

**Elgin & District Co-operative Nursery School**

The children who attend the Nursery School have been busy since Christmas exploring a variety of themes under the guidance and encouragement of their teacher, Ruth Brown and her assistant, Barb Neff. Themes have included Family, Winter, Shapes, Opposites, Zoo Animals, Valentines, Number and "All About Me".

Mrs. Brown has been working with individual children for experience in counting, matching opposites, recognition of number symbols and colours. The newly acquired Snakes and Ladders game, Multilink toy (for counting and numbers) and alphabet cards have stimulated a keen interest in numbers and letters.

Drama is very popular at the moment; the children just love to act out songs and stories and have been entertaining their teachers! They also love dressing up and role playing (We need clothes for the dress-up corner, so next time you clear out your closet, please remember the nursery school).

In order to encourage recalling and relating past events, Mrs. Brown has recently been asking the children to share news about their weekend activities. The results are posted on the wall of the classroom, much to the delight and sometimes the amusement of the parents.

The Nursery school has been experiencing financial

difficulties this year because of low enrollment. All expenses are covered by the fees and any donations. The parents have been busily seeking community support and are just beginning to meet with some success in this area. Our current fund-raising effort is a Mother's Day raffle of a Panasonic microwave oven or 20" Panasonic Colour TV (Winner's choice!) as first prize and a Panasonic Stereo Radio Cassette, donated by Duncan's Radio & T.V. as second prize.

Our children enjoy and benefit from the experiences which Nursery School offers them. If you have been wondering about taking advantage of this program for your child, you will be interested to know that children can join the class at any time during the school year, on a full-time or part-time basis. Consider that sending your child on a part-time basis this spring could go a long way towards preparing him/her for full-time participation next fall. Also, we will be organizing a schedule for April and May for each child who now attends to have an opportunity to "bring a friend" for a day, and in May we will have an Open House. Please feel free to call if you are interested in any of these options, or if you would just like to drop by to see what goes on. Call Ruth Brown at 359-5665 (home) and 359-5166 (school) or Melinda Warren at 359-1052 or Lorraine Porter at 359-5540.

**ELGIN UCW**

The March UCW meeting was opened by the President Loree Smith with prayer. Worship was led by Anna Charland and Enid Soper. Marjorie Earl read a meditation on 'Light' and how it reflects God's Love and Power.

Nina Churchill and her group presented a study on the dynamic Canadian missionary, Nellie McClung who worked in the western provinces of Canada during the first part of this century.

Loree Smith then told us about the interdenominational Development and Relief Fund which is supporting people in a large black township in South Africa as well as people in need in Brazil.

Marjorie Earl reported on the Presbyterian Annual Day in Odessa which she found most valuable, and Eleanor Taylor told the meeting about the presentation at the Presbyterian of the new UCW banner.

Phyllis Connell reported on the United Church Workshop in Gananoque. Enid Soper gave the Treasurer's report, and the UCW was able to decide on the distribution of its money. Marion Seeley gave an account on a United Church workshop in Athens regarding church funds, and informed us how the church headquarters distributes the Mission and Service Fund.

Loree brought the meeting to a close and the members enjoyed refreshments.

**Red Cross Homemakers' Committee**

The North Leeds and Gananoque Volunteer Red Cross Homemakers' Committee met at the Elgin Office at 1 p.m. on March 12th. Chairperson May LaHay welcomed members. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Business arising from the minutes was taken care of.

The following correspondence was circulated and discussed:

- minutes of the annual meeting of the Brockville branch of the Canadian Red Cross, Feb. 26th
- minutes of the Regional Council meeting, Jan. 30th
- Tracing and Reunion workshop to be held in Ottawa on March 28th
- Memo advising that Emergency Service Registration forms will be stored at the Kingston and Ottawa Red Cross branches
- letter from Blood Services chairman

