

PAGEANT AND PLAYS MARK SCHOOL XMAS

All Schools Enjoy Yuletide Festivities

The spirit of Christmas was graphically presented to Winnetka public school children and their parents by pupils of the four schools Thursday, December 21.

Skokie, Hubbard Woods, Horace Mann and Greeley schools all provided some form of Christmas entertainment. The most elaborate was that of the Skokie school which presented a pageant written by Miss Douglas Whitehead, dramatic supervisor of the lower grades of all the Winnetka schools. The pageant, entitled "The Christmas Spirit," was written by Miss Whitehead some time ago but was rewritten by her to make it especially fitted for the Skokie presentation.

At Horace Mann school the same pageant, "The Christmas Spirit," was produced, but on a lesser scale than the Skokie presentation. In addition to Miss Whitehead's pageant, pupils of Horace Mann made the Christmas spirit more noticeable by the singing of Christmas carols.

Five Plays at Hubbard Woods
In the Hubbard Woods entertainment more than 150 children took part. Five plays were presented. They were: "The Toys," by the third grade; "Why the Chimes Rang," by the fourth grade; "Elves and the Shoemaker," by the second grade; "The Christmas Picture," by the fifth grade; and "Christmas Eve," by the first grade. Miss Whitehead coached all five productions.

Children in the Greeley school attempted no elaborate program, but celebrated the day with a number of small Christmas parties.

At Skokie the presentation of the pageant marked the completion of the Christmas toy project which was directed by Charles A. Kinney, director of shop work in Winnetka schools. The project provided for the manufacture of 500 toys in the Skokie workshops. Thursday saw the completion of the last of the toys which will make Chicago and Kentucky poor children happy.

Fifty Pupils Take Part
Taking part in the pageant were fifty Skokie pupils. The pageant itself symbolized by spoken word and song the awakening of the Christmas spirit, and showed how it was brought out and amplified by unselfish giving. The toys that were made by Skokie children were piled on the stage and as children, bearing each different kind of toy, presented the gifts, banks of electric lights brought the tree out of uninviting darkness into brilliant beauty, symbolizing the beauty of the Christmas spirit.

Instructs Direct Pageant
Collaborating with Miss Whitehead in coaching the pageant was Mrs. Frances Murray, director of dramatics in the seventh and eighth grades. The training of the children for the singing of the Christmas carols was under the supervision of Mrs. Caroline Kohlsaat, supervisor of music in all the Winnetka schools.

The cast of the pageant follows in part: Spirit of the Tree, (later the Christmas Spirit), Helen Bell; Spirit of the Red Cross, Jeanne Street; Boy Scout, Richard Massman; Girl Scout, Grace Smith; Camp Fire Girl, Ruth Weil. The other characters in the play were the gift bearers who represented each group of workers in Mr. Kinney's work shops where the toys were made.

Triangles Enjoy a Large Evening at Dinner-Dance

With the celebrated Vagabond orchestra "tickling their dancing toes," members of the Triangle club of Winnetka enjoyed a real frolic at the annual dinner-dance Wednesday evening of this week.

The chicken dinner was sumptuous, the music irresistible and everything in and pertaining to the festivities right up to the "kitten's most practiced meow."

British-American Club in Annual Xmas Party Tonight

Preparations were completed today for the grand Christmas party and dance to be given this evening at Community House under the auspices of the North Shore British American society.

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