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ROOMERS' MOMENT OF GLORY



Photos by Charlie Dobie

The "Lost Race of Society" was rediscovered again for a fleeting instant in time in the lobby of a building on Sherbourne Street last Monday afternoon.

The "Lost Race" are roomers and the reference is to a brief on the housing needs of roomers entitled, Roomers: The Lost Race of Society which received widespread circulation a couple of years ago.

The occasion was the official opening of Canada's first high-rise roomer building and for two hours, welfare recipients, pensioners and other low income roomers were idolized, feted, photographed and interviewed. The roomers' brief moment of glory including rubbing shoulders and meeting such illustrious dignitaries as Donald MacDonald, Minister of National Defense, his Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Beavis and Rotenberg, development commissioner Graham Emslie and a covey of other lesser dignitaries and hangers-on.

Bradwin Court, the new 13-storey rooming house that was officially opened by a ribbon cutting ceremony is located at 286 Sherbourne. There are 100 double rooms, each with a private three-piece washroom. There are 20 single rooms with private toilets and shared bathroom facilities. Each room is completely furnished, has a kitchenette, intercom and individually controlled electric heating. Most rooms have balconies. There are two elevators and some communal facilities. A tuck shop adjoining the lobby will soon be opened.

The building was constructed under a special by-law enacted in 1970 on an experimental basis. An \$850,000 mortgage loan was provided by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) under the auspices of the Federal Government's 1970 innovative

housing programme for persons of lower income. The mortgage loan is for a term of 50 years with interest at 7-7/8% per annum and subject to a loan agreement which controls rentals and limits occupancy to persons of low income. The current maximum rental permitted for furnished single rooms is \$16.50 per week with an income limit of \$60.00 per week. The maximum rental for furnished double rooms is \$24.50 per week with income limits of \$100.00 per week for both occupants.

Bradwin Court replaced four very old dwellings which originally were single family houses.

Early in 1970, Mr. Fred Braid, Developer of the building, applied to the City for a by-law change to permit construction of Bradwin Court. At about the same time, the Federal Government announced its 1970 innovative housing programme for persons of low income. D. Graham Emslie, Toronto's Commissioner of Development, on his own initiative, called a meeting of Mr. Braid, the local Aldermen, other City officials and Mr. J. McCulloch, Toronto Branch Manager of CMHC. The eventual results of this meeting were CMHC's mortgage financing and the passage of the experimental by-law in record time.

Bradwin Court was fully rented

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REGENT PARK GETS NEW COMMUNITY WORKER

by Norman G. Browne

On a tie-breaking fourth ballot, Mrs. Norman Penner was officially hired as the new community worker for Regent Park by members of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association at their last meeting held on Tuesday, November 16th, at Regent Park United Church.

Four people were candidates for the position: Mr. Ted Cook, Miss Heather MacPherson, Miss Penny Perfect and Mrs. Norman Penner. Each candidate was allowed a five minute "talk" and about 10 minutes to answer questions from the floor. A biographical sketch of each candidate was also passed around the audience during that candidates' interview.

Voting on the first ballot saw the following results: Ted Cook - 7, Miss H. MacPherson - 1, Mrs. Penner - 13, and Miss Perfect - 12. As there was no clear majority, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes was dropped and a second ballot distributed. On the second ballot, Mr. Cook received 10 votes, Mrs. Penner received 12 and Miss Perfect got 7 votes.

A third ballot was then distributed dropping Miss Perfect from the running and the results were 15-14 for Mrs. Penner and Mr. Cook. It was then realized that there was no longer a quorum of 30 present so the doorman at the church was given a blank ballot and asked to hand it back blank so that a total of 30 ballots - and a quorum - would be entered in the third ballot.

However, he declined to return the ballot back blank and instead entered a vote making it a 15-15 tie between Mrs. Penner and Mr. Cook. At this point, Bud McCormick, President of the Association pointed out that previous close ballots on the hiring of a community worker for the Association had resulted in a lot of dissention amongst tenants in the Regent Park area. He asked those present to break the tie one way or the other with a clear majority vote.

A motion was then passed by the group that no one would be hired unless they received at least a majority of three votes.

The fourth and final ballot was then distributed and when the final tally was made it showed Mrs. Penner winning the position over Mr. Cook by an 18-12 margin.

Mrs. Penner is 49 years old, married and has four children. Her husband is a sales agent and two of her children are grown but living at home.

For the last three years, Mrs. Penner has been Adult Program Director for the Etobicoke Y.M.C.A. where she received high praise from her superiors for the work she has done there. She also has had two years experience as a supply teacher for the North York Board of Education. She has a B.A. Honors degree in Psychology.

Mrs. Penner hopes to be able to start work in the Regent Park area early in December.

REGENT PARK ADDS TO BOARD

At their last meeting, members of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association elected the final six members to the newly created board of directors of the Regent Park Community Services Unit.

A previous election, held in May, saw 6 residents of Regent Park elected for two year terms. The six elected recently will serve one-year terms.

Named as new board members were: Mr. Ed Clark, Mr. John Scanlon, Mrs. Irene Kitson, Mrs. Marceline Thompson, Mrs. Mary Brown, and Mrs. Hazel Counce.

The function of the Board of Directors is in to raise funds, handle funds, decide general policy and negotiate for resource people to man the Services Unit.

