

NEW EDINBURGH NEWS

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Storm Denudes Park



Generations of children swung from the branches of the large willows in New Edinburgh Park. All that remained of three of them after the Thanksgiving weekend storm was a pile of branches.



Broken tree in New Edinburgh Park result of high winds on Friday, October 5. Three others were broken and had to be completely removed.

Photos: Heather Matthews

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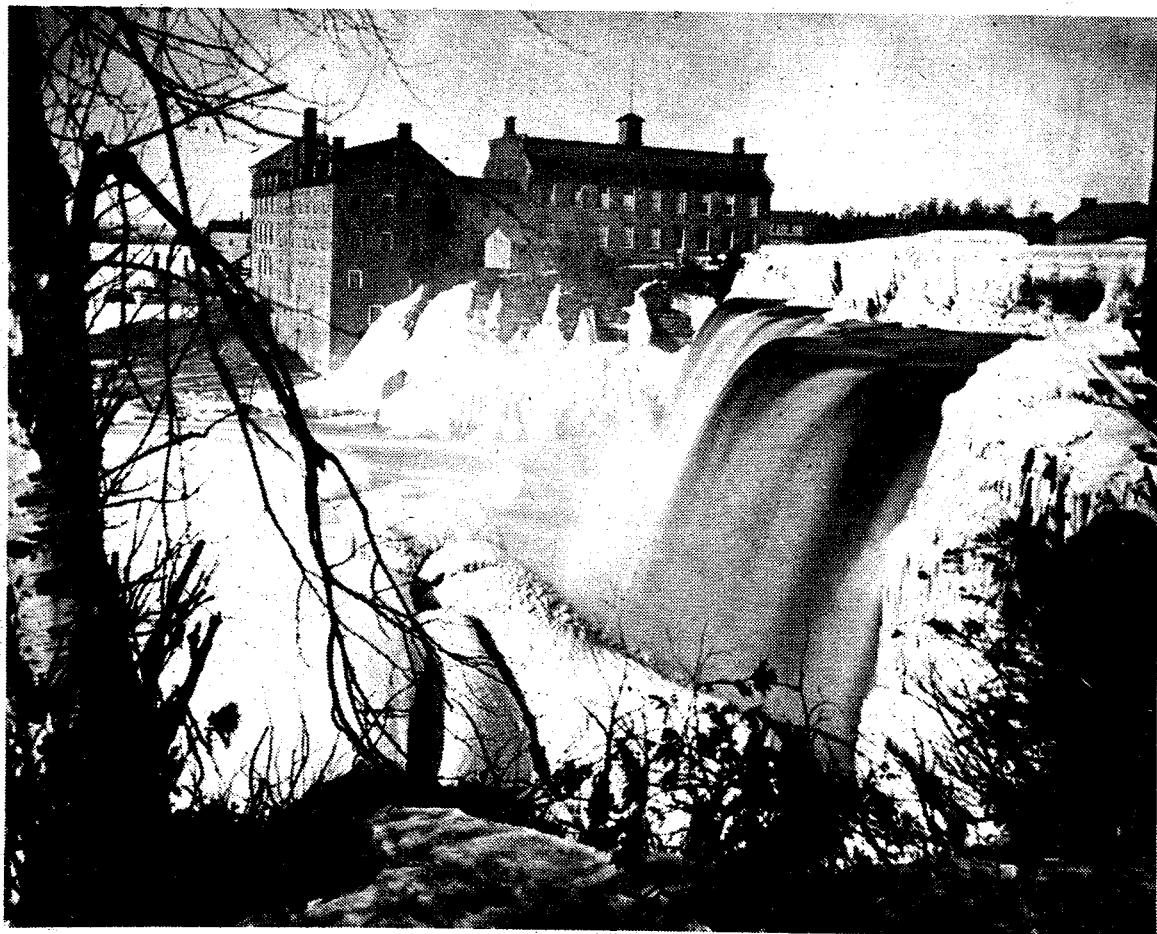
requires an

EDITOR

to assume responsibility for the bi-monthly publication of the community newspaper.

Duties include the choice of subject matter for each issue, the distribution of assignments for articles, the collection of material prior to deadlines, editing, proofreading and layout. Some writing. Some experience preferred but not essential.

Anyone in the Burgh who is interested in this worthwhile community endeavour is asked to phone Gaye Applebaum at 741-1854 evenings.



The blackburn Mill on the eastern edge of Rideau Falls, photographed in 1874. These stone buildings were destroyed by fire in 1907 and replaced by the Edwards sawmill which stood until 1958.

Photo P.A.C.

New Edinburgh, 1879

Looking Back 100 Years

Researched and edited by Bruce Grant

(a portrait of New Edinburgh extracted from the Historical Atlas of Carleton County, 1879)

This incorporated village is a very important suburb of the City of Ottawa. It is situated in the western corner of the Township of Gloucester, of which it was a part until 1866, during which year it was incorporated by special Act of Parliament.

The Village has a Town Hall, erected some thirteen years since at a cost of \$1,200, for the double purpose of a hall and school-house for which latter purpose it also continued to be used until 1875, when the Corporation built a splendid new brick school at a cost of over \$6,000. It is claimed that this is now the finest school building and the best school in the County outside of the City of Ottawa.

The communication to other points lies via the New Edinburgh bridges (across which the Street Railroad runs) and the Ottawa Street Bridge, over the Rideau to Ottawa — up the right bank of the Rideau to the junction of the "King's" — and by ferry to Gatineau Point every 30 minutes.

It is the site of the vice-regal residence, "Rideau Hall", and also the home of a large number of wealthy men, some of whom have erected private residences of immense value, both houses and grounds being designed with special regard to artistic beauty, and in keeping with the cultivated tastes of the owners.

The public improvements — in addition to the Street Railroad — consist of water and gas supplies, two telegraph offices, two incoming and three outgoing mails daily.

