

J O K E R ' S W I L D E

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"Better late than never," is a time-worn excuse. And so the first edition of JOKER'S WILDE is now in your hands. We hope to do so monthly. This would be more certain IF we had a volunteer typist. Hint! Hint! Hint! (730-4140)

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2 - Election Day - Schools and offices closed
- " 8-9 - Conference time for ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
- " 11 - End of 1st Marking Period
- " 12 - Half-day for students; Professional work sessions P.M.
- " 15 - ETHNIC DINNER - PTA - WILDE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL 6:30
- " 19 - Report Cards issued to students
- " 23 - H.C. Bd. of Ed. Mtg. at our school. 8:00 P.M. Cafeteria
- " 25,26 Holiday _Thanksgiving. All schools and offices closed

HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

Did you get your copy? We sincerely hope so. It was given to each student following a work session with the direction of a teacher. Please direct any opinions about this volume to Mr. Paul Rhettts, 531-5744. If you need a copy call us and we'll send another via a student.

ACCOUNTABILITY IS DIRECTED TO STUDENTS

On pages 30 and 31 of the calendar-handbook for parents and students, you see that some accountability factors are being directed to the students. This is a must if education is to become significant for the student.

It is especially important that "The student be punctual and present in the regular or assigned school classes."

We translate this literally and permit five (5) tardinesses for the entire year without penalty. More than five and including ten means detentions. Beyond ten (10) times tardy requires a parent conference and/or suspension.

Our objective is to teach that one cannot do a job when not on the job.

LITTLE RICHARD ARRIVES

Richare A. Jackson, Jr. arrived on Sept. 13th at 6:20 a.m., weighing-in at six pounds and eight ounces.

The mother and "Little Richard" visited the faculty room recently and enjoyed a Baby Shower. Beautiful and practical gifts were presented and opened by 'Mom' while 'Dad' proudly played with the baby. Come again

SOCIAL STUDIES WITH MRS. KNOX FEATURES PLAYS, TRIALS, T-V SHOWS.

Social studies plays are directed and rehearsed by groups of students. The presentation before peers is a tough assignment but "they help to teach the students group organization skills," according to Mrs. Knox.

Next month she plans to renew the court trials which were so popular with the students last year. Script research into history is a necessary part of the whole preparation.

Another feature planned is "To Tell The Truth," a version direct from the T.V. series by that same name.

As a change of pace, Mrs. Knox has her students play her version of "Colonial Football." This homemade game progresses when students answer questions correctly in order to move the football up or down the field.

Held in reserve: a cookbook of recipes from many countries; a field trip to visit several ethnic neighborhoods in Baltimore, and a trip to the museum of natural history. -Rob Johnson-

Ms. Sue Woerner's students are catching the holiday spirit, even though the calendar in the room lists the month as October.

The art students are working on projects now that can be used as gifts in December. They are designing poster-like signs, using the name of a relative or friend who will receive the gift when it is completed. -Beth Moon-

Mrs. Flanery and Mrs. Kasmir Team-up to instruct students in the use of the WLMS Media Center. This was more than a re-run of the Dewey Decimal System.

For three weeks, Mrs. Flannery, the Media Specialist, has been giving instructions designed to give the students practice in using references, books, periodicals and vertical files. The final product was a project using notes from encyclopedias, two trade books, periodicals, one non-print source and one item from the vertical file. -PK_

THE MARYLAND BALLET

"The Maryland Ballet is making its Howard County debut on Saturday, November 13 at 8:00 in the Wilde Lake High School Auditorium. The performance is a benefit for the Family Life Center, a non-profit mental health organization serving Howard County. Tickets: \$ 5.00 general admission; \$ 3.00 students, Senior Citizens, are on sale at the Family Life Center, 116 Wilde Lake Village Green. For information call 997-3557."

STUDENT COUNCIL

Petitions for Student Council offices are being circulated. Back the person you feel will do the best job on the job.

AN OPEN LETTER

I write this letter with an open mind and I realize that you cannot perform miracles and must comply with the rules of the State and County. I do not know all the rules but I'm sure if I violate one I'll find out soon enough. Now to begin.

