

SCHOOL NEWS

RAVANIA SCHOOL

Visiting the Field Museum
The sixth grades visited the Field Museum on Dec. 2. Miss Whipple was our guide and took us first to the prehistoric exhibits. We saw the cave men building a fire, and the Neanderthal men whose heads were on their backs with hardly any necks. As the men began to improve, their tools did, also. There were many cases of stone tools. Two of the special cases I liked in these exhibits were men with their dogs fighting wild bears and a man looking down huge columns of stone to worship the sun. There were also the bones of a girl who was about 18 years old when she died, 20,000 years ago, and a case showing how they found her bones.

Then, we went to the Egyptian exhibits. We saw an old boat which was used as a funeral boat. Three boats were buried in the sand but this one carried the king's body on a platform. Then the guide showed us some interesting X-rays of some mummies. There was a girl and a boy and apparently the boy was a prince or perhaps belonged to a rich family, because there were blotches where gold was placed. Another mummy had just the head and legs with a board in the middle. Then we saw the real mummies. The only one unwrapped was a boy with rickets and his parents wanted him to be healthy in the new world. He was about 4,000 years old but only eight when he died.

Following that our guide left so we walked through the animal museum and many interesting things. We saw the different races of man and other statues. We all enjoyed an interesting afternoon.

Barbara Morris, Grade 6.

BRAESIDE SCHOOL

Mechanical Drawing
This year instead of taking up some handcraft, with Mr. Borg, we are studying mechanical drawing. In the beginning most of the class thought they would rather have some handcraft work such as leather work or wood work, but after getting started on mechanical drawing they are glad Mr. Borg is giving it to them. It is something new to most of us and supplies a pleasant change in the weekly program.

Mr. Borg showed us some plates he has drawn of parts of engines and some plans for buildings. Though they look difficult we would like to try some of them as soon as we are able.

Elaine Kauffman.

Trips
Ring, ring, ring... Hello... Oh yes, Betty... No, I can't today. You see I'm planning a trip... Oh, its only imaginary of course... No, I'm doing it for school. Our whole class is planning trips... We're doing it for English. We write imaginary letters to and from the travel bureaus and ask for information and literature concerning our trips... We make our own itinerary and plan what special points of interest we wish to stop... Most of the children made maps to show their route... We're going to write descriptions of the places we visit in form of a diary

or by letters... Yes, I think we will be able to plan our vacations very nicely after we finish this project. Good-bye.
Louise Bucanan, Grade 8.

ELM PLACE SCHOOL

Report for Wednesday Afternoon

My assignment as reporter was to walk along Sheridan road to Central ave., then up St. Johns ave. to Vine, over to Sheridan road, and back to school. I was to find out what I could just by walking along on the sidewalk.

I am going to tell some of the things I saw. First thing I saw was that the Woman's club is building an addition to the old building. It is quite well along. It is being made with red bricks as the old one is.

The next thing that I noted was that the post office did not have quite so many people as usual. Just wait until Christmas and then it will be crowded.

There were many cars parked up today, and many moving ones, also. Many people seemed to be busy shopping. I saw lots of careless people who ran in front of cars and didn't look both-ways before crossing the street. I noted that the "400" went through town at 3:20.

A policeman is now stationed on the corners of Elm Place and St. Johns. He is there, so children will not get hurt by cars.

Just as I went by the Deerfield Produce Market a North Shore freight train was unloading. The coal yards seemed not quite so busy not noisy today.

The high school boys and girls came out of the school just as if there were a fire or as if an accident had happened. The policeman who was standing there had a busy time directing traffic.

Vine Ave., the part between St. Johns and the lake, seemed quiet today.

On my way back to school on Sheridan road I noticed that the air was full of smoke. I then looked around and up and down the street until I found out where the fire was. It was a big pile of leaves burning slowly and gushing out belches of smoke.

I also noticed that our own school children did not make so much noise as the high school boys and girls did.

Bill Riddle, 8.

Seventh Grade Visit Public Offices

In connection with our social science work, the entire 7th grades in three sections visited last week the Highland Park telephone, the telegraph, and the post offices, which take care of Highland Park's most important methods of communication.

In the telegraph office, those in charge were very kind to us for they showed us how the teletype worked, how to mount messages, and how to use the Morse key.