The business part of the place contains three first-rate general stores and a number of groceries, one shoe shop, one tailor shop, two butcher shops,

Paterson & Law's foundry, McClymont & Co's grist and flouring mills, and Blackburn & Co's woollen factory.

This latter deserves a brief description. The buildings in which the manufacture is carried on are three in number, situated in close proximity to the Rideau Falls. First, there is the office and ware-room, a large handsome two-storey stone building, about 100 x 60 feet in size, whose name implies its use.

The main building is about 120 x 60 feet in size, and consists of two storeys above ground and two basements. In it is placed the motive power which controls the machinery of the entire establishment. This is supplied by a large Leffel Turbine water wheel, and an idea of the power required may be imagined from the fact that the belt driving the mainshaft is 30 inches wide.

The third building is of equal height and depth with the above, but smaller — 60 x 75, or thereabouts. It contains store rooms for coloured wools, the dyeing and scouring apparatus, and the looms.

The most interesting exhibitions are everywhere observable — the intricate and beautiful machinery doing its work in such a manner as to excite the wonder and admiration of the uninitiated. The machinery is all of the latest and most approved designs. They have 930 spindles, 720 of which are on a pair of Platt's self-acting mules, manufactured in Oldham, England — said to be the best in use. The rest of the machinery is all American — including 210 spindles on jacks, four sets of triple cards, a twister, by Davis and Furber, of Andover, Mass., warper, fourteen looms, napper, shearer, &c.

The mill employs about 75

hands, two thirds of whom are women and girls. The grades of cloth manufactured are now confined to coarse and medium tweeds exclusively — though they at one time manufactured fine goods and blankets. They have facilities for manufacturing over 1,600 pounds of wool daily. They get this in about equal quantities from the local Canadian and the foreign markets. Immense bales of South American wool can at all times be seen in their warehouse. At present they are manufacturing 450 to 500 yards of cloth per day, all of which is sold in the Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton markets.

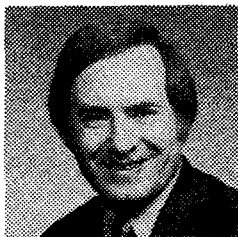
Not the least pleasing adjunct to the Village is its facilities for religious worship. There are two very roomy and handsome stone churches — one Episcopal, the other Presbyterian. The latter was built some five years since at a cost of \$6,000. The former is older, and not quite so costly though of fine proportions and attractive outline.

Another institution of uncommon merit in its line is Beechwood Cemetery, situated on the eastern borders of the Village. It was organized some years ago under the Public Cemetery Act, and 185 acres of land were purchased. Very large sums have been spent in laying out roads and drives, and augmenting the natural beauties of the place by a system of landscape gardening, which have conducted to transform it into an almost fairy scene of ever-changing and delightful view, as hill and dale give place to each other in succession.

What we have thus far said of New Edinburgh leaves little remaining to establish what is a generally admitted fact — that it is a very pleasant Village — the most pleasant in fact of all the suburbs of the Capital.

NECA President Ed Browell Reports

Update on Recent Community Developments



After over two years of producing what is generally recognized as the best quality community newspaper in Ottawa-Carleton, Gaye Applebaum, its Editor, has decided to step down. Gaye announced her resignation to the 23 October meeting of the Executive, and we endorsed her proposal that she continue as Associate Editor with Mary Beth Grant assuming the job of Editor for the next two editions. Since Mary Beth does not wish to assume the role of Editor on a permanent basis (preferring instead to act as a reporter for the News), the Executive agreed to the recommendation of Gaye and Mary Beth to launch a search for a new Editor. The Executive stated a strong vote of thanks to Gaye Applebaum for producing such an excellent newspaper devoted to improving the quality-of-life of New Edinburgh. The Executive also expressed their appreciation to Mary Beth Grant, Associate Editor, Heather Matthews, Art Editor, Anne Buie, Advertising Manager who is assisted by Debbie Burke, and Frank Anglin, Distribution Manager. I would be delighted to hear from (or about) any resident of New Edinburgh who wishes to discuss the possibility of becoming Editor of The New Edinburgh News. (749-4349).

Third Annual Garage Sale

Despite poor weather the Garage Sale was well attended, probably because of the goodwill and interest built up by the previous two sales. Although there were fewer vendors than last year, the contributions to the Community Association for dispersement to local community improvement programs were substantial, and the organizers — Heather Matthews and Robin Hamilton Harding — were thanked by the Executive for their successful work.

Vanier Arterial

The saga of the Vanier Arterial continues. During its September meeting, following the close 15 to 12 vote decision of Regional Council of the Overbrook section of the Vanier Arterial, against which the Executive lobbied, the Executive decided to form a joint Executive Committee of New Edinburgh and Overbrook on the Vanier Arterial. This Joint Executive decided to maintain continuing lobbying work with members of Regional Council to obtain a construction deferral to provide more time for in-depth consideration by Regional Council of the "full monetary, social and environmental costs and impacts of the decision involving both the northern and southern extensions of the Vanier Arterial" (NECA letter of 9 September to Regional Council). The concern remains that construction of the Overbrook section will cause harmful commuter traffic to be dumped on the streets of New Edinburgh. To obtain more data on the aforementioned costs, the Joint Executive forwarded a letter to members of Regional Council and Regional Transportation Staff asking for a variety of pertinent technical and cost data. Other aspects of this continuing lobbying activity include: letters sent to members of Regional Council analyzing the 15-12 voting pattern and thanking Councillors who supported NECA's position, and asking those fifteen who voted for the Overbrook section to explain their rationale; letters to the Regional Clerk and the Secretary of the Regional Executive Committee serving notification that the Joint Executive intends to lobby against the approval of tender for construction of the Overbrook section and requesting permission to speak to the Executive Committee on this issue. (Chairman Haydon has written to NECA approving this request); acting on the request of Jim Perkins, Finance Commissioner, Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, representatives of the Executive met with Mr. Perkins on 1 November to discuss the long-term cash flow cost implications of constructing the Overbrook section and the New Edinburgh section of the Vanier Arterial; and recent letters to the editors of Ottawa newspapers have explained NECA's position on the Vanier Arterial. The lobbying campaign will culminate soon when the request for approval of tender for construction of the Overbrook section appears on the agendas of the Executive Committee and Regional Council. Residents of New Edinburgh who wish to assist with this work and provide advice or opinions are asked to call me. (749-4349 or 992-4714).

