

Tiny Pilgrims relive Thanksgiving



Angela Socher musters a shy smile to match her Pilgrim maid costume. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)



Listening to Dorothy Nuttal of the Detroit Story League tell her tale, the first graders and kindergarten class sit in almost silent enjoyment.

Court'ern. Sixty-five little Indians sitting in a circle clutching 65 drums made from coffee cans. They are accompanied by 20 little Pilgrims decked out in stiff white paper collars and somber grey smocks that are really dyed pillow cases. Together, the 85 extraordinarily quiet kindergarten and first grade students at Edgewood Elementary School in the Clawsonville district are celebrating the First Thanksgiving. But they're doing it with the help of someone who surely wasn't around for the original turkey feast. The circle of students is listening to Dorothy Nuttal of the Detroit Story League relate how the cardinal received its bright plumage. While Ms. Nuttal is telling her tale, the listeners rustle around in their seats. Paper collars and paper buckskin rustle like dry leaves in a windstorm. The costumes were made by the students with a little help from kindergarten teacher Mrs. Rachel Bell and first grade teachers Ellen Davis and Anne Harrington. While the teachers cut out the Indian costumes from paper bags for the first grade class, the students were given the task of decorating the garments. GEOMETRIC design and fanciful squiggles covered the costumes.

Occasionally, a papoose would be drawn on the back of a costume. Necklaces were made from Fruit Loops breakfast cereal and macaroni. By the time the story session ended a few of the Fruit Loop necklaces were considerably smaller than when their owners first marched into the school's learning center. Staunch little Pilgrims looked as dutiful as five-year-olds can be under the boys' tall black paper hats and the girls' demure white paper bag caps tied at the chin with string. Before the story telling session, each of the grades ate a Thanksgiving dinner which matched their costumes. The Pilgrims ate a full turkey feast with all the trimmings. The Indians tasted applesauce, popcorn, and corn meal much with maple syrup and butter. Milk, of course was served. Pilgrim Matthew Giebel solemnly assured visitors he liked turkey with all the dressings and was looking forward to Grandma Wilson's cooking on Thursday. Quiet Pilgrim Roger Kahl agreed that turkey was the perfect dish to celebrate Thanksgiving. SHY ANGELA Socher looked pretty as a picture under her white paper cap. She admitted to liking the skin of a turkey the best. And cranberries just

made everything better. Indians seemed to know exactly what they liked about the holiday. Robert MacDonald liked his Indian costume decorated with different drawings all done by the wearer. He definitely liked the wishbone of a turkey the best. Indian Cheryl Beasley thought Thanksgiving was extra special because that's the day Santa Claus comes to town. Besides, she gets a

chance to eat some pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving. "It's a special day," said Crystal Haddieg from behind her colorful Indian costume. She too was hoping for the wish bone. At the end of the story session, the Indians got to their feet and recited their chant before marching out of the room. "And we sleep in a teepee. When I'm happy I dance and sing and shout."



Cheryl Beasley, a first grade student at Woodcreek, turned up at the school's Thanksgiving program all decked out in Indian gear. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Power failure cools holiday

Cold turkey almost had them on the run as parts of Farmington Hills suffered through a morning without electrical power Thanksgiving Day. About 75 Detroit Edison customers on Birchwood and Robinwood in Farmington Hills found their clocks at a standstill and their turkeys refusing to roast on Thanksgiving morning. From 6:30 a.m. until about 1 p.m., they joined other powerless Edison customers as crews worked to fix lines downed by wind and rain. Customers living near the Farmington Hills-Livonia border on Eight Mile were out of power, too that day. About 300 customers on seven streets in the area were affected, according to Fred Sullivan, public relations spokesman for Edison. About 1,300 customers living in the area bounded by Seven Mile, Five Mile, Merriman and Newburgh in Livonia were without electricity from 3:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving. Their power problems were caused by weather conditions, according to Sullivan. Their predicament was shared by about 100-125 West Bloomfield residents living on Long Lake and Squirrel.

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THE STATE OF MICHIGAN is looking for physical therapists to fill some employment openings, according to State Rep. Sandy Brotherton (R-Farmington). The minimum qualifications for a physical therapist position include registration with the Michigan Physical Therapist Board and a bachelors degree in physical therapy. Salary ranges from \$13,980-\$20,900 depending on experience and education. Application forms are available at all Michigan Employment Security Commission offices, most county clerks offices and Civil Service branch offices in Detroit, Escanaba and Lansing.

