

Camping, Fishing, Swimming Draw Large Crowds to Terra Cotta Park

A small beginning in the Terra Cotta Conservation Area has tripled its size, and attracted visitors from all over Ontario and the United States.

Twelve years ago, the Credit Valley Authority bought the 100 acres from Leo Wolf, who in turn, had bought out former owner J. Clancy the original operator of the Terra Cotta playground. Since then 225 acres have been added bringing it to its present size of 325 acres. It now extends over part of the old Thompson farm, back into the bush, as far as part of the Bruce Trail, and the escapement.

Two large fishing lakes stocked annually, and a 100 site camping area, are encompassed

in the site, which also covers the better known swimming and picnic area.

A few years ago the camping area was started with only 15 sites, and now it is not uncommon to have the sites fully occupied. Wells and pumps have been established in the camping area with flush toilets and showers are planned for the near future.

On a blistering Sunday, last summer, a record attendance of 5,000 kept the twelve lifeguards and an equal number of workmen busy till sunset. This area, and all the other conservation areas in the CVCA are under the supervision of general superintendent Norm McMann.

He is responsible to the 18 man board which operates the

Authority. Each municipality in the watershed is represented since each municipality contributes to the upkeep.

The province's other contributor, has two appointed members on the board.

Chairman of the Board is Roy McMillan, and vice chairman Robert Parker, a provincial appointee, the other provincial member is B. C. Smith. The board consists of W. F. Hunter and Alex Blackwell, Georgetown, Tom Hill, Esq. from John Burkus, Oakville, Lou Parsons and Grant Clarkson Mississauga, Richard Martin and Jack Bailey Streetsville, Jack Pawley, Brampton, Howard Stewart, Chingacousy, Emil Holm, Caledon, Harold Darragh, Orangeville, Eric White, Mono Township

Jack Creighton, Acton, Bill Wheeler, Erin village and Henry Wheeler, Erin Township.

IN THE MAIL BAG

New Association Provides Help for One in Five

30 Joyceelyn Cres.

Dear Mr. Editor:

"One child in five has a learning difficulty." Fortunately, for Georgetown there were people well aware of this fact. Two years ago, a local chapter of the Association for Children with Learning Difficulties was formed to attempt to find ways to assist the child to learn.

What has been achieved? Learning disabilities have been included as a required course of study at two major medical colleges; namely, the University of Toronto and the University of Western Ontario. Children with learning disabilities have been included under the new children's mental health bill No. 138. Classes for children with perceptual problems have been formed locally and increased throughout the county.

What is being achieved? A pamphlet dealing with children's learning difficulties will be placed in your local doctors' offices by the Department of Health. New and upgraded services will be provided in the 8 provincial diagnostic centres. A medical conference, sponsored by the Department of Health and the association for children with learning disabilities, is being planned now for the fall of 1971.

What will be achieved in the future? Provincially: The department of Family and Social Planning; Unions and the department of Labour (apprenticeship); Public and Separate School Boards will be approached with concrete suggestions for helping children help themselves. Federally: The Department of Labour, Health and Manpower will be contacted to make them aware of ways in which they can assist.

Where can you help? Locally: The people of Georgetown must give leadership. It may be one of their children that needs help. So, when you see the pretty girls wearing hats with yellow and black bands, giving away yellow roses — think of the ways you can help.

Sincerely
R. E. Morrow, President
Georgetown A.C.L.D.

WORDS OF THE WISE

Husband, wife and children form the world's greatest team. Whether that team wins or loses depends largely upon whether husband and wife practise human love.

— (Rhoda Lachar)

Georgetown Man Instructor in Animation at Sheridan

Walt Disney would have been impressed.

Elementary school children are learning animation skills this summer through courses offered by Sheridan College.

Dave Cox, 34, of Georgetown, one of the instructors for the course, believes it is best to teach the subject to the young.

"Kids have fantastic imaginations. It is just a matter of teaching them the technical aspects. Kids minds are not cluttered up by a lot of facts.

TWO-WEEK COURSE

Cox and John Sherbino, 21, of Oakville, offered the subject as part of an art course for Halton and Peel youngsters which began July 6th. The course lasts two weeks, and will be conducted for a second group of students.

The children, 30 in all, are 11 and 14.

In an experimental program for the Bramalea Recreational Department, Sherbino and Cox attempted to incorporate animation in a fine arts program for children 8 to 12 years old. They found, however, that the attention span in this age group was not long enough to make the course effective. Similar programs were conducted in area public schools.

FASCINATED

One of the things that they discovered was "the work youngsters turn out is intriguing."

The Bramalea group, Cox said, was motivated through use of video tape. The children were fascinated when they saw their work on film, he said.

Some of the students did not understand the movement concept in animation and their work became just a sequence of drawings, Cox said. However, few recognized how the drawings made simple sketches move. One eight year old girl had an exceptional product of a cat licking its paw, he added.

DEPENDS

The age at which a youngster can be taught animation concepts depends on individual maturity, Cox said.

Some public schools, he said, are considering incorporating animation in their art programs next year. One school in Georgetown is planning to use animation for illustrations in the science course, he said.

Animation has sparked interest among teaching groups and this summer Cox and Sherbino will cooperate with Ontario College of Education instructors in establishing a course in multi-media, including animation, for high school teachers. A similar course will be conducted for elementary school teachers.

FIRST FOR SCHOOL

Sheridan College was the first school in eastern Canada to offer a course in animation. Now

freshments, there are contests and prizes, including a guessing contest for the number of golf balls contained in an Austin Mini 1000. Customers this week who guess the amount of gas put into their tank will receive their fill-up free.

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Mark Vanderveen go after some of the trout in one of the stocked ponds at Terra Cotta Conservation Area.



Terra Cotta Conservation Area has developed a camping area comparable to a provincial park. This family hauled their house trailer all the way from Ypsilanti, Michigan.



Mac usually does the cooking at TCCA, always a popular picnic spot.

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