

Town Recreation

Summer Playgrounds Make Happy Youngsters

By JANICE MAWHINNEY

Moira Stephenson, 21, is at the hub of the summer playground program in Richmond Hill, and she's finding it an exciting place to be. "My job is never routine," she said. "Something different happens every day."

Moira, in jeans, a flowered shirt and bare feet, was making the rounds of the six playgrounds in her capacity as area supervisor for the playground leaders. She was a playground leader herself for five years, and this is her second year of supervising.

At Walter Scott Public School, 40 children were sitting cross-legged in a circle. One little pigtailed girl sat in the middle and asked the others loudly, "Do you want to go on a buffalo hunt?" Shortly they were all waving their arms with her, pretending they were swimming across lakes, climbing mountains and trudging along roads.

Carol Phillips, the group leader at Walter Scott, will be teaching grade 4 at Crosby Heights School next September. She handed out rhythm sticks to the children in the circle, and they tapped out the beats as they all sang Indian songs and rounds.

There was a high level of enthusiasm and the children seemed orderly and obedient. "We get the odd smart-alecky kid, but other than that we have no discipline problems," Moira explained. There are 22 group leaders this summer, five of them boys. There are no required uniforms, but the leaders are expected to dress neatly to set a good example for the children. Rooms or portables are available for playground use at all of the five public schools and one separate school encompassed by the program. This enables the program to continue even in the rain or excessive heat.

A sports program for the boys includes soccer, football and baseball activities. Teams from the various schools play against each other.

In the mornings, from 9:30

to 11:30 children aged 4 to 6 attend the playgrounds, and in the afternoons, from 1:30 to 3:30 are the older children, from 7 to 12.

During her morning rounds of the playgrounds, Moira stopped to pick up a portable record player, just repaired, and to buy a supply of albums including a Dr. Seuss story and the Jungle

Book. The records were distributed among the areas and will be rotated so the children will hear all of them by the summer's end.

Moira also stopped at the recreation office in the Municipal Building to call Twentieth Century Fox about a catalogue of movies. She plans to show the children full length features one

day. It was Indian week at MacKillop Public School when we arrived and the Group leader Susan Lalone, decked in full war paint and a feather headdress, was leading a large group of little Indians in a race around the grounds. Inside their portable building a mosaic of Elmer the Safety Elephant

was on display. The mosaic was one of the children's craft projects from the previous week, which had been safety week.

A crowd of little girls were clustered around Kathy Knott at Beverley Acres Public School. They were sitting in the front of the building looking rapt at the story Kathy was telling them. Inside the school another group of girls were making necklaces from macaroni and colored paper.

On the blackboard was a large calendar labelled "Joe's Weather Chart". The first few squares were filled with pictures of sunshine and storms. Moira explained that Joe Persi, the boys leader at Beverley Acres, was teaching the children to tell the time and the weather.

In another room, Joe was standing at the head of a long table. The little boys around the table were engaged in the various stages of constructing paper rocket ships.

At each of the playgrounds near the swimming pool, the older children spend one afternoon a week swimming, supervised by the leaders.

Some of the favorite playground games are hide and seek, British bulldog, dodgeball, baseball and blind man's buff. Each week the leaders give Moira outlines of their programs, day by day.

Moira interviewed all the applicants for playground leaders carefully before she hired her present staff. "You can't pick an ordinary person to be a playground leader," she said firmly. She tried to hire her staff on a ratio of one leader for every 15 or 20 children.

As a psychology major at the University of Toronto, Moira is conscious of the effect the playground program has on the children. "We are their first teachers," she maintained. "We teach them to color with chalk and crayons in some cases."

She is obviously pleased with this way of spending her summer. "It's a good job," she said. "I especially enjoy the time I spend talking to the children and playing with them."



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

"A good way to spend a summer's day," seems to be the consensus of this group of youngsters on the jungle gym at Walter Scott School. They are only a few of the hundreds of children in Richmond Hill who this summer have enjoyed a full five weeks of playground activity at five public and one separate school. The program comes to an end this week.

