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Citizenship Honor Roll Students for the past six weeks are Dave Grimes, Carol Bowen, sophomores; Steve Anthony and Susan Monroe, seniors; and Chet Linker and Susan Ray, juniors.

GHS Orchestra Makes Trip To Band Clinic In Chicago

Grimsley Senior High School's Orchestra left for Chicago last Tuesday, December 18, immediately after school. They are the first high school orchestra in the nation to play in a concert for Orchestra Day, which officially opened the Sixteenth Mid-West National Band Clinic.

Arriving in Chicago late Tuesday afternoon, the group was carried to the Sherman House Hotel by buses. After all the Orchestra members had unpacked, a rehearsal was held in the hotel.

On Wednesday, "Orchestra Day," registration was held and exhibits in the hotel were open. Orchestra Day was sponsored by the National School Orchestra Association. At 9:30 after workshop demonstrations and clinic panel discussions, the GHS Orchestra, with several members from Page, presented its concert with Mr. J. Kimball Harriman conducting.

Program
The program consisted of 12 pieces. The first number was "Program Prelude," based on two English folk tunes, written by Oriem Dalley. Following this were "Georgian Tunes," arranged by Adam Carse; "Air and Cakewalk," by Arthur Frackenpohl; and "Park Avenue Hoe Down," by Edmund J. Siennicki. "Fiddle Folly" was written by Clifford P. Barnes; "Magic Melodies," arranged by

Herfurth; and "Student Concerto," by Seitz-Klotman. "Marche Militaire Francaise," from "Algerian Suite" by Saint-Saens-Isaac, was conducted by the arranged, Merle J. Isaac.

Following this was "Overture and Allegro," from "La Sultane Suite" by Couperin-Milhaud. Miss Martha Leonard directed the violoncelli of "Bachianas Brasilieras No. 5," by Heitor Villa-Lobo. Mrs. Patricia LaBella was soloist. Bernstein-Mason were the composers of the Orchestra selection of "West Side Story." The last number, "Capriccio, third movement," by Vivaldi-Muller was directed by the arranger, Mr. J. Frederick Muller.

After this program a high school orchestra from Bryan, Ohio, played.

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Mrs. Gamble Attends History Convention

Mrs. Mary P. Gamble, teacher of American and world history at Grimsley Senior High School, attended the Forty-second Annual Meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies during her Thanksgiving holidays.

This convention, held at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, was attended by 25,000 people from all over the United States and Canada. Here social studies teachers met together, compared notes, and participated in panels and discussions. They attended exhibits of books and pamphlets and toured the historic city of Philadelphia.

Many distinguished guests spoke to the convention body. Dr. Lewis Todd, author of one of the United States History Books used at GHS, presented his book to the teachers. Assistant Justice of the Supreme Court William J. Brennan spoke on the Bill of Rights; men from the United Nations discussed the Common Market and Communism. Besides these speakers, panels, and discussions, the assembly carried out the routine business of the organization.

To promote student interest in wrestling, all home matches have been changed from 7:30 to 3:30.

Seniors Presents Dickens' 'Carol' In Annual Christmas Pageant

Money Needs Create "Christmas Carol"

This year is celebrated throughout the world as the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of one of the greatest English authors — Charles Dickens.

For Charles Dickens the year 1843 brought many problems. His new novel, *Martin Chuzzlewit*, was not selling well; his demanding brothers were plaguing him for money; his home in Devonshire Terrace was expensive to run; and he had to support a wife, four small children, with another on the way. Dickens was infuriated when his publishers, Chapman and Hall, suggested that he reduce his monthly expenditures to 200 pounds to 150 pounds.

Way Out of Troubles

One day early in October, in the midst of a speech on public education, a way out of his troubles flashed into his mind. Something in "the bright eyes and beaming faces" of his audience—in such glowing contrast to the gloomy greediness of the industrial Midlands—gave him the idea for a warm and heart-moving story.

It would be published in time for the Christmas holidays. It would sell tremendously, he was sure. He could make at least 1000 pounds and his financial problems would be over! With his desperate need for money, Dickens unharmoniously created *A Christmas Carol*, with its powerful rejection of the simple greediness of prosperity.

Less Than 7 Weeks

This little book utterly took possession of the author. After Dickens' return from his speech-

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"A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens was presented this morning in assembly by Grimsley's Senior Class.

The main characters of the pageant were portrayed by Mike Andrew, playing the part of Scrooge; John Cristy, Tiny Tim; David McKinney, Bob Cratchit; and Larry Lund, Scrooge's nephew Fred.

