

# SCHOOL NEWS

## ELM PLACE SCHOOL

At the last meeting of Student Advisory Board of the Elm Place school the question of occasionally having an amateur hour for assembly programs was discussed. We decided to do so and chose Rose Caryl Pfanstiel for master of ceremonies. She wants each person who would like to take part in such a program to present his name to her and tell what he would like to do.

Francis Barnhart, Grade 6-2.

The Elm Place Band, under the direction of Mr. Bert Greene, is working hard. Mr. Russo has kindly offered to help by giving some of the children lessons on their instruments.

**OLD MAN COLD**  
Old Man Cold is a horrid old creature. With meanness written on every icy feature. His only pleasure is to chill you through and through.

And freeze you till you think you're going to break in two.

There is not a speck of kindness in his mean old heart. Every breath he breathes upon you feels like a little dart. I'll be glad that he'll be going when the winter's old.

For he can be such a mean old creature. This Old Man Cold.

By Jeanne Thorsen, 6-3.

**Rudyard Kipling**  
The great English poet and author, Rudyard Kipling, just recently died. He was the author of many beautiful poems with deep meanings, and humorous poems too. His short stories are famous with children because he has a way of writing that interests children. In the "Just So Stories," is the story of "How the First Letter Was Written." In the "Kipling Reader," is the story of "The Cat that Walked by Himself."

These two stories are the ones our room chose to act out for an assembly program which we expect to give a week from next Monday morning. Harriet Gilroy will direct the first, and Joy Flint the latter. "How the First Letter Was Written" is a humorous story of a cave man who went fishing with his daughter Taffy. His spear broke and Taffy sent a picture letter home to the cave by a stranger who was a Tewara. The whole tribe came to the river, but forgot the spear. The letter was misunderstood. Letters have been improved since that day.

**Elm Place News**  
In Miss McDaniels' room there is a Robinson Crusoe table with Crusoe's island and fortress on it. Robinson Crusoe himself is shown on a raft with his improvised paddle. The children in this room are learning how to multiply by two-figure numbers. They have made a skyline of New York in connection with their geography work.

Miss Engwall's second graders are learning about Eskimos. In spelling they are having a race with Miss Thomas' group. Miss Thomas' class is two "one-hundreds" ahead.

Tom McEwen, 6-3.

## RIDGE SCHOOL

**Snow Modeling**  
Soon after vacation we had a lovely snow. Someone suggested a snow modeling contest and without delay we all got busy. Soon you could see the beginnings of bears, different animals, and other curious looking objects.

Then, alas, just when everybody had a fine start, the snow would not pack any more. Of course, the contest ended right there, but we are hoping that we will still get a show that will pack so we can finish what we started.

**Betty Lou Danper, Grade 5.**  
**The Ice Carnival**  
Our school gave an ice carnival at Sunset park. Many fancy skaters were there. One man jumped over seven barrels. Other people did stunts and tricks on the ice, too. We had races among the children from the different schools. Our school was not so good at that, but we had lots of fun anyway. Last of all there was a hockey game by teams from Ravinia and Braeside.

It would have been a grand affair if it had not been so cold, but the cold weather kept many people away. I do think ice carnivals are great fun though, and I wish we could have one real often.

Charles Plumb, Grade 5.

## RAVINIA SCHOOL

**PUZZLED**  
Have you ever seen a day,  
Or heard of felt one, either?  
I haven't, and yet it's a noun, they say.  
And if it's always today,  
Why does the date change?  
For I am sure, no one ever lived in a  
Tomorrow or a yesterday,  
Why things must so confusing be,  
Is more I don't understand.  
They ought to make them more simple  
For puzzled boys like me.

Tom Brown, Grade 7.

**CARDINALS**  
We saw two cardinals  
In the snow.  
They were as red  
As fine aglow.  
One had a berry  
In his bill.  
We saw them  
From the window all  
Composed by Grade 1W.

