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Christmas Party For O'Brien Club

The O'Brien Women's club held its Christmas party and regular meeting last Friday at the new home of Mrs. Earl Boyd, and a jolly group gathered to the warmth of the beautiful fireplace, and around the silver gilded Christmas tree which hung full of exchange gifts as well as with personal gifts for the new home. The president opened the meeting with a reading from Edgar Guest, on "The Christmas Man". The regular agenda was followed, all other business being postponed for the next meeting, so that more time could be given to the program, and distribution of gifts. Mrs. Wilbur and Mrs. Dow had the afternoon's games, readings, etc. in hand and all enjoyed the surprise packages received by each one, after which the hostess served delicious refreshments, the guests seated at card tables around the living room, from whose windows a most gorgeous view of the mountains is to be had. Three new members were inducted into the club, Mrs. Grace M. Gudmanson, Mrs. Anna M. Madden and Mrs. Mary Jane Conner. The real high light of the afternoon was when the club voted to buy ten defense bonds, thus putting a large part of their bazaar receipts to the use of our country. Most of the remaining articles from the bazaar were disposed of and quite an additional sum added to the treasury.

A hand-made baby comforter was sent to one of the club members, Mrs. George Logan, for her new baby boy.

The next regular meeting is to be with Mrs. John Dow on January 2 with Mrs. Bert Watkins assisting hostess, and at this time Mrs. Frank Barvett is to give a book review.

Letter from Alfred Mellow in Florida

Serv. Btry., 1st. CT—PDCA
Fort Barrancas, Fla.
December 16, 1941
Mr. M. C. Athey:

Have just finished reading the December 4th issue of the Illinois Valley News. It takes quite a while for it to get here, but I sure look forward to it. The General gave us orders to pack up and move to this place so here we are. You can send the paper to this address now.

Twenty-four hours after war was declared we were sent here to take over coastal defense duty. We are consolidated with infantry and engineers now, men are on duty 24 hours a day. Would like to describe the way we work here but orders are orders.

It is sure cold here nights, am even trying this with my overcoat on. This sunny south isn't as sunny as they say it is.

This army life is a snap during peace time but you no doubt know what a cold squad tent is, plus canned meat twice a day along with four to five hours extra work after hours. Men short on clothing and what not. But still we love it.

Lots of the boys won't enjoy Christmas like they wanted to but even at that we've got more to contend with than just celebrating. I even had a furlough in to start the 10th of December but it was sure canceled in a hurry.

No doubt you're having a hard time figuring this letter out so will sign off, I have one heck of a lot of work to do, this first sergeant job might sound like a snap to some people but I can say it sure keeps me busy, between taking care of the battery and listening to the men's gripes and groans it's giving me a headache.

Hoping all the folks in Illinois Valley have a Merry Christmas, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,
1ST. SGT. ALFRED MELLOW.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Rexford and son Bobby of Klamath Falls will arrive Christmas morning to spend the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Rexford.

CALF CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED

Last Wednesday a meeting was held in the Illinois Valley Grange hall, for the purpose of forming a beef calf club, sponsored by the Illinois Valley Cattle association.

There was not enough present at the last meeting to properly organize, and there will be another meeting called. All 4-H clubbers interested should get in touch with County Agent O. K. Beals at the county agent's office or Herb Watts.

Both boys and girls are eligible to join this club. The next meeting will perhaps be called immediately after the holidays.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school attendance was 65 and collection was \$1.94. There was much enthusiasm, especially when Mrs. Harry Mills presented each of the children of the Primary department with a lovely cookie doll all dressed with red tissue paper, cap and all. These were very clever.

There were six visitors, among them Doris Seyferth who was in the Young Peoples class.

At the services we greatly missed Mrs. Iversen and Grace who are visiting in Washington over the holidays and the Larsens who are in southern California, with their families, also the Hines and Nicholson families, visiting in Nebraska. It was good to have Mr. and Mrs. Mayfield and their children with us again.

Rev. Gray told the Christmas story, taking his audience to Bethlehem in fancy, under the stars with the lowly shepherds, listening to the angels' song of "Peace and good will to all men"—a message so needed in these days of world strife and carnage. Mrs. Arnold sang the beautiful solo, "The Birthday of a King", and the large choir helped much in the singing. The church was so beautifully garlanded with fir boughs which Mrs. Mills had cared for so splendidly.

The climax of the day came with the pageant, "The Coming of the Christ Child," directed by the superintendent, Mrs. Seat, assisted by a splendid cast of young folks and juniors. The music was very greatly augmented by the violin accompaniments played by Mr. W. B. Freeman on his violin. There were four tableaux, the one of the Annunciation, with Miss Joyce Payne as Mary, and Robert Smith as the angel Gabriel; the shepherds in the field, taken by Otis Hussey, Johnnie Smith and Larry Vernon, with the angel part taken by Georgia Goldsby; the three Wise Men taken by Messrs. Seat, Lee and Halm, and the final manger scene with Mary by the cradle, with three attendant angels, Misses Goldsby, Sherier and Brevoid. The juniors also had parts, recitations by Ruthie Smith, Billy Miller, Kathleen Hicks and Barbara Ann Clayton, and the chorus, "Good Night, Baby Jesus."

