

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM WEST PRINCE

Humour Of A Green Christmas Parting Jest Of Those Who Wanted A Last Laugh

By Lincoln Chambers
 "A green Christmas makes a full churchyard," is the old saying, but it is a far from dismal thought. I have often found more fun, and certainly more philosophy, in old churchyards than among those who are threatening to kill themselves with their own knives and forks. Not to mention the glass, and many an epitaph has a tribute to a gay quaffer.
 One of the quaintest is in Win-

chester Cathedral, to Thomas Thetcher, a Grenadier of the North Hanse Militia. His comrades raised the stone because of the "universal goodwill" of the young man who died, in 1764, of a fever contracted by drinking small beer when he was hot.
 Here sleeps in peace a Hampshire Grenadier Who caught his death by drinking cold small Beer. Soldiers be wise from his untimely

Sincere Best Wisher For A MERRY CHRISTMAS And HAPPY NEW YEAR CARPENTER'S Jewellery Store To All

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR WEEKS RADIO and TELEVISION Sales & Service Alberton

We want to join in the chorus. Here's a Merry Christmas to you, from all of us.
NICHOLSON'S PHARMACY Alberton

Wishing You And Yours A Very MERRY CHRISTMAS
Matthews Meat Market Alberton

We send you all wherever you happen to be - good wishes for Christmas and thanks for your patronage
J. A. NOONAN Alberton

May a glorious Christmas be yours and may good fortune be with you always.
E. A. McCUE Alberton

Santa's saying Merry Christmas to you - and in this greeting we join him too.
MYRICKS SERVICE STATION Irving and Irving Plus Gasolines Tignish

We're hurrying with Santa to tell you of our greetings to all our friends. We're saying, "A very Merry Christmas to you."
E. W. TURNER "Your Massey-Harris Dealer" - O'Leary

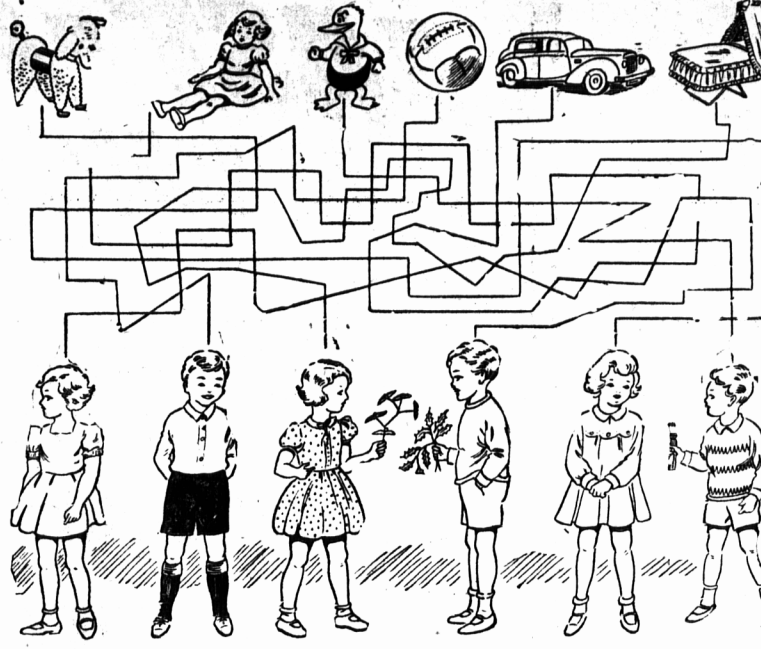
'Tis an old holiday custom we follow with great joy and that's to wish everyone of you Yuletide happiness.
MATHESON'S DRUG STORE O'Leary

We're painting the town with our good wishes for a Merry Christmas to all our friends.
Robert E. Campbell Dealer in Cattle & Hogs Alberton

A wish of good cheer from Santa and us. Thanks for your loyal patronage and Merry Christmas.
K. R. MATTHEWS ELMSDALE

MERRY CHRISTMAS - and a wish that goes on and on that all may be well on this holiday and then throughout the year.
Jolley's Dept. Store O'Leary

To Whom Did Each Present Belong?