**A Japanese Story**  
Once there was a little Japanese child and his name was Tarb. He was a good little boy. He went out in the lovely garden to play. You should have seen that lovely garden. It was beautiful. The green grass sparkled in the sun. You could see the ladies with their parasols. Way over on the grass was a little pool with a little bridge over the water. The little boy went to his mother. He said, "Honorable mother, please pick me a flower." Mother gave him

a flower and he went into the house and went to sleep.

Janis Uhlmann, Grade 3.  
**The Cardinals**  
The Ravinia school has been greatly privileged this winter by a pair of cardinals, which have come to our feeding station every day since the cold weather set in. The children have brought suet, bread crumbs, berries and nuts for them. Now that we have the zero weather, they seem to be glad of our help and sometimes reward us with a song.

The feeding station is one the right side of the "Big Door." If any children have any food for them I'm sure they would be very grateful for it.

Beverly Date, Grade 7.

## LINCOLN SCHOOL

**A Skating Race**  
At school, one brisk Monday, there was a skating race. The whole school was dismissed for one hour. Skaters with bright red tassels and gay colored ski pants made a picturesque scene against the white snow. Gaily colored candy wrappers were strewn about the ground. As the skaters went whizzing around the pond, children cheered until they were hoarse. The winner was always praised until he could stand no more. Almost all the children entered the race, but a great many were disappointed.

Suzanne Curtis, Grade 6.

## The Race

All five of us toed the mark. It was the longest minute I ever spent. At last the whistle sounded. The crowd roared as we started. At first we were together. Then slowly but surely we stretched out. I was behind. I had resolved to save my breath for the finish. Slowly I gained on Harrison in front of me. When he saw me he strained every tense muscle, but it was no use. In the midst of the uproar I heard my friends calling my name. The boy ahead was stumbling. Just as I passed him he fell. Then, with a sudden sprint I passed the next boy. Farrell was still ahead of me and straining hard. In a minute we

would reach the goal. Who would be ahead? I strained every muscle. At last I passed the goal. But Farrell had passed it too. My friends crowded about me. "I'm sorry," I said, "I did my best." "Sorry?" they echoed, "Why you came in first." Just then I woke up.

Nonie Heed, Grade 6.

## DEERFIELD SCHOOL

**Second Grade (Card)**  
We are reading "The Adventures of a Brownie" and we like this book very much.

We have a spell-down every Friday and have a chart for the winners to sign. We usually have three champions.

This week we have had fun playing the story of The Shoemaker and the Elves in our language class.

The eighth grade and glee club are starting to work on their operetta "Love Pirates of Hawaii" to be given early this spring.

The eighth graders are going to start working on the annual oratorical contest next week. The topic is "America, My Heritage." This contest is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Junior Girls' Club had their skating party last Friday after school. Practically every member was present. We had planned to have a sleigh ride party Thursday, night, Jan. 23. However, with the temperature hovering around 20° below zero, we decided to put it off for a time.

Fred Keiser, from the eighth grade, has been transferred to the Half Day School.

Last Friday the boys played basketball at Oak Terrace School. Oak Terrace won both games; the lightweights 14-5, heavyweights 24-2.

**Radio Concert**  
Last Friday the 4th grade listened to the children's radio concert. There were four horns, three trumpets, three trombones and one bass tuba.

Farrell was still ahead of me and straining hard. In a minute we

old Norse myth that tells of the Rhinegold and made it into a ring which gave him magic power.

"The Freeshooter" tells the story of a young forester who trades with an imp for six bullets which never miss the mark.

There were several other pieces played by Mr. Damrosch's orchestra which we enjoyed very much.

Evaughn Humer.

## Mexico

Bruce Goodman's mother and father went to Mexico. When they came back from Mexico they brought

some things that they had bought. There was a hat, a snake skin belt, a belt and holster, a blanket, four baskets, two hammocks, two alligator skins, some Mexican money in it. There are so many things I can't tell you all of them.

Arthur Hendrickson.

## Kindergarten News

The children of the kindergarten are studying about boats and they built one out of blocks. They have some boxes they use for lifeboats. They have a wireless, bunks and a steering wheel. The name of their boat is "Pan Oceana."

