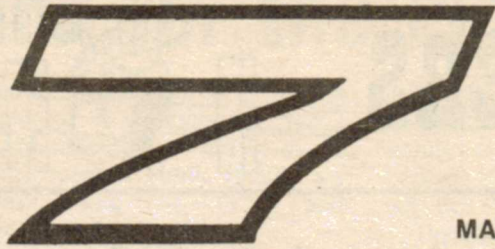


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The City Works Department, in repairing a watermain at the lane at the corner of Gerrard and Berkeley, put a temporary patch of pavement over the hole. Then the big snow storm

two weeks ago covered the repair so that the truck above was caught when it tried to negotiate the turn. The truck was later towed away.

Photos by Steven Evans

Municipal Board OK's subsidy for DACHI

by JANET HOWARD

After more than two years of controversy, it looks as if residents of DACHI (Don Area Co-Operative Homes, Inc.) will be allowed to stay in their homes, paying a rent they can afford, and 18 new families will be housed when construction is complete.

Last month the Ontario Municipal Board ruled in favour of the new houses for the DACHI site, eight of them along Dermott Place, to fill in gaps left by demolitions many years ago, and ten on part of Loblaw's parking lot.

Now the Provincial government has given its approval for a 10% capital grant and rent supplement for 25% of the units under the Community Sponsored Housing Programme, which is specifically for non-profit housing projects such as DACHI. The Federal government, which holds DACHI's mortgage and has consistently given its assistance and encouragement, contributes about half the money under the programme, but it is up to the Province to say yes or no.

DACHI bought up a long neglected assembly of houses from Weston's early in 1973. Weston's had run the property down so badly that in the 1960s the City applied for an urban renewal scheme for the entire neighbourhood surrounding it, on the basis of government insistence that the Weston's assembly alone was too small an area for urban renewal. However, by the time the non-profit group had obtained the assembly, property values in Don Vale had shot up to a level where the houses could have been sold off unrenovated for \$60- or \$70,000 each, and some residents nearby preferred to see that happen.

DACHI renovated most of the houses (some are not yet complete) and divided the larger ones into smaller units. Tenants of the old absentee landlord were allowed to stay, and moved into new apartments when they were ready, but the economics of the project were affected by long delays in getting the necessary approvals to build

the new houses.

When they are finished, there will be 79 units. If the number of hours spent arguing about the project, taking petitions, holding meetings, writing letters and telegrams, could be divided by 79, the man-hours per unit would be staggering. Meanwhile, a new townhouse project running north from Gerrard Street into the middle of a Don Vale block went up virtually without comment. There were no petitions, no warnings of doom to the neighbourhood. The difference is that only prosperous people will be able to afford the townhouse condominium units, while DACHI is a non-profit co-operative for people of low and moderate income, with a sprinkling of upper-income people paying market rents to provide a balance.

It took two motions of Toronto City Council, telephone calls to Ottawa and Queen's park, a 1,600-name petition from residents of the Don Area and lobbying by the DACHI residents themselves to keep the housing available for the people it was meant for, while every other co-operative in Metro had been approved for the same Provincial programme. Now 25% of the residents will pay rent according to income, and others who do not receive supplement will still pay less than market rents because of the capital grant which works to make the whole project less expensive.

DACHI is a small drop in the bucket of needed housing for the growing number of people who cannot pay the going rate for accommodation. But for the 13 families who nearly had to leave because the Province held out on rent supplement for so long, it is home and now it is safe. For them, the battle was worth it.

Spring Festival to mark Hindu New Year

The Canadian Hindu Organization, a Ward Seven based cultural group, will be celebrating the Hindu New Year with a Spring Festival. This year it will be held on March 28, at the Eastdale Collegiate Institute, 701 Gerrard East, starting at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Ramodit Prashad, the chairman, in his address to the organizing committee and members last Sunday, told them that there will be performing artists from India, Guyana, Trinidad, Sri Lanka and many other countries.

He said there would be dances from the various states of India and Indian classical and film songs by a variety of versatile artists. Some of these will include the famous Indian scholarship winner, Azeez

Guyana's top tabla player, Suresh Mangal, and singers Tara,

Greeta and Neeta will also be there.

Khan and his group, also Sumita Roy of Radio India fame.

"Of course," says Roop Sharma a director of the organization, "in keeping with our Hindu tradition, a variety of delicious sweet and spicy vegetarian dishes will also be served."

Mr. Sharma expressed the hope that the many ethnic groups and members of the community who attended last year's celebration will do so again this year.

Mr. Sharma also stated that the organizing group had applied for a Wintario grant to defray the expenses of the event which are estimated at around \$1,000. "If that is not forthcoming," he said, "we will have to charge \$2 each to those attending."

Professional magician highlights Seven News distributors' party

Seven News is holding a party. It's for the kids throughout the Ward who volunteer their time to distribute Seven News door to door.

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The party is taking place on Friday, March 26 (a school holiday)

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can't get to Woodgreen by TTC. However, you have to let us know you need a ride as soon as possible, and by Thursday, March 25, at the latest.

One of the features of the party will be a performance by a professional magician. There will be free food and drinks. There will also be games and presentations. And a newspaper will be produced during the course of the afternoon with the help of some of the Seven News staff. It should be fun!

