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**Program Given By Kent-Grass Valley**

The Legion and Auxiliary Carnival held at Grass Valley Saturday night, December 13 was a decided success. The program consisted of band selections from the Grass Valley and Kent school bands under the leadership of Mr. Kane and Mr. Simpson, respectively; a comedy with parts skillfully played by Helene Lemley, George Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkinson and Clara Kock and coached by Mrs. Potter; a skit by Rita von Borstel and Miss Swanson; a tap dance by Phyllis Oestreich and Eileen Lemley was well received by a large audience who also apparently enjoyed the games of chance, raffles and lunch. The receipts of the evening were \$206.70.

School will be dismissed today at noon in order to give teachers a chance to get to their homes in plenty of time for Christmas.

Mearle Marion Miller and her grandmother, Mrs. Gladys Buxton returned by stage from Portland Wednesday evening to remain over the holidays.

Mrs. Lester Conlee left for Tacoma, Washington to visit her brothers there.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thompson have both been ill this week, Claude with the flu and Mrs. Thompson with lumbago.

Ed Ross will not take over the management of the Bucholtz confectionery at the beginning of the year but will continue to travel in the Bucholtz & Galley truck for a few months longer.

Randall Martin is working for Mel Schadewitz in the Moro Garage and his family is living in the house vacated by W. C. Schilling.

Dr. Poley was listed as a patient at The Dalles hospital Wednesday.

Eldon Wyman, an ensign in the navy, who was killed in Hawaii was an old school mate of W. H. Close in Portland.

**Kelly's Column**

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derground garages in government buildings: the third an underground hole where gas tests were made in 1917, and there is a population of one million.

Office of civilian defense, where Fiorella La Guardia is director and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is first assistant, has been a part time job, with volunteers. Neither LaGuardia nor Mrs. Roosevelt remain at headquarters—they have other engagements—LaGuardia has to run the affairs of the City of New York. Their numerous aides, also part times, are society women and debutants whose principal problem has been trying to decide what kind of a uniform they should wear. There are many social workers in the ranks. The Parent-Teachers association decided that school children should have identification tags in case they were bombed. Despite the warning of army officers that the safest place in an air raid is indoors, the schools have been practicing fire drills to send the children into the streets when and if an air raid warning is given. Among government workers are thousands who are hysterical and in a constant state of jitters. On "the hill" war is the only talk indulged in by legislators and members from the Pacific coast are receiving mailbags full of letters asking unanswerable questions. Government workers no longer have a snap; they must work long hours and bureau chiefs are making their help work overtime and on Sundays, too.

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**In Other Days**

From the Observer, Dec. 22, 1922

John and Seral Searcy returned home from Corvallis for the holidays expecting to continue their studies after the first of the year.

W. P. Luttrell and wife are visiting T. W. Alley. Luttrell reports that the Grass Valley people are tired of being isolated and had borrowed Arch Russell's Yuba tractor and broke the road to the top of Nigger ridge.

Walt Williams came back from Portland with a new 1923 Ford car which is much improved having sloping windshield and one man top.

The highway location crew has just finished its job of locating the Sherman highway from Shaniko to Craterian. Traveling in a truck, they were 23 hours getting from Shaniko to Kent and 13 hours from Kent to Moro. One of the men had his feet frozen.

From the Observer Dec. 20, 1912

H. M. Shull, L. L. Peetz and Eugene Cushman were in The Dalles last week outfitting with new machinery for next year.

The Christmas tree program will have recitations from Collis Moore, Katie Peetz, Leota Calbreath, Telva Martin, Raymond Henrichs and Abbie Mortensen. Greta Freeman and Jessie Hoskinson will sing a duet.

Dr. O. J. Goffin tendered his resignation as mayor of Moro. Now let's elect a woman and recognize the new voters.

The high school basketball team, composed of Robert Elcock, Harry Pinkerton, Roy Kunsman, Ben Tomlin, George Meloy, Ben Hockman and Elmer Barzee will play teams at Heppner, Condon and Ione.

From the Observer Dec. 19, 1902

C. D. O'Leary and bride, formerly Betty Sigman, arrived overland from The Dalles Sunday.

J. C. McEachern and Miss Biggerstaff returned Saturday from a cross country trip into Crook county. It took them two days from Mitchell to Antelope.

The hospitable home of our friends Ruggles down on the John Day is becoming more accessible by a road down the steep mountain side.

Born to the wife of Richard Morgan Monday night a daughter. Dave Biggerstaff and Ben Peetz will build that railroad extension from Antelope to Mitchell.

**THE WAR**

Since the attack of the Japanese on Hawaii the papers have devoted less space to the fighting in Europe and Africa. Our greatest interest, naturally, is with our own fighting men in the far east. Yet, the war will very likely depend on what is being done in Russia, for the defeat of Germany, the real strength of the Axis, is of much more importance than the defeat of the two weaker countries, Japan and Italy.

The reports of Russian successes have gone on now for ten days or more and, in the absence of Berlin denials, must be accepted as being partly true at least.

The radio gives an intimation that panic is striking the retreating German army which is unaccustomed to losing. There are stories of the outbreak of typhus in southeastern Europe and this may well spread to the armies if they try to live through the winter in cramped underground quarters. Typhus has ended wars before now.

Consider the difficulties of engaging in war in temperatures as low as 60 degrees below zero, in snow so deep that tanks cannot maneuver. Men with minor wounds die from exposure in a few minutes or have arms and legs frozen.

