

# Honey Pot nursery learning experience



WEARING PROTECTIVE covering so he doesn't get paint on him as he makes his masterpiece is David Craig of Honey Pot Nursery school.

Entering Honey Pot Nursery school is like entering another world. It is here that the two teachers somehow manage to combine play and learning, and make both an enjoyable experience for the children.

Next month will mark the end of the third year of the nursery school. In September, the doors will open once again to children ages three and four, and provide them with games and lessons designed to develop their minds as well as their muscles.

The school was opened

three years ago as a joint venture by Gail Vukovich, Lorene Barton, Judy Paterson, Marilyn Hutchison and Diane Wilson. All the women had young children of their own at the time and felt that the area was in desperate need of such a day-care, nursery school facility. All of them had also been school teachers. This winter, the five women decided to sell their school. However, there has recently been a change of plans, and the school will be open for business as usual in September, under the same management.

The school is situated in the

basement of the Glenlea Drug Mart. The women, with the help of their husbands, fixed up the area, painted the walls, laid rug, and acquired many toys for the girls and boys. Since their opening, parents of students have also contributed toys to the cause.

**Typical day**  
A typical day begins at 9 a.m. For 45 minutes the youngsters do large muscle activity. This mainly involves games such as the hula hoop, to develop co-ordination, and other games.

On a cue from teacher Linda Lindberg, the children tidy up whatever mess they have made while playing. This is scheduled to take ten minutes. For the next 20 minutes, Mrs. Lindberg and the children form a circle where they sing songs, read stories, do finger plays and have general discussions. Small muscle activity follows, with the children doing various arts and crafts for the next 45 minutes with teacher Gail Withers. The two women co-ordinate the projects so that what Mrs. Lindberg is telling them about in circle, the children can follow it up with drawings, cut-outs, etc.

During this small muscle activity, each child takes his or her turn at the snack table. This is run in a very orderly fashion, with the youngsters waiting their turn, cleaning up whatever spills occur, and sharing with the other children. They even pour their own drinks.

At 11 a.m. there is another clean up period when all scraps, paints, crayons, scissors etc., are tidied up. The next 15 to 20 minutes are spent in a circle until dismissal.

There are two groups of children. One is in class on the mornings of Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The other group is present the mornings of Tuesday and Thursday.

The school is also a place for the children to advance at their own speeds. Each child starts out working with play-dough, then works their way up to plasticene, then ad-

vances to modelling clay. According to Miss Withers, each advancement is harder to work with, thus building up the child's muscles and skills.

The youngsters also enjoy cooking and have made Jello, pudding, apple sauce and a wide variety of other goodies. They have had special guests visit them, the most recent being on Monday when Judy Woodburn brought in four chick eggs which were about to hatch. The children were able to watch the tiny chicks make their debut into the world.

Trips are also arranged for the youngsters. They have visited Chudleigh's apple farm, the fire hall, Mountsberg Maple Syrup festival, etc.

The two teachers are well qualified for their jobs. Mrs. Lindberg is the supervisor, and has her Master's degree in Early Childhood Educa-

tion. Miss Withers is the assistant supervisor and teaches crafts only. She is working on her Bachelor of Arts and has a public school teaching certificate.

Not only do the two do their job well, they also know how, and when to comfort a tear or two. After a hug and few kind words, the victim is sent on his or her way, forgetting about whatever made them cry in the first place.

**Graduation**  
Graduation will be coming up shortly. Some of the boys and girls will be leaving for bigger and better things—kindergarten. Others will be returning next year. They will be prepared to help next year's newcomers.

Lorene Barton proudly said that kindergarten teachers can notice a difference in youngsters at school who have attended the nursery. Some of the teachers, she says, have recommended the

nursery to mothers. Leaving Honey Pot Nursery and entering the real world once again is a real blow.

A truck barrels down the highway, a horn sounds on a side street, cash register bells

rings, children are hustling to school, and adults to work. Everyone is in a hurry. No one thinks about the nursery in the basement, where time is suspended, and the only noise is that of youngsters having fun.



JIMMY LINSTEAD and Jason Bludd watch patiently as a small chick hatches itself from its egg shell at Honey Pot Nursery school on Monday. Judy Woodburn brought in four eggs which were on the verge of hatching, put them in an empty aquarium, shone a hot light on them and hoped for the best.