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7 NEWS SEEKS \$\$

SEVEN NEWS will ask for two people under the Local Initiatives Program of the Federal Government. One person will have as his job description that of an editor-co-ordinator and the second person requested will act as a reporter-circulation manager. A salary of \$100 a week is being asked for each.

The Seven News proposal will be included in under a general umbrella proposal being sponsored by a coalition of Don Vale Community groups. The community groups involved in sponsoring the general proposal are the Don Vale Community Centre, the Christian Resource Centre, the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents and the Don Vale Tenant's Association.

At a number of meetings held in the community, it was felt strongly that the government would be more open to a large, general proposal for the whole community rather than a number of small proposals.

The general proposal calls for hiring approximately 25 people for seven different projects at rough cost of \$75,000. That figure also includes the 17% of labor costs allowed for administration and expenses.

The seven groups involved and the number of people they are requesting is as follows: Seven News - 2; Steady Eddy Employment Service 4; The Don Vale Teen Drop-in - 2; Don Vale Tenant's Association - 4; the Don Vale Food Co-op - 4; the Don Vale Woodworking workshop - 2; and the Don Vale Community Centre with approximately five.

Three other groups are thinking of entering proposals, either on their own or under the Don Vale Coalition proposal. They are a drama group located on Wellesley Street which is asking for 17 people, Frontier College, located in South of St. Jamestown and the Neighbourhood Information Post.

Two active citizen groups in St. Jamestown and south of St. Jamestown have already entered a proposal to enlarge and expand the free store that is presently operating on Bleecker Street in St. Jamestown.

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WOODGREEN ACTIVITIES

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
MONDAY AFTERNOONS		
3.30- 4.00 pm	Assembly time	Games Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	JUNIOR GIRLS GAMES	GAMES ROOM
4.00- 5.30 pm	Happenings Unlimited	Activity Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Fidget Programme	Play Centre
4.00- 5.30 pm	Midget Boys Woodwork	Woodwork Shop
4.00- 5.30 pm	Junior boys Arts & Craft	Arts & Craft Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Midget & Junior Girls Gym	Gym.
4.00- 5.30 pm	Midget Girls Story Time	The Club House
MONDAY EVENINGS		
5.30- 8.00 pm	Boys & Girls Games Practice	Gym
7.00- 9.00 pm	Co-ed Games	Games Room
7.00-10.00 pm	Teen Programme	Teen Lounge
8.00- 9.00 pm	Midget boys gym	Gym
9.00-10.00 pm	Senior boys gym	Gym
7.00- 9.00 pm	Senior Girls Sewing Class	The Apartment
TUESDAY AFTERNOONS		
3.30- 4.00 pm	Assembly Time	Games Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Happenings Unlimited	Activity Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Fidget Programme	Play Centre
4.00- 5.30 pm	Junior Boys Woodwork	Woodwork Shop
4.00- 5.30 pm	Midget Boys Arts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts Room
4.00- 4.45 pm	Midget Girls Gym	Gym
4.45- 5.30 pm	Junior Girls	Gym
4.00- 5.30 pm	Co-ed Story Time	The Club House
TUESDAY EVENINGS		
5.30- 8.00 pm	Adult Badminton	Gym
7.00- 9.00 pm	Co-ed Games	Games Room
7.00-10.00 pm	Boys Boxing	Athletic Room
7.00- 9.00 pm	Middlemen Boys Woodwork	Woodwork Shop
7.00-10.00 pm	Teen Programme	Teen Lounge
7.30- 9.30 pm	T.O.P.S. Club	Nursery School
7.30- 9.30 pm	Adult Journalism Study Group	Conference Room
7.30- 9.30 pm	Ladies Sewing	The Apartment
8.00- 9.00 pm	Middlemen Girls Gym	Gym
9.00-10.00 pm	Senior Girls Gym	Gym
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS		
10.00 am-12.00	Mental Health Social Group	Main Lounge
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS		
3.30- 4.00 pm	Assembly Time	Games Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Happenings Unlimited	Activity Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Midget Girls Arts & Crafts	Arts & Craft Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Midget & Junior boys Gym	Gym
4.00- 5.30 pm	Junior Girls Sewing	The Apartment
4.00- 5.30 pm	Fidgets Story Time	Club House
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS		
5.30- 8.00 pm	Boys or Girls Game Practice	Gym
7.00- 9.00 pm	Co-ed Games	Games Room
7.00- 9.00 pm	Co-ed Woodwork	Woodwork Shop
7.00-10.00 pm	Teen Programme	Teen Lounge
7.30-10.30 pm	Adult Social Bingo	Nursery School
8.00-10.00 pm	Boys or Girls League Games	Gym
8.00-10.30 pm	Single Parents Assoc.	Dining Room
THURSDAY AFTERNOONS		
3.30- 4.00 pm	Assembly time	Games Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Happenings Unlimited	Activity Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Junior Girls Woodwork	Woodwork Shop
4.00- 5.30 pm	Midget Girls Games	Games Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Fidget Arts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Junior Girls Lounge Club	Teen Lounge
4.00- 4.45 pm	Midget Boys Gym	Gym
4.45- 5.30 pm	Junior Boys Gym	Gym
4.00- 5.30 pm	Junior & Midget Boys and Girls Story Time	Club House
THURSDAY EVENINGS		
5.30- 8.00 pm	Boys or Girls Games Practice	Gym
7.00- 9.00 pm	Co-ed games	Games Room
7.00-10.00 pm	Boys Boxing	Athletic Room
7.00- 9.00 pm	Senior Boys Woodwork	Woodwork Shop
7.00- 9.00 pm	Co-ed Arts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts Room
7.00-10.00 pm	Teen Programme	Teen Lounge
7.30- 8.30 pm	Ladies Keep Fit Class	Nursery School
8.00- 9.00 pm	Middlemen Girls Gym	Gym
9.00-10.00 pm	Senior Girls Gym	Gym
FRIDAY AFTERNOON		
3.30- 4.00 pm	Assembly Time	Games Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Fidget Programme	Games Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Happenings Unlimited	Activity Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Midget Girls Woodwork	Woodwork Shop
4.00- 5.30 pm	Junior Girls Arts & Crafts	Arts & Crafts Room
4.00- 5.30 pm	Junior Boys Lounge Club	Teen Lounge
4.00- 5.30 pm	Midget Boys Story Time	Club House
FRIDAY EVENINGS		
5.30- 7.00 pm	League Game Practice	Gym
7.00- 9.00 pm	Co-ed Games	Games Room
7.00- 9.00 pm	Senior Girls Woodwork	Woodwork Shop
7.00-10.00 pm	Teen Programme	Teen Lounge
7.00- 7.45 pm	Middlemen boys Gym	Gym
7.00- 9.00 pm	Co-ed Leadership Training	Staff Lounge
7.00- 9.00 pm	Leadership Training	Club House
7.30- 9.00 pm	Ladies Bridge for Beginners	The Apartment
7.45- 8.30 pm	Senior Boys Gym	Gym
8.00-10.00 pm	Adult Euchre Club	Nursery School
8.30-10.00 pm	Mens Gym Programme	Gym

