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OLD ROOTS AND TREE STUMPS make exciting play materials for children at Speyside public school who enjoy the fun of imaginative games and building with what was once the rubble boundary line between the nearby roadway and school playground. Seen building their house are Brian Kramer 8, Ian Paul 8, Tommy Tucker 5, and Lorne Buckrell 5, all district children attending the school.

Root fences provide fun for pupils

"Come on, fellows, let's pull this one over here and put this one on top this time," holler the children as they play together outside at Speyside public school grounds. Passers-by, viewing structures with small figures scrambling over and under to build their own play places, are amazed.

Close inspection would show children from grade one age to the higher public school levels, working industriously creating buildings and improvising new games out of old tree roots and stones which, at one time, were the rubble boundary fence between a nearby roadway and the school playground.

Idea of using the unique playing materials was initiated by the students themselves. They approached school principal Norm Howell a year ago, and asked permission to make things out of the old roots.

Principal Howell, who himself enjoys an aptitude for creating, could see value in the experience and gave his pupils the go-ahead. Since that time principal and teachers have seen various shapes, sizes and effects being formed, broken down, rebuilt and replaced by other structures just as ingenious as the one before.

are social aspects to using the unique play equipment. Mr. Howell sees it as a total play experience where children are utilizing unmanufactured materials to provide their own fun as opposed to expensive equipment usually installed on playgrounds.

"They have to use their own imaginations," he explained. The principal feels that, with so much of such materials to be found around the countryside it could be similarly placed on other grounds at a great saving in cost, but providing more mental exercise and fun for the children.

Besides the delight of creating, the youngsters also find stimulating social learning. Leaders are produced as they engineer the buildings; give-and-take opportunities provide lessons in cooperative effort. The children also learn tenacity, knowing if they don't keep at their particular structure, it will not be finished.

Not for all At Speyside, not all children get involved in the particular type of play. Some work at it for a while and move on to something else. Older boys play soccer and football but at least 40 to 50 children, every recess and noon-hour, are to be seen heading for the play area as soon as the school bell rings.

Concern of school authorities is that some well-meaning people will decide the masses of sticks and stones are an eye-sore on the school playground and authorize removal. Hope is they will first investigate the advantages, taking time to drop in while youngsters are at play on the amazing hand-built contraptions, and hear

the excited and enthusiastic chattering of the young builders. Mr. Howell hopes they will understand what it means to any youngster to have the opportunity to group-build at an early age.

As well as assisting with the numerous root forts and mini-caves, the girls at the school have made their special contributions. Along the ground, stones have been meticulously placed, outlining houses with room divisions made by rows of other stones.

"Creativity at its best," says Principal Howell, and the children bury back and forth happily lugging rocks and roots in an effort to get their newest structure completed before next bell.

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Church Services

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Churchill Road North
Minister: The Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, B.A., B.D.
124 Tides Avenue
Phone 853-2386
Sunday, Sept. 29, 1974
11 a.m.—Morning Worship and Church School.
Sermon Subject "The survival of the Church."
Fellowship Wed. 7:30 p.m.—Midweek Services
Thought—Peace rules the day when Christ rules the mind.
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Rev. S.M. Thoman, Pastor
853-2715
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10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening, Evangelistic Service.
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UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA TRINITY CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. W. Eric Nelson, M.A., B.D.—Minister
Dr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph. D.
Director of Music
Sunday, Sept. 29, 1974
10:00 a.m.—Sacrament of Baptism.
Sermon "The Hardest Person to Forgive—Myself."
Sunday School will commence this Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.—Minister
Mr. E.A. Hansen, B.A.
Organist and Choir Master
Sunday, Sept. 29, 1974
11 a.m.—Church School for Beginners, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8.
11 a.m.—Divine Worship.
Sermon Theme: "When Success Becomes Unbearable." Nursery for babies and toddlers during service.
Everyone Most Welcome.
Fall Communion on Sunday, October 20.

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
(Churchill Rd. and Hwy. 7)
Minister: Rev. J. Corvers
Sunday, Sept. 29, 1974
Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Pre-school Sunday School during the morning service, Sunday School during the afternoon service.
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Sunday, Sept. 29, 1974
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m.—Church School & Nursery
10:30 a.m.—Sung Eucharist

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Pastor: Mr. Dax Sydney B. Sc.
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THURSDAY
7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice
Sunday, Sept. 29, 1974
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School and Adult Class
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
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Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kingsmill and family were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Drysdale and Mr. and Mrs. Harry James of Chaplin Saskatchewan; Mrs. William James of Montiel, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Degazio and Celisa; Mr. and Mrs. Ken James and Mrs. William Haemerl and Michele all of Sault Ste. Marie. Mrs. Helen Maseles and Mrs. Leona Fathers of Royal Oak, Michigan and Mr. Fred Kingsmill of Oakville. The special occasion was Mr. Kingsmill's 90th birthday.

