

# DEVELOPMENTS

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A Newsletter for the BCIT Community

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## Best wishes to all

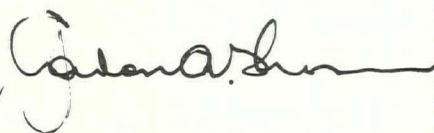
The Christmas Season is a time of warmth, sharing, and giving of thanks. A time to reflect on the year gone by and to plan for the coming year.

To all of you, I want to offer my sincere best wishes for the Season, to extend my thanks for your support, and to acknowledge with gratitude the giving and sharing each of you have shown throughout the past year.

I am confident that the unifying spirit that has kept BCIT strong shall continue and contribute to a prosperous and fulfilling New Year.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Sincerely,



GORDON A. THOM,  
President





# They're on the move

by Gloria Smith

As you walk into the office of the BCIT Student Travel Bureau in Building 1A, Rm. 320, the first thing you notice are the colorful travel posters adorning the walls and the many brochures available near the entrance. The next attraction is the smiling face of a student anxious to help make your travel experience everything you hoped it would be.

Ryan Schlyecheer, Program Head of the Travel & Tourism Option of the Hospitality and Tourism Management Technology, says "the students designed and decorated the area including the placement of furniture and equipment for quick and easy access to files and computer. They also do their own promotion and make up special travel packages."

He describes his students as "a fantastic group who do a good job for the public and who are also very enthusiastic about their studies and their contact with customers". Only those who pass rigorous, time-consuming interviews, (approximately 22 students out of 200 applicants) actually get registered in the technology option.

Student Sandra Cowlin explains, "working directly with customers in counter sales service is very different from class work. The experience is very rewarding".

Gisela Maskell says "the practical experience a student receives is invaluable in becoming a professional travel agent".

Each student looks after a particular aspect of the office: incoming mail, promotional material and searching for travel bargains. All are involved in the direct customer selling of a travel service. Students also attend seminars in order to keep up with important ever-changing world travel rules and regulations and new packages available.

Schlyecheer is proud of the fact that BCIT is the only training institute that has a unique Registered Travel Agent/Whole-



Travel students Sandra Cowlin, left, and Gisela Maskell eager to help.

saler license issued through Consumer and Corporate Affairs of B.C. With this license, students can act as any other travel agent in B.C. except for issuing the actual tickets for the client's trip. They book the passage, calculate the charges, receive the money then go to an agency to obtain the tickets.

Because of the 24 hours a day access to their on-line computer which is in direct contact with C.P. Air at the Vancouver Airport, they can offer same day or next day complete service to the customer.

Most of the business in the office consists of inquiries from students and staff travelling home for the holidays or questions about Mexican travel which seems to be a good dollar deal at this particular time.

The students are hoping to arrange

more international flights during the summer months when people will have more time to holiday and they are now working on the packages which will be available in the spring months.

The students are putting together two special offers for students, faculty and staff who wish to fly away for March break, March 7 - 11, 1983.

One offering is a very reasonable "Ski Tahoe with Silver Wing Holidays" package. The other is an Anaheim or San Diego/Anaheim holiday including a trip to Disneyland.

Sound interesting?

Visit the travel bureau and let these students put their training and public relations skills to work for you.

Hours are 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and phone inquiries are accepted at 437-5566 or 430-2755.

## McGill and Willcox retire

On Monday, December 13, a wine and cheese reception was held in the Food Training Centre Dining Room to honor the retirement of two long time CE & IS employees, L.S. (Stu) McGill, Assistant to the Dean and Al Willcox, Head, Engineering/Core.

McGill started at BCIT as Head, Business CE & IS in 1973, after spending 30 years in the forest industry. He plans to travel upon retirement and maybe do

some consulting work. He enjoyed his time at BCIT and found it a very exciting workplace.

Willcox, who began his career at BCIT in June, 1965 as an instructor in the Mining Technology, has moved to Ladysmith, B.C. where he recently built a new home. He returned from a trip to Hawaii to be present at the gathering in his honor.

Good luck to you both from all your friends and co-workers at BCIT.





