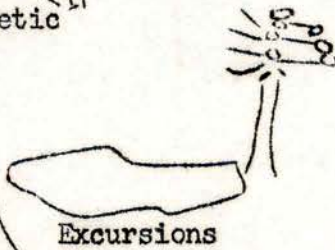
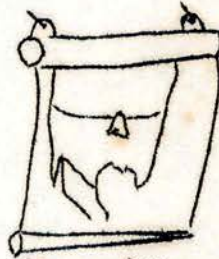


# Sixth Grade

Memories 1952-1953

Merrick Demonstration



## SIXTH GRADE MEMORIES

October 1, 1952

### WE HAVE REACHED SIXTH GRADE

We are at the end of our line, Sixth Grade. Just think, this year we will sing, "The School I Left Behind Me." It's not too sad, for even though it will be sad to leave Merrick, it will be fun to go on to another school.

Most of us had been together since first grade. We had heard Miss Drew was pretty terrible, but really she isn't half as bad as we thought. Don't you be scared of Miss Drew because she's really a lot of fun.

Judy Alexander

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### QUEEN ANN DIED

Nick Hodsdon

When we started the sixth grade Miss Drew taught us a game called "Queen Ann Died". Whenever we've been sitting still for a long time we all get up and Miss Drew leads us through turning our heads from side to side, lifting either arm up and down, stamping either or both feet, and anything else you can imagine! She ends the game by saying, "She died sitting down". It's a lot of fun, but when anyone comes to the door and sees us doing it they think we're all crazy!

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### THE FIRST PATROL

Jay Tarpley

The first patrol started off pretty well this year. We had our meeting in the upstairs library and I was elected Captain. Nancy Cook is our new lieutenant. It has rained three times and each time one or two of us have had to put on raincoats and go out with umbrellas and bare feet. The others on patrol are: Judy Alexander, Patty Boone, Sarah Cullen, Nicky Hodsdon, Patricia Winter, Eileen Link, Katherine Owre, Jay Pearson, and Bradley Lindsey.

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### USING THE LIBRARY

Betsy Virgin

This year we have the privilege of using the library. We have had fun putting the books in order. Every day the library committee puts the books in order. We elect a new library committee every few days. There are about six hundred books in the classroom. In our library we have three sets of encyclopedias, and half the books are reference books. There are about three hundred and fifty fiction books and about fifty biographies.

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### WORKING IN THE CAFETERIA

Karen Kendall

When school started Miss Drew chose two people to work in the cafeteria. Patricia and Karen were chosen. We dried silver, dried trays, and put out the pies, cakes and salad. It was lots of fun.

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### WORKING IN THE CAFETERIA

Gene Lee

When Charles and I worked in the cafeteria we had to dry the trays and dishes then put them away. Also we watched out for those who wanted ice cream. When all the grades are through the line you may get all you want to eat, but not two desserts.

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### SCIENCE KIT

Jay Pearson

This year we have a science kit. In it there are these things: two magnets, dry cell, magnifying glass, spectrum, tuning fork, and others. We like the kit very much.

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### GREENBOARDS

Sandra Treff

We have greenboards because the blackboards had glares on them. Greenboards do not have any glares. We can't write with white chalk because it is too light. We have to write with yellow chalk and it shows up better.

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### TABLES

Eileen Link

"Tables" is a new game that we have just learned how to play. This is how we play it. Miss Drew gives us little cards that look like Bingo cards, except that they have numbers on them which are the answers to multiplication combinations. And instead of having Bingo at the top they have Tables. Miss Drew calls a combination and if we have the answer on our cards we place a little yellow square on the answer. I like the game very much and think it is a lot of fun.

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### SPELLING BALL GAME

Carolyn Crawford

One of the games we play in the room is called Spelling Base Ball. The way you play this game is to have a person up to bat a spelling word. Miss Drew gives the word. If the person spells it right, he goes to

first base. If the second and third persons don't miss the word and make outs, they go to first and second base, while the other goes to third. If the fourth person goes to first too, they get a home run which is counted as a point. When one side gets three outs it is the other side's turn. At the end of the game whoever has the most points wins the game.

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#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Anna Jo Shappee

Our physical ed. teacher's name is Mr. Blaum. He taught us to play Beater Goes Round. That was when everybody was in a circle and Mr. Blaum walked around the circle in back of us and put a paper club in someone's hands. That person would run after the person on his right and hit him as many times as he could. Some of the boys got rough with each other and were sore when they got to the room. I didn't get hit once, but I hit other people. Sometimes Mr. Blaum gave us two clubs. That made us really run.

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#### NEW PUPILS

Patty Boone

We have two new pupils in our room this year, a girl and a boy. Their names are Anna Jo Shappee and Kris Christiansen.

Anna Jo was in first and second grades with us, but she left in third, fourth, and fifth, and is now back with us again this year.

Kris has come from Chicago, Ill., to live here, and to attend sixth grade with us. At first Miss Drew, our teacher, had a little bit of trouble teaching him the name of the flower, hibiscus, and the fruit, avocado, and other names.

I think we will enjoy our new students, don't you?

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#### NEW PUPILS

Wayne Dunn

We had two new children in our room this year. One is named Anna Jo Shappee and the other is Kris Christiansen. Kris is a character, all right. His home is in Chicago.

One thing he could not remember when he first came was avocado. So Miss Drew told him that if he could not remember avocado he would have to write it ten times. He didn't forget after that. Such a character, that Kris!

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#### KRIS AND HIS FLORIDA VOCABULARY

Bradley Lindsey

On the first day of school there was a

new boy. Later in the day I made friends with him. He was a good athlete and he was a good pupil. The only thing that was wrong was that he couldn't remember avocado and hibiscus. The teacher said that if he didn't learn them that he would have to write them ten or fifteen times. He learned them but it was tough.

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#### ART LESSONS

Katherine Owre

The first week of school we had an art lesson. We drew hibiscus. Miss Drew showed us how to make a circle and form the petals inside of it and how to shade.

Our second art lesson was drawing crotons. They are fun to draw. Then we made masks of every size, shape and color. We cut half a face from newspaper and then traced it on white paper and colored it.

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#### SONDRA'S VISIT

Janet Sleight

We were studying about the cave men in history and we decided to draw some pictures of them. Sondra Lanphear, Mrs. Corbett's daughter, who used to be in this room and is quite an artist, came over to help us.

She came one Saturday morning and showed us how to draw a primitive man. Then she drew a mural on the side board. After we had all drawn our pictures Miss Drew said, "We can't let Sondra get away without drawing some horses since they are the thing she can draw best, can we?"

So Sondra drew some horses beside the mural. We all thought they were beautiful. She very cleverly put her initials as the brand on a horse. It was very fascinating. I'm sure we all enjoyed Sondra's visit.

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#### HEARING RECORDS

Sarah Cullen

Miss Drew has played quite a lot of records for us this year. Some of those she played were "Adventures in a Perambulator", "Overture of the Barber of Seville", "Overture of the Nutcracker Suite" and others. When we're tired or restless, especially right after our achievement tests, Miss Drew will let us listen to "Deep in the Heart of Texas". I think we all like music and like to listen to records. I don't know which piece is my favorite. John Alden Carpenter is the composer of "Adventures in a Perambulator". I hope we all know his name by now because Miss Drew asks us over and over. The reason that I remember his name is because of John Alden in history.

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## OUR CONCERT

Denise McCarty

The second week of school we had a concert in the auditorium. Most of us played the piano. But Wayne played the cornet and Anna Jo played the accordian and so did Peggy Huff. Carolyn Crawford announced each person and each of them in turn announced what he was going to play.

After the program was over Peggy Huff felt sick and had to go home. About fifteen minutes later Anna Jo got sick. I wonder if the concert was that bad?

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## TOKY'S IGUANA

Toky Magoffin

One day I brought my pet iguana to school. My iguana's name is Iggy. He loves to eat hibiscus blooms and bananas. He is two feet long and a very good swimmer and tree climber.

Iguanas live in South America and Panama. They will grow to be six feet long. They live mostly on fruits and leaves. Once in a while one will eat some insects and maybe a bird.

They live on branches that overhang rivers. When frightened they will jump from limbs twenty feet above the water. They are very good to eat and taste something like chicken.

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## ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Patricia Winter

Hurrah! Achievement tests are over. None of us knows our scores yet, but we're all hoping for the best. Since I'm not so good in arithmetic I don't know what to expect. Well, at least we don't have any more until May or June.

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## MOVIES WE HAVE SEEN

Penelope Harrison

We saw a moving picture called "Winky, the Watchman". It is a very good movie and I hope we can see it again before this year is over. I will tell you something about it. It is about a little watchman whose name was Winky. He did not take care of his wall so the bad'uns got it.

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## NANCY G.'S BIRD

Elizabeth White

Nancy brought her bird to school one Saturday, but the bird could not fly. It just fluttered its wings and tried to get out of the box.

Nancy took the little bird out of the

box and put it in her hands and walked around the room so that we all could see it. It was a very cute bird. (It was a Parrakeet)

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## NANCY'S BIRD

Catherine Lloyd

One morning Nancy walked in with a little box under her arm. Everybody asked what was in it. She took it into the conference room and came back with a big box. We were all very puzzled. She took the newspaper off at last, and we were all very surprised at what it was. It was a baby bird.

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## STUDYING MUSHROOMS

Ricki Hall

We started working on mushrooms when Miss Drew brought a mushroom which we later found was a Destroying Angel.

After that, Bill brought a box with several mushrooms in it. In the box he had rigged a funny looking watering thing which I don't think he used very much. Then Toky brought in several more mushrooms, and Miss Drew brought another one.

We now have a committee studying mushrooms.

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## HELPING THE FIRST GRADE

Peggy Huff

Tuesday, October first, Catherine Lloyd, Karen Kendall, Carolyn Crawford, Melinda Willis, Anna Jo Shappee, and Peggy Huff helped the first grade get their lunch. We took one child at a time and got their milk, trays, and silverware and then we helped them get their lunch, like carrots, or peas or something like that. They would pick their fruit or salad and then they would pay their money and sit down. We helped them for two days, Tuesday and Wednesday. It was loads and loads of fun.

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## HISTORY

Nancy Cook

First we studied the cave men. We learned how they made tools, how they lived, how the first fire was made, where they first lived, about the first artists, the beginnings of worship, the training of animals, the first wheels and sails, the first settled life, the first trading and money, the first civilization, and the first nations.

Then we learned about the "Then Land of Pharoahs". It was all very interesting.

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## MISS DREW

Tallulah Strohecker

We are now in the sixth grade. Our teacher is Miss Nina Drew. She is forever telling us jokes. Miss Drew was born in Dade City, Florida. She moved to Homestead, Florida, when she was a little girl. When she was fifteen she taught a Sunday School class and when she was sixteen she taught summer school and that same year started to college to learn to be a teacher. So here she is teaching us at Merrick Demonstration School. She's very nice. Don't you think so?

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## MR. CHISHOLM

Kris Christiansen

Mr. Chisholm was born in Brooklyn, New York. He is married and his wife is expecting a baby on Christmas Day.

He went to three colleges: Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, Syracuse University in New York, and the University of Miami.

One time in school he did not do his homework, so to keep from going to class without it, he went and took a Navy test, and very shortly he found himself in the Navy and stayed in it for three years.

Teaching is the best thing he knows so he decided he'd like to be a teacher.

His hobbies are painting things, writing poems and short stories, acting in amateur shows, designing clothes, fishing, cycling, swimming, and hiking.

He likes all his subjects in school.

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## MR. SPILKER

Bill Berger

Mr. Spilker was born in Pueblo, Colorado. He came here to go to the University of Miami, and married here. He is in the Transportation Corps. In the last war he was in the Finance Corps in Germany.

His reason for teaching is that he likes children so much and he thinks he can be a good teacher.

His hobbies are baseball, electricity, and photography. Of all school subjects he likes heredity best. Mr. Spilker says, "I think the children are very lucky to have such a nice teacher."

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## MR. CERNIGLIA

Nancy Gustafson

Mr. Cerniglia was born in New York City. He is married and has two children, one nine and the other four and a half. He has two reasons for becoming a teacher. First, he likes children, and secondly, he likes to teach. He likes social studies best of all. He was in World War II in the Infantry. Now he hopes to graduate from the University of Miami in February. His hobbies are: sports, camping, fishing, and hunting.

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October 16, 1952

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Tallulah Strohecker

There are several birthdays in October. One is Miss Drew's, our teacher, which is on the eleventh of October. Denise's is the second of October, Jay Pearson's is on the fifth of October. Carolyn Jordan's is the twenty-first and mine is on the fifteenth of October. There are lots of famous men born in October. One is Ike Eisenhower, which is the thirteenth of the month.

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Gustafson

October eleventh is Miss Drew's birthday. Melinda brought her some key limes and I brought her a jam jar that looks like flower pot with a fat strawberry on top. October thirteenth was General Eisenhower's birthday. The twentieth is Nicky Hodsdon's. Carolyn Jordan's is on the twenty-first. Tallulah's was yesterday. (I hear it was some party!)

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## DECORATIONS FOR HALLOWEEN

Nick Hodsdon

Every year in October our school holds a Halloween carnival. From the far corners of the building to the tip-top of the flag pole is hung a string with pennants representing Halloween stapled on them. It's the sixth grade's job to make those pennants. The pennants have pictures of ghosts, goblins, witches, pumpkins and spooks. (The difference between ghosts and spooks, I don't know.) On the back of these pennants we have words, such as: spooks, help, ha ha, eeeoooww, and murrdderrrr!

