

Christmas Affairs Are Numerous

(From the Bulldog)
Along with all the fun and festivity of the holiday season came numerous and interesting school affairs varying from gala to awe-inspiring, depending upon the occasion.

The grade school glee clubs, under the direction of Mrs. Greaves, and the grade school orchestra, under the direction of G. C. Humphreys, presented a musical program last Friday afternoon for both the high and junior high school students.

The band and chorus groups, under the direction of G. C. Humphreys, presented their annual Christmas program in the gym Friday night, December 18.

The past week end brought forth the junior class en masse to decorate for the traditional Christmas formal which was held last night.

Today the primary grades gave a program and tomorrow, for the final assembly of the year, Mr. Humphreys will again present the band and chorus in selections taken from the "Christmas Pantomimes."

To add to the Yuletide spirit, a huge tree decorated with gayly colored lights and icicles has graced the upper hall since last Thursday.

Yuletide Formal Is Gala Affair

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Students, alumni and friends of Hermiston high school gathered around a huge, brilliantly-lighted tree in the high school gym Monday night to celebrate with music and dancing the second war-time Christmas in the memory of the high school.

The Yuletide spirit was everywhere. Long paper streamers floated down from the high ceiling to meet the tops of the Christmas trees that dotted the floor, adding to the atmosphere that was on the lips of everyone.

A colorful castle scene, borrowed from the Christmas program a few



Maestro!
Pictured above is G. C. Humphreys, the 'talented maestro' of H. H. S. He displayed not only his musical genius last Friday night but also his artistic abilities in pantomime scenes for the chorus groups. His program was well chosen and very well rendered. Both he and the musical groups deserve much praise for one of the most effective programs ever to be presented in Hermiston high school.

days earlier and rendered by the artistic hand of Mr. Humphreys, was on the stage. The medieval influence was not out of keeping with the old-fashioned way in which most everyone is celebrating Christmas this year: not extravagantly, but with even more of the traditional reverence and grace of the occasion.

Music for the evening was furnished by the high school swing band. The dance was under the direction of the juniors and Miss Lavina May Lynch, the class adviser.

Mrs. Burrell, the other junior class adviser, headed the refreshment committee and the home ec girls, under her supervision, made cookies and punch for the occasion.

The SPIRIT of SANTA CLAUS



THERE will be many shadows clouding our Christmas Day this year; but—Christmas is important! It comes at the close of the old year binding up the wounds of bitterness, making fast the moorings of friendship, renewing the promise of peace and good will, invoking the magic of memories.

Christmas is the children's feast: has the Master not said that what we do unto the least of His little ones we do also unto Him? It is twenty centuries since there was no room for Him in the inn and many children have neither a bed nor place of safety these nights. For these, we give our efforts, our bundles, and our prayers.

In America, the children must not lose their faith in Santa Claus. The best explanation regarding Santa Claus and the Christmas Spirit I have ever been offered or able to figure out for myself, is the one that was given to me by my mother on that fateful day when I accidentally caught a delivery boy entering the house bearing an ill-concealed rocking horse.

Santa Claus typifies the Christmas Spirit: the mothers and fathers, those be-whiskered gentlemen in the stores (who puzzle lots of boys and girls by being so numerous), the delivery boys, and all of us who support and participate in the campaign of spreading cheer, we are the life blood and sustaining power of the Christmas Spirit.

The children of today must have their toys this Christmas; and we must be extra-careful that no child has occasion to lose his faith in Santa Claus. There are plenty of sleds and drums, dolls and painted carts and Christmas trees to go around; but it is up to Santa's helpers to see that every child in the land is remembered.

And we grown-ups must have our Christmas, too. For when we outgrew our toys we set this day aside to reunite our families and strengthen the bonds of friendship.

*"Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight."*

Teachers Make Vacation Plans

(From The Bulldog)
It seems as though gas rationing is keeping quite a few of the faculty in Hermiston for the holidays. However, wherever they will be during vacation we take this opportunity to wish each of them "A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Mr. Kersbergen doesn't know as yet what he is going to do but will probably stay in Hermiston.

Miss Hale is planning on a trip to Spokane where she will visit friends.

Miss Luehrs is going to her home in Ontario for the holidays and states that she will probably spend part of the time in Portland.

Miss Lynch doesn't know what she is going to do and says it depends on people and things. Perhaps a few days in Portland and Walla Walla.

If she can get bus reservations Miss Hall will spend her vacation at her home in Eugene.

Miss Thomas plans to spend the Christmas holidays with her family in Portland.

Mrs. Burrell states that she and her family shall stay at home and enjoy the beauties of Hermiston.

Mr. Weber wants to know what you can do on four gallons of gas a week so evidently he will stay at home during Christmas vacation because of gas rationing—as will Mrs. Bracher, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Humphreys. Mr. Humphreys will write music during his spare time.

Mrs. Burrell Gives Cafeteria Statistics

Mrs. L. S. Burrell, home ec teacher and cafeteria supervisor, gave out some interesting facts concerning the school cafeteria the other day. She stated that for a lunch consisting of hot dog sandwiches, potato salad and

fruit jello it took 16 pounds of wieners, 14 dozen buns, three gallons of potato salad and five gallons of jello. Spanish rice requires 12 pounds of rice, 12 cans of tomatoes and four pounds of meat. Four gallons of orange tapioca pudding are required for a day's serving. Seven gallons of beef stew, three to four gallons of apple salad and 14 cakes are necessary for one day's lunch to feed the hungry mouths.

Chili con carne for a noon's supply is made of 15 pounds beans, 10 cans tomatoes and four pounds meat.

Three gallons of vegetable salad are required for a serving, as are 16 pies.

Six or eight girls work during the home ec periods and 12 girls during the noon hour in order to finish up all the tasks, and to leave the room in order.

Merry Christmas

Gentle Mary laid her Child
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled,
To the world a Stranger.
Such a Babe in such a place,
Can He be the Saviour?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found His favor.
—Joseph S. Cook.

Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Ballinger
and David
The Methodist Church
HERMISTON-ECHO, OREGON

MERRY Happy New Year

Although like all other American communities, Hermiston has felt in full measure the impact of a year that for the most part has been filled with the trials, sorrows and difficulties that go with war. Yet even such somber days cannot wholly detract from the joy that the Christmas season and the New Year traditionally echo. For in this new year that soon will begin, we again have that HOPE and PROMISE of the ages.

CHRISTMAS

Join the **Victory Service League**

Make this New Year's pledge:-- "Help save the wheels of America."

This worthy war effort warrants the support of every loyal citizen. You are cordially invited by the Hermiston Auto Co. to join the crusade to actively lead the way in conserving America's Automobile Transportation System which is so vital today. Are you willing to cooperate? There is absolutely no cost involved. Co to the Hermiston Auto Co. and receive a FREE Victory Service League Auto Handbook and other official insignia. This is one way you, too, can help in the war effort. Sign the Victory Pledge today!

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HOPE that our world will in the coming year be made a better place in which men may live and PROMISE that with free men aligned on the side of right—such HOPE cannot help but be fulfilled.

Blood has been spilled by our sons to weight emphasis on such HOPE and PROMISE. To those American boys who have perished in the wilds of Bataan, in the depths of the seven seas, and on the reefs of the Pacific's coral islands, must we dedicate ourselves in the coming year.

We must pledge ourselves to the cause that the loss of these heroes will surely result in humanitarian gain for the more fortunate world which now benefits from their acts. The year 1943 must be a constant, living fulfillment of such a pledge.

For this is why these men of ours are sacrificing their lives.

Chas. Hodge.