

# NEW EDINBURGH NEWS

SEPTEMBER 1979

Excerpts Below

## NECA Executive Objections on Arterial Sent to Region

Mr. Andrew S. Haydon,  
Edifice Capital square Building,  
222, Queen Street,  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5Z3

Dear Mr. Haydon:

At the next general meeting of the Regional Council on September 12, 1979, the matter of the Vanier Arterial will be raised for discussion and approval. As we understand it, the Regional Council will be asked to approve the expenditure of funds amounting to \$2.7 million to build what is known as the "Overbrook Section" connecting the Queensway to the existing Vanier Arterial. The residents of New Edinburgh have a number of very serious concerns about the proposed construction and on their behalf we would wish to set these out as simply and clearly as possible.

### Proposal

- 1) The proposal is to connect the Queensway to the Vanier Arterial. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1980. This proposal will in fact create a severe traffic problem, which has been barely discussed, and for which no solution has been identified.
- 3) The proposal was based on the estimated delivery of 15,500 cars per day (in 1978) to the northern end of the Vanier Arterial at Crichton Street, which is the straight lead off for the Vanier Arterial. Neither this intersection nor Crichton Street is capable of handling much more traffic than now exists. No detailed plans are conceived in the present proposal to deal with the additional traffic at the northern end of the Vanier Arterial.
- 4) From the above, it is clear that if the Vanier Arterial is to be extended in either direction, then it is the northern portion that should be completed first in order to avoid the obvious problems in traffic flow that would be created by building the southern, Overbrook Section.

### Environment Considerations

- 1) The planned routing for the northern section of the Vanier Arterial (as we understand it) is from St. Patrick's Bridge through the middle of Stanley Park to connect with the MacDonald-Cartier Bridge. The land involved in this construction bears a very high aesthetic and recreational value, (particularly for the New Edinburgh community and visitors to Ottawa City Hall and the Lester B. Pearson Building) which would be completely destroyed by having a four lane divided highway pushed through it. In addition, this route would probably make a number of houses at the southern end of Crichton Street uninhabitable. The cost of the destruction in dollar terms must be substantial. The cost in social and environmental terms is incalculable.
- 2) The parkland on the opposite side of the Rideau River will also be harmed, and the senior citizens residing in high-rise apartment buildings on Porter's Island will become subjected to intolerable noise and pollution levels.
- 3) The report of the RMOC River Corridor Project states that lands located on flood plains are unsuitable for

development (see page 190 of the Report). The Report states, at page 191, the following:

"Because one of the objectives for the River Corridors is to preserve the natural setting, it is not considered desirable for development to be permitted which will occasion the construction of berms or dikes or the raising of the level of the ground so that the buildings sit on mounds. It therefore should be policy that the flood plain be kept free of structures and other uses that would alter its natural appearance...."

Therefore, is it unreasonable to conclude that the proposal to construct the northern link of the Vanier Arterial through the middle of Stanley Park (a flood plain) is in direct conflict with the RMOC river corridors policy proposal?

- 4) Neither the RMOC, the NCC nor the City of Ottawa have ever conducted a comprehensive environmental impact study on the Vanier Arterial project.

### Energy Considerations

- 1) The foundation of the proposal is a forecast flow of traffic of 99 cars per hour at peak hour. This estimate was, we are informed, made in 1977. Since that date a number of events have occurred which might cast doubt on this forecast, most notable of which has been the recent oil crisis with the concomitant drop in automobile sales and registrations.
- 2) The current trend of policy as set out in the latest RMOC information sheet is to "place priority on transit development, particularly the implementation of rapid Transit." Surely the objective of Regional Council should be to pursue this policy and encourage the use of public transportation rather than to encourage an increased use of private transportation.

### Overall Costs

- 1) The creation of the problems at the Vanier Arterial/St. Patrick's Bridge intersection by the building of the Overbrook Extension of the Vanier Arterial can only be solved by a very expensive subsequent construction project effecting the northern extension of the Vanier Arterial.
- 2) Aside from the social and environmental costs inherent in building the northern extension, it has been estimated on the basis of information received from Regional Staff that the monetary cost of the northern extension would be in the area of \$30 million and could rise as high as \$40 million (compared to the estimated cost of the Rideau Centre Project of \$25 million).