Barry McKinney photos

## Hi there Santa !

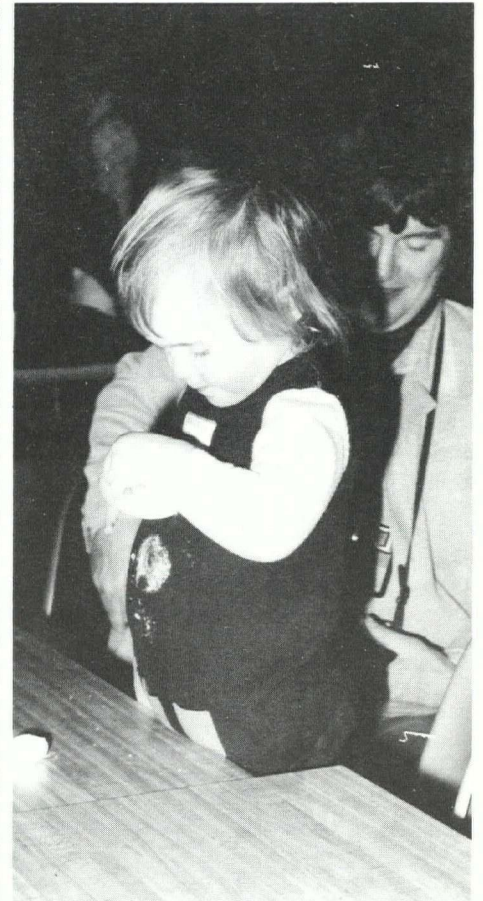
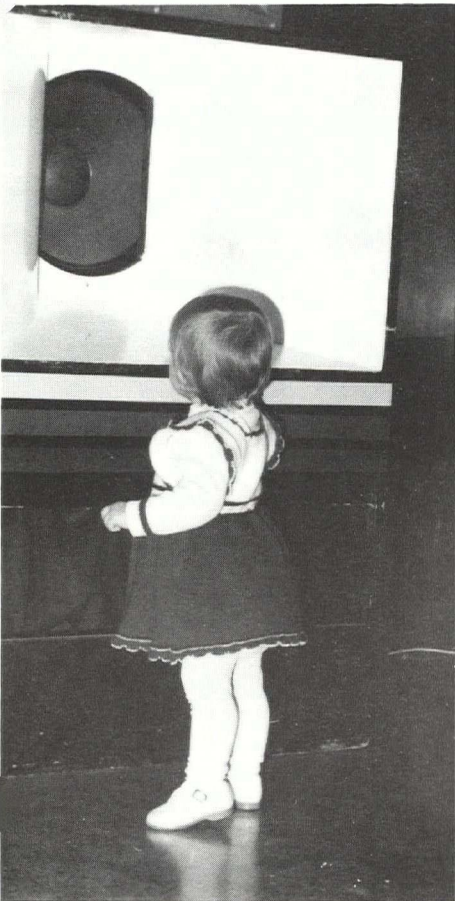
There were presents, treats a Christmas tree and even Santa Claus at the annual Children's Christmas party held Sunday, Dec. 5 in the SAC cafeteria.

The youngsters, their parents and grandparents had a wonderful time.

Organizer Barry McKinney of the Staff Social Club would like comments and suggestions from those who attended. Write a memo to him and send it c/o Lumber and Plywood.

The Staff Social Club would like to thank staff members for their support of the Children's Christmas Party and the Staff Christmas Party.

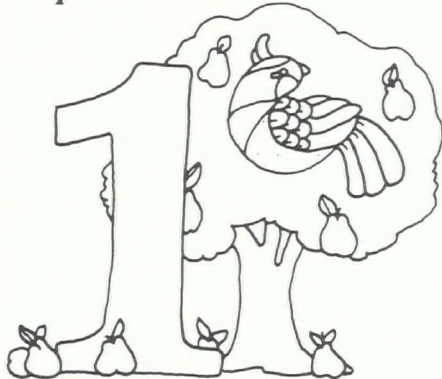
Both events were sold out.







