

SCHOOL NEWS

DEERFIELD SCHOOL

We had a real treat for our assembly program Monday morning. The Novelty Quintet, consisting of David Stryker, pianist, Leslie Christiansen and Harold Vant, trombonists, H. Ritzenthaler and E. Hecksweiler, cornetists entertained us for an hour with music and rag pictures.

Last week the American Legion Auxiliary made it possible for us to learn a lot about the county sheriff's duties. We saw an interesting exhibit of guns, tear gas bombs, gas masks, and many other pieces of equipment that he brought along and explained. This week Mr. Van Patten and Mr. O'Connor told us about their duties as supervisors. We gain more from such first hand information than we could from hours of study from text books.

RAVINIA SCHOOL

Ravinia school had an exhibit of work Tuesday night, March 24. All the work was on display in the different rooms. One of the first grade rooms had a cow in a barn. They even had straw for the cow to lie down in. There was a milk chart that said, "Bossy Cow's Milk Chart," which told how much milk Bossy gives every day. They had a dairy. Inside there were bottling machines, and a scale for weighing milk, cream and butter. A truck painted white was ready to haul the milk to the houses.

The other first grade had a grocery store where they sold almost everything under the sun. They even had a telephone. When you pushed a button, it would ring.

At pier 25, in other words, second grade, the children had made a boat. There were bunks, a dining room, and a cabin for the wheelman who steered. In the other second grade room, they had Indian tepees, Eskimo igloos and greenhouses.

Miss Marxsen's room had two murals. One was made by the third grade; the other, by the fourth.

The fourth grade mural is of Africa; and the third grade of Japan. They had many interesting things in there. The third grade room had a Japanese tea house and called it "New Japan." The tea house was made of oatmeal boxes covered with paper. They were ready to serve tea.

The fourth grade had a picture of Pilgrims, made with colored chalks on wrapping paper, all across the front of the room. On the wall they had a patchwork quilt.

One fifth grade had a relief map of the United States, and a picture of the cotton industry in the early days. The other fifth grade had pictures of a flatboat, a covered wagon, and a chalk drawing of a lumber camp.

The sixth grade had some charts showing the food you should eat. Up above those, they had the footprints of the children in that room. The science notebook of every child was on a desk.

The seventh grade had many miniature rooms showing how they were furnished at different periods during the growth of our nation. There were covered wagons and other means of transportation represented.

On the walls they had pictures of progress, starting with old ways and ending with skyscrapers. There was a poster of John Bull and things England produces, also showing what would happen if England were cut off from the rest of the world.

The eighth grade had pictures of Ivanhoe and Evangeline around the room, and a castle with clay figures. Every room had the children's work books and papers showing the work they had done in their regular class work.

In the manual training room were lamps, boxes, shelves and snow skates. There was a music rack and a table that the eighth grade boys made for the teachers' rest room. There were stools and shoe racks.

The kindergarten had an airplane and a post office they had made themselves. I hope the people who came to our room enjoyed it. I hope the people that could not come will come next year.—Barbara Norris, Patsy Hemphill, John Baackes, Jerry Casey and Jimmie Thomsen, all of the 5th grade; and Arline Abernathy, Grade 4.

LINCOLN SCHOOL

THE FIRST GRADE ASSEMBLY

We had a very interesting assembly last week given by Miss Lantz's first grade. They went to visit the post office and a grocery store and told us the things they learned.

In the first part the whole class sang songs and recited poems three of which were original:

We have a fruit and grocery store,
It is little and blue,
The storekeeper meets people at the door,
And always is polite to you.

Spinach, carrots, and beans,
Are always good to eat,
Oranges, bananas, and apples,
Are better for children, than meat.

The postman at the window
Sells stamps to me,
They are such pretty colors,
Which one shall I be?

In the second part the class told some interesting facts that they learned at the post office. Here are a few of them: 1. The post office opens at 7:00 and closes at 6:00, every day but Sunday. There is a man that stays there all night. 2. One room is called the swing room. Here the postmen may rest and eat their lunches. 3. Near the ceiling are small slits. Here the government inspectors may watch the men at work without being seen. 4. We saw how letters that came to Highland Park are sorted out and put into boxes with numbers just like our house numbers. 5. Over fourteen thousand people get mail in Highland Park. 6. Twenty-four people work at the post office. Eleven of these are mail carriers.

