

Torry Students Welcome Spring with Prose and Verse



"Some of us leave carrots on the step for the bunny on Easter."
—Karen Swanson, 1599 Cheltenham, Grade 2.

The arrival of spring in Birmingham was heralded by grownups and children alike—but the youngsters were a bit more enthusiastic.

Perhaps the adults' zeal is tempered by the realization that the new season brings wind, rain, house cleaning, painting—and crabgrass.

STUDENTS AT Torrey School greeted spring, 1968, with an outburst of poetry and creative writing at the request of the school newspaper, "Torry Trumpet."

Among the topics to be written about were "Spring," "Some Signs of Spring," "Easter," "What I Like" and "What I Want to Be."

Even the prose has a poetic touch in these signs of spring as related by Debby VanDyke, 1669 Webster, third grade:

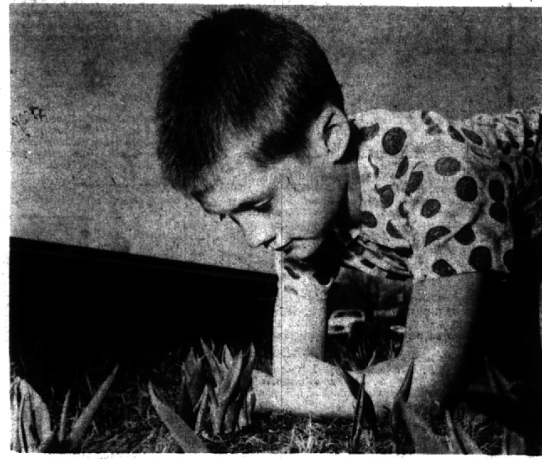
"Some signs of Spring are robins coming from the South, tulips coming up to the sunshine, rain, snow melting, mud, leaves coming from the trees, baby animals born and tornadoes."

BARBARA URWILLER, 1772 Taunton, a second grader, explains what she likes and why:

"I like to play. I like to work. I like to make pictures as well as work. I like to listen to directions when I am in school. If you don't, my teacher finds lots of mistakes on my paper."

Growing up and what to be after you arrive is important to the Torrey youngsters. For example, this explanation by Lawrence Parrish, 1582 Cheltenham, of grade six:

"When I grow up, I want to work in a large car factory like Ford and draw the car of the future. I'm not very good at math, but I can draw a nice car in five minutes."



"Spring is a time when bees and flowers come. But when the bees come you do not like it."
—Randy Forcier, 1697 Holland, Grade 2.

Thoughts Turn to Easter Bunny, Careers

Here are more examples of prose and poetry in which the Torrey youngsters express their feelings on a variety of subjects.

SPRING

I love the Spring
When the birds all sing,
And the flowers grow,
And the people go
To cheer and sing about Spring!
1186 S. Elton—Grade 3

Spring is nice,
Not cold as ice.
I like Spring!
Like anything!
(Susanne Fischer,
1905 E. Lincoln—Grade 3)

SIGNS OF SPRING

Spring is a time when birds
and green grass will spring up
again. And people will be
mowing their lawns. Most people
will be fixing their gardens and
backyards, too.
(Michelle Payne,
1624 Holland—Grade 3)

I am glad the snow is melting
because I would not slip or
slither. It will get warm.
(Audrey Nicholas,
1535 Bowers—Grade 2)

The weather grows warmer.
The grass gets greener. The
flowers bloom. The sun gets
warmer. And school will be out
pretty soon. The birds come
out and sing. There are robins
coming out now. In the morning
I can hear little brown birds
singing. In my yard I
have blossoms coming. I love
to swing in the spring. Now
more children come out to play.
The rain starts to come. I like
to hear the rain as it hits the
ground. Now blue skies and
fluffy clouds will come. Spring
was March 21.
(Cheryl Kiley,
1564 Cole—Grade 3)

And you can play with your
friends . . . and best of all
picnics. You can play in the
park. Once I even went for a
boat ride in a canoe. My dog
always eats some of the food
but we get most of it.
(Susan Seibor,
1691 Melton—Grade 3)

