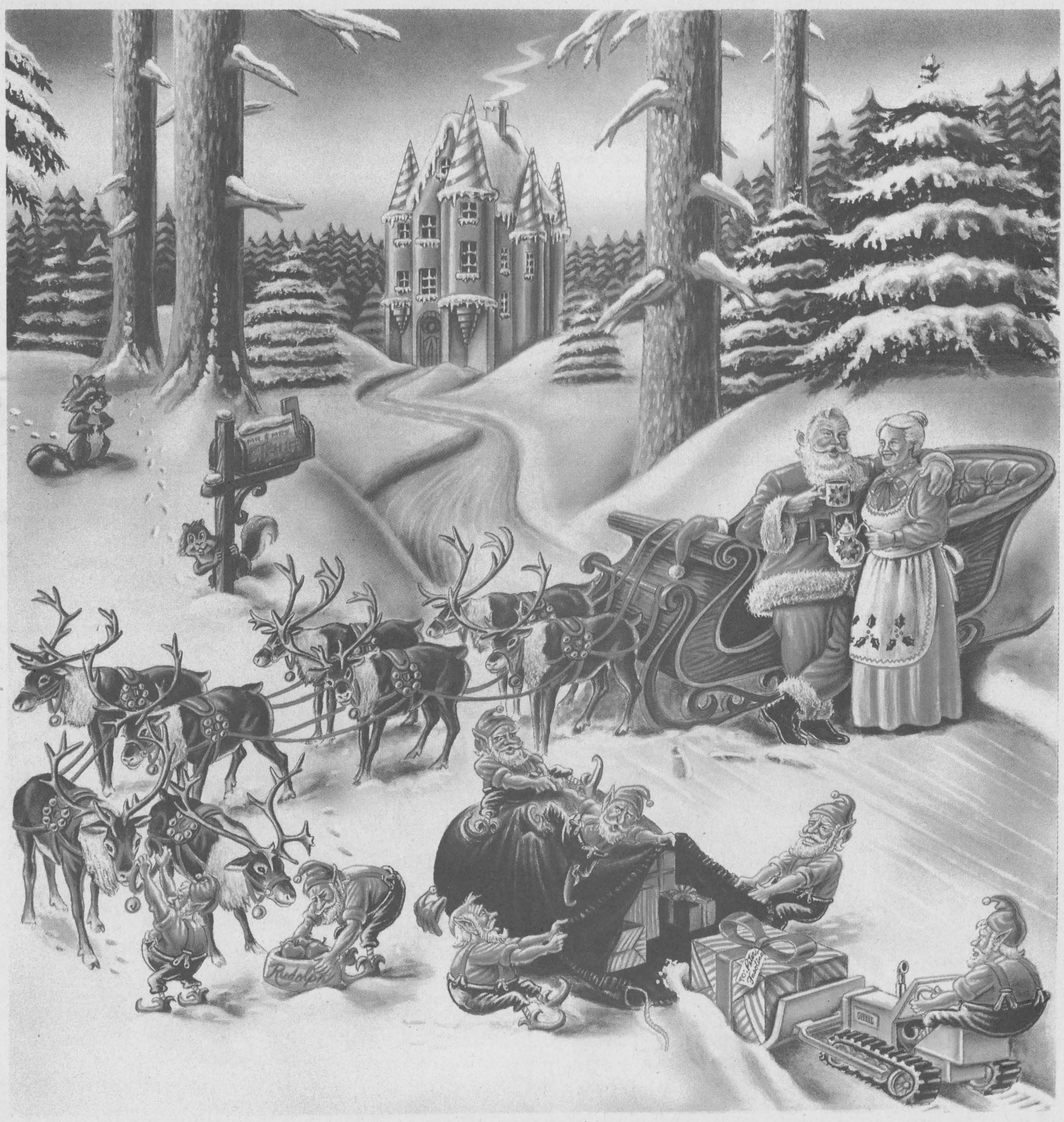
Christmas Greetings



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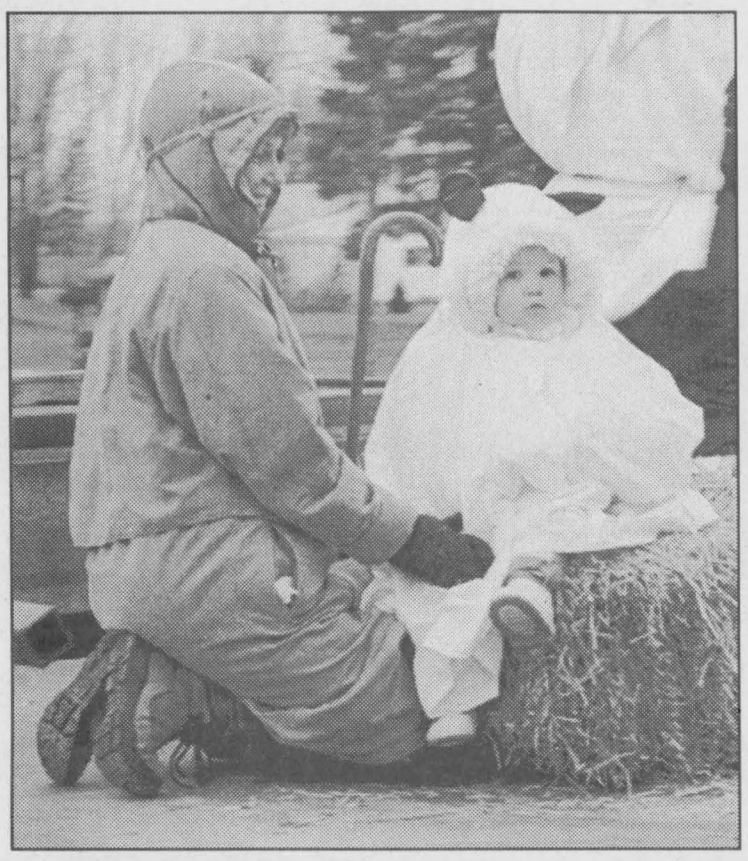

Little lamb

A South Mountain shepherd keeps an eye on one of the flock during the town's Santa Claus parade Dec. 11. A group of shepherds and toddling sheep were spotted in a pastoral scene on the back of a hay wagon.

Chieftain photo by N. H. Zandbergen.

What's in a Word

What is in a word? We speak words everyday. The Grade 2, IPS gang took a closer look than most at some Christmas words...

STOCKING by **Sloane Jarvis**
Santa
Tree
Ornaments
Caring
Kitten
Ice
Nicholas
Gift

RUDOLPH by **Jordan Keeler**
Red
Up
Decorations
Ornaments
Love
Presents
Ho! Ho! Ho!

REINDEER by **Elyse Fournier**
Rudolph
Enormous presents
Into the house Santa comes
North pole
Deer
Elves
Event
Ready for christmas.

SLEIGH by **Cory Shearer**
Sack
Love
Elves
In the chimney
Game
Ho! Ho! Ho!

MISTLETOE by **Kyle Barkley**
Merry
It's christmas!
Santa
Teddy
Love
Elves
Toys
Ornaments
Enjoying christmas.

SANTA CLAUS
by **Destonee Ward**
Santa
Angel
North pole
Tree
Ho! Ho! Ho!
Claus
Love
A gift
Sleigh.

ST. NICHOLAS by **Nicholas Tupper**
Snowman
Tree

North pole
In the sleigh
Candy
Ho! Ho! Ho!
Ornaments
Love
Angel
Sleigh.

CHRISTMAS by **Katie Guse**
Claus
Ho ho Ho
Reindeer prancing
Interested children
Santa Claus
Toys
Merry christmas
Angels flying
Songs floating.

SANTA CLAUS by **Kayla Tyo**
Sleigh
Angel
North pole
Tree
A gift.

Christmas
Laugh
A star in the sky
Upstairs
Santa.

SANTA CLAUS by **Sarah Speer**
Songs
Angels flying
North pole
Toys
Anxious children

Chimney
Love
Advent Calendar
Up in the sky is Santa
Sleigh bells ringing.

SLEIGH by **A.J. Urquhart**
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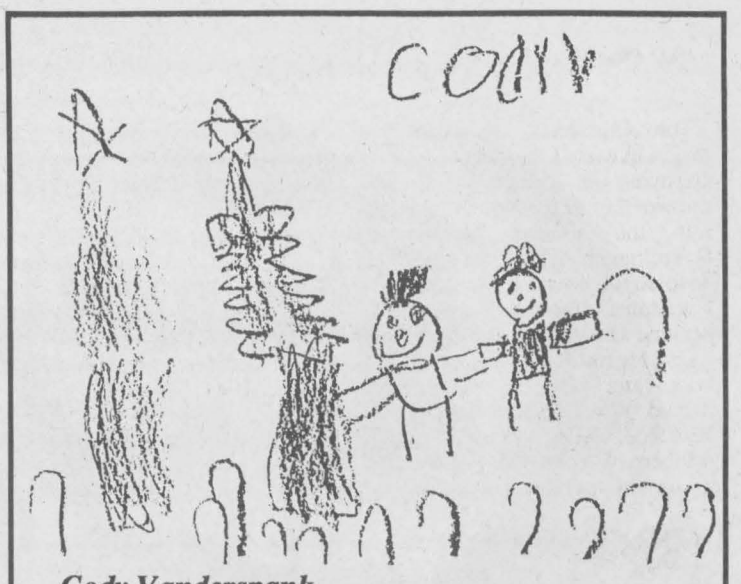
Love
Exciting
In the chimney
Game
Ho!Ho!



Cody Vanderspank
Iroquois Public School, Kindergarten



Karly Beth Joldersma
Timothy Christian School, Grade 6

With tidings of comfort and joy, we extend our heartfelt wishes to all.

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~~~ The Trees of Christmas ~~~

The Christmas tree had its origin in early Christian homes in Germany and Scandinavia. In fact the worship of trees goes far back into the ancient history of Scandinavia. This custom was adapted to become part of their Christmas festivals when they became Christian.

One legend from Germany tells how an English missionary named Winfrid, later known as Boniface, while travelling through northern German encountered a group of people preparing to sacrifice Little Prince Asulf to the god Thor. Winfird stopped the sacrifice and cut down "the blood oak." As the oak fell a young fir tree appeared. Winfrid told the people that the fir was the tree of life, representing Christ. The custom of decorating a tree was then to become a symbol for German Christians celebrating the birth of Christ. They decorated it with stars, angels, toys, gilded nuts and candies wrapped in bright papers. Later they added tinsel and lighted candles. The Scandinavians originally trimmed their trees with fish nets and little flags. Now they also use Christmas cookies, apples and gilded nuts. People in Poland decorate with bright paper ornamnets and candles.

Christmas trees need not always be discarded after Christmas. Why not purchase a live tree that is balled and burlapped for planting? be sure to place it in the coolest part of the room, away from heat. Place in a large container, spray the tree with wilt-proofing latex before trimming and keep the soil moist. After Christmas set the tree in a cooler place until such time as you can plant it. Be sure to keep the soil moist until planting time.

Decorate your tree with things you make:

* stuffed gingham or patchwork stars, hearts, birds and angels (Early American).
* ornaments of straw (Sweden, Denmark, Norway).
* braided little baskets filled with candy (Germany, Poland).
* cookies (Sweden, Germany).
* icons made from bakers clay (Greece).
* paper birds and nests (Mexico).
* bread dough ornamnets (Ecuador).
* lacy stars made from paper doilies (American).



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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Happy as a Christmas Tree!

These young skaters were ready to hit the ice during the performance at the Arena as the Cardinal Skating club presented their Annual Skating Show...Traditions of Christmas. Each of these younsgters was dressed as a Christmas tree, it was amazing to see how many various ways to dress like a tree there are. As we all prepare for the season, a tree will be decorated in each house.

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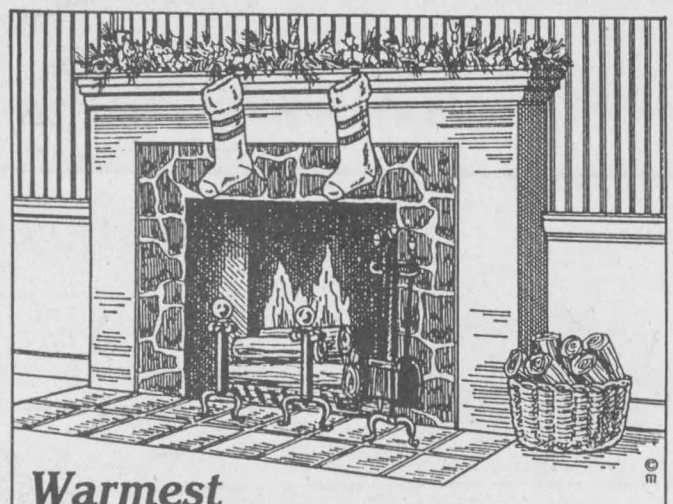

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Joy & Brian

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My Family Christmas

Every year before Christmas my Dad's side of the family gathers in Belleville, Ontario (that's where most of my family lives) for our Lacombe Family Christmas. It's sooo fun! We have presents and dinner and my Grandma always makes some goodies to have after supper. When we have supper all of the kids, teenagers and the adults eat at one table and the parents eat at the other table. After supper the kids normally play games or just sit and talk. Them comes the most exciting part of the night, the presents! Everyone gathers around the tree and "Santa" (my Dad) calls out whose present it is, we all wait to see what it is, then we move on to the next present. After all the presents are gone we normally play with them or we go into the halls and play hide and go seek, but don't worry we're quiet! After we come back most of the older kids go to see a movie but the little ones have to stay with the parents, and then everyone goes home tired, but happy!

The End

by Rebecca Lacombe
St. Cecilia's Catholic School



Holly Byker
Timothy Christian School, Grade 6

Time for Festive Music

The music of Christmas is part of the season's charm and of all the musical works associated with Christmas, perhaps none is as beloved as George Federic Handel's masterpiece, Messiah.

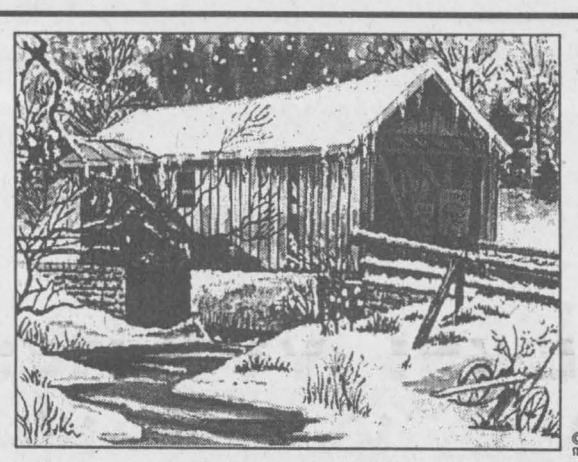
As a young man Handel was appointed conductor to the Elector of Hanover, in his native country. During the autumn of 1710, he visited London where he met with great success. A year later he returned to London and after being presented with a pension by the reigning Queen Anne, he decided not to return to his homeland. However, Anne died and in a unique turn of events, Handel's old master, the Elector of Hanover now George I ascended the throne of England. Fortunately the new king was a true music lover and he restored Handel to favour. Handel soon occupied a key position in the artistic life of England, writing, producing and directing operas.

Eventually he turned from opera to the oratorio form, reaching the mass audience of his day. His oratorios were choral dramas of great vitality and grandeur, ideally suited to the middle class.

Messiah is the crowning work of Handel. Written in just 24 days, it was performed for the first time in 1724. It expressed the faith of the man who was Handel, the man who exclaimed to his servant, upon completing the oratorio, "I did think I did see all heaven before me and the great God Himself!"

In the first part of the oratorio, the prophecies of the coming of Christ and His birth are treated; this is the portion most frequently performed at Christmas time. The verses are drawn from the prophets of the Old Testament, the psalms, the Evangelists and the Letters of St.Paul.

