



### GREETINGS

for Christmas, with our thanks to you for your patronage. Have a wonderful holiday season!

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### Stocking Up Begins With Santa Claus Act

Santa Claus, envisioned today as a jolly, cheerful man with an affinity for children, was a romanticist too, according to legend.

The first Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, started the custom of hanging stockings by the chimney when his romantic heart was touched and he gifted a bankrupt merchant's three marriageable daughters with gold for their dowries.

Desiring anonymity, he tossed the three bags of gold through the window, or, as some tell it, down the chimney. One of the bags landed in a stocking which had been hung up to dry on the mantelpiece.

Hanging up stockings thus became part of the holiday ritual.

### HORSE DRAWS SLEIGH

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolph would cause no excitement in the Netherlands where children believe that a horse pulls St. Nicholas' sleigh. The great horse is named Sleigher, and the Dutch children fill their wooden shoes with hay for him. This gives him energy to get St. Nick to every house.

### TREE CANDLES PREFERRED

The celebration of a West German Christmas is filled with tradition, foremost of which is the Christmas tree, dating back 400 years. Until recently, trees were trimmed with candles and although artificial lighting for tree ornaments has been introduced, the candles are still preferred by many.

## Nyssa Sixth Grade Students Write Poems Covering Wintertime Topics

These are some of the poems written recently, as an assignment, by Nyssa students in Elvin Ballou's sixth grade classroom. They cover subjects from animals to Christmas day. Both Ballou and the Journal publishers feel that they will be enjoyed by many readers.

### Christmas Day

On Christmas Day the snow Lay soft and thick and white, But Santa Claus had come To see us in the night.

He filled my little stocking; I knew he'd not forget— O, thank you, thank you, Santa; Perhaps I'll meet you yet.

You always are so kind to me When Christmas comes around. I often wonder how you come; You never make a sound.

—By Janie Farmer.

### Mr. Winter

When fall comes 'round, And leaves drift to the ground Mr. Winter is on his way down. The animals all storing food

For the cold months; For Mr. Winter has been known To pull terrible stunts.

All the animals so busy— To watch makes one dizzy. Such chatter, such screeching With crows in trees preaching.

But when Mr. Winter comes The creatures are snug in the nest; God planned it that way And his way is best.

—By Mardi Tensen.

### Christmas

Christmas comes in Wintertime; Big bells begin to chime. Jesus' birth we celebrate, By being friends with small and great.

Christmas is a time for fun. Sometimes boys get a popgun; Sometimes girls get little dolls, And little babies get big balls.

Christmas is a happy day; Little children act very gay. Hope you have lots of fun— Merry Christmas everyone!

—By Frank Sells.

### WHEN THE AIR IS CRISP AND CLEAR AND COLD

The air is crisp and clear and cold, Although this school is very old.

Its walls are crumbled And a bit jumbled; The doors hang wrong And the walls aren't strong. The floors are bowed And the books are sewed. The teachers are nice If you can break the ice When the air is crisp and clear and cold.

—By Dellas G. Frederiksen.

### WILD GEESE

Wild geese are flying south today; I'll play in the falling snow And make icicles crack— Then when spring brings sunny days again,

I'll watch the geese fly back.

—By Richard Beck.

### This November Day

It was cold and bleak November On that first Thanksgiving Day, With wilderness all around, With hardship and courage along the way— For there was little food and shelter.

They built a church near a bay, But as freely as they please, They will worship and pray. But with their favorite Indian friends,

They sang their grateful phrase Of their love and thanks, In their humble kind of way. Now we live in a modern world, Where the children laugh and play, But we'll never forget the thanks For November's Thanksgiving Day.

For this great land of the free, We honor the Pilgrim Fathers' stay, Who did much for you and me, For the wonderful land today.

—By Janis Takami.

### THANKSGIVING

On the 26th of November (this year),

Is a special day, To thank the Lord for all we have, In all we do and say.

—By Susan Howes.

### THE RABBIT THAT IS NO MORE

I had a little rabbit; He was always blue. I never had any fun with him, So I made some stew.

—By Kyle Lassiter.

### IN SOUTH PACIFIC

For Fiji Islanders, Christmas starts at 2 a.m. when carolers wake the villagers with serenades. At dawn, when everyone is awake and assembled, some attend church while others take care of preparing the feast.

### Sober Reminder . . .

Want to stay alive for '65? Stay out of the deadly "Holiday Follies." Don't drink and drive. This sober reminder is from the Traffic Safety and Education division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.