C.O. '72 TO MEET

by Karl Jaffary

Some mention has been made in the daily papers of an organization called C.O. '72. C.O. '72 really does not exist at the present time but rather is a proposal for the funding of community organizers. The proposal was arrived at after discussions between C.O.R.R.A. (The Confederation of Resident and Ratepayers Associations) and representatives of the Labour Council of Metropolitan Toronto.

C.O. '72 really wanted to see some grass roots action take place in parts of the city where a good contest in the 1972 municipal elections might be expected.

This is obviously an out-growth of the thinking that a lot of people have been doing about the upcoming municipal elections. Should political parties be participating again with a full slate of candidates or should they be trying to co-operate with some of the other reform elements on City Council? I don't think the political parties should make that decision until they see what other kinds of co-operative organizations are forming.

For this reason, I think it is very important that anyone interested in the 1972 municipal elections attend a meeting where the C.O. '72 statement will be discussed and where there will be a general discussion about political action in the 1972 election.

A meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 1, at the St. Lawrence Hall. That is the restored building on the south-west corner of King and Jarvis Streets.

The meeting will start at 8.00 pm and is being called by the Citizens' Forum, C.O.R.R.A., and those who have been meeting on the C.O. '72 project.

I urge all those who want to be involved in a discussion of these very important questions to attend the meeting.

Don Vale Scouts Talent

At a recent meeting of the Don Vale Community Centre Committee, a sub-committee was formed to seek out local artistic talent in the community with the idea in mind of making greater use of the Don Vale Community Centre Playhouse.

The Committee is looking for local writers who can or have written plays or skits. They are looking for people with talent who can sing, dance, etc, etc, as part of a variety show.

A variety show, tentatively titled "Winter Works" has been set for the Community Centre Playhouse for Saturday December 18th, from 7.30 to 9.30 with an admission charge of between 50c and \$1.00.

Anyone with talent, ability or free time to donate to this production is asked to call Skip Hambling at 964-8459.



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D.C.T.V.'s Contract Guarantees Rights

by Valerie Ross

On a recent Thursday night, Phil Lind of Rogers' Cable Television signed a contract on the air with the Downtown Community Television Association. This historic signing marked the end of round one in the fight for real community television in Toronto.

The contract allows Downtown Community T-V the full use of Rogers' Studios, editing time and equipment and the use of mobile equipment. The use of this equipment is very important to a non-profit, non-moneyed organization such as Downtown Community T-V.

Even more important is the agreement by Rogers that D.C.T.V. has complete control over its own programming and a full guarantee that there will be no interference or censorship on the part of Rogers.

Most cable companies have censorship rights over the programming that they carry. Also, many cable companies relegate community service shows to second place in favor of profit-making shows or shows that are the personal toys of the Cable company owners.

Broadcasting should be responsible to the community which is its audience. It should not be hours of TV time devoted to giving friends from the golf club a chance to promote their other business ventures.

The Canadian Radio and Television Commission should be the watchdog of broadcasting principles. Instead it has become ineffectual at promoting responsible service broadcasting.

Apparently guided by the principle that any TV is better than none, the C.R.T.C. rarely revokes cable licenses for poor programming.

From a position where it insisted on community oriented TV, it now stipulates only that cable channels carry "local originations". So the field is wide open and many people are aware of the potential power and potential advertising profit to be made in Cable TV. Such incentives don't help the cause of community television.

It is for these reasons that the Downtown Community Television project deserves special attention. It is practically unique in its freedom to serve its audience, not its owners.

