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WORLD PEACE

World Peace... These words have been echoed through the years from generation to generation, ever since That First Christmas. To make these words come true, mothers have prayed, fathers have worked, and sons have died. Down through the centuries many wars have been fought with the hope that they would bring peace. But have they? No. It seems that as soon as peace is restored in one part of the world a conflict springs up somewhere else.

Many people thought that World War I was a war to end all wars. To their grief they found out differently at the outbreak of World War II. After this war, there was to be peace forever, but before the hostilities ceased and peace was realized, the Communists were spreading their lies and hatred among the free people of the world. Their malicious propaganda fills the air, their representatives to the United Nations do nothing but lie and double-talk. The Communist leaders are unscrupulous men who know nothing but hatred and apparently will stop at nothing to achieve their goal.

At this time of year—Christmas—when we should be thinking of loving our neighbors and of what we can do to help others, we have to worry if our friends, and those closest to us, are going to be alive. Is every Christmas going to be a time of fear and worry instead of a season of hope, love and worship.

This Christmas, let each and every one of us do a little more for someone who really needs it. Let every family go to church and pray that the Love of God will come to the leaders in the world, that they may be more willing to settle their differences peacefully so that we may truly have -- WORLD PEACE.

John Stephens '52
This is the month of Christmas, and every family should take stock of its blessings at this time of year. There is no time of year when church seems more necessary, and our prayer should be more important than ever.

Just stop and think of the thousands and thousands of men, women, and children in Russia and Korea who won’t have the wonderful privilege of spending a joyful Christmas at home. Our own American boys will be fighting in some muddy ditch, thinking of their loved ones back home with everything peaceful and happy, wishing they could be there this very minute. They will be thinking back years ago when Christ was born and on this blessed day the world was at peace—no war, no blood shed nor sorrow.

Then our boys will take time out for prayer. To pray to God to keep this country free from harm and bring them home safely after the war is over.

Meanwhile, we at home should pray that by another Christmas this country and others will be at peace once more.

Jeanne Sullivan '53
Some of the first traces of Christmas are to be found at Nicodemia (284-305 a.d.) where Diocletian learned that a group of Christians were meeting to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. There was no uniformity as to the period of observing the Nativity in the early churches; some held the festival in the Spring, others in January along with the feast of the Epiphany, which was held January 6.

Christmas, from the 5th to the 8th century, gathered around it other celebrations, some old some new, so that a "Christmas Cycle" sprang up. Not casually or arbitrarily was the festival of the Nativity celebrated on December 25. One of the chief causes was that almost all nations regarded the winter solstice as the turning point of the year—the beginning of renewed life and activity of the powers of nature. At the winter solstice the Norsemen held their Yule-Feast in commemorations of the fiery sunwheel; and believed that during the twelve nights from December 25 to January 6 they could trace the movements and interferences on earth of Odein (chief of the Norse Gods, also God of War, and founder of art and culture) and the other gods. Many of the usages of the Germans and Romans were once adopted from heathenism to Christianity. But the church sought to banish the deeprooted heathen feeling by adding its impressive prayer, besides dramatic descriptions of the birth of Christ. Hence sprang the Manger-songs and many Christmas Carols, as well as Christmas dramas, which in later times grew to the giving of gifts and special Christmas meats and dishes.

The custom of decorating churches at Christmas with holly and evergreen is an ancient one. The Christmas tree would seem to be traceable to the Roman Saturnalia (a feast of Saturn held in mid-December), and was probably first imported into Germany with the conquering legions of Drusus (a Roman General). It is worthy of note that the Christmas tree with its hanging toys and dwarfs is distinctly portrayed by Virgil. The visits of Santa Claus, bearing gifts, belong properly to December 6, the Day of Nicolas.

Christmas was first celebrated on its present date in Rome about 350 a.d. Throughout the greater part of Christendom it is kept as a social holiday, on which there is a complete pause from all business.

Christmas to most people is the holiday they look forward to with a great anticipation. The younger generation hang their stocking on Christmas Eve anxiously awaiting a visit from Santa Claus who guesses quite well what every little Jane and Jimmy would like most. Mother usually spends about a week getting delicacies ready to go with the turkey and fixings, so that she may enjoy the day along with the rest of the family. For both the younger and teenage set there are many Christmas parties with everybody getting a small gift that they think is very nice.

The Christmas season also brings various church services. In many churches they have midnight services to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Christmas for the fighting men does not pause for a day of celebration and rest. I think that in (continued on next page)
MY REACTION TO BEING A FRESHMAN

When I was in the Seventh and Eighth Grades, I used to sit and watch the upper classmen, especially the freshmen. Probably because they were nearest to what I would someday be. They were always having such a wonderful time. It seemed as though they could do almost anything. Even the way they walked and talked; they seemed so much more sophisticated than the rest of us. If a freshman even spoke to me, I was in the clouds for weeks.

When the Eighth Grade Promotion finally came, I was at last happy. It didn't seem as though I could wait for the summer to end so that I could get back to school and be an important Freshman.

The long awaited day at last came. I went back to school. Then came the crash! When I walked in, I don't know yet just exactly what I expected, but I suppose, a velvet carpet and a bugle corps or something. Anyway, what happened was somewhat unexpected. No one said anymore to us than, "Sit down." They gave us blanks to fill out for the courses we were going to take. After that was done, we had a lengthy speech from Principal Berry on what the freshmen were expected to do, not what the teachers were expected to do for the freshmen. This day came as quite a shock to me and so did the following days.

The classes began. "Not knowing what I was getting into" I elected Algebra and Latin for two subjects. Latin was like walking into a Greek Class your first day of school. In Algebra, well, if I explained how I felt when I saw all those little x's with the numbers on top of them which I later found out to be exponents, it would be too confusing.

Therefore, my advice to coming freshmen is not to expect too much because you get pushed around just as much when you are a freshman as when you were in the grades!

--Carolyn Ann Berry '55

CHRISTMAS (cont)

this Christmas season we might stop just a moment and give a prayer for hope of peace before another Christmas season comes again.

