

## Merry Christmas Season's Greetings



May the joys of Christmas follow  
you throughout the coming year...

**Bass Union 76 Service**

## Remember, Gifts Can Say Thanks

At Christmas it is customary to gift people who have been of service throughout the year — the mailman, garbage man, milkman, newspaperboy, building superintendent, cleaning lady and delivery boy.

Cigarettes, cigars, tobaccos for the smokers could eliminate the "what to get" for some of these persons.

Cordials, liqueurs, cakes and candies are also season's specialties for thoughtful gifting.

Gloves and muffers are appreciated gifts by the out-of-doors working man. And, thermos jugs and insulated food keepers can make the routes early in the morning a little more comfortable.

Housekeepers appreciate gifts of toiletries, clothing and accessories like gloves and scarves.

Gift certificates are always perfect for the "not sure what to get anybody." It does away with the burden of more holiday shopping.

### MEN LIKE LEATHER

"Most men like their leather best in sportswear. So if he's high on your list, give him a leather jacket, sportcoat or set of separates in suede, grained, antiqued or split cowhide leather.

"Among leather jackets rating the biggest fanfare have been norfolds and safaris with their neat pocket treatment, self-leather belts and stitching. Traditional sports jackets also make a hit in lambskin suede or grained leather.

"For a different look, there are muscular shearing-lined aviator's jackets and greatcoats in suede, grained and antiqued leathers.

### STOCKING STUFFER

Do you have coin collectors in your clan? Some nice old coins would make a thoughtful gift for the stocking.

### CLOCK IN

That young athlete in the family might be delighted with a small stop-watch to check out his speed record.

### SNAPPY IDEA

For snap-happy people, tuck an extra roll of film in the toe. An extra could be a camera shop certificate for developing.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTBRINGERS

While little children in the United States hope for the arrival of a jolly old man with eight tiny reindeer, children in some sections of Italy and Russia look for an old woman carrying a broom.

Though the idea of a special Christmas gift bearer is almost universal, the physical appearance of the bearer and the dates on which he or she arrives, vary considerably according to researchers for the World Book Encyclopedia.

In sections of Italy, La Befana brings the Christmas presents. She is an old woman of witchlike appearance who comes on January 5, not Christmas Eve.

One night, three wise men passed her house and invited La Befana to travel with them to find the newly born Lord. She decided not to go until she had finished her sweeping chores.

When she finally began her journey, intending to bring a present for the Child, the star of Bethlehem no longer lit the way. Now she wanders around the world looking into the faces of sleeping children hoping she will someday find the little Lord.

In Russia, La Befana is called Baboushka. She wanders about Russia on January 6, knocking on each child's pillow as she continues her endless search. Most other European



countries have gift-giving characters more similar to our Santa Claus. The majority find their origin in the story of Saint Nicholas, a bishop who lived in the late fourth century A.D.

Gifts, like giftbringers, are different in different sections of the world. Increasingly, however, books and educational materials are filling stockings on Christmas. The World Book Encyclopedia and World Book's colorful Childcraft volumes for youngsters. The 1973 Childcraft set encourages the young child to open doors to life and learning and reading enjoyment.

Reading can open doors to stories like "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" or all the colorful and wonderful stories of Christmas Giftbringers around the world. In England, Santa is known as Father Christmas, a jolly old fellow in great big boots. British children hang stockings above fireplaces in the hopes that Father Christmas will fill them with presents on Christmas Eve.

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Let every heart rejoice in the spiritual blessing and inspiration of the season. And may the meaning of Christmas make your holidays bright.

**Malheur Memorial Hospital**

## 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 presepi. 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 specifically the inn of the Nativity story.

the customs of the 17th century. Hundreds of wooden figures have been hand-carved by famous artisans.



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May your Christmas be surrounded by all the blessings and joys of this festive Holiday Season!

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## Holiday Cheer



Santa's making his rounds again — we hope he brings you your heart's desire. Merry Christmas from all at

**FARMERS FEED & SEED CO.**



May the Holy Spirit born in Bethlehem bless your home, and bring to you and yours all the heart-warming joy of a very Merry Christmas.

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**Greetings**

To you — the merriment that comes with trimming the tree, waiting for Santa, opening his gifts. To you — a holiday season bright with good cheer and warm with good fellowship. And to you, our sincere and hearty thanks for your patronage.

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