

School News

BRAESIDE SCHOOL

The Class Play
On Wednesday evening, May 1, the sixth and seventh grade children gave their class play. The play was called "Simple Simon." There were two Simple Simons. One was Louise Buchanan and the other was James Lynn. It was a very exciting play. All the characters did their parts well. The scenery was lovely and all made by the children. There was an exhibit of the school work on the same evening.—Carol Scheinemann, grade 5.

The children of Braeside School are very grateful to the members of the Parent Teacher Association for the beautiful stage curtains recently presented to the school. The sixth and seventh graders especially wish to express their appreciation to the committee in charge for making possible the hanging of the curtains in time for their class play "Simple Simon." It is almost unbelievable how much they contributed to the general effectiveness of the stage settings.—Sixth and Seventh grades.

LINCOLN SCHOOL

Today the sixth grade saw a flock of chimney swifts. They were flying over the largest Lincoln School chimney to see if the chimney was ready for them. It was not ready so they flew around the building (to keep warm probably). We were wondering why they did not start to make a nest in an empty chimney leading from the second grade room.—Tom Stein, grade 6.

A few of the children in the sixth grade science class have been painting bird slides. We have done much experimenting with paints, crayons, and colored pencils. The colored pencils have seemed to work the best, although due to Harriet Stievers the paintings improved much. The drawings are original. We paint with our bird in front of us to get the original color. When the fire in the science room occurred it destroyed our set of bird slides. This is the reason for making new ones. We are glad these new ones are turning out successfully.—Anna Schaffler, grade 6.

The Life of Audubon
Audubon was an ornithologist. He was born in 1785. He had loved birds all his life. He was a pampered French child, very well dressed and handsome. When he was older he got a job but did not do very much about it because he loved birds and spent most of his time shooting birds then painting them and studying them. He was allowed to shoot them because there was no law saying he could not. We cannot shoot them because there is a law protecting the birds. He studied day and night and tried to make each painting a better one. He did not like the English nation or people until he met Miss Lucy

Bakewell who was a pretty English girl. He later married her and went to Liverpool after several years as they were hard up. He continued his study of birds and his dear wife helped him greatly. He wrote a book on birds and that was one reason he went to England because no one would publish it in the United States. He made a beautiful set of all kinds of birds—life size. Some of the plates were huge because a wild turkey is not very small.

He sold his books to many people among them the King of France. We still have all of Audubon's lovely paintings and they will be loved and cared for as time marches on.—Jacqueline Griswold, grade 7B.

RIDGE SCHOOL

One day during vacation some other girls and I were going to have a show. We carried a table out of the garage to be used as the stage.

One of the girls was going to stand on a barrel and roll it. We wanted to paint it so it would look nice and bright. The barrel was big and there wasn't much paint left in the cans. The top and bottom of the barrel were to be blue and the middle section yellow. All went well until we got to the last section of blue. There wasn't much blue left so we scraped and scraped the bottom of the can. We used our yellow brushes too and this with all the turpentine we added trying to make more paint made it turn out green. Then we had a green, yellow and blue barrel.

We decorated a large car for a dog to sit on. We even had an orange hat with a ribbon on it for her to wear. This was to be one of our very best acts.

Then we were going to have the dog jump through a hoop, but we didn't have a thing we could use for a hoop.

One person was to do magic tricks and tell jokes, but we didn't know enough jokes and we couldn't find a book that had magic tricks in it so that act had to be left out.

In the end we never really gave this big show, but we certainly did have fun planning it.—Alice Johnson, grade 5.

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RAVINIA SCHOOL

Badminton at Ravinia
The game of badminton is fast becoming popular in the Ravinia district. The men and women of the community have been playing on three excellent courts during the indoor season. The boys and girls in the school have had a number of match games and tournaments. The boys, singles, in which forty boys competed was won by Carol Binder. The girls' singles was won by Mona Benson. The mixed doubles was won by Alfred Stern and Sarah Wright. The teachers and parents in the Ravinia School district are playing badminton and find it an excellent game.—Donald Epstein, grade 8.

The Play of the Seasons

I went to the play of the seasons so old. The stage manager and producer was no one but God.
And the settings were planted in pure black soil.
The curtain that rose was of purest fog. Revealing a beautiful green colored bog. Of beautiful, sweet-scented, harmonious birds. The lighting was done by the sun above. Producing effects of marvelous tone. The trees provided a boarding house. For birds, bees, and even a field mouse. The brook joined in with babbling song. Singing the chorus as it flowed along. Then the curtain came down; it was made of rain. With a rainbow stretching from lane to lane.

The curtain came up on the second and last act. It was even more beautiful, as a matter of fact. The leaves that were green were now orange, purple, and red. They fell to the earth making a leafy bed. The brook had frozen and in its clear ice were crystals and designs that looked never so nice.
Then the curtain rang down very slow. So this ends the play. Of the seasons so gay.
No one can equal this production so odd. That was managed and produced by the almighty God.
—Jack Orris, grade 8.

ELM PLACE SCHOOL

Girls Continue Red Cross Work
We, the 7A Junior Red Cross girls, have been making clever May Day hats to be sent to a children's hospital for a May party. We have had much fun in making them, and we hope the children will have just as much fun in playing with them. The hats vary in color and look like huge daisies, with long, hanging petals. A leafy stem (chip strap) holds the hat at a saucy angle. The hats, if desired, may be used as hats, and then turned upside down and be used as a basket. The hats are very attractive.—Billie Montecchie, 7A.

Pony Riding

Yesterday I went pony riding, Roy went pony riding with me.

First my pony trotted, then Roy's pony trotted. We both had six rides.—Judith S., 2nd grade.

My Kittens

I have three baby kittens. Two kittens are black and brown and one is reddish brown. This morning one opened his eyes. They are all males.—Elda Marini, second grade.

Elm Place Has Treat

At our usual Monday morning assembly Mrs. Wagner with the Wilmette orchestra of which she has been conductor for many years came to visit us. They played various selections from operas which they had been studying, a choral by Bach in memory of his two hundred and fiftieth anniversary, the musical clock which is heard on the radio as an introduction to the Marshall Field hour, and a suite composed of three or four movements by Weber. The orchestra which is very large has come to Elm Place for many years with Mrs. Wagner. We are always glad to see them as they play unusually well.—Nancy Kay Goodman.

A Poor Little Bird

One day I was in my back yard

trying to find out what was in the birds' nest that was in our yard. I could not reach it because it was on top of our garage. So I just put some food there for them. One morning I got up to feed them and found a little bird. It was a baby sparrow. I picked it up and took it in. I put it in a basket and took it to school. The teacher said I had better take it home and take care of it. At recess I ran home and told my big brother to put it back in the nest. The next day I went out and put feed there. The day after the feed was still there. So I went up on a ladder and felt around in the nest. In one corner I found a dead sparrow. I took him out and buried him in the ground and put a cross by him. It said "poor little bird."—Doris Slack, grade 5.

Class Pins Ordered for Graduates

Donald Blair, the 8th grade class president, reports that the 1935 class pins have been ordered for all graduates who wanted them. The design will be the same as it has been for years. When you see the 8th graders with pinned up chests and a proud grin, look closely for a little gold pin, which they seem very proud of.—Josephine Lloyd.

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