I am sorry to see that separate home areas have been abolished. I enjoy meeting other people who are in other grades and other classes. I did enjoy meeting other people and teachers who I may not have. Not that I don't enjoy my section, (barely) I want to see different faces.

Next I would like to mention the shorter lunch shifts. Meaning that we now have a seventy-minute class. Now in certain subjects some students are way ahead of the other classes. The lunches being shorter you don't have enough time if you want to study. By the time you get through the lunch room line to eat your lunch you don't have any time for last minute cramming.

The seventy minute period is much too long to have just one teacher. I consider myself lucky to have a good, easy going teacher. Some kids have extremely hard going teachers and seventy-minutes is a little too much to be in a class.

I also think that there should be a study hall, those mis-behaving should be forbidden. During study hall you can get help on what you need, ask questions on whatever you need help on. If you don't need any help, do your homework. If you have none, you should be taken to another area with those who are out already.

Please read it and take this into consideration.

A concerned student of WMS

Dear Concerned. . . .

Thanks for your letter. Your observations are valid and reasonable if placed in priority order. It is evident that the status quo and your preferences are at odds. This does not mean that either one of us is right or wrong. It is the order of things, as they relate to the best of the common good, where we differ.

Lunch shifts are shortened because the bulk of our students became bored with the forty-five minute shift last year. Students eat in an average time of twelve minutes. The lunch lines are considerably shorter this year because we have three shifts with fewer students in line for each shift.

Your teachers have been instructed to 'change the pace' for those of you who happen to be in class during the time when two other grades are eating. From what I see, there is a break given to you whenever others move to lunch.

I sincerely hope that your personality will not suffer because you don't have a chance to meet students across grade lines in home room. This was done in order that each grade might better know others within their grade. When three grades were mixed in one homeroom the students had a tendency to group themselves by grades. By reporting to your first period class the settling-down factor has been simplified for the whole school.

...of course you will, IF you knew who wanted to be helped.

The H.C. Community Action Council Sponsors Volunteers In Teaching and Learning (VITAL), as a volunteer tutorial program for students who need reliable help. Your commitment would be for one school year. You may wish to do pure academic tutoring or just have a friendly relationship with a student who needs a caring person in their life.

Call Sylvia Beren at 997-7650 the VITAL Program Coordinator

THE STUDENTS SPEAK

(We hope that these unedited remarks will become a regular feature. Ed.)

"WHY I LIKE W.L.M.S."

"I like W.L.M.S. a lot more than (- - -)because W.L.M.S. at least has air conditioning. Another thing we have is carpeting. Well that's Columbia for you. Also finally after all my years in schools I have a sym uniform and a locker. Well now at W.L.M.S. I have a cafeteria, too. It's a really great school & this is Noam Levine signing off."

"I like Wilde Lake Middle School because it seems very organized. I like the teachers because they try to teach in the very simplest way that they can." -Lance Nickles-

"I like Wilde Lake Middle School because it's a nice looking school and it's so close to my house. The school reminds me of a big book.

I like the way the sections lockers are arranged and the areas Venus, Mars, Jupiter. The related arts subjects are very educational to me. The office aide program, the newspaper club, the student council, and tutoring are extremely good educational ideas.

The teachers are understanding and nice. There are so many nice people in this school it's unbelievable.

One idea would (be) to put more plants around the school such as flow bushes, trees, etc., and to have a plant club that would operate during the Spring." -Erin Reichle- (See me in March, Erin, I'll help. clj)

MEANINGLESS AND DISINTERESTING

Remember the Measles Vaccine? 65% of the students returned the forms 48% of those returned were "NO!" - 35% of students identified for inoculation received shots.