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CNH studies daycare needs

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Central Neighbourhood House, I am currently investigating day care needs in Ward Seven. We are particularly concerned with day care needs that are NOT being met — such as:

- Mothers who cannot work because a child is attending kinder-

garten half a day and she cannot get childcare for the rest of the day.

- Women who would like to have a few hours a week to themselves but are stuck with their kids all the time (especially moms that carry the load themselves.)

- Problems getting someone to care for the kids while mom has a doctor's appointment or goes shopping. Often babysitters aren't available or are too expensive.
- Women who work odd shifts and have problems because childcare arrangements are temporary and/or unsatisfactory.

We are interested in hearing any ideas your readers may have so that we could come up with some alternatives. If anyone has any suggestions, or needs day care and can't get it, please give me a call at 925-4363.

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3. encourage responsive, effective community and educational programs in the field of human rights.

Briefs and comments are invited from individuals, groups, and organizations and should be sent to the Commission no later than May 15, 1976.

The Commission will also conduct a number of public hearings throughout the province. Locations and dates will be announced.

Your enquiries are most welcome and should be directed to:

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LETTERS



Letters-to-the-editor are more than welcome. Letters should be short, topical and contain your name and address. However, your name and address will be withheld from publication at your request.

Group wants class size reduced

Dear Editor:

As a result of a public meeting on January 24, at Duke of York School, the Inner City Education Action Committee (ICEAC) was formed.

This committee of parents published a brief which was submitted to the Central Staffing Committee of the Board of Education, who in turn recommended 160 new teachers be allotted to inner city schools. The Board of Education

has approved this proposal.

New teachers only bring us back to where we were three years ago before cutbacks were made.

What about the kids who have been victims of these cutbacks? Those that are so far behind in the educational system that they have a very slim chance of ever reaching high school.

We as a parents committee want these children given special attention to try and correct the great

injustice that our educational system has bestowed on them.

We demand the class sizes be reduced and children be kept back instead of promoted when they are not ready to be pushed on year after year. These demands are essential to our children if they are to receive a beneficial education.

Equal opportunity must be a reality, not an ideal.

Marion Driscoll

Local action needed on government programs

Dear Editor:

I am writing you concerning the present economic situation with the resulting stagnation, inflation and unemployment and its effects on Ward 7.

Many people feel that the programs the Federal government are applying will have very negative effects for a very large segment of our community. Unemployment is already at an intolerable level and will worsen with this program. Wages, especially for those without protection of a union have fallen behind prices and will fall further behind with the wage controls. The unions which have done so much for getting a decent standard of living for its membership, are being attacked as if they were the cause of both inflation and of the miserable wages of the unorganized.

The housing crisis which is becoming a permanent feature of Canadian society is virtually left to market forces (i.e. the greed of land speculation, developers and real estate men) which will mean ever scarcer and higher cost housing. The cut backs in social and health services, day care centres, community programmes, etc. besides throwing many people onto the street, will deny such essential services to those most in need of them.

The Government and the mass media are conducting a tremendous campaign in support of the controls. They play on the general desire of the people for some form of positive action regarding the economic situation, but try to make people believe that the Liberal program is the only possible

solution and the only other alternative is chaos.

Control wages shackle collective bargaining, and thus the unions themselves, and tighten the purse strings on important services going to the community. It is about time that all of us negatively affected by the controls, working people, unionized or not, unemployed, handicapped, pensioners, etc. get together, discuss our common problems, look for points of mutual interest and come out in a strong voice of protest, and push for a plan that while, combatting inflation, won't solidify or worsen the inequities and injustices of this system. This could and must be done at the local level, taking into account the particular problems and necessities of our community and utilizing all our resources.

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Square dance held

Last Saturday a square dance was held at Winchester Public school. About 160 people turned up and by all reports had a good time. The star of the evening was John Lewis who called the dance but who came close to having the show stolen from him by John Carter and Eleanor McDonough. Both Mr. Carter, the gym teacher at Winchester, and Mrs. McDonough called a few dances of their own while Mr. Lewis took a much needed break.

The music was provided by Fiddler Berny Jaffee and his band. John Piper, conductor of the Don Vale Community Orchestra helped out musically with his accordion, and was personally responsible for a number of rousing polkas.

Although the dance, which was sponsored by the Winchester Council was not a fund raising event as such, all the profits will go to help the Grade 8's at Winchester finance their graduating field trip.



Bob Katz and Heather Aspinall enjoy themselves at the Winchester school square dance while the camera catches Marion Wilkens at the beginning of a reel.

Photos by Avo Kopilmae

Variety night at Winchester gets rave reviews

EDITOR'S NOTE: Late last month, the pupils in the lower grades at Winchester Public School took part in a variety night called "February Follies". The following day in class, the same children wrote short articles describing the event. A selection of them is printed below:

Last night, Anna's mother and father came to the February Follies and Anna said to me that her parents had a good time at the February Follies. I liked the square dancing especially.

Doris Chin

Last night, at Winchester, we had the February Follies show. It was fun. My mom and dad came to watch. We played recorder and we also did a play called "How Fire First Came to Man". I was a narrator. I thought we were awful but when we were getting into the car, my dad said we were better than the rest.

Anna Del Mastro

It started when my mother and I went to help put on make-up. Then we went

into the gym with my class. The Follies started by singing "O Canada". Then some teenagers came out and said a poem about vanilla. Then Mrs. Singh's class did a play on The Three Bears and my class played recorders. After recorders we got on our costumes and did our play "How the Fire First Came to Man", an Indian Play. Then we watched the square dancing and went home.

