



Christmas

GREETINGS

Supplement to the *Winnipeg River Review*.

Christmas messages from our Provincial leaders

*From Lieutenant-Governor
Hon. George Johnson*



The Honorable
George Johnson, M.D.
Lieutenant-Governor
of Manitoba

The Christmas season is a time to count our blessings. Each Christmas brings this special opportunity for me to extend greetings to my fellow Manitobans who hold so very dear the fellowship and family gatherings of the Christmas season.

May the true spirit of this Christmas season — its joy, its beauty, its hope and, above all, its abiding faith, live among us — that the blessings of peace be ours — the peace to building

and grow and live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

My wife and I are pleased to send Christmas greetings to each and every one of you with the heartfelt wish that this Yuletide holiday will bring peace and joy. May your family, and our family, be renewed and strengthened by the celebration of Christ's birth.

God bless us all. Merry Christmas.

George Johnson, M.D.

*From Sharon Carstairs,
leader of the Opposition*

Each Christmas we gather with friends and family to celebrate the birth of a child who came into this world to spread love, peace and goodwill among all people.

For most of us, it is also a time to count our blessings and share our prosperity with those less fortunate. It is through giving that we receive. That is the spirit of Christmas.

As we make merry this festive season with loved ones,

It is significant that that first Christmas long ago celebrated the birth of a child.

A small baby, hovered over by protective and loving parents, is the central and consistent image of Christmas which has been faithfully transmitted from generation to generation throughout recorded history.

The Child in the presence of a family embodied hope for a better world!

May this Christmas season find us cognizant of the need to help strengthen families and nurture children.

May we recognize our kin-

ship with all people in the extended family of humanity, so that we may develop a caring society reflective of the love poured out so freely on that first Christmas Day.

On behalf of the Government

of Manitoba please accept sincere good wishes for a joyous and peaceful holiday season, and warmest personal greetings from me and my family to you and yours!

Gary Filmon



Premier Gary Filmon and wife, Janice

let us also make every effort to brighten the season for those who are needy, alone, or ill. Show appreciation to those we sometimes take for granted.

My wish for you this Christmas is that you will find happiness in reaching out to others in a spirit of kindness and friendship. May the true gifts of Christmas — love, health and peace — be yours now and in the coming year.

Sharon Carstairs

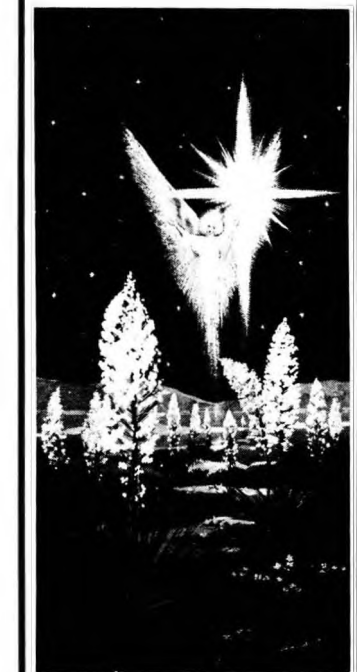


Hay adds authenticity to the traditional nativity scene

Gabriel and Joe Vincent began to create this Christmas scene over 15 years ago, when they ordered the kit of Mary, Joseph and Jesus from a catalogue the nuns had at that time in St. Georges. The order came from Quebec. Many years later, an ad in the paper caught their eye and the remainder of the figurines were

ordered, this time from Quebec, but a different company. Joe Vincent constructed the stable and this year hay was added to the scene for the first time. The Vincent's also purchased imitation rock to lay over the hay in places for added effect.

SILENT NIGHT



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

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Editors note: In this special Christmas edition, several pages of stories are told through the imaginations and hearts of our young folks. What began as a school essay contest, resulted in a barrage of tales, some imaginative, some humorous, and others just plain heartwarming. It is our wish that you, the reader, will be touched in just the same way we were when the stories were first read and edited.

A special thank you to the teachers, who, through their encouragement, patience, and co-operation, were able to channel the children's thoughts onto paper, and in many cases were the inspiration for those thoughts.

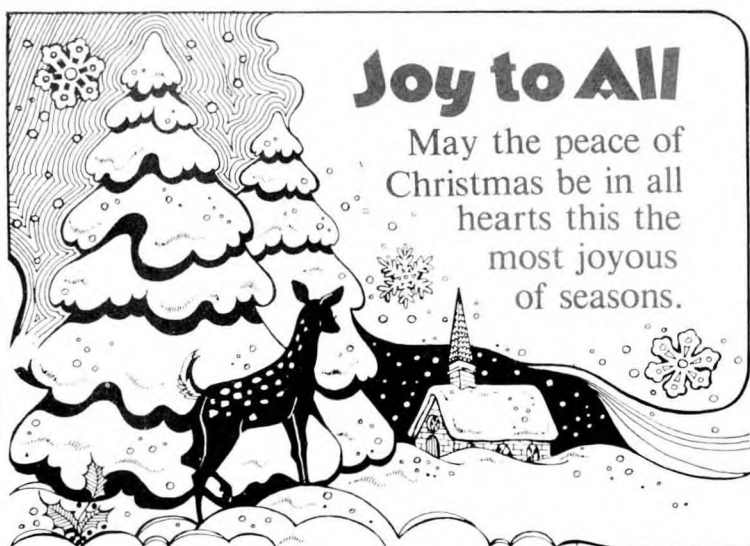


Hope it's off to a great start!

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for 1989



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Some historic glimpses of Christmas in Canada

by Marlene Watson
1500s

With the arrival of French explorers to Canada, so too came the religious custom of the celebration of Christ's birth.

Banquets were always part of those early festivities, even when food was scarce, as one of the earliest recorded Christmas celebrations reveals.

In 1545, at Jacques Cartier's fortress located near the present day city of Quebec, food had become a scarcity and many of the fort's original 110 members had lost their lives that winter to scurvy.

Dreams and hopes of discovering precious stones and metals and lands of luxurious

vegetation were the talk at the Christmas table. The food served consisted mostly of salt meat and stale vegetables. Lack of proper storage facilities resulted in frozen drinkables, so melted snow had to be used for water.

1600s

A century later, in the early 1600s, during Champlain's lifetime, the adventurers had learned the tricks of surviving Canada's cold winters and the Christmas feast reflected that wisdom.

There were cakes of corn bread, great kettles of eels, salmon, and beans all boiled together and served in Indian bowls of polished basswood or squares of birchbark.

The same bowls were then filled with a rich meat soup thickened with pounded nuts. Corn, peas, and baked squash formed the next course, and then, after the appetizers, came the 'piece de resistance' — great joints of roast venison carved, deep squirrel pies, and baked wild pigeons, partridge, blackbirds, and owls, usually all together.

For the dessert, there were cakes of maple sugar and a sweetmeat compounded of nuts and sunflower seeds, with a sauce made of dried berries and boiling water.

1700s

During the 1700s, when men of the Hudson's Bay Company invaded many far and strange corners of the continent, Christmas was celebrated in various settings, from the cheery atmosphere of a comfortable fort to a lonely outpost in

the wilderness, or for others still travelling, a snowy trail.

Alcohol consumption became a part of the festive celebrations, so much so, that on Christmas Day in 1714 at Albany Factory in James Bay, the men drank to the health of a queen nearly five months dead. Anne had been on the throne when the Company's ship sailed from London in the spring, but she had died on August 1st, and George I reigned in her stead.

An entry in a journal for 1789 of Manchester House on the North Saskatchewan River read, "This being Christmas morning, our small stock of flour afforded us a cake to eat, with a little tea and chocolate.

No one can know what it is to want bread, but those who experience it, (which we here, daily do, in this wild country; particularly on holidays)."

On the other hand, inhabitants of the expansive Fort Wedderburn on Lake Athabaska, sat down to a sumptuous dinner on Christmas Day in the late 1700s. It was true English fare; roast beef and plum pudding and afterwards, a temperate kettle of punch.

