

# Park School Opens Its Doors To Moms And Dads And Chipmunks

BY G. A. SMITH  
HERALD STAFF

Park Public School in Georgetown opened its doors last week to moms, dads and chipmunks.

Why not - even rodents have to learn. And what better way, specially when you're a despondent mother with a young, growing family needing lots of care.

Mr. Munk is long gone, somewhere in the neighborhood of Limehouse, so the Mrs. had to come up with some pretty fast thinking to keep her kids in tow. So far, she's managed to completely take over one of Park's classrooms, no mean trick for a three-inch high country varmint.

Mrs. Munk first came to Park two weeks ago, compliments of Ron Girardi, 11, of 8 Raylawn Cres. Using an ingenious, well-thought out plan, Ron captured her to bring to his science class.

"I caught her out in Limehouse," he explained. "I set up a box with a stick to keep it up, and tied a piece of string to the stick. Then I put some food under the box and waited." "When the chipmunk came to get the food, I pulled the string and the box fell down over her."

Next thing she knew, she was in a cage somewhere on the other side of town. Trapped - but not for long.

Mrs. Munk, you see, knew a few things that nobody else knew. For one thing, she knew she was a she while everyone else didn't know whether to call her a he, she, or it. And, to complicate matters, she was about to become a mother and had no desire to bring up her brood within the confines of a cage.

So, she pulled her next trick out of the hat - the old Houdini "now you've caught me now you haven't" impossible escape routine.

School principal, Peter Oprica, explained: "We put the chipmunk in the cage so the children could observe her. We left it over night and the next day came

back to let the chipmunk loose."

Lo and behold it, had become a young family. She managed to not only move around the books to her satisfaction, she also transported the pile of straw 40 feet to the back of the room, lifted it three feet up to the shelf through a maze of desks that were piled there, and deposited it in back of her new hiding place.

And she did all this without dropping one piece of straw. Next she transported her family one by one to her new home and snugly settled in.

It's impossible to say how many trips she made, nor how long it took her. It's obvious, however, that Mrs. Munk knew what she wanted and didn't stop until she got it.

Right now the room she's in is kept locked so nobody bothers her. When the babies are old

## MRS. CHIPMUNK SETTLES DOWN IN SCHOOL

a new house more conducive to the proper upbringing of a new family. She managed to not only move around the books to her satisfaction, she also transported the pile of straw 40 feet to the back of the room, lifted it three feet up to the shelf through a maze of desks that were piled there, and deposited it in back of her new hiding place.

## Students Defence For High School

By Larry Broadfield

Last Tuesday evening, Halton Renaissance Committee held a Citizen's Forum Meeting in the High School Cafeteria on the subject of education, especially secondary education.

Of the many things I observed, one thing especially disturbed me. This was that the students were told not to speak of the school system, in which we are enrolled, because it was a meeting being held for the sake of the parents.

Although we were pacified, by the offer of Ken Campbell to attend a banquet session for the senior students, it does not omit the fact that he did not accept the fact that many students are morally responsible for the students are also emotionally mature, at least as mature as an 18 or 20 year old man or woman who is on the labor market, and considered an adult.

Why should the students not be allowed to speak in the presence of the concerned parents? I would think that any parent who is truly concerned about today's Georgetown High is reputedly a

decent school, why should we be put through the scourging for moral decency which other schools may deserve, but we definitely do not deserve? Why should we be made an example for other schools and other Boards of Education?

I would think that, rather than make an example by sharp criticism of the decay of

enough to move, they'll be put in a big cage until they can be safely let go.

Meanwhile, the students at Park Public may have lost a room, but they've won a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to observe Mother Nature doing her job.

And, the Munk family has a once-in-a-lifetime chance to get some top-notch schooling and see how the "other half" lives.

morals in a morally decent school, it would be better to point to our school and say what is good and decent about it as you have, rather than loathe an example to other schools in what you don't have.



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## ONTARIO OUTDOORS

### Heavy Stocking Assists Anglers

BY BOB OLLIVIER

I thought it better not to include local stocking in last week's column due to heavy concentration. I felt it would be better for the fish to establish themselves. These trout were stocked by the Ministry of Natural Resources through the Terra Cotta Conservation Authority.

Terra Cotta Conservation Area ... Opening at 6 a.m. to accommodate fishermen, rainbow trout and brook trout.

I am glad to see the replacement of brook (speckled) trout in these ponds.

Before the stocking of rainbow trout here, there was a good fishery for brook trout. I have caught speck weighing four pounds and had one lost by the careless handling of the net by a spectator, that would have gone six pounds.

In the earlier part of 1973 season, however, Dan Carney and I caught several rainbows in the three - four pound class.

The trouble with these fish is that they are so readily taken. Terry Christie, Dave Howitt and I each caught and released 20 to 24 rainbows in two hours in the large pond.

Credit River at Belfountain. Brook trout were stocked prior to the season opening. Too bad these were not rainbow trout, but trout are trout and at least the ministry is stocking.