Lynn Amyotte

Last night at the play, I was an Indian. But I was funny too, because when they closed the curtains my foot was hanging out.

Kim Davidson

At the February Follies, our class did a play about an Indian Legend. We also played the soprano recorder.

First we saw a group of people do a poem called "Vote For Vanilla". Then we saw a play. It was called "Goldilocks and The Three Bears". And then we played our recorders! We played three songs "Goe From My Window", a German Chorale and "Fais Dodo". After we finished playing the songs, we had to go to a room to change into our costumes for our play. Then we came back and got in our places. A girl introduced us and then we did our play for our parents. We went back in the same room

that we got dressed for the play and took off our costumes for the play. We came back just in time to see the Square Dancing. We enjoyed the February Follies!

Carol Wong

Grade 3 and 4 did a play called "How the Fire Came to Man" for our parents and uncles and cousins. And Nee-kil-stlas tried to steal the fire. Finally he got it in a million years.

Louise Vigneault

When we were on stage we were doing a play. I was a magical person named Nee-kil-stlas. I saw my dad take a picture. We were on stage again and we were playing the recorder. Then my dad took another picture. At the end I was glad it was over. Then we went to the room, 101, and we took our costumes home.

Sang Kim

On Tuesday, February 24, 1976, Winchester School put on a concert named "The Winchester February Follies". Room 9 put on a play called "How The Fire First Came to Man"! After the whole show finished, we had a lot of compliments. Grade 8 did a beautiful square dance with five groups. I am a reader in Room 9's play and when I was reading, I swallowed some lipstick and I had to keep it in my mouth til the play was over.

Pari

Seven News to publish winning photos

The Danforth Library, 701 Pape Avenue, is having a very special exhibit through the month of March. On exhibit are the photographs which were entered in their contest, "People and Places in the Danforth Neighbourhood."

Judging is done by the public and anyone in the neighbourhood

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Sewell loses Council battle

An hour of bitter debate at a Metro Council meeting last Tuesday, ended in a vote to cut \$205,000 from the social services budget.

Alderman John Sewell led an attack against the motion, which sought to cut rent supplements for about 1,800 single welfare recipients, from \$95 to \$75 a month.

Under questioning by Alderman Sewell, Social Services Commissioner Raymond Tomlinson, agreed that the majority of rooms in the city cost at least \$85 a month.

Mr. Sewell said the motion should be sent back to the social services committee until the whole Metro budget could be looked at to decide where spending cuts should be made.

"We must figure out where our priorities are," said Mr. Sewell. "The last people you want to restrain are people at the bottom."

Sewell felt that to cut back on poor people in times of economic uncertainty was like "kicking somebody while he's down."

He scorned council for refusing to freeze salaries of Metro employees making over \$26,000 yearly, as pointed out in a cost cutting report, while at the same time "singling out people who are weak politically."

"We know they won't complain. It shows who we think should be restrained" Mr. Sewell said.

Alderman Dan Heap joined the fray saying, "I think it's shameful."

He said that while Metro Council was cutting services to the poor, they were spending thousands on the O'Keefe Centre while other theatres in the city are half empty.

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Alderman Heap said politicians remained silent while rents in the city soared. Now, he said, they were refusing to help the unemployed who couldn't afford decent rent.

He said, "people aren't unemployed by their own choice, it's the government who is at fault." He said even now "Trudeau says more unemployment is needed to beat inflation."

After several council members spoke out in favour of the rent supplement cuts, Toronto Mayor David Crombie indicated he did not agree and said, "I hope council will not cut this program."

His plea went unheeded as the matter was voted on and the cuts approved by a 20-10 margin.

Childbirth classes

The Women's Travelling Medicine Show is now offering childbirth classes for women in the Ward Seven area. Included in the course are physical exercises for pregnancy and in preparation for labour and birth.

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God's plan for the flea

by TED PLANTOS

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God makes mistakes People make mistakes

And there are social workers to prove it

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Local Initiative project helps Riverdale women

by PATRICIA COOK

Suite 301, 745 Danforth Avenue is the base of operations for the four women and one man of Housewives' Initiative, a three and a half month old experiment in establishing the needs of the female population in the Broadview area and helping it to cope with the pressures of big-city society.

Twenty-seven year old co-founder Judy Quinlan feels the group is breaking new ground in both the women's movement and in general community organization in its attitude toward housewives. Rather than approaching the housewife as someone stagnating in the technological backwash Judy and her co-workers approach her as a necessary vital part of society.

"Most movements," says Judy, "want to give housewives more work and it's usually volunteer work. Women, they say, have to

change their lives. As if they could. In the Broadview area we deal with a variety of people in different situations and we've found that problems take on a specific nature for a woman. Immigrant services, for example, tend to service the male. It's a very different set of problems for the female. A new immigrant woman isn't concerned with finding a new job. She has to learn how to exist in Toronto. She doesn't speak the language. She doesn't have any friends. We deal with immigrant women, wives of professional people, poor women, young women, and old women and what being a woman in each situation means."

Being a woman in each situation often means adjusting to the economic depression now settling on our wealthy country. Judy puts it this way.

"Money seems to be the big problem right now. The rise in

food prices, rent increases, and loss of income are beginning to be felt. Raising kids and putting husbands through school creates pressures for all women."