There are 552 students at W.L.M.S	Gr 6	85 boys	77 girls	T 162
	" 7	87	102	T 189
	" 8	91	110	T 201

Student participation in the HOT lunch program is "UP" from other years
7.9 Yrs. experience (Staff WLMS) 6.6 Yrs. experience, Tchgr Staff only

FOOTBALL by Lance Nickles

P	C	H	A	R	G	E	R	S	G	C	P	E
R	A	I	D	E	R	S	R	L	D	A	A	S
U	O	W	N	M	Y	M	C	A	A	F	T	T
Z	T	K	L	O	S	A	L	G	S	S	R	E
V	X	G	B	H	R	O	L	N	R	R	I	J
Y	J	W	F	O	N	A	L	E	E	I	O	J
G	C	F	I	H	N	R	N	E	L	H	T	S
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Delphins, Colts, Bengals, Cowheys, Raiders, 40'ers
 Saints, oilers, patriots, redskins, Rams, Cardinals,
 Lions, Falcons, Giants, Jets, Chargers

MOVIE SCHEDULE

- Oct. 26 "From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler" (Gr. 7/6)
- Nov. 23 "The Yearling" (Grade 8)
- Jan. 18 "Sounder"
- Mar. 1 "Boy With Green Hair"
- Mar. 22 "My Side of The Mountain"
- June 7 "Island of The Blue Dolphins"

TRIPS TO.....

Ice Skating Rink for present P.E. classes Wed. 27 Oct.
 The Hirschhorn Museum: Two seventh grade sections G - H will go for the mind boggling experience of contemporary sculpture and painting on Nov. 11th. Bag lunch, please.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS happen at W L M S along with the national election. We too are looking for that responsible person to occupy the office.

MRS. KELBERMAN IS INTERVIEWED BY ERIC ROBINSON

- Q. Mrs. Kelberman, what university did you attend? Would you recommend it for anyone else?
- A. I went to the U. of Maryland on the College Park Campus. Yes, I would recommend Maryland, because it is a very good school.
- Q. Have you ever taught before?
- A. Yes, I taught at Oakland Mills High School.
- Q. If you had a choice of teaching at any other level, what level would you select?
- A. I would like to, if I had a choice, teach at the 11th grade level.
- Q. What were your majors in college?
- A. My major was English.
- Q. Did you ever play an organized sport?
- A. Yes, I played girls basketball and was an athletic counselor at an over-night camp.
- Q. Mrs. Kelberman, do you enjoy teaching at Wilde Lake?
- A. Of course.
- Q. What kinds of things do you think need to be changed in this school?
- A. I think we should have required curriculum, mandatory class manners, and I also think that all subjects that are the same should be taught in one pod.
- Q. If you had a choice of teaching any other subject what would you teach?
- A. I think I would teach French or social studies.
- Q. What were the lowest grades you ever got in school?
- A. My lowest grade was a 'C.'

EDITORIAL "The Presidential Debates" by Angela Vehey

The campaign is almost over. The excitement, the joy, and the sadness of another political year is drawing to a close.

First came the primaries, then a 'Carterized' Democratic Convention, followed by a very interesting Republican Convention.

As for the debates: the first was on domestic policy. If the president won this round it was not because of his strength in the area of domestic policy but rather because Mr. Carter lacked self confidence.

The second debate on Foreign Policy exposed President Ford to the critics when he stated that Eastern European countries are not dominated by the Soviet Union. This deeply offended many.

The third debate discussed a variety of things and was the most 'partized' of the three, the escape hatch from any direct answers rested with the party platform.

I thought that the debates were rather boring. It only goes to prove that politics is no bushel of peanuts!

BECKY SCHAEFFER INTERVIEWS MR. KRALL

Mr. Krall didn't always work here, as you know, and he wasn't just born so he had to do something! He didn't play volleyball, tennis, or basketball, even though they are some of his favorite sports. No, he worked at Running Brook Elementary School as a teacher of the little ones. Running Brook doesn't have the freedom or space that Wilde Lake has, but it has little kids, something Mr. Krall likes.

If there was anything he could be, he would want to be a famous poet because he is an infamous one. He might even write his poems in yellow or brown because they are his favorite colors.

He fell into teaching and I'm sure there are quite a few students around Columbia who are glad he couldn't climb out. My hat is off to you, Mr. Krall and you're welcome to stay.

