

More games for 2nd Spring Carnival

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There won't be any clowning around with the money raised from Robert Little's second annual Spring Carnival set for this Saturday.

The Parents Assisting Children and Teachers (PACT) group is hoping the carnival will greatly assist them in meeting their goal to install \$8,000 worth of playground equipment.

PACT was recently notified that the Town won't be able to assist with the \$2,000 to \$3,000 installation costs. However, the Town did say it would donate some money for the playground's mitre stone safety surface.

"We (PACT) were really disappointed (with the Town)," says PACT member Gladys Stoneham, who adds a supervisor will be sent by the equipment company to help parent volunteers install the playground. "We felt more ignored than anything. It's going to cost at least double to have a supervisor on-site."

PACT brought the idea to the Town last year, so the carnival could be included in this year's budget. "It's quite a letdown for the community. It's disappointing having waited a year for nothing," Stoneham says.

She hopes a few additions to the lineup of games and the appearance of the Acton Citizens Band will help surpass last year's total of \$1,200.

"It would be nice to double last year's total. But the carnival is more for fun," Stoneham explains. "It gives the kids the feeling of being part of building

their own playground.

"Unfortunately, we didn't have enough volunteers at last year's carnival until the day of the event. This year we're hoping people will help us out. We need about 30 volunteers minimum."

Along with the returning games of ring toss, pitching radar and the loonie board — which allows you to win a prize each time you play — a soccer goalie challenge, button making and cupcake decorating are three of the additions that Stoneham feels kids "will get a charge out of."

As well, a shoe box sale with tickets available for \$1 will attract carnival-goers with its attractive prizes. Top prize is a weekend-for-two at Haliburton's Wig-a-mog Inn. Second and third prizes are a General Electric answering machine and a tyke scooter.

Other prizes include moccasins donated by the Hide House, Blue Jays tickets and cat and dog food. However, in order to be a winner, the purchaser of a ticket must correctly answer a question about the environment or their school.

Acton businesses are again showing their support for the carnival. They include: IGA, Freezer Frenzy, Acton Vet Clinic, Glenlea Drug Mart, Best Clips and the olde Hide House, among others.

Stoneham says there is still a need for volunteers at the game booths or helping with the bake sale. Anyone wishing to help can call Elizabeth Vandereykyn at 853-4845 or Bev Bailie at 853-1329.

Students get lesson in hydro safety

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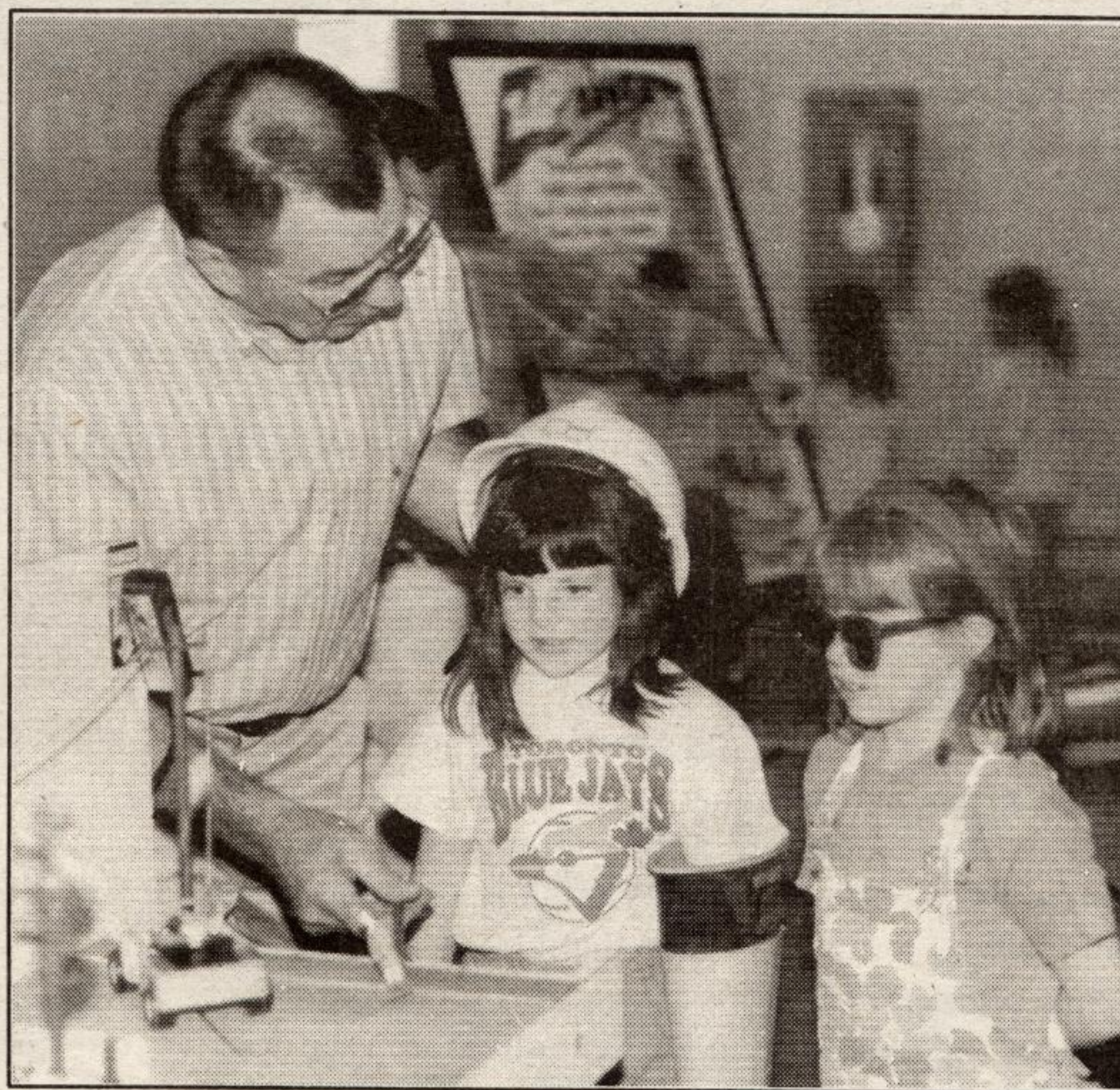
St. Joseph's Separate School students' views of messing with electrical wires were changed on Friday as quick as a lightning bolting from the sky.

