

# THE BLUE BONNET

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## Merry Christmas!

### ADORATION

On this earth where millions are born and die every year, where every tick of the clock sees a soul arriving and a soul departing, Christmas is the greatest of all birthdays.

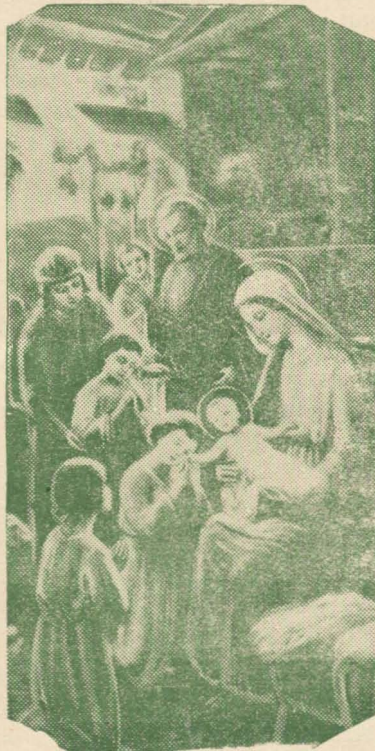
It is not merely the birthday of One Noble Spirit; it is a birthday for all, a day of hope for all the human race.

The beautiful character of Christ stands apart from all "theology," all discussion or question.

His is a character of pure goodness, self-sacrifice, kindness for children and their mothers; His birthday is a blessed, happy day.

#### GREETINGS FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

SECRETARY SWANSON EXTENDS TO THE ENTIRE NAVAL SERVICE HIS SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



#### GREETINGS FROM OUR COMMANDER IN CHIEF

I AM GLAD TO TAKE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AS THE OCCASION TO THANK THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE ARMY AND NAVY FOR DUTY WELL DONE AND FOR THEIR DEVOTION TO THE SERVICE OF THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY.

I TRUST THAT THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING TO THEM REAL HAPPINESS AND GOOD CHEER.

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

COMMANDER IN CHIEF

# Happy New Year!