

# NEW EDINBURGH NEWS

FEBRUARY, 1978

## Monte Carlo Night March 11 Lively Event For All Community

Plan to attend the social event of the year and get a real return on your investment. The Parent Advisory Committee and the Community School Council will co-host a Monte Carlo Night in the gym of Crichton St. School beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 11. A \$2.00 per person admission ticket buys you \$5,000 with which to start off the evening with additional money available at a cost of \$1.00 per \$1,000.

There will be seven games of chance and two Black Jack tables along with a cash bar and an exciting assortment of prizes to be auctioned during the evening.

This money raising event is open

to all residents of New Edinburgh so come along and bring your friends and neighbours. There are 150 advance tickets now on sale and there is no guarantee that additional tickets will be available at the door.

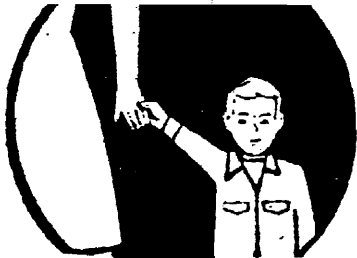
Entrance to the Monte Carlo Night will be through the doors on the Dufferin Road side of the school. Tickets may be purchased from the School 749-7897, Andre Kingsley 746-0540, Sally Hutchison 749-0455, Sharon Staseson 741-6407 or Sandra Ferguson 746-8259.

Admission restricted to persons 18 years of age and over. One of many.

## Block Parents Care... Do You?

The Block Parent Program started in New Edinburgh in September, 1977 and forms part of a very successful venture in Ottawa. There are about 4,500 block parents in the Ottawa area and the Central Committee hopes to attract another 1000 during 1978. Its aim is to have at least one block parent per block.

Anyone over the age of 16, whether he or she is working or home most of the day, is eligible to apply to become a block parent. Once the application has been approved and they have received their sign, the block parents display it in a window, visible from the street. The sign is displayed whenever the block parent is at home and available for any child who needs help and is removed when the block parent is not at



Block Parents symbol

home or does not want to be disturbed.

Being a block parent requires very little time and effort.

The program is very actively supported by the Ottawa Police Department, who feel that it does serve as a deterrent for would-be troublemakers.

Anyone interested in becoming a block parent, please call Sally Hutchison 749-0455.

# Minto Bridges Falling Down Seek \$1M in Federal Funds

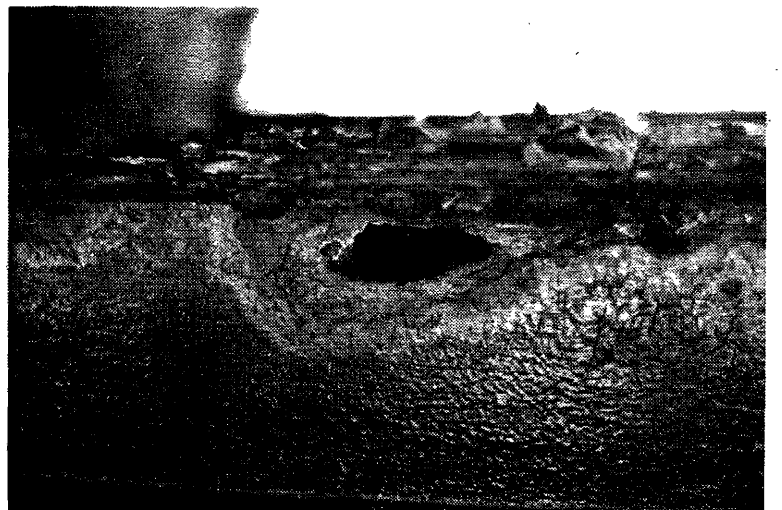
by Bruce Grant

The Minto Bridges are falling down. To anyone who crosses them it is quite evident that normal maintenance has been neglected for years. The real problem, however, is revealed only to those who venture under the bridges and inspect the structure below the roadway level. Under the influence of water and salt, the structural members have rusted so badly that they cannot be repaired and their strength and safety cannot be assured.

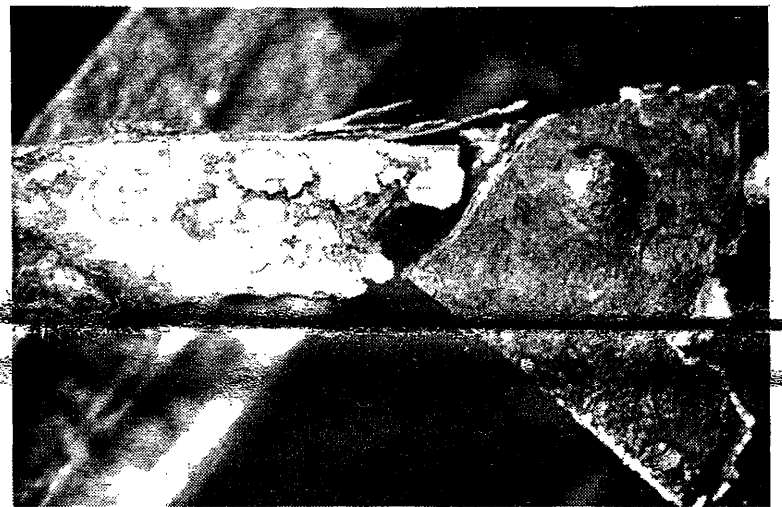
The National Capital Commission, owner of the bridges is quite aware of the problem and has now allocated funds for restoration. The problem rests then with Treasury Board, which will be asked to release up to a million dollars for the work. Our Member of Parliament, the Honourable J. R. Gauthier has promised to actively support it.