## A partridge in a pear tree . . .



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by John Griffiths

Thinking of giving your true love a little something different this Christmas? Well how about all the goodies suggested in the popular carol, The Twelve Days of Christmas?

But before you rush out hunting for a partridge or shop around the nurseries for a pear tree — beware. The days of inflation are upon us.

One thing is certain. The suggested gifts for your mate are going to cost a whole bundle more than when the carol became popular in England during the 18th century.

For starters we are going to have to assume that you live on a farm about 30 miles outside of Vancouver. (You'll need a farm, and a lake too to provide all these gifts).

Before we get into the carol, a traditional English song of uncertain origin, it should be pointed out that the words were more probably devised for a fireside memory-and-forfeits game than anyone's Christmas gift idea.

The lines are first found in a children's book called "Mirth without Mischief" published in London about 1780.

But if you're insistent, and still want to be really different, let's press ahead and find out how much it will all cost you.

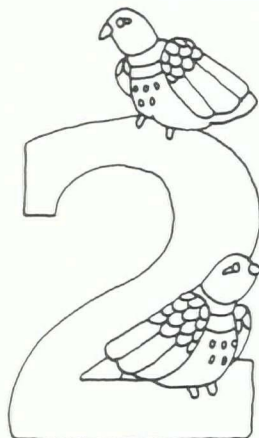
The partridge might be a little difficult to come by, but if you're lucky enough to locate one, according to Vancouver zoo curator Larry LeSage, it would probably cost about \$15. The pear tree is no real problem, and if you want a good-sized one producing luscious Flemish Beauties, you can get it from Art Knapp's Garden Shop, 6250 Lougheed Highway, Burnaby, for \$20. Total cost for a partridge in a pear tree: \$35.

On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

According to the pet store of Fin 'n' Feathers Ltd., 1014 West Broadway, the doves would cost you about \$6.99 apiece. "That's plus tax of course," says the proprietor. "They're considered a luxury item." Including the tax then, the two doves will cost \$14.68. And of course, you'll need a bird cage. The one they recommend costs \$34.75, tax included. So for the doves, bird cage, and another partridge in a pear tree the bill now goes up to \$121.43.

On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me, three French horns, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

We tried a couple of music stores and couldn't find any French horns in stock. However, we checked the price with the wholesale firm of Turner Musical Instruments Ltd., where a young woman informed us that there are two types of French horn, a single French horn and double French horn. The double, she said, comes in brass for \$879.50 and up, and in nickel from \$1,059.50. The single French horn ranges from \$500 all the way to \$1,120.50 for a five-valve, B-flat-F model. So let's assume we'll get the best and buy three of them, for a cost plus tax of \$3,557.93. Total bill for everything now



## turtle doves . . .

is \$4,766.01.

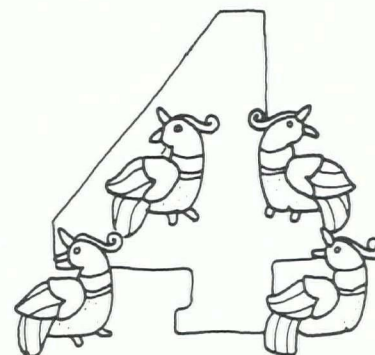
On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me, four calling birds, three French horns, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

There are many different kinds of birds you could buy, but let's keep it fairly simple and opt for some canaries. According to Animal Kingdom, 1076 Granville, they range from \$8.95 to \$24.95 for an exotically-coloured German Roller. So four of them, and another \$35 bird cage, plus tax, three more French horns, two more turtle doves and another part-

ridge in a pear tree will take your bill up to \$7,728.77.

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me, five golden rings, four calling birds, three French horns, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

For the price of a good quality gold ring, we check with Henry Birks and Sons



## calling birds . . .

Ltd. on Granville Street, who recommended an 18-carat ring for \$125 plus tax. So five of them and yet another batch of birds, French horns and another pear tree should be starting to make a dent in your cheque book. Total cost so far: \$12,061.19.

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me, six geese a-laying, five golden rings, four calling birds, three French horns, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

It's easy enough to buy processed goose, ready-to-eat, but to get one that's alive and laying is a little more difficult.