The other day we made pictures of what we were going to be on Halloween and had lots of fun!

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## DECORATIONS FOR HALLOWEEN

Jay Pearson

This week we are making plans for Halloween. We made some Halloween pennants. The pennants have ghosts, witches, and bats on them. Another afternoon we made masks, some of them had horns. They were all colors. Another afternoon we drew what we would like to wear on Halloween. We had a lot of fun.

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## THE TALENT SHOW

Betsy Virgin

Our school is having a Halloween carnival. This carnival comes once a year about

Halloween. Last year we had a talent show. This year we are having a talent show again. Several people in our class are going to participate in part of the show. Elizabeth White, Tallulah Strohecker, Winifred Whitehouse and Karen Kendall are going to sing a song called "The Girl I Left Behind Me". Melinda Willis and Nancy Gustafson are going to do a skit called "Uncle Remus". And I am going to recite a poem called "Elmer, The Family Pet".

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## A QUIET TALENT SHOW

Carolyn Jordan

Last year at the talent show it was very noisy. This year our class decided to see if we could help the talent show to be more successful.

We picked six people to go to each classroom to ask everybody to help have a better show. After we had chosen six people they chose six more to help them write what they were going to say and go into the room with them.

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## PLANNING FOR THE CARNIVAL

Karen Kendall

We are going to have a carnival. It will be given the eighteenth of October. We will have a country store and a fish pond. Everybody loves the fish pond. You take a fishing pole and put it over a window, then someone pulls on your line and you pull it up. There is a bag on the end of your pole with lots of things in it. We have horses to ride, we have a cake walk. In the patio there are streamers with pumpkins, ghosts, witches, and spooks on them. We made them and had lots of fun. We always have fun at the carnival.

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## DR. OWRE'S VISIT

Penelope Harrison

Dr. Owre came to our room to tell us about Egypt. He came October 14, 1952. He has been to Egypt. Dr. Owre showed our room some things he brought from Egypt. Dr. Owre is a very nice man. He showed us some pictures of himself and other people in Egypt. We enjoyed it very much.

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## DR. OWRE'S VISIT

Elizabeth White

Dr. Owre came to talk to us about Egypt. He told us a lot of nice things about Egypt and about the people of Egypt. He told us of how they put dirt in the bread to make it heavier so they could make more money.

Most of the people are very poor and have not much to put around them in the winter weather. Some of them put newspapers around them to keep warm. They have very little to eat and most of it is not fit for a human to eat. It is mostly trash from some of the restaurants in town. They put it in the street to be sold to the poor people.

The flies were very big and they stuck to everyone. You would have to pull them off of you.

Egypt is a very dirty country and I would not suggest a visit to this country.

It hardly ever rains in Egypt.

Do you think you would like to visit Egypt?

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## DR. OWRE'S VISIT

Kris Christianson

Dr. Owre came over Wednesday to talk to the sixth grade about when he was over in Egypt. He showed us some postcards and pictures he took in Egypt. He was in the Navy then.

They have many ways that are far different from ours. For instance, the women have to walk behind the men because the women aren't considered very much in Egypt.

They also think Mohammed was the son of God and pray to him five times a day. Only the Christians in Egypt are the relatives to the old Pyramid builders.

Also in Egypt there are terrible flies that will stick to you, and to get them off, you have to really shove them.

The kings and Pharaohs were buried in tombs that were put into pyramids. All their jewels and some of their pets, like a cat or a dog, were buried in their tombs. But the poor people were just buried in the sand.

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### OUR EXCURSIONS

Denise McCarty

On October 27, 1952, we had three excursions planned. We decided to divide into three different groups, because it would take all day if we all went to the three factories. The names of the places are: The Royal Palm Ice Factory, The Union Battery Company, and the Maule Block Company.

The mothers of some of the children took us to the plants. One of the student teachers wrote a poem about safety on the green boards. It went something like this:

If you stick your hand out too far,  
It may go home in another car.

There were about six rules on the boards that we had to mind. One person in each group copied the rules and gave them to the student teacher in charge of his group.

When we came back to school we illustrated what we had seen at each company. The next day each group gave reports on the plant it had visited.

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### A TRIP TO THE ICE PLANT

Eileen Link

On Wednesday, October 22, 1952, our class went on three different excursions. The group that I went with went to the Royal Palm Ice Plant. Mr. Rayburn, the guide there, showed us all around. We saw scoring machine, the freezing room, the storage room, and the delivery room. We really saw more than that, but I can't tell you all of it. When we came to school the next morning we gave reports on our excursions. I thought it was very interesting, and I enjoyed it very much.

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### THE MAULE COMPANY

Bradley Lindsey

On October twenty-second some children in our class went to the Maule Company on an excursion.

The guide at the Maule Company told us the names of most of the blocks, but, of course, he couldn't show us all of them because there were too many of them.

We enjoyed our excursion.

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### SEEING UNION BATTERIES MADE

Jay Tarpley

The week after the carnival, we went on an excursion to the Union Battery Factory. They showed us everything from the pouring of lead parts into a mold to the stacking of the batteries on labeled tables.

The most interesting machine was the grid machine. From the huge smelter pot

molten lead was poured into a mold, then the grid was trimmed and stacked. Our guide, Mr. Hershberger, told us that on the tables, labeled with the days of the week, they stacked the batteries for shipment. Betsy, who was our secretary, took notes of the things we thought were interesting. Mr. Spilker, one of our student teachers, went with us.

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### OUR DEPRESSION FLOWER

Elizabeth Peck

Carolyn brought some large pieces of coal in a bowl one day. She said that she was going to make a depression flower. The first day she put these things on the pieces of coal: salt, water, dye. She said we must keep it in the sun. For three days she kept putting the mixture on the coal.

The next day she added some mercuriochrome, salt, water and dye. She did not put anything else on it. After a while it started to have a substance like snow creeping over it. She said it would be pink, white, blue and fluffy. And that would be a depression flower.

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### USING PASTELS

Peggy Huff

One day Miss Drew had a surprise for us and we all wanted to know what it was. She finally told us that we were going to color with pastels. She took a great big box down from on top of the cupboard in the front of the room. Everyone came up to Miss Drew's desk, one row at a time, and got his pastels. They were all different and pretty colors. We were going to make autumn trees. After we finished we looked just like the autumn trees we had made. I was very very messy too. The day after we made the pictures most of them were on the bulletin boards all around the room.

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### TWO STUDENT TEACHERS LEAVE US

Nancy Cook

We first had three student teachers, but two had to leave us. Now we have just one and his name is Mr. Cerniglia. The other two student teachers were Mr. Spilker and Mr. Chisholm.

Mr. Cerniglia has a boy that is nine years old. His name is Carl. On his birthday we sent him cards and he sent us a card back.

All of our student teachers are married, but none of them have children except Mr. Cerniglia.

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## THE SECOND PATROL

Janet Sleight

We got a new patrol this six weeks. Three people were taken from the old patrol. These three were Jay Tarpley, who was captain for the old patrol, Pat Winter, and Eileen Link.

They chose seven people from our room not counting the three from the old patrol and two from Mrs. Fried's class.

We had our meetings and elections in the cafeteria. Pat Winter was elected captain and Eileen Link was elected lieutenant.

This is the order in which the patrol members are listed:

Pat Winter-Captain	Janet Sleight #5
Eileen Link-Lieutenant	Tallulah Strohecker #6
Carolyn Crawford #1	
Nancy Gustafson #2	*Ned Stengel #7
Gene Lee #3	Jay Tarpley #8
Betsy Virgin #4	*Alma J. Thayer #9
	Melinda Willis #10

The school hopes that this will be a good and successful patrol and with your help it can! (\*Ned and Alma from Mrs. Fried's room)

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## EATING GUAVA JELLY

Carolyn Crawford

One day Miss Drew asked how many of us had eaten guava jelly. About half the class had not, so the next day she brought some to school. We put it on some crackers. It was very good. A girl in our room was leaving for Texas, so we had guava jelly and crackers in honor of her going away. We will never forget the guava jelly and crackers, they were so good.

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## SOME ONE'S MISSING

Melinda Willis

Sandra Treff is missing. She is going to live in Fort Worth, Texas for three years. She and her sister, Paula, and her mother and father will stay at a hotel for two months. Meanwhile, they will be searching for a house to live in. On the way to Texas they will stop at several interesting places, among them Silver Springs. We know we are going to miss Sandra very much.

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## SANDRA LEAVES US

Carolyn Jordan

Sandra has left us. Saturday was her last day at school. She came to Girl Scouts Monday. Sandra is a very nice girl. Before she went away we had a tea party with crackers and guava jelly. It was good. She is going to write to us when she gets to Texas

and we are going to write back.

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## CLASS ELECTIONS

Sarah Cullen

This year we had class elections. Kris Christiansen was elected president. Kris is new this year but we all know he will make a fine president. We have had class presidents since fourth grade, but have never had a boy president. Congratulations, Kris!

Melinda Willis was elected vice-president. We all like Melinda and know she will do a fine job. Congratulations, Melinda!

Katherine Owre was elected secretary. Katherine can write well and we all know she will do a good job of keeping the minutes of our meetings. Congratulations, Katherine!

We have not yet elected a treasurer. We decided to have our meetings every other week. Don't you think we elected some fine officers for this year?

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## ELECTION YEAR

Winifred Whitehouse

This year as all of you know, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Adlai E. Stevenson were chosen as candidates for president of the United States.

Miss Drew thought that we should elect our own president, our vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the class. We have not elected our treasurer yet, but we will.

When we voted for our president, it turned out to be Kris Christiansen. Our vice-president is Melinda Willis, and our secretary is Katherine Owre.

We are very proud of them.

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## ELECTION YEAR

Nick Hodsdon

There is surely a mix-up in our room. "I Like Ike" and "We Believe in Steve" buttons are everywhere. Most of the pupils are for "Ike", and Miss Drew is neutral, at least until after the election. Everyone who is for Eisenhower is sure he is going to win, and everyone who is for Stevenson is certain his candidate is going to win. I think it's going to be a very close election and I don't know who is going to win!

We had a class election with Eisenhower versus Stevenson and it came out Ike twenty-nine, and Adlai, three. Miss Drew says that that probably won't be anything like the score on the real election.

I think there are more political

speeches going on in the room than on television!

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ELECTION YEAR

Katherine Owre

This is the first election year that most of us can remember. The two candidates are Dwight Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson. We had a class election to see how we will compare with the nation. The score ended up with Eisenhower twenty-nine and Stevenson, three. We will get the election returns either tonight or tomorrow. It will be very exciting.

P.S. Eisenhower was elected. Some of us stayed up all night. Our class election ended up almost the same as the real one.

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ELECTION YEAR

Judy Alexander

Nov. 4 - Today is election day for the president and officers of the United States. The two candidates that are running for president are Eisenhower and Stevenson. Stevenson is a Democrat and Eisenhower is a Republican.

We had an election today for president and Eisenhower won by about twenty-nine votes. On the real election we don't think either one will win by so many votes. We won't know who is president until tomorrow.

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Nov. 5 - Eisenhower is president. He had over a million popular votes more than Stevenson. Stevenson gave up about one-thirty last night. He said that he felt like a boy who had stubbed his toe. He was too old to cry and it hurt too much to laugh. Eisenhower will go to the White House on January twentieth. We all think he will make a good president, even those who didn't vote for him.

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### DR. SLEIGHT'S VISIT

Judy Alexander

Dr. Sleight, Janet's father, came to our room one day and gave us a most interesting talk.

One of the most important things he told us was that since the earth is always rising and falling it took about 500,000,000 years for Florida to build up. Still, a good part of Florida is under water.

Dr. Sleight also told us about peat which is a very rich layer of soil in the Everglades.

He told us many interesting things about the rocks and soils of Florida.

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### WE ELECT A TREASURER

Betsy Virgin

We elected our treasurer a few weeks ago. There were a lot of names on the board. A few of those names were: Pat Winter, Judy Alexander, Winifred Whitehouse, Karen Kendall, Carolyn Jordan, Nancy Cook, Anna Jo Shappee, Jay Tarpley, Bill Berger, Nicky Hodsdon, and a lot of others. The first go-round was exciting. The second go-round was also exciting. The last round was between Judy and Anna Jo. Finally Anna Jo won the election, and Judy shook hands after it was all over.

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### STILL LIFE

Catherine Lloyd

One day our student teacher said we were going to have an art lesson. When we came back from lunch we put newspaper on our desk because we were going to work in chalk. Our student teacher said that we were going to draw a fruit bowl. It had in it grapefruit, grapes, oranges and bananas. Miss Drew said this was called still life. We just barely finished them before recess. When we came in from recess some of our pictures were up. They were all very pretty and we all hope we can do some more in chalk.

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### MODELING CLAY

Carolyn Crawford

One day Miss Drew brought some powder to school. We mixed it with water and it made a grayish colored clay. We molded the clay into horses, dogs, cats, fish, ash trays, telephones, dinosaurs, heads of people, and swans. We are going to paint them after they dry. They are going to be Christmas presents for our fathers.

