

SYRACUSE

School activity notes

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22
6:30 p.m. — Adult education classes at Wawasee

THURSDAY, NOV. 23
Thanksgiving vacation

FRIDAY, NOV. 24
Thanksgiving vacation
6:30 p.m. — Wawasee basketball vs Mishawaka

MONDAY, NOV. 27
3:45 p.m. — Milford Junior high girls basketball at North Webster
6:30 p.m. — Wawasee freshman basketball vs Manchester at Wawasee
6:30 p.m. — Wawasee girls basketball vs Rochester

TUESDAY, NOV. 28
4:30 p.m. — Wawasee fresh-

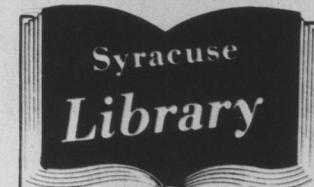
man wrestling at Brookdale
6 p.m. — Milford Junior high boys basketball vs Warsaw at Milford

6:30 p.m. — Boys' swim at Rochester

6:30 p.m. — Adult education classes at Wawasee
7:30 p.m. — Girls' swim recognition program at Wawasee, Cafe Annex

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29
4 p.m. — North Webster sixth grade boys basketball vs Pierceton at North Webster
5 p.m. — Math club meeting Kirkpatrick's home
6:30 p.m. — Adult education classes at Wawasee
6:30 p.m. — Intramurals at Wawasee gym

The "Books and Coffee" meeting will become a monthly program.



By ROSALYN JONES

A new program for interested persons is going to begin Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m. at the library. This will be an informal format of book discussions, which is in the formative stage. Any adult interested in participating in this program is invited to come. The highlight of the Wednesday meeting will be Mrs. Evelyn Culp of Nappanee presenting one of her delightful book reviews.

The "Books and Coffee" meeting will become a monthly program.

It isn't too early to plan your Christmas holiday activities. The library has many items to help you. Among the many books of crafts and Christmas stories are:

Countryside Press: "Christmas With A Country Flavor."

Farm Journal: "Christmas Idea Book."

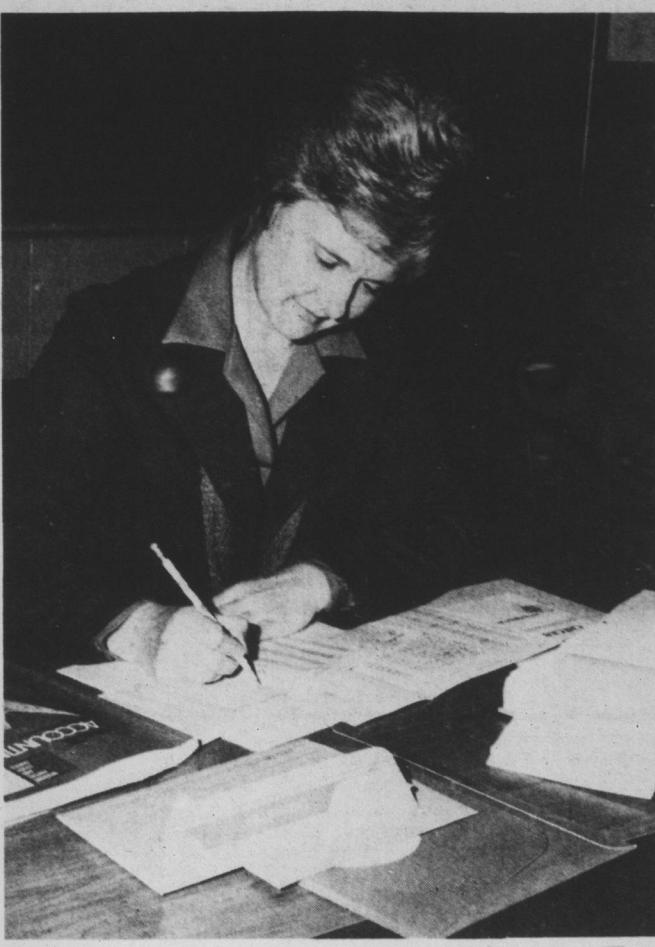
Davies: "Miracle on 34th Street"

"The Fireside Book of Christmas Stories"

"Ideals" Christmas issues

We also have many record albums of Christmas music, and many issues of the "American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art."

The next story hour in the children's room will be Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 3:30. A film and other entertainment will be provided.



CHALLENGE — Mim Speicher of Milford finds the bookkeeping course taught at Wawasee High School in the adult education program to be a challenge.

This course is taught Thursday nights by Bob Grotz.