The second part of the oratorio concludes with the famed Hallelujah Chorus. So moved was King George upon hearing this chorus, tradition says he spontaneously rose to his feet. Today audiences still stand during the Hallelujah Chorus in tribute to this great work.



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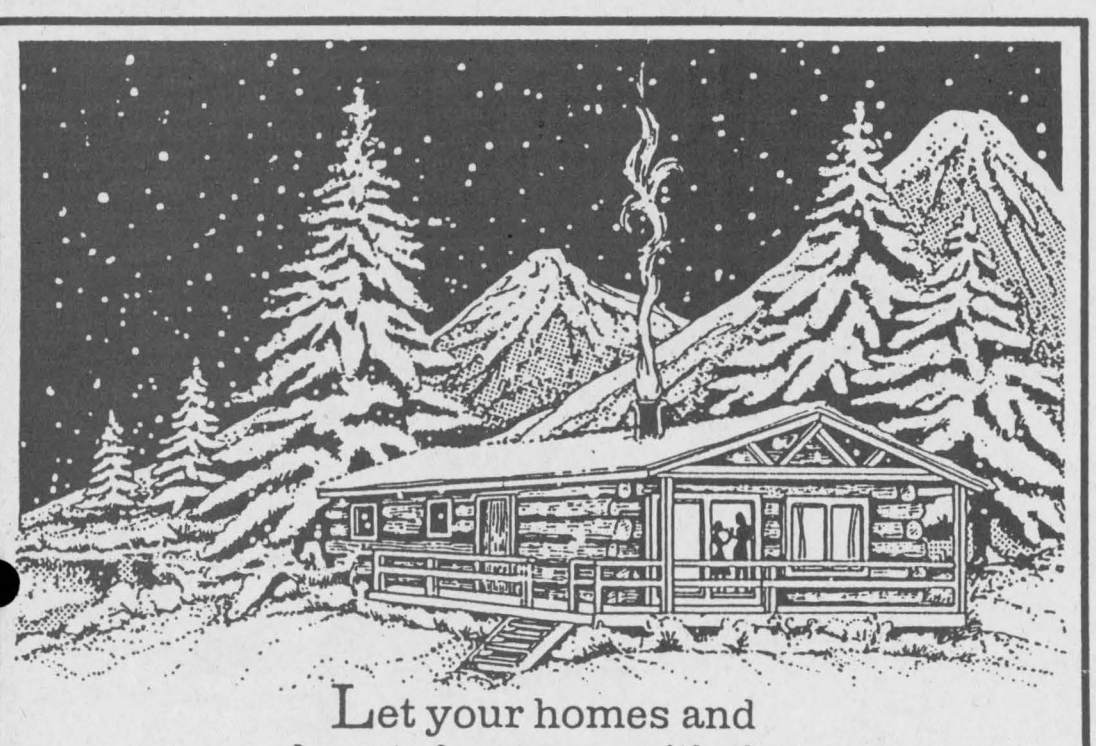

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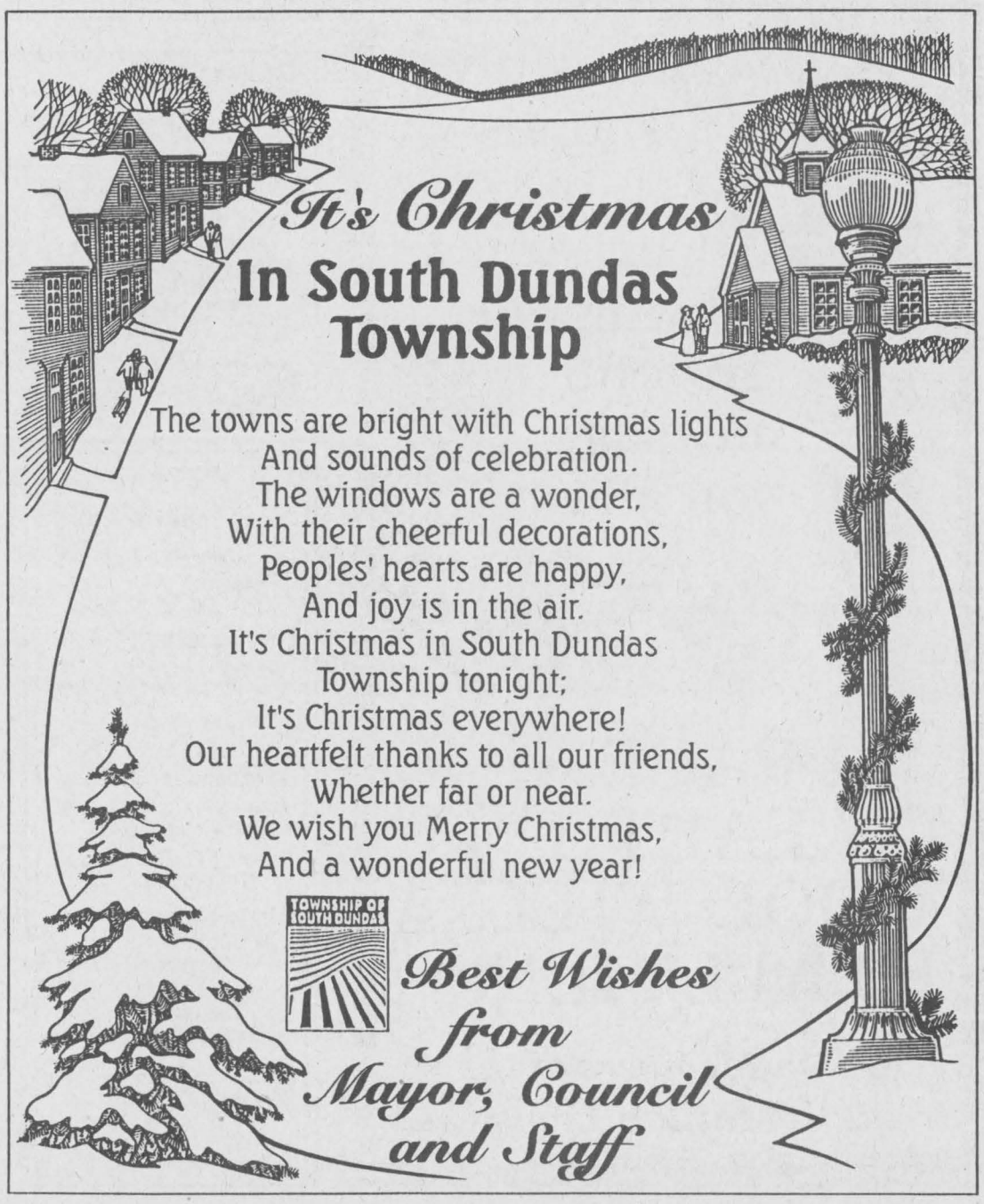

It's Christmas

In South Dundas Township

The towns are bright with Christmas lights
And sounds of celebration.
The windows are a wonder,
With their cheerful decorations,
Peoples' hearts are happy,
And joy is in the air.
It's Christmas in South Dundas
Township tonight;
It's Christmas everywhere!
Our heartfelt thanks to all our friends,
Whether far or near.
We wish you Merry Christmas,
And a wonderful new year!

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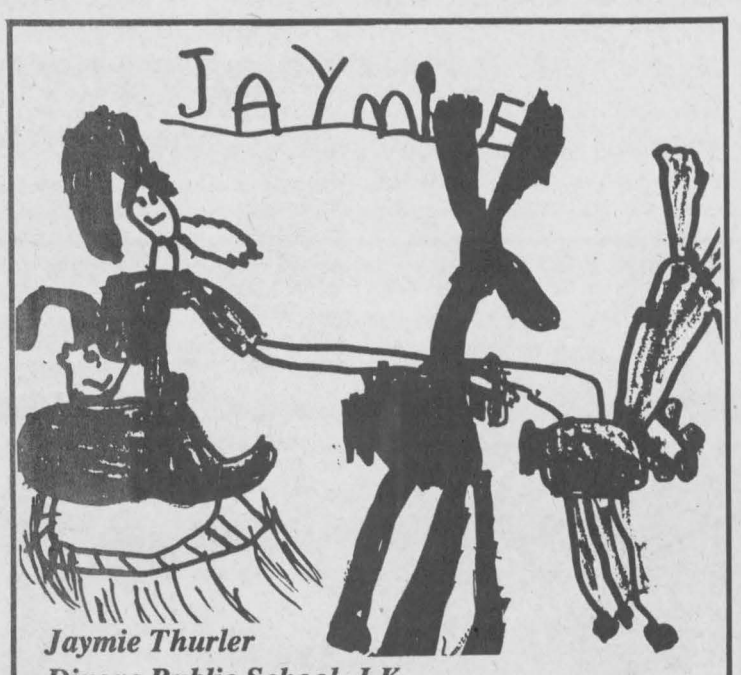

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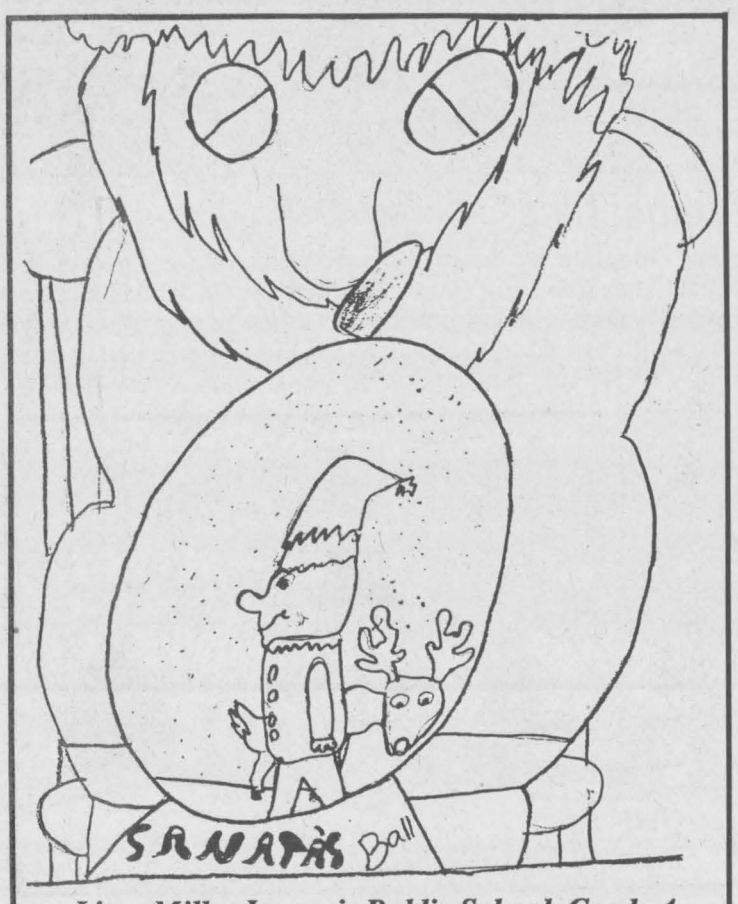


Liam Mills Iroquois Public School, Grade 4



Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Christmas with Santa

Christmas and Santa Claus are synonymous in many countries, but this was not always so. The jolly old gent is actually the result of an evolving process through the centuries, although he does have his origins as a real person. To be more accurate, he is probably a combination of that person, St. Nicholas and an ancient yule god.

St. Nicholas was a fourth-century bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, who had won a reputation for generosity. According to the legend, the good bishop had saved three young maidens from spinsterhood or worse, by providing their impoverished father with dowries for each of the daughters. he supposedly left three bags of gold on the man's window ledge. This is why pawnbrokers who consider St. Nicholas their patron saint, traditionally have three golden balls outside their shops.

In Holland, St. Nicholas became Santa Klaas eagerly awaited by youngsters who would fill their wooden shoes with hay, water and carrots for the saint's horse and place them before the fireplace.

In the morning, these clogs would be filled with sweets and small presents if the youngsters had been good, or birch rods if the youngsters had been naughty.

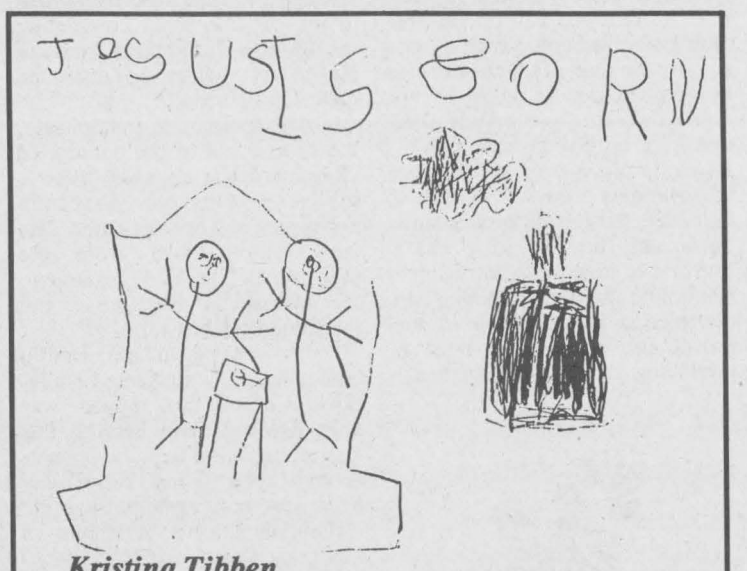
In some cultures, this pagan yule-figure evolved into Father Christmas as Christianity took root. In Sweden, Father Christmas still retains a gnomish aspect, but the English see Father Christmas as a tall, wine-flushed reveller.

The Dutch who came to America brought with them their tradition of the benevolent Santa Klaas. It remained for an imaginative professor of Oriental and Greek literature to bring together the elements of the stately bishop of the Dutch and the elfish figures of Northern Europe.

His name was Dr. Clement Clarke Moore and during the Christmas Season of 1822, he wrote a poem for his children that brought to life his won conception of Santa Klaas now named Santa Claus. He called the poem, "The Visit of St. Nicholas" and in it he described Santa as a "jolly old elf" with twinkling eyes and merry dimples. Interestingly enough. Moore is said to have based his description of Santa on a Dutchman who lived nearby. The man was a short and chubby man who smoked a pipe.

Clement's poem was published a year later and had immediate success with the public. it remained only for the famed cartoonist Thomas Nast to illustrate Moore's conception of Santa Claus to firmly plant that image in the public's mind. Nast's illustrations were closer to the gnome-like figures of the past than contemporary versions of Santa Claus, however. As time went on, other artists changed the furry suit and furry round hat to a red suit and cap with a tassel.

Today, the image of a jolly and chubby Santa Claus is one that is universally accepted as a symbol of good cheer and generosity to children all over the world.



Kristina Tibben
Timothy Christian School, S.K.

Christmas Prose

Joy of Christmas
The tradition in my family
was for me to place
the angel on top of our tree.

While my Poppy was alive,
he did it with me.
He would lift me up,
hold me tight and
make sure our tree
was just right.

I was a very young girl
when my Poppy passed away
But now I remember
each and everyday.

Somehow not only for Christmas
but all year through
The joy that you give to others
is joy that comes back to you.
The more you spend in blessing
The poor who are lonely and sad
The more of your heart's
blessing
returns to make them glad.

So every person at Christmas
who knows what it's all about,
May Christmas be happy
and naught but joy appear,
Is now the wish
I send to the people
I love most all year.

Merry Christmas!
by Amanda Massey
Grade 8
Benson Public School

Christmas Eve
The house was full of laughter
and joy.
each kid was thinking of their
special toy.
The kitchen was filled with
different smells,
and coming from the piano
was the song "Jingle Bells."
Outside the sun was going
down,
night was coming without
a sound.
The table was covered with
turkey and rolls,
potatoes and vegetables in
big heaping bowls.
They sat down and
prepared to eat,
with one happy dog lying
at their feet.
They finished their meal and
went to play.
What a wonderful way to end a
wonderful day.
by Brittney Winters
Grade 8
Benson Public School

Peace On Earth

May the beauty of Christmas be an inspiration to you and those you love. Thanks for your faith in us.