*Hello and Merry Christmas*



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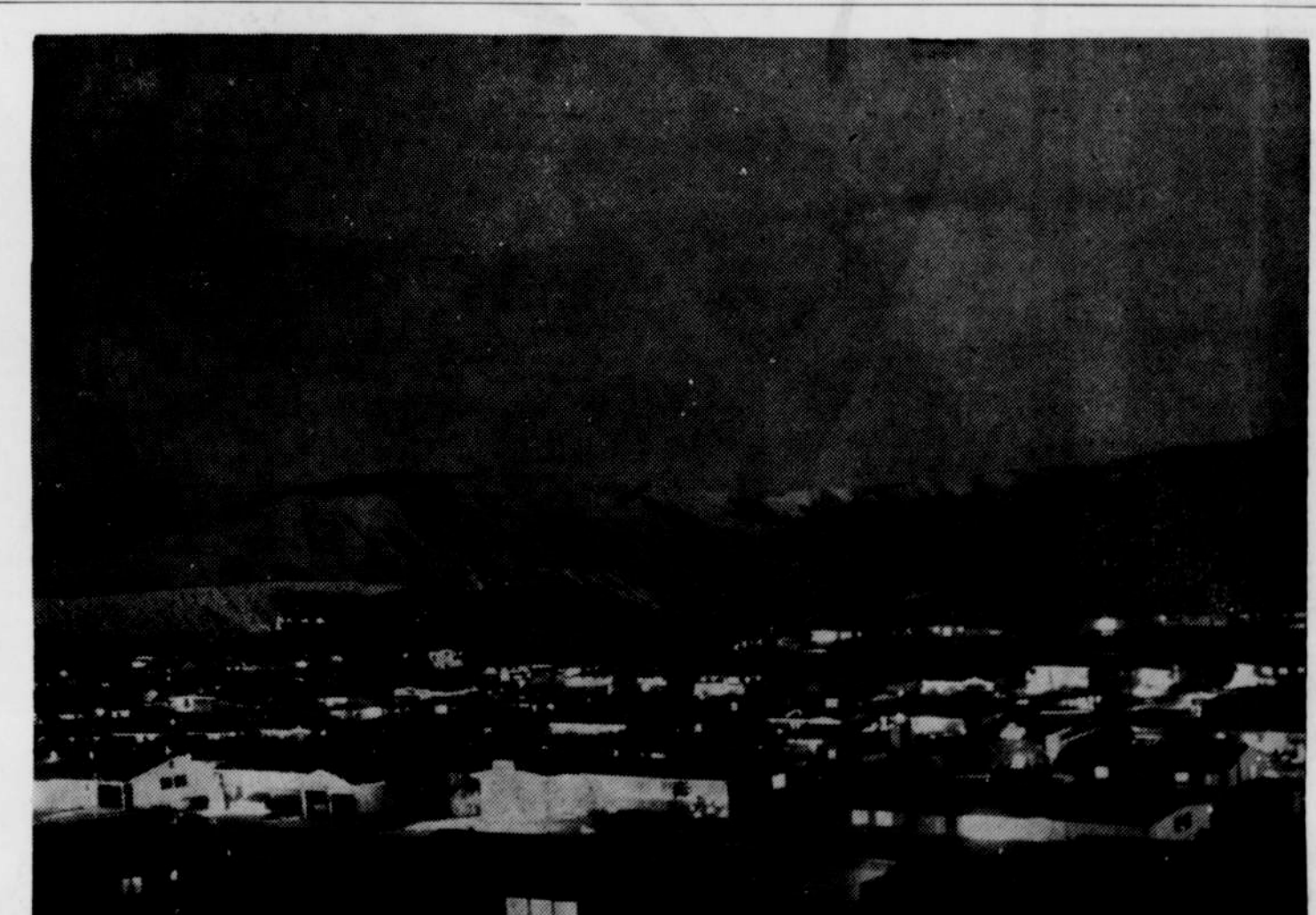
# A VERY MERRY



# CHRISTMAS

It means so much to us at this time of the year to send you our sincerest wishes for a joyous Yuletide. We hope your holiday will be filled with good health, good cheer and spiritual satisfaction.

**DR. K. A. DANFORD  
DR. K. E. KERBY**



*As Snake River Valley communities glow with their customary holiday warmth, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year,*

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