

Shop Talk newsletter

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See Children's Christmas Art Contest winners, pages 2-11.

Here are the winners!

The winners of the Children's Christmas Art Contest were selected earlier this month following a lengthy judging session. The five judges for the contest were Bob A. Unruh (Quality Control), Norman G. Schmidt (Engineering Shop), Ron Hatchett (Machine Shop), Dennis Schmidt (Corporate Communications), and Tyna Rush (Hesston Operations Personnel).

Selecting the winners was a difficult task, according to the judges, because there were so many exceptionally good entries. Entries were judged on originality, creativity, maturity and skill.

First place winners in each of the three categories received \$5; second place winners, \$3; and third place winners, \$2. Each child participating in the contest received a colorful Hesston bicentennial pencil. (Any child who has not received a pencil should call extension 241.)

Our thanks to each youngster who entered the contest. We hope you had as much fun drawing your pictures as we had judging them!

WINNERS: 10 - 12 YEAR - OLDS



Kingsley

First prize winner in the 10-12-year-old category was Geoffrey Kingsley, 11, whose picture of Santa and his reindeer appears on this month's SHOP TALK cover. A sixth grader at Santa Fe Middle School, Newton, Geoffrey is the son of Gary Kingsley, Publications.

Eleven-year-old Tonja Seibel, a sixth grader at Durham Elementary School, Durham, won second prize among the 10-12-year-olds. Tonja's father, Robert Seibel, is in the Tooling Department.

Talent obviously runs in the Robert Seibel family because 12-year-old Mark Seibel captured third place in the 10-12-year-old category. Mark is a seventh grader at Lehigh Junior High School.



Seibel



Seibel



Klassen

WINNERS: 7 - 9 YEAR - OLDS

Carolyn Klassen won first place honors in the contest for youngsters 7-9-years-old. Daughter of Clarence Klassen, Engineering Shop, nine-year-old Carolyn is in the fourth grade at Goessel Grade School.

Second place in the 7-9-year-old category went to Deborah Kingsley, a third grader at Lincoln School, Newton. Deborah, 8, is the daughter of Gary Kingsley, Publications.

A third grader at Hesston Grade School, Jackie Jantz, 8, won third place. Both Jackie's parents are Hesston employees. Her mother, Carolyn, is in Systems; and her father, Roger, is in Engineering.



Kingsley



Jantz

WINNERS: 6 - YEAR - OLDS & UNDER

Winning top honors in the 6-year-olds and under category was Matt Davis, a kindergarten student at Hesston Elementary School. Five-year-old Matt is the son of Bob Davis, Engineering.

R. Jay Jantz, 4, was the second place winner for 6-year-olds and under. R. Jay's parents are Carolyn Jantz, Systems, and Roger Jantz, Engineering.

Scott Allen Friesen, six-year-old son of Jim Friesen, Product Planning, won third place. Scott attends kindergarten at Hesston Elementary School.



