



Children from the Charles Howitt Public School on Pearson Avenue in Richvale demonstrate trampoline skills and fun.

## Richmond Hill's Summerfest '74

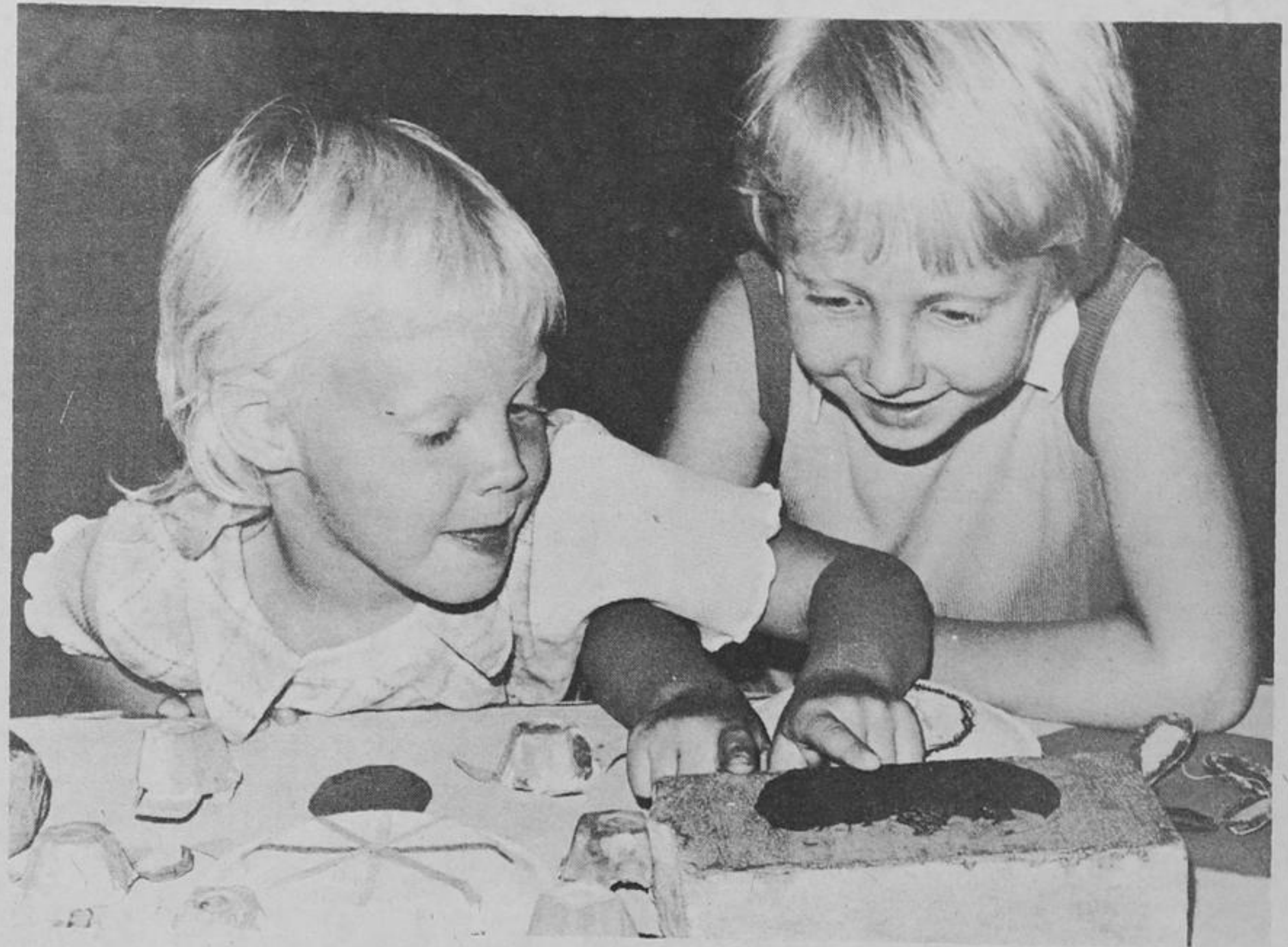
Each summer the Richmond Hill Parks and Recreation Department runs playground programs at eight schools within the municipality. And after the six-week program a parents' night is held. This year, instead of a parents' night at each school, Summerfest '74 was held on the evening of August 8, when parents, families and children attending the playground programs, met together at the arena.

The children with their leaders and counsellors entertained the audience with songs, dances, skits and displays. These ranged from "Father Abraham", sung by youngsters from MacKillop and McConaghy; "The Streak and Guitarzan" by the Oak Ridges group; "Alley Cat" and "Popcorn" danced by the Beverley Acres playgrounders; the "Top Hat" and a trampoline workout by the Charles

Howitt youngsters; the "Coke Machine" presented by those from Ross Doan; the "Six Little Ducks" and "A Take Off On The Fifties" presented by Walter Scott; and an "Indian Play" by Sixteenth Avenue.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**  
Richmond Hill Youth Concert Band was a well-appreciated feature of the program, as were skits presented by the hard-working staff members.

Parks and Recreation Director David Hamilton says that according to the response of the parents and children, Summerfest '74 may be considered a great success and will probably be followed by Summerfest '75. The object of the playground program itself is to provide children with organized and supervised activities during the summer. Some of the activities this year included sports such as



Tracy Wagg and Kelli Shannon admire some exciting creative work done at Ross Doan Public School on Weldrick Road in Richvale.



In a fine setting created by forest and totem pole, with canoe lying across in front of them, children in the recreation program at 16th Avenue Public School in Richvale present an interpretation of Indian life including poem, skit and song.

softball, track and field, swimming and trampoline, crafts, movies, excursions to such places as Seneca College, Ontario Place and various conservation areas.

Friendship circles, songs and skits also find their way into every day, as well as special activities organized by individual leaders and counsellors according to his or her own particular skill or experience.

The staff for this summer's program was:

### NORTH AREA

Beverley Acres: Cathy Barton, Brenda Lemoine, Michael Chateauvert, Michael Tambosso. Oak Ridges: Wendy Findlayson, Laurel Mandeville, Elaine Smith, Danny McVeigh, McConaghy; Cathy Andrews Debbie Ball, Dave Trotman. MacKillop: Patricia Harrington, Cathy Deciantis, Alan Tambosso, Sue Lemon. Art Director: David Porter. Director: Mary Anne Palmer.

### SOUTH AREA

Charles Howitt: Jeff Snook, Pat Barton, Sue Collect, Chris Kalin. Walter Scott: Debbie Baker, Dave Bransfield, Debbie Trotman, Janet Barton, Ross Doan; Sarah Newman, Margaret Deciantis, Rita Marchione, Steve Langfield. Sixteenth Avenue: Karen Peters, Pam Grasse, Susan Beaudoin. Art Director: Debra Locking. Director: Susan Ball.



Through poem and skit, the children at Ross Doan Public School on Weldrick Road in Richvale, led their audience into the world of a soft drink factory. Here a filled and labelled bottle is getting capped!



Three young ducks were out for Summerfest '74 from among the children who attended the morning summer recreation sessions at Walter Scott School on Markham Road.



Music provided at the Summerfest '74 program at the Richmond Hill Arena rounding up the summer's town recreation program was provided by the Richmond Hill Youth Concert Band. The musicians contributed greatly to the success of the evening.



At Summerfest '74 the Richmond Hill children not only had a chance to show their parents what they'd made, but also had the opportunity to see what had been done by children at other schools. Here Sandra Buskermolen shows her painting to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Buskermolen, sister Nancy and brother Richard.

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