Other current activities of your Executive include attempts to have the emergency snow dump site in New Edinburgh Park closed, a review of a City of Ottawa proposal to have lanes upgraded, rehabilitation of the southern end of the Park and comments on a Regional report on planning for uses of the land adjacent to the Rideau and Ottawa rivers.

Merchandise Madness

by Heather Matthews

The weather was unseasonably cold for the week leading up to the 3rd Annual World's Greatest Garage Sale, but interest was high and somehow I hoped that the same guardian angel who delivered superb weather on the two previous occasions would come through with a nice day again this year.



The morning of the sale finally arrived, I woke up at about 7:15. Little beams of sunlight were coming straight up Crichton St. and into my bedroom window. I got up to get my own sale ready.

7:45 a.m. my telephone rang. It was a shopper wanting to know if the sale would go on and how early she should come for the best choice.

I told her it was going ahead at 10 a.m. and hung up.

The phone rang again immediately. A lady from Crichton St. wondered if I had heard the weather forecast and should she proceed. I said to go

ahead and I'd call the weather bureau to see if the sun was going to continue. I hung up but the phone rang several more times before I could get the number for the weather bureau. When I finally did, it was busy.

8:05. A lady on the phone who used to live in New Edinburgh wanted to come back for the sale but her

husband said it was going to snow and rain all day. I explained that it really didn't look too bad out right now, so I didn't see any reason to cancel.

"My husband don't want to get all the way down there" she yelled "and the thing gets called off."

"It won't be called off", I insisted.

"But he says ..." she started.

I cut in, "Then tell him to stay in bed!" and hung up.

8:30. The sky was looking duller and the odd droplet of

water was visible on the pavement. Most of the callers however, were keen.

Everytime I got off the phone to look out the window it looked still worse outside.

I was really getting depressed. Why me? Why do I do these things? Next year somebody else can do it. It's not my fault that the sun isn't shining.

A few more calls confirmed that it apparently was my fault that the sun wasn't shining. I should have chosen that nice weekend in mid Sept. when the man from MacKay St. had said to his wife at the time "too bad the garage sale wasn't this weekend, this would have been perfect."

9:30. Obviously I was going to have to go around and tell everyone to cancel until the next Saturday.

9:35. I looked out the front window and there was my neighbour doing a roaring business on his front porch.

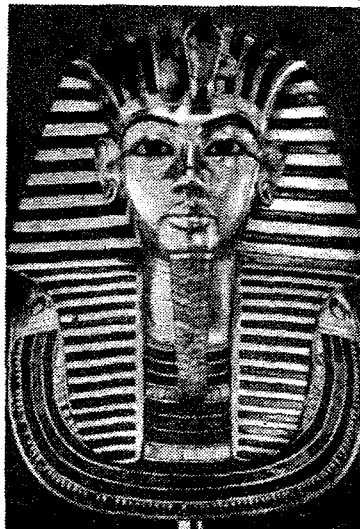
"Go head" I told the next 25 or 50 callers "It's too late to stop."

They were mostly pleased and 60 different households held sales that day netting over \$600 for the community association.

On behalf of the community association I'd like to thank all those who took part. I.O.D.E. ladies had a bake sale and someone sold B.B.Q. hot dogs and several sold coffee to warm the shoppers.

Next year we will plan to have it on the nicest weekend in the fall. Now if someone could let me know which weekend that will be I'll go ahead and make the arrangements.

Tut Fever Strikes Burgh



On Saturday, October 27, Tut fever was caught by the Beechwood Avenue shoppers inside the Vicar's Bookshelf. Tut books, for children and adults, Egyptian food and beverage, an exhibit of art and artifacts from the Nile, and the draw for the two tickets to the Tut Exhibition were all part of the Tut fever event. Dr. Nabhi Abdemak of Ottawa kindly officiated on behalf of the Tut Tickets draw. The winner, Carol Pearson of Ottawa, was telephoned by Kent Doe the owner of the Vicar's Bookshelf, and in the setting of the Tut party Carol received her prize.

Special thanks to patrons of the Bookshelf who brought in exhibit items, Egyptian food, and to the Bookery and Canterbury for their kind assistance.

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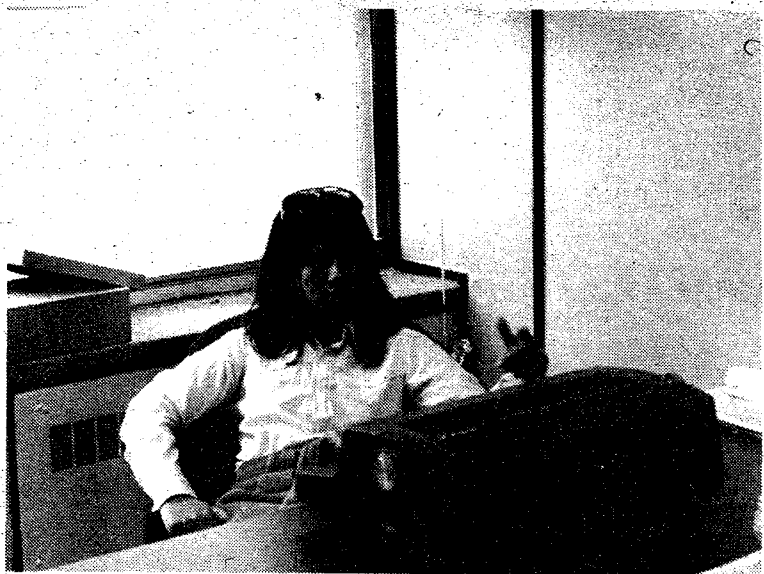
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Editorial



by Gaye Applebaum

As you have seen on Page 1, New Edinburgh News is looking for a new Editor to take over the paper. After two years, I feel it is time for some new blood to bring fresh and innovative ideas to Ottawa's smallest continuous faithfully-read community newspaper.

