Sharing, caring, and bringing back holiday traditions

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus and things will get better, you just need to have faith

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Bill Hanna loved Christmas. The former longtime editor of the Mesabi Daily News, who died earlier this year, lived in no particular order. Giving presents to his staffers (mostly look alike children that fit his unique personality), the staff Christmas party (particularly whatever hijinks and shenanigans would follow the official gathering); and, being the father he was, reminiscing and sharing holiday stories via the pages of his newspaper about anything and everything family and friends.

Virginia O’Hanlon Douglas, the woman who as a child was told “Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus” is shown in 1966 at left, and at right as a child in a undated picture. Mrs. Douglas gained fame from a response to letter she wrote to the old New York Sun, whose editorial reply became a Yuletide classic.

One good turn deserves another
Human kindness is the gift that keeps on giving

Wreaths: A wonderful Christmas tradition

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Christmas is here again, from receiving cards and buying presents, to getting phone calls and saying there’s not enough time between Thanksgiving and Christmas to do everything.

So, the man who spread joy and humanity on Earth for 90 lovely, too-short years, is surely the one good turn that one would see play out in a movie.

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