Bill Coakley, a former Oakville Hydro employee, was contracted by Halton Hills Hydro to demonstrate to students how to prevent accidents and what to look for when problems arise with electrical appliances.

Coakley used his Highline Hazard machine, which showed a replica of a village, to demonstrate various hydro accidents and how to prevent them. Sparks were seen in the gymnasium when lines in the village — including a pole, kite, transformer and TV aerial — were touched.

"Instead of telling students, we're showing them. We want to bring more awareness of safety and the problems that can arise with electricity," says Halton Hills Hydro customer service manager George Herrington.

"We haven't gone to the schools in a while (five to 10 years), so Acton is a trial run. If it proves successful, all public schools in Halton Hills will be given a dem-



VALUABLE INFO: Bill Coakley demonstrates some safety tips last week to St. Joe's students Heather Clark (in hard hat) and Paula Kavanagh (special eyeglasses). (Lori Frechette photo)

onstration next year."

St. Joseph's students were given nine or 10 simulated accidents and were told why they shouldn't climb into sub-stations.

Herrington says students tend to shy away from electricity after

watching the demonstrations.

"If we can prevent a death or injury we've done something," Herrington says. "Reports from other utilities whom we've promoted a demonstration idea have been excellent."

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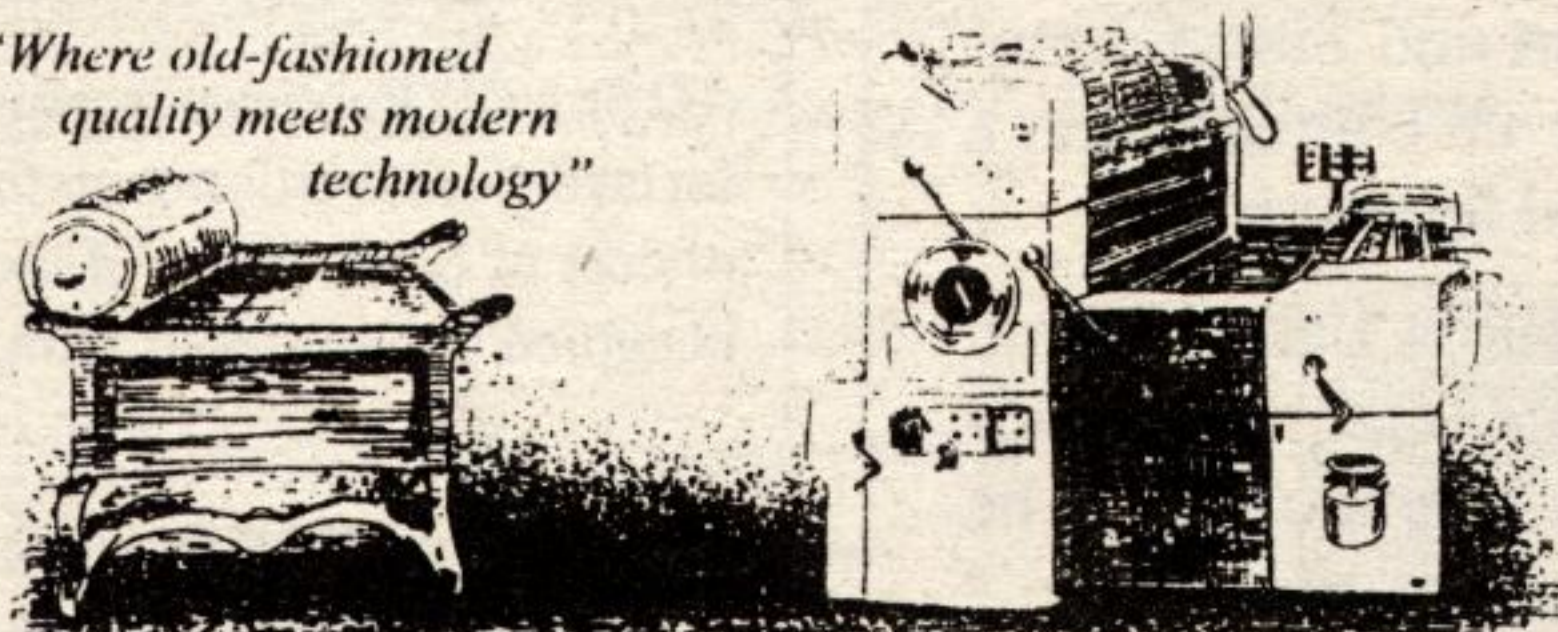
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