

Sun-fun for everyone in Acton's summer resorts



WEEKENDS are the busiest times for Smallwood Acres and The Breezes, since both regular campers and weekend swimmers are on hand. These sites are especially popular with city dwellers and as a result many come on an annual basis.



LAST SUNDAY was a beautiful day to get a tan, that is if you're the tanning type. Of course if you were too hot to stay in the sun you could always run into the refreshing water and get cooled off.



READY...AIM...FIRE! although not the heat beating sport, horseshoes is very popular at the Breezes. Ozzie Pickett is an annual camper at the Breezes, enjoying his holidays with other people who like to get out of the city, either for the weekend or for the whole summer.

Prospect Park is not the only place one can go for fun in the sun. Each summer campers, swimmers and individuals from surrounding cities, especially Toronto, come to the "resort town" of Acton to camp and take part in various summer activities.

Two of the most popular spots for these visitors are Smallwood Acres and The Breezes, situated across Fairy Lake from Prospect Park.

Although not the all-encompassing resort area with water skiing, horseback riding and so on, these places satisfy the needs of their customers besides providing an atmosphere of friendliness found in a small community.

Quite a number of campers to these sites have been coming here annually for a number of years and each year old acquaintances are renewed.

Each year new campers arrive also and because of this, extra lots are being added to accommodate these people. For example, this week, Mr. and Mrs. Aalbers, annual campers at Smallwoods, are showing some of the good camping life to their European relatives, who are holidaying in Canada.

Visitors to both parks enjoy boating, swimming, fishing, horseshoes, sunbathing and just plain relaxing, especially on hot lazy summer afternoons.



WITH THAT lonely stance, thinking of the "one that got away" is a young fisherman on the dock at Smallwood Acres. Although the weather was fairly warm for fishing this young man continued with the strength and determination of a professional—at least until dinner time.



THAT FIRST lick of ice cream is always the best! When it's hot outside this is the most popular way to get cool inside, especially at Smallwood Acres where Casey Tower and her family are camping for the summer. They are from Mississauga.



WHAT GOOD is a day at the beach without sandcastles? Barbara Save and Bonnie Lee Duguay beat the heat playing in cool sand.

Board won't budge on school closing

A silent, placard-waving protest by about 30 Norval parents and students failed to convince Halton Board of Education to re-open the Norval School (or even debate it) during Thursday's meeting of the Board in Burlington.

It was the first-ever placard-carrying delegation to visit the board since the regional system was introduced in 1969 in Halton. Trustees were obviously surprised when the families filed silently into the spectator seating area part way through Thursday's meeting, carrying home-made signs bearing slogans such as "Bring my daughter back to Norval", "We're not dead yet" and "This is Canada, not Russia. Dictatorship not welcome here."

But the protest didn't get very far. Delegation spokesman Julian Reed admitted outside later that he didn't think the presence of protesters was going to sway the board, but it was worth trying. Reed told the press in the corridor after the board

meeting that he was satisfied the board now realized the ratepayers of Norval haven't given up yet.

Point made

"We made our point, I'm more optimistic now," he said.

Placards were borne by both adults and children, including some pre-schoolers.

The Norval School closing has been a controversy since 1971 when the board considered phasing out the village school and sending Norval pupils elsewhere. Reed spearheaded the parents' campaign to keep it open but after months of debate the board decided in November of 1973 to close the school in June of this year. Reasons given were the effects of optional attendance, absence of community growth, difficulties of providing a viable program for children with only 43 students spread over four grades, and the prospects of an even smaller enrolment for 1974.

Twenty minutes after the unscheduled delegation arrived at Thursday's board meeting, chairman Bill Priestner veered from the agenda to mention a press release each trustee had received from Halton Renaissance Committee, in which the board was asked to re-open the Norval issue and reconsider the closing of the school.

Move defeated

Priestner said he replied with a letter to the Renaissance secretary, suggesting the matter has been thoroughly discussed for three years and a decision had been made—the matter won't be re-opened unless a trustee asks to have it re-opened. When Priestner asked if any trustees wanted the decision reconsidered, trustee Richard Goodin of Oakville proposed a motion to re-open it. But the motion was defeated.

We'll be back
Reed said the Norval

Ratepayers' Association plans another public meeting "shortly" and promised they would return to the board meeting on Aug. 22 when Halton Renaissance Committee presents a brief.

A few members of the Renaissance Committee sat in on Thursday's demonstration and two stayed for the remainder of the board meeting.

"The board has engineered the closure of Norval School," Reed concluded. "But we still feel our civil rights have been violated and with our new lease on life, we'll attempt to register our children at Norval School this fall."



JULIAN REED, spokesman for the Norval delegates, spoke of "a new lease on life." He spearheaded the unsuccessful campaign to keep Norval School open.

Norval fights on to keep school open

Norval residents plan to continue their fight to reopen Norval school, a small group of ratepayers decided Monday night.

They plan to hold a public meeting August 13 in the school, now stripped of chairs and desks. Lawn chairs, brought by the residents will be the order of seating.

Newer residents will be briefed on the events over the last three years leading to the closing of the school, and the battle fought by the residents in the past.

All ratepayers will be given the chance to voice their opinions and vote on what further action is to be taken. Norval is calling upon residents of the whole community of Halton Hills to throw their support behind them by sending letters or postcards to W. J. Priestner,

chairman of Halton Board of Education at 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington, telling him their views. Letters or cards may also be sent to Box 1, Norval.

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