



BOXING DAY meant shopping to many Ontario residents but to the kids in Rockwood many of them were sculpting in the snow on the St. John's Bowling green. Seen here is Sandy Root supervising her team of teeny

weenies as Beth Clark, Mike Strong and Paul Hudson work on an ice camel. After the judging it was a team fight and deluges of snowballs played havoc with the frosted artistry.



ELIZABETH WAYWELL of Guelph was the girl in charge of the second place snowmobile sculpture on which sit teamsters Janie Hudson, Steven Hissink of King, Ontario, Elizabeth Waywell, Neil McMinn and Bob Hudson. Snowsculpting was only part of the

day's outing for village kids which started off with a mystery hike through the Meadow's campground, games in the parish hall, and to finalize the afternoon fun, songs and supper and presentation of prizes.

—Photos by Lorraine



CHERYL McMINN was the supervisor for the winning team seen as they complete their mammoth dog on which sits Mike Hudson while Paul Clark and Bill Hissink give a few extra snow pats.

Wellington Board ponders junior Kindergarten programs

The Wellington County Board of Education has set up a Task Force to investigate and make recommendations on the question of enrolling four year olds in junior Kindergarten programs. This Task Force has made plans to hear several knowledgeable speakers and make visitations to schools in Etobicoke where such junior kindergartens are now in existence. At its initial meetings the Task Force has been gathering and surveying articles

dealing with early education of children. What follows is a brief look at some of the positive and negative views on this issue:

PRO

It is generally accepted that education is a lifelong pursuit and much of person's learning ability is developed in the first four years. One noted child psychologist, Benjamin Bloom, claims that the child has attained 50 per cent of his learning ability

by age four. Therefore, according to this view, all children should begin the human quest for learning early and should not be kept waiting.

Many of our children have special needs and a well-balanced program geared to their social, emotional and language development would go a long way in getting children off to a good start. In many homes both parents work and adequate

care is not available or it is too expensive. A well-planned program would give the child experiences which the parents may not be able to provide.

CON

Many research studies seem to come up with the conclusions that early enrollment has no advantages. By the time students reach Grades Two or Three there is no apparent differences in

achievement of early (age 4) and later (age 5) entry into school. Other experts point out that the mother-child relationship is very essential for proper emotional, sensory and social development of the child. Putting a four year old child in a 20 to one learning situation deprives that child of this warm secure relationship which the family atmosphere provides.

Practical questions, such as, long bus rides for youngsters from rural areas and high cost factors in setting up initial programs, mediate against junior kindergartens.

Aside from the actual positive and negative sides of this controversial topic, other

questions can be raised. To what extent should parents be involved in a junior kindergarten program? Where should the emphasis of the program be placed, academic, motor/sensory or social development?

These questions and this discussion of the pros and cons related to junior kindergartens is by no means complete. The Task Force is hoping to hear from interested parents, home and school associations, teachers and other knowledgeable persons. Briefs, articles and opinions may be submitted to the Wellington County Board of Education - Attention: Mr. Robert Reeve, Chairman, Junior Kindergarten Task Force.

Task force visits Junior Kindergartens

On November 28, members of the Wellington County Task Force on Junior Kindergarten visited two junior kindergarten classes in the borough of Etobicoke. They were met and accompanied by Mrs. Helen Gaston, the kindergarten consultant for the Board of Education for the Borough of Etobicoke. The members of the task force were able to view a well run program for 4-year-olds and ask questions of the teachers, parents and principals of the schools visited. Areas of interest looked into included, how need was established, parental involvement before and during the program, emphasis of program, and staffing qualifications and ratio of students to teacher. These and other questions were discussed at a later meeting of the Task Force.

All members agreed that the visit to Etobicoke gave them invaluable assistance in considering what recommendations concerning

Junior Kindergartens be made to Wellington County Board of Education.

Future meetings of the Junior Kindergarten Task Force are planned in the new year.

Dr. Norma Bowen, connected with the University of Guelph, Psychology Department, will be addressing the task force and giving her views on early childhood education. Mrs. Betty Albright, Primary Consultant with the Ministry of Education, Midwestern Region, will be bringing the results of a province wide survey on junior kindergarten to a meeting. Several written briefs have been received from interested groups and parents.