1800s

Prisoners of Louis Riel's who were held captive at Fort Garry in Manitoba, were served a meal of dry pemmican and water three times daily.

A few of the fort's ladies received permission from Riel to make the prisoners' Christmas more cheerful. They prepared a kindly meal and it was delivered by Riel's soldiers

to the captives: a steaming boiler of hot coffee, and sugar and milk, along with a clothes basket brimming with delicious buttered buns.

One of the prisoners on that Christmas Day in December 1869 later wrote, "I will never forget that hot coffee, it was so refreshing and stimulating. The buns seemed just to hit the right spot. This tasty meal gave us fresh courage, as it let us know that someone was thinking of us and was interested in our case."

"That night, as we went to bed on the usual damp floor, we dreamed of the delicious Christmas dinner we had enjoyed in Fort Garry, prisoners of Louis Riel."

1900s

As Canada grew as a nation, customs and traditions were brought from all the lands of the earth, seasoned with a uniquely Canadian version and blended like the fruits of a plum pudding.

By the stroke of Dr. Clement Clarke Moore's pen, over a century ago when he wrote the poem "Twas the Night before Christmas", Canadians have

accepted the vision of Santa Claus climbing down chimneys, and his transportation from house to house in a sleigh pulled by eight reindeer.

In 1905, the first Santa Claus Parade was organized in Toronto. It was a very modest affair by today's standards. Santa arrived at the Union Station and rode through the streets on a checkered red and black packing case set on a wagon drawn by a team of horses.

The following year he arrived with considerably more flourish in a Tally-ho drawn by four white horses, with two foolmen and two trumpeters to herald his coming.

By 1909 Santa was mechanized and accompanied by a circus band. Each year the parade became more lavish.

Conclusion

And so we realize there is no uniformity about Christmas in such a tremendous country as Canada. Christmas is not the Santa Claus bag of gifts, the merchandising schemes, the advertising; to each one of us it is a unique custom cherished.



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'Little Donkey' by Powerview Grade 1 French Class

The skit and song "Little Donkey" was performed by Iva Jean Ferlatte's Grade 1 class at the Powerview French Immersion Christmas Concert to the delight of the audience. Here, Mary and Joseph lead the donkey across the stage. Stephanie McLeod and Trent Lenez are the two students hidden under the donkey disguise.

Grade 3 Powerview English class

First place winner —
A Christmas prayer answered

by Dana Sinclair

The night before Christmas I was laying in bed and before I went to sleep I prayed to dear God...

Before I go to sleep and end another day I'd like to wish for something. I'd want people who are poor to be richer and people to have happiness too.

Then everyone could have friendship and I could be really rich. Then I could share it.

There would be no more wars, there would be peace, no starving and clean water for the world.

My family could have a better life. I say I love you God. Then I go to sleep and hope that my wishes come true.

Second place — *A trip to Montreal*
by Chad Chevrefils

If I had a Christmas wish, I would wish for some money so we can go to Montreal.

I would watch the Canadiens play. When the game is over I would ask for Patrick Roy's autograph.

Then in the morning I would buy a Montreal hat. I would watch every game they had in Montreal.

Then I would ask their coach if I could take a picture of the team. I would put the picture on my wall in my bedroom. I would look at it every day.

Third place — *A trip to Nova Scotia*
by Amy Smith

I wish that I could fly to Nova Scotia to see my two Nanas and my Grandpa at Christmas time. It would be my first time to fly in an airplane!

When we get there I would have fun. We would get to do lots of things together. I would get to see my great-grand-grandpa. I will see my old friends and play with them.

That would make us all really happy if I could have that wish.

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Grade 1 Powerview English students

The best thing about Christmas is . . .

by Marlene Watson

...listening to Christmas carols, especially the one called *Little Lord Jesus*. My grandma lends us her tape at Christmas." — Maggie Simard
 ...going to the store with my mom and buying toys to give to my friends." — Bobbi Torres
 ...riding my bike outside in the snow in the ditch, even when it has a flat tire. I also like to play with my trucks at Christmas." — Cody Lee Fontaine

...playing in the snow, making a fort and going skating." — Jimmy Pakoo

...when Santa comes to our classrooms in the school and brings us toys and oranges. He comes all the way from the north pole to Powerview School." — Larry Palmquist
 ...playing with my remote controls." — Christopher Pelletier
 ...bringing in the big Christmas tree. My dad takes our rocking chair downstairs and he puts the tree in that spot." — Garrett Anderson

...getting the tree and putting decorations on it. I also bought my grandma a special gift at a

bazaar this year. It had candies in it, but I ate the candies, but I will give her the glass." — Jacky Bouchie

...helping my dad go out and cut the tree down. We look for one that we really like the best and then we take it home and stand it up." When asked where the tree is going to stand this year, the reply was, "I don't know, my mom didn't tell me yet." — Jimmie Courchene

...decorating the Christmas tree. We have a box of little elves and special decorations, and a big star that is gold and shiny with a red circle in the middle, that goes on top of the tree. My favorite thing to put on the tree is the candy canes, because whenever visitors come to the house and I ask my mom if they can have one of those candy canes." — Michele Wiebe

...decorating the top of the tree. I take a chair or sometimes I use the couch to stand on. My favorite thing is the big star that has sprinkles around it that goes at the top of the tree. My

dad lets me decorate the whole tree myself." — Kevin Rheaume

...putting my stocking up. I hang it by the T.V., but only one stocking, my dad's biggest one, because mine is too small for toys and candy." — Nicholas Houston

...finding cookies in my Christmas stocking on Christmas morning. I really like the chocolate cookies, and they sometimes have colors on them." — Steven Johnston

...looking under my bed on Christmas morning. My mom hides my presents under there and when I get up in the morning I look and open them. The presents under the tree are from Santa." — Jackie Kent

...going with my dad into the bush on the skidoo for a Christmas tree. We look for the highest one and use a chain saw to cut it down. When we get it home I help my mom decorate it." — Brendan Fosty

...visiting my grandma and grandpa who live in Flin Flon. I like to buy the presents for them too. They always have

gloves to give us when we get there." — Dustin Jackson
 ...visiting my grandparents who live across the river. They give us clothes and special cookies, like cinnamon cookies." — Margaret Dean

...putting the lights on the Christmas tree and outside on the house. My dad made a giant snowman out of wood and we put that in front of our house. I especially like the lights though because they are bright and there are so many different colors." — Gary Best

...playing outside in the snow. I also like to help my mom cook, we make plain cupcakes for Christmas. Almost every year I help to decorate the tree. We put candy canes on the tree and give them out to visitors." — Shawna Canard

...helping my dad get the tree, then decorating it with red, green, and blue lights, and putting a star on the top. Our star is only a small one and the light doesn't work anymore, but we're going to buy a new one this year. My grandma and grandpa and mom are coming

to visit us from Edmonton, and me and my dad will be making some kind of cookies for them. They always bring me toys, clothes and other stuff." — Joey Dean

...helping my dad put stars on the top of the tree and other decorations around the house. We put a bowl under our Christmas tree because it always leaks water. We also make muffins which look like muffins. They are chocolate and we put icing on them. My grandparents live far away and sometimes they visit at our house at Christmas." — Christopher Pelletier

...going home and seeing what Christmas theme my mother has chosen for the Christmas tree. She has always done that, decorated the tree in a new theme every year. We also have three fireplaces at home and my mother creates an entire miniature village on the mantel of each fireplace. Some of the decorations she buys for the Christmas theme will end up as part of the fireplace villages the next year." — Barb Davidson, the teacher



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Powerview French Immersion Kindergarten Class

A look at Santa and Christmas Eve

by Marlene Watson

The Kindergarten French Immersion Class in Powerview revealed some inside facts about Santa Claus, describing his house at the North Pole as well as shedding some insight on the famous Christmas Eve ride.

Isaac Flagg's theory that Santa Claus lived in an igloo was echoed by the entire class, especially after Isaac pointed out that there was no wood "up there", so Santa couldn't build a house. Isaac also said Santa sits on piles of snow in the igloo because he has no furniture.