Every Wednesday night at 7.30 pm people who are interested in the Downtown Community T-V project meet at the Parliament Street Library House, 265 Gerrard Street east.

Meetings are open to anyone interested in airing a problem, seeking publicity for an event, or project, or wanting to be creative in an audio-visual way. Downtown Community Television also attempts to destroy the mystique that only professionals can handle the equipment and facilities needed to put on a TV program.

So anyone who is interested in handling a camera, looking after sound or lighting or acting as a producer or director is also invited to attend these meetings.

For those only interested in viewing the work of their friends and neighbours, the show is broadcast on Thursdays at 8 pm, on Fridays at 3.30 pm and on Sundays at 4 pm, on Rogers Cable TV - Channel 10.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

With reference to your issue of November 12th, first page, "Halloween in St. Jamestown".

Sir: I speak for myself as well as a good many people in "St. Jamestown". I live in the 200 building (The Montreal) and I belong to the tenant association.

We had a wonderful party for the children along with the YMCA. My husband showed 3 movies of the Keystone Cops and I helped judge costumes. Apart from this I loaned my apartment and along with 2 other people, washed and cleaned apples. During the week prior to Halloween, a lot of people came to our apartment to help bag candy — NOT CHEAP CANDY.

The candy we bagged and gave out was just as good as that given out in Forest Hill, Rosedale and Bathurst Heights. I know, because we have lived in all these districts.

It wasn't the tenants we were trying to protect, it was the children! No razor blades, no moth balls, etc. could possibly get into any of our articles, because we watched over the items given out every step of the way. Each child was given a grab bag, a lovely red apple and a bag of chips, etc.

Children can get lost on the elevators or get stuck in the elevators. Who knows what will happen if a wrong door is opened and perhaps a drunk or some other pervert might lure the child inside.

Instead, the utmost care and love was shown — big happy smiles greeted the little ones as they came in the lobby. And every movement was watched over and checked by our tenant Association President, Mrs. Vera Bissett.

Let whoever took the picture and added a few words come forward. We, the people of 200 Wellesley, would like a few words with them. Personally, Mrs. Bissett should deserve better treatment for all her efforts.

Mrs. Ruth Marr
200 Wellesley St. E.

Dear Mr. Browne;

Regarding the front page of your Nov. 12th issue:

I take strong exception to the nasty caption under the photo of two supers passing out Halloween candies. Rather than protecting "the privacy of the tenants" by giving out "cheap candies", I firmly believe these people were "protecting" the children from the well known dangers of receiving razor blades, needles, and possibly poisoned or even drugged treats.

I know if I had any children I would never allow them to canvas St. Jamestown! If anyone doubts my judgement may they note that I was a Census Representative this year. I ran into all kinds of weirdos — nasty drunks and badly stoned freaks, menacing

anti-social types and incredibly foul-mouthed boors!

With the increasing number of incidents each year of harmful treats being given out at Halloween, I firmly believe each area of the city should organize parties for the children.

Maybe the reporter who wrote that bitter blurb under the photo would like to channel her venom constructively — how about a Ward Seven Halloween Party next year?

Mrs. Pat Swan
135 Rose Ave.

(SEVEN NEWS regrets the hostility and anger it caused in St. Jamestown by printing misleading and erroneous information in the cut lines of the Halloween picture published last issue.

The people who write for SEVEN NEWS are all volunteers and for the most part all amateurs: students, housewives, laborers, etc. Thus it is inevitable that mistakes and errors will occur. However, SEVEN NEWS is willing to apologise for its mistakes and most important, learn from them.

In future, anyone writing for SEVEN NEWS is asked to find out what is going on by asking questions and not jump to a conclusion that may be strongly colored by his own bias and prejudices.

The architect can cover his mistake with ivy; the doctor can bury his mistakes; the cook can cover her mistakes with sauce; and the road builder can cover his mistakes with concrete. But pity the poor editor — he prints his mistakes! — The Editor).

Housing Committee to Meet

Approximately one year ago, a group of community people, convened by the Social Planning Council, came together to discuss mutual concerns around housing problems. Out of this meeting an ad hoc Metro Community Housing Committee was formed to provide a forum for discussion and exchange of information.

From the beginning, the Committee claimed autonomy and loose affiliation with the Social Planning Council through professional consultants and secretarial services made available to it.

By December of 1970, the Committee had established terms of reference that focussed attention on that sector of the population which spends a disproportionate share of income on housing.

The next meeting of this Committee is on Tuesday, December 30th.

DON VALE GEN. MTG.

The next monthly General Meeting of the Don Vale Community Centre will be held on Thursday, Dec. 2nd starting at 8:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Centre at 80 Winchester Street. Anyone who lives in or works in Don Vale is asked to attend.

The agenda under discussion will be 1) The status of the umbrella proposal submitted to the Federal Local Incentive winter works program; 2) Report on activities in the building and suggestions on how to start and staff new activities in the Community Centre.

Also to be reported on will be the results of a local fund raising and membership drive being carried out in the immediate Don Vale area.

The meeting will also be open to discussion on whatever residents feel should be done to ensure the building in the best possible manner.

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photos by Mike Walshaw

Preventing hoarding like this from going up seems to be a never-ending battle for south of St. Jamestown tenants. (SEE STORY ON PAGE SEVEN).