A million dollars is indeed a lot of money to ask for. If it is turned down, the NCC will be forced to make a hard decision whether the public safety requires them to close and perhaps demolish the bridges. It is truly regrettable that the bridges have been so neglected for so long. The money that has been saved on painting and repairing will now have to be spent many times over if the rusted parts are to be replaced. Without doubt a major cause of the rusting must be the NCC's excessive use of salt, for the bridges receive a lot more salt than any of the approaching roads.

The Minto Bridges were erected in 1900 and were intended to be part of the processional route to Rideau Hall. Because of this, they were



I Beam joist with rust hole through web, one of many.



Rusted diagonal brace below bridge. View from under the roadway.

built with considerable ornamentation and have become, over the years, a much beloved landmark in the national capital.

## Playground Gets Spring Go-Ahead

After several delays, the long awaited playground development to be built in the yards at Crichton St. School is finally ready-to-go in the spring.

A large climbing structure similar to the one on River Rd. will be constructed in the west yard along with a landscaped grassy area and some hard surfaced area

to skip and bounce balls etc.

The smaller yard will contain play equipment for younger children.

## New Edinburgh Community Association

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

and

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Date: Thursday, February 16, 1978

Place: MacKay United Church Hall

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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## New Edinburgh Community Association



**Bob Knox**  
**President,**  
**Community Assoc.**  
**Executive**

### PRESIDENT'S 1977-78 REPORT

This year's Executive Committee was elected in April, 1977. Since that time we have been focussing on a number of issues including:

**Ontario Municipal Board** hearings on the Ottawa Carleton Regional Plan particularly as it relates to the expansion of the Hemlock-Beechwood thoroughway and the Vanier Arterial. We have joined with three neighbouring communities to represent a unified position on these issues. In a general meeting in October the community adopted a position to oppose expansion of both these routes, with the caveat that if the connecting roads were built then the community might have to accept an extension of the Vanier Arterial through the Stanley Avenue Park, as an alternative to additional traffic passing through the community.

**Traffic in the Community:** During the year a special sub-committee was formed to examine ways and means of ensuring that the community is protected from through traffic. This activity is tied to a community study that has been delayed for two years now but it is becoming increasingly important to develop substantive proposals that will prevent the community from becoming a part of the commuter traffic system.

**The Community Newspaper:** This year three issues of New Edinburgh News have been published. Our aim has been to provide a regular community information organ. We have not succeeded but we feel it is very important that this effort should be continued by others in the future.

**Modification of Community Association Procedures:** We have taken a number of specific steps to provide more opportunities for involvement by the community at large including:

- holding at least one general meeting during the year
- providing each member of the Executive with a specific portfolio or "interest" area
- moving the date of the annual general meeting ahead so that the New Executive would have a more cohesive working period.

We have not progressed with our aim to revise our constitution, or to have "meet the Executive" occasions to permit the expression of community views. These are issues for the future.

**Flood Control Regulations:** We joined with a number of other communities in opposing a move by the city to introduce regulations that would have placed stringent controls on some buildings in the area next to the Rideau River near Sussex Drive.

**Mayo Commission Proposals:** We have represented to the Minister responsible the Community's wish not to be divided or become part of a new urban formation.

These, of course, are the major issues. Members of the Executive have, at the request of members of the Community, given their time to deal with a number of minor issues.

During the year we have discovered that there are a number of overriding concerns that are constant in this Community including:

- the heritage values represented in the Community
- the unique urban residential qualities in the Community
- the diversity of the Community as reflected in the people and the homes in the area
- the parks, green space, and trees that are an integral part of the New Edinburgh character
- the schools that provide a natural internal focus for the Community's life.

These are matters that future Executive Committees will have to deal with in their particular ways.

They will also find, as we have, that a Community Association is a fragile thing that normally has its most vital moments in relation to major issues which draw the community together. At other times the Association is almost dormant. It is difficult to obtain the voluntary effort necessary to sustain the Association's operations. We have tried to provide continuing involvement by creating a community information system and by having more community meetings. Still involvement is limited. I can only say once again that it is your community and your association. Support it.

My colleagues in this year's Executive Committee, without exception, have worked energetically and have supported our various activities during the year. I thank them and wish the Community well in the future.

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## Association Constitution Studied Propose Revisions For Coming Year

by Frank Anglin

At the moment, the New Edinburgh Community Association is operating under a constitution dated in 1973. A fresh look at this constitution exposes a few omissions that should be corrected in the near future. Perhaps one of the most important is the lack of the equivalent French name in Article 2. This Article should include — This Association shall be known as 'New Edinburgh Community Association - Association des Residents de New Edinburgh' ... as there are many French speaking residents in our community.

If we are to register with the

Department of National Revenue in order to be able to give receipts for income tax purposes, the stated objects in Article 4 might have to be re-examined to conform with the policies laid down by the department. A change here would be worthwhile. If we could give receipts for income tax purposes, for donations to the Association for community activities, it would act as an incentive for increased financial contributions.

The requirements for membership are well defined, but perhaps we should consider adding honorary and associate members. The honorary members could be prominent members of our community while associates could be

former residents who have temporarily left but who wish to keep in touch by receiving our newspaper.

