

Sociology students to survey 300 in South Riverdale

If you live in the South Riverdale area, the census-takers won't be the only people bringing questionnaires to your door-step this year. A flock of 65 sociology students from Atkinson College at York University will be descend-

ing on the area to interview 300 men and women as part of a study of the family and the community.

The study, headed by professors Marilyn Salutin and Stewart Crysdale, is to look at such concerns as

changing ways of making decisions in the family, pressures on the family from society, relations between parents and children, the role of education and work, and the role of involvement with unions, churches, neighbours, and friends.

The final report, which is not expected to be ready this year, will be made available to interested groups in the area, as well as to all those who participate in the interviews and the study.

Professor Crysdale did a study

of "principal wage-earners" in the same area in 1966. He is interested in finding out what changes have taken place in the intervening ten years.

The study started July 5.



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Bain Co-op to buy apartments

by AUDREY SMOLIN

After two years of trying, the residents of the Bain Avenue Apartments are on the verge of achieving collective ownership of their apartment homes.

Their efforts came to a successful conclusion on June 23, when the Toronto City Council voted to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Neighbourhoods, Housing, Fire, and Legislation (NHFL) that ownership of the Bain property be transferred to the residents' non-profit co-operative. NHFL had previously passed the recommendation unanimously on June 10, after hearing a deputation of three Bain residents, cheered on by fifty other co-op members attending the meeting.

The City of Toronto originally purchased the Bain property when residents were faced with eviction because the landlord wanted to turn the apartments into luxury condominiums. The Bain residents wanted to purchase the property, but could not come up with financing quickly enough.

So, in April 1974, City Council agreed to purchase the apartments with the understanding they would transfer title at cost to the Bain residents if they met certain conditions. These included the ability to obtain mortgage financing, as well as showing the capacity to successfully manage the project.

The co-op has since met all of these criteria. Since the initial commitment was made, however, the City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corporation requested NHFL to pass a policy that they would not sell any city-owned land to groups, but would only sell the buildings. Just three days before

the June NHFL meeting, a group of Bain residents were told firmly by a housing department official that Bain would not be exempted from this criteria. No acknowledgement was made of any special prior commitment to Bain residents.

Co-op members viewed this as a breach of the original agreement, and the delegation of Bain representatives went to NHFL on June 10 to see that the original agreement made by City Council in 1974 was honoured.

The Bain deputation reminded NHFL members of this commitment, answered concerns that co-op ownership might allow for a profit-making situation, and told NHFL members that the residents of the Bain Apartments did not intend "to pay for the land, pay for the buildings, and do all of the work without receiving the security and incentive that community ownership offers."

After the Bain residents and Alderman John Sewell spoke to NHFL about the nature of the original arrangement, the Committee voted unanimously to allow sale of Bain. On June 23, the resolution was passed quickly by City Council.

The negotiation of the transfer is yet to begin, and Bain co-op members, although pleased that all is going well, are holding off celebrations until all transaction are complete and group ownership is secure.

Free law lessons offered

Staging a crime, fighting an eviction, viewing consumer slides and participating in a women's afternoon discussion on marital rights, are all part of a free legal program being presented to residents of Regent Park this summer.

The criminal law program, first in a series of weekly events put on by the Toronto Community Law Program, will be presented Tues-

day evening, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Regent Park United Church at 40 Oak Street. The crime will be staged before the audience who becomes the jury and decides the fate of the accused. Follow the accused through the legal process and learn more about your legal rights on arrest.

The aim of the programs is to involve the residents of Regent Park in mock trials, staged legal situations and discussions on legal problems, instead of lecturing on legal rights. There will be resource people available to answer any legal question both during and after the presentations.

All programs will be held in the Regent Park United Church at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday evening except, "For Women Only", which will be an afternoon discussion beginning at 2 p.m., at the same place. Babysitting services will probably be provided for the afternoon program.

For more information call Toronto Community Law Program at 967-5183.



It's picture taking time. Dust off your old "brownie" and like the couple above, capture the beauty of Ward 7.

