Christmas is when:
All creatures great and small celebrate,
we hang up stockings,
we eat candy canes,
we sing Christmas songs,
we get presents,
we decorate the house,
and we eat popcorn.
Merry Christmas!
By: Amanda Szaulis
Grade 3
Benson P.S.

The Christmas Tree Surprise!

There once was a family of four. It was almost Christmas and they were going to get their Christmas tree. One day they decided to go to Winterscape Village to cut down a Christmas tree. It took them two hours to get there but they got there. It started to snow big snowflakes. When they got there it was really snowing. So they had to go to a restaurant and wait awhile. After the snow stopped they went and looked for a tree. When they found the perfect tree, they cut it down and brought it home. When they got home they decorated the tree. They found a nest in the tree and in the nest there was two eggs. They kept the eggs by the fire. On Christmas morning the kids heard a chirp, chirp, they ran down the stairs to see two little birds. A couple weeks later when the birds were strong enough the family brought them back to the forest. Now they have the nest to remind them about the Christmas Tree Surprise.
Laurie Wilson
Grade 5, St. Cecilia's

Good Companions dinner

The Good Companions held their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 12th in the Civic Centre. Rita Bray welcomed the large crowd of members and guests.

Florence English read a Christmas Grace followed by a most bountiful and delicious turkey dinner served by A.C.W.

Marlene Fawcett from Mountain entertained with a programme of Christmas selections which was very much enjoyed. Happy Birthday was sung to Agnes Casselman who celebrated her 94th.

Marjorie Keyes accompanied on the piano for carol singing and played a Christmas solo "Star of the East."

Santa Claus arrived to the delight of the young at heart. He handed out the door prizes to: Peggy Somerville, Hilda Marcellus, Anna Moran, Sue Roberts, Vivian Cromie, and Gwen Hanes.

A thank you was extended to Bernie Sisty for her donations.

Myrtle Johnston gave a reading on "The Ten Dollar Bill". The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" closed a most enjoyable time.

The next meeting will be held January 9th at noon in the Civic Centre.

Come and enjoy the fellowship with a wonderful group of people.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

We're happy to have this opportunity to express our gratitude and offer our very best wishes to all of you at this joyous time of year. Thanks!

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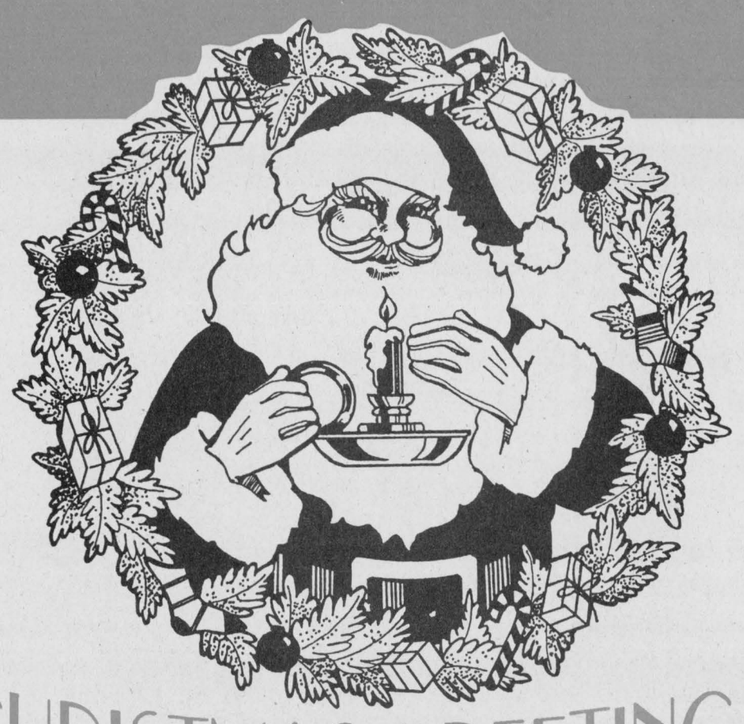

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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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And that is the true meaning of Christmas and that is why every person celebrates Christmas on this very important day.

Have a Happy Christmas!

Carolyn Pepers
Grade 6, St. Cecilia's



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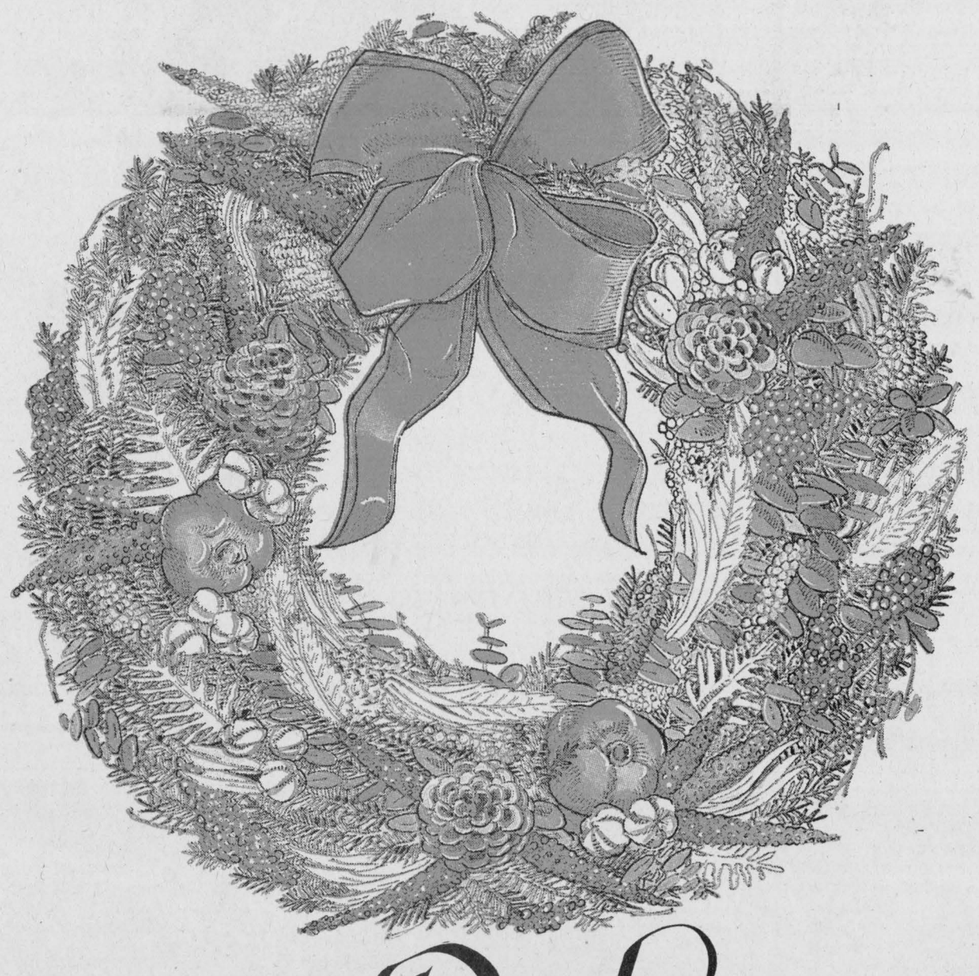

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