The procedure for the election of the presiding officers of the association is not spelled out in detail, but this could easily be done by adding another article on elections.

We probably do not want to be too tied down to a detailed constitution, but the suggestions offered above should not cause problems. There will be copies of the constitution available for inspection at our meeting. If you have suggestions to make, they can be noted at the meeting or by phoning Frank Anglin at 741-4480.

## Traffic, Bus Changes on Agenda For Discussion at Annual Meeting

by Bob Strachan

As New Edinburgh is not scheduled for a neighbourhood (traffic) study in the foreseeable future and as traffic flows continue to increase on the Vanier Parkway and the Beechwood - Hemlock Corridor, the community's executive committee has considered various proposals, subject to community ratification, to limit fast moving, heavy traffic on Crichton Street.

Recommendations are to be made to the physical environment committee at city hall for installation of speed limiting devices such as street narrowings or traffic circles at intersections on Crichton at Union, Victoria and Keefer

Streets. The recommendations will include a proposal that the curbs contain tree planters, flowers and the like. Implementation this spring will depend upon P.E.C. approval and the city's budget. It is expected that installation would be on a trial basis to be reviewed in the fall. Results of the presentation will be presented at the Annual General Meeting, February 16.

The executive committee has also been revising public transportation needs in New Edinburgh and the continued use of heavy bus traffic on Crichton Street.

There appears to be little use of the No. 83 bus on Crichton in

comparison with the popular No. 3 route.

The committee has received approval from O.C. Transpo, subject to community consent, to alter the route of the No. 83 so that it would turn at Sussex and King Edward and proceed to the Vanier Parkway via King Edward and St. Patrick Streets. Link up would be coordinated with the No. 3 route at Crichton and Beechwood to provide ease in transfer when needed. Such a change could be completed by the middle of March.

It is intended that this alternate route be discussed in detail as well the community meeting this month.

### Notes from Parks, Recreation

Recreation Branch, Community School Section, offers a recreation program for children and youth at Crichton St. School on Thursday evening 7 — 10 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The children are divided into groups ages 7 - 11 for the first 1½ hour and ages 12 - 15 for the last 1½ hour each Thursday and Saturday. Arts and crafts, gym activities, low organized games and out-trips are offered under the leadership of experienced staff. For further information please contact Barry Lenny at 563-3222 or Gary Reynolds at 235-6251.

Outdoor Recreation Section wishes any adult interested in winter camping in February to contact Dianne Huffman at 563-3222.

A one-day experience program — for youth 10 to 13 consisting of snowshoeing, tobogganing, nature lore, X-country skiing, etc. is offered by the Outdoor Recreation Section using the facilities of the Y Camp. Equipment supplied. For information please call 563-3222.

The Outdoor Recreation Section wishes the community to make use of the new combination ice surface (100' x 200' without boards) in the park on Stanley Avenue. Hours of operation Mon. to Fri. 5 - 10 p.m. Sat. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

Summer Fun '78 — Contingent upon approval of funds it is intended to run the very successful Summer Fun Program for the summer of '78.

### Become a Block Parent

This worthwhile program is designed to assist children in distress who are hurt, lost, bullied or scared. Organized with the co-operation of the Ottawa Police Department.

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## The Future?

By Eleanor Dunn

What does the future hold for community associations?

Where are community associations going?

Not easy questions to answer these days — what with austerity becoming the new buzz-word at City Hall.

Historically, community associations spring up to represent the needs — either real or perceived — of citizens living within a clearly defined community or neighbourhood. More often than not, a crisis situation is the catalyst, bringing people together. An element of battle is usually involved — little people against government bureaucracy, little people against big developers, little people against... well, you name it.

Sometimes people organize to get something for their community they otherwise might not have — a skating rink, a community centre, equipment for a playground, trees for their streets — the list is endless.

Some community associations are continually active. Others start out with a bang only to fade away when the crisis is over.

### Love — Hate Relationship

Municipal politicians have a love-hate relationship with community associations.

They see the community association as a vehicle for reelection, a source of willing campaign workers, a pipeline to the media, a captive audience on which to try out political philosophies. Municipal politicians exhibit great love for community associations during election years.

At other times, community associations can be a pain in the neck to the municipal politician. Community association activists are nitpickers, pests, people who are never satisfied.

The astute community association activist learns to play the municipal politician like a violin.

The astute community association activist uses the municipal politician, but never lets the municipal politician use him.

### Citizens' Groups Get Funds

There's a new trend nowadays. The city is actually funding citizens' groups. In the south Bank St. area, the city has provided the local community association with a social animator, an office and other expert help.



Workmen begin demolition of old St. Patrick Street Bridge. New bridge opened for traffic in December.

Why? Because the city is engaged in a fight with regional government over a proposed arterial road in the Hunt Club area.

The Rideau Centre project is another one where a citizens' group is being financed to work alongside the Rideau Centre promoters.

Community associations are always on the lookout for money. Membership fees rarely bring in enough. And while the prospect of extra revenue and expert professional help is appealing, the astute community association activist should look the gift horse directly in the mouth.

The most effective ways to silence your opposition are to pick them and/or pay them.

This trend may be short-lived as a result of the new fiscal restraint being practised at City Hall.

And this restraint may mean that community associations will have to develop new directions.

### Trend Likely to Self-Help

There will likely be less public money available for recreation in

the city. This means the community association will have to step in and pick up where the department of recreation and parks leaves off.