Wim & Alie Berghuis

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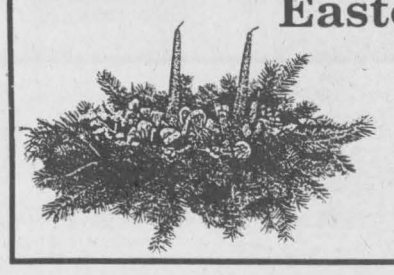

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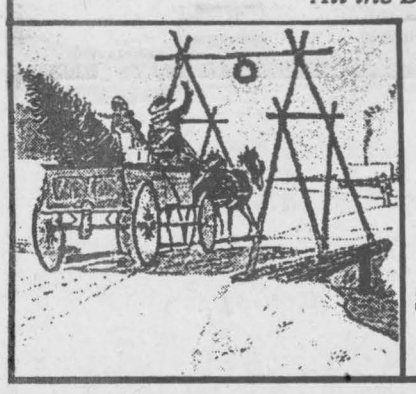

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Janessa Vankoppen
Benson Public School, Grade 1



Symbols of Christmas

Frosty stands tall as he is met by a Christmas tree and that most famous reindeer of all...Rudolph. They strutted their way along the parade route in Morrisburg adding their something special to the event. Great costumes!! *Chiefatin Photo by S.L Johnston*

Father Christmas letters

To the children of J.R.R. Tolkien, interest and importance of Father Christmas extended beyond his filling of their stockings on Christmas Eve; for he wrote a letter to them every year, in which he described in words and pictures his house and his friends and the events, hilarious or alarming, at the North Pole. The first of the letters came in 1920, when John, the eldest was three years old and for over twenty years, through the childhoods of the three other children, Michael, Christopher and Priscilla, they continued to arrive each Christmas. Sometimes the envelopes, dusted with snow and bearing Polar postage stamps were found in the house on the morning after his visit; sometimes the postman brought them and letters that the children wrote themselves vanished from the fireplace when no one was about.

In the 1932 Christmas letter, Father Christmas wrote about North Polar Bear, his chief assistant and chief cause of disasters and how they met an attack of goblins against the cellars where the presents were stored.

Now youngsters write to Santa at the North Pole each Christmas and can expect to get a letter back from the jolly old elf himself.

Customs of the season

Why do we send cards at Christmas time or put up a tree? There are many traditions we take for granted during the holiday season and it is interesting to learn how some of our customs originated.

The ancient Druids can be thanked for the custom of hanging mistletoe at Christmas. In the rituals of the Druids, mistletoe was cut down with a golden sickle in November. The mistletoe would be divided up among the people who took the plant home to hang over their doors. The Druids believed that the plant could work miracles of healing, protect against witchcraft and make the land fertile. The origin of the custom of kissing under the mistletoe is not known, but it may have been inspired by the plant's supposed powers of fertility.

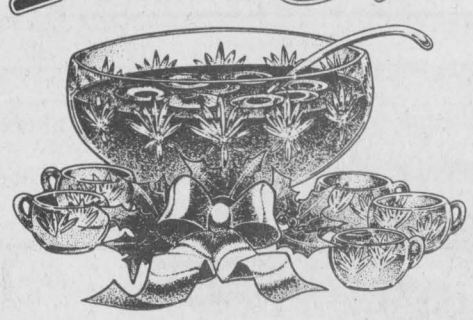
The Germans originated the custom of placing a tree in the home at Christmas time. there are several legends to explain this custom. One credits St. Boniface, a missionary to Germany during the 18th Century. According to the legend, one Christmas Eve the saint chopped down a sacred oak which had been used as a site for human sacrifices. As the oak fell, a fir tree miraculously appeared in its place. Another legend says that on the night Christ was born, all the trees in the forest bloomed and bore fruit, even though it was the middle of winter.

Martin Luther, a German is thought to have first decorated the Christmas tree. The story goes that Luther walking under the stars one night was inspired to bring home an uprooted fir tree and place candles on its branches as a reminder of the heavens.

The custom of sending Christmas cards probably originated with an Englishman, Sir Henry Cole who commissioned John Horsely to design a card in 1843. The card featured a family celebrating the season with two smaller motifs depicting charitable acts: "Clothing the Naked" and "Feeding the Hungry." The card was lithographed and sold in 1846 and thus the Christmas card was born.

Whether originating in legend or real life, the customs of Christmas enrich the season for all of us.

Yuletide Cheer



Here's to a sparkling holdiay with family and friends!
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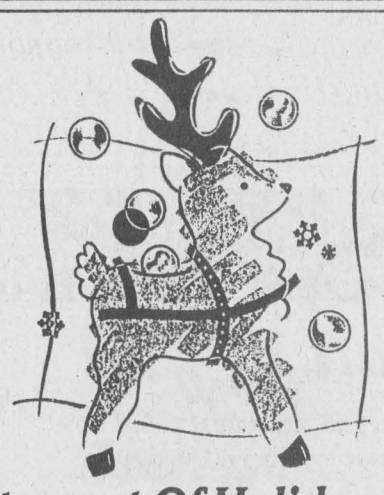

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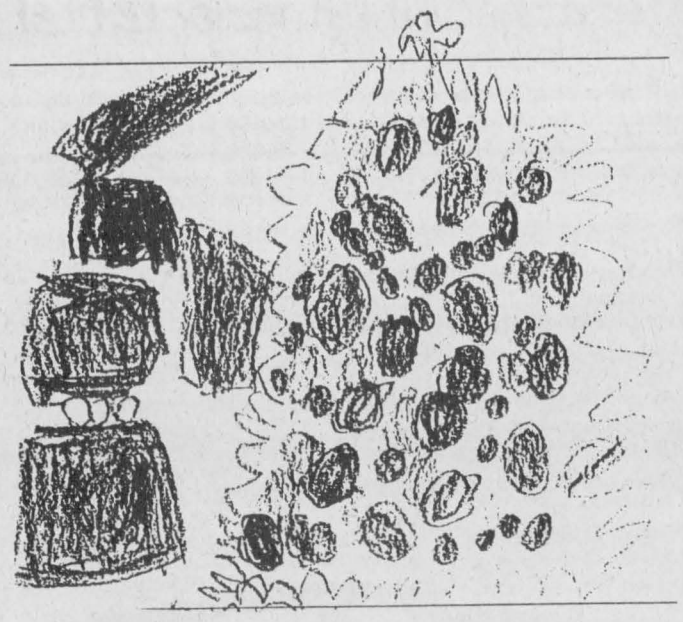

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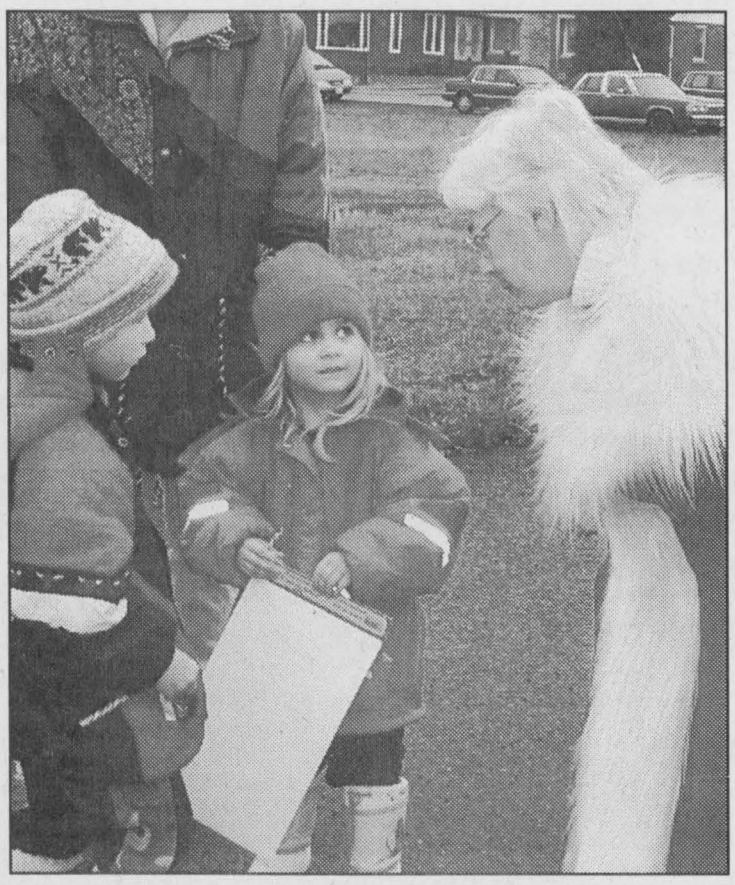

Mrs. Claus I presume!

These youngsters were being checked by the Mrs. of the Claus family duo, to ensure Santas' list is correct. The little girl wasted no time and minced no words..."It is okay, Mrs. Claus we are on Santas good list!!"

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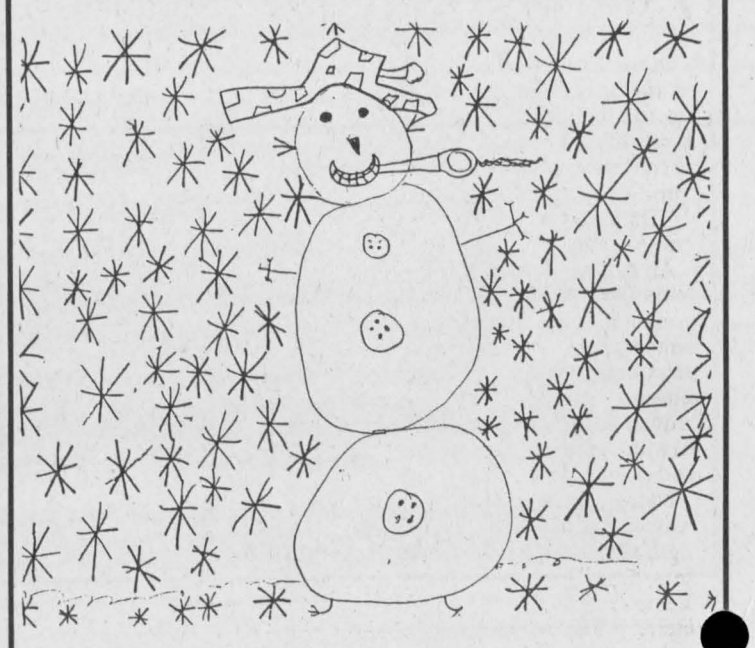

McKenzie Allan
Benson Public School, Grade 1

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Season's Greetings To All!

Best part of Christmas

The Grade 1 Class at Benson Public School in Cardinal explain what the BEST part of Christmas is to them...

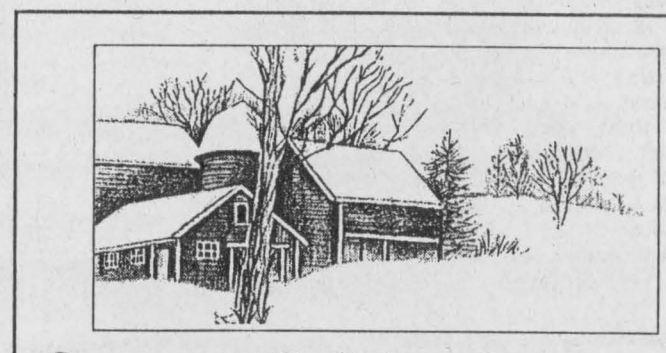
* decorating the Christmas tree-Jodie Campbell.
* when your cousins come to our house on Christmas Eve-Janessa Vankoppen.
* getting presents-**McKenzie Allan.**
* opening presents from my family-**Dawn Wright.**
* putting up the Christmas tree-**Devon Bonvie.**
* looking at all the nice decorations-**Jessica Holmes.**
* buying presents for grandma and grandpa-**Brandon Crawford.**
* going out for supper and waiting for Santa on Christmas Eve-**McKenzie Gill.**
* decorating the tree and opening presents-**Beau Jodoin.**
* seeing the presents under the tree-**Brandon Mead.**
* when all my relatives come to visit-**Emma Patrick.**
* helping my mom decorate the tree-**Nikita Wattie.**
* decorating the house-**Joey Coville.**
* opening presents and buying gifts for my family and my babysitter-**Holly James.**
* everybody having a good time-**Jesse Page.**
* opening presents and seeing nan and poppy-**Kris Stobo.**
* decorating the tree and opening presents from Santa-**Micheal Edwards.**
* seeing Christmas lights and decorations-**Jenna Toupin.**
* getting toys from Santa and going with my dad to get the Christams tree-**Brandon Peeler.**
* getting the tree and decorating it-**Erin MacDonald.**
* singing Christmas Carols and playing with my new toys-**Adam Weiher.**
* eating turkey and playing with toys from Santa-**Andrew Conklin.**
* hanging our stockings up-**Brittany Sherman.**
* getting a tree adn helping mom decorate it-**Tyler Merkley.**
* decorating our tree and looking at the star on top of our tree-**Jordie Douglas.**
* getting presents and putting up the Christmas tree-**Jordy Anderson.**

Definition Poems

What is a gift?
given at Christmas,
wrapped in colourful paper,
and ribbon.
homemade or boughten.
a toy to delight a child.
clothing to keep you warm.
food for the needy.
a plant for a sick person.
a toboggan, skates or skiis.
given with love.
That's a gift.
by Melissa Flinn
Grade 6
Iroquois Public School

What is a reindeer?
antlers sticking out of their heads
pull Santa's sleigh through the sky
look like deer
fur is brown
hooves for feet
can land on rooves
can fly very fast
That's a reindeer.
by Adam Bilodeau
Grade 6
Iroquois Public School

What is Santa Claus?
an imaginary man who the children adore.
he brings presents for all of the children.
he dresses in red with a fluffy hat.
he comes Christmas Eve and eats milk and cookies.
has nine reindeer and says Ho Ho Ho!
he has a fluffy white beard and red cheeks galore
he takes off with Rudolph, his favourite reindeer.
That's Santa Claus.
by Cassie Lewis
Grade 6
Iroquois Public School



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Advent a time spent in preparation and anticipation of that special day

In the Christian liturgy, Advent is the four-week period leading up to Christmas. It is a time of preparation an waiting. As such, it can provide an opportunity for families to anticipate the coming of Christmas with special observances.

An Advent wreath is a beautiful reminder of the joy that is to come. It takes its origins from pagan times, when the sun-worshipping tribes of northern Europe would wind greens around a cartwheel and decorate it with lights to appease the sun god during dark winter days.

Today, Christians look upon the Advent wreath as a symbol of the light which is to come at Christmas time. The wreath's circular shape symbolizes God's unending eternity. The evergreen represents our immortality and God's unchanging nature. The four candles remind us of the hundreds of years mankind waited for the coming of Christ.

During the first and second weeks of Advent, violet candles are lit, symbolizing longing and expectation. A rose candle symbolizing joy and hope because Christmas is near, is lit during the third week of Advent. A violet candle is lit during the final week of Advent.

On Christmas Eve, four white candles replace the rose and violet candles, as a sign of the coming light of the world, Jesus.

Another Advent custom that children enjoy is the Advent calendar. This calendar features tiny little windows for each day of the Advent season. As the youngster opens each window, he or she finds a special message or picture inside, sometimes with chocolate.

Yet another Advent custom is the Jesse tree, so named for the father of King David, an ancestor of Jesus. It is the family tree of Jesse in a way, for it is adorned with symbols of His ancestors and prophecies foretelling His coming. Among the symbols which can be made from heavy white material (felt) and decorated with scraps of gold trims. White is the symbolic colour of Christmas and purity. God denotes the divinity of Christ as King. A variation in colour can be considered when creating the heritage symbols. They could be made of plain fabrics of earthy colours or carved in soft wood.

1-**Chalice:** latin for "cup" used to administer communion. also a symbol of service.

2-**Bread:** symbol of the body of Christ used in communion.