ADVERTISING will be the topic of a upcoming Oakland Community College course on the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills. Discussions on deceptive advertising, subliminal advertising and good and bad ads are included in the semester. Four guest speakers will be featured. The three credit hour course will meet from 7:10 p.m. beginning Jan. 9 at the campus. Tuition and fees for residents is \$48. For further information call 476-9400, ext. 408.

PERSONAL FINANCE will be taught at Orchard Ridge this winter, too. At least 10 guest speakers will address the class on investments, buying and selling a home, home mortgages, consumer credit, banking, consumer legal rights, income tax, buying a new car, auto insurance, homeowner's insurance and life insurance. The three credit course will meet on Mondays from 7:10 p.m., beginning Jan. 8 and continuing for 15 weeks. Tuition and fees for residents is \$48. Regular registration will be conducted on Jan. 3-5. For further information, call 476-9400, ext. 408.

THE HILLS is humming with the sound of music when four Harrison High School string music students get together. Sandy Hess and Erin Kelly, violin; Gayle Dalawrak, viola and Aileen Kulba, cello joined with 150 other high school and college stringed instrument students in a three day workshop at Adrian College in Adrian.

HORN PLAYERS may hate to watch someone in the stands bite into a lemon but the band and orchestra boosters club are taking a chance on that happening when they begin their annual sale of Texas citrus fruits to support the Harrison High School musicians. Money raised through the sale will go towards replacing uniforms which have seen more than eight years of use and will need to be replaced some time in the next few years. The major portion of uniforms funds must come from outside the normal school for board of education resources so the parents and students conduct the sale to help raise about \$40,000 needed for the new marching costumes.

Students of instrumental music at Harrison are placing orders for small or large cartons of grapefruit or oranges at \$6 and \$11.

The fruit is scheduled to arrive at the high school on Dec. 8 and will be delivered to purchasers over the weekend of Dec. 9 and 10. The growers promise that the fruit will be delivered Farmington within 100 hours after it is picked off the trees in Texas. To order call 477-2789 or mail a card to Farmington Harrison High Music Dept., 2995 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills, 48018.

VOLUNTEER RN's are needed by Henry Ford Hospital volunteer services to take blood pressure readings that are offered to the public free of charge. The testing is done at the main hospital on West Grand Boulevard, Detroit from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and at the HFH Fairland Center in Dearborn on Mondays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The West Bloomfield center will conduct testing on Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m. The responsibilities include taking a brief medical history and blood pressure readings. To apply, call the volunteer office at the main Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit at 876-1876.

HATS OFF TO ROBERT CAREY who was elected a director of the National Association of Realtors at a session of the association's 71st annual convention in Honolulu. Carey is a Farmington Hills realtor. He will assist in policy making for the National Association and in deciding the thrust of realtor programs.

VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST the Aging program at Madonna's Gerontology Department offers course work in learning the skills needed to work with the elderly beginning Jan. 8. Experience in visiting the elderly in their homes or in long term care facilities will be part of the class. Guest lecturers active in serving the elderly will share their experiences with the class. Students will be placed as volunteers with an outside agency of their choice. The required course for the program, seminar on the aging will meet from 7:10 p.m., Jan. 9-February 24. For further information call the director of gerontology at the college, Sr. Colleen Morris at 591-1200, ext. 53.

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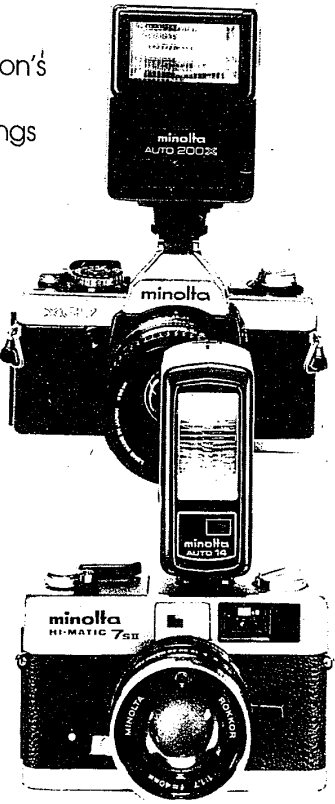
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