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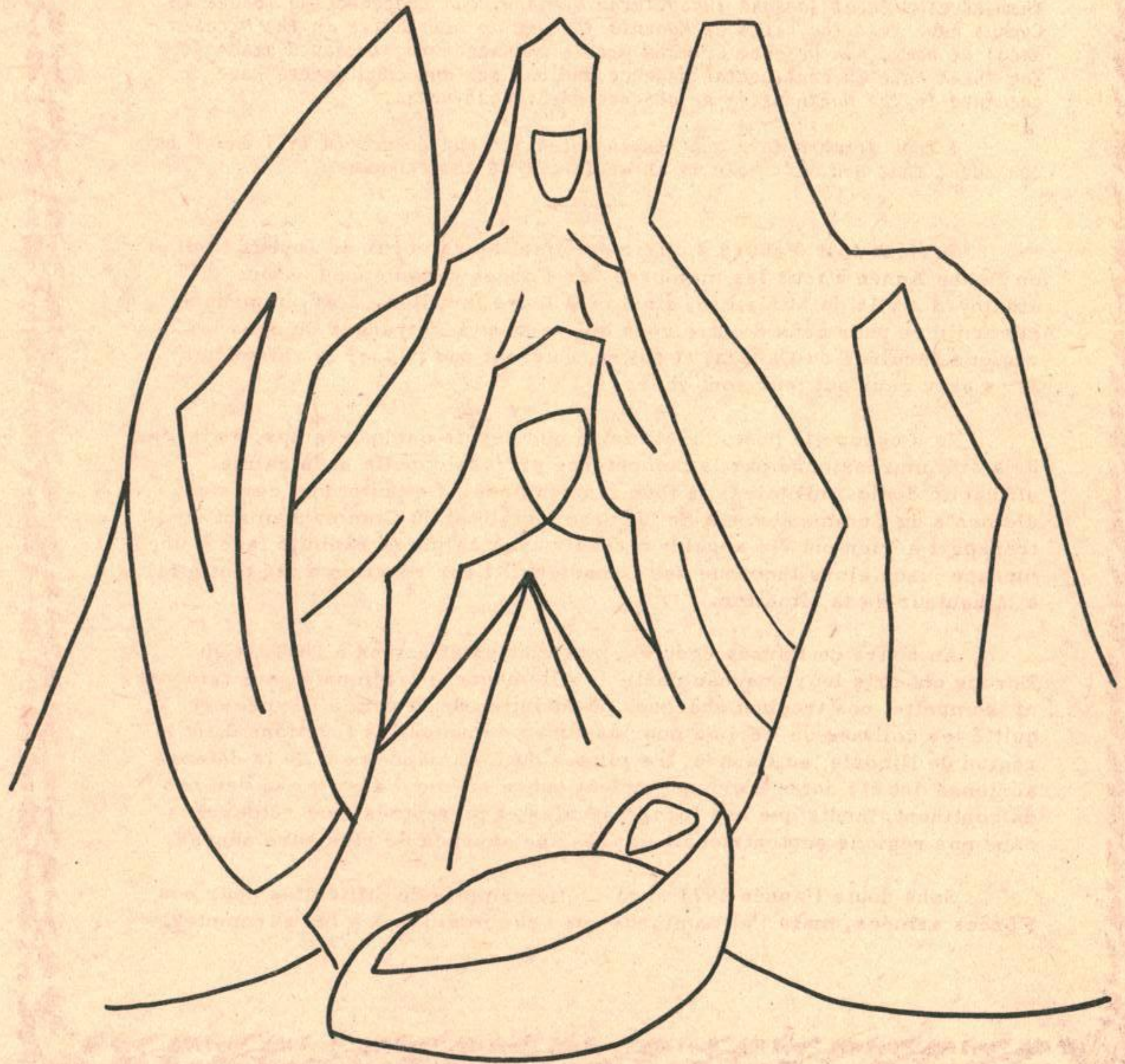
FRIDAY DECEMBER 25, 1970



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

## GLEÐILEG JÓL

## JOYEUX NOEL



For to you is born this day in the city of  
of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

LUKE 2:11

## Christmas Messages

THE HONOURABLE DONALD S. MACDONALD, MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

I would like first of all to extend my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all members of the Canadian Forces and civilian members of the Department and their families. In particular, I send special greetings to those of you who are serving abroad or in remote areas of Canada and who will not have the opportunity to be with your families during the holiday season.

I have been Minister for a brief time only, but already I am impressed by the professionalism and quiet efficiency of our forces at all levels. This fall, elements of Mobile Command and Air Transport Command were called upon to react quickly and quietly to a threat previously unknown to Canadians. Their response met all the requirements called for.

During the past year, our NATO forces in Europe have re-positioned themselves without fanfare in southern Germany; our peacekeeping forces in Cyprus have left the hills of Kyrenia to take up new duties in the Nicosia area; at home, Air Defence Command pilots are receiving improved aircraft for their role in continental defence and our sea and land forces have returned to the North after an absence of several years.

I look forward to a challenging year for our forces in 1971 and I am confident that you will join me in meeting that challenge.

Je tiens tout d'abord à offrir mes meilleurs vœux de Joyeux Noël et de Bonne Année à tous les membres des Forces canadiennes et aux employés civils du Ministère, ainsi qu'à leurs familles. J'ai une pensée particulière pour ceux d'entre vous qui servent à l'étranger ou dans les régions reculées du Canada, et qui ne pourront pas passer la saison des fêtes avec ceux qui leur sont chers.

