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## LIBRARY DOLL FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

### HIGHLAND PARK IS GROWING

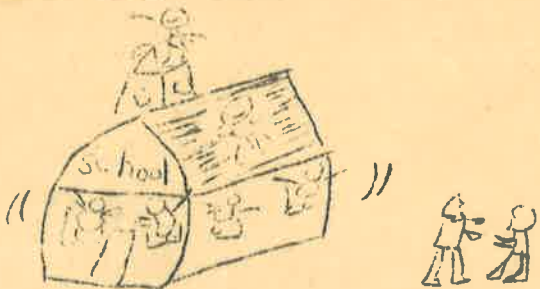
The new section at Highland Park is making very fast progress. Every day you hear the tapping of hammers, the buzzing of saws, the sound of cement mixers and other noises. Mr. Matthys says, "It will cost \$90,000.00 in all". There will be four new rooms in the new addition. He said there will be about 700 children in school next year.

The men work very hard each day to get it built. Many people of Austin come to see the new section of our school.

Raymond Harkey

### BURSTING AT THE SEAMS

In 1953 the census for Highland Park School was 743. By 1954 it had climbed to 1002 and this year the final count showed 1254. We of Highland Park are greatly indebted to the Parents for their UNTIRING EFFORTS in giving of their time and service to their school in taking the school census and donating the funds earned to their P.T.A.



### DOLL FESTIVAL

We are happy to report our doll Festival was a success. There were over two hundred dolls entered. Diane Horne entered a doll that belonged to Grant Wood's mother. There were dolls from Sweden, Holland, Russia, China, Mexico, Japan, Austria, Yugoslavia, Denmark, England, Spair and many other countries. There were big dolls as tall as two feet and little dolls a few inches high. There were beautiful bride dolls, with their big blue eyes, curled hair and ruffled white dresses. There were bride-maids who were so beautiful you could hardly believe that saying "Always a bride'smaid, never a bride." There was a beautiful Queen Elizabeth doll. So lovely the Queen herself would have been flattered. Carolyn Carruth entered the most dolls of all. The Ginny dolls were the cutest of all, with their little ruffled skirts. Every doll entered no doubt was admired very much by their owners and everyone who saw them.



## THE HIGHLANDER

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## TWO NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

We are very sorry to lose two of our teachers. Mrs. Sowell, of the fourth grade and Mrs. Blassingame of the third. We are glad to welcome Mrs. Jane Newberry to take Mrs. Blassingame's third grade and Mrs. Vlasta Roberts to take Mrs. Sowell's fourth grade. Both of the teachers left at the beginning of the second semester, Jan. 21.

Mrs. Newberry is a graduate of the University of Texas. Her home town is Childress, Texas. Mrs. Roberts also graduated from U.T. Her home town is Catarina, Texas.

## MARCH OF DIMES

The total amount of money collected at Highland Park for the March of Dimes was \$87.54.

Barbara Drake and Karen Kiger earned \$5.48 by putting up a lemonade stand in their neighborhood and selling lemonade.

## BOOK NEWS

On Feb. 11, the bookmobile comes. Let's all try to remember to bring our books. Other people want to read the books we have checked out. So many people forget their books that there is not always a good selection. We know you would like to have other people enjoy the same books that you have read. Also, do not turn them in at the main Library. The Librarians may have trouble finding the book. So, remember to bring your books on Friday, Feb. 11.

Susan Wells.

## NOTICE TO MUSIC PUPILS

"Famous Tunes" by Schubert  
"Tri-Chord Classics"  
"Tunes You Like"

These are just a few of the folders of music that are available to you in the library. They may be checked out by anyone who is interested and kept as long as they are being used and enjoyed by the pupils.

## OFF TO CAMP!

Mr. Koch's room will be going to Friday Mountain camp on May 16. Mrs. Wiseman's room will follow on the 23rd. The reason they are going separately is because the enrollments are so large. It would be impossible for the camp staff to handle all of the children with forty two in each room. Mr. Koch's room is going with one section of the 6th grade of Pease School, and Mrs. Wiseman's will go with the other section.

