

# *Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom*

The Junior-Senior banquet and prom, the most colorful event of the school year, was held at the Northwest School on Saturday evening, March 6, 1943. The Mexican Fiesta theme was consistently followed out in the appointments at the banquet, which was held in the school dining hall, and in the colorful decorations in the gymnasium, where the promenade held sway.

The banquet tables, laid for 220 guests, were gaily decorated in the bright colors so characteristic of Mexican people. Waitresses and bus boys from the freshman class carried out the color scheme with Mexican costumes. Colored candles in wooden sombrero candle holders, which were made by the junior boys in shop classes, furnished the lighting for the banquet hall, and bouquets of yellow jonquils and narcissus adorned the speakers' table, fireplace, and piano.



Glen Holmquist of Hallock served as the toastmaster, while Nelvin Thormodson of Fergus Falls, president of the junior class, gave the address of welcome to the seniors. Gunhild Nesland of Grygla, vice-president of the senior class, responded in behalf of the seniors. The able Mrs. Bakkegard and Mr. Peterson, advisers of the junior class, extended greetings to the group. The principal address of the evening, "International Goodwill", was delivered by Supt. T. M. McCall. As the closing feature of the banquet program the "Gondoliers" sang "Estrellita" (girls' ensemble), "El Rancho Grande" (boys' ensemble), and "Ay, Ay Ay", (mixed ensemble).

Following the banquet, the juniors and their guests adjourned to the gymnasium. After a short period of informal dancing, the program dancing opened with the traditional grand march led by the presidents of the two classes. The colorful decorations in the gymnasium carried out the carnival spirit of the Mexican Fiesta. The orchestra was seated in a balcony around which were large panels depicting a street scene in old Mexico. Green, red, blue, orange, and yellow streamers radiating from a huge centrally-hung lighting fixture, shaped like an inverted sombrero, from the brim of which hung lights jacketed in fiesta colors, marked the outline of the dancing pavilion. The juniors will long remember this gala occasion.