Davis



Friesen



Jantz



Tonja Seibel
Second place
10-12-year-olds



Mark Seibel
Third place
10-12-year-olds



Carolyn Klassen
First place
7-9-year-olds



Deborah Kingsley
Second place
7-9-year-olds



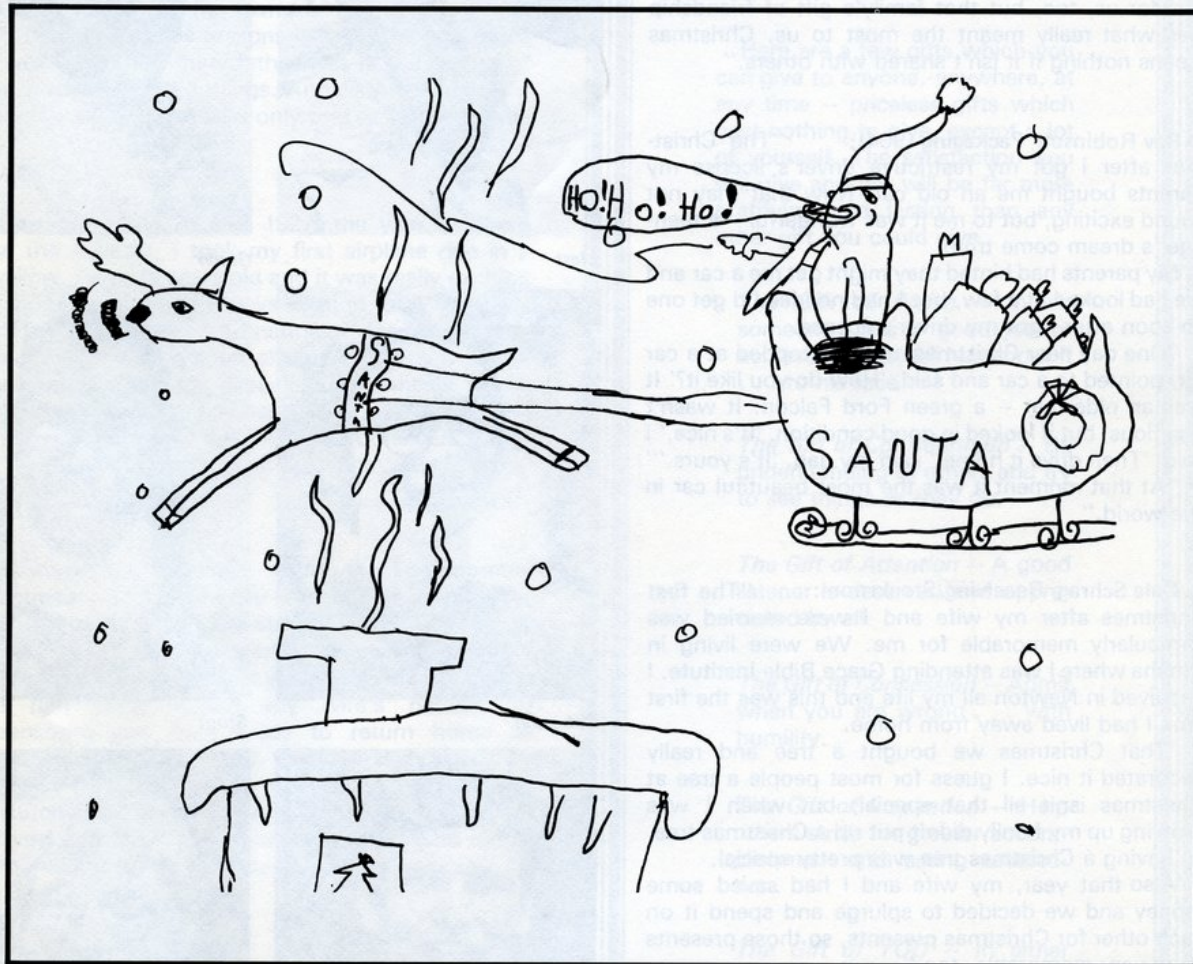
Jackie Jantz
Third place
7-9-year-olds



Matt Davis
First place
6-year-olds & under



R. Jay Jantz
Second place
6-year-olds & under



Scott Allen Friesen
Third place
6-year-olds & under

Employees remember

My most memorable Christmas gift

Margaret Mast, Engineering: "One of my most memorable Christmas gifts was 20 years ago during the first year my husband, John, and I were married.

"We had moved to a new town away from family and friends and we didn't know anyone, but that Christmas a family invited us to join them for Christmas dinner at their home. They had gifts under the tree for us, too, but that family's gift of friendship was what really meant the most to us. Christmas means nothing if it isn't shared with others."

Bev Robinson, Packaging (964): "The Christmas after I got my restrictive driver's license my parents bought me an old car. Now that may not sound exciting, but to me it was wonderful -- a teenager's dream come true!

"My parents had hinted they might get me a car and we had looked at a few, but I had no idea I'd get one so soon after I got my driver's license.

"One day near Christmas my dad stopped at a car lot, pointed to a car and said, 'How do you like it?' It was an older car -- a green Ford Falcon. It wasn't luxurious, but it looked in good condition. 'It's nice,' I said. 'Then drive it home,' said my dad. 'It's yours.'"

"At that moment it was the most beautiful car in the world."

Dale Schrag, Receiving/Stockroom: "The first Christmas after my wife and I were married was particularly memorable for me. We were living in Omaha where I was attending Grace Bible Institute. I had lived in Newton all my life and this was the first time I had lived away from home.

"That Christmas we bought a tree and really decorated it nice. I guess for most people a tree at Christmas isn't all that special; but when I was growing up my family didn't put up a Christmas tree, so having a Christmas tree was pretty special.

"Also that year, my wife and I had saved some money and we decided to splurge and spend it on each other for Christmas presents, so those presents were very memorable, too."

Ernie Dirks, Maintenance: "For some reason, a pair of Western style boots my wife gave me 20 years ago sticks out in my mind as a particularly memorable Christmas gift. They were black with red eagles on them. And, do you know, I still have those boots and I wear them 'out on the town' on Saturday nights!"