The third part was a little play about a post office and a grocery store. Some of the characters were the store keeper, the wholesaler, and inspector, a man to test the scales, and a postman. They had a store and post office and mail box they made themselves. Around the assembly were chalk drawings about the grocery and post office that they made. — Patsy Haines, Grade 7.

A LOG CABIN

Miss Nelson's room (grade 4), have made a log cabin and many scenes of rooms in log cabins to illustrate their study of pioneer life.

The big log cabin is made of paper on a wooden frame. They have painted the paper with stripes of brown with narrow white stripes to represent plaster between logs. It is big enough for the children to walk around in.

In the back of the room there is a small fireplace. Above it is a shelf with a small lamp on it. They have put cellophane in the windows. In one corner there is a better churn.

Outside the log cabin along the back of the room are twenty boxes showing different rooms in a log cabin. Each child has made one of these small cabins. All of them have fireplaces. Some of them have beds and cradles in them. They have made hooked rugs to put in some of the rooms, also little chairs, tables, churns, and gingham curtains at the windows.

I am sure the fourth grade children have enjoyed making the cabins.—Phoebe Brooks, Grade 8.

RIDGE SCHOOL FLOWERS FOR OUR ROOM

Some time ago we had a candy sale to get some plants for our room. Then, last week Robin and I were chosen to go with Miss Wright and Mrs. Ringer to select them. We went to Bahr's greenhouse on Ridge road. It was filled with beautiful flowers. Rows and rows of Easter lilies, hyacinths, tulips, and the largest pansies we had ever seen. Mr. Bahr was getting them ready to go to the Chicago Flower Show, and we felt sure he would win a prize. Some pansies grew thirty inches high. They were a new kind whose seed had come from Germany.

After selecting two tulip plants, two hyacinths, and a big Easter lily, we hurried back to school, but we wish you all could have seen these pansies.—Helen Goble, Grade 4.

NEEDED — A PIED PIPER!

Great clouds of smoke could be seen floating upward as the people of Highland Park gardens and other sections near Ridge Road burned vacant lots.

It seems about every ten years there is a siege of rats and mice. This spring brings us to the high spot of this cycle and the pest is very bad. You can see runways holes and tracks all over the ground. You will also notice how badly the shrubs and trees have been chewed. It is a very bad situation and we thought maybe a piper might help as he did in the old story of Hamelin Town.—Patsy Flynn, Grade 8.

BRAESIDE SCHOOL A LITERATURE PROJECT

In our sixth grade literature we read the story of "Joan of Arc" by Boutet de Monvel. Some of us read "Saint Joan of Arc" by S. L. Clemens, and all of us read parts of "The Girl in White Armor" by A. B. Paine. We thought the story of this peasant maid of France would dramatize well. So we all wrote plays we thought we could play and chose the scenes we like the best. When we started to act out the scenes we changed some parts. Now we have it the way we want

it and are going to invite the other grades to see it some day next week.—Barbara Kaumanns, Grade 6.

ELM PLACE SCHOOL FIFTH GRADE STAMP CLUB

A few weeks ago, in English class, our teacher said that we could organize a Stamp club if we wanted to. Any fifth grader interested in stamps was invited to come to Miss Buehler's room the next afternoon at 3:35. Many children came.

The first thing we did was elect officers. Gilbert Anderson was elected president, and Suzanne Heath was elected secretary. We did not elect a treasurer because there are no dues.

After the election Miss Buehler talked to us about stamp collecting. Then we looked up various stamps we had in the stamp catalogue. It was fun!

Suzanne Heath suggested that we

learn something about watermarks on stamps at our next meeting. Miss Buehler is to bring her tongs, some stamps showing different watermarks, and the liquid for testing the stamps. — Suzanne Heath, 5th Grade.

ATHLETICS

The basketball free-throw tournament for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades of Elm Place school was held in the gym on Wednesday, April 1. In seventh and eighth grades both the boys and girls took part. In the sixth grade only the boys participated. About 250 children entered the tournament.

Each contestant had ten shots at the basket. Jean Rosenthal, an eighth grader, won the honors for the girls by making eight out of ten baskets. Bobby Wiles, a seventh grader, led the boys having made eight out of ten baskets. There will have to be several play-

offs to determine class winners due to ties.

Community service ribbons will be awarded to the school winners placing first, second, and third, in each grade. In a few weeks the boy winners will take part in the city-wide finals at the high school. They will compete with the three boy winners from other Highland Park grade schools. The winner in this meet will receive a gold basketball. The contestant who places second will be awarded a silver basketball.

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