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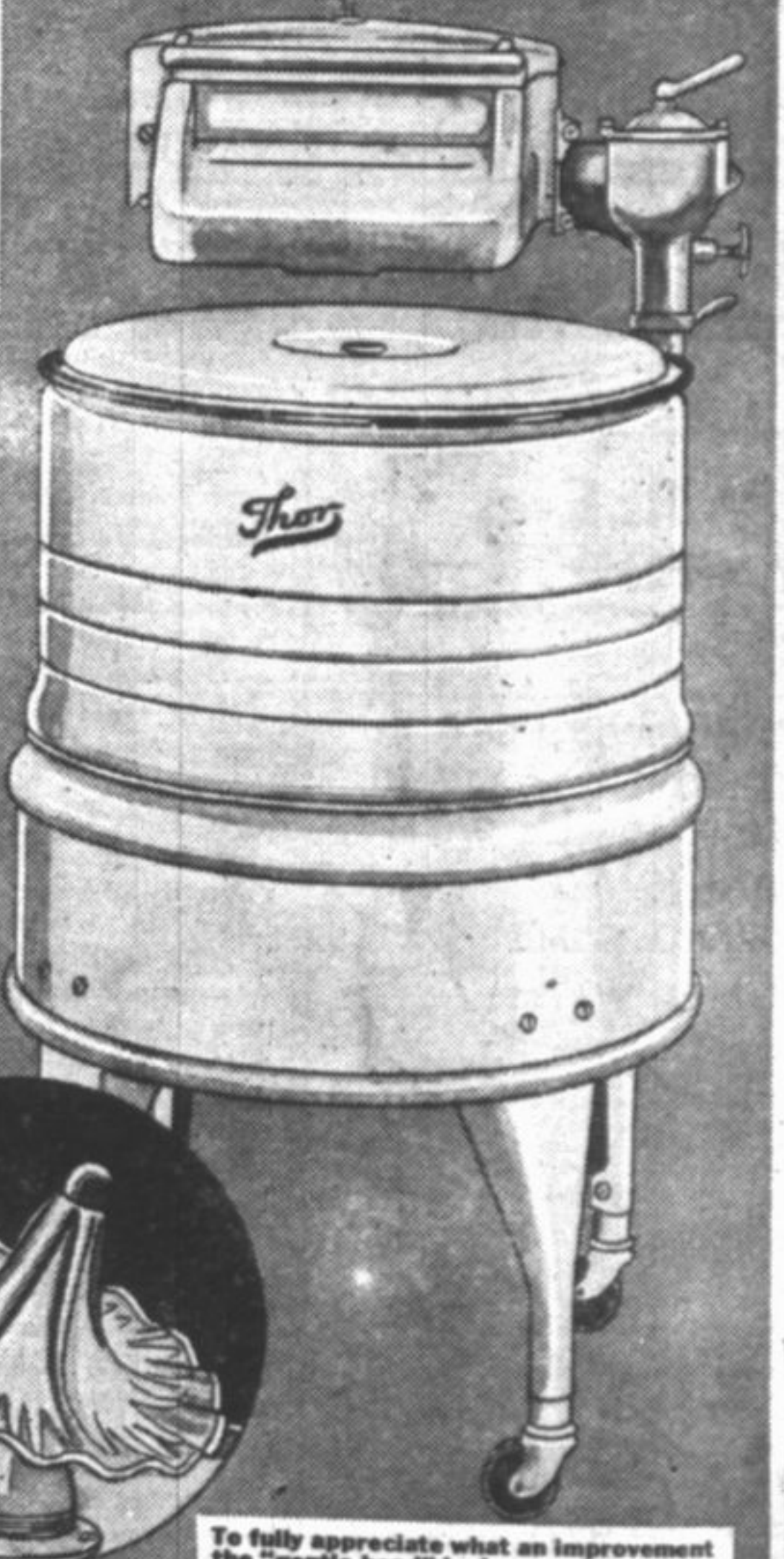
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