ON THE EASTSIDE

4th graders take 'Safari' into African traditions

By CHARLOTTE MASON

Neighbors, have you ever heard the old saying, "If you want to get somethin' going start at home first"?

Well at least you know what I mean . . . Remember last week when I asked my readers to send me some intersting happenings going on in the diferent schools?

Didn't have to go far . . . My own dear Colleagues responded with hesitation . . . Bless them ALL . . . Team Work . . and Real Togetherness . . . Now let's begin with the 4th grade class of Mrs. Barbara Davidson at P.S. 118 . . . As a culmination of a unit . . 'Negro's Past-Africa.'

Members of the class planned a "Safari To Africa" and invited several classes in to share the experience with them. . The pupil arranged an interesting display of an African village and African art. . . Charlene Stewart greeted the audience and started the voyage.

School Librartan Mrs. Mary Carter Smith showed the group some pieces of art from Africa (her personal collection) and told them an African myth.

Participasting also was Frank Peoples who read another African myth' Bambambo' (and did it very well)..

Next was Rosemary Pullet who did a grand job explaining African Music . .

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Highlight of the program was the group who demonstrated the meaning of African music through the dance.

The theme was "The Grieving Mother." Dancers were Rosemary Pullet, Janet Jones, Robin Williams, Charlene Stewart and Velma Springfield . . . at the end of the voyage. . Rodney Little and Louis Henson took the guests on a tour of the room and different exhibits were explained. . .

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Members of the class (who had really worked very hard) enjoyed a delicious meal of African chicken and rice. . Neighbors our own Mr. Solomon Blanks showed his culinary talents by helping with the preparation of this tasty dish . . . others of us stayed hungry all day from the aroma .... Well done Classmates . . .

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Other members of the class included: Spencer Kelly, Willie Maxie, Louis Henson, Christopher Beverly, Anthony McDaniels, Joe Barnes, Frank Peoples, Larry Darby, David Strickland, Stephen Perry, Rodney Little, Willie Feder and Anderson Pigatt. Others are: Janet Jones, Queen Johnson, Rosemary Puckett, Cecelia Washington, Cheryl Venson, Gwendolyn Pullet, Charlene Stewart.

Also Velma Springfield, Roslyn Slowe, Lorreta Hemphll, Belita McLean, Pamela Brown, Robin Williams and Sandra Peterson . . . Mr. Manly Brohawn is principal.

Next stop (still at P.S. 116)...was the kindergarten class of Miss Theresa Weaver.... These youngsters presented a playlet "The Pancake Man" which was the culmination of a language Unit and Musical Activity.

Neighbors . . for several weeks the children had many learning experiences for the story of a pancake man. In their number work they were taught measuring ingredients for pancake batter; counting activities (counting number of pancakes, straws, cartons of milk and number of raisins for his face.

Other language activities included: dictating the story to teacher to record; making invitation, composing stories . . .

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During their Art lessons they made paintings, drawings, modeling animals and cutting and pasteing. . .

Just thought it would interest you to know what takes place behind the scene of any Big Production (even for Kindergarteners.)

While Miss Weaver played background music the Boys and girls dramatized the story of "The Pancake Man" and following the songplay, the children mixed pancake batter and each child (made, cooked and baked) his own pancake man which was eaten an thoroughly enjoyed (adding raisins milk and syrup). . .

Neighbors, during the morning production of the Story of "The Pancake Man" the participants were: Story Teller, Denise Ross; Old Lady, Kathy McCready; Old Man, Terry Moore; Horse, Monique Hughes; Bear, John Bell; Wolf, Oretha McDaniels; Fox, Tato Daniels; Pancake Man, Joann Evans. . . Members of the Band were: Annette Dudley, Melvin Stokes, Sandra Gainer and Glen Gray.

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Members of the Chorus: Moses Jackson, Jerome Harvey, Bruce Matthews, Demetra Jeffers, Demetrius Hubbard, Sharon, Gorham, Elizabeth Urquhart, Robert Ball, Harry Blackston, John Briscoe and Gerald Smith.

Afternoon Kindergarten participants were: Story Teller, Thomas Jones; Old Lady, Michele Ludlow Old Man, Charles Pucket; Horse, James Williams; Bear, Gary Goodwin; Wolf, Renee Jackson; Fox, Gregory Johnson; Pancake Man, Deborah People.

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Members of the Band were: Lillian McKnight, Clifton Carter, Harold Snell and Jacqueline Farmer.

Members of the Chrous were: Tammy Henson, Janice Thomas, Anthony Traham, Darlene Jackson, Edna Brown, Arnetta Dedmon, Denise Strickland and Shirley Quince . . . Congrats tiny tots . . . Children's aide is Mrs. Delores E. Custis (who did much work to really make this a 'Top performance).

Hats off to Miss Weaver (a dedicated teacher) . . At the conclusion of the playlet remarks were given by Principal Brohawn.

Neighbors coming next week will be a report about some interesting happenings from Mrs. Edith Spruill's 5th and 6th grade class P.S. 116. Project "Building Pride and Hope in the Black American" (sound exciting huh' . . Just wait until next week . . .) Received mail from several other schools . . . also some clubs.

Keep it rolling Neighbors . . . many thanks . . . It's good to share with others. WELL I'm Boston Bound Neighbors . . . Will be in Boston, Mass. when you read this . . Tell ya ALL about it Next Week. . . See ya. Happy Reading.

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He will succeed Dr. Earle T. Hawkins who is retiring on August 31, after serving twenty-two years as President of the College.

Dr. Fisher, since September, 1967, has been serving in a three-fold capacity as Vice President, Dean for Information and Research Services, and as Executive Assistant to the President of Illinois State University at Normal, Illinois.

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Reunion

The Class of June, 1964, of Patterson High School is planning a five-year reunion. Any member of the graduating class who has not been contacted or would like further information, kindly call Miss Anne Holowej, at 285-4302, and

AKRON, OHIO — LAWRENCE D. HARRIS, a senior at Akron South High School, has received a four-year B.F. Goodrich Achievement Scholarship to attend the college or university of his choice. Harris, the son of Mrs. Kay F. Turman, 732 Edgewood Ave., plans to attend Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea. He is considering a career in either mathematics, science or philosphy.

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