Our wish for you is that your holiday will be just blooming with happiness. And to you, too, our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage and friendly good will.

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Christmas tree gift of God says legend

There is a legend not often told that the Christmas tree is a gift from God.

It was the eve of Christmas, perhaps 700 years after the birth of Christ, in England. Wilfrid, a monk carrying the word of God among the pagan Druids, was surrounded by a group of converts in a woodland glen.

Seizing an axe, the monk cut down a huge oak tree, an object of worship in the religion of the Druids.

The oak fell and split into four pieces. From its centre there instantly grew a young fir, pointing a green spire toward the sky. The Druids watched in wonder.

Wilfrid turned and spoke: "This little tree shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of fir. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are evergreen. See how it points toward the heavens.

"Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child. Gather about it, not in the wilderness, but in your homes. There it will be surrounded with loving gifts and rites of kindness."

Truth or fantasy? Who can say?

But the monk became a saint. And the tree became an indispensable symbol of Christmas.

Santa out

ALBION, N.Y. (AP)—The Christmas rush has been too much for one Santa Claus.

Charles W. Howard, 62, founder of the Santa Claus School, was admitted to hospital today. Doctors said he was suffering from exhaustion caused by overwork.

TOWERING MORE than 70 feet, this Christmas tree located in the Canadian National Exhibition grounds is believed one of the tallest decorated trees in Canada. This Shell Oil Company photo shows the tree illuminated at night by hundreds of colored lights. The tree stands in front of the Company's tower at the CNE grounds. —CP photo.

Glad greetings and best wishes for a season filled with all the joys of Christmas.

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Peachland, B.C.

It is our sincere wish that the spiritual beauty and festive joy of the Christmas season light up your days with bright hope and happiness.

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Jerry Sherman, Manager and Staff

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