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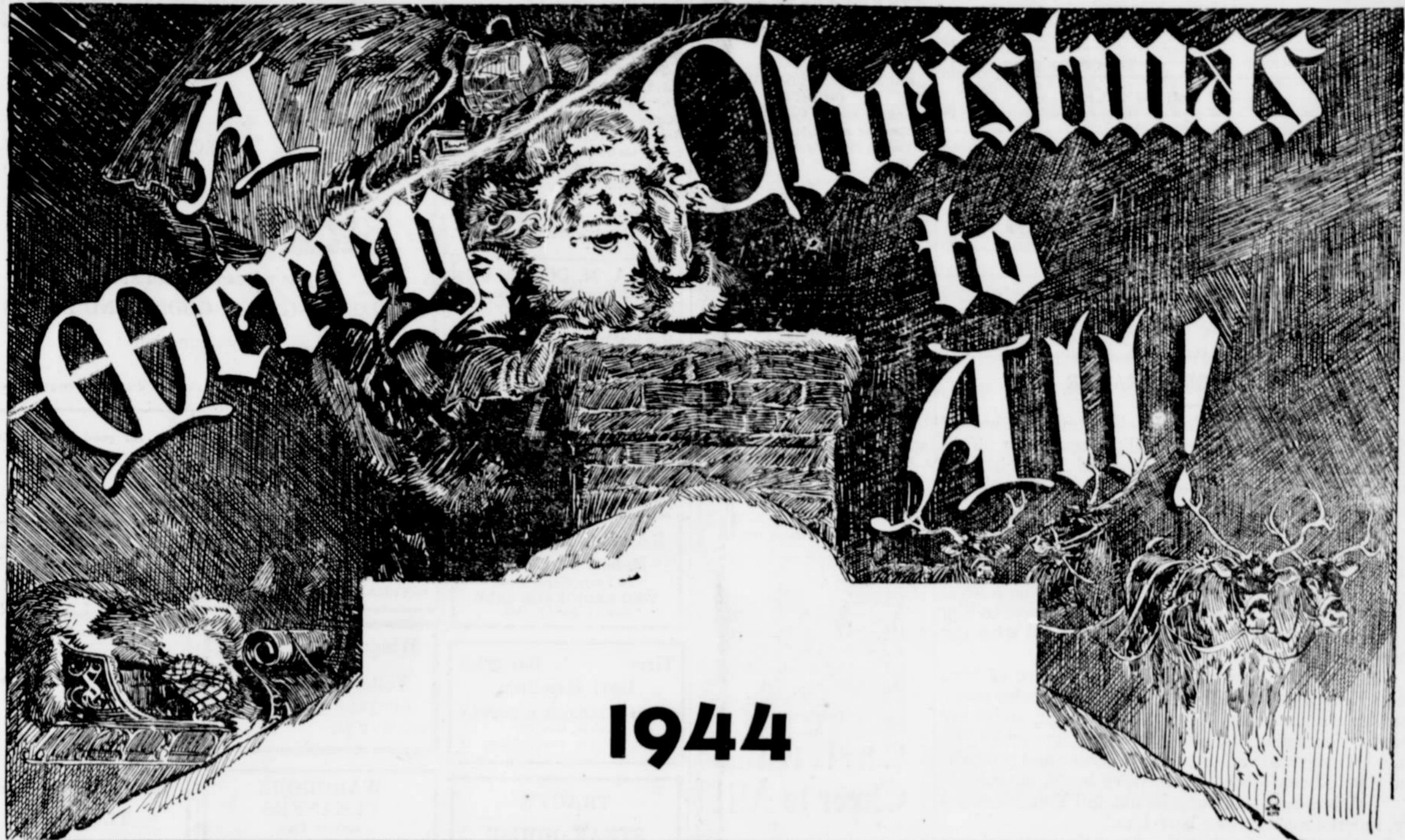
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Washington Weekly Letter

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — Most everyone thought at mid-week this Congress would adjourn not later than tonight. Then the Senate began kicking the State Department appointments around.

The House has worked rapidly and smoothly this week. Everything previously scheduled has been acted upon. More than a week ago, the Rules Committee, which determines what measures shall come to the Floor for debate, (and when), ended its business for the session. Rules Committee Chairman Sabath announced that the committee would not meet again. This action shut off any possibility of getting the O. & C. bill onto the Floor. As the result of having no new business coming up, it was easy for the House to clear up pending and previously scheduled legislation.

The journey of a piece of legislation through the House to final passage is usually a long and complicated one. Any Member may introduce a bill. The bill is immediately referred to a committee. The choice of the committee is determined by the subject dealt

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COMING EVENTS

Community Church Missionary group, third Thursday of each month.