Americans are mighty fortunate for they can observe Christmas with a spirit of joy and happiness. Behind the "Iron Curtain" Christmas is not known or if it is, it is against the law to even think of having such a day of festivity. Little girls and boys do not know what fun it is to await Santa Claus and the nice things he brings.

--Lucy Case '52
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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

It was just a week before Christmas, and oh, so many things had to be done. I hardly knew where to start. We had finally gotten the tree set up and decorated.

Mary and Bill were racing around it and asking countless questions. "How many more days 'till Christmas? Will Santa really come and bring lots of presents?

Then I asked the children if they knew the real meaning of Christmas. They looked at me wonderingly and said, "Mommy, what does Christmas mean?"

It begins this way:

One night Joseph, the carpenter of Nazareth, the husband of Mary, had a dream, and in his dream he saw an angel from the Lord standing beside him.

As the angel spoke he heard these words. "Joseph, I have come to tell you that Mary will have a son, sent by the Lord, God. You shall call his name Jesus, which means "salvation," because he shall save his people from their sins."

Now Joseph knew from this message that the child was to be King of Israel of whom the prophets in the Old Testament had spoken.

Soon after Mary and Joseph were married in Nazareth an order was issued by the emperor, Augustus Caesar, that all the people in his empire were to journey to the town or city from whence their families had come to have their names written on the "list." The list was to be a record of all the people under Augustus Caesar's rule.

Mary and Joseph made the long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and when they came to the city they found it full of people who, like themselves, had come to sign the list.

The inn was full and there was no room for the little mother who was to give birth to the Lord of all the earth. Of course no one but themselves knew this and the best they could do was to go to the stable where the cattle were kept. There the little baby was born and was laid in a manger, where the cows and oxen were fed.

On this same night some shepherds were watching their flocks near Bethlehem, when suddenly a great light shone upon the fields. Then they saw an angel of the Lord standing before them and they were filled with fear.

The angel spoke unto them saying, "Be not afraid for behold I bring you news of great joy, which shall be to all the people; for there is born to you this day in Bethlehem, the city of David,

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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS (cont)

a Savior who is Christ the Lord, the anointed king. You may see Him there lying in a manger at the inn, and wrapped in swaddling clothes."

Then the sky was lighted as if day, and they saw a star of the East moving across the heaven until it shone directly over Bethlehem of Judea. The angels filled the air with their choruses of praise saying, "Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace among men."

"Let us go to Bethlehem and see this wonderful thing that has come to pass, and which the Lord has made known to me."

So all through the night, they journeyed to Bethlehem with the star to guide their way.

The shepherds fell upon their knees in reverence of the Holy One, and then three kings from the Orient entered bearing gifts of frankincense, gold, and myrrh. They, too, had seen the sign and had come to worship the King.

The people of the world knew that now a Messiah had come to break their oppression, and to rule in equity.

To us today His name shall stand forever; and that name to us is Love.

Colleen Bargfrede '52

BLUE & WHITE TYPISTS

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BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Have you ever imagined how the people behind Russia's Iron Curtain have to live? This territory includes the former countries of China, Poland, Albania, Eastern Germany, Estonia and others in Europe and Asia. Can you imagine what the people of these countries will be thinking and doing on Christmas? It probably will be like any other day of the year, fear of being sent away from your friends and family. And then there are chances of not seeing them again if this does happen. You would be forced to listen, believe and possibly help spread communist propaganda. One would be forced to hate Americans and other free peoples of the world. Of course there are some people who were under the clutches of the Russian dictator that have been able to escape into free lands. But there are possibly others who have not been lucky enough to live through their flight to freedom.

While we free people of the world are feasting and rejoicing on Christmas, just think how lucky we are to be free from hunger, fear, and cold. Also to have so many more priceless things. Then think of the people behind the Iron Curtain who are probably sharing a very scant meal, then being sent back to work for the dictator of their once peaceful homeland.

One can help change these conditions behind the Iron Curtain by supporting the Crusade for Freedom Drive. With the money you contribute, radio-control towers are set up near the Iron Curtain to help restore the faith of those unfortunate people.

Lorraine Andrews '52

THE BEST-LAID PLANS

Early in November I told myself, "This year I'll get my Christmas shopping done ahead of time, so I won't get caught in the usual last minute rush."

I suppose everyone has had the same experience of rushing frantically around just two days before Christmas with only half his presents bought. Well, it seems, I've had that experience every year since I've been old enough to do my own shopping, so this year, I vowed, I'll have all my presents bought and wrapped days before Christmas.

I immediately sat down to make out my list. "Let's see--a scarf for Aunt Bossie and maybe Uncle Allen won't remember I gave him socks last year, if Jackie wants a new truck, so I'll get him one that isn't too expensive." Finally, I had made my list, with a special gift for everyone.

So happy that I had already started my Christmas shopping, I went over to play with Jackie for a few minutes. As soon as I got in the house, he proudly presented to me the precious new truck his mother had just bought him! Downhearted, I went out in the kitchen to see Aunt Bossie.

"See the lovely scarf your sweet uncle gave me for my birthday," she exclaimed. Oh dear, there go two presents, I thought wearily.

On Thanksgiving Day we went to my grandmother's house. There, sitting on the table, was just the gift I was planning to give her. Grandpa had given it to her for a small anniversary present. This was the way my whole list turned out. Every need I had so happily planned to fill with a Christmas gift, had already been filled!

Margaret Hanna '54
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WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

Have you ever stopped to think of what Christmas really means to you? To some of us it has no meaning at all and yet to some it means giving and receiving gifts, Santa Claus, and having a jolly time. But very few of us really know what it means, but we just do not give it any special thought.

Small children look forward to receiving presents and all the gay splendor. Most parents do the best they can to make Christmas the way their children expect it to be. They do their Christmas shopping months in advance, send out Christmas cards, and on Christmas Eve they trim the tree.

