ELGIN & DISTRICT

CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

March has been a busy and informative month for the nursery school children with the highlight being their visit to the sugar bush at the Dwyre farm.

A library visit is scheduled for April and activities for the month will include making spring seed mosaics and working on an Easter craft. One of the topics for discussion will be bees and insects. Teacher Heather Green has asked that "show and tell" items be educational if possible - relating to the weekly discussion themes or pertaining to nature or science.

A spring raffle will be held on April 16th.

1st prize: - a child's wagon

2nd prize: - a full-size (adult) rocking chair

3rd prize: - a child's wheelbarrow

All prizes are handmade and will be displayed in area banks (Elgin, Portland, Seeley's Bay) for three weeks prior to the draw. Tickets are 50¢ each and are available through parents or at the school.

A dance is being planned for co-op members (parents) to be held Sat., April 25th in the Crosby Hall.

April is Open House month at the nursery school. Interested members of the community are invited to attend our Open Meeting - Monday, April 13th 8:00 p.m. at the school (Elgin United Church). Guest speakers will be Maureen Bradley- a Primary Resource Teacher with the Leeds & Grenville Board of Education - speaking on the Early Identification Program (kindergarten); and Barbara Patterson - Kindergarten teacher at South Crosby Public School. A film of our school will be shown and refreshments will be served.

Interested parents can bring their pre-schoolers to the school for our annual Open House - Wednesday, April 15th 1-3:30 p.m.. Come and see the school in action and find out how your child can benefit from our program.

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1981 Maple Syrup

Festival

AT DELTA

Friday, April 3
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 4
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 5
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Enjoy pancakes flooded with syrup

Adults $3.00 Children under 12 $1.50

CHAFFEY'S LOCK WOMENS INSTITUTE

Twenty members and two visitors gathered at the Community Hall March 12 for our regular W.I. meeting. We began with a time of fellowship, while our hostesses, Jeanne McIntyre, Irene Pyne and Evelyn Franklin served refreshments. Kathryn Scott made an attractively decorated birthday cake to honour one of our charter members, Hazel Jarrett.

Mary Warren, president, called us to order and we repeated our Collect and Ode.

Jeanne McIntyre introduced our guest speaker, Don Warren, who gave a most interesting talk on maple syrup. We were informed that there are 60 different species of maple trees and they live over 300 years, reaching their peak productivity at 60 to 100 years of age. Don's enthusiasm for the satisfaction and pleasure of making his own syrup kindled afresh our own pleasant memories of days on the farm.

Our motto for the day was "The soil, besides being the source of the future, is a complete record of the past".

The roll call "your view of farming" proved very interesting and resulted in two suggested resolutions - 1. the need of preserving our maples 2. the selling of fine agricultural land for other than agricultural purposes. These concerns are to be prepared and sent to the Provincial Government.

Glenna Langlois, treasurer, gave the financial report.

Laurel Fleming gave us a recent account of her book entitled "Hearth and Heritage" which was on display at our meeting. It contains a history of Chaffey's Lock and area and sells for $14.95.

Kathryn Scott gave us a suggested outline of the bus trip which will be on May 14.

Members were notified of the final plans for the Fish Fry.

Two new members have joined our W.I.

The meeting adjourned .

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES ACQUIRE SECRETARIAL SKILLS

A highly successful 8 week full time program in secretarial skills for university or college graduates starts again in May at St. Lawrence College, Kingston.

"This program gives students that all important foot in the door," program advisor, Sylvia Ranson said. "With secretarial skills added to a university degree, our graduates are very employable and find that they advance quickly once they are with a company."

Ranson warns that the program is very intensive and students must be prepared for 2 months of hard work. "We are looking for highly motivated people who want to be ready for the job market as soon as possible," she said.

The program has been in operation for several years and has a proven success rate. This year's program runs from May 4th to June 26th. The spring timing is especially suitable for university students who have just graduated and need marketable skills to get a job.

For more information on the program, contact the secretarial and administrative studies department at 544-5400 Ext. 295 or 213.

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