

Fete A Grand Success

Everyone was on time waiting for the three thirty train which arrived at eight o'clock. A larger and more eager crowd never awaited the arrival of a troupe train.

After the presentation of "All Aboard," in which several characters demonstrated their "rare dramatic ability," the minstrel arrived. (It is rumored that they broke down at Solsberg and came in on a freight.) But let that be as it may, they were in the best of spirits and gave a novel entertainment.

Leaving the assembly, everyone flocked to the ticket stand in the gym. I'll wager the old gym never had such a good time! It was all dressed up in artistic booths and gardens, and after about ten minutes the floor was covered with confetti.

Oh, yes! Santa and Mrs. were there and they gave each youngster an all night sucker.

After the Fous of the Fete were "beautified," they got their fortune told and then fed the greedy duck. The "Rocky Road to Dublin," which terminated in the "Chamber of Horrors" was then traveled. Two or three of the freshmen lost their way and were rescued by the manager of the show.

After this thrilling trip, one began to feel the need of sustenance. And such lunches as that Roof Garden did have! Ask some who were there as witness if those lunches didn't "tease the taste."

The Girls association of C. H. S. wish to thank the class sponsors and teachers who aided in making their Fete a success. Much praise is due those individual girls who took such a splendid active part in staging the event.

—Reporter.

Commercial Department Notes

The Shorthand club is planning to have a Christmas party, Thursday December 16 at the home of Elizabeth Archerd. One looked forward to event of this party is the initiation of two new persons into our club, namely June Benson and Harold Allen.

After Christmas vacation the Shorthand club will hold its regular meetings every first and third Thursday of each month, to discuss commercial topics and to promote commercial work in C. H. S.

Typing awards for November:

Pins: 40 words a minute: Marjorie Soultz and Ruth Huffaker.

Certificates: Marjorie Soultz.

The Christmas Sheaf

Far over in Norway's distant realm,
The land of ice and snow,
Where the winter nights are long
and drear,

And the North winds fiercely
blow,
From many a low-thatched cottage
roof,

On Christmas eve, 'tis said,
A sheaf of grain is hung on high
To feed the birds o'erhead.

In years gone by, on Christmas eve,
When the day was nearly o'er,
Two desolate, starving birds flew
past

A humble peasant's door.
"Look! Look!" cried one, with joy-
ful voice

And a piping tone of glee:
"In that sheaf there is plenteous
food and cheer,

And the peasant had but three.
One he hath given to us for food,

And he hath but two for bread,
But he gave it with smiles and
blessings,

'For the Christ-child's sake', he
said."

"Come, come," cried the shivering
little mate,

"For the light is growing dim;
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Hi! Basket Ball and Wrestling

Zip! There went a basket! Our boys are practicing almost every night now and as nearly every man has had at least a year of experience we should have a good team! We know we will. Coach Mike has not as yet posted the basket-ball schedule but it won't be long now.

Andy says we have a good bunch of wrestlers this year and they have been working hard for their first meet with Iowa Falls here December 22, 1926. Let's all come out and show that good old C. H. S. spirit in the gym that was very apparent on the football field.

Swing high, swing low
Come on Clarion, let's go!

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Freshman Have Parties Too!

Tuesday evening, December 7, the class of '30 gave a Christmas party in the high school gymnasium.

The guests of the evening were the various members of the faculty, who very cheerfully entered into the spirit of the occasion.

Maurice Birdsall, the chairman of the entertainment committee, put on a very good comedy with Ralph Sharp, Edith Whitman and Marvin Hull as his noble assistants.

The two old maids, who had their annual gossip, were Lenora Churchill and Ellen Barker.

Lola Thompson very pleasingly entertained the audience by a reading.

The main feature of the evening was the giving of presents by Santa Claus. This role was played by Superintendent Eaton.

After all had received their gifts, refreshments were served. A few games were then played and the party was concluded by the singing of the Loyalty song. The faculty gave nine rahs for the freshmen to which the class readily responded.

—Russ Bjornson, Frosh Reporter.

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Purely Personal

Mr. Eaton and his daughter Gretchen spent Thanksgiving vacation in Elkader, Iowa, as the guests of Mr. Bente.

Lillian Banks, Lois Miles, Marion Smith, Marilla Smith, and Helen Jones were the guests of Helen's aunt in Alden. The Thanksgiving houseparty was even more fun than the participants anticipated, so they certainly had a jolly time.

Bernice Bernard visited her grandmother and other friends in Elkader during Thanksgiving vacation.



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CHRISTMAS

My, we are all so lucky! Had we lived one thousand twenty seven years ago, we would not have had that enjoyable Holiday, "Christmas." You may say, "This won't be much of a Christmas for me because I know I won't get what I want." Is that showing a good Christmas spirit? No, it is not. Think of the innumerable people in the country that receive help on Christmas. The only present received in turn, by those who give their help is happiness. Is not this a wonderful present to get? At Christmas, it is not what you get, it is what you give that counts. Is there not someone that you can help this Christmas?

