



CHRISTMAS IN JULY. Six-year-old Maria Penny was first onto the lap of Santa Claus at M.Z. Bennett school Friday when Santa paid a surprise visit.

Aggressive playground program for children

If your child comes home from the playground today and tells you he found a dragon egg, won an Olympic event, or saw Santa Claus, believe him.

Recreation department summer playground directors Marty Walker and Rick Roher planned ahead to make every day an adventure for the five to 12-year-olds registered in the program.

Nature hikes, pet shows, treasure hunts, talent shows, sports events and craft classes are a few of the activities keeping hundreds of Halton Hills children busy rather than bored during the long summer vacation.

Regular six week programs, held at Prospect Park in Acton, Ballinacra, Limehouse, Speyside, Pineview, M.Z. Bennett, Joseph Gibbons, Park, Harrison, Centennial, Norval, Glen Williams and George Kennedy Public Schools, are free.

A charge of \$3 to cover expenses was paid by each child participating in the special day trips to Pioneer Village, Casa Loma and Fort York.

Increased playground attendance proves the program is successful, agreed directors Marty Walker and Rick Roher, responsible for supervising the 13 playgrounds.

"I don't have to worry about the playgrounds," said recreation co-ordinator Karen King, "because Marty and Rick are both experienced, and they know how to handle things. I trust them."

This is the second consecutive year 24-year-old Marty Walker, of Georgetown, has been a playground director. An assistant supervisor at Maple Nursery School last winter, she has a degree in early childhood education.

Walker said she tries to visit each of the seven playgrounds under her charge in Georgetown and Esquesing daily.

"The staff are very involved, and they work hard," she said, "but I just like to drop by in case there are any problems."

Walker said there have been a few minor injuries - but nothing worth a trip to the hospital, and infrequent cases of vandalism and bullying.

"Generally speaking, though, the program is running very smoothly," she concluded.

When asked how the playground program could be improved, Walker said, "I'd like to see parents become more involved."

"I'm not saying they regard us as a babysitting service. I just think it would be good for the parents to see what their kids are doing."

"And sometimes we are short of drivers to take kids swimming once a week and from one playground to

another on visiting days. I think if parents were aware of this, many would offer to help out."

Twenty-year-old Rick Roher of Acton, director of six playgrounds in Acton and Esquesing, started out as a leader six years ago and has worked in the program every summer.

During the winter, he attends the University of Guelph, where he majors in mathematics. After completion of his degree, he plans to attend teachers college.

Roher remembers when there was only one playground in Acton, at Prospect Park. "There's been a big change," he said. "Back then, all the kids met at the park and were divided into groups according to age and sex. There weren't as many special activities - more sports and games," he said.

Today there are two playgrounds in Acton: one at Prospect Park; the other at M.Z. Bennett School.

Roher said almost 100 children attend the M.Z. Bennett playground daily, necessitating five staff members there instead of the usual three.

"I'd like to see another playground site in Acton," said Roher, who plans to suggest in his evaluation report that a playground is needed in the south end of Acton.

"There are a lot of children living in Kington Estates, in the lowhouses there, and their mothers don't want them to walk all the way down to the park. They need a playground of their own - but I don't know where we could have one," he said.

This week, the playgrounds Roher supervises will be busy

Handicapped kids join in fun

Two of the 13 recreation department playgrounds participated in an experiment this summer: integrating handicapped children into their programs.

According to playground directors Marty Walker and Rick Roher, the experiment

was successful. "Most of the kids fit in perfectly," said Roher, supervisor of the mixed playground at M.Z. Bennett School in Acton.

He explained that most of the handicapped children who

attended were slow learners and mongoloids, while two children suffered cerebral palsy.

At Park School playground in Georgetown, under the jurisdiction of Marty Walker, the other handicapped program was introduced.

A youngster confined to a wheelchair was registered there, but to date has not attended.

A blind girl came for a day only, because she found the noisy playground too confusing.

As much as possible, the handicapped children participate in the same activities as the others. Sometimes, however, groups have to be segregated, depending on the program.

