

Spring Thing produces delight and hilarity

By Pam Sheldon
Although for some time we were all wondering just where our spring was, there was no doubt it had arrived last Thursday evening for those who attended Speyside Public School's "Spring Thing". The evening got underway shortly after 7 p.m. as the performers opened to a full house.

Isobel Weaver's young Kindergarten class presented a puppet show entitled Old McDonald Had a Farm which aptly displayed their talents of imagination. The entire performance was done behind a wall of mats utilizing puppets made by the youngsters in class of horses, pigs, ducks, goats and one lonely bull. The dialogue for the animals was written by the Kindergarten class as well. Kathy Britton was charming in her long peasant dress as she carried out her duties as class announcer.

Findlay, Jenny McDonald and Glen English, dressed in cotton batting capes, portrayed the three billy goats, while Chris Lewis, wearing a scary mask played the part of the terrible Troll. Of course, Donna Shrader who is destined to become a great public orator, told the exciting story while the actors pantomimed and the remainder of the class lent their voices for a musical background. The play was very well done and received a generous round of applause.

Then the lights were dimmed and from a far distance echoed the haunting sounds of a drum beat. On turning, the audience caught sight of a band of Indians parading to the front in full vivid costume and headdress. This was Mrs. Holder's Grade 2 class who delighted us with an Indian tribal song and dance while Martha Armstrong and Kelly Harrison held an intricately carved, brightly painted totem pole.

ed "Brother Come and Dance with Me". This was a most refreshing sight as the girls were all dressed in long flowing skirts and graceful hair-do's and the boys were attired in their Sunday best.

The evening moved quickly along, as Mrs. Hopkin's Grade 4 class brought the house down in laughter with a skit entitled "Scrapman and Rubin", a short story featuring the mighty misadventures of Scrapman and the boy wonder, Rubin, in their never-ending fight against their arch-enemies, Dirty Waters, Littered Lands and Polluted Airs. This play so emulated the Batman and Robin series, that even when Scrapman and Rubin fought their enemies, it was portrayed by children carrying signs on stage which read, OUCH, POW, BANG, etc. David Huffman and Gordie McMeekan played the ever-popular Scrapman and Rubin, while Arnaud Ng supplied the back ground narration. An excellent skit which provoked a thunderous round of applause.



SOUPED UP POLLUTION-finding vehicle is included in the Speyside school play Scrapman and Rubin. Back row left to right Mark Armstrong, Shirley Ledlie, Gordie McKeekan and Lucie DuGuay; front row Arnaud Ng and David Huffman.



THREE BILLY goats in Speyside skit are Rosemary Finlay, Jenny McDonald and Glen English; on the left is troll Chris Lewis and on their right narrator Donna Schrader. All are in grade one.

Musical play
The next item on the program was a musical play. The Three Billy Goats Gruff, presented by Mrs. Paquette's Grade 1 class. Rosemary

Sunday best
Mrs. Preston's Grade 3 class captivated us with a song and dance routine entitled



GRADE TWO totem pole at Speyside program with Martha Armstrong on the left and Kelly Harrison on the right.

Speyside

Fitness awards bus patrol news

By Pam Sheldon
During a parent's night held earlier in the school year, the suggestion was made by one parent that more physical education be incorporated into the school's program. It is good to note that Mr. Howell took this advice to heart by obtaining a copy of the Canada Fitness Award program, put out by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, and led the school children from Grades 3 to 6 through the program. The Ministry of Health and Welfare has standards for this fitness program with three levels of achievement awards. Level 1 earns a bronze crest, level 2 a silver crest and Level 3 a gold crest. For those children who earn Level 3 or higher in each of the 6 test items, there is an Award of Excellence crest.

Expertise
Mrs. Hetherington's expertise in the field of music was most evident as she accompanied her Grade 5 students through a choral speaking "Noise Song", followed by a three-part rendition of Gunna Build Me a Mountain done with ukuleles and voice.

Bus patrols
I have recently been advised of a safety step in the right direction. Speyside school has made a commitment to have school bus patrols to help solve safety discipline problems. A group of hand-picked Grade 6 students, who have been trained to assist the driver in emergency situations and also to assist in maintaining control on the bus, will be present on all Speyside bus trips. This would be a good time for parents to remind their children of what is expected of them while riding to and from school. Also, a plea to parents of children in Grades 7 and 8 who also ride these same buses. Would you please ask your children to respect the wishes of the bus patrols as it would be difficult for a Grade 6 student to maintain control without the co-operation of all children on the bus.

Seatbelt safety
On another safety note, we are most fortunate to have Safety Officer Keith Woods from the Halton Region Pol-

ice, spend so much time at our school teaching the importance of safety. This past week he spent an entire day going to each classroom imparting the logic of seatbelt safety. If my daughter's attitude is any indication, he must do his job well as I have been informed, in no uncertain terms, that our seatbelts mustn't be twisted, must be tight enough, etc. etc. etc.

Poll
Mr. Howell has advised me that the poll taken on Thursday evening concerning the photographer for school pictures, showed no significant change from last year, so Don McIndoe will continue to do the school pictures.

Limehouse

Wedding in news

By Mrs. A. Benton
Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Anderson and family were guests at the Somers-Anderson wedding in St. Paul's Anglican Church Runnymede on Sat. and the reception in the Maple Room, Union Station. We wish a good recovery for Mr. Wilfred Kirkwood who is in Guelph General Hospital following surgery. Church services next Sunday will commence at 9:30 a.m. on account of Communion.

Obituary

Joshua Thompson

Funeral service was held June 3 in Churchill Community Church for Joshua Thompson, R.R. 2, Acton. Mr. Thompson died in Wellington Terrace, Elora on May 31.

Born in Yorkshire, England on August 14, 1882, he married the former Ethel Naylor in Norval, Ontario, on April 18, 1914. They had ten children. Mr. Thompson was a farmer before his retirement. He is survived by his wife, of Wellington Terrace and children, Ray, Bill, Charles, Frank, Doris (Mrs. A. Cox) of Acton, Emily, (Mrs. C. Plouffe) of Ballinfad, Margaret (Mrs. H. Robson) of Hornby, Leonard, Edith (Mrs. G. Elliott) and Fred of Guelph. The Rev. A. W. Fosbury officiated at the funeral service assisted by the Rev. McFadden. Interment was in Churchill cemetery. Pallbearers at the funeral were nephews Herbert, Alfred and Ernest Thompson, and neighbours Archie Kerr, John Lightle Sr. and Smith Griffin.

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