3-**Tub & Towel:** symbols of the service position of the Love Feast observed as a sacramental service by church members in their desire to live an observe the tenets of the new Testament as closely as possible.

4-**Fish:** from the Greek letters IXOYC, meaning Jesus Christ, God's Son.

5- **Alpha and Omega:** first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. Used together they symbolize the everlasting nature of Christ's divinity.

6-**Crown:** "King of Kings."

7-**Anchor:** anchor of the sour.

8-**Chi Rho:** a Christogram, the abbreviation of XPICTOC, Christos. A familiar symbol used on paraments in Europe during the Middle Ages and seen today on altar cloths and vestments in churches.

9-**Two Turtle Doves-** Jesus' experience in the temple.

10-**Candle:** Jesus is the light of the world.

11-**Epiphany Star:** a 5-pointed star. Both terms, the "day star" and "morning star" have reference to Christ.

12-**Celtic Cross:** used in northern Europe as a symbol of Christ's passion. The circle behind the cross arms denotes the everlasting divinity of the Lord.

13-**Star of David:** symbol of God the Father. Jesus was born of the house of David.

14-**Triuna:** symbol of the Trinity, the three-fold nature of God.

15-**Ship (Noah's Ark):** symbol of our heavenward voyage, the voyage of the disciples and the journey of our brethren ancestors out of the oppression into the new world. Symbol of the church in its travels from Germany to the new world, its missionary journeys to Denmark, India, China, Africa, Ecuador and other places, symbolic also of cattleboats that delivered cattle to other countries of the world after WWII.

16-**Egg:** resurrection, because it contains new life.

17-**Descending dove:** the Holy Spirit.

18-**Latin Cross:** lower portion twice as long as upper.

19-**Maltese Cross:** arms broadened to make two points each. Emblem of John the Baptist. the 8 points symbolize the beatitudes.

20-**12 Pointed Star:** symbol of the 12 tribes and the 12 apostles.

21-**Parish Volunteer Service:** a new way for persons to devote their lives to service within the local church.

22-**Plain Wide brim hat and Prayer Bonnet:** worn by Brethren as outward symbols of their belief in simple and plain ways of life.

23-**Triangle with Water:** trine immersion was adopted by the Brethren as the approved method of baptism from their search of the Scriptures.

24-**The illuminated Letter S:** similar to ones printed by Christopher Sauer Sr., who though never a member of the Church of the Brethren was sympathetic to its points of view. he printed the first german language newspaper and Bible in America on his press.

25-**BVS:** a service oriented program created to give opportunity for service to the world. One may devote one or two years or more of their lives in full Christian service through many programs.

26-**Dove:** the emphasis on a life of peace has been especially important. Many throughout the history of the church have refused military service and have refused to take human life.

27-**Cup-Plate-Towel:** symbols of the Love Feast celebrated first in the USA on Christams Day 1723. It is an ordinance fashioned after Jesus' own Last Supper with his disciples before his crucifixion. It includes 3 segments-the service of feet washing, the meal and the bread and cup communion.

28-**A Doctor's bag and Bible:** the tools of John Kline's trade as he rode 30,000 miles of his famous horse Nell to serve as moderator, preacher and doctor on both sides of the Civil War.

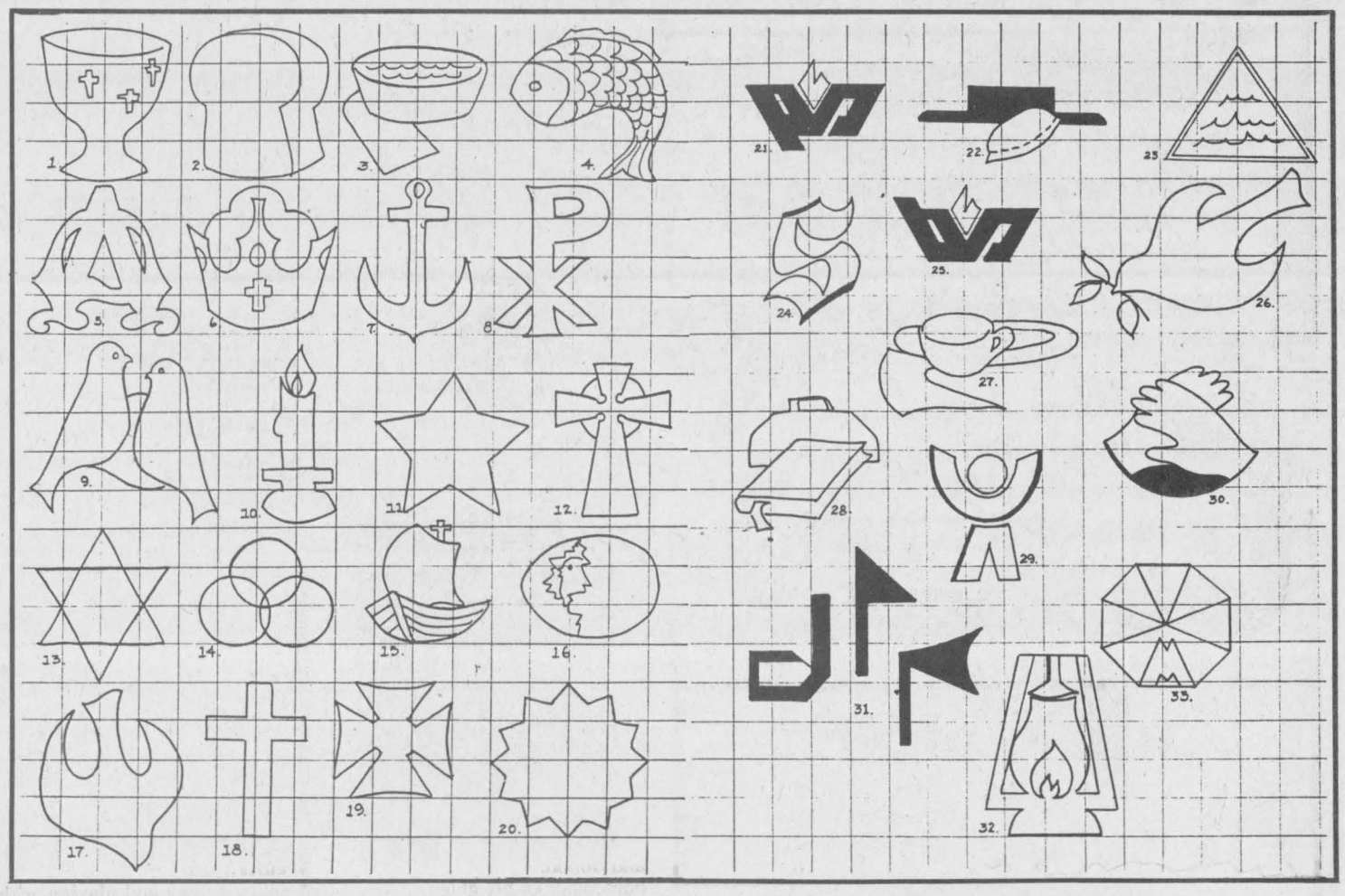
29-**Hope-Joy:** created by Wilbur Brumbaugh, an adaptation of an early Egyptian symbol for hope. A symbol of the hope and joy expressed in the worship of the Lord.

30- **Laying on of Hands:** a service of commitment and dedication for those entering Christian service and a blessing for those needing God's special strength.

31-**The Shaped Note:** a symbol of love of music. Many hymns were lined as a way of singing without a hymnal...the words are sung a line at a time by the leader adn then the congregation sings it.

32-**Lamp:** symbol of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

33_**The Octagon:** the 8 founders of the Church of the Brethren.



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Merry Christmas from David Cassell, Robbie Shaver & Randy Butler
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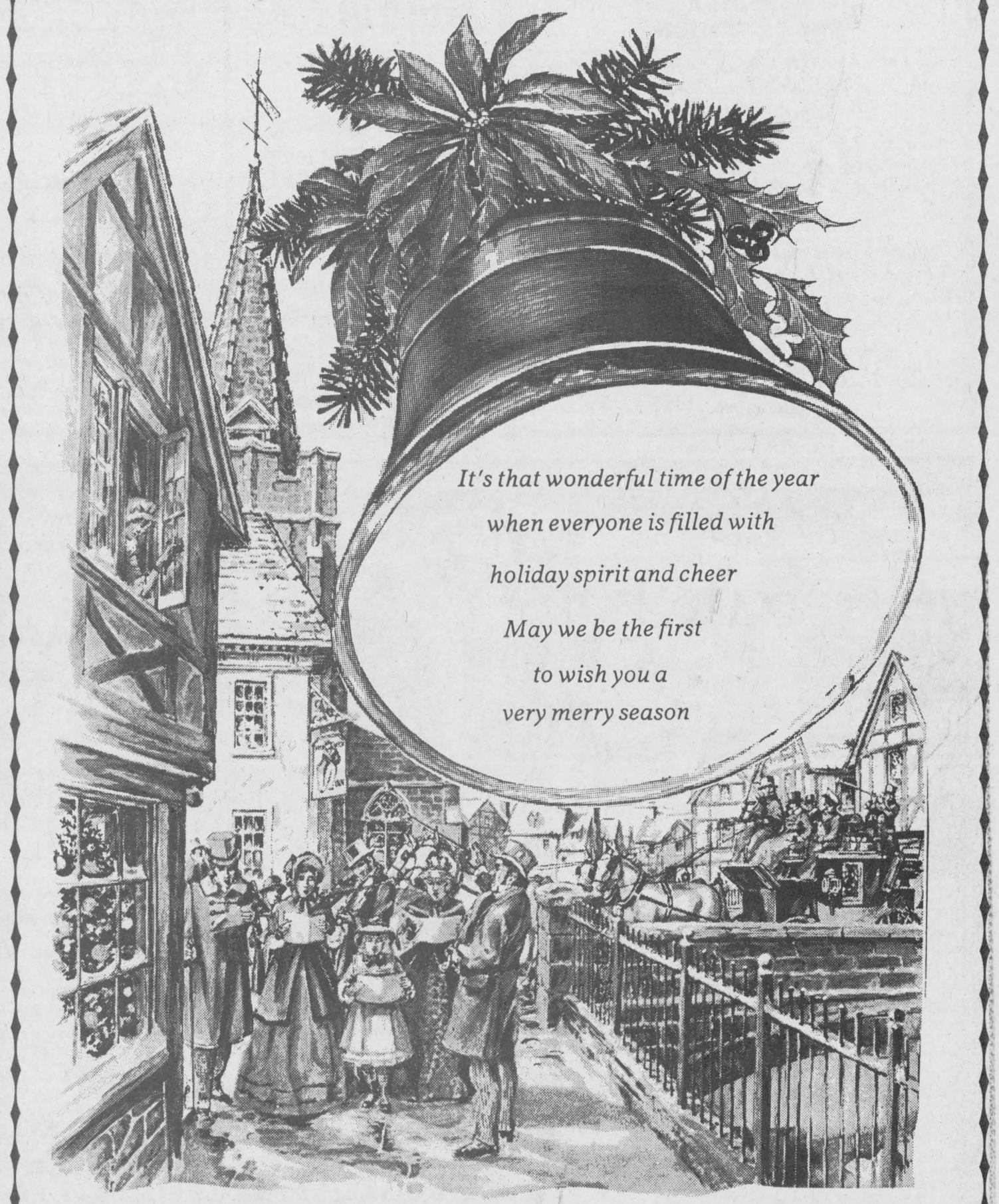

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Devin Simzer, 4, tells Kris Kringle his Christmas wishes. Santa showed up in South Mountain Dec. 11 and took the delivery orders of many boys and girls — good ones only, of course. Many youngsters lined up at the Agricultural Hall to see Santa, who bore a striking resemblance to Gerry Wardle of the I.O.O.F. *Chieftain photo by N. H. Zandbergen*

What's in a Word

Christ
Holiday
Rejoice
Icicles
Saint Nick
Toy
Mass
Around the Christmas tree
Star

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Helping
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Saints

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Lacey Venema
Dixons Public School, Grade 6



Celina Cantin
Timothy Christian School, Grade 5

Merry Christmas

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Carol, Daryle,
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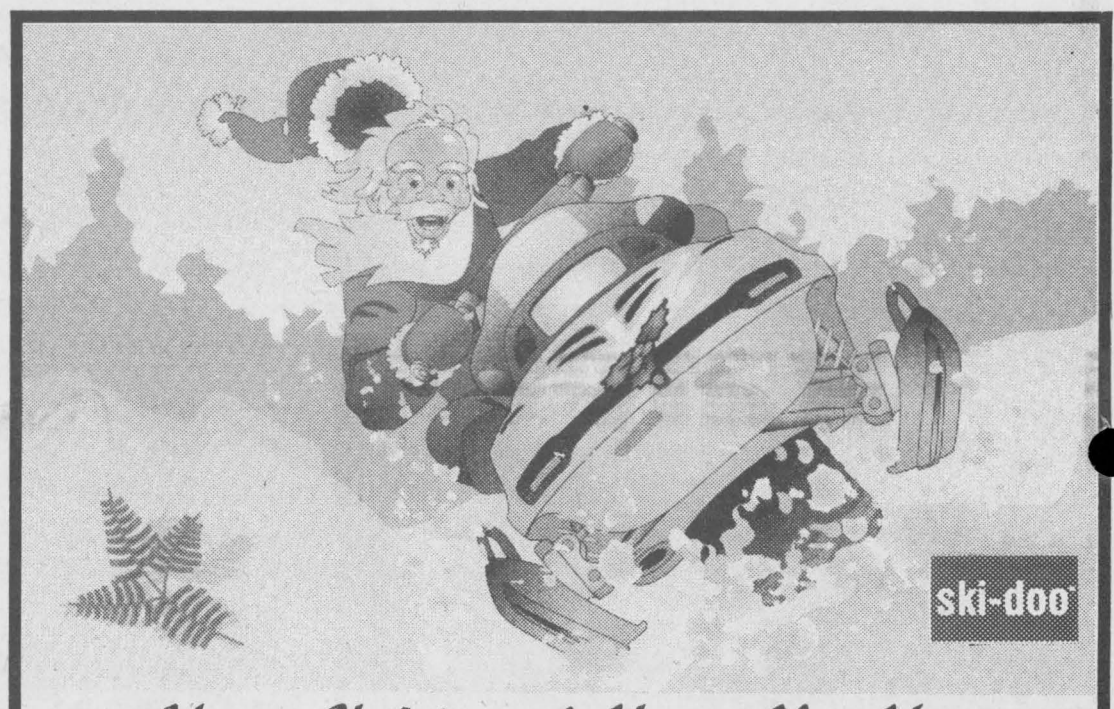

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To Santa With Love



Just in the "Nick" of time, we're pleased to present these heartwarming letters from our area's kids to their favorite holiday hero.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer doing? How are you doing Santa? I like the presents you gave me last year. Thank you for the C.D. that you gave me last Christmas. I would like some Poke'mon cards. Mrs. Claus are you making cookies for Santa Claus?
Your friend,
Reilly Grootjans.

Dear Santa,
Do you like milk and cookies? Tell Rudolph that he is my favourite reindeer. Would you get my mom the ring she has wanted for so long? My dad would like some after shave. Willy would like Thunder and some Nascars for me , please.
Sincerely,
Timmy Rudow.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be good. If it is no trouble, I would like a Gameboy Colour, a TV and a Teddy Bear.
I liked the presents you gave me last year. I will leave some milk and cakes.
Love,
Shelby Roode.

Dear Santa,
I liked everything you gave me last year. I would like a black helmet and I need a black mask too. I would also like a Nintendo 64.
Your friend,
Ryan Robinson.

Dear Santa Claus,
I liked the presents you gave me last year. How is Rudolph? Is his nose still red? This year I would like some Poke'mon cards and a Poke'mon Hand Book and a Game Boy Colour, if that is not too much to ask for?
Sincerely,
Brittney Myers.

