



Lura Folk, Springs, is 96 because she was born in 1898. On her lap is a fruit basket that local kids gave her for Christmas. The kids belonged to a church group.



Friends, Kevin Beltzel, left, and Ben Heatwole, are doing what lots of kids will do tomorrow, Christmas Day. They are trying out the sleds on snowy slopes in Springs, Somerset County.

## Christmas Is Love,

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or money and food to needy families. Oh, yes, and toys. And warm mittens, so they can be cozy while

sledding and ice skating.

Christmas trees are pretty important, too. There's something

so exciting about a tree with twinkling lights that makes an adventure of opening presents.

We feel all warm and fuzzy inside. We hope that everybody in the world is happy and loved.

That's why Jesus came. God sent him as a gift so that boys and girls and men and women could learn about love. That's what the Bible tells us.

This kind of love helps us to be less selfish. We learn that love can be fun.

Some kids in my community made fruit baskets to take to special people in the area. When they delivered the fruit, the kids stayed for a few minutes and sang Christmas carols to the person getting the basket.

One woman they visited is 96 years old. Her name is Lura Folk. She was born in 1898, when William McKinley was president of the United States, near the end of the 19th Century.

Mrs. Folk was very polite to the kids and thanked them for bringing her a gift. She said she liked their singing.

I'm sure you kids have done hundreds of nice things for people in your community, just to show you have the Christmas spirit.

And now, because you are great kids, I say you deserve a very Merry Christmas! I warn you, in just a few hours I expect you to tear open those gifts as fast as you can (first, make sure your own name is on the tag).

**DON'T DAWDLE!!! HAVE A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



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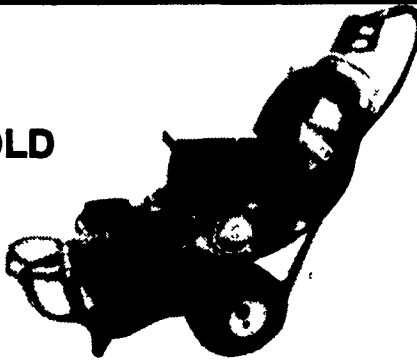


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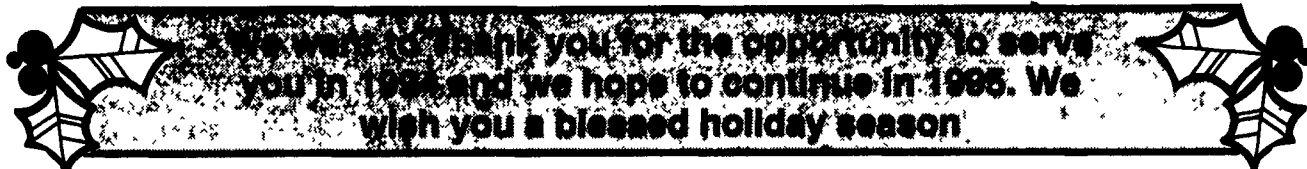
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