

## DISTRICT 67 TEACHERS PUBLISH TEXT, RECORD ALBUM



In addition to their classroom duties, two District 67 teachers have turned their talents to the production of educational materials as well. 1982 began with a flourish for Fred Koch and Gail Distle, who saw their creative efforts published in January.

"Tried and true" favorites of the children in his music classes at Everett and Sheridan schools are featured in Koch's original album, titled "This Lil' Cow". He wrote both the music and the lyrics for eleven of the fourteen songs on the LP record. Jazz, swing, and even rock and roll styles are employed, along with instruments ranging from tuba to glockenspiel, giving each song a very different sound. Adding to the rich texture of the album is the use of the French and Chinese language in addition to English.

Koch was inspired to produce the album by the lack of really appropriate children's music available for classroom use. He believes it is important that the music he uses ties in with the real world music his students hear every day. Often commercial music for classroom use isn't what the children really enjoy, and isn't even written for their vocal range. Instead, it often seems to be a kind of "ad agency" concept of what children's music should be, says Koch.

Original numbers on the recording have engaging titles and subjects such as "I Lost My Tooth", "I'm Active", "Please, Louise", "Grouchy and Mean", "I Forgot", "Stop! In the Name of the Law", "E. Parker McDoodle", "Great Day", "Take Good Care of Yourself", and "Move, Move, Move". Adaptations include a medley of favorite tunes like "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star", "This Lil' Cow", and "Frere Jacques".

Local youngsters whose voices can be heard on the album are Everett students Tracy O'Mara, Katie Pierson, and Jennifer and Jon Burke; Jason Way and P. J. Farrell from Sheridan; and Liz Ford and Ann Kate Noble from Deer Path Intermediate. District 67 music director Scott Meland was one of the fifteen musicians who provided accompaniment.

The album will be sold to the educational market with an activity book for classroom use. For buyers who purchase the record in local stores, an order blank is enclosed for those who might want to acquire the activity book for home use.

Koch, who also works with Urban Gateways performing a program entitled "Layers of Sound" throughout the Chicago metropolitan area, hopes to be presenting family concerts geared to early primary aged youngsters beginning this spring.



Trib photo by Jim Robinson

### *Teacher makes his own kind of music*

When music teacher Fred Koch became disillusioned with children's songs, he decided to write his own. The teacher in Lake Forest Elementary School District 67 recorded his first album, "This Lil' Cow," recently. The album is scheduled to appear in schools and record stores around Jan. 15. See story on page 3.



The Big Pink Elephant says "Happy Bosses Day" to Fred Nicola on October 16th.

## 4th graders dress up as book characters

Fourth grade students at Lake Forest's Sheridan School dressed as the central characters from biographies as part of a book report project for teachers Sally Orcutt and Ellie Borders.

The two-part project, started last November, required reading and reporting on an author of children's books, an inventor or a U.S. president.

Teachers graded students for spelling, sentence and paragraph structure, organization, imagination, effort, neatness and additional information such as pictures, charts or graphs they supplied. (Staff photos by Jon Langham.)



Holly Sunseri explains the workings of the Franklin stove in her report on Benjamin Franklin.



Anthony Sloan reports on George Washington. (Staff photos by Jon Langham)

Santa sent two of his most famous reindeer to prepare Sheridan's annual Christmas breakfast.



Ellie Borders adjusts Chief Reindeer's hat.



The two cooks of honor were Dean Shinneman and Fran Sunseri



Nicole O'Hara, Mary Dohrmann, Liz Freeman and Pat Krasberg enjoy the feast.



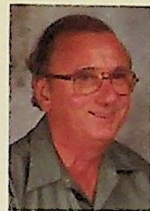
2nd Grade teacher is shocked to win in the Christmas present drawing.



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It's a Baby Shower for Fran Sunseri who opted for a life of leisure at home with baby, Sunseri.



## Computer kids

Primary students at Sheridan school are getting acquainted with the computer, too. Pat Donoval's second graders enjoy working with the alphabet via this new tool. There is one computer in the media center of each primary school for the use of individual teachers who wish to make it an occasional part of their class day. All students in grades five, six and seven at Deer Path take part in a coordinated program of computer education.



Baby Shower for fourth grade teacher, Sally Orcutt, held at Mary Seaver's coach house.



ORCUTT — A boy, Zachary John, was born Nov. 28 to Sally and John Orcutt of Highland Park, at Lake Forest Hospital.