BOOK REVIEW

... .. By: Eric Robinson

Book - The Devil's Triangle
 Author - Richard Wiener
 Pub. - Bantam Books
 Call No. - Paperback
 Copyright - 1974
 Pages - 213, 16 pages of illustrations

The Devil's Triangle is the triangle between Puerto Rico, Bermuda, and Florida. In this area many aircraft and ships have disappeared, and there is no trace of evidence as to where they've gone. This is a truly fascinating book about factual, unexplainable disappearances. The Devil's Triangle includes many good theories by well known scientists.

THE JOKER'S WILDE

The purpose of this newspaper is to include the work of students, to announce important dates, to review happenings, to give profiles of people and events relevant to school and the community, and other areas of special interest to people.

Membership to the STAFF of this paper is voluntary. At this time the membership is incomplete. Certainly this paper does not include the efforts of all staff members. At our organizational meeting the following expressed an interest in making a contribution to this school paper.

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| Greg Veney | Frank Cohen | Glenn Thomas |
| Cheryl Bauz | Eric Robinson | Kevin Ginyard |
| Anne Frenette | Kevin Robinson | Rachel Weiner |
| Lance Nickles | Robert Johnson | Becky Schaeffer |
| Debbie Winter | Stuart Feffer | Rein Reichle |
| Julie Lichtenstein | Ben Tucker | Shella Byer |
| Beth Weyhrauch | Richard Shaker | Susie des Jardins |
| Erik Thomas | Alycee Jeannette Lane | Robin Brodtkin |
| Paul Lilley | Reynard Smith | Sue Edmonston |
| Gina Payne | Kenelle Carroll | Alyssa Terry |
| Noam Levin | Beth Moon | Peter Weiner |
| Robyn Potter | Markus Sommers | Angela Veney |

LUNCH MENUS

Nov. 1 - 5
 M. Spaghetti w/meat sauce
 T. - - -
 W. Sliced Roast Beef in BBQ
 T. Pizza
 F. Hot Dog on roll

Nov. 15
 M. Grilled Cheese
 T. Sloppy Joe
 W. Foot long Franks
 T. TURKEY -must order
 F. Fishwich

Nov. 29
 M. 3-D Sandwich
 T. Fried Chicken
 W. Franks on roll
 T. Spaghetti
 F. Cold Cut Subs

Nov. 8
 M. Hamburger w/chips
 T. Baked Lasagna
 W. Steak Subs
 T. Fried Chicken
 F. Pizza

Nov. 22
 M. Steak Subs
 T. Hot Roast Beef Sand.
 W. Pizza

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P.T.A. P.T.A. P.T.A. P.T.A. P.T.A.

Nov. 15 - ETHNIC DINNER FOR FAMILIES...

It will be successful if you come and bring enough food for your family PLUS one extra person;

NOTE: The PTA will be responsible for:

- PLUS: MUSICAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- place settings
- rolls
- butter
- coffee
- tea
- punch
- and DESSERT

Please help us to plan by returning the bottom half of this page
 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.....

 Detach and return promptly, please!

SURE WE'LL BE AT THE PTA ETHNIC DINNER ON NOV. 15, at 6:45.

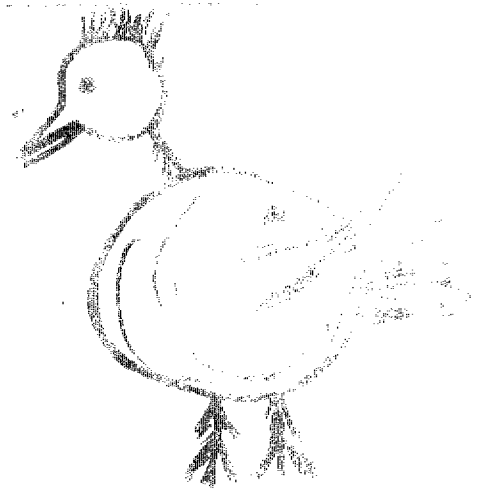
We will bring a SALAD _____
 or, VEGETABLE
 or, CASSEROLE DISH _____
 or, _____

There will be _____ in our party.