That trend is already evident — in the decision to ask more community groups to take on the complete responsibility for outdoor rinks. Playground programs may be next on the list — with more input from volunteers required if the programs are to continue.

The community association may have to hire people to run programs — and this means finding new ways of raising money — over and above annual dues. Fees may have to be charged for programs and services which are now provided for free. And a more realistic fee structure may have to be determined for programs for which a charge is already being levied.

Some hard choices may have to be made. The guy who gets up at annual meeting after annual meeting to bitch about the fact that there's no organized hockey program for his kid may have to be told to get off his butt and organize one himself.

Or he may have to be told the community association's funds are not sufficient to organize programs for the few, and the money would be better spent maintaining a community rink everyone can enjoy — not just the hockey players.

The lady who wants to park her kids in an after-four program may have to be told she'll be required to put in a couple of hours a week as a volunteer supervisor.

And the teenagers who complain that the community association won't provide them with a facility to hang out at may have to be told to raise the money to rent the space in the school or the church hall by themselves.

By and large, with the trend back to self-help, the future looks bright for community associations. They will be needed in different ways, and as the community or neighbourhood's needs grow, so will the community association's strength.

## Letter to the Editor

I wish to comment as one of many who participated in the 'World's Largest Garage Sale' last Fall. The overall community spirit was high that day and the event gave our family an opportunity to meet neighbours whom we had lived beside for years. We knocked on nearby doors and invited neighbours to add their sale items to ours. We met shoppers from across the city and chatted to everyone about the merits of our lovely neighbourhood. Almost everyone expressed a desire to take part in such a fun day. Should we make this an annual or biannual event? Each time we would gain useful organizational experience and would give the community and city-at-large an event to look forward to. We might even suggest that a local church group put on a coffee party, luncheon or afternoon tea to give the weary shoppers a lift. Perhaps others who enjoyed their day last Fall and who feel this should become an annual event will comment and offer their time and suggestions.

Sandra Ferguson

### Deadline for Next Edition

The next edition of New Edinburgh Community News is scheduled for mid April publication. Deadline date is Friday, March 31. Submit all news items, articles, community events by the above date to 7 Avon Lane.




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# Profiles of People in the 'Burgh'

## Werner Biondi: Chef to the Governor-General

by Sean McCutcheon

Early on a cold, clear January morning, I drove up to Rideau Hall, the most palatial house in New Edinburgh. It was built in 1838 by the founder of New Edinburgh, Thomas Mackay, a stonemason from Scotland who became rich as a contractor for the building of the Rideau canal and as owner of the first mills powered by Rideau Falls. His stone mansion, and the additions made to it over the years, are now the official residence of the Governor-General. Here visiting heads of state are entertained with pomp and elegance.

I came to visit Rideau Hall's chef, Werner Biondi. Mr Biondi, a tall slim man, met me at a side entrance where a truck was unloading vegetables. In the kitchen his staff were quietly beginning preparations for a week that would include a skating party for 500 members of the press, and would culminate in the New Year's levee, at which 4,000 guests were expected. We talked in his office, a small room simply furnished with desk, bookshelf and file cabinet.

More than 35 years ago, when he was a teenager, Mr Biondi left his native Switzerland for a job in the kitchens of the Grand Hotel in Florence. His ambition was to travel, and learning the art of cooking was a means to that end. After two years spent cleaning vegetables and cutting potatoes so that all the portions served on a plate would be the same shape, he became an apprentice chef. He returned to Switzerland, then took a job in Holland, sailed on Holland-American Line ships cruising between New York and the West Indies, worked in Stockholm, moved to a job at what is now Ben Gurion airport in what was then Palestine (here, in the late '40's, sabotage often interrupted supplies of food and electricity and he learnt to improvise, once cooking for both restaurant and aircraft galleys on camp stoves), returned to Sweden, and came to Canada. During these travels he became fluent in German, Italian, Swedish, Dutch, French and English, and

mastered classical French and Italian cuisine, advancing from vegetables through soups, roasts, sauces, and cold meats until, finally, he became a chef.

Mme Jules Léger, wife of the Governor-General, has said: "When people dine here they expect something special. I want them to take away a memory that will last them all their lives. Fine cooking is an art, an aspect of civilization. I want to make sure that our guests receive the best that civilization has to offer."

For an example of the food prepared at Rideau Hall, here is the lunch served to the King of Belgium on September 20, last year, Mousse de Homard Froid; Filet de Boeuf Roti Richelieu; Sauce Madère Truffe; Timbale d'Epinard; Crepettes de Mais; Champignons Farcies; Pommes Noisettes; Salade Verte; Place Noix de Coco en Tasse de Chocolate; Fours Glacées.

Most of the guests are satisfied with such fare, but recently the Prime Minister of Gabon and his party visited, and found it too bland. Fortunately they brought some chili pepper sauce with them, some of which they left with Mr Biondi when they departed.

"We tried it just once," he says, "and ended up blowing fire out of our ears. We feed people from all over the world, but it would be foolish for us to try to impress them with our version of their native concoctions, so we stick to French cuisine."

"We do everything the way it used to be done in the great houses. We take no short cuts, make no substitutions. If it's an original Escoffier recipe, and calls for 35 per cent cream, that's what we use."