Enjoying a workout above are (left to right): Greg Bell, Kevin Bowles, Chris Johns, Shaun West, Sherri West, Pam Fehr, Lori Hope and Rebecca Mulholland.



Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson

Here Comes De Judge!

Unearth a sports writer and you'll also dig up a ragtag bundle of cliches or bromides or what have you.

He talks in a lingo all his own and it's likely that a Martian would find it easier to understand what he's trying to say than an average non-sports-minded citizen.

Teams don't get defeated in the sports world. They get walloped, dumped, or sometimes even white-washed. This white-wash bit used to stop me a few years ago. All the white-washing I'd known about was the annual job done on the then outside privy.

Then you have these ballplayers who hit "White Owl wallops" or "hit out for a can of corn" or "beat out a bleeder to shortstop." Some even make shoe-string catches. Must be quite a wear and tear on them.

CHINESE HOMES

Baseball just about has the market cornered on this type of expression. You can hit "a Chinese homer", a "hump-backed liner," a "blooper" and you can even go out and "trap a ball". So it goes.

Hockey has its moments too, as far as sports-writers (some of them I hasten to mention) are concerned. In hockey a player might keep on shooting a puck through "a maze of players" or he has a "hard nose" or he's a "digger", a "hustler", or sometimes even a "fancy dan." Every once in awhile he picks up a hat-trick.

I can recall a former editor of mine who used to turn purple, start bleeding at the nose, and even froth from the eyes, whenever you weakened and started throwing around sports jargon.

YOU POT FLOWERS

"You don't pot goals," he'd rant, "you pot flowers. You score goals."

Or: "You don't have players tallying a marker. They score a goal. Markers are for making sure you don't lose the place you're reading in a book."

Of course, football's the same way. You have box formations, tea formations, and sometimes, no information. You have sneaky quarterbacks, ends who go around with glue on their fingers, and full backs and half backs. I presume the half backs are cripples but I'm not too sure, anymore.

So my only suggestion is that if you're interested in becoming a sports fan you will have to concentrate on learning the language. Forget about French or Spanish or even English.

It's much more of a challenge to learn the language of sports, much more fulfilling. You'll be a hit at every game.

Pardon me, while I trundle off to take my French lessons. I didn't make it in sports but I hope to do so in French. En garde! Touche!?!?

6 Errors Prove Costly As Dynesmen Lose 7-1

Oshawa Tony's opened the scoring in the top of the first inning last Thursday evening in the town park, and defeated Dynes Jewellers 7-1 in a game which saw the Dynesmen commit six errors.

Dynes tied the game in their half of the fourth when Neb Gayman walked and Les Downing singled him to third. Nebber then scored on Bob Kennedy's long fly ball to left field.

That ended the jewellers' activities on the field for the night, except in the error department.

In the sixth inning Tony's scored two unearned runs as Sneddon walked, then came all the way home, followed by Young, as the local crew proceeded to make three throwing errors — the ball never leaving the infield.

In the seventh inning Oshawa scored four more runs on a grand slam homer by Bob Young. The bases had been loaded by two walks and another fielding error.

Bob Domik struck out 11 men

and walked seven. Oshawa's famed left hander Peter Landers struck out 13 jewellers while walking out four and was never in any serious trouble all night.

Local fans may be interested to know this same Landers will be joining Dynes Jewellers when the latter team represents this province in the Dominion finals in St. Catharines on Labor Day Weekend.

Dynes' Coaches Stan Thornington and Gary Smith will be hoping that Mr. Landers (who is distinguished by an Eddie Shack profile) will take his wizardry to St. Catharines when he exchanges uniforms and dons the green and white of the Dynesmen for this All-Canada Championship.

This week Dynes Jewellers play Wednesday night at Kew Gardens against Village Caterers. Thursday (tonight) they take on Toronto Plating in the town park. Game time is 8:30 pm.

Line Score

	R	H	E
Oshawa Tony	7	5	0
Dynes	1	5	6

Summit Golf Caddies Latest Picket Line

Negotiations are being carried out this week between the caddies of Summit Golf Club at Jefferson who went on strike for higher pay Sunday, and the club's board of directors.

The caddies who receive \$2 or \$3 an hour depending on their classification are asking for a 50c per hour wage increase.