Photo by Steve Evans

Council approves St. Jamestown extension

by TOM CORBETT

With a 11 to 9 vote, an indifferent Toronto City Council approved the Winchester Square development at its Wednesday meeting.

A motion by Aldermen John Sewell and Janet Howard, to draw up a new site plan for the project, was defeated by a reverse 9 to 11 vote.

The Ward 7 aldermen's motion, if it had been approved, would have cut commercial and housing density in half.

Council chambers were silent as Sewell and Howard recalled the eight year battle by area residents against the high rise southward spread of St. Jamestown, in the form of Winchester

Square.

"We're dealing with a high-rise development in the middle of a low density area," Sewell pointed out.

He explained that Winchester Square, would include 28, 18 and 14 storey buildings, in an area where presently 3 storey buildings were considered high.

While Sewell agreed something should be built on the vacant block, which once held over 100 houses blockbusted by St. Jamestown developer Meridian several years ago, he felt any construction should blend with the surrounding neighbourhood.

"South St. Jamestown is a bad mistake a previous council made," Sewell said.

"We have to change, not repeat mistakes."

For this reason, Sewell said he was recommending a new site plan which would cut density from 125 residential units an acre to 75. The suggested plan would also half the proposed commercial space from 15,000 square feet to 7,000 square feet.

Alderman Howard pleaded with council to consider the commercial space cut, "to give Parliament Street the boost it needs."

"What they do not need is a shopping centre

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Library House future questioned

The future of the Parliament Street Library House is in question.

To provide answers, several public meetings will be held to discuss the present situation and to look at the building's projected functions.

Presently, the Library House is home to an adult and teen drop-in, the Neighbourhood Information Post (NIP) as well as being a place to sit and relax while reading, play-

ing checkers or watching the free Friday night movies.

As well, the Toronto Public Library Board, which controls Library House, recently received applications from the Community Secretariat to locate in the building. NIP has also requested extra space within the structure, in an area where the adult drop-in is now located.

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Woodgreen seminars continue

Brian Goodman, Director of Research for the Ombudsman office, will speak at the Woodgreen Community Centre on July 27.

His topic, "What the Ombudsman can do for you," will begin at 7 p.m. and is the second in a series of six seminars put on by Woodgreen.

The first two, on matrimonial/criminal law and wills/estates, were led by Peter Libman, a lawyer.

Debbie Preece, one of the seminar organizers feels that the initial

two meetings have been quite successful.

"We are hoping to get an even greater turnout for the remaining seminars," she said.

Future seminars will be led by such people as Jim Renwick, M.P.P. for Riverdale, who on August 17 will speak on, "Capital Punishment and Abortion."

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Lack of jobs cause of violence: reader

Dear Sir:

The recent violence in Regent Park is not only alarming because of the personal and property in-

juries. What is more alarming is the reaction of the police and non-reaction from City Council and the Provincial Government.

The violence has been attributed, mainly and logically, to the lack of jobs available to youth in our city and the shortage of recreational facilities and programs.

The Toronto Young Communist League calls on the various levels of government to act now for the

interests of young people in Regent Park and across Metro by initiating job-creating and recreational programs that correspond to young people's needs. This is what is needed, not police patrols.

Anna Larsen, Co-ordinator
Toronto Young Communist
League, Communist Party
provincial candidate for St.
David

Reader questions Stamm's sincerity

Dear Sir:

If one were to squeeze the Garry Stamm opinion column (Seven News, June 26) one might easily obtain a good quart of the finest grade of crocodile tears.

Perhaps this lachrymal excess is in lieu of the tears he failed to shed over the plight of the people who were attempting to get housing by means of the DACHI project, for which Mr. Stamm's absence of sympathy was more than conspicuous.

Sincerely, **Ralph Cunningham**
Browning Avenue

Festival a success

Dear Friends:

From all accounts our Grant - Kintyre Street Festival on July 1st was a grand success in spite of all the rain. For that we have many people to thank — very many in fact, and often anonymous. We thank the businesses and factories who made donations, those who

contributed their time and labour, those who contributed to the bake sale, the potluck supper and the white elephant sale. We want to thank those who simply showed interest by attending. The list seems endless.