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### VISITING THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Eileen Link

One of the things that I want to remember doing this year was visiting the school library. That was when Mrs. Sams went down to a bookshop and bought 350 dollars worth of books. Each class went upstairs to look at the new books. A few days later we went up to the library again. This time we were allowed to check out books. As we passed out the door with our new books, Mrs. Sams gave us each a red bookmark from the Rainbow Book Shop.

Mrs. Sams has all sorts of books. She has horse books, and Oz books, and mystery books and lots of others. I got a book called "Tales From Shakespeare". It is very interesting and I'm sure that everyone will enjoy the new books.

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### REPORTING THE NEWS

Richard Hall

Every day we have a reporter who reports current events around the world. The first day I was the reporter. Each reporter has a sponsor who supposedly sponsors the show. Bradley Lindsey was my sponsor. They start off by giving the station call letters which are WMDS. One thing the reporters are doing now that I didn't do is that when they start reporting on some item they tell where it happened before going into detail about it. For example, if they are reporting something about Paris, they start off by saying, "Paris" and then give the news item.

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### OUR NEWS REPORTS

Denise McCarty

One day in November Miss Drew said that we were too old to have the morning conference wasted on little events that had happened in the neighborhood. Then Miss Drew asked us if we would like to have a news reporter and an advertisement every morning. We were all in favor of the idea. Miss Drew didn't want the advertisements too silly, so limited them to being humorous but not silly. We like them best when the news reporter gives news that comes from all over the world instead of news from Greater Miami. The several reports we have heard were very good.

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### A HORSE RIDDLE

Have you ever seen a horse with six legs? I have. The hind legs are two and the front legs are called forelegs, so two and four are six.

Denise McCarty

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MISS FEAGIN  
Sarah Cullen

Miss Martha Feagin is our music teacher this semester. She has a contralto voice and can sing well. We like her a lot and will hate to see her leave us.

Miss Feagin was born in St. Petersburg, Florida, and graduated from the University of Miami in 1950 with a Bachelor of Music degree. She studied voice in New York for two years before returning to the University to complete requirements for a teacher's certificate. She is teaching because she loves children and enjoys teaching. She loves to fish, cook, and sew.

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POETRY CORNER

The Little Brown Kettle  
Elizabeth Peck

The little brown kettle  
On a cozy little fire,  
Warms itself all the way through  
Bubbling all over with laughter  
In its cozy little cottage  
With a little woman a-stirring  
With a little silver spoon.

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Arithmetic

Carolyn Jordan

Arithmetic's the hardest thing,  
And I am not teasing,  
But if you work and work and work,  
It gets to be quite pleasing.

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Little Me

Carolyn Jordan

The pine is tall,  
The palm is tall,  
But I am small,  
God, keep your tree,  
And little me,  
Always free.

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Our Cats

Carolyn Jordan

Our cats are fuzzy and furry, too,  
They're just like little rags,  
But when they scratch and claw at you,  
They aren't much fun to have.

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### THE THIRD PATROL

Catherine Lloyd

One day Mrs. Maders came in and called the old patrol to go with her to have a meeting. After they had chosen the new patrol, she brought the old patrol back to the room and took the new patrol. The new patrol elected the captain and lieutenant they wanted. The people on the new patrol are: Captain, Carolyn Crawford; Lt. Eric Ormsby; Carolyn Jordan, Catherine Lloyd, Karen Kendall, Jerree Peeples, Winifred Whitehouse, Kris Christiansen, Tommy Cooper, Jane Maddy, and Michael Stone. Thursday we went on patrol duty in the afternoon, and Friday we started in the morning.

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### THE SIXTH GRADE CHORUS

Sarah Cullen

Miss Drew, our teacher, and Miss Feagin, our music teacher, picked twelve children in our room to sing Christmas carols at the Koubec Center for the A.A.U.W. We were supposed to be at Koubec Center at seven forty-five. We were all excited to sing before a meeting at night. A member read the script while we sang in between. Miss Feagin sang a solo "He Shall Feed His Flock". She sang beautifully. We all enjoyed singing very much.

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### MR. BLAUM'S BABY

Katherine Owre

One afternoon Mr. Blaum announced that there would be no after-school activities. The next morning Mr. McCarty introduced us to "Father Blaum". Then we sang Rock-a-bye Baby. Her name is Rosemary Olivia and she is twelve days old. She is the best baby Mr. Blaum has ever seen. Almost every morning he comes to school with circles under his eyes. But I guess every father has to go through with that.

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### TAPE RECORDING

Jay Pearson

On a Saturday two weeks ago, Mr. Roberts, a teacher in Dade County, brought a tape recorder. He said he had made some recordings at a friend's house, who had an organ. He played them back for us. The next Saturday, Kris brought his recorder and we recorded some songs. It was a lot of fun so I want a recorder for Christmas.

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### JANET'S TONSILS OUT

Elizabeth White

Janet Sleight has had her tonsils out. She was going to have them out over the Thanksgiving holidays, but she had to postpone it because the doctor got sick. Now she is having them out Friday, December 12, 1952.

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DEBORAH LEE

Melinda Willis

Our ex-student teacher, Mr. Chisholm, went to the hospital December 12, 1952. Mr. Chisholm's wife had a baby. Janet Sleight went to the hospital to have her tonsils out. When she got there she saw Mr. Chisholm. So she knew about the baby before we did. They named their baby girl Deborah Lee. By the way, the baby was born at the Doctors' Hospital.

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### FINGER PAINTING

Karen Kendall

Miss Drew asked us to bring two boxes to school because we were going to finger paint and would use the paper to cover our boxes. Almost everybody had boxes but some did not have any. Some of the children finger painted one day and some another. When we were finished we got our boxes and covered them with our finger painting. They were very pretty. Then we put our mothers' present in one and our fathers' present in the other and gave them to them for Christmas.

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### OUR CHRISTMAS SCENES

Betsy Virgin

One day when we came in from lunch, Miss Drew had a bunch of Christmas cards up in the front of the class. Person by person we went up to the front to get a card and a piece of paper and some chalk. Then we went back to our seats. There were a lot of beautiful pictures. When we came back from Phys. Ed, Miss Drew had a lot of the pictures up on the board. We thought they were very beautiful.

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### OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Patricia Winter

For several weeks our class has been working on Christmas presents.

For our mothers we made lapel pins. Some committees painted them silver. Then we put them on plastic discs that had

clasps on them. We made red bows and tied them on to the pins. They surely were pretty.

For our fathers we made paper weights out of clay. When they hardened we painted them. They were nice too.

We also made pins for Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Kershaw, Mrs. Otto, Mrs. Hillard and Mrs. Tangermann. They work in the cafeteria. We gave one to Miss Feagin too. Miss Feagin is our music teacher.

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#### WRITING TO THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Nancy Cook

Miss Drew told us a story about some children who lived in a city that had no grown-ups in it to bother them and how they celebrated Christmas. They wrote letters to the Spirit of Christmas and threw them in a bonfire and expected the Spirit of Christmas to bring all of them

presents to give to other people who were less fortunate than they. That's how the Christmas spirit of giving began.

Then Miss Drew told us to write a letter to the Spirit of Christmas and we had lots of nice letters: Nancy Gustafson said that she wanted a better dishwasher than she was for her mother. And a lot of other people said things about the poor people and the people in the orphanages.

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#### REARRANGING OUR DESKS

Bradley Lindsey

For Christmas, Miss Drew had us rearranging our desks. The desks were put in the shape of a U. The desks were in double file.

The Christmas tree was at the top of the U.

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#### OUR CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Tallulah Strohecker

Winifred Whitehouse brought a calendar to school. She said that her aunt in Germany gave it to her. It has a surprise on the twenty-fourth of December. It is very unusual because it is not like most calendars, it has only twenty-four days on it. Each day we open a little window with the date on it. Back of each window there is a picture of a person sleeping, a mouse, buns or stairs. We all hope that the surprise is a good one.

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#### THE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Carolyn Crawford

One day Miss Drew gave the class some patterns. They were of houses. We would trace them and then cut them out and paste the sides together. We would have to make roofs for them. They looked very nice after we finished them. We put them on the top of the bookshelf and put scenery behind them. There were streets, too. Some were called Christmas Street, St. Nicholas Street, Reindeer Drive, and Holly Road.

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#### OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Nick Hodsdon

We almost didn't have a Christmas tree this year. Always before, someone's mother has donated their Christmas tree. This year we were afraid we couldn't find anyone who would. Finally, Mrs. Christiansen, Kris's mother, saved the day and offered

us her tree. Then we didn't know what to do about decorations. Miss Drew said they had some strings of Christmas tree lights so it was decided that everyone should bring two or three ornaments. Almost everyone forgot, so Nancy Gustafson said she wouldn't be home for Christmas so we could have her ornaments. Miss Drew gave us some of hers, so now we have a very pretty Christmas tree. We've only knocked off one and we now have a tree that will have a little competition with the trees of the other rooms.

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#### DEATH OF DR. ASHE

JUDY Alexander

Dr. Bowman Ashe, president of Miami University, died December 16, 1952. He was the first and only president of the University of Miami.

Dr. Jay Pearson is acting as president until the trustees elect a new one.

As a young man, Dr. Ashe worked summers and occasionally dropped out of school for a year or so, so that he could earn enough money to continue his education.

Dr. Ashe was born April 3, 1885, at Scottdale, Pennsylvania. His father was a Methodist minister.

Today our flag flew at half-mast, for we were mourning the loss of a great man, but one who had seen his dreams come true.

Only twice before has our flag at Merrick flown at half-mast; for Pres. Roosevelt, and Mrs. Adams' son, lost in service.

### OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Betsy Virgin

Every year since the sixth grade began they have had a Christmas program. This year we had a Christmas program. All the people in the class were in it. Miss Drew directed it, Miss Faegin led us in singing it, and Ricki and Carolyn read from the script. Kris recorded it. The first three songs we sang by ourselves. They were The First Day of Christmas, A Solis Cardine, and O Holy Night. Then after a while Miss Faegin sang a solo, "Away In a Manger" in a different key.

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### MR. BLAUM'S FIELD TRIP

Denise McCarty

Mr. Blaum has given us a test every six weeks. We have had two tests. Mr. Blaum decided to let the people who made the best grades go on a field trip with him. He took us to a golf tournament at the Miami Springs golf course.

All of us that were going to the tournament brought our lunches to school on Saturday, December 13, 1952, and ate in the cafeteria. While we were eating our lunches Mr. Blaum came in and asked us if we wanted any ice cream. We did and it was free. Then Mr. Blaum took us outside and told us the names of some of the golf clubs. After that we started our trip. When we arrived at the golf course Mr. Blaum and Mr. Freeman told us to behave at the tournament. After we had been there a little while we got thirsty and, boy, were we glad to know that at almost every green there was a little shelter with a drinking fountain. The water was ice cold. There were 13 of us. We followed the players from place to place. While we followed a group of players one man made a hole in one.

The object of this game is to see who gets the least amount of strokes and there are eighteen holes. We went to the eighteen-hole and saw some of the players come in and then some of us tried to get autographs.

All of us went over to my house and had some refreshments and played some games. Then Mr. Blaum and Mr. Freeman took the children home.

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### MR. MAC'S ILLNESS

Mr. Mac had a light heart attack and is in the hospital. He has to stay in the hospital for six weeks. He had the heart

attack on the 22nd of December, 1952. We did not learn of this until January 6th. We all were alarmed.

The fourth grade is going to send him a TV. It really is not a TV, but they are making it about Africa. They are drawing pictures of movies they see. All the children in the school are writing letters, too. Miss Drew's sixth grade is sending him some murder mysteries because he likes to read them.

We also found out that Miss Drew likes to read them.

Mr. Crawford sent Mr. Mac a real TV to look at while he was in the hospital.

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Nancy Cook

### DR. PEARSON

Judy Alexander

Dr. Pearson was acting as president after Dr. Bowman Ashe's death until the trustees elected a new one.

Dr. Jay Pearson was elected president Monday, January 12, 1953. We are especially glad because one of his sons is in our room at Merrick. His other son, Michael, is in first grade here.

Our secretary, Katherine Owre wrote him a letter of congratulations, saying that we were all well-pleased that he was elected; which we are.

Today we got a letter from Dr. Pearson thanking us for our letter.

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### DR. PEARSON, PRESIDENT

Jay Pearson

On Monday afternoon the phone rang and mother found out that father was president of the University of Miami. That night photographers came to our house. To be exact, three came, and they took pictures of mother, father, Michael, Blackie, and myself. Some of the pictures were taken in the train room. We were all very happy (and I guess Blackie was, too).

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### OUR SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

Bill Berger

Every once in a while we have a science experiment. Our last experiment was given by Ricki Hall and Wesley Pearson. They gave a chalk talk on atomic energy and the atomic bomb.

The science experiments are fun and educational.

About every month we have a science test that the experimentors make up.

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## SERGEANT OF ARMS

Sarah Cullen

Our class meetings have become too noisy so we decided to have a sergeant of arms. We voted and Judy Alexander is now our sergeant of arms. We decided if somebody was talking, the president would tell Judy to tap that person on the shoulder. If they did not stop talking, then Judy could ask them to leave the room. I am sure Judy will make a good sergeant of arms, but as much as I like her, I would not like for her to tap me on the shoulder.

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## OUR NEW INSPECTORS

Gene Lee

Sarah and I are the new inspectors. We inspect the desks and library. If the desks are not clean we tell the people who sit in the desks to clean up their desks and their floor. If the library isn't clean we will tell the librarians to clean it up. If the library isn't clean, the librarians have to stay after school and clean it up.

