



**'Twas the Night before Christmas**  
1943

One hundred and twenty years ago Clement Clarke Moore's jolly poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," first appeared. Each year since then it has contributed to the joy of Christmas. We want to say that if we were able to gather up all this joy and wrap it up in one big package it would hardly represent our wishes for your Christmas happiness this season of 1943.

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**Hints For Farm Homemakers**

(By Ruth Current of State College)

Make the most of every crumb and crust. Dress up your stale bread by using it in escalloped dishes, in puddings, or as French toast. For example, serve French toast just as you might serve waffles, and top with a syrup or fruit sauce.

Or, serve French toast for a main dish with creamed meat or vegetables. Remember, too, that dry bread cubes can be used in escalloped dishes, and dressings, they will require a little added moisture. Such cubes also brown nicely for croutons.

And, crumbed dry bread may be used instead of cracker crumbs. Make more one-crust and fewer two-crust pies; or, use lattice pastry strips for the top crust.

A pleasing variation of the one-

crust pie is a cobbler, or a deep-dish pie. To make it, partly fill a baking dish with lightly sweetened fruit. Cover with dough and bake in a hot oven until the crust is brown.

Or as another idea, bake pastry separately in little squares or diamonds and serve as a topping on sweetened fruits of various kinds. Add the pastries just before serving time, so they will be crisp.

If you eat a peeled orange or divide it into sections, you get more vitamin C than if you juice it.

Dust hangs downward, so when you brush walls, brush upward. That prevents smearing and streaking.

An ordinary two-inch paint brush is just the ticket for whisking dust from a bric-a-brac, bookstops, baseboard crevices, wood carvings, and window sills.

Customer: "I simply couldn't wear this coat. It's too tight."  
Clerk: "Pardon me, madam, but I've shown you all the stock. That is your own coat you have on."

\* It's just about time for that perennial paratrooper, Santa Claus, to start his friendly invasion. We just want to say we hope he makes a happy landing, right in your home, bringing you more Christmas cheer than you've ever had before.



**A. A. GRAHAM**

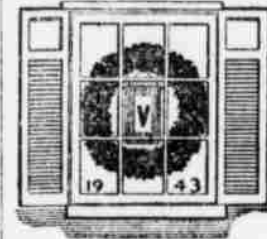


*War or peace, a brave new world is in the making—a world in which better opportunities will be had for all. The Spirit of Progress is on the march, and we may all look hopefully to the future. At this time it is fitting that we count our many friends and recall the happy relationships of 1943. We wish all of you the choicest blessings that Christmastime can bestow.*



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Barbarians from across the seas would, if they could, banish Christmas forever from the earth. But there'll always be a Christmas! May the Christmas season of 1943 find you in the midst of a good old-fashioned Yule celebration.

Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you.



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men

Who can estimate the value of good will, that "priceless ingredient" so conspicuously mentioned in that first glorious Christmas message? Be assured that we highly appreciate your good will. It has been and will continue to be our most treasured asset.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!**

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**SPECIAL ATTENTION MR. FARMER! FERTILIZERS**

We will be in a position to start delivering your fertilizer requirements for the 1943-44 Season, beginning OCTOBER 15th to NOVEMBER 1st, 1943.

To insure your having your fertilizers when you need them it is necessary that you start taking in your fertilizers not later than OCT. 15th to NOV. 1st. This is due to the fact that the LABOR SITUATION is even now EXTREMELY CRITICAL and daily becoming more CRITICAL. Also, deliveries will have to be made with inadequate transportation facilities.

It is true that for the duration, you as well as ourselves are compelled to operate our business under the most unusual conditions, which will work a hardship on all of us. In your case it means that you will have to take in your fertilizers well in advance of the time that you will actually need them, to insure your having them on hand when you will need them. To whip the Axis and bring the War to a quick ending it is necessary that we all work together, and give and take when and where it is necessary.

**TO YOU WHO ANTICIPATE FARMING DURING 1944:** For reasons other than those outlined here, a bird in hand during October, November and December will be worth much more to you than what birds you may have in hand after that time.

Your small grain sowed this fall should have ample fertilizer under it, in addition to being dressed with Nitrogen next Spring. We can furnish your requirements for this also.

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**OF OUR ABUNDANT FAITH WE'LL SING... FOR ALL THE WORLD TO HEAR... THIS CHRISTMAS DAY OF 1943**

Behind our gay holiday laughter this year, there'll be a common feeling in the hearts of us all. It will be a hope, a conviction, a promise and a prayer all in one—embedded in steel-like determination. Belief in our ability to make right triumph over the dark menace of unholy fascism. We have promised ourselves to avenge these who have met tragedy at the hands of our enemy, and our faith will see us through. This Christmas Day we shall again reaffirm our faith... singing out in the spirit of the righteous for all the world to hear.

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