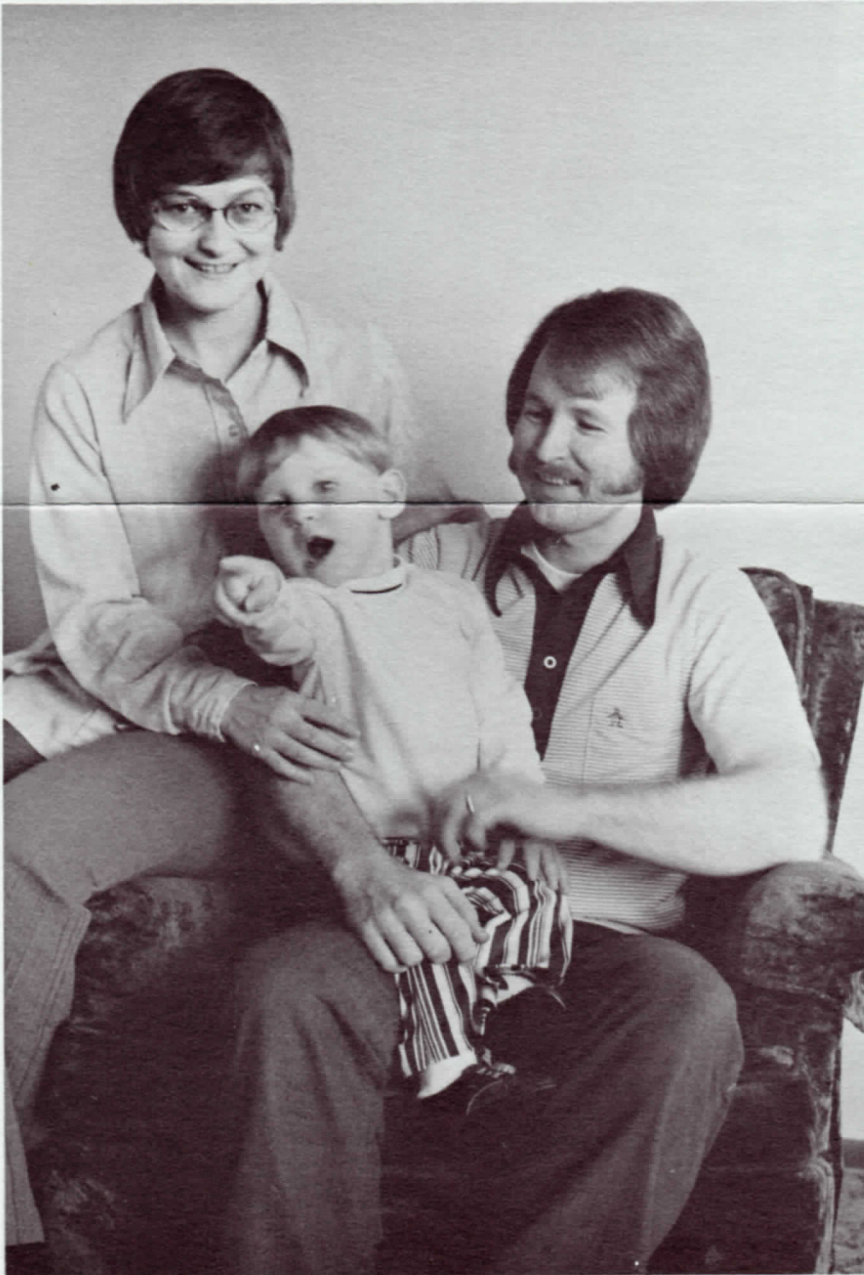


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Everyone has a favorite Christmas memory whether it's of a special gift, a special moment or a special friend. This Christmas is truly special for Gordon (Department 146) and Sandy Viner because this year they have a son. Only two days prior to Thanksgiving, the Viners were told they could adopt two-year-old Donald. We couldn't imagine a better way to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year than to share with you this photo of the Viner family, together for the first of many very special Christmases. The very best of Holiday wishes to all of you.