The money squeeze has created another problem. Regular services are becoming too expensive so women are going to community and private services. For example if her own doctor starts charging extra over OHIP, the Ontario Health Insurance Plan, a woman may start going to a community clinic. Here she meets others who often seem exclusive, are better speakers, and seem to be better educated. She feels out of place.

The problem isn't lack of awareness but lack of a suitable environment to state needs. The women Judy has met have "very definite ideas. They know damn well what they want. We often listen for an hour and a half to a specific problem. Men call it gossip but it's really part of the

(female) network."

While the response so far has been from active people who know very well how they feel about certain areas and have striking ideas about how to change them, the major difficulty seems to be in pinpointing exact problems. "Everything's going wrong" is a common complaint. To break down the problems the members of Housewives' Initiative have set up a questionnaire. They take it around door-to-door and get to know their neighbours in this way. The questionnaire asks if lack of day care facilities, boredom, worry about husband or children, health care, finding a job, lack of free time, low income, or landlord or housing problems are important and in this way find out what being a woman in Ward 7 really means.

Besides taking around the questionnaire the group has initiated two discussion groups and a small

theatre group. Women from the Ontario Housing Corporation in Don Mount Court frequent the first discussion group while women from varied backgrounds discuss their common desires at the second.

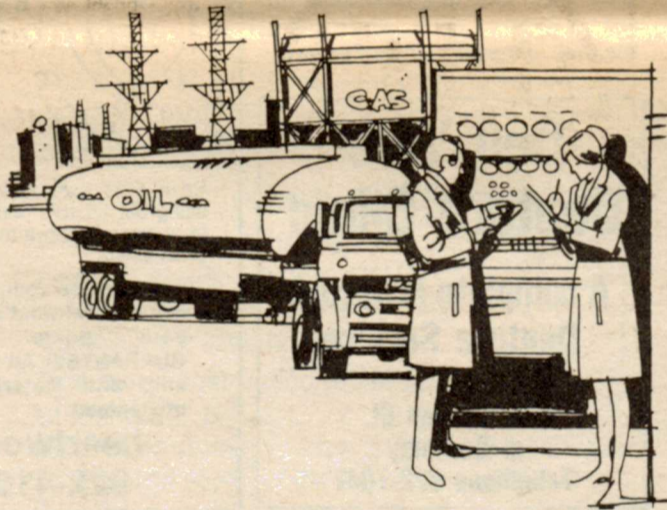
The five members of Housewives' Initiative have all been involved in women's activities before and bring some years of experience to the new project. Boo Watson and Judy Quinlan met while working on the Woman's Bookmobile, an Opportunities for Youth project that toured northern Ontario for two summers. Francie Wyland, who also works with Wages for Housework, an international movement, is the third member. Frances Gregory, who worked with the Mother Led Union, and Peter Taylor, involved with day care, met the others through Wages for Housework and the five of them attained a grant through LIP, Local Initiatives Project, to begin their work in the Broadview area. Through these different organizations the members have set up some contacts, such as the Italian Women's group Cintro Donne, and feel they can direct any woman to the right source to solve a problem.

The grant ends in the middle of June and the group has no plans to continue after that date although Judy would like to see seminars set up in the future. Right now Housewives' Initiative is concentrating on the practical problems women face in the Broadview area. As Judy says, "In the end it's getting women together and showing them their needs are related."

In the end then, if you're a woman who needs child care services, help dealing with your child's principal, has problems with your husband, needs medical help, experiences a feeling of frustration when facing a big organization, or wants to gossip with other women, call anyone at Housewives' Initiative, 466-7457, and find out how your neighbours are doing.

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Note: adults take heart. Some form of recognition is being planned for the many grown-ups who volunteer their time to help on the paper as well. Stay tuned to this paper. In the meantime, adults who want to help out at this party, by supervising, or providing transportation, or whatever, please let us know. We'll give you all free hot dogs in appreciation.



NEWS ROUND-UP

Community night to be held at Jimmie Simpson Centre

A card night, featuring progressive euchre will be held on Wed. March 24 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at Dixon Hall. There will be prizes and luncheon and admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for seniors.

Friday feature films at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard East will present **Swiss Miss** with Laurel and Hardy on March 26. Show time is 8 p.m. and admission is free.

The Bain Co-op landscape committee will meet at their recreation centre, 88 Bain Avenue on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone with ideas on the greening of Bain Co-operative is welcome to attend.

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach street is holding a **Bingo** on Mon. April 5 starting at 7 p.m. Admission is 50 cents and there will be cash and door prizes.

The Regent Park Busy Bee Club will hold a **weekly Euchre** in the downstairs lounge at 41 Oak Street every Monday afternoon starting at 2 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

An informal **workshop for tenants** will be held on Saturday, March 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 519 Church Street. All tenants in the Don District are invited to attend. There is no charge and coffee will be served.

Following the workshop, at 8 p.m., there will be a **tenant's dance** with food and a cash bar. Admission is \$2.00.

On Monday, March 22 at 10 a.m. a bus will leave **Dixon Hall** and take any children on hand to **Brucesmill** to see how the Maple trees are tapped and maple syrup and maple sugar is made. The trip is free but children are asked to **bring a lunch** and be at Dixon Hall by 9:30 a.m. The bus will be back by 4 p.m.