But, seemingly oblivious to the eyesore the empty lots create and the loss of family housing stock, some people find delight in displaying their artistic (?) talents.

BRIEF ATTACKS HIGH-RISE

by Don Weits

Last summer, during one of the many hassles (which are still continuing) over housing and eviction involving the people in South of St. James Town and Meridian, two young people from the Don District Health Resources Committee researched and wrote a good brief on high-rise.

The brief is simply titled "The High Rise Phenomena - What Is Wrong". Its authors, Stewart Sklar and Maureen Jensen, became alarmed about what developers (especially Meridian) were doing or threatening to do to people in the community, especially in South of St. Jamestown. The brief is admittedly biased against high-rise development, but Stewart and Maureen support

their anti high-rise position by citing relevant studies and informed opinions of many social scientists.

So far, the brief has been presented before The City Executive and Buildings and Development Committees, and copies have also been distributed to all members of these two committees as well as to The City Planning Board. This brief was on the agenda, together with the "Guide Plan" for South of St. James Town, at a special evening meeting of the Planning Board held on November 9, 1971. However, neither the Guide Plan nor the brief were openly discussed, thanks to the usual avoidance-delaying tactics and petty, irrelevant remarks of some

Board members.

Alderman William Archer, who was present at the meeting, was the only Board member who tried to persuade the Board to get down to the basic issues, yet he too was unsuccessful. (I strongly advise people to go to one of the Planning Board meetings, if only to discover how your tax money is being wasted on futile, mindless, mickey-mouse discussion - it's enough to radicalize you, assuming you need radicalizing!)

Anyhow, free copies of the high-rise brief are now available to people living or working in the Don at The Neighbourhood Information Post, 265 Gerrard St. E. Just drop in or call 924-2543.

SNOW REMOVAL?

There is a chance that by next winter, residents of some narrow residential streets may have the snow removed from their streets, rather than simply plowed against their cars.

Alderman Jaffary proposed, and Public Works Committee approved, that \$500,000 be added to the Streets Department budget for 1972-73. The motion instructs the Commissioner of Streets to design a pilot project in selected areas, in order to determine whether the expansion of snow removal to narrow streets in residential areas is feasible.

One of the problems involved in the proposal is that of cars illegally parked on such streets, making snow removal "a waste of money" in the words of the Commissioner. The possibility of requesting police co-operation in strictly enforcing parking regulations in the designated areas, perhaps with "stiff fines", was rejected as being outside the powers of the police department.

Alderman Jaffary's proposal is still far from final approval. It has yet to be passed by City Executive Committee, then by City Council as a whole.

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In the summer the parks were full of old people. They sat enjoying the sun, feeding the pigeons, talking with friends. Or perhaps they were content just to sit and watch the world pass by. Now that the cold has driven them from park benches, where have they gone? Many to small, badly-equipped rooms — many to loneliness and boredom.

The warm weather reached its final glory when, on the last Friday in October, the cornerstone was laid for Chester Village, a new home for the elderly in Ward Seven. There is a huge pit across from the Broadview Avenue Dominion Store. It was here that the Reverend A.B.B. Moore, moderator of the United Church of Canada, laid the cornerstone.

Chester Village, scheduled for completion in 1972, will be a seven storey home for 182 elderly people. There are plans to accommodate more on a day-time basis, when activities will be scheduled for non-residents and hot lunches will be provided for everyone.

Chester Village is a project of the Broadview Foundation, a non-profit group made up mainly of members of the Eastminster United Church congregation (of course Chester Village will be open to old people of all faiths).

The project is financed by all three levels of government, with most of the money coming from the province's Department of Social and Family Planning. Total costs are estimated at \$2,600,000.

The cost to live at Chester Village is as yet unknown. The

rates haven't been set, but they will just cover costs. And they will rent single or double private rooms with two-piece bathrooms. Most floors have their own lounges where people can play cards, watch t.v., play music or talk. The seventh floor has lounges and a private dining room where villagers will be able to entertain guests. There is another dining room on the first floor which the architect, T.E. Sievenpiper, has given two-storey tall windows. So if they're not entertaining, they're being entertained... by the view of life on Broadview Avenue.

The other storeys will be rooms and lounges. The basement contains the auditorium (for movies and live music), the tuck shop and the craft rooms. And if a resident isn't interested by leathercrafts, euchre, or Take Thirty, there is a greenhouse.

THE GREATEST CHRISTMAS GIFT

by Colleen Moffatt

Christmas is fast approaching. The time of year we think about giving presents and sharing peace and friendship with those around us. And it should be the perfect time to give the greatest gift of all. The gift of life. The gift of blood.

Woodgreen Community Centre is holding a blood donor clinic on Wednesday December 1st and your blood is needed. It only takes about half an hour and the clinic is open in the afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 and in the evening from 6:30 to 8:30 for your convenience.

Sometimes in all the rush and hurry of the Christmas season we forget how important the constant need for blood really is. But accidents and operations happen all the time and the blood supply right now is very low.

The clinic at Woodgreen used to be very successful. But in the past few years the turnout has been lower and lower because the industries have moved out of the area.

This time the Red Cross hopes to reach their goal of 250 pints of blood. But they'll need your help.

The procedure is short and painless, yet it is the most appreciated gift you could possibly give this Christmas. So don't forget December 1st.

