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Editorials

A new group of helping teachers are now in the demonstration schools. They are very enthusiastic over their work and anxious to render the greatest service possible to the regular teachers, the pupils and the community. Let us all cooperate and work for the best there is in us to make the spring quarter the best one yet.

Music for the Demonstration Schools

Plans are under way to provide instruction in music in our schools during the spring quarter. Mrs. Graham and Mr. Darling, instructors in Public School Music at the Normal have kindly consented to come out on Monday afternoons for this purpose. We are all very glad because we would like to know more about music and think it should be in every school curriculum.

Our aims of education are to develop not only mentally and physically but to develop also our moral and esthetic qualities. We can readily see how music will help us for who can be low or mean when under the spell of music. Education without musical instruction is not complete since music gives us a greater appreciation of life, inspiring us to better things.

When we have learned to appreciate music composed by man we will more quickly notice nature's music all about us every day. Instead of fretting when it rains we will listen for the song the rain drops sing as they patter on the roof. Oh! How many songs we could hear if we would but listen to the birds, the wind, and the trees as they sing their nature songs.

Let's listen to these songs, for

"It is not only in the rose,
It is not only in the bird,
Not only where the rainbow blows
Nor in the song of woman heard;
But in the darkest meanest things,
There, always, always something sings."

BROOKSIDE NEWS

Raymond Guseck has taken his final examination and has now left school. We are sorry to see Raymond leave but we wish him success in his examinations.

Kenneth and Sherwood Wilson are absent on account of illness.

Helen Bergh, George and Casper Benfit were on the sick list.

Anna Artz attended the spelling contest April 8th.

Lugwig Gross is back in school after two weeks of absence.

Frances Benfit is also back in school.

Mrs. Guseck was ill and Leone had to assist at home.

Joe Artz is back from Columbus College, Chamberlain.

Magdaline Shubert was a visitor for a few days in our school. She is a pupil at Richmond School.

Easter vacation is over and the student teachers are back at their work. Miss Herb teaches fifth and sixth grade language. Miss Wilkerson seventh grade geography. Miss Cross eighth grade civics and hygiene, and Miss Harrison seventh and eighth grade language. Miss Herb has been ill and unable to be in school since Monday. We hope she will be back with us next week.

The fifth and sixth grades have been busy making booklets containing original poems, stories and dialogues. Who knows, perhaps they will win the prize at the fair next fall.

Some of the children have been much interested the last few days making rabbits with moveable ears.

We found it was lots of fun to learn two new games; Peter and Annie and Jolly as the Miller. We played these inside on the stormy days.

On Wednesday the children enjoyed learning to use first aid bandages in connection with their hygiene work. This is something we all need to know.

The seventh and eighth language class enjoyed writing poems Monday. Two of the poems are printed below.

School Days.

The school days had begun,
And the children thought it lots of fun,
They started early off to school,
And promised they would keep the rule.

The children were all in their seats,
And everyone looking very neat,
And then when the time for recess came,
All the children were ready for a game.

Again the teacher rang the bell
And said, "Come children now I will hear you spell,
And not one word was missed that day,
Which made the teacher feel real gay.

--Elizabeth Artz.

"My Little Pig"

I have the cutest little pig,
He just dearly loves to dig;
Whenever I come into the pen
He says, "u-u-please come back
again."

Then I shut him in his pen
And he goes right to sleep again,
But when he's had his sleep out
He's ready for another rout.

When he gets into my garden,
He never gets any pardon.
I hit him with a stick,
And that makes him move double
quick.

--Helen Bergh.

SUNSHINE SCHOOL

Four new helping teachers have come to Sunshine School to take the place of those who were here last quarter. We are Fern Phelps, Julia Secker, Gena Loken, and Alice Bairey. Let this serve as our introduction to the school, the parents, and the community. We are very glad to be with you and hope the work will prove as interesting and beneficial to you as to us.

On account of the bad weather of last week, we were obliged to play in the school house. Such games as "Passing the Button", and "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush", found favor among us all. This week however our recesses are spent playing out of doors. We all agree that "Cat and Mouse", and "Come With Me" are lots of fun, and we are glad we can play out side again.

The helping teachers of Sunshine School visited Riverside School on Tuesday of last week. Though we were well pleased with our visit, it was due to necessity rather than pleasure, as the bus decided it needed a rest and remained stuck in the mud for the greater part of the afternoon.

Chester and Alden Hanson have returned to school after an absence of several weeks on account of being quarantined for scarlet fever. We are very glad to have them with us again.

Mr. Darling, one of the instructors in the department of music at the Normal School, was with us Monday afternoon and gave us a lesson in Public School Music. The lesson consisted of rote songs and games. Judging from the interest shown we are all anxious for our next lesson.

Among those who have been absent are Cecil Barber, Ruby Drier and her little brother.

The hand work for the little folks is now partially under the direction of the helping teachers. On Wednesday of last week Miss Phelps had charge of it showing the children how to make a little girl and umbrella, which fitted in very nicely with the day. The project for Monday and Tuesday, under the direction of Miss Loken and Miss Secker, was a little chicken coop and drinking trough.

The fourth and fifth grade language class have written some stories in which some old vehicle tells the story of its life. Here is the best one written by Erwin Comstock.

The Story of a Bicycle

Once upon a time I was a new bicycle and my master rode me. Then my master sold me to a little boy and the little boy rode me to school. When he came home he went to his work.

At last I became worn out so the little boy took my tires off and left my wheels all ragged; then he took me and threw me into a big hole and I was in the dark.

Three little boys have entered school this quarter. They are Howard Wylie, Wilmer Drier, and Harold Barber.

RIVERSIDE NEWS

Goldie, Herbert and Arthur Schnuevole returned to school last Monday, after several weeks absence due to scarlet fever. We are very glad to have them with us again.

Cathryn Thomas has been absent a few days on account of her mother being ill.

Rosella Brown came back to school after an absence of several days.

Ivan Lindsey spelled the whole school down including the practice teachers and Miss Briscoe, last Friday at Riverside. This shows his ability as a student. If he continues this good work, he may become a second Noah Webster.

Gladys Glau was excused last Friday afternoon to attend the spelling contest of Aberdeen District held at Aberdeen. She won the first prize in the oral contest and second in the written contest. This entitles Gladys to enter the county contest which will be held in the near future.

Mrs. Graham, the supervisor of Public School Music at N.N.-I.S. visited the Riverside School last Monday. Mrs. Graham brought a talking machine along with her and played for us many good records, which we all enjoyed immensely.

She played the following records: A Bird Concert, The Rooster Song, The Spinning Wheel, The Herd Girl's Dream, The Wind Among the Trees.

Mrs. Graham taught two rote songs which the children enjoyed. The little citizen league thanked Mrs. Graham for the treat so heartily that she decided she'd visit them occasionally on Monday during this quarter.

The play ground has been supervised by the helping teachers. We have organized a fairly good baseball team and with a little practice we will be able to play very well.

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