

Local initiator proposes seniors' condominiums in Victoria Beach

by Pyteke Blaauw

Councillors of the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach have reacted favorably to the proposal of the building of a condominium for senior citizens, reports Jack Gregory, initiator of this concept.

What's involved

Gregory, who is a year-round resident of Victoria Beach, has approached council for the donation, or reasonable sale of three acres of land within the vicinity of Pine Road, on which a twenty-unit condominium with a central common area would be built. Council saw the plans as drawn by an architectural firm. The projected building cost will lie in the vicinity of \$800,000.

Gregory has obtained the information that the Central Housing and Mortgage Corporation is willing to supply a mortgage as a six percent interest. But five percent of the actual cost has to be secured. That means \$40,000. Gregory has found already two or three people willing to invest \$20,000 to \$25,000 each. Obtaining the basic \$40,000 is not considered a problem. "But," says Gregory, "I won't start unless a dozen people have joined, and their money is deposited. That will bring it up to \$300,000. The remainder then can be obtained through C.M.H.C."

Ownership of units

The units will be property of the individual residents. "Then supposedly the price per unit is \$40,000," continues Gregory, "the only cost for living in the condominium will be the maintenance of the building."

Gregory does not foresee the rental of the units, since that might well ruin the plan. "When government becomes involved in terms of rental subsidies, then anyone who has put money into a unit will say, 'Well if others can get in for nothing or very little, why should I pay the full shot.'"

This plan is built on private ownership. Gregory foresees a board of directors emerge from the ranks of the residents who will run the entire complex themselves.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Reading the many poems and stories received from the students in this region was a sheer delight for the staff of the *Winnipeg River Review*.

Towards the end of November the eight schools in the district were approached with the request to participate in this project. The response was enthusiastic.

Whoever thinks that our children are losing sight of the Christmas spirit should read the submitted stories carefully. In every one we received (and un-

Condominium versus government housing for seniors

The plan for a twenty-unit government subsidized seniors housing unit as initiated by Mrs. Helen Trainor was squashed by the M.L.A. for Lac du Bonnet, Sam Uskiw, at a September '85 meeting in Victoria Beach.

The alternative, a four-unit seniors' housing project, will in all likelihood become a reality, although nobody seems to know when.

Gregory does not see a conflict here. "The government seniors' housing plan is directed to a different clientele," says Gregory.

Nothing is official yet

Before anything will happen with the proposed concept of a condominium for seniors in Victoria Beach, Gregory needs to have an affirmative decision from the council of the Rural Municipality in terms of the available land, and the possible donation thereof.

Reeve Sam McMorris is to contact Jack Gregory, but as Gregory states, "This is not the time of year for serious thinking, let alone decisions. Perhaps the January council meeting will give us more."

Pine Falls to host Eastman Regional Winter Games badminton playoffs

Competitive and recreational badminton playoffs for the Eastman region will take place at the Pine Falls, Man. school gym on **Sunday, February 2, 1986** starting at **10:00 a.m.** The first place winners of the competitive badminton only, will go on to represent our Eastman region at the Manitoba Games '86 provincial playoffs to be held in Flin Flon, Manitoba, March 13-16.

You can only enter one of either the competitive or recrea-

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A New Year's Eve dance with a difference

The Great Falls and District Community Club is introducing a New Year's dance with a difference this year.

The entire family is invited partake.

Says president of the club, Martin Orvis, "We are introducing this idea for two reasons. To make the greeting of the New Year an entire family affair; and to make it possible for the families who have trouble finding suitable babysitters to still go out to a community New Year's dance. We see families doing less and less together," continues Orvis, "many people of an older generation recall joint New Year's Eve dances. This attempt might just be an effort to bring that back!"

On December 31, 1985 the Great Falls Community Hall might indeed well be a place where one can find the old and

young alike joining in a lively polka or the more modern movements of some contemporary music.

"We do not actually expect to see babies sleeping in the cloak room," contends Orvis, "but we do count on all members of the family, and indeed some might fall asleep."

The executive of the Great Falls Community Club came up with this idea after many participants of the spring bonspiel had commented how nice it had been to see the young children of the community also participate in this event, including supper and the dance. "Why not," they thought, "try this family idea for the New Year's dance."

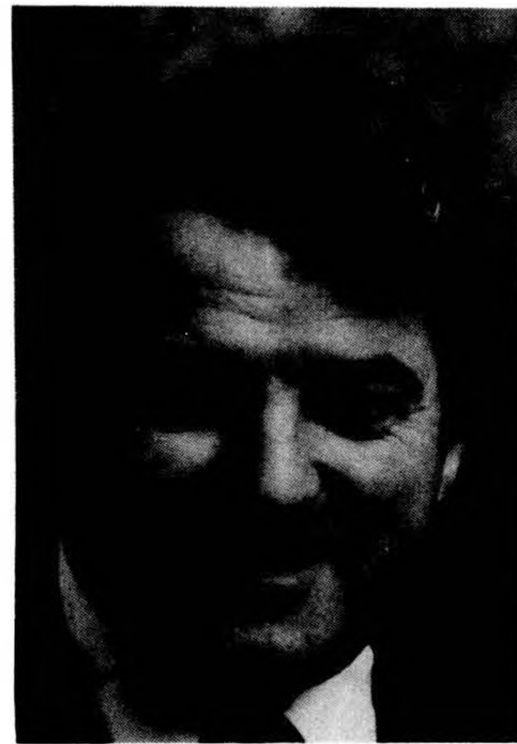
Another factor also played into this, the declining number of people who came out to the previous New Year's dances. "We have 32 paid up family

memberships in the club," says Orvis, "and nine lifetime members. These are people who have retired from the workforce."

But it is not at all important to be a club member in order to come to this dance. "We are aiming at the entire district," says Orvis. The dance starts at 8:00 p.m. with a supper served around 11:00 p.m. "There is a games room downstairs, which we might open, for this evening as well," according to Orvis. "We don't know what the response will be, but we hope to have a good idea by December 29th."

Posters are up, tickets can be bought from board members — Pat Kropp, Alvin Thomas, Pat Lapka, Karen Cinq-Mars and Marten Orvis.

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Lac du Bonnet

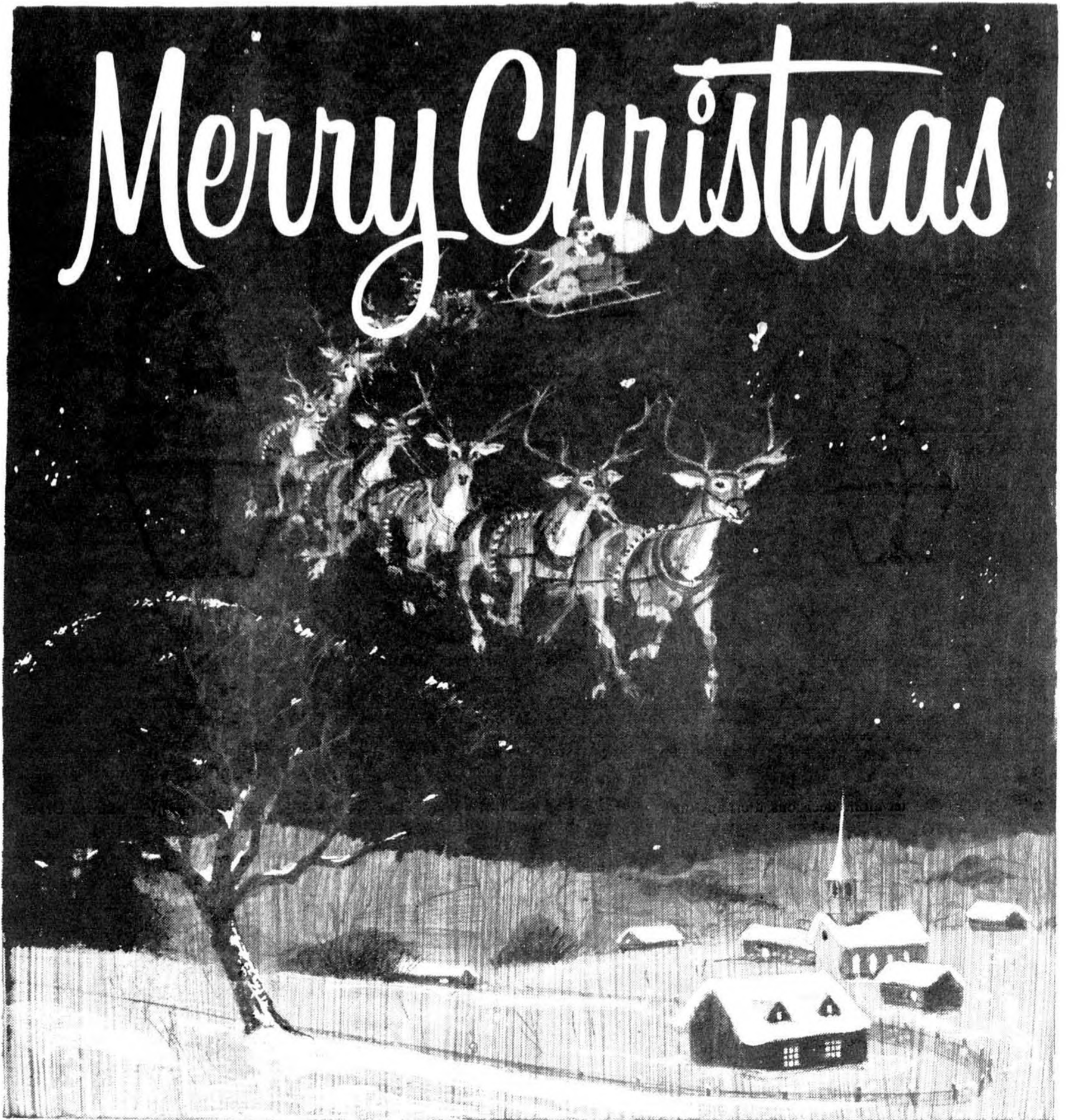
tional playoffs. Also, those entering the competitive playoff can only enter one of the three categories, i.e. singles, doubles, or mixed doubles. In the recreational playoff, you may enter two of the three categories. Depending on the amount of entries, draw format, will consist of round-robins evolving into straight knockout semi-finals and finals.

