

## *Best Wishes for the New Year*

The first apple trees in the Yakima Valley were planted in 1872 at the Ahtanum Mission. Scions were brought wrapped in wet moss in saddlebags. They were first watered by bucket and later by waterwheel. These were the forerunners of the mainstay of the Valley's industry and are still bearing fruit though relatively uncared for when this picture was sketched in 1954. The old Mission buildings are in the background. This reproduction in full color is one of a number of watercolor paintings of Northwest fruit industry scenes painted by Ralph L. Woodall, a Yakima artist.

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