It was a success. It showed that we can do it if we want to; that there is lots of talent and interest. The spirit shown by everyone was unbeatable — even the rain couldn't drown it! And it was truly a "neighbourhood event" organized by, carried through by local residents and with local talent.

You are entitled as well to a financial report. Finances were handled through Coady House and Father Dick Renshaw took ultimate responsibility for handling the money. Total expenses (including publicity and supplies) came to \$129.19. The proceeds of the day came to \$360.97. To this should be added \$142.50 from advance sale of potluck supper tickets and \$129.00 in donations. Thus the coordinators will turn over to the Riverdale Care Centre executive a total of \$503.28.

We hope there will be opportunities to create other occasions through the summer and in the fall when we can get together to have some fun. Thanks very much for your interest and tremendous cooperation.

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2. Participation in United Community Fund
3. Various other items important to the Centre

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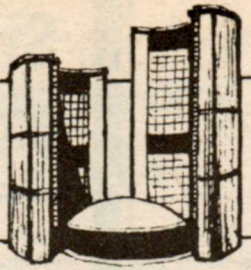
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Regent Park unfairly blamed

by JANET HOWARD
Ward 7 Alderman

Racism, or mindless prejudice against any group of people based on religion, nationality, language or any other common characteristic, exists in Ward 7 as much as it does anywhere else, and no more.

Regent Park is once again being blamed for attitudes that some people in any neighbourhood hold. Worse, since troublemakers looking for a fight chose to attack Regent Park residents, other bigots may well get the idea that it is an area where such things are tolerated.

I am sick and tired of hearing Regent put down. All of Ward 7 used to be called a "bad" or a "tough" area because a lot of low income people live there. That attitude has destroyed neighbourhoods all over North America, uprooted families, and done violence to the concept that all members of our society deserve equal human rights. Residents of "bad" areas are assumed to be "bad" people unless they prove themselves otherwise, and it has been an uphill struggle to root that idea out of the minds of teachers, policemen, judges, social workers, employers and others responsible for various services which are every person's right in equal measure.

Bigotry is everywhere

Last summer I was a member of one of the teams in the Regent Park Ladies' Softball League. Women of every colour play in that league, but when tempers flare the subject is not race. At social events in Regent Park friendships noticeably include people from the whole range of backgrounds who live in the area.

This is not to say there is no bigotry in Regent Park. Of course there is — just as there is in expensive yacht clubs that will not take Jews as members. People whose lives have been damaged in one way or another tend to keep their anger closer to the surface than people who are comfortably off. Angry people don't necessarily focus on who or what has really hurt them — they often lash out at just anyone who happens to be different in some way. For instance, it is easier to blame an illegal immigrant who works for a rate below the minimum wage than the employer who blackmails him into doing it.

On principle, I never, ever allow a racist remark made in my presence to go unchallenged. The one way prejudice will die out is if people think about it. A very nice woman I know remarked about a bakery that is open seven days a week, owned by a Jewish family, "They'll do anything for a dollar." She was embarrassed when I pointed out that she had referred to the French Canadian family who run the grocery store across the street not only seven days a week, but 24 hours a day, as "hard working, getting ahead."

Ward 7 pretty tolerant

Children grow up hearing remarks about groups of people. Probably most of those remarks are completely unthinking, but anything that gets repeated often enough tends to stick. Somewhere along the line the question has to be asked, what is this really about? Can you really say that every individual person of some nationality or race or religion or sex has some particular characteristic other than membership of that group? Do all redheads really have hot tempers?

By and large Ward 7 is a pretty tolerant place. Most people who make nasty racist comments would not go as far as to hurt anybody, especially face to face, where it's impossible to forget that the West Indian or Pakistani or Greek or Jew is a person. I don't believe that the racial situation is at the boiling point, as newspapers have said, and I am confident that the Board of Education study on the subject will prove that it isn't.