Diane Horn

## THREE GIRLS WIN CONTEST

The winners of this week's story-telling contest in Mrs. Sayer's room are:  
Ann Matthys - "Old One Eye"  
Kathleen Otto - "Old Dry Frye"  
Ginger Benson - "Soap! Soap! Soap!"

These girls will be entered in a story telling contest sponsored by K.T.B.C. Radio Station.



## FEBRUARY GREATS

ZEBULON RIKE, born Feb. 5, 1779, in the state of New Jersey. At 26 he lead an Exploring party to the source of the Mississippi River. Discovered Pikes Peak that is named for him. Was made Brigadier General in the War of 1812, and was killed while leading an attack on Toronto, Canada.

CHARLES DICKENS, famous English Poet born Feb. 7, 1812. He wrote many humorous stories and essays for magazines when he was 17. He wrote many stories of suffering and misery in the lives of the poor people. He is famous for: "David Copperfield", "A Tale of Two Cities", "Oliver Twist", "A Christmas Carol".

THOMAS EDISON, born Feb. 11, 1847, in Milan, Ohio. Sold papers as a boy on the Grand Trunk Railroad. He invented the first electric light plant, also he invented the phonograph and the moving picture camera. He was a great man indeed.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, born Feb. 12, 1809, in a log cabin in Kentucky. At the age of 28 he became the law partner of John T. Stuart in Springfield, Illinois. In March of 1861 he was inaugurated President of the United States, and a month later the War between the States began. He served as President during the war, until April 14, 1865, when he was shot in the back in Ford's Theater by John Wilkes Booth while watching a play.

GALILEO, born Feb. 15, 1564 in Pisto, Italy. He was the first man to invent the complete telescope, and the first to use it to study the heavenly bodies. He discovered the mountains on the moon, the milky way, and the largest four satellites of the planet Jupiter. He died in Florence, Italy, Jan. 8, 1642, at the age of 78.

COPERNICUS, born Feb. 19, 1473, in Frauenburg, Poland. When he was young he studied astronomy, medicine, law. He later became a canon in a cathedral in East Prussia, and he would give medical help to the poor free. He wrote about his theory of the earth traveling around the sun. Later, after his death, he was proved right.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, BORN Feb. 22, 1732, He became a surveyor when he was 17. In 1754 he became a Lieutenant Colonel in the Forces of Virginia, and fought in the French and Indian War. He became the Commander in Chief of the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War. After the war, he became the first President and served for free. He died in 1799.

BUFFALO BILL, born Feb. 26, 1846. At the age of 14 he became a rider for the Pony Express, and was an army scout in the War between the States. He furnished Buffalo meat to workers on the Western railroads. In 1883 he organized the first Wild West Show, and it was very successful.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW, born, Feb. 27, 1807, in Portland, Maine. He went to Bowdoin College in 1825, and was in the same class with Nathaniel Hawthorne. For four years he traveled over Europe, then he came back to teach at Bowdoin between 1829 and 1835. Later he became famous for writing such poems as "Evangeline", "Hiawatha", and "The Courtship of Miles Standish". He died in 1882.

## GROUNDHOG

From the southern United States to the Arctic circle live the squirrel's chunky cousins, the groundhog.

Some people say that if the groundhog can see his shadow there will be six more weeks of bad weather. The groundhog will come out and see if the sun is shining. If someone tries to trap him on a cloudy day he might fight.

The groundhog eats leaves, grass, roots, and vegetables.

Well it looks like Texas is going to have six weeks of bad weather.

Martin Tyson

## CREATIVE POETRY

One of the things to come out of Mrs. Miller's room's study of Weather were these poems.