Announcements!!!!

Some wire prophet of the past ages has said that there are three important events in the human life; namely—birth, marriage and death. But we wish to add a fourth feature which is graduation.

In our minds graduation is the paramount event. It is symbolic of twelve years (108 months, 432 weeks or 2160 days) of work, play, trials, and victories. It is the crisis in our life. It is that critical point at which we enter onto the highway of life. Graduation by some mystic hand makes us feel older and more

mature; changes us from boisterous youth to responsible workers of the world.

December 3 a senior class meeting was called to discuss graduation announcements. A committee of six was appointed to meet the representatives from engraving firms and select an announcement design. The remainder of the time was spent in discussing the final financing of the "Scarlet and Black."

Normal Training Club

The Normal Training club met Thursday, December 9th. The meeting was called to order by the president, the roll was taken and a short business meeting was held. The first part of the program consisted of an interesting and helpful discussion on "Picture Study" led by Bernice Carmichael.

The remainder of the hour was devoted to a general discussion on suitable books for the rural school library and especially those which would be approved for use in opening exercises in the rural school.

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The Christmas Sheaf

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'Tis time, ere we rest in that cozy nest,

To sing our evening hymn."

And this was the anthem they sweetly sang,

Over and over again:

"The Christ-child came on earth to bless

The birds as well as men."

Then safe in the safe, snug, warm sheaf they dwelt,

"Till the long cold night was gone, And softly and clear the sweet church bells

Rang out on that Christmas dawn, When down from their covert, with fluttering wings,

They flew to a resting-place, As the humble peasant passed slowly by,

With a sorrowful, downcast face.

"Homeless and friendless, alas! am I,"

They heard him sadly say, "For the sheriff," (he wept and wrung his hands)

"Will come on New Year's day."

The birdlings listened with mute surprise.

" 'Tis hard," they gently said;

"He gave us a sheaf of grain for food,

When he had but three for bread.

We will pray to God, He will surely help

This good man in distress;"

And they lifted their voices on high, to crave

His mercy and tenderness.

Then again to the Christmas sheaf they flew,

In the sunlight, clear and cold:

"Joy! Joy! each grain of wheat," they sang,

"Is a shining coin of gold."

"A thousand ducats of yellow gold, A thousand if there be one;

O master! the wonderful sight behold

In the radiant light of the sun."

The peasant lifted his tear-dimmed eyes

To the shining sheaf o'erhead;

" 'Tis a gift from the loving hand of God,

And a miracle wrought," he said.

"For the Father of all, who reigneth o'er,

His children will ne'er forsake,

When they feed the birds from their scanty store;

For the blessed Christ-child's sake."

"The fields of kindness bear golden grain,"

Is a proverb true and tried;

Then scatter thine alms, with lavish hand,

To the waiting poor outside;

And remember the birds, and the song they sang,

When the year rolls 'round again:

"The Christ-child came on earth to bless

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Forensic News

The participants of the Dramatic and Humorous class clashed in their respective meets last week for places.

Out of five who were enrolled for dramatic the following were picked. The names of their selections and rankings are as follows:

The Highwayman.....Althea Richards
Gunga Din Marjorie Soultis
Tale of Old Madrid
..... Elizabeth Archerd
Jean d'Pre Betty Morgan

There is no doubt in the writer's mind but what it was a good contest and we might look forward to Clarion shining in the quadrangular contest.

However, Clarion will not shine without the help of the Humorous. The old members were back with their usual talent but along side of this there has been some new talent springing up.

The rankings and selections of the following persons in Humorous are as follows:

Initiation of Georgie Bassett
..... Brydon Myers
Sockery Sets a Hen
..... Bernice Carmichael
George Has a Grouch on Sister
..... Madalyn Russell
The Minister Comes to Tea
..... La Vonne Bell
Aunt Eleanora's Hero
..... Mildred Kurtz

Due to Bernice's number of semesters in attendance she is barred from the quadrangular contest, so the other four will represent us in this contest.

The home contest will be held January 10, 1927.

The debating teams are having some difficulty in securing the original form of the Haugen bill. However, due to the coach's predominating will power we hope to have it by the time the paper goes to press.

The negative team soon will be up to par as they are meeting every night. Due to different arrangements the affirmative will hold joint meetings with the negative team.

Our first debate will be held with Garner and Belmond on January 13. Definite arrangement will be known

later.

Miss Althea Richards has petitioned to the National Forensic League.

The extemporaneous speakers start reading with the first issue of December Literary Digest due to the fact that the quadrangular contest is to be held at a later date than usual. Those who are interested in this class of speaking, see Mr. Parr about it so you can help win the contest. for Clarion.

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