Dear Santa Claus,
I was a good boy this year. I would please, like a toy dolphin, mermaid and a robot that comes with a remote control for Christmas. I will leave a cookie for Rudolph on the stove.
Love
Devon Conklin.

Dear Santa,
I was a good boy this year. I would like 500 games please. I will leave cookies, milk and sugar for the reindeer.
Love,
Cory Anderson.

Dear Santa Claus,
I was a good boy this year. I would like a WWF World Heavy Weight Belt, Dinky cars and a wrestling ring, please.I will leave cookies, milk and sugar for your reindeer.
Love,
Chris Sherman.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bike for Christmas. I was a good girl this year. I will leave you some milk. Please and thank you.
Love,
Brittany Merkley.

Dear Santa,
I like you. How are your elves? For Christmas, I would like a C.D. player, C.D.s and a radio. Can you give Mrs. Hoy some erasers?
Your friend,
Tricia Dixon.

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas, I would like Baazrko, Nintendo 64DK and a Nintendo 64 Pokasnap. I know you have a lot of kids to deliver to but try to come to my house too, please.
Love,
Cameron Pelehos.

Dear Santa Claus,
Have a very, Merry Christmas. What do you want for Christmas? I would like a Pikachu stuffed animal for Christmas. I hope Christmas Eve is a good night to drive your sleigh.
Your friend,
Hannah Adams.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am going to go to B.C. That was where I used to live, so you should know that I'm going to live there again, but not this year. I want just happiness. Although dad insists I get some toys.
Love,
James Coligan.

Dear Santa,
I am only two years old so my Aunt Wendy is helping me write this letter to you. I have been a good girl all year long. I want a Barbi car for Christmas. Thanks, my older brother and I will leave some cookies and milk for you and some carrots and sugar for the reindeer.
Love,
Rachel Gibson.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year and worked hard at school. I was wondering if you could bring me some Poke'mon toys, a CD walkman (Sony Pysche) and a remote control VW car. I need a wallet and carpenter jeans. If this list is too long, any of the above will be great. Thanks and Merry Christmas!!
Your buddy,
Rudi Spaz.

Dear Santa,
I started school this year and like it a lot. My baby sister does not go to school yet, she stays with our sitter when I go on the bus. I have been a good boy this year and hope you will bring me some Power Rangers for Christmas. Please leave something for my Aunt Wendy too, she tries to be good most of the time.
Your pal
Kirk Gibson.

Dear Santa,
I liked the presents you gave me last year. I've been trying to be good. I got a new dog named Spot. Maybe you could bring a present for Spot. I'll leave cookies and milk out for you and sugar for the reindeer. I would like some Poke'mon cards.
Love
Kelli Kayln.

Dear Santa,
Hello! Santa, I likes the presents you gave me last year. For Christmas this year, I would like skates, a bike, a C.D. player and C.D.s. My dad got me a puppy. I had to open it because he is a puppy!
Love,
Brittiny Crawford.

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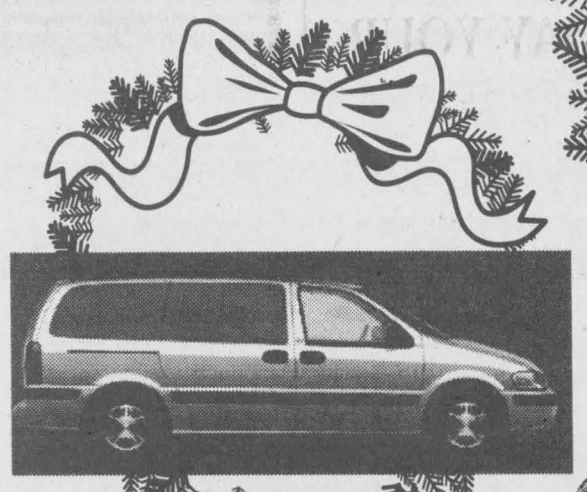



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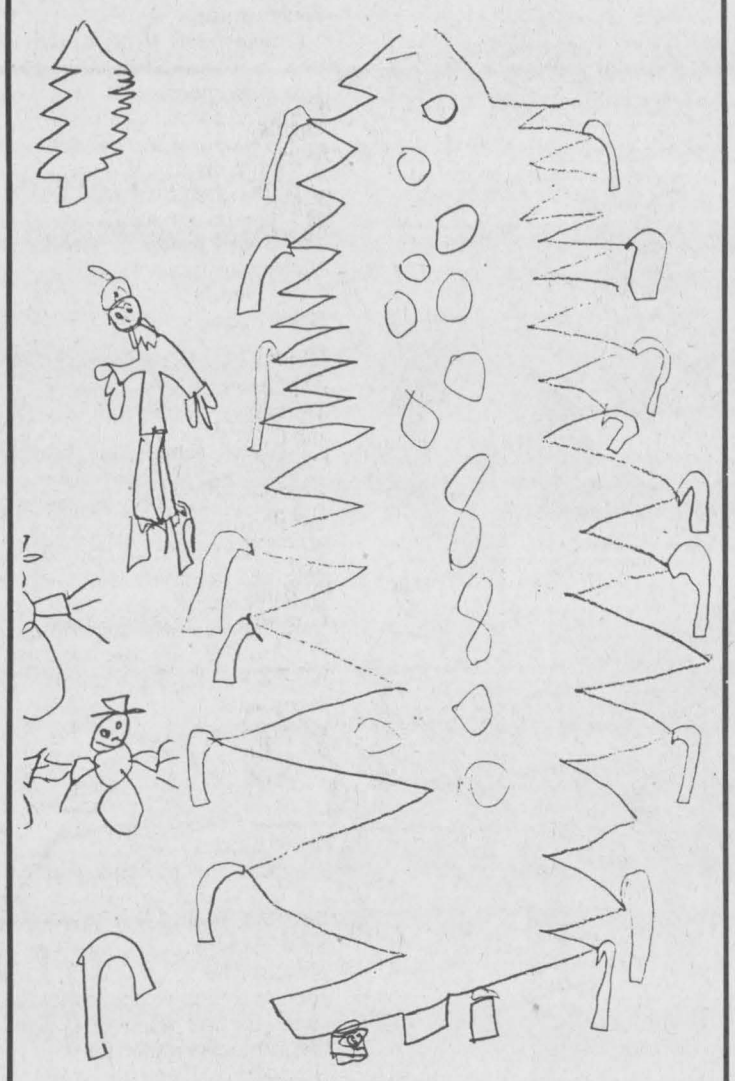


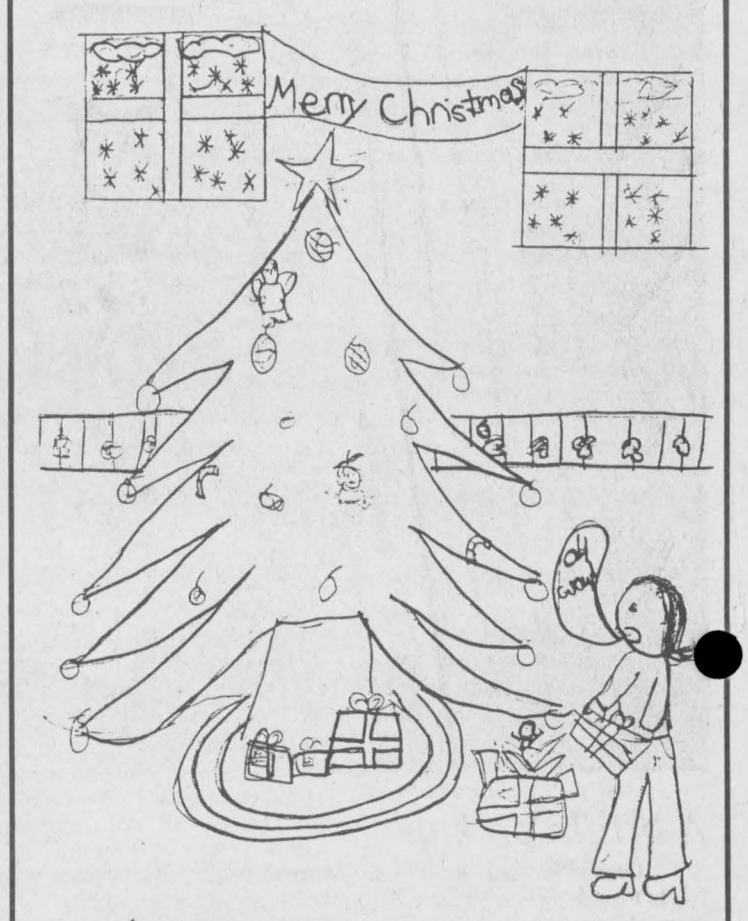
Michael Edwards
Benson Public School, Grade 1



Seasonal Horn

Dustin Delegrade plays the big horn as the Seaway High Bands and Choir celebrated the season with a Christmas Concert at the school. A larger than usual crowd came out to hear the young people as they played and sang seasonal music.

Chieftain Photo by S. L.Johnston



Melissa Goodridge,
Iroquois Public School, Grade 4

What is Christmas

What Christmas means to me
Christmas means love and joy. Christmas means love and joy because Jesus came into the world. We give presents to each other on Christmas. Christmas isn't just about Santa it's also about Jesus. Jesus Christ was born on Christmas. Christmas is also about giving. Family and friends get together and celebrate Christ. We know the true meaning of Christmas and we will always remember it.
by Michael Zandbergen, Daniel Sears (both in grade 1) and Kaitlyn Douma (grade 5)
Timothy Christian School

What is Christmas?
giving presents
opening presents
spending time with relatives
having fun
being kind
the birth of Jesus Christ
eating dinner together
That's Christmas.
by Jeff Eamon
Grade 6
Iroquois Public School

What's Christmas Spirit?
love and sharing
giving not taking
red, green, white, and gold
having fun with others
helping others on this day
decorating with delight
the heart of Christmas
That's Christmas Spirit.
by Cameron Keicks
Grade 6
Iroquois Public School

What is Christmas?
Sharing gifts with others.
getting dressed up.
buying food to make a Christmas dinner.
Shopping, shopping and more shopping.
a time not to fight with mom.
inviting grandma over.
Telling everyone your Christmas list.
wrapping gifts for people.
That's Christmas.
by Samantha Raymond
Grade 6
Iroquois Public School

What's Christmas
a season of giving
playing in the snow
sledding with your friends
putting up your Christmas tree
opening presents
spending time with family
eating all that good food
shovelling snow
parents gaining weight
That's Christmas!
by Scott Speer
Grade 6
Iroquois Public School

What's Christmas?
a sharing time of year
opening gifts
joy through out the world
no school until January
a special day
the most fun time of all
visiting your relatives
That's Christmas.
by Jonny Beatson
Grade 6
Iroquois Public School

The Legend of the Candy Cane

Of all the beautiful traditions Christmas, few are so ancient in meaning and so rich in symbolism as the simple candy cane.
It's shape is the crook of the shepherd
One of the first who came;

The lively peppermint flavour is the regal gift of spice
The white is Jesus' purity, the red his sacrifice;

The narrow stripes are friendship and the nearness of this love
Eternal sweet compassion, a gift from God above;

The candy cane reminds us all of just how much God cared
And like his Christmas gift to us, it's meant to be broken and shared.



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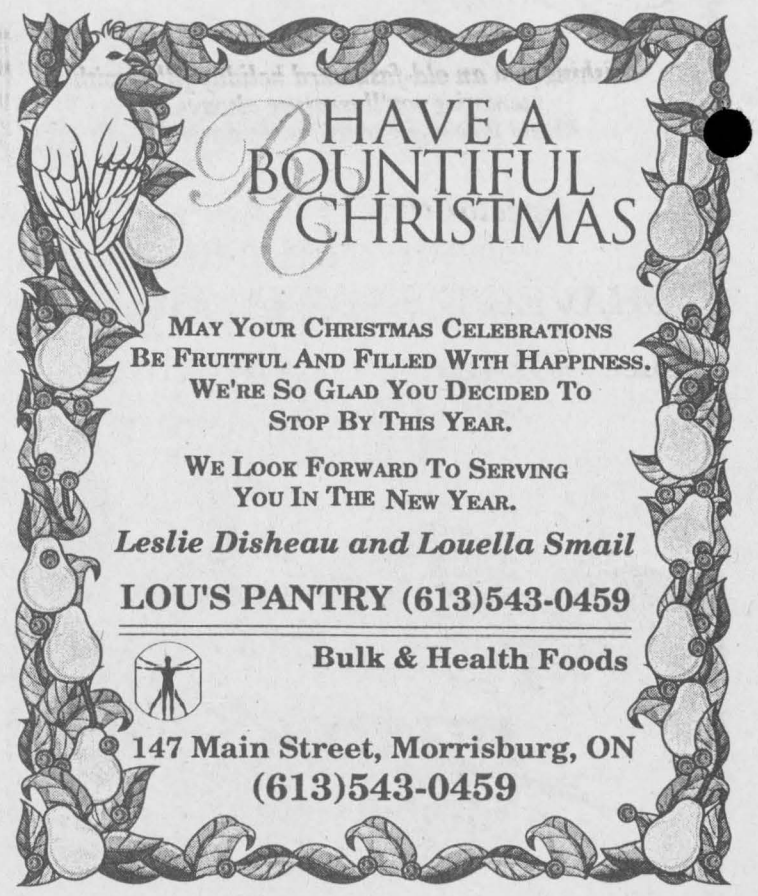

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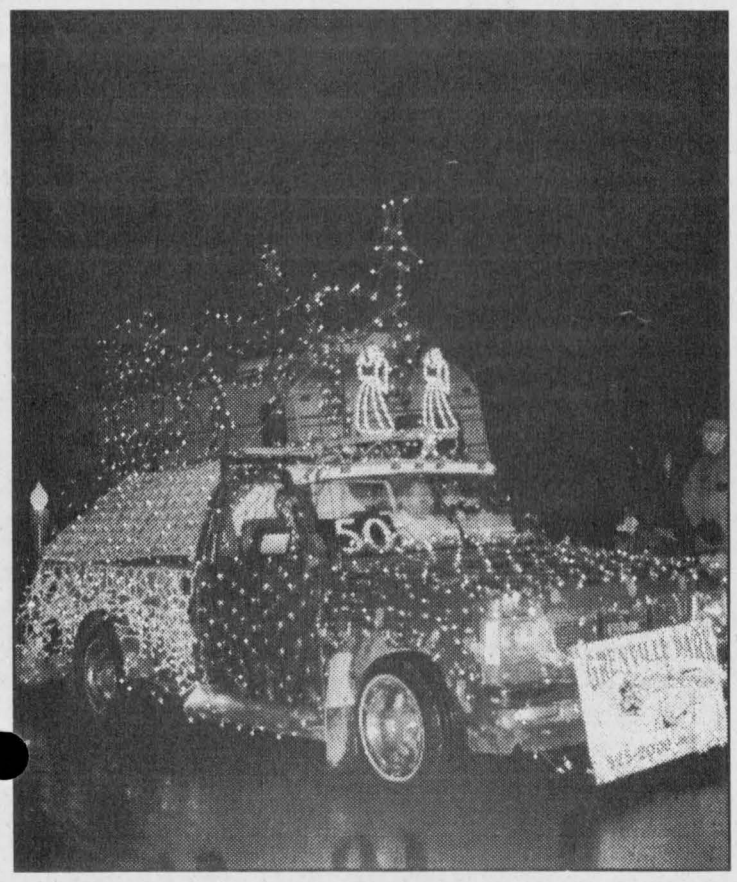

A bright pickup

Grenville Park in Johnstown took part in the Light up the Night Parade in Winchester this year. The bright coloured lights on the pick-up made quite a display as they wound around the village streets. An amazing sight this parade draws a pile of entries.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Christmas Prose

Santa Claus
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Santa's much too fat, oh my gosh look at that my living room is flat.
On Christmas Eve you leave some treats for Santa and his reindeer, he eats too much, he gets too full that he can hardly steer.
Santa Claus, Santa Claus. How much do you weigh. I feel pity for the reindeer that have to pull your sleigh.
by Jenni Kalyn
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Winter
One of my favorite seasons
The time for snowboarding
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Winter is the time for
Snowmen and snowangels