They do everything they know how to make it a Merry Christmas, but do they ever stop and think how Christmas came about? It was the birth of the Christ Child. On Christmas Eve, in the churches, pageants about the Nativity are given. Carols are sung and the birth of the Christ Child is rejoiced.

This is and should be the real meaning of Christmas. But what does Christmas mean to you?

--Emma Schondube '52

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CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Eve last year six year old Mary went to bed in fear that there would be no presents under the tree the next morning. Her wealthy parents adored her and always gave her everything she wanted and needed but this time she was sure they could not help her.

The reason for this fear was that she was afraid her daddy had killed Santa's reindeer. It seems that during the deer season he had shot a twelve-point deer. When it was shown to Mary, she started to cry. She believed it to be Santa's reindeer and that Santa would not come to see her at Christmas. Although her parents had done everything possible to reassure her, she still believed Santa would not come.

On Christmas, a very surprised and happy little girl found to her amazement that Santa had come after all, and that her daddy had not killed Santa's reindeer.

--Sally Bush '54

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AS WE HEARD IT

John Stephens: Nurse, May I have a drink of water? 
Mrs. Barrows: Are you thirsty? 
John Stephens: No, I just wanted to see if my throat leaks.
A LOST LAMB

J. Bascomb Maji, the banker, was lost. "If it wasn't for those leeches at home, I wouldn't be here, lost in these treacherous woods. Why doesn't someone come after me? I said I'd be back before dark."

He began to wander aimlessly about, now searching for a light to guide him home, now staring blindly at the ground.

Suddenly, instinctively, he glanced up. There, peering at him through the trees a few feet away, were two yellow eyes—a panther's eyes. He fled. The thorny bushes tore at his clothes. Faster, faster, until he fell.

The throbbing of his ankle revived him. It was badly sprained. Laboring to his feet, he began to climb slowly to the top of the rise. Unbelievingly, he stared at the pale, yellowish gleam in the distant east.

"That light means a house. But how will I get to it through all that underbrush? I'd get lost for sure. Shelter so near and yet so far away. Wait—that star is shining directly over the light. If I followed the star maybe...I'm saved! I'm saved!" He hobbled down the slope.

He reached the small hut many weary hours later, with an ankle almost twice its original size. Sheep sleeping in the back aroused his wonder. "What would tenant farmers be doing up this early in the morning? It must be about two O'clock." He knocked at the door.

"Oh, thank God. Come in, man. Could, would you stay here with my wife? Our son was just born a few days ago, and my wife is sick. She coughs so hard. I must get Dr. Wheeler." With that, the harried young father rushed away into the darkness.

"Well, for all he knew, I could be a murderer. He didn't even ask how I happened to come along at this unearthly hour. His wife, he said. May as well take a look." J. Bascomb Maji limped toward the rickety doorway leading into a small, cold bedroom. There he glimpsed a small, pale girl, slumbering fitfully in the big, brass bed. By her side was a tiny red bundle of sleepiness.

"I'll go sit in the other room and wait," he decided, as she began coughing hoarsely. "I'd better not startle her, and I don't know how to help. Their first child, I guess. Hope this doctor isn't too far away. My ankle is killing me."

Two hours later, after the doctor had left, J. B. rummaged for a snack, packed the confused young man off to bed, first bringing out his last two cigars, and promising to help with the sheep until the young mother was able to get around. He'd answered the boy's thanks with, "After all, this is the Christmas season," adding to himself, "What a relief to get away from business worries and money-hogs."

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The Lost Lamb (cont)

The next few days were full of new experiences for the old banker. Feeding lambs, tending sheep like a pauper, and enjoying himself immensely.

The night before his inevitable return to civilization he chopped up some firewood, and, after putting father, mother, and son to bed, he sat before the fire to think. "I haven't had so much fun since I was fifteen. The outdoor life agrees with me, I guess."

The air was sharp and clear; the star, he had followed so recently, seemed as close as the fire, which suddenly burned brightly with the pungent odor of balsam.

The old radio, which had been silent, rumbled into his musings... and now, on this glorious white Christmas through the courtesy of ..., we present ...." Faintly, a fine choir, intermittently loud and soft, broke through with, "The first noel, the angels did say...."

J. Bascomb Maji sighed deeply, and knew no more. His mind, freed of his consciousness, could race on in time forever, or back two thousand years.

Judith O'Connor '52
A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

Christmas time has come again. Everyone is buying gifts for friends and relatives. We are happy and gay with the thoughts of Christmas Day in our minds. We will all have a wonderful dinner, either chicken or turkey and all the fixings.

We will have many gifts to open on Christmas morning. They will not all be expensive, but to us they will seem wonderful. Everyone will be happy and will think only of how lucky he is.

Yet, I'm not quite in the right mood. It doesn't seem right for us to have such a happy day when people in Europe, Asia, and other countries don't even get enough to eat any day. They have nearly forgotten Christmas and many little children in these countries don't even know what Christmas means. They have never had the happiness and joy of opening gifts on Christmas morning.

I don't think this was meant to be. All or none are meant to be rejoicing. So on this Christmas I wish everyone would think of a little child in Europe and enjoy his gift just a little more. We should all be glad we live in our America where everyone can enjoy Christmas.

This Christmas why shouldn't we, who have plenty, give to the poor people in Europe and Asia so that they too may enjoy Christmas? I believe that everyone who gives his share to these people will feel much better than if he were giving to friends who already have plenty.

Is it not right for us to share our gifts with those who have none so that everyone may have a happy Christmas?

No matter where we live there is a community drive to which we can give our contributions. If we give to these poor people I am sure we will have a much happier Christmas.

Jane Barnard '52

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

When bells are softly ringing
From churches far and wide,
And children sweetly singing
Their voices raised on high.

When eyes are brightly shining
And smiles are always near,
They tell about the Christ Child,
Stories told from year to year.

When trees are shining brightly
With colored lights a-glow,
And everyone is happy
It's Christmas time you know.

