

Annual Christmas Pageant Presented



Anne Lashley as Mary and Phillips Jones as Joseph rehearse for the annual Christmas pageant presented this morning.



GHS Cheerleaders participate in the Holiday Jubilee Parade

Youth Groups Participate In Annual Holiday Parade

Grimsley High School's youth council built and manned a float in Greensboro's annual Christmas parade Friday, November 29. The theme of the float was "Many Wishes For a Merry Christmas." Members of the youth council designed each of the four corners of the float to portray a wish. Costumed members from the senior class were spotlighted. Parker Norman represented the adult's wish for peace. Dee Duncan and Al Lineberry portrayed parents in the family's wish for unity. The teenager's wish for love was depicted by Kathy Poer and Pete Cross. The wish of a child for toys had charming, non-senior representatives in two children. Ellen Barrier, youth council chairman, supervised.

A huge Aladdin's lamp adorned the center of the float. The lamp had give genies, or perhaps they should be called Jeannies, since they were all girls. Ann Jamieson was head genie to assistants Bunny Hartman, Nan Mason, Marian Parker, and Gail Walters.

Planning for the float began several weeks before the parade. Numerous committees, such as the lamp committee, the backdrop and floor committee, and the costume

committee, were organized. The actual construction of the float began about a week before the parade at Coleman's Tobacco Warehouse. The float was built on a trailer provided by S. & W. Motor Lines. Members of the youth council and several other GHS students, volunteer "hammerers," put Grimsley's entry together right alongside a group of students from Page High School.

Page won second place in the contests for the best non-commercial float. Second prize received \$50; third prize, \$25; first prize, \$75. Each group sponsoring a float in the non-commercial division was given \$25 for building. Any other money used had to come from the group itself.

Although GHS's float failed to win a place in the contest, youth council chairman Ellen Barrier stated that as a result of the work on the float, the youth council members grew closer, and they made valuable new friendships, especially with Page students. These new relationships will ease planning for joint GHS-PHS open-houses during the basketball season.

Additional forces from GHS, the cheerleaders in two cars and the marching band, also participated.

First Christmas Pageant: History Begins In 1932

By John Giles

On December 16, 1932, the history of the GHS Pageant began. Actually, Christmas spirit was demonstrated in 1921, when Miss Evelyn Snow, a well-known speaker of the day, gave an inspiring talk on the meaning of Christmas. However, the pageant itself did not come into existence until 1932.

"Lasting Glory" was the theme for that historical pageant, and Miss Mary Ellen Blackmon became the first director. The play was an exact replica of the first Christmas, with Allen Cheek and Alice Henley playing the leading roles. At the conclusion of the play, the school orchestra, which was thirteen strong, played excerpts from the "Messiah."

There was no outstanding change in the theme of the pageant until 1937. There, the theme was "White Christmas." The plot was of a simple, poor family at Christmastime. Christmas Carols were sung during the play, and afterwards.

Unusual Twist

1940 marked an unusual twist to the usual Christmas Pageant procedure. Instead of the actual Christmas story describing the birth of Christ, the scenes took place before his birth. The main idea was to pave the way for the coming of Christ.

"Star of Bethlehem" was the title of the Christmas play in 1952. It was the same story that was presented previously, showing and telling of the first Christmas.

In 1955, Mrs. Martha Hundley stepped into the act and directed the play entitled "Of Men and Angels." It was written by a present faculty member, Miss Louise Smith. Instead of telling the whole Christmas story, the play was confined to the night of Christ's birth. The setting was in the inn keeper's stable, and the school choir sang rejoicing Christmas Carols from behind the stage. This play was described by many persons as one of the better productions put on at GHS. Talk was created mainly because of its attracting beauty.

Added Attraction

An added attraction to the 1960 Pageant was the combined singing of the school's three main choral groups, the boys' chorus, the girls' chorus, and the choir. The theme was "Mary of Nazareth," and the story told of the three Wise Men preparing for their long journey to visit the Christ Child.

However, in 1962, a new idea was introduced. The class decided that since the first Christmas had been demonstrated for so many years, they would tend to change the monotonous trend. As a result of this, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens was produced. The main characters in the play were portrayed by Mike Andrew, as Scrooge; John Christy, as Tiny Tim; David McKinney, as Bob Cratchet; and Larry Lund as Scrooge's nephew, Fred. This play proved to be a booming success because of the fact that it was so different from the previous ones presented.