Next we visited the telephone office where we saw first the room where the operators were connecting subscribers. In the power plant we saw the power generators. We were shown how to detect blown fuses.

At the post office, Mr. Cobb, the postmaster, personally showed us through the office and also the dead

letter pile. He told us that there were eleven postmen who carried the mail throughout Highland Park. On an average, he said, the postman delivered 25,000 letters a day. In all of the offices, we were shown the greatest possible courtesy, and we wish to thank all those who gave us their time and help.

Raymond Stafford, Grade 7.

ADD... ELM PLACE SCHOOL

E.P.S. Graduating Class Organizes
When Mr. Price announced that the 8th grade was to choose its class officers, intense excitement was felt by everyone.

A board was drawn up with a representative from each of the four classes consisting of Tom Brown, chairman, Fred Bangs, Enid Ball, and Helen Abrahm. Any person who wanted to run for any office such as President, Vice President, secretary, or treasurer had to have a petition written by the board with twenty names signed on it.

On a certain date the petitions were handed in and checked over by the board. This left eight people running, Dan Thorsen and Bill Pomper for President; Homer Smith and J. D. Zook for Vice-President; Frances Morgan and Arthur Flint for secretary, and Bob Reichman and Alice Dorich for treasurer.

The next day was campaign day, and many brightly colored posters adorned the bulletin boards at each end of the hall. Also, speeches were being made feverishly by each candidate's manager, praising their candidates. The last period in the afternoon the 8th grade was gathered together in the large assembly. Great speeches were said by future orators, and after the clapping ceased after each speech the candidate would rise and give a short speech.

Friday, the day after, was election day and ballots were made by the Manual Arts Printing department. At noon the booths were put up, and the voters were registered,

and their vote put in the ballot box. That afternoon just before school closed the votes were read and many of the teachers had to excuse the dreamy looks of their pupils as the hands of the clock moved slowly, ever so slowly toward the magic hour of 3:30.

The hour came, and once more the whole 8th grade was gathered together, this time in Miss Grunewald's room for the reading of the votes. The suspense and excitement was intense, as the fatal paper was held up to be read. A name was pronounced, and Dan Thorsen was elected President of the 8th Grade class of 1937. The clapping swelled to a roar as Dan arose to make a short speech. As each of the other successful candidates' names were read, Homer Smith for vice president; Frances Morgan for secretary, and Bob Reichman for treasurer, the clapping reverberated around the room and into the hall as each successful candidate rose to make a speech and much hand-shaking and back-clapping was evident all around.

Last week the officers had a meeting with Mr. Price, and we choose four committees, the Social committee consisting of a boy and a girl from each room who will plan parties, decorate the gym for parties and do many other things. We also picked a Lunch Room committee, an Usher committee, and a Halls committee who will keep the halls in order when classes are passing.

When we have another meeting with Mr. Price, we will choose many more committees, and we will all try to make this one of the finest 8th grade classes that has ever yet graduated.

Frances Morgan, 8th Grade.

LINCOLN SCHOOL

New Uses for Glass

We have been reading about glass in our room. Glass is being used in many ways. Why they are even making glass houses and glass pig pens. Some day you may be

working in a glass office that has a glass desk and glass walls. You might be wearing a glass coat and hat. When it rains, you might wear a glass rain coat.

Some day, you may be walking on a glass sidewalk and riding on a glass road. There are so many things that are made of glass. Why I almost think I might have a glass car. It seems funny that it could happen. Some day, the farmer will have a glass barn, a glass pig pen and a glass chicken coop. This is about all I can think of.

Jean Sunstrom, Grade 3.

Boats
The first and second grades in Miss Campbell's room have made a boat. If you go into their room you can get on the boat. About ten people can get on at one time. Miss Brown's second grade have a big boat, too. They have lots of pictures and books about boats in their room.

Noel Behn, Grade 3.

Our Room Library

We have so many interesting books in our library that I could not tell you or begin to tell you about them all, because I would probably never finish. Mostly everyone in the room reads "Little Bear," and lots of the children read "Cowboy Tommy." Everyone in the room enjoys the "Mother West Wind" series, too. All the children who can understand it read, "Dr. Doollittle's Zoo." Little or big whatever you may be, read "Cherry Tree Children." All the children enjoy "Fifty Famous Stories." If you cannot get these books I have mentioned, try to get them at the Highland Park library.