A registration fee along with a fully completed registration form, should be forwarded to Alice Loucks, registration secretary, P.O. Box 553, Pine Falls, Man. R0E 1M0 on or before the registration cut-off date of **January 11, 1986**. If registration forms are not available in your community, contact Alice Loucks at 367-2392.

The registration fee will cover hall expenses, bird costs, and a lunch. We anticipate having Eastman Sport Development Association dignitaries present to award the medals to the event winners.

For additional information, contact Dave Loucks, badminton technical advisor at 367-2392.

See you there.



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HOLIDAY TRADITIONS — in the Winnipeg River District

by Pyteke Blaauw

Christmas is the festival of light in the dark days of December. There is the star, sign of hope and promise in troubled times, candles and lighted trees.

We all concentrate this season on bringing light into our lives and sharing this light with others.

We reach out our hands to family, friends and neighbors, we exchange gifts, hug our family, clasp the hand of a friend and brighten their lives with light and love and laughter.

In our district, we have many different ways of celebrating the Christmas season. The Winnipeg River Review collected but a few of the wide variety of ways in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



A typical scene at a school Christmas concert.

The singing of carols

St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscan order in the early 1200's, is popularly considered the originator of the Christmas carol. Carols are the more lightly joyful songs about the human side of Christmas.

Silent Night, perhaps the best know carol of all, was created quite by accident. On Christmas Eve 1818, Josef Mohr, a parish priest in the Austrian Tyrol, discovered that the church organ had broken down. To make sure his parishioners had music at midnight mass, the priest wrote a poem, which the church organist set to music. That night, the priest and the organist, accompanied by a guitar, sang *Silent Night* for the first time.

The local community choir, the Guides and the Brownies, as well as the students of the schools, yearly take to the senior citizens homes, the hospital and personal care home in order to delight the residents and patients with the familiar tune of *Silent Night* and many others.

Although carols ought to be sung outdoors, because of our very cold winter weather, we normally stay indoors.

Christmas arts and crafts sales

Regionally, as well as locally, a wealth of Christmas presents can be bought at Christmas bazaars. Local artisans prepare for many months so that potential customers have a wide choice.

Christmas teas

The Pine Falls United Church women have held a Christmas tea for many years. Baked goods and handicrafts are also for sale.

Mrs. Myrtle Lalor providing background music is a very cherished and familiar sight.

School concerts

A frantic time for students and teachers alike. Often real pageants and immensely enjoyed by parents, relatives and friends.

Weeks of rehearsals, costume and set designing precede these events. The skits are often cute, but the audience loves the serious faces when the young voices lift up to songs. Songs that celebrate!

Church services

All the churches in the district celebrate the birth of the prince

of peace with a special service on Christmas Eve.

The churches within the Catholic faith call a midnight mass, some also keep an earlier special children's mass.

The protestant church holds an early family service usually around 8:00 p.m. There is nothing more inspiring than to walk from the quiet, snow covered streets into the warmth and brightly lit confines of a place of worship.

Decorations

The Romans decked their homes with evergreens and flowers during their December holidays, and evergreens also played key roles in the winter pagan ceremonies of northern Europeans. *Mistletoe*, with its thick evergreen leaves, yellowish flowers and white berries, was sacred to the Druids of ancient Britain and Gaul, who believed the parasitic plant contained magical powers that could cure diseases and bring about peace. So, if two foes met beneath a sprig of mistletoe, they would discard their arms and exchange a kiss of friendship. As a home decoration, wreaths date back to

the early 19th century. But they too originated in antiquity; pre-Christian Romans, for instance, bestowed wreaths, or crowns, of honor upon their heroes. Whereas Roman wreaths were usually made of laurel, Christmas wreaths commonly feature *folly*, whose evergreen leaves, according to one legend, made up Christ's crown of thorns. The poinsetta, the prominent Christmas house plant in Mexico is called the Flower of the Holy Night. It is said to have come into being on Christmas Eve, when a poor child who had no gift to place beside the creche in his local church knelt outside and prayed. Suddenly, a plant with red leaves grew where he had knelt, and the child placed

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the miraculous plant beside the creche.

Many groups get together around this time of year to receive or share instructions regarding the making of decorations. We "deck the halls" and we do so with imagination and dedication.

Santa Claus

Santa Claus' family tree is firmly rooted in 4th-century Asia Minor, where an archbishop named Nicholas was credited with restoring to life three small boys who had been cut up and pickled in a meat-curing tub. Appropriately, the archbishop became one of the patron saints of children.

In the Netherlands, Sinterklaas, as St. Nicholas was colloquially called, brought children gifts on December 5, the eve of his feast day. Youngsters filled their wooden shoes with straw for the saint's white horse, anticipating toys and candy in return.

Early Dutch settlers brought Sinterklaas to the New World, where his name was altered by the English-speaking inhabitants to Santa Claus. Santa's family tree also includes other settlers' good-natured Christmas figures from Europe, such as Kris Kringle and Father Christmas.

The lovable roly-poly Santa Claus who now reigns supreme as the secular embodiment of the spirit of Christmas emerged in 1822, when Clement Clarke Moore, a New York theologian, wrote a poem for his children called *A Visit From St. Nicholas*. The poem, which is now better known as *The Night Before Christmas*, established Santa Claus as a gift-giver from the North Pole, who travels the world on Christmas Eve in an airborne sleigh drawn by fabulous reindeer. Santa's

memorable appearance was determined in the 1860's by Thomas Nast, the American cartoonist who drew the "jolly old elf" in a fur-trimmed suit and hat — an outfit he's worn ever since.

The Christmas tree

The evergreen tree is an ancient symbol of eternal life, and the practise of bringing a fir tree inside the house in winter dates back to pagan Germany. But the festive Christmas tree originated in medieval European dramas about Adam and Eve, traditionally staged on December 24. To indicate that the play was set in the Garden of Eden, the central prop was a fir tree adorned with apples. In time, the paradise tree, as it was called, became a household tradition in Germany, where the first decorated Christmas tree on record was noted in 1605.

The festive holiday tree was considered just a charming German custom until 1841, when Queen Victoria and her German husband, Prince Albert, set up a Christmas tree for their young children at Windsor Castle. The royal tree proved to be a trendsetter: almost overnight, the German novelty blossomed into a wide-spread Christmas fashion.

We, here in this part of the world, enjoy the privilege of cutting our own Christmas tree. For many families this is a special outing to be rewarded with hot chocolate and cookies upon the return. Then the familiar decorations are brought out from the cellar and fond memories of Christmases past are evoked when decorating.

Christmas hampers

Not all people can indulge in the romanticized version of Christmas. While the rest of the world enjoys food, drink and

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The age-old nativity scene

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friendship, these people are constantly reminded of their unfortunate circumstances. Fortunately, the holiday season brings out the best in people and many give generously of their time and money. Christmas hampers is one way of making the holiday a special one. For years, the churches in the region have collected food and clothing and jointly packed hampers.

Gift giving

Much of the joy of Christmas is in giving and receiving gifts. Within the family we exchange gifts, but also in community groups. Many community organizations hold special Christmas gatherings during the month of December, to express appreciation for the many volunteer hours each member has given to the organization.

We singled out one organization in the Pine Falls area which approaches its December meeting slightly different. Each member of the Pine Falls Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star donates a predetermined amount to the Personal Care Homes in Lac du Bonnet and Pine Falls, in lieu of exchanging gifts.