Je n'occupe le poste de Ministre que depuis quelque temps, mais j'ai déjà été impressionné par la compétence professionnelle et la calme efficacité de nos militaires, à tous les échelons. Cet automne, certains éléments du Commandement de la force mobile et du Commandement du transport aérien ont été appelés à réagir avec calme et rapidité face à une menace jusqu'alors inconnue des Canadiens. Leur réaction a été tout à fait à la hauteur de la situation.

Au cours de l'année écoulée, nos troupes affectées à l'OTAN en Europe ont pris leur nouveau poste en Allemagne méridionale sans tambour ni trompette; nos troupes chargées du maintien de la paix à Chypre ont quitté les collines de Kerinia pour assumer de nouvelles fonctions dans la région de Nicosie; au Canada, les pilotes du Commandement de la défense aérienne ont été dotés d'avions perfectionnés en vue d'assurer la défense du continent, tandis que nos forces navales et terrestres sont retournées dans nos régions septentrionales après une absence de plusieurs années.

Sans doute l'année 1971 sera-t-elle remplie de difficultés pour nos Forces armées, mais j'ai confiance que vous m'aidez à les surmonter.

## Base

## Commander's Christmas Message

It is traditional for a base commander to pass on a message to base personnel at this festive time of year and in this message it is traditional to thank everyone for the co-operation received during the year, making an appeal to have people continue to co-operate in the year to come. For me to present my message in this manner would be like asking my own family to co-operate. Since my arrival at Gimli the trust and faith which you have put in me has been both touching and gratifying. We have had few secrets from each other, and I intend that this will continue to be the case. You have made my job easy by your attitude toward your work. Without exception, in all of the various inspection visits that we have received, Gimli has come through with flying colours. I keep a book in my office called "Gimli Fan Letters", and each time we receive a "thank you" letter, it is placed in this book. If you ever have any doubt as to the high regard and esteem in which our base is held by others, drop by and have a look through this book.

Yes, for me, being base commander of Gimli has been a wonderful experience. In the coming year our team will split up and we will be going to new jobs and new places. While our country is large, our service is small enough so that the chances are we'll serve together again. I sincerely hope so.

From my family to yours, compliments of the Season, and the very best of everything in the years to come.

Col. James F. Dunlop

## Editorial

There were times in this last year when we were sure we were never going to see a Christmas edition. However, spurred on by the holiday spirit (both kinds) we have assembled this small edition for your holiday reading.

We at the Framfari will be taking a well deserved rest. This is the last edition of this year. The first 1971 paper should be on the streets January 8. Over this past year, we have enjoyed bringing you the printed word. The news value at times has been lacking but we do think we have provided entertaining and sometimes provocative reading.

To all our readers, we wish a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and an HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON. We particularly want to extend to our advertisers our warmest regards, for, without their kind, patient support, our newspaper could not exist. As well, to the many people who contributed over the last year to the local content of the paper, on behalf of our readers (and the editor) thank you very much for your valuable time and effort.

We hope to see you all next year so until then have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

P.S. and for the sake of us all, please drive carefully!

GENERAL F.R. SHARP, CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF

*During the past year I have had the pleasure of visiting our overseas formations, all major command headquarters and many of our bases. I want you to know how forcefully impressed I have been with the professionalism and the spirit of all our forces — our contingent in Cyprus, our Canadian Forces in Europe and our forces in Canada.*

*It was most evident to me that they are meeting their responsibilities with a sense of purpose and dedication; where difficulties have been encountered they have been overcome with imagination and, when needed, a sense of humour.*

*Outstanding examples of this are the move of our NATO brigade from Northern Germany to Lahr and the rapid deployment of troops when called upon by the Federal Government and the Provincial Government of Quebec. Both were difficult undertakings carried out with a high degree of efficiency and skill.*

*I now urge you all to look forward and to face the coming year with confidence, vigour, and determination. All will not be easy but if each of us in the Armed Forces devotes his energies and talent to the task, I am confident that the end results will be rewarding.*

*To each of you, and especially to those far from home during the Christmas season, I send my warmest greetings and best wishes for a prosperous and challenging New Year.*

Au cours de la dernière année, j'ai eu le plaisir de visiter nos formations d'outre-mer, les quartiers généraux de tous nos principaux commandements et bon nombre de nos bases. Je tiens à vous dire combien j'ai été impressionné par le professionnalisme et l'enthousiasme de tous nos militaires, — les membres de notre contingent à Chypre, de nos Forces canadiennes en Europe et de nos troupes stationnées au Canada.

J'ai pu me rendre compte qu'ils s'acquittent de leurs responsabilités avec fermeté et dévouement. Lorsqu'ils ont rencontré des difficultés, ils les ont surmontées avec imagination et, au besoin, avec un sens de l'humour.

Qu'il me suffise de citer à titre d'exemple le déplacement de notre brigade OTAN, qui a quitté le nord de l'Allemagne pour se rendre à Lahr, ainsi que le déploiement rapide des troupes qui ont répondu à l'appel du gouvernement fédéral et du gouvernement du Québec. Ces deux tâches difficiles ont été accomplies avec un haut degré d'efficacité et de compétence.

Je vous engage tous maintenant à faire face à l'avenir et à envisager la Nouvelle Année avec confiance, vigueur et détermination. Sans doute n'aurons-nous pas la tâche facile, mais si chacun des membres des Forces armées y consacre son énergie et son talent, j'ai confiance que nous obtiendrons d'heureux résultats.

A chacun de vous, et particulièrement à ceux qui seront éloignés de leurs familles pendant la période des fêtes, j'adresse mes souhaits sincères et mes meilleurs voeux de succès et de prospérité pour la Nouvelle Année.



Gimli Tower to Santa Claus 1..Transient Maintenance..fresh out of Glüwein...How about a few Ho'Ho's and a beer?

