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OLD YEAR USHERS IN NEW

The Yule exercises from every angle, with dancing, programs, etc., was a success. Every event that was produced seemed to have carried out itself with a grace and style from the starting step. The Christmas spirit may have vanished but it has left the marrowed essence of the meaning which, we hope, never leaves our souls. The hard hearts it has thawed; let us hope they remain in that state and not to keep a cynical one to hang by the fireplace once each year like a child hangs up his stockings for Santa Claus.

The new year was ushered in with much pomp and gaiety but is now just another year, nevertheless it has made history in our alma mater. We hope it is a prosperous one; not only to our little community but to everyone who has a heart of gold; that they may help others with just self-centeredness to wake up from this conscienceless sleep and lend a hand without cynicism to this new year that it maybe a new deal to each and everyone of you.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Starting the Christmas events the junior group II gave a short play entitled "The Spirit of Yuletide." A fine bit of acting was displayed by all taking part. Each character was dressed to represent the different countries that celebrate the season of Noel and how they take part when they are home. Concluding the program a Christmas tree was formed on the stage by the classes B-3 and G-3 who sang many varied Christmas songs in their own quaint and inimitable way.

A most impressive sight ushering in the Yule season was the Christmas pageant which is staged annually by our music teacher, Mrs. Ruthyn Turney and the choir. It was put on with feeling and sincere desire to picture to the audience the true meaning of the Yule season. It tempered the spirit of those who saw it. Who could have sour thoughts when the air pulsed with "Silent Night, Holy Night; All is calm, All is Bright," which was enphoniously sung by our choir? "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast;" and everyone realizes that there is something about music which does everything a little bit different than it would otherwise have been. The pageant also pictured the shepherds in the fields, the finding of the babe in the manger and the three kings. No Christmas would be complete without a repetition of this feature. Thanks to Mrs. Turney and her cast.

On Christmas Eve the choir tip-toed through our little village to spread the tidings of good joy in harmony to everyone. Following this the buildings displayed the best talent possible for a program before the distribution of presents. Many guests attended the McNary program including Supt. Ryan and his wife. Many also attended mid-night mass at the Catholic church the same evening.

At noon Christmas day the students enjoyed dinner while the Campus Troubadors furnished music to keep time for those who have that unusual capacity from bell to bell. During the afternoon McNary hall was open to the local public for those who cared to inspect it. A number of employees as well as the girls from Winona visited the building, and envied its beautifully decorated rooms. The girls wanted to know what they used to keep their rooms so clean. The building was beautifully decorated. The evidence of Christmas was in practically every room. George Vanderburg and David James walked away with first prize for the best decorated room. Duane Duffy and William Settler ran them a very close second.

On Friday evening of December 28th the varsity basketball team had their first real test of the season when they were closely defeated by Oregon City. The score was a heart breaker, 23 to 25. The "B" team lost a fast game but were handicaped by their midgetness and lost by the score of 23 to 39.

On Saturday December 29th, the students enjoyed a picture entitled "The Cats Paw," a hilarious comedy featuring that well known comedian, Harold Lloyd.

The next day being the Sabbath both Churches observed the holy day with the last religious services for the year. A brief chapel was held that evening with the orchestra rendering a number and the assembly singing Christmas carols.

A most important event on the student's list was the New Year's Eve dance. An outside orchestra furnished music for the occasion and the dance lasted until 1935.

New Year's day the championship matches for intermural sports was held. The machinists ground the carpenters for the overwhelming score of 25 to 40. The sports included potato racing, horse and rider, wheelbarrow race, boxing and wrestling, rope climbing and basketball.

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