JOYCE BEATON

The best gift

Christmas came early for our family this year. The little package, all wrapped in love and blue bows, is Michael Cameron Dadson.

His daddy is my youngest brother, the baby of our family, the youngest of six. As I am the oldest, and age 14 when he was born, I changed his diaper, gave him his bottle, and pretended he was MY baby.

And now he has a son of his own. If ever two people were made for each other it's my brother David and his wife Sheila. They've waited several years before inviting Michael Cameron into their lives. When they did they were both there, eyes and arms wide open, to welcome him.

After a long and exhausting labor the doctors decided on a Caesarean section. David stayed beside Sheila all the way and she watched the proceedings through a mirror . . .wide awake. They had attended pre-natal classes and were quite prepared for whatever was in store.

They toasted the birth minutes later with a glass of Michael Cameron, you're a precious gift of life, a

child of God.
- Unto us a child is born -

Unto us a gift is given, -

Laura Dixon of Milton is living proof that 'you're never too old to try something different'. At 70 years of age she has this year published her first book. It's a collection of poetry and prose written by Mrs. Dixon during her lifetime as a farm wife in Halton County.

Like many women her age Mrs. Dixon was a partner with her husband in the business of farming. She ran the house and garden and he the heavier work. Together they carved out a life in one of the most beautiful areas of Ontario, south of Milton and under the shadow of the Niagara Escarpment.

Her life centred around her children, her church, the Women's Institute and the community. It was a life she tells of with great pride and with a tinge of sadness at its

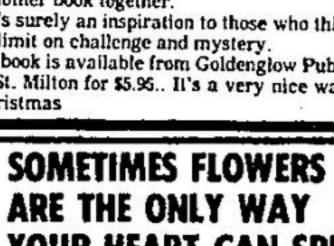
She's titled her book OPEN GATEWAYS, her philosophy of life being that 'life is like an open gateway into a land of fun and dreams. Lift the latch and there you are, always discovering something new and beautiful, humorous and exciting to fill your heart and to lighten your daily chores."

It has been my pleasure to publish this book, something I could hardly forsee the day I stopped at her house several years ago to research a story. She told me she was also a writer and took me to her bedroom where she revealed a chocolate box full of poetry and pictures. Little did I know at the time I would be her

publisher. Laura Dixon considers 1977 her lucky year. On May 7, 1977, she was 70 years old. She's even talking about putting another book together.

She's surely an inspiration to those who think there is an age limit on challenge and mystery.

Her book is available from Goldenglow Publications 181 Main St. Milton for \$5.96.. It's a very nice way to say Merry Christmas



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my toys last year. I would like this year Blip, Sleep walker, Superstar barbie. The new barbie camper thats yellow, Superstar fashion place. Thank you again Santa hope to see you.

Yours Truly, Angela Tyler P.S. Please send me a letter back Santa Thank you.

Dear Angela: I am glad you liked your gifts last year. It seems you like to play fashion dolls. I hope you like what you find under your tree this year too. I can't send back separate letters, Angela, because the mailmen went on strike again. Instead I'll answer you in the paper and I'm sure you'll read it because you are old enough to read a newspaper now,

Have a Merry Christmas,

Dear Santa

aren't you.

I would like to have a "Snow White Talking Mirror". If you can't get this I would like "Baby Alive." I really liked that "Crawl Baby" you gave

I have a dog this year and her name is Suste. She would like to have a "pretzel" thing that she can chew. I will watch you and Rudolph on T.V. I hope you and Rudolph

are feeling O.K. Love Karen P.S. Santa, you and Rudolph don't have to wash the dishes from your lunch this year. Mommy and I will. xoxoxoxo.

Dear Karen: I'm glad you liked your doll last year and I hope this year's gift will please you just as much. Rudolph is just fine and looking forward to leading my team again this trip. I think If you are nice enough to leave me a snack I should be polite enough to clean up after myself. I'll remember your offer though, if I get rushed on my trip.