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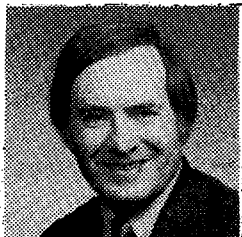
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## NECA President Ed Browell Reports

**Arterial Gets Go Ahead  
Despite Lobbying  
by NECA Executive**



The Vanier Arterial issue, which has been with the community of New Edinburgh for nine years, became an active issue again during the months of July and August. A great deal of work was completed by your executive—particularly by the Vice-president, Robin Hamilton Harding during the summer while myself, and other executive members were on holiday. The issue was in the form of a proposal by the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton for the construction of the southern (Overbrook) section of the Vanier Arterial. Robin lobbied against this proposal at a Public Hearing held in Overbrook on July 10, and the meeting of the Transportation Committee of Region held on August 8, and he enlisted the support of the mayor of Ottawa by meeting with her in August.

On September 5, your Executive met to review the proposal to construct the Overbrook section of the Vanier Arterial and concluded that since the project, if completed, would result in the dumping of a large volume of harmful traffic into New Edinburgh streets from the end of the Arterial at Beechwood and the St. Patrick Street Bridge, decided to:

- prepare and forward to the 31 members of Regional Council, a letter objecting to the proposal (it appears on page one of this issue),
- mount a large lobby campaign involving 60 members of the Association who would telephone 3 members of Regional Council, and ask ten neighbours to write letters to 3 members of Regional Council, (that's 1800 letters), and
- enlist the support of the 25 media outlets in the Ottawa-Hull area.

In addition to working as lobbyists, members of your Executive participated in the excellent media coverage arranged by Executive member Patrick Gossage and Steven Boissonneault. Robin Hamilton Harding and Jim Kingham participated in the Hal Anthony Talk Show just a few hours before the Regional Council was to vote on the issue of the Vanier Arterial southern section. This show has about 90,000 listeners. Robin, Jim and I were asked to give 12 other radio, television and newspaper interviews. Finally, this lobbying campaign lasting four days ended on 12 Sept. when about 50 Association members attended the Regional Council meeting at City Hall to speak with the Council members before the 4 p.m. meeting and listen to the debate from the public gallery. Marion Dewar, Mayor of Ottawa, did an excellent job of leading the debate with an amendment in support of your Executives' recommendation for a deferral of the southern section construction project. (Recommendation one on page 5 of the Executives' letter).

However, despite these many initiatives Regional Council approved the design of the construction of the southern section of the Vanier Arterial. But it was a close vote of 15 to 12. And had two other Council members who had agreed to support our recommendation been able to attend the meeting during this vote, the project would probably have been defeated, or at least produced a tied vote. In short, it was a close vote, and your Executive has met again recently to decide what additional steps can be taken to prevent harmful commuter traffic from flowing into New Edinburgh in the event that the southern section of the Vanier Arterial is constructed. There is also a possibility that the Executive can influence the Regional Council vote at the next meeting on the subject when approval to let a tender for construction will be requested. After all, it is basically a question of persuading two or three additional Council members to vote against the proposed southern section construction project.

I would be grateful if New Edinburgh residents would give me their views on this important issue and how they wish the Executive to deal with the potential dumping of high volumes of commuter traffic on the streets of New Edinburgh. (749-4349; Bus. 992-4714).

## NECA Objections

### Public Participation

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In these days of shortages of funds, doubts of the fairness of political, bureaucratic and regulatory procedures, it is essential that the elected officials of this country, at whatever level of government, be seen to be pursuing courses of action that are considered, openly discussed and fully documented. The record of moving towards public participation in the case of this proposal has been abysmal, as was so well expressed by the community organizations of Overbrook at the meeting in that community on July 10, 1979. It is not enough that a decision that might involve substantial funds be implemented through a proposal for a far lesser sum because of parochial and political reasons. The full costs and impacts, monetary, social and environmental, must be considered in the open with a full knowledge of all the circumstances by the elected officials, and with the full participation of all the communities to be affected now or in the immediate future by this decision.

In view of the above, the Executive of the New Edinburgh Community Association respectfully submits the following recommendations:

- 1) That approval of the construction of the Overbrook Section of the Vanier Arterial be withheld until the Regional Council is presented with the full monetary, social and environmental costs and impacts of the decision involving both the northern and southern extensions of the Vanier Arterial. These data should be based on current information.

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## Services for Seniors

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- RFR is a non-commercial organization and its charges are minimal; (A schedule of charges is attached.)

- to assist financially in the continuance of its services for seniors, RFR will undertake jobs for voluntary, non-profit associations, even though their membership may not include seniors. Such services will be provided at the discretion of RFR.

