

## Touch of Irish Blarney

In our class is a girl from Ireland and her name is Jill Pettigrew. She was born in Ireland and is a pure-blooded Irishman. I'm half Irish but not all and my name is Rita O'Connor. I have an Irish temper but I don't always use it. I've been to Ireland at midnight. I overheard while I was there that 12 o'clock was the witching hour. At 12 o'clock the Leprechauns come out and dance. At 3 o'clock they go home.

Rita O'Connor  
Grade 4  
Room 109

I'm a girl from Ireland. St. Patrick's Day is a favorite holiday in Ireland. St. Patrick was a very kind man. This is where I begin my story.

St. Patrick believed in Leprechauns. He told everyone that at Witching Hour little men about a quarter high would come and dance in a shamrock patch. (Witching Hour was midnight on the dot. Everything would come to life.) St. Patrick asked men if they would stay up at Witching Hour and watch. All refused to do so because they thought the Leprechauns would perform magic and put spells on them.

"If you shan't," said St. Patrick, "I'll go alone." And so he did. At Witching Hour he heard an old Irish tune that he loved. Suddenly he saw little men dancing around. St. Patrick yelled out, "The Leprechauns are here." Everyone looked out but the Leprechauns disappeared. Nobody has ever seen them again. But St. Patrick was the only human on earth that had seen real Leprechauns.

Remember that may be a legend or true, maybe. You might be able to see them yourself if you go to Ireland.

Jill Pettigrew  
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## Trip to Center Of the Earth

One sunny Sunday Professor Floopbloop and Professor Fathead were working on their latest invention, the mole machine. Prof. Floopbloop said, "Aha, it is through."

Then Prof. Flathead came and said, "Let's get started; we have a long trip to go." So the Professors got into the mole machine, and pushed the starter. Then they heard, "Put, Put, bloop, put, put, bloop, put, put." Down they went. After they got started Prof. Fathead said, "After we're down 200 miles, stop and we'll look around."

"O.k., Fathead," said Floopbloop. When they were down 200 miles, they pushed the stop button; then they heard, "put, put, put, bloop, put, put, bloop." They were almost to the center of the Earth.

They got out. In front of them was a deep pit filled with lava.

Behind Prof. Fathead a hand came out. It was made of lava. A drop of lava fell off on to Prof. Fathead's neck. "Eyow!" he yelled. "Sufferin' Saurkraut," yelled.

They all ran in to the mole machine, and went to the surface. "Am I glad to be back!"

"So am I!"

All of a sudden the lava creature came out of the mole machine.

"The creature got into the mole machine!"

Then they fainted.

Karl Shogren  
Room 109

One small boy inquiring of another: "How old are you?"  
"Dunno for sure—five or six."  
"Well, do you like to play with girls?"  
"Course not. Who wants to play with girls?"  
"Then you must be five, 'cause I'm six."

## Fourth Graders In Action

In January we sent business letters to six cities. The cities are New York, New Orleans, Seattle, Minneapolis, Pittsburg, and Phoenix.

Pittsburg was the first to come in. We received some good information. Some of the information was booklets, papers, and pictures about the city. We got one more letter for the class from Pittsburg. A few people haven't heard yet from some of the cities.

David Duff  
Room 109

The whole class wrote to some places for Social Studies. Most of them got their answers to their letters. Some of the places that we wrote to were Seattle, Phoenix, New York, New Orleans, and Pittsburg. Some of the people that wrote to Seattle, Phoenix, New York, New Orleans, and Pittsburg made dioramas named for each of those places.

A diorama is something showing what you mean. If you wanted to show something about New York, you would try to find out some information about it and make a diorama by making things for the diorama. The diorama looks pretty good after it's finished.

Renee Spencer  
Room 109

In Room 109 we are studying Famous Americans such as George Washington. He was our first president of the United States.

Benjamin Franklin invented many things.  
Abraham Lincoln stopped slavery.  
Clara Barton formed the Red Cross.

## Room 113 Tells All

### Junior Red Cross

We are making shamrocks for the Red Cross to take to the hospital and hang on the walls. We are very glad to make them and hope they will cheer the sick people in the hospital.