Not to be denied the pleasure of an exchange entirely, each member wraps a white elephant item from her home, which is placed under the tree and distributed after the December meeting.

The Biblical source of giving Christmas gifts is the Three Wise Men's offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child. A longstanding legend in some parts of Europe was that the infant Jesus delivered presents on Christmas. But long before the Wise Men, St. Nicholas, Father Christmas, Kriss Kringle and Santa Claus, the custom of exchanging presents was well entrenched.



Handmade Christmas decorations are more cherished than store bought ones. Here members of the Horticultural Society learn how to make wreaths. Left to right — Mrs. Walker, Bartlett, Thurston, Fortier; standing left to right — Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Cavers.

The building of gingerbread houses

We could not determine the origin of this particular custom, but gingerbread houses do feature in our midst, either homemade or commercially bought.


One nice custom we discovered was a gingerbread house making contest. Slaps of gingerbread and assorted decorations are distributed and friends and neighbors live out their fantasies and creative talent in order to produce the most construc-

tively sound and esthetically pleasing one.

Company

This festive season is people oriented. We receive guests in our home, we call on neighbors and visit.

The elderly, whose circle of friends and relatives is slowly diminishing, are well remembered. We take time out to sit down to exchange news, inquire and inform. We wish every one a merry Christmas, often with good food and a "cup of cheer."



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May your Christmas be filled with good will, abundance, and the tranquility of faith.

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Three-and-a-half cups of joy
Two-and-a-half cups of peace
Six-and-a-half cups of love
One-and-a-half cups of kindness
One-and-a-half cups of sharing
Stir happiness with joy; add peace; then add love, kindness and sharing.
Jaime Kulyk

One-and-a-half cups of love
Six cups kindness
3 cups sweetness
4 cups sharing
5 cups joy
7 cups care
Put the one-and-a-half cups of love in first
Then three cups sweetness
Then seven cups care
Then six cups kindness
Most of all four cups sharing
Mix it in a bowl
Until it is smooth
Then put it in the oven for five minutes
Then give it to who ever comes on Christmas.
Winola Canard

One cup of love
One-and-a-half cups of sharing
Two teaspoons of caring
Two cups of thankfulness
Three teaspoons of kindness
Stir it with sharing and thankfulness; then put in caring and love and kindness; then put it into the fridge and leave it there for thirty minutes; then take it out and share it with your family on Christmas Eve.
Jayme Guay

One cupful of happiness
One teaspoon of love
Two tablespoons of gentle kindness
Two cupfuls of health
Stir firmly and then put into a pan
Put in oven for twenty minutes then take out of

oven, and put all kinds of decoration and then share with friends.
Chantelle Lafreniere

Three cups of love
Two teaspoons of care
Five teaspoons of thankfulness
Four cups of sharing
Four teaspoons of happiness
First you put four cups of sharing and put it all on the bottom of the pan; then you put the three cups of love and you mix it with the two teaspoons of care, and beat it until everyone is happy; then add other things and put it in the fridge.
Alicia Powell

Two cups of loving
Four cups of happiness
One cup of enjoy
Three cups of sharing
One hour in the stove.
Ian Kemball

Two cups of love
Four cups of health
Four spoons of sharing
Two cups of giving
Stir it all together and put it in a bowl in the fridge.
Tyler Pichor

One cup of love
Half a spoonful of care
Stir it with joy
Add a pinch of kindness
Three cups of thankfulness
Mix it until everyone care and loves and is satisfied with what they have.
Fern Cronshaw

Two cups of love
Four spoons of care
Seven cups of happiness
Three spoons of health
One cup of joy
Five spoons of thankfulness
Six cups of sharing
Then stir it for five minutes
Then sprinkle it all over the world.
Dax Fenez

One cup of sharing
Two cups of love
Three teaspoons of care
One cup of joy
Two cups of thankfulness
Then mix it until everyone loves each other and cares for each other and nobody will ever have a fight.
Wesley Kane

One-half cup of love
One-half cup of care
One-half teaspoon of kindness
Two-thirds of sharing
Mix it up
Give it to the world.
Steven Prince



Boardmembers and spouses of the Pineview Lodge in Pine Falls prepare a Christmas tea for the residents. (l-r) John Mysak, (husband of Lorraine Mysak, boardmember), Mrs. Earle McQuatt (resident), Mr. George Wood (resident), Mrs. Annie Patterson (resident), Ms. Fern Cronshaw (daughter of Bev Cronshaw, secretary-treasurer of the board), Mrs. T. Spence (resident), Mrs. Ann Weiss (resident), and Mr. Dick Boyko (board member).

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Christmas traditions that came along with the settlers

by Pyteke Blauw

People with different nationalities came to the new world to settle. They brought with them the rich variety of customs and traditions. The Winnipeg River district houses many people, who by birth or descent give the celebration of Christmas an added component since their roots are not steeped in the Anglo-American tradition. It would have been almost a sheer impossible task to research all the different nationalities and their traditions as they exist around us, we only took a sampling. The people we talked to also quickly admitted that not all customs are any longer adhered to. They gave us their recollections as how Christmas was celebrated in the "Old Country".

Scandinavia

In the Scandinavian countries, the Christmas season begins on December 13, *St. Lucia's Day*, and ends on January 19, *St. Canut's Day*. Although Lucia died in Italy, her legend reached Sweden and she became one of that country's most popular saints. On the morning of December 13 the youngest girl in each Swedish family impersonates St. Lucia. She is dressed in white and wears an evergreen wreath studded with lighted candles on her head. She serves a breakfast of coffee and cakes to all members of the family.

Family gathers on Christmas Eve, when a grand dinner is served consisting of lutefish (dried codfish, which is soaked, cooked and served with a cream sauce), pickled herring, ham or goose, gingerbread and spritzen (a kind of shortbread), and



Laura-Lee Chochinov (Pine Falls) watches the burning of the eight candles of the menorah. The ninth candle lights the other eight. Each night of Hannukah, one more candle is lighted, until all the branches are alight.

"risgryns grot" (white rice milk).

Children dance around the Christmas tree, no one goes to bed. At dawn everyone readies themselves to go to church. Horse-drawn sleighs and burning torches could be seen going through the very still early Swedish mornings.

French-Canadian

Based on the French tradition, French-Canadian families gather, after the midnight mass on Christmas Eve in homes and sometimes in restaurants for a

feast called, Le Reveillon.

Le petit Noel (the Christ child) is also thought of as a bringer of gifts, and upon the return from the mass gifts are exchanged. Mounds of delectable food is served and dinner can last till the wee hours of the morning. Among the most favorite dishes is the tortiere (a meat pie).

Nowadays extended families do not congregate anymore for the reveillon, but Mrs. Flora

Dube (St. Georges) recalls elaborate gatherings on the family farm, with homemade music, jiggling and lots of good cheer.

The nativity scene (La Creche) takes a central place in Christmas observances. Nativity scenes dramatize the Christmas story, the model generally includes the Christ child lying in a straw-filled manger, surrounded by figures of Mary, Joseph, shepherds, the three wise men and several farm animals.

Judaic tradition

Jews all over the world celebrate Hannukah. This holiday is also called the "Festival of Lights".

Hannukah is celebrated in early winter, about the time of Christmas. Its characteristic feature is the lighting of candles. This commemorates the re-lighting of the Menorah, or great candelabrum in the "Bate Hamickdash" (the temple in Jerusalem) in 164 B.C. The Maccabees had conquered over the invaders from Syria. The temple has been desecrated but one vial of a specially blessed oil was found — enough to light one candle for one day and one night. A miracle occurred and the candle burned for eight days and eight nights.

Hannukah commemorates the struggle for religious liberty.

Ukrainian Christmas

The Ukrainians celebrate Christmas Eve on January 6th with Christmas Day on January 7th. This is based on the old style or Julian calendar.

Ukrainians either by birth or descent continue to adhere to Ukrainian Christmas customs from which they derive pleasure and spiritual values. The customs they follow are truly symbolic.

Christmas festivities begin with the Christmas Eve supper of holy supper (Sviata Vechera) as it is called.

Great care is taken to have the whole family together in observance of Christmas Eve.

The holy supper consists of twelve meatless dishes symbolic

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of the twelve apostles who gathered at the Last Supper. The dishes must contain no animal fat, milk or milk products because the day before Christmas is a strict fast.

Kutya start the meal in a ceremonial manner. Kutya is made from wheat, poppy seed and honey. The head of the family, raising the first spoonful of kutya, invokes the grace of God and greets the family with the traditional greeting, "Christ is born"; "Krystos Rodyvsya".

All must partake of kutya, if only but a spoonful, followed by the other eleven dishes. Everyone must have at least a small serving of each dish. After the meal the family sings Christmas carols.

