

"People In Other Countries" Studied At Washington School

Boys and girls at Washington Elementary School are totally involved in a most interesting, dynamic and exciting learning experience in the area of Social Studies. The unit of interest is "People In Other Countries". Desirous of broadening the concepts, ideas and educational experiences for her class, Mrs. N. M. Ferree accepted the challenging task of becoming supervising teacher for a student from another country. Many and various activities, motivations and discussions aroused keen interest and readiness of acceptance of Miss Elsie Echeverri Perez.

and this student teacher, this unit of learning has enriched their knowledge, experiences, education, general information and a clearer understanding of our neighboring friends.

As a Social Studies unit, development was initiated because of Miss Echeverri Perez's assignment as a student teacher who is from Colombia South America and the philosophy of Mrs. Ferree, "Teach The Whole Child, Through Vast Medias of Learning Experiences."

To begin with in February, the first day of observation by this student and teacher, she was confronted with problem of

oral communication with the supervising teacher, principal, educational supervisor, faculty members, staff and these sixteen bright and eager students with whom she would work with for six weeks. (These students and teacher were eager to accept this new and different challenge of learning to understand their new friend and teacher.)

To ease the tension and release some of the excitement they became involved in a "Get Acquainted Lesson in the Area of Social Studies". This lesson was conducted by Miss Echeverri Perez aided by the supervising teacher, in titled "My Country". Areas of dis-

cussion; Language, Religion, Education Customs and Cultural background.

Learning and acquainting the students about "People In Other Countries" has been a most exciting and rewarding experience for both teacher and students.

In order to make this unit of learning become a real life experience for the boys and girls, color pictures, slides, films, filmstrips, maps, records, magazines, (Realia), and resource persons from different countries who are in this country studying, were used.

Students from the University of North Carolina at Chapel

Hill, State University and Shaw University, Raleigh, graciously shared information about their countries with the class.

Visiting students and countries learned about were: Andres Sy Ong, Manila City, Philippines and China, N. C. State University; Carlos Lopez, Tulua, Colombia South America, University of North Carolina; John Kihohia, Kenya Africa, Shaw University; and James K. Ananoo, Accra Ghana, West Africa, Shaw University.

All areas of learning were correlated in this unit. The students are desirous of written communication with boys and

girls their age levels in the countries we have studied. They hope to discover many more interesting and exciting things about our neighboring friends in other countries.

The culmination of this unit will be climaxed with a Fashionette representing each of the countries studied in the form of a Puppet Show. These puppets are being made in their art class. A Spanish dinner planned and prepared by the students, student teaching and supervising teacher will also be a part of the unit's culmination study.

The Spanish Menu: Arroz Con Pollo, Li monada, Helado and

Galletas.

Miss Perez is a student from Cali, the capital of Valle, a state in Colombia, South America. She is a senior majoring in Special Education and minor in Psychology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Upon graduation, she will return to her country, hopefully to become employed in the area of Mental Retardation, an area newly created in Colombia, prior to the creation of this branch of Education, Colombia has spent its efforts in educating the normal or superior minded child.

She expresses a feeling of great international understanding of ideas, education, customs in a more simple way while working with those students.

