

Altona Nursery

Parent participation stressed in program

ALTONA — "You don't have to have a whole lot of expensive things. I think in a situation like this, the kids are really happy," said Margaret Britton, supervisor of the Altona Co-operative Nursery School.

As she spoke, children in the school were running across the yard beside the Altona Community Centre. Others were on swings, see-saws, tricycles and in

a sand box. The outside play time was one of many activities in which the children participate through the day.

The school, Mrs. Britton said, tries to help in the complete development of children, make parents aware of various stages of maturity and also to assist in the training of younger people to carry on the program.

The school has existed since 1967 and is licensed to care for children from ages two to five.

activities for the child. Mrs. Britton said emphasis is given to small muscle development, large muscle development, development of the senses, routines that establish things, creative rhythm, vocabulary and "sitting still" for a story or record.

Short field trips are taken — such as to a farmer's field recently to learn about cabbages — and things are discussed as they come up. "If someone brings something in we talk about it," Mrs. Britton said.

"We try to give them as many learning experiences as we can," she summarized. "Most children come from rural areas where there's a great lack of other children to play with," she added, saying the school provided valuable social contacts for the children.

Regarding the cost of the nursery school, Mrs. Britton said the cost was kept down due to free use of the community centre and maintenance of the playground equipment by the town of Pickering.

A unique feature at the school is the participation of parents. The costs to parents is \$25 monthly, unless a parent is unable to help out which would make the cost \$30.

A parent would usually come in about twice a month, not just to wipe up spilled coffee, Mrs. Britton pointed out, but also to become aware of what other children at the same age as their children are able to do. They wouldn't become unduly worried, for example, over their child not speaking properly if they saw four or five other children with the same problem.

On the other hand, if their child hasn't mastered a skill that most other children can do, the parent would have the opportunity to help their child with it at home.

At the moment, the school has 17 children enrolled in the morning program and six in the afternoon program. "This is where we're open for extra people," Mrs. Britton said, concerning the afternoon.

At present, the morning program is planned and executed by Helen Bradley of Goodwood. Last year there were 23 or 24 at one time, but Mrs. Britton feels "it's important you don't have too many, or else you just become babysitters."

Speaking of a day's work, Mrs. Britton said she has been the "Crawl tube" doll, blankets, new aprons, a "water table" and large masks used in a Christmas program.

Mrs. Britton's qualifications include graduate work in social science, and being a school teacher for many years. She is currently a member of the Durham Board of Education.



The Altona Co-operative Nursery School makes use of parental help in carrying out their program, along with expert supervision. Here, school supervisor Margaret Britton operates one end of a see-saw with Tory Falkenberg of Claremont on the other end. In the foreground are Jacqueline Baak of Altona at left, and Karen Will of Goodwood.

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STOUFFVILLE
 Nominations for Dec. 2 municipal elections officially open Thursday

Nov. 7 at 9 a.m. and close Nov. 12 at 5 p.m.

Nominations may be filed in the office of Returning Officer Ralph Corner any time between those dates.

Offices open include mayor, six councillors, public school trustee, separate school trustee.

The elections will be held Dec. 2, with the polls opened from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Advance poll is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 23.

York County Board

More than 45% raise averts CUPE walkout

AURORA — A raise of more than 45 percent is one of the main features of a recent agreement between the York County Board of Education and members of CUPE Local 1734.

The union members, who work as secretaries, clerks, and similar jobs within the school system, were on the point of walking out on strike before the agreement was reached.

The settlement includes time-and-half for more than 35 hours per week, 11 paid holidays per year, and improvement in fringe benefits.

Trustee John Mc Murray, chairman of the Board's negotiating committee, appeared satisfied with the terms.

"It's something both sides can live with," he said.

The new agreement brings these workers in line with wages paid in Durham Region, and puts them slightly ahead of their colleagues in Peel.

Vacant council seat contested in Ward 6

MARKHAM — Two candidates have declared their intention to run for the Ward 6 council seat left vacant by Ron Moran.

The Tribune learned this week Mr. Moran has decided to seek one of Markham's two regional council positions.

Norm Tyndall, former Ward 6 councillor, and Harold Laurie, former regional councillor, have stated they will run Dec. 2.

Mr. Laurie said he has been on Markham Council before and has vast experience. He said that issues include planning the fairgrounds, Buttonwood airport expansion, expansion of the museum grounds and the general progress of the town.

Alma Walker, former mayor of the Village of Markham, announced this week that she will seek a spot on regional council. She ran for mayor unsuccessfully in 1970 and presently represents Ward 5 on Markham Council.

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 Town Of Whitchurch - Stouffville
 (York Sanitation Company Limited)

York Sanitation Company Limited has applied to the Ministry of the Environment for approval for the use of a waste disposal site for sanitary landfilling. The site is located on the west halves of Lots 14 and 15, Concession VIII in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. The site is to serve the Regional Municipality of York and the north part of Metropolitan Toronto.

The Environmental Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing to obtain information and to hear the views of the public so that it can form an opinion on the merits as to whether the use and operation of the proposed site would or would not be in the public interest. Written and oral submissions may be made to the Board at the hearing. The Board will not consider any submissions regarding the proposal after the hearing has been closed.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, 1974, commencing at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, local time, at Latham Hall, Park Drive, Stouffville, Ontario.

Copies of the report and a plan related to the proposal will be available for examination and inspection during normal business hours at the offices of the Clerk of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Stouffville, and the Clerk of the Regional Municipality of York Newmarket, Ontario.

STATUTORY REFERENCES
 The Environmental Protection Act, 1971 (S.O. 1971 Chapter 84, as amended), Sections 33(1), 33(1) 1/2 and 35.

T. M. Murphy,
 Secretary,
 Environmental Hearing Board.

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