Vickie Styles

### Elections

On March 10, 1961, our class had elections for class officers. Our officers for last year were Sarah Johnson, Alan Carpenter, Lynn Swyer, and Pamela Daniels. This time we elected Larry Zamora, president; Vickie Styles; vice-president; Jerry Moore, treasurer; Vickie Magee, secretary.

Larry Zamora

### Astronomy Unit

Right now we are studying Astronomy in Science class. We are making notebooks of all that we are learning. We have studied about these things: constellations, solar-system, rotation, revolution, the telescope, observatories, and astronomers. We have also had a report on Galileo. A boy in our class has a telescope and brought it in. We are also making charts telling about the nine planets.

Gary Sanders

## Pet Menagerie

Once upon a time there was a little pet store at the end of the street. In the store there were a cat, a dog, some birds, and a rabbit, and some monkeys.

The monkeys let the animals out. Everything was a mess. The monkeys started it.

Vickie Cronin

One day Jack and Mr. Little went to the pet store. When they got there, all the pets were playing. The owner was gone.

Mr. Little did not know what to do. He did not know where the owner was.

Mr. Little said, "I think the monkeys opened the doors." The dog was trying to get the cat. A little bird was out and all of the other animals were going crazy, too.

Kathy Allmann  
Second Grade

Luther Burbank was a naturalist. Robert E. Lee was a famous general in the Civil War. Stephen Foster made life rich with music. Henry Ford invented the car. The Wright brothers invented the airplane.

Michael McKinnon  
Room 109

Tuesday our class started to sponge paint. We needed a container for water and a sponge. Mrs. Mader, our teacher, mixed the paints, and when we were finished, Julia and Renee cleaned up the room. It was a lot of fun. Someday you may try it.

Debra Abdich  
Room 109

Our class is learning folk dances from Ireland, Switzerland, Germany and Italy.

In January our class gave a big folk dancing program in the gym for our parents. We had about five or six couples for each dance. Each child was in two or three dances. Altogether we had six dances. The last one had all of the class dancing in it.

I was in three of the dances.

We have learned one more dance since we had our program.

Julia Ellen Chauvin  
Room 109

We have been learning folk dances for the last few weeks. About a month ago we gave a folk dance program for our parents.

A few days before we gave the program someone dropped the record which had all the dances on it. We were all very disappointed; some of us thought we wouldn't be able to have the program.

That day Mrs. Mader sent some one to the library to get another folk dance record. We were all very happy to find that we had another record. We learned four folk dances on the new record. We also did two from the broken record.

Jennis Baker  
Room 109

## Modern Schooling

If I were to make a "Modern School", the first thing I would do would be to make work easy for the children and make work harder for the grown-ups. I would give the children automatic thinkers and automatic work doers. To the grown-ups I would give labor chains and do-it-yourself work.

For the school library I would have buttons that have the name of the book you want and the name of every other book; all you would have to do would be to press the button that has the name of the book you want. It would pop right in front of your nose. The whole trouble is that it would give you a bloody nose.

After that I would install every hall with roller skates that would pop up from the floor if you wanted to go someplace fast!

I would also install the classrooms with "Robots" in case the automatic thinkers or automatic workdoers broke down! They would help the children with their work.

I would have automatic paddlers for the grown-ups if they didn't do what they were told to do.

That is what I would do if I had to make a Modern School.

Frederick Chapman  
Room 109

## The Baron Staff

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# The Great Lakes

One time when Sourdough Sam was making pancakes on the smallest stove (which was as big as Texas) in Paul Bunyan's camp, Babe the Blue Ox smelled the pancakes and went over to see them. When Babe got there the men were skating around on the pan with slabs of bacon on their feet; the pan was as big as California.

When Sourdough Sam was baking the first batch of pancakes, he baked 530 pancakes. When the pancakes got to the table they were gone in a minute. Sourdough Sam baked two more batches of pancakes, and they too were gone in a few minutes.

The fourth batch was still baking when Babe got so hungry that he ate the pancakes, stove, and pan.

Soon smoke started coming out of Babe's ears. Babe was about 500 miles from the Mississippi River, but with just two big steps he was there. He drank, and drank, and drank till the Mississippi River was dry.