DeLisle Flynn '52
A MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

I'll miss you this Christmas, son,
And the day will be a little sad,
We will remember and look back on,
The good times we have had.

As we sit down to dinner,
We will think of you far away,
We will think of future dinners
And look ahead to that day.

We will think of all the mothers,
And we will pray for a brighter day,
When you and all the others
Can be home on Christmas day.

Alice Tucker '52

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STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Star of Bethlehem, oh so bright,
Help some traveler find a light,
Make him happy on his way,
Peace on Earth, this Christmas day.

Star of Bethlehem, all a-glow
Shining on the New Crest Snow,
Bless the Christ Child, make us gay,
Peace on Earth, this Christmas day.

Star of Bethlehem, star so bright
Won't you send your light tonight,
On the shepherds as they pray
Peace on Earth, this Christmas day.

Patricia Little '53

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Mrs. Grandfield: "Stan".
Mr. Grandfield: "Yes, my dear"
Mrs. Grandfield: "There's a corner torn off your pay check. What did you spend it for?"
Christmas Has a Meaning

Christmas has a meaning
That you and I should know;
We think of bright lights shining,
Of boughs and mistletoe.

But there's a deeper meaning
That skirts the whole great earth;
For with the bright Star shining,
It is the Christ Child's birth.

Jane Cushman '55

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SNOW

When the snow is falling,
And all the children calling,
It makes you think of all good cheer
Which comes to all throughout the year.
Out come the sleds and other toys,
To spend the season with "winter joys".
Upon the ground snow falls and falls
And is thrown around in many balls.
The children then all holler with cheer,
For having such a joyful year.

Sheila Clark '54

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SEASONS

Winter is here, blowing and huffy.
Relief from summer, hot and stuffy.
People are donning hats and gloves,
Fearing the Northwind's buffets and shoves.
Seems folks are never satisfied,
They could like it if they tried.
They "coop" themselves where its warm,
'Fraid to go out and enjoy the storm.
But what happens when summer returns?
Then it's for winter that they yearn.

Raymond Bodette '52
CHRISTMAS TIME

Christmas time is coming near--
Each child is a little dear.
They never sass, or say a bad word,
What would Santa say if he heard?
He will bring loads of toys--
Some for girls and some for boys,
But none for those who do not mind,
Beware my children, at Christmas time!

Helen Looby '52

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CHRISTMAS

Christmas is the time of year
When everyone is filled with cheer;
'Cuz cards, and toys, and holly green
Make everyone feel jolly keen.
And Christmas carols ringing clear,
Sing out good cheer, throughout the year.

Ann Freeguard '54

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SNOW FALL

Snow covers the ground in a cloak of white
The storm has come and it falls at night.
All the earth is clear and still,
The stream is frozen by the mill;
The woods are covered from head to toe
The stars are bright and seem to glow.
The flakes are cold and crystal clear
As though they're saying "Winter is here".
The wind blows them hither and yon,
All through the night and break of dawn,
The sun awakens to a snow cloaked world
That the storm in all its glory has unfurled.

Anita Charlebois '54
THE HOUSE IN THE SNOW

Snow all around so peaceful and white
Stars up above shining so bright
Fires inside to drive out the night.

Christmas trees covered with tinsel so gay
Children are running around in the way
A dog and its master engaged in some play.

Presents for everyone, little and big
A big jug of cider, gives grandpa a swig
And sweet Christmas cookies with dates, nuts, and figs.

I wish that I lived in the house in the snow
I'd know every night just where I would go,
And it wouldn't be standing out here in the snow.

Sharon Spade '55

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WINTER

When the ground turns white with snow
And the temperature goes way down low,
We know that fall has left our side
And with old winter we'll abide.

The ponds freeze over, the winds do blow
We get out our skis and glide o'er the snow.
Soon winter will leave from our side
And then with Spring we will abide.

Marion Parkinson '54

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CHRISTMAS EVE

Carolers stand on your steps singing,
While the Christmas chimes are ringing.
They ring out the carols this joyous night
To make your Christmas very bright.

Inside they have a Christmas tree,
All lighted for everyone to see,
And the children wonder at this sight,
On this joyous Christmas night.

Marguerite Lawrence '52
WINTER

Children! Children! Put away your kites. This is the time when Jack Frost bites.

Button up your coats and put on your mittens. Then you'll be warm as "The three little kittens".

Go get your sled and go get your skates, And have some fun with your little playmates.

Then take your sled and climb up a hill. It's lots of fun, and oh! what a thrill.

Go get your skis and ski down a hill. Better watch out or you'll take a spill.

Make a few snowmen and build some big forts. Oh! There are lots of good winter sports.

Marietta Willard '55

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WONDERS OF WINTER

When winter spreads its wonders
On windows, trees, and land,
You imagine some artist's beauty
Painted by a skilled hand.

The pond is like a mirror
With couples skating by.
What a picture of unique beauty
Silhouetted against the sky!

You may fear the cold of winter
And wish that spring were here.
But still the wonders of winter
To me will forever be dear.

Patricia Jaquith '54

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Mr. Soule's English 12 Class

Mr. Soule: Bud, what is a friar?
Bud: A half grown chicken.
I am going to spend the next spring in Spain, and I am looking forward to it with great anticipation. The weather there is always pleasant, and I enjoy the cultural and historical aspects of the country. I hope to visit some of the famous cities such as Madrid, Barcelona, and Seville. I am also interested in trying some of the local cuisine, especially tapas and paella. I plan to spend a few weeks in each city, allowing me to explore the sights and sounds of each place.
THE JOYFUL SEASON

When the snow is lightly falling
And the children's voices calling,
It's Christmas time, the snow is here
And Santa Claus will soon be near.

To the tune of sleigh bells ringing
The Christmas carolers joyfully singing,
It's Christmas time, the snow is here
The air is cold and brisk and clear.

The Christmas trees are brightly gleaming
The Christ Child's face so sweetly beaming,
It's Christmas time, the snow is here,
Good luck, good health; also good cheer.