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prior to completion of the building and Mr. Braida had difficulty keeping tenants out until the workmen were finished. There is now a long waiting list of tenants.

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THURSDAY AT THE LIBRARY HOUSE

Since Thursday, October 7th, the Parliament Street Library House has been holding Folk & Poetry evenings. These are held on the first Thursday of each month. Known and obscure poets, along with folksingers are scheduled to perform. All programmes begin at 8 p.m. and admission is free.

Some of the poets who will likely appear, sometime in the near future at the House on Gerrard St. which is the Library House at 265 Gerrard St. E., are: B.P. Nicol; Gwendolynn McKewan; Ian Young; Joe Rosenblatt; Milton Acorn and George Jonas.

If you are looking for rousing excitement, you won't find it at these programmes. The accent is on a quiet, relaxing atmosphere, where there is an informal relationship, between the audience and performer. The performers are those who can develop rapport with their audiences.

On the third Thursday of every month, since October 21, same time and place, Open Readings are held where you are invited to either read poetry, yours or others, or perform before the audience, e.g. sing, dance, recite, play a musical instrument, tell stories, etc.

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FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

by Mrs. T. Hersafrinah

These recipes aren't meant to lay a vegetarian trip on anyone. I was just asked to donate a bunch of recipes for the newspaper and these are the only kind I have.

But they are still good and very nourishing and maybe some meat eaters will want to try them anyway since they are bound to be new to them and cheap too.

This is a great way to share cooking ideas and it is always rewarding to see stuff you've written in print. So why don't some of you readers out there get some of your stuff together and submit it to this newspaper?

SPANISH RICE

Brown 2 cups of brown rice in oil in a frying pan. In a separate pan, saute one chopped onion and one chopped green pepper. Add this to the browned rice. Add 3 cups of chopped tomatoes and four cups of water. Season with as much chilli pepper as you stand and salt and pepper.

Simmer 40 minutes or until rice is tender.

POTATO SOUP

1 small onion chopped
1 cup cold water
1½ tbs. flour
2 cups hot milk
Parsley
4 med. potatoes, diced.
¾ tsp. salt
2 tbs. butter
Pepper, celery salt.

Combine onion, potatoes, salt & water. Cover and allow to boil

for 25 minutes until potatoes are tender (not mushy). In a saucepan, melt butter. Stir flour into butter. Slowly add milk to this muck. Add to potatoes and onions. Add celery salt and parsley.

Simmer, uncovered for five minutes.

BLACK-EYED PEAS

This stuff is so fantastic — it's cheap to make and has a great taste.

Cover 1 cup of black-eyed peas with water and leave to soak for about four hours. (You know which ones I mean — the little white bean with the black spot on it.)

Pour off soaking water, cover with fresh salted water and simmer for about 30 minutes. (Pouring off the soaking water helps to relieve the burps and other gastric annoyances that always seem to accompany bean dinners.)

Pour off water.

Add 1 medium can tomato sauce. Add 1 cup of shredded cheese (preferably cheddar). Simmer and stir until cheese melts and then serve.

This is a good vegetarian recipe. If you eat meat it would be good to saute an onion and some hamburger and add that with the cheese. Or you could add a piece of salt pork when the beans first start cooking.

SOY PATTIES

Soybeans are for cattle!
That's what a lot of people

think but it's not altogether true. Soybeans have fantastic food value. They are very high in protein, low in cholesterol, they are rich in calcium, phosphorus and iron. They also contain lecithin (a substance that is essential for normal body functions) and many other good things that could take an entire article to expand on.

With all these other good things, they are also very inexpensive as well. They are sold at the Don Vale Food Co-op at the cheapest price I've seen in Toronto.

You have to give soybeans more than one chance — like anything drastically new, many people have to get used to their flavor. It's easier to do soybeans if you have a good blender, but a good arm and good masher will also do the trick.

Here's a recipe that I've ripped off of one of my friends, but I'm sure she won't mind:

1 onion chopped
soy sauce to taste
½ stalk of chopped celery
3 cups of mashed soybeans
1 cup grated cheese
1 egg.

Bread crumbs or wheat germ to thicken so it can be handled.

Form into patties and fry in oil on both sides until done. They are good by themselves or they make a really good sandwich.

A hint for vegetarians. Mashed soybeans can be used in all recipes that call for hamburger. Try them in spaghetti, chilli and all kinds of things.

HOUSES BEAUTIFUL

by Maggie Siggins

As an industrial designer Vell Hubel exists in a space age world of plastics, stainless steel and the most modern devices for mass consumerism. That is probably why Vell is so attracted to the old houses so full of character in Ward Seven.

Mr. Hubel last year started to sketch and then paint in pastels these beautiful old buildings. He has recently had a show at the Gutenberg Gallery, 664 Yonge St., called Around Cabbagetown.

Mr. Hubel says there is a type of architecture unique to the inner core of Toronto. "The homes built in Toronto's Victorian period have an architecture all their own. There is a colour I call Toronto green which is unlike any other found anywhere."

Mr. Hubel came to Canada from his native Estonia in 1948, studied commercial art here and 13 years ago opened up his own industrial design studio.

He has won several national awards for his furniture design.

Mr. Hubel says the large houses on Jarvis and Sherbourne and other streets even now maintain an area of stateliness.