## THE SUN

The Sun is a ball of fire  
It is very hot  
It drinks the rain up in the sky  
And makes me sweat a lot.  
David Cabe

The rain is our helper,  
But sometimes it is our enemy  
Because it floods,  
Jackie Daugherty

## JANUARY TO DECEMBER

The months of the year and how they got their names.  
January is named for Janus, the God of beginnings.  
February is a Latin word meaning to purify. March honors Mars, the war god of Roman Mythology.  
April is a Latin word meaning to Open.  
May is believed to have been named for Maia, the Roman goddess of spring and growth. Some scholars say that may is short for majores, meaning older men.  
June, some believe the Romans named the month for Juno, the great queen of the gods. Others believe the name was taken from Juniores, meaning young men.  
July was named Quintilis which means fifth. Since this was the birth month of Julius Caesar, he renamed it after himself.  
August was named after Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor.  
September meaning seven seven was the seventh month before the addition of January and February.  
October comes from a Latin word meaning eight.  
November - Noven is the Latin word for nine.  
December - the first part of December is a Latin word meaning Ten. The last part of December has been a holiday season for centuries.

## BOY SCOUT NEWS

This month marks the forty-fifth anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

In 1910 the Boy Scouts were started by Lord Baden-Powell, a British General. In June of the same year a meeting was held by all national organizations. From it came the organization of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1911 the first Scout handbook was published and the Scout Law and Oath were formed.

In World War I Boy Scouts came to the help of their country. They sold Liberty Bonds and Stamps, and helped the Red Cross.

The first World Jamboree was held in England in 1920. Scouts from 32 countries were there. The second was held in Denmark in 1924. The first National Jamboree was held in Washington, D.C. in 1937. The most recent Jamboree was held on Irvine Ranch in Southern California, in 1953.

On Feb. 19, Troop 59 will participate in a report to our Governor, the Honorable Allan Shivers. There will be a Parade and Troop 59 will have a float of the "Spirit of 76".

The troop will gladly take in new members. Meetings are held on Tuesdays, 7:00 P.M. in the Highland Park School Gym. For contact Mr. Johnson Gault.

## CLAY WORK

I suppose you have seen the clay work in the show case by the office. These things were made by the children in Mr. Koch's class.

Mrs. Swaim showed them how to make clay objects in molds. She let them use her press molds and pour molds. Some of the press molds make leaves, flowers, dogs, nursery rhymes and many others. The three pour molds made frogs, rabbits, and gum shoes. They sure enjoyed their clay work and also enjoyed Mrs. Swaim's visit.

Sharon Carruth

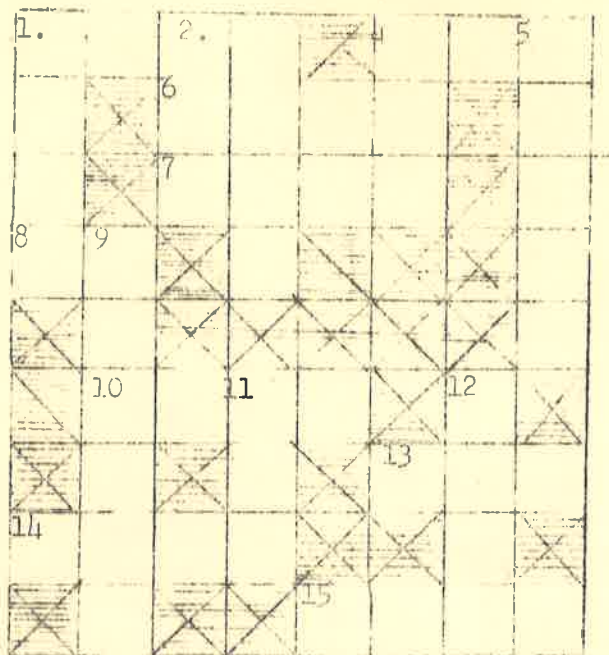
## VISITORS

On Jan. 12, Highland Park had some visitors from the School Board. Those able to come were: Mrs. Gary Bray, Mrs. James Hart, Mr. Tom Graham, and the School Superintendent Mr. Irby Carruth. Miss Young also came to see the doll festival.