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## STAYING AFTER SCHOOL

Nancy Gustafson

Wednesday and Thursday some of our class had to stay after school.

Wednesday it was really fun. All we had to do was write, "I am sorry, I will not interrupt the class again" in our neatest writing. Everyone cracked jokes. It was fun

On Thursday it wasn't much fun. We had to write this paragraph at home 15 times plus our other homework:

"I have not been dependable. The instructions were fair, but I took advantage of the situation. I want to learn to be dependable."

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## OUR NEW GAME CALLED BUG

Winifred Whitehouse

One day Mr. Cerniglia drew a chart on the board. He said it was a chart on our behavior going through the halls and waiting in the lines to get our hands washed. "B" stands for the boys, "U" stands for the upstairs girls, and "G" stands for the downstairs girls. An X marks against the group which misbehaves. A star is for the group which is the nicest going down the hall. We are all trying to win stars, and not to win X's for our group.

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## TAGU

Jay Tarpley

Today before we had spelling Mr. Cerniglia showed us a new game called Tagu.

To begin we have to pretend we're in a cave in Tibet and we were watching a group of Tibetans worshipping an idol called Tagu, and since they are very backward, they have their idol backwards.

We call on somebody to be the idol and a boy and girl to be worshippers. The boy represents the boys and the girl likewise.

We all say "salaam" three times, and then the worshippers say, "O'waah Tagu Siam" and they bow down to the idol.

"O'waah Tagu Siam, when said fast, sounds like, "Oh, what a goose I am".

It's quite a trick on the boys and girls who are the worshippers.

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## WITCHES IN THE RAIN

Tallulah Strohecker

Last Friday it was raining very hard. All of a sudden a person with a black cape ran by the window. Everyone in the class laughed and laughed. Another person flew by in the opposite direction. Later we found out it was Mr. Blaum, our physical education teacher.

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## A TOY SHOW

Katherine Owre

On Wednesday we received an invitation from the first grade to a toy show. At 11:00 we set off. Most of the girls had dolls old and new. One girl had a one man band with drums, triangles and cymbals. She was banging away feeling very important. The boys had ray guns, trucks, tanks, iron soldiers, and other things. It was lots of fun.

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## MISS PORTER COMES AGAIN

Peggy Huff

Today Miss Porter, our fourth grade music teacher, came and helped us with our Negro spirituals because Miss Feagin wasn't here. Miss Porter is very pretty. She is the second best music teacher in the county in leading Negro spirituals, at least that is what I heard. We are going to have a Negro spiritual program and we are going to have it recorded on the radio. These are a few of the songs we are going to sing: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, Steal Away, Go Tell It On The Mountain, When the Saints Go Marching In, Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child, and a few more than that.

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## A RADIO PROGRAM

Betsy Virgin

We gave a music program for Pitch Pipe Time. We had a lot of fun making it. Miss Porter helped direct us. The program was put on a recording machine up in the auditorium. Our class was very proud to present a program on the air. Here are some of the songs we sang, Go Tell It on the Mountain, Nobody Knows, Do Lord, Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, and others.

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## INAUGURATION DAY

Elizabeth White

Inauguration Day was a big day for us at Merrick School. We brought our lunch to the classroom to eat it. We also watched the television from eleven to three, except a few minutes. We watched the president inaugurated and then we watched the parade. It was a very nice sight. We invited the other sixth grade to see it with us. They had to sit on the floor, but we changed seats with them. They would sit on the floor for thirty minutes and then we would sit on the floor. We had a very nice time. We will never forget the inauguration day as long as we live. Eisenhower is the president of America. (I Like Ike)

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## CLEAN UP

Tallulah Strohecker

Two weeks ago our class cleaned up the room. Betsy Virgin and I cleaned the venetian blinds. Some of the children kept coming in and out the front door, so it was hard to work. Finally, however, we finished them. Betsy was standing on the top of a desk and Penny Harrison was sitting in the desk and she got up and Betsy almost fell. Other children cleaned the windows and washed the desks and the woodwork.

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## KAREN'S SEA HORSES

Winifred Whitehouse

One day Karen brought some sea horses to school. She brought six of them.

Her father brought ten of them the other day and the father had ten babies, so then they had twenty sea horses. Then the next night the father had another ten, and so they had thirty sea horses.

They live on crabs. You go to the store and buy eggs, and then you let them soak in water for forty-eight hours. Then the crabs will hatch, and you feed them to the sea horses.

When the baby sea horses hatch, they are about half an inch long, and they grow to be five inches long.

They are very interesting.

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## KAREN'S HIPPOCAMPUSES

Jay Tarpley

A few weeks ago Karen Kendall brought five baby sea horses alive. The biggest one was nearly one inch long. Karen told they ate crabs that come out of crab eggs.

A sea horse, or Hippocampus, as it is really named, is a small fish covered with boney plates. Its habitats are in floating groups of seaweed which they cling to almost constantly. They swim and float vertically, having a completely movable and curved neck and head that somewhat resembles a horse. They get their name, seahorse, from this head. They have a long slender tail minus fins, with this tail they cling to the seaweed.

They swim about using their small pectoral and dorsal fins which they beat so fast you can't see them. Their range is from New England past the tip of Florida. Their size ranges from one inch to nearly a foot when full grown.

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## EXAMINATIONS

Carolyn Jordan

Week before last Miss Drew told us we were going to have exams the following week. So our class decided which days we wanted our exams on. Tuesday we decided to have Arithmetic. After we had had the Bible reading we had our test. It wasn't as hard as we thought it was going to be.

Wednesday we decided to have our language and spelling exams. And since geography is hardest, we had that on the last day, Thursday.

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## MR. McCARTY AT HOME

Sarah Cullen

Mr. McCarty had a slight heart attack about six weeks ago. Ever since then he has been in the hospital for a rest. He was not even allowed to get out of bed. We missed him a lot, but knew it was good for him. We wrote him a letter once a week.

He is at home now. He has to stay there for two weeks before coming to school. When he does come, it will be only for an hour at first, Then for half a day. Finally he will be able to come and stay all day. (Cont. on p. 17)

We all miss our principal but only the teachers can go to see him.

We will all be so happy when Mr. McCarty comes back to school.

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#### OUR STUDENT TEACHERS LEAVE US

Nancy Gustafson

Our student teachers have left us. Mr. Cerniglia is teaching at Fulford. Mr. Spilker is in the armed services. Mr. Chisholm will be at Fort Lauderdale. We surely hope they will come visit us again. Last, but not least, Miss Feagin will finish at the University in June.

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#### A NEW PATROL

Anna Jo Shappee

We have a new patrol now. The captain is Nancy Cook, the lieutenant is Nicky Hodsdon. The other patrolmen are: Judy Alexander, Bill Berger, Patty Boone, Carolyn Jordan, Eileen Link, Catherine Lloyd, Norman O'Brien, Katherine Owre, Anna Jo Shappee, and Pat Winter.

I am the ninth one. My first post was theor upstairs hall. It is dull up there, but I was lucky for if it rained I didn't have to go out in it.

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#### POETRY

Melinda Willis

Most of our Sixth Grade is glad we have a poetry-loving teacher. Miss Drew has been reading us a lot of poetry lately and we seem to enjoy it thoroughly.

I think that almost everyone likes "The Highwayman" just about best. Judy and Eileen have said it by heart. Some other poems Miss Drew has read to us are "The House With Nobody In It", "Antonia", and "Somebody's Mother".

Miss Drew said that she would make a chart and give us a star for every poem we learned by heart this year.

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#### BIRD VISITORS

Catherine Lloyd

One day Elizabeth White brought her parakeet to school. His name is Pete. He hit his bells and talked so much Elizabeth had to take him to the office. This all happened on Thursday. Saturday, Catherine Lloyd brought her parakeet to school. His name is Chico. He talked so much Catherine had to take him into the office to visit Mrs. Maders. When she went to get him, Mrs. Maders said that the louder she typed, the louder he said, "Pretty, pretty bird".

#### PENNY BRINGS A CAKE

Patty Boone

Last Friday Miss Drew excused the boys for recess. After they had gone, Penny Harrison went into the cafeteria and came back with a chocolate cake in her hands. She said that she had made it by herself. Then she took a knife and went down the rows giving each person a piece.

While we were eating it, Mr. Carrero, the janitor, came in, so we gave him a piece of it. We all just loved it.

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#### SURPRISES FOR MR. McCARTY

Patricia Winter

Boy, do we have fun making things for Mr. McCarty. So far we have made up a box of mysteries. We are starting another box and some Valentines, too.

Today we are giving him another surprise. We recorded our voices on Kris's tape recorder. Kris is going to take the recorder over at about two o'clock. We told him who we were and then said hello something like that. It surely was fun.

I hope he likes the mysteries.

We also write him letters once in a while. He reads a couple a day so they last quite a while. They are fun, too.

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#### MAKING VALENTINES

Penny Harrison

Our room is making some Valentines. We already have our room decorated with Valentines. We are making them for other children and Mr. McCarty.

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#### OUR VALENTINE BOXES

Katherine Owre

Our Valentine box was just brought in and admired by all of us. Janet and Nancy G. made it. Red crepe paper and doilies cover it. We all agree that it is very pretty. Tallulah and Karen are making a smaller box for Mr. McCarty. Both have a slit in them and as you finish your Valentines you drop them in. Then at our party someone will deliver the Valentines.

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#### MR. GOTCHER VISITS US

Eileen Link

Tuesday, February 10, 1953, Mr. Gotcher and his family came to visit us. The classes from fourth grade on up to the sixth grade went up to the auditorium to listen to him make a speech. He told us how he believed square dancing originated. Then all of us went out on the court and he called a square dance.

## OUR VALENTINE PARTY

Melinda Willis

This year our Valentine party was particularly nice. Mrs. Hodsdon was the chairman, and Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Cullen, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Tarpley, and Mrs. Willis all helped to make the party a success.

First we had refreshments. Then we played a game. After that the children of the mothers on the committee gave out the Valentines. I think that this party is one of the best parties we've ever had.

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## MAKING BUTTER

Jay Pearson

A week ago our reading group read about making butter. We got the idea of making some butter in the classroom. Miss Drew brought some cream that had soured to school. We put it in a bottle and started to shake it. Soon it turned to butter. We washed it and added salt to the butter for taste and ate it with crackers. Boy, it was good!

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## MAKING BUTTER

Elizabeth Peck

One day Miss Drew said that she had some sour cream and that we were going to make butter. We got two bowls. Then we shook the sour cream that was in a jar. Slowly it turned to butter. Left in the jar was butter and some butter milk.

We took the butter out and then put it into a bowl full of water to rinse it. We rinsed it two or three times.

Miss Drew put about two pinches of salt in the butter and then mixed it up. She said she had some homemade guava jelly. We decided that we needed some crackers, so Bradley went to the store and bought some crackers. We had some butter left over and Denise took it over to Mr. McCarty.

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## NEW CLASS OFFICERS

Karen Kendall

Last week on Friday, the thirteenth, we elected new class officers. We elected Denise McCarty for our class president, Patricia Winter for our vice president, Kris Christiansen for secretary, and our teacher, Miss Drew, for treasurer. Miss Drew was so surprised when she was elected because this is the first time she was ever elected by children. We all know these people will do their jobs well.

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## PLANNING A TRIP TO THE EVERGLADES

Tallulah Strohecker

Our class is planning for a trip to the Everglades National Park. The park was called Royal Palm State Park until six years ago. It was called that because it had so many royal palms in it.

We are going Wednesday, February twenty-fifth, nineteen fifty-three. All of us have been waiting to go because the sixth grade last went there.

There are three different sections in the Everglades: the pine section, the everglades section, and the hammock section. Bill Berger went into the everglades and brought back some willow and saw grass. Miss Drew brought back wild grape, sea myrtle, elderberry, thistle, and castor bean. The castor bean is found in the pine section and the everglades section. It has a seed that looks like an overgrown tick without a head. The elderberry has a very small yellow flower with an orange center.

We are going to eat lunch and stay all day.

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## RONNIE'S TURTLE

Nick Hodsdon

Mrs. Corbett's son, Ronnie, had a box turtle. Since we are studying the Everglades he lent him to us. He, (the turtle, that is) has a small head compared to his body and shell. He looks like he's too big for his shell and is sticking out of it in four or five places. He keeps scratching around in the sand in the bottom of his box and makes a skritch, scratchy sound. I nicknamed him Thermoind: don't ask me why.

Jay Tarpley is taking care of it so I suggested that he put some banana in there. Jay asked me if it was to attract insects and I said, "Yes, and he'll eat the banana." Jay asked me how I knew and I told him that once up in the mountains I had a box turtle and he grabbed a fly on his banana, missed his aim, got a mouthful of banana and decided he liked it. He ate almost a whole half a banana every day.

Thermoind has a black back with yellow markings on it like Chinese. No matter how funny looking he is, Thermoind is still a good old turtle!

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## DRAWING CASTLES

Jay Tarpley

On Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1953, Miss Drew turned our history lesson into an art period. Of course, it was tied up with history. We had been studying about castles and what they were like and how they were protected.

Miss Drew told us we must have several means of protection for a castle in our drawing, such as a moat, a drawbridge, walls, etc.

A lot of us have our drawings on the bulletin board.