The Atlantic Ocean was about 300 miles away so Babe just took a few steps and was there. He drank, and drank, but the more he drank the thirstier Babe got.

Finally Babe decided to go to the Arctic Ocean where it was cold and would put out the fire. When Babe got there and opened his mouth, the heat melted some big chunks of ice. The ice slid down over Canada to the United States.

Paul saw what happening so he got some of the men to go and dig some big holes for the ice to melt in. It was winter in the United States now, but that didn't matter; Paul just reached up in the sky and turned on the hot knob on the sun to melt the ice. It took the ice a few hours to get from the Arctic to the United States. The ice landed in the right spots and melted as soon as it got into the United States.

Babe is still drinking the water in the Arctic Ocean. Paul is in the Arctic, too, waiting for Babe to

A young doctor and a young dentist fell in love with the same receptionist. One day the dentist happened to be called away on business for a week or so, but before he went, he sent for the girl. "I'll be away for ten days," he said "but you'll find a little present in your room."

When he had gone, she went to the room and found—ten apples.

## How Rocky Mount Built the Rockies

One summer day Rocky Mount received a note from King Klippe asking if he would build a pleasant valley. Of course Rocky Mount did it for the King.

Right away the next day he started on the digging. He dug and dug and dug. Since he didn't have anyone to help him, it took him all of April, May, June, and July.

After he finished digging, he had a big long pile of rocks and dirt, and a big hole. To make the hole loop pleasant like the King wanted it, he planted some grass.

When the King saw the valley, he thought it was beautiful. Rocky Mount was pretty proud of the job himself. The only thing was that the valley was so big, and the King didn't have enough men to build the houses that he asked Rocky Mount to build them. Rocky Mount was glad to do it and built the nicest and prettiest valley you ever saw.

After the valley was occupied by many happy people Rocky Mount left them and the pile of rocks.

The next day the people had a meeting about moving the rocks. They decided not to move them but to name them the Rocky Mountains after their best friend, Rocky Mount.

Virginia Lee Lambert  
Sixth Grade  
Room 100

cool off. Some people say they will be back soon, but nobody knows.

Oh, well, that's how the Great Lakes were made!

Bill Maney  
Sixth Grade  
Room 102

## Story of Don Hill

Don Hill was a man who was always acting like a boy. He was always having fun, but sometimes got into trouble.

When Don was a boy, his parents got him a pet Tornado. He had fun walking his tornado. Pretty soon the tornado got into trouble by ruining houses and damaging road signs and telephone poles. Pretty soon Don had to give him away. By then Don was too old to have a pet. He didn't want one anyway.

When he was a man, he decided to take a trip around the world and see the sights. In America he went to see Yellowstone Park. Inside of the park, he found a good place to try out his pogo-stick. When he jumped on the pogo-stick, he jumped too hard and made a hole in the ground. All of a sudden a burst of hot water came out of the ground. To this day the burst of hot water is called Old Faithful Geyser.

After a while he settled down and began to study nature. He took such a liking to the Redwood tree that he decided to raise some. He took real good care of them until they began to grow too big and take up too much room. Then Don had to move. To this day these trees are called "the redwoods of California."

Jennifer Castle  
Sixth Grade  
Room 102

## The Lost Slipper

"Good morning," called Susan, as she came down the walk.

"Good morning to you, too," said Cathrine, "I came to ask you if you wanted to go to the leaf pile with me."

"Oh, do they have the leaf pile out?"

"Yes, it's the first day today!"

"Well, what are we waiting for?"

"Let's go!"

"Here it is—the wonderful old leaf pile!"

"Susan! Do you see that sparkling thing on that leaf over there!" asked Cathrine.

"Yes, it's probably only some dew from the grass," said Susan as she jumped into the big leaf pile.

"No, it's too sparkling!"

"Look!" said Susan. "It's a tiny slipper!"

"I wonder who it could belong to?" said Cathrine.

"Listen, I can hear some one talking very low."

"Look—a little tunnel in the grass."

They parted the grass a little so they could see in the tunnel. What did they see but a little table with fairies sitting at it.

They put the shoe on a little rock near the table. Then the prettiest fairy jumped up from the table, ran over, and put it on. Then the fairies flew away.

Carole Sylvis  
Room 109