Germany

Many Christmas traditions originated from the Germanic tribes. The many German immigrants also have brought a wealth of more contemporary Christmas customs to this country.

Homemade gifts and decorations are especially popular in Germany. Many people begin making them early in December.

Later, women spend much time baking many kinds of cookies and cakes, including pfefferness, a sugar-coated spice cookie; lebkuchen, a small spice cake; and stollen, a fruit bread. Marzipan is the favourite Christmas candy. Made of almond paste it is molded and tinted to resemble every imaginable kind of food.

On the afternoon of December 24 the German mother secretly trims the Christmas tree. No one is allowed to see the tree or the presents heaped nearby until Christmas Eve.

German families exchange gifts on Christmas Eve, instead of on Christmas Day.

Advent wreaths and candles appear on the first Sunday in Advent, about four weeks before Christmas. A single red candle is placed on the wreath each Sunday, so that there are four candles on Christmas Day.

Holland

In the Netherlands children think of the visit from St. Nicholas as the most important event of the Christmas season. St. Nicholas, or Sinterklaas as he is called colloquially is the forerunner of the rolly-poly North American Santa Claus.

St. Nicholas, a bishop of Myra, arrives from Spain by boat on December 5th. He rides a white horse, preferably over roof tops while his servant Black Peter, climbs through chimneys to find out whether the children deserve presents. Only well-behaved children are eligible for presents. The naughty ones might receive coal, or worse be taken in the burlap bag back to Spain.

Food is set out for St. Nicholas and his horse and servant, in front of the fireplace and children sing special songs with their faces directed to the chimney, to invite the descending of presents.

When St. Nicholas visits a household or school in person, something he often does, children usually are in awe by this majestic figure. St. Nicholas also knows everything about one's behavior and general record. He invites all to come to see him individually and speaks to each child individually before a present is given. For many children this is often an almost terrifying experience. Christmas is celebrated without gift exchange and solely as a religious occasion.

Living in the new world many descendants of foreign countries experience difficulty adhering to their native customs. The first generation of immigrants usually keep the traditions evoked by a special season. Their children and children's children do become immersed in the more North American traditions. The effect is perhaps immaterial. Some traditions will get lost, others are added. A very creative mix might occur with yule logs, plum pudding, pyrohies, pickled herring and lebkuchen, candles, Santa Claus and his helpers be it



Building gingerbread houses can become an occasion for a gathering of friends and neighbours Peter Hansen shows his dismay when one of the three houses obviously did not make it.

Black Peter or reindeer all rolled into one, we still continue to celebrate the season of light, the birth of Jesus Christ.

Have a very Merry and Warm Christmas.

A special thanks goes to: Dorothy Gregory, Loreen Carlson, Julius Anderson, Diane Dube, Flora Dube, Bella Chochinov, Ollie Soluk, Adeline Majeau, Elisabeth Tibbetts and Mrs. J. Dudka in providing information which led to this article.

Merry Christmas
Gott Jul, Got Nytt Or
Joyeux Noel
Shalom
Slavim Yolo
Frohe Weihnachten
Prettige Kersidagen

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Blessings

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season's best

May the shining lights of Christmas warm all hearts!

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Joy

Joy to all throughout the Christmas Season.

Dennis and Laurie Danwich

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Blessings to All

Heariest greetings of the season! It's always a pleasure to wish our friends the very best!

We wish you happy holidays. Best in 1986.

Fred and Loren Carlson at Carlson's Honey Farm



JOY TO ALL

To wish you the special gifts of Christmas: Peace, Good Will and Abiding Happiness.

I wish to extend Season's Greetings to everyone from your Electrolux Representative **ROLAND DUVAL** 367-8324

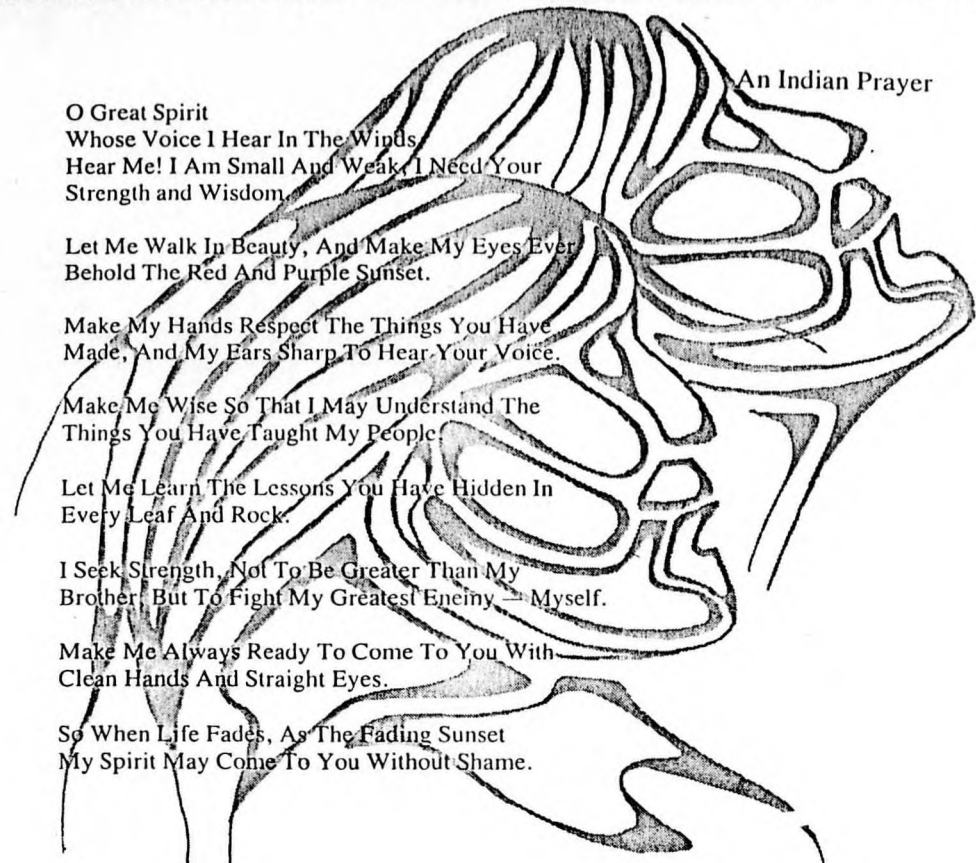
Best Wishes

May the joys of this festive season be yours!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The members of the

POWerview ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

would like to wish everyone the best in '86!



An Indian Prayer

O Great Spirit
Whose Voice I Hear In The Winds
Hear Me! I Am Small And Weak, I Need Your
Strength and Wisdom.

Let Me Walk In Beauty, And Make My Eyes Ever
Behold The Red And Purple Sunset.

Make My Hands Respect The Things You Have
Made, And My Ears Sharp To Hear Your Voice.

Make Me Wise So That I May Understand The
Things You Have Taught My People.

Let Me Learn The Lessons You Have Hidden In
Every Leaf And Rock.

I Seek Strength, Not To Be Greater Than My
Brother, But To Fight My Greatest Enemy — Myself.

Make Me Always Ready To Come To You With
Clean Hands And Straight Eyes.

So When Life Fades, As The Fading Sunset
My Spirit May Come To You Without Shame.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
(Muk-go-shi-gishi-gun)
and / (Shigo)
HAPPY NEW YEAR
(O-jin-di-gishi-gun)**

From The Fort Alexander Indian Band Staff:

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Powerview School — Grade 3

There was a funny man
He had some funny elves
And when he went outside he
saw a funny deer
His nose would light up in the
night
And the man's home was
Santa
Santa named his pet Rudolph.
Timmy Alarie

Christmas lights are so
bright
And we see them in the night
Santa brings Christmas joys
To all the little girls and boys.
Liam O'Rourke

A Christmas recipe
Take one family with two
children
Stir in one pretty Christmas
tree
Oh yes, don't forget Santa
Claus
Have a Merry Christmas!
Lauren Canard

Take a present
And ten kids
And a Christmas tree
And a stocking
And there's your Merry
Christmas, Mom and Dad.
Shawn Jackson

Take one family
And take three children
Stir them around with one
pretty Christmas tree and
two presents
Oh! I love you Santa Claus.
Wendy Laforce

Take two small babies
And one Mom and Dad
Add a decorated Christmas
tree
And a teaspoon of tinsel
And blend it together and
have a Merry Christmas.
Lana Romano

Take one happy child
And one Grandma and
Grandpa
Stir in one decorated
Christmas tree
One handful of bells
Mix together and have a
Merry Christmas.
Michelle Houston

Take two children, one mom,
one dad
Add six presents, one tree, one
doll
Mix it up and add one Santa,
one candy cane
And have a Merry Christmas!
Tara Lynn Joseph

