

The Christmas wish

It was a snowy Christmas Eve. As John huddled in a damp stairwell trying to keep warm. The bustle of the Christmas season passed by. John found it hard to get in the spirit because he knew it would be his last Christmas. If John had one wish it would be to spend his last Christmas with his best friend, Chris in a magical place called heaven! John's eyelids became heavy.

In the dark, John could see a faint light up ahead. He got to his feet and started toward the light. As he got closer, he recognized the shape. It was his best friend, Chris. John thought, Chris is in heaven. Where am I!? Then the shadow spoke.

"John, John. Is that you?"
 "Yes. Is that you, Chris?" John had never felt this happy. His life-long dream has come true.
 "John, what are you doing here?"

"I don't know, I honestly don't know!!!" John was in a daze. He didn't even notice that Chris was now at his side leading him away from the light.

"Chris where are we going?"
 "To a better place" Chris explained.

"A better place? What do you mean?"

"I mean a place with Christmas trees, presents and a hug Christmas dinner!! Everything we ever dreamed of!!!" Chris led him to a door. The only problem was it was four feet above their heads. John commented "How are we going to get up there?"

"This is the back door. We can't get through this way. We have a long way ahead of us. We better get going." Chris led John through thick fog and clouds. They walked for hours and hours

Peace At Christmas



and it looked like they weren't even moving. The clouds split and they were in a warm beautiful pasture. John asked "Is this it?"

"Yes, this is part of it. The other part is your wish for a peaceful Christmas."

"How much longer will it be?" asked John.

"Not much longer now. Be patient, John" Chris took John's hand and led him into the pasture. John's eyes widened as he noticed the peaceful scene ahead of him. Two beautiful cows were grazing on his left. Three sheep were on his right.

"This is such a pretty place. I wish I could live here." said John. As they reached the end of the pasture, Chris spoke "It's only through this forest and on the

other side. It's not long now!" Chris walked into the forest, John followed. They walked through the forest, in and out of different trees. Big ones, small ones, oaks, cedars, pine, and maple. John saw a clearing. "Is this it?" asked John but, when he turned around, Chris was nowhere to be seen!!!!

"Chris! Chris! Where are you?" John searched for Chris and came up with nothing. John ran into the clearing. This was it! This was the place! John felt nothing like he had before. He wanted to stay in this place forever...John sat up. It was all a dream. But, John still lay in that damp stairwell...

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Christmas greenery

The beautiful greenery that decorates this Georgetown Regan Crescent house in the spirit of Christmas gives an impression Georgetown may not have a White Christmas this year. Judging from the relatively balmy weather this last while the prediction doesn't seem that wild. (Herald photo)



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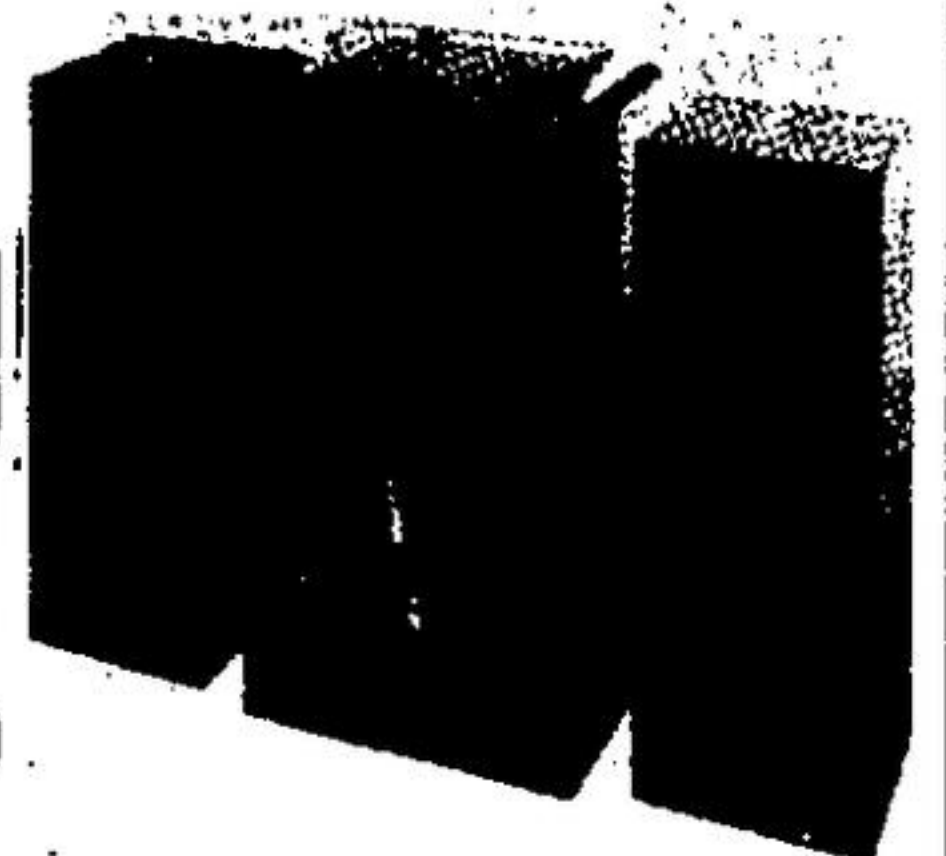
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