When I first assumed the editor's task two years ago, I specified to the NECA Executive my three objectives: that it look good; that it appear regularly, and that it serve as a unifying device for community communication. I believe that the paper has fulfilled all of those goals to date.

The decision to go to a typeset-web press format had two ramifications. The paper was going to cost considerably more than it had, and would need to cover its operating expenses by an increase in advertisers. As well, a typeset paper would be more time consuming. Nonetheless, the product has justified that decision.

New Edinburgh News is an attractive, readable publication with well reproduced photographs. My thanks to Runge Press, in Renfrew, and particularly Boyd Wilson and Terri Thompson, who have worked with us over the period; they diligently assured us that our 2000 run paper would be of the same high quality as their larger more lucrative contracts.

That we could have an attractive readable paper was, most importantly due to the hours of legwork put in by Anne Buie, our advertising representative, and her assistant, Debbie Burke. Together they have sought out area businesses to support the paper through advertisements. The advertising dollars they generated allowed us to produce the kind of 8 or 12 page paper we wanted. All the creative ideas in the world won't work if you can't pay for the product you envision.

The paper has appeared regularly. I had hoped that it would become a monthly, but now realize that that would involve the staff in a considerable workload. If the paper is ever to become a monthly, I think that the advertising representative would have to receive some remuneration.

New Edinburgh News has proved to be an effective forum for the exposure of and discussion of community issues, from Crichton School threatened closure to the use of the park as a snow dump, from the Minto Bridges deteriorating condition to the ever-present Vanier arterial issue. It has both informed and entertained; it has succeeded to do both because of the community's many contributors. I hope that coming issues will see more by-lines from a larger section of the community alongside those NEN regulars like Chris Burke, Heather Matthews, Joan Ablett and Mary Beth Grant.

Mary Beth Grant is working as an interim Editor for the paper, until someone is found to take up the job, for at least a year's commitment. She has worked closely with me for a year in every aspect of the paper's production. Mary Beth has declined taking the position herself since she feels that is time for new faces. The paper has increasingly become the Mary Beth Grant - Gaye Applebaum Road Show, for both us. I will remain as Associate Editor, in an advisory capacity, for several issues, if needed.

New Edinburgh News staff owes a vote of thanks to our Community Association which has offered its support throughout. The members of both Executives, under which I have worked, helped whenever called upon whether it was frantic last minute calls for articles or the rounding up of area volunteers to deliver the paper. My association with New Edinburgh News has been truly rewarding these last two years.



Easy Eating

Food Editor, Marj Hamilton

A good omelet is quick and easy to make. They can be a complete meal, or just a snack. We all know how to make omelets. However, just in case you aren't super happy about yours, here are a few tips.

First of all never wash your omelet pan which should be cast iron or heavy aluminum, never use it for anything other than omelets. Wipe the pan after use, with a damp cloth sprinkled with a little salt. If you follow these simple rules your omelets will never stick to the pan again, never.

STUFFED OMELETS

Make a plain omelet.

Break 4 eggs into a bowl and beat well with a fork.

Add 1 1/2 tablespoons of water and salt and pepper to taste.

Put 1 oz. butter into a pan on medium heat.

When butter is frothing pour in egg mixture.

Leave 10-15 seconds then stir around with flat of fork.

Lift edge of omelet and allow uncooked egg to run into hot pan.

Spread stuffing mixture over omelet just before folding over.

Slide omelet out of pan onto plate to serve.

This is enough for two people.

If your omelets are fantastic, ignore above and do it your way.

Prepare stuffings before the omelet.

STUFFINGS

Tomato

Sauté 2-3 medium sized peeled and sliced tomatoes in 1/4 oz. butter for 1-2 minutes. Season well with salt and pepper and a little dried or chopped mint.

Mushroom

Sauté 3 ozs. sliced mushrooms in 1/4 oz butter for 2-3 minutes. Stir in 2 rounded tablespoons of flour. Add 3 or 4 tablespoons water, salt and pepper to taste. Stir until boiling. Add a squeeze of lemon juice. The mixture should be creamy.

