

## Sweet's Corners School

Recently the students at SCES were involved in the planting of 1350 seedling trees in and around the school property in an attempt to develop windbreaks for the play yard and to beautify the grounds. Students from all classes were responsible for designated areas to be planted. White spruce, Carolina poplar, white cedar, red pine and Norway spruce were used to outline the playground while other varieties were added to the landscaping at the front of the school. Older students eagerly assisted the younger ones by digging the holes and helping with the layout and measuring. Because of their involvement in this project, our students are keeping a close watch in the hope that many of the tiny trees will grow to maturity.

During the past weeks the Kdgn and Primary students have enjoyed performances by three different theatre arts groups who have visited our school.

David Kemp, the Associate Dean of

McArthur College, Kingston, along with a group of student teachers, presented "The Mystery Box", a play about a monkey mask which had magical properties. Much to their delight, the youngsters watching the play were encouraged to participate at appropriate times and to interact with the performers during the presentation.

The second play, "The Clown who Lost his Laugh", presented by a group of Leeds & Grenville teachers, under the direction of Mrs. Betty Alexander of New Dublin Elem. School. With the help of the "magic potion" and the pupils in the audience, Clown was restored to his original jovial self in spite of Mr. Grump's evil plans.

Teachers taking part included Claudia Fournier, Vanier Public School; Wendy Mayhew, Westminster Public School; Ellen Goodman, Commonwealth Public School; and Ben Sugarman, Westminster Public School.

"The Little Blue Hedgehog", an excellent puppet play by Johan and Allison Vandergun was sponsored by the Rideau Lakes Library and presented to the K-3 classes at SCES. The story dealt with a friendless blue hedgehog who, with the help of the puppeteers and the children watching, eventually became acquainted with a little red hedgehog and the story ended on a happy note.

Johan & Allison spent some time explaining and demonstrating various methods of making simple puppets from such items as ordinary gloves, sponge shapes, rubber balls, umbrellas, dust mops, string mops, potato mashers and wooden spoons.

A question period following the play demonstrated the close attention which the children had given the performers as they had become deeply involved in the little blue hedgehog's predicament. The enthusiasm of the puppeteers for their craft inspired many of those in audience to try their hand at puppet making in the days following.

Inspired by visiting groups such as these described, some of the SCES students have voluntarily developed original short plays and presented them for the younger students.

A two-act skit, "The Price of Eggs" was presented by Gary Bracken, Kevin Cairns, Karen Scheitrowsky, Krista Mainse and Jimmy Cowan.

An original puppet show, with puppets made by Vivian Serson was presented by Pennie Babcock, Renée Veley, Vivian Serson & Laurel Takerer. The staff and students express their appreciation to all the groups for adding their talents to the experiences of their students.

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## 1st LYNDHURST CUBS

The Cubs recently enjoyed a successful tree planting and raised money for their group. The following week they went on a nature hike and enjoyed a barbecue. This week they are going to Fort Henry and the following week they are preparing for their camp on July 6, 7 and 8. The boys will be selling Cub calendars towards fall.

## Philipsville

A milestone in the history of the former Philipsville United Church was reached on May 25th. The vacant church was recently purchased, renovated and became a Masonic Temple.

Harmony Lodge has been meeting in Delta for the past century. On May 25th, the Lodge celebrated its 100th anniversary by opening its new Temple. A large crowd from the surrounding Masonic districts, and a bus load of 35 Masons from Woodbury, New Jersey were present for this meeting.

225 Masons assembled in the RDHS in Elgin to meet the Grand Master, Robert Davies on his official visit to the St. Lawrence District and to Harmony Lodge on its centennial. 21 Grand Lodge officers and board members were present. A dinner and program including a challenging speech from the Grand Master made the day a memorable one for Harmony Lodge.

On June 27th at 3 p.m. the official dedication of the Temple will take place. The Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officials will preside at the ceremonies. This will be a momentous day in the history of Harmony Lodge.

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