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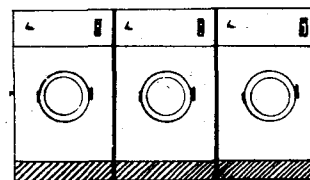
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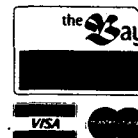
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Thinking of travel. It's hard not to think of the Bay.

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- 2) That the Transportation Committee review the premises for the present proposal in the light of present day circumstances, particularly the public transit policy, the energy concerns, vehicle registrations and the construction of a major arterial in Québec;
- 3) That the Transportation Committee be requested to review whether the major arterials on either side of the Ottawa River should be interconnected and if so whether that connection could be more properly achieved outside the more densely populated areas.
- 4) That, if it is determined, in the face of all the above factors, that the Queensway be connected to Hull by means of the Vanier Arterial, then as a last resort the Vanier Arterial extension to the north of the existing portion of the Vanier Arterial be planned, costed, approved and built before the Overbrook section.

This decision before the Regional Council is pivotal. It will set a precedent not only in the way Council is prepared to look at issues, in their broader rather than their narrower, parochial contexts, but also in the approach that Council is to take to public participation. From a refusal to proceed with this proposal will flow a decision to look at a well co-ordinated, reasoned approach to all facets of transportation, both private and public. From a refusal to proceed with this proposal will flow an understanding that Regional Council will not sign a blank cheque for action which it has not evaluated in monetary, social or environmental terms.

Yours truly,  
J. Edward Browell  
President  
161, Mackay Street,  
New Edinburgh

Robin A. Hamilton Harding  
Vice-president  
108, Crichton Street  
New Edinburgh



## Who Are We?

Shortly after Mayor Marion Dewar launched Project 4000, at the beginning of the summer, several families in the Burgh area became interested in the project as a community involved in bringing a South east Asian refugee family to Ottawa. Acting under the auspices of Project 4000, we are now a viable group of 35 people working together to assume full sponsorship for a refugee family of up to six individuals, who are scheduled to arrive in Ottawa probably at the end of November. (The immigration process is a three step procedure and we will only be notified of the specific family, i.e. the numbers in it, the age and sex of the individuals, the number of children etc., some time late in October after they have undergone security and medical clearance in the refugee camp.) Once we know the size and makeup of the family we can appeal more directly for specific needs.

## How Can You Help?

At the moment, we are collecting as much as we can in the way of household furnishings (the first priority being beds and good used mattresses), appliances and small size warm clothing (size 5, 7, or 9 for women, size 34, 36, 38 suits or coats for men). Any clothing in reasonably good condition will be welcome.

We are also looking for volunteers to help the family settle in—a shopping trip once a week for the first few weeks until they are familiar with the area, a friendly visit to make sure they are managing to settle in, or a daytime volunteer driver to drive the family to job appointments, doctor's office as the occasion arises. Anyone who knows of, or can offer services like accomodation, food, health services would be most appreciated.

New Edinburgh Refugee Sponsors would also be grateful for your donation, in any amount. Tax deductible receipts will be issued by Project 4000. The legal commitment to sponsor a family entails a year's full support for the group. The more people who contribute, the less the burden will fall solely on the sponsoring group. Should the family become self-sufficient before the year, a larger financial base from the community-at-large would enable us to consider the sponsorship of a second family. All donations should be made out to New Edinburgh Refugee Sponsors

and sent to Brian Plouffe, Treasurer, 100 Noel Street.

New Edinburgh Refugee Sponsors' goal is that this be a community project in as wide a manner possible. It is our hope that we will locate a subsidized apartment in the Burgh, food services from local grocers and merchants and assistance from the community's residents. Acting in liaison with the Mackay United Church's group, New Edinburgh Refugee Sponsors hopes to be able to utilize the community's resources in the best possible manner and to eliminate overlapping.

You can help the sponsoring group with goods, services or a tax deductible donation towards their upkeep on arrival. Contact



Maria Laurie, Chairman, 741-5304; Mary Beth Grant, 745-2797; Pat Grygier, (evenings) 749-9329; Patrick Gossage, (evenings) 745-0156; Brian Plouffe, 749-9239.

