

UNIQUE FESTIVAL REVIVES CUSTOM OF MIDDLE AGES

Central High School Students Give Yuletide Party in Costume.

Lord and Lady MisRule and their guests were not more entertained by the chorus of minstrels and the recital of the old English Yuletide customs than the large audience which attended the Christmas festival at the Central High school last night. Practically every seat was sold before the doors were opened, and the audience was one of the most enthusiastic ever present at a school play.

The program was divided into three parts. Lord and Lady MisRule, played by Kendall McClure and Helen Meining, respectively, presided over a Christmas party in a great hall of an English country home in the setting of the middle ages. Their guests, in costumes of the time, arrived for an evening of frolic. For their entertainment were offered the dramatized carols by a group of minstrels. Worthy of mention was the work of Donaldson Annand as King Wencelas, who with William Hearding as page; Clifford Melander, Bruce Scott and Windrum Walker as narrators, sang the carol of that name. "We Three Kings of the Orient Are" was sung by Reginald Cowen, Malcom McKnight and Arnold Putman in a satisfactory manner. Reginald Cowen sang the Boar's Head carol as it is sung at Oxford.

The second part of the program consisted in a revival of the old-time customs as a part of the entertainment of the guests. The Yule log was brought in with much ceremony and appropriate song. The wassil bowl and the snap-dragon were revived.

The final number was a dramatization of Dickens' Christmas Carol in five scenes. The parts were all well cast and the characters well taken. Those taking parts were:

Scrooge, John Bennett; Marley's ghost, John D. Mitchell; Bob Cratchit, Robert Adair; Scrooge's nephew, Harold Campbell; Mr. Tezziwig, David Burlingame; Mrs. Tizziwig, Anna Banks; Ebenezer, James Ash; Dick, Jack Mitchell; cook, Elvene Winkelman; maid, Rosalind Labovitz; Miss Tezziwig, Elizabeth Reinertson; milk boy, Stewart Peyton; Mrs. Cratchit, Izzie Campbell; Peter Cratchit, Clarence Thatcher; Martha Cratchit, Ruth Miller; Tiny Tim, Harvey Williamson; Belinda, Sylvia Josephs; Young Cratchit, Wesley Spink; Joe, the rag picker, Cedric Jamieson; Mrs. Dilber, Gertrude Brooks.

The program will be repeated at 8 o'clock tonight, in the Central high school assembly hall.