"We bring ours in from Manitoba," said a spokesman for Panco Poultry in Surrey. "I'm not sure of the live price, but it's probably about \$5 for a 10-pound goose." Six of them, five more rings, four more birds, three more horns, two more doves and another partridge in a pear tree brings the bill to \$16,465.99.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings, four calling birds, three French horns, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

Back to zoo curator, Larry LeSage, who says it's not too difficult to buy swans. "We get quite a lot of requests for them, he said. "usually from people who have a lake or stream on their property. They cost \$100 each." Back to the adding machine, which now gives us a total of \$21,638.14.

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-







laying, five golden rings, four calling birds, three French horns, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

Agricultural workers aren't covered by either federal or provincial minimum wage legislation, but after all, it's Christmas, so let's assume you pay the maids the \$2 an hour minimum wage effective in B.C. on Dec. 4. That would be \$16 for the maids, but you'd have to transport them the 30 miles and back to your country estate. You couldn't legally squash eight persons into one taxi so you're going to need two cabs, which will cost you a total of \$60.20 and, it being Christmas, you'll have to tip the drivers at least 10 per cent for another \$6.

Total cost for bringing out the maids, then, would be \$82.20 and the total bill so far is \$26,892.49.

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings, four calling birds, three French horns, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

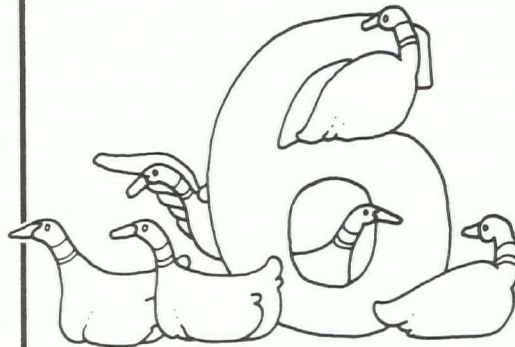
It may be that you'd prefer to hire nine strippers but your love would probably prefer ballet dancers, and besides, they'd most likely be less expensive, which by now should be worth considering. A local ballet school says you could probably hire them for about \$5 an hour. So that's \$45, plus two more cabs for a total of \$121.20 and a new grand total of \$32,268.04.

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings, four calling birds, three French horns, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

This is where it gets really expensive. There might be the odd lord floating around in Canada, but it would be pretty hard to get ten of them. Naturally, the

easiest thing to do would be to fly them over from England.

Air Canada advises that the return first class air fare between London and Vancouver would be \$1,142 per person. (It would have to be first class for their lordships.) Then, of course, you'd have to put them up for the night in a classy hotel. Luxury suites in the Hotel Vancouver should be okay and they would each cost \$100.80, tax included. Having spent \$3 on stamps to write each of the lords and then to confirm their itineraries, the cost so far would be \$12,431.



geese-a-laying . .

But wait a moment. We're forgetting about transportation. Even if we assume their lordships will be kind enough to make their own travel arrangements in England, we'll have to lay on transportation between the airport in Vancouver, their hotel and your place. You could hardly expect lords to be ferried around in cabs and it just so happens that Howell McLean Limousine Service can meet the request. They have 10 chauffeur-driven limousines, one for each of the lords, costing \$15 for the first hour and \$12 for each succeeding hour, with a minimum of three hours. If you could have them driven from the airport, get them to leap for a few minutes at your place and drive them back to their hotel within the three hours, it would cost you \$39 for each of them. We'll assume they buy their own meals and drinks at the hotel, but you'd have to lay on the limousines again to take them back to the airport the following day.

Total cost of the limousine service, air fares and hotel bills would be \$13,211, for a new running total of \$50,854.59.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me, eleven pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden



swans-a-swimming . .

rings, four calling birds, three French horns, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

The Musician's Union advises that, at the casual dance rate, it would cost you \$12 an hour for the leader of the troupe and \$8 an hour for the remaining 10 pipers if it's for a minimum three-hour performance. So the eleven pipers would cost you at least \$276 and you'd need three cabs this time to bring them out to your place for an extra cost of \$90.30 and tips for the cabbies totalling another \$9. Therefore the pipers would cost you \$375.30 and the total of all the other gifts reaches \$70,316.44.

