

CHRISTMAS

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Grandma's favorite gifts were a Shirley Temple doll and a new dress. Grandma said they were very thankful and happy just being together as a family.

A Long Ago Christmas

By Jeremy Harrelson

My great-grandmother is 84 years old and her birthday is December 18. Her name is Ellaree. Her family would gather around a piano and sing Christmas carols. There were ten children in her family. A few times they got caught trying to see Santa Claus.

Once in a while she would get a new dress. She would wear it to school and come home and wash it and wear it again the next day. Also, she would only get new shoes about once a year.

She never got toys for Christmas. They used socks for stockings. They usually got one apple, one orange, sometimes a pear, and one stick of candy. Her family grew their own apples.

One of her favorite Christmases was when she was four years old. She got a doll and her mother made it.

My Grandpa's Christmas

By Chris Black

Grandpa is 77 years old. When he was a child, they made all the decorations for their tree with a cotton star on top. They used their socks for stockings. They were filled with apples, oranges, nuts, and gifts of small toys. His favorite toy was a cap buster gun.

He played the part of The North Wind in a Christmas play once, which was fun. He also rode in sleighs that were pulled by horses. Grandpa really loved Christmas back then.

A Long Ago Christmas

By Cassie Bell

My grandmother is 66 years old. When she was a little girl she liked to go into the woods with her father to chop down a tree to decorate the day before Christmas. She made her decoration by stringing popcorn for the tree. She went to church and played with her friends.

My grandmother always went to visit her grandmother on Christmas day for a large dinner. Her aunts and uncles were also there.

A favorite gift she got was a baby doll from her father.

A Long Ago Christmas

By Adam Morgan

I interviewed Frances Phifer. She is my mawmaw. She is 65 years old.

Christmas was different when she was a child. She went with her daddy, brothers, and sisters to cut down a tree in the woods. They decorated it with paper garlands that they had colored with crayons. They had no lights on the tree.

For presents, they had no toys. They had candy and fruit. They had no stockings. They were happy anyway.

On Christmas Day, the whole family ate dinner together. They had country ham, chicken, and Japanese fruitcake. They all had a good time.

Mawmaw's favorite Christmas was when she was ten years old. She got a baby doll that cried. It was special because it was the first time she got a toy for Christmas.

Her Christmas of long ago was very different from ours. But they still loved it, just like we do today.

A Long Ago Christmas

By Pam Randall

Long ago, when my Paw Paw Howard was a little boy, he and his brothers and sister would go to bed early. When they got up the next morning they would see what Santa brought them. It was usually 3 toys. In his stocking he would have apples and oranges.

One year he got a red wagon. My great-grandpaw would go out and shoot his gun.

Now we get more toys. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Long Ago

By Courtney Osteen

The person who I interviewed was my aunt. She is 82 years old.

Santa Claus would put the presents under the tree. My aunt and her sisters would try to see him, but they never did.

For decorations on the tree, they would string it with popcorn and berries. They would go over to their grandpa's house for Christmas dinner.

My aunt had clothes, but she would only get a doll and a pair of socks. We call her Aunt Marion. She likes to make crafts. She has made a lot of Christmas decorations for my family.

My Grandmother's Long Ago Christmas

By Katie Lemmond

My grandmother's daddy said that she had to have a real tree every year. She normally took a walk through the woods to look until she found a tree.

Auditions slated for 'Raisin in Sun'

The Greater Shelby Community Theatre, in conjunction with Cleveland Community College, is holding auditions for "A Raisin in the Sun" January 4, 5 and 6 from 6-9 p.m. in the CCC Auditorium. Call backs will be January 7 from 6-9:30 p.m.

The production dates are March 4-7. There are roles for seven men, three women and one boy. Also needed are production crews.

For more information, go to the auditions or call 484-4025.

HOME CONTEST WINNER

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Suber on Canterbury Road at Moss Lake won the Christmas decorating contest among Woodbridge North residents.

The winners were announced Sunday by Woodbridge Home Owners Association.

Her family lived too far apart to have Christmas together. Her grandparents did not have a car long ago.

She got homemade toys that her mom and dad made. She got fruit and nuts in her stockings every year. When grandmother was little Santa Claus still was around. She left him milk and cookies.

Grandmother's Christmas

By India Stokes

My grandmother is 63 years old. Back then, they would cut cedar trees down out of the forest for Christmas trees. They made the decorations.

Some of their dinner was wildlife animals. Her favorite gift was a baby doll her teacher gave her.

A Long Ago Christmas

By Amanda Wallace

I interviewed Sammy's great-grandma from Mt. Hope, West Virginia. Her name is Ora E. Ward. She is 87 years old and will be 88 in March.