Merry Christmas,

Dear Santa,

My name is Billy, I am four. I've been a good boy. Could I please have a Stretch Armstrong, or a racing car, or



IN THE MATTER OF Section 64 of The Ontario Municipal Board Act,

(R.S.O. 1970, c. 323)

IN THE MATTER OF a previous application by The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills for an order approving:

Area at an estimated cost of \$250,000.00 and the borrowing of money therefor, and (b) the issuance of the necessary debentures by The

(a) the library alteration and addition in the Georgetown

Regional Municipality of Hatton chargeable to the applicant corporation such application having been approved by the order of the

Board dated the 11th day of October, 1974

IN THE MATTER OF a previous application for an order approving an additional expenditure of \$160,000.00 and the borrowing of money therefor, and the Issuance of additional debentures in the amount of \$150,000.00 by The Regional Municipality of Hallon chargeable to the applicant corporation

such application having been approved by the order of the Board dated the 7th day of January, 1975

IN THE MATTER OF a previous application for an order approving the amendment of the previous order of the Board dated the 11th day of October, 1974, by amending the description contained in sub-section (a) in the style of

such application having been approved by the order of the Board dated the 13th day of April, 1977 and subsequently rescinded by the order of the Board dated the 7th day of July, 1977

IN THE MATTER OF a present application by The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills for an order approving the construction of a new library near the intersection of Main Street and Maple Avenue in the former Town of Georgetown at an estimatecd cost of \$750,000.00 whereof debentures in the amount of \$400,000.00 have been issued by the Regional Municipality of Halton chargeable to the applicant corporation

APPOINTMENT FOR HEARING

THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD hereby appoints Wednesday, the 25th day of January, 1978 at the hour of ten o'clock (local time) in the forenoon, at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Recreation Complex Hall, Guelph Street in the Town of Halton Hills for the hearing of all persons who desire to be heard in support of or in opposition to the application.

Any person affected may register objections with the Municipal Clark prior to the date set for hearing. If you do not attend and are not represented at this hearing, the Board may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings.

In the event the decision is reserved persons taking part in the hearing may request a copy of the decision from the presiding Board Member. Such decision will be mailed to you when available.

DATED at Toronto, this 1st day of November, 1977.

SECRETARY



Dear Santa. I like you. I try to be real good. We are friends. I am 5. If I can, could I have a guitar, a baton or a play desk. Goodby till Christmas day. Lisa Braisby,

Dear Lisa: I like all my children, Lisa. Of course, we are friends. ! hope you will like what I leave under your tree on Christmas Eve. Have a happy holiday. Your friend.

"Sesame Street

My name is Glen Bossert and I would like you to bring I'm glad to know you have me been a good boy. Good boys Clubhouse" and a hockey

Billy Braisby. 80 King St. Dear Santa Claus. Georgetown

Dear Billy: deserve nice presents for stick. Christmas so I'll see what I I am 5 years old.

can find to please you when I am packing up my sleigh. Have a Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa

We hope you are feeling fine. We are looking forward to a visit from you this Christmas Eve. This year we will be spending Christmas at Aunt 80 King St. Annelle and Uncle Hardy's in Georgetown Windsor so would you please

visit us there. Christa would like you to bring her a baby Sarah doll, an "umbrella stroller", and a "cat in the hat" game Todd would like a big blue truck, a gun and a "lift and

Tow" garage. Thank you very much and we will leave you a snack on Christmus Eve and some sugar cubes for Rudolph and the other reindeer.

Christa and Todd Fuller (Christa is 4 and Todd is2)

wish you a merry Christ-Dear Christa and Todd, Could you please bring my about me finding you on Christmas Eve. I keep track of

all my girls and boys so that they find some nice surprises on Christmas morning. Thank you for my snack. My reindeer will enjoy something to munch on too.

sisters. I try to find something nice for all my children each year and I hope you will have lots of fun with the surprise

Have a Merry Christmas,

Dear Santa Claus,

I like you. Thank you for giving me presents. I'd like something this year, like maybe a mini bike. How are you going to get down the chimney? And how

Merry Christmas.

house? I've been a good boy, Love from Jordan Carlen,

will you get back to your

RR2 Norval P.S. Do you really have

Rudolph with you? (with his on. nose so bright).

Dear Jordan, I like you too and I'm glad you liked your presents other years. Now you don't really expect me to tell you all my magic tricks, do you? If I did

that you youngsters wouldn't need me. You could be your own Santas. Then I wouldn't have any fun at Christmas. That's what I like most, you know, being able to leave nice

surprises for all my children I am fine and don't worry when I make my big trip. Merry Christmas

:Acakokokoko

My dear Santa Claus: I love you Santa and so does my baby brother, George. We have both been good children and can't wait until you come down our chimney. We will have mommy make you some hot chocolate and our favourite cookies.

> Love. Paul Cobham. RR2, Acton

Dear Paul, Santa loves all his children. I am sure you have both been good so I'll leave you something nice for a surprise when I make my trip at Christmas. Hot chocolate will be nice because it gets very cold up there in the sleigh and It's a very long trip so I will be glad of the cookies to munch

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