

Best Wishes

Here are holiday wishes aplenty and thanks for our friends.



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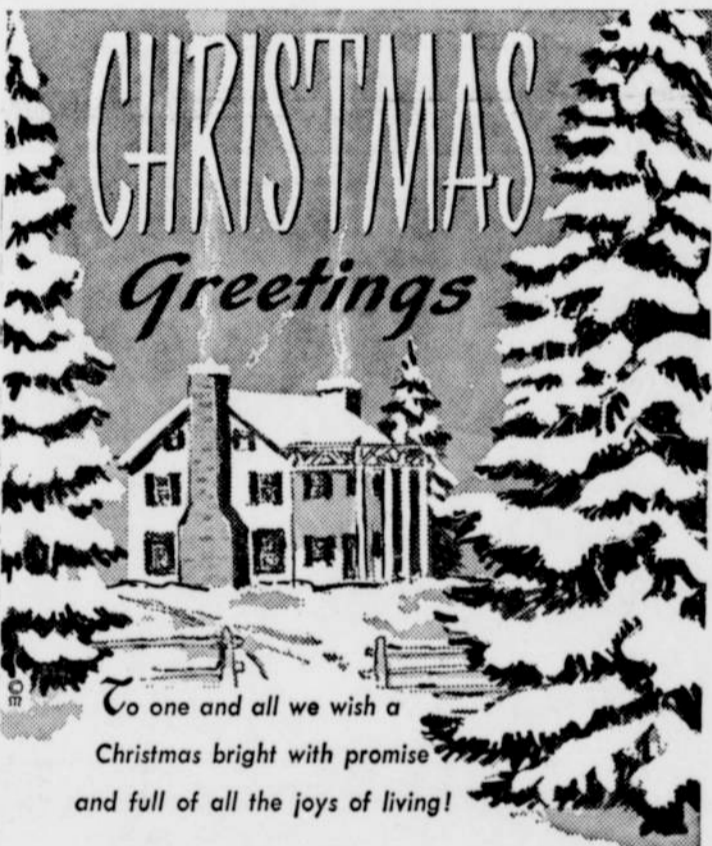


A Child is Born

The story of the first Christmas lives on eternally. May the Season bring you great blessings.

Nyssa Machine & Welding

MR. and MRS. ART BOSSELMAN



To one and all we wish a Christmas bright with promise and full of all the joys of living!

Farmers Insurance Exchange

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Christmas Greetings

We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones will share in every Christmas pleasure.

FANGEN FLORAL

For Kissing

Secular and religious Christmas customs met in the old English "kissing bunch." This evergreen ball had mistletoe, for kissing, hung from the center. But it also contained small dolls to represent Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as well as an array of fruits and colorful ornaments.

Spirit of Christmas Rules Community



THE STORY OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST has, for centuries, been an inspiration to artists. The Nativity, the adoration of the shepherds, the journey of the Wise Men and the Madonna and Child have been the subjects of hundreds of beautiful paintings. "The Madonna and Child," shown here, is by Vincenzo Foppa, a Milanese painter of the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. It is painted in tempera on wood and is reproduced from the original in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Theodore M. Davis Collection, Bequest of Theodore M. Davis, 1915.

It's Christmas time! Everywhere, glad sights and sounds reflect the spirit of the season, as the Nyssa community celebrates the joyous holiday.

The spirit of Christmas is seen in gaily decorated streets and stores, in homes aglow with light and festive with evergreen, in churches where the manger scene tells anew the wonderful old story of a holy Babe who was born in Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago.

The spirit of Christmas is heard in bells ringing out from street corner to steeple, in happy voices singing all the songs of the season, from old familiar carols to the more solemn, but at the same time joyful, anthems, cantatas and oratorios.

The spirit of Christmas is felt as last-minute preparations for the big celebration are made. There are always, it seems, some packages still to be wrapped, some final trimmings to be put on the tree, some part of the Christmas pageant or choral program that needs just one more rehearsal, some extra touches to make the Christmas feast absolutely perfect.

Spirit Shines Through

In the midst of the hustle and bustle, the spirit of Christmas shines through in all its many meanings.

The spirit of Christmas means laughter and joy—best expressed, perhaps, by the faces of children, eager and smiling as they wait for Santa, full of reverent wonder as they hear the Christmas story and see the manger scene.

The spirit of Christmas means giving, with love wrapped into every package. And it means sharing—the riches of thoughtful consideration and genuine interest, as well as time and money—with the aged, the ill, the needy and unfortunate.

The spirit of Christmas means a warm renewal of family ties and close friendships, and an enjoyment of traditions treasured through the years—the special customs each family creates for itself, as well as the traditions garnered from the lore and legends of Christmas.

Naming the Day

As a holy day and a holiday, Christmas means both prayerful worship and festive merrymaking. The holy meaning of the day is expressed in its name.

The Latin name for Christmas translates as the Feast or Birthday of Our Lord. The English

Christmas means the Mass of Christ, a meaning which is closely paralleled by the Dutch "Kermis." In German it's "Weihnacht," or sacred night.

The French "Noel" has several possible meanings—news, birthday or a "shout of joy." Whatever the exact origin, there's no question that Noel now means Christmas.

Caroling Began

With the joyful strains of "Silent Night," "The First Noel" and other beloved carols, today's carolers carry on a meaningful Yuletide custom that originated centuries ago.

As early as the fourth century A.D., a musical poem was sung in honor of St. Basil and his victory in the fight for Christianity over the Byzantine emperor Julian. In Greece, legends of St. Basil were later put to music and sung at Christmas and the New Year.

The first real Christmas carols, however, were probably sung in the Italian mountain village of Greccio when St. Francis of Assisi created the first manger scene in 1223. He and his brethren led the villagers in singing hymns of praise to the Christ Child.

Source of Giving

Giving gifts at the Christmas season has many precedents. In the years before Christ, Romans gave branches of laurel, olive and myrtle to each other at the Saturnalia, a pagan festival that occurred about the same time as the present date of Christmas. In England and Northern Europe, Druid worshippers tied gifts on trees during the Yule festival held at the winter solstice.

Roman emperors often demanded Yule gifts of clothing, gold and silver from their subjects, and so did the kings and queens of medieval England. It is said that Queen Elizabeth I gained most of her wardrobe through these compulsory gifts.

In later years the idea of giving in a spirit of kind-hearted generosity developed.



A Bright and Merry Christmas

GLAD TIDINGS TO ALL AND SPECIAL WISHES FOR THE HAPPIEST HOLIDAY.

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TO WISH YOU

a very merry Christmas, and thank you for your kindness and loyalty is the purpose of this, our sincere holiday greeting.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As an expression of our thanks and good will, we extend to friends, old and new, our best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a holiday season filled with good cheer.

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Warm Christmas Wishes

From all of us to all of you, in gratitude and deep appreciation for your continued friendship.

Mitchell's Owyhee Garage

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A Prayer FOR CHRISTMAS

"Peace on earth, good will to all men" is our

heartfelt prayer at this holy Christmas season.

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