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## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### Christmas and Time

Now, what the heck is that old McGill heathen thinking about?? What is the connection? Christmas time is here again, yes, but my thoughts go in a different direction.

I like to think of us as time travelers. There are 3 phases of time travel, past, present and future. Physically, we are locked into present time travel. Mentally, we can time travel to the past or the future. We have memories to travel back in time and as we grow older, we have more and more of these. We can travel into the future because we have more and more experiences and information to help us try to predict the future.

Predicting the future is not a very reliable undertaking at best. Just think back to your younger years. Did you accurately predict what you are doing now? If you were accurate, then you are in the ranks of the following predictors of the future.

Nostradamus-1550, Chester Gould-1929 and Phillip Nowlan-1931

Since, most of us were not accurate or didn't give the future much thought, let us focus on the past. We can be more accurate in that respect. We older folks need to relate our past experiences to the younger generation, before those experiences are lost forever.

Too many young people think the world started the day they were born. Hate to tell them, but it didn't.

At this Christmas time , we can tell them what life was like, what we did on Christmas and most of all, what the true Christmas spirit is all about.+

Part of the spirit of Christmas is the art of giving, so why not give your youngsters the gift of past Christmases!! Don't just tell them, write it down, so it won't be forgotten. It is the one gift that no one else can give them.

Since Christmas is a few days away, I will cut this short as you probably have a lot to do.

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year