Mast



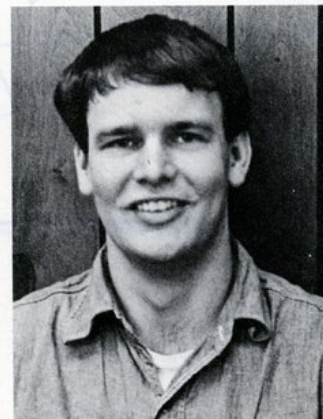
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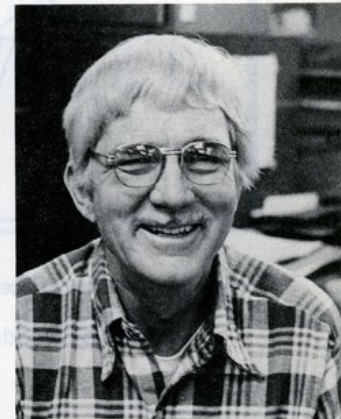
Robinson



Stout



Schrag



Dirks



Gayla Green, Corporate Office Services: "Christmas was always a big event for my grandparents on my father's side of the family. The Christmas I was nine or 10 my grandfather made me a little blue table. It didn't have any chairs with it, but that didn't matter. Back then little girls didn't have their own table and chairs to play with and I was the only little girl I knew who had her own table.

"I think one of the reasons I remember that table so well is that my grandfather was not the type of man who would build things. And, also, out of his six granddaughters, I was the only one he made a table for."

Don Stout (905): "In 1927, the year Lindberg flew the Atlantic, I took my first airplane ride in a Swallow. I was 10 years old and it was really exciting for me because I had always wanted to fly.

"That same year for Christmas I got a big metal airplane with a wing span of about two feet. When you wound it up, the propeller and wheels would move and it would run across the floor. That airplane was the only present I got that year. Considering that my family was pretty hard up for money, it was really special."

Howard Thiessen (904): "My most memorable Christmas gift? That's easy -- my two children. My son, Jake, was born on Christmas Eve in 1949 and my daughter, Lorie, was born on Christmas Day in 1951.

"The day Lorie was born was particularly exciting. We had been visiting my wife's parents in Greensburg and were ready to return home to Hutchinson. Before we left, however, it was obvious the baby was coming, but we decided to drive back to Hutchinson, anyway. We made it to the hospital before Lorie was born -- but barely; my wife didn't even make it to the delivery room."

Priceless gifts

Here are a few gifts which you can give to anyone, anywhere, at any time -- priceless gifts which cost nothing to give, except a lot of yourself. The satisfaction you will give and get will be far more gratifying and lasting than any other gift you could give.

The Gift of Praise -- When someone does a good job or achieves a goal, tell him about it . . . to his face.

The Gift of Consideration -- Be understanding of others and try to see things as they do.

The Gift of Attention -- A good listener is deserved and appreciated by all.

The Gift of Concession -- Admit when you are wrong . . . with humility.

The Gift of Inspiration -- Help others strive for greater accomplishment and lasting satisfaction.

The Gift of YOU -- In either troubled or joyous times, be thoughtful and helpful . . . but most of all, be near.



Activity Committee News

NEW ID CARDS

Employee identification cards expire January 1, 1977. All active employees and employees on layoff status can receive new ID cards by bringing their old cards to the lobby of the Hesston Operations Personnel Department through January 31.

Recreation areas honoring Hesston ID cards will *not* honor *outdated* cards.

Note of Thanks

I want to thank all of the good people here at Hesston who gave us money and clothes, especially the people in Departments 909 and 939. Your prayers and help have lifted us up and over one of the roughest times of our lives. May God bless each of you as much as He has blessed us.

Galen Dyck (939) and Family

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Hesston's holiday policy

One of the nicest fringe benefits as a Hesston employee is paid holidays. All full-time hourly employees with more than 30 days of service with the company are eligible for holiday pay for the following nine holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, day before Christmas and Christmas Day.

To be eligible for holiday pay, you must be at work on the work day preceding and the work day following the holiday, unless you have been granted a written excuse for one of the following reasons: emergency illness or death in the immediate family; jury duty or subpoena; duty in

armed service, reserve or National Guard; funeral attendance of immediate family member; bonafide participant in area disaster service; verified sickness or injury; vacation; or layoff.

Employees on leave or layoff will not receive holiday pay unless they have worked one of the five work days preceding or one of the five work days following the holiday.

If a holiday occurs during your vacation, you may receive holiday pay in addition to vacation pay or, in lieu of the holiday, you may extend your vacation by one or two additional days (depending upon the length of the holiday).

So, enjoy one of your company benefits and have happy holidays!

