

Students hold real Thanksgiving

Students at St. John's School in Waubaushene really know what Thanksgiving is all about.

A film, "The Shopping Bag Lady" prompted a visit to Elm Home, a senior citizen haven in Waubaushene several weeks ago by the grade 7 and 8 students.

The students asked for the visit themselves but that's not where their idea ended.

They next decided upon their own accord that they should hold a Thanksgiving dinner for the elderly folks there!

They prepared the total dinner themselves and served it Friday at the school.

Afterwards, they sang songs for the 13 ladies who attended the function.

Grades four, five and six students also held their own special luncheon for their grandparents with 16 elders attending.

It was truly an inspiring sight to behold, the youngsters freely giving of their time to make their elders feel wanted.

If this action had been compelled upon the students by the teachers, it would not have been the same.

Yet, all the plans were made by the students because they wanted to.

Such unselfishness has to be applauded, especially in these times of generation gaps, prejudice and just plain thoughtlessness.

Thanksgiving lives at St. John's School in Waubaushene as it does in very few other places.



Thanksgiving celebration

It was a special day Friday for 13 ladies from Elm Home in Waubaushene when the grade seven and eight students at St. John's School of Waubaushene

planned a Thanksgiving dinner in their honor. The students prepared the meal themselves and entertained the ladies with songs afterward.

Wants farmers protected from inflation

Large increases in food prices can be expected unless steps are taken to deal with the problems facing Canadian farmers, Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) Second Vice-President, Frank Wall, warned this week.

Wall explained that inflation of input costs and depressed prices in some commodities have led to a major reduction in farm incomes. Late last year, Statistics Canada forecast the

decrease would be 40 percent in Ontario.

"In the 1930s, a farmer produced enough food for himself and 12 other people. Today, he

feeds over a hundred. However, that will not continue if farmers do not earn enough to continue to invest in improving their own

efficiency." Wall said he also feared that several bad years would drive away the present generation of young farmers.

Canadians have one of the most inexpensive supplies of quality food in the world. The percentage of disposable income spent on food has declined from 25 percent 30 years ago, to only 14 percent today.

"Perhaps now that decline will have to stop and the percentage remain relatively fixed," Wall said.

He concluded, farmers either will have to receive better incomes from the marketplace or be protected from inflation by the government. He said the OFA is preparing a detailed set of proposals which will be released later this year.

ovens in pioneer homes.

Toys

A horse-drawn wagon ride away from the Village is the Dalziel Barn, an enormous Pennsylvania German log barn which is now a museum for farm implements and also houses the largest collection of 19th century toys in Canada.

Beside the Laskay Emporium and Post Office is the Halfway House Inn, a former stage coach stop. Downstairs is a licensed dining room where costumed staff will serve a hearty full-course meal or a light snack, on old-time crockery.

Every weekend, different facets of pioneer life are highlighted. From Nov. 1 to 16, spinning, weaving, rug hooking and broom making will be featured. Then, until the close of the Village on Jan. 4, the Villagers will prepare for and celebrate Christmas.

Black Creek Pioneer Village, a conservation project of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, is located at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue, in northwest Metro Toronto. During October, Black Creek is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., weekends.

SCBE keeping cards to itself

Simcoe County Board of Education is playing a tight hand following Penetanguishene council's rejection of an application to rezone land in that town to allow the building of a French language high school.

The board is talking about the matter, but not within earshot of public or press.

The only information gathered at last week's board meeting was that the board resolution requesting the intervention of the provincial government has been passed to the minister of education, as well as a copy of the report to the board on the matter from the board's lawyer.

Board members acknowledged that a working committee agreed with the lawyer's opinion.

But Director of Education Irving Harris declined to tell a reporter during question period what the conclusion is that both the board's lawyer and a working committee have agreed on.

The board the same evening also voted to inform the teachers' negotiating committees that the board wishes to sever its relationship with Hay and Associates.

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Black Creek the place to be during October

During October weekends at Black Creek Pioneer Village, costumed villagers will demonstrate the traditional autumn activities of apple paring and drying, candle dipping and printing, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Moreover, visitors to the Village, one of the largest folk villages in the country, can explore more than thirty authentically restored buildings fully furnished with appropriate antiques.

Seven days a week Villagers relive life in a rural community, the way it was in pre-Confederation Ontario. A printer works on the press and the gunsmith builds and repairs 19th century guns and rifles, while country fresh breads bake in the brick

Choral music competition could be worth \$1,000 to winning conductor

Ontario Arts Council today announced the seventh Leslie Bell Scholarship competition, established by the Leslie Bell Singers Alumnae in 1973 to commemorate the outstanding contribution to choral music by the late Dr. Leslie Bell. The Ontario Arts Council administers the competition.

The scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to an emerging Ontario conductor to further his/her work in the field of choral music. Each applicant will be expected to conduct a choral group in specified works during the adjudicated competition, which will be held in mid-November in Toronto.

Past winners of the competition have included Edward Moroney (1973), Robert Cooper (1974), David Christiani (1975), Carol Boyle (1976), Jean Ashworth-Gam (1977), and Gerald Neufeld (1978).

Deadline for applications is October 15, 1980. Application forms may be obtained by writing to: Leslie Bell Scholarship Competition, Ontario Arts Council, Suite 500, 151 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1T6.

Dr. Leslie Bell was a former music teacher at Parkdale Collegiate, the Ontario College of Education and the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto. His concerts at the Canadian National Exhibition, Maple Leaf Gardens and shows on radio and television made him one of Canada's most popular musical personalities.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUSHENE

The Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene passed a by-law on August 25th, 1980 to provide for the submission of a question to obtain the opinion of electors in the Town of Penetanguishene in the matter of the implementation of a French language high school in the Penetanguishene area.

The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1970, Chapter 284, as amended, provides in Section 352 (25) that municipal councils may pass by-laws for submitting to the vote of electors, any municipal question not specifically authorized by by-law.

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene intends to submit the following question on ballot papers at the municipal election to be held on November 10th, 1980 (and at the Advance Poll to be held on November 1st, 1980).
DO YOU SUPPORT THE DECISION MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND THE SIMCOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO BUILD A SEPARATE FRENCH LANGUAGE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE PENETANGUSHENE AREA, IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING BILINGUAL SCHOOL (L'ECOLE SECONDAIRE DE PENETANGUSHENE)?

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the question shall only be placed on ballot papers if a poll is required in the Town of Penetanguishene in accordance with Section 41 of the Municipal Act.

Y. A. Gagne, A.M.C.T.,
Clerk.

I, Y. A. Gagne, do hereby certify that the above is a true statement of the question to be submitted to the electors at the forthcoming Municipal Election.

Given under my hand, October 8th, 1980.
Y. A. Gagne, A.M.C.T.,
Clerk.