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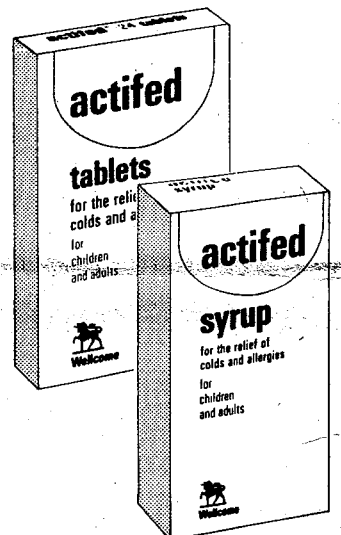
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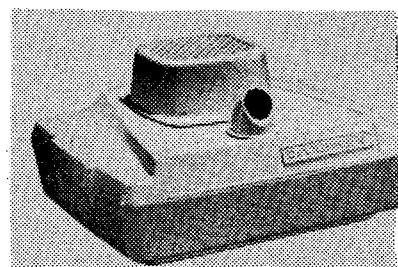


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## NEN Cited by Mayor for Brief Requesting Funds

Dear Gaye:

A belated thank you for having forwarded your comments on the community newspaper advertising program for 1980. As you are no doubt aware, City Council has approved the PAG recommendation that \$20,000 be allocated in 1980. We look forward to advertising in the New Edinburgh News as we recognize the great interest which exists in your community and the focal role which you play in keeping residents informed and involved in local government.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please extend to your colleagues my best wishes for the continued success of your publication.

Sincerely  
Marion Dewar  
Mayor

## PAG Proposals Passed For City Ad Grants in 1980

by Gaye Applebaum

The letter reproduced above was sent to New Edinburgh News a few weeks after Board of Control approved a \$20,000 advertising budget for 1980 for Ottawa's ten community newspapers. The funds will be allocated to each newspaper according to distribution. New Edinburgh News, as the city's smallest community newspaper, with a distribution of 2000 every second month, will receive City of Ottawa advertising revenue proportionate to its size. Nonetheless, the additional revenue will be of considerable assistance in assuring our newspaper's continued existence.

In June, the Participation Advisory Group at City Hall (which is now defunct) called a meeting for all community newspapers' staff. Mary Beth Grant and I attended for New Edinburgh News. It was the first occasion that we had to get together with others publishing small community-oriented newspapers across the city; the meeting was a valuable forum for an exchange of both ideas and newspapers. PAG had

prepared a report for Board of Control in which it recommended that the City channel a portion of its advertising budget into the community newspapers, now reaching more than 65,000 Ottawa area homes. Everyone agreed that advertising dollars from the City would help offset the printing costs that weigh so heavily on small associations.

Mary Beth and I prepared a brief which was distributed to the four controllers and the mayor, in advance of the Board of Control's scheduled meeting. We stated that New Edinburgh News often announces upcoming city events or public information (like the fire alarm by-law in the June 1979 issue); city advertising is beneficial to the newspaper for revenue, and to the community to better inform everyone of the city's programmes.

Of the nine newspapers represented (the Hogs Back paper had not yet started) only New Edinburgh News and Newswest submitted briefs.

We welcomed the unanimous decision of the Board of Control and look forward to the introduction of this experimental advertising program.

## What's Cooking...?

Marj  
Hamilton  
Harding  
NEN  
Food Editor



### Ripe Tomato Sauce

Tomatoes really grow quite well in this part of the country, don't they? We only grew five plants this year, and I reckon to be slaving away for a while yet bottling and pickling! In the course of this tomato cooking binge I came across this slightly spicy sauce which can be used for almost anything. Add it to soups, casseroles and meat dishes. Use it hot or cold on hot and cold meat and fish. It makes a zingy barbeque sauce, etc., just to mention a few.

1 lb tomatoes 6 cloves  
1/2 lb apples 2 pieces root ginger  
4 oz sugar 12 peppercorns  
4 oz shallots 2 chillies (optional)  
1 teasp. salt 1/4 pint vinegar

Wash and cut up tomatoes, apples and peeled shallots. Simmer in a covered pan until soft. Juice from tomatoes will prevent burning. Add vinegar, sugar and spices, cover pan, and simmer for 1/2 hour. Unless you like very peppery food leave out the chillies. Then sieve, return to pan and cook gently for 1/4 hour to thicken. Pour into hot bottles,