Lauren McMullen added that the house would be white on the inside as well as on the outside, and if you went inside you could find toys and even an elf.

Graham Gauthier agreed with the class that Santa gets the elves to make all the toys and he also knew Santa's house would be very different from his own.

Most of the class said they would ride with Santa on Christmas Eve if they had the chance.

Ryan Robert said Santa's sleigh would have to be quite big to hold all the toys and Trevor Kekkonen agreed and added the sleigh would be red, with "a little bit of white".

Trevor and Justine Dugard were sure that when Santa leaves the North Pole, he comes to Silver Falls first. Jacqueline Avanthay and Kevin Chevrefils didn't quite agree with Trevor and Justine, as they felt Santa would probably go to Winnipeg first because it was such a big place.

Melissa Durocher said she would sit on Santa's knee during the Christmas Eve sleigh ride, as long as the sleigh travelled slowly.

Clayton Boisjoli said he would definitely ride with Santa, but he wouldn't go down any chimney. He said he would go in the door of the house and if they were locked, he would go in the window.

Mark Boyer didn't mind going down the chimneys with Santa and he added he would sit on Santa's knee during the ride, and even sleep on Santa's knee if he was tired enough.

Troy Vincent added that he would help Santa deliver presents on Christmas Eve because he would have a chance to see Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Troy also noted that Santa makes gifts with the elves, but only for the good kids.

Kelly Kaya knew for sure that Santa was "right now" making presents for children in his igloo. Kelly also would enjoy the opportunity to ride with Santa on Christmas Eve because he would be able to see the stars.

Abby Forsyth said if she had a choice, she would rather stay home in her bed and sleep on Christmas Eve, although Julie St. Croix said she would like to visit Mrs. Claus and that she would ride with Santa after he came to her house in St. Georges.

Chase Sabot knew Santa would be coming to Pine Falls and he would try and see him then.

Blythe Fortier was content to let her classmates do the talking and David Friesen was absent on the day of the interview.

Five of the kindergarten children agreed with Abby in wanting to stay at home on Christmas Eve, although 13 children were anxious to ride in Santa's sleigh because they wanted to see the reindeers, the toys in the bag, the mountains, the stars, and the moon.



French-Canadian entertainment

The Grade 7 and 8 students of Powerview English entertained with a French song titled *Marie Maitime* as directed by teacher Ida Cooper. Playing the wooden spoons is Jennifer Koss, accompanied by Kevin Pepin playing a wooden step-dancer.

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Grade 2 Pine Falls Students

The signs that tell us Christmas is coming

by Marlene Watson

The students of the Pine Falls Grade 2 class can always tell when Christmas is coming because they notice the changes around them which make the season special.

Brienne Pelland, Owen Hanson and Shawn Tardiff said they know Christmas is near when they help their parents get a Christmas tree and put decorations on it.

"We sometimes go to my grandma's or to Winnipeg to see my cousins and make Christmas crafts," said Brienne.

"Our family always works together to put up decorations," said Owen. "We also go to Grandview to visit, and we bring presents to give there."

Shawn Tardiff said he visits his grandparents, the ones who live beside the Pine Falls rink, and also the ones who live at St. Georges. "I help them bake," he said. Another clue for Shawn that tells him Christmas is near is the sight of Christmas decorations in the store and Santa's visit to the store.

"Me and my mom always get together and bake," said Travis Dufort. "I also know Christmas is near when all the houses put lights and wreaths up."

Michael Moss says the first signs of Christmas he sees are the decorations in the store, but he knows Christmas is even closer when his classroom has a party at school.

"I help put the decorations on the tree," said Curtis Boyer, who added that the highlight of Christmas for him was the trip to "my grandma's in Lac du Bonnet. She makes a turkey and I really like that," he said.

"I know Christmas is near when my mom and dad go shopping," said James Guimond. "We also go to my uncle's across the river and bring him presents and a cake. I also help my parents decorate the tree, but I know Christmas is here when we all go to church at midnight on Christmas

Eve."

Trevor Roper said he knows it is Christmas time when the whole family works together to set up the decorations on the staircase. Trevor also said that the things he liked about Christmas were making snowmen during the school holidays and sharing gifts.

Each student had different and special thoughts as to what told them Christmas was coming, but they all agreed that Christmas was without a doubt, the very best time of year.



Dancing around the Christmas tree

Pine Falls Grade 4 students (left to right): Scott MacLellan, Jeremy Anderson, Chris Cook and Angie Guay provided the scenery for the Western Ho Ho Ho Down as Christmas trees. Every class played a key roll in the overall pageant.

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Where Santa Claus lives

The Powerview French Immersion Kindergarten class shared many of their thoughts on where Santa Claus lives and were able to describe his "igloo" in great detail. They also described some of the things they would see if they rode with Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.

Pine Falls Grade 3

First place — A wish for kids in the hospital by Teresa Wilcott

I wish that kids in the hospital would feel better, instead of being in pain and being sick and taking medicine too.

I wish there would not be any accidents. I hope that no one gets sick and gets into accidents.

One day there was a boy who said to his mom, "Can I go outside?" But he was allergic to the sun, so his mom said, "No." He went upstairs to cry. His friends had to come in the house and he did not go to school at all. All he could do to school was play with his toys and watch T.V.

That night he got to go to his Aunt Joy's house and play with her child. I feel sorry for this boy because he could not go outside in the day time.

I wish that all the people in the world would never be sick or have accidents.

And then out the window he saw a bright star. Then he wished, "Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight. I wish I may, and I wish I might, have my wish come true tonight."

Then the boy's sadness made the star grow bigger and brighter every minute. Then one little ray of moonlight shone through the window of his grandfather's house.

Then the next day for the Christmas supper, grandfather was better. Then he prayed to that special someone up above.

Fourth place — A wish for Jesus to be alive by Matthew Tardiff

On Christmas Eve we all get together for peace and joy.

On Christmas it is Jesus' birthday.

On Christmas I wish Jesus would be alive so that we can see what he looks like, so that we can walk with him.

We all get together for Christmas. We all get together for Jesus' birthday.

We all get together for friendship and peace. That means no fighting forever.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pam Allen, Grade 5 teacher, submitted some of her students' writings on "What Christmas is all about to me..."

To me Christmas is loving and caring. All those presents are not what Christmas is all about. It is a time to give. It is the day you celebrate Jesus' birthday. It is a day when you go have dinner with your family or good friends. It is a time to be happy. It is a time to take a moment of silence. So when it is Christmas, don't think of presents, think of Jesus' birthday. — Lonnie Sleeman

Christmas means celebration, happiness and excitement. But it is also supposed to remind us that a long time ago on December 25 our Savior was born. We should be thankful to have people who you love to celebrate that day with. Christmas is just not all about presents, trees, turkey and pies. It is really about remembering our Savior's birth and having someone you love celebrate it. — Jeremy Pelland

Second place — A wish for animal protection by Stephanie Nault

One day when I was saying my prayers I wished that the whales would be protected by a government. I waited for five months. Finally I heard on the news that they were protected.

Then I wished for all the endangered animals to be protected. Endangered animals can be saved if we stop polluting. Pollution poisons animals.

If we can stop polluting there will be much more animals on the earth. We will be much more happier with much more animals.

Christmas would be gone if animals were extinct. There would be no reindeer to pull Santa's sleigh.

I hope my wish comes true.

Third place — A prayer for grandfather by Aiana Houston

It was the night before Christmas and the whole house was still. The children were in bed, but one child was not asleep, for he was praying. He was praying for his grandfather. He was very ill.

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Grade 3 Powerview French immersion Room 7

First place — A visit with Godfather Arnie

by Coleen Chevrefils
I wish that my Godfather Arnie would come and visit us for Christmas, because I have not seen him for a long time.