HONEY POT NURSERY school children gathered around some chicken eggs on Monday and waited for them to hatch. Mrs. Judy Woodburn brought the eggs in to the school.



DAWN WILKINSON enjoys coloring at Honey Pot Nursery school every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning.



LORI BEATON takes her turn at the snack table at Honey Pot Nursery school. The children even pour their own drinks.

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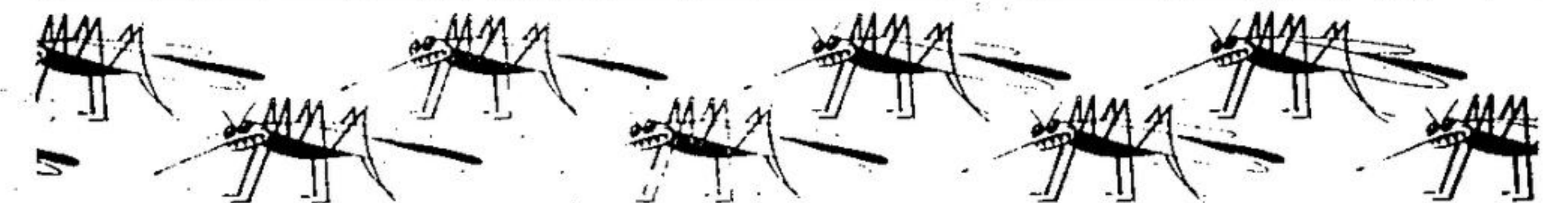
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### How to stop them from biting.

Mosquitoes are most active in the evening and in wooded areas. It is only common sense to reduce mosquito bites by keeping out of their way as much as possible.

- Repair holes in your screens and make sure they fit tightly.
- Mow your weeds and grass frequently, trim hedges and remove all unnecessary vegetation, which protects adult mosquitoes from sun and wind.
- Provide netting for the protection of babies and young children.
- Close the damper on your fireplace when it's not in use.
- Wear loose protective clothing with long sleeves where mosquitoes are abundant.
- Lighter coloured clothing attracts fewer mosquitoes than dark clothing.

Many efficient insect repellents are available, but always read the label and follow instructions.

### How to stop them from breeding.

Mosquitoes usually develop in still water so the best way to eliminate them is to do away with still-water breeding sites, wherever they exist. You can do your share.

- Eliminate all standing water around your home.
- Fill in low areas to prevent water gathering.
- Make sure drainage ditches and gutters aren't clogged with trash.
- Clean blocked drainpipes and drain water from flat roofs.
- Dispose of empty cans and old tires, and up-end buckets and other containers left outdoors.
- Change water in wading pools, ponds and bird baths every few days.
- Keep your swimming pool properly chlorinated and filtered.

Insecticides and pesticides should be used carefully. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

In 1975, a type of encephalitis spread by certain mosquitoes occurred in Ontario for the first time. There were about 70 cases, mostly in Southwestern Ontario.

Weather conditions were better last summer. And the Ontario Ministries of Environment and Health worked with municipalities and the public to combat mosquitoes where they bite and where they breed.

Only four cases of encephalitis were reported last summer. We were lucky. But we were also prepared. We will be prepared again this summer.

Most mosquito bites will be simply a nuisance. If, however, symptoms of encephalitis occur, such as drowsiness, loss of appetite, fever, headache, nausea and vomiting, consult your family doctor.

A free pamphlet on mosquito control is available on request from your local health unit or any office of the Ministry of the Environment.



Hon. George A. Kerr, Q.C.,  
Minister of the Environment  
Hon. Dennis R. Timbrell,  
Minister of Health

### CVCA areas open May 20

All Conservation areas under the jurisdiction of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority will open May 20. The areas, Meadowvale, Terra Cotta, Belfountain, Monora, and the Orangeville Reservoir will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 11.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends with the exception of Orangeville Reservoir. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on weekdays.

Terra Cotta is a 490 acre park just east of Georgetown on the edge of the Niagara Escarpment. It contains three camping areas, a one-acre pool and several miles of forested hiking trails join the Bruce Trail in the area.

Belfountain is a scenic 30-acre park located in the gorge of the West Credit River near the Forks of the Credit. It contains a boardwalk around the pond, suspension bridge over the falls and a lookout for photographers.

Ferocious weather for Mother's Day—cold, snow and high winds.

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