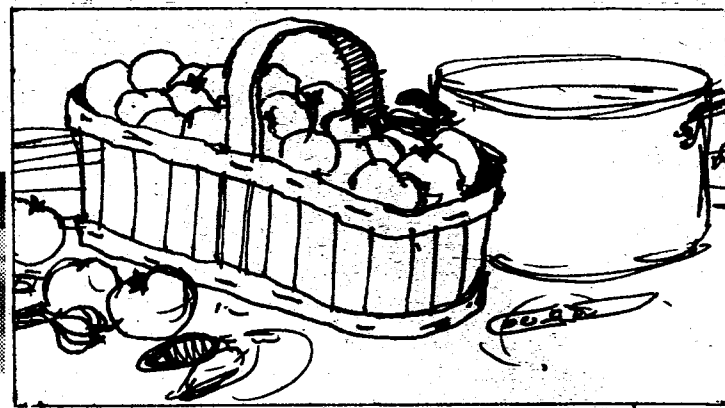
### Playground Facilities for All

Have you seen your Community Playground lately? Over the summer months the contractor has installed a plexipave finish in the tennis area, installed two tennis courts, basketball nets, volleyball courts, hopscotch outlines and park benches.

It must be noted that bikes and trikes will not be permitted in the tennis area. If your children do not read the paper, please explain this to them. This area has been developed at great expense by the City and the Board of Education and everyone is encouraged to make use of the facilities. REMEMBER—IT'S YOURS SO TAKE CARE OF IT.

Consider starting a New Edinburgh Volleyball or Basketball League next spring. You can advise the community of your intentions by preparing a notice for the newspaper or by posting a notice on the bulletin board.

A Community Bulletin Board has been installed near the corner of Dufferin Road on Crichton Street and all groups and individuals in the neighbourhood are invited to post notices of general interest—for example, church bazaars, evening and day classes held at local schools, social events, items for sale or rent, etc. Please leave your notice at the office of Crichton School and it will be posted for you.

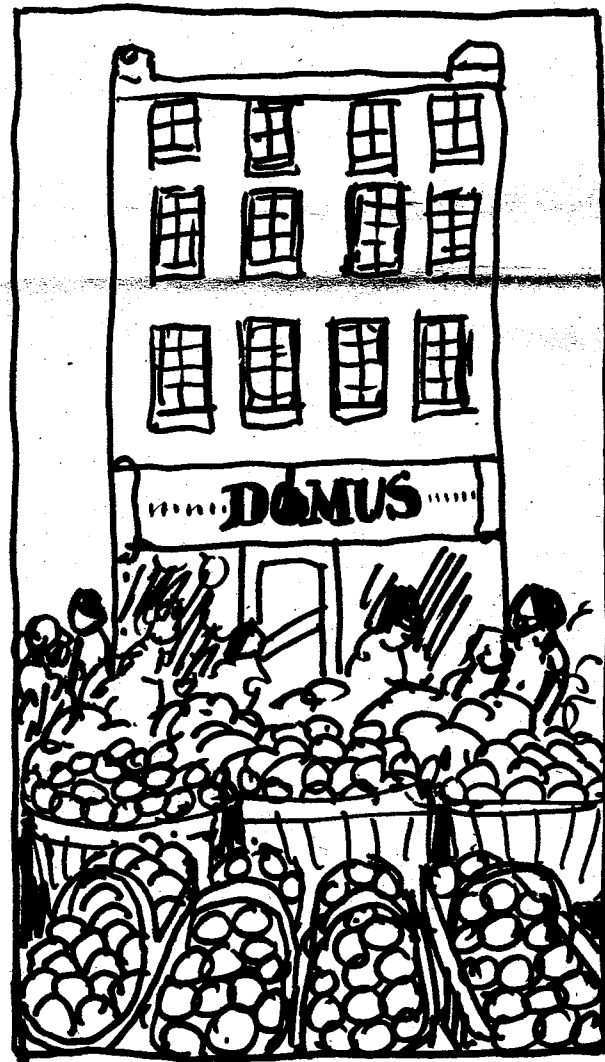


sterilize in a simmering water bath for 30 minutes and seal. Once you've done it, the next time is easy. If you have any questions I'll be glad to help. Yield 1 pint. Use preserving jars with regular seal tops and follow correct bottling 746-5742.

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**SATURDAY**—Supervised activities 9 a.m. Program run by Ottawa Parks and Recreation Dept. No registration or fee. Starting date October 20.

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## ADULT PROGRAMS

**MONDAY**—Dart League no charge

start Basic Sewing, Instructor Mrs. Pat Patterson  
Oct 15 Daytime Euchre Club 1:30-3:30 no charge

Aerobic Dancing, Instructor Mrs. G. G. Robinson 2pm-3pm Exercise to music

**TUESDAY**—Daytime Yoga 9:30-11:30, Instructor Mrs. Shirley Morrison

start Ski Fitness, Instructor Jim Bradford. The first  
Oct 9 objective of the programme will be to improve the general fitness level of each participant; after three or four sessions we will start working on exercises more specifically useful to the cross-country skier.