The teen drop-in at 265 Gerrard East will hold a **photography seminar** for teens on April 1, from 7 to 9 p.m.

A community day care centre is being planned for **St. Monica's Church**, 79 Hiawatha Road in the Gerrard-Greenwood area. Anyone interested in the service and/or being involved in its planning is asked to call **Evie Gilmour** at 466-3415.

Jimmie Simpson Recreational Centre, 870 Queen St. East is planning a **community fun night** for the evening of April 8. There will be community displays, carnival booths and refreshments. Admission is free and starting time is 7:30 p.m. For information, phone **Pauline Muller** at 461-2550.

Thanks to **Robert and Guiliana Katz** for their recent cash donation to 7 News. Thanks also to **BOOST** for their donation of a newspaper storage cash.

The Ward Seven Businessmen's Association will hold a **dinner meeting** on Tuesday, March 23, starting at 7 p.m. at the Club Harmonie on Sherbourne Street. Admission is \$5 and tickets are available from **Betty Dawson** or **Brenda Moehring** at 967-3353. The **Hon. Margaret Scrivener** will give a Report on Queen's Park and Ward Seven's two aldermen have also been invited.

Mary Alice Downie will read stories from her book *The Witch of the North* at the Danforth Library, 701 Pape Ave., on March 26 at 2 p.m. This program is free and of interest to children aged 7 to 12.

Lord Dufferin Public School has received a **\$1,000 Wintario grant** to assist them in celebrating the 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL.

The St. James Town **YMCA office** has moved from its former storefront location on the plaza to the northwest corner of the Winnipeg Building at 260 Wellesley St. East. An **open house** is being held this month to acquaint people with the new of-

fices.

The **Annual Meeting** of Dixon Hall will be held at the Hall, 58 Sumach Street starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, **March 30**. Admission is free and everyone in the area is welcome.

Poet **Leonard Gasparini** will read from his work at the Parliament Library House on Thursday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

Winners of the Grand St. Patrick Draw held at 41 Oak Street in Regent Park were **Mrs. Shanks, Mr. T. Elias, Mr. C. Young and Mr. Tony Marascio**. Consolation prizes went to **Mr. J. Cromlon and Mrs. Mary Smith**.

The Rosedale Liberal Association is holding a **fund-raising dinner** in honour of **M.P. Donald Macdonald**. It's being held Wed. March 31 at Yen Pin Place and tickets are \$30 each. For information or to order

Shakespeare party

The Tuesday Literary Workshop held at the Parliament Street Library House, 265 Gerrard Street East will hold a birthday celebration in honour of William Shakespeare on April 20 at 7:30 p.m.

In a press release describing the event, Ted Plantos, its organizer, states: "Personal friends and rivals of Mr. Shakespeare are asked to participate in the proceedings with toasts, roasts, anecdotes, readings or spoofs on his writings.

"Films will be shown. Spiritualists, visionaries and academics are welcome, but must bring some occultist or oratorical gifts. Poets will be searched for knives at the door, but are permitted to heckle, jeer, or make general nuisances of themselves as usual."

SOCCA seeks ways to spend \$15,000 award

by **BILL MARSHALL**

The South of Carlton Community Action group is accepting written submissions for suggestions on how to spend a \$15,000 conservation award given to SOCCA by Heritage Canada.

SOCCA received the award due to its successful efforts to save old buildings on Sherbourne St. when the area was threatened by high rise development. Alderman John Sewell, one of the leaders in the battle to save the buildings, drew up the application for the conservation award on behalf of SOCCA.

Historical sites were saved and instead of an expensive high rise apartment complex 340 housing units of various sorts were created. The rent of 75 per cent of the units will be based on income.

SOCCA is the first community group to be given an award of this type.

Suggestions at a SOCCA meeting on March 10, ranged from improvements in the Dundas-Sherbourne Project to house repairs for landlords in the area.

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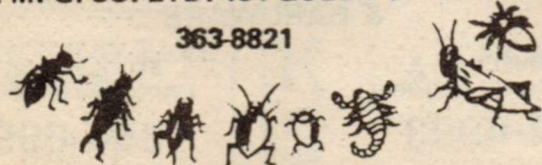
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Navy cadets seek more members

by BILL MARSHALL

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Membership is open to all boys with parent's consent. Membership is free and a cadet receives his uniform on loan at no charge whatsoever to parents. A cadet receives badges of rank as he progresses.

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in 1972 and has received many other awards as winners in sports and various competitions.

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The care and maintenance of a cadet's own personal belongings is strongly stressed in the Navy Cadets Corps.

"Actually you get a lot of discipline. Also you get a lot of fun and you learn a lot. My friend got me interested in it," said 12-year-old Tim Holness. Tim is a Quarter Master in the Navy Cadets Corp.

Eleven-year-old Paul Batuszkin has been a member of the corps for only nine weeks but finds that he

already enjoys the programme.

"I like having a uniform," said Paul, "I might get it today if I pass my exam."

The training includes the basic art of seamanship, boatwork, bends and hitches (knots), first aid, parade gunnery, citizenship, leadership and the basic art of pilotage.

Meetings are held Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Church on Carlton St. and Bleecker. Other activities such as camping and sports are held on weekends.

For further information, see Lt. Steve Gault in the Ship's Office at St. Peter's Church or telephone 922-7368 on Tuesdays between 7:00 and 9:00.