EASTER

Easter is a time for fun and
eating candy but watch out for
those cavities. It is a time for
blossoms and birds. All around
you there is green, but there
could be dead grass from the
salt melting the ice. And there
is also vacation coming up.
But don't step on the wet grass.
(Lee Cartwright,
1836 Hanbury—Grade 3)

Easter is a holiday celebrated
by most religions, the rising of
Jesus Christ our Lord from his
grave.
(Audrey Hille,
1831 Bowers—Grade 4)

Easter is fun because in the
morning when you get up you
find Easter eggs under the
chair and behind the couch.
You find Easter baskets and
you find toys.
(Debra Sue Robbins,
1507 Haynes—Grade 2)

Easter is a time of cheer,
When Summertime is almost here.

Bunnies hopping 'round about
Children running in and out.
Church bells calling people to pray,
Thanking God for Easter day.
(Ruth Dennis,
1521 Cole—Grade 6)

WHAT I LIKE

I like school because you learn
things. You learn things that
other people don't. You learn
how to write.
(Don Scott,
1533 Melton—Grade 2)

I like my tree. In the summer
I climb my tree. In the spring
I look at the blossoms
and pick them for my mother.
In the fall I find leaves. In the
winter I put bread on my tree.
And that is why I like my tree.
(Lynn Hamilton,
1686 Haynes—Grade 3)

I like my teacher. She is kind.
She is funny. She is mean
sometimes. I like her.
(Tad Allison,
1691 Haynes—Grade 2)

I like gym because you can
do things you can't do in the
hall, like running and throwing
basket balls and racing.
(Don Holliday,
1681 Penstone—Grade 6)

WHAT I WANT TO BE
I want to be a lawyer. A
lawyer gets a lot of money.
Then I could buy a big house
up North and buy a big boat.
Then when I retire, I could go
fishing every day.
(Dennis Weber,
1629 Hanbury—Grade 4)

I want to be a model. I want
to have dresses this color: pur-
ple, pink, blue, red and orange.
I want to have hats like green,
blue, bluegreen, red and pink.
And I want to have diamonds
and rubies and emeralds and a
silk cape.
(Penny Ritter,
1935 Holland—Grade 3)

I want to be a missionary
teacher for the children around
the world. People in New
Guinea need missionary teach-
ers. I want to teach children
about God.
(Ricky Pleak,
1123 S. Elton—Grade 3)

I want to be a farmer. I will
raise some pigs, cows and
horses. I will have a big farm
and a white house, and a cozy
fireplace and also a pretty red
dog. His name will be Spot.
(Tom Storch,
1808 Hazel—Grade 4)

If I wanted to be a somebody
I would choose a tumbler in a
big circus with the other rings
around me. People would be
looking at me with shining eyes
and clap when I am done. If I
dropped one of the pins I was
tumbling, I would pick it up
fast and the people wouldn't
know I dropped it. I know how
to tumble pins so I would
drop one at all. I am in a big
round tent with all the rings
around me and I am not alone.
(Steve Gee,
1540 Haynes—Grade 3)



"Early Spring is the time when you will be needing boots or rubbers."—David Brown, 1497 E. Lincoln, Grade 2.

MICHIGAN MIRROR

Putting Signature on Bills Pensive Moment for Many

By ELMER E. WHITE
Michigan Press Association

The signing of a bill into law by the governor is a momentous occasion for varying numbers of people.

When a measure affects the entire state this impact is often lost in the shuffle of the year's activity. When it is a bill aimed at a smaller segment of the population, however, greater note is usually made.

Such was the case this year when Gov. George Romney signed his first bill into law. Romney's signature making the first bill law went into a measure sponsored by Sen. Parrell Roberts, Pontiac Republican, to alleviate some local problems in the Oakland County area.

FOR ROBERTS the signing ceremony was significant because he had accomplished something for his constituents. The governor used Roberts' pen to note the date of the signing on the measure, which became effective as soon as the date was affixed.

Sen. Milton Zaagman, R-Grand Rapids, also provided the governor with a pen during the ceremony. The "George" was affixed to the measure with this pen. This was the first bill Zaagman, a freshman senator, saw go through the legislative process as part of his doing. He chaired the senate committee which considered it.