Basic Cake Decorating, Instructor Mrs. Jill Hardy

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**WEDNESDAY**—Basic Quilting 1-3pm

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Tai Chi Chu'an, Mrs. Shirley Chow

Aerobic Dancing, Mrs. G. G. Robinson, 2pm-3pm.

**THURSDAY**—Yoga for Beginners 9:30-11:30am, Mrs. Shirley Morrison

start Furniture Restoration, Instructor Mrs.  
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Art culinaire	lundi	7h30 - 9h30	repas principale
Crochet	lundi	1h15 - 3h15	Cours général -
Crochet	lundi	7h30 - 9h30	débutant-chaque étudiant
			travaille à son propre
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*Cuivre repoussé	mardi	1h15 - 3h15	Méthode d'apprentissage
			à travailler le cuir,
			à travailler le cuir,
			commençant avec trousse
			de débutant
Couture	mardi	1h15 - 3h15	Cours général avec
Couture	mardi	7h30 - 9h30	techniques de base
Yoga	mardi	7h30 - 9h30	Cours pratique d'exer-
			cice et de détente
*Cuir repoussé	mercredi	7h30 - 9h30	Méthode d'apprentissage
			à travailler le cuir,
			commençant avec trousse
			de débutant
Coiffure	mercredi	7h30 - 9h30	Coupe, permanente, mise
			en plis, teinture,
			manicure et soins de
			beauté

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N.B. Les participants doivent se procurer les matériaux nécessaires à leurs frais

**INSCRIPTION:** Date: lundi, le 10 septembre, mardi, le 11 septembre  
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Endroit: Ecole St-Charles, 24 Springfield

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The first annual meeting of your Crichton Community School Council was held June 12 at which time the following officers were appointed:

Chairman — Sandra Ferguson 746-8259

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Secretary — Ann Hood 749-6858

Senior Citizen Representative—Ethel Proulx 745-4443

Parks & Recreation Representative—Larry Delaney 746-4908

Children's Programmes—Marj Hamilton Harding 746-5742

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New Edinburgh Community Association Representative—Anne Buie 745-0768

Telephone Committee—Jill Hardy 746-1323

Member-at-large—Lynn Denny 741-9698

Lindenlea Representative—Sandy Hood 746-7988

Community Liaison Officer—Karl Parks 741-1904

Meetings are held in the Library of the school the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30. If you have a suggestion or an inquiry please plan to attend the meetings.

**SATURDAY**—Tai Chi Chu'an, Mrs. Shirley Chow, 9-11:30

start A stamp club will be organized if interest is  
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## Summer of '79

### Burgh Children Remember

My trip to P.E.I. and the things I liked about it.

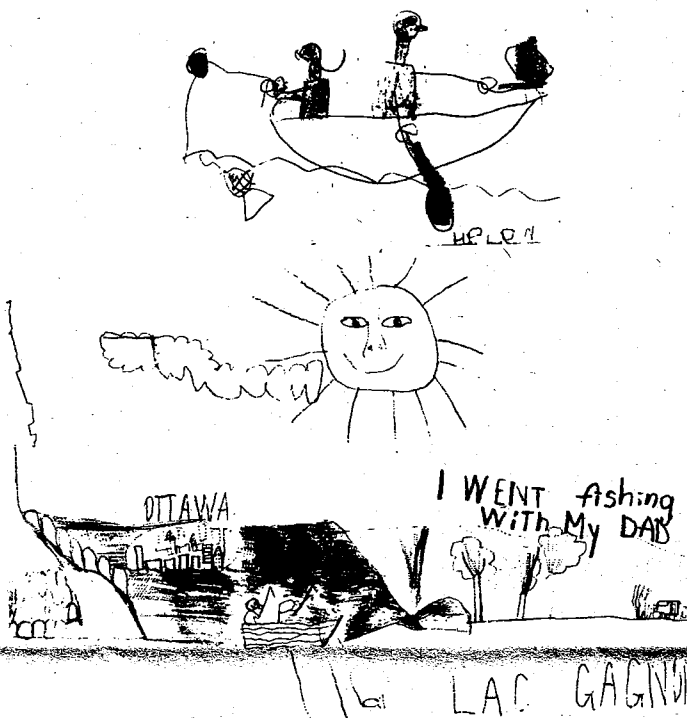
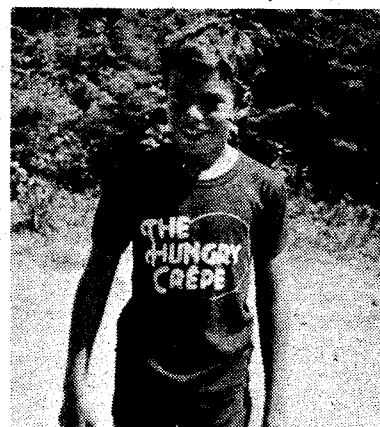
by Jonathan Ferguson age 8.  
In this picture there is Jennifer, Valerie, Stephen and I.

