

Summer fun!



PAPER DOLLS. Children at the Divertissement Pour Enfants display one of the many crafts involved in the summer playground programs for French children in Georgetown.

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BUSY AT WORK. Arts and crafts are one of the main events emphasized at the Divertissement Pour Enfants summer program.

The program is held at the Sacre-Coeur Church hall.



GLEN'S FACELIFT. Steve Mitchell, a fourth year University of Toronto student in charge of the restoration of the Glen Williams community hall, busily works to get the structure completed in time.

Glen hall getting all spruced up

At first glance it could be considered a disaster area. But looks are deceiving in this case, for the Glen Williams Community Hall is actually undergoing a tremendous facelift.

Steve Mitchell, from Toronto, a previous resident of Glen Williams, is in charge of the reconstruction of the hall. A grant under the federal government's Opportunities for Youth program totalling \$4,830 is making his project feasible. Out of the 20 or so applications five students were hired to do the work necessary in order to restore the hall to useable condition. Ken Heaton, Bev Smith, Stan Hancock, James Taylor and Brenda Davison were those hired.

An extension which was built onto the front of the building years ago has already been removed, the inside partially stripped. The project indeed is well underway.

Steve, a fourth year architectural student at the University of Toronto applied for the position as supervisor and was chosen.

Steve explained that the monies obtained from the grant cover only the wages. Money which has been voluntarily raised and which is still yet to be raised goes towards the materials needed.

An auction sale held in the Glen in the spring gave the project a great headstart by raising some \$1,600. Sheridan Nurseries donated 100 bushes, which were sold, making another \$500 and residents of the Glen have made private donations. However, Steve plans on carrying through a number of other fund-raising events for the materials still required.

The hall, which was built in 1970, should have its face completely lifted by September. Steve plans on removing the floor so that holding tanks for washrooms and kitchen facilities can be installed.

A mezzanine will be built over the kitchen and

washrooms and a library is planned to be housed in a section of the building.

Once the hall is completed it will be used as a community hall, open for meetings and any other events the residents of the Glen wish to hold in the building. Steve anticipates a possible day-care centre to be set up in the hall, but this is only a possible future plan.

participation from the Glen residents. "Everyone has been so helpful. Kids will come over and offer help. I never thought it would turn out to be such a big thing."

At present the hall doesn't look like much, but, with the ambition and hard work everyone is supplying, by September it will once again serve as a thriving centre of activity for Glen Williams.

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CAPS '75 means fun, learning

Just in its second week, CAPS '75 is already proving to be as successful as last summer. CAPS '75 (Creative Activities for Pre-schoolers) sponsored by a federal OFY grant, is being held at Knox Presbyterian Church under the direction of Brenda and Kevin Fisher of Georgetown.

Under the Opportunities for Youth Program, CAPS '75 was given a total of \$5,500 which covers the wages of the students employed. Brenda explained that the \$1 registration fee which is charged per week covers the cost of the materials and equipment needed.

Registration is on a weekly basis and any child between the ages of three and five years old can enroll. However, Brenda explained that enrollment has been so successful that a number of weeks have already been filled. A child attends the program either in the morning or in the afternoon for it is a half-day affair. The half-a-day schedule was set up because often the pre-schoolers tend to be satisfied with staying for only the morning or the afternoon. This also allows more children to partake in the program.

It is a well organized project with Brenda and Kevin

supervising the project for the second year. Marie Bolesonneault, Carolyn Bird, Karen Herrington and David Clark have been hired as instructors. Their hands are indeed full with last week's enrollment totalling about 45 children and this week about 65 children.

The well-qualified and enthusiastic students plan a busy and active program for the children.

As a group, games are played and songs are sung. Later the children are divided into small groups so that more individualized attention can be paid. One group might colour, play outdoors, have a music session, learn all about nature or do one of the many activities the students make available.

Brenda stated that if enrollment continues as well as it has up to now CAPS '75 will be as successful as the previous year.

