#### Raeford, N.C.

Christmas is special at Scurlock Editor's note: The students at Scurlock School in the fourth grade entered a contest entitled "What Christmas Means to Me." Here are some of the winning

By John Wright

Christmas is a time of joy. It is a time for family to get together. It shows the love and care that you feel for your family and friends. And when you get a gift, remember a gift comes from the heart. It's not what a gift is, it's what a gift shows.

Christmas only comes once a year, so when it does come, make it a great one.



By Ruth Carpenter

Christmas means a lot to me. I like to go shopping for presents for ones I love. I like it when I go to sleep and wake up to find presents

Some families can't have all of that. So Christmas also means to help the needy with a warm place, love, care, food, and a special moment like Christmas with presents. On Christmas day the house would be beautiful and filled with love.



By Eugenia Jones

Christmas is very special to

Christmas is a day of giving and sharing our love for each other. Everyone gathers around to open their presents with smiles on their faces. And everyone says "thank you" for the presents. for the presents. Christmas is a time I can spend with my family, who cares and loves me very much.



By Charlene Godbold

Christmas means a lot to me. We've got to be thankful for gifts that we get on Christmas morning.

Every Christmas we've got to thank God because He made us to be happy, to have time off for Christmas vacations and to be with our families everywhere.

Christmas is special to me. Our families care for us and love us.



By Todd Rutkowski

Christmas means cheer and great joy. It means presents. It means to be happy and cheerful.



By Nicole Clark Christmas means love, joy and singing around the Christmas tree. But the best part is to be with my family and friends. I like to share presents and cards and share with everyone.

I know that Christmas is the best holiday within the year.

I like to give thanks for what I get at Christmas.

Even if I get only a rubber red ball, that would be fine with me. But as long as my family gets something, I don't care if I don't get anything. Christmas means snow and being with people I love.



By Aimee Duddey

Christmas is a time of year when people are sharing and caring. It is a time when people are giving presents as they did when Jesus was born.

Jesus was wrapped in swaddling clothes and layed in a manger.

Jesus was born in a stable because Mary and Joseph had come to Bethlehem to pay their taxes. There were no vacant rooms in any of the inns. They had to go

to a stable and stay there. That

night Mary had her baby.
Christ was born. That night a star shone in the sky - the brightest one. The three kings had known that Christ was born. They followed the star and it led them to Christ. They gave gifts of gold. That's what Christmas means to



By Travis Blue To me, Christmas means joy, happiness, giving, sharing and caring for each other. It also means showing love and kindness by exchanging gifts, telling stories and singing Christmas carols around the Christmas tree.

Have a very merry and warm Christmas.



By Mandrell Brewington

Christmas, to me, is when we celebrate Christ the Lord's birthday. I think we should take out time and think of the things that the Lord has done for us. If we didn't have the Lord, we wouldn't be living today. We should be thankful for the Lord because He has all power in His hands.

Christmas is a time for giving presents to the people we love. We should love everyone and not hate.

I think we should give the Lord a present. I think the best present we could give is our heart. I think the Lord has a present for us too. I think that present is everlasting life up in Heaven.



By Steven Miller

Christmas means a time for giving and sharing. But don't forget that it is really about the birthday of Jesus. Jóseph and Mary went to

an inn in Bethlehem. There was not room for them in the inn. They had to sleep out in the barn. That night Mary had a baby! The baby was Jesus. There was a big star up above the barn. It wasn't a star like you see every night. This star was different and special.

This star let people know that Christ was born.



By Leonard Brown

To me, Christmas means loving and sharing. Without love Christmas would mean nothing. Love is what Christmas means to

On Christmas people like to exchange gifts and men like to kiss their girls under the mistletoe.



By Mike Wilkinson

Christmas means a day to celebrate Jesus's birthday. means for all families to gather and have dinner and exchange gifts. Also to be kind and gentle in helping needy people, being good to people and obeying older peo-

Christmas means a day to be happy and joyful to the people around you.

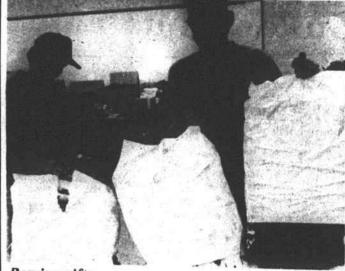
It means to try to bring peace to all nations of the world. Best of all it means love and friendship through understanding the joy and happiness of Christmas.



By John Fields

Christmas is a time for loving, giving and sharing. Christmas is a time for happiness and joy and thanking God for Jesus's birth.

That is why Christmas is here. That is why people are supposed to enjoy Christmas.



Bearing gifts These Raeford Parachute Club members bring clothing and other items to be given to needy Hoke County families as part of the Share Your Christmas program. Many of the members of the club, who jump at the Raeford Airport, are not Hoke County residents, but made the donations because of a community minded spirit.



Completed course

Robert and Gloria Walters (center), of Raeford, receive certificates completing the Executive Development Seminar for Tobacco Farmers and Farm Women from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. Executive Vice President F. Hudnall Christopher (left) and NCSUU Provost and Vice Chancellor Nash N. Winstead.

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