Illinois Valley Garden club meets the fourth Friday of each month.

Eastern Star Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month.

Ladies' Auxiliary meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.

O'Brien Women's club meet on first Friday of each month.

Kerby P.-T. A meets the last Thursday of each month, in Kerby grade school.

Marguerite Rebekah Lodge No. 111 meets the second Wednesday of each month at I. O. O. F. hall, Kerby.

I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 55 meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, I. O. O. F. hall, Kerby.

Two Granges Install Officers

Last Saturday night at Deer Creek, the Deer Creek Grange and Illinois Valley Grange installed their new officers for 1945 with a colorful program that brought admiration from the large attendance.

Mildred Norman acted as installing officer; Clara Hammer, installing marshal; Freeling Sawyer, installing master; Margaret Carlisle, installing chaplain.

After the installation Harold Bowerman showed two reels of very interesting pictures and the Grange put on an entertaining program.

The following are officers of the Deer Creek Grange:

Wilber Stire—Master.
C. T. Norman—Overseer.
Mary Buckle—Steward.
Leslie Weiss—Assistant Steward.

Emma Tuttle—Chaplain.
Clarence Radcliff—Secretary.
Robert Howsley—Treasurer.
Jennie Kelley—Ceres.
Minerva Anderson—Pomona.
Vina Plumlee—Flora.
Lorena Weiss—Lady Assistant Steward.

Ben Carlisle—Gate Keeper.
Bob Northrup, Wm. Kelley, Bob Anderson are the executive committee.

ILLINOIS VALLEY

The following officers were installed for the Illinois Valley Grange:

Clarence Sawyer—Master.
Art Kellert—Overseer.
Lena Payne—Lecturer.
Frank Mellow—Steward.
Jim Payne—Assistant Steward.
Freeling Sawyer—Chaplain.
May Sawyer—Treasurer.
Isobel Mellow—Secretary.
Chris Wendt—Gate Keeper.
Evelyn Hays—Ceres.
Emily Kellert—Pomona.
Irene George—Flora.
Sophie Bunch—Lady Assistant Steward.

John Dow, Ruth Wendt, George Wells are the executive committee.

Mrs. Winston Tuttle was shopping in Grants Pass the first of the week.

O'Brien Club Hold Christmas Party

The O'Brien Women's club held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. Earl Boyd last Friday afternoon and following a short business session the committee presented a very entertaining program:

Group singing of Jingle Bells.
Mrs. Nellie Wilber read "I Shall Write a Poem Today".

Song—Silent Night.
Reading—Mrs. Anna Stiwalt.
Song—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing".

"The Christmas Box" and another short poem—Mrs. Lela Cook.

After an amusing game which all took part in, sleigh bells were heard and a surprised group saw the coming of Santa Claus. He was kept busy scrambling around under the beautifully decorated Christmas tree and found lovely wrapped gifts for all.

Refreshments were served at daintily set tables, each individual dessert was centered with a small lighted red candle, carrying out the holiday theme. Each lady was presented with a cedar corsage tied with red ribbon.

The next meeting will be held Friday, January 5, at the home of Mrs. Harvey Morris.

BIG PICTURE BRINGS MANY STARS SATURDAY, SUNDAY

Next Saturday and Sunday nights at the Cave City theater, one of the top musical comedies of the season will be shown, "Two Girls and a Sailor," is hailed as a musical comedy with few equals and no superiors. Chock full of pretty girls and choruses and a half dozen different orchestras and stars that would make the heavens glitter are in the show.

Any kind of music you like—you are sure to get your kind in "Two Girls and a Sailor." Twenty new tuneful hits are mentioned in the preview and the orchestras that play them are the nation's fine bands.

Then for the comedy part, the two girls and their experiences with this particular sailor would make a good novel. Make up your mind to set a date with "Two Girls and a Sailor" either Saturday or Sunday nights.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY BRINGS ROY ROGERS

This show should pack the theater.

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Officers Elected For New Year

The regular meeting of Western Star Chapter, O. E. S., was held last Tuesday evening in the Masonic hall at Kerby and officers for the ensuing year were elected and will be installed on St. John Day Wednesday afternoon following the annual dinner.

Worthy Matron, Frieda Messenger; Worthy Patron, A. C. Barnes; Associate Matron, Helen Ulrich; Associate Patron, George Wells; Conductress, Mabel Darger; Associate Conductress, Naomi Seat; Secretary, Rachel Thrasher; Treasurer, O. C. Larsen, with appointive officers, Adah, Clara Hammer; Ruth, Lucille Floyd; Esther, Grayce Hudson; Martha, Emily Kellert; Electa, Elva Messenger; Warder, Myrtle Larsen; Sentinel, Frank Floyd; Chaplain, Effie Smith and Organist, Cora Barnes.

