



QUENTIN THWAITES tries his hand at decorating Ukrainian Easter eggs. The eggs are carefully dyed in solutions and painted using a wax resist.

Ukrainian Easter egg decorating at school

by Jennifer Rowe
Different parts of the world celebrate yearly holidays following the traditions which have been passed down from generation to generation.

Marilyn Shean was a guest at the high school Tuesday morning, where she demonstrated to students and teachers the beautiful and skillful art of Ukrainian Easter egg decorating. Mrs. Shean had a display of books, dyes, tools and decorated eggs on hand while she did actual demonstrations and instructed interested students in the art.

Mrs. Shean said the art had been around for more than 2000 years with children learning the difficult designs on hard boiled eggs when they are about seven or eight years old.

There are two types of Ukrainian Easter eggs, the Pysanky, which are raw eggs and the Krashanka, which are hard-boiled, dyed in solid colour and eaten on the Easter morning feast.

The beautiful designs on the eggs are painted on, following the same principle of wax resist and dyes. Bees' wax is

used to cover the areas where the dyes are not wanted. Each egg is painted with a purpose or meaning in mind. Villages from different areas such as the mountains, plains of cities use a special pattern or design to identify themselves.

After being painted and put into several different colour dyes the eggs are dried and then coated with several coats of shellac to protect them from cracking. Eventually the yolk will dry up inside the egg and make a rattling sound.

The traditional Easter morning in the Ukraine begins with the Lenten fast being broken by the family's sharing a hard-cooked Krashanka followed by a large feast.

The meal is interrupted by the church bell, indicating that one of the village boys has finished his meal and was the first to reach the bell. The first boy to reach the bell is believed to be the first in everything for the rest of the year.

The Easter egg painting in the Ukraine involves many legends and religious beliefs.

Easter egg painting is explained by a story of a peddler who was on his way to the market place to sell his wares, a basket of eggs, when he came upon an angry crowd. They were mocking a man staggering beneath the weight of a heavy cross on which he was about to be crucified. The peddler taking pity on him and leaving his basket by the roadside, ran to his assistance. Returning to his basket, he found the basket had been transformed into beautifully decorated eggs.

The coloured dots on the eggs signify where Mary's tears fell on the eggs when she saw Jesus on the cross.

After taking the eggs to church on Easter morning and having them blessed, the eggs are used to uphold many Ukrainian Easter beliefs. Putting Ukrainian Easter eggs in the wheat insures a good harvest. Buried in the roof of a house helps protect the home and family against fire and other disasters. If a girl likes a special boy, she will show it by giving him a decorated egg on Easter morning.

Today the tradition of the



MARILYN SHEAN demonstrates the skillful art of decorating Easter eggs following the traditions of the Ukrainian people. Mrs. Shean was at the high school Tuesday morning for the demonstration.

Ukrainian Easter egg is still alive. Many women still begin in Lent to decorate their eggs for the coming holiday. Many of the older Ukrainian women start designing their eggs in December and selling them for anywhere between \$5 and \$10. Decorated goose eggs go

for about \$25. This year Ukrainian Easter falls on April 30.

It is these unusual customs, such as the Ukrainian Easter tradition; which each ethnic group brings to Canada, that add to its diversity and uniqueness as a country.

McKenzie-Smith news

by Carole Lovell and Chris Baginski
Our school hockey team has been involved with an important school tournament. The team consists of Fred Kappert, Dean Hughes, Rob Vermulen, Mark Duval, Rob Munro, Duane McCoy, Paul Phelan, Tom Briggs, Murray Gavin, Dave Dunn, Mark Dawkins, Dean McKerracher, Mark Kri, Tom Shannon, Greg Malby, Bill Morrison, Brian Steckley, Danny Gibson, Kevin Kroll.

They have been practising for two months and met Fairview, Centennial and Stewartton today in the North Halton tournament. The results of this tournament will be written up next week. Tomorrow at 3:30 the

student council is planning to have a St. Patrick's Day dance. It will cost 35 cents to get in but ten cents will be deducted to anyone wearing green or having a student card.