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## DRAWING CASTLES

Patricia Winter

Yesterday our history class turned into an art period. We had taken down our Valentine decorations and were going to put up new ones. Since we are studying medieval times we drew some castles. Some of them are very good.

We colored them with bright colors so that the pictures would show up well.

It was a nice history class. I think everybody enjoyed it.

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## OUR BUTTERFLIES

Bill Berger

In November I brought a caterpillar to school. We put it in a jar and I must say it ate gluttonously for I fed it on school days and Miss Drew fed it on weekends. Then finally it spun its cocoon. Last week it formed the chrysalis and hatched. Now we have a full grown butterfly.

Today it was fluttering around and we realized that it hadn't eaten for four months, so I got some syrup and sliced apple from Mrs. Corbett and put them in the jar for it. The very same day a moth came into our room so we put it in the jar with the butterfly. We hope one of them will lay eggs so we can watch the life cycle.

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## LEARNING POETRY

Carolyn Jordan

Miss Drew reads a lot of poetry to the class. The class as a whole likes poetry. One day Miss Drew said we could have a chat in the back of the room and each child that memorized a poem would put a star by his name.

Pat Winter and Janet Sleight both have five stars which is the highest number so far. Sarah Cullen and Jay Tarpley both have four stars. Some other people have said

some poems, too.

Some of the poems were very long, like The Highwayman, which Eileen Link, Judy Alexander, and Melinda Willis have learned. Some were very short. Fog is a very short one which Carolyn Jordan said. Janet and Winifred Whitehouse said Antonio. Catherine Lloyd said The Swing and many people liked it so they learned it, too. It is fun memorizing poems.

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## NEW STUDENT TEACHERS

Nancy Gustafson

A few days ago we got new student teachers. In our room we have Miss Riordan, Mr. Fistel, and Mr. Olszack. Our music teacher is Mrs. Vinciguerra. I'M sure we will enjoy our student teachers.

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## MISS RIORDAN

Nancy Cook

One of our student teachers is Miss Riordan. She was born in Miami, Florida, and she went to St. Theresa and Silver Bluff for grammar school. For junior high she went to St. Peter and Paul and she graduated from Gesu. Then she came to the University of Miami.

When Miss Riordan was in grammar school the subjects she liked best were history and art. Now that she is in the University, she likes literature, government, and geography. Her hobbies now are sports, painting, dancing, and traveling.

Miss Riordan has an older brother and three younger sisters. Their ages are sixteen, nine, and seven. Her brother is twenty-four years of age.

Miss Riordan will graduate in June.

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## MR. OLSZACK

Ricki Hall

Mr. Olszack was born in Philadelphia. He played violin in elementary school. He liked running, football, and baseball. He was on the track team. In high school he learned to play the bass violin. After that he played at the KYW studio.

Mr. Olszack was in the army for five years. For about 2½ years he was overseas in Africa and Europe. He invaded Africa. He landed in Casablanca which is in northern Africa or French Morocco. He went all the way across Africa to Tunis. From Tunis he went to Italy. He returned via South Africa to Brazil and then to Miami. From here he went home to Philadelphia. While he was here he liked it so much that

he decided to come back. He returned in 1950. He was married in 1947 and now has two children. One is Reed, who will be four next May, and the other one is Robert, who is a year and two months old.

When Mr. Glszack came here in 1950 he enrolled in the University. He took education courses and he is going to be a teacher.

## SIXTH GRADE MEMORIES

March 19, 1953

### GOING ON A TRIP

Melinda Willis

I think that going to the Everglades National Park will be one of the things that we will remember most about the sixth grade. It was so different from anything we had expected.

We went on a Monday, March second. Twenty-four of us went, most of us had never been before.

We played various games connected with our school studies on the way down and back. Miss Drew gave a prize to the person who won in each car.

On the way we saw several interesting things - among them was a peacock, some turtles, and a few snakes.

When we arrived a ranger took us into the ranger station and showed us some things that had belonged to Indians a long time ago that had lived there.

Then we went down to a pond and saw several birds and fish. The most common bird was the coot but there were gallinules, and anhingas, too. We were close enough to a snake to touch it and learned how to tell poisonous snakes from other snakes. We saw some gar fish and some bass.

On the way to the Anhinga Trail we saw several herons and cranes. The Anhinga Trail was really a bridge built over the water. We saw some birds and alligators. We also saw several different plants and snakes. Among the flowers was the yellow pond lily. We also saw several mangrove trees. Mangrove trees live by letting their roots suck up water.

Then we went back and started to eat lunch at some picnic tables by the ranger station, but the mosquitoes were so bad we had to eat at the ranger station.

After lunch we went on the Gumbo Limbo Trail. We saw several trees and plants. Among them were the various palmettos which we know how to tell the difference. We saw strangling figs, royal palms, and Gumbo Limbo trees. The trail was named for these last. We saw no animals or birds on this trail, but it was interesting anyway.

We saw no other animals on the whole trip but we know they are there. Around the ranger station there were a lot of tamed crows.

After we came back from the Gumbo Limbo Trail we went home. Besides being interesting, the trip was a lot of fun.

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### OUR PROGRAM

Eileen Link

On Thursday, March twelfth, our class gave two programs about the Everglades National Park. I was mistress of ceremonies. Miss Drew wrote a very nice speech for me, including some comments to make about the committees when they finished their reports. We gave the first program for the fifth grade and the second one for our mothers. There were nine committees who told us about almost everything in the park. They told us about the fish, soils, flowers, trees and plants, reptiles and many other things. I thought the whole program was very interesting myself and I enjoyed it thoroughly.

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### ART WORK

Bill Berger

One day after our trip to the Everglades National Park, Miss Drew said we could work with tempera paints on the subject we were studying. So the student teachers brought us into the cafeteria where the paint was set up. We were seated six at a table to paint. They turned out very well.

Then about a week after that Miss Drew said we could work in pastels for landscapes. Now we have our pictures on the front bulletin board.

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### JAY'S TURTLES

Jay Turpley

The other day I brought my turtles, a large one and a small one. The large one was about eight years old and the small one was around five years of age.

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Both of them were pretty snappy, one even bit me, but they don't snap after they get used to you. They like small pieces of raw meat, and little pieces of vegetables, and some dried flies. They only need to be fed once or twice a week.

These turtles are mud turtles. They like to have their heads scratched, and like to be put in cool water quite often.

They are both good sized, the large one is about eight inches long, the other is about five inches long. They both have very sweet tempers.

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#### NANCY'S BIRD

Anna Jo Shappee

One Saturday Nancy Gustafson brought her parrakeet to school. He was quiet at first but about nine o'clock he started making noise.

We sent him over to Mrs. Maders for a while. Later Nancy had to go get him and bring him back, because he was making too much noise for Mrs. Maders.

We put a chair beside Nancy's desk and put the bird cage on top of it so that Nancy could keep him quiet.

We all thought she was magic because he didn't make any more noise. The room was very peaceful after that.

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#### OUR STUDENT TEACHERS

Patricia Winter

We had some new student teachers for awhile, but they have left, all except Mr. Davis and Mrs. Vinciguerra, who is our music teacher. Our student teachers were Mr. Annis, Mr. Kimmell, Mr. Caputo, Mrs. Lobdell, and the other two.

Mr. Caputo ran the movie machine and brought some extra movies just for us. He went on our Everglades trip with us.

Mr. Annis is co-manager of a grocery store. He helped Wayne fix the chairs for our program.

Mr. Kimmell plays the trombone and brought it to school one day and played for us.

Mrs. Lobdell lives only a block or two from the school. She has a small daughter who tries to follow her to school. She hasn't made it yet.

Mr. Davis will stay with us the rest of the semester.

Mrs. Vinciguerra teaches us music at eleven-thirty every day except Saturday. She is our music teacher. She is nice.

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#### MR. DAVIS

Winifred Whitehouse

Mr. Davis was born in Brooklyn, New York on August 5, 1930.

His favorite subjects in elementary school were arithmetic, reading, and athletics. In high school his favorite subjects were history and English and he was on the basketball team.

Mr. Davis is not married, but is planning to marry Miss Beverly Albert in June.

Mr. Davis took up teaching because he thought he would be much happier in this course.

His favorite sports are tennis and basketball, and he likes to go fishing.

Mr. Davis is a man fit for his job, and we know he'll be a good teacher.

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#### MR. CAPUTO - Gene Lee

Mr. Caputo was one of our student teachers. We all liked him because he brought films and showed them to us. He told us all about his life in the navy. He used to run the mimeograph machine. I don't think I would ever forget Mr. Caputo or any of the other student teachers, do you?

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#### OUR EASTER BONNETS

Sarah Cullen

Our class is making Easter bonnets for the Junior Red Cross. It is just barrels of fun. Half of them go to sick children and half to old ladies' homes. Miss Margery Conroy, who is the head of the Junior Red Cross in Dade County, said that the old ladies just have to have a fancy Easter bonnet. They don't care if it's from some fashionable shop or if children make it.

We make the bonnets out of crepe paper and doilies and paper plates. The hats have everything on them from ribbons, streamers, ruffles, and flowers, to birds.

After we finish making bonnets for the Junior Red Cross we are going to make some for ourselves.

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#### STUDYING THE U. S. S. R.

Betsy Virgin

We got interested in the U.S.S.R. when Stalin died a couple of weeks ago. We have been divided up into groups. I am in a group with Ricki Hall, Jay Pearson, Pat Winter, and Anna Jo Shappee. We had a selection of what kind of a report we wanted. We could have a radio quiz, play, panel discussions, picture talks. We took the radio quiz and Ricki is our quiz master.

DECIMALS

Jay Pearson

Our class is learning decimals. We have learned to read tenths, hundredths, and thousandths. Miss Drew asked us to bring newspaper clippings that used decimals. We found that decimals are used in sports, weather, and in chemistry. We have now learned to add and subtract decimals. It is fun.

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NEW BOOKS

Carolyn Jordan

Miss Drew bought us some new books from the Junior Literary Guild. She got twelve of them. She got them cheaper than if she had gone to the store and bought them. We learned that fast when we had to find out how much money she saved by doing some problems.

She bought twelve books. The children that were in the highest reading group got to read them first because they could read them in two or three days.

Some of the books she bought are: Vanilla Village, which is a mystery book, Lost Dog Jerry, Rocket Jockey, Family Grandstand, Timmy and the Tiger, The Secret of Donkey Island, Slipper Under Glass, and Southpaw Fly Hawk, which is a baseball story. The Port of Missing Men, which is another mystery, Wonder Tales of Horses and Heroes, The Black Stallion's Filly, and Moccasin Trail. We all like our new books. Thank you, Miss Drew.

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NEW BOOKS

Carolyn Crawford

One day Miss Drew brought the class some new books. We did an arithmetic lesson to find out how much they cost. I have read one of the books, it is called Lost Dog Jerry. It was very good. The next book I want to read is The Secret of Donkey Island. There are lots of others I want to read, too. It is a very nice selection of books.

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THE FIFTH PATROL

Penelope Harrison

The new patrol was installed on March 19, 1953. The patrol members are: Jay Pearson, Capt; Sarah Cullen, Lt.; Penelope Harrison, Richard Bennett, Dick Dijkman, Wayne Dunn, Richie Ebsary, Richard Hall, Peggy Huff, David Scheffsky, David Stewart, and Elizabeth White.

We are happy to have

We are happy to have the new patrol and they are happy to be on too.

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THE FIFTH PATROL

Kris Christiansen

Jay Pearson is the captain of our new patrol and Sarah Cullen is the lieutenant. This is the fifth patrol we have had this year. The children in the patrol were sworn in March nineteenth. This is the first patrol this year that we have allowed some of the fifth graders to be in.

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ANOTHER PARTY

Janet Sleight

During the passover we began talking about food which the Jewish people eat. Miss Drew told us that they ate a bread that was made of flour and water. The name of this strange bread is Matzoh (Ma'sos). We also call it unleavened bread.

The next day Miss Drew brought some Matzohs and guava jelly to school. First we tasted just the plain Matzohs and the second time we had it with guava jelly. Most of us liked it pretty well.

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A SPRING PARTY

Catherine Lloyd

A few weeks ago we had a discussion on the things in spring. Somebody said that Surinam cherries came out in spring. The next day I brought a jar of Surinam cherry jam. Miss Drew brought some crackers and we had a party. Nancy G. and Janet S. helped me get the crackers ready. When we went to the cafeteria to wash the trays and knives Nancy kept grabbing a cracker. It was a lot of fun and I hope we can have some more parties.

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THE EASTER PARTY

Betsy Virgin

This Easter everything started off with a bang. My mother, Mrs. Virgin, was refreshment chairman of our Easter party, and the other mothers who helped were Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Strohecker, and Mrs. Willis.

The refreshments were wonderful. We had lemon custard ice cream with candy covered almond eggs on top, and cookies. The ice cream was in a nest of green coconut. Mrs. Strohecker made a big cake shaped like an Easter basket.

Nancy Gustafson and Tallulah Strohecker won prizes for the blown eggs. Ricki Hall and I won the prizes for putting egg puzzles together the fastest.

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#### OUR EASTER PARTY

Denise McCarty

On Wednesday, April the first, our room had an Easter party.