## Burn the Bra

(and Merry Christmas too!)

Once again Christmas is almost upon us. Everyone has been talking about it ever since the winter catalogues came out in September.

Why oh why do people celebrate Christmas? Ninety per cent of every one I know is either a confirmed aethiest or agnostic and ninety-nine per cent of everyone I know has nothing but gripes and complaints about Christmas. Here are a few concerning Christmas:

Mrs. XYZ: I still have to bake two cakes, shortbread cookies, tarts, buns, bread and a million other things. I hate baking.

Mr. George XYZ: It's a damn good drunk!

Jr. XYZ: I want a bike and a radio and an electric train and a short wave set and a record player and a road race set and a sleigh and .....

Next Door Neighbour (who is a very logical thinker): Christmas means decoration, decorations mean mistletoe. Mistletoe means kissing. Kissing means romance. Romance etc. etc. etc.

Mrs. G: Why we had to borrow \$250 just to buy gifts!

Mr. G: Her whole family is coming for two weeks. Yeah Christmas!

Business Man: It's a great time of year for business. Last Christmas I heard a story that proved the spirit of Christmas does still exist and that it is better to give than receive.

Old Aunt Ann came to spend Christmas with the family all of whose children were twenty years or over. The family had bought Aunt Ann a diamond wrist watch, her favorite perfume and a beautiful \$17.00 illustrated cook book.

Christmas eve came and Aunt Ann went to bed early while "the kids" sat around drinking beer and shaking the gifts.

A: "Hey you guys look here, there's not one gift here from Aunt Ann."

B: "You're kidding?"

C: "I don't doubt it the old bat's been salting the loot away for years and no way is she going to part with it!"

B: "I hear she's got something like \$50 thou!"

A: "Yeah the crotchety old bird should realize it's better to give than receive."

C: "Look at all the loot we gave her."

Shultz '70

Well the next day was Christmas and the gifts were opened. Aunt Ann loved all her lovely gifts but made no comment of why the kids had received nothing from her.

Two weeks later a note came in the mail with a rather unusual stamp on the envelope. It turned out to be a "thank you" from a charity that worked in Biafra. It explained their program in detail and thanked these people for their most generous Christmas donation of \$1000.00.

Dear old Aunt Ann, a modest lady with a big bank role and never a thank you.

To this day none of "the kids" have had the courage to say a word about her gift. It really is true, it is better to give than receive.

"Simone"

## Best Wishes

CHRISTMAS 1970

For all of us connected with the Canadian armed forces, this will be our last Christmas at C.F.B. Gimli. 1971 will see a new chapter open in all our lives. We do not know what the future will bring, but this we do know -- God is with us.

This is the message of Christmas --- God with us. The word "Emmanuel" means God with us. Emmanuel has come. Christ is born. God is with us.

If we can apply the message of Christmas to our lives, then we can move into the new year and into a new experience with the assurance that God is with us. He who was born in Bethlehem is He who accompanies us through life. The victorious living Christ is ever present with us. In the future as in the past we must face life with its hopes and anxieties; its joys and its failures; its successes and its frustration. However, we need not face life alone for God is with us to give us strength, help and confidence.

As we face the New Year with all that it has to offer, may we each face it with the assurance that God is with us.

D.W. Hilton  
Captain  
Base Chaplain (P)  
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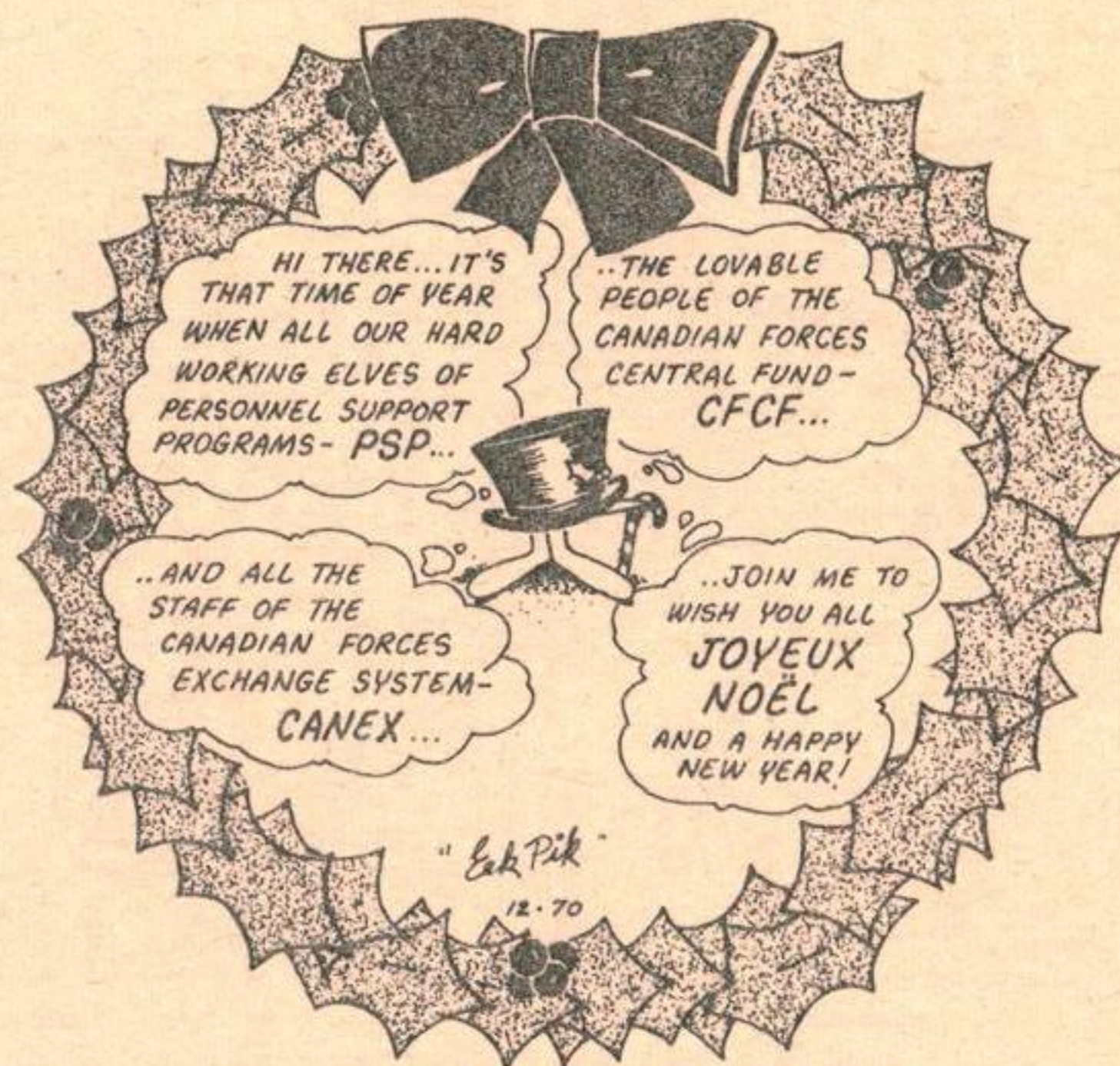
CHRISTMAS EVE - 11:30 p.m. - Joint Celebration of HOLY COMMUNION, with the Congregation of St. Augustine's Parish, in the Protestant Chapel.