He opens a leather suitcase to show me his travelling tool kit. Strapped into place are a dozen or more battered knives (the split handles carefully bound with wire), moulds, cutters, scoops, egg slicer, needles (one of which has a groove rather than an eye, and is

used for introducing slivers of lard into lean meat), and an old-fashioned can opener. He proudly points to a framed colour photograph showing what he has made with such tools: a number of tables piled with an extravagant and graceful array of salmon and lobster, chickens and cold meats, fruits and salads. "What I like doing best," he says, "are the decorated show pieces."

We tour the kitchen, pantries and cold rooms. Polished copper pots and pans glow on a wall. There is a large lion-shaped mould for making regal centrepieces. There are marble tables for the pastry chef, and a marble mortar, its bowl more than a foot in diameter and its massive wooden pestle as big as a fist.

There are ten pound slabs of chocolate, and a permanent supply of molten chocolate on a heater, homemade pickles and rare dried morales, apricots preserved in vodka, prunes in cognac and cherries in grappa, ready to be dipped into fondant icing to make petits fours. Inside cupboards are edible sculptures: a sugar Eiffel tower, a Peace tower, crests of Canada and the provinces, their heraldic animals painted in coloured jams, a marzipan rose, a chocolate squirrel.

I asked Mr Biondi what advice he had for the amateur. "Consult the recipe," he said, "but don't follow it slavishly. If you feel like adding spices do so — it will make the dish more interesting. As you accumulate experience you will depend less on precise measurement, except of course, when making pastries — you always have to measure them. In cooking there is nothing new under the sun and always leeway for the imagination."

He gave me some confections to eat when I left. What did he cook for himself, I wondered? "Well, you know, a chef gets to the point of being fed up with rich food and heavy steaks. Sometimes I go home and have cream of wheat for supper."

## L'Ecole communautaire

L'année 1977 a été pour L'Ecole communautaire Barrette-St. Charles, une année remplie de nouvelles expériences. En plus des cours tels que crochet, macramé, éducation physique, tissage, ski de fond, jardinage, yoga et majorettes, le conseil communautaire a apporté son appui à l'A.P.I. pour la mise en marche de certaines activités (ex. vente de pâtisseries, fête d'Halloween) sans compter le vin-fromage pour honorer tous les participants aux cours du soir.

Le conseil communautaire s'était fixé comme objectif en septembre '77, l'implantation d'un programme pouvant rejoindre les besoins des enfants comme des adultes. Une entente avec le Collège Algonquin, département de la gestion et des loisirs, a permis à une stagiaire, Joanne Dumont, d'offrir des ateliers de bricolage aux enfants de 7 à 12 ans, en plus d'organiser des activités le samedi (ex. films, échange de patins). BILAN POUR 1977: au delà de 200 participants aux cours en plus de nombreux BENEVOLES.

Le cours pour l'année '78 sont déjà en marche. Nous offrons (pour adultes): ski de fond, tissage, macramé, crochet, conditionnement physique, forme et

couleur, yoga. Les enfants de l'école ont pu s'inscrire à des cours de majorettes et grâce à la collaboration du Département de Parcs et loisirs d'Ottawa, le conseil communautaire a pu embaucher une monitrice de bricolage. «Merci à tous pour leur appui et leur participation!!

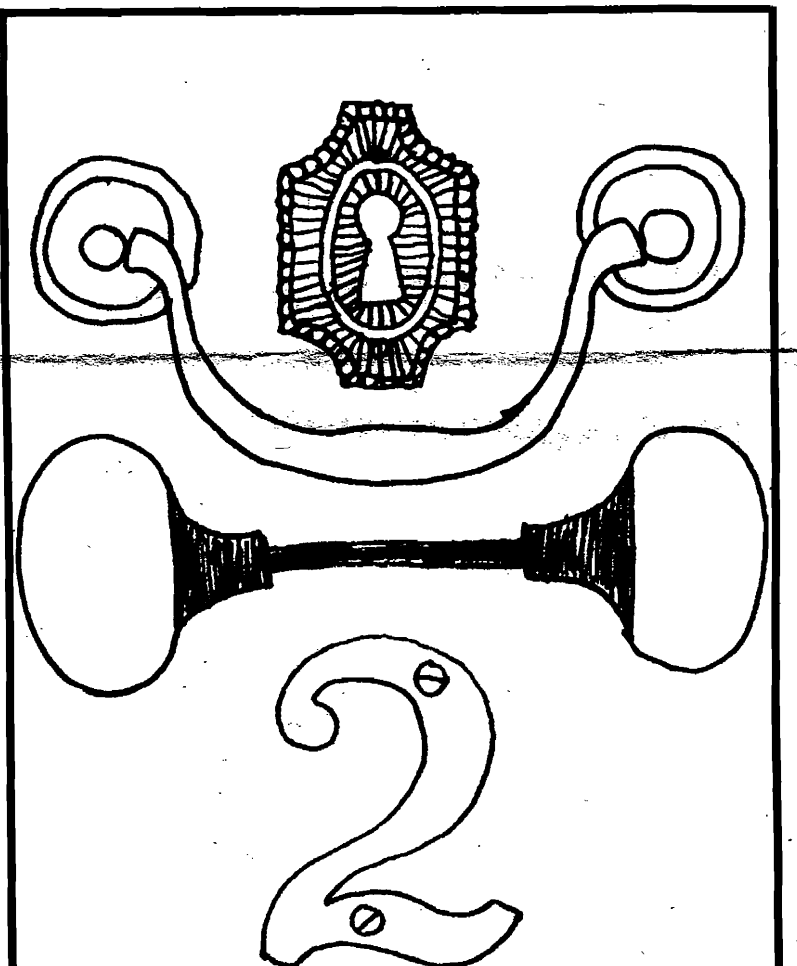
### Club de hockey:

Les jeunes de plus de 9 ans peuvent maintenant s'inscrire. But: préparer les jeunes à jouer au hockey en leur apprenant les techniques de base. Moniteur: M. O'Toole. Coût: aucun. Quand: samedi le 4 février à 13h00 Ou: la patinoire de l'école Barrette.