Orangeville reservoir. This area is open but you have to walk in. Boats are okay but no motors. A canoe is good here. Rainbow trout have been taken out of Orangeville.

Rivers and stream fishing has been excellent because water levels have held steady and no significant amount of rain has fallen. Of course, ponds and lakes have not had the influx of muddy water so prevalent this time of year, so they are in exceptional shape.

That is in terms of clarity, temperature, depth, and oxygen content.

I just received a call from Jim McDonald, Ontario Street, in Georgetown. Jim was asking about the Severn River, and this reminded me that everyone is not going out for trout.

Of course, the walleye fishing is still good and will be for a while yet. Remember, though, the season is only open in the bays until the general opening on May 11.

Unfortunately, I have just been notified my deadline for this column is Friday noon, instead of Monday morning as it was prior to this notice. This could mean some delay in getting news out to you folk, but we will do our best.

Thanks to those who have taken time out to comment on this column.

It helps to know that someone is reading and is anxious for The Herald to come out each week.

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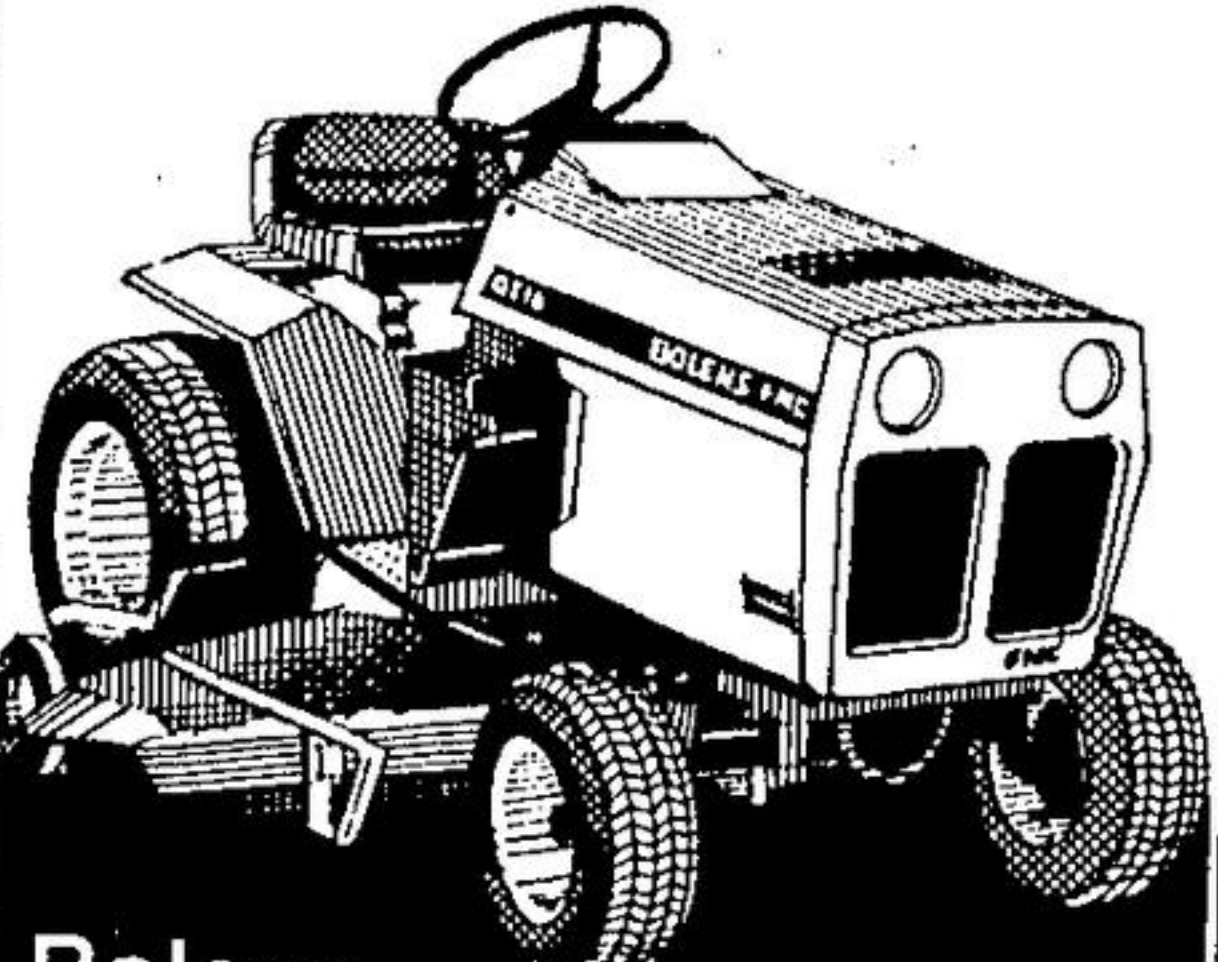


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