In 1800, beneath the formal announcement, the inscription runs: "His widow, aged 24, lives at 7 Elm Street, has every qualification for a good wife, and yearns to be comforted." Those were stirring days. Sometimes the very earnestness of the inscribers produces a rich, unconscious humour. For instance, on the tomb of the lady at Yarmouth who was "cut off in blooming youth, we can but pity." She was 74.
 In Bath Abbey is a memorial to "one of the most valuable Women that ever lived, whose principal happiness consisted, (Altho' she was of some rank) in real and unbounded Affection and Tenderness for her Husband and Children." "Altho' she was of some rank" is a delight. Almost as good as Mrs. Maria Boyle, who "painted in Water Colours and was First Cousin to the Earl of Cork."
EXIT WITH A FLOURISH
 If they didn't all come with the Conqueror, they certainly went out with a flourish.
 In Ripon Cathedral is an inscription to Bryan Tunstall, a most expert angler, "until death, envious of his Merit, threw out his line, hook'd him and landed him here." In Cheshire is the even more laconic record that
 Beneath this stone, a lump of clay

Lies Uncle Percy Daniels, Too early in the month of May He cast his winter flannels.
 Well, we all have to take the plunge some time; the thing is to be ready. Someone at Whitby wasn't, for a tombstone reads: Sudden and unexpected was the end. Of our esteemed and beloved friend. He gave to all his friends a sudden shock. By one day falling into Sunderland dock.
 At Pudsey is an epitaph to Joseph Blackburn which concludes: The moon gave light, he took sight. Through the top pane I lost my life.
 Actually, the gallant was courting, and climbed on a window-sill the better to converse with his darling in the room above. Father saw a figure outside the ground floor window, presumably decided it was an intruder, and plunged his sword through the pane and the proposer.
FROM WATERLOO TO KANSAS
 A chancy business, life. Yet, even handicapped, there is still room for mirth. Or perhaps the word in this instance should be pedicapped, for

May the happy days in your life be as many as the flakes that cover this landscape. Season's Greetings to you and you and you.
HARDY'S MEN'S and BOYS' WEAR Alberton

MERRY CHRISTMAS and may the NEW YEAR Be filled with Health and Happiness
J. W. DON CAMPBELL & STAFF Alberton

Our sincere appreciation and thanks for your welcome patronage in the past year. A very Merry Christmas.
O'LEARY CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR

A message from all of us to all of you... May this be the merriest of Christmas for you, filled with joy and good cheer.
TIGNISH CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LTD. Co-Op "Esso" Service Station - Co-Op Drug Store Co-Op Meat Market - Co-Op General Store

As in the battle brave, He goes to rout, review and play. With one foot in the grave!
 But the richest fields are those of the early settlers, the New England prospectors, the gold-rush folk and the diamond seekers, who could not have survived at all without a robust sense of humour and a prodigious vitality.
 Here lie the remains of Thomas Woodhen. The most amiable and excellent of men.
 N. B. His real name was Woodcock. But it wouldn't come in rhyme. His widow. Or this from Dodge City, Kansas: Shoot-em-up-Jake. Ran for sheriff, 1872. Ran from sheriff, 1876. Buried, 1878. Fair enough! The plot of many a best-selling "Western" has less in it than that.
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Our wish to you on this Christmas day is like the evergreen, always there and never fading. A gay Yule to you.
FOLEY'S STORE Alberton

Along with Santa's jolly greeting - we extend ours for the Merriest Christmas ever!
KEITH PRATT Bloomfield

May this Christmas Give you Gifts of Joy And Happiness "Merry Christmas"
H. D. CORBETT Alberton

Here's wishing you a lot of Christmas cheer and also, a very happy New Year.
MYRICK'S ALBERTON LIMITED Alberton

To wish you a Merry Christmas and a glad New Year!
Matthews Feed Service Custom Grinding and Mixing. Purina Feeds O'Leary

The Christmas bells ring out our message of joyous greetings for the coming year.
KEIR FRASER General Store Alberton South

Greetings And Best Wishes For A MERRY CHRISTMAS From **DEAN'S CANDY-BAR** Located at Carpenter's Jewellery Store Alberton

Our greetings to you and Yours glitter with best wishes for the merriest of Yule festivities.
Callaghan's Variety and Fashion Shop Alberton

Let the bells ring out and the carolers shout - a joyous holiday season be yours, from us, to you
REVILO DAIRY John R. Oliver Alberton

The sweetest thing on Christmas Day is not the candy stick, but the greeting true friends send. Merry Christmas to you.
E. C. GAUDETTE and SONS Tignish

—and to all of our friends and patrons the hope that we may continue to serve you for many a Christmas to come.
GORDON'S GARAGE Alberton Irving Oil Products

Our wish to you on this Christmas day. The merriest Merry Christmases to you and to all those you hold most dear.
LLOYD'S RESTAURANT O'Leary

Our employees all join us in wishing you and your family the happiest of Christmas seasons and a prosperous year.
O'LEARY FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LIMITED O'Leary