Jane Rinchik '54

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WINTER

"Oh! It is snowing."
My little sister cried.
"Where's my coat, Mom?
I'm going outside."
A half an hour later
I looked out to see,
What was making my sister
Shout with glee.
In the middle of the yard
There stood a funny man,
His eyes were coal black,
On his head was a pan.
"My goodness! Who is that
I would like to know?"
"He's all mine," cried sister,
"I made him of snow."

Jean McEvila '54

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Miss Demeritt: I'd like some eggs please.
Grocer: High-grade eggs, first grade eggs, or second grade eggs?
Miss Demeritt: I think I would rather have some that have graduated please.
LA FERME DE MON PÈRE

Mon père a une ferme près de Vergennes. Il a beaucoup d'animaux sur sa ferme. Il y a vingt vaches, des cochons et des chevaux. Il y a aussi des coqs et des poules.

Dans les champs la terre est très fertile. Il y a du blé, du foin et de l'avoine.

Nous avons une grande maison brique. Elle a douze chambres—un salon, une salle à manger, une cuisine, une salle de bain et beaucoup de chambres à coucher. La cour est grande. Il y a beaucoup de fleurs et des arbres.


J'aime dormir sur la ferme de mon père. La ferme est grande et propre—l'air frais tous le temps. La vie sur la ferme est beaucoup de joie.

Sally Spear '53
L'AUTOMNE

Au milieu d'octobre les fouilles commencent à tomber. L'automne est ici. Je crois que l'automne est la plus belle saison de l'année parce que les feuilles ont beaucoup de couleurs.

Il fait beau. D'habitude il fait du soleil et il fait du vent. Quelquefois il fait froid et nous avons un peu de pluie.

J'aime faire une promenade parmi les feuilles. Les fruits et les légumes son mûrs. Les animaux font prêts pour l'hiver qui sera ici bientôt.

Aussitôt que je sais que l'hiver viendra je veux que le printemps soit ici.

Joan Husk '52

MON AUTOMOBILE

J'ai une automobile neuve. C'est une très jolie automobile. C'est la plus jolie automobile dans la ville. C'est une automobile verte. Mon automobile est une "Cadillac".


Je suis allée chez-moi. Cette fois je suis lentement allée. J'ai appris ma leçon. --Mieux vaut tard que jamais.--

Jane Bernard '52

A sullen day will clear again;
Today ought to be a better day than yesterday.
SCHOOL NOTES

This year the student body has had the opportunity to witness three assemblies.

On October 26 Mr. Foley, from "Ecole Champlain," spoke on the "Romance of Examinations," in which he told the correct way to approach an examination.

Then on November 30 Ernest Johnson, a noted singer, presented a fine program of spiritual songs.

On December 12 Mr. Breg, a representative of the Allied Youth Organization, gave a very interesting talk on alcoholism and its effect on young people. He pointed out to our student body how essential it is to have this nation-wide Allied Youth Organization. Actions have been taken to form such an organization in our school.

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Colleen Bargfrede '52
DeLisle Flynn '52
Norbert Charbonneau '54

Second Honors
John Donnelly '52
Barbara Beach '52
Joanne Charbonneau '52
Joyce Larrow '52
Beverly Murphy '52
Raymond Plankey '53
Lillian Fleming '53
Nancy Sweeney '53
Margaret Booth '54
Rachel Bristol '54
Barbara Chamberlain '54
Ann Freeguard '54
Margaret Hanna '54
Marion Parkinson '54
Sandra Tucker '54
Howard Grant '55
Petricia Aubin '55
Peggy Cameron '55
Mary Tatro '55
Marietta Willard '55

8th Grade
Rollin Atkins
Patrick McNulla
Carl Peabody

7th Grade
Bradley Ganson
Elisse Hallock
Gail Hier
Paul Stanilonis
Suzanne Bodette

Third Honors
Shirley LeBeau
Evelyn Stearns '55

Second Marking Period

First Honors
John Fisher '52
Colleen Bargfrede '52
DeLisle Flynn '52
Margaret Hanna '54
Norbert Charbonneau '54
Suzanne Bodette 7th

Second Honors
John Stephens '52
Lucy Case '52
Joanne Charbonneau '52
Joan Husk '52
Joyce Larrow '52
Judy O'Connor '52
Emma Schondube '52
Neldon Whitty '53
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Sheila Clark '54
E. J. H. S. COMMENTATOR

Essex Junction High School

We like your paper. We especially like your Senior Characteristics and alumni section. We would like to see more literary articles.

LONGHORN

Waterbury High School

We like your paper. We also like your literary section. We hope to receive more copies from you.

B. H. S. REGISTER

Burlington High School

Yours is a well compounded paper. But how about more jokes? We like the way you arrange your ads.

SENTINEL

Spaulding High School

We like your paper very much, especially your picture illustrations. We also like your sports section.

HILLTOPPER

People's Academy, Morrisville

Your book is very easy to read and we enjoy it very much. We hope to receive more copies from you. Why not include the name of your school on one of the front pages?

GREEN HORN

Springfield High School

We like your paper, but we wish your type was larger. Your material is very good and interesting.

B. R. H. S. VOX

Black River High School, Ludlow

We wish you would have a more compounded paper. We like your interviews of the teachers.

CHIPS

Richmond High School

Your paper is surely a prize winning paper. The way in which it is compiled shows a great deal of conscientious work on the part of the printers. We like especially the articles by your representatives of Boys' and Girls' State. We would like to see some original drawings. In short, it is an excellent paper.

We are still expecting magazines from Brattleboro, Middlebury, Poultney, Northfield, Randolph, Bristol and Shelburne.
**BOYS' BASKETBALL**

This year we have on the starting line-up, Co-Captain Richard Tarte as center, Paul Ripchik as right forward, Ernie Lackard as left forward, Co-Captain John Stephens as right guard and John Brigan back at left guard. The subs are: Ian Booth, Bob Ross, Neldon Whitty, Tom McCormick, George Bell and Ken Drew.