A Christmas tree with its tinsel and colored lights stood in one corner of the hall. At the foot a huge box brightly covered with holiday paper and full to overflowing with beautifully wrapped packages containing toys, of all shapes and sizes, was to be sent to the Shriners hospital for crippled children in Portland. This was done instead of the usual gift exchange among members. Herb Watts as Santa (in civilian clothes) distributed bags of fruits and candy to everyone present.

At a late hour all were summoned to the dining room where the committee in charge, Mrs. Harry R. Floyd and Mrs. John Ulrich served dainty refreshments. The long table was centered with branches of cedar with its creamy berries, interspersed with colored lights, adding much to the enjoyment of the social hour and good eats.

Gordon Morris, son of Mrs. C. G. Morris, came home on a short leave to spend the holiday with his mother and other relatives in the valley. In our rush getting out the News we didn't get details as to where he is stationed but hope to get more information before his departure. Sorry Gordon.

—BUY WAR BONDS—

NEWS FROM OUR BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE SERVICE

November 25, 1944

Dear Mother and All: Suppose you will be surprised to hear from me again so soon after working all night Thanksgiving eve. I stayed up till chow time at 11 o'clock. We had an extra ordinary good meal, turkey, dressing, cranberries, pie and all the trimmings. It was a swell dinner, no kidding. Then to top everything off I came up to the barracks to go to bed, and found your package, and a letter from you waiting for me.

I had a nice trip to South Wales about a week ago. I went there with a friend who knew some people there. They sure did treat us nice. We slept in a big feather bed. The next morning we stayed in bed pretty late, and before we got up the lady of the house served us breakfast in bed. Pretty soft, eh? We stopped in London on our way back, and saw a few more historical places such as Buckingham palace, London bridge, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, and Scotland yard. I checked my old pocket watch with Big Ben and Big Ben was only a few minutes off? "Not bad for a limey clock at that." Anyway both of us are invited back again for Xmas. We saw our armament officer about getting a two day pass on Xmas and it's all arranged so far, unless something else turns up to stop it.

I received a nice box of chocolates from Mrs. Naue and a real nice package of assorted things from the Kretsingers, including this stationery. Nice of them. Thanks a lot Mom for the package you sent. It came over in fine shape. Boy! I won't have to buy any more razor blades for the duration. I don't shave any more than I have to anyway, but now I don't have any excuse for not shaving.

I'm sending you one of my old Army Exchange Service cards, to see what it's like. I got another package today from someone I've never seen. It's from a girl in Ohio who I have written to several times. I never expected a package from her. I sure would like to be home for Xmas dinner with you. I suppose you will have a big feed as usual. As long as I can't, I might as well make the best of things. Hope this finds you all

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Garden Club Xmas Party Festive

Bringing a cheerful home atmosphere and Christmas tradition was the annual Christmas party and Charity Tea held last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry R. Floyd at Holland when about 30 members and guests of the Illinois Valley Garden club enjoyed this very special event. Guests were seated comfortably around the cheerful rooms made festive with colored balls, holiday greenery decked about the walls, midst tall tapers, angels and choir boys, adding a final touch of gaiety to the major part of the afternoon.

After the short business session an interesting program, using the holiday theme followed:

Two solos, "Holy Night" and a selected number—Mrs. Gordon Leonard, Mrs. John Ulrich, accompanist.

"The Fourth Wise Man"—Mrs. Chris Wendt.

"The First Christmas Tree"—Mrs. B. L. Miller.

Mrs. Harry O. Smith read an excerpt from Richardson Wright's address, "Tomorrow's Garden Club," given before a meeting of the National Council Board in New York recently, whose closing remark was, "Today American gardening faces its most fruitful opportunity. You, as leaders in it, must decide whether to grasp that opportunity with both hands or only one. You have a chance to take part in making the United States a nation of men and women who love and practice gardening, who find in it both the strengthened fiber of health and the intangible tissue of dreams, who draw from it sustenance both for the body and for the spirit."

Christmas carols were sung by the group.

Concluding the program the hostess, Mrs. Floyd, announced a surprise which was very much anticipated, the arrival of Santa in the person of Mrs. Frank Mellow, as the grand old man with white whiskers and red suit. However, before distributing gifts members were put to a test by old St. Nick calling flowers by their common names, and they in turn responded.

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