Swap Shop

FOR SALE

Two-bedroom bungalow — remodeled, full basement, new roof, single car garage, carpeted living room, fenced backyard; call Fred Stuart, ext. 639, or 283-4430 after 5 p.m.

Red-orange drapes, 125 x 84, with traverse rods; call ext. 613 or 283-9540 after 5:30 p.m.

WANTED TO RENT

Two-bedroom home in the country near Hesston; call Corky Tash, Shipping, ext. 168.

AKC registered Norwegian elkhound pups -- \$100, would make ideal Christmas presents; call H. W. Schroeder, 543-2722 (Buhler).

Purebred Collie pups -- call Norman Schmidt, ext. 235. or 367-8140 after 4 p.m.

Girl's ice skates -- size 7; call ext. 387.

Two six-month-old parakeets -- one blue and one green; 30" x 52" pool table; call John Mast, ext. 220 or 327-4937.



JANTZ



TOEWS



ISAAC



DECKER



DETTET



DOERING



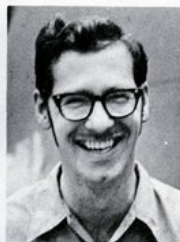
PANKRATZ



WHITE



SVITAK



FOX



EASON



TOTTY



SEIDEL



HAJEK



HIEBERT



KOEHN



DERKSEN



THOMPSON



ROTH



WELTY

Service Anniversaries

20 YEARS

Harvey Jantz, Quality Control
John Toews, Production Control
John Isaac, Engineering Shop

15 YEARS

Wayne Decker, Purchasing

10 YEARS

John Detter, Manufacturing
Engineering
Ferdinand Doering, Welding (919)

5 YEARS

Ron Pankratz, Quality Control
Joan White, Accounting, North
American Sales
Marvin Serviss, Machine Shop,
n.p.
George Svitak, Rework
David Fox, Fab
Bill Eason, Machine Shop
John Totty, Production Control
James Seidel, Production Control
Jerome Hajek, Quality Control
Calvin Hiebert, Fab
Loren Koehn, Tooling
Leroy Derksen, Production Control
Carl Thompson, Machine Shop

Organizational Changes

Connie Roth, Inventory Control
technician to Inventory Control
analyst, North American Sales

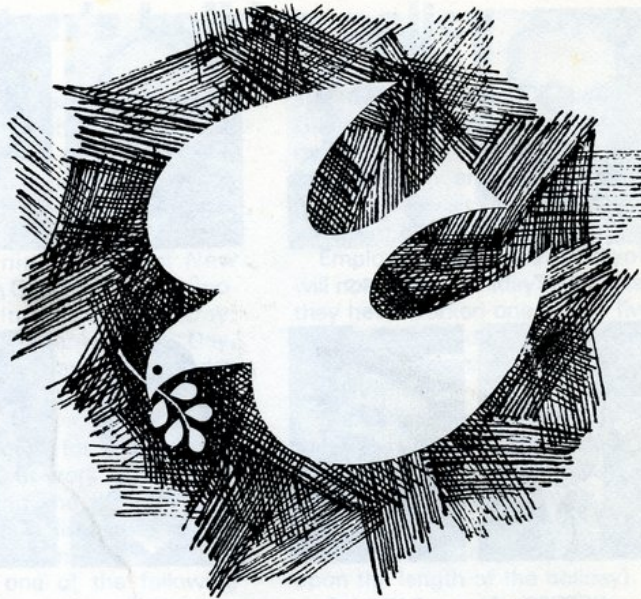
William Dennis Harrison, parts
clerk, Dallas, to parts super-
visor, Central Division, n.p.

Russell English, parts clerk, Den-
ver, to parts depot manager,
Western Division, n.p.

Ivan Welty, Industrial Engineering
technician to industrial engi-
neer, Industrial Engineering



PEACE ON EARTH



To All Hesston Operations and North American Sales Employees

There is no better time than the Christmas season for heartfelt renewal of old friendships and thankfulness to all of you for your efforts this year in Hesston's behalf.

Although the past year was a difficult one, your dedication and hard work in carrying out your responsibilities contributed immeasurably to the company.

Christmas, indeed, is a time of joy and a time of reflection on past events. Perhaps, however, it is more a time of looking forward to the new year and what lies ahead.

During this Christmas season, let us pray that the good that lies in everyone's heart may day by day be magnified; that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them; that the true spirit of this Christmas season -- its joy, its beauty, its hope, and its abiding faith -- may live among us; and that the blessings of peace be ours -- the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

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General Manager
Hesston Operations

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Director
North American Sales