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The Yuletide Spirit Ever Prevails

By E. P. Dodd

Christmas comes but once a year, 'tis true, but what a short year since we expected, beyond much doubt, to celebrate this Christmas with peace in Europe. The war clouds still hang heavily over European battle fields to dampen our cheer at home. But in the American way of taking it, we are making the best of it, and there will still be lots of Christmas.

For months remembrances have been going across to the boys on all fronts. This is our most heartfelt joy. Then the never to be forgotten millions of children with their glee for Santa Claus warms us with happiness. Perhaps no other Christmas in our history is carrying more toys and other Christmas things to our nation's childhood because there is no want in the land. The poor have more money, and charitable institutions have abundance to distribute to the few needy and unfortunate.

And last, but not least, are all of us older grown. The mail bags and transportation facilities are loaded with presents for Mom and Dad, and Mary and John. Even the holiday cards are still in the thousands from old friends, reminding us of former pleasant associations which is always a joy. In spite of general shortages there seems to be something nice for everyone, if nothing more than a check or piece of currency. All the evidences of Christmas are now in full bloom while we still have the burden of the world in a great war.

And why are we cheerful, though sad. Why are we courageous and strong, though the ravages of war cast shadows on our homes. Only this—our cause is just, and we feel able to create good cheer instead of gloom, because we are sustained by righteousness. We are not unmindful of the deep sadness in many homes, or the terrific agonies of the battle fields and the hard future, but as true Americans we live better, work better, and fight better with our hearts attuned to good cheer, happiness and hope in things to come. With high morale we carry on, and will carry on until peace is returned and a cloudless Christmas may be celebrated. Our millions of service men would have it so. We must have it so, and so we say let Christmas be merry.

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In the midst of the gay clamor we pause to consider your part in the success we have enjoyed during 1944. Your support has meant everything to us.

In this spirit of appreciation it is a genuine joy for us to wish for you a very

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year

ROY DUNCAN

Stanfield, Oregon



The Angels of Glad Tidings Proclaim Another Christmas!

Once more children of every land look up, the very Star of Bethlehem reflected in their eyes as they hear the story of the infant Jesus. Once more the parents of children, including the boys and girls in uniform who are giving their all on the battle-front, pray that there shall be peace on earth—for never before in all history has His lesson been more worthy of repetition.

Good will toward men—let every man say it over and over. Let it be instilled in the hearts of those just learning the ways of life—let it be remembered by all nations who are now at war.

The year 1944 has been another successful milestone in the progress of this association. In spite of the many war-time restrictions and other inconveniences, the creamery has enjoyed a fine business. This is due to the cooperation shown by its members who have remained loyal and faithful throughout the 12 months. The production of dairy products has been difficult due to the shortage of help and materials. The government realizes this and feels greatly indebted to the farmers who "feed the nation".



The creamery has many plans for the new year and when the pages are turned in the coming months, members of the association will be proud and pleased with the new installations, new improvements and new outlets for dairy products. It has taken many years of steady growth and staunch support by loyal members to bring about these new improvements. When completed the plant will be one of the most modern in this entire area. May the developments of the next 12 months bring about a still better association.



New Year Greetings

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