If you're making minimum wage, you get a raise this week.

The Minimum Wage rates for Ontario went up on Monday, March 15th. If you are presently earning minimum wage, read the following schedule to find out what your new rate will be.

New minimum rates

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You can get more information about the new Minimum Wage rates and the Employment Standards Act by writing or phoning:

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book review



Where to go and what to do with the kids in Toronto

Ward Seven and Don Vale have yet another publishing company. This one is called "Treehouse Publication" and is owned by Keith Nobel of Wellesley St. East and Stephen Jack of Riverdale Avenue.

Their first publication, co-authored by them, is titled **Where to go and What to do with the Kids in Toronto** and if you've got kids that bug you to take them on an outing, the book is a godsend.

Crammed into this 126 page paperback are enough places and things to keep any group of kids happy every day for a couple of years. And by the time parents and kids have exhausted all the possibilities of the book, they could start all over again without being bored.

Twelve chapters divide the book up into such categories as sports, outdoors, dining, sights, theatre, industrial exhibits, nostalgia, outings and out-of-the-ordinary activities.

One interesting thing is that although the book is aimed at parents who want to get their kids away from the TV set once in awhile, neither of its two authors have any children of their own. One is single and the other is separated and both had to "co-opt" local kids from the neighbourhood to help "research" the items in the book.

It's available at bookstores and the review copy has been donated to the Parliament Street Library where it can be browsed through for free.

Regent park boys club to hold April Walk-a-thon

Both walkers and sponsors are still being sought for a 25 kilometre walk-a-thon being held by the Metropolitan Downtown Boy's Club.

The walk will be held April 3 starting at 8 p.m. from the front of the Boys Club at 540 Dundas Street East in Regent Park. From Dundas the route will go up Sherbourne, along Carlton, up University to Hoskins. From there it goes west to Bathurst, north to Bloor

and then west past Ossington. The return route is along Yarmouth, Dupont, Bay, Danforth and down Bayview to Dundas and then back to the Boys' Club.

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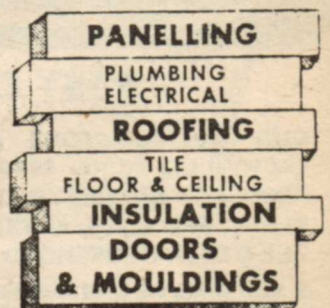
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Transportation for the elderly and disabled

by SHELLEY BIRENBAUM

You have a problem walking due to age or a physical infirmity and have to go to a doctor or a medical clinic. Where do you turn if you are unable to use public transportation and are in financial need?

There are various services (governmental, non-governmental and volunteer) which will provide transportation at no or minimal charge, to clinics, hospitals, doctor's appointments, etc., and sometime to recreational programs, for people who have mobility problems and are on a low income. These services rely either on taxi vouchers, ambu-buses, paid staff or volunteer drivers.

Some social services offer an escort service, where individuals will wheel patients to a hospital or accompany people who are able to use public transportation, but require some kind of physical or more support.

In Ward 7, volunteers are desperately needed who have cars and would be willing to drive people who are unable to use public transportation, to medical appointments, hospitals, etc. If you are interested in doing some volunteer driving, call the Neighbourhood Information Post at 924-2543.

Patients on **Welfare** who are unable to use public transportation, can obtain special assistance from their local welfare office. The patient must obtain authorization from his doctor, stating that he cannot use public transportation. The welfare office can arrange for a taxi or an ambu-bus to any medical appointment in Metro Toronto.

People in receipt of **Family Benefits**, who are unable to use public transportation, can also obtain special assistance with transportation to a medical doctor or hospital. The procedure requires calling the intake department or field worker, at 4833-3523, at least 24 hours in advance of the appointment in order to arrange for a taxi. Within the first couple of visits to a doctor, the patient must obtain verification that he/she can not use public transportation.

The **Department of Veterans Affairs** provides transportation to doctors' appointments and hospital, for veterans who are unable to use public transit. The Department requires at least one day's notice and provides transportation from 8:00 to 4:30. The geographic boundaries extend far beyond Metro Toronto. The phone number for the transportation department is 486-4735.

The **City of Toronto Department of Public Health** can authorize taxis for the welfare department (because of mental or physical reasons) and can provide transportation for people on the basis of "indigency" and medical need. The term "indigency" basically refers to those in receipt of welfare, or the old age security plus the income supplement. The patients transported by the Department of Public Health can only attend a public hospital or clinic, and must obtain a medical certificate stating the necessity of a taxi card. The patient is entitled to the use of a taxi card as long as he is in need. The Public Health Unit prefers to

have a minimum of 3 days notice of an appointment. The 2 district offices in Ward 7, of the Department of Public Health, are **Moss Park** (466-1118) and **Riverdale** (465-2496).

War Amputations of Canada will provide free transportation to anybody with a disability. They have one van, a wheelchair and one full time driver. Mr. Peters (the driver) requires at least one week's notice and works Monday to Friday, 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. War Amputations of Canada will do transportation for both medical and recreation purposes, but the medical aspect of this service is the priority. Mr. Peters can be reached at 922-5997.

The Canadian Red Cross has a volunteer corps of women who are involved in transporting the handicapped, disabled, shut-in and veterans, who are low income and not eligible through the Department of Public Health for taxi vouchers, to clinics, hospitals and sometimes to private doctors. The volunteers also drive small groups to special events and recreation programs. They also do some special driving for people who require eye tests, hearing tests, etc. Dialysis patients and patients who require inhalation units can be driven if the times are within the hours of Red Cross operation.