I hardly even remember what he looks like, except in my pictures of him. I am sure that he does not look like that now. I really miss him a lot.
If he was here for Christmas I bet I would have lots of fun with him. He would like it if he

was here in Powerview instead of Kenora.
We would listen to Christmas tapes, and I would make a lot of decorations for his Christmas tree as his present. He would come and watch me sing in the children's choir.
I would play in the snow with him and we would go sliding down Chevrefils Hill. I will show him my new baby cousin,

and play games. We would go out for lunch and supper, and I could read my favorite books to him. If he brought his skates we would go skating. I will make Christmas cookies for him. When the night comes we will play ghost.
If he comes for Christmas, it would be the best wish that ever came true.

Second place — Christmas should never end

by Cara Dugard
I wish that Christmas would never end because all our family always gets together.
We have lots of goodies to eat like cookies, cakes, candy canes, tacos and many delicious holiday foods. We play games and have good laughs.
My father always goes and cuts down a nice big Christmas tree. We put decorations on the tree and at last we put a beautiful star that shines in the room.
I wish that I could see my Auntie Betty, my greatgranny,

my Auntie Jean, Uncle Rick, and my cousins Shawna and Trista. Most of them live in Thunder Bay. I hardly see them all year so I hope that they come this year for Christmas.
I also really wish that Jesus would come to see me and wipe all my tears away from thinking of my greatpapa Peacock. He only came for one Christmas, and I wish I got to know him better before he died.
I bet a lot of other people have grandparents that are dead too, so I hope all of your family comes for Christmas. Then you'll get to know each other well and have fond memories of each other. Toys aren't what's special at Christmas, it's that all your family is getting together to have a good, loving time.



Peace

Hark unto the message of Christmas: Let there be peace throughout the land!

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the staff at
Sears Canada Inc.

To Sue, Don, Mike and the boys
Have a Very, Merry, White Christmas and a Happy New Year
Garry and Liz

Season's best

Season's Greetings from Ike & Darlene

NORTH STAR HOTEL
Manitogagan

GREETINGS

Here's wishing you the best of holidays with friends and loved ones all around you!

Merry Christmas!
from
Elie and Dess
Trudell

BEST WISHES

May the spirit of the season carry over and enrich your lives every day of the coming year.

GREAT FALLS COMMUNITY CLUB

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plain.
Merry Christmas and many thanks.

May this sacred season bring its finest blessings to you and those you cherish. Joyeux Noel!

Joy and Peace from the Boyko's and Staff at
Boyko's Pro Hardware
Pine Falls Phone 367-2380

Joyous Holidays

May all the blessings of the Holy Season be yours in abundance!

J & L Greenhouses

John and Linda Poitras

St. George 367-2151



Grade 4, Pine Falls essay contest winners

First place — A trip to Grandma and Grandpa's makes Christmas special

by Colette Bolsvert
My special Christmas happened about three or four years ago when we went to have Christmas with my Grandma and Grandpa in Souris.

We talked and planned two days before we left. The next day we packed up. Mom said to pack this, dad said to pack that. We chased our cat Casper around trying to catch him. We packed ornaments, guitars, warm clothes, Christmas presents, and some food for the Christmas dinner. Then we had to load it all into the van.

When we were driving we stopped at least three times trying to find a tree. We finally got one. We needed a Christmas tree because Grandma and Grandpa didn't have one. It sat between the seats and made the van smell like pine.

Along the way we stopped at a little shop and bought some little candies. Then we went on to Souris. When we arrived in Souris after a long ride we saw lots of Christmas lights on. We were excited as we rode through the town. We tried to sneak up quietly so we could surprise them. When we got up the few stairs we rang the doorbell.

Grandma came to answer the door. When she opened the door, we jumped out and yelled, "Merry Christmas!" We heard Grandpa stomping along coming to see us.

Then we went back to the van and unpacked. First we brought in the tree and put it up. We put on the ornaments and put the gifts underneath. Casper liked to play with the ornaments. My auntie Marry was there too. It was like a big Christmas party. In fact, it was. I went to bed so tired that night.

The next morning I was the first one up. I went and sat on the couch. Then my Grandpa woke up and came and sat with me. As soon as everyone was up, we opened the presents. My auntie Marry gave me a Cabbage Patch. I named it Andrea Patricia. I played with her all day long.

That night we had the best Christmas dinner. We had mashed potatoes, a chicken of course, corn and gravy. After the dishes were done we sat around the Christmas tree and sang Christmas carols. My dad and my brother played guitar when we sang. We taped ourselves too.

I went to bed early because we had to pack up the van the next day. Finally everyone was asleep.

When everyone was up the next morning, they helped us pack up the van. Then we headed back to Pine Falls. It was a long ride and I fell asleep on the way. We could still smell a faint smell of pine.

When we got home we had to unpack it all again. Out came the ornaments, the warm clothes and so on. I was still really tired. I plopped down on my bed and fell fast asleep again.

And that was the best Christmas I ever had.

Second place — Trip to Africa would make Christmas special

by Tanya Earle
When I am older, for Christmas I would like to have a special Christmas without parents dragging around or with relatives and the big gang all coming over and having a dinner party. I want to have a Christmas all by myself.

I mean going on a trip to Africa. I have always wanted to go there to see what it would be

like without having snow. I would like to see how it is if you have a Christmas that has hot weather. After church you wouldn't have to get snow all the way down your boot and get full of snow.

If I went to Africa, I would like to give all the children and adults presents and other stuff. I would also like to give them food, blankets, clothing and other stuff too. I would sing soft, jolly and some sad Christmas songs to them. For supper I would make a nice hot turkey with lettuce, cranberries and all the stuff you eat at Christmas for them to share.

After supper I would read some little kids a story. I would read them my favorite story which is called, "Our Savior Was Born".

There was a couple named Mary and Joseph who had to go to a little town named Bethlehem. They had to go to Bethlehem to pay taxes. They travelled through night and day.

Mary was very tired because she was expecting a baby, so she had to lay down and rest. When they got to town all the inns were full. They asked one of the innkeepers to see if they could stay in the big, brown stable with all the animals. At about midnight a bright star appeared and Jesus Christ was born.

After the story I could maybe play football with the kids and the ones who knew how to play could play and the ones who didn't, I could show them how.

Maybe it would be nice if it snowed only for a couple of hours in Africa and I would show adults all the good games we could play.

We could go for sleigh rides, maybe make a snowman or two, go sliding, have a snowball fight. I think by then our special Christmas day would be just about over and we could finish with a nice cup of hot chocolate with marshmallows.

I also think it would be a special Christmas if everyone would stop fighting and everyone would love one another. It would be nice if the

whole world would be at peace and everybody would be joyful and everybody would have enough to eat.

Wouldn't it be nice if everyone would be just like that. Christmas is just not presents, it is really for loving one another and sharing. You also celebrate Jesus' birthday. That is my special Christmas day.

NOEL

THE GOOD TIDINGS TO ONE AND ALL! CHRISTMAS COMES TO GLADDEN EVERY HEART!

MR. PICS

Season's best

May all the blessings of the Holy Season be yours in abundance!

Merry Christmas and all the best in '89 from the Board of Trustees and the Executive of the
PINE FALLS RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Bryan M. Daien
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Lucy Jacob
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thank you for your patronage.

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**First place — Wish I
would see my dog Tiny**
by Melanie Bourgeois

My Christmas wish would be to see my dog Tiny again. He was my favorite dog.

I remember last year, during Christmas holidays, when my dad took him to the vet for a sleeping needle. When we woke up I asked my mom where dad was, and she said he was taking Tiny to the vet. Then she told us we would never see him again.

My brothers and I started crying. Christmas holidays just wasn't the time to have him go, because it is a time for happiness. We were still very sad, but my dad told us he buried him in a beautiful place. He also told us if Tiny was alive he'd love it there!

I will never forget his deadness, never. I remember he was taller than my waist! I used to think it was funny because he was called Tiny and he was so big!

But dogs can't live forever, only our memories of them can! So this Christmas my memories will bring Tiny back to my heart.

**Second place — I wish
Gerdie would come
home**

by Sarah Keenan

I wish my cat Gerdie would come home.