We had recess at one-thirty and we played with the other sixth grade. We came in at two o'clock, and we were not allowed to come straight to the room. Mrs. Virgin was chairman of the committee. When we came in the room we put on our Easter bonnets. It is a custom with the sixth grade to have Mrs. Maders take pictures of us with our Easter bonnets we made. We paraded out of the room and into the patio. We had to walk slowly if we didn't want to look like a blur. Anyway, it turned out fine, I think. We came into the room and ate the refreshments. It makes me hungry to even think of the ice cream we had. It was lime in flavor with almonds in it. We had ginger ale and cookies with faces on them. We all had a good time.

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#### OUR SHELL COLLECTION

Patty Boone

Over the Easter holidays, Miss Drew and some other teachers went over to Sanibel Island. They stayed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

When school started the following Tuesday, Miss Drew had brought with her quite a number of shells. Among them were volcanoes, sunrise shells, Chinese alphabet, and some star fish. Miss Drew had arranged the shells in boxes, and hung them up in the back of the room with the labels under them. They are very interesting.

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#### THE NEW DICTIONARY

Jay Pearson

We just got a new dictionary. It cost \$36.00. It has 6,350 pages and 600,000 entries. Miss Drew told us how to turn the pages without ripping them, and to leave the book open when we are finished. The dictionary tells from what language the word comes and the meaning. It has everything from Athens to atomic. The dictionary is fun to use.

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#### COMING EVENTS

Melinda Willis

We have a lot of nice things that are going to happen to us. First the school picnic, second, our class graduation, and third, our graduation party.

The school picnic is going to be April twenty-seventh. Everybody in the school goes and has a wonderful time. You bring your own lunch, but the school furnishes soft drinks and ice cream.

Our graduation is on June 4. Everybody is sad about leaving Merrick, but they are looking forward to junior high.

We are having our graduation party June fourth. It will be at Grandon Park.

Don't you think it will be a lot of fun?

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#### THE NEW LIGHTS

Nick Hodsdon

Miss Drew said that the School Board was going to put a new lighting system in all over the building. One day Miss Drew had us all go upstairs to the auditorium where all the children stayed when the workmen were in their rooms. We took all the books and everything we would need the next day and got all settled down. Then, when we were up in the auditorium and had had a piano recital for all of those who could play, Miss Drew told us that they were almost finished with our room so we could go down again. We had to get all our books and things and troup back down again.

The lights in the schoolrooms are florescent. They have a plain type of light in the cafeteria, auditorium, and halls, but it's just as bright. We're always surprised when we go into the movie room, because it used to be so dark even with the lights on. Now, the florescent lighting makes it as bright as day.

Everybody likes the florescent lights in our room. Their only fault is that when the fifth grade (whose room is right above ours) moves around, our lights rattle. I've found it to be rather soothing, but when someone in the fifth grade steps too hard, it sounds like the lights are coming down on top of us!

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SPRING IS HERE

Eileen Link

One day Miss Drew said that she was going to let us write something about spring. She said that we could write it in poetry form, or in story form. Several of us wrote poems about spring, and the others wrote stories. The main title for most of the poems was "Spring". After they were handed in and returned, Miss Drew asked for those who had the word "read" on their papers to come up front and read them to the class. Several of the children had very good stories and poems. I enjoyed hearing them very much and would like to do it again sometime. Later, we drew some spring pictures which turned out to be very pretty.

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SPRING IS HERE

Patricia Winter

Boy, am I feeling lazy. I think I've got spring fever.

Our class has the drawing-story making-itch. We made some spring pictures to decorate our room.

We also made up some poems or stories. I think we did well.

I don't know whether this is a sign of spring, but there is a hoard of grasshoppers out in front of the school on some bushes.

You've heard the saying "April showers bring May flowers". Well, we've had plenty of showers. But I like April, anyway.

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SPRING

Richard Hall

Flowers blooming everywhere,  
The smell of blossoms in the air,  
Flowers bloom in every spot,  
The sun comes down, oh, it is hot.

New buds spring forth from every bush,  
Dandelions are here to stay,  
Birds sing out a merry song,  
Roses bloom and smell all day.

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IN THE AIR IS SPRING

Elizabeth Peck

Trees sway to and fro.  
New green carpets to walk  
Streams bubbling over the stoney path  
Springs sprout nearby,  
Mayweed sings in the breeze,  
While mint covers the meadows  
With a tinge of green.

Yellow jackets sing with a buzz  
And batchelor buttons nod to one another  
You know spring is here again!

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THE THREE LITTLE BOYS

Brad Lindsey

Three little boys went up to bed, and  
on three pillows sat three little heads.  
Three little boys went to sleep, just  
as the mice began to creep.

Three little boys woke at dawn, and  
the three little boys began to yawn.

Three little boys went down the stairs,  
and ate their breakfast like polar bears.

Three little boys felt jolly, so the  
three little boys went out to play.

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SPRING

Melinda Willis

Spring is a lady dressed in green  
She has blonde hair and pale blue eyes.  
And as she walks her grassy skirts  
Sprinkle seedlings upon the earth.  
That is how I think of spring,  
Treading on the air so thin.

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SPRING

Patty Boone

The strong breeze blows through the leaves,  
Over hills and through the trees.  
New leaves sprout at dawn of day  
Because spring is here to stay.

You hear everyone say,  
"Spring is here, Spring is here,  
Oh, what a beautiful season is here".

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SPRING

Winifred Whitehouse

Everybody knows when it's spring,  
The birds come out and sing.  
The flowers shoot out new buds,  
And women and men wear fancy duds.  
Famous men and women's birthdays begin,  
When it's spring.

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SPRING FEVER

Peggy Huff

We've all got a touch of Spring Fever  
Though it's not much, it's Spring Fever  
We've all got a touch of Spring Fever  
From lying all day in the sun.

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## SPRING IN THE WOODS

Nick Hodsdon

"Oh, tum tee tum tee tum tee tum!" sang Chipper Chipmunk, skipping through the woods. "Ta tee tum tee tum. Hey Sammy! Sammy Squirrel!"

"My goodness! Must you be so noisy, Chipper! I'm just doing my spring house-cleaning," scolded Sammy Squirrel, whisking away a cobweb with his bushy tail.

"Ah choo!!" sneezed Chipper. "Oh, stop that! You know dust makes me sneeze!"

"Sorry", apologized Sammy.

"Well, anyway, Missus Chee Chee has come back from the south!"

"Missis Chee Chee", corrected Professor Owl, who had been awakened by Chipper's sneeze.

"Oh, all right then, Missis Chee Chee."

"Gee," mused Sammy, forgetting Professor Owl's correction, "What fun there'll be by the bird bath down on Dancher-turtle Lake."

Then along hopped Colonel Grasshopper.

"Good morning there, gentlemen!"

"Same to you, Colonel."

"Sure is a nice tree you got there, suh! Wish ah could stay, but ah got to move along. Miss Petunia says that with all this warm weather we've been havin' she expects to blossom ini day now. Well, good day."

Chipper chuckled. "That man! He thinks the flowers talk! I don't!"

"You never know," contradicted Sammy.

"I've heard that those silly humans down the way from shanning's meadow don't believe us animals can talk."

Sammy went back to his housecleaning.

"My! Look at all those acorn shells. It will be a long time before I have to gather another."

Suddenly the wood's peace was shattered by a loud, "Skqrawk."

"Wheep! My goodness!" cried shy little Linda Ladybug. "What was that?"

"Brawk! Top o' the mornin to ya'!  
Braw-w-wk!"

"Why, it's old Patric Parrot!" exclaimed Chipper. (Patric had some of the finest green feathers in the woods) "Why did you yell so loud?"

"I flew up to that tree to see if I could get some worms from under the dead wood, but that bark was hard! Braw-wk! Purt 'neer broke my beak!"

Sammy giggled! "Didn't you know that new wood has come? You won't find any

worms till next summer!"

And so it goes with all the woodland folk. If you should want to visit the forest, it's located just west of Dancher turtle Lake and about two miles north of shanning's meadow. If you do, be sure to look in on Mrs. Chee Chee and her family, Chipper Chipmunk, Sammy Squirrel, Professor Owl, Colonel Grasshopper, Patric Parrot, Alice Appleworm, and many others. You'll find them all living natural lives in a natural place.

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ALABASTER

Jay Tarpley

My name is Alabaster. I'm almost a year old and just about fourteen inches long.

The Sunday that the big alligators came out of hibernation I could just feel it was spring; the trees were blooming, the birds were singing, and I just couldn't help bellowing. (I've got a very fine bellow for my size.)

All my brothers and sisters knew it was spring, too. They were wallowing in the water and sunning themselves and scurrying around, playing all sorts of alligator games. As a matter of fact, all the alligators knew it was spring.

The old ones were awfully hungry. They had gone three months without food and the spring in the air made them hungry. Of course, I was hungry too after three months without food.

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THE RABBIT FAMILY

Patricia Winter

Mrs. Rabbit was busily nibbling a carrot. Just then Susie came up.

"Muvver, tum home. Billy is acting naughty."

"Oh dear," said Mrs. Rabbit. "Well, We'll soon have him straightened out."

A few minutes later a comical sight met Mrs. Rabbit's eyes. Of course, Billy didn't think it funny at all. A stately skunk was walking away and evidently Billy had tried to play with it.

"Oh, Billy," was Mrs. Rabbit's comment.

Later Billy was scrubbing away. He wanted his bed. You see, Mrs. Rabbit wouldn't allow him in the house. He dried in the sun, playing with flowers.

"Now mommy will let me in. I hope so, anyway," said Billy.

That night after supper they all told Papa Rabbit about Billy's adventure. They all laughed and went to bed. \*\*\*\*\*

## WHY WE HAVE SPRING

Judy Alexander

When the world was new and the animals and trees had the gift of speech, there lived an old woman who was known to all the animals as Mother Nature. This Mother Nature took care of a male and female of every kind of animal, tree, and bird. She also took care of the seasons; summer, winter, and autumn. You see, at that time there was no spring.

One day, several years after the animals, the birds, and the trees had been created, Mother Nature decided to have a big council and invite all the birds, the trees, and the animals. When all were at the appointed place, Mother Nature stepped forward and said: "Some of each kind of creature I have tended have complained to me. They said they were not satisfied with the seasons. Will anyone tell me what they mean?"

"I, the oak tree, will tell you what we trees mean. I know I am getting old and will soon die, so I would like to have a season in which I can leave little oaks

so people will always be able to see the stately oak, even after I am gone."

"And why would the animals like another season, Mrs. Deer?"

"Because we want to bear young too, to keep our names going on and on; generation after generation."

"And the same with us," cried all the birds.

"Then I shall see what I can do about it," said Mother Nature.

A few days later another council was held. When Mother Nature stepped up, she had a smile on her face. Then she said, "I have talked to the days and they said that they will be able to get in another season, in between winter and summer. We will call the new season, Spring, because that will be the time when young animals, young birds, and young trees will spring into the world.

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SIXTH GRADE MEMORIES  
Merrick Demonstration School  
1952 - 1953

Principal	Mr. E. E. McCarty
Secretary	Mrs. Crystal Maders
Teachers:	
First Grade	Miss Adah Shufflin
Second Grade	Mrs. Vera Adams
Third Grade	Miss Lucy Allin
Fourth Grade	Mrs. Orpha Rutenbur
Fifth Grade	Mrs. Myrna Cox
Sixth Grade	Miss Nina Drew
Reading and Librarian	Mrs. Frances Sams
Physical Education	Mr. Gordon Blaum
Cafeteria Manager	Mrs. Madge Corbett
Custodian	Mr. P. S. Carrero

## Sixth Grade Interns from University of Miami

First Semester  
Wayne Spilker  
John Chisholm  
\*Alfred Cerniglia

\*Music - Martha Feagin

Second Semester  
Walter Olszack  
Rocco Caputo  
Lawrence Annis  
Ralph Fistel

\*Sam Davis  
Emil Kimmel  
Eleanor Riordan  
Cynthia Lobdell

\*Music - Rosalie Vincinguerra

NOTE: (\*) Interned full semester at Merrick

## Graduation Program

Processional	The National Hymn
"America the Beautiful"	by the class

Patricia Winter - Carolyn Jordan has charge of our devotional exercises.

Carolyn - I shall read for our devotional this morning from the second chapter of the Song of Solomon - the 11th through the 13th verses. This is the favorite scripture of our class.

After the Bible reading, the members of the class will sing the Invocation.  
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Patricia - Good Morning. We welcome you to our graduation program. Today is a very happy day, yet it is a sad one, too. It is happy because we have finished six successful years here at Merrick. But it is sad to be leaving because many of us will separate and never go to the same school again.

We have been looking back on our years here at Merrick and we've found lots of happy memories. We want to share them with you.

Nancy Cook is our historian.

Nancy - Twenty six of the children in our class started first grade in Merrick School. Would you like to know who they are?

Wayne Dunn	Carolyn Crawford	Anna Jo Shappee
Nicky Hodsdon	Sarah Cullen	Janet Sleight
Bradley Lindsey	Nancy Gustafson	Eileen Link
Charles Magoffin	Penny Harrison	Tallulah Strohecker
Jay Pearson	Peggy Huff	Betsy Virgin
Jay Tarpley	Karen Kendall	Elizabeth White
Judy Alexander	Catherine Lloyd	Pat Winter
Patty Boone	Katherine Owre	Melinda Willis
	Elizabeth Peck	

and yours truly, Nancy Cook

We have all had a wonderful time here at Merrick and we do hate to leave. No two years have been alike and we are going to remember many things we did each year.