She always got a pair of long black stockings for Christmas. She remembered that the family would gather for dinner, and then her grandpa would tell stories while they sat in front of the fireplace. Then they all went for a ride on the horse and buggy.

Her best Christmas was when she got a small red piano, and she will never forget that! Her next best Christmas was spending the day with her grand and great-grandchildren.

Grandma's Old Christmas

By Brandon Butler

When Grandma was a little girl, she and her brother and sisters would go into the woods and find a Christmas tree. Then the family would decorate it together.

Everyone only got one present apiece on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This was the year of 1928.

Mom's Christmas Memories

By Aquino Reynolds

I interviewed my mother. She said, "When I was young, I can remember my sister and me arguing over who'd lick the cake bowls, or who'd be the one to put the last ornament on the tree. We always had a big tree for Christmas. We'd sit around it and think about the gifts to come in a week or so."

"My mother would always tell us that if we kept arguing there would be no Christmas for us, but Christmas always came."

Long, Long Ago

By Brooks Tate

My great-grandma Porter is 81 years old. When she was a child, she received fruit or candy in her Christmas stocking.

Their Christmas tree was a cedar tree. They decorated their tree with popcorn on a string and made paper ornaments.

She had 9 children in her family. Her first doll was a rag doll, which she received at 5 years old. They had family gatherings with a good meal. Christmases long ago were special.

Grandfather's Christmas

By Matthew Cavender

This story is about my grandfather's Christmas.

Tom Landers is a 72 year old man. When he was about ten years old, he remembers a very special gathering on Christmas. He got a new bike and all his family got to see him ride his new bike.

The family got together every Christmas and sang songs. They all ate together, too. Then the kids went outside and played with their new toys and things.

Christmas Long Ago

By Victor Harbison

This is a story about how families celebrated Christmas back in the earlier years. They celebrated Christmas singing carols and all their families gathered together. They had big gatherings. It seemed an important role in the seasons at the time.

Most of the fathers were in Korea. They brought home gifts for their children, such as carved wooden cars and airplanes.

My Christmas Story

By James Biddix

This is a story of Christmas long ago. I'm telling of a person who had his Christmas 67 years ago.

He and his family gathered together for gifts and dinner. They sang carols and visited other families.

His favorite toy was a wooden airplane his father carved for him.

It was the thought of everyone there sharing each other's love that meant the most.

My Mother's Christmas

By Presha Barnes

My mother was born July 26, 1928. She always loved Christmas time. She would get clothes, shoes, dolls, and a tea set.

She was a very happy girl.

Santa Claus, if you see this, she is still a happy lady at Christmas time!

Foothills Quilters Guild names officers

The Foothills Quilters Guild met Thursday, Dec. 17 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Shelby for their annual Christmas covered dish meal.

After dinner, the business meeting was held and officers were nominated for 1993. They are Doris Wallace, President; Phyllis Hamrick, first vice president; Betty Bridges, second vice president; Patsy Freeman, recording secretary; Sandy Thomas, corresponding secretary; and Shirley Runyans, treasurer.

The next meeting will be January 28. New members are welcome. **Cancer volunteers will wrap presents**

The American Cancer Society will hold its annual Christmas gift wrap booth Wednesday and Thursday at the Cleveland Mall.

Volunteers will be wrapping packages for the public in exchange for donations to the Cleveland Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Interested volunteers may call 482-1566.

The 1993 Foothills Quilters Guild Quilt Show will be April 23, 24 and 25 at the Cleveland County

Arts Building on the Square in downtown Shelby. The theme will be "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

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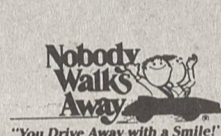
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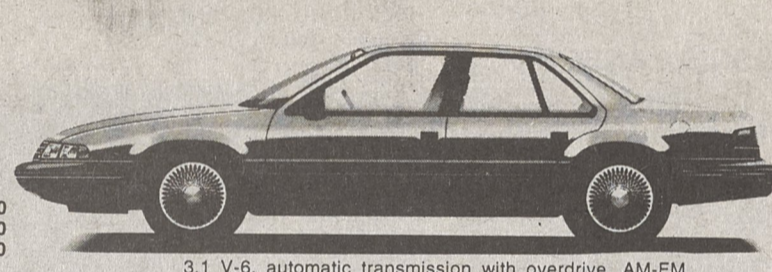
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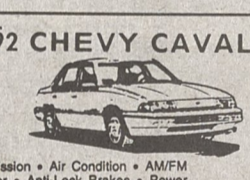
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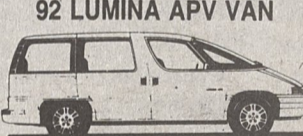
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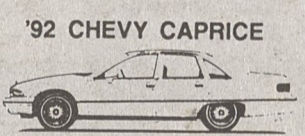
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