



**SATURDAY MORNING**, Melody Koerperich, 3, (above) painted a pumpkin at the Mini Sapa Celebration at the Last Indian Rain Museum. Ben Glading (below) learned how to weave wheat from Lois Carlson, who was sitting in the main building at the museum.

# Fun, faces grace Mini-Sapa party

Toddlers and teens painted faces and designs on pumpkins Saturday morning as part of the 48th Mini Sapa Celebration at the Last Indian Rain Museum.

Things kicked off at the museum early that morning with a pancake breakfast in the Bohemian Hall, followed by a performance by the DCHS Singers.

Dana Marintzer, museum board president, said there were big crowds for both breakfast and lunch, but people didn't stay around for events between the meals as much as they have in past years. She said she thought it was mainly due to the weather.

Besides the pumpkin painting, which kept the kids busy, the festival featured laser target hunting set

up by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. A group of grade-school aged kids stood around the tent taking turns shooting with a laser handgun and shotgun.

The kids shot red-and-white discs, pheasants and more on a large screen.

Mrs. Marintzer said she thought the laser shot went over really well. It was busy all day.

In the courtyard between the old Addleman School and the sod house, a few vendors set up shop. She said she hadn't heard how they did during the day.

A bake sale inside the land office went well, said Mrs. Marintzer.

The board president said she didn't know how much money had

been raised through the bake sale and two meals served for a donation, but she thought they had done well. The museum board plans to use the money for general upkeep, she said.

In a lot of cases, said Mrs. Marintzer, people give money for certain buildings and that money needs to be used for that. This money raised from the festival can go for general items, including paying the gas bill.

The museum is only two years away from its 50th anniversary of the fall celebration, which commemorates the last Indian raid in Kansas in 1878, she said. The board has discussed getting someone to do a melodrama for the anniversary, but nothing has been set in stone, she said.



**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** sold pieces of pie inside the Bohemian Hall with the help of Pat Fringer (above left) and Deanna Castle. Caitlin Shields (right) tried her hand at the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks laser shot booth.