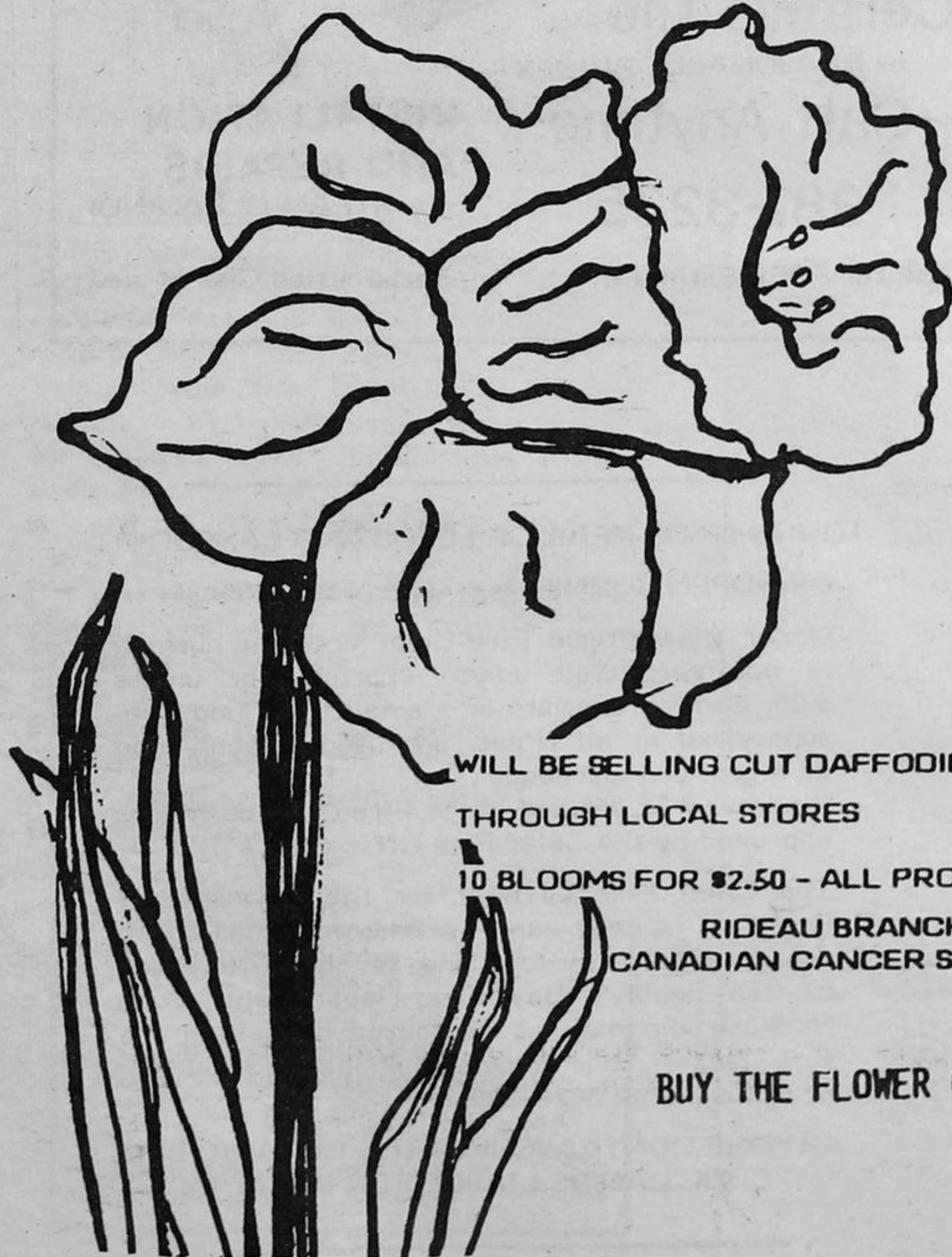
The committee gratefully acknowledged that Beta Sigma Phi will once again conduct the April Blood Donor Clinic at RDHS.

Marilyn Moore, Assistant Supervisor advised Committee that Homemakers' service volume has increased to over 400 days per month. Even with an average staff of forty, there is more work available for reliable homemakers in the Westport/Elgin area.

The next meeting will be held on June 3rd.

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