Extra leaders, qualified by a recreation department course and assisted by leaders-in-training, are in charge of the handicapped youngsters at M.Z. Bennett and Park School playgrounds.

Both playground directors favor the continuation of integrated programs.

THIEVES STEAL CASH, GRASS

Thieves broke into a Mill Street East store in Acton, July 26, and stole \$15 from a paycheque envelope on the front desk, police said.

Two front doors and one rear door were open. A window on the west side of the building had been smashed. Police are investigating.

Seven yards of grass sod were stolen from a construction site on Freemore Crescent sometimes between July 24 to 26, police said.

Local nursing home seeks volunteers

Nursing homes across the province - including Kelly's Nursing Home in Acton - are anxious to recruit volunteers.

Katherine Kelly, owner, said friends and relatives of residents occasionally drop by to take them out for a day. But that's not enough.

Mrs. Kelly said nursing home residents would greatly appreciate it if members of the community took them to

Prospect Park for a picnic, did their hair, drove them to the doctors, took them for a walk - anything a volunteer would like to do.

"The type of service given depends on the capability of the volunteer," said Mrs. Kelly.

Illustrating the widespread need for help to supplement nursing home staff, is the following incident experienced by Mrs. Kelly.

She said she walked into a nursing home near Yorkville in Toronto - just out of curiosity - and was asked if she would like to do volunteer work.

Kelly mentioned that service clubs which put on plays and other entertaining programs for nursing home residents deserve thanks.



A DOG'S LIFE. Cindy, 10, part husky and Labrador is the mascot at Prospect Park for the children in the recreation department's program and as such has learned to put up with the youngsters. Pictured above is Barry Duglins, 11, making out like a champion wrestler.

Unknown driver causes \$50 damage

An unknown driver crashed into a car owned by Edward Daley which was parked at the rear of his residence at 40 Maria St. sometime on July 26 or 27, police said. Estimated damages are \$50.

Shirley Golden, 47 Kingham Rd., was in collision with a car driver by Werner Hess, 17 Kingham Rd. July 28, police said.

Estimated damages in the mishap which happened on Kingham Road are \$350 to Hess vehicle and \$125 to Golden's.

Advisory board disbands, no volunteers apply

Because no volunteers came forward last Wednesday, the Acton and Esquesing recreation advisory committee has disbanded.

Volunteers were needed to fill vacancies on the committee because of retirements and also because some members of the committee had questioned their own usefulness. The committee met once or twice a month to relate to recreation coordinator activities wanted by the public.

The action of the committee in no way affects the status of the Georgetown committee, recreation coordinator Karen King told the Herald in an interview.

"We are not closing the door," King said. "I would encourage those with needs to contact Anne (Pickering) or myself."

Anne Pickering said that the absence of an advisory committee does not mean the end of recreation programs in Wards 1 and 2. "We'll be able to fulfill the requirements with people just popping in," she said. Her office is in the municipal building on Mill Street.

As to whether there will be another committee, Pickering said, "I can see it possibly forming again when the interest is there."

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BUSINESS MEN IN THE NEWS



Klaus Fromm, owner of Riteway Auto Body, has been a part of the Georgetown business community for but two months but already his attitude towards the customer and the community are paying dividends.

Prior to taking over Riteway, Klaus managed Somerville Collision, the largest auto shop in Brampton and he has definite views on how things should be done. "The business should be run with the idea of providing total customer satisfaction," he commented. "I try to impress on my employees that they should have pride in their work and when doing a job, do it right the first time, regardless of how long it takes."

Mr. Fromm said that "Naturally, in our type of business, we don't desire that our customers incur accidents, however, I want to get things right should something happen so that it there is another misfortune then the customer will return to us."

Riteway employees two fulltime men and one part-time man and with the exception of heavy trucks, can handle any type of body work that is required.

Klaus Fromm is very particular about his business and personally supervises every job undertaken. "I intend to remain in Georgetown for quite some time and the only way I know how to do business is to get the customer's confidence as a result of our work."

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