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## Keith's Corner/ McGill News

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### Christmas Is Here

Yes, Gertrude, Christmas is here again. This will be my 90<sup>th</sup> Christmas. Yes, I understand that I am only 89, but think about this. Everyone born between January 1 and December 25 need to add one more Christmas to their real age. Ha, think about that!!

Christmas is a holiday that means many different things to many people. No matter how rich or poor, famous or unknown, big or small, young or old, we all have many things to be thankful for.

Some say that Christmas is for the kids. Oh yah, just think of the time during your older years when you got something you really wanted and it showed up on Christmas morning. Don't kid yourself, we all have great memories of Christmas. There are also years of sorrow, yes, but for the most part we love Christmas.

I remember during WWII that there were very few toys. Our folks made some for us. During those years we were glad to each get one toy. For many years after the war, Mom would always make sure we got a toy, so we would never forget those terrible war years.

One thing I remember as a kid, was going up in the mountains and cutting our tree. Mom got to pick the best one. We didn't have to get a permit and cut in certain areas. We would go to different places each year and so would everyone else. The McGill Boy Scouts would take

orders for trees and deliver them. After Christmas they would pick them up and bring them to the various sleigh riding streets to burn. Back in those days there were lots of traditions like that.

We continued to cut our own tree for many years with my family. Here we are in something called snow getting our tree.



So, what ever your feelings and ideas about it, let me wish you all a very

# Merry Christmas

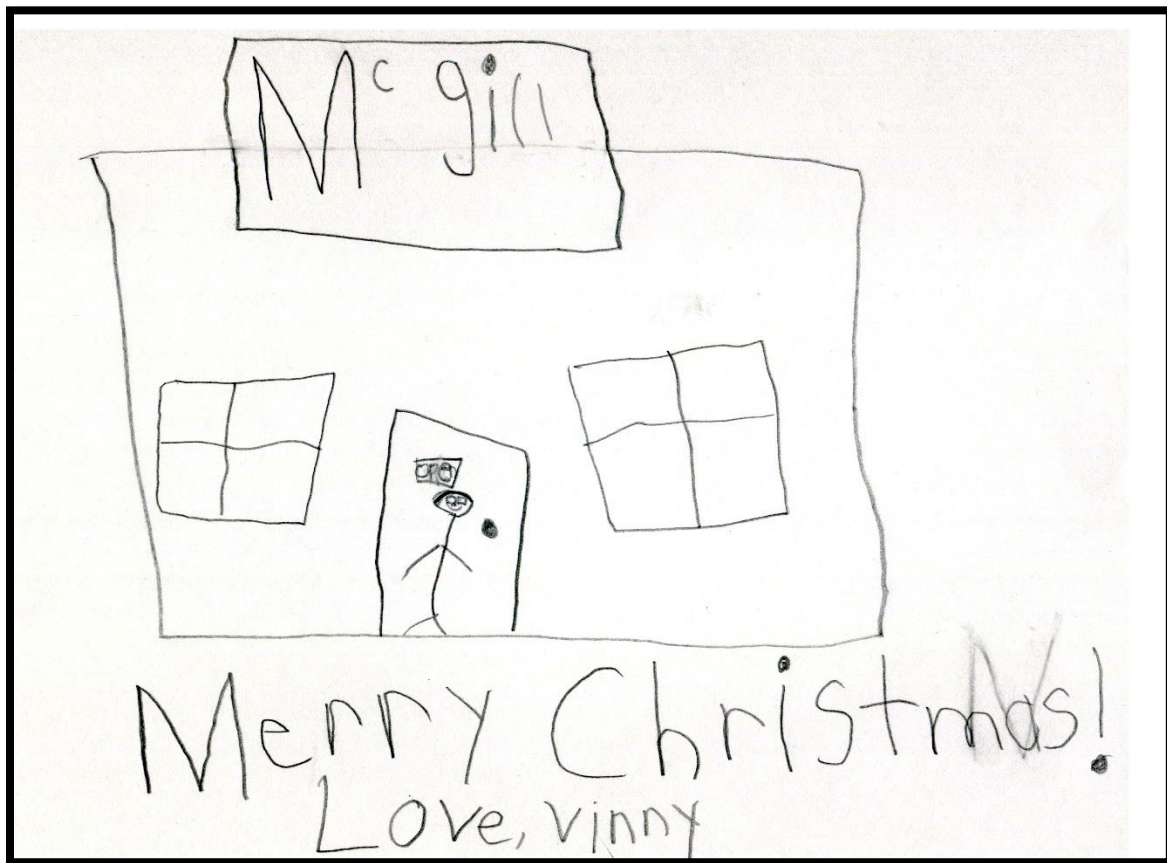
## McGill News

I just received a very tasty treat from a family that visits the McGill Drugstore every year. It was a German Christmas bread, called "Stollen".

(Note-I don't know who the Germans stole it from. Little bit of humor there.)

There was a gracious note attach and a beautiful Christmas card, with a steam engine, like out old #40.

There was also, a wonderful pencil drawing of the McGill Drugstore, by my friend Vinny. He is a very talented youngster and I look forward to seeing him and his parents each year.



# Speaking of Santa!!



This was the top of the tree ornament in my family since 1934. I didn't get it up this year but plan to cut my own tree and put Santa on it next year.