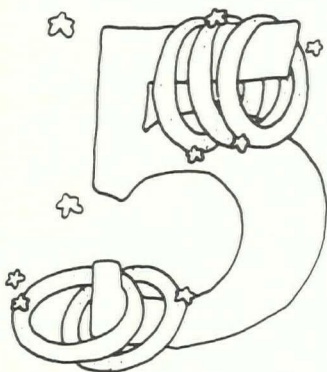
On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me, twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers piping, ten lords a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five golden rings, four calling birds, three French horns, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

The drummers, of course would cost you the same musicians' rate as the pipers, but we've got one extra drummer so the cost plus three more cabs would be \$399.30.

Now, remembering that you've bought 12 partridges, 12 pear trees, 22 turtle doves, 30 French horns, 32 calling birds, 40 golden rings, 42 geese, the services of 40 milk maids, 36 ballet dancers, 30 lords, 22 pipers and 12 drummers, plus a whole bunch of bird cages, cab fares, air fares, hotel rooms and limousine services, are you still sure you want to be different?

The total bill comes to \$89,177.59 and that doesn't even include Christmas wrapping paper.

Remember - this was researched in 1972 - so double the figures for 1982 and the whole works should amount to approximately \$178,355.18.



golden rings . . .







## BOARD, THOM THROW ANNUAL BASH

Above left to right, Alan Emery, Board Chairman, President Gordon Thom and wife Helen.

Left, a big hug for John Boyle

Bottom left, Marketing's Morie Shacker with Soo Sheung Wong of the S.A.

Bottom right, Counselling's Angie Chan tucks into the food.

*A. Douglas MacPhail photos*







*We're dreaming of a white . . .*

## Library hours

The following Library hours will be in effect over the holiday season:

December 16 . . . . . 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
 December 17 . . . . . 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 December 18-19 . . . . . CLOSED  
 December 20-23 . . . 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 December 24-28 . . . . . CLOSED  
 December 29-30 . . . 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 December 31-January 3 . . . . . CLOSED

## Taxes

Early in 1983 the Payroll office will be issuing T4's for wages and salaries earned in 1982 and T4-A's for the Taxable Benefits for free courses taken in 1982.

When the T4-A's were issued in February 1982 for 1981 courses, a number of people indicated that they had withdrawn from courses yet still received the T4-A and off-setting tuition fee receipt. This notice is to advise those employees who have registered for BCIT courses in 1982 but have withdrawn or have decided not attend a course, to go through a formal withdrawal process at the C.E. admissions desk. Anyone who has not formally withdrawn will receive a T4-A and tuition fee receipt.

## Parking

Helen Cartmill, Parking Control Officer has news for lot 7 temporary permit holders.

Permanent decals will be issued to those with temporary permits valid to Dec. 31, 1982. To avoid the January renewal rush you may apply for your permanent decals at portable 2Q anytime after Dec. 16, 1982.

## Discounts

Uniroyal Centre, 4420 Lougheed Highway, North Burnaby is offering staff at BCIT a special discount.

30% off tires, 15% off parts other than specials and 20% off on shocks.

## Accident

Anyone witnessing an accident Thursday, Nov. 25 in parking lot seven is asked to call Bel Jung of the BCIT library, local 363.

Her 1974 black Grand Prix received damage to the front bumper. It is believed someone locked bumpers with her car, moving it two feet and leaving it at an angle.

There is still time to get your entry in for the **RE-NAME DEVELOPMENTS** contest. Deadline is December 30.

The winner will receive dinner for two at Il Palazzo di Umberto restaurant.

**Contest rules: Open to all faculty and staff except those in the Development Group. Entries must be one line and fit within the existing masthead space (approximately 7½ inches). BCIT must be included in the title.**

**Submit your entry by December 30 to: Louise Goff, Development Group, Trailer 2V, Room 102. Please include your name and local.**

This will be the last issue of Developments for 1982. We will resume publication Thursday, January 13, 1982. Have an enjoyable holiday season.