This year's schedule looks like a long, hard climb to the tournament, and we expect to have some thrilling battles. Our first game was with the Legion which proved us the victors by the score of 38-36 in a well-played game. Then came our first league game with Brandon which we lost by the score of 50-41. This game wasn't lost because of poor ball playing, but mainly because of the small awkward court which Brandon has. The team looks good for having this disadvantage of the court, and we expect to revenge this game on December 4 when we play host to Brandon. This year we hope to go to the tournament and bring back the state "B" cup!

**COACH PALERMO SAYS:** "With only one game having been played out of a 19 game schedule, it is a little early to make any accurate prediction on the outcome of the '51 season. However, I feel confident that the boys have the fight and spirit needed and with a few breaks should end up in the B tourney again this year. Give these boys your loyal support, and I'm positive they won't let you or myself down."

--Richard Tarte '52
--John Brigan '53

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

The basketball season of 1951-1952 is now under way with Mr. Palermo as Coach. There are about twenty-four girls on the squad this year.

New uniforms have been purchased and given to twelve of the girls, while the other twelve girls are wearing last year's uniforms.

This year's Co-Captains are: Helen Looby and Sally Bristol.

Veteran forwards are: Helen Looby, Joanne Charbonneau, Margaret Hanna, Shirley Hamilton, Shirley Mitchell, Janet Swenor.
Girls' Basketball (cont)

Veteran guards are: Jane Ripchik, Joyce LeBeau, Jessie Cochran, Marion Parkinson, Margaret Booth, Rosaline Cunn- 
ingham, Barbara Chamberlain, Barbara Clark.

Along with the veteran players, the new forwards are: 
Sally Bristol, who played guard last year; Shirley Bashaw; 
Beverly Cunningham; Peggy Cameron. The new guards are: 
Mary Palmer, Sally Bush, Ann Langeway, Rena Charlebois.

Our Manager is Ruth Vincent with Judy Sweeney as her 
assistant.

We lost our first game of the season to the Burlington 
Sea Lassies on our home court, December 4, but won over 
Shelburne and Bristol on their courts.

This looks like a very good season. We hope you will 
all come out to support the team and our cheerleaders. We 
like the good spirit you have shown in the past and with 
it to spur us on this year, we should have a very success-
ful season.

--Shirley Hamilton '53 
--Joanne Charbonneau '52

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This sign was recently displayed in front of a grocery 
store in a West Coast town: "We know it's hard to get meat, 
butter, sugar, shoes, and other things -- but it's harder 
to learn to speak Russian!"

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HOUSEWIFE'S PROBLEM: Having too much month left over at 
the end of the money.

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A girl applied for a job as a stenographer, and they 
gave her a test in spelling. "How do you spell Mississippi?" 
she was asked.

"The river or the State?"
Introducing Our New Faculty Members

Interviewing Mr. Wallace

Q: Where were you born?
A: Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Q: Where did you go to school?
A: Elementary and High School in Pittsfield, Massachusetts and then to St. Michael's and University of Vermont.

Q: What was your childhood ambition?
A: To become a dancer.

Q: Where did you teach before coming to Vergennes?
A: Montpelier

Q: Do you think Vergennes has more school spirit than Montpelier?
A: Yes, overwhelmingly so!

Q: Who is your favorite model?
A: "Evelyn"

Q: What was the best movie you've seen?
A: Henry V.

Q: What do you think of chewing gum during chorus?
A: There are more cows than people in Vermont.

Interviewing Mr. Soule

Q: Where were you born?
A: Sheldon, Vermont.

Q: Where did you go to school?
A: Elementary and High School at Enosburg Falls, Vt. and then to Norwich University and University of Vermont.

Q: What was your childhood ambition?
A: To become a big league ball player.

Interviewing continued

Q: Do you think Vergennes has the opportunity to win the Championship this year in basketball?
A: Although I am not too well acquainted with the league and members of the league; however, I do believe it has a chance to defeat any class B or C in the state.

Q: What do you think of talking in study hall?
A: I think it is a very bad practice and should be discontinued.

Q: Where did you teach before coming to Vergennes?
A: Practiced teaching at Burlington High School.

Q: What branch of the service were you in?
A: Army Air Force

Q: Did you like it?
A: No!

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A mistake is evidence that someone has tried to do something, 

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Education covers a lot of ground, but it doesn't cultivate it.

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The best way to make your dream come true is to wake up.
Class of '51

EDMUND ATKINS - Employed at Paul Sisters
SIDNEY BARNARD - Attending University of Vermont
JANICE CLARK - Employed in Simmonds Office
ALMA DANYU - Air Force; stationed in Washington D. C.
HELEN FIELD - Attending University of Vermont
ELAINE FRENCH - At home
ROGER GIBEAULT - Employed at the A & P
JAMES HANNA - Attending University of Vermont
GRACE HAWKINS - Attending Vermont Junior College
HELEN HAWKINS - Attending Burlington Business College
ALAN HOLMES - Army; stationed in Oklahoma
FRANCIS HOOSE - Taking Post Graduate Course at VHS and employed at the Vergennes Inn
DOROTHY JACQUITH - Attending Burlington Business College
GWENDOLYN MCGRAVEH - At home
JAMES MCNULLA - Attending University of Vermont
GEORGE MOORBY - At home working on farm.
MARION MOORBY - Employed at General Electric in Burlington
FLORENCE POULIN - Working in Burlington
GEORGE ROSE - Employed at Simmonds
ALAN RUSSETT - Working on farm
JACK STEBBINS - Manager of the Grand Union
JOYCE TRACY - Employed at Vergennes Bank
REGINA YATTA - At home