Board to look at racial problems

by ULLI DIEMER

Acting in the wake of a number of well-publicized recent incidents in Regent Park, the Toronto Board of Education has launched a study to see if there is a problem of racism in the area.

The motion to do the study, for which \$2,000 has been allocated, was introduced by Ward Seven school trustee Doug Barr.

According to Barr, two people will be hired on a part-time basis this summer to look at prejudice and stereotyping in the area, and to see what the schools can do about it. Another two people from the Board's School-Community Relations Department will also assist with the study.

The researchers are to talk to residents, students, and community groups. The study is to provide information which the schools can use in September to deal with any problems that may exist.

The study is to look at Area 4, a Board of Education administrative district covering much of the south-eastern part of the city, including Ward Seven.

According to Board of Education statistics, 45% of the almost 16,000 students in Area 4 are either from the Caribbean or have mother tongues other than English, or both.

In the system as a whole, 52% of the students fall into this category.

These figures represent an average. In some schools, the percentage is lower, in others, significantly higher.

According to Board criteria, an ethnic group represent a "significant enrolment" within an individual school if more than 5% of the students in the school belong to this group.

Using this criterion, 11 of the 14 local schools in Ward 7 have "significant enrolments" of students originally from the West Indies. One school (Rose Ave.) has a significant enrolment of students originating in the East Indies. Two (Parkview and Castlefrank) have significant enrolments of students whose country of origin is Italy, while Castlefrank also has a significant enrolment of students whose mother tongue is Portuguese. Chinese-origin students represent significant enrolments at 10 Ward 7 schools — in six of these, they represent more than 10% of the enrolment. And Greek-origin students are a significant enrolment in four Ward 7 schools, including Withrow, where they represent 19% of the total, and Frankland, where they number 47% of the total.

Riverdale Co-op to purchase 3 homes

by TOM CORBETT

Riverdale Housing Co-op has finally managed to secure housing from a reluctant developer.

Since early April, the co-op has been negotiating with K and K Investments in an effort to secure four townhouses in a development planned by the company.

On July 6, during a public meeting on the development, and at previous meetings, K and K said they could never afford to sell their townhouses to the co-op.

The proposed construction will include, if plans presented at the July 6 meeting are followed, 33 townhouses selling in the \$65,000 to \$70,000 range.

The housing co-op had been offering the developer \$40,000 each for the four townhouses, the maximum amount Central Mortgage and Housing (CMHC), their funding source, would allow.

At the July 6 meeting, Jack Kirzner of K and K said with a building cost of "around" \$45,000 for each unit, any dealings with the co-op would cost his company money.

He told the gathering he would like to include some assisted housing to suit city guidelines, but his preference was to building five units under a CMHC plan.

Under their Assisted Home Ownership Plan (AHOP), a maximum of \$47,000 is allowed for house construction, and Mr. Kirzner said by building under this scheme his company may at least

break even.

The meeting was told however, by South Riverdale planner, Larry Boland, that negotiations between K and K and CMHC were not going too smoothly. CMHC feels the backyards in the project were not large enough to suit AHOP guidelines.

Also, South Riverdale resident Jim Webb disagreed with K and K's priorities and said that under the AHOP plan, purchasers could sell their house after five years at a high price.

Under a co-op plan, with its lower than average rents, residents in the area would always be able to afford housing in the project, he said.

The co-op, he stated, "would provide more suitable housing for low income people over a longer period."

Many of the 30 residents attending the meeting agreed with Mr. Webb and a motion asking the company to further negotiate with the co-op was passed 15-11.

Tough bargaining at a meeting held between the two parties on July 9 finally produced an agreement.

Alderman Janet Howard, who attended the meeting, said although Mr. Kirzner didn't like the idea of selling to the co-op, for financial reasons, he finally agreed to part with three of the units for the co-op's \$40,000 offer.

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The Commission to Review Proposals for Property Tax Reform in Ontario

A public meeting for residents of Regional Municipality of York will be held on **August 24 and August 25, 1976 at 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Aurora High School Cafeteria, 155 Wellington Street West, Aurora,** to receive submissions, both oral and written, from local government representatives, property taxpayers and all other interested parties, concerning the proposals that have been put forward by the Government of Ontario as a means of establishing a new system of property taxation based on market value assessment. This meeting is one of a series which the Commission is conducting throughout Ontario this summer and fall, before submitting its recommendations to the government.

