

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

and thanks



CHRISTMAS IS A TIME WHEN OLD LOYALTIES ARE NOT ONLY STRENGTHENED BUT REMEMBERED. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN US, AND HOW EARNESTLY WE WISH FOR YOU A VERY JOYOUS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

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—Long engagement just means that she's still seeing if she can do better. —When a guy goes wrong there are plenty of guys that go right along with him.

## TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



### Glad thoughts

And special wishes  
Are happily combined  
To make this  
Christmas Greeting  
The warmest kind.

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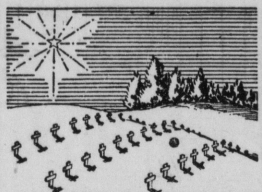
ALL OF OUR FOLKS ARE HOPING THAT ALL OF YOUR FOLKS WILL SPEND A MIGHTY Merry Christmas

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## Leading Carols

By LYN CONNELLY  
A SONG which made its appearance in 1942 entitled "White Christmas," is in its fourth year and well on its way to permanent recognition as a Christmas favorite.



The amazing popularity of "White Christmas" as a yuletide song reached its peak last year when a poll conducted to establish the favorite carol of servicemen revealed that 22 per cent of the votes went to this early war song written especially for the occasion by Irving Berlin, graduate of Tin Pan Alley.

The birth of the song was entirely by accident despite rumors to the contrary which attribute its conception to the war. Actually, it was composed in 1940. A Hollywood studio had an idea for a motion picture to be called "Holiday Inn," co-starring Fred Astaire and Bing Crosby. The theme of the picture was based on the holidays of the year and a song was needed to represent each holiday. Irving Berlin was contracted for the compositions. The picture, released in 1942, was synonymous with our second wartime Christmas, and in that year the song sold one million copies in four months. Although nothing is done on the part of the publishers to exploit the song, it automatically rings the register each year as the holiday season approaches. Berlin calls it his favorite song, with the exception of his "God Bless America" written during World War I. "It's difficult to predict a song's future," says Berlin, "but judging from its past, I would say 'White Christmas' has a very good chance of becoming a permanent song along with other Christmas carols."

### LITTLE OL' SANTA

The little ol' santa propped under our tree . . . is little the worse for wear . . . he's lost a leg and an arm, you see . . . but no one seems to care. Not that we're unsympathetic, rather, we are just a bit nostalgic.

Time was when our santa, bright and new, benignly welcomed Tommy and Sue . . . as they tiptoed downstairs to see . . . their presents spread beneath the tree . . . very early Christmas morning.

"The Tommy and Sue have outgrown their toys . . . and entwined their hearts with grown-up joys . . . that little ol' santa, propped under the tree, symbolizes Christmas—as Christmas ought to be . . . with toys for children, good will among men . . . on earth, Peace dawning.

Dorothea Waitzmann.



### WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS . . .

The White House Christmas in the East Room. Presents are for the children of White House employees.

### Christmas Was At One Time Illegal

The Puritans disliked the celebration of Christmas, preferring their own celebration of Thanksgiving.

In 1659 the high court of Massachusetts held that "anybody who is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting or any other way such day as Christmas Day shall for each and every offense be fined five shillings."

Gives Strength to Wrestler  
In Holstein it is believed that it is not only a cure for all green wounds, but that it will insure success in the chase and give strength to the wrestler, if mistletoe is worn.

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## Name of Jesus Found Carved in Palestine

Urns recently discovered in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road, believed to be the oldest archeological record of Christianity, dating back to 70 A. D., contained the name of Jesus carved on them. It is believed that the carving was made by an eyewitness to the crucifixion. They were found on 11 early Christian burial urns.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate, and mourned the crucifixion of their leader was believed to have left the writing on the ossuaries in the cave.

## Lyons First Born Welcomed Warmly

" . . . But the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head."—St. Matthew 8:20.  
At Foundling hospital in Lyons, France, the first infant received on Christmas Day is luxuriously welcomed with great ceremony: the tradition contrasting the lot of the infant Saviour and that of one of His most helpless little ones.

## Nola Birthplace Of Church Bells

The use of church bells is said to have been inaugurated during the fifth century by Bishop Palladius of Nola, in Campania.  
Although the derivation is doubted by some authorities, it appears that the Latin word for bell—campanula—was derived from the bishop's town, Nola, and district, Campania.

## When the Infant Jesus Selected His Playmate

According to various legends, the Holy Family travels about on Christmas Eve. Long ago—in England—sick babies were carried to the threshold at midnight. If the child recovered, it had been healed by the passing Christ; if the baby died, the Holy Child had chosen the infant to be His playmate in heaven.

—A hammer is a hammer, until you hit your thumb with it. —If you're going to drink like a fish—drink what a fish drinks.

## Hodening Horse Of British Isles

Strange miracle plays were always intrinsic parts of the holiday season in the British Isles and in many such traditional performances, one of the characters rode a grotesque hobby horse. Gradually, the horse assumed the characteristics of a star performer and in time, stepping out of the play altogether, began going from house to house—expecting hospitality, after frightening families half out of their wits.

Of course, the Hodening Horse was no ordinary horse: two boys, covered with sheets and a horse blanket, usually supplied his vitality; his wooden head was hideously carved with gouged eyes, hobnail teeth, etc. The boys manipulated strings to make the teeth clank, etc., and sometimes placed a lighted candle in the hollow of the head to make the mouth seem to belch forth flames.  
In Wales, it was customary for the Hodening Horse to recite long extemporaneous verses: if the Horse outwitted his host, he was invited in for cakes and cider. A less witty procedure was followed in some rural communities and along lonely roads: wealthy citizens and travelers were attacked by unknown Hodening Horses who demanded "fines" from their victims.

