

ELGIN & DISTRICT NURSERY SCHOOL

On Friday, Oct. 30, there were ghosts and goblins anxious to celebrate Hallowe'en at Nursery School. Both junior and senior classes were dressed in costumes and enjoyed the day by helping Jane and Barb carve jack-o-lanterns and bake special pumpkin cookies. A good time was had by all. The children with the help of their teachers, found many ways to enjoy the month of November. Under the guidance and encouragement of their teacher Jane Kimmerley, and her assistant Barb Neff the children explored a variety of themes appropriate to this time of year, including "Smell", "People preparing for winter" and "Animals preparing for winter". The first week was spent exploring the sense of smell, allowing the children to identify different foods and spices. The same week, weather permitted a walk in the village, enabling the children to enjoy the crisp fall air as well as the sights around them. An invigorating walk in the woods on Nov. 13th, provided the Senior class with many interesting experiences as well as an opportunity to collect items for the Science Table. The outing was equally enjoyed by accompanying parents. Last week, Kathleen Birtch, a naturalist from Mallorytown Landing Park came to visit the school and captivated the children with her discussion on animals and their preparation for winter. In keeping with the "animals" theme, the children made bird feeders from milk cartons. At the monthly meeting of parents and teachers, on Oct. 28th, the election of officers was held. The executive for the coming year is: President Lorraine Porter; Vice-Pres. Anna Hill; Secretary Betty Hawkins; Treasurer Pat Summers assisted by Sharon Green. The main issue of the meeting was fundraising. Plans were made for the selling of baked goods and crafts at the Rideau Crafts Christmas Market on Nov. 28 at Rideau District High School. Raffle tickets for a hand quilted clock and a gingerbread house will be available for purchase the same day. Parents are also busy selling "Pay What You Pull" tickets this month with a first prize of \$100.00 cash to be drawn on Dec. 18th. On Nov. 7th, the Nursery School sponsored a "Toys to Grow" Sale featuring

a line of reasonably priced high quality educational toys. Thanks to a large community turn out this first sale was a success and hopefully will be held again next year. There are still vacancies in both junior and senior classes. Children can join the class at any time during the school year on either a part or full time basis. For more information call 359-5540.

Philipsville Women's Institute

The Philipsville WI opened their meeting with the "Ode" and Mary Stewart Collect. Mary Sutcliffe was pianist. Roll Call was 'When was the Canadian Citizenship Act introduced?' (answer Jan.1, 1947) Leorene Hayes introduced our visitor, Thea Dodge, district president. Minutes were read and approved and new business was dealt with. We will be going to Delta for a Christmas meeting Dec. 15. Clara Hallett gave a report from the area convention, held in Napanee The district annual will be held in Philipsville, May 19, 1988. Our next meeting is Dec. 10 in the form of a dessert party, with food from a foreign country, meeting will begin at 1pm, exchange of gifts or services will take place at close of meeting. Marvin is to order our new hand books. Mary Sutcliffe had the program which was on Citizenship and world affairs. She spoke about the veterans first and then on what it means to be able to live in a country where we can have freedom of speech, able to vote, etc. She remarked about the commonwealth meeting held in British Columbia with 48 countries flying their flags and the Canadian flag at the top. Mary handed out papers for the members to write down what it means to us to be Canadian citizens, this was well answered. This is what we got for the meaning of the word citizenship: C-haracter, I-nterested, T-houghtfulness, I-nvolved, Z-est, E-nergy, N-ighbourly, S-incere, H-elpful, I-ndustrious, P-ride. The singing of O Canada closed this part of the meeting. Lunch was served.

Outreach Neighbours

The Outreach Neighbours dinner was held on Nov. 5. The Institute hall was decorated with "Hobbies" as the theme. Jack Tenent from Athens was guest speaker. He spoke on making Tiffany lamp shades which is one of his hobbies, he had some on display and they are beautiful. He showed other items that can be made from glass. He then told of how hobbies can be a help to people who have retired and are looking for some way to help put their time in and invited anyone to drop in on him anytime. Grace was said by Anna Greenhorn and dinner served by Veda, Marion, Gloria, Diana, Carl, Mary Ann, Anna and Lola. Many thanks to the girls who helped as it makes it easier for everyone, the more helpers there are. Next dinner will be December 3.

Harlem-Chantry UCW

Mrs. Pat Cassidy was hostess for our meeting on Nov. 3. Mrs. Alice Campbell, president for the month, welcomed the members, thanked the hostess and opened the meeting with prayer. Roll Call was answered by 12 members with "A Fact about Remembrance Day". Mrs. Nancy Wykes conducted the worship service on "Peace". Mrs. Marjorie Emmons gave a chapter of the study book on the native people of Nicaragua. Minutes, offering, correspondence and business were dealt with. Donations were made to the Bursary Fund, Chantry Hall upkeep, and \$275. to Delta M&S and \$275. to Portland M&S. Ten home and 9 hospital calls were made and 14 books were read. Money was paid to the months project and birthday box. Meeting closed with the Benediction. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 1 at 1:30 pm at the home of Mrs. Jean Sheffield.

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4H CLUB

4-H is a program that has grass roots in Canada back to 1913. Back then, potato, livestock, sewing, foods and gardening clubs were formed for young people. These clubs were known as Boys and Girls Clubs; in 1952 4-H was adopted. In 1988 we celebrate the 75th anniversary of 4-H. We hope to gather, on loan, project books, cook books, articles made etc. for use during the year. All material will be looked after carefully. Former members may contact the leaders Nancy Hayes at 359-5797 and Jansje Keates at 272-2605.

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