

# Endless traits needed by playground leaders

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The personality traits a playground supervisor requires are endless, but an important one necessary for the child's well-being and the supervisor's also, is the ability to discipline when necessary and provide good leadership qualities, playground leader Jennifer Linton said Thursday.

Jennifer is teaching 16 teenagers at Gordon Alcott arena how to be effective playground supervisors, and after two weeks of leadership development training, they will be placed at different playgrounds for one week at a time during the month of August.

The program is a challenge for Jennifer since the teenagers ages 13 to 15 and the oldest children she has worked with. She has been a playground leader for three summers and worked on a gymnastic program in a daycamp. She is enrolled in a caseology course, and just working with the recreation department for the summer.

"It takes experience and training to be a good leader, although some persons have the aggressiveness and awareness of other person's needs already, which are important traits in a good leader," she said.

After working with her leaders in training (L.I.T.'s) she is aware who has initiative and who needs more guidance, but she said they all need training. Jenny is hopeful the Parks and Recreation department will choose future playground leaders from L.I.T.'s. Lynn Fountain is running a similar type of program in Acton for L.I.T.'s. Jennifer is teaching the training leaders (in general terms) how to discipline children, child psychology, leadership styles and planning a day at the playground. In more specific terms she deals with games, story telling, drama, programs for rainy days, pool orientation, water games and safety, first aid, sport games and sing songs.

"The place they'll really learn is on-the-job training," she said, "because they'll deal with child-leader situations." Recreation co-ordinator Karen King gave the group a run down on the recreation staff and the department's objectives, and playground supervisor, Brenda Smith, discussed what is involved in running a playground.

Mrs. Smith also discussed the integrated playground program at Park school with handicapped children, and stressed to the training leaders, the importance of treating all the children equally.

"The L.I.T.'s will receive beneficial learning insight from their exposure at the Park school and from the feedback with leaders at Park school," she said.

The most difficult task a leader must acquire is the ability to understand why a child is "acting out" and how to react to the situation.

Children of different age groups have different personalities, such as a child from age five to seven may have a short attention span, want to be the centre of attention, and will generally command a great deal of attention. Whereas, a child of seven to 10 may have a strong identity for his own sex and age group, may need close friends, have a willingness to share, and be less geared towards being the centre of attention.

This general classification of children raised a few questions and arguments among the L.I.T. group, Jennifer said, because they compared these descriptions to their own brothers and sisters personalities in that age category.

After discussing the different characteristics with the age group she then classified the ideal reactions of a leader, enabling the leader to cope with a child's attitude.

Jennifer is excited about the program and is looking forward to the group's practical experience because that's when she can tell how much of the two-weeking training the leaders have learned.



**THE KITEMAKER**

Eight-year-old Greg MacKenzie concentrates on his back track as he makes a kite for the public library in Acton. Sticking out his back pocket is some coiled string.

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## BALLINAFAD NEWS

### Sun shines on bride

By WINIFRED SMITH  
Herald correspondent

Quite a number from Ballinafad attended the "Coningsby" cemetery memorial service on Sunday afternoon. It was a beautiful day and there was a large crowd in attendance. The service was impressive. The guest speaker was Mr. Jacobson, a retired school teacher and former Hillsburgh resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shortill have returned home after their recent holiday to Great Britain and other Western European Countries.

Visiting with the Garnet Sinclair family on Sunday was Miss Eileen Cole of Georgetown.

A former resident of the community Mr. Harvey Cook called on former neighbors and friends recently. He was accompanied by his wife and little son David. They now reside in Harrison.

Holidays are taking quite a few of the usual churchgoers away. Mr. Stiles welcomed some visitors to the service on Sunday. Mr. Paul Schwartz with two of his children, Helen and Rene, sang the beautiful anthem "How Great Thou Art". Rev. Stiles will occupy the pulpit for the remaining Sundays in July. He will be on holidays for the month of August. Mr. Bob Pinkerton was organist on Sunday.

Another of our local girls was married on Saturday in Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown. She was the former Irene Keir, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Keir. The groom was John Douglas Carroll son of Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Carroll of Mississauga. We are happy the showers abated and the sun came out to shine on the lovely bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jamieson, Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Shortill and Mr. and Mrs. W. Gettle were among the guests at the Carroll-Keir wedding on Saturday.

Several relatives from Scotland were guests at the wedding and will be staying with the Keirs and seeing parts of Canada before returning home.

It was beautiful weather for the annual get-together for the Sinclair families on Sunday. It

was held at the Ballinafad Community Center. There were close to 100 people attending. They came from Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Creemore and Toronto besides many from the surrounding area.

The young enjoyed a ball game and races those not so young enjoyed the friendly chat.

The oldest one able to be present was Mrs. Bessie McKechnie, who was a long time resident here and now makes her home at the Hyde Park Nursing Home.

The youngest one attending was Paul Sinclair youngest son of Allan and Nancy Sinclair from Guelph. Brian and Sue Sinclair were the most recently married couple and were receiving congratulations from many as they were wed as recently as June of this year.

The highlight of the day was the beautiful meal served.

The new home which is being erected on the Sid Spears property is rapidly being completed. It is on the same site as its former home which was destroyed by fire a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marshall attended the get together of the Jackson family on Sunday afternoon at the home of his sister Lill Jackson at Erin.

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## HALTON HILLS RECREATION and PARKS NEWS & VIEWS

### Special activities at playgrounds

Playgrounds in both the Georgetown and Acton areas recently got underway and besides the normal activities of crafts, games and singing songs that take place on a daily basis at these playgrounds, there occurs a number of Special Planned Activities.

One major group of these special activities are trips. Trips are usually full day affairs with the children boarding a bus at approximately 9:30 a.m. and not returning till mid-afternoon. The places which the children may visit vary from year to year and this year we have decided to travel to Bronte Creek, the Royal Ontario Museum and Martintland. Hopefully these places will serve the purpose of being fun, exciting, and a learning experience for everyone involved.

Other activities which are planned include a Puppet Show which is particularly for those children aged five through seven and this is to take place Tuesday, July 12th, 1977. There is also a theatrical group, Road Show Theatre who are coming from Guelph to put on a dramatic adaptation of a fairy tale for all the playground children.

Both the Georgetown and Acton areas have also planned area wide events which concentrate on involving all playground sites in one major activity. Acton playgrounds have decided on holding a swim meet while Georgetown sites will take part in a combined track and field meet and softball tournament. Of course, as always, playgrounds in the different areas will individually hold their own weekly Special Events which usually are related to the individual themes of each site.

Although no final decisions have been made playgrounds could not end without a finale of some type and we at playgrounds are looking forward to possibly something a little different to end what appears to be an eventful summer.

### Robarts report is councillor's ally

Burlington Coun. Vern Connell has found a friend in John Roberts, chairman of the royal commission investigating regional government in Metropolitan Toronto.

Recommendations of the Roberts Commission call for the Metro conservation authorities to be confined to responsibilities for water management and flood control — only.

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### Crossing guard needed

Works committee argued with residents who signed a petition for the Chapel Area Committee that a school crossing guard be placed at the intersection of Highway 7 and Cross Street.

Constable Raj Swaminathan, district 1 safety branch of Halton Regional Police, advised works committee an adult crossing guard should be positioned on Guelph Street and Mill Street.

Coun. Pete Pomeroy said it would be safer crossing at Guelph and Mill, but since the children would have to backtrack to cross at the bottom of the hill, most of the children would cross at the top of the hill. It would be wiser, he said to have a guard at Cross Street.

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