Penny Harrison will tell you some of the things we have remembered from the first grade

Penny - The thing we remember most about the first grade is the Rhythm Band. Part of the program was a wedding. Nancy Cook and Jay Pearson were the bride and groom.

Another thing we remember about first grade was the play house. In the play house we had our picture taken. We were dressed up like our mothers and fathers.

Also, we remember a picture show that Mr. Boone invited us to see. It was called Uncle Remus.

Two more things we remember are the glass charms and Peter Pan. But most of all we remember Miss Shufflin, because she was so kind to us all.

Nancy - Thank you, Penny.

Eugene Lee joined us in the second grade. Peggy Huff will tell us about that year.

Peggy - What we remember most from the second grade was our trip to the Seminole village. We saw a man wrestling an alligator and we went to an alligator pond. It was a very nice trip.

Another thing we remember was learning how to spell. Of course, they were simple words like "dog" and "cat". But we were proud of learning to spell.

We never will forget Mrs. Adams' puppet, Joco. He came around to our desks every day for inspection on our nails. It was his job to be sure we did not bite our nails.

We remember the time we went to the dairy. We saw them milk the cows by hand and by machine. They even gave us popsicles. We had a wonderful time.

We'll always remember what a good teacher Mrs. Adams was.

Nancy - Thank you, Peggy. That was fine. After the second grade, Anna Jo Shappee left to go to school closer to her home in South Miami. But we took in three new pupils. They were Denise McCarty, Winifred Whitehouse, and Bill Berger.

Sarah Cullen is our historian for that year.

Sarah - One of the nicest things we remember about third grade is Miss Allin. She had been teaching the seventh grade and we were her first third grade class. She was strict, but a very fine teacher, and one of our favorites. Another thing we remember is that it was our first year upstairs. When we were in first and second grades, we used to look wistfully up the stairs and wish that we were in a room up there. We also stayed until three o'clock. We had been looking forward to that for a long time. Now I know how lucky we were when we were dismissed at two o'clock. While we were in the third grade we had a Florida Program in the auditorium and everyone took part. I remember that we learned to do real writing and we were all very proud of that.

We learned a lot in the third grade. And for the whole class, I want to say, "We Love Lucy."

Nancy - Thank you Sarah.

In the fourth grade we had one new pupil. She was a little tiny girl and her name was Carolyn Jordan. She's still a little tiny girl, as you can see. Patty Boone will tell us about Mrs. Ruttenbur and the 4th grade.

Patty - We all enjoyed the fourth grade and Mrs. Ruttenbur very much. Since she was new that year we thought that she would be a little strict, but she wasn't.

I think we shall all remember when Katherine Owre had her braids cut off. Everybody missed them, especially the boys.

Mrs. Ruttenbur was always kind and understanding, even though some of us thought that she worked us a little too hard.

That year we had more science than in any other year. Most of us enjoyed it.

Mrs. Ruttenbur used to keep a list of the rows and every time one row was extra good, she would put a star by it. At the end of the week, the row with the most stars was the winner. Then Mrs. Ruttenbur would take the people in the winning row to the cafeteria and treat them to a cup of ice cream. Ummm, it was good.

Betsy Virgin was in the hospital for a while and we wrote letters to her every week.

We really enjoyed the fourth grade.

Nancy - Thank you, Patty.

Ricki Hall was the only addition to our class in the 5th grade. Jay Tarpley will give our memories for that year.

Jay T. - I'm sure we'll all remember Mrs. Cox and the fifth grade.

That was the year Mr. Blaum came as our regular physical teacher. That was the year we learned long division, and we made up a lot of plays. One we liked so much we put it on for another grade. We had a lot of fun making the big buzz map for Mrs. Cox. But I think our biggest thrill was the first time we were on patrol.

We had a good time in fifth grade.

Nancy - Very good, Jay. Thank you.

Anna Jo Shappee came back to us this year. We also added one boy. He is red headed, smiling, Kris Christiansen. He came from Chicago. Miss Drew and the class had a lot of fun teaching him the difference between a hibiscus and an avocado. Denise McCarty, our class president, will review this year.

Denise - The thing we will remember most about the sixth grade is Miss Drew. Miss Drew has a sense of humor and always enjoys jokes. She claims she's strict.

We will remember the space on the right hand corner of the front board. That space is where Miss Drew puts the names of the children who talk too much.

One of the things that we have enjoyed this year is the science kit. Everybody in the room has used the science kit at least once.

We have enjoyed the play mike which we have used in making news reports.

What we enjoyed most this year was our excursions. Once we went in three different groups. One of the groups went to the Royal Palm Ice factory. Another went to the Union Battery Company, and a third visited a cement block company. We all went to the Everglades National Park. We will remember the hard time we had getting ready for the trip. But we had a lot of fun, and learned a lot.

I know we will all be sorry to leave Miss Drew and Merrick.

Patricia - You can see what fun we have had at Merrick.

We shall now sing some of the songs we have learned this year. Mrs. Rosalie Vincinguerra, a student from the University, is our music teacher this semester. We shall sing, Let All Be Joyful by Beethoven; two songs by Shubert: Ave Maria and The Cradle Song; and a Swedish folk song called, A Sailor's Song. The chords of The Cradle Song shall be played by Nicky Hodsdon on the autoharp.

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Patricia - Anna Jo Shappee will tell you about the next part of the program.

Anna Jo - Before we leave Merrick we want to say, "Thank you" to everyone who has been good to us and helped us here at school.

We have chosen some of the members of our class to say the "Thanks" for us. Tallulah Strohecker will be first.

Tallulah - We, the sixth grade of Merrick Demonstration School, want to thank Mr. McCarty, our principal, for being so nice to us. We appreciate him because he never gets mad and he's always laughing or telling jokes. Mr. Mac has been personally acquainted with every one of us. Sometimes Mr. Mac brings messages and with him comes smiles. When I first met Mr. Mac I was afraid that he was going to be mean, but in the six years I've been here, he never has blown his top. I think that Mr. Mac is the friendliest person that I've ever met.

Anna Jo - Thank you. Kris Christiansen, you are next.

Kris - Our sixth grade would like to thank Mrs. Maders for all the things that she has done for us.

First of all, we would like to thank her for giving her time to the patrol, and for administering first aid whenever we needed it. Nickey I'm sure would like to thank Mrs. Maders personally for a sewing-up job she did for him. Some of the girls needed buttons sewed on several times, too.

We would also like to thank her for typing our class memory book, and for the many movies she has shown us.

We thank her for all the notices she mimeographed. And last of all, we thank her for all the friendship she has shown us.

I wouldn't know how any of us could get along without Mrs. Maders.

Anna Jo - Thank you. Nancy Gustafson.

Nancy G. - All of our teachers have been kind, understanding, and very helpful. But most of all, they've taught us a great deal. Sometimes they had to teach the same thing over and over. But they have had much patience.

We want to say thanks to all of our teachers, including student teachers who have brought us through the past six years in Merrick.

Everyone of our teachers has been wonderful, but to be absolutely perfect; a teacher should have: the originality and patience of Miss Shufflin, the thoroughness and helpfulness of Mrs. Adams, the brains and

conscientiousness of Miss Allin, the understanding and fairness of Mrs. Rutenbur, the tolerance of Mrs. Cox, the good humor of Miss Drew,

Anna Jo - Thank you. Now Eugene Lee, what have you to say?

Gene - As one of the people who likes to eat, it's my pleasure to thank a person who has done a great deal for our school and our cafeteria. Mrs. Corbett, thank you. I think we should all be grateful to have such a good manager in charge of our cafeteria. I know we have all enjoyed the food that we have had. We have enjoyed working in the cafeteria. One especially nice thing about it is that you get all you want to eat when you are a helper. Another thing we appreciate about Mrs. Corbett is that she lets us keep gardenias and other things in the ice box. Let's all give Mrs. Corbett and her fine, fine staff a big hand.

Anna Jo - Thank you. Carolyn Crawford is next.

Carolyn C. - We want to thank the P. T. A. for all they have done for us. Thanks for the soft drinks and ice cream they have always furnished at the picnic. We appreciate the wonderful parties they gave us many times each year. And every year the P. T. A. has bought many things for us to use. We will not forget the cots we used in the first grade or the umbrellas the patrol uses.

We want to say thanks for the new dictionary which they bought this year. It is very nice. We enjoyed the art boards, too.

We could never have managed without the P. T. A.

Anna Jo - Thank you. Eileen Link has a special thank you. I'll let her tell you about it.

Eileen - Our class would particularly like to thank Mr. Lloyd for sending us packs of scrap paper all these years since we were in the first grade. We have used the paper for many things. On it we did arithmetic drills and spelling drills. We made gift cards and get well cards from it. We used it for art lessons and we made small paper houses out of it for a Christmas scene. We have also used it for book marks and ballots. I'm sure we are all very grateful to Mr. Lloyd, for whatever would we have done without those pieces of paper to draw pictures and doodle on while passing time away? Every pupil and every teacher in Merrick appreciates every piece of paper we have received.

Thank you, Mister Lloyd. Will you stand, please, and let us give you a big hand?

Anna Jo - Thank you. And last of all, we shall hear from Charles Magoffin.

Charles - We would like to thank Mr. Carrero for the following: First, when he comes in at noon to sweep, he hurries up the child that is calling us for lunch. Second, he sweeps our room every school day. In the morning before school starts, he opens the windows and empties the waste basket. And last of all, if our class needs any tools, Mr. Carrero lets us borrow them. Thanks again to Mr. Carrero.

Patricia - Thank you for saying "Thank you" for all of us.

Karen Kendall will give you the Believe It or Nots for this year.

Karen - Believe It or Not:

1. Sarah had her hair cut.
2. We have had a lot of Arithmetic this year.
3. Betsy likes to sail.
4. Winifred and Tallulah are friends.
5. Kris has freckles.
6. Judy is pretty.
7. Bradley likes to stay after school and do Arithmetic.
8. Nancy Cook and Jay Pearson were married in the first grade.
9. Eileen never talks too much.
10. Bill has red hair.
11. Wayne likes everybody, especially girls.
12. Jay Tarpley has a brain.
13. Miss Drew likes flowers.
14. Anna Jo, Catherine Lloyd, and Peggy Huff are inseparable.

Patricia - Thank you, Karen.

Our attorney, Elizabeth Peck, will read the class will.

Elizabeth - We, the Sixth Grade class of Merrick Demonstration School, being of sound mind and about to depart from this school, do hereby divide and bequeath to the present fifth grade class, the following:

First, we leave our beloved classroom. We wish it were larger. We know you will never have room for all the things you want to do.

We leave you a nice but strict teacher. We know you will like her if you're good.

Next, we leave the responsibility of caring for Jeep, a lovable dog. We hope one of you will look after Jeep on special occasions and give him gifts as Nicky has done.

We leave our Science kit so that you may make many experiments.

We leave you 36 paper clamps to hold your art paper on our new art boards. Out in the wind they will be a big help.

We leave you a library full of good books to read. Among them are several new books.

Last of all we leave something you really will not want. We leave you four rattling light reflectors. They are new but they do make a lot of noise.

And now for some individual bequests:

Katherine O - I, Katherine Owre, leave my freckles to Toni Cesarano. I have worn them so long that I'm tired of them. They will help you to get along with Miss Drew because she thinks they are cute.

Wayne - I, Wayne Dunn, leave my beloved place in the conference room to Art Roberts. I hope that he may have many quiet moments there as I did when I was excluded from the classroom.

Nick - I, Nick Hodsdon, hereby bequeath to Jack Allyn my imagination and ability to think up stories. I sincerely hope he will use it accordingly.

and not to get out of doing things around the house.

Judy - I, Judy Alexander, leave my old fashioned, but quaint, braids to Susan Crowe. In Junior High they wouldn't be considered modern enough, I hope you will be able to manage them without too many pulls as I have.

Winifred - I, Winifred Whitehouse, leave my ability to spell to the next sixth grade. Any time you need to spell a word and ask Miss Drew, she will always tell you the first couple of letters, and then tell you to look up the word in the dictionary. So - anytime you need to spell a word, maybe you could use my ability to spell.

Ricki - I, Richard Hall, leave my stiff neck to George Engle. I got it from turning around so that I could look at Jay Pearson, who sits several seats in back of me.

Elizabeth - Signed and sealed this 4th day of June in the year 1953.

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Patricia - Thank you. Bill Berger will read for you a little paper called, Just Suppose.

Bill - Just Suppose Janet couldn't sing.

Just Suppose Carolyn Crawford and Denise didn't like horses.

Just Suppose Gene didn't like the cafeteria.

Just Suppose spitballs weren't outlawed.

Just Suppose Melinda didn't like to talk.

Just Suppose Elizabeth White was not an artist.

Just Suppose Jay Pearson didn't like science.

Just Suppose Pat Winter couldn't read faster than anybody else.

Just Suppose Carolyn Jordan was tall.

Just Suppose we couldn't just suppose.

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Patricia - Now let's take a look into the future. For that part of the program we shall use the large television screen you see in the back of the stage. You are to imagine it is the year 1968 and you are just sitting down to look at a television program.

Bradley - Good morning. We welcome you to our first three dimensional television show.

This is a day that will go down in television history. The invention of three dimensional television without the use of curvex screen or the aid of special glasses is the most important invention since radio itself.

