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Christmas Greetings 1943

GOD BLESS YOU, merry gentlemen, let's get the Yule log burning. Bring on the viands and let the joy be unconfined, for Christmas comes but once a year.

We appreciate your friendly neighborliness, and hope to deserve it in the future. We wish you a very joyous Holiday Season, from the

HOUSE OF HAMRICK
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★ It's just about time for that perennial paratrooper, Santa Claus, to start his friendly invasion. We just want to say we hope he makes a happy landing, right in your home, bringing you more Christmas cheer than you've ever had before.

Harry Floyd — General Merchandise
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Merry Christmas 1943

EXCEL DRESS SHOP
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Christmas Carols

Early Xmas Morning
8:00 o'Clock Sharp

Everyone kindly invited to join in singing a "Yuletide" welcome to the Illinois Valley at

S. D. A. Church
Cave Junction

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SPECIAL MUSIC ALSO

Guard Duty



No—this sailor isn't gunning for Santa Claus. In fact, he's on friendly terms with the old gentleman. He is merely standing guard at the Administration building of the Great Lakes Naval Training station.

Poinsettia, Christmas Flower That Thrives in Warm Climate

The poinsettia is a native of Mexico and South America and thrives in the southern United States. The true flower of the poinsettia is not the brilliant red. The flower is the small and inconspicuous center of delicate green buds. Examination will show that the colorful "flower" consists of a few topmost bracts that have turned from green to red, like autumn leaves.

Poinsettia is a four-syllable word. The correct pronunciation being poin-SET-i-uh.

Set Date for Christ's Birth in Fourth Century

Strangely, no one knows the exact date of the birth of Christ. Until some time in the Fourth century, Christmas (Christ's Mass) was variously celebrated on January 6, February 2, March 25, April 19, May 20 and November 17. In 1644, the English parliament passed an act for bidding the observance of Christmas. Later Charles II revived the Feast, as Christmas then was called.

"Silent Night"

"Silent Night, Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright:
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child..."

The Christmas carol which has stirred the world by the depth of its understanding, the strength of its emotional appeal and its simplicity of diction, was given to the world by a priest and the teacher in his parish. Written for a Christmas festival in 1818 by Joseph Mohr and put to music by Franz Gruber, "Silent Night" was finished in a little village in Austria.

Received with delight by enthusiastic parishioners, this carol found its way around a world that seemed to be listening for just this echo of the angel song.

Christmas Gifts Unknown In Most European Nations

Outside of England and the Teutonic countries, Christmas gifts are unknown in the Old World. In Latin countries, including France, gifts are exchanged on New Year's day. In England, usually on the first weekday after Christmas, "Boxing day" is observed. Packages, small gifts, and gratuities are given to postmen, errand boys, tradesmen, porters, charwomen, etc.

Good Example



Proving that Santa Claus is patriotic as well as generous, he places a pair of war bonds in this well-filled stocking. More and more people are giving war bonds as Christmas presents, thus aiding their country's war efforts as well as simplifying their rule shopping.

Night Before Christmas
Now I lay me down to rest,
Angels guard my little nest,
Like the wee birds in the tree,
Heavenly Father, care for me.

St. Nicholas
Florida, Minnesota and Pennsylvania have towns named after St. Nicholas, the Christmas saint.

OBITUARY

John H. Wittrock was born April 14, 1879 at Pinal, Arizona. He received his early education in Tempe, Arizona, and Los Angeles, California. At the age of 20 he came to Southern Oregon, later returning to San Francisco where he graduated from the A. Vander Naillen school of engineering. He made his home since then in the Illinois Valley where he spent some years in mining and with the Forest Service. On June 5, 1916, he married Anna Feister and the same year attained the General Merchandise store which he has operated ever since. Going to Arizona the past three years for his health, where he passed away quietly in his sleep the morning of Dec. 15. He leaves his widow, Anna who was with him at the time of his death and a daughter, Mabel Wittrock, who is employed in Portland.

Johnnie Wittrock, as all knew him, was a fine citizen, neighbor and friend, and a devoted husband and father. He was very much interested in the progress of the valley and especially the schools. He was a member of both the Odd Fellows and Masonic lodges. Funeral services were held at the Odd Fellows hall and in charge of both lodges, Rev. Harold Shaw of Grants Pass gave words of comfort in a short sermon. Herbert Watts and Lucius Robinson, with Mrs. Chas. Babeock furnished music. Interment was at the Odd Fellows cemetery.



Merry Christmas 1943

TIMES HAVE CHANGED, out Christmas remains unchanged, the year's outstanding holiday in the timeless cycle of love and good fellowship. In the same old familiar way it gives us pleasure to wish for you in this season of 1943 the most in Christmas cheer and enjoyment.

Barton - Womack Lumber Co.
O'Brien, Oregon



★ From Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand the age-old celebration of Christmas is in progress. In this season of universal good will we welcome the opportunity to thank you for that measure of confidence you have shown in us during 1943 and other years. We will do our utmost to continue to deserve it.

ROGUE RIVER HARDWARE
Grants Pass



Merry American Christmas 1943

AMONG the things for which our boys are fighting is the right to celebrate Christmas in the traditional American way. It is with particular pride in our country's accomplishment in this direction and with firm faith for the future that we send you now our heartiest Christmas wishes.

Carner's Automotive Service Co.
Mr. and Mrs. Tyrell Carner
Grants Pass, Oregon



The tree is up, garlanded in wreaths of tinsel, aflame with lights that glow like fireflies. There it stands in the window, sparkling with all the borrowed glamour of elfland.

With this glowing background to remind us, we are ready to speak our piece. It is a very simple one . . . the same as last year and the year before: Thank you one and all for your kindness to us, and

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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