General Manager

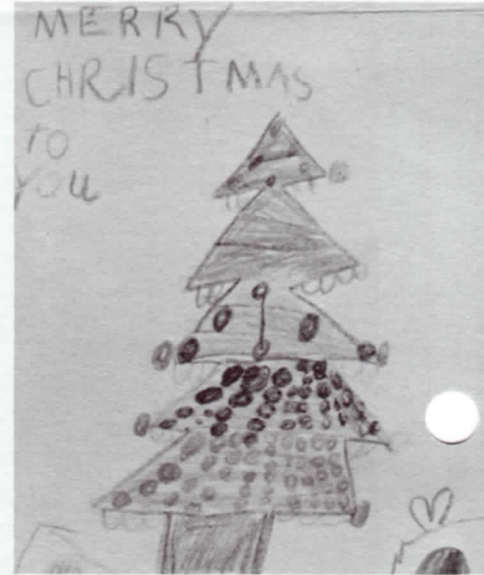
MERRY CHRISTMAS

In this special Christmas issue of the *Westerner*, we thought you might enjoy some pictures we asked the children of Omaha Works employees to draw for us. We think the illustrations are an enjoyable way of saying Merry Christmas.



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Bruce
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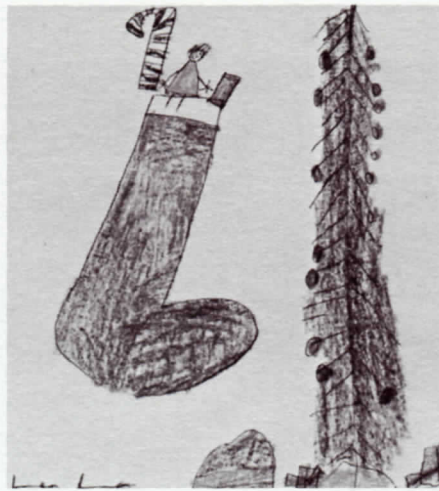


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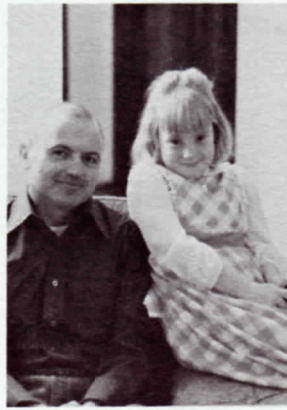
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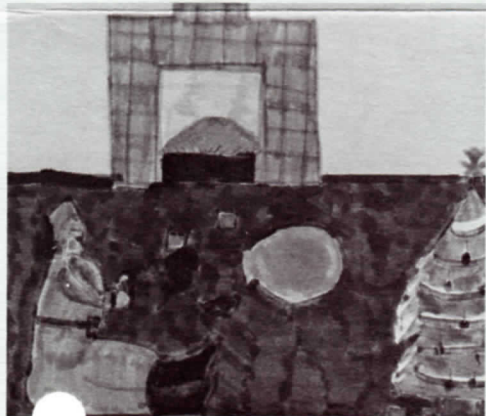
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Connie Rue,
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and
Jerry Rue,
Dept. 414



Sheri
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daughter of
Don
Harris,
Dept. 241



Lisa
Heaton,
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daughter
of
Bob
Heaton,
Dept. 331



Mike
McKulsky
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son of
Bob
McKulsky,
Dept. 132

Ronald
Davis,
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son of
Dick
Davis,
Dept. 252





The Michaelson's tree will include such traditional German ornaments as the candle holder Mike is shown with which dates back approximately 30 years.

Christmas Is a Tradition For the Michaelsons

Each of us has a special way of celebrating the Holiday season. For some of us, Christmas is a brand new experience every year with different thoughts, different friends and different celebrations.

For Roland "Mike" Michaelson, Christmas is a tradition founded in religion and carried not only from generation to generation but from one country to another.

Explains Mike, an employee in Department 241, "I grew up with the concept of celebrating Christmas in a more traditional manner. It was a tradition my mother brought from Germany and that I now share with my own family."

Mike's wife is also from a German background and was brought up with an appreciation for the traditional Christmas, a celebration that begins

a few weeks prior to December 25 when the first of four candles is lit on the Advent wreath. For the Michaelson's, the ceremony is accompanied by the singing of special Advent hymns.

"It's a family affair," notes Mike, whose household also includes a teenaged son and daughter.

Even the Michaelson's Christmas tree is decorated with a traditional look with Mike emphasizing that the tree isn't put up until shortly before Christmas Eve when the four Michaelson's gather by themselves to open their Christmas gifts. The highlight of the family's Christmas Eve is attendance at midnight church services because Christmas at the Michaelson's is first and foremost a religious celebration.

"Christmas Day is a time to relax

and spend with our friends and relatives," says Mike, adding, "I don't believe in the idea that Christmas is only for children. The whole thing becomes pointless if it isn't for everybody."

In an era when the religious significance of Christmas faces increased commercial competition, people like the Michaelsons are to be envied for retaining a Christmas tradition that will never go out of style.



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