Jean MacMurphy, Grade 4.

The Book Fair

Last week we had a book fair. Every year the Lincoln school has a book fair. A book fair is where people buy books. All sorts of books are there. There are some for children and for grown ups, too.

Each room had a turn to go out

and see the books. The children chose books they would like to have for Christmas.

Mary McCormick and Chelsea Webster, Grades 4 and 3, respectively.

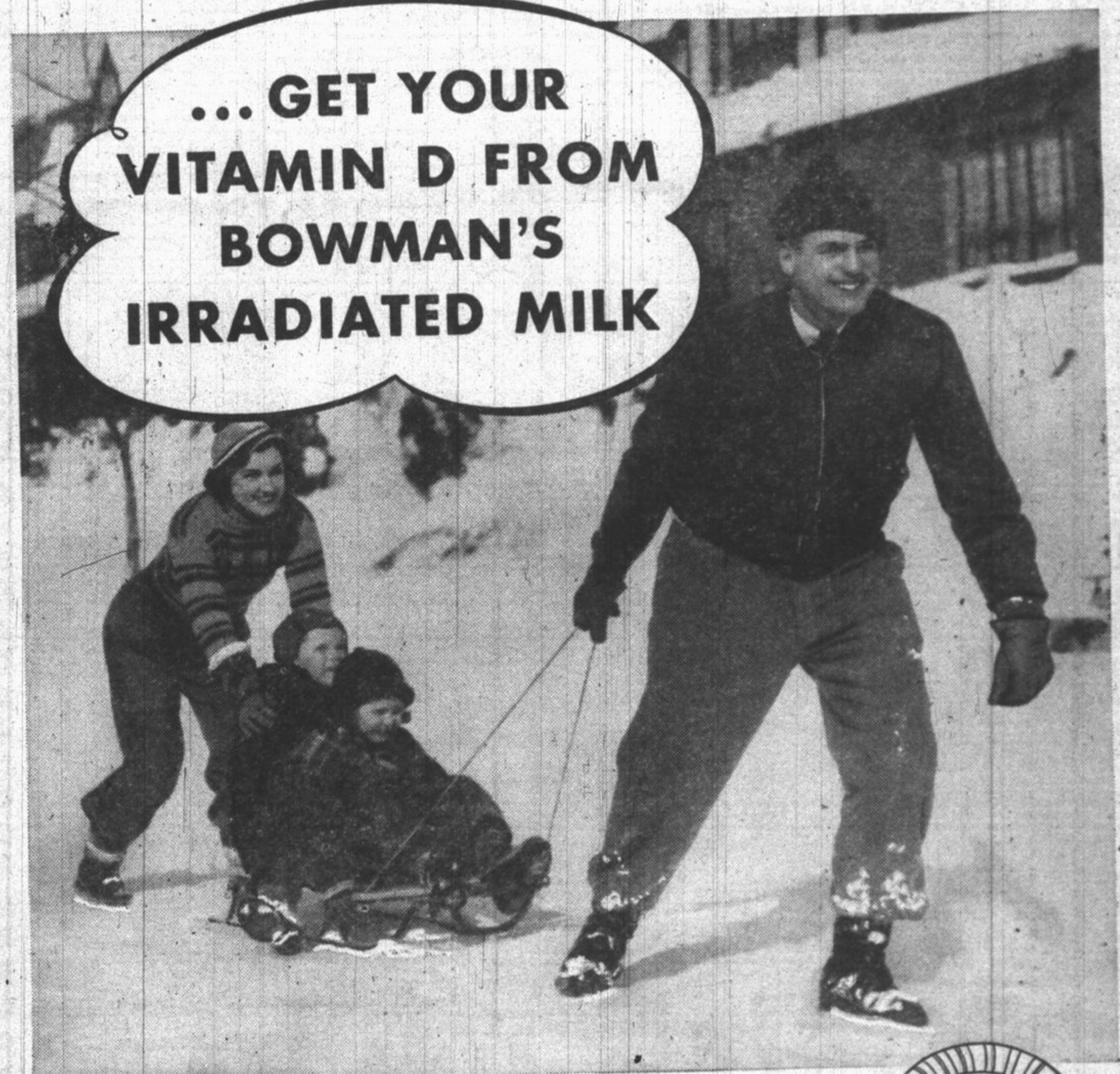
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