Part 2 of the pageant represented Twentieth Century, taken by Miss Helen Halm, dressed in a white robe, and carrying a tall candle, attended by two young ladies, Misses Yvonne Payne and Alice Smith, likewise wearing white robes and carrying candles, and these were followed by a double procession of children all with lighted candles who filled the platform and climaxed the pageant. Mrs. John Smith was the narrator of the entire evening.

At the close of the program, Dr. Brown, in behalf of the friends of the church and Sunday school presented Rev. and Mrs. Gray with a purse, the response being made by Mr. Gray in appropriate words whereupon all present were presented with cellophane bags of lovely candies.

Thanks go to the many who helped with the costumes, the properties, and the rehearsals.

Mrs. Bud Osland arrived in the valley recently and is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hunt. Mr. and Mrs. Osland made their home in Seattle for over a year but are now living in Portland. Mrs. Osland will leave for her home next Sunday.

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

WHEREAS our country has been viciously attacked and forced into a war of vast proportions, which will inevitably bring grief and distress to many and self-sacrifice to all, and

WHEREAS for more than sixty years the American Red Cross has played a vital role in binding up the wounds of the injured, in sheltering, feeding, and clothing the homeless, in succoring the distressed, in rebuilding broken lives, and in rehabilitating the victims of catastrophes of nature and of war, and

Whereas in preparation for just such an emergency as we are now facing, the American National Red Cross has been spending funds at the rate of more than one million dollars a month, which is but a small fraction of the amount that the organization now requires in order to carry out effectively its functions as an essential auxiliary of our armed forces, particularly as a friendly liaison in welfare problems between the man in service and his family at home, and as a key agency in the civil defense plans,

NOW, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, and president of the American National Red Cross, do hereby proclaim the beginning, as of this date, of a Red Cross War Fund Campaign for the raising of a minimum sum of fifty million dollars, and I appeal to the American people to make this campaign an overwhelming success. Realizing the desire of every American to participate in the national war effort, I confidently anticipate an immediate and spontaneous response to this appeal.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-sixth.

(Seal)
By the President,
Cordell Hull, Secretary of State.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

Chromite Price Rises, Terms Made Easier

Chromite ore prices have been increased and government purchase contracts have been made more favorable for the production of war-essential chromite by small mine operators.

Earl K. Nixon at Portland, director of the Oregon department of geology and mineral industries, told the Grants Pass Courier that he had just received the information Tuesday by telephone from H. Dewitt Smith, president of the government's Metal Reserve company.

War in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans has handicapped the flow of foreign sources upon which the United States has largely relied.

Stockpiles will be established in Oregon and California within 100 miles of the mines and in some cases at railhead. One stockpile will be in the Coos bay district and presumably one in Grants Pass district, Nixon was told.

Ore will be purchased in single carlots. The price of 48 per cent chromic oxide with three to one iron ration will be \$50 per ton at stockpiles. Price of 40 per cent chromic oxide two to one iron ratio is \$28 per ton.

Further details will be released as received from Washington by the Oregon department of geology and mineral industries Nixon said.

Flamewatcher "Dad" Ringuette Died Friday

All the nationally famous Cavemen of Grants Pass are in mourning. Flamewatcher "Dad" Ringuette passed away last Friday from a heart attack, and the Cavemen mourn.

"Dad" Ringuette was the only person to hold a perpetual office in the famous organization. He was 75 years old when he died and funeral services were held Monday at 10 o'clock a. m. in St. Ann's Catholic church. Business generally was suspended in Grants Pass for 15 minutes at the time of the funeral in tribute to his services as a Caveman and to the county in general.

WHAT THE LEGION AUXILIARY IS DOING

A meeting of the Legion Auxiliary Past-Presidents club was called for last Sunday evening at the unit kitchen. The notice read, "Important business, all members urged to attend." When they arrived it became apparent at once that the president of the club, "Aunt" Mary White had prepared a surprise Christmas party for the members. Besides the decorations and a bountiful feast including two of her famous cakes there were clever book-shaped place cards concealing dainty little gifts.

Present were Mary White, Julia Williams, Amy Hussey, Sharlet Slack, Irene Morrison, Emily Kellert, Joy Badden, Millie Trefethen and the 1942 president, Marie White.

Defense Brings Change In Dairy Regulations

The total war and blackout instructions which have caused dairymen to change their programs have resulted in the state department of agriculture relaxing requirements for lights in dairy barns.

Department regulations require that a certain amount of light is necessary in all such barns, however, all dairymen have been advised that due to the emergency this will not be enforced until further notice, Foods and Dairies Chief A. W. Metzger says.

This procedure will allow dairymen to keep their windows covered during the day, thereby relieving them of additional work involved in putting up covers each night. Dairymen are urged to take any problems arising due to the emergency to the department's local representative in their territory.

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Merry Christmas

And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Gospel according to St. Matthew