The proposals, originally published in the 1976 Ontario Budget, Budget Paper E, entitled Reform of Property Taxation in Ontario, are as follows:

1. Residences in Ontario, collectively, will bear a reduced share of property taxes.
2. Residential property will be redefined to include only residences and a reasonable amount of land.
3. The present practice of levying different mill rates on residential and commercial properties will be discontinued.
4. Farmland, farm buildings, managed forests and farm residences will be assessed at market value. Farmland, farm buildings and managed forests will be taxed at 100 percent of market value and the taxes will be paid by the Province. Farm residences will be taxed as all other residences at 50 percent of market value and the taxes will be paid by the owner. There will be provision to recover taxes paid by the Province if the property changes use.
5. All real property used for the purpose of a business including government administrative facilities will be subject to an additional assessment of 50 percent of market value for business taxes.
6. All public property except residences will be subject to payments in lieu of taxes equal to full taxes at 100 percent of market value. Public residences will be subject to payments in lieu of taxes equivalent to full taxes at 50 percent of market value. Public utilities will be subject to business assessment at 50 percent of market value.
7. As is the present case, churches, cemeteries, and property held in trust for a band or body of Indians will be exempt. All other presently exempt property will be taxed at 100 percent
- of market value, except residences which will be taxed at 50 percent of market value.
8. A uniform method of phasing-in the new tax system over a period of up to five years will be available to prevent abrupt tax changes.
9. Assessment rolls will be returned and enumeration will be performed every two years to coincide with local government elections.
10. Assessment on provincial government property will be pooled and assigned between the public and separate elementary schools in the same proportion as the taxable assessment assigned by the owners and occupants of residences.
11. Costs shared among municipalities will be shared on the basis of the assessment on which taxes and payments in lieu of taxes are based.
12. Where assessment is to be used to determine the grant to be paid to a municipality, the assessment used will be the assessment on which taxes and payments in lieu of taxes are based.
13. The provisions of The Assessment Act will apply to the assessment of all real property in Ontario, including areas without municipal organizations.
14. Public bodies which receive provincial grants, such as school boards, will be allowed to include their property tax payments as allowable expenses for grant purposes.
15. Ontario's property tax credits which relate property taxes to the ability to pay will, if necessary, be strengthened upon implementation of the new system.

Copies of Budget Paper E containing background and explanatory information, in addition to the proposals themselves, may be obtained, free of charge, from regional assessment offices or from Mr. Lawrence Close, Executive Secretary, Commission on Property Tax Reform, Fifth Floor, Frost Building South, Queen's Park, Toronto M7A 1Y7, telephone (416) 965-1671. If you plan to appear and present a written or oral submission, please notify Mr. Close in advance, by letter or telephone. We would also appreciate receiving one copy of any written submission, prior to the meeting.

Since the purpose of these meetings is to help ensure that the new taxation system is implemented in an efficient and equitable manner, the Commission hopes that all Ontario residents with opinions and suggestions to offer will manage to make their representations to us.



Willis L. Blair
Chairman

St. Jamestown extension

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across from a supermarket on Wellesley Street."

She felt it was ironic that while city council was attempting to rehabilitate the Parliament Street business area, they were at the same time considering a project which would seriously hurt the same area.

"Parliament Street is in a life or death situation," she said.

She asked council to support the motion for a new site plan, "for the sake of the businessmen, people who live there, and the people who used to live there."

An uncomfortable feeling rested over council chambers, following Howard and Sewell's presentation, as all other aldermen remained riveted to their seats.

Alderman Colin Vaughan broke the silence by saying, "I am going to ask council to support Alderman Sewell's motion."

He agreed South St. Jamestown was a mistake and added, "this particular development doesn't fit into the area."

"I ask council to put aside their personal feelings against Alderman Sewell," Vaughan added.