Most of the driving to clinics and hospitals is done Monday through Friday, from 9:00 to 3:00. Some driving for recreational purposes is done Saturday, Sunday and during the evenings.

The Red Cross prefers as much notice as possible for booking drivers. Anything up to a month's notice is desirable. They are not geared for emergency situations.

The Red Cross prefers to have referrals through the Public Health Nurse and needs to know the degree of the person's disability and how much assistance they will require (i.e. Does the person need a wheelchair?) The Red Cross volunteers only provide transportation; they do not stay with the patients, but return to pick them up. In Ward 7, the place to call is the Help and Emergency Situations Department of the Toronto Central Branch of the Canadian Red Cross, at 923-6692, ext. 215.

The volunteer drivers from the Red Cross have their chauffeur's license, training in first aid and some experience with the infirm or

disabled. A young adult's group has started to do some driving, but volunteer drivers are always needed. If interested in volunteering, call 923-6692.

The **Canadian Cancer Society** will transport, free of charge, any cancer patient (in emotional or physical need) to and from clinics for cancer treatments. The treatments are usually at the **Princess Margaret Hospital**. However, it must be proven that no other member of the patient's family can take him/her to the clinic. The Canadian Cancer Society has some volunteer drivers, but if they are not available, a taxi or public transportation will be paid for. For Ward 7, the place to call is the **Metro Toronto District of the Canadian Cancer Society**, 481-6171.

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Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, provides transportation for the elderly to hospitals and doctors appointments. The area serviced is Sherbourne to Broadview and Gerrard to the Lake. They require 2 to 3 days notice and drive Monday to Friday, 10:00 to 3:00. Dixon Hall has one van and a full time driver. The contact person is Josie Berlin at 863-0499.

The **Regent Park Community Services Unit** (863-1768) will provide transportation to medical appointments, for residents of Regent Park who are in need and not eligible to receive transportation benefits through the government. They require at least one day's notice and work Monday to Friday 9:00 to 5:00. The driving is done by the staff of the Regent Park Community Services Unit.

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The **Neighbourhood Information Post** (924-2543) has one volunteer driver who can drive Monday to Thursday in the morning and evening, and Saturday evening. They prefer at least 3 days notice for an appointment.

The **St. James Town Emergency Help Service**, provides an escort service (primarily for residents of St. James Town) to Wellesley Hospital and the St. JAMES Town Health Centre. If a person needs to go to the clinic or hospital, the Help Service can call a taxi and escort him, or if the patient is in a wheelchair, he/she can be wheeled over. There is a 50 cent charge each way to the hospital and a 25 cents charge each way to the clinic. Two days notice of an appointment is preferred. The contact person is Lenore at 924-4402.

The **Care Ring** (362-4521) at the Holy Trinity Church is staffed by volunteers and offers among

other neighbourly assistance, an escort service to appointments for people who need it. "Escort service" does not refer to transportation, but rather to a companion who will accompany a person to an appointment. Care Ring has been discussing with the Red Cross a plan to provide more extensive transportation program in the area. Hopefully this plan will be successful!

Hospital Special Needs Incorporated has 2 large buses which can each accommodate 11 people in wheelchairs and 14 people who can walk. The buses may be used without any charge, but donations help extend the service. Hospital Special Needs Inc. is geared for recreation purposes and groups using the buses must provide their own escorting personnel. There are hydraulic lifts for on and off loading. Call Mrs. W. A. McConnell, 421-9875.

The **Canadian Foundation For Youth Action** has 2 volkwagon vans which can be used by any non-profit group, if booked well enough in advance (1-2 months). The buses can be used for the blind and disabled, but the group must provide its own driver. For more information, call 484-9323.

Volunteer drivers are urgently needed so that many of the above agencies can obtain or extend their services. Once again, if you are interested in doing some volunteer driving, please call the Neighbourhood Information Post at 924-2543.

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Shoplifting is hobby of local resident

by TOM CORBETT

Pete steals things, just for the fun of it. Pete considers it a hobby — he also raises goldfish — and steals things because, "It's challenging."

As Pete put it, "Some people ski, others skydive. I've done both but I get more excitement from taking things without paying for them."

Peter (not his real name) makes it clear that he doesn't steal for financial reasons. He earns more than \$20,000 a year as a "respected professional", enough to buy him most things he needs or wants.

Peter is not an unusual type of shoplifter. Studies indicate that of all the people who shoplift, only three per cent make a living from it. The rest shoplift occasionally

and most of them do it for kicks.

Dr. William Longdon, a Toronto psychiatrist, agrees there are shoplifters who are well-off but steal for entertainment.

"This is what a lot of shoplifters are into," he remarked.

He compares this type of shoplifter with a gambler and said they do it for "the excitement of winning or losing."

Pete does not consider himself a social misfit.

"I've met very few people who have never taken anything without paying for it. I'm just one of many that continues to do," he says. (Recent studies indicate that as many as 90 per cent of all shoppers and 75 per cent of employees steal at one time or another.)

If you didn't know anything about Pete's unusual hobby, you wouldn't guess he was anything

other than the young mod businessman he is. Fitting any advertiser's or young woman's dreams, Pete is the stereotype tall, dark and handsome young male.