We went to a cabin that we rented with some friends of my mom and dad's. Their friends had brought their dogs. During the first night the dogs chased my cat away. The next day we searched for her but we couldn't find her anywhere.

When we got back to the cabin, dad made a sign with our phone number, address, name and the color of our cat. I felt really sad the we didn't have her anymore.

I wish she would come back on Christmas because every night she'd sleep at the bottom of my bed warming my feet, and her purring made me calm.

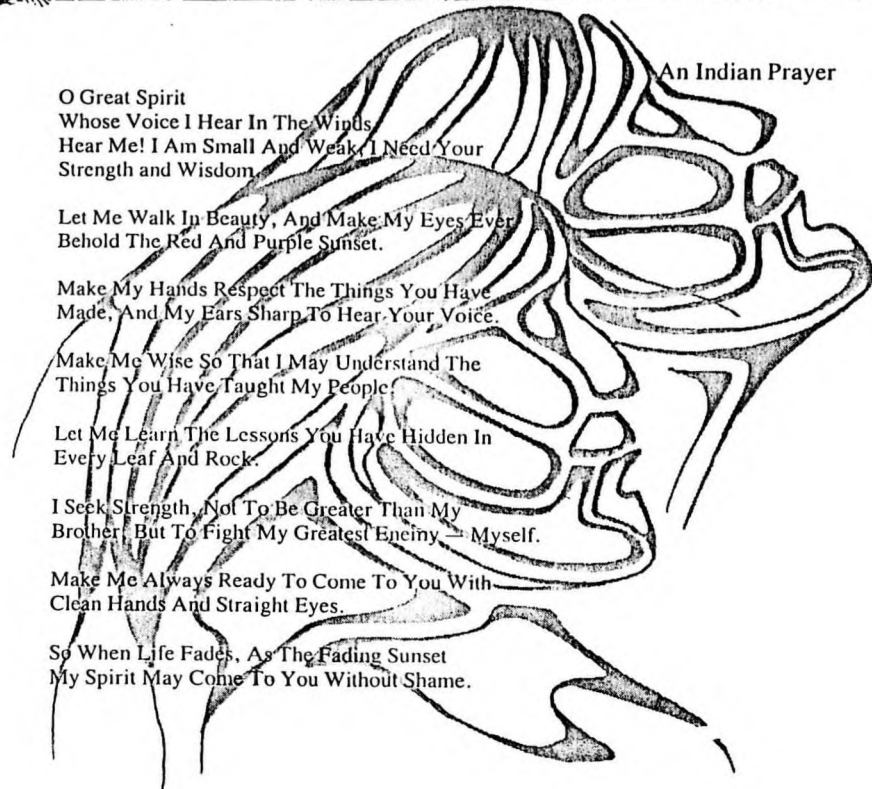
Every Christmas morning she used to get up and wake me up. I would wake up my sister, so we would go get our stockings. My cat would play with the ribbons and the Christmas paper off our gifts. She made opening presents even more fun.

**Third place — Boots
my best friend**
by Justin Vincent

I wish that I could have my dog Boots back because he was my best friend.

I loved him very much. Boots was the only person and animal that I could play with. I wish I could have him back on Christmas Eve.

If he came back I would give him a very, very big hug. I would play with him all night. Then I would go to church to thank Jesus and God for the best Christmas wish ever!



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.

*Best Wishes for the Holiday
Season and the Coming Year...*

*Ki-Mi-Nen-Da-Min, O-Des-Sa-Ba-Da-Ming,
Manitou-Ki-Shi-go*

*From the "First Nations Government" and
"Staff of the Fort Alexander Indian Band"*

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



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pour un Joyeux Noel.
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St. Georges Community Club Inc.

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Max Bossi.

Wishing you
Serenity and Happiness each day
of the coming year.

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Call 2581 or 8239
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Joyeux Noel et
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May your Christmas
be filled with Good Will,
Abundance and the
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May the joys
that the season has to offer
be yours

Safe and Happy Holidays
Management and Staff

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May the Spirit of Christmas fill your
Heart and Home with Happiness.

Winnipeg River Women's Institute

wishes you Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
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Wishing you
all the best this
Holiday Season.

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Merry Christmas — Joyeux Noel

From the parents
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*Le Cafe Francophone
Chateauguay vous Souhaite
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et une Bonne Heureuse Annee*

*Hope this Yuletide brings all
the Joys of a Beautiful Holiday Season.*

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Santa's Workshop with snow family provide cheery Christmas scene

A close up view of Santa's Workshop, complete with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, elves, the Snow Family reindeer and candy canes. Beryl and Gene Nelson and daughters, Michelle, Marcie and Melissa, worked together to build the scene, which had

its beginning six years ago when the family resided in Lynn Lake. The Snow Family of a Mr. and Mrs. Snowmen and little girl and boy as well as a dog were added only this year.

Papertown Motor Inn ECHOES

wish you all
Peace, Joy and Friendship
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

from the Raymond's
and Staff



HAPPY YULETIDE



Wishing you bright holidays as Christmas lights up the world!

Season's Greetings from
ZASTAWNY'S, Steve Zastawny, Shell bulk agent
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GREETINGS



To the young and to the young at heart... a merry, merry Christmas!

Season's Greetings from
Ken and Carol at

TRAVERSE BAY CORNER
754-2366

CHRISTMAS JOY



Rejoice in the beauty of this Holy Season.

Season's Greetings from
the dentists and staff at
Main Dental Group
Powerview, Man.

If you drink... don't drive!



According to statistics:
"Three out of every four
traffic deaths are
alcohol related."

DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC

Drive carefully and enjoy a
happy holiday season

Sobering Funeral Chapel
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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**

Powerview Grade 4 English class

First place — Going to Grandma's and Grandpa's made Christmas special
by Todd Morrison

Two years ago was a great Christmas. I went to my Grandpa's and Grandpa's house.

We had a huge supper for Christmas. We had cabbage rolls, fish, perogies, potatoes, buns and ham. My Grandpa cooks the best stuff.

All my relatives were there. We played cards in the evening. I want to bed at around eleven.

I couldn't sleep because I was too excited. I woke up at around seven.

We opened our presents at ten. I got a dart gun, mad ball, alarm clock, clothes, a whole bunch of stuff. After we opened presents I went to thank everybody. We stayed for five days more. Then we left.

When we got home I played with everything. That was my best Christmas.

This year, I think we are going to my Baba's and Gido's (grandma and grandpa) house in Dauphin, but my dad might

in Dauphin, but my dad might have to work. I hope he has it off. He said he wants to go. I want to go because my Auntie Karen and Uncle Bari are going to be there. I never hardly get to see them because they live in B.C. I haven't seen them for three years.

Me, Tracy (my cousin) and Keri sometimes go to the mall. I go to the arcade. They send me to the arcade while they shop for Christmas stuff. Then when we go home, we go looking in the bush for a scotch pine.

When we find one my dad cuts it down with an axe. When it falls we brush off all the snow and bring it to my Grandpa's in his truck. We take some garland, lights, tinsel, balls, candy canes and for the final touch, the golden star. I put it on.

At nighttime we put the stocking up over the fireplace. In the morning when we open presents, I'm hoping for a ghetto blaster.

When we leave all my relatives start to cry. I do too a little because I know I'll miss them. Really lots. On the way back home I think of them.

When I get home I will play with my friends and their new toys. I really hope we can go to my Grandma's and Grandpa's.

Second place — Wedding makes Christmas special

by Marcie Nelson

One day Sam heard his mother and father fighting. Just then the door slammed and the car started and drove away. Sam's father came and told Sam that they were getting divorced. Sam cried and cried. He would not stop.

On the day before Christmas, Sam's father went out. Sam was being babysat. That night Sam wished his parents were not getting divorced.

On Christmas day Sam wondered why there were wedding decorations. There were lots of sweets. He wondered what they were for.

So he went and watched the Bugs Bunny Show. Suddenly he heard his father speaking to him, "Let's put up the Christmas tree and decorate it," he said to Sam. "Okay," said Sam. When the tree was

finished he said, "Doesn't it look pretty?" "Yes," said Sam, "it does."