Representing the board of directors of the club, Maurice McLean of Willowdale talked to the boys on the picket line Sunday morning and promised to arrange a meeting with the board at which their demand will be considered.

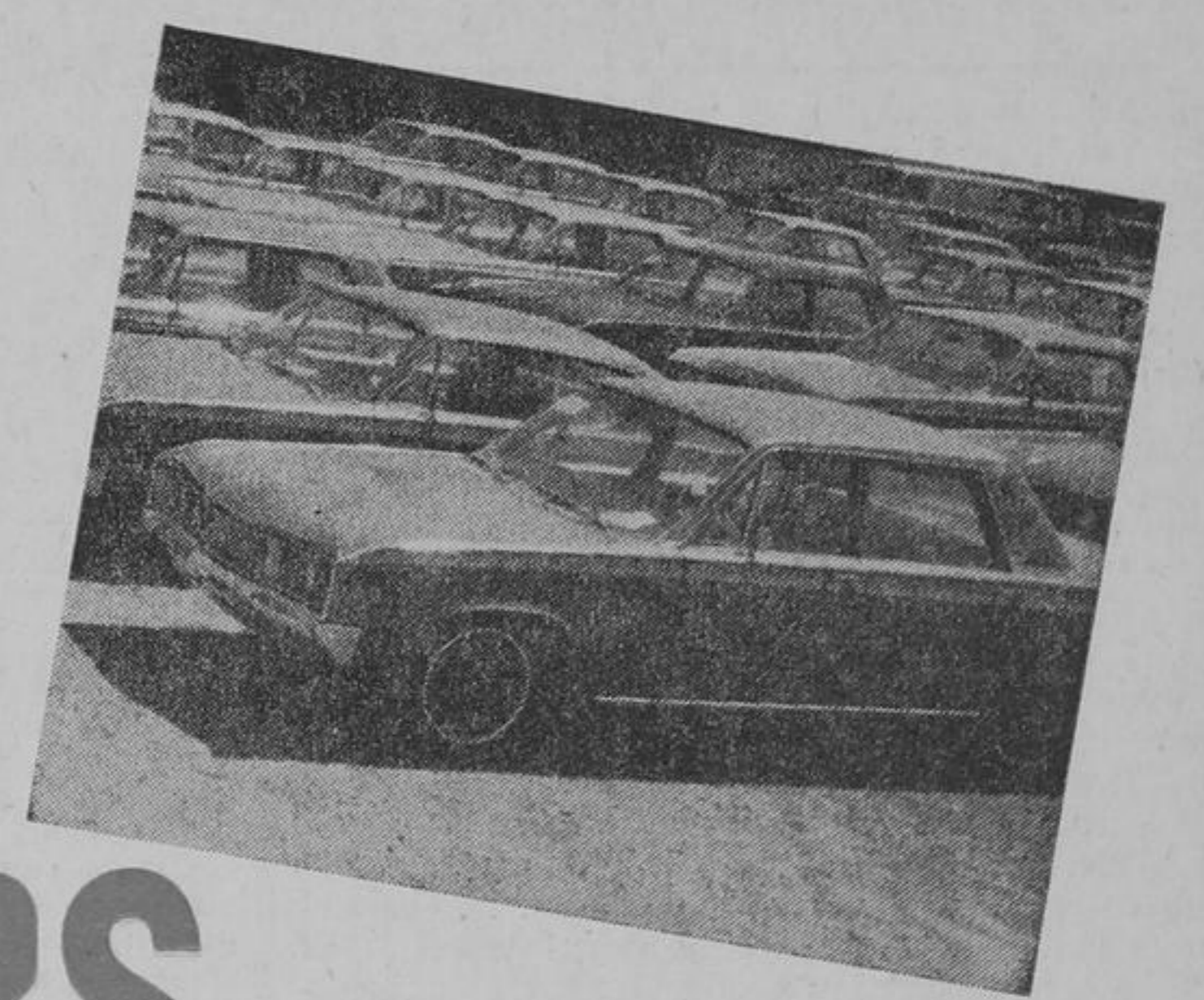
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