

# FROM EACH OF US TO ALL OF YOU



## Best Wishes for Christmas

There's no place like home when Christmas comes around, and there's no time like right now to wish all you kindly home folks the merriest Christmas ever.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have served you in 1945, and we look forward to your continued friendship.

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# THE SEASON'S BEST TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

## GREETINGS



## and Best Wishes

Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and board the magic carpet for the Land of Better Days.

There are 365 of them "in the bag" for you in 1946—if we have our way about it—and every day will be better than the one preceding.

A thousand thanks for past favors—**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!**

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR 1946

### WE SALUTE YOU AS THE NEW YEAR DAWNS

Now, when the hopeful New Year is about to take its place on the world stage, we salute the brave men and women who have so splendidly guarded America's precious heritage of freedom. We salute you, too, good friends and neighbors. Ours is a debt of gratitude we can hardly repay.

Better days are ahead for all of us, we are reasonably sure, and we want you to know how deeply we appreciate your friendship.

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# NEW YEARS AT THE CORNERS



"POP," Maw Lewis called from the kitchen, "you get your lazy bones out of that chair and wash up! Dinner'll be ready in two shakes of a lamb's tail."

Pop managed to lift his six feet of bone and sinew to his feet and headed for the kitchen sink.

"Don't you go usin' that clean towel, neither," Maw admonished. "That's for company. Use the roller towel. Sakes alive, I do believe you'd wipe your dirty feet on the front door mat if I'd leave it out."

"What's a door mat fer," Pop flared, "if it ain't to wipe feet on?"

Pop gave the roller towel a vicious jerk. "I know tonight bein' New Year's Eve, Maw, you 'nd me ought to step out somewheres. They're having a big shindig over at the



"Jed Hafey's openin' a keg." Corners store. Jed Hafey's openin' a keg.

"If it's anything like that keg he opened Thanksgiving, you ain't gettin' any nearer to it than you are right now. Pretty howdy-do, you comin' home six o'clock in the mornin' and shootin' off the shotgun through the roof so it leaks like a sieve. No, siree, you ain't even gettin' near enough to have a smell of any keg Jed Hafey opens," Maw said.

Suddenly Pop looked up from his plate. "Well, consarn! What you cryin' about, Maw?"

"I ain't cryin'," Maw denied. "I'm just thinkin'—thinkin' back fifty-two years. You was payin' attention to me and kind o' jealous like. I couldn't turn 'round but what you was kissin' me. You was jealous o' Jed Hafey—jealouser than anything."

Pop snorted disdainfully. "What'd I have to be jealous o' Jed Hafey fer? Tell me that."

"Plenty," Maw said, "I was going to marry him."

Pop dropped his fork. "You was a-goin' to marry Jed?"

"Sure. Only his folks wanted him to marry Edda Stout. She owned all the bottom land nearly in Clarke county. He couldn't marry me until he was of age, on account o' his folks wantin' him to marry Edda. In a year he figures he can get all her money and then divorce her and marry me. Meanwhile he said I might as well marry you, then when he got all Edda's money I could divorce you and marry him. Said you was about the most harmless male bein' in all Clarke county and no harm would come to me marryin' you. He said if I married anybody else I might fall in love with him and then he'd lose out."

"So that was the way o' things! I remember. Jed did divorce Edda a year or so later. How come you never told me this before, Lil? And how come you not to divorce me and marry Jed after he got his divorce?"

"How come?" Maw said. "Well, Pop, I guess maybe you was kind o' responsible for that. Ain't no tellin' how a woman looks at things until she's hogtied to a man. I just kind o' forgot about Jed. Money didn't matter so much, after all, I found out it was the man that mattered. You kind o' had good ways about you, Pop. Different kind o' ways, only they was the right kind. Made a girl think twice afore jumpin' from the tryin' pan into the fire. You was good enough for me, I found. If there was any better men'n you, I wouldn't have no way o' knowin', o' course. Everything was so nice I didn't think it could be any nicer, so I just decided to hang onto you and let Jed rot for himself."

"By gum!" Pop exclaimed after a moment's reflection. "Now I am a-goin' to that keg openin' tonight if it kills me. And you're a-goin' with me, Lil. I won't have Jed thinkin' he didn't get cheated in the deal, consarn his danged hide! If I go without you he'll think I don't care none about you, and I want to make him feel right good and jealous."

"Jed, jealous after fifty-two years?" Maw said incredulously.

"Well, if he ain't he ought to be! Happy New Year, Maw!"

"I'll go," Maw said, "but remember, Pop Lewis, if you get drunk tonight I'll break the mop handle over your head when we get home—that is, if I'm still able to tell a mop handle from a crowbar."

After reading The Journal, pass it on to your neighbor!

# BRINGING BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS



### TO OLD FRIENDS AND NEW

We are quite old-fashioned over here—old-fashioned enough to know that to merit the confidence of the entire community every transaction we make must rest upon the solid foundation of full value given.

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### CORDIAL GOOD WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Time waits for no man, and 1946 is no exception. That is why we hasten to send our New Year's wishes to you good folks in town and all around town.

## IT'S GOING TO BE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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THERE are a thousand and one ways of extending the season's greetings to you, but no words we can put into writing, no words we can frame with our lips, ring with more sincerity than the old-fashioned greeting—

## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

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## Happy New Year and Best Wishes

"Glorious the year that for you waits, Beyond Tomorrow's mystic gates"

... a year relieved of the tensions and worries that have marked the past few twelve-months ... a year in which you will know again the unfettered freedom and the "will to do" of the good old days—that is our wish for you as we are about to enter 1946. May it be, indeed, a glorious year for you.

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The heart of the Christmas season is friendship and eternal youth, and we could not ask for finer friends than ours. It makes us happy to greet all our friends this Christmas season of 1945 with the best of Yuletide wishes.

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