

**CHRISTMAS PARTY DECIDED SUCCESS
CROWD OF 2500 AT FIRST ALL-VALLEY CELEBRATION AT
MILLWOOD
SANTA CLAUS MAKES BIG HIT
DISTRIBUTES HUNDREDS OF FAVORS - COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS
SUPPLIES FADE AWAY BEFORE
HAPPY THROG**

No less than 2500 valley residents attended the first all-Valley Christmas party at Millwood Christmas eve. The party was pronounced an unqualified success in every way. The coffee and doughnuts proved popular with the crowd and the truck loaded with 400 dozen "sinkers" was soon relieved of its burden. An efficient corps of coffee makers presided at the huge urns and dispensed some 400 gallons of the coffee advertised as "good to the last drop."

A near riot broke out when Santa Claus in the person of Leo Stahls appeared with a big truck loaded with bags of candy and peanuts. Age fell away like a mantle from stooped shoulders and everyone on the ground qualified under the age limit set. Only a few of the 2800 bags of candy remained when add [all] had been through the line that crowded past the truck which held the supplies.

Under the leadership of Cyril Mee, song leader par excellence, the welkin rang with appropriate Christmas songs. School children who had practiced the songs lead their elders in the singing. The paper company's band provided ideal accompaniment for the outdoor singing. By the time the singers had reached the last song, "Silent Night, Holy Night," nearly every voice in the crowd massed about the bandstand was lifted. The hush of twilight with twinkling stars appearing in the darkening sky gave a perfect setting to the hymn "Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright."

When darkness fell on the party during the carol singing the great bonfire built under the direction of Walter Linke was lighted to lend warmth to the occasion and illuminate the grounds. The bright star which topped the tree and its lesser colored lights were dimmed by the glare of the flaming pile. Boy Scouts kept the circle of spectators at a respectful distance from the flames. Other Scouts were busy distributing the Christmas cheer baskets.

The committee in charge of the party will meet soon to consider recommending the community tree as an annual event. "We feel that the affair was a success," said George Brown, chairman. "We appreciate the support the entire Valley has given."

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