"Sam, did you wonder why there were wedding decorations up?"

"Yes," said Sam again. "Your mother and I are getting married again."

"Oh Daddy," cried Sam. "Where's Mommy, Daddy?" "She is upstairs getting ready, honey. Now go play in your nursery, Sam."

At 12:00 the wedding was being rehearsed. Sam couldn't wait for the real wedding. Soon people were arriving. Sam greeted them all. Soon Sam's mother was walking down the hall. Sam couldn't believe his eyes. His mother's dress was beautiful.

After the wedding Sam went swimming in his swimming pool. Sam had loads of presents. Sam loved them all, but his best present of all was his sister.

Sam is in Grade 2 now and his sister is in nursery school.

A Christmas Tribute to Babe Dawson

Babe has lived in the Pine Falls community since 1928, and during those years her contributions to the community have been many, including babysitting and caring for the sick and elderly; being faithful to her church, the Eastern Star and the hospital. She curled for many years, and enjoyed a trip to Scotland to curl. She has been a resident of Pineview Lodge since 1973, and you can see the work of her hands in the trees and flowers, especially in the summertime, around the back door, with the help of Doris Sawchyn. It is like a small park. She also puts in a vegetable garden, and we all enjoy the fruits of her labour. For some she brings the mail, and does some shopping; in rain, sleet, and snow she is out. She is also handy with the hammer and saw, and the birds have homes. She gives of her time and talent, asking nothing in return.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Win Woods

THE POWERVIEW HOTEL 367-4317

Joy to All

Best wishes to all Santa's helpers!
We've enjoyed serving you this Christmas!

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Season's Greetings from the
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GOOD TIDINGS

We hope your home and heart are filled with laughter, joy and good will this glad holiday season.
It's been a pleasure serving you.

Merry Christmas and
all the best in 1989.

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Blessings

May His Word inspire you at Christmas and in the days that come.

At this Holy Season may we wish you every blessing.

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Russell Funeral Homes



Happy, happy, happy, happy holidays!

From the
Players and Executive
of the

**Pine Falls
Ol' Kings**

IT'S CHRISTMAS

Our sincerest thanks
for your patronage—
may your holidays
be joyous!



From the management and staff
of the

Royal Bank of Canada

**YULETIDE
CHEER**



Hearts are mellow, spirits light, at this
Season of Good Fellowship!

Herb and Jan Harbour

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Santa's little friend helps out

One Christmas, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer broke his leg and Santa had to call on one of his best friends to save the day. Santa's little friend provides a horse to lead the team of reindeers in a story and illustration done by Guylaine Guimond of Grade 4.

Grade 4 French Immersion Powerview

First place — Why don't they believe me?
by Natalie Guimond

One Christmas my big sister and brother went to church while my mom and I stayed home. Just then my mom said, "Remember to leave milk and cookies out for Santa."

"Mom, that's so old," I said. "I'm going to leave out two beers and a bottle of Crown Royal."

"Okay, but leave a note for him to make sure not to drink and fly."

"Alright mom. Good night."

After a while I woke up and said, "I can't sleep." So I went to see if Santa had come yet. Santa had come alright, he was

still here! As I walked into the room the man in the red suit said, "Hi there, thanks for the beers, I needed them. Oh, and thanks for the note. I might have done something foolish."

"Wow, are you really Santa Claus?" I asked.

"I was the last time I looked," said the jolly man. "Would you please help me with these presents?"

"Sure," I said.

"I've got 10,000 more houses to go. Want to come?"

"Sorry, my mom will be waking up and she'd go crazy if I were gone."

"Okay, maybe I'll ask a little girl I met called Melissa Dube."

"Bye," I called to Santa as he went up the chimney. I could

hear the reindeers galloping on the roof.

Just then my mom came into the room and the rest of my family came home.

"I SAW SANTA CLAUS!" I said out loud.

"Yah, right," said my sister and brother.

I went outside and saw my cat and said to her, "At least you saw Santa go down the chimney. I feel bad for the guy. Let's go open our present."

"Merry Christmas Santa, wherever you are!" and from far away I could hear, "Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas Natalie!"

I smiled and walked into the house. That night I had the best Christmas ever, and I will still believe in Santa even when I'm 25.

JOY

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

Season's Greetings from Lucille and Claire at the flower shop

Pine Florists

Pine Falls
Ph. 367-8754

Greetings of the Season

Season's Greetings to the residents of Powerview, Pine Falls, St. Georges, Fort Alexander, Hollow Water, Manigotagan, Seymourville, Little Black, Bissett, the LGD of Alexander, and the Beaches.

from all the members and staff of the
Powerview RCMP Detachment



Cowboys at Christmas concert

Twenty-two cowboys from the Grade 2 and 3 class took the stage at the Powerview English Christmas Concert to perform a western song. The 17 girls were off stage providing the echo to the song.

Best Wishes

Remember the true meaning of Christmas.

PAUL DUBE
Sanitation Engineer — General Trucking
Ph 367-2724 Pine Falls

Glad Tidings

Through each moment of your holidays, may happiness be yours.

Season's Greetings
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Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas to all. May the joys of the holiday season be yours.

From Lil & Bonnie at
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Season's Best...

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Christmas Blessings
Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the new year
WYNNE'S PLACE, Bissett



Joys of the Season
May blessings be yours as we celebrate this holy season...family and friends all gathered about, and an abundance of the best things in life!
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JOY TO ALL
May your holidays be filled with happy moments.
From Don and Diana and Staff at **Chapel's Dodge Chrysler**



Peace
OUR WISH FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IS A WORLD FILLED WITH LOVE
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OF THE **PINE FALLS MEDICAL CLINIC**

Grade 4 French Immersion Powerview

Second place — The first Christmas
by Chantal Lagasse

One stormy, cold Christmas Eve there was a woman and a man who were looking for a place to stay in Bethlehem.

These people were Mary and Joseph. Joseph walked and Mary rode on a donkey, because Mary knew she was with child. So Joseph took extra good care of her.

They went to a hotel but they didn't have enough money. They went to another hotel but it was booked up. The man said, "You could stay in my stable." Mary was very tired so they went in with the man and he said, "Sorry I have animals in here." Joseph said, "It will do, thank you very much."

Soon after Mary had her beautiful baby. Joseph and Mary were very happy. "We will call our son Jesus," said Joseph.

A bright star appeared behind the stable. Far away shepherds were guarding their sheep. Then they saw an angel. The angel said, "Our Savior is here." The shepherd's eyes became bigger and bigger. They were filled with so much joy, they wanted to see the new born King.

So they followed the bright star to the stable. The shepherds brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh as gifts for the new born King. When they found the stable they went in and knelt by the baby and started to pray.

Mary and Joseph opened the gifts and were very thankful. Mary heard the baby crying so she picked up the baby and Joseph wrapped him up with a blanket to keep him warm. Mary and Joseph loved their baby very much, and promised to take very good care of him.

Mary, Joseph and the shepherds all knew that Jesus was very special and that he came as a gift from God. Soon after, the shepherds left

the stable to go tell their village the good news of Jesus, their new Savior.

And this is how the first Christmas was 1988 years ago.



I'll always believe in Santa
Natalie Guimond, a Grade 4 student, drew this picture of the Santa Claus she saw one Christmas Eve. In her story she tries to tell her family that she actually saw Santa, but no one believes her. For Natalie, her secret will remain forever hers and she states she will always believe in Santa, even when she is 25.



GREETINGS
Christmas Greetings to all the patrons of the **Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 64 LEGION HOUSE**
from Manageress Helen Poitras



We hope this Yuletide brings all the joys of a beautiful holiday season.
Christmas Greetings to all the members of the **Southeast Region of the Manitoba Metis Federation**
From Joyce, Rhonda and Lionel **367-2258**

WARM WISHES
Sending a message that brings us all a little closer:
Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings
OPEIU LOCAL 216 (Office Workers)

Grade 4 French Immersion Powerview

Third place — A close call for Christmas
by Tobie Savard

It was two days before Christmas and an old lady hated Christmas. At every Christmas she always had to do something bad so that the children would not get their presents. Now that's mean, and I mean MEAN!