Jo Faith Hutton

CROSS WORD PUZZLE

by Bernie Linder



ACROSS

1. What word is spelled frontwards and is spelled the same backwards and is a time of day.
4. What measure of length is  $5\frac{1}{2}$  yards or  $16\frac{1}{2}$  feet.
6. A TV program that the man shows a wolf - what is his first name.
7. A piece of paper showing ownership to a home or lot.
8. (Answer yes or no) Is the tallest building in the world in Chicago?
10. What is Vega?
13. What is a female deer called?
14. A butcher cuts \_\_\_?
15. A red vegetable

DOWN

1. A word in English that is a name of a person, place or thing.
2. What is the other word used instead of ancient?
3. A word meaning Merry Christmas in French.
4. A color.
5. A man that dives.
9. A sea food
11. Abbreviation for article
12. A bird that looks like a pigeon.

Answers on opposite page

FEBRUARY 22

Do you know whose birthday is Feb. 22? Why George Washington's, of course.

He was born Feb. 22, 1732, on a plantation near the Potomac River. When he was three they moved to a larger plantation further up the Potomac. When he was eleven his Father died leaving the two plantations to his family.

George went to Henry Williams School, and there he became a leader in games, and sports. There he also became interested in surveying.

He was hired by Lord Fairfax to do some surveying for him when he was sixteen. After that job he became surveyor of Culpeper County at the age of seventeen.

When he was almost twenty he became a Major in the militia. He later became a Lieutenant Colonel and fought in the French and Indian war.

He married a Mrs. Martha Danridge Curtis on January 6, 1759.

He was asked to take command of the Continental army, and did so at Cambridge, Mass. in July 1775. The war was over in 1781, but he did not say goodbye to his soldiers until 1783, when he returned to Mount Vernon.

Washington took the Presidential oath of Office in New York City on April 30, 1789. He was reelected in 1792, and after his second term returned to Mount Vernon, and there he died Dec. 14, 1799. Rightly known as the Father of our Country, we salute him again this February 22.

PAPER TEARING VALENTINES

The boys and girls of Mrs. Preston's fifth grade have been making some unusual valentine pictures. They were made by tearing up bits of colored paper and pasting them on the pictures which they drew. They plan to take them home to their mothers on Valentine Day.

Across - 1. Noon, 4. rod, 6. Lone  
 7. Deed, 8. No. 10, Star, 13. Doe,  
 14. Meat, 15. Beet.  
 Down 1. Noun, 2. old, 3. No. 1,  
 4. Red, 5. Diver, 9. Oyster,  
 11. Art, 12. Dove.



## WHOS STUDYING WHAT

Mrs. Wiseman's class has been doing research so they will be ready for their new unit on Africa.

Mr. Koch's class has been studying China, Japan and Korea. Quite a few people have brought things from that area to show and tell. In science they are studying about the formation of the earth and how the animals and plants changed to what they look like today.

Mrs. Preston's class has been studying Pioneers and exploring the west. They have been making salt maps. The whole room enjoyed Daniel Boone, especially, and drew a picture of him.

Mr. Leavitt's class has been studying animals and birds. They plan to go to the Zoo. They are finding out which birds are helpful and which are not, and in which ways they make life more beautiful for man.

Mrs. Soyer's class has been studying the President's and early America. They have made a scrap book bulletin board of Presidents.

Mrs. Greenwood's room has been studying "What you see in the sky". They plan to go to the observatory later on.

Mrs. Robert's class has been studying Switzerland. They have been making paper mache gloves of the world in art.

Miss Zaat's class has been studying about the globe.

Mrs. Ball's class is writing stories about the cattle country. Don Renfro brought a real branding iron that his Great Grandfather once used. Miss Williams is going to use Linda Mavropoulis picture in discussing art to an art group this month.

Mrs. Newberry's class is studying birds. They have been writing stories about birds and making bird books. They also brought different birds nests, and bird pictures.

Mrs. Mang's third grade has been studying about dinosaurs. Charles McKetta from Mrs. Soyer's room brought his model dinosaur and talked to them one afternoon. Some interesting murals have been made by the class.

## LIBRARY AIDS ARE WILLING WORKERS

The old adage that "the early bird catches the worm" is so true with Miss Holbrook's Library aides. They get here long before any of the teachers and by 8:40 they have half of a days work done.

An average of one hundred and fifty books are circulated each day.

These aides help the pupils to check out books; they file the book cards, and put the books back in their proper places when they are returned after a reasonable length of time.