An open public meeting will be held by the Task Force considering the question of Junior Kindergartens for Wellington County at Central School, Guelph, on Wednesday, January 17, 1973, at 7:30 p.m. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

Plan snowshoe hike at Rockwood park

With the start of a new winter series of Grand River Experience Programs residents of the Grand River Valley will have a chance to get into the fresh air with families and enjoy the snow.

The new Experience series, part of the authority's information and education program, will be kicked off at Apps Mill Field Centre, near Brantford, Saturday, Jan. 6, and includes a sunrise snowshoe hike at the Rockwood park.

Because of the popularity of snowshoeing in last year's program, guides and an instructor will be available to visitors who want to try their feet in this rapidly-growing winter sport. A limited number of snowshoes are available on a

first-come, first-served basis. Reservations can be made by calling the authority office.

Cross-country skiers will also be welcomed into the groups of over-the-snow hikers who will travel along trails laid out by the authority for winter recreation.

Future outings will include such activities as sleigh rides, nature appreciation tours and family skating at many of the authority's conservation areas throughout the watershed.

Programs which proved popular last year will be repeated, including a moon-lit walk through Laurel Creek Conservation Area, near Waterloo and the sunrise snowshoe hike at Rockwood Conservation Area.

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Neighbours 0 points, Dunc McPhedran 214, 231, 203 - 683, Elton Garner 178 single, Harvey Bayne 178 single vs. Barley Sandwiches 7 points, Charles Milne 202, 302 singles, Blake Hind 260, 225 singles; Mike Kelly 232, 204 single.

Four Corners 3 points, Ann Parkinson 215 single, Brian Pearl 220 single, Tony Sookman 198 single vs. Trotters 2 points, Ted Jestin 225, 218 singles, Doug Hilton 228, 225 singles, John Thatcher 205 single.

Optimists 2 points - Ward Bruce 198 single, Harold Theaker 157 single, Mabel Wingrove 198 single vs. Gooyers 3 points - Brian Robertson 212, 202 singles, Gerry Hilton 203 single, Clarence Hilton 185 single.

Carney's 3 points - May Swackhammer 214, 213 singles, Bob Lilley 241, 234 singles, Alan Barrett 212 single vs. Guelphites 2 points - Bill Scott 206, 204 singles, Gary Parks 227, 202 singles, Ross Gordon 242 single.

Pacers 3 points - Bob Van Wyeck 174 single, Paul Waddell 226, 208, 253 - 675, Dick Stokman 210 single vs. Junior Farmers 2 points - Tom Cliff 208, 227,

222 - 665, Darlene Hawks 216, 206 single, Harvey Allen 230, 227 single, Norton's 3 points, Vivian Nightingale 210, 248, 204 - 633, Irene LaVoie 208 single, Ron Ritchie 200 single vs. Alley Cats 2 points, Elmer Allen 214 single, Mary Lush 191 single, Ross McPhedran 195 single.

Sirraton's 2 points - Tom McCutcheon 240 single, Garfield Tarrwell 234, 218 singles, Sam Nybolt 228, 241 single vs. Rockets 3 points - Harvey Jestin 213, 341, 220 - 784, Art Davis 220, 228 singles, Martin Dupuis 282 single.

Standings

Guelphites 64, Norton 58, Rockets 57, Trotters 51, Sirraton's 51, Ramblers 49, Four Corners 49, Countrymen 45, Carney's 44, Alley Cats 41, Pacers 41, Barley Sandwiches 42, Junior Farmers 38, Neighbours 37, Gooyers 31, Optimists 29.

Women over 600 - Vivian Nightingale 633, Edna Davis 591, May Swackhammer 580, Ann Parkinson 568, Irene LaVoie 540, Mary Lush 516, Mary Stubbbaum 507, Ivy Ritchie 503.

Men over 600, Harvey Jestin 784, Art Davis 709, Blake Hind 698, Dunc McPhedran 668, Charles Milne 653, Martin Dupuis 651, Sam Nybolt 650, Bob Lilley 613, Mike Kelly 614, Doug Hilton 613, Gary Parks 602, Ted Jestin 601.

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