Anyways, she was thinking of dressing up as Mrs. Santa Claus and giving Santa cocoa with a sleeping pill...but she wanted to do something meaner!

While she was thinking, Santa was getting ready for Christmas and the elves were helping him. Rudolph was getting his nose ready to glow all night. It was almost time to go. In the meantime the wicked lady was on her way to kidnap

Mrs. Santa Claus. She thought it was going to be fun. Then she got to Santa's house. Mrs. Claus was baking cookies in the kitchen. The old lady sneaked up, grabbed her and covered her mouth with a handkerchief. She tied her up, carried her to the basement, threw her in the closet and shut the door.

The old lady got dressed exactly like Mrs. Claus. Then she mixed a bowl of cocoa for Santa and the elves and added a sleeping potion to it. She walked over to the working room and gave them their cocoa. Soon they all fell asleep.

The old lady was very happy, but she still had to get rid of the reindeer. She had a spare needle with an extra dose of sleeping formula just in case something went wrong.

She walked over to the barn with the needle in her pocket. When she got there, she first went to Rudolph and leaned against him a little, then shot a little of the dose in his side. She did the same to the others. Soon they were all asleep.

She was happy that this Christmas was ruined! She could finally go home and rest without worrying about a thing. Night passed and it was Christmas Eve. She didn't know how long the dose would last, but she thought it was going to last long enough.

Mrs. Claus was very worried about what the old lady had done with Santa Claus and the elves. She struggled to get out. Finally her hands were free of the ropes; now she could take the handkerchief off her mouth. She kicked the door open...she was free!!!

She quickly ran to see what had happened. The elves and Santa were on the floor, lifeless. She exclaimed, "Oh my God! What will I do?" She shook and shook him. Nothing! She

poured some beer on his face. It didn't work! So she jumped on his belly... "Ouch! Ouch!" It was Santa Claus.

Mrs. Santa Claus was so happy she jumped all around and said, "I thought you were dead!"

"Nonsense," said Santa Claus. They then realized that the elves were still on the floor. They were worried, but not for long, the elves got up and said, "We're alive!"

Everyone was very, very happy, but Twinky was still on the floor. He was the best elf they ever had and the fastest at making toys. So they all knelt down to pray. Still Twinky would not wake up.

Suddenly, one of the elves asked about Rudolph and the reindeer? "Oh yeah," said Mrs. Claus. They ran out to the barn and found out that they were on the ground. Santa Claus said, "If we are still alive, maybe they were just sleeping pills. And you, honey, gave us the cocoa," said Santa.

"No-o-o, I was locked in the closet by an old lady," said Mrs. Claus. Then Rudolph and

all the deer woke up. Everyone was okay except Twinky.

One of the elves asked, "What about Christmas, we still have to pack presents for children." Santa looked down at his watch; there was only 15 hours left.

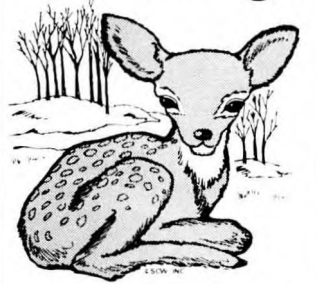
Santa said, "Let's get going and work hard." They quickly ran to the house, to the workroom and started working. Santa got the deer ready with sleigh.

They worked for 14 hours. One of the elves said, "We have only one more hour to make toys, and we can't make it without Twinky!"

After a while Twinky woke up and all the elves were happy!

Santa Claus shouted, "We're back in business." Twinky worked with all his heart. After half an hour everything was ready. Santa Claus was delighted at what the elves had done. Santa hopped on the sleigh and off he went!!!

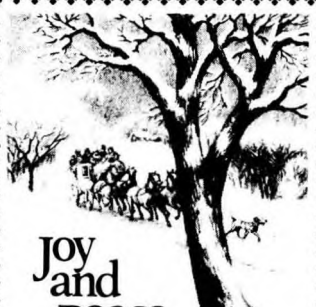
The old lady was very, very angry. She said, "Some fun this was." So she moved far away to the desert where there wasn't any Christmas, and lived with the cactus and the lizards.



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Fourth place — The Christmas Rudolph got a broken leg

by Guylaine Gulmond

One day Santa Claus was getting ready for Christmas Eve. He noticed that Rudolph was missing, so he sent the other reindeer to look for him.

When Santa was packing he heard a noise, a strange noise that came from the north. He called the reindeer and they came running and stood in a line, but Rudolph wasn't there.

Santa stood there thinking, "What could be that noise?" he asked himself. All the reindeer were looking at him when suddenly the leader gave Santa a little push with his nose and walked away.

Santa followed him to see what he was up to, and each step brought him close to the noise. Finally they found Rudolph lying on the ground making the noise.

Santa sat beside Rudolph looking to see what had happened. He touched one of Rudolph's legs and realized it was broken. Santa felt sad about his friend with a broken leg. "Now what will I do. Christmas is only a day away. I'm in trouble. I can't deliver presents for kids, Rudolph has a broken leg. I'll have to find another reindeer before Christmas."

So he got to work on Rudolph's leg. When he was finished, it was five o'clock.

When Santa got home he patted his best friend, Tammy, and she said, "I have a pony that probably would work."

"Okay," said Santa. "I'll go pick up your pony tonight." Santa quickly got going. When he came back with the horse, he started training him, but there was one problem, the horse didn't understand anything Santa said.

He went and got the little girl so the horse would understand what he was saying. As soon as they were finished talking, they got to work. She put him on the sleigh with the reindeer to see if it would work and to see if the reindeers would get used to him. It worked all right, really good for a horse, even better than what Santa had thought. "Well, I guess I'll bring you with me tomorrow," said Santa.

When Santa told the elves what Tammy had done, the

elves were so happy that they decided to make a great gift for her. Meanwhile she put a note on the door that said this: "Thank you, Santa. I like you very much; you are nice to me and my pet Rocky. He will be very nice to you tomorrow. I hope everything goes all right. From Tammy."

The next evening it was Christmas Eve. The little girl rode with Santa in the sleigh and found a present for her. Now Santa said, "Open yours," and it was a pearly gold chain.



Puppy love

Rozanne Lisette (right) hugs her puppy (played by Jodie Wilcott) in thankfulness for the ending of "An Ode to Santa", a skit performed by Wendy O'Rourke's Grade 6 French Immersion class.

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What is Advent?

Guest Editorial by Pastor Barry Bence
Lutheran Church of the Cross

The idea of having a special season to prepare for Christmas seems to have originated in France and gained general acceptance there by 567. In some places up to six or seven Sundays were set aside to get souls ready for Christmas. Later, the Church of Rome decided to limit advent to the four Sundays that preceded Christmas, and to begin the Church year with Advent. Formerly it began either with Christmas or as late as March. The color violet was chosen for altar hangings since it reminded people to fast and pray and repent, although Advent was never as severe an observance as Lent was. During the Reformation, Advent became a time for pastors to encourage their flocks to prepare for Christ's three-fold "coming" (this is what the word "Advent" actually means in Latin). First, we need to receive him when he comes to us in the Gospel as the Babe of Bethlehem and as the Lord who was crucified in our place. Secondly, we need to receive him as the Christ who will judge both the living and the dead at the conclusion of history. Finally, we need to receive him as Christ comes to us in the preached Word of God and in the Sacraments of the Church.

Many great hymns have been written for Advent worship which are based on the Old Testament prophecies that are read at worship. For instance, the hymn, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" stems from Germany in the year 1710 and relates Isaiah's prayer for a Divine Saviour who would be God-with-us to our own need for a Saviour and Redeemer. Around 1700 the hymn "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" urged congregations to hear John's preaching and foretelling of the coming Saviour as our own call to ready our hearts for the King. I enjoy singing a hymn from the middle of the century, "Tomorrow Christ is Coming" because it reminds us that we see Christ's face in the eyes of the poor and suffering whom we care for.

