

School News

RAVINIA SCHOOL

Graduation Play
The 8th grade of Ravinia school is presenting "Rip Van Winkle" for their graduation play on Friday evening, May 24, at 7:30 in the Village house.

The dress rehearsal, which is given for the children, is to be Thursday afternoon, May 23.

Mr. Copp Plans for Field Day
With the help of the 8th grade, Mr. Copp is beginning his plans for Field day, which is to be on May 30. A turn-table is being built, on which the different sports of Ravinia school will be represented.

Everyone in the school will have a chance to participate in a large circus parade. There will be marching, drills, and the other usual activities such as races, high jumping, broad jumping, and baseball.

—Audrey Prindle, Grade 8.

MY SPRING POEM

I grabbed my pen, I grabbed my poem
Before this tragedy occurred
I thought myself a poet
To prove it to my doubting friends
I then began to show it.
I gathered pen and paper up
And started off to roam
Where I could find a shady nook
To write a famous poem.
I found a spreading chestnut tree
And sat down with delight
Soon after chewing on my pen
I then commenced to write
Writing there, beneath that tree
I didn't guess my doom.
For just where I was sitting
Poison ivy was in bloom!
And midst a most poetic line
I heard some thunder, crash
Wet drops of rain did splash
I grabbed my pen, I grabbed my poem
And homeward did I run.
The itching feeling that I had
Was far removed from fun!
And in this tragedy of life
All thoughts of spring had fled
I thought no more of sunny skies
But of my home instead.
When I got home, all dripping wet
I then could plainly see
That while some people could write poems
Such things weren't meant for me.
The moral of this story is:
If you must write a poem
Don't go outside to get inspired
But write it in your home!
—Barbara Wright, Grade 8.

DISTRICT 108 NEWS NOTES

An Interesting Trip

On Tuesday 5 the 5th grade went to Chicago to the Historical society in Lincoln Park. We went in cars driven by some of our mothers. We had a wonderful time seeing interesting things we had studied about, and eating our lunches out of doors. Those of us who reached the Historical building first looked at the great chains piled by the door. These are a part of a great chain that once was stretched across the Hudson river to keep out the British.

When all the cars had come we began our tour through the interesting historical rooms and halls. There were so many things to see!

In the Spanish exploration room we saw old wooden doors through which Columbus had gone many times—and there were some great heavy, water-eaten anchors which he had used on his ships. The guide let us touch these things which Columbus, himself had used.

We went through a hall-way which brought us in front of a copy of part of Paul Revere's house. We stood at the windows and looked in at the rooms. Hanging from one of the beams in the ceiling was a lantern which was exactly like the light which flashed the signal the night of his ride to warn everyone that the British were coming.

The big Senate room is a copy of the Senate Chamber in Congress hall, Philadelphia where George Washington made his Second Inaugural address. There were papers signed by great men that we know about.

In the French exploration room we saw many interesting old maps and letters which belonged to LaSalle and Father Marquette.

In the Washington room we saw a beautiful old desk that George Washington used when he wrote out orders for our Colonial troops in the Revolutionary war.

In the Pioneer Illinois room there was a trundle bed with rope springs. It was a little bed for the children and it slipped under the big bed in the day time. We saw different kinds of warming pans.

One room was all dark when we entered it. It is the Chicago Diorama room. There are eight dioramas showing important times in Chicago's history. When the guides lighted each of them for us it seemed as if we were really looking at real streets and houses and real people. The lights in the dioramas of the Chicago fire made it seem as though we were really seeing the

city burn.
We saw Lincoln rooms with many of Lincoln's own things in them. We saw his rocking chair by the fire place just as he had sat in it many times.

It was warm and sunny enough for us to eat our lunch out-of-doors. Before we came home we went to the zoo.

We want to thank the mothers who took us in their cars.—By the pupils of the 5th Grade.

RIDGE SCHOOL

Joe Taylor lived with his uncle on a farm in southern Illinois. One morning they were standing near the garden viewing the produce of the year.

Uncle Jim was saying, "These are the best melons I've raised in many a year."

These words gave Joe an idea, one that he considered very clever. He managed to meet three of his best friends during the day and tell them his plans. He ended by saying, "I will meet you here at 9 o'clock tonight."

Late that night flat on their stomachs crawled the four boys. They reached the melon patch without letting Tige, the watch-dog, know of their approach. They were busily eating when suddenly there was a growl and a series of barks.

Joe called softly, "Keep still, Tige. Be quiet." Soon after that the boys crept away having eaten their fill of the very best melons.

The next morning everything went along as usual and Uncle Jim didn't seem to know a thing had happened. After the morning work was all finished, he got out the car.

Joe said, "Where are you going, Uncle Jim?"

"Oh, I am going over to the circus at Barlett," replied his uncle. "I had planned to take you and your three friends with me, but on account of what happened last night things are different now and I shall go without you."

As Joe dejectedly watched the car disappear in the distance he realized it was a punishment he justly deserved.—Ross Bowles, Grade 8.

BRAESIDE SCHOOL

Bird Study

The third and fourth grades have been studying birds and their habits. Some children have brought nests. There are two sparrow nests and they are very small. It is all very interesting. A mother and father robin have built their nest on a drainpipe just outside our window at school. Every day we watch them. There are little baby robins in the nest.—Betty Ann Klempfer, Grade 4.

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—Diana Devenhand, Grade 5.

ELM PLACE SCHOOL

Poetry Program

Given in Assembly
Monday morning, May 20, the 2AX's had a poetry program, as an outgrowth of a project on which they had been working for months.

After they had collected over four hundred poems they sorted, classified, and arranged an anthology of their collection. The pupils started with pets only, to be used next fall in connection with Pet day, but then they decided to include all living creatures except man. Many in the class were inspired to write original poems. These and the poems especially liked were given in assembly.

—By Dick Van Arsdale, 7AX's.

HAPPY SPRING

It's Spring! It's Spring!
No more snow.
The robins sing
As home we go
Vacation time has come at last
The bees are coming thick and fast.

It's Spring! It's Spring!
Hurray! hurray!
As we come home we sing and sing

Murray! hurray! this happy day.
Fetsy Cole.

Baseball Continued to Be Exciting

In the Elm Place intra-mural league, the standing is very close. Keith Shay's team has been playing bang-up baseball in their last two games, and winning from Clyde Dorr's team by a score of 13-3. Again last Tuesday they beat Morton Mansur's team by a score of 10-9.

STANDINGS

Teams	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Lawrence Wyal	1	0	0	1.00
Keith Shay	2	0	0	1.00
Bill Hayward	2	0	0	1.00
Morton Mansur	2	0	0	1.00
Clyde Dorr	1	3	0	0.25

If they continue to play like this, no doubt they will be in first place, instead of in fourth place as they were at the end of the first round.

—By Bob Peterson.

SPRING

March winds blow,
And trees bend low,
Yet we have a merry time,
Spring is in her prime.

April is merry month
For she wants to laugh and play
But she has to weep all day
For merry May.

Spring comes 'round again,
You can never have a pain
When the merry month of May
Comes and wants to play.

—Juanita Wilcox.

Hold Rummage Sale in Deerfield May 31

Deerfield's Royal Neighbor Camp will hold a rummage sale on Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1, in the vacant store next to the Deerfield Post office. Mrs. William Johnston is chairman of the sale.

Deerfield O.E.S. to Hold Fun-Fest June 1

The public is cordially invited to a novel entertainment—a "fun fest"—being sponsored by the Deerfield O.E.S., on Saturday, June 1, at 8 p.m. The program will include:

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