Signed _____

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ORANGES \$6.75 box of 100

GRAPEFRUIT \$6.50 box of 32

Please complete and mail the attached order form. Orders must be received by Wednesday, November 3, 1976 with payment. Pickup dates at the Talbott Springs Elementary School (Oakland Mills) will be on Friday, November 12th, 12:00 Noon to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 13th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CUT OFF HERE

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER (NO CASH) TO:

TALBOTT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTSA
9500 Basket Ring Road, Columbia, Maryland 21045

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BOXES ORANGES (100) \$67.50

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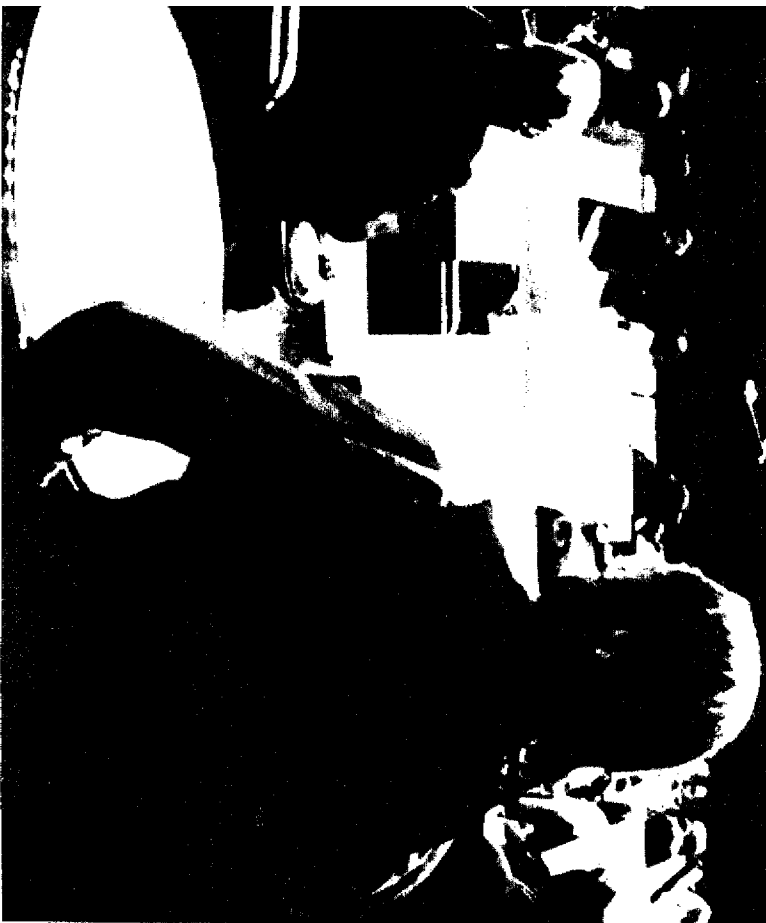
TOTAL AMOUNT \$88.30

Pickup Dates

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Saturday, November 13th - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Sergiu Comissiona, Music Director



HOWARD COUNTY SYMPHONY SOCIETY
PRESENTS
THE BALTIMORE SYMPHONY

1976-77 Season Tentative Program
Oakland Mills High School, 8:30 p.m.
9410 Killmanjaro Rd., Columbia

October 29, 1976 Fri.	*** COMMISSIONA & ORCHESTRA Euryanthe Overture Symphony #103 Scherzo Fantastique Tremoulasha Sorcerer's Apprentice
December 4, 1976 Sat.	**** FLEISHER, Conductor MIRON VANPOLSKY, Cello Bacchus and Ariadne, Suite #2 Cello Concerto Symphony #4
February 5, 1977 Sat.	**** SCHENCK, Conductor ROSEMARIE BOTTALICO, Harp Overture to Fidelio Harp Concerto Danse Sacrees et Profanes Symphonie Fantastique
April 22, 1977 Fri.	**** COMMISSIONA, Conductor ISIDOR SASLAV, Violin Les Francs Juges Violin Concerto Symphony #3
December 4, 1976 Sat.	Roussel Saint-Saens Beethoven
February 5, 1977 Sat.	Beethoven Handel Debussy Berlioz
April 22, 1977 Fri.	Berlioz Goldmark Brahms

PRESENTED BY

HOWARD COUNTY SYMPHONY SOCIETY, INC.

