

EGGS MAY GO UP in price but these children aren't part of a price protest. They are part of the cast of Jack and the Beanstalk, part of the Playground concert last Wednesday. The goose that laid the golden egg is on the right.—(Staff Photo)



Playground ends banner season with fairy tale parade, program

The most successful Acton playground program to date wound up Friday morning with a sing song and goodbyes but it was really anti-climatic to Wednesday night's parade and program which for the first time in its six year history broke the rain jinx.

Led by Acton Citizens' Band

and a huge banner identifying the participants, the parade left the park and proceeded up Mill St. to the high school where a successful program was held in the auditorium.

Theme of this year's parade and program was Fairy Tales. All the fanciful characters were there including Snow White and

the Ten Dwarfs, Cinderella, Jack and his Beanstalk, Sir Thanks a Lot, Laff and a Half, Pluto and his friend Donald Duck, Rumpelstiltskin, Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves and others who were never fully identified.

Parade marshal was playground supervisor Don Price who guided the six floats, convertibles and banners to the high school on a mini-motorbike when the police failed to appear.

Judges Mayor Les Duby and Mrs. Peter Marks awarded the prize for the best float to the Rumpelstiltskin entry which was under the guidance of leaders Ellen Wisenz and Sharon Ellerby. The group received the Ben Rachlin trophy at the presentation later in the program.

In the tradition of all fine parades there were places of honor. Picked to represent the two playgrounds — one at the park and the other at the high school — were Cindy McGilloway and Bruce McPhail in one convertible and Denise Paton and Mike Dawson in another. They were introduced as Mr. and Miss of their respective playgrounds.

There were witches, eggs, dollar signs, fairy godmothers, a golden goose, princes and princesses, fairies, queens, dwarfs, dancing girls and a host of knights and gallant ladies and gentlemen from the pages of long, long ago.

Skits and playlets on the stage at the high school were highly imaginative. Knights like Sir Thanks a Lot rescued maidens in distress, Cinderella foiled her stepmother, Jack climbed his bean stalk, Snow White found her prince and the combined high school cast presented a series of skits labelled laugh and a half.

Cue cards and scenery were all made by the playground children helped by leaders. The audience gasped when Cinderella rode off on a modern version of the stage coach — a mini-motorbike.

Another feature popular with the audience was the presentation of awards to the leaders like a toe warmer to bare-footed Mary Ann Freuler, a big box of popcorn to supervisor Don Price, a six foot comb to Larry Quinn, a half-cent pay-check to Jeff Cooper, a big stock of cardboard gum to parks manager Harold Townsley and a broken tail pipe to Joe Marie Marchment as a reminder of the day the snapped leader Price's off his car.

Mayor Les Duby spoke a few words to the children and audience after the program and Councillor Peter Marks also made a short address.

Then it was soft drinks and ice cream at a booth set out-of-doors for the children before they headed home.