Besides this, they prepare exhibits, arrange library publicity, alphabetise cards, assist pupils and teachers in finding materials, check and mark new books, dust and water plants.

I suppose you want to know who a few of these industrious people are: Libby Montgomery, Dawn Dee Now, Kathleen and Suzanne DeuFriend, Donald Pribble and Buddy Williams are among the chief ones who work early and late to keep our Library orderly. Watch for names of other aides next month.

## WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Since the last Highlander was published we have had twenty-two pupils join our school. We hope that they like their teachers and our school as much as we enjoy having them. They are as follows: First Grades - Barry Calhoun, 4600 Bull Creek, Walter Scott Moore, 6306 Wilbur Dr., Second - Gerald Schwartzel, 4512 Balcones Dr., Loyal Hoag, 4510 Bull Creek, Linda Haan, 4602 Placid Place, Anita Maynard, Rt. 4, Jimmie Simmons, 2906 Camp Mabry, Third - Ted Thames, 2805 W. 50, Gary Fletcher, 6302 Shoalcreek Janie Thompson, 5052 Valley Oak, Frank Maynard, Ft. 4, Sharon Harris, 4600 Chiappero, Claude L-mond, 3005 Village Drive, Laury Simons, 3001 Village Dr. Fourth - Terry Haan, 4602 Placid Place, Candy Smith, 4510 Highland Tr., Sixth - Carol Cummings, 5809 Cary, Kathleen Flanagan, 4907 Finley, Guest Whitacher, 5108 Fairview, Sharon Jackson, 5006 Highland Court, Bill Fryer, 2601 Northland, and Phyllis Ann Fryer, 2601 Northland in the First grade.

CHILDREN'S SYMPHONY CONCERT

The third Children's Symphony Concert was held Jan. 25, in the City Coliseum. Ann Matthys was awarded a high honor on this occasion. She won the design contest among all Austin fifth grades. Ann made the cover design for this program the Austin Symphony gave for the elementary school children.

SAFETY PATROL PARTY

Our Highland Park School Safety Patrol is still thanking Mr. and Mrs. Joe Teague for giving them a skating party. Mr. and Mrs. Teague are our P.T.A. Patrol Safety Chairman.

The Patrolmen owe their thanks also to their mothers who supplied transportation over to the skating rink. Every patrolman and his guest had lots of fun. There were lots of cupcakes made by some of their mothers, and soda water supplied by the P. T. A. The party was held Feb. 9. Each patrolman was allowed to take one guest. Thanks a lot, Mr. and Mrs. Teague.

LET'S BEAUTIFY OUR SCHOOL

The new landscape plans have been drawn up for our school by Mr. Herrington. We'll have many native shrubs. We'll also have a sprinkler system in the near future. The gardening spots will remain outside class rooms for children to grow plants of their own. We will have a nice lawn of Bermuda grass as it grows fast, can stand much wear and tear.

George Shepherd.



FOREIGN LANGUAGE POLL

For the sake of Curiosity and for information needed in a survey this questionnaire was sent out to all parents of our school. Of those received 107 said no, while 284 said that a foreign language should be taught in the elementary schools. Of the 284 that said "yes", 162 preferred Spanish, 80 preferred German, 30, French; and 12, Latin.

In regards to where the language should begin, 6 said the First grade, 6 said the Second grade, 13 said the third, 19 said the fourth, 25, said the fifth, and 29 said the sixth. This does not mean that it will affect our program in any way.

WELCOME  
PRACTICE  
TEACHERS



Boys and Girls,  
Let's show them  
what a nice school  
this is - - - - -

- Chrystal Barnhart - first grade
- Jean Dugger - fourth grade
- Rowena Lanier - third grade
- Merry McCreless - second grade
- Fran Overton - sixth grade
- Fran Renschel - fifth grade
- Peggy Rowland - sixth grade
- Betty Trajoni - first grade

NOTICE TO PARENTS

We started off the year with a bang, but have really slowed down in the bringing in of scrap paper. We have made a total of \$120.35 this year. The money is used by the school to improve its instructional program. Don't let us down - really bring in the paper. Some rooms are really working while others have done hardly a thing.