T. 29, 1976 SERGIU COMMISSIONA
C. 4, 1976 LEON FLEISHER
B. 5, 1977 ANDREW SCHENCK
R. 22, 1977 SERGIU COMMISSIONA

8:30 P.M.
OAKLAND MILLS HIGH SCHOOL

MAKE CHECKS TO: and mail to: SEASON TICKETS

Howard County Symphony Society Family \$45.00
P. O. Box 101 Adult 18.00
Columbia, Md. 21045 (730-3993) Sr. Citizen 15.00
(Cut on line below and) (730-5482) Student 9.00
(mail to above address)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

Please give No. of adults _____; students _____; Sr. Citizens _____



THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

8045 Route 12
Columbia, Maryland 21044
531-5744

October 22, 1976

TO THE STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS:

We are evaluating the Lunch Program and would like to have your opinions. The School Lunch Program has been devoted to offering students a noonday meal that provides one-third of their daily minimum nutritional requirements. Despite rising food and labor costs we have kept the price to students as low as possible.

Will you please take a few minutes to fill out this form and return it to your principal no later than Friday, November 5, 1976. Be sure to put the school name in the place provided. Your signature is not mandatory. Any information that you provide will be regarded as confidential.

Thank you.

Margaret B. Smith
Margaret B. Smith
Specialist in Food Services

EVALUATION FORM

Please check the boxes that most closely apply to you.

THOSE WHO BUY LUNCH

1a.

REGULARLY (3 days a week or more)	OCCASIONALLY (1 day a week)	RARELY	NEVER

THOSE WHO DO NOT BUY LUNCH

b. Reasons

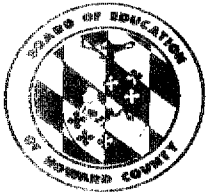
PRICE	QUALITY	QUANTITY	TIME SPENT IN LINE	NOT ENOUGH TIME TO EAT	OTHER

2. Are you satisfied with the present program? YES _____ NO _____

3. Any improvements you would suggest? _____

4. New items and Comments: _____

NAME: _____ SCHOOL: _____



THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

8045 Route 32

Columbia, Maryland 21044

531-5744

October 25, 1976

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students:

The Board of Education cordially invites you to the Twelfth Annual Conference on Education, beginning Friday evening, November 19 at 8:00 p.m. and continuing Saturday morning, November 20 at 9:00 a.m.

The location is Howard High School, which is using the new Hammond High School building this year, at 8800 Route 32.

The Conference is entitled "Literacy and the Golden Rule: Keys to Better Schools," the theme of Dr. Zacharie J. Clements, the guest speaker at both events. Dr. Clements is a member of the Education faculty at the University of Vermont. He has made a specialty of finding ways to make public schools more effective and more humane at the same time, and to promote self motivation and responsibility in the pursuit of human potential. He has been invited to speak here because his ideas hold great interest for all of us. We hope you will come to hear him.

On Friday evening, beginning at 6:30, tours of the building will be conducted. At 8:00 the program will begin with music by the Howard County High School Band, a county wide group. There will be an informal reception following Dr. Clements's address, so that we may meet him and each other.

On Saturday, music by the Thunder Hill Elementary School Chorus is to open the program. Dr. Clements will speak again and after a coffee break there will be a question and answer period.

An exhibit of student art is to be a feature of the conference. Students will also be serving as hosts and hostesses.

Child care services are to be provided this year in the Home Economics Child Development Lab. High School students, under the supervision of teachers, will care for children between the ages of 3 and 10. It is necessary to know how many children to expect, however, in order to provide enough students and appropriate activities for all ages. So, if you think it is at all likely that you would like to use this service, please let us know right away. Please send this slip to your principal by November 10.

	<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Age</u>
Friday Evening Nov. 19	7:45 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	
Saturday Nov. 20	8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	

Sincerely yours,

Charlotte E. Reeder

Charlotte E. Reeder, Chairman
Annual Conference on Education

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