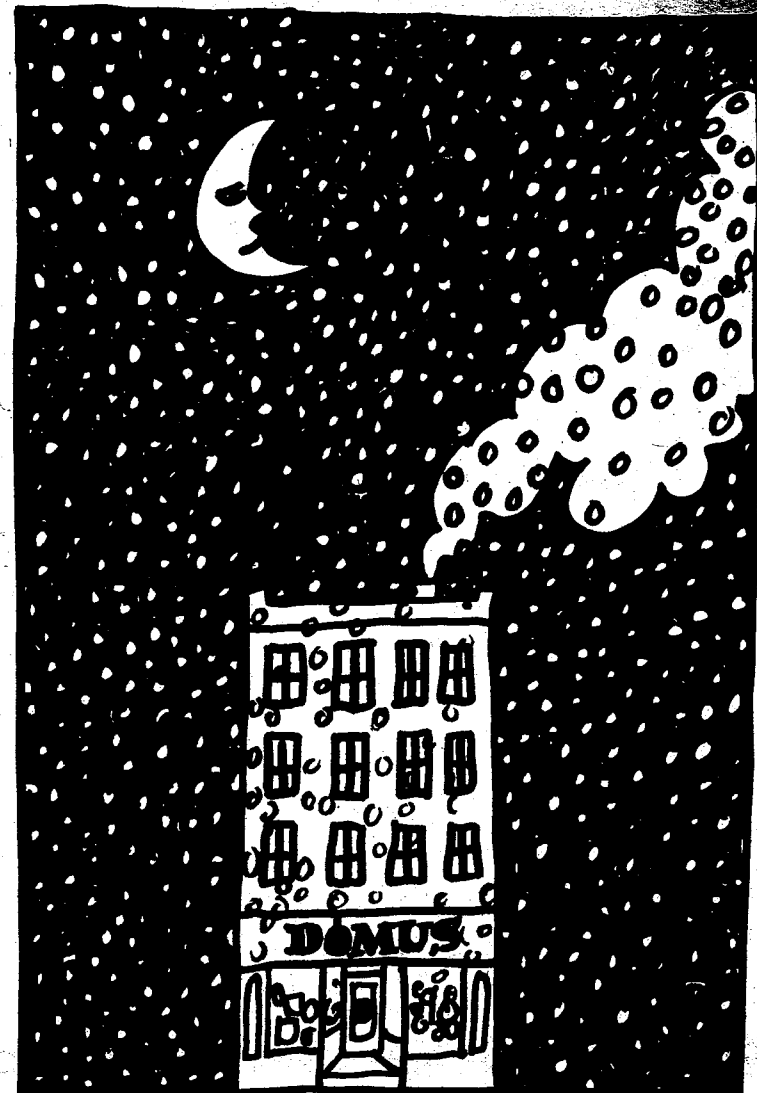
Potato

Make with cooked or raw potatoes. Dice potato and brown in 1/4 oz butter. Add a few leaves of rosemary while frying.

Chicken Liver

Sauté 2-3 chicken livers in 1/4 oz. butter. Then slice and dust with flour. Add a dash

of salt or stock to taste. Bring to boil and simmer 2-3 minutes.



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Crichton School Advisory Monitors Education Standards

by David Morgan

Despite an unusually high roll-over rate of around 25 percent, probably exacerbated by the changing political winds, a high level of External Affairs Department postings and the area's many mobile families, Crichton St. School enrolment has settled down at around the same level as during the last school year. The Ottawa Board of Education has again experienced a decline in elementary school enrolment, of around 3-4 percent, and it is gratifying that Crichton St., has fared certainly no worse than the average. More importantly the intake at the junior end of the school continues to be quite strong, boding well for the future. As well, last year's very low Grade 6 enrolment has been replaced by sufficient numbers to make it a reasonable contribution to a multigrade class.

The summer months have also brought some minor staff changes. The "teaching" vice-principal, Bill Jones, took a Library course, enabling him: to run the Library, to distribute his time more evenly for administration, and to permit a single teacher to cover his previous classroom responsibilities; a move that it is hoped will benefit the teacher-pupil relationship. While it is unfortunate to lose Bill to the classroom, per se, it has been a pleasure to welcome Mrs. Linda Bell, from Osgoode School, as an addition to the staff. The remaining "regulars" have accepted new, and it is presumed refreshing, assignments, teaching different grades.

These changes have not been solely for their own sake; the staff has initiated them as what they see as being in the best interest of the student body. Another initiative, well appreciated by the School Advisory Committee, has been the establishment of a special Canadian course of study, in

which each pupil will be introduced, each to the extent of his own ability, to facts about all the regions of the country, through a monthly rotation of special study areas, prepared by the staff.

In the Advisory Committee forum, people interested in the present and future course of the school will be able to participate in at least monthly discussions of some aspects of the educational process. While seminars, such as have been run in the past, are still anticipated, the committee's monthly meetings, held in the Library on the first Monday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., will contain an open discussion period. The first such period was held on November 5th, between 8 and 9 p.m. and dealt with the "Aims and Objectives" first presented by the school's staff at the very successful "Meet-the-Teacher" night held in September. The more detailed discussion was felt to be of special value to those who participated. In the near future, there will be a seminar on the use of television, with a panel of experts, supported by members of the School Advisory Committee.

Your participation is welcomed.

The objective of these initiatives is to concentrate on the quality of education provided by Crichton Street Public School, and to create, as intended by the mandate for advisory committees, a welcome environment for parent and community participation in the education of the children.

The last two years resulted in a relatively undirected discussion of the future of Crichton St. School, through the meetings of one of the Board's Area Study Groups.

While this resulted in no change to the present operation of the school, it is hoped that the present actions will enable the Advisory Committee to present the case for a growing, quality educational institution, in the event that similar discussions are entered into in the future.

School Provides Activities on P.A. Days

Supervised activities will be held at Crichton School November 23 and November 26 between 9 and 3:30 for children in kindergarten to grade 6. Children are asked to bring a lunch and milk will be provided. Registration fee is \$5 for one day or \$10 for two days. Please register before November 21 by phoning 741-1904.



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Goblins, Ghosties & Goodies

by Chris Burke

"Pot Luck" is not the name of the new Premier of Cambodia, but is the name and style of the now-traditional Halloween party held at Crichton Street School.



The three belly-faced witches take a rest after their circle dance around the cauldron.

At about 5:30 pm, and not much later if you fancy a little peace and quiet at home, families start arriving. For most of the parents, dress is casual. For most of the children it is anything but. This is the first chance to show off this year's Halloween costume, and many of them had been carefully chosen and lovingly worked on in anticipation of this event. After all, last year there were prizes and things.

This year, it was once again beautifully organized. The evening began with the supper itself, and a fine array of food there was, mostly casseroles, with a bias towards pasta and

ground beef, but definitely "good noshin's". After the casseroles, other main courses and salads there was lots of lovely ice cream and plenty of coffee. The grown-ups enjoyed all this, but the children got restless after a while, and few of them ate too much as their stomachs contracted with excitement and they were more interested in parading around to show their costumes off. The grown-ups compensated for not having costumes to show off by bringing out brown paper bags and pouring red and white drinks from them. This seemed to cheer them up.