"What he is trying to do is protect the neighbourhood."

Vaughan asked aldermen to consider if they would like such a high density project, which he compared to the density found in the St. Clair - Yonge Street commercial district, in their own ward.

At this point, Alderman Fred Beavis was the only one to admit he would welcome such a project in his area, and the voting began.

As the upraised hands were counted, a look of disbelief spread over the faces of the two Ward 7 aldermen.

"It's pretty disappointing," Alderman Howard told Seven News.

Alderman Sewell added that while this fight was lost, the battle was not yet over. He vowed to take the project before the Ontario Municipal Board, "if no one else will."

Later on in the council meeting, Mayor David Crombie, whose signing of a 1974 Memorandum of Understanding with Meridian paved the way for Winchester Square, spoke against future large scale development in the Kensington Market.

Although he voted for a density of over 3 times the lot area coverage in the Winchester Square project, he approved limiting the market's density.

He was "afraid" of development in that area, where density will now be limited to 1 times the lot area.

Information post salutes volunteers

Friends of the Neighbourhood Information Post joined together last Wednesday evening for the Post's first Annual Volunteer Recognition Night. Rick Sagara, chairman of the Board of Directors, paid tribute to the many people "whose daily work and interest are vital to the continued service of N.I.P."

Awards were presented to Mr. "Duke" Edy for his tireless efforts in information updating as well as his ingenuity in securing a new calculator for N.I.P. Nick Lebedynsky and Fred Wimbush were awarded for their assistance in filling out over 1800 tax forms processed at last winter's tax clinics.

Elsie MacLellan, for her help at the clinics along with her regular information counselling, also received an award. Also honoured were Alex Fizhauf, organizer of N.I.P.'s legal clinic, and Paul Goodman and Ed Clarke, who do "a little bit of everything."

Special thanks was also given to: David Graham, Micky Fruitman, Ann Pendleton, Marilyn McCaul, Penny Blake, Uimyoung Kim, George Sneyd, Barbara Donbrath, Ann Mathews, Kathy Raykoff, Mars Haywood, Krishna Gandhi, Connie Nakatasa and Elyse Cuiron.

Tears were shed as a farewell plaque was presented to Shelley Birenbaum, N.I.P.'s hard-working assistant co-ordinator and the organizer of the evening. Shelly is leaving N.I.P. and beginning a trek through Europe.

NEWS ROUND-UP

Outdoor entertainment every week at three local parks

To meet the expenses of its expanding work, the **Toronto Christian Resources Centre** is in dire need of funds. Anyone wishing to contribute to this organization is asked to make cheques payable to the Toronto Christian Resource Centre. Donations should be sent to 20 Spruce Street, Toronto M5A 2H7.

Woodgreen Community Centre is one of the many organizations in Canada to recently receive free Canadian books from the Canada Council. The council distributes the books yearly, as an encouragement to Canadian publishers and to assist organizations that have limited budgets for book purchases.

Doug Barr, associate planner with the Social Planning Council, has been appointed to the National Council of Welfare. Doug also serves on the board of the Metro Toronto Children's Aid Society and is a Toronto school trustee for Ward 7.

The offices of Riverdale's representatives in the provincial and federal government will be closing for the summer holidays. **Jim Renwick's** constituency office will be closed August 1 through September 5 and will reopen on September 6. **John Gilbert's** office will be closed until August 1 and will reopen on August 2.

The Don Vale Community Centre is having a fund-raising day on Sunday, July 25. Door to door canvassing will take place.

The Christian Resource Centre is looking for **donations of playground equipment** for its Playspace programme. This project is for all children in the area under 12 years of age and will run until September. If you have any equipment you think they can use, call the centre at 922-7391 or 922-8322 or drop in to see them at 20 Spruce Avenue.

Former Ward 7 community worker, **Barry Morris**, is the subject of a two-page article in the July issue of the United Church Observer.

A free introductory lecture on the **Transcendental Meditation** programme will be offered at the Parliament Street Library on Monday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Diane Strickland, Ward 7 resident, was recently awarded a grant from the Ontario Arts Council, under the Choreography division.

