

## Children Of 17 Countries Attend SHAPE Hdq School

ST. GERMAIN - en - LAYE, France (Reuters) — Children of many nations and all ages, from toddlers to teen-agers, attending the village school here constitute a practical demonstration of the good-neighbor policy in action.

The sons and daughters of men and officers of SHAPE headquarters, these children, nearly 600 of them, belonging to 17 different countries, have surmounted all language and color barriers and differences of tradition and background.

From the beginning, when the SHAPE community was established on the 55-acre Hennefont estate here, half an hour's drive west of Paris, it was recognized that provision must be made for the education of the children.

**10 STARTED**

The nucleus of the school was 10 children, who became pupils in 1951. They belonged to the first four families to establish residence. By 1952, as the number of pupils increased rapidly, an old farmhouse on the estate was remodelled into a modern, well-equipped school. In 1954, a wing

containing five more classrooms was added to the original building. The education given at the school is basically French, supplemented by teachers representing various other nationalities. Basic instruction is given in French and a modern, intensive system of teaching languages here produced amazing results among the foreign pupils.

All pupils follow the same course of studies, with the single exception that separate additional classes are provided to teach each child in the particular history, geography and language of his or her own country.

At present, the school has 587 pupils. The majority are French, including 353 children of French families living near the village, and 40 others whose parents are French staff members at headquarters. The balance is made up of 85 Britons, 75 Americans, 40 Dutch, 22 Italians, 20 Canadians, 19 Germans, 10 Czechoslovaks, eight Hungarians, seven Belgians, seven Turks, three Austrians, two South Africans, two Swiss and one Luxembourg.

## Connie Is Skipper Of N. Z. Swordfishing Power Launch

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)—Mrs. Connie Simmons, of the Bay of Islands in New Zealand's northland, is believed to be the world's only professional big game fishing launch master.

Recognized as an expert in a tough occupation even for men, Mrs. Simmons has been running her launch for the last eight seasons to take fishermen in search of the giant swordfish and make sharks off New Zealand's east coast.

During that time her launch has made several record catches. In March, 1949, an angler landed a 450-pound striped marlin, a New Zealand record which has not yet been bettered for this particular variety of swordfish.

This fish was caught with a rod once used by Zane Grey, who made many notable catches off the New Zealand coast. It now is owned by Mrs. Simmons. In another season the same rod caught a 366-pound striped marlin, the heaviest of the season from the port Mrs. Simmons was working.

**MANY HEAVIER**

Much heavier fish of other varieties, in the 700-pound-and-over class have been caught from Mrs. Simmons' launch. In 1949-50 it recorded the highest score of the season from the port of Whitianga, with 36 of the big ones successfully landed.

## MORNING SMILE

For an hour and a half the pastor droned on with his fervent sermon.

Finally he asked: "What more can I say?" There was a pause. Then from the rear pew: "You might say Amen."

voted for Souris Hospital. \$2.00 for Easter Seals. Sick committee reported on baby gift purchased. Collection \$1.75.

Mrs. Reid Underhay invited the members for next meeting. Roll call to be an article for auction. Lunch committee will be Mrs. Chas. Mills and Mrs. Albert Mills. A sewing contest put on by Mrs. Russell Mills. Meeting adjourned with "The Queen" Lunch was served by hostess assisted by committee.

Mrs. Simmons holds an engineer's ticket and keeps the 90-horsepower engine of her launch Ngaire in tip-top condition. It is a converted whale chaser which can do 18 knots.

Some men are doubtful about hiring the Ngaire when they hear the master is a woman, but their doubts vanish when they learn the launch's fishing record.

**RAMMED BY PREY**

There is plenty of incident in the life. Twice the stout hull of the vessel has been pierced by being rammed by swordfish. One sword still remains in the boat, just under the port light.

Mrs. Simmons is enthusiastic about her job. "It is a wonderful life," she says. "I just began fishing, saw my first marlin caught and became so keen that soon I was running my own boat.

"I live in the Ngaire. It is my home and I have no ties.

"Other women, I suppose, would have to be very keen to take it up. From the health point of view I can recommend it—but it is not an easy life, especially in bad weather."

## WEST COVEHEAD W.I.

West Covehead Women's Institute met at Mrs. James Allan's on April second with fifteen members present. Meeting opened in usual way with Institute Ode and collect repeated in unison.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported \$25.00 collected for Red Cross. Sick committee reported on card sent. School committee reported a few small articles needed for school. Serving committee reported, two pairs overalls two girls dresses one sweater and one pair socks handed in.

Some correspondence was read and discussed. It was moved and seconded that \$2.00 be sent to Crippled Children's fund. Next meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Gideon McLaughlan. Roll call to be answered with ten cents for Get Well cards.

Lunch committee Mrs. Grove McMillan, Mrs. Lorne McMillan, Mrs. James Allan, Bingo—Mrs. Deacon, Mrs. Leth McKinnon Mrs. Miller Beatris. Meeting closed with the Queen. Lunch was served by hostess and committee in charge, then all enjoyed musical

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## Mehitabel Thinks More Deeply Than Women Says Ertha

By WILLIAM GLOVER  
NEW YORK (AP)—"You men," purred Ertha Kitt with a grin mixed of mischief and mockery, "made a mistake letting women get so far."

Broadway's sultry singer-dancer arched up on her toes, stared intently in the mirror, flected a hand over cheek and hair.

She was busy explaining her first musical comedy, *Shinbone Alley*, separating the off-stage Ertha from the on-stage Kitt, and commenting on more or less related matters.

"Women are too confused to have any philosophy other than a natural instinct for survival," she continued, "but they're learning more than they used to."

