

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS BY SCHOOL CHILDREN

**Dundee and Lothrop Pupils
Bring Presents for Chil-
dren in Other Schools.**

VACATION COMMENCES

The Santa Claus spirit gladdened child hearts Friday as Omaha schools ushered in the Christmas season with programs and parties. The observances ranged from old-fashioned Christmas tree frolics to pageants and plays. Some of the schools had their programs Thursday afternoon and night; the others were Friday....

Friday was the last day of school until January 2.

With scarcely an exception, Christmas trees were the pivots for programs at the 57 elementary public schools. At Long school, there was a tree in each room, while in the kindergarten room there was a tree larger than all the others, and electrically lighted, with a gift for each child.

All Nationalities Join.

At the Howard Kennedy school there was a separate program in each room. Pupils in each room visited every other room, inspecting Christmas art work. In the kindergarten room, where there was a large tree, the pupils from the other rooms took turn in forming a circle and singing Christmas carols.

The Beals school had two programs, one by pupils from the kindergarten to the fifth grade, and the other by the upper-grade pupils. Each group gave a Christmas playlet, after which all the pupils gathered around a common Christmas tree and sang carols.

At Cass school children of various nationalities, including Chinese and Mexican, joined in a program of singing and story-telling. There were two large trees.

Tell Christmas Stories.

Mason school, like many others, had its own school orchestra to accompany the singing. There was a large illuminated tree in the hall, around which children from each room, costumed in red robes, gathered for the caroling.

Carolers from the various boys' and girls' glee clubs lent a colorful atmosphere to the program at Central High school. The singers filed slowly through the halls, and sang from the balconies.

South High school gave a short entertainment in each of the two study halls in the afternoon. Twenty-four girls from the normal training department were detailed to tell stories at various grade schools.

The Senior Glee club of North High school gave its fourth annual Christmas concert Thursday night in the school auditorium.

Students of Benson High school Friday afternoon presented a Danish play, "Masque of Christmas," under Miss Anna Sollinger's direction. Christmas carols in Spanish, German and French were sung by pupils in foreign-language classes, in costume.

Technical High school had its Christmas program December 7, the last day of the school term.

Pupils Give Presents.

A "white Christmas," with pupils giving presents instead of receiving them, was featured at Dundee school. Each room "adopted" some needy family, or carried out a pledge to provide a merry Christmas for less fortunate children in a room at some other school. Food, toys and Christmas trees were among the gifts. The Dundee pupils provided entertainment for themselves with carol singing and programs in the various rooms.

Belvidere school children entertained their parents last night with a program in the school auditorium, with each room taking part.

The Parent-Teacher association of Adams school gave a popcorn party Friday, and the pupils reciprocated with carol singing, and a program by sixth-grade pupils.

Remember Crippled Children.

A Christmas pageant was staged by pupils of Pickard school Thursday night for their parents and teachers. This was followed by talk by C. L. Pramer of South High.

Lothrop school had a Christmas program in each room, followed by singing around a community tree. But the real feature was a "white Christmas" observance in which pupils made gifts of scrap books to crippled children at the Hattie B. Munroe home, and eighth grade and kindergarten pupils provided dinners for needy families.