"For years the people who

lived in them must have had a sense of pride because they simply aren't run down like so many in other cities."

Mr. Hubel, pointing to a large rooming house on Jarvis, complete with brick red and Toronto green, said the detail, the solid materials and building methods had established a good base so that the building didn't deteriorate. "And even now people must be proud of these buildings or they wouldn't radiate such character," he said.

Mr. Hubel, who has lived in the Yorkville area for years, said he likes a diverse city with a good mixture of old and new buildings. But, he says, only those buildings which are historical landmarks should be preserved. "You certainly can't stop all new buildings."

Mr. Hubel quickly sketches the buildings from his car and then spends about three hours painting them. It is his chief hobby, although he has been commissioned by several people with fond memories of Cabbagetown.

Mr. Hubel's purpose is to paint and historically preserve them before they are torn down.

POEM

*Do not pray
for fair to
excellent
ski-ing conditions
in downtown Toronto
friend!
or I will be
your enemy.*

Norm Craven

*Since first I did arrive
into this human hive
What I thought was a friendly
buzz
was only the busy Fuzz*

*The screaming of unfriendly
neighbors
with their sharp pointed sabers
Ready to abuse
Anyone they choose.*

*Oh, I've had my fights
and screams in the nights
with neighbors all running
to see all the sights.*

*I wish they were nosey
in a sort of different way.
To drop in and say, Hello! Mrs.
Reely
How are you today.*

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SUPER ZOO

Will the new Metro Zoo rub shoulders with a Junk-yard? A Scarborough citizen has filed application to open a "Re-Cycling Depot" to the immediate north of the new zoo in the Rouge Valley.

The zoo will open in spring of '74. Metro Council will spend \$20,000,000 on the first stage development.

The Zoological Society will be responsible for the day to day operation. They will start a fund raising campaign in the Spring of '72 for acquisition of an adequate animal section.

Actually the zoo will be five zoos in one (i.e. 5 Continents). Special pavillions will house exotic plants and representative animal specimens.

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EVICITION PARTY HASSLES TENANT

by Barry K. Morris

Dave Starbuck held out in his two-room flat, 123 Bleecker St., Monday against the chief landlord-developer Meridian. As most Seven News readers know, this is hardly the first such tenant who has insisted on staying on in one of the tenant union houses that Meridian has desperately sought to re-possess. . . . But this is the first time that a tenant has had to face up to a full squadron of United Security Guards, hired by the developer, and two squad cars of District No. 51 policemen, none of whom knew the law they were called in to enforce.

In this case, Dave stayed on for two basic reasons: one, he had been given inadequate and insufficient notice to vacate, and also he was demonstrating the continuing concern of the South of St. James Town tenants union, that no house should be fully vacated to be instantly boarded up, ripped apart inside, and then demolished, thereby once again eliminating basically sound housing stock from any possible inclusion in the eventual re-development of the area.

However, Meridian doesn't agree with the kind of philosophy fought for by Starbuck tenants. The chief tenants in the 123

Bleecker case, Gary and Carol Watson, settled with Meridian to move out for a fair amount of relocation allowance money (read: the developer's subtle bribe to tenant union members), and Mrs. Watson further told union members that she was being encouraged to wreck the place after she moved.

Why? because the less good housing stock still around, come planning and redevelopment time, the less ordinary community people the developer will have to deal with. People who in fact, have a stake in this, still their community. To effect this, the Watson's had to have the last hold-out tenant, Starbuck, out of the house.

Then, and only then, could they cash in on the Meridian-money sucker. Starbuck's clothes and food were thrown out on the porch. Further, his heat and water in the house were cut off - illegally, in violation of the housing standards by-law. Then, still refusing to play Meridian Watson's games, Dave's room was fully boarded up by property manager "Vince" on the inside lest Dave would actually want to sleep in his (legal) room.

At this point, the tenant union phoned the police, to urge them to enforce the Landlord-Tenant Act. Alas, they didn't know the Act. A second squad car soon pulled up - community policeman Bob Caughill, who does know the law, and who has been informed of the Tenants' issue all along, couldn't be reached. The Sergeant, badge No. 126, led his men into 123 Bleecker house. Though the Security guards were confused on the legal aspects of the issue, the police at first didn't seem to be; soon, however, they unlawfully advised Meridian people and the Watsons that, yes, they could throw Starbuck out of his room and house, thereby illegally by-passing a Court order.

Alderman David Crombie thereafter pulled up, chauffeur-driven fresh from City Hall. He had ideas of getting Meridian to agree not to have the house demolished, and keeping security men on guard on a 24-hour basis. Then, Tenants Union lawyer Jeff Sack arrived - he warned Meridian people, flanked closely by their hired cops, that they'd just unlawfully evicted Dave Starbuck and they'd wisely expect a full return visit or re-occupation of the house by at least the tenant.

Sack then proceeded - with a heavy wind chill factor having forced the police officers back into their street cars - down the street to advise the law officers of what, in fact, the law is that they're allegedly hired to enforce.

The day ended with a full review of the events in one of the previously Meridian-closed-down houses, since re-opened and squatted-down-in by tenant union members. The task: to re-open 123 Bleecker St. A lot of confusion? yes, and more yet, since it's not over yet. Only in the northern part of this vast province are the stars able to pour forth something close to Advent tidings, because, with "the skies not cloudy all day . . . home is on the range."

