


MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christmas Wishes

Jolly old St. Nick is coming to help us thank all our patrons, friends, ... you!

Adrian Oil Company



In the spirit of friendship and good will that is Christmas... we thank our many customers for their continued patronage! To all, our sincere wishes for holiday joy!

STOUT APPLIANCE



May your Day be merry and light, and may all your Christmases be bright! Best wishes to everyone.

ORE-IDA FOODS, INC

ONTARIO, OREGON



Let the joyful songs of Christmas ring out for all to hear and peace and good will abound through out the world this year.

FEED SERVICE, INC.

the crèche is adored all over the world

Of all the traditional activities of Christmastime, none is more enjoyed than the preparation of the little Christmas crèche, the miniature Bethlehem stable.

Not only in the United States is this tradition honored... but all over the civilized world. From the Bethlehem "cave" of the Syrian youngsters to the Jeslicky in Czechoslovakia, to Mexico where the people are setting up their Posada, all are sharing in a ceremony of reverence and love.

In the crèche are all the Nativity figures: the Holy Mother, Mary; Joseph; the Wise Men; the shepherds and their flock... the cattle, the donkeys, the sheep, the lambs and all the creatures which inhabited the stable area... all gathered around the Baby in the manger.

Throughout most of Europe from earliest Christian times the custom of recreating the Nativity scene has spread. Often the figures were delicately carved of wood, precious to the owners and handed down from generation to generation. A tender link of devotion.



The first crèche, according to earliest records, was made in 1223. In Italy presepe is the name for the crèche. There have been many wonderful presepe. In Rome there is one in the Church of Ara Coeli containing a Bambino said to have been carved from an olive tree from the Mount of Olives.

The presepe which is considered the most famous Christian Crib in the world is also in Rome, housed in the Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian. The scene covers an area of 45 x 21 feet and shows the manger scene, the palace of Herod, and farmlands and villages in living, realistic panorama that actually reflect the customs of the 17th century. Hundreds of wooden figures have been hand-carved by famous artisans.

In Spanish, posada means an inn or lodging place, but it has come to mean more specifically the inn of the Nativity story.

around the world at Christmastime...

In Ireland, on Christmas Eve candles are lighted and placed in every window of the house; doors are left ajar. No couple with a baby seeking shelter will be homeless. The candlelight shines forth all night long; only those named Mary can snuff the candles out.

In Belgium Christmas is a time of gifts and joy. The children leave tidbits in their shoes for Santa's reindeer, then hang up their stockings. In the morning the tidbits are gone; toys are in the shoes.

The old cathedral in Antwerp calls the faithful to worship with its resounding bells. Hundreds of singing children carrying emblems and streamers throng the streets, along with priests and dignitaries in gold-embroidered robes.

In Finland the people prepare for Christmas many weeks in advance. Traditionally, suspended from the ceiling, is a straw framework decorated with paper stars; when lighted from below by the glow of the firelight and the tree candles, the effect is striking and mysterious. Straw is piled upon the floor, and as with the earliest Christmas, a manger-bed is prepared for the children.



In Greece, when the country is not under military law, December 25th is a happy day for the people. Families get together, parties are planned, and there is much merrymaking. Greek mothers usually make their famous fried cakes, Greek grandmothers gather the children around and tell them the old folk legends.




Christmas Joy

Wishing you all the joys of the Season — Good health, good friends, good cheer!

Farmers Insurance Group



Christmas Greetings

Let the spirit of Christmas be your guiding light now and throughout the coming year. May you find happiness.

DR. DAVID SARAZIN

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Greetings

Now's the time to thank you for your continued good will, and wish you and your family a happy holiday!

THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

John F. Marsh, Sales Manager,
Larry Miller Jim Barnes



YULETIDE GREETINGS

To our friends and patrons... we wish you a season full of all the joys of Christmas.

Palmer Equipment Co.
And Employees

Rather than be caught up in the many meaningless chores of Christmas, why not let some of them go undone and concentrate your efforts on the true meaning of Christmas. You'll find you've created a warm feeling of family closeness and love. When Christmas morning comes, you'll be able to meet it with a new joy in having found the way to express the real meaning of the Lord's feast.




Christmas joy

As we make joyous preparations for the holiday season, we'd like to take this opportunity to greet our many good friends and patrons. We sincerely hope your Christmas is filled with the best of everything.

Nyssa Auto Parts