Baby Jesus
Baby Jesus was born on
Christmas night
He was born in the manger
He was born to love us
And He is so good I love Him
And I think He is the best, so
is God
And I love the angels too, and
I love you too.
Ulrika Charles

Jesus
God's son
Born on Christmas
Loves everyone on earth
I love him very much.
Tyson Papineau

Jesus was born on Christmas
And Mary was his mother and
Joseph was his father and
The angels were happy.
Glen Pakoo

Jesus I love you and you are
nice to me
I hope you are good on
Christmas Day
If you love me, I love you
And I hope you are my friend
because
I love You and You are so nice
to me
You are cute when you are a
baby.
Mitch Laliberte

Christmas
Christmas is a time for joy
For every little girl and boy
Christmas is a get together
When you have such chilly
weather.
Kari Roman

One, two and buckle my shoe
Three, four go to bed
Five, six get up early
Seven, eight go to the tree
Nine, ten open your presents
Eleven, twelve have a Merry
Christmas.
Arllen Bouvier

I want a toy for Christmas
I want a dolly under the
Christmas tree
My dolly is safe under the
Christmas tree.
Melissa Fontaine

On Christmas night I was so
happy
It was Jesus' birthday
It was a good night.
Ricky Simard

Christmas is fun
We can play with all our new
toys
And we go skiing and go
sliding
We have a nice dinner.
Robbie Mills

Santa
You're so jolly, bring me a
dolly
With holly in her hair
I'll call her Molly, a friend for
Polly
And they'll sit upon a chair.
Vanessa James

Best Wishes for 1986 from
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JOY

A Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy
New Year
from the Staff at
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Silent Night

Merry Christmas to All
May the Joys of the Season be yours
Staff at
SILVER PINES AIR SERVICE LTD.

A Merry Christmas to All

May you have a candy-cane
Yule, so bright and so gay,
With each joy remembered
past Christmas day!

From the management and staff at
CHICKEN DELIGHT
Pine Falls Ph. 367-8315

GRADE 6 - Christmas story winners

FIRST PLACE

Recipe for a Merry Christmas

If you really want to have a Merry Christmas, you should start by getting everything you will need for the ingredients. Now, after you have got everything together, which are:

- One thousand pounds of friendship;
- A grandmother's house to visit;
- One very large family;
- One Bible;
- Three roast turkeys;
- One present for each person;
- One large Christmas tree;
- Fifty pounds of decorations;
- Some eggs from a dove (two for each person);
- Two beautiful days (one for Christmas Eve and one for Christmas Day);
- One warm and loving heart per person;
- Two good Christmas movies;
- Two Christmas story books (for reading to the children); and finally
- Ten thousand pounds of love.

You take the one thousand pounds of friendship and the ten thousand pounds of love, and mix them together with the warm and loving hearts. Then you are to take the three roast turkeys and place them nicely on a neatly set table. When you are finished all of that, you take the eggs from a dove, fry them, and then put two eggs on each plate.

Have you finished all of that yet? Good!

Now get the large family all together at the grandmother's house, put up the tree, pass out the fifty pounds of decorations to everyone and place all of the presents under the tree. Get everyone to decorate the place together. Place the Christmas tree balls, the tinsel, and the angel hair on the Christmas tree. Now put either a plastic angel or a plastic star on the very top of the tree. Hang up all of the ribbons and other spare ornaments all over the house and maybe a few on the trees outside if there are any. Hang some in the kitchen, the living room, the bedrooms, and the hallways. After you have done all of that, you should end up with a very pretty, yet shiny grandmother's house.

When all of the decorations have been put up, and everyone has eaten, take all of the adults outside, make a big fire to sit around, and read a few stories from the Bible. What about the kids? Have someone take them to one of the bedrooms so he, or she could read a couple of Christmas stories to them. Then finally, before everyone sets off for home, all gather together for a couple of good Christmas movies.

And that is the recipe, for a Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas everybody!

Ruby Ann Ouimet
Pine Falls

HONORABLE MENTION
The journey

"This is the night when Santa comes and give you things. This is the night when children dream about candies and presents they're going to get. But there is just one problem. One of Santa's reindeers got lost and didn't make it. Now it is up to my friends and me to find him. We wouldn't be going but Santa asked us to so here we are ready to go around the world if we have to. We just don't know where to start. Some of my friends say we should start in the North Pole and my other friends say he could be on a little beach in the middle of the sea. I don't know who to believe. We're going to start right from Bissett and then go around the world. Man it's going to be a hard trip. I'm sorry I can't talk to you any longer but we have to be going," I said starting to walk away.

A long way from Bissett in a United States desert we were still walking...

"Water, water, I need water," said Billy Ray.

"Oh shut up, you'll get water pretty soon," said Mary.

Then all of a sudden it started raining really hard and all the kids had a drink, a long drink.

"Holy cow, we walked all the way to Hawaii, and look there is Santa's lost reindeer trying to get a sun tan," I said in astonishment.

After trying to get the reindeer home we walked back to Hawaii and stayed there for awhile. But then another problem came up, but that's another story.

David Hallett
San Antonio School

Season's Best

BISON TRANSPORT

would like to thank all their customers for their support over the past year. We wish you all the best during the festive season, and peace and prosperity in the New Year.

JOY AND PEACE

Joyeux Noel
Bonne et Heureuse
Annee

Best wishes throughout the Holiday Season

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367-8268

Peace & Joy

Our sincerest prayer at this holy season, is that we may live in harmony with others.

Reeve, Councillors & Staff

**Local Government
District of Alexander**

St. Georges, Manitoba

GRADE 4 - Christmas story winners

FIRST PLACE

Christmas every day

Guess what! Christmas is coming soon! Boy I can hardly wait! As I lay in bed I can't sleep because I am thinking of all those decorations in the houses and in the stores, and all those Christmas trees and those beautiful Christmas songs on the radio. One night I asked, "Mom why couldn't it be Christmas every day?" And she said, "Well I'll tell you a story..."

...Once there was a little girl named Judy. One Christmas Eve she wrote a letter to the Christmas fairy; she asked the fairy if she could make every day of the year Christmas.

The fairy said, "Yes I will! I promise!"

Judy was so excited that she ran up to her room and went to bed. The next morning it was Christmas and there were lots of presents; she ate oranges, candies, peanuts and turkey. Oh! What a wonderful day! Judy was so happy! Christmas came again the next day; people were surprised but they ate more food and they had more fun! But when Christmas came again and again and again. People were getting very angry; they were tired of eating turkey and candies and peanuts; they had too many of the same presents, they did not want any more. The house was getting full so they had to put all the presents in an old barn. But after that it became full so they had to hang them on the lines.

Months passed and everybody went crazy; they were very tired of all the parties; people became very poor. More time went by and when Thanksgiving came along no one could have a nice Thanksgiving supper because all of the turkeys were sold out in all of the stores.

Judy saw how miserable people were, she had an idea; she wrote back to the Christmas fairy, "Please, please change all this back to the old way," she begged and she prayed that night.

The next morning it was all back to normal! Everybody was very, very happy! Judy was relieved and delighted!"

I looked at my mom and told her that I understood; Christmas once a year is just fine and I like it just that way!

Julie Savard
Powerview School

SECOND PLACE

The magical land

One Christmas in the year 2000 I was in my snow flyer when I saw a bear. But he was not an ordinary bear. So I stopped, but when I did he ate me.

What happened? I was in a different world. There were bells and all sorts of Christmas things. Then I saw that same bear I saw before he had eaten me.

The world was so different. It had talking animals and trees. Everywhere there was snow.

After a few days I was getting very hungry. So I tried to look for a way out of the bear. Suddenly Santa Claus flew over my head and picked me up. He didn't tell me where we were going but soon I was standing in front of my snow flyer again.

When I got home I told everyone about it.

Seth Bilcowski
San Antonio School

THIRD PLACE

Christmas in the year 2000

What Christmas might be like in the future, that you could grow Christmas trees in your house. You could have artificial, computerized lights. Instead of plastic balls they might put in meltable snowballs. You would use material or pre-pasted wrapping paper instead of using Scotch Tape. Santa Claus would have a motorized flying sleigh other than the reindeers. Santa would make the presents float down the chimney and under the tree. But he would still put the small toys in the stocking.

Can you imagine what kind of toys they might have then. They could have a scooper-bot to pick up your pet's droppings and radio-controlled cars that don't need batteries. They might have minimicrowaves for little girls to do their baking. You wouldn't have to go to the store to buy your presents you would order them on your computer.

It doesn't matter what Christmas will be like in the future it will still be the same - full of excitement and joy.

Kevin Oman
Powerview School

Christmas time

S is for snow I hope it doesn't blow
A is for aunty who is cute and beautiful
N is for nanny so sweet and elegant
T is for turkey so golden and juicy
A is for aunt so little and fat

C is for Christmas I like
L is for languages all people use
A is for apples big and red
U is for United I go to
S is for Santa so round and joyful.