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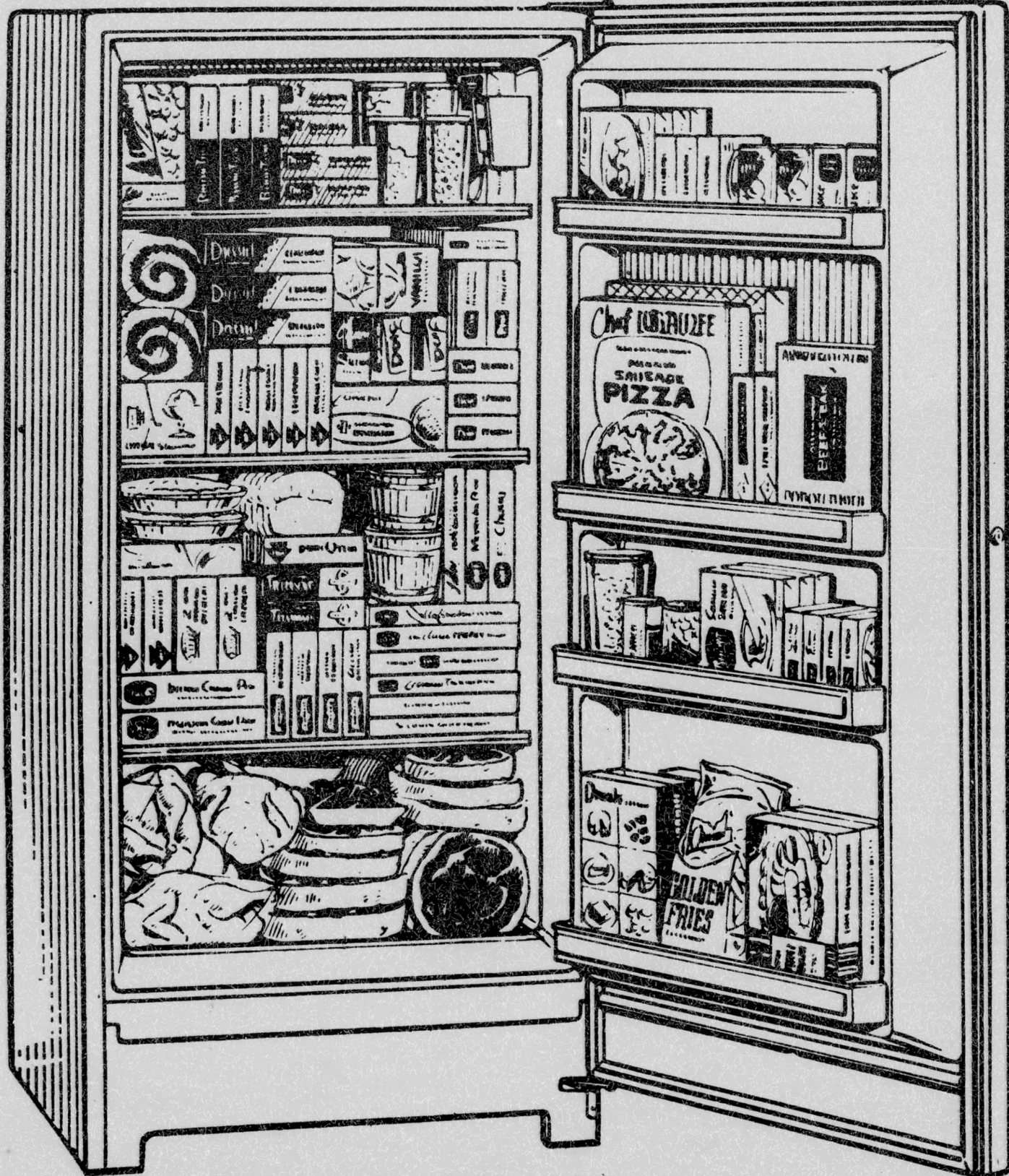
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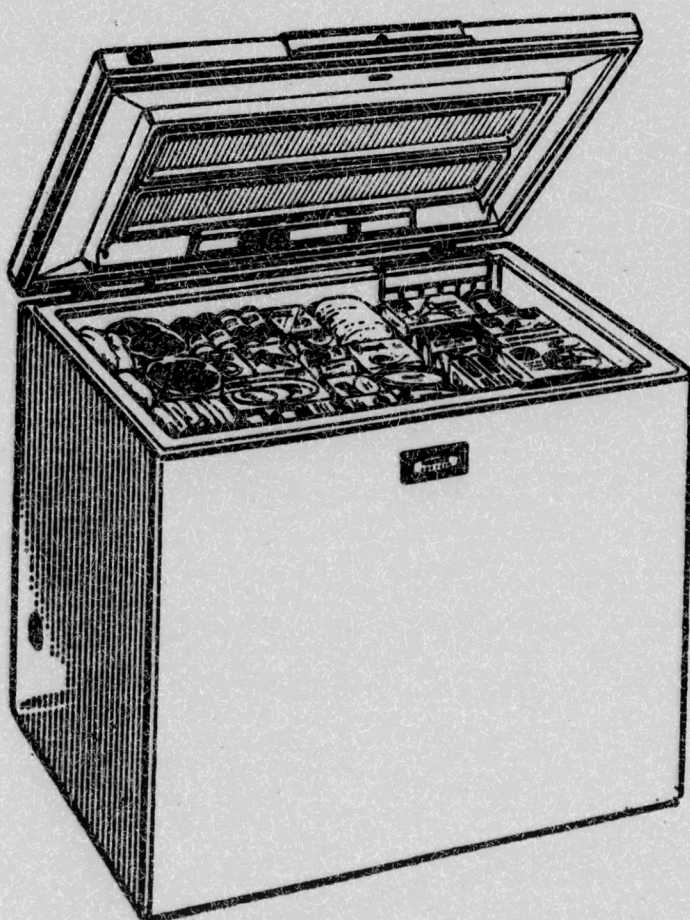