# If

by Edgar A. Guest

If you can keep your head,  
when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on  
you,  
If you can trust yourself when all  
men doubt you.  
But make allowances for their  
doubt.  
If you can wait and not be tired by  
waiting  
Or, be lied about, don't deal in  
lies.  
Or, being hated, don't give way to  
hating.  
And yet don't look to good, nor  
talk too wise;  
If you can dream and not make  
dreams your master;  
If you can think and not make  
thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with triumph  
and disaster  
And treat those two imposters  
just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth  
you've spoken.  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap  
for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your  
life to, broken,  
And stoop and build'em up with  
wornout tools.

If you can make one heap of all  
your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch  
And lose, and start again at your  
beginnings.  
And never breathe a word about  
your loss;  
If you can force your nerve and  
heart and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they  
are gone,  
And so hold on when there is noth-  
ing in you,  
Except the will which says to them  
"Hold on".  
If you can talk with crowds and  
keep your virtue,  
Or walk with kings - nor lose the  
common touch;  
If neither foes nor loving friends  
can hurt you,  
If all men count with you,  
but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving  
minute  
With 60 second's worth of distance  
run  
Yours is the Earth and everything  
that's in it,  
And - which is more - you'll be a  
Man, my son!



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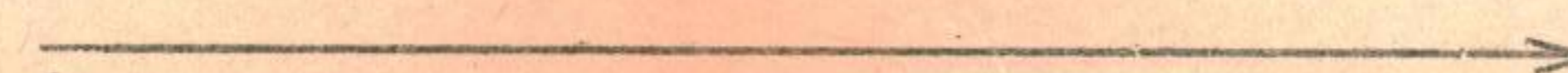
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# Twelve Days to Christmas

by Frank J. O'Rourke

December 13,

My Darling Charlie,

Just a note to tell you your present came today. Gosh, what a surprise. The landlady said it is a pear tree and that we should get fruit from it next summer. Won't that be wonderful! Every time I eat a pear, I'll think of you. The bird had us stuck for awhile. I thought it was a parakeet but the fellow upstairs says it's a partridge. Do they sing or anything. Charlie? It is cute but all it seems to do is to sit in the pear tree! Maybe it's shy.

I had lunch with Sue today and guess what her boyfriend is getting her? A mink--no less. Don't get me wrong. I think a pear tree and a bird are great but still, it is different. But the, I guess that's why I love you--you are so unusual.

All my love, forever,  
Helen

December 14,

My Dearest Charlie,

Gee, what a thoughtful gift. Two turtle doves. They remind me of us, Charlie--love birds. Get it? They are adorable. Do you happen to have a cage for them, honey? They're sitting on top of the china closet and I'm afraid they might fly away if I leave the door open.

I had to go to the doctor today. I caught a bad cold. I suppose I should dress warmer. This old *cloth* coat of mine isn't much good. Macy's has such wonderfully warm looking furs. I bet a girl wouldn't be cold in one of them.

All my love,  
Helen

December 15,

My Dear Charlie,

You sure are full of surprises. Three chickens. I wouldn't have thought of that. I gave them to Mr. Katz, the butcher. He says they are French chickens and he thinks he can sell them for me. I could use the money. It would help toward the FUR COAT at Macy's.

If Katz can't sell them, I guess we could have them Christmas day. After all, turkey is just a tradition. They are probably good eating.

Love,  
Helen

December 16,

Dear Charlie,

What is it with you and all these birds? The delivery man just dropped off a box with four more of them. These are noisy rascals. What in the hell are they. Charlie? Even Katz doesn't know. All they do is sit here calling for something or other.

Frankly Charlie, I'd appreciate it if you would find another home for them. I like birds and all that nature stuff but enough is enough. So far you have given me a partridge (I guess that's what it is) and all it does is sit in that damn pear tree that cost me 10 bucks to get planted and it isn't even my yard. The turtle doves are cute enough but without a cage it gets pretty messy, if you know what I mean, and Katz can't get rid of those French chickens and wants to give them back.