Michelle Breton

HONORABLE MENTION
I can't wait to open my presents

I can't wait to open my presents today. I wish I could have a good, big surprise. I like Christmas every time, every day. I like opening presents too. Christmas is children laughing and a joyful season, exchanging gifts.

Melanie Harry

Greetings

Happy Holiday Wishes to all our wonderful customers. We enjoyed serving you.

John and Janis Scheel
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PINE FALLS GENERAL HOSPITAL GOVERNING BOARD and STAFF join in wishing all the residents of the area we serve - a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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Happy Holidays

Season's Greetings to
Meals on Wheels' Volunteer Drivers from the committee and recipients of
MEALS ON WHEELS

Season's Greetings

Season's Greetings from the Lagasses at
PINEVIEW SHELL SERVICE STATION
367-2393

Pine Falls School

GRADE 1

S is for the sleigh Santa rides through the night,
When the stars are all out and it's shiny and bright.

A is for the antlers on his reindeer,
Without them I'm sure, they'd look very queer.

N is for his nose that looks like a cherry,
And he has a funny little mouth that makes him look merry.

T is for all the wonderful toys,
Santa brings for good girls and boys.

A is for **ALL** the happiness Santa brings,
The joys and the toys and other good things!

Christmas carols

Christmas carols are beautiful
Some you sing
Some you hum
Some are happy
Some are sad
And lots of them
Make me glad.

Lyndsey Guay

Baby Jesus

Baby Jesus was born today
In a manger where he lay
He was born for all of us
Because he loved all of us.

Angela Guay

Christmas

Christmas comes once a year,
At least, Christmas is here
And children begin to cheer.
Lots of presents under the tree
Hope there's some there for me.

Steven Cronshaw

Christmas is neat
It can't be beat
Presents that are neat
Are under the tree.

Jessica Blaauw

If I were a Christmas tree
I'd like to be free
To give lots of presents
On Christmas Eve
That's what I'd do
If I were a Christmas tree.

Anna Tibbetts



St. Georges Roman Catholic Church.

O holy NIGHT

May the blessings of the Season be yours in abundance!

The staff at
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PEACE
on EARTH

A bright and happy holiday season to you and yours!

VILLAGE OF POWerview

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Daniel Gelinac, Richard Lagasse
Allan Tardiff, Forrest Oman
George Harbottle, Secretary-Treasurer

PEACE

Let us strive for lasting friendship with our fellow men, now and after Christmas.

Christmas Greetings
We wish you all the joys of a beautiful holiday season.
From all the members of the
WINNIPEG RIVER LIONS CLUB

Pine Falls School Grade 2

How Santa celebrates Christmas

The way Santa celebrates Christmas is that he goes to people's homes and he gives them presents. This makes the children happy and Santa too. After he has finished giving out the children's presents he goes home. Then he enjoys a glass of wine and has supper with his family. After supper they sit at the fireplace and Santa reads them all a story about Christmas. After the story it's time to go to bed. So they tiptoe up the stairs and quickly jump under the covers, and soon they are fast asleep.

Lonnie Sleeman

Santa decorates his tree. Then he gets presents for all good boys and girls. He wraps the presents. After that he takes the presents and he throws them in his bag. He puts the bag in his sled. Santa with his bag, and his reindeer, and his sled, then dashes through the snow up into the sky. Then he goes to people's houses. When he is at somebody's house he goes down the chimney to put the presents under the tree. Sometimes the boys and girls leave Santa a snack to have before he leaves. After he has finished delivering all the presents to all the good boys and girls he goes back home to celebrate Christmas with Mrs. Santa Claus and the elves.

Shaun Prowse

On Christmas Eve Santa decorates his Christmas tree. After Santa decorates his Christmas tree he gets ready to go around the world to give toys to all the children. When he has gathered all the toys he gets the reindeer ready. He says, "Dash away, dash away all." Then they all fly up into the air. His journey has begun! They fly so high that the reindeer and Santa's sled look like little dots in the sky. When Santa gets back he and Mrs. Claus and all the elves have a big party with a huge turkey and all the trimmings. They always have a great time! Before Santa goes to bed there is one thing he has to do. So he puts on his big red suit, ties his boots, and steps outside. With his loudest voice he yells, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night."

Jeremy Pelland

A Christmas most remembered

The Christmas I remember most was when I got my video game. I remember Christmas Day I played the video. I played the game mouse trap. I won the game! The next day I played the game again. I won again!

That day I went to my grandma's for a Christmas dinner. All my aunts and uncles were there. At my grandma's we had chicken for supper. It tasted terrific!

That evening we watched a video on their VCR. We watched a movie called "The Christmas That Almost Wasn't". After the movie we went home. I was so tired from all the excitement that when I got home I went straight to bed. It was a Christmas I will never forget!

Dani-Lynn Nault

The Christmas I remember most is when I got a wagon and violin. I remember the night I saw Santa. I saw him at Eaton's. I told him I would like a violin and a computer and castle graykull. He whispered into my ear, "Let me see if I have all of those things." That made me feel happy inside. He told me if I will be a good boy until Christmas, I might get one of the three things I wanted. I wished Santa a Merry Christmas, and told him there will be a special treat waiting for him on the table.

Kevin Krivda

Holiday Greetings

Thank you to all our patrons for your support during the past year.

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YULETIDE GREETINGS

Wishing everyone Peace, Happiness and Good Cheer throughout Christmas and the New Year.
MANIGOTAGAN DEVELOPMENT LTD.
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We hope this Yuletide brings all the joys of a beautiful holiday season.

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Yuletide Cheer
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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Joyous Noel

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Powerview School

KINDERGARTEN

Angels

Angels come in night time
Then they sing to baby Jesus.
Billy Sharpe

Angels fly up in heaven
When Jesus is born
They shine a light on him
They sing for Jesus.
Amanda Joseph

Santa

Santa gives us toys
To all good girls and boys.
Robert Duff

I like Santa
Because he buys us toys
At Christmas time
He buys toys for all good kids.
Nicole Dufour

Santa Claus is coming to my
auntie's house
He is bringing gifts
He will throw the gifts and my
mom will catch them
Then he will throw out the
candies from his bag.
Carmen Simard

Santa Claus is coming down
the chimney with lots of toys
and candies
He gets on the roof and goes
in the chimney
He looks at the fire and his
boots are burnt
He puts the fire out with water
Daddy puts the fire out again.
Robert Dean

Santa comes with lots of toys
For all the good girls and
boys.
Chad Thomson

Santa Claus comes down the
chimney
With lots of toys and
He goes back up the chimney
and
Goes somewhere else to other
places.
Roderick Pakoo

Jesus

Jesus is born on Christmas
Day
That is why we kneel and
pray.
Julianna Hansen

Jesus sleeps in a manger
Because they never let them in
a hotel
Because they were strangers.
Teresa Wilcott

Jesus was born on Christmas
Day
So we are all happy and gay.
Patricia Anderson

Happy Christmas
Happy New Year
Because Jesus is born when
it's Christmas.
Jason Crusch

Christmas trees

Christmas trees grow near the
side of the ditch
My dad and me are going
on the Skidoo with a big
sleigh to get a Christmas
tree.
We are going to get a string
and drag the Christmas tree
back home.
Me and my dad are going to
stand it up in the house, and
we are going to put decorations
on top of it.
Then we wait till Christmas
comes.
Richard Adams



Christmas hamper packing is a yearly tradition. Here Renate Johnson and Claire Calder try to sort out the different items for the hampers.

A star

A star was shining bright
With it got dark
It made like a light
For the kings to go see baby
Jesus.
Jonah Belmore

Rudolph the red nosed reindeer

All the deer laughed at
Rudolph, because he had a
shiny nose
Santa Claus came and saw a
light shining from Rudolph,
the red nosed reindeer
Rudolph helped Santa by
watching where he was
going.
Raymond Houston

Season's Greetings

Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year everyone.
Jean and Steve VELIE
Pine Falls

Holiday Greetings

Santa's on his way with a sackful of presents and best wishes for a cheery holiday.

Season's Greetings from
Omer, Lucille and Staff
MIDWAY FOODS
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season's best

Best wishes to all our friends
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Greetings of the Season

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Wilfred Swampy.

Rebuilding Christmas

It is in the year two thousand and one, and Christmas was just around the corner. All the kids were waiting for Santa Claus. Parents were rushing to the stores. Everything seemed normal.

But, in parliament the prime minister was complaining about Christmas. He said, "No one has remembered the religious part."

The topic had brought up conversation all over the country. So Santa had decided to come down to Ottawa and settle the whole thing.

He replied to the prime minister, "There shouldn't be a big deal about me, bring out the true meaning of Christmas!"