When did Peter start this nasty habit of shoplifting?

"I took my first item, a chocolate bar, from Woolworths when I was 9. It was also the first, as well as last time, I was ever caught. All that I got for that little slip-up was a slight scolding from Mother."

Every caper planned very carefully

Peter was never serious about his chosen hobby until he turned 18, he is now 28.

"My girlfriend had a birthday coming up and I was broke. So for about two hours I wandered around an Eaton's store before pocketing a watch for her. I guess this was the real beginning."

Ever since then, Pete plans every caper very carefully. He says, "I lie awake at night thinking up different angles. Now whenever I go shopping I don't wander around aimlessly. I know exactly what I'm after, where it is and how I'll get it."

Although Pete is a Ward 7 resident, he has never stolen anything in this area. He explains why.

"This neighbourhood gets shit

on enough, I'm not about to add to the pile. Besides not that many stores around here, except for a mall, can afford the loss. There are a lot of small businessmen in the area and times are tough enough as it is. But as for Eatons or Simpsons, they rip the small guy off so I rip them off. They can afford it."

Doctor Longdon sees this as a common trait among that type of person. He feels it is partly the result of such things as children seeing adults padding their income tax returns.

At the same time he said, they are taught it's wrong to take things from the ordinary people. Thus they end up with the attitude, "it's the big businesses you can rip off, but leave your own folk alone."

Although Peter does his shoplifting outside the area, most of his "regular shopping" is done inside the ward.

He makes it a point to observe fellow shoppers and feels shoplifting in this area is quite low.

This suspicion is backed by a Parliament Street store manager.

He remarked, "Shoplifting here is not a very big problem. It's no worse than any other area in the city."

When fellow store manager heard he was going to Ward 7 several years ago, they warned him he would be robbed blind. He said this hasn't happened and his big-

gest problem is people cashing "stolen and bouncing cheques."

Has Pete ever come close to getting caught since his first chocolate bar heist?

"Only once. It was about a year ago at Eatons which happens to be one of my favourite stores. I had just slipped a wallet into my pocket and this old dude saw me. Thankfully he just shook his head at me and walked away."

Whenever Pete enters a store with an item in mind, he is aware of all security devices.

"It is getting harder all the time," he remarks.

"One-way mirrors, overhead mirrors, T.V. cameras, security guards, floor walkers plus other little gadgets. I'm aware of all mechanical devices and as for the human factor, I treat every other shopper as a possible detective or floor walker."

Lined pants and a booster box

To counter store security, Pete has become more sophisticated in his approach. His devices include the typical ones, lined pants and a roomy coat, but he also uses more complex aids.

He explains, "One of my favourite pieces is what is known as a booster box. It's a large box which to anyone looks like a postal parcel. It's stamped and addressed but it's also empty. It has a hinged slot on the side where I slip things into the box."

Pete doesn't leave anything to chance. Besides reading books on shoplifting and magazines on crime prevention, he has several friends who work in store security.

"I'm not involved with any of these people in my shopping expeditions, I just pick their brains. If they ever knew about my hobby they'd be quite shocked."

What would Pete do if he was ever caught shoplifting?

"First of all I never think about getting caught. If I did I wouldn't be able to act so cool. As soon as you start acting nervous a good store detective can spot you in seconds. If by some quirk I ever do get caught, I doubt I would quit."

You would figure that with all the things Pete takes he would have a house full of shoplifted items. (He estimates his "hobby" is worth about \$200 a month.)

Pete disagrees, "Most of the stuff I give away, other things I use myself. I never take anything unless it will be put to use."

Pete feels no remorse for his shoplifting, which by latest statistics cost the Canadian shopper \$150 a year in higher prices.

Pete chuckles, "Did you ever look at it the other way? I'm helping the economy. Think of the millions spent every year on security devices or store detectives."

With all his knowledge about shoplifting, Pete also has an idea on how to stop the practice. He feels stores could put merchandise out of the shopper's reach, but realizes consumers wouldn't like it. He wouldn't either for that matter.

I asked him if he's ever considered psychiatric help in an effort to stop this illegal "hobby".

With a pained expression he says, "What about the income tax liars or the people who take souvenir towels at motels. What about the "honest" people who switch prices in supermarkets or eat unpaid-for fruit? What about the employees who borrow things at work or others who take sugar packets out of restaurant bowls home with them? There's a little bit of thief in everyone."

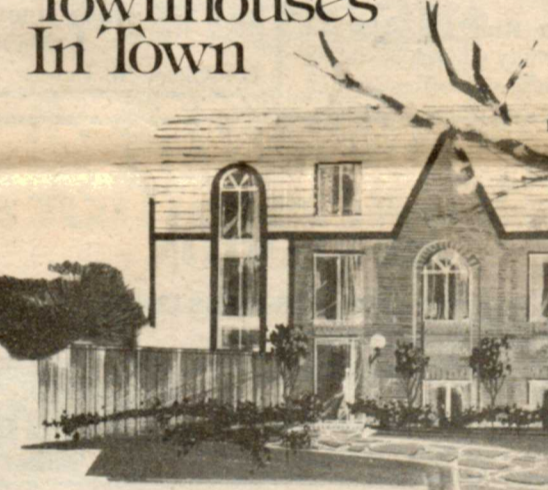
Then with a smirk he adds, "At least I admit it."

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