

TV Antics '70 parade, skits climax to playground program



BOYS IN THE FIVE TO eight year old category performed a skit depicting the TV show "Batman" at the Acton

Playground final program at M. Z. Bennett school, last Wednesday night.— (Staff Photo)

A few drops of rain fell, but the threatening downpour held off for last Wednesday night's "TV Antics '70" parade, the climax of this year's Acton summer playground program.

Constable Bruce McArthur in the police cruiser, cleared the way for the parade, which began in the community centre parking lot, proceeded south on Park Avenue to Mill Street up Mill St. to Yonge, then on to Queen and turned left at Acton Boulevard to the M. Z. Bennett School. There youngsters and their leaders presented a two hour long program of amusing skits and sing songs.

Band leads parade

Acton Citizens' Band followed Eddie Couture, who carried the "TV ANTICS" sign, depicting the theme of this year's playground and Russell Coultrup and Larry Quinn carrying the huge playground banner.

Hiding in open convertibles behind the band were Mr. and Miss Playground of the M. Z. Bennett park, David Souererville and Patti Dawson; and Mr. and Miss Playground of Prospect Park, Michael Roach and Lorraine Cook.

Floata, carefully decorated by youngsters with the help of leaders were next in line. Each float represented a television program or series of commercials, including The Beverly Hillbillies, Mickey Mouse, Batman and The Flintstones.

Don Price welcomes parents

Playground supervisor Don Price welcomed parents and children to the program and introduced Mr. and Miss Playground of each park, who sat in places of honor, at the front of the auditorium. He explained their selection was based upon obedience to leaders and the enthusiasm shown.

Assistant supervisor Mary Ann Freuler took over the microphone to introduce the hilarious skits, imitating television commercials and portraying TV characters.

Youngsters from the M. Z. Bennett park performed the skit "H. R. Puffin Stuff".

Dance follows roller skating

A one hour dance will follow the regular two hour program of roller skating at the community centre, Saturday night.

Roller skating begins at 7.30. Arena manager Harold Townsley reports attendance at roller skating this summer has been encouraging.

Battery theft

Theft of a battery from the parking lot at Building Products at Main St. N. was reported by Acton O.P.P.

The battery belonged to Gerald Weick, 56 Bower Ave. and was reported missing Wednesday morning, August 12 at 9 a.m.

Senior leader Larry Quinn joined Mary Ann to lead the audience in singing favorite playground tunes "When you're happy and you know it." "A boy and a girl in a little canoe." "The Lord told Noah."

Best float

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Ben Hachin trophy for the outstanding float in the parade. Judge Mayor Les Duly and Mrs. Duly awarded the trophy to the nine to 12 year old boys from Prospect Park for their float depicting "The Beverly Hillbillies". Leaders David Lee and Cathy' Dunn accepted on behalf of their group.

Playground supervisor Price, then introduced and thanked each of his leaders individually, adding special words of praise for his two most experienced helpers Mary Ann Freuler and Larry Quinn.

Leader Sharon Ellerby reciprocated asking the audience for applause for her supervisor, who she comically dubbed "Stucky Bucky" Price.

Board member speaks

Representing Acton Board of Parks - Management and Recreation Committee, program committee chairman Bob Laughlin told parents how pleased the board was to have been able to sponsor the playground program and congratulated supervisor Price and all his leaders for the wonderful job they did.

The program concluded about 9.30; then to cap off the night all playground youngsters were treated to free soft drinks and ice cream outside the building.



THE FLOAT ENTITLED "Batman", last week's playground parade.—(Staff Photo) with all the characters from the TV show was one of the most hilarious in



"THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES" float, decorated by and starring the nine to 12 year old boys from Prospect Park was judged the best float in last Wednesday night's playground parade. Ted Waites, (Grandpa) points his shotgun at the camera, while Scott Withers (Grandma) takes a swig from the jug.— (Staff photo)



ACTON PLAYGROUND LEADERS posed for a picture Friday, before leaving for Guelph for a day's outing that included bowling, a mid-afternoon snack at a drive-in restaurant and a visit to the Royal City Exhibition. The trip wound up a busy summer for the hard-working group. Pictured front row l. to r. are Ken Withers, Jan Waites,

Debbie Drinkwater, Russell Coultrup, Rick Rocher, assistant supervisor Mary Ann Freuler. Middle row l. to r. Larry Quinn, Mary Fran Marcoux, David Lee, Jeff Cooper. Back row l. to r. Cathy Dunn, Susan McGilloway, Louise McElroy, supervisor Don Price, Sharon Ellerby, Ellen Wissenz.—(Staff Photo)



LEADERS Larry Quinn and Mary Ann Freuler led the audience at last Wednesday night's playground program finale, in a sing-song.— (Staff Photo)



LEADER in training Ken Withers paints a face on Fred Kroen, before last Wednesday night's Playground parade.— (Staff Photo)

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