So the prime minister decided to have a rebuilding Christmas project.

The next day, everyone was decorating trees. Ladies were cooking turkeys. Kids were playing road hockey.

But, in the afternoon something totally different was done. (This was going to confession.) This hadn't been done in some years. In one family this was a conversation that went on.

"Come on kids we have to go to confession," said the mom.

"We never have gone before," said the boy.

"Yeah," exclaimed the girl.

"Get you boots, and jackets on," yelled the father.

So they went to confession, and were glad that they had participated.

Next on the rebuilding Christmas list was Midnight Mass. The kids liked this event because they got to stay up late. When they got home they went to bed. In the morning they opened their gifts. After they opened their gifts they said why they had a better Christmas.

Mom said, "The reason why my Christmas was better is because we brought out the true meaning of the event."

All the other exclaimed, "Me too."

Back in Ottawa the prime minister said that he was glad for all the people who brought out the true meaning of Christmas.

A lot of people thought it was a better Christmas. The priests were happy because more people attended Midnight Mass and confession. Stores didn't lose business — in fact they got more business. And now more businesses and now more people live the true meaning of Christmas.

John Power

Christmas postponed!

Three years ago, a strange event took place. It all started in a little town called Hillville. There was a big sign inside the post office. It said: Christmas postponed until apology given.

"What apology?", "Who said something wrong?", and "Why give an apology" were heard all over the town. It was strange that Christmas, yes Christmas was postponed! Well, I was not going to stand for it. I phoned surrounding towns who were in similar trouble. It seemed that someone had written a nasty note to Santa and company. The note passed through the toy manufacturing's letter computer and shut it down.

Perhaps I should explain. Santa found it too hard to get the elves to make all the toys, so he made a manufacturing plant for toys. It was computerized. When the letters passed through the letter computer they told it the children's names and what they wanted for Christmas. But someone had written a nasty note to the machine and told it to shut down. Until that certain person gave an apology, Christmas was postponed.

Santa went back to getting his elves to make the children's toys and still will be until the apology is given.

Maurice Guimond
Powerview School

Safe and
Happy Holidays
Management and Staff

FRAN'S ACCOUNTING

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Christmas Cheer

Santa's bringing you our warmest wishes for a merry Christmas holiday, filled with good cheer. We thank you for your past patronage.

Merry Christmas from the Raymond's & Staff at the
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Merry Christmas and a successful
1986 Games Year to all athletes,
coaches, and sport support people
in the Eastman region.

Special thanks to The Leader and
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Marion Mitchell
Eastman Sport Co-ordinator

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and expertise.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from
Marion Mitchell
Eastman Sport Co-ordinator

A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

Season's Greetings and all the best in 1986
from the
**EXECUTIVE OF THE GREAT FALLS
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to All

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Little Black River School Grade 2

I love Christmas
We get presents
I like getting presents
It is fun to play with toys
We get toys from school.
Jennifer Cook

Christmas is fun
Christmas is fun
You get presents
Toys to play with
Clothes to wear
Everyone's happy
Everyone has presents.
Steven Peebles

He is nice
He is jolly
He is a person
He is the father of Christmas
He is a good old man
He is a happy old man
And everybody loves him.
Matthew Kent

Christmas angel
I love her so much
She is pretty
She is a nice girl
On Christmas she reads to us
She is a special person
Who cares for us
She is beautiful
I love her so.
Victoria Bird



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Christmas bells
Christmas bells are ringing at night
I like bells at night
The bells are ringing at night
I can't sleep at night
The lights are bright
My eyes are sore at night
I can hear the bells again, every night.
I love bells.
Meredith Black

A Christmas poem
One Christmas night when I got home
I saw lots of presents under the tree
I tried to open them but my mom didn't let me
She said wait until tomorrow
I will dream of my presents
Happy Christmas
And good night.
Trevor Bird

Grade 3

A Christmas story
Christmas is fun, because you can open your presents on Christmas.
Santa Claus came and dropped presents through the chimney and bounced under the Christmas tree. I heard a thump, bump. I went downstairs, it was just presents so I went back to bed. In the morning I got to open my presents. I got a radio and a pair of slippers.
Lonny Boubard

A Christmas star
One night Santa Claus was coming home with a Christmas star for the top of the Christmas tree when it shone in the middle of the street. Everything shone.
Daphne Kent

Christmas is...
Christmas is jolly or even joyful.
It is fun, children opening gifts.
Children getting shy of Santa.
Kissing girls under the mistletoe, girls get red faced.
Going out for candies, shaking people's hands.
Maybe all the people might have turkey or chicken, even stuffing or salad.
Some bells ring my heart out.
Orville Hope


A Christmas poem
Christmas is happiness
Opening presents
Stocking-full of candy
Singing songs
Getting a beautiful tree
Put on Christmas lights
Ringing bells
Giving gifts and
Having a Christmas holiday.
Rona Harry

Santa's tracks
One day I went to slide
I saw snow tracks
I followed the tracks
I saw Santa
He gave me a bell
And a ride home.
Steven Harry

Christmas times
Christmas is the the time
To wrap up presents and
Give presents to kids and
To go for candy and toys
And what did you wish for?
The truck that has sticking
claws out of it.
Cameron McPherson

A Christmas poem
Christmas is joyful
Children laughing
You get presents
You can play with them
outside
You can leave them inside.
Christopher Black


Christmas is wonderful
One day on Christmas Santa was getting ready to go out and give gifts to the children. I saw him on my friend's house. He is coming now. I heard him on my house. He is coming down my chimney. I have to put out the fire he might burn. I ran in the bedroom. He brought presents and he left.
Gregory Hope



O Holy Night

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GRADE 3
A recipe for a Merry Christmas
Ten people visiting
Four poinsettia
Sixty hollies
Five cookies
One Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer
Eight reindeer
One Christmas tree
One thousand presents
Many happy children
Lots of love
Cory Baldwin

One Christmas tree
Thirty decorations
Forty presents
Seventeen happy people
Twenty relatives
One Santa Claus
Go to the forest and get the tree
Then take it home and decorate it
Put the presents under the tree
Have at least seventeen happy people and twenty relatives to celebrate Christmas with
And Santa's reindeer take him
Jocelyn MacSwain

GRADE 7
A Christmas to remember
"Dad, can I stay up and wait for Santa Claus?" I asked.
"No, certainly not!" he replied.
I reluctantly crawled into bed. Hours later I was awakened with a crash. I jumped out of bed and ran into the living room. I was shocked — ashes were scattered in the fireplace. There was a great, big, brown bag lying in the dead coals. Then I heard a shout from somewhere in the chimney. "Help me! I'm stuck!"
"Who are you? I called."
"Never mind! Just help me get out of this chimney!" shouted the voice.



JOY

Our joy is having wonderful folks like you as customers and friends. Merry Christmas!


Season's Greetings from the girls at the flower shop.

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"What am I supposed to do?!" I queried.
"Climb onto the roof and bring a rope with you!" ordered the voice.
"How do I get onto the roof?" I questioned. I was getting frustrated.
"Use a ladder!" he shouted.
I crept to my bedroom and pulled on some jeans and a sweater. Going to the porch I put on my heavy, brown Cougar boots. Grabbing my parka I squeezed out the door so I wouldn't wake my parents on the third floor.
The snow was blowing into high, puffy drifts. The ladder leaned against our old, gray shed. I lifted the ladder and put it against the house wall. It was a heavy ladder so it took me awhile. I had to crawl up the ladder; the wind was so bad. When I reached the top I stopped to rest. Then dragging a yellow rope I crawled in the deep snow to the chimney.
"I'm letting the rope down the chimney," I called.
"Finally! I've been waiting for an hour." I lowered the rope down into the dark depths of the chimney.
"I've got it! Now pull!" he commanded.
I tugged at the rope and felt something budge. It was heavy. Slowly I pulled him out of the chimney. I was astounded. It was none other than Santa Claus. His furry, red jacket was covered with soot. His face was just black.
"Don't just stand there and stare! Let's go down the ladder!" Santa ordered.
I climbed down the three-storey ladder quite quickly as tired as I was.
When Santa got down, he helped me put the ladder back. I pulled on the screen door lightly and pushed open the storm door. We went inside very quietly.
"Is that my bag in the fireplace?" he asked me.
"Yup!" I answered.
"Here. Take this and go to bed."
Next morning, before I opened my presents I checked to see if I was wearing a gold locket. I was, so it wasn't just a dream after all.
Mary-Anne Bach

