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I PLANTED

A TREE — — — —

*I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But, only God can make a tree.
Joyce Kilmer*



Pictured above are students of the Lakeview School with two of the many bundles of trees to be distributed. Back row: l. to r. Paul Ruthven, son of Richard Ruthven, LV maintenance and Sally Ruthven, Lakeview Health Services; Leo Nickasch; Brad Parker, son of LaVohn Parker, LVDC; David Barr, son of Jerry Barr, BG maintenance; Carol Schnasse, daughter of Donald Schnasse, Lakeview finishing materials. Front row: Mark Smith, son of DeVon Smith, lower tissue; LeAnn Barr, daughter of Jerry Barr; and Tim Barnstable, son of Richard Barnstable, financial.

Leo Nickasch, Lakeview maintenance, is program chairman of the Arbor Day activities in the Twin Cities. 18,000 trees, in plastic bags, will be distributed to the public and parochial schools of Neenah and Menasha. Each child will receive a tree with planting instructions. The trees are 4-year-old American Arborvitae, commonly known as White Cedar. The trees are a symbol of continued growth in this year's Twin Cities Centennial. 10,000 "I Planted A Tree" buttons will also be distributed.

A four page publication entitled "Learn to Love Trees" will also be issued to the children in an effort to teach them about the forests in a new indepth way. Articles included in the publication are: the importance of wood, trees and our environment, trees for recreation, etc.

The success of this year's Arbor Day program was made possible through contributions from 11 different community groups: unions, industry, clubs and organizations.

The local paper carried a picture of Thelma Johnson and Millie Damon, bagging trees for distribution. Thelma and Millie are Neenah Mill Life Members and members of the American Association of Retired Persons. So nice to see one of the many ways our retirees can get involved in community activities.