Seen fair days: Mr. and Mrs. Ken Adamson, Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rumsley, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. H. Floto, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Clare Burns, Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Casburn, and family, London; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Slipper, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Papillon and family, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Farkhas and baby Clint of Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGeachie of Milton; Corp. and Mrs. Roy Wood of Brampton.
Cousins Mr. and Mrs. Pete McNabb of Nassau in the Bahamas and Mr. and Mrs. Cam McNab of Toronto came up to the fair and visited friends here. Former Actonian Cam McNab is now chairman of the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority, in charge of public transportation services in the province.
Harold and Carol Smith, and daughter Lesley of Toronto, spent the fair day and overnight with his mother, Mrs. Anna Smith and Wanetta.
Mrs. Ed. Gowland and daughter Brenda of Brampton visited the fair and Mrs. Anna Smith.
Mrs. George Day of Rockwood attended the fair and visited her aunt Mrs. Anna Smith.
Mrs. Mary Storey expected there would be an old boys' and girls' reunion arranged for Acton centennial. There wasn't but she arranged her own, and invited school friends of Acton public and high school in the 30's back for the fair. Having a marvellous time together on the weekend were the Storeys, Mary and Max; Helen and Harry Otterbein of Acton; Frances (Rawlings) and Ted (Cargo, Rockwood; Kay (Chapman) and Bob Pfaff, Ottawa; Margaret (Smith) and husband Fred Long, Petrolia and Urien (Thompson) Lloyd, Campbellford. Mrs. Lloyd left Acton in 1933 and has seldom been back since. Her father was the butter maker here. The Longs met here, and he was manager of Stedmans then.

With the Dills: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown; Miss Bertha Brown; Miss Elsie Stewart; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brown, Nancy and Carolyn; Mr. Frank Browning; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hannay, Michelle, Michael and Mark; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sinclair; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomson, Jane, Margot and Tom; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stewart; Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, all of Toronto area; Mrs. Clare Prosser and Henther, St. Thomas; M. and Mrs. Bill Sinclair Jr., Wendy and Nancy, Bradford.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan and Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Elliott attended the 100th annual session of the Supreme Council 33rd degree A.F. and A.M. at Ottawa. The first meeting was also at Ottawa, a century ago.

Mrs. Clarence Rognavaldson is home again after spending three weeks at Elliott Lake, where daughter Janet, son-in-law Rob and granddaughter Michelle, three, have welcomed a new baby to the family, Jennifer Jane.
Visitors at the home of Mrs. George Fryer on the weekend were Mrs. Irene McLeod and son Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. William McLeod, all of Scarborough and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fryer, Clint and Cal from Guelph. Winnie Knorr and Betty Reinders of Erin, are back after visiting in Holland for three and a half weeks.
Mrs. Phillip Drysdale of Sidney, B.C. recently visited relatives and friends in Acton and area.

3,718 enrol at Sheridan
Sheridan College has 3,718 students registered in 67 full-time programs at the five daytime campuses—Oakville, Brampton, Lorne Park, Credit Valley and Milton.
Enrolment is up 289 students from last year at this same time, resulting in a significant increase of more than eight per cent, reports Dean and Registrar John Bromley. Late registrants are still being accepted on an individual basis for certain daytime programs. College officials expect a 9-10 per cent increase when all applications are finally in.

Of the 3,718 full-time total, there are 2,534 students at Oakville Campus; 650 at Brampton Campus; 186 at Lorne Park Campus (School of Design); 33 at Milton Heavy Equipment School and 315 at Credit Valley Campus (School of Nursing). First year students account for 2,355.
Part time
Another 215 students are enrolled in a variety of college programs on a part-time basis.
Dean Bromley told the Sheridan Board of Governors that registration is up in most divisions of the college with one of the largest growth developments experienced in the School of Applied and Liberal Studies where enrolment climbed 17 per cent over 1973.
Also very popular this year are technology in Brampton and business at both the Oakville and Brampton campuses.

Seven to seminar
An appeal by Burlington Mayor George Harrington about the Regional Planning Committee sending seven people to a planning seminar in Oshawa backfired.
Harrington was asking if it was really necessary for four politicians and three staff members to attend.
Burlington Councillor Jack Rafitis suggested if the conference was of any value, he'd rather see seven go and benefit than send one person to Los Angeles and blow \$900. (Harrington returned recently from a trip to Los Angeles, on town business.)

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Liturgy an interest of Father James Smye

Father James Smye One of the town's newest citizens took up residence last Wednesday at the parish house of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on John St. After one week Father James Smye is almost settled in his new home and already has met members of his own parish as well as others.
Born and raised in the district of Hamilton, Father Smye is delighted at the prospect of living in Acton. He said it is the smallest community in which he has lived and that people have asked several times how he likes living in a small town. "But I don't consider Acton a small town," he said and added that, to him a small town would be a rural community with only a few people. "But in Acton from what I see, there is a mixture of many types of people with varied interests." He added he has found it absolutely

delightful with everyone so friendly.
Education
Born in Hamilton in 1930, Father Smye was educated at Cathedral High School, took one year at Hamilton Teachers Normal School, went on to St. Michael's College, Uof T, and then to St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. He was ordained in 1960 at Cathedral of Christ the King in Hamilton where he stayed to serve for seven years. "These were followed by four years at St. John's in Burlington and now here," happily he said, summarizing his short career.
Father Smye met many of his parishioners last Sunday when he said his first Sunday morning Mass. Interested in liturgy he said he hopes to continue development of the liturgy in his new parish. Parish visiting is also something to which he looks

forward. "I enjoy parish visiting and meeting people," he said.
Until the present time Father Smye has been involved in organizing his home, getting furniture and other items arranged.
Speaking of his new charge he says he is interested in the overall functioning of the parish as a whole. "I do not have one particular interest," he said, "but rather that of all people and groups." As yet he has not had time to investigate activities at St. Joseph's.
"One of the things I was most pleased to see," he said, "was that, when the church was renovated, the congregation retained some of the elements of its original furnishings." Father Smye sees the importance of holding on to past traditions as a means of strengthening foundations of the church for the future.

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