GRADE 8
I believe in Santa
Chirps of "Mommy! Mommy!" were heard as I walked into the house. Although I was exhausted I put down the groceries and hugged my youngest twin daughters, Tracey and Trisha. "Well," I said to them, "Let's get dinner ready before your sister and brother get home, and pay the babysitter."
"Mom" said Samantha while clearing the table, "What about Christmas?"
The rest of the kids were watching T.V. so I decided to tell her. "Well," I paused making it sound like a whole sentence, "you know that the five of us are still going to celebrate Christmas. It's just going to be...different."
"Oh Mom!" said Samantha hugging me, "I wish Daddy was still alive; I miss him."
I stroked her hair, "I do to" I said sighing.
After the kids fell asleep I brought out the presents to wrap. Soon I was on the last one, a doll for Tracey. After I finished wrapping it, I just sat there, with the present in my lap. I wish I could have gotten them what they really wanted. They've all been so good, I thought. A tear rolled down my cheek and onto a smiling Santa Claus, on the present's wrapping paper. "Oh Santa, where are you are when I need you?" I got up and went to bed.
I awoke to cheers of "Merry Christmas Mommy!" and bright-eyed children getting on my bed. It was a tradition to have the Christmas tree and presents in the den, where we locked the door and the children had to wait for us to get up and unlock it, "Alright, follow me." Carrying the key, we all trooped to the

door of the den. "Now remember," I said turning to them, "it's not the gift that counts it's that Santa remembered!" I looked at them carefully. "Okay?" I asked. "Yes Mommy!" they answered almost immediately. I knew they were in no mood to argue.
I carefully inserted the key, then opened the door.
Choruses of "Oooooh!" were heard from the children and from me! Instead of the old, short, white Christmas tree and ancient decorations, there stood a tall green Christmas tree that nearly touched the ceiling. It also had bright, silver lights and colorful ornaments, and a bright golden star at the top. Immediately the kids rushed over to the mountain of presents under it.
"It's beautiful Mom!" Samantha said as she lifted out a necklace from a box and put in on. "Thanks Mom!" said Micheal then turning back to his miniature video game.
"How'd you know we wanted Barbie dolls Mommy?" asked Tracey and Trisha almost in unison.
Here Mom open your presents," said the children.
"I will later," I told them, but I couldn't hold back my curiosity. Sure enough all the presents were signed, "From Santa with love".
Colleen Simard



SILENT NIGHT

O Holy Child, be remembered in our hopes and in our hearts this Christmas!

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
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Pine Falls & District news

by Jean Velle 367-2339

Season's greetings from the Papertown and District. Mrs. Terry Beaulieu from B.C. was here for a couple of days and visited with her sister and brother-in-law, Simone and Joe Lavoie, and her brother and sister-in-law, Phillip and Helen Poitras. Terry's husband Gerald went to Reno, Nevada, to visit his brother Lionel.

Congratulations to Allison and Pat Sheedy on the arrival of a baby girl, Danielle Claire, weight 7 lb. 14 oz., on December 3rd, at St. Boniface Hospital. Proud grandparents are John and Evelyn Bulmer of Pine Falls, and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Sheedy of Winnipeg.

Thor and Bev Cronshaw went to Hawaii for a week and had an enjoyable time. Thor's mother, Mrs. Gwen Cronshaw from Gimili, Man., came to Pine Falls and looked after her three grandchildren while Thor and Bev were away.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. P.J. Hiker on the weekend of Dec. 15th were their daughter, Geraldine Douglas, and her friend from Winnipeg.

Visiting for a few days with Ken and Doris Kahle were Eileen and Mel Jaster from Grand Falls, Newfoundland. Mr. and Mrs. Mel Matthews visited with their daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Wyman Sangster and family at Oakbank for the weekend of December 14th.

The Golden Leisure Club members had their pre-Christmas turkey supper at the Papertown Motel on Sunday, Dec. 15th. Eighty-six members attended. After supper, several went to their club house, played different games of cards and pool. Coffee and cookies were served, and gifts were exchanged.

Jim and Mathilda Smith visited with their daughter Marilyn in Winnipeg recently. Then later when they returned home, they went to Kenora, Ont., and visited with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilcott, Mr. and Mrs. Aurel Wilcott, and Mr.

and Mrs. Norman Grandbois. They were there for a couple of days. After returning home on the weekend of Dec. 14th, Mathilda's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wilcott, from Haywood, Man., came down for a visit with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin from Winnipeg visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. Ruse at Silver Falls recently.

The Powerview Choir was over to Pineview Lodge on Dec. 13th and sang Christmas carols to the senior citizens. They also presented them with a beautiful Christmas plant. The ladies in the lodge served a lunch to them and were pleased to hear their songs.

The Girl Guides started out the year fund-raising. Then they went in enrollment and fly-up. There are 21 Guides, and there was 17 before. They started into badge work and are working native lore. They will be having their Christmas party, which will be with bowling, supper and gift exchange. Then they will be carolling to finish off the year. At present, the girls are selling calendars to raise money for camp supplies, which is badly needed as they have 32 Brownies. The girls sold 42 books of tickets for the Personal Care Home and this is working on a good deed for the community.

There is not much news this week, as some people are leaving for Christmas and others are waiting for relatives and friends to arrive. So we should have more news in the beginning of January.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

Christmas in Australia

by Dorothy Gregory

Christmas is mid-summer in Australia and Brisbane is close to the sea and miles of beaches of white sand — the best beaches in the world the local people claim. The exodus to sand, surf and sun starts a week before Christmas, and many Australians spend the festive season on the beaches eating sandy sandwiches and nursing sun-blistered offspring.

My first Christmas after the Second World War was spent with my Australian husband and his family in Brisbane in 1945. We did not go to the beach. That would have been too much of a shock to a homesick Canadian war bride. People were, however, very friendly and kind to me and did their best to make the season more familiar. Many Australians stubbornly stick to old traditions and serve the usual hot turkey and plum pudding, but my husband's mother was smarter. She cooked her turkey on Christmas Eve. So on the very

hot and humid Christmas Day of 1945 we dined in comfort on cold turkey, salads, fresh fruits (such wonderful fruits), and ice cream.

After dinner we attended a carol singing at the Botanical Gardens in Brisbane. Hundreds of people sat on the grass holding lit candles and singing as the band played all the old favorite carols. This was certainly something we could not do in Canada. A very different Christmas for me but a very happy one.

Joyous Holidays

Every good wish for Happiness at this Christmas Season and throughout the coming year.

Pine Falls Five Pin Bowling League

Pine Falls badminton club news

Social badminton tournament was held Sunday, December 15th. After much exercise and many close games, the results were as follows: 1st event won by Andrea Allison and Jeff Dugard; runners-up were Kristin Kahle and Kevin Cyr; the second event was captured by Leann Jackson and Dave Loucks by defeating Alice Loucks and Edward Gaffray; the victorious pair in the third event was Sheila Hills and Andy Kulyk, with a win over Brenda Hills and Karen Kahle. Badminton will continue until December 22nd. There will be no Badminton during the festive season. We will resume again on January 5th, 1985.

Happy Holidays

Season's Greetings from the Board of Directors and Staff at the **Sagkeeng Alcohol Rehab Centre** Fort Alexander 367-8675

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A Christmas message from the Lieutenant Governor Pearl McGonigal



Once again the festive season is here. Downtown streets are transformed into a twinkling, multi-coloured fairyland and our homes across the Province are brightened with tinsel, Christmas trees and gaily wrapped packages.

Christmas is a joyful time, a time of excited wonder for our children, a time for families to gather, share and celebrate the joys of belonging, giving and sharing.

My husband and I would like to wish you a Christmas filled with joy, peace and goodwill toward all men, for this is the cardinal message of Christmas which has shone like a beacon through almost twenty centuries.

Christmas reminds us eternally of the hope and promise inherent in mankind, dispelling the fears of every generation and bidding us to have faith and trust as we move together, toward a brighter future.

From our home to yours, I send you my very best and heartfelt wishes for a joyful and peaceful time. May the lovely words of Longfellow bring you the serenity they always bring me:

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day

Their old familiar carols play

And wild and sweet

The words repeat

Of peace on earth, goodwill to men" Pearl McGonigal

May God bless you all this season.

Pearl McGonigal

A Christmas message from Premier Howard Pawley

Christmas is very special! It is a time that draws families and friends together as we share our joy and hope for peace and goodwill.

For children, the Christmas season is a time of wonderment and magic and it is a time that sees adults rejuvenated by the joy of children and by the reflected glow of a family's warmth.

On behalf of my wife Adele and our children Chris and Charysse I wish all of you the gifts which Christmas can provide — love, security, true friendship and personal peace. I hope your holiday season is filled with many precious moments.

May the coming year continue to provide Manitoba with continued harmony and good fortune and may it be filled with blessings for you and yours. Merry Christmas!

Howard Pawley

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Christmas is...

...A special time as we celebrate the glory of Christ's birth, and the hope and faith he brought to all mankind.
May the joy and peace of this holy holiday abide with you and your families now and throughout the year.
In deepest appreciation of your friendship and trust, we wish you all.

A joyous yuletide season