

Grademothers Give Junior, Senior Parties

Grademothers of the senior class, Mesdames A. B. Corbett and M.H. Griffin, entertained the seniors at a dinner party at the home of Mrs. Corbett last Thursday night.

After a two-course dinner, Bingo was played and every body received a prize.

Throughout the house Christmas decorations predominated.

JUNIOR PARTY

Mrs. Rupert Perry and Mrs. W. M. Manning, junior grademothers, gave the class a party at the club house Monday night.

Games intermingled with Christmas carols composed the program.

In decorations and in serving the symbol of Christmas was noted.

THE VERY CHRISTMAS GIFT YOU WANT

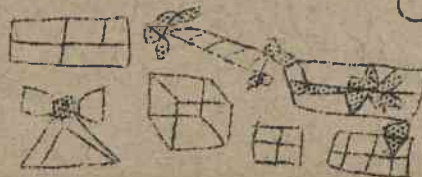
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Principal's Column ABSENCES

As I write the principal's column this month, I am deeply concerned about the number of absences we are having here in Bailey. In checking, the teachers' reports show that during the first month there were 759 absences; during the second, 893; and during the third, 741. The total for three months then is 2393, an average of almost 40 per day. We have an average daily absence of more than enough students to add an additional teacher to our staff.

CAUSES OF ABSENCES

What are the causes for absences? Some students must stay at home occasionally to work. With the shortage of farm labor the problem that it is, all of us know that young people have to help at home. During the harvest season, help at home was an important reason for being absent. That reason is no longer a

valid one, since the harvest is complete.

A second cause for absences is sickness. There has been no epidemic in our school district this year.

The third and greatest reason, perhaps, is indifference on the part of parents and students. It goes without saying that the school can do the child very little good if he fails to attend. Irregular attendance is one of the greatest factors in pupil failure. Even an occasional absence is harmful to the average student. Parents, I urge you to see that your children come to school unless there is an exceptionally good reason for their absence.

THIRD GRADE

The third grade section in Miss Thompson's room deserves especial credit for their attendance record. During the three months period just ended they had a total of only 36 absences.

W. M. Weaver
Principal