Retreating armies suffer the most; their first aid men cannot reach the wounded. They are forced into the open and away from whatever dugouts they may have constructed. They lose equipment and supplies of food and clothing. The German retreat may well be a disaster similar to that suffered by Napoleon's army.

When and if the German army becomes so weakened that it cannot recover enough to make a successful stand against its foes the people of Europe will rise against the oppressor and the entire continent will be bloody ground, probably to the shame of mankind.

In the east our armies and navy are holding off the Japs with fair success. Landing parties are making little headway, if any, to judge from the reports which are undoubtedly made as optimistic as possible.

The British are slowly retreating toward Singapore and Hong Kong is undergoing a siege that may be successful. We have been unable to meet the Japanese fleet and until the sea is cleared will have difficulty in taking replacements to our forces.

Even if one believe but half the news, and that is probably a good percentage, there seems little likelihood that the Allies will lose this war. With three quarters to four fifths of the resources of the world on our side defeat is hardly possible unless leadership commits some very bad blunders.

**LEWIS WINS**

A few weeks ago the United States were prematurely happy over the fact that apparently the president had licked John L. Lewis and stopped the strike of the coal miners. The president said that the government would never sanction a closed shop and received the plaudits of the multitude.

Then a few days later the mediation board met. It had been named by the president to settle the matter of the closed shop. One man was from the steel makers, one from the government board—temporarily a civilian—and the other was Lewis.

On the day the Japs attacked Hawaii this board brought in its report. It was for the closed shop in the coal mines. Lewis got what he wanted although he had to wait a week or so while the president took a bow for preventing the closed shop.

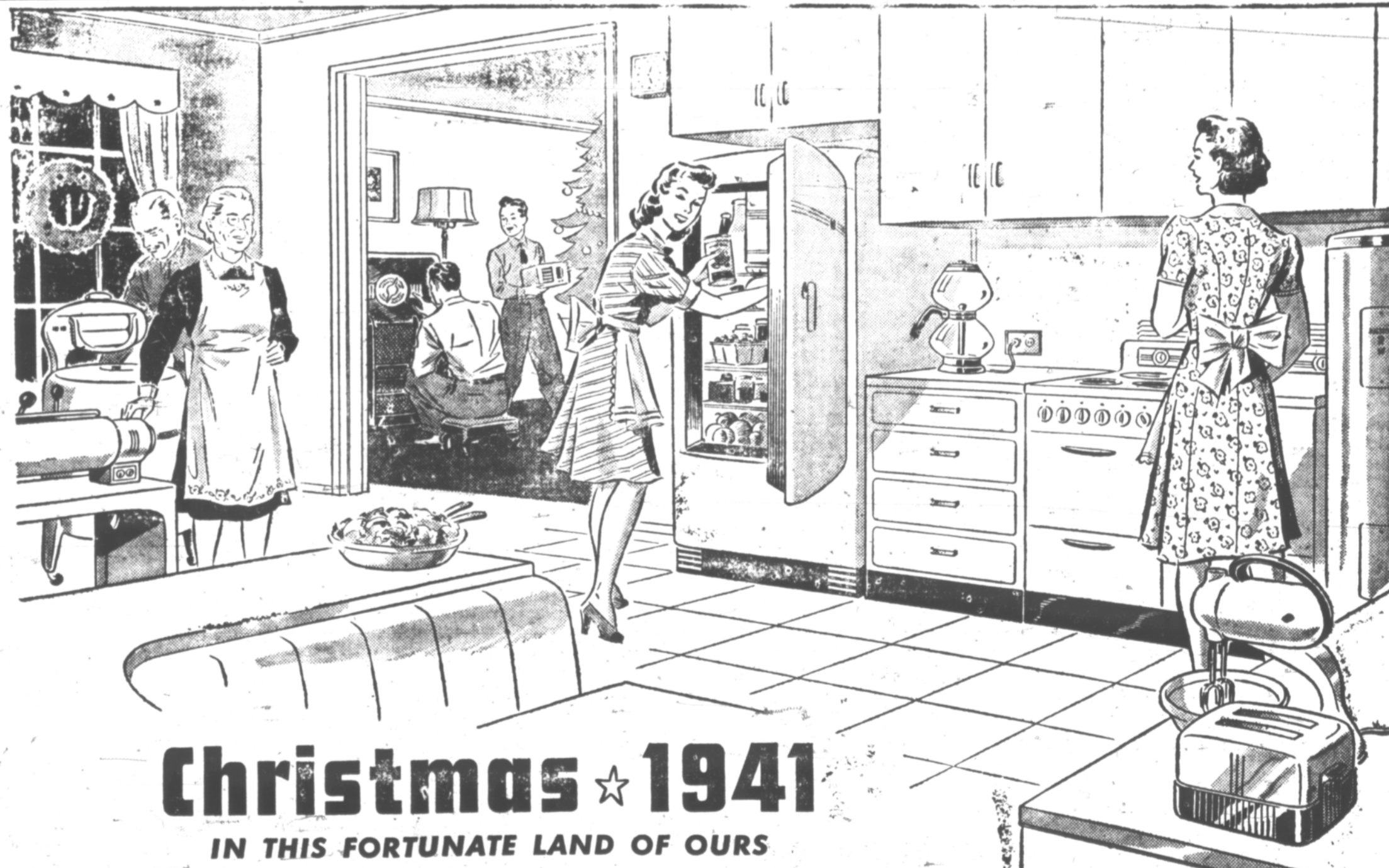
Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men. Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself. These are some of the words that bear the Christmas spirit. But perhaps out of its teasing the Christian spirit will come stronger than before.



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