



Don't Peek, Sophomores, Until Christmas Arrives

Timmy almost burst as Christmas drew nearer and nearer and the pile of hidden presents grew taller and taller.

One day, when he just could not stand it any longer, he tiptoed into the dining room, and peered at a lovely lumpy bundle hidden behind the china closet. Surely it would hurt to tear off the tiniest, minute corner! He was positive it was his own anyway, because Daddy had winked so mysteriously when Timmy happened to meet him carrying this same package in the back door, one night. Oh, it certainly could not hurt to peek at his very own present!

Timmy had his fingers on the package, when suddenly, he decided that it would hurt! It would hurt a lot. He would spoil his fun at Christmas time, and he'd spoil his parents' too, because he'd have to pretend to be surprised. Of course his parents would realize that he was not surprised at all.

Timmy marched firmly out of the room. And a few minutes later, what do you think? There was a little tinkling crash in the dining room, and when Timmy ran back, his mother was pulling that very same package away from his dog, Pal!

"Pal, you are a naughty dog to peek!" his mother scolded.

Pal's teeth had torn the paper, and Timmy saw that the present was a toy bell for his sister, Mary. If Timmy had peeked when he wanted to, the jingling bells would have called everyone in the house to see what he'd done!

The moral is that you sophomores should not spoil your Christmas by letting your curiosities get the best of you!

Christmas Parade

The annual Merchant's Association Christmas Parade occurred in downtown Rocky Mount Saturday, November 27, thereby officially beginning the Christmas season in Rocky Mount.

Beginning at 9 a.m., the Christmas Parade covered Church, Main, and Washington streets.

Children between the ages of five and seven, and girls from RMSH in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades participated in the parade. Some of the floats were entitled "Snow Princess," "Ski Float," and "Twas the Night Before Christmas," along with Santa Claus and his float. Numerous bands, including the RMSH band, participated in the parade.

CHRISTMAS IS

"Realizing that every day you're out for the holidays, it's five points off Miss Kitchin's senior theme!" says Editor Richard Newman. "Never having enough money to spend," says Feature writer Melissa Pittman.

"Getting tipsy from drinking too much eggnog and not having your parents get mad at you 'cause they're tipsy too," says Junior member Sue Ford.

"FOOD!" says Advertising Manager Teresa Slavin. "The dumb sophomores getting excited about Barbie dolls and G.I. Joes," says News writer Becky Roberson.

"Taking a deserved break from the 'run of the mill' and having a little bit of fun," says Circulation Manager Debbie Griffin.

"One time during the year when all people should feel a great sense of brotherhood toward each other," says Sports writer Ray Brinn.

"Realizing you have seven days and ten dollars to buy all your presents with," says Junior member Jo Safy.

"A time to be out of school with friends and being peaceful with everyone," says Junior member Mona Macky.

"The thrill of knowing that you have two whole weeks to eat, drink, and be merry," says News writer Henrietta Sellers.

"The day that every day should be," says News editor Doug Cole.

"Watching people open their presents and seeing the smiles on their faces," says Junior member Sabrina Gardiner.

"Two whole weeks to get up when you feel like it," says Business Manager Mary Barr.

"The Sophomores getting excited about their new shiny bikes with stainless steel kickstands," says Feature writer Colette Rawls.

"The most lovely time of the year. It is also the time when people can really express themselves with love for one another," says Junior member William Farmer.

"The one time of year when all men may stand hand-in-hand and celebrate the joyous birth of our Saviour," says Sports writer Mike Taylor.

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