"Now they know how to handle men—to neutralize them. That's where you men made a mistake."

**FAINTLY FELINE**

Looking mildly pleased, she posted lightly into a new crouch on her chair. "There was something faintly—and fittingly—feline in every word, tone and gesture.

Miss Kitt's catlike grace and aura is being applied in *Shinbone Alley* to portrayal of the famous cat mehitabel who along with archy the cockroach, was immortalized in the allegories of Don Marquis. Archy is personified by Eddie Bracken in the show.

Ertha firmly distinguishes between herself and her stage incarnation.

"I think mehitabel thinks more deeply than most women," she analyzes. "And she says, 'If you don't like me the way I am, to hell with you!'"

**ADJUSTMENT SOLUTION**

The wide-set Kitt eyes grow introspective.

"Now I always feel a person doesn't have to adjust to the world—the world has to adjust to you. If you find someone who doesn't adjust to you, you can always go find someone who does."

The 29-year-old star became involved with *Shinbone Alley* six months ago when she was presented with a copy of the script. "I had never heard of Marquis before," admits frankly the girl whose first work was picking cotton as a child in a South Carolina field.

selections by Mr. and Mrs. Dourie Allan.

## MURRAY HARBOR W.I.

Regular meeting of Women's Institute met in the hall on April 2nd. Meeting opened with the singing of "Springtime in the Rockies," followed by the creed in unison. Roll call was answered by 9 members.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was then read by the secretary. It was noted that we would send \$2.00 to the Easter Seal Campaign. School committee reported having visited the school and nothing was needed. New School committee was then appointed.

The treasurer for the rink canteen presented the report for the past season which showed a net profit of \$239.68, one half of this being the share for the Women's Institute for their supervision of the canteen in the Murray Harbor Memorial Rink.

It was decided to sponsor a showing of films in the hall in the near future, the date to depend upon the obtaining of the Hall and projector. A committee was appointed to select films. Our meeting closed with the singing of the Queen, and a lunch was served by the hostesses for this meeting and a social hour enjoyed.

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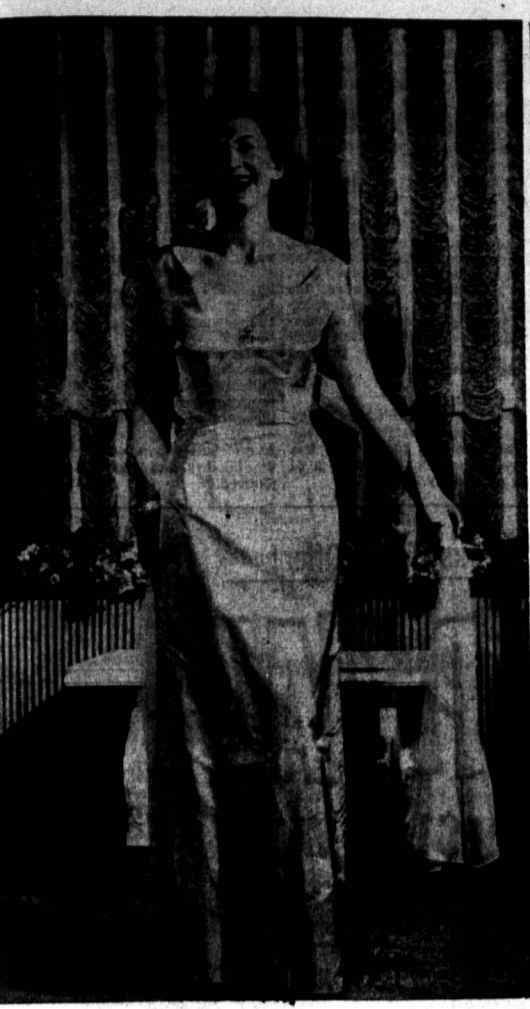
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## Ice Carnival At 18, Produced

BLIND RIVER, Ont. (CP)—Carol Pousette, 18, not only produced the Blind River Skating Club's figure-skating carnival here, but starred on the ice too.

She has had plenty of experience with the club's shows. This year's carnival was the 8th successive production in this town, 8 miles west of Sudbury, and Carol has been in them all.

She was backed up by her family. Her mother made the costumes and brother Donald assisted.

Producing ice shows is only a hobby for Carol who works in a Blind River office.

## WEST POINT W.I.

The April meeting of the West Point W.I. met at the home of Miss Mary Stewart-Webb the vice-president in the chair. Meeting opened by repeating the creed in unison.

Roll call was answered by eight members with donations to O'Leary Hospital. Committees gave their reports. It was moved and seconded all bills be paid.

Correspondence was read and discussed. It was decided to give ten dollars to nursery in O'Leary Hospital, also decided to send to Eaton's and Simpson's for remnants for charitable purposes.

New sick committee—Mrs. Anna Bartlett and Mrs. Leslie Bulger. Roll call to be answered with a dime.

## ST. ANN CLUB

Mrs. Tryphasia MacDonald kindly invited the members to her house for the May meeting with Mrs. Lawrence Stewart and Mrs. Ernest MacDonald assisting with Lunch. Lunch was served and meeting adjourned. Proceeds for evening amounted to \$1.20.

## EGLENTON HOWE BAY W. I.

The April meeting of the Eglington and Howe Bay W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Mills on Wednesday, April 3rd. Meeting opened by repeating the Mary Stewart Collect in unison. Roll call was answered by 12 members. 65 cents was collected in fines. 5 visitors were present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Treasurer's report was heard. Correspondence containing one thank you note was read and discussed. \$6.00 was

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