



# BEST WISHES

We'll not remind you it's Christmas . . . no need for that. But we will remind you that your friendship and patronage for this firm are both truly appreciated.

Merry Christmas All!

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## SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

It was a custom in Austria for roving groups of amateur actors to give plays in the mountain villages. As the organ in their little church at Obendorf was broken and the mechanic from nearby Salzburg had parts on the floor, a local ship-owner consented for the annual Christmas play to be given at his home. And, of course, Father Joseph Mohr was invited to see the show.

The sincerity of the young actors touched the priest. After the play he went to the top of a hill that overlooked the tiny village. Alone, he pondered the wonders of the universe. It was a still, clear night . . . a silent night.

The next morning Mohr called at the home of Franz Gruber. Besides being schoolmaster, Gruber played the church organ . . . when it was in playing condition. Mohr handed Gruber a carol he had written. He might have it as a Christmas present and shyly suggested that he try his hand at setting it to music.

That night, December 24, 1818, Father Mohr went to his little church for Christmas Eve services. The organ fixer was there with apologies for not having completed his job. Franz Gruber was there . . . with his guitar and a melody he had written for Mohr's carol. They were young men, the priest and the musician . . . 26 and 21 respectively. Neither had written a song before and, so far as is known, neither wrote another.

Gruber called Mohr to his side. He plucked the strings of his guitar and the two men sang a new Christmas carol. The organ fixer memorized it. Back in Salzburg he sang it for the Strasser sisters. The famous concert singers added it to their collection of native mountain songs . . . and started it around the world. Translated, English speaking countries know it as . . .

Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon Virgin Mother and child,

Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Darkness flies, all is light,  
Shepherds hear the angels sing,  
"Alleluia! hail the King!  
Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night,  
Guiding star, lend thy light;  
See the eastern wise men bring  
Gifts and homage to our King!  
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night,  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King!  
Christ the Savior is born."

### The Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play;  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And thought how, as the day had come  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along  
The unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head;  
There is no peace on earth, I said,  
For hate is strong  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep  
God is not dead—nor doth He sleep  
The wrong shall fail  
The right prevail  
With peace on earth, good will to men.

—Longfellow.

### Christmas Music By Club and Band Of Clinton High

The glee club and band of Clinton high school presented their annual public Christmas program in the auditorium on the evening of December 16. The selection was entitled, "The Christmas Story", in Paul Yoder's arrangement, with an added tableaux depicting the Yuletide story.

The program was as follows:  
"Silent Night" Band and Chorus.  
"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"  
—Band and Chorus; Solo—Bennie Hughey.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"  
Band and Chorus; Brass Quartet—Wilson Barnes, Desse Jean Roberts, Robert Horton, Oran Nabors.

"Away in a Manger"—Band and Chorus; Flute Duet—Jackie Livingston and Sara Pitts.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"  
—Band and Chorus.

"The First Noel", Solo—Alma Spillers, accompanied by Band.

"Oh Holy Night", Solo—Jimmy Riser, accompanied by Band.

"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"—Band and Chorus.

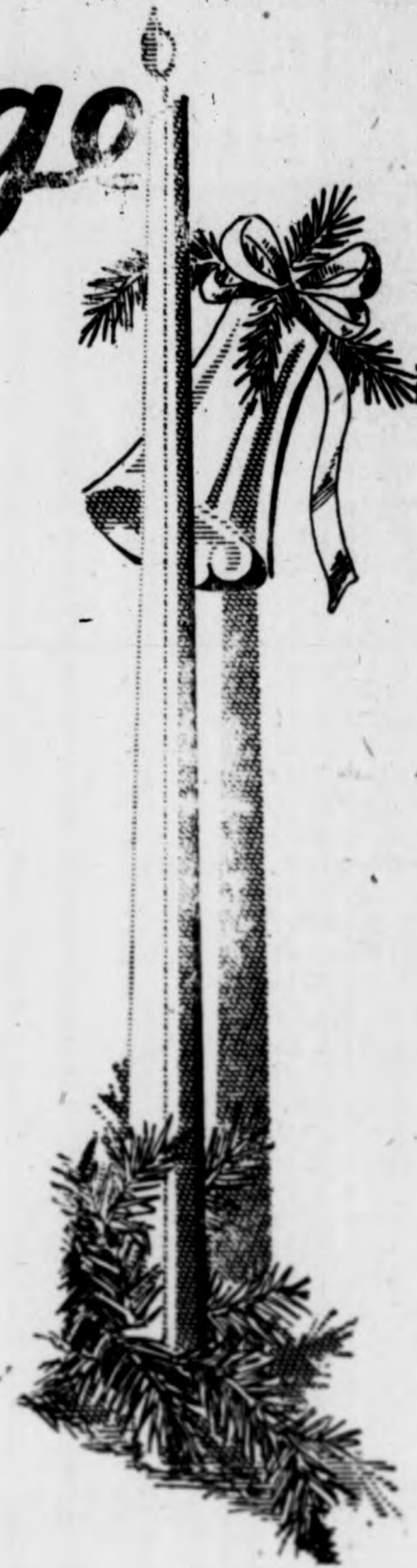
"We Three Kings of Orient Are", Solo — Jimmy Tinman, Band and Chorus.

"Joy to the World" — Band and Chorus.



# A Christmas Message

As another Christmas Season is ushered in, we deem it appropriate to express again our greetings and to say to you that our hearts are grateful for the share of fortune it has been our lot to enjoy. As we cannot see each of you personally to offer our best wishes, this message must suffice.



*Season's Greetings*

**BANK OF CLINTON**



The Christmas Season is the one time of the year where the whole world is kin—when each of us rejoice in the happiness of others and look forward to the pleasant associations with loved ones and friends. May each of you enjoy it to its fullest measure.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS — HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We Will Be Closed Christmas Day To Give Our Employees a Holiday

**Clinton Cafe**



Along with Christmas comes a natural reawakening of all the finer emotions of people. Friendships are renewed at Christmas time and there is a rekindling of the spirit of understanding and generosity toward all mankind.

To those whose pleasant association and friendly support during the past year has contributed so much to our welfare we extend cordial thanks. May your Christmas be happy.

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