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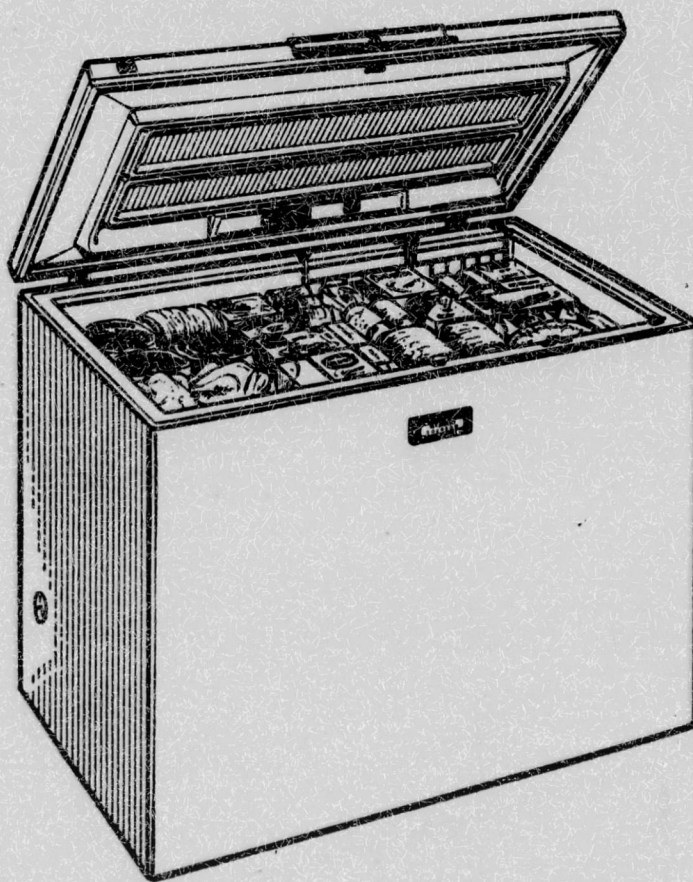
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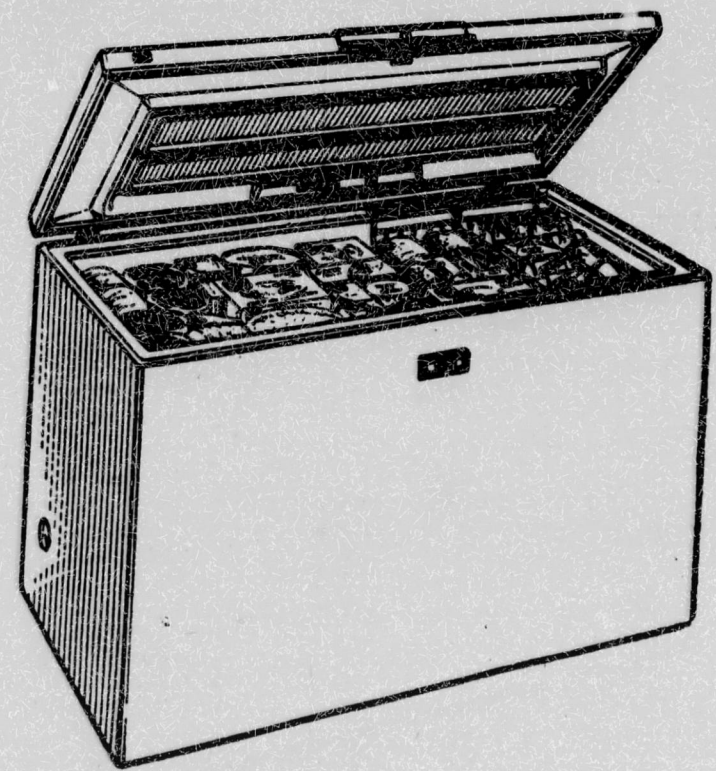
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