Winter is the time for hockey
Slapshot he scores

Winter is also the time
When Christmas comes around
Toys, books, clothes,
snowboards
by Glen McNamara
Grade 8
Benson Public School

Animals
Animals are standing around the
Manger watching the little baby
Boy the animals looked and
Wondered what he would do
All the animals thought he
Was cute.
by Matthew Tibben
Grade 3
Timothy Christian School

A Christmas Poem
The tree is up, the stockings hung
Christmas eve is soon.
Fluffy snowflakes dance in the sky
On the light of the silver moon
Christmas ferries weave their spells
Of Frosty colours gay
Little children dream gentle dreams
and wait for Christmas day
Hats and mittens slowly dry by the heat of the burning fire
waiting for the coming day
As the snow piles higher and higher
Christmas gives me a special joy
a warm and tingly feeling
A feeling much like love and joy
Of sentimental healing
by Holly Johnston
Iroquois Public School

C is for Christmas that comes once a year.
H is for holly that people decorate their house with.
R is for Reindeer that pulls Santa around on Christmas Eve.
I is for Icicle lights that hang from porches at Christmas time.
S is for Santa that bring presents for good little children.
T is for Christmas Tree that people decorate with their family.
M is for every one to have a Merry Christmas.
A is for angels that watch over every one.
S is for season greetings.
Merry Christmas
by Jennifer Sherman
Grade 8
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Jesus Game
Jesus came
To save us
Sins
He is mighty
Jesus loves us
Christmas is His
Birthday
King of the world
Power of everything
Our Saviour
by Emma-Lee Dawn Grotenhuis
Timothy Christian School

Christs's birth
Holiday greetings
Wreath
Incense
Shepherds
Time for celebrating
Mary
Angels
Jesus
by Ashley DeKleine and Holly Byker
Timothy Christian School

What Christmas Means to Me
At Christmas I like to set up decorations like Christmas lights and Christmas trees. I like to go Christmas shopping to buy presents for others.
The most important is Jesus birth which we celebrate Christmas day!
by Holly Byker
Timothy Christian School



Olivia Wright Grade 2



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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,
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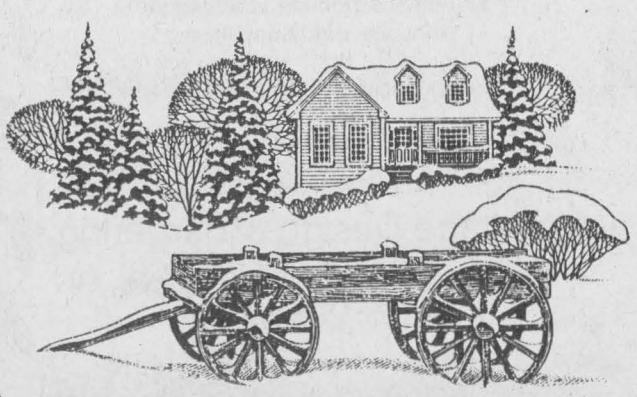



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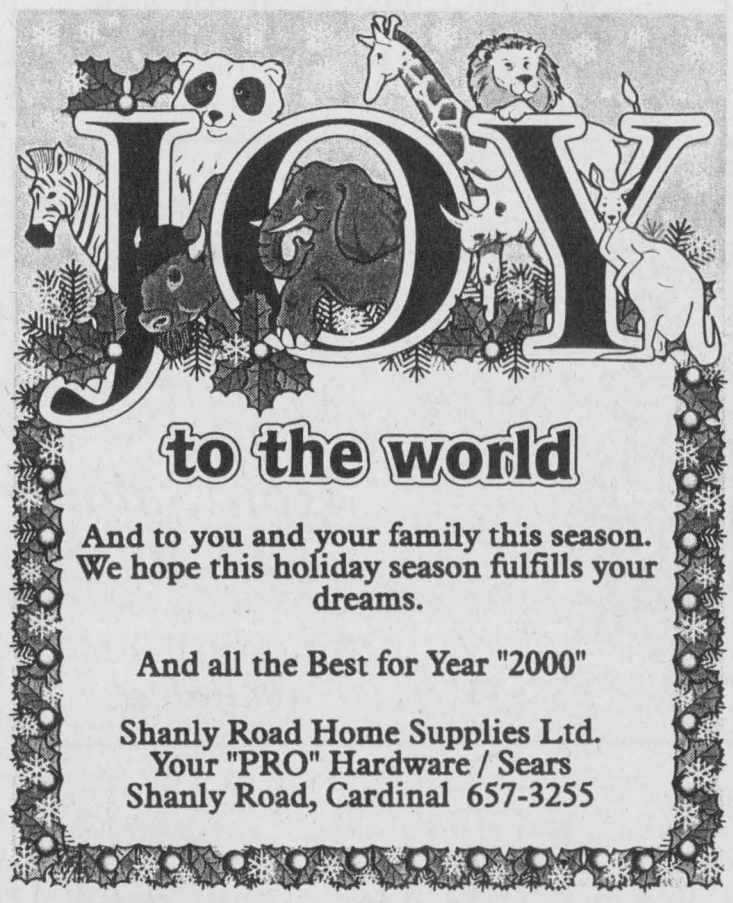

And to you and your family this season. We hope this holiday season fulfills your dreams.

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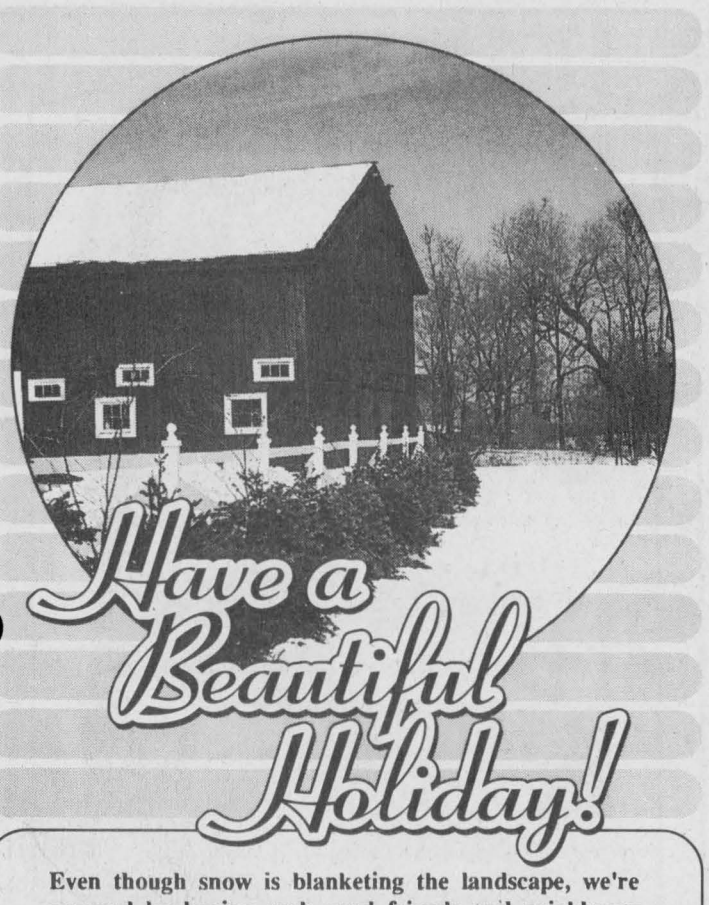

Have a Beautiful Holiday!

Even though snow is blanketing the landscape, we're warmed by having such good friends and neighbours around us this season. We hope you have a joyful and festive holiday, and a very happy and healthy year ahead.

From Harry & Iena Van't Foort, Rick, Mike, Paul & Charles

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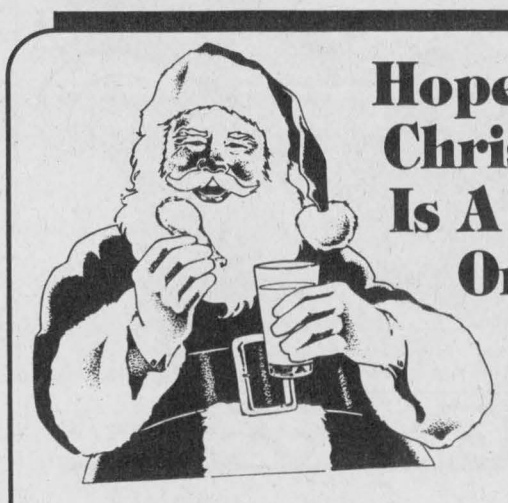

Hope Your Christmas Is A Jolly One!

As you enjoy all the delicious goodies and warm times that are such an important part of the holidays, we hope you'll savor every last moment.

From Tom & Nicky

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Mr. Mouse

It could be Stuart Little or just a large mouse, but the youngsters were happy to shake his hand (foot?) as he strolled along the Parade route in Morrisburg. These characters were a great help to the parade as they walked along, got close up and personal with the youngsters along the way. *Chieftain Photo by S.L Johnston*

The Plants of Christmas

English Ivy

Holly was known and revered by early British Druids and Roman pagans. The Druids thought it was a special favourite of the sun because it was evergreen. The Romans used it as a charm to ward off lightning and evil spells and believed its blossoms could repel poison. They sent sprigs of holly to their friends during Saturnalia. The early Christian church forbade the use of holly, particularly during Saturnalia, but the Romans largely ignored the ban. So did the British among whom arose the custom of hanging sprigs of holly about the house as hiding places for Christmas elves and fairies. In Germany a soberer legend evolved about the holly, which was called Christdorn, or Christ's crown of thorns. The berries were believed to have been white until they were stained with Christ's blood.

Ivy

The traditions held holly to be a man's plant, ivy a woman's. To the Greeks, ivy was an emblem of happiness, fertility and honour. Poets were crowned with it. Bacchus, the god of wine wore a rather rakish crown of ivy perhaps because it was supposed to prevent intoxication. Also an emblem of fidelity, it was used in wreaths for the newly married. Its black berries at one time were thought to be a remedy for the plague. They weren't of course. Ivy was used as decoration for churches and homes at Christmas, but only for outer passages and on doorways where it was put up on Christmas Eve, taken down on Candlemas Eve. And poles twined with ivy and holly, the woman's plant and the man's were set up for Christmas sports and games.

Poinsetta

The Poinsetta, native to the new World is one of the very few strictly American plants that have been absorbed into the body of Christmas legends. It has become a traditional Christmas plant chiefly because of its bright, red colour. But there is a Mexican legend about the poinsettia that clearly is a lineal descendant of the legend about hellebore, the Christmas rose. In this Mexican version,a little girl, child of a family of poor peons, was on her way to church on Christmas eve and was so sad at having no gift to place on the altar for the Virgin and Child that she wept. An angel heard her and told her to gather an armload of twigs from the roadside. She did and by the time she reached the church they were in full bloom, an armload of poinsettias, a beautiful gift to place at the altar.

European Mistletoe

Mistletoe legends reach back to norse mythology and Virgil's Aeneid. Mistletoe was the Druids' golden herb. Robed in white, they cut it with a golden sickle and caught it in a white cloth before it touched the ground. It symbolized purity and strength was hung in houses to bring happiness, promote romance, enforce peace. If enemies met beneath the mistletoe they disarmed and kept truce that day. because of the plant's pagan associations, the church banned it from Christmas ceremonies, but its magic was so strong that people used it secretly and even monks wore it as a hidden amulet. It was believed to exorcise witches and demons, protect from fits, lung fever, tremors and poison. European mistletoe frows on oaks. American mistletoe grows on maples and tupelos.



Jacob Sparling
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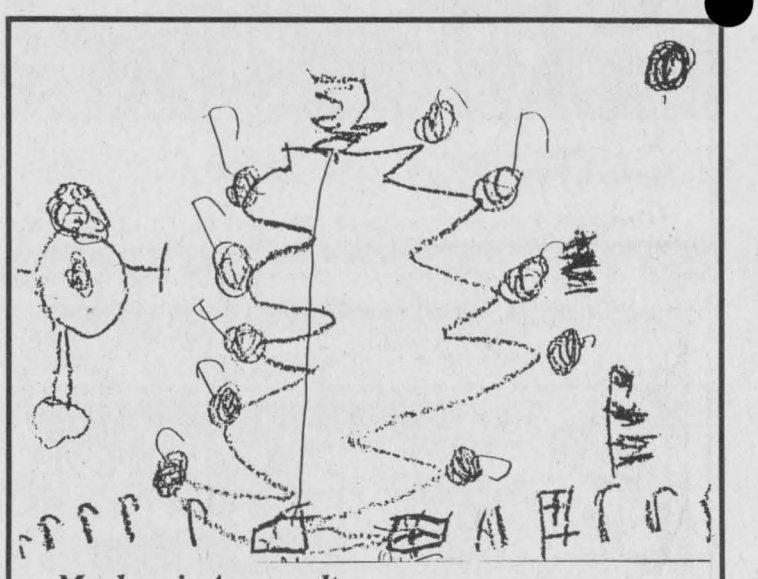

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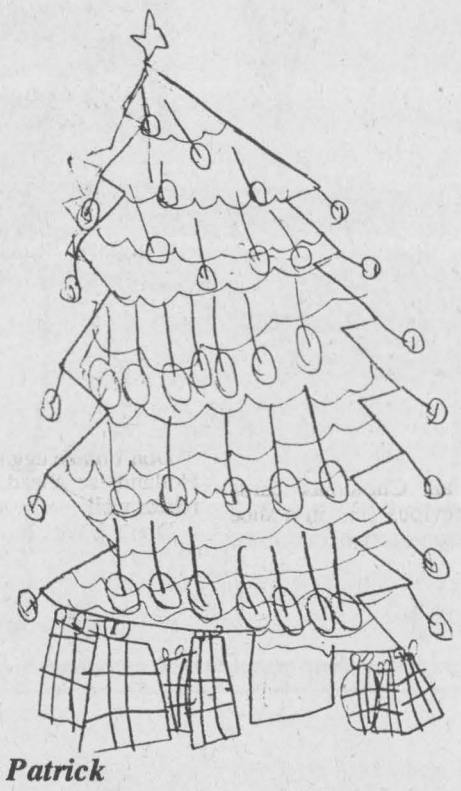

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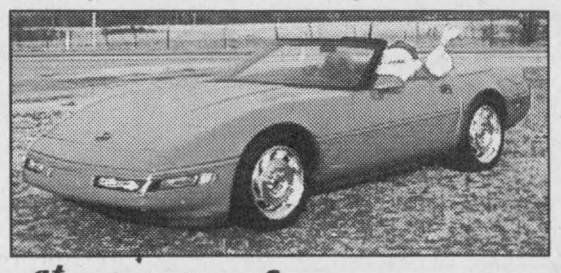
In The Spirit Of The Season

Holiday trimmings and presents galore. Buying the tree and rushing to the store. It's pretty hectic when you're at the holiday pace. But remember to relax and feel Gods embrace.

Wishing all of you the peace and harmony of the season.

Councillor, Audrey Rooney

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2000
from Santa and his friends



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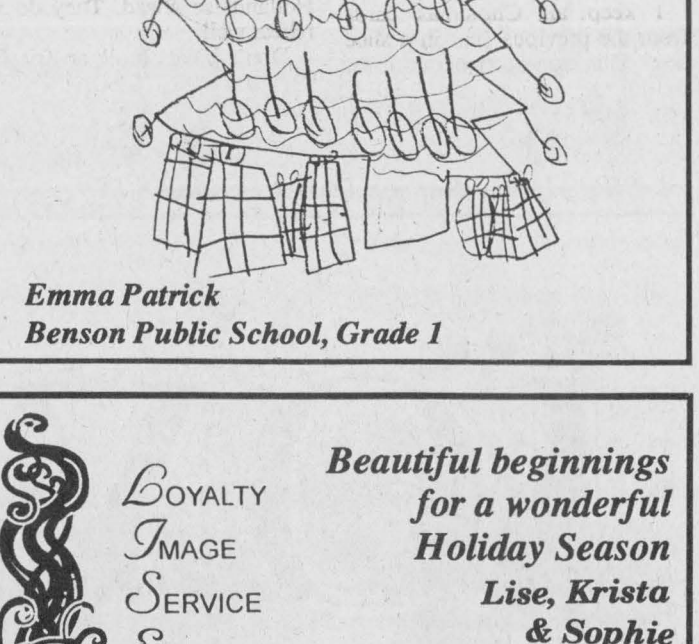

In the spirit of peace and joy, we offer greetings and thanks to each of you.

