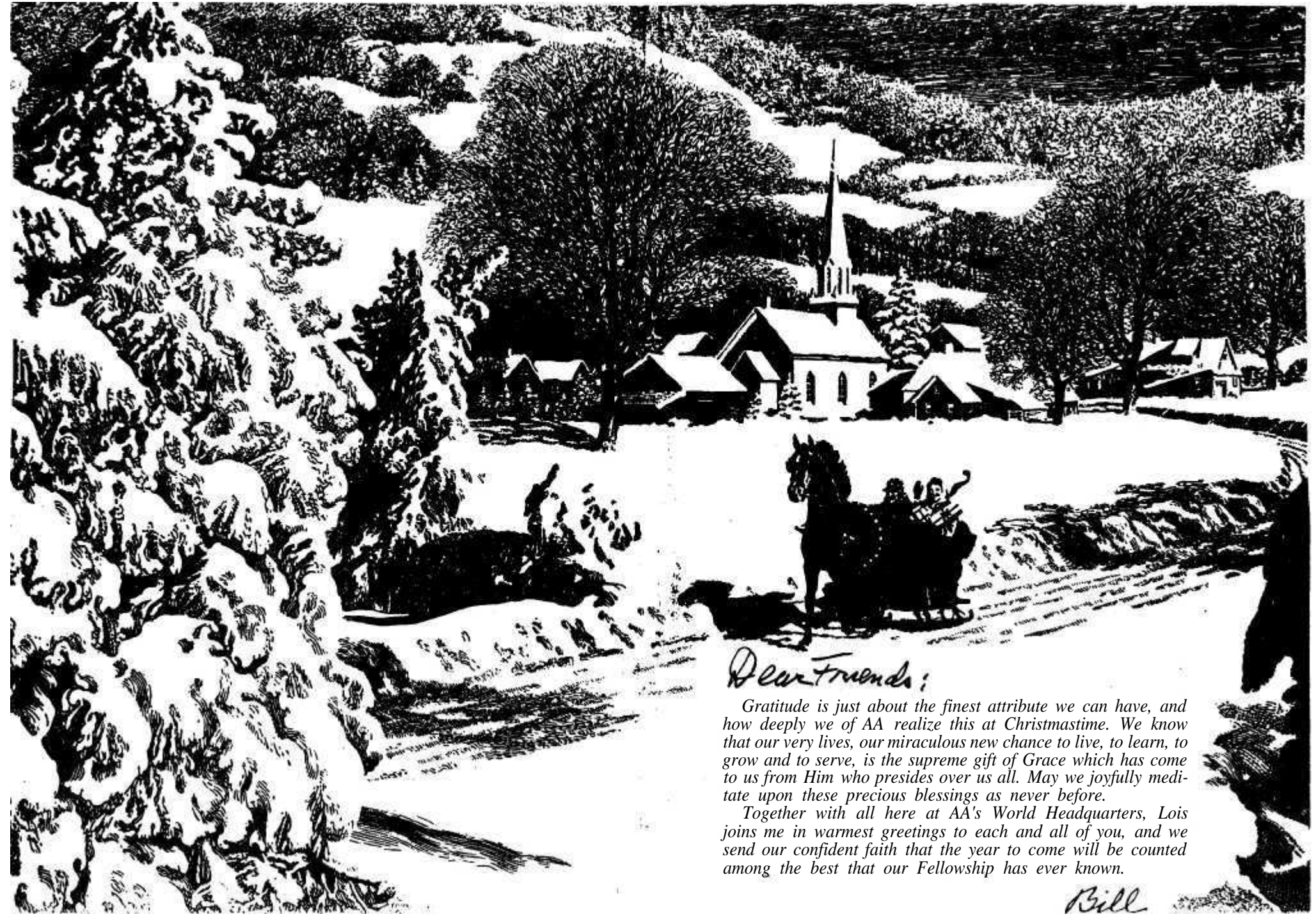


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*Dear Friends:*

*Gratitude is just about the finest attribute we can have, and how deeply we of AA realize this at Christmastime. We know that our very lives, our miraculous new chance to live, to learn, to grow and to serve, is the supreme gift of Grace which has come to us from Him who presides over us all. May we joyfully meditate upon these precious blessings as never before.*

*Together with all here at AA's World Headquarters, Lois joins me in warmest greetings to each and all of you, and we send our confident faith that the year to come will be counted among the best that our Fellowship has ever known.*

*Bill*