The NDP family picnic that was rained out on June 19, is now set for Saturday, **July 17**. All previously sold tickets will be honoured and you may also purchase them from Lee Patterson, 42 Langley or Jim Renwick's office, phone 461-0223. Tickets are 50 cents each and include ice cream, beverages, races, prizes and a lucky draw. Or, if you wish, show up at Hanlon's Point on Saturday and get your ticket there.

The Broadview unit of the YMCA is offering **swimming lessons for tiny tots**. There will be eight sessions starting August 3 to August 26 which will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30-11:00 a.m. A fee of \$20 is charged and more information can be obtained by phoning 461-8123.

The YMCA in St. Jamestown will be holding a **summer festival** on Saturday, **July 31**. There will be tables for handicrafts (rental \$2.00) and art displays as well as many other activities. For information phone the Y at 923-4402 or 964-8775.

The Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs **puppet show**, "**Binkly and Doinkel**," will be touring Ward 7 this month. The show deals with two Martians who come to earth and discover hazardous products and hazardous product symbols. They also discuss fitness and nutrition. On Friday, **July 23**, the show will appear at Central Neighbourhood House at 9:30 a.m. At 11 a.m. they will be at Blevins Day Care Centre in Regent Park.

Outdoor entertainment is featured in many of **Toronto's parks** this summer. Every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m., until August 10, concerts will be held in Allan Gardens on Sherbourne and Carlton Streets. Riverdale Park on Broadview and Montcrest Boulevard features Country and Western music every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., until August 11. Friday evenings, until August 13, at 7:30 p.m., the action switches to Regent Park on Dundas Street East. On July 21 at 2 p.m., drama also comes out-of-doors to Regent Park.

As many people are aware, libraries are not just a place to borrow books, but also a place to watch movies or view exhibits. **Many libraries also offer a wide choice of activities** to keep children busy during the summer. Activities include: art classes, puppet shows, drama workshops, etc. If you would like to know about the various library programmes in the ward, you should phone or visit the following libraries: Danforth, 701 Pape Avenue, 465-1221; Riverdale, 370 Broadview Avenue, 466-0776 and the Parliament Library at 265 Gerrard Street East, 921-8674.

Free movies for a Friday night continue at the Parliament Street Library House at 265 Gerrard Street East. On Friday, July 23, John Barrymore will be double featured in Svengali and Doctor Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde. In keeping with the weather, July 30 will feature The Heat Wave That Lasted 4 Days. Alfred Hitchcock's first suspense thriller, Once Upon a Prime Time, will roll on August 6. All movies begin at 8 p.m.

Senior citizens are invited to come to Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay West, and participate in activities consisting of boat trips, crafts, outdoor games, movies, yoga and fitness classes, and much more, all free of charge. Two buses are available to pick up senior citizens' groups. For more information, call Julian Pashkovsky, 369-2377 or Mary-Jo Egan, 369-4951.

If you are between the ages of 65 and 70 years of age, you may be eligible for a special three-week retirement benefit from the Unemployment Insurance Commission. This benefit expires August 15, 1976, so everyone over 65, who has worked in the past year, should contact the closest Unemployment Insurance Commission office. One of the offices in the Ward 7 area is on 745 Danforth, phone 461-0426.

Wages Due Lesbians will be holding a conference on Lesbians and the wages for housework campaign. This conference will be held at the Don Vale Community Centre on 80 Winchester Street from July 23-25. International speakers from New York and London, England, will be attending.

Local Initiative funds drying up

During the last half-year, more than 30 community groups and projects in the Ward Seven area received funding from the federal government's Local Initiatives Program (L.I.P.). L.I.P. expired at the end of June, leaving these projects without a major source of funding.

In the Rosedale federal constituency, which overlaps much of Ward 7, L.I.P. provided some 139 jobs and close to \$600,000 in funding. What will happen to the people employed on L.I.P. funds and the projects supported by L.I.P. financing, now that the program has ended?