Besides the many characters appearing on the stage, many students were involved in the actual production of "A Christmas Carol." Committees on scenery, costumes, make-up programs, recording, and staging were co-ordinated by Mary Earle and Cindy Hicker-son, chairman and assistant chairman of the Christmas Pageant. They were advised by Miss Nicholson, Miss Scarborough, and Class Adviser Miss Maddox.

Costumes

Betsy Finison, chairman of the costume committee, struggled in securing cut-away coats and top hats for many of the boys and long, frilly dresses for the girls. Some of the boy's coats were borrowed from Miss Mozelle Causey, teacher of dramatics at GHS. Cam Harris, Jean Stephenson, and Nancy Okerson had costumes made for the performance. James Powell, Marley's ghost, did not know what to use for his chain until he thought of car chains. Bob Lam-geeth, ghost of Christmas Present, wore his brother's old blue, black, and red bathrobe with no shoes. The ghost of Christmas past, Cary Root, dressed in a white tunic, while Betty Scott, ghost of Christmas future, was draped in a long, black robe.

Scenery

Carolyn Ehardt chose nine other students to help her on the committee in charge of scenery. When the group first met they tried to decide just what to paint.

Mrs. Stanton supplied them with a picture of an English street scene that was used five years before in another play at GHS. After reading the play the committee measured the scene and re-arranged the pattern of the stage printed in the book. After this the backdrop was measured.

The most important problem was deciding what method to use to build and paint the scenery. Finally they decided to paint the backdrop itself, rather than to prepare flats or to suspend cardboard. After sketching the scene on the backdrop, and buying the necessary paint, the painting began.

Besides painting the backdrop, flats were borrowed from the dramatics department. Some of the flats, which were used in the Junior Class Play, had to be patched. Because they were to be used in the future and could not be painted, other flats were covered with paper and then painted.

Two minor problems included making a real wreath for Fred's door and finding two fire places. One was found among other school props and the second one was supplied by Tommy Shadoin.

Committee

Members of the scenery committee include Louise Ruffy, assistant chairman, Doris Johnson, Barbara Jones, Tommy Shadoin, Nancy McNairy, Linda Scher, Doris Crow, Janet Latham, and Mack Smith. Mrs. Annie Puett was the faculty adviser.

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New Service Clubs To Be Formed

Progress is being made to create several new service clubs at Grimsley Senior High School.

Four to six women's organizations and one or two men's organizations have expressed a desire to help in the formation of these additional service clubs. Many students have indicated an interest in this movement, and steps are now being taken to set up these clubs.

These clubs will not be on a selective basis; those interested may join. The six service clubs already established will also begin to be on a voluntary basis.

By the end of the year more information on the formation of new clubs will be available.

JUNIOR CLASS LEADS SCHOOL IN SPECIAL HONOR ROLL LIST

Statistics show that Grimsley Senior High School's Junior Class leads the Senior and Sophomore Classes on the Special Honor Roll List for the second six weeks' grading period, as it did the first period.

Thirty out of 606 juniors held a 95.0 average or above for a percentage of .0495. Seniors followed with a .0394%, 22 from the 558 in the class making the list. Only 28 of the 1093 sophomores made Special Honor Roll, for a .025 percentage. On the first Special Honor Roll List of the year, juniors also led with a percentage of .046. Seniors averaged .036% of their number on the list, and sophomores were last with .028%.

As a whole the school's percentage of students attaining a 95 average was exactly the same this grading period as it was the first six weeks. Eighty students were on the Special Honor Roll List this time, while 80 were on the list last time also. Only 47 names, however, appeared on both of the lists.

Special Both Times

Seniors who have achieved this average twice this year are: Pam Burkholder, room 204; Carolyn Griggs, room 27; Janet Latham, room 15; Carolyn McKenzie, room 300; and Nancy McNairy and Carol Marvin, room 21. Home room 306 leads other senior home rooms with three habitual Special Honor Roll students—William Norman, Linda Nunn, and Donna Paoli. Alan Robinson represents room

V-61; Karen Schwabenton, room 4; Nancy Smith, room 9; John Weisner, room 302; and Phyllis Winston, room 106-B. The total number of these seniors is 14.

Fifteen juniors have made Special Honor Roll both times this year. Four members of home room 317 are on the list—Ann R. Lashley, C. Ann Lashley, Sara Ann

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Librarian To Check Out Books For Holiday Use

Grimsley Senior High Library will allow books to be checked out during the Christmas Holidays, according to Miss Mildred Herring, head librarian.

Any person wishing to check out books will be allowed to do so. All people now having books with a December due date will be required to have the book renewed, while all others can merely check out a book today. Reserve books may be checked out after school and may be returned upon returning to school on January 2, 1963. It was pointed out by Miss Herring that this will be a good time to make up a past book report or to get a head start on second semester work.