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BIBLE SCHOOL

The end of June brought the usual last peel of school bells with the children of our community, as elsewhere, filing out with gay abandon. But surprisingly, it wasn't more than a few weeks later that some 135 of these youngsters were once again back in school. Only this time it was Vacation Bible School, conducted under the auspices of House of Hope United Presbyterian Church under the able direction of Pastor David Schult. Through the cooperation of Pastor Howard Funk of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, classes were held each morning for a two-week period in July at Holy Trinity during which time, Music. Religion. Arts and Crafts and Recreation were shared by youngsters of all faiths from pre-school age of four years through sixth grade level, with volunteer teachers and numerous youth assistants to aid in conducting of classes. The exhuberant attitude of the children each day as they set out for school was a joy to behold and their chatter and songs during the day reflected the work of the morning.

At the end of the twoweek period, a delightful "Parent's Nite" was held during which time a charming array of fresh scrubbed faces stood together to illustrate in song what they had learned. Recognition was given by Pastor Schult to all who so generously gave of their time and talents to make the school possible. Afterwards, friends and relatives were treated to refreshments and invited to see a colorful arrangement of the arts and crafts lovingly fashioned by each student, which they were then permitted to take home.

Much hard work and preparation was given to making this venture a success, but speaking as a mother of a participant, I can readily say to Pastor Schult, Pastor Funk and all others involved, "Mission Accomplished".

Betty Platania

SCHWABE

At the recent annual convention of the Metropolitan Lutheran Church in America, held at Wagner Lutheran College on Staten Island, the Distinguish ed Discipleship Award for 1978 was presented to Ernest Schwabe of 247th Street.

"Ernie", a member of Holy Trinity Church, has been active in Lutheran Youth work in both Philadelphia and New York for many years

NOTICE

THE NEXT MEETING THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 7

8:30 P.M.

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JUNE WALK 1978

The June walk on
June 10 was a fitting
conclusion to the year's
activities of the
B.C.C.A. Led and inspired by the spirited
Drum and Bugle Corps
of Our Lady of the Snows,
the excited participants
stepped smartly up
248th Street.

Colorful floats, decorated bicycles and scores of children in costumes, made their way through the community and back to the playground of P.S. 133 where the formal part of the program took place.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and a short flag ceremony, the Reverend David Schult of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

Selecting the winners of the more than 50 prizes was no easy task for the five judges especially since much imagination and industry went into their efforts. All the youngsters deserve recognition.

Flags, ice cream, and cold drinks were availabe to all the participants.

We wish to express our gratitude and thank you to the many corporations and people who contributed so generously to the June Walk. They are as follows:

Mr. Robert Costagliola-Fieldstone Chemists-Over 50 prizes loll*pops and some prizes at cost.

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Mrs. Alvina Regalbuto financial contribution

We thank the committee officers of the B.C.C.A. and the judges who had the difficult decision of picking the winners of the prizes.

FARMHOUSE NEWS

Schematic drawings for the restoration of the facades of the farmhouse and other reconstruction are being reviewed by the Colonial Farmhouse Restoration Society. Plans will be submitted to the Landmark Preservation Commission for approval. If a federal Community Development Block Grant is approved, that money will be used for the work.

Pony-drawn cartrides are available for child-ren and adults every Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the farm at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway. For \$1.00 you will be given a ride through the "backwoods" of the farm.

BIKE THEFTS

Bicycle thefts are on the upswing in our area. It would be well for you to keep this in mind at all times, especially cautioning children not to leave bikes unlocked or unattended, even in their own driveways. So swift is the crime and so easily disposed of is the item, it would seem the only action in this regard would be to fall back on the old adage of "an ounce of prevention" since there is no known cure for the ailment!

LIBRARY NEWS

The Bellerose Library is planning many programs for the Fall, some of which are new. Adult programs include the ongoing Adult Book Discussion Group, held on the last Wednesday of every month, with the exception of September, at 2:30 p.m. Many different titles will be discussed, such as The Myth of Mental Illness; The Mountain People; Working; Sister Carrie; How I Turn Ordinary Complaints Into Thousands of Dollars; and many more.

Again we will be having our special Needlepoint Classes. This time they will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate working adults and interested teenagers. The classes must be limited to 60 participants, so there will be a registration period from Sept. 1 through the 13th. There will be 10 sessions in all, weekly from Sept. 14 through Nov. 16.

Children's programs will include the usual Picture Book Hour on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Sessions will be held weekly from Sept. 19 through May 22. The registration period is from Sept. 5 through the 15th, for ages 4 through 6.

For 5th and 6th graders, there will be a Book Discussion Club held on the last Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m., starting Oct. 26. Each month, members will discuss a particular book. Those interested in attending should come to the library and sign up after Labor Day. And if all goes well and our meeting room is outfitted with blinds. we will schedule film programs for different age groups.

Our one week loan collection continues to grow rapidly. We have new titles that many other branches don't own, so there is a much wider selection from which to choose. The increased use of the library is very pleasing and we look forward to being able to serve the community even more.

D. Jean Dickerson

Our Bellerose Library has been involved in two very successful summer programs for children, in a continuing effort to be an asset to the community.

A Summer Reading
Club has been started
with almost 200 young=
sters actively registered. No doubt you
have seen the large
poster to the left of
the checkout counter
with three columns of

names. As soon as five books of the proper level are read and reported on verbally, a star is placed next to the youngster's name. At this writing, close to seventy of the participants have stars indicating five or more books read.

A class called "Summer Stitchery Fun" was conducted on four consecutive Wednesday mornings in August. This was open to grade levels 3, 4, 5 and 6 and had 39 members. children were The taught the basics of the art of needlepoint and became engaged in a true community project of shared talents. This can best be described as "needlepoint quilting" as each child worked the halfcross stitch on one piece of patchwork cats, two of which had been fashioned and divided for the group. Upon completion of the needlepoint piece, each was placed in a quilting arrangement of the felines, stitched into place, the toys then stuffed and closed. This very vividly illustrated the poem "The Two Cats of Kilkinney" which had been read at the onset of the classes. The finished products may be currently seen on display at the Library.

Betty Platania

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LEFFLER MOVED

Councilman Sheldon Leffler has moved his office to Suite 21B at 205-07 Hillside Ave., Hollis, N.Y. 11423. office is at the shopping center at Francis Lewis Blvd.

Leffler's original office on Union Turnpike was damaged due to a fire in the building on July 13, 1978. His new office phone number is 465-8202.

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