In recent years the Lutheran Church has decided to replace the purple altar hangings with blue ones, since the real theme of Advent is "hope" and we all hope to meet our Lord in heaven. And many churches enjoy using the Advent wreath at worship, since this circle of evergreens with four candles symbolizes eternal life, and how the Light of Christ came into our world in answer to the prophetic words of Israel. Every Sunday an additional candle is lighted until, on Christmas Eve, a centre candle is lighted as the pastor reads from Luke's Christmas Gospel, and we receive with joy the good news that the Light of the World has come, who is Christ the Lord. This custom seems to have originated in northern Europe where before Christianity arrived the people used evergreen branches to worship their pagan gods. The Church took over these customs and "baptized" them to help tell the story of Christ. Come to think of it, that's the same thing the Church did to me!

Advent, in short, is a time of preparation, not only to get ready for the religious festival of Christmas, but much more, for that scary day when you and I will stand face to face with the Risen Lord. Who will He be on that day — our Judge or our Saviour? In a sense, all of our life is an Advent to help us prepare for that Day.



The Fat Boys entertain

Powerview English students, Elliot Grantham and Omid Bossi shook, rattled and rolled their way through a modern-day "RAP" Christmas carol as part of the Fat Boys Band. Other members of the band were Liam O'Rourke, Robbie Mills and Vanessa James.



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A modern day French Canadian celebration

by Marlene Watson

The largest ethnic group in Canada is comprised of over five million French-speaking Canadians. To many of them, Christmas is a sacred day.

In smaller communities, it starts with Mass at midnight and then a feast in the middle of the night, called the reveillon, where traditional French foods are served.

Therese and Severe Vincent of St. Georges enjoyed keeping the reveillon custom for 35 years, before retiring and moving to Winnipeg. Today, those customs are kept by their children, who are grown and all but two of the nine are married.

Three daughters, Ginette McMullen, Huguette Nolin, and Rachel Vincent reside in or around St. Georges, and during the month of December, they gather to plan the meals, bake the food, and make the special Christmas Eve arrangements.

All but two of the favorite Christmas dishes are baked by the children, the coveted fried doughnuts, made from buttermilk and nutmeg batter, and the mincemeat and butter tarts can only be prepared by mother. Therese travels frequently to St. Georges to bake these delicacies, which are only made for Christmas and stored in the giant freezer until the time of the reveillon.

The traditionally French meat pies, which consist of ground beef and pork, chopped onions, spices, and mashed potatoes, are also served on the reveillon banquet table and prepared by the children.

Four of the Vincent children reside in Winnipeg, sons Larry and Claude and daughters Jackie and Jeannine. All travel with their families to St.

Georges to be part of the festivities on Christmas Eve.

Two of the family reside miles away, Guy at Victoria, British Columbia and Leon in Calgary. Their attendance at the traditional gathering is not always possible, but is cause for special celebration when they are able to make the long journey.

This year, the youngest daughter Rachel, and Paul Raymond will host the Christmas Eve celebration at their new home which Paul built along the river a few miles east of St. Georges.

Stockings are hung

Before the group leaves for church at midnight, over 20 stockings will be hung along the stairway leading from the main floor to the upstairs.

While at Mass, Santa Claus will visit the Raymond home and fill each stocking with treats and small gifts, to be opened when the family arrives back home from church. Preparations quickly begin to ready and serve the food for the reveillon banquet table.

As each person brings one

gift for an exchange (the adults exchange names as do the children), these gifts are placed under the tree and are not given out until after the meal.

Huguette recalls the anticipation when she was a child, waiting for the gift exchange. "I remember after the meal when grandpa would stand beside the tree. I knew then it was time to give out the presents."

The festivities continue until three or four in the morning, even for the eleven grandchildren. "The grandchildren stay up until we go to bed," says Therese.

Christmas Day is a quiet day, spent relaxing, playing cards, or as Severe says "watching the football on T.V."

The day for good cheer and merry making and whoop-la for most French-speaking Canadians is always left until New Years, never Christmas.

"Christmas is a celebration with the family," say the Vincents, who now stay home on New Years Eve to allow their children the pleasure of socializing with friends and other relatives.

Joyous Noel



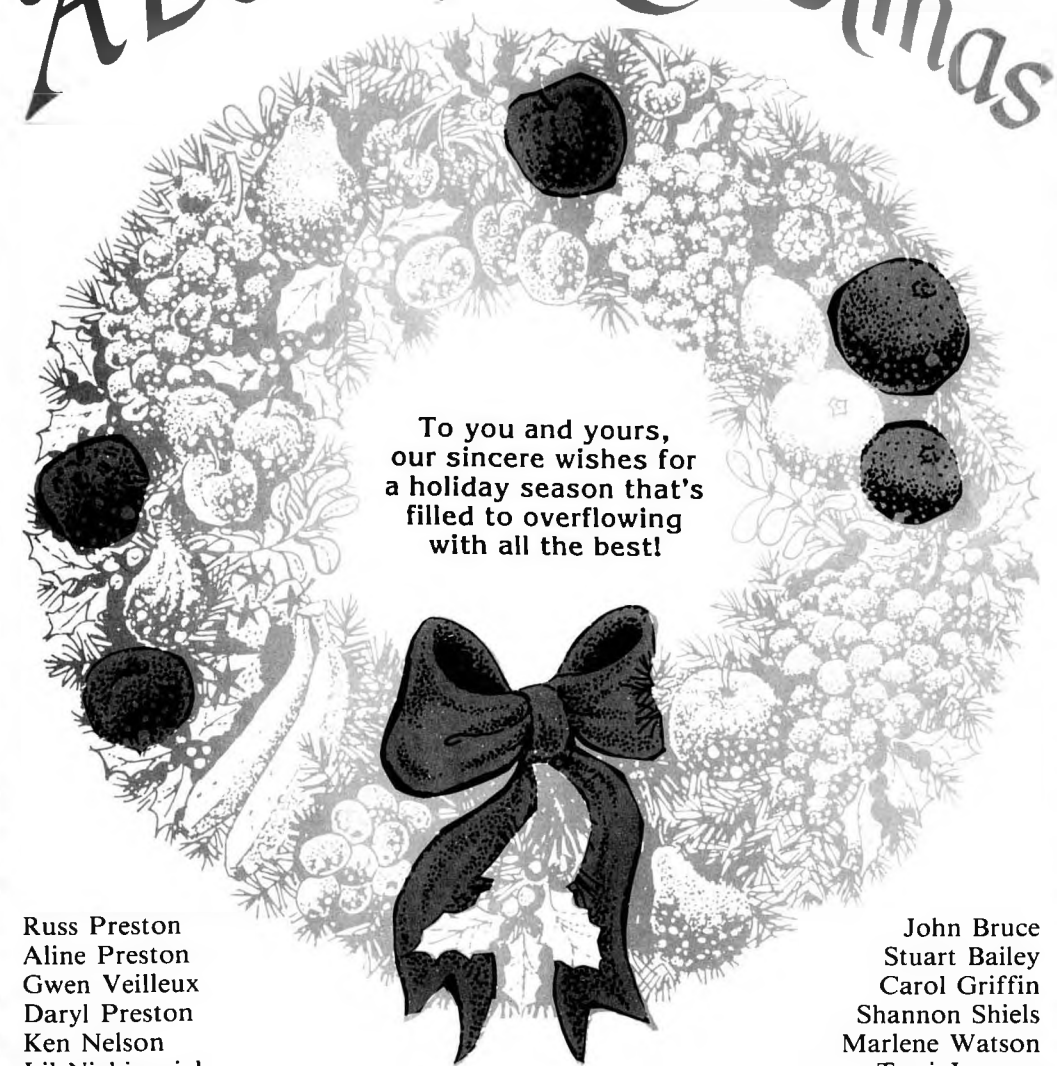
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