Christmas Entertainments Given At Grandview and Morehead Schools

ON Friday evening the Parent-Teachers' association of Grandview school gave the pupils of the school a Christmas tree at the Christmas entertainment there. There was a real old fashioned Christmas tree with fruit, nuts and candy for every child present. The following program was rendered:

Chorus, "Oh Blessed Morn," sixth and seventh grades; song, "Blowing Bubbles," "Christmas Tree" and "Santa Claus," kindergarten pupils; recitation, "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," Genevieve Shives; chorus, "Glad Christmas Morn," first, second and third grades; ribbon dance, directed by Miss Elizabeth Barnes, seventh grade; recitation, "Runaway Rocking Horse," Frances Foster; play, "Winter," arranged by Mrs. Blaney Stevens, first, second and third grades.

The musical program was given under the direction of Miss Eula Strain, Miss Ryhl Shedd, Miss Sue Mayfield and Miss Evelyn Payne.

An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of the banner to the school by Mrs. J. O. McGrady and the happy reply by Mrs. Fannie Culligan, principal of the school. This was one of the banners given by the state Parent-Teachers' association to the two schools having the largest paid up membership; Grandview school received the second banner, having nearly 105 percent membership. Under the direction of Mrs. W. G. Daughdrill, president of Grandview Parent-Teachers' association, and her efficient committee, including Mrs. Blaney Stevens, Mrs. C. F. Foster and Mrs. Wade Cunningham, Mrs. Nickum and others, the association has more than doubled and its helpfulness is far reaching.

Friday evening after the entertainment packages contributed by the parents were auctioned and the money derived will be used to help equip a domestic science room for the school. Every seat in the school auditorium was filled for the pleasant evening.

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An interesting Christmas program was given at Morehead school on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock by the pupils of the grammar school grades. The auditorium of the school was gay with Christmas decorations and numbers of guests were present for the clever numbers given by the well trained group of children. The program follows:

Piano duet, Mary Elizabeth Pelham and Miss Thalia Giffett; "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," by school; Christmas reading, Leo Jaffe; "The Enchanted Boxes," Thelma Butler, Stella Faegret, Lenore Lee, Louise Bowman, Jessie Ormsbee, Hortensia Samniego, Juanita DuBerry, Lucile Powsford; Dutch dance, Margaret Baird, Frances Ayers, Katherine Cook, Ruth Alix Grndorff, Nova Rogers, Frances Pickrell; "The Christmas Pitcher," high fifth; "Deck the Walls With Holly," "O, Blessed, Happy Christmas Morn," Alonzo Walls, L. D. Merito, Estaban Martinez, George Franklin and chorus, by low fifth section two; piano solo, Laura Louise Morgan; "Angels From the Realms of Glory," class; reading, Dela Fay Keeley; "The Birthday of the King," June Wallen, Alice Outlaw, Gladys Evans, Nancy Petrus; reading, Laura Pearcy; "Aunt Bessie's Christmas," Bertram Hirsch, Theodore Harris, Hilliard Smallberg, Ben Lewis Clements, Ruth Hyman, Helen Trimble, Dorothy Sloan, Fay Ball; piano solo, Vera Oliver; song, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," goodnight song, low fifth.

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The pupils of the El Paso School for Girls gave two very clever Christmas plays on Friday afternoon and, reviving a custom abandoned during the war, sang a group of beautiful and quaint old Christmas carols. The entertainment was given at 4 o'clock at the parish house of St. Clement's Episcopal church, which was appropriately decorated with Christmas emblems for the occasion. The "Spirit of Christmas Giving" was one of the plays given by the intermediate pupils, and a Spanish play was given by the younger pupils. Miss Marion Maddocks directed the former and Miss Elvira Galentine directed the Spanish play. Many friends of the school were present to enjoy the clever performance.

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MISS ELLEN KEAST TRELOAR, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McCanne. Miss Treloar is an accomplished reader and gave at the recent Christmas entertainment at the First Christian church a beautiful interpretation of a Christmas story.

Mrs. Stratford Biddle Will Receive At Tea Honoring Maj. Gen. Biddle

PROMINENT on the social calendar for the incoming week is the tea to be given on Tuesday afternoon, December 23, by Mrs. Stratford B. Biddle at the Biddle home on East Rio Grande, honoring Maj. Gen. John Biddle, Mr. Biddle's brother, who arrives on Monday to be the Christmas guest at Biddle home. Gen. Biddle was in command of the American forces in England during the war and is at present stationed at Camp Travis.

The receiving hour will be from 5 until 6 o'clock, and Mrs. Biddle and Gen. Biddle will be assisted in receiving by Mrs. C. E. Kellogg, Mrs. W. B. Latta and Mrs. M. H. Webb. Mrs. A. M. Loomis and Mrs J. A. Rawlings will preside at the tea and coffee service and the daughter of the house, Miss Marie Biddle, with two other charming members of the younger set, Miss Louise Lawten and Miss Helen Dunn, will assist in the service.

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About El Pasoans.

Mrs. George B. Taylor, who underwent a serious operation at Hotel Dieu recently, is convalescent and has returned to the Taylor home on Bliss driveway. Mrs. Charles Pell, her sister, with her small daughter, Marjorie Anne Pell, after spending two weeks with Mrs. Taylor, left Saturday for Kansas City, where she will join her husband, and after a visit in Kansas City of a few days they will return to their home in Hiawatha, Kansas.

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Dinners and Luncheons.