Class of '50

WILLIAM BALDWIN - Navy; stationed in N. Y.
SHIRLEY BARRON - Nurse in Lackawanna N. Y.
NORMA BODETTE - Attending University of Vermont
DORIS BURROUGHS - Married Lawrence Panton
BARBARA CHARONNEAU - Employed at the Vergennes Bank
MARY CHARONNEAU - Employed in Simmonds Office
WAYNE CHARONNEAU - Employed at the Vergennes Theatre
RAMONA DANYOU - Employed in Simmonds Office
EVELYN FARNSWORTH - Nurses’ Training in Lackawanna N. Y.
BEVERLY HAWKINS - Married William Field and has one child
JEAN HIGGIE - Married Bruce Wood and has one child
ALAN LANGENWAY - Working on Farm
CLEMENT LOOBY - Air Force; stationed in England
ALLAN MACK - Air Force; stationed in England
FRANCES POULIN - Employed in Simmonds Office
ALBERT ROBERTS - Air Force; stationed in Texas
WILLIAM ROBERTS - Employed at the A&P in Brandon
MAY ROSS - Employed in Mr. Moulton’s Office and at the Theater
HENRY SISTERS - Air Force; stationed in Alabama
JAMES SMITH - Air Force; stationed in St. Albans
JOYCE STEARNS - At home
BENJAMIN SURPRISE - Air Force; stationed in England
STEPHANIE THOMPSON - Nurses Training at Mary Fletcher
ROBERT TRACY - Employed at Simmonds
DEDICATIONS
RADIO AND TV

BIG STORY
LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL
SUPER CIRCUS
SPACE PATROL
MIGHTY MOUSE
ONE MAN'S FAMILY
BIG TOP
WEDDING BELLS
CACTUS JIM
BRONCO BILL
SUSPENSE
BEANIE TIME
RED SKELETON
CONTENTED HOUR
HOWDY DOODY
I LOVE A MYSTERY
TRUE OR FALSE
THE RIGHT TO HAPPINESS
THE SHOW OF SHOWS
HOPALONG CASSIDY
MURDER BY EXPERTS
BAND OF AMERICA
BIG TOWN

Paul Ripchik
Marilla and Dick
Girls' Chorus
VHS Patrol
Mr. Wallace
Mr. Poquette
Bud Bodette
Lorraine
Mr. Berry
Mr. Palermo
Exam Returns
Jerry Miller
Dick Bristol
11:55-12:55
Neldon Whitty
Mrs. Bodette
General Business
Lucille and Harold
Sally Bristol
Joan Peabody
Exams
VHS Band

Vergennes (on Saturday night)
SONG DEDICATIONS

Our Love Affair ........................................ Lucille and Harold
Come on-a my House .................................... Mr. Soule
"A" You're Adorable .................................... Alice Tucker
Dime a Dozen .............................................. Mixed Chorus
Daddy's Little Girl ...................................... Mr. Grandfield

You're Just in Love ..................................... Nancy and John
Undecided ..................................................... Dolly Lê
In the Mood ............................................. First Period Study Hall Monday Morning
Whispering .................................................. Eighth Period Study Hall Friday Afternoon
Angry .......................................................... Mr. Wallace at Senior Play Cast

Oh, How I Love You ...................................... Marilla and Dick
Because of You .......................................... Pat and Dick
Rollin' Stone .............................................. Helen Looby
It's Over ...................................................... Mary Jane and Ernie
Slowpoke ..................................................... Junior Class

Turn Back the Hands of Time ............................ Senior Class
I Can't Go on without You ............................... Sally Bristol
The Closer You Are ....................................... Ruth and Spot
The End of a Love Affair ................................ Alice and Bud
Near You ..................................................... Pauline Gibeault

We Could Make Believe ................................ Nonie and Lucille
I Won't Cry Anymore .................................... Ernie Lackard
Meanderin' ................................................ "Skinny" Fleming
I Wish I Was ............................................... John Donnelly
Frostie the Snow Man .................................... Patrol (during the winter)

I Get Ideas ............................................... Colleen Bargfrede
Solitaire .................................................... George Bell
Unforgettable ............................................. Senior Play
Hey, Good Lookin' ....................................... Reynold Goddard
I'll Never Smile Again ................................... Betty Marshall

Chew, Chew Chewing Gum ................................. Mrs. Berry
I Wanna Be Loved ......................................... Nancy S. and Paul M.
Cold, Cold Heart ......................................... Joyce Larrow
How Cute Can You Be .................................... Mr. Wallace
If Dreams Come True ..................................... Boys' Basketball

You Broke the Only Heart That Ever Loved You ..................................................... Coonie
Too Young .................................................. Mike McGrath
Loveliest Night of the Year ................................ Junior Prom
All My Love ................................................ Albert and Polly

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I CAN YOU IMAGINE

MRS. NELSON doing the Charleston?
CHARLIE ROSS studying?
NELDON WHITTY playing marbles?
ANN BERRY wearing dungarees to school?
MR. GRANDFIELD making a cake?
MARY WHITNEY doing a "fan-dance?"
PATSY AUBIN having any money?
MR. SOULE driving a "hot-rod?"
SPOT ROSS going with any other girl but Ruth?
ROYCE BEEBE with a crew cut?
MISS DEMERITT taking a shop course?
SALLY BRISTOL riding a camel?
Being ship-wrecked with George LeBeau?
MR. BERRY standing on his head on top of a flag pole as he always says he's going to do?
RAYMOND PLANKEY playing Valentino?
JOHN STEPHENS playing the organ in Church?
MRS. EVARTS roller skating?

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MR. WALLACE: "What are you going to do when you graduate?
DICK TAKTE: "Guess I'll turn highwayman and knock people's brains out and gather up the money and use it."
MR. WALLACE: "Why not gather up the brains?"

A little boy late for Sunday School was asked to explain:
"I tried to go fishing but pop wouldn't let me."
"You're lucky to have a nice father like that," the teacher remarked, "and I suppose he exclaimed why you shouldn't go fishing today?"
"Yes, Ma'am," said Junior, "only one pole."
GOSSIP

Lucille and Harold, please make up your minds. You keep us in suspense.

Helen, why are you so hard to satisfy? Like excitement?

Lucy, did the Gale hit you bad or was it just a hard wind-storm?

Marilla, did you have a nice time in Chicago, or did you miss Dick too much?