NEWS IN BRIEF

THE NEXT EDITORIAL MEETING OF SEVEN NEWS will be held Thursday night December 2nd at 7.30 p.m. in the 7 News office at 80 Winchester St. Anyone interested in working on the paper in some aspect is invited to attend.

A RAP SESSION FOR YOUTH aged 13 to 16 is being held every Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m. at Regent Park United Church, 40 Oak Street.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF DIXON HALL are having a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 27th from 2 to 4 p.m. with the proceeds going toward their Out-Trip Programme. Admission is free.

DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF SEVEN NEWS is Monday noon, December 6th, for publication in the issue of Dec. 10th. This will probably be the last issue until after Christmas so any material pertaining to the holiday season should be submitted in plenty of time for the issue. Material can be dropped off at 265 Gerrard E., 80 Winchester Street or 297 Carlton Street.

A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DEC. 11th, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St. There will be handicrafts, candles, gifts and children's clothes on sale. Proceeds will go to the Don Vale Co-operative nursery school.

THE FIRST SOCIAL OCCASION of the new Chester Village Senior Citizen home is being held Saturday night, November 27th. Called a "Founders' Night Dance", the event will run from 2 p.m. until midnight at the Chester Village site, 717 Broadview Ave. Admission is \$6 a couple.

THE ANNUAL REGENT PARK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION Xmas party will be held at Park School this year on the 19th of December. Santa Claus will be there along with a magician, apples and cookies for the children and a draw for a \$10 food voucher.

REGENT PARK UNITED CHURCH - Do you have a few spare hours on a Wednesday afternoon between 1.30 and 3 p.m. which you would like to share with other mothers and toddlers of the community? Miss Cathy Lambert will be happy to make your acquaintance and listen to your suggestions regarding child welfare. For further information call 363-4235 between Monday and Friday.

A SELF DEFENSE COURSE for kids 6 to 12 is being held every Saturday from 2 pm to 3 pm at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street.

THE DIXON HALL ANNUAL XMAS BINGO will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16th at 7 p.m. at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street.

AN XMAS DANCE, BUFFET DINNER and prizes will be held at Woodgreen Community Centre, 875 Queen St. E. on Saturday December 11th. The dance runs from 8.30 to 1 a.m. and admission is \$2.50 per person. Proceeds go to the Woodgreen Credit Union.

A TUTORING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS in grades 5 to 10 is being held every Thursday from 7 to 9 pm at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street. Tutoring is by University students. Call Mike at 863-0499.

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ORDERS FOR FREE XMAS HAMPERS AND VOUCHERS are being taken by Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St. Phone 925-4363. No means test will be given and anyone on a low income, welfare, unemployment insurance, etc. can apply.

THE METRO COMMUNITY HOUSING COMMITTEE will hold an open meeting in the Board Room of the Social Planning Council, 14th floor, 55 York Street. The meeting will be held on Tuesday Nov. 30th, starting at 8.00 p.m. Anyone concerned with the quality housing in Metro Toronto is asked to attend.

Rip Off

by Norm Craven

Are you a compulsive shoplifter, or one of the harmless conniving kind? Well, keep your itchy fingers off the merchandise. You are a lying no-goodnik, and a parasite. Yes, you! You claim to have so much concern for the poor and the aged. You, are a hypocrite and a blot on the face of the human race.

You're not smart, no matter what you think. You, are a thief living at the expense of your fellow man. If you think you are getting even with the storekeeper who rips you off, then think again buddy. The merchant who consistently loses stock either goes out of business or raises his prices.

You know who really suffers? You, the consumer. The extra charge comes out of your pocket, just as surely as if the thief had put his hand in. The shoplifter like all thieves, leaves behind a stream of innocent victims, and that includes you.

Now it's impossible to reform all the crooks in Cabbagetown, but we can make them aware of our feelings. Many of the ills of modern society exist solely because people tolerate them. They say it's not their business. Don't kid yourself buddy, it is your business. You are the sucker who is paying the shot. Nobody can afford spiralling prices, least of all people on subsistence income. You are the victims!

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Another thing, if one of your friends make a score, then for Pete's sake tell him he's a "no good bum" maybe just a shade too polite . . . use a few choicer expletives.

FUND MONEY FOR POOL?

Long-time residents of the Ward may remember that some years back, a child who lived on the west side of the Don River was killed by a train while attempting to cross over the Don River to reach the swimming pool in Riverdale Park.

As a result of this incident, a fund was started by then Ward 2 Alderman Allan Archer to build a swimming pool on the west side of the Don for the use of people living in that area.

The fund only raised between two and three thousand dollars and was not enough to build a swimming pool. The fund was then frozen and has been for all these years pending a decision as to what could be done with the money.

Now that a swimming pool is going up in Regent Park as part of recreation complex being built by the federal and provincial governments, the question of the use of the money has risen again.

At a recent Regent Park Community Improvement Association meeting, Bud McCormick, the Association's president reported that the money was no longer frozen. He added, however, that its disposition would have to be cleared with the tenants in Regent Park, the parents of the child that was killed, and O.H.C.

It was suggested at the meeting that the pool be named after the child whose death sparked the raising of the money. It was also suggested that the money might be used for permanent, fixed, recreation items at either the swimming pool or the Teen Drop-in.

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