We are petting a pony called Starbuck.

This is one of the things I like doing including feeding him grass. I also liked catching piglets and letting them go. The way I did it was there was a sow and all the little piglets wanted some milk so I just grabbed one of their legs and pulled it out of the barn.

I went to Prince Edward Island this summer and I met a lot of nice people; for instance: Terry, he's really nice and 15 and I like him very much, Kevin is 18, nice and I like him, Kenney is 10 and he's nice but his mouth is BIG, Valerie is 8 and she's nice. She has a brother called Stephen. He's OK and is a friend of Jonathans. This picture is where we stayed. I rode Starbuck (the horse) and played with the little piglets.

Jennifer Ferguson, age 10



Jonathan ABIETT

ON MY HOLIDAY  
by Kate Hamilton Harding, Age 7

I learned to row with my Daddy. It was fun. While we were in the boat we fished in the boat. I caught a bass.

This summer I went to a camping site and I had loads of fun. Me and my dad went canoeing all the time. Second of all, I went to Grandmanon and it's off the coast of Maine. And I rode a motorbike with my dad all over the place. 3rd of all I went to camp. There was a beautiful dinning-room and it was very hot. 4th of all I went to the Ex.

Jay Shore

I can row the boat now. I can fish now too. Our summer holiday was fun.

Helen Hamilton Harding, Age 5

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Each family is asked to donate a casserole. Beverages, salad, rolls and ice cream will be provided.

This summer I went to visit my cousins in Ohio for three days. On the second day we went to a carnival. The first thing we did was called the Gold Rush. You go in a small boat that looks like a log and after a while you go up a steep hill and then you go down it fast!

Andrew Burke, Age 8

There will be entertainment, games and a costume parade.

Tickets will be available at the door. For further information, please call Sally Hutchison, 749-0455.

This event has been thoroughly enjoyed by families in New Edinburgh in the past and promises to be another happy evening.

We went to the cottage at Trout Lake. We had fun on the swings. We had fun at the Niagara Falls. We went in the scenic tunnel. We looked funny in our black raincoats. Even little William got a raincoat. It was nice at the motel. We got a new foster sister, Gaye.

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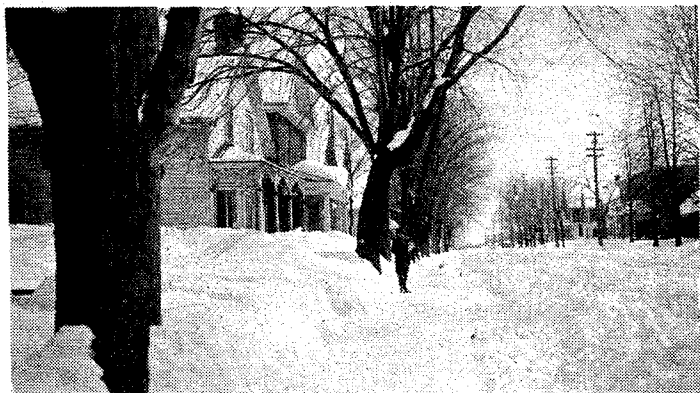
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# When I Was A Kid...

by Doris Esdale as told to Mary Beth Grant

I have an article here about 24 Sussex Drive; I cut it out of the Ottawa Journal. It says, "Few Canadians know what the prime minister's house looks like inside." Well, I do. We had our Sunday school Christmas parties there when the Edwards' lived in the house. I remember sliding down the bannister; they even put a mattress at the bottom of the stairs for falling

I went through Crichton Street School. I remember all my teachers. In kindergarten I had Miss Slinn. In grade one I had Miss Smith; she lived at the corner of Stanley and Victoria. In grade two I had Miss Morrison; in grade three Miss Dickson (we called her Dickie-Bird). In grade four I had Miss Elsie Rankin from Crichton Street and in grade five Miss Elliott (Stiffy, we called her) who lived on Victoria Street near



Stanley Avenue looking toward the train bridge.

onto. When the Curriers lived at 24 Sussex, my mother went to her Sunday school parties there. Both my mother and I visited 24 Sussex Drive, on the same basis, when we were young girls.