Charlie, don't try so hard. I have simple tastes. I like mink coats--for instance.

Love (I think)  
Helen

December 17,

My Darling Charlie,

Boy do I feel better. For awhile there you had me worried, what with all those crazy birds, but today, thank goodness, when the delivery man came he didn't have a "fowl" delivery. Get it? He didn't give me the "bird" as they say. Ha Ha.

The rings are beautiful. Are they really gold? But Charlie, why five?

Love always,  
Helen

December 18,

Dear Charlie,

I knew it wouldn't last. You're back to birds. Six geese, yet. And they are all expecting or something. At least, they've been laying eggs ever since they arrived. I tried selling the eggs to Katz but he says he is stuck with the chickens and can't see much of a market for goose eggs.

Stay with the jewelry Charlie. You can't go wrong with earrings, necklaces and such.

Love (?),  
Helen

December 19,

Dear Charlie,

Are you some kind of kook? What makes you think I want seven swans swimming in my bathtub?

Helen

December 20,

Charlie,

So you are off birds, but why cows? I can't keep eight cows in an apartment and I sure don't know what to do with those broads that milk them. Where are we going to sleep?

Helen

December 21,

Charlie,

Your're crazy. Today nine guys showed up here playing bagpipes. I suppose it is romantic sending over an orchestra but I haven't the time to listen. I'm still trying to get rid of the goose eggs and milk.

Helen

December 22,

Charlie Adams,

Now cut it out. This morning, 10 girls were delivered here and they have been dancing all day. The landlady is raising hell about the noise. The guys with the bagpipes won't leave. You had better send a truck over and get these people out of here before the cops come.

Helen

December 23,

Charlie,

You sure are a great problem solver. I asked you to get this menagerie out of here and what do you do but sent 11 guys over as dancing partners for the girls you sent yesterday. What kind of a house do you think I run?

The best thing for you to do is forget about me. I don't think we're compatible or something.

Good-bye,  
Helen

December 24,

Charlie,

I told you we are through. No more presents. Get these 12 drummers out of here. Please Charlie, it is getting to me. The doctor said it isn't good for me. PLEASE, PLEASE.

Helen

December 26, 1968

Mr. Charles Adams  
345 S. 60th Street  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Mr. Adams:

At the request of Miss Helen Brittenham, we are shipping to you this day the following items:

- 1 Pear tree
- 1 Partridge
- 2 Turtle doves (no cage)
- 3 French hens
- 4 Birds (species, unknown)
- 5 Golden rings
- 6 Geese
- 7 Swans
- 8 Maids
- 8 Cows
- 9 Pipers
- 10 Dancing girls
- 11 Leaping Lords
- 12 Drummers

Miss Brittenham is now residing with us here at Happy Day Farm and may be visitors any Sunday afternoon between 3 and 5.

Patients are not permitted to receive gifts.

Very truly yours,  
Edgar G. Frock  
Superintendent

## And a Child is Born

Benjamin hurried along the narrow path towards his home in the hills outside of Bethlehem. He was later than usual because he had stayed too long in Bethlehem with his friends. He wondered if his mother would be cross with him because he knew she needed his help when his father was away. There was water to get, and the lamps to clean and fill for the night. Since Benjamin was the eldest of the children in the family it was his job to look after the younger ones while his mother prepared the supper.

Benjamin hurried faster because it was getting dark. His father would not be at home, for a good shepherd always stayed with the sheep through the night, especially in the winter when many hungry wolves were roaming through the hills.

Each night all the shepherds brought their flocks together in one place for safety and company. They would build a fire to keep warm, eat their supper, and talk far into the night. Sometimes the older shepherds would tell stories of the great king David, and the

wonderful things that happened in his day. Then they would speak hopefully of another king, the Saviour King, that God had promised the Jewish people. They would wonder about him and about his coming. Benjamin had stayed with the sheep twice when his father had been sick. He, too, had sat around the fire with the shepherds and had heard the stories. He hoped that he might see the King some day, the King that God had promised.

As Benjamin entered the house his mother looked up with a smile of relief. She was very glad to see him.

"Your late, Benjamin. I was beginning to fear that something had happened to you. Will you please light the lamp, and then hold the baby while I warm some broth for him."

Benjamin did as he was told and soon the younger children were fed and asleep in their beds.

Benjamin was unrolling his own bed when an unexpected knock came at the door. Then he heard his father's excited voice. When he came into the room he was out of breath, as if he had run a long distance. Benjamin's father spoke quickly.

"A strange thing happened out on the hills tonight. It all happened so quickly and at first frightened us. We hardly know how to explain it. We were watching the sheep and talking as usual, when suddenly the sky became very bright, brighter than day. In fact, it was so bright that we could hardly see. Then we heard a voice. All of us heard it--so we weren't dreaming. And what we heard was this:

*'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and laying in a manger.'*

"Suddenly it was dark again and we were alone on the hills. Old Phillip says this is surely news of the King that God has promised our people. We know we must go to Bethlehem right away. I came by to ask Benjamin and his friend Reuben to stay with the sheep while some of us go to Bethlehem. They are both big strong boys and have watched the sheep before."

Benjamin didn't waste any time. He put on his heavy cloak and hurried out to the hills where the

sheep were. Reuben was there before him, and the sheep were resting quietly. The sky seemed very full of stars.

Much later they heard the shepherds returning. They were singing joyfully. Old Phillip's voice was louder than all the rest.