### Marche Aux puces

Le conseil communautaire de l'école Barrette organise un marché aux puces vendredi le 24 février entre 14h00 et 18h00. Les profits iront au conseil communautaire pour l'achat d'équipement.

Nous invitons les gens à nous apporter leurs dons le plus tôt possible à l'école Barrette ou St. Charles. Pour plus d'information, veuillez contacter Mme Marion, Présidente, à 746-1545 ou Aline Roy à 749-0062.



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# New Edinburgh—Its Athletes and MacKay Church

by J. Alex Edmison, Q.C.

New Edinburgh has indeed a colourful history. The "Burgh" has a unique place in the hearts and memories of those who have lived here. (Fifteen hundred people turned out at the one hundredth anniversary of Crichton St. School).

It is an understatement to say that athletes had a special place in the saga of the village. Many growing up here achieved distinction in various sports, especially in hockey, football and paddling. C. B. Snelling and George and Frank Boucher were professional hockey players and Bill Neate was a popular paddling star as well as being the Ottawa swimming champion.

In 1911, the New Edinburgh Football Club was champion of the Ottawa Rugby League. The players were W. McFaul, D. Stalker, A. R. Kendall, G. Boucher, G. Dunlop, A. McNaughton, J. Doherty, W. Bambrick, L. Harding, E. Daley, J. W. Houghton, A. Stalker, R. Tubman, J. Ingram, E. Bunel, J. McElroy, Joe Rankin, T. B. Rankin, T. K. Gerard, Wm. Neate, W. Bryce, C. D. Kendall.

In 1915, members of the Ottawa New Edinburgh Canoe Club became the half-mile champions of Canada. That team was made up of E. D. Perney, D. Stalker, D. Munro, Ray Tubman, E. F. Dunn, W. Crowe, A. Stalker, A. McNaughton, E. Hawken, K. Forsyth, E. Tubman, E. G. Bunel, H. Avery, H. Storey, E. Vanasse, C. Milks, R. Anderson and J. Dunn.

MacKay Church had its part in all this. Two MacKay Church families deserve special mention whenever sports are discussed and these are the Gerards and the Joliats. Both had sons who 'made it' to the Canadian Hockey Hall of Fame.

In 1915 there was a MacKay wedding of note when Edward, son of Church Elder William Gerard (ordained in 1893) married Lillian, the daughter of Church Elder D. J. MacKenzie (ordained in 1904). The functionary was the Reverend Dr.



Eddie Gerard  
Hockey Hall of Fame

Anderson. The bridegroom was an outstanding performer in football, hockey, paddling, cricket and baseball.

When Eddie Gerard died in 1937, he was described in the Ottawa Citizen as a famous football backfielder with the Ottawa Rough Riders — one of the greatest hockey players of all time — one of the greatest and finest figures in the history of sport in Canada — a beloved citizen. Then followed nearly a full page of tributes to Eddie Gerard's memory: T. P. "Tommy" Gorman, sports promoter and hockey manager in Ottawa, Chicago and Montreal — "I admired him more than any athlete I ever handled."

Frank "King" Clancy, now Vice-President of the Toronto Maple Leafs Hockey Club, who played with Eddie on the Ottawa Senators said — "He was a great player and a wonderful inspiration to his team-mates — Through his death I have lost a friend whose actions I have tried to emulate on and off the ice."

Horace Merrill, another fellow member of the Senators said — "He was a perfect gentleman and a wonderful athlete. He paddled for my crew at the New Edinburgh Club to win three war canoe mile Canadian championships and one



Aurel Joliat  
Hockey Hall of Fame

half mile championship. When he joined the Senators it was almost a New Edinburgh team — with at least five old 'Burgh' boys in the lineup."

Emile Joliat who lived for long years at 101-103 Stanley Ave. was born in Switzerland. He joined the Ottawa Police Department in his early twenties and rose to be Chief of Police. He and his family were members of MacKay. One son, Homere, is memorialized in the First War plaque in the Church. He rose to the rank of Sergeant, won the Military Medal for bravery in action; and was killed at the Battle of Arras in March, 1918. Emile's daughter, Alice, was for five years, a member of the choir at MacKay.

Another son was Aurel Joliat, who commenced his athletic career as a star kicking-fullback with the Ottawa Rough Riders. He soon switched to hockey and spent sixteen seasons as a member of the Montreal Canadiens. He will always be remembered as the ice partner of the great Howie Morenz and of Billy Boucher. His average playing weight was always around 135 pounds — yet he stood up to the biggest defence men in hockey. He and Morenz each scored 270 goals. No wonder he was called the "Mighty Atom" in the book "Little

Giant."

Aurel has outlived most of his contemporaries. He still shows up at the occasional hockey reunion and knows what it is to receive a standing ovation. When his sister, Mrs. Alice Cornu, visited the Hockey Hall of Fame, she was, upon recognition, given a complimentary copy of "Hockey's Heritage" — in which Aurel Joliat is paid a fine tribute. What a momentous journey he has had from the open rinks of New Edinburgh to the ice palaces of the continent!