Bookkeeping is fun, challenging

By LESLIE WHITMAN

One of the more challenging courses being conducted during the adult education program at Wawasee High School this fall is bookkeeping. Instructor is Bob Grotz.

He said, "We're trying to teach the accounting cycle." This cycle involves source documents, entering the material in journals, posting in ledgers, trial balance and working paper and finally working up financial statements.

Grotz is teaching the course one problem at a time from start to finish. Three complete cycles should be finished by the end of the eight-week course.

This is the first time Grotz has taught bookkeeping in the program. "It's difficult," he commented. "It's really basic accounting for personal use, for everything."

A total of 17 adults are enrolled in the course which meets Thursday nights in room 213.

Busy Work

Mim Speicher, Milford, is finding the course a real

"challenge." She said, "I never really had any bookkeeping. It's fun, but it's also a lot of busy work. Every morning I work on it for two hours. It needs total concentration."

Mrs. Speicher hopes to use the knowledge gained for her own personal use. "I just kind of wanted to know how the system worked," she commented. "I'm glad to get into it again."

Janet Hollar, North Webster, said she decided to take the course to "expand her knowledge." She stated, "I just decided I've been out of school so long. I decided to expand my way of thinking."

The North Webster women hopes to use her knowledge later possibly in a job situation. "I'm enjoying it," she said, "I've always enjoyed working with math."

Also enjoying working with figures is Helen Troyer of Syracuse. She said, "I enjoyed bookkeeping in school. I enjoy it, but it's time consuming. I just wish I had more time to do it."

Mrs. Troyer hopes she can use her newly learned skills later on. "I'd like to work in an office someday," she said.

First Thanksgiving relived at Plymouth Plantation

"Being thus arrived in a good harbor, and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of Heaven who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean and delivered them from all the perils and miseries thereof, again to set their feet on the firm and stable earth, their proper element."

So William Bradford described the first landfall of the Pilgrims in the new world, at Provincetown Harbor. Having been persecuted as "separatists" from English religious practices, they had fled to Holland where they found toleration and the alienation all refugees experience when forced from their homeland. And so after a generation came the decision to remove to a new England, beyond the reach of state and ecclesiastical authorities, where they could live undisturbed on their own.

That first winter saw almost half of them die, but the next year was better. They planted and were better prepared. Plymouth was a farming community first and foremost, out of necessity; even the minister spent part of his time working the land. The rhythms of nature were of overwhelming significance, each season bringing its own tasks, demanding its own routine. And the culmination came in the fall, with the harvest. In a few short weeks of feverish activity, the work of an entire year was brought to fruition. The quality and quantity of the harvest would determine the relative hardship of the coming winter.

This is the context of our familiar Thanksgiving holiday. The name is something of a misnomer, though. When the Pilgrims observed a day of thanksgiving they spent it in prayer and fasting. What we have claimed as Thanksgiving is the harvest feast, really a festival, to celebrate the gathering of the past year's labors. But there can be little doubt that the Pilgrims gave thanks at this time also, for the blessings of God upon their efforts.

Today this annual feast is still celebrated at Plymouth Plantation, an open-air museum which re-creates the 17th century village of Plymouth. It is one of the more unusual museums in the country. During the past year, Plymouth has been involved in a rather controversial type of historic interpretation: role-playing. Each interpreter in the village dresses in costume, participates in daily activities, speaks a 17th century English dialect, and "impersonates" an actual member of the original colony, as it was in 1628.

When the visitor goes to Plymouth Plantation today he walks from the parking lot through the Visitors' Center and

into the Plymouth colony of 1628. He may walk through the homes and gardens of the residents, who will greet him "with goode cheere", and watch them as they work, eat and play. He may speak to them, even test them, and quickly learn that they know nothing beyond 1628. Charles I has not yet been born; almost all of American history is a blank page. The only significant anachronism there is the visitor himself.

Museum professionals are still skeptical about the effectiveness of role-playing, fearing that it may make some visitors uncomfortable and inhibit questions. But many appear to enjoy the experience, valuing it

for its uniqueness if for nothing else. Plymouth Plantation is as unique an experience for us today as it was for the Pilgrims 350 years ago.

Chili supper proceeds to go to library

The United Methodist Church of North Webster is sponsoring a chili supper on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. Proceeds from the activity will go to the North Webster Community Library.

Men of the church will serve as chefs for the meal and all desserts, pies and salads will be homemade.

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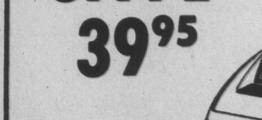
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