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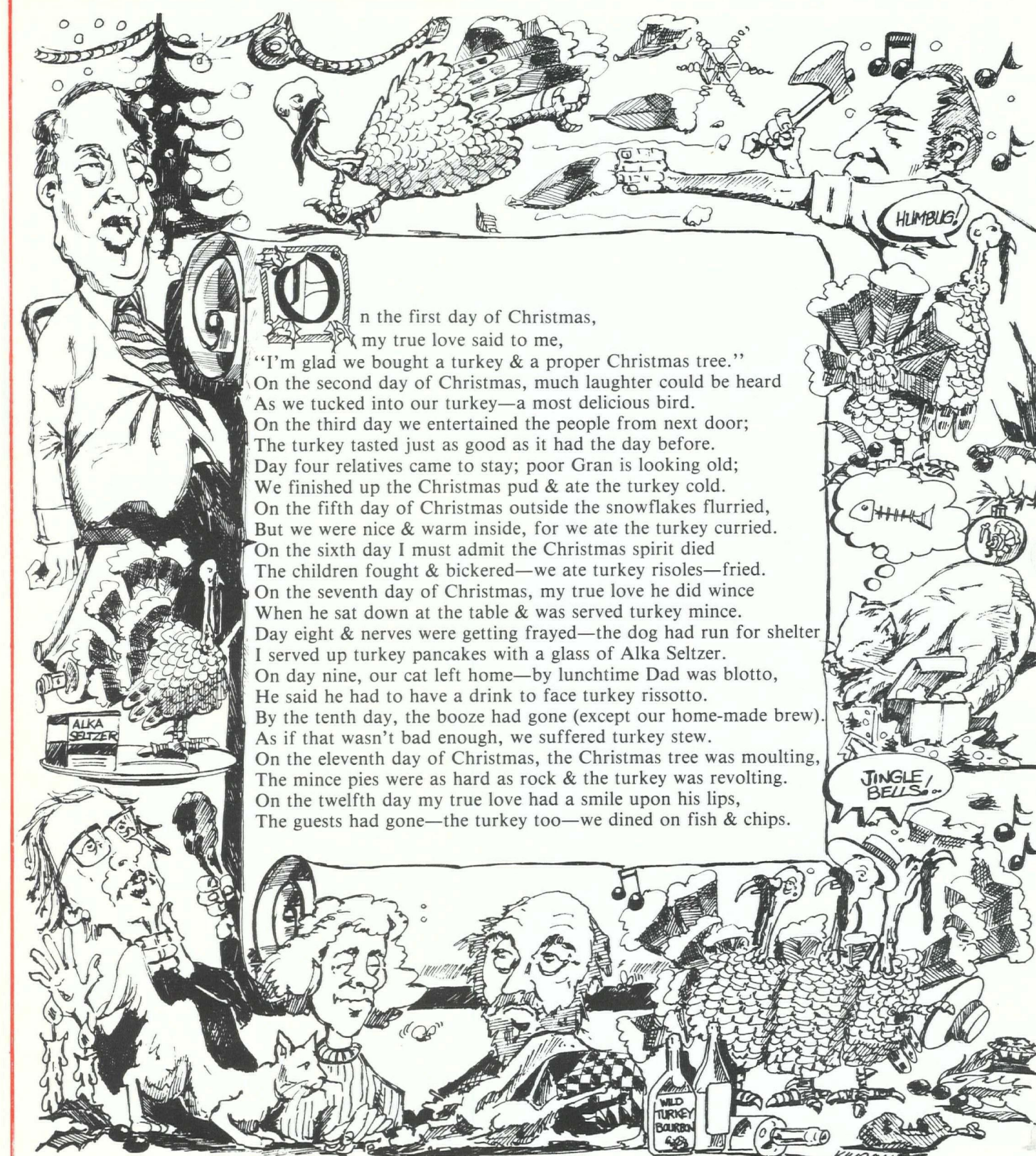
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## When it's all over . . .



*Submitted by Cathie Wright, Annan, Scotland*