## Apple study

Fall harvest time is here, and second graders at Sheridan school spent last week learning about the story of Johnny Appleseed. They saw a filmstrip, worked on original poems and artwork, filled a tree with spelling word "apples", and best of all- enjoyed baked apples they fixed themselves. Above, students in Sue Yates' class admire a tray ready for the oven.



Annual Christmas Breakfast with Guest Chef, Faith Menicucci, APT President.



## Be my Valentine

With construction paper and scissors, doilies and stick-on hearts, Lake Forest youngsters this week prepared for St. Valentine's Day.

The kindergarten through 2d grade pupils made valentines Monday as part of the recreation department's after-school program at Sheridan School, 1360 N. Sheridan Rd.

The recreation department conducts after-school programs, known as satellite programs, at Sheridan, Everett and Cherokee schools. The programs focus on sports, but include occasional arts and crafts projects.

There will be a St. Valentine's Day party from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the recreation center for kindergarten through 6th graders. The party will feature games, races and refreshments.



John Tewess (left) and Craig Kesler take a crack at the fine art of valentine construction Monday at an after-school program at Sheridan School. (Staff photo by Bill Powers)



A surprise bride shower for Mary Dohrmann, Learning Development Teacher, at Nicole Patke's home, May 20, 1983.

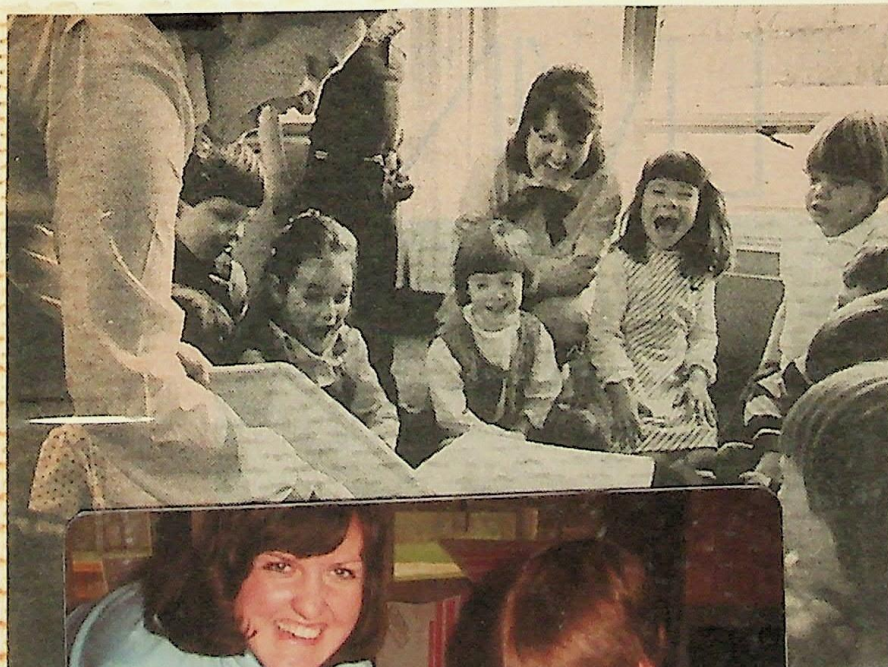
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## 'Scientists' show work

Students in Eleanor Border's fourth grade at Sheridan school have had science projects on display for the past week - visual displays and written reports on a variety of subjects, from time zones and boats to air pollution and dinosaurs. Shown above are Mrs. Borders with Sarah Duetschman and her shell display, Melinda Williams (clouds), and David Gonen's cactus collection. Jim Bouma expanded his report on reptiles to include a live snake. (Photos by Kay Walters.)

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## Classroom hatches fine feathered friends

Kindergarten students at Sheridan School in Lake Forest recently viewed the hatching of three Mallard ducklings.

The lesson was part of a classroom study on the environment.

Six duck eggs were provided by a Lake Forest resident, along with an incubator, so that the children could observe the 25-day incubation process.

The ducklings were promptly named after they hatched: Fuzzy, Squeaky and Poky.

The kindergarten class now is teaching the ducks how to adapt to life in a local pond that they will visit.

In the photo at left, teaching assistant Barbara Chase fills a basin with water so that the ducks can enjoy a swim. Kindergarten teacher Mary Seaver and her students look on.

Staff photos by Jim Robinson



Year end luncheon at the Swedish Glee Club. We honored Jim Walton, Sheridan's P.E. teacher of 13 years, who was leaving for a position at D.P.J.H.