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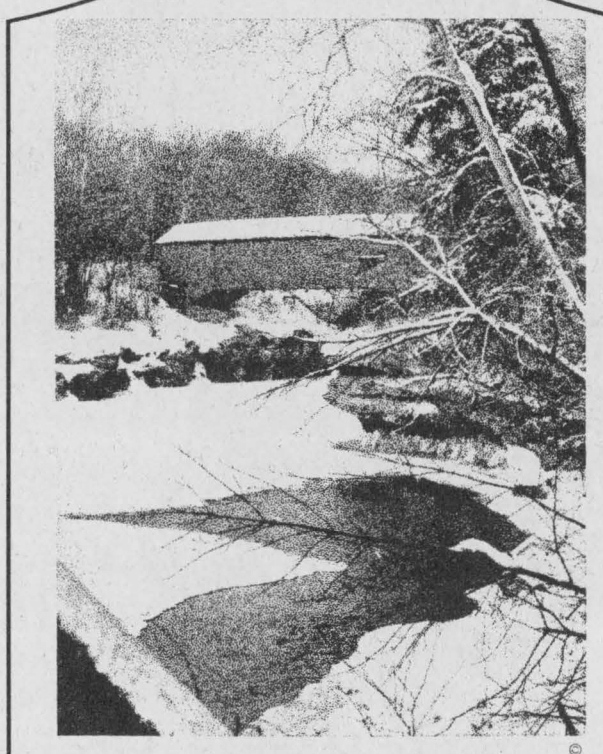
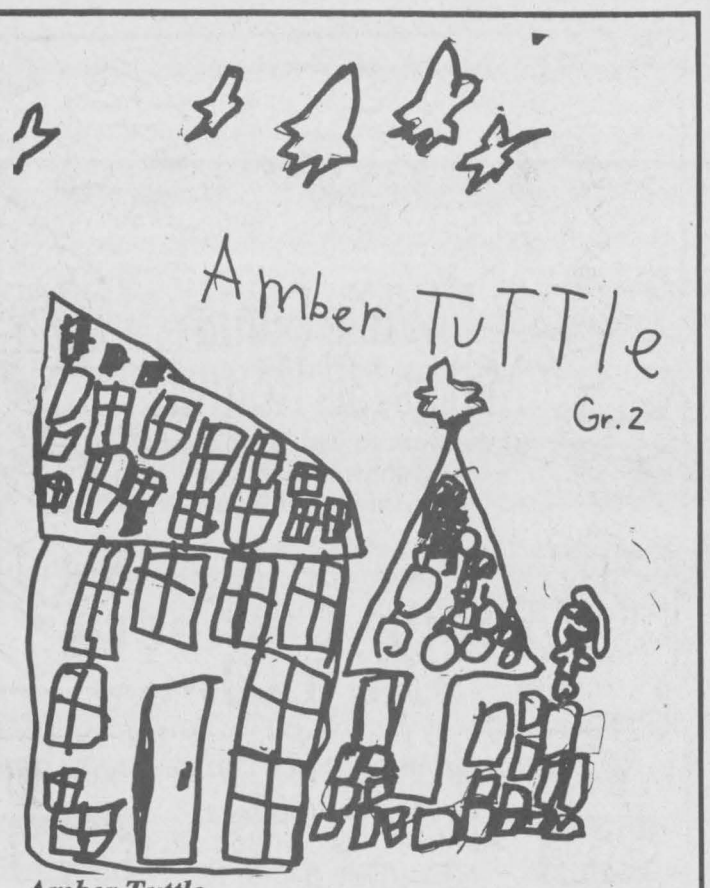


The holiday blossoms with good tidings.
May you know peace throughout the year.
Many thanks.

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



Amber Tuttle
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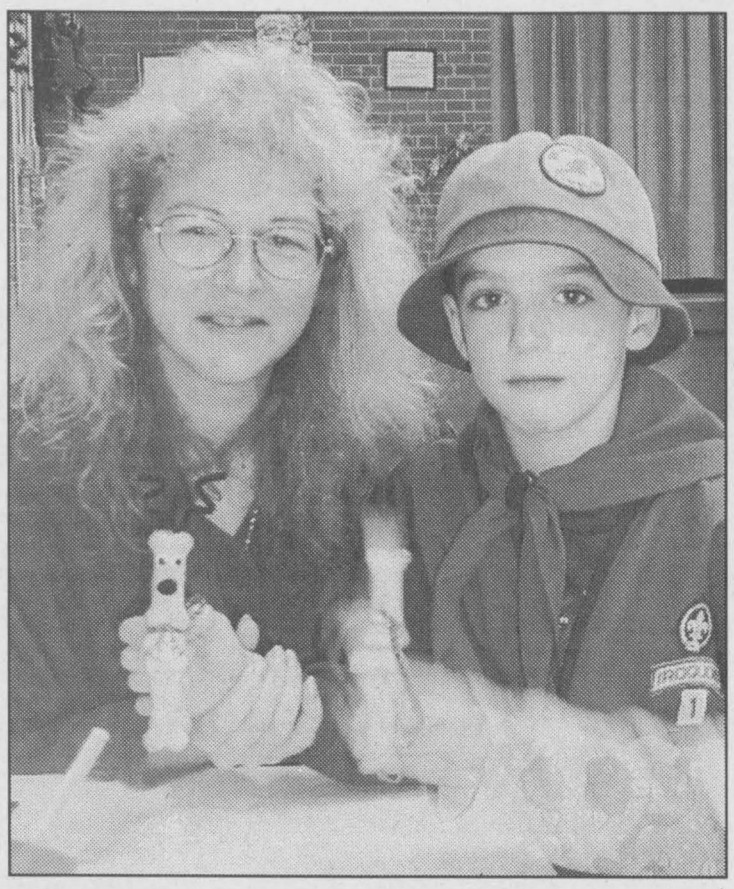

A dog-bone reindeer

A Beaver with the 1st Iroquois Colony shows his reindeer as Hawkeye (aka Tammy Blakely) completed the gluing of the bisquits together. A cute reindeer the youth were happy with their new friends.

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Nicole Dixons Public School, Grade 3

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A hassle free Christmas

Taking the last minute hassle out of Christmas

Start early in the year ... say January or February ... and start buying then. I watch for the sales and try to take advantage of them. Remember, however, what you buy is what you keep! There are no exchanges on 11-month old goods or marked-down merchandise, so you have to be sure about sizes. I keep a list of names in a notebook in my purse, and by the end of summer or early in the fall season, the bulk of my shopping is done.

Start your gift wrapping on one of those wet and cold fall days when you have the house to yourself. I keep all my gift wrappings in a separate, easy-to-get-at box, and once a gift is wrapped I tuck it away on a shelf in a little-used closet. Just in case my memory fails me (as it is inclined to with greater frequency these days), I put a small, easily removed sticker (Post-it notes are great for this) on the end of the parcel, so I will know what is in it.

I keep all Christmas cards from the previous year in a shoe box. This serves two purposes, firstly as a reference for this year's card list. Subsequently, the cards that are suitable (ones with writing space on the front) are separated from their backs and used as gift tags. I got into this habit when I found that the really nice gift tags come in packages of four for the pricely sum of $1.99! Pinking shears create a nice edge when using parts of the original card front (Christmas trees, Santas, and so on). If a hole is punched and the card attached to a gift by a ribbon, there is ample space to write a greeting on the underside of the attractive gift tag.

Visit your local wallpaper store frequently. You can often find rolls of very suitable wallpaper in a sale bin – it makes wonderful wrapping paper. I've been lucky in picking out winter scenes and children's paper; last year I even found a lovely red velour roll. You can save a bundle this way, too!

When gift opening is underway on Christmas morning, I'm busy retrieving everyone's ribbons and bows. I put everything in a large paper bag, and when things are a bit quieter after the holidays, I iron the ribbon and roll it on toilet-paper rolls (saved, of course, for this purpose) and store them until the next Christmas season.

Things to do early to make Christmas cooking easier

Make a bag of bread crumbs and keep it in the freezer. You can do the same with cracker crumbs.

Keep a bag of shredded cheddar cheese in the freezer. Use up all the leftover pieces of cheese this way, and toss a bit on a casserole, salad or open-faced sandwich.

Chop onions and green peppers. Spread on a cookie sheet and freeze. When frozen, place in separate bags to store. These keep nicely for three months.

Freeze dollops of whipped cream. Line a cookie sheet with waxed paper. Drop dollops of stiffly beaten cream and freeze. Gently place in a container and seal tightly. Minutes before using, remove as many dollops as you wish and pop them on your favourite dessert to finish thawing.

Here are some do-ahead *don'ts*

Don't stuff a turkey, chicken, roast or fish ahead.

Don't make egg sauces such as Hollandaise ahead. They do not reheat well.

Don't bake, broil or fry fish ahead. It dries out quickly and gets tough.

Don't include the potatoes when making stew if you intend to freeze the stew. They get watery and spongy. Instead, add the the cooked potatoes when you are reheating the stew.

Don't scrimp on freezer bags. Supermarket bags are not always airtight, allowing freezer burn.

Wishing You a
Sweet Christmas

Hope you enjoy an abundance of happiness, good company and all the sweet joys that the holiday season has to offer.

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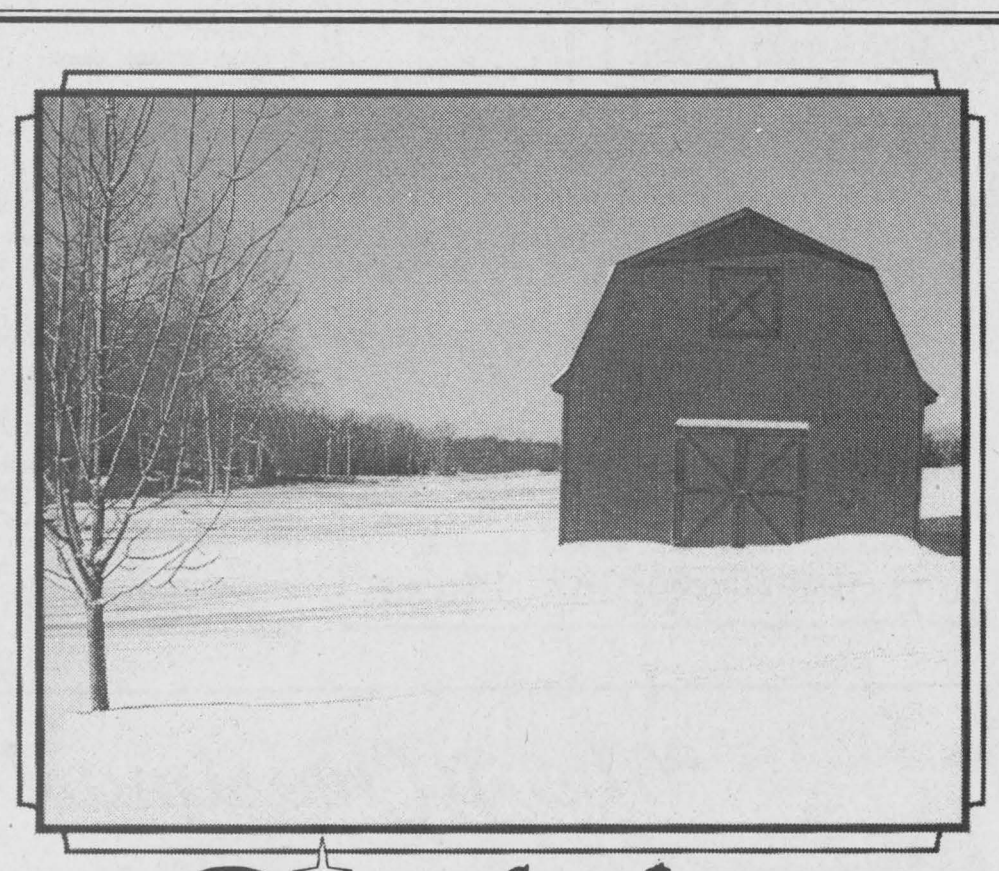

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Santa lands at the Legion

Everybody's a kid again as Santa jingles his way into the kitchen at the Iroquois Legion. Here, Corale Guerkink receives a candy cane from Santa, a moment of jolly diversion from duties at Friday's turkey dinner. *Chieftain photo by N. H. Zandbergen*



Holiday Sweets & Treats

Rosy Holiday Punch

With its tangy juice and lovely blush colour, this punch is fun to serve and it is a refreshing beverage to go with a holiday meal or the sweet treats of the season.

*1 bottle (32 oz.) cranberry juice
*1 can (12 oz.) frozen orange juice concentrate thawed
*2 tablespoons sugar
*1/4 teaspoon ground all spice
*1 bottle (1 litre) ginger ale, chilled
*lemon and orange slices-optional

In a large container, combine cranberry juice, orange juice concentrate, sugar, all spice, and mix well. Cover and chill at least 2 hours. Just before serving, add ginger ale, mix well. Garnish with lemon and orange slices if desired. Makes about 18-20 servings of 1/2 cup each.

Crispy Christmas Trees

These holiday novelties wild raw admiring comments wherever you serve them...a sprinkle of sugar supplies a Yuletide touch to each fanciful hand-shaped creation.

* 2 tablespoons butter (no substitutes)
* 2 cups pastel miniature marshmallows
* 3 cups crisp rice crispies
* 1/4 cup finely chopped pecans
* Green decorator's sugar
* Confectioner's sugar

In a heavy saucepan, melt butter. Stir marshmallows; cook and stir over low heat until melted. Remove from teh heat; stir in cereal and pecans. Let cool just enough to handle. With greased hands shape into trees. Work quickly as the cereal hardens quickly and becomes difficult to form. Roll in green sugar. Place on a serving tray, dust with confectioner's sugar. Yields about 1/2 dozen.

When the table has been cleared and everyone is sitting around visiting and watching the tube, stuffed from head to toe, the leftovers hover and everyone wonders what to do with them. One great idea is always homemade soup. No more wonderful a smell can fill a wintry home than soup as it bubbles and simmers on the stove. No more tasteful food will cross cold lips than homemade soup. Well worth the trouble, this is a great way to use that turkey to full advantage.

Turkey barley soup

* 1 turkey carcass
* 6 qts. or 7L water
* 12 peppercorns or several good shakes from the pepper shaker
* 2 cups or 500ml celery cut into fairly large pieces
* 3 bay leaves
* 1 large cooking onion cut into chunks
* 2 garlic cloves finely chopped
* 1 cup or 250ml barley
* 2-28oz cans or 2-796ml cans stewed tomatoes, drained, chopped
* 1 onion..yes, another
* 1 cup or 250ml celery chopped, yes, more!
* 1cup 250ml carrots finely chopped
* 2tsp or 10ml salt.

Combine the first seven ingredients in a big pot. Bring to a boil, covered. Turn down the heat and let everything simmer about 1 1/2 hours. Remove the carcass and pick the meat off the bones. Store meat in fridge.

Drain the broth through a sieve into a larger bowl. Refrigerate overnight.

The next day skim off and discard any fat from the turkey broth.

Bring broth back to the boil and add the barley, turkey pieces, tomatoes and remaining ingredients. Cook at least 45 minutes on reduced heat. Serve with crusty bread and enjoy.