New Pageant

As another Christmas year arrives, so does another Christmas Pageant. The senior class will add another page to this growing tradition by demonstrating their talents in this year's pageant. Under

Grimsley Senior High School's Annual Christmas Program was presented today, December 20, at second period assembly. As has been school tradition, the program was presented by the Senior Class and the Department of Vocal Music.

Cast

The cast included portrayals of Mary, Joseph, the three Wise Men, eight shepherds, and seventeen angels. Cornelia Anne Lashley played Mary. Joseph was portrayed by Phillips Jones. The three Wise Men were Paul Early, Paul Hirsch, and Bill Mitchell. The narrators consisted of Tommy Hutton and Alice Crutchfield. Included in the cast were Ken Kinney and Marilyn Carter.

The story was told in tableaux with musical backgrounds. A tableau is a silent scene with outside narration and music. The music was furnished by Grimsley's choir. Vocal selections included: "O, Come all ye Faithful," "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks," "Watching my Sheep the Whole Night Long," "Angels we Have Heard on High," "Alleluis, Angels Sang," "O Holy Night," "What Child is This," "Silent Night," "Virgin's Slumber Song," "We Three Kings of Orient Are," and "As With Gladness." Several of these selections were solos given by members of the choir. At the conclusion of the program, the entire student body joined in the singing of "Joy to the World." The vocal department is under the direction of Miss Tuttle and Miss Meredith.

Advisors

Faculty advisors for the Christmas program were Mrs. Kate Everhart, Mrs. Lily Fields, Miss Dixie Poe Huske, Miss Jeanne Meredith, Miss Estelle Mitchell, Mrs. Jean Newman, Miss Mary Nell Parker, Miss Mary Price, Mrs. Leona Ridens, Miss Eula Tuttle, and Mrs. Cordelia Walke. Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Fields were head advisors. Miss Price was in charge of costumes. Miss Tuttle and Miss Meredith provided direction for the music department. Mrs. Walke was in charge of designing the program.

The story of the Christmas program was based on the traditional Christmas story. Until 1954, this program was an annual event at GHS. In 1955, the traditional Christmas story was presented again. Two years ago the Christmas pageant was the story of the Wise Men. Last year, Dicken's A Christmas Carol was presented. This year, the traditional Christmas Story was presented once again.

GHS's annual Christmas program is a firmly woven part of GHS tradition.

Plaque Average

Senior	Average
Parker	88.47
Massey	87.92
Junior	Average
Alton	86.54
Woodlief	86.42
Sophomore	Average
Jennings	85.26
Powell	84.79

Special Ed. Scholarship To Be Awarded Annually

A scholarship for Grimsley students interested in Special Education has been established in honor of the late Leslie Garrett by her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. Orville Garrett have specified that two hundred dollars be given to a graduating student each year.

Winners of this award will be chosen on the basis of several qualifications:

- 1) The high school graduate must be interested in Special Education as a vocation.
- 2) The recipient is to be one who has a real need for the scholarship.
- 3) The person chosen should show definite promise of future success.
- 4) The student must have shown some effort to help bear his own college expenses.

Interest in special education may include any form of teaching or administering therapy. Work with mentally retarded, physically afflicted, or exceptionally talented children must be the goal of the applicant to this award.

Special Education

Leslie, a sophomore at Grimsley last year, was very much interested in special education before her death in July. Excelling in the field of art, she had been a member of the accelerated classes since the sixth grade. However, Leslie had often worked with retarded children—only last summer as a member of the staff at Camp Joy, sponsored by the Kennedy Foundation. Mrs. Garrett has been the secretary of the Greensboro Association for Retarded Children for the past five years. Mr. Garrett was the president of this organization several years ago.

A committee will be organized by Mr. Routh to present this scholarship on Awards Day each year for an indefinite length of time. A letter will be given to the boy or girl stating that he or she is the recipient of the award. After the student has chosen his college, a check for two hundred dollars will be sent to the treasurer of that college to be applied on the expenses for the first year.