

JO MACKEY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM GREAT SUCCESS!

The Jo Mackey Music Department brought the year 1976 to a glorious end with their presentation of a spectacular Christmas program which attracted a large number of parents and local community persons.



The program entitled "Christmas Comes to Jo Mackey" was arranged, adapted, and directed by Mrs. Grace McGlothen-Music Department Chairperson.

Participants on the program included the Jo Mackey Band conducted by Mr. Bill Hart, and the JO Mackey Honor Chorus, conducted by Ms. McGlothen. Their were special narrations preceding each song and the choir also did Body Rhythms.



A cast consisting of Angels, Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, The Three Wise Men, The Drummer Boys, Dancing Dolls, Toys, Elves, Christmas Packages and Santa Claus made up the colorful processional, and the stage setting.

Highlighting the program were guest artist-Master Reginald O'Gwin and the Soul Train Dancers of Las Vegas High School who were real show stoppers.

An added surprise was the appearance of the real Santa Claus, in the person of Mr. C-huck Bartolo, a Science teacher who distributed candies to the excited students while the choir sang "He's Too Fat For the Chimney."

Mrs. Evelyn O'Gwin-Principal of the school made the opening remarks.



Pictured above are students of Jo Mackey watching the colorful cast on stage and seated at the piano is Mrs. Grace McGlothen-Honor Choir Director and accompanist.



Pictured above is the Jo Mackey Band conducted by Mr. Bill Hart as they participated in a successful Christmas Program.

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TAX TABLES Four new tables will replace the existing 12 and will apply to taxable income up to \$20,000 rather than to adjusted gross income as in the past.

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