

THE BIG JOB

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WE WILL DO IT

The year 1942 saw this part of the sun-soaked Nevada desert transformed by men and machines into a great industrial plant--saw part of that great plant turning out magnesium as a critical metal in a life-or-death war. The past twelve months saw Uncle Sam staggered by the blow at Pearl Harbor, saw him rally and move gloriously to the attack. On all the continents and many of the islands of the world our boys are meeting and beating the enemy. They are counting on us to give them what they need. The year 1943 will challenge every American--on the battlefield and on the home front. We shall be called upon to sacrifice as we have never sacrificed before. To us at BMI one major task is assigned--to make magnesium--fast and in quantity. We must not--we cannot--we will not fail.

PICKED UP ON THE RUN

An honest-to-Gosh Hill-Billy Band is in the making. Warren Hughes, BMI Maintenance is the moving spirit. Practice is on Wednesday nights at the school. Bring that instrument and join in.....Joe Lamkin, former Navy CPO doesn't like the idea of the WAVES wearing long undies..Joe says they ought to go down to the sea in slips....On Monday, Jan. 4 men and women who want to form and play in an orchestra are asked to meet at the school at 7:30. Ben Mende is getting the group together and says a number of talented musicians have said they'd be there....Charlie Geiger, silver guard, plays the guitar and harmonica at one and the same time. The other night he staged a music and singfest at Andersons' with several hundred of the boys warbling the old timers..Clint Brush and Bob Bindrim played too..Clint with spoons on a can and Bob on a mean guitar....Our Town Players, a group of bangup actors are putting on a radio play every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. over KENO. They're good. The gang is planning a revue in the Townsite right soon. Mike Forbes of McNeil's is director.

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A CHRISTMAS FIRE STORY

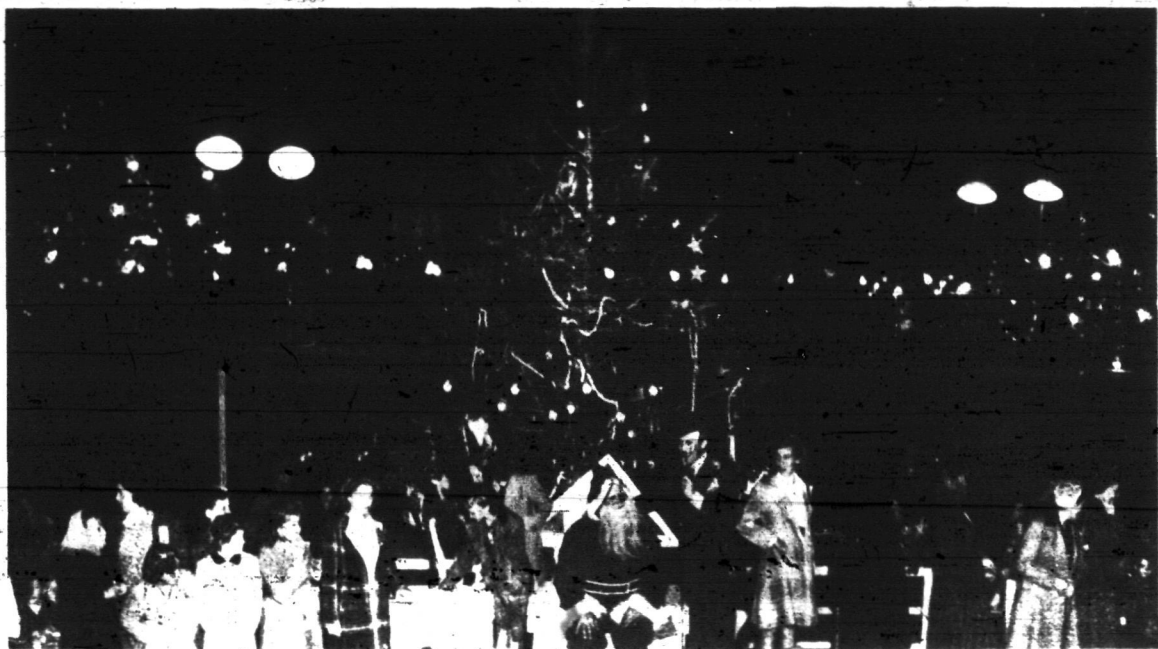
When fire burned the Jerry Struthers' home at 154 Magnesium on Christmas Eve it looked like Tommy, age 5, was not going to have any Christmas. But not on this project--no sir! The word spread. Folks started bringing presents to the house where the Struthers were staying the night. McNeil and Basic people dug into their pockets and into their own gifts and saw that the Struthers had a real Christmas, fire or no fire. The children of the neighborhood divided their toys with Tommy.

WHAT'S COOKIN'

All Programs at School Auditorium
THURSDAY, Dec. 31--No movies New Year's Eve.
SATURDAY, Jan. 2--Movies at 2 p.m.
MONDAY, Jan. 4--Cards, Arts and Crafts at 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, Jan. 5--Square dance instruction at 7 p.m. Square dancing, 8 to 12 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6--Badminton 7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, Jan. 7--Movies 7 and 9 p.m.

ALL EMPLOYEES in BASIC MAINTENANCE AND PRODUCTION are urged to attend a meeting in the dining room at Andersons, Monday evening, Jan. 4 at 8 o'clock.

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At Trailer Camp and Townsite "just before Christmas," Santa Claus officiated for the first time in history in this section of Nevada. The picture shows the old fellow at the Trailer Camp where he arrived in a sleigh and doled out hundreds of stockings filled with candy, nuts and fruit to the boys and girls. The Trailer Camp Christmas was sponsored by the USO under the direction of Mrs. Merle Miller and Manager Snyder. The next night at the School Auditorium one of the most unique and inspiring sponsorships—in keeping with the real spirit of Christmas, found members of all churches cooperating. Here, too, Santa gave out goodies. Some thought Santa looked a lot like Roland Seibert, Basic Personnel. While

the Townsite observed its first Christmas in the good, old-fashioned way, BMI did not forget that the United States is at war. As Santa officiated at the Auditorium the boys down in the plant put Metals Unit No. 4 into production. At the Trailer Camp five awards for the best decorated trailers were awarded. First prize winners in the various divisions were Mrs. Leroy Lighthizer, Mrs. Thomas Spair, Miss Patricia Diel, Mrs. S. M. Smith and Mrs. Herbert Berman.

Christmas Day residents of the Townsite entertained 54 soldiers from McCarran Field at dinner. Prior to meeting their hosts the boys were taken on a three hour trip over the project.

PHONE GIRL'S SON IN SOLOMONS



Mrs. Ruth Anderson (left) is one of the ever-pleasant phone girls on the Basic exchange. She has a great big reason for wanting to speed the calls and help win the war. The reason is named Terry—her son. Terry joined the Marines a year ago. Imagine Mrs. Anderson's surprise when she saw his picture among a group of Leathernecks taken at Tulagi and Guadalcanal—saw it in a national magazine of recent date. The Anderson's are regular Americans. Daughter Betty Ruth is training at Salt Lake to become a nurse.



SANTA ENTERS BMI TRAILER

Santa enters a trailer. Don't believe it? Look at the shot (right). Mrs. Roy Lighthizer lives in that trailer. Roy's with McNeill Masonry. She rigged up the Santa and won a first award in the Trailer decorative contest. She deserved it, didn't she?

