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## Christmas Is .....

What is Christmas? Danny Carney, a grade 12 student at Georgetown District High School, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Carney, penned this observation.

Christmas is a 24 hour halt of war in Vietnam, soft new fallen snow on the harsh winter ground, thousand dollar advertising by Simpsons and Eatons, two constant weeks of spiritual programs on the tube, large evergreen trees laden with brightly coloured bulbs and popcorn strings, a carolenter with a new hammer, a change of seasons, morning service for the faithful, spending the weekend at your grandparents, and a short, bearded, fat man in a red suit.

Christmas is a warm blazing fire on a cold winter night, a multi coloured mirage, hockey at six in the morning, holiday sales and winter bargains, a new winter coat, strands of Holly and Mistletoe, music by the Drummer Boy and Perry Como, greetings of Good Cheer and Merry Christmas, office parties from midnight to four, memories of hot summer days and nights, cut rate trips to Florida and Hawaii, gifts under an evergreen tree on Christmas day, and a short, bearded, fat man in a red suit.

Nineteen hundred and forty years ago, a child was born of God. He was raised by a man named Joseph and a woman upon whom man has placed the title The Virgin Mary. He was born in a stable, next to the animals, and was positioned in the hay. He grew in wisdom and strength, and performed many miracles of mercy. At the age of thirty-three he was crucified — by his own people. And heaven and earth burst forth with disapproval, and he was buried. On the third day he came forth, and ascended into heaven, and sat next to his father, our God.

Above is a short history of a man named Jesus, claimed to be the son of our God, come to

save mankind from its heathen position. Many believe it is fact yet others believe it is fiction brought about by some misinterpretation of the facts.

On December 25, his birth is celebrated by all believers (and a great many non-believers), in a way very special to our kind. Peace reigns over man on this day, more so in some than in others, but nevertheless, attend Peace.

If Jesus is fiction, praise be to the mind that developed his spirit. If Jesus is fact, let all men bow down to the greatest mind that ever was upon the earth. For any man, or God, to create an atmosphere of happiness and tranquility among men is a miracle in itself.

A true Christmas is one in which Peace and Love abide; let every man and woman and child regulate his or her activities in such a manner as to bring joy and happiness to all others, not just for one day of the year, but for every day of his life.

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### PLANT OF PEACE IS MISTLETOE

The hanging of mistletoe at Christmas is an English custom which goes back to the Druid beliefs. This plant was thought to bring good luck, and was so sacred that if enemies met beneath the mistletoe in the forest, they would lay down their arms, exchange greetings, and keep a truce until the next day.

From this custom grew the practice of hanging the 'plant of peace' over a doorway at Christmas as a symbol of good will to all comers. A kiss under the mistletoe was a declaration of love and a promise of marriage, and an engagement announced in this way was thought to bring happiness, good fortune and long life to lovers.

### EASY DECORATION

Take a board about 5 inches by nine inches — or thereabouts — cover with foil and nail on a piece of chicken wire. Pull green branches through the wire and slip colorful Christmas ball and figures amongst the greenery. That's all there is to it. Use the same board each year.

**Christmas Greetings**  
AND BEST WISHES  
— for —  
THE NEW YEAR  
**RAY LENZ**  
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR  
65 Mill Street Phone 877-3414

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**  
Here's wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas filled with good cheer!  
**DAVE WILLIAMS**  
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*Merry Christmas*  
AND BEST WISHES FOR THE  
New Year  
WE EXTEND A SINCERE THANK YOU  
TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS  
**BOUWMAN'S** AUTO ELECTRIC AND  
TRUCK SERVICE CENTRE  
32 Water Street — Georgetown

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

We wish you and your loved ones a very bright, festive and fun-filled holiday celebration!  
**W. B. HAMILTON**  
CONSTRUCTION LIMITED  
General contractor and agent for "Holiday Homes"  
BILL HAMILTON — 65 Prince Charles Drive

**MORE TRANSPORTATION!**  
Georgetown Rotary Club president Harry Greig turns the keys to the Skidoo over to Art Scott who won the arctic dune buggy in the club's lucky draw. Beside the club proxy are director Bob Gougeon who was in charge of ticket sales, and club treasurer Ken Faulkner. The winning ticket was sold by Paul Armstrong. The winner is president of Georgetown Transportation Company.

**THIS IS CHRISTMAS!**  
Light the candles on your tree of hope, for this is Christmas. Let your heart refresh and take joy and gladness, for this is Christmas!  
Listen to the melody in all creation: It is there for those who will hear. Forget the trials of the hour. He who has learned the secret of trust will have no fear, for he can make this day of days one of gladness and praise-giving. For this is Christmas!

**BEFANA'S SEARCH ANCIENT LEGEND**  
An ancient legend tells of Three Wise Men stopping to ask directions of an old woman, Befana. They invited her to go with them to worship the new-born King, but she would not leave until she had swept her house and baked her bread.

So the Wise Men left without her. When her housework was finished, Befana packed a basket of toys for the Christ Child and set out after the Wise Men, but she never overtook them. So every Christmas she searches for the Christ child with her basket of toys, leaving gifts for the children in each house she passes.

**Lakeview Discount Centre**  
126 Main N. — Acton  
**SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL**

**SEASON'S BEST to you**  
Wishing you a home filled with happiness.  
**WILKES LUCKY DOLLAR STORE**  
MR. AND MRS. DON WILKES  
877-4281 Main Street North

**LOOK IN YOUR DIME STORE**  
Christmas Shoppers who went overboard on gifts last year and want to cut down on expenses can find some answers at their local 5c and 10c store.  
For less than \$5 you can come across scores of little items that could be ideal presents. The notions counter of department stores are another source of gift possibilities.  
For Dad you can get an imitation — leather tobacco pouch, a date book or a sterling silver key chain.  
Mother might like a set of tony cloth aprons, dish towel and potholder or an attractive metal recipe box. These items range from 69c to \$3.  
For teen age girls there are such things as bobby pin boxes, hair teasing brushes, nail polish, lipstick, hair ribbons and bows and headbands. You'll see many suitable gifts, just look around.  
How about the miniature scale cars and model trucks or one of many games for the boys on your list?  
There are counters full of things for babies, and even for the family pet.

**Season's Greetings**  
We rejoice in the opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!  
FROM THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT  
**BLUE VALLEY MEAT MARKET**  
FAMOUS FOR QUALITY MEATS  
148 GUELPH STREET

**Season's Greetings**

Quietude greetings to one and all! May your holidays be filled with gladness.  
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United Co-operatives of Ontario

**SILENT NIGHT**  
... may it bring peace to a troubled world  
**PETE MASSON MOTORS LIMITED**  
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