

School News

ELM PLACE SCHOOL The Bed

We made a Dutch bed. First we took a table and turned it upside down on top of another table, then we took ricks and nailed from one leg to the other. Then we tacked some sheets for curtains. Then Walter brought some straw for a mattress. Then we took another sheet for the top. We have stairs to get in the bed.—Billy Kreh, 2.

Fun

We made butter. First we saved sour cream, then we put it into the big brown wooden churn. We dressed in costumes. We all had a good time. The dasher went splash—plunk.—George Michael, 2B.

Bird Walks

Mr. Leech, teacher of science at Elm Place School, has invited members of his classes to attend the field trips taking place at an early hour every Tuesday morning. The purpose of the walks is to discover as many different kinds of birds as possible, and to study their habits. The woods around Highland Park will be the scene of these excursions.—Robert Phillips.

Baseball

Day before yesterday the Cub regulars and the Yannigans played quite an exciting game. The regulars won 7 to 0. Two days ago the regulars defeated the Yannigans 5 to 0. Day before yesterday's game the Yannigans got only three hits, one by Frank Demmaree, 1 by Augie Galan, and one by Bill Lee.

Basketball

Wisconsin, Illinois and Purdue tied for the Big Ten basketball championship. The basketball campaign was very exciting. Wisconsin, Illinois and Purdue won 9 and lost 3. Ohio State and Indiana won 8 and lost 4. Iowa won 6 and lost 3. Northwestern, Minnesota and Michigan won 5 and lost 7. Chicago was in last place, they won 1 and lost 11. Bill Harlow of Chicago won the high scoring honors of the Big Ten.—Peter Bullard.

Notice

These bright spring days with marbles, roller skating, jump ropes, baseball and all make both mothers and children wonder when spring vacation will come. Mr. Price announced last Monday in assembly that the week beginning April 12—

the week before Easter—and ending April 22, would be our spring vacation.

Elm Place Plays Oak Terrace; Wins by High Score

Friday, March 15, Elm Place lightweights lost to Oak Terrace by a score of 22 to 6. Oak Terrace will play Lake Forest for the championship. At the end of the first quarter of the Elm Place and Oak Terrace game, the score stood 3 to 1 in Elm Place's favor. The second quarter Elm Place was still holding the lead by a score of 5 to 4. Then the whistle blew for the half. The score was still 5 to 4 at the beginning of the third quarter, some substitutes were put in. When the third quarter was over, Oak Terrace was leading by a score of 11 to 6 and held the lead through the final quarter, winning by a score of 22 to 6.

The Cats

We have been taking care of two small cats belonging to my sister who is in St. Louis. They are brothers and look just alike, black as coal with a white spot under the neck. Their names are Tiger and Louie. They like fish to eat and milk to drink. They are always playing, chasing each other, and rolling around on the floor. They eat, sleep, and play all day long. Today we are sending them to my sister in St. Louis. We will miss them very much.—By Evelyn Swanson.

LINCOLN SCHOOL A Letter from a Classmate

As the fifth grade is planning to study the Panama Canal soon they were especially glad to get this letter from Ann Speed:

"Dear Class:
"This is a lovely time on the boat. It is a very warm day and I have been swimming in the pool. It is a big tiled pool. Two days ago we stopped in Carthagena, a town in South America. We hired a car and drove around. It was very hot, we saw lots of bananas and coconut palms. There were lots of little brown babies with no clothes on.

"The day before that we went through the Panama Canal. We sat on the fly bridge, (that's above the captain's bridge) and saw everything. It took seven hours to go through. We started from Balboa early in the morning, we went through three sets of locks and got to Cristobal at about three o'clock. It is fun to watch the locks fill up

with water. We had to go up because the Atlantic is higher than the Pacific. The whole canal is owned and run by the government. The United States bought the land on each side of the canal. Nobody is allowed to live there except employees of the government.

"Before we came to the canal we stopped two places in Central America. They were San Salvador and San Jose de Guatemala. At Guatemala we went on a long train trip up in the mountains. There are lots of volcanoes there. I bought a native costume there. We passed sugar and coffee and coconut and banana plantations. Guatemala is very famous for its coffee. I have some samples of it.

"In the lobby of the hotel where we went to lunch, there was a great big mound of tropical fruit. It was very pretty.

"Tonight on the boat I am going to wear a Guatemala costume to the masquerade party. I hope I win the prize. There are two other children on the boat. It has been a grand trip. I am sorry it is so nearly over. Sincerely,
Ann Speed."

RIDGE SCHOOL A Skokie Sunset

Last night's sunset was a glorious picture. The low-hanging clouds looked as if a great painter had been busy at work. He was not a stingy artist either for he used many colors of most brilliant hues. He even added great splashes of gold and silver until the whole western heavens might have been reflecting some great volcano.

The colors grew brighter and brighter, changing from rose to orange. I knew this could not last long, however, and I was right, for soon there was a steady dimming of the brilliant lights and gradually the day passed into the intensive stillness and shadows of the night.—Bud Haas, grade 7.

Signs of Spring

Have you seen any signs of spring? Well, there's something

wrong with your eyes if you haven't for early plants are shooting up from the ground, pussy-willows are out, buds are swelling on the trees, and it's easy to find crabs in the little ditch along the roadside. There are flocks of meadow larks around and, of course, the robins are becoming numerous again. It is so pleasant to do your school work to the merry tune of a lark, and right this minute there is one just outside our window singing as happy as can be.

Yesterday a robin hopped across my path. He seemed so gay and contented. Guess he hadn't heard the weatherman's warning about his being a false touch of spring, or if he had he wasn't bothered about it. One of the boys saw a pair of blue birds and I've even heard the frogs, but even so perhaps you better not be in too much haste to put your fur coats in moth balls.—Patsy Flynn, grade 7.

RAVINIA SCHOOL Boy's String Ensemble

The Ravinia School Boy's String Ensemble, formerly known as the Ravinia School Quintet, has of late been practicing a suit of music written by Bach which they expect to play for graduation exercises. The ensemble consists of a pianist, Ann Speed. (Continued on following page)



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