## Open Air "Festas" Vs. Santa Claus

Santa Claus has firmly entrenched himself in the hearts of Brazilian youngsters, although his traditional chimney had to be abandoned—very few homes being equipped with such things, and it never occurs to the small fry that it might be fun to spy on Santa; the children beg to stay up, of course, hoping to participate in the grown-up festivities and perhaps accompany their parents to midnight mass.

Since it really is June in January south of the equator, Christmas in Brazil is a midsummer festival. Midnight mass on Christmas Eve is celebrated with greater or lesser pomp throughout the land, predated by dancing "Festas" and gala late suppers.

## Family Christmas Held in Germany

Christmas is a family affair in Germany and preparations begin well in advance of the holiday.  
The Advent Wreath is hung on the first Sunday in Advent. This large wreath has one red candle to begin with; an additional candle is added each Sunday until Christmas and paper stars are added daily. The stars are inscribed with Bible passages which are memorized by the children of the household.



Everyone occupies precious moments making gifts for loved ones: perhaps a soap rose, a paperweight, toys for the younger children, an embroidered handkerchief or table cover; there are dozens of cookies and special cakes to be baked and everything must be finished the day before Christmas—stores and restaurants are closed, too—so that servants and tradespeople may spend Christmas Eve with their families.

After church services on Christmas Eve, one of the family goes into the parlor—where the Christmas tree has been set up and decorated with ornaments treasured from year to year. At the first notes of "O Tannebaum," the whole family rushes in and gathers around the tree; several family carols are sung, and then the presents are distributed.

Sometimes Christmann—Father Christmas—joins the festivities and asks each child to say a verse; correct recitations are awarded by Christmann from pockets bulging with goodies and trinkets.

## Fun at Dingley

When they were all tired of blind-man's bluff, there was a great game at snap-dragon, and, when fingers enough were burned with that, and all the raisins gone, they sat down by the huge fire of blazing logs to a substantial supper and a mighty bowl of wassail, something smaller than an ordinary wash-house copper, in which the hot apples were hissing and bubbling with a rich look, and a jolly sound that were perfectly irresistible.



"This," said Mr. Pickwick, looking round him, "this is indeed comfort."  
"Our invariable custom," said Mr. Wardle, "Everybody sits down with us on Christmas Eve, as you see them now—servants and all; and here we wait till the clock strikes twelve to usher Christmas in, and while away the time with forfeits and old stories. Trundle by, rake up the fire."

Up flew the bright sparks myriads as the logs were stirred, and the deep, red blaze sent forth a rich glow that penetrated into the farthest corner of the room and cast its cheerful tint on every face.  
"Come," said Wardle, "a song—a Christmas song, give you one in default of a better."  
"Bravo!" said Mr. Pickwick. "Fill up!" cried Wardle. "It will be two hours gone before you see the bottom of the bowl through the deep rich colour of the wassail; fill up all round, and now the song."  
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## Smash the Pinata South of Border

Smashing the Pinata is a red-letter feature of Mexican Christmas festivities.  
An earthen jar is filled with nuts, candies and small gifts. Elaborately disguised and decorated with tissue paper, etc., it often represents a doll's face or an entire figure—perhaps a bull fighter.  
Children of the household, blindfolded and armed with a club, are each given three chances to break the Pinata. Inasmuch as the basic earthen jar has been selected because of its fragility, it shatters easily, releasing a shower of goodies and trinkets and causing everyone in the party to scramble for a share.

—'Tis said that man is the difference between a blond and a brunette.

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Patton, Pa.

## HEALTH DANGERS SEEN BY SURVEY

### Most Coal Mining Communities Said Faced With Problem

A survey made for the Solid Fuels Administration, made public after Rear Adm. J. P. Boone reported findings before a closed session of the American Medical Assn., shows that most coal mining communities have serious sanitation and health problems, including inadequate water supply controls, improper sewage and garbage disposals and insufficient insect and rodent control measures.  
To secure facts, five field survey teams composed of medical officers, visited mine communities,

including several in this section. Adm. Boone has termed survey results as "deeply disturbing" and says that the problem is a concern of large cities since "disease originating in rural and mining communities can be and frequently are spread to urban centers."  
Boone declared that "although a number of coal mining communities owned and operated by larger and more progressive coal companies seemed to be as sanitary and healthful as out better incorporated cities, they are too few in number and stand out as exceptions to the rule."

### APPLY FOR LICENSE

Wilbert C. Westover and Gladys L. Johnson, both of Hastings R. D. 1, have applied for a marriage license at the Ebensburg Court-house.



## CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

THESE ARE DAYS WHEN WE ARE ALL IN A BIG HURRY TO GET HOME, FOR THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME WHEN THE CHRISTMAS WREATH IS GLOWING IN THE WINDOW. WE ARE DUE RIGHT NOW TO SAY OUR LITTLE PIECE—AN OLD REFRAIN, IT IS TRUE, BUT AS WARM AND HEARTFELT AS THE FIRST TIME WE EVER SAID IT—

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### Patton Motor Sales Co.

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### JOYOUS YULETIDE

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## Carefree HOLIDAY SEASON

Right now it's time to lay aside business cares and all that is complicated and get down to simple things. A little boy on the floor under the Christmas tree watching his electric train whizz past, the happy faces of little girls singing Christmas carols, boys coasting down the hill.  
Let's catch that spirit! Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!

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## MERRY MERRY Christmas

MAY TRUE HAPPINESS IN ALL ITS FULLNESS BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMASTIME

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