

# Christmas Through The Decades

The theme of the 2003 special Christmas Greetings issue of the Big Timber Pioneer is "Christmas Through the Decades".

The stories on the following pages are reprinted from past issues of this newspaper, at least one from each decade. We've tried to present a sampling of the times from the myriad of articles to choose from.

And, as the owners and staff members of this newspaper have done for the past 115 years, we wish you all a "MERRY CHRISTMAS"!

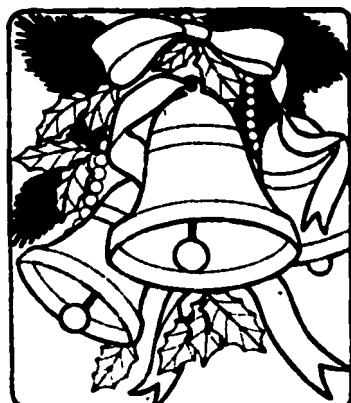


Next Monday is Christmas day. It will not be the Christmas of olden times, money will not be as plentiful, the spirit of real cheerfulness and optimism may be curtailed, but two more pay days will place people of this community in far better shape physically, spiritually and financially than they were last year or the year before.

It should also be borne in mind that this year we have a double Santa Claus - the mythical Santa Claus and the Roosevelt Santa Claus.

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