Then the call came to go upstairs for "the surprise". Up everybody trooped to be greeted by a halloween show. This featured a cackling witch, some nice ghosts, singing, dancing, and skits. Three belly-faces

danced around a cauldron, and two nymphets did a "Grease" dance.

The show ended, the next item was the costume parade. Pride and expectancy could be seen on every face, including some of the children. One quick march around the gym, and then balloons and bags of popcorn and off home.

"Hey, there weren't any prizes. I'd have won for sure this year."

"Don't worry, Mum, I don't mind."

All home by 7:30 and it felt like 11. Dinner, a show, a parade and gifts all compressed into two lovely hours.

Thanks Sally Hutchinson and your fellow-organizers, and special cheers to Marjorie Hamilton Harding and her cast and crew for the show. Please do another one next year.



Witches mingle with the crowd at the traditional Crichton School Halloween Supper.

Successful Soccer Season



Soccer players with their coach, Jack Ferguson, practice in park.

The New Edinburgh Soccer League, under the coaching of John Hutchison and Jack

Ferguson, finished up the Fall season with a challenge game against a team from the Glebe under the coaching of former

New Edinburgh resident Bruce Pickersgill and his associates. The game was close with no score at half time and a final score of 2 to 1 for the home team. It was an enjoyable time for players and fans alike and the New Edinburgh team was thrilled to have an opportunity to play a challenge game. A rematch is to be scheduled for the Spring.

Watch for news in the Spring about resuming the Saturday morning games when we plan to have teams for girls and boys 6 to 8 and 8 to 12. Thanks to the parents who showed interest in their child's playing last year and came out to help. If you are willing to spend some time Saturday mornings outdoors playing with the children and coaching please call Jack Ferguson at 746-8259.

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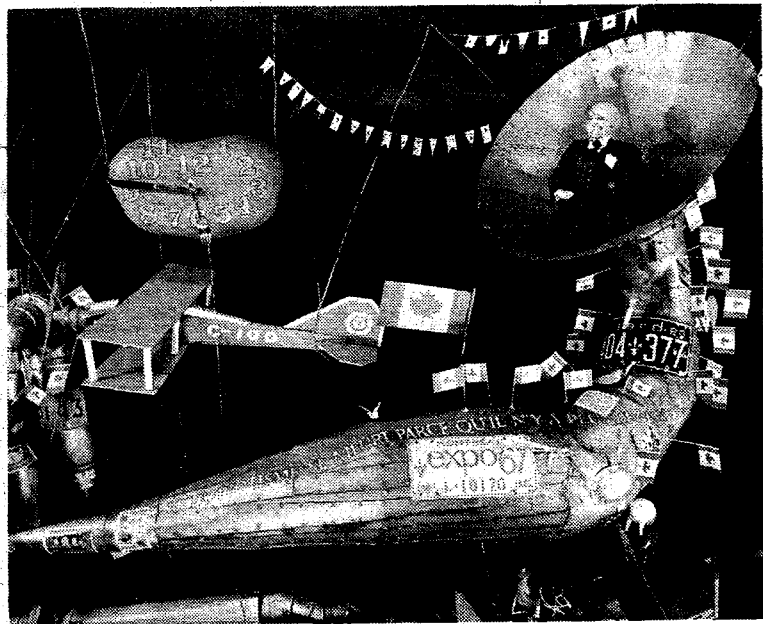
HOUSEWARE

Full Fall Schedule

Soccer has occupied the thoughts of a large number of

In the next weeks all the children will become more involved with plans for the annual Christmas concert to be held in the third week of December. The Junior Choir of students from grades four to six is already practicing every Monday at noon-hour. And this is just the beginning!

Alex Wyse Speaks to St. Brigid Students About Discovery Train



Mr. Wyse's ideas all started one Saturday morning when he began doodling with a pen and paper, then he came up with

Students get background information from designer of Discovery Train.



The Red Lunch Box

by Kristian Joye

"Maybe I should go play", thought the lunch box. "Ah, there are some girls with a skipping rope, maybe I can play with them". He walked to the girls and said, "Hello girls, I came to ask if I can play with you?". "Hey" cried the girls, "a talking lunch box, fancy that!" "Oh, yes, you can play with us."

"Youch", cried the lunch box. Frederick kicked it so far and so high that it was heading for the football field where Drew and Chris and all the other kids were playing. "Ready, set, hut." They all ran to catch the ball for a touchdown. "Come on, Chris, let me catch the football", cried Drew. "O.K." Chris yelled back as he threw the football, but Drew missed it. It was a dead ball. Suddenly Drew caught the lunch box instead. "Come on, Drew, score a touchdown", screamed two people on his team. "Touchdown", yelled Drew. "No, you stupid fool, you've caught a red

For all of Frederick's school days, the students liked him and his talking lunch box.

Kristian Joyce is a resident of New Edinburgh and a student at Rockcliffe Park Public School.

Sister Hennessey Honoured by City

She deserved that award, for she earned it through years of hard work, helping and guiding us, always being there when we needed her.

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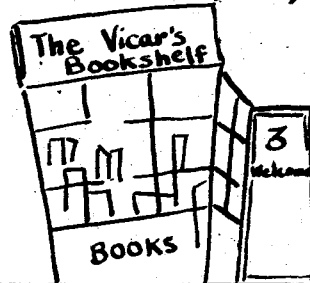


Sr. Eleanor Hennessey received the Ottawa Municipal Women's Award for her extraordinary contributions in the field of education. Here she shows the plaque she was given by Mayor Marion Dewar to a group of St Brigid's students. From left, Joanne Khouryati, Eric Husband, Peter Grant, Sr. Eleanor, Rebecca Coulshaw, Patrick Visentin, and Michael Haslett.