Having celebrated one hundred years of MacKay Church service in New Edinburgh, we should perhaps ask ourselves — what makes this area 'click'? Shakespeare, I think, has the answer

"How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world

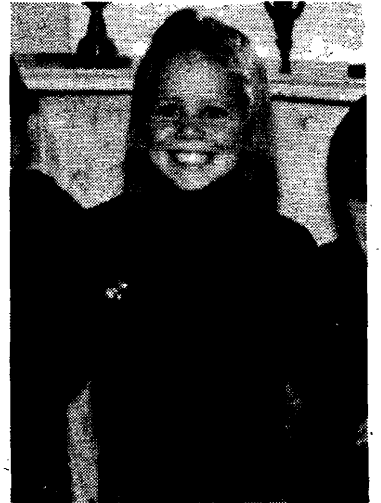
That has such people in't"

"Such people in't" — that's the answer. This area is noted for its friendliness and its loyalty to associates, families, neighbours and team-mates.

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## Dennis Lee . . . Take Note!

I am a bee so you can't see me,  
And I know you'll eat a pea and  
then drink up the sea,  
So when you're near a honey tree  
Don't bring along a pea or any  
water from the sea  
Or you will get a honey sting/  
just from me.



Jennifer Ferguson  
Age 9

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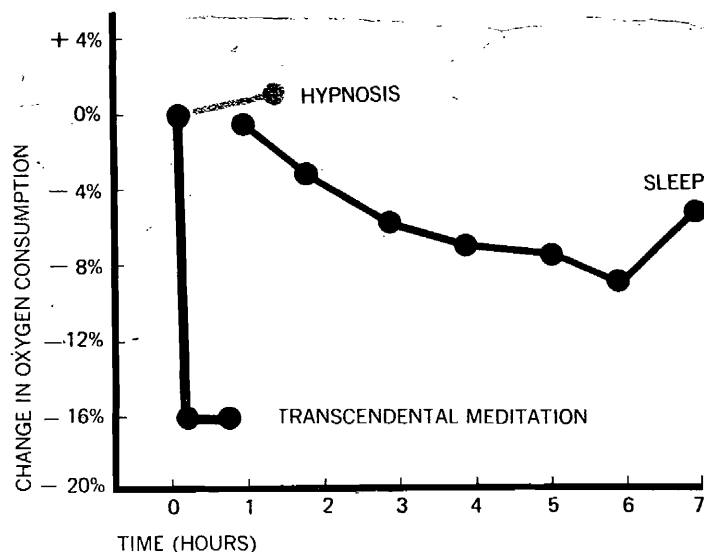
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# TM — A Practical Approach Intro Lecture Feb. 21, 22

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Reference:  
Scientific American February 1972 Wallace Benson-USA

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To learn more about The Transcendental Meditation Program, a free introductory talk and film presentation will be given to the New Edinburgh residents at Crichton Street Public School on Tuesday, February 21 and Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 10. Bring a friend! For further information please call Sharon Staseson at 741-6407.

# When I Was A Kid...

First in a series of recollections by  
life-long residents of New Edinburgh

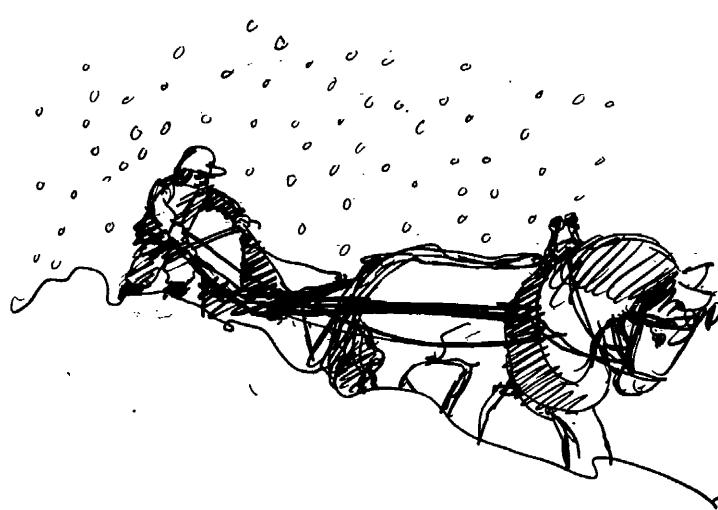
R. A. (Porky) Grant

They only ploughed the streets when it got too deep to pass then. I'm talking 55 or 60 years back now. They'd come along with a big walkaway (That's what they called the plough). Jakey Westfall used to drive the walkaway and he'd use Slinn's team.

They ploughed the sidewalks with a smaller plough and one horse, and when it was really icy they'd come along with this thing called a scarifier. It looked sort of like a plough but it scored up the sidewalk so you wouldn't slip. One day it was really icy. Jakey was headed up Crichton St. with the scarifier and just about Muggins Chadwick's place, Dubby Kerr came running and gave the horse the shoulder and knocked over the whole works — horse, scarifier and Jakey all went flying!

We lived at 72 Stanley (it's torn down now...too hard to heat). Anyway, Ronnie, my brother and I used to sit in the big bay window and watch the cars come off the Minto Bridges and go around the turnabout onto Stanley.