And for the governor, who used house committee chairman Roy Brigham's pen to sign "Romney" to the measure, it also was a memorable occasion. "I've never signed something that was to become a law," he said. "This is historic for me if not for anybody else."

THE CONTROVERSY had to come. During the 1967 legislature, many observers commented about the unusual lack of floor debate on

the bill which came to be known as the Sunday closing act.

Former Rep. Chester Wozniak, Hantramack Democrat who sponsored the legislation and ushered it smoothly through both houses, is no longer in the House.

The law, which allows board of supervisors to vote against its effectiveness in their county, does not take effect until the end of this month but already a number of counties have decided not to come under the complicated act.

And now, Rep. Russell H. Strange, R-Clare, has started a move to repeal the law as soon as it is scheduled to take effect.

DESIGNED TO PLEASE everyone, the measure provided that most stores would have to close one day out of every seven, either Saturday or Sunday.

State administrative officials called it a "nightmare to enforce or administer" since it contained no definite provisions for enforcement.

Exemptions to the seventh-day closing were many as the supporters of the measure attempted to encourage the tourist industry, allow small independent businesses to remain open and provide for the availability of emergency needs all seven days.

"THE PASSAGE of the bill last year was surrounded by a great deal of emotional controversy," said Strange in introducing his repeal.

"My proposal to repeal the act is designed to eliminate unnecessary legislative entanglements at the local level of government and clear the air of costly legal and enforcement actions," he said.

At least one group of retail stores in the Detroit area is planning a court test of the act as soon as it becomes effective.

MICHIGAN MOTORISTS are being urged by the State Police,

sheriff's offices, local police departments and service clubs to participate in the annual national vehicle safety check program.

Clinics to be held in May and June in many communities will provide safety checks for motorists largely as a self-protection measure. There were 217 such safety clinics in the state last year and about 4,000 throughout the nation.

The vehicle inspection includes brakes, lights, steering, turn signals, horn, glass area, windshield wipers, tires, rear view mirrors and exhaust systems.

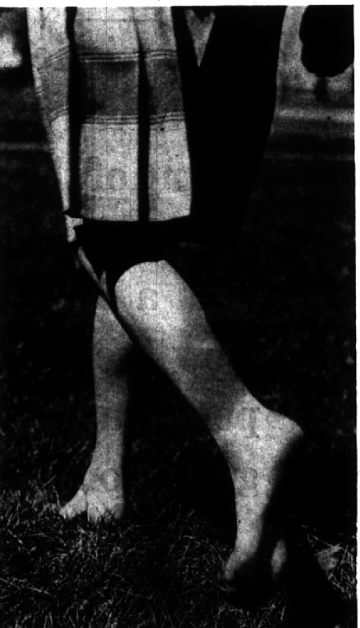
Michigan's various police agencies primarily attempt to promote motorist participation in the program which is offered nationally to communities in states which do not have vehicle inspection laws.

GARY D. HANSEN, the youthful director of Michigan's Commission on Aging, reports substantial progress in the commission's activities in recent months.

Councils on aging have been established or are in process of formation in more than half the counties in the state, Hansen said. The councils are designed as "a clearing house on opportunities and problems of the elderly."

Each of the various councils establishes committees which concentrate on opportunities and problems of Michigan's senior citizens in such areas as housing, transportation, health, pre-retirement education and welfare.

In the early days of motorizing, car sales depended on a vehicle's durability, and Henry Ford's faithful Model T championed road races, hill climbs and pulling tests and withstood almost every conceivable type of rugged treatment, resulting in sales of more than 15 million "Tin Lizzies."



"Spring is fun because I don't have to wear shoes or hats."
—Cheryl Kiley, 1564 Cole, Grade 3.

Recruitment Tea Planned by Group

The South Oakland Unit of the Michigan Cancer Foundation will hold a recruitment tea at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the unit headquarters in Berkeley.

The first public recruitment activity in South Oakland since 1958, the tea is planned to acquaint residents in the area with the program and to encourage more volunteers for the Torch Drive agency.

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