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Pusillanimous Polecats Permeate People's Private Property, Pee-ew!

by Mary Beth Grant

"Yes, Sir... Anything you say, Sir... I'll just take Fido out of your way, Sir... Oh, no trouble, Sir."

We are polite to skunks, obsequious even.

And we see so many of them around here lately - waddling across Crichton Street, climbing under fences on River Lane, snuggling beneath our porches, and rooting in our garbage. The malodorous marauders are all over the Burgh.

Maria Laurie, a MacKay St. resident, has a theory. "Ever since they stopped allowing dogs inside the gates at Government House, the skunks have been prowling the neighbourhood; they live at Rideau Hall. I see them trying to get back inside the gate."

A telephone call to the gardener at Government House was revealing. The first response, was, "Skunks? Not to my knowledge... No complaints... Well, maybe we had

some skunks a while back. Call Pete's Pest Control; I think they might have come here once or

House grounds to deal with the skunk problem. He suggests humane ways to deal with



twice for that problem. Possibly."

Peter Brown, of Pete's Pest Control confirmed that he had indeed visited Government

skunks. (Brown is particularly fond of skunks; has had them as pets. "They're better than cats," he says.) A skunk can be caught in a Have-a-Heart trap. "Don't worry," he says, "Just throw a blanket over the cage and the skunk won't spray. You can carry it out to the country and release it. Skunks are easy

to catch." He suggests using mothballs to deter skunks from making a home under your porch or garage.

Ken Fletcher of the Ottawa Humane Society admits he has more complaints about skunks from New Edinburgh than from any other neighbourhood. He too suggests the use of the cage trap with a blanket cover to remove skunks. He points out that leghold traps are illegal as well as ineffective for catching skunks.

Cobber, a black Labrador belonging to the Wright family on Stanley Ave. was sprayed by a skunk. They got rid of the smell by washing the dog in tomato juice. "We used six cans full," Sheila Wright says. "Luckily there was a special on tomato juice at the IGA that day."

Cheryl Matson's Borozi, Noushka, was sprayed on Thanksgiving day. She was scrubbed in tomato juice. Unfortunately the dog had been sprayed in the face. Her eyes were affected and the tomato juice could not be applied near the eyes for fear of further damage. "Whenever I hugged her after that I could still smell the skunk and I'd go 'Aaaaagggghhh!' The whole episode has put me off tomato juice forever."

Dr. Rodgers of the Alta Vista Animal Hospital agreed that tomato juice does work; but it is

important, he says, to let the tomato juice dry before it is brushed off. A new chemical, hyamine, is less trouble, however, and more effective. "It works really well; it takes the smell right away. You can come in and pick some up if your dog is sprayed. There is no need to bring the dog in. Just pick up the chemical here and take it home," the veterinarian explained. "You do not need to bring the dog to us," he repeated.

Heather Matthews has seen her Irish terrier, Finnigan, face-to-face with a skunk poised for attack. She was able to bring the dog in safely, but she doesn't expect to be so lucky again. She's right; she and Finnigan were lucky. A skunk can score a direct hit at four metres, but it only has enough of the foul-smelling liquid called mercaptan for about five sprays a week. Finnigan was fortunate enough to run into a skunk whose supply of mercaptan was temporarily depleted.

Winter is coming. We will see fewer skunks as they snuggle together in their dens to keep warm. They will live off stored body fat and sleep for days at a time; but on mild nights they will leave the den to search for food. So be prepared. Remember the soft-spoken, courteous manner one affects with skunks and keep a supply of tomato juice handy.

The Lodger

by Chris Burke

We'd decided that we weren't going to suffer the inconvenience we went through last year with the firewood. We store it under the back porch, and in the winter the sun melts the snow on the roof of the porch and the water drips down to the ground where it freezes and blocks the doors to our wood store. Nothing funnier in New Edinburgh on a cold February night than to watch me hacking at the ice with an axe, crawling through the partially open door into the woodpile and throwing logs out. I always catch my clothing on the way in and hit my head on the way out...or vice versa.

So this year we reckoned that some nice Sunday in the fall, we'd get the wood out and pile it on the porch, where we could get at it easily. Of course, we'd leave it late enough that the porch-sitting season would be over.

So a few Sundays ago, we set to work. The doors were open wide, and we were pulling logs out and throwing them in a big pile at the bottom of the porch steps. "Heigh-ho, heigh-ho." We were as happy as a couple of dwarfs on Snow White's birthday. Suddenly, I stopped working.

"There's a skunk in here". I coughed and cleared my throat and repeated about two octaves lower, "There's a skunk in here."

Heigh-ho, heigh-ho. We downed tools like a couple of British auto workers. All I'd seen was a fluffy black and white tail, but that was enough. Gathering up courage I crept back to verify my sighting. It was still there, and definitely skunky.

It seemed like a good time to take a break and stack the wood we'd pulled out in a neat pile on the porch. So we did that, and thought about what to do with our unwelcome guest.

We reckoned the beast planned to winter there. After all it was a very secure place, with logs to hide under and nothing to disturb you until these two idiots came and started to move the whole damn woodpile. Lucky we'd decided to move the wood onto the porch. It wouldn't have been much fun to hack the ice away, crawl in and wake up a skunk.

Skunks aren't as easy to get rid of as squirrels or cats or other non-aromatic creatures. Such ideas as shooing it out, chasing it with a stick, setting the dog on it (if we had one, which we don't) and grabbing it by the scruff of the neck and carrying it back to Rideau Hall (whence it probably came, if all we've heard is true) all lacked appeal. But then inspiration struck. I had recently heard a biologist talking about how to control birds at airports. One important technique is to keep the grass short. He'd said the birds are paranoid little fellows and like to be able to hide. Take away the shelter and a lot of the birds go too.