Cherry Drops

* 1 1/2 cups or 375 ml sifted icing sugar
* 1/2 cup or 250ml butter
* 1/1/2 cups or 375 ml coconut graham wafers crushed
* 48 maraschino cherries.

Mix the first 3 ingredients together and shape into small balls. Place a cherry in the centre of each ball, then roll into crushed graham wafers. Chill and store in refrigerator. Makes approximately 4 dozen cookies.

How to plan ahead and make this the best Christmas Dinner ever!!

** Give cooks space by serving a cold appetizer in the living room. Choose something that won't dampen enthusiasm for the Christmas feast...a dip like the tasty Caesar below served with fresh vegetables and thin slices of baguette or crackers will please everyone.

Caesar Dip

* 1/3 cup-75ml mayo
* 2tbsp-25ml lemon juice
* 1tbsp -15ml Worcestershire Sauce
* 1 tsp-5ml Dijon mustard
* 1/4 tsp-1ml pepper
* 2 anchovy fillets minced or 1tsp anchovy paste
* dash hot pepper sauce
*1 clove garlic minced
* 1/4 cup-50ml olive oil
* 1/2 cup-125ml sour cream
* 1/4 cup-50ml parmesan cheese.

In a bowl, whisk together mayo, lemon juice, Worcestershire Sauce, mustard, pepper, anchovies, hot pepper sauce and garlic, whisk in oil until blended. Stir in sour cream and cheese. taste and adjust seasoning if necessary. Cover and will refrigerate up to a day.

During the time the turkey stands before carving, make the gravy and pop any other side dishes into the microwave or oven to reheat.

Avoid last minute vegetable side dishes that need to be cooked on top of the stove. Choose delicious freeze ahead vegetables or serve pureed veggies like mashed potatoes, turnip etc. and make then an hour or so before the turkey comes out of the oven.

Instead of green veggies, offer the fresh crunch and flavour of a crisp salad. Dress it with an orange vinaigrette and a sprinkle of red pomegranate seeds or chopped cranberries and serve after the main course.

Piping hot serving dishes ensure hot food. Warm dishes in the oven once the turkey has some out and the oven is off or pour boiling water into serving dishes a few minutes before using them. Drain and dry them and fill the dishes with hot food and whisk them to the table.

Choose a make-ahead dessert that does not need last minute tending.

Do not forget the Christmas cakes and puddings that have been ripening deliciously since last November!











What's in a Word

CANDY CANES by **Samantha Wilson**

Christmas
Angel
Nicholas
Decorations
Yeh!

Crunchy
A gift
North Pole
Enormous presents
Sweet.

STAR by **Chanda Strader**

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Toy
Angel
Rudolph.

ORNAMENT by Randy Froats

On Snow we play
Rudolph
North
Angel
Merry
Elves
Never eat snow
Toys.

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Magic
Into the chimney
Santa Claus
Toys
Love
Elves
Teddy
Ornamnets
Enjoying Christmas.

SANTA by **Alex Smellink**

S is for Santa
A is for Angel
N is for North Pole
T is for Toys
A is for all the love we share.

CHRISTMAS by **Tiffany VanDodewaard**

Christmas is here!
Ho! Ho! Ho!
Rudolph the red nosed reindeer
Ice is so cold
Santa laughing-Ho! Ho! Ho!
Toys dancing around
Mistletoes hanging on the ceiling
Angels glittering in the night sky
Stocking hung on the fireplace.

RUDOLPH by **Josh Tetley**

Reindeer
Until Santa Comes
Drum
Ornamnets
Love Christmas
Presents
Houses for Santa to visit.

SANTA CLAUS by **Curtis Robinson**

Snowmen
Angels
North pole
Tree
A reindeer

Candy Canes
Laughter
After playing
Up on the rooftop
Sleigh.

Christmas Mouse

Squeak! Squeak!
Goes the Christmas mouse.
Scurrying around.
Finding a piece of Christmas cake.
Bringing it home to his family.
Having a Christmas feast.
All of them sitting around.
They say grace.
Fill their mouths with all they could eat.
They hear people inside a house.
Having as much fun inside as the mice are out.
The mice then realize something.
It doesn't matter where you live.
Whether great or small.
The Christmas spirit fills everyone's heart with love and happiness.

by Miranda Kenney
Grade 8
Benson Public School

SANTA by **Amanda Ault**

Stocking
Angel
North Pole
Tree
A Ho! Ho! Ho!

REINDEER by **Melisssa Tschoumy**

Rudolph
Elves
Into the house
North Pole
Dolls
Enjoy
Elves making toys
Ready for christmas.

MISTLETOE by **Nathan Bygott**

Music
Icicles
Seeing snow
Toys
Elves prancing
Trees decorated
Ornaments
Enjoying Christmas.

MRS. CLAUS by Tosha Lennox

Mistletoe
Rudolph
Star
Christmas
Love
Angel
Unicorn
Stocking.

REINDEER by **Mike Barkley**

Rudolph
Eve
Ice
Night Santa Comes
Deer
Elves
Enjoy
Red for Santa's Suit.

What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas means giving presents to other people. Being a friend to others. Jesus was born on Christmas day. The bright star over Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Sitting around the Christmas tree by the fire. Decorating the house with Christmas lights. It is about singing in Church. Being able to see all your relatives.

by Mark Bouwman (grade 1) and Peter Buma (grade 5)

Christmas Poem

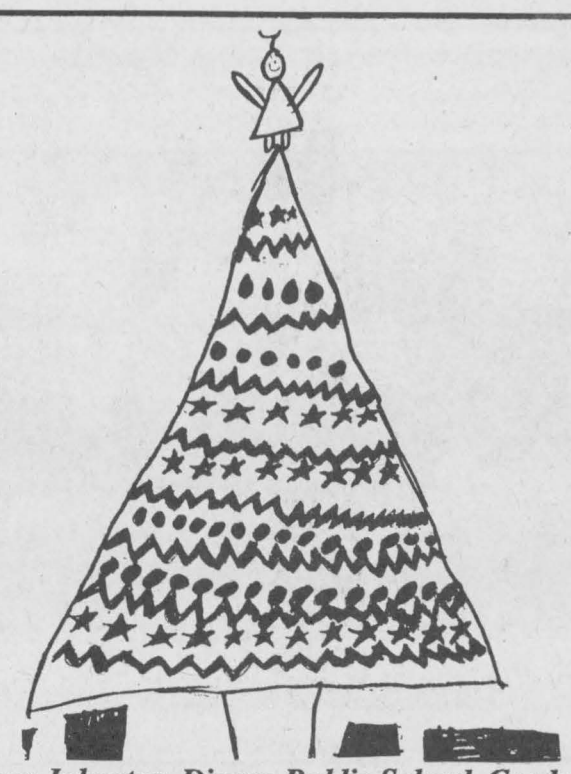
Christmas is a time of year to decorate the house inside and out,
Making gingerbread cookies for Santa and his reindeer,
Jesus was born
In a stable.
There were sheep and horses.
Even his Mom and Dad.
The wise men were there too.
To see the baby.

by Eric Harbers
Grade 3
Timothy Christian School

Christmas Poem

Christmas is a time of year to decorate the house inside and out,
Making gingerbread cookies for Santa and his reindeer,
Putting lights and bows on the tree and art on the house,
Making snowman in the shining white snow on a cold winters day,
Buying presents for friends and family,
It's the time of year for giving,
Pine needles rustling, glass balls shining off the walls,
Presents waiting to be opened, everybody's joyful,
It's Christmas day.
Merry Christmas everybody!

by JoAnn Perry
Grade 8
Benson Public School



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December

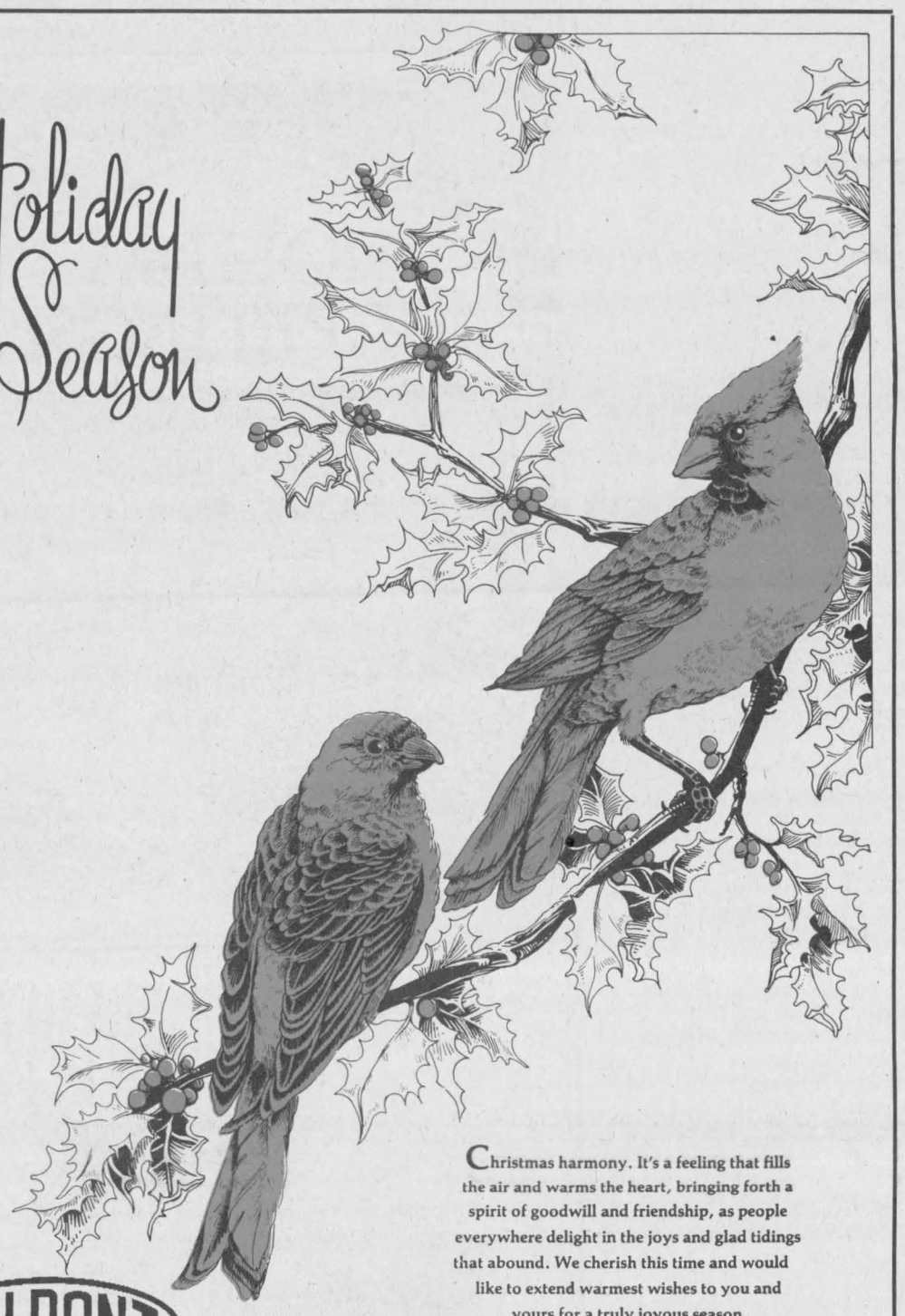
by Alleen Fisher
I like days
with a snow-white collar,
and nights when the moon
is a silver dollar,
and hills are filled
with eiderdown stuffing
and your breath makes smoke
like an engine puffing.

I like days
when feathers are snowing,
and all the eaves
have petticoats showing,
and the air is cold,
and rthe wires are humming,
but you feel all warm...
with Christmas coming!



Jordan Hawn, Iroquois Public School, Grade 4

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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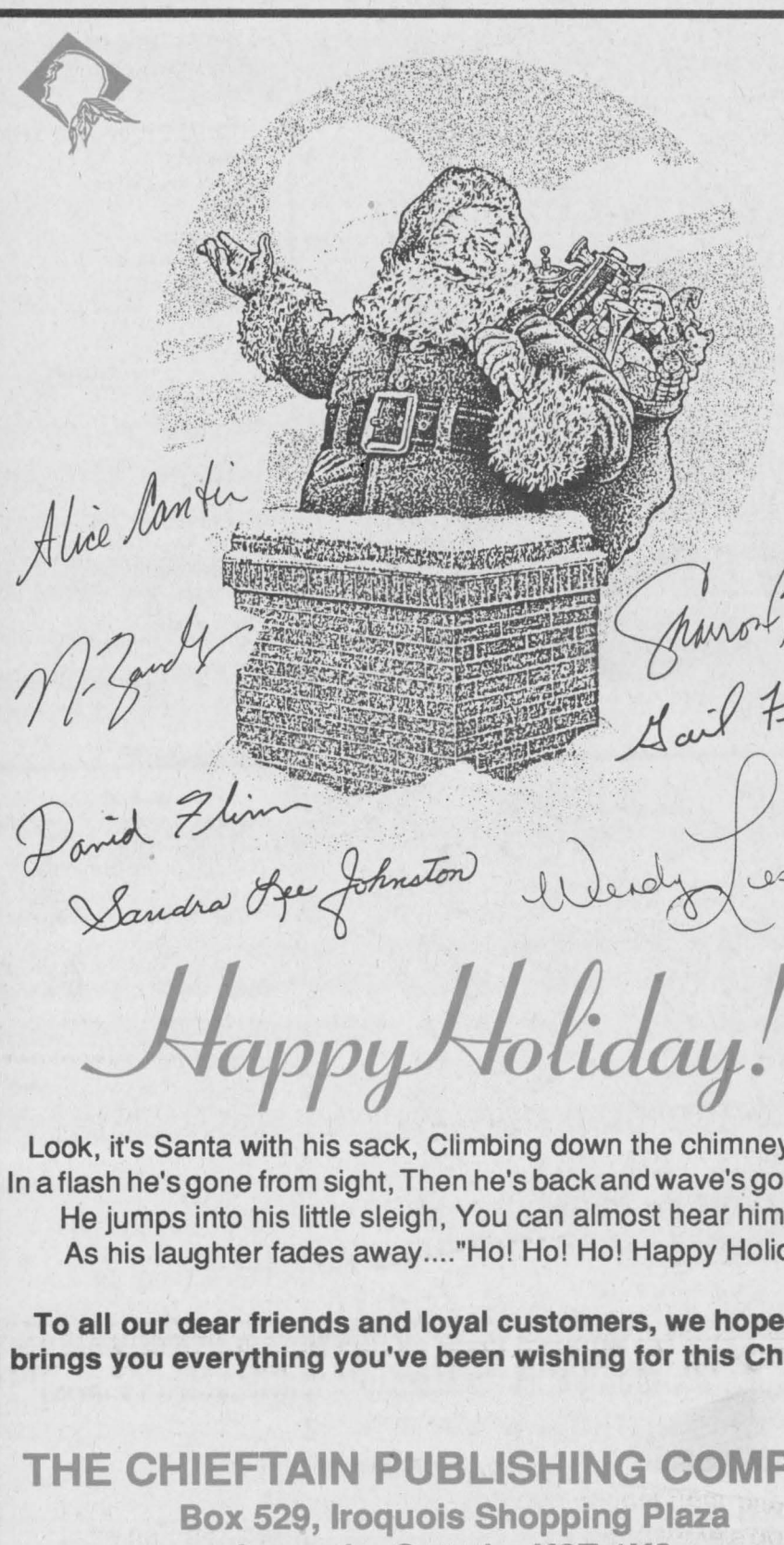

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Happy Holiday!

Look, it's Santa with his sack, Climbing down the chimney stack!
In a flash he's gone from sight, Then he's back and wave's good-night!
He jumps into his little sleigh, You can almost hear him say,
As his laughter fades away...."Ho! Ho! Ho! Happy Holiday!"

To all our dear friends and loyal customers, we hope Santa brings you everything you've been wishing for this Christmas.

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