We have with us in the studio today the man who was responsible for this marvelous invention. It is an honor to be able to introduce Dr. Jay Frederick Wesley Pearson, Jr.

Dr. Pearson, will you please step forward? (Clap, clap, clap, clap.)  
Will you introduce your guests?

Jay P. - Thank you, Brad. I want to introduce my guests to you. This is Miss Melinda Willis, and this is Miss Betsy Virgin.

Melinda, what have you been doing since I last saw you?

Melinda - I've been teaching school at Merrick Laboratory School. I teach the first grade.

Jay P. - Is that right? You a teacher! Why did you pick the first grade?

Melinda - Well, I like little children, for one thing. But the main reason was I didn't think I was smart enough to teach any higher than the first grade.

Jay P. - If I remember correctly, you were pretty smart when I knew you at Merrick.

Melinda - Thank you.

Jay P. - And, oh yes, I read about your being voted the prettiest teacher of the year.

Melinda - They gave me a trip to Europe and that was lots of fun.

Jay P. - And, Betsy, what about you?

Betsy - I'm a nurse. I started in my father's office when I was just 16 and I still like nursing better than anything.

Jay P. - In what hospital do you work?

Betsy - In Doctor's Hospital in Coral Gables. You know my brother Chips is a resident physician there.

Jay P. - How did you get away from the hospital at this time of year?

Betsy - I won the award for the Nurse of the Year and this trip to New York is one of the prizes that was given to me. It has been fun, but the nicest part has been this visit with you here in the studio.

Jay P. - Thank you. Shall we sit down now and see what else is on the program for today?

Melinda - Yes, let's do.

Bradley - Thank you, Dr. Pearson. Now you are in for a real treat. We have to sing for us this morning, a very famous quartet - the Merrick Melody Singers. I'll let their manager, Miss Janet Sleight, introduce them to you. Miss Sleight.

Janet - Thank you, Brad. First I'm going to introduce Miss Eileen Link. Eileen, tell us a little about yourself.

Eileen - There really isn't much to tell. As you know, I've been singing since I was in the sixth grade. I enjoy singing very much.

Janet - Next we have Miss Catherine Lloyd.

Gatherine - It's lots of fun being on this program today, Janet. Oh, by the way, do you remember the Pitch Pipe Time program we had in the sixth grade? I've enjoyed singing ever since.

Janet - I certainly do remember that program. Now let's have a word from Miss Elizabeth White.

Elizabeth - I am happy to be on this program, too. We have been in lots of programs together, but this is the most exciting of all.

Janet - And I'm Janet Sleight. Our quartette has been appearing together on radio and television for the last three years, but we think this is the greatest honor we've had yet. We shall sing for you this morning three little numbers that we remember from a long way back,

The first one is called, "I've Been Working on the Railroad". Then we'll sing, "Black Eyed Suzie", and last, "Baked Potato".

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Patricia - Our commencement speaker is a person we all love and admire. You know him well. He is Mr. E. E. McCarty. Mr. McCarty, do you have a few words for us before we leave Merrick?

Commencement talk - Mr. McCarty

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Patricia - We shall close our program by singing three songs. They are two Slovakian folk songs: At Parting and Why Are We Waiting; and last of all, The School I Left Behind Me, a parody based on the old tune, The Girl I Left Behind Me.

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May 14, 1953

## SCHOOL PICNIC

Eileen Link

On Monday, April 27, all the classes at Merrick went down to the Matheson Hammock picnic grounds for the school picnic. We played baseball and Mat'son and lots of other games. The P.T.A. furnished cold drinks and ice cream. The children brought their own lunches. After lunch, Mr. Davis (our student teacher) took some of us for a trip around the lake. Every other year the children had always caught minnows in the lake and taken them home. But this year no one was allowed to catch minnows. Everyone, I'm sure, had as much fun and as wonderful a time as I did.

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## AN EXCITING DAY

Judy Alexander

April 27, we had our yearly school picnic at the Matheson Hammock picnic grounds. Almost all of our class went. Miss Drew was one of the first ones there and was wearing a blue blouse with blue shorts. Of course, she had an unbuttoned skirt over them.

When everyone in our room got there we played softball for a while, then we had lunch. The P.T.A. supplied cokes and ice cream. We brought our own lunch.

After lunch some of us took a walk around the lake and there were some bass that the boys were feeding. The fish would come to the surface to get the bread.

Later, most of us weren't doing anything so Mrs. Virgin took over. She taught us a game called "Capture the Flag". A few already knew how to play. We played till we had to go home.

While we were getting in the cars, quite a few of us decided to meet at Venetian Pool and go swimming. Patty Boone, Sarah Cullen, Melinda Willis, Nancy Gustafson, Bill Berger, Nick Hodsdon, Wayne Dunn, Bradley Lindsey, Kris Christiansen, and I were the ones who went. I certainly was tired at the end of the day. We all had a wonderful time and I know it will stand out as one of my favorite sixth grade memories.

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## THE NEW PATROL

Patty Boone

The new patrol went on duty at noon Thursday, April 30, 1953. This is the last patrol to be on this year. There are four fifth graders on this time.

The captain of the new patrol is Nancy

Cook. The lieutenant is Carolyn Jordan, and the following are patrolmen: Judy Alexander, Patty Boone, Susan Crowe, Nancy Gustafson, Catherine Lloyd, Mary Anne Robbins, Janet Sleight, Betsy Virgin, Clark Wheeler, and Grace Mary Williams.

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## METROPOLITAN TESTS

Pat Winter

A week ago we started some tests. They are hard, but still they are fun. I did fairly well and so did everybody else. We completed them in a few days.

The tests include everything except history and geography. Arithmetic and spelling are about the hardest.

But despite all our fears, all's well.

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## THE MAY POLE DANCE

Sarah Cullen

Mr. Blaum picked sixteen girls to be in a May Pole Dance. Some were from our room and some were from the other sixth grade. We practiced for four days. We were all afraid that we would make a mistake, but when the day for the dance came we didn't make one.

Each girl had a garland of gardenias on her head and a bracelet of gardenias around her wrist. The color of the pole was silver and the streamers were pink and blue.

The whole dance consisted of weaving and unweaving the streamers in different patterns around the May Pole.

We danced to the music of "Country Gardens". We did the dance on the court and the whole school watched us.

Everybody said it was beautiful and I know we had lots of fun doing it.

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## THE MAY POLE DANCE

Melinda Willis

This year Mr. Blaum told the girls that we were going to have a May dance. Everybody was very excited about it.

The girls that he chose were Nancy Cook, Sarah Cullen, Winifred Whitehouse, Tallulah Strohecker, Carolyn Jordan, Patty Boone, Judy Alexander, Janet Sleight, Karen Kendall, and myself, Melinda Willis, besides six that he chose from Mrs. Fried's room.

Eileen Link and Nancy Gustafson were understudies. Nancy Gustafson was responsible for our head bands and arm bracelets. The girls that were in the May dance appreciate this very much. Penny

Harrison and Janet Sleight were her helpers. Some of the various movements of the May dance are called the Grand Chain, the Candy Stick, and the Water Wheel. The ribbons around the May pole were pink and blue. It was a very pretty dance and I'm sure none of us will ever forget it.

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#### HAIL

Bill Berger

Last Friday all-of-a-sudden somebody said, "It's hailing!" We all went out on the porch and literally jumped hail. It was bouncing from the grass onto the porch concrete. We picked some of them up, but they melted very fast. The biggest hail stone I found was the size of a big marble. It did not hail very long. I have looked up hail in the World Book and it says that hailstones are pieces of ice which have centers of snow and layers of clear ice built around them. Hailstones vary greatly in size; they are from the size of garden peas to size of lemons. They are formed in many shapes, some of which are very beautiful. A hailstorm usually occurs in warm weather and lasts only a few minutes. The hail occurs because the air near the surface of the earth is overheated which in comparison to the air above is cold. Strong wind currents develop and move in a vertical motion. As the warm air rises to great heights where the temperature is below freezing, ice crystals form. As they fall through the warm air water collects around them and freezes. Thus many coats of ice form around the center. They grow in size so much that they fall to earth as hailstones.

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#### HAILING

Carolyn Crawford

One day we were having Arithmetic and it started raining. It rained for a while and pretty soon we heard something hitting the windows. The people on that side, sitting by the windows, went to close them and saw that it was hailing. Then we all went out into the patio to watch it. There were pieces of ice jumping up and down in the yard. It only lasted a few minutes. But it was fun to see it.

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#### COVERS FOR OUR YEARBOOK

Katherine Owre

Saturday we made covers for our yearbook. Carolyn Crawford and Jay Tarpley were the runners-up after we had voted. We decided to have Carolyn's on the front

and Jay's on the inside page. Our book is almost done now. It will be fun to look at it when we are older and remember what fun we had in the sixth grade.

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#### COVERS FOR OUR YEARBOOK

Jay Tarpley

Last Saturday nearly everyone in the room drew what they thought would look nice for a cover for our yearbook. We tacked them up on the back of the bulletin board where everyone could look at them, and pick out the one they liked best.

Tuesday morning we picked out the picture we all liked best, Carolyn Crawford won for the cover, but since I came so close to winning, the class decided to put my picture somewhere in the book.

All the covers had to have the year, the grade, the name of the school, and the name of the artist on them.

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#### OUR ART BOARDS

Winifred Whitehouse

One day there were some boards on the back shelf. All of us asked what they were for. Miss Drew said the P.T.A. gave them to us for art boards to use whenever we want to go outside and do a scene outdoors.

We sandpapered them and made them smooth. Then, on the same day, Miss Drew said we were going to use them.

I am sure we are going to enjoy them.

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#### THE AUTOHARP

Nick Hodsdon

When we were planning for our graduation, Miss Drew said that the "Cradle Song" would be good if accompanied by the autoharp the school had. The next day, Miss Vinciguerra, our music teacher, told us that it was called an autoharp and Bradley and Kris lugged it down from the fourth grade.

The autoharp is shaped something like a lyre and is about two inches thick, about the size of a record album. It has many strings, like a piano. Frets of wood and felt, which can be pushed down by buttons against the strings and sounding board to change the chord, fit across the strings. One row of buttons is used to make the D seven, C seven, G seven, and no telling what all seven chords. The other row of buttons is used for making the tonic chords of C, D, E, F, G, A, B, and high C. Mr. Doolin says the only way to play it is to push one note, and if it doesn't sound good, to push another down.

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May 22, 1953

## DR. PEARSON INAUGURATED

Jay Pearson

On May seventh, my father was inaugurated as president of the University of Miami. Michael and I went with Miss Drew to the inauguration. Mother came with my aunt. She brought the moving picture camera. I took some pictures of the inauguration. Then Miss Drew brought us back to school. It was a lot of fun.

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## A TRIP TO MR. LLOYD'S

Nancy Cook

On May fifteenth, Kris, Anna Jo, Peggy, Catherine, and I went to Mr. Lloyd's printing company.

Miss Drew took us all down there in her car. When we got there we went upstairs to Mr. Lloyd's office.

Mr. Lloyd took us around, and it was very interesting. After that, Mr. Lloyd let us have a coke and, of course, we enjoyed that.

Then Mr. Lloyd gave us some pads for ourselves and some to take to the class.

When we got home we had to make a report on our trip.

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## DRAWING OUT-OF-DOORS

Penny Harrison

Our class had an art lesson out-of-doors. We went over near the elementary school by the opening and drew the opening. We took the colored chalk over there. We have some of our pictures up in the room. They are very good. We had lots of fun doing it.

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## SOME NEW BIOGRAPHIES

Charles Magoffin

A little while ago Miss Drew found eight sets of biographies. Each set has six books in it. There are seven sets called Real People and one set called English Children.

The sets of Real People are about famous people and the set, English Children, are about the children of different countries.

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## VISITING FAIRLAWN

Nancy Gustafson

On Monday, May eighteenth, six of our room went to visit one of our student teachers at Fairlawn Elementary School.

They put on a program about Germany. It was very good. We saw their cafeteria and were quite impressed. They have four six grades.

We had a lot of fun and want to say thanks to Mr. Lasher, Mr. Kimmel, and their class.

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## THE PATROL PARTY

Wayne Dunn

Tuesday, May nineteenth, Mrs. Maders, who is in charge of the patrol, invited the people who were on the patrol this year to a patrol party. We had loads of fun. We had ice cream and cake. We had our choice between Pepsi-Cola, Orange, or Root Beer to drink. Mrs. Maders awarded Mrs. Lindsey a phone book holder for making merit and service ribbons for this year.

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## LEAVING DEAR OLD MERRICK

Sarah Cullen

"Such tears from my eyes do fall on leaving one I love so well". That is exactly how I feel about leaving Merrick. It is sad to leave Merrick where I have gone for six years. I know all the wonderful teachers and have made some very good friends. I do not know a school where there could be such a wonderful staff.

I have had sad and happy times at Merrick. I have learned a lot and had lots of fun. I don't know how I could forget it.

Even when I am an old lady, I will remember Merrick and be very proud to say that I went there.

When I leave the sixth grade, I will make room for others who will appreciate Merrick just as I have.

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Salvador S.

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Nina Drew

John

Nick Hodsdon.

Denise M.

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Ricki H.

Elizabeth P.

Nancy Cook  
Nancy S.

Janet D. Light

Bill B.

Sarah C.