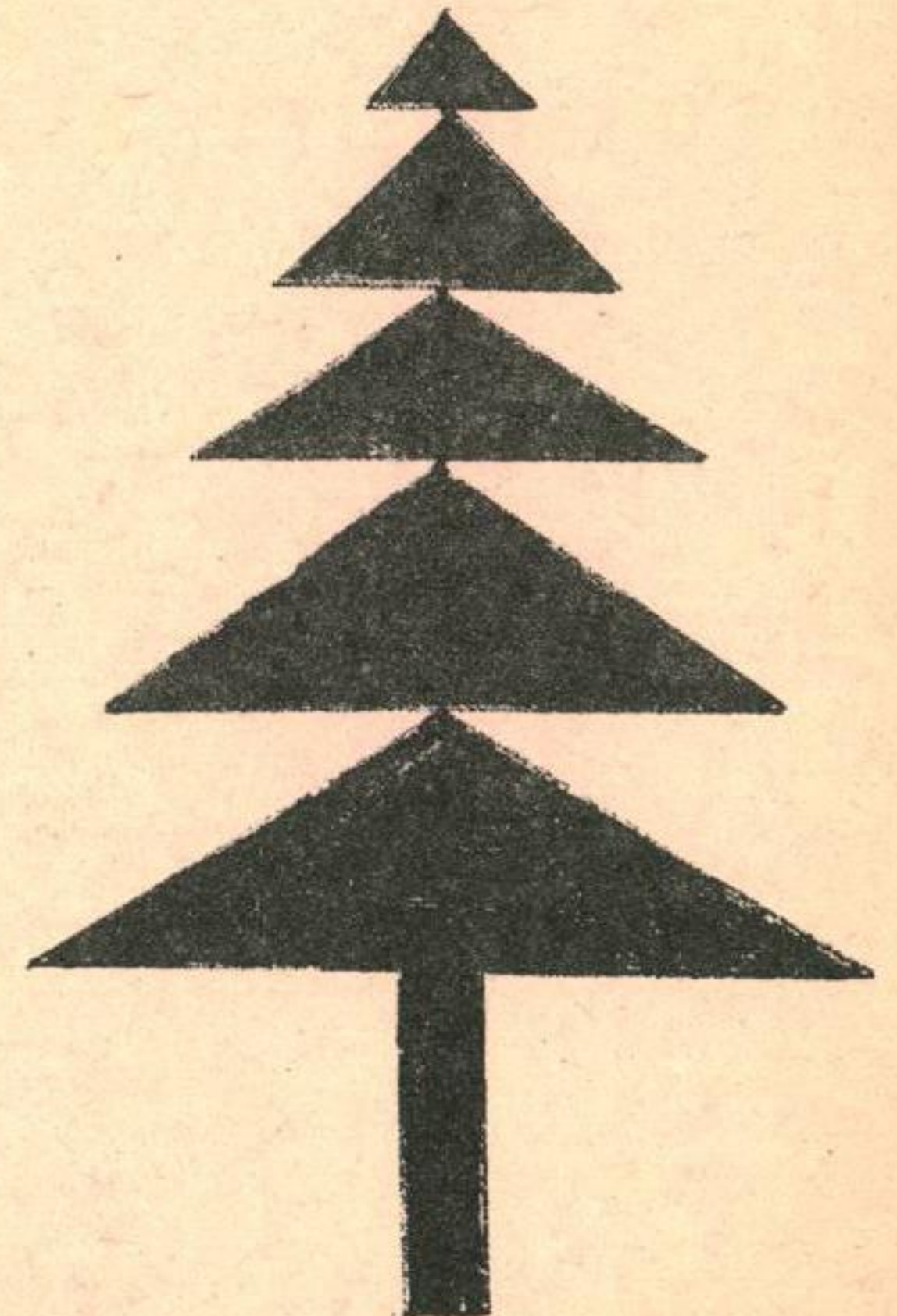
"Glory to God Most High," he was singing. Then he said, "This baby is the King that God has promised us. The prophets said that he would come from Bethlehem, from David's own city. What a great and wonderful God that he tells even poor shepherds that their King has been born."

Then old Phillip spoke to Benjamin's father. "The boys must see the King, for he is their King too. Let them go to Bethlehem."

The boys jumped to their feet. The way to Bethlehem had never seemed so short! They hurried along the stony streets of the city, past the dark houses, until they came to the courtyard of the inn that Benjamin's father had described.

Near the inn was the stable. Into the stable they went, and there they found light and warmth and joy. In the animal's manger, a baby lay wrapped in bands of cloth. He was sleeping soundly and his mother sat beside him. Benjamin saw that she was smiling with happiness. The father stood watching them both. Even the animals were quiet and content.

The boys knelt before the baby for it seemed the right and only thing to do. Then they went back to their homes and as they went they found themselves singing, just like old Phillip.



# Christmasation

1. At Christmastide the mood is  
set for exchange  
and communication.

Best wishes are mailed to special friends, and gifts offered to parents and children. But all this could leave a feeling of emptiness if nothing more than toys and things are exchanged.

2. A gift is a signal.  
It tells me, "I think of you;  
love you".  
A gift has a language;  
not like spoken languages,  
a language of the heart  
that reaches all people  
be they white, red, yellow,  
brown or black.

3. The Story of Christmas  
is the story of a gift  
more precious than all others  
because it is the gift of a  
Person,  
a Divine Person,  
To Humanity,  
to all of it,  
for yesterday and today  
and all the tomorrows.

4. The signal of Christmas  
is a signal of love  
in simple surroundings;  
a signal loud and clear,  
if I am listening.

5. For such a present  
what can I offer  
in exchange  
in return?  
What can I do?  
Short of giving my life!  
And why not?