Square club members met at the Y. W. C. A. Friday afternoon for a mistletoe tea. The club room was prettily decorated with mistletoe and Christmas emblems. A feature of the afternoon was the reading of the papers turned in to the club, written by the boy members of the Hi-Y club on "My Ideal Girl."

THE TOOTH BRUSH PLANT.

The tooth brush plant of Jamaica is one of the most curious plants in the world. By cutting pieces and fraying the ends the natives obtain natural tooth brushes and a tooth powder is obtained by pulverizing the dried stems.

Women police, an Amazon guard, for the most part old and unattractive, have long been an institution in Siam. As caretakers of the Women's Palace in Bangkok, they are assigned to a special section. One of their duties is to follow any visitor who visits the palace and remain with him or her until their departure. They see that no mischief is done, and that no one removes the ladies of the court. The women police are attired in a distinctive uniform, but are not armed.

The New York department of health employs more than 300 public health nurses who are engaged in protecting infant life in that city, in watching over the health of the children in the public schools, and in caring for the tubercular.

It is estimated that in the civilized countries of the world 68 percent of all persons over 10 years of age have to work for a living.

Christmas.

EVERY country in Europe has its special Christmas delicacy. In England the mince pie and plum pudding reign supreme.

Boiled chestnuts and white wine are essential features of the traditional Christmas fare with the peasantry all over France.

The principal and traditional dish of the Viennese for Christmas Eve dinner or supper is carp taken from the Danube, chopped small, baked, and eaten with pepper sauce.

It is a curious fact that, although the mistletoe is used so freely in the decoration of homes at the Christmas season, it is rarely, if ever, seen in the decoration of sacred edifices, probably because of its early association with pagan rites.

It is not generally known that, besides Christians, there are many other people who keep December 25 as a festival for different reasons. The Persians, the Hindus, even the Egyptians, do so; and even among the Arabs the "Beardless Rider" moves about in disguise, playing amusing pranks and collecting gifts.

The celebration of Christmas is strangely erratic from a geographical standpoint. Thus, in northern Europe the Scandinavian people keep it religiously, but their next-door neighbors, the Russians, pay comparatively little attention to it, reserving their rejoicings for New Year's Day, and still more for Easter.

It is believed that the first historical mention of the Christmas tree is found in the notes of a certain Strasburg citizen of unknown name, written in the year 1605. "At Christmas," he writes, "they set up fir-trees in the parlors at Strasburg, and hang thereon roses cut out of many-colored paper, apples, sweets, and gold foil."

One Christmas some years ago the house of a woman residing in Philadelphia caught fire during the night, the inmates being warned of their danger by the barking of a dog. For several years afterwards the animal's mistress made a tree in its honor, the decorations including beefsteak and top rate for the dog's consumption and amusement.

One legend concerning the origin of the Christmas tree runs that Martin Luther, coming home one crisp starry night before Christmas, wished to convey to his children an idea of the beauty of the night, and as he stood pondering the thought came to him to cut a tree and cover it with candles—that seemed to him the nearest likeness he could give them.

The factory girls of Lancashire, England, have a Christmas kissing custom all their own. When the holiday is about to commence groups of girls band themselves together, with the intention of kissing all the males in the factory. The men, on being kissed, are expected to contribute small sums toward a fund to provide refreshment and entertainment later in the day.

Nowhere in the whole of his empire is Christmas tide more happily spent than by king George and queen Mary at Sandringham, and nowhere is Yuletide hospitality more hearty, simple and genial. It is the one day of the year on which his majesty can escape the ceremonial and cares of his high position and lapse into the role of an English country gentleman, entertaining his guests in his own home without the formality of court life and the daily round of his kingly duties.

As an article of commerce sugar was not known among the Greeks and it is not mentioned in the Bible.

Governor Commutes All Life Term Men

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 20.—Gov. Bickett Friday issued an order commuting to 30 years each the sentences of all life term prisoners in the North Carolina state prison. "I am opposed to eternal punishment in this world," said the governor, explaining his action.

Pretty, Young El Paso Matron

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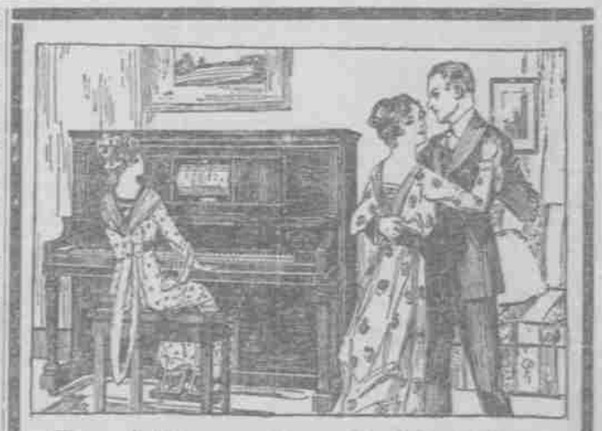

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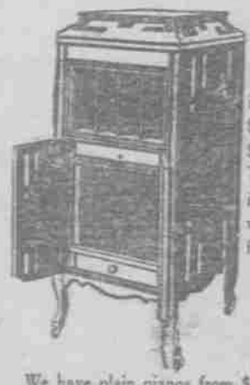

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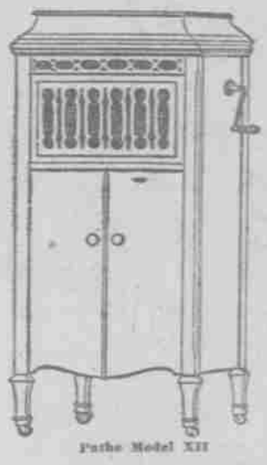

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