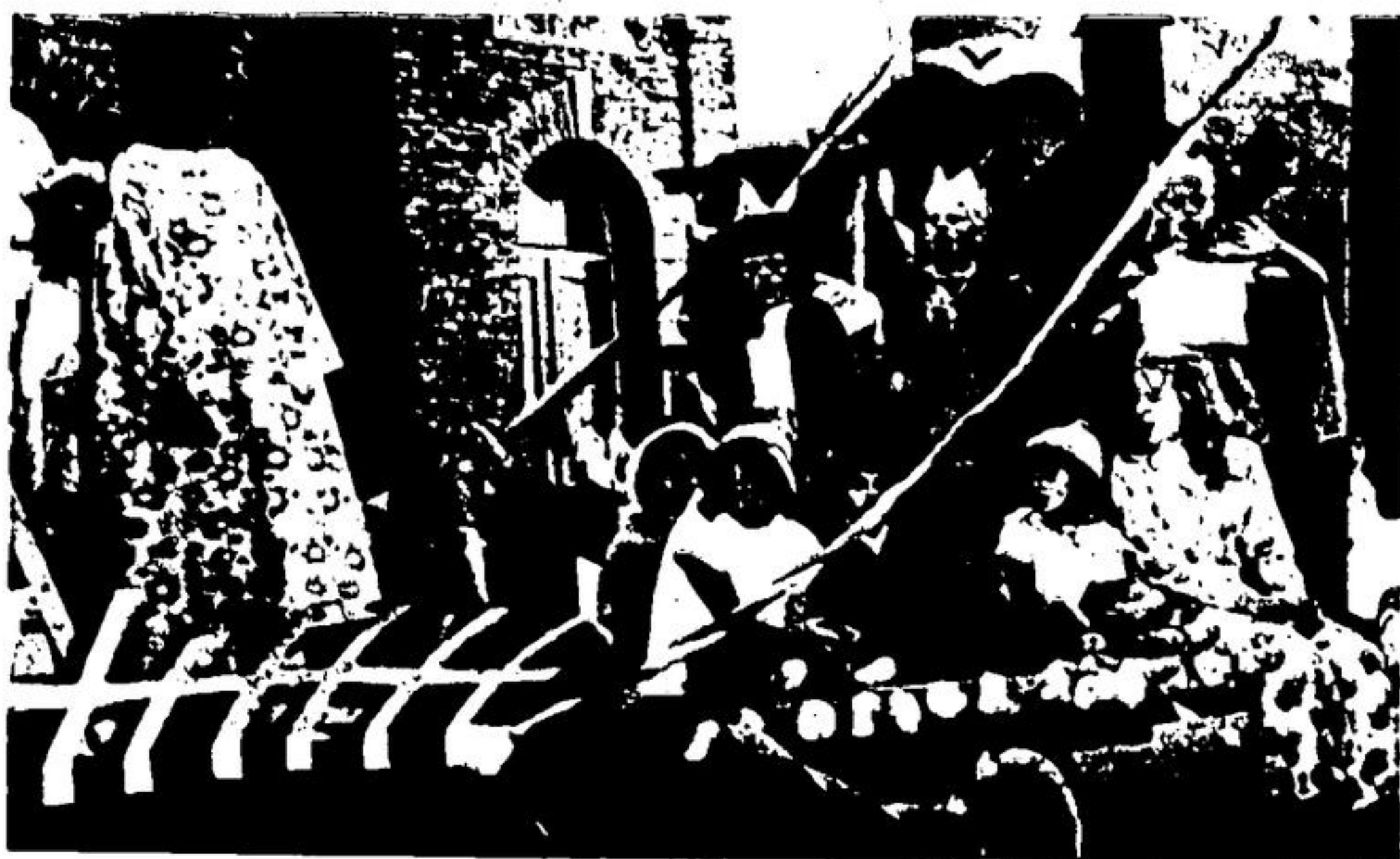
JACK CAN'T make up his mind whether to go up the beanstalk or not in the playground presentation at the high school last Wednesday.—(Staff Photo)



PLACARD CARRIERS in the play ground parade last Wednesday identified the fairy tale characters for hundreds of spectators who applauded the floats and fairy tale characters.—(Staff Photo)



Winning float



SNOW WHITE AND THE TEN DWARFS, a new angle on the old fairy tale, was reconstructed by the playground children on this float in the Wednesday parade and later in a concert.—(Staff Photo)



PLAYGROUND LEADERS relax after six weeks of minding and tending 180 children who participated in this year's playground. Seated with supervisor Don Price in the front are swim instructor Louise McElroy, Don, senior leader Jo Marie Marchment, Dolores Jordan. Centre row, leaders Susan McGilloway, Mary Ann Freuler, Susan Marchment, Mary Frances Marcoux, Cathy Dunn, Back Row, Sharon Ellerby, Tim Coles, Jeff Cooper, Larry Quinn, David Lee and Ellen Wisenz.—(Staff Photo)



CINDERELLA HAS HER TROUBLES with her stepmother but not nearly as disastrous as the prop men who kept the fireplace from collapsing at this dramatic moment in the Playground program at the high school.—(Staff Photo)


a head added another \$19 to the pot. Activities this year earned the children \$100 which was used for treats and trips.

Friday morning there were moist eyes as the playground came to its end with a sing song and farewells until 1970. One mother summed up this year's activities with an apt comment: "My kids are going to miss this. They looked forward to going every day."

For Don Price and his staff the end was the signal for a celebration — a trip to Brampton for a show.

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