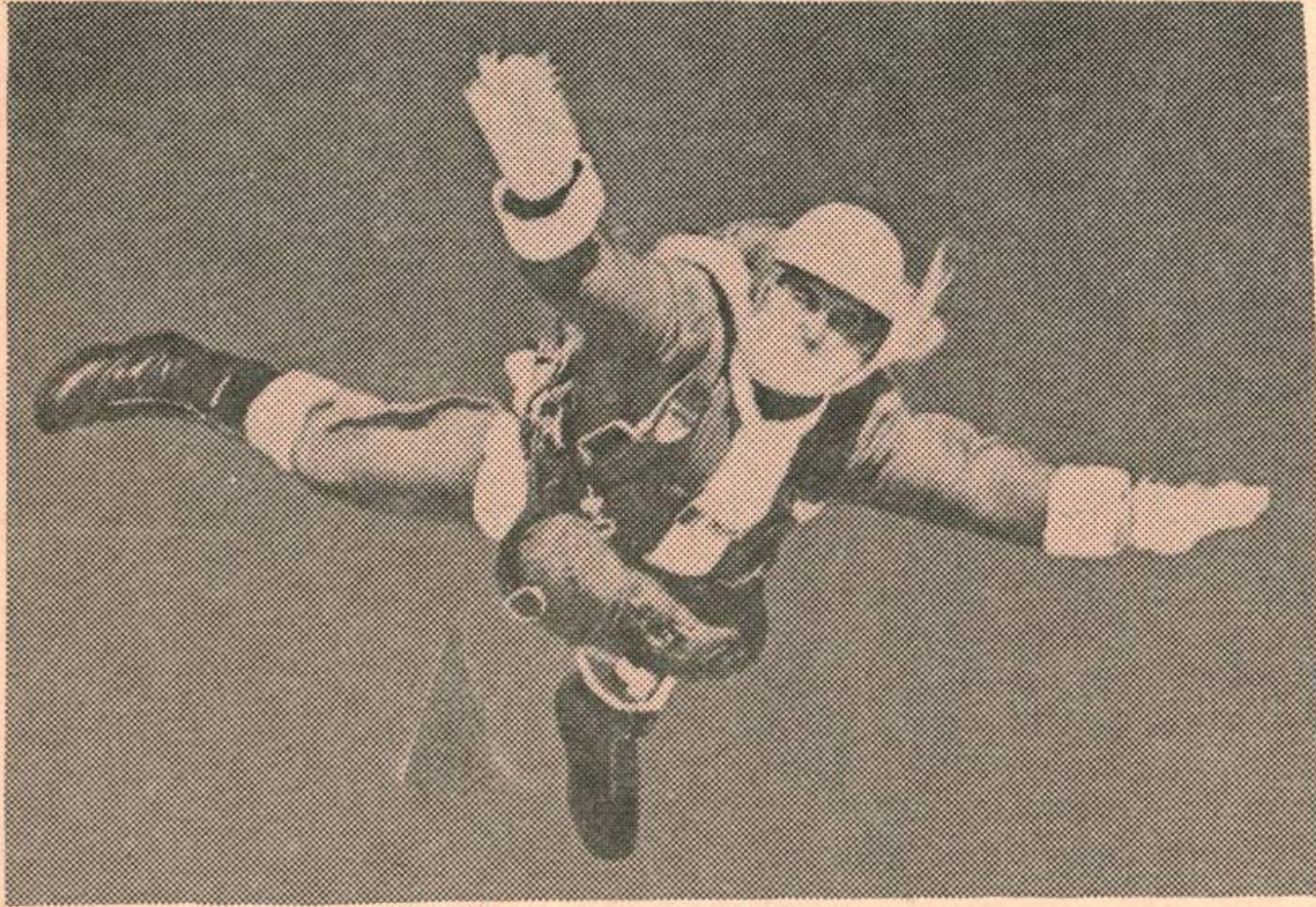
6. I must answer!  
I cannot break the chain  
of communication .....  
I am not a broken link!  
I must do something!  
But what?

7. First of all...Listen!  
Listen to His Voice,  
Listen to this loving message.  
Somehow He will tell me.  
A child will tell me!  
And the recipes will come as my  
loving appetite increases.

8. Jesus born in Bethlehem  
long time ago,  
Christ born in my soul  
through Baptism,  
Christ the Personal  
Gift of Love  
will increase my love for Him.  
Through His Spirit,  
He will teach me  
to love neighbour,  
friend and foe,  
to love the whole human race  
as much as He does  
loves us all.

G. Savoie  
Major  
Base Chaplain (RC)  
156 Ring 1

# Watch Out For Falling Santas!



WEEEE!: Free-falling before pulling his parachute rip cord is old St. Nick with whiskers a-flying! He is practicing jumps with the Canadian Armed Forces Airborne Regiment at their training ground near Edmonton in preparation for his Christmas journey. (CF Photo)



SAFE LANDING!: Santa lands safely after jumping. No doubt Santa intends to use this method of toy delivery in case his sleigh breaks down on Christmas Eve. (CF Photo)



We managed to catch Santa for this portrait with his parachute on. As you know he is very busy this time of year. (CF Photo)

