



Students enrolled in the Child Development Center in Warrenton were treated to a special Easter Party by the Warrenton Junior Woman's Club Thursday afternoon. Children were given Easter baskets filled with candy and other goodies that accompany the Easter celebration.

Juniors, Brownies Put On Hunt

The Junior Woman's Club of Warrenton and Brownie Troop 379 provided a Happy Easter party for the children of the Warren County Child Development Center on Thursday, April 7. Members of the Junior Woman's Club hid Easter eggs on the Center playground.

The children gathered the eggs in their hand-made Easter baskets created by the Brownie Troop girls. Back inside the Center the children had ice cream, candy, chips, cupcakes and juice brought by the Junior Woman's Club. Mrs. Roberta Richardson and Mrs. Shirley Terry, parents of children enrolled in the Center, also provided goodies. Each child received an Easter basket of candy and toys from the Junior Woman's Club.

Mrs. Linda Scott delivered the Brownie Troop's baskets. Mrs. Linda Carter, Mrs. Mary Catherine Harris and Mrs. Helen West, members of the Junior Woman's Club provided the party.

Also attending were the Rev. Robert Orvis, rector of Emmanuel and All Saints Episcopal Churches; Ms. Vickie Kissinger, Speech Therapist with the Area Mental Health Program; Dean Sammons with

the Warren County Schools; Mrs. Shirley Terry and Mrs. Mary Hicks, mother and grandmother, respectively, of one of the Center's children; and Ms. Lisa Harris, daughter of Mrs. Mary Catherine Harris.

Macon Woman's Club Has Spring Luncheon

The annual spring luncheon of the Macon Woman's Club was held on Tuesday, April 5 in the Gardner Room of the Macon United Methodist Church. The luncheon was sponsored by the Homelife Department with Mrs. Henry Fuller and Mrs. Alton Grissom as co-chairman. The bountiful covered dish luncheon was enjoyed by club members, their husbands and invited guests. The tables were attractive with arrangements of spring flowers and useful favors.

The guests were welcomed by Mrs. Fuller and the Rev.

Floyd Morrow, pastor of the church, gave the blessing.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. L. R. Harris, president, gave a few welcoming remarks. She then read a fitting eulogy to Mrs. Edna M. Harris.

The Rev. Nathan Burgess, pastor of the Norlina United Methodist Church sang two hymns accompanied by Mrs. Gid King at the piano.

The drawing for door prizes was held and Mrs. Fuller dismissed the group with closing remarks.

Copied below is the eulogy to Mrs. Edna M. Harris:

As we gather here today, we miss many of our friends of bygone years. We remember the many fine things and deeds of love that our departed friend, Edna Harris, has given to our community. She has always been interested in making her home and community a better place to live.

Immortality is a word that hope through all the ages has been whispering to love. The mystery of life and death we cannot understand. In death character survives, goodness lives, and love is immortal. They that love beyond the world cannot be separated by it. Death cannot kill what never dies. Something strange and beautiful happens to men and women when they come to the end of the road. They who die in Jesus live in a larger, fuller, nobler life by the very cessation of care, change, strife, and struggle.

Above all they live a fuller, grander life because they sleep in Jesus and are gathered into His embrace and awake with him, clothed with white robes awaiting the redemption of the body. In the words of the poet: I cannot say, and I will not say That she is dead. She is just away.

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand She has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair It needs must be, since she lingers there.

And you, oh you who the wildest yearn For the old time step and the glad return

Think of her faring on as dear In the love of there as the love of here:

And loyal still as she gave the blows Of her warrior strength to her country's foes.

Mild and gentle as she was brave When the sweetest love of her life she gave

To simple things; where the violets grew Pure as the eyes they were likened to.

The touches of her hands have strayed As reverently as her lips have prayed;

When the little brown thrush that harshly chirred Was dear to her as the mocking bird;

And she pitied as much as a man in pain A writhing honey bee wet with rain.

Think of her still as the same; I say: She is not dead — she is just — away.

James Whitcomb Riley
By Jessie Eubank Harris

Rare Giant Otters In Surinam Take Care Of Campgrounds

The world's largest and rarest river otters are meticulous homemakers.

Traveling in family groups, the animals systematically clear the vegetation from areas near riverbanks and streams and turn them into model campgrounds. Well-marked paths invariably lead from the clearings to separate areas used for toilet facilities.

The unusual nesting trait was discovered by Nicole Duplaix-Hall, a research conservation associate with the New York Zoological Society. Her giant otter field research in Surinam is supported by the National Geographic Society, the World Wildlife Fund, and the New York Zoological Society.

Stung By Eel

Ms. Duplaix has braved treacherous white-water rapids, electric eels, and arm-numbing insects in search of the elusive giant otters. Perhaps 2,000 of the animals still roam the streams, rivers, and dense rain forests of Surinam, where they are protected by strict conservation measures. Elsewhere in South America fur hunters have all but eliminated the creatures.

The brown animals make easy targets. A giant otter can weigh 50 to 60 pounds and

measure five feet from nose to tail. They often make their presence known by distinctive sounds.

"One of these, a harsh whistle-like tone, seems to be used by the animals when they want to pass through another otter family's territory," explains Ms. Duplaix. "Sometimes when I'm searching the rivers for them, I imitate the cry and lure otters to my boat. Then we have a real shouting match."

Naturally playful and curious, otters love to frolic in the water. "They dive, dunk each other, play, and scream their heads off just like kids," says Ms. Duplaix.

Paws Snare Meal

The animals become deadly serious when searching out a meal. Fish and crabs are their favorite foods. Expert swimmers, they maneuver beneath the fish then suddenly turn upward, catching their quarry with mouth and paws.

The female otter deserts her open campground and gives birth to one or two cubs in a secluded den usually on the side of a riverbank. "The first time I saw one of the cubs, I burst out laughing," recalls Ms. Duplaix. "When they're little, the ears are too big for their bodies, and the cubs look like miniature versions of Mickey Mouse."

The conservationist has returned to Surinam for further studies of the giant otter. She would like to know more about their behavior and habitat and the precise danger they face from predators such as jaguars, ocelots, and deadly piranha fish.

Ms. Duplaix has often startled the bush people she sometimes encounters. "They were amazed to see a young woman out there in the first place," she notes. "And when they saw me repairing and hefting a large outboard motor for my boat, they were flabbergasted. But the real clincher is my newfound fishing ability. They never ceased to 'ooh' and 'ah' when my little telescopic fishing rod with the four-ounce lure snared an 18-pound fish."



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Nicole Duplaix-Hall cuddles a baby river otter in Surinam where she is studying a rare related species, the Giant Brazilian otter. Ms. Duplaix, a research conservation associate with the New York Zoological Society, says perhaps 2,000 of the giant otters still roam Surinam. Elsewhere, they have been hunted almost to extinction. Her work is supported by the National Geographic Society, the World Wildlife Fund, and the New York Zoological Society.

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