I thought I could try the same thing on "l'aroma" in the woodshed. So I went back and opened the doors wide. Plucking up all my courage and keeping myself half-sheltered behind the door, I pulled away some of the protective logs, exposing more black and white fur, but not provoking retaliatory action.

We warned our son not to play in the garden, kept the cat in the house and ignored the woodshed for the rest of the day. Next morning, all that was left was a musky aroma.

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Artists of New Edinburgh

The New Edinburgh News Visits

Peter Honeywell and Rosemary Plet Chapman

"Craft is not a money making proposition," admits Rosemary Plet Chapman. It's discouraging sometimes when you add up the hours." Her partner, Peter Honeywell agrees, but adds that if he had stayed in an office, he "would have had at least two nervous breakdowns by now."

Martha Scott, owner of Hiberna Gallery thinks of these two as artists. "They do baskets and clothing and some people may not consider crafts as serious as paintings or sculptures, but one must be aware of the kinds of considerations that go into this. You can start looking at the baskets as sculptures. Look at the form, the colour... Yes, it's art."

Examples of their work adorn their Crichton St. apartment; and the apartment, like their baskets and weavings, show the influence four trips to Mexico have had on the two artists. They were introduced to fibre art while visiting Mexico for the first time five years ago. "It was a part of their lives," Rosemary says of the Mexican artisans she met. "They walk down the street

making a basket. It wasn't an art concept; yet it was esthetic. The pottery and the clothing were beautiful. Here they were, living close to the poverty line but their homes had only beautiful, well-made objects." The stucco walls and use of textures and



Peter Honeywell and Rosemary Plet Chapman in their Crichton St Studio.

natural fibres make the Honeywell-Chapman apartment resemble the interior of an adobe house. It is a

serene atmosphere, cool and uncluttered except for the upstairs studio which is a kaleidoscope of colour.

Before the fateful trip to Mexico, Peter had been studying painting but had been, "disappointed with the reception he received." He began to do pottery and eased into weaving and basketry which he considers similar to pottery. "Weaving a basket is especially like making a pot with the coil technique," he explains.

Rosemary has had no formal art training but has been "doing things" all her life. Like Peter, she began to work full time as a craftsman after the first trip to Mexico.

They use handspun wool and natural fleece for their garments. Some of the baskets are made from feathers and sweetgrass they collected at the St. Regis reserve.

An exhibit of their work, including a beautiful handspun, hand-dyed kimono and delicately woven, feathered baskets will be at Hiberna Gallery until the end of November.

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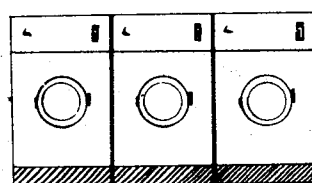
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Burgh Sponsor Group Prepares to Welcome Boat People

by Marie Laurie

Since the last report in this paper "the New Edinburgh Refugee Sponsors" have been approved by Immigration Canada. The group has tried to determine when the family may arrive but has met with little success. Vague assurances that the family may arrive sometime in November have been given but we have also been told that as little advance notice as 24 hours is a real possibility.

In order to avoid "a last-minute scramble, an apartment has been rented in the Burgh and it is being readied for the family's arrival. In the event that the refugees do not arrive shortly, we intend to notify Project 4000 of the available space thereby allowing some other refugee group to utilize the apartment.

Dr. James Dickson has consented to provide medical care and the group is in the process of locating a dentist who will contribute his services.

Since it is not known if there will be school-age children among the refugees, we will

recommend to the refugee parents that pre-school or elementary school children should attend schools in the area since they will probably become fluent quickly in English and that high school students only should take advantage of the special "English as a Second Language" program offered to refugees by the Ottawa Board of Education.

It is our hope that everyone in the community will welcome the refugee family.

If anyone has furniture or household items, especially sheets, towels etc. to contribute, please contact Gaye Applebaum, 741-1854; Rosemary Shepherd, 746-4443; Maria Laurie, 741-5304.

The group is also in need of winter coats (small sizes) hats, gloves, scarves, mitts and boots.

We will keep you posted of further developments in this paper, and don't forget Project 4000 is still looking for sponsors.

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Ancient Martial Art Popular With Community

Picture a roomful of people moving in complete unison, swan-like, flowing through a series of deliberately slow, calculated exercises. A rehearsal for the National Ballet? Not exactly, for this is T'ai Chi Ch'uan, one of the more ancient and certainly the most beautiful of the oriental martial arts.

Every Wednesday and Saturday, a group of area residents gather at Crichton School to practice T'ai Chi Ch'uan under the guidance of Shirley Choi, the instructor of the ancient Chinese art. Mrs. Choi teaches T'ai Chi Ch'uan throughout Ottawa.

While T'ai Chi Ch'uan is a martial art originally designed for self-defence, there is no bodily contact at all. It has come into popularity as more of a form of exercise; a path to physical and mental fitness. There is no real aggression used, merely a series of calculated, graceful, nearly theatrical movements designed to exercise and liberate every part of the body.

The people who study T'ai Chi Ch'uan come from virtually every corner of the community. There are health and fitness fans, physical education instructors, civil servants and private businessmen in the class. Pierre Marleau, one of the students, believes most people enjoy the art because of its healing and tension relieving powers. He says they tend to be a dedicated group and that many have been taking the course for three or more years.

T'ai Chi Ch'uan is designed to actualize an individual's internal energy, the "Chi", and



to relax a person by achieving a harmony between the mind and the body. In doing so Mrs. Choi says it improves circulation, develops glandular activity, and contributes to the general well-being of the student.

The movements in T'ai Chi

Ch'uan are deeply embedded in Chinese philosophy, based on the Yin and the Yang, a Chinese principle of opposites. The goal of the art is to achieve a harmony between these opposites, such as matter and spirit, the mind and the body.

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