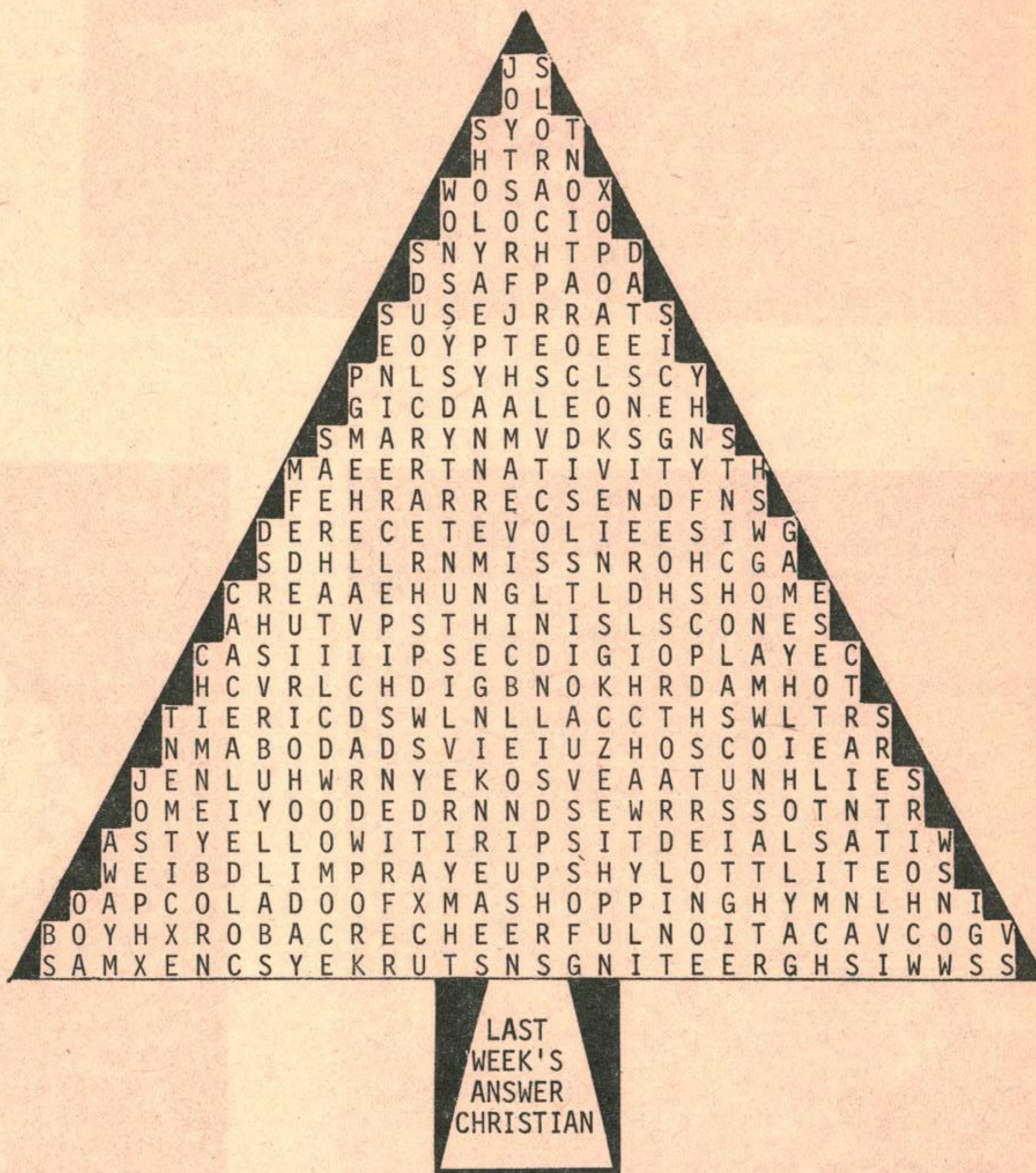


Listed below are the words that you will find hidden in the puzzle above. These words are spelled out in all directions - so look very carefully. By assembling the letters that remain, in order, you will find today's hidden words which will be published next week. This week's hidden words have 13 letters.

THE FRAMFARI X-WORD

CHRISTMAS

- |            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| ARRIVE     | ICE         |
| AVID       | JESUS       |
| AWAY       | JOSEPH      |
|            | JOY         |
| BALL       | KIDS        |
| BETHLEEM   | KING        |
| BLUE       | KISS        |
| BORN       |             |
| BOWS       | LETTERS     |
| BOY        | LIGHTS      |
| BUY        | LIVE        |
|            | LOVE        |
| CANDIES    | MARY        |
| CANDLE     | MILD        |
| CARD       | MISTLETOES  |
| CAROLS     | MUSIC       |
| CHARITY    |             |
| CHEERFUL   | NATIVITY    |
| CHILD      | NAZARETH    |
| CHILDREN   | NOEL (2)    |
| CHIMNEY    |             |
| CHOIRS     | OX          |
| CHORUS     | PARTY       |
| CHRIST     | PINES       |
| CHRISTMAS  | PLAY        |
| CHURCH     | PRAY        |
| CLOUDS     | PRESENTS    |
| COLD       |             |
| COLOUR     | RED         |
| CRECHE     | RELATIVE    |
| CROWD      | ROLL        |
| DAVID      |             |
| DATES      | SANTA       |
| DECORATION | SANTA CLAUS |
| DINNER     | SLIVER      |
| DOLL       | SHOPPING    |
|            | SLEIGH      |
| EXCITEMENT | SNOW (2)    |
| FAMILY     | SNOWMAN     |
| FOOD       | SONGS       |
| FRIENDSHIP | SPIRIT      |
| FROSTY     | STAR        |
|            | ST NICOLAS  |
| GAME       | STOCKING    |
| GIFTS      |             |



GIVE  
GOD  
GREETINGS

HAPPINESS  
HEROD  
HOLIDAY  
HOLLY  
HOLY  
HURRY  
HYMN

THORN  
TINSEL  
TONGS  
TOYS  
TRAIN  
TRAVEL  
TREE  
TURKEYS

VACATION  
VISIT

WHITES  
WISE  
WISH  
WISHES  
WREATH

XMAS (2)  
YELLOW