

Christmas celebrated in Ellettsville in 1883

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after giving a Christmas program on the 22nd. The *Citizen* duly reported on the 27th that "The exhibition given at the school house in this place last Saturday night was very well attended, though the weather was extremely unfavorable." The program included an oration, "My Country," by Frank Whitted, a declamation by Miss Mell

McNeeley, and essays by the Misses Lulu Phillipps, Minnie Parks and Beatrice High.

Another event for the children of Ellettsville was the "Christmas Tree and Supper" — complete with oysters, said the ad — served at the Baptist Church. If the children turned up their noses at the menu, they were no doubt interested in the arrival of "Kriskringle," courtesy of the G.A.R. and the Auxiliary Society.

The *Citizen* did not report that Ellettsville had a white Christmas a hundred years ago, but there was a little item which said, quaintly, "Last Saturday and Sunday double discounted any days of the season for genuine, unadulterated winter."

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will be distributed through the Christian Center on Christmas Eve to those in need in Bloomington.

A t 1 1 p . m . a
twenty-minute Communion