My Grandfather Avery built this house for my mother to live in but my father had other ideas. When they were first married they lived on Gilmour Street near the canal, renting half a double. The landlord offered to sell the house to them, but my father said he didn't want to buy in that area because of all the noise. The railway tracks ran alongside the canal. Today it's a park, but then the trains came by all day. I was born after they had moved to Redpath Square, across the river from New Edinburgh. The neighbourhood is gone now because of the McDonald-Cartier Bridge. When our house was going to be torn down for Gamble-Robinson Fruits, they moved here. That was 1910. I was just a little one.

McKay. The grade six teacher was Mr. Talbot; and Dr. Calhoun was principal and teacher of grade eight.

I sat an awful lot on the staircase out in the hallway at school. (I always liked to talk.) I don't think it did me any harm, either. I think the teachers nowadays aren't the teachers ours were. They become teachers too quick; they don't have enough training. Miss Elliott and Miss Rankin went to school for teachers' training for years.

My mother made all my clothes; you couldn't buy ready-made clothes for children in those days. Usually I wore a navy serge skirt and a middie blouse to school. If anyone had told me children—girls even—would wear jeans or anything made of denim to school, I wouldn't have believed them. Denim was for working men. I never sewed much myself. If one of the sewing teachers hadn't been so pernickety I might be



The Esdales at the foot of John St. c. 1910.

better at sewing today. She made us rip out a seam if it wasn't straight and if we soiled the garment while doing that we were reprimanded. I never liked sewing after that class.

In grade six or seven we took cooking lessons at Osgoode School. During really bad weather we were given tickets for carfare, but usually we walked. A teacher came with us. Of course we loved it—getting out of school like that.

When I finished Crichton Street School, I went to Ottawa Tech where I took cooking, sewing, and millinery work. My father had the bright idea that I would never have to work—just stay home and help my mother. Of course it hasn't been like that; I've worked all my life.

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There were so many places to play when I was young. Stanley Park was filled with shellboxes from 1914 until 1918. We used to move them about and make streets and houses. We'd pretend



Doris Esdale, with her grandfather, Henry Avery, New Edinburgh builder of many heritage structures including St. David's Church, the McKay United manse, 111, 114, and 116 Stanley, and 124 Keefer St.

to have a room on this side and a room on the other side. When they were taken away, only a rough yard was left, not a park.

We used to be allowed to play in the schoolyard until the curfew at 9:00. When the curfew bell rang, everybody dropped what they were doing and came home. It was like a siren and when children under 14 heard it, they knew they had to come home. The playground was gravel and when we fell—oh, boy, the scraped knees.

Sometimes we used to play in Government House grounds. A new Governor-General—I think it was Wilmington—booted us out.

There was a playground in back of Stanley Street. It was behind the Bell property. We had no accidents, no drownings, but some of the parents were nervous about being so close to the river so they moved it down the street to where it is now. We had a softball team in the playground and we played against teams from other

playgrounds across the river. You could tell how we had done when you saw us coming back over the Minto Bridges after a game. We walked with our heads down if we lost, and our heads held up high if we had won.

There was a slide in the winter. We would go on toboggans almost to the other side of the river. The snow seemed to blow off the ice then. We could skate all over the river—anywhere between here and the St. Patrick Street bridges. Nothing was flooded; it just seemed to freeze smooth and the wind blew the river free. Now it's covered in ski tracks in the winter.

We used to bowl on Maple Island. There was a bowling green there. My father and I used to lawn bowl. It was always cool on the island. There was a fence around the island and lovely poplars all in a circle. We used to go there for picnics on Sundays. We brought our milk in pails and left it down in the water. Of course the water was higher then. I never remember seeing the stones like this year.

I was an only child and people were always telling me I was a spoiled brat, but that wasn't true. To be honest with you, I think I had a wonderful childhood.

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Raised on a dairy farm in rural Ontario, Cheryl was snipping

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**Photo by Robin Kitchen**

Fred? Bony old Fred, white from his hair to his long johns, is

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