Many of them have no hope of future funding from the same source, since the government has announced severe cutbacks in the L.I.P. program as part of its general austerity program, which many critics claim is fighting inflation on the backs of those who can least afford to shoulder the burden.

A survey by Seven News of some projects affected finds many of them planning to continue, by looking for alternate sources of funding and by cutting back their staffs and programs if necessary.

For example, Tenant Hotline will continue with the help of a ten-month grant provided by Legal Aid.

Asked about the value of short-term funding, Hotline staffer Ann Harriman, who has been with the project since its inception, said L.I.P. grants gave groups a chance for a "dry run". According to Harriman, during this period the organization has a chance to determine its viability and usefulness in the community it is serving, and to determine realistically what it can accomplish with limited funds.

Although L.I.P. grants were not necessarily designed to create permanent projects, Harriman feels the grant helped Hotline in this respect. She feels that L.I.P. funding gave the project a credibility with which it could build contacts leading to future assistance from other sources.

The Toronto Handicapped Housing Registry is also planning to continue, although at this time the project has no definite sources

of funding lined up. They will continue with the aid of volunteer staff, under the name Toronto Handicapped Resource Centre. Project member Bill Lewis felt the short-term funding provided by L.I.P. was inadequate, in that the six-month period of operation allowed was too short to fully set up a complex program like the Handicapped Housing Registry.

However, he did feel the project has accomplished something worthwhile by documenting facts outlining the difficulties inherent in finding inexpensive and convenient housing for his clients. Before this program began, there had been little hard information and statistics available on the problem. L.I.P. funding allowed the project to take shape and made it possible to work at finding placements for handicapped tenants.

But Lewis also noted that as the project progressed, it became clear the organization had to play a more active role as advocate for its clients. Pressure had to be put on government bodies in order to get some type of subsidized housing for the handicapped. Lewis feels more money and more staff are needed to achieve the desired results.

Another group, Project Anchor Person, will have its staff cut from three men to one as a result of the end of L.I.P. funding.

Anchor Person's Ben Hickey saw it as an experimental scheme which had to be tested to see if it was feasible. He also emphasized that the project gained credibility from its L.I.P. ties, and the project's short-term success was useful in getting leverage to convince the Board of Directors of the

Fred Victor Mission to grant continued funding.

The experience of these projects seems fairly representative of many. A lot of projects were grateful to have received L.I.P. funding, but were nevertheless critical of its stop-gap, short-term nature that made long-term planning difficult or impossible. Many now face cutbacks in staff with the disappearance of L.I.P.

Funding is becoming more difficult to obtain as more and more groups appeal to the same limited institutional sources, and compete for funding from the local community, whose resources are also very limited.

The future seems murky for many of these groups.

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Hospital probe

A group of people concerned about the treatment of patients at Wellesley hospital is meeting regularly to discuss what might be done to identify and improve upon the existing policies and practices.

The group feels Wellesley hospital, as well as other local hospitals, have at times neglected the medical and social needs of patients, particularly those on low incomes. They also feel that accompanying housing, emotional and after-care problems have not been sufficiently recognized.

Those with their own particular comments or complaints about their treatment at Wellesley or other Toronto hospitals are asked to write to Janet Howard at the Aldermen's Offices, Second Floor, City Hall. No names are necessary, but descriptions and the time and date should be as accurate and concise as possible. Cases described can include handling of both physical and psychiatric crises in the emergency room, in hospital or out-patient treatment, or after-care.

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The Don Vale Community Centre

by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

The building now known as the Don Vale Community Centre has served the people in the area around it for over 85 years. Situated at the north-east corner of Winchester and Metcalfe Streets, its pleasant facade and human scale harmonize well with the homes around it, which date from the same period.

On May 31, 1885, Sunday and weekday evening church services commenced at a private house on Carlton Street near Metcalfe, as a mission from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Later that year it was decided the mission would require its own building, so the property at the south-west corner of Sackville and Winchester Streets was purchased for that purpose.

Mementos of Yesteryear



The new Sackville Mission was soon erected and opened on this site on March 24, 1886.

