

WITH BEST WISHES FOR A
Merry Christmas

TO EACH OF YOU

LONGIE M. GRAHAM

May This Christmas
Day Bring
Special Happiness
and good cheer
to each of our friends.

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**REMEMBER
LAST
CHRISTMAS?**

Remember Last Christmas?
These were the major goings-on in the world during Christmas week in 1948:

December 27—Joseph Cardinal Mindzenty, outspoken foe of Hungary's Communist regime, was arrested on charges of plotting against the government, spying, treason and blackmarket dealings in currency.

In an extemporaneous speech at Kansas City, President Truman made this remark that caught the interest of the world: "There are certain leaders in the government of that country (Russia) who are exceedingly anxious to have an understanding with us."

December 29—President Truman returned to Washington after a Christmas vacation in Independence, Mo.

December 28—Twelve stranded air force men were rescued by plane from an icecap in southern Greenland by Lt. Col. Emil Beaudry.

December 31—The 80th congress, denounced by President Truman as the second worst on record, passed into history with the adjournment of both houses.

December 31—At year's end, America's favorite popular song for the moment was "On a Slow Boat to China."



UNIVERSAL FRIEND . . . Santa, the universal friend of little folks, has managed to gather together a group of kiddies from all over the world. Represented here are the small fry of Paraguay, Greece, Poland, Austria and Italy.

**Flour Sack
Gifts For
Christmas**

Whoever said that death and taxes are the only certain things in this world failed to mention one other item — the annual Christmas shopping rush.

Once again there is hustle and bustle everywhere as the spirit pervades the air and crowds jam stores and shops in hurried, frantic efforts to unearth an appropriate gift for each name on their shopping lists. In addition to the problem of selecting the present, there also is the minor little matter of fitting the gift to the billfold, sometimes a tight squeeze.

Simple Solution

Many Women who sew have come to the conclusion that the simple approach to the solution of this Christmas problem is to make gifts at home. They avoid the struggle of the shopping rush and at the same time obtain suitable gifts for every member of the family for practically nothing.

Some clever seamstresses have discovered a bountiful stock of inexpensive gift ideas in the cotton material found in feed and flour bags. Colorful print cotton fabric is readily available to rural families in the sacks that bring feed to the farm. Empty laundered flour and feed bags are available to rural families in the sacks that bring feed to the farm. Empty laundered flour and feed bags are available at little cost to most city residents in local groceries, bakeries, and feed stores.

Cuddly Dolls

Straight from a cotton flour bag into jolly old St. Nick's

sack can go a cuddly doll, for a single 100-lb. flour sack provides enough material to make a lovable cloth doll. The addition of a painted face, yarn hair, and a tiny wardrobe of cotton sack frocks made from scraps will put the finishing touches on a gift to be cherished by any youngster.

The small fry love to find soft, huggable stuffed animals tucked in their Christmas stockings. Bright plaid, striped and polka dot fabric from feed and flour bags makes ideal material for constructing toy elephants, clowns, and puppy dogs.

A slumber-time set designed in cotton sack fabric will catch the fancy of a high school or college lass. The popular shortie style nightshirt can be cut from three or four 100-lb. feed or flour bags, and matching scuffs can be whipped up from the leftovers.

For the lady on the Christmas list whose main interest is

her home, a gift for the home is an obvious choice. Cotton bag fabric offers many possibilities for pretty, valuable household articles. Large bags, either print, white, or solid-dyed, will make fine bridge and luncheon cloths. Napkins that match or contrast with the cloth complete a set that will be a welcome Christmas gift in any home.

Other Suggestions

Collar and cuff sets, dickeys, matching shoe bag and hat box covers, place mats, ruffled aprons, hanger covers, tea towels, dresser scarves—these are but a few of the items that cotton feed and flour bags can supply for Santa's pack.

A booklet, "Smart Sewing With Cotton Bags," is available with complete instructions for making gifts, clothing and practical household articles from cotton feed and flour bags. Free copies may be obtained from the National Cotton Council, Box 76, Memphis, Tenn.

SANTA'S HERE

to Make You Happy!

Let's prepare a warm welcome for the kindly old gentleman.

He's not likely to pass up the type of people we have in this community, the finest anywhere. He likes to visit where folks are friendly, considerate, thoughtful and that is just what we have here. We know from experience.

So, friends, get ready! Old Santa's sure to come by.

Let's give him the warmest, kindest reception he ever had, one that will remain with him through the Christmas season and for many years to come.



Season's Greetings

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CHRISTMAS SYMBOL . . . The light of the deathless spirit of the Yule burns steadily in every mind at this season of the year, but nowhere is it more beautifully typified than in the delighted, wide-eyed look of a child experiencing the shimmering delights of his first Christmas.

**Naturalized Citizen—
That's Our Santa**

Santa Claus as Americans know him is a naturalized American citizen, and as such is America's contribution to the Christmas legend. That's the opinion of Dr. Gustav O. Arlt of the department of Germanic languages on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"The Norwegians who settled early in America brought the first version of the modern Santa Claus, who in Europe had been known as St. Nicholas, but never adequately personally described," said Dr. Arlt.

"When the American Clement Moore described the jolly, rotund gentleman in minute detail in his poem 'Twas The Night Before Christmas," he assumed the proportion of living legend and thus became an integral part of Christian legend and folklore," the professor stated.

**Archaeologists' Findings
Bear Out Bible Stories**

Archaeologists' findings oftentimes serve to further establish the authenticity of the story of Jesus. Only recently a group discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D. and perhaps by an eyewitness to the crucifixion, among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

The urns may provide the "oldest archaeological record of Christianity" and an historical confirmation of the trial and crucifixion of Christ, the archaeologists said.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate and mourned the crucifixion of their leader, was believed to have left the writings on the urns in the cave.

The Hebrew and Aramic inscriptions contained common names like Miriam, Simeon, and Matti. The Greek inscriptions and symbols beside them contained references to Christianity and, it seems probable, to the crucifixion.

**THE JOY OF
Christmas**

May you have
Each Joy and
Blessing
That is part of
Christmas Day

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