

Boise/Eliot Holds Multicultural Fair

by Jerry Garner

Boise/Eliot Elementary School, located in Northeast Portland, held its seventh annual Multicultural Fair last Friday. The event attracted more than 2200 spectators.

The Boise/Eliot Multicultural Fair is an event that combines units of study of countries around the world. Each classroom selects a country or culture for an in-depth study for six weeks.

Twenty-four countries or cultures have been studied for this year's fair. They are: Africa, Australia, France, Brazil, India, U.S.S.R., Sweden, Mexico, Ireland, Bolivia, Nigeria, Egypt, Japan, China, Switzerland, the South Pacific, the West Indies, Hawaii, ancient Ghana, Papua New Guinea, Canada, Scandinavia, Cameroon, native Americans and Eskimos.

The fair also featured a live wallaby kangaroo. Skippy the kangaroo, who appears on TV commercials for Bruce Chevrolet, was present at the Australia exhibit. Popcorn, pop, milk, cookies, and fiestas (a Mexican pizza) were sold at the fair. Kids were given one free ticket for the purchase of a passport. As they visited the different countries their passports were stamped with symbols from each country.

Betty Campbell, principal at Boise/Eliot, said even though other schools have multicultural fairs, they do not go the extent with them like Boise/Eliot. "The celebration is a very important part of our school and has a very special meaning for the children. I feel the fair provides the children with a learning experience they will remember for the rest of their lives."

Linda Harris, administrative assistant at Boise/Eliot, said the fair was a complete success. "We owe its success to the diligent work of our teachers and the support and cooperation of the parents." Harris gave special praises to Anne Hasson, a teacher at Boise/Eliot, for securing Skippy for the Australian booth; and Bruce Patcet, Skippy's owner and proprietor of Bruce Chevrolet in Hillsboro, for allowing Skippy to be present at the fair. She also had praise for Joe Waddel for her design of the rubber stamps used to mark the children's passports. All proceeds raised from the Multicultural Fair will be used in the school's "Reading Is Fundamental" program to purchase paperback books for Boise/Eliot students.

James DePriest Named As Britt Festival Music Director

In press conferences held in Jacksonville and Portland, The Britt Festivals announced that James DePriest will succeed John Trudeau as Music Director of the Britt Classical Festival.

Mr. DePriest will begin his new position after the 1987 Silver Anniversary season is completed. Mr. Trudeau, the founder of the Britt Classical Festival, will be retiring in September after a twenty-five year tenure.

The announcement was made in Portland by David Shaw, Britt General Manager, James DePriest and John Trudeau. It was made in Jacksonville by Elizabeth Udall, President of the Britt Board of Directors, and by Jane Carpenter, past-President.

Currently the internationally acclaimed Music Director and Conductor of the Oregon Symphony, Maestro DePriest will remain based in Portland.

Mr. DePriest said this morning: "I am eagerly anticipating building on the extraordinary legacy being left by John Trudeau. Serving as Music Director of the Britt Festivals will give me the opportunity to make music in perhaps the most ideal outdoor setting in the country."

"I regard this position as a wonderful challenge and am grateful to all who have labored on stage and behind the scenes to make the Britt Festivals such an attractive jewel in Oregon's arts crown."



Was This Trip Necessary?

Photo by Richard J. Brown

The "raid" at the Borthwick Court Apartments on North Borthwick and Kerby Avenues in N.E. Portland was announced by the police as action taken to interrupt street gang activity and other squatters living in the complex illegally.

Witnessed by heavy media coverage and city officials, the army of firefighters and policemen broke down apartment doors only to find the

premises vacant except for three legal tenants. According to neighbors, the building was posted by police officials at least two days in advance and while they welcome police intervention to halt any criminal activity, the March 3rd "raid" was merely a legal means to evict everyone and board the building up to satisfy the bank and absentee owners.

Poison Prevention Week March 16-20

Every 30 seconds a child is poisoned in America. Each year one in every six children accidentally eats, drinks or inhales a poisonous substance.

"Most of those poisons are the products we all use in our homes day after day — cleaning supplies, cosmetics, over-the-counter and prescription drugs, lawn and garden products — products that cause no harm until a child is accidentally poisoned by one of them," said Dr. Brent Burton, director of the Oregon Poison Center at the Oregon Health Sciences University.

The poison center staff encourages parents to "take the time" during Poison Prevention Week, March 16 to 22, to help prevent some of the 115 calls each day or 42,000 calls each year the center receives.

Take the time to talk with your young children about poison prevention because 76 percent of accidental poisonings involve children less than six years old. And, teach them about Mr. Yuk, the bright green, mean face on

stickers that can be applied to packages to warn children that they contain harmful products.

Take the time to poison proof your child's environment. More than 90 percent of all accidental poisonings occur in the home.

Take the time to purchase a bottle of Syrup of Ipecac, a solution to induce vomiting in the event of an accidental poisoning.

Take the time to obtain a free poison prevention packet prepared by the poison center and available at the pharmacy counter of your local PayLess Drug store.

And, always take the time to call the OHSU's Oregon Poison Center if you think your child has accidentally been poisoned. The telephone number is 225-8968 in the Portland area and 1 (800) 452-7165 tollfree statewide.

"Next year, we'd like to report that the rate of accidental poisonings has dropped, that we no longer get 115 calls a day, and that we haven't had to send families rushing to emergency rooms with sick children," Burton said.

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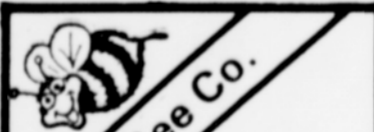
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"My little girl was about the same age my granddaughter is now. I'd had some cleaning fluids under the sink and Sally must have gotten into them while I was upstairs.

"When I found her, she was sitting on the kitchen floor, holding one of those bottles. And acting mighty sick. I called the doctor over in Corvallis, but just kept on getting a busy signal.

"So I did the only thing I could think of. I called the operator. She just took over and cut in on the line and asked if the doctor was in, and he was. She put him on. And just that quick he told me what to do.

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