There weren't too many cars then and they had big enough wheels to go through almost anything, but there was always a big pile of snow on one side of the turnabout where they wouldn't see it until it was too late and get stuck. So Ronnie and I would go out with shovels and help them and they'd be grateful and give us some money. As soon as the car was out of sight we'd go and shovel all the snow back...then retreat to our window and wait for another car to get stuck.



Later in the winter though, the road would get really smooth and hard from the ice sleighs. They used to cut ice on the Gatineau River, big blocks, and carry them across the Ottawa River to Mansfield's Wharf and then up Mansfield's Hill (that was just at the end of John St.). I think it took two extra teams to haul those sleighs up the hill from the river — then they'd rest a while before starting up Stanley to the Rideau River and

across under the Black Bridges to the Twin City Ice Co. at the end of St. Andrew St. in lower town. Then they'd put in on conveyers and load it into a big ice house to store for summer delivery.

Those heavy sleighs made the road so smooth that we could play road hockey... usually with a horseball... there were lots of those around... Jakey Westfall's on Porter's Island now.

## March Break Program Available

If you are interested in having your child attend a day program at Crichton School during the March break please contact Karl Parks at 749-7897 or the school secretary indicating the age of the child, your name and telephone number. A small registration fee will be charged.

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## Children's Fashion Show Christmas Highlight

On December 2, the New Edinburgh Day Care sponsored a Fashion Show, with all the outfits designed and hand made by one of the community's talented children's designers, Diana Chambers, who planned and organized the full evening. Thanks should go to Mary Beth Grant, Sally Hutchison, Sharon Staseson and school janitor Jean-Guy Charlotte for their support during the show.

The show consisted of a bit of everything — ruffles, antique lace, grey flannel and vinyl.

Boys and girls from both the Day Care and Crichton School skipped, hopped giggled, danced and strutted to lively tunes, all the while showing the captive audience their outfits ranging from party wear to school clothes to sleep outfits and even a 'cruise wear' section to the delight of all present. The Christmas mood was maintained throughout with many deep greens and reds adding to the festive fashions.

The models were all most winsome as each crossed the kindergarten stage in his or her own personable way. Peter Grant charmed his way through the show, with his appearance in the blue and white striped ascot in the cruise wear scene. But the scene stealer of the show was little Justine Chambers, a very lively two year old, who jumped, hopped, skipped and fell across the stage in a series of random motions that brought down the house.

Everyone present agreed that it



**Thane Chambers modelled the cotton and corduroy party dress at the recent Fashion Show. The antique lace collar added a special touch for those Christmas outings.**

was a successful and enjoyable evening. Refreshments were served while children and adults oo-ed and aah-ed over the clothes Diana Chambers offered for sale at the close of the show. The admission fees were turned over to the Day Care for the purchase of additional equipment.

Rumor has it that Diana Chambers has been hard at work with a follow-up spring and summer line. Judging by the enthusiastic response to the winter collection assembled for the show, New Edinburgh residents will be eager to purchase the unique and varied outfits offered.

## Ice Rink Open to All

by Sean McCutcheon

The outdoor rink in New Edinburgh Park is free for all to use. It is operated by the city's Department of Recreation and Parks, and the man who will be looking after it until it melts in the early spring is Rick Villeneuve.

"I really enjoy this work," he said. "The condition of the rink is a statement of how well I do my job."

"I like this community. There's a social program for the kids on Friday nights, and they play games like British bulldog and broomball. They're very well behaved, and they always offer to help. But the community doesn't seem to know all that much about the rink. They could use it more. Wouldn't it be great to have a winter carnival and a bonfire?"

"Last year this was a hockey set-up," he explained, "but this year we've got a new idea in rinks, the combination surfaces. The ice surface is divided into two by an island of snow, and bordered by snow banks, not boards. You can have different activities going on at the same time. The hockey players don't like it, though. Their pucks get lost in the snow banks. The best idea of all would be a hockey box in the middle of the ice, surrounded by a skating track, but this isn't too bad."

## Beavers Meet at Church

Beavers (for boys ages 5 — 8) meet Mondays at St. John Lutheran Church, 272 Crichton St. between 6:15 and 7:15. For further information please call Pastor Rath at 749-6953.

## Cubs at Crichton School

The local Cub pack meets Monday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the gym of Crichton St. School. Please contact Mr. Andre Kingsley at 746-0540 for further information.

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**Tuesday, February 7:**

City of Ottawa, Heritage Committee Discussion on Minto Bridges, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 8:**

12:00 noon presentation to Physical Environment Committee, Whitton Hall  
Crichton-Rockcliffe Committee, Crichton School, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 16:**

Annual General Meeting, Mackay United Church, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Wednesday, February 21, 22:**

TM — A Practical Approach. Intro. Lecture Crichton School, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, February 27:**

Late Immersion?

**Saturday, March 11:**

Monte Carlo Night, Crichton Gym, 8 p.m. Tickets in advance.

**Friday, March 31:**

Deadline for submission for material for mid April edition.

## New Edinburgh News

welcomes  
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If you would like to contribute ideas, comments, suggestions, articles, get in touch with:

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### Community Calendar

We would like to publish a community calendar in coming issues of New Edinburgh News. If you or your group has any activity planned to take place in April or May that you would like to publicize, contact Gaye Applebaum at 741-1854 or Heather Matthews at 746-7419 with details.

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New Edinburgh Day Care requires rocking chair, children's chairs, good condition. Also full length mirror. Phone Diane Gray at 745-8005 if you can help.

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