However, registration is limited and some weeks are already completely booked up. If anyone is interested in enrolling their pre-schooler in the program Brenda or Kevin Fisher should be contacted at 877-3930.

Not only does CAPS '75 give pre-schoolers the opportunity to participate in crafts and games but it also enables them to meet new friends.

Week's Parks Schedule

Week of July 7 to July 11
CENTENNIAL

Theme is Nature Week.
Hike Friday afternoon, time - 1 to 3:30.
Safety Officer Keith Woods arriving at 9:30 on Wednesday morning and again at 9:30 on Friday morning.
GEORGE KENNEDY

Theme is Australian Christmas.
Tuesday afternoon is a Scavenger Hunt where the children go from door to door to collect various creative supplies.
Christmas party on Friday afternoon. Arrival of Santa Claus who will participate in games as well as hand out "gifts" the children have made in creative that week.
Safety Officer Keith Woods arriving at 1 on Tuesday afternoon, and again at 1 on Thursday afternoon.
GLEN WILLIAMS

Theme is Dinosaurs.
Monday afternoon they will hold a Dinosaur egg hunt.
Friday afternoon there will be a Dinosaur hunt.
HARRISON

There will be a hike to Cedarvale Park on Wednesday at 11 a.m.
Children will bring their lunches with them.
Theme is Nature Week.
Scavenger Hunt will take place Thursday morning at 10 a.m.
Safety Officer Keith Woods will visit the school at 11 a.m. Wednesday morning, and again at 1 on Friday afternoon.
JOSEPH GIBBONS

The theme here is Sports and Game Week.
On Wednesday afternoon there will be a Scavenger Hunt from 1 to 2.
On Friday there will be a Track and Field Day. A rotation method will be used to move the children from one event to another.
Children will participate in a total of ten events.
Safety Officer Keith Woods will visit the school at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning and again on Wednesday afternoon at 1.
PARK SCHOOL

Theme is Nature and Sports Week.
On Tuesday morning there will be a Scavenger Hunt at 10 a.m.
On Wednesday morning there will be a "sniff" hike from 9:30 to 10:30.
Safety Officer Keith Woods will visit the school, first at 11 on Tuesday morning then again at 9:30 on Thursday morning.
PINEVIEW

Theme is Wild West.
On Wednesday morning there will be a Scavenger Hunt.
On Wednesday afternoon there will be a film show presented by the leaders.
On Friday afternoon the children will present a Calvary, using the creative props which they have made during the week.

In its third year, Divertissement Pour Enfants, a summer playground program for French children in Georgetown, is proving to be as successful as its two previous years of operation. Marguerite Chasson, head instructor of the program, explained that there has been an average of 25 to 30 children attending each day. However, she also stated that this is a drop from the previous years.

The grant which was awarded this year to Divertissement Pour Enfants from the Opportunities for Youth program, totalled \$7,530 which is a smaller sum of money than previously awarded. This year the monies obtained do not lend themselves to cover bus transportation. For this reason Marguerite feels that the attendance has dropped.

"Many children relied on the buses. Now we have a taxi that takes a run to the St. Francis of Assisi School and a second run to the 15th Sideroad. However, the taxi is unable to carry the load which the bus system did," explained Marguerite.

The children arrive at the Sacre-Coeur Church hall at about 10 a.m. and spend the day doing arts, crafts and participating in a number of sporting activities.

Arts and crafts include such things as paper mache, macrame, and working with clay molds etc.

Marguerite emphasized that sports is one of the main centres of activities. Such games as baseball, football, floor hockey and "any type of sport you can think of", are all enjoyed by the children.

One special event per week is planned which includes treasure hunts, barbecues, field days, etc.

Head instructors for the Divertissement Pour Enfants are Marguerite, Armand and Rene Chasson. The other instructors are Angela Martineau, Pauline Casey, Helene Perron and Lise Presseault.

The excellently planned program gives the children a chance to meet new children, play with their new friends and share the experience of learning with their new acquaintances.

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