The school cast for the H.M.S. Pinafore is: Steve Saxon, Tony Saxon, Paul Carter, John Spiteri, Yves Savard, Jeff Hill, Della Webster, Sue Kinal, Kim Heaps, Chris Baginski, Monica Musselle, Terry-Lynn McStravick, Joel Pink, David Allen, Gord Glenn and Chad Brooks.

On Tuesday and Thursday, the periods will be cut five minutes short, so the operetta casts can have a run through of the show.

We are all looking forward to our week-long vacation starting next Monday.

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Frank Maine speaks to students at school

Wellington county M.P. Frank Maine visited Acton high school Monday morning, March 13 as part of the travelling caucus from the Liberal party. The audience was made up of grade 13 Geography students who are currently studying Canada and the environmental problems it is experiencing.

Dr. Maine was born in England and began his studies there. He moved to Canada and continued his studies, graduating from Queens University. Dr. Maine went back to England where he received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry. In 1974, Dr. Maine was elected to parliament.

Dr. Maine told students at the high school that he got into politics because he believes science creates jobs and makes Canada more competitive in world markets. Dr. Maine is the only scientist in parliament and was able to answer the questions of students on the political side of many of Canada's environmental problems and policies.

Dr. Maine discussed the problem of federal and provincial jurisdiction over environmental issues such as returnable bottles and other recycling programs.

Student concerns over future energy sources were expressed by members of the audience. Dr. Maine discussed many of the different alternatives the government are examining as future energy sources and the problems they are encountering with these alternatives.

On the topic of foreign investment and ownership in

Canadian companies, Dr. Maine informed students of the regulations investors must meet to come into Canada or its companies.

In answer to a question on Canada's present economic problems, Dr. Maine said Canada could learn a lot about business from the United States. He felt Canada's big businesses are becoming foreign-owned and are making decisions without Canada's welfare in mind. Examples of companies who do their research out of the

country were given by Dr. Maine and the problems this causes in the economy.

Dr. Maine was able to deal with the many questions which the students had about the different environmental problems they are learning about in their class as well as problems they feel are important to their future. Keith Black, department head for History and Geography at the high school, suggested if possible, the return of Dr. Maine to speak to classes in coming semesters.

Mug is open Saturday night, enjoy live entertainment

The Mug will be open this Saturday evening with entertainment by Michael Dine and Debbie Tyre for the first half of the evening and George Lasso for the second part. The coffee house which

is located in the Y basement will open at 8.

Along with the soft drinks, coffee, hot chocolate and beef on a kaiser, the Mug will be featuring home baking this week.



DR. FRANK MAINE, M.P. for Wellington county, was a guest at the high school on Monday morning. Dr. Maine spoke to students about many of the environmental problems the government is dealing with. Dr. Maine is part of the Liberal caucus which is currently travelling through Ontario.

St. Joseph's

by Jo Anne McArthur and Tatjana Jansen
this holiday everyone will come back safe and sound.

On April fourth, the annual Shriners' Circus is coming to Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. At 11 a.m. there will be a special performance for school children.

Teachers of our kindergarten to grade 4 classes are taking their students to this special performance. Classwork before and after this visit will centre around some aspect of the circus. Also the student council has loaned the \$250. worth of 100 tickets out of the account. It will be returned when the students pay for the tickets.

Last Thursday, we received our school pictures. Class and individual pictures were taken. To buy both the class and individual picture it costs \$7. If you don't want to keep them they are returned to the school.

Right now our school's population is 130 and growing. From kindergarten registrations we already have 10 new students for next year.

Congratulations to our grade 2 students who have completed their First Confession. They are looking forward to their Holy Communion ceremony on May 7. Again, congratulations grade 2's!

Mr. Briggs received a letter stating that the Track and Field events will take place from June 3 to 5. We will be looking forward to training after the March break.

This Thursday our school will be receiving report cards. Good luck on your reports everyone! We will also be getting out for the March break that goes until Tuesday March 28. We hope that after

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