What's the secret Joan Husk? You keep everything a mystery.

A couple of senior girls seem to be paying quite a bit of attention to a certain junior boy with a red convertible, is it the boy or the car, Girls? Let us in on it.

We notice a certain senior girl is wearing a ring on the third finger, left hand. Who is he, Lorraine?

Who is it now Jeanne, you just can't seem to make up your mind. What's the matter, like a variety?

Joan Peabody, is it or is it not going to be Bob?? We're all curious.

DeLisle, you do believe in "two"? timing a certain soldier, don't you?

Are all your letters from Korea from your brother, Lilly? Or is there someone else????

What is there in Bristol that's such a big attraction? Could it be the girls, Allen?!

The students in third period typing class suggest that someone takes up a collection and buy John Stephens some typing paper so he won't have to borrow. It's getting to be a habit, John.

We are wondering what college has done to some of last year's Seniors. They don't seem to recognize some of the kids at VHS anymore.

What is there in New Jersey that holds such an attraction for a certain senior boy? We wonder!

What happened Betty? We see you are not receiving anymore letters from Washington D.C. Let us in on it. Could Leonard be the reason?

Joanne, you really must like motorcycles. You seem to spend quite a bit of time riding around on one.
The text on the page is not legible due to the quality of the image. It appears to be a page from a document, but the content cannot be accurately transcribed.
A man marooned on a South Seas Island came face to face with a cannibal, who just stood and stared at him. "Why are you staring at me?" asked the man. "What is the matter?" "I'm the food inspector," answered the cannibal.

Mrs. Nelson: Can you guess my age?
Mr. Wallace: No, but you don't look it.

A small boy, watching the Senate in session in Washington, pointed to the Chaplain, and asked his father who he was.

Father: "That's the Chaplain, my son."
Son: "Does he pray for the Senators, Daddy?"
Father: (Thinking a moment) "No, my son. When he goes in, he looks around and sees the Senators sitting there, and then he prays for the country."

John Donnelly approached his mother who had just returned from shopping. "Hey Mom," he said, "you know that vase in the living room, that's been handed down from generation to generation?"
"Yes," replied his mother, "What about it?"
"Well, I guess it won't be handed down anymore," explained John. "This generation just dropped it."

George Washington married Martha Curtis and in due time became the father of his country.

Shirley Mitchell: "After rain falls, when does it get up again?"
Mr. Palermo: "In dew time, my girl, in dew time."

John Brigan: What makes that baby at Mr. Grandfields cry so much, Nancy?

Nancy Clark: (indignantly) It doesn't cry so much—and anyways, if all your teeth were out, and your hair was off, and your legs were so weak you couldn't stand on them I guess you'd cry too!

Two ladies who had not seen each other for a long time met on the street:

"Oh, Mary," exclaimed one of them, "so many things have happened to me since I last saw you. I've had my teeth out, and an electric stove and a refrigerator put in."

Seven Ages of Women

1. Safety Pins
2. Baby Pins
3. Hair Pins
4. Fraternity Pins
5. Diamond Pins
6. Clothes Pins
7. Rolling Pins

The doctor speaking to Dick Charbonneau, "Try this pill at bedtime. It is a new treatment. If you can keep it on your stomach it should cure you."
Meeting Dick a few days later the doctor asked, "Did you manage to keep the pill on your stomach?"
"I did when I was awake," Dick replied, "But when I fell asleep, it rolled off."

George Bell: "Say, tell me, which is the other side of the street?"
Bud Bodette: "Why the other side is over there."
George: "Funny thing. That's what I thought. But I was over there and asked an old lady, and she said it was over here."
SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM

ROLAND RHEAUME

TRUCKING

VERGENNES, VERMONT

SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM

Muzzy's Store

NORTH FERRISBURG, VERMONT

SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM

Bronson's Garage

NORTH FERRISBURG, VERMONT

E. W. Shortsleves

NORTH FERRISBURG, VERMONT
Season's Greetings

From

SAMUEL W. FISHMAN

Compliments

of

HOWARD J. LEBBOUF
General Contractor
Vergennes, Vermont.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM

SIMMOND'S AEROCESSORIES
ERNEST DEVINE'S ESSO STATION

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UNIVERSAL MILKER & ACCESSORIES

TIRES—BATTERIES—GAS—OIL

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PANTON, VERMONT

E. G. & A. W. NORTON

VERGENNES, VERMONT.
COMPLIMENTS

of

ALLEN'S STORE

New Haven Jct.

* Mobile Gas and Oil

* Mobile Gas and Oil

SEASON'S GREETINGS

from

Weaver's I. G. A. Store

Addison, Vermont

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OF

DREW BROS. GARAGE

VERGENNES, VERMONT

SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM

MILO'S DAIRY

VERGENNES, VERMONT

PHONE 10-11

COMPLIMENTS

OF

K. P. & F. B. COOK

SEASON'S GREETINGS

PONTIAC SALES AND SERVICE

BODY AND FENDER REPAIR

24 HR. REPAIR SERVICE

PHONE 165

NITE 167

VERGENNES MOTORS

MAIN AND GREEN ST.

VERGENNES, VT.
SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM

WOOD'S AUTO SUPPLY

COMPLIMENTS

OF

O. CLAUDE ALLEN
PANTON, VT.
HOTPOINT APPLIANCES
TEL. 384

SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM

VERGENNES LAUNDRY

SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM

LAWRENCE'S RESTAURANT
SEASON'S GREETINGS
FROM
CLARK'S HARDWARE
VERGENNES, VERMONT

SEASON'S GREETINGS
FROM
V. H. S. FACULTY
AND
STUDENT BODY
SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM

FRANK H. BECK

NORTH FERRISBURG, VERMONT

COMPLIMENTS OF

H. L. HUNT

INSURANCE AGENCY

SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM

A. W. WRIGHT, D. V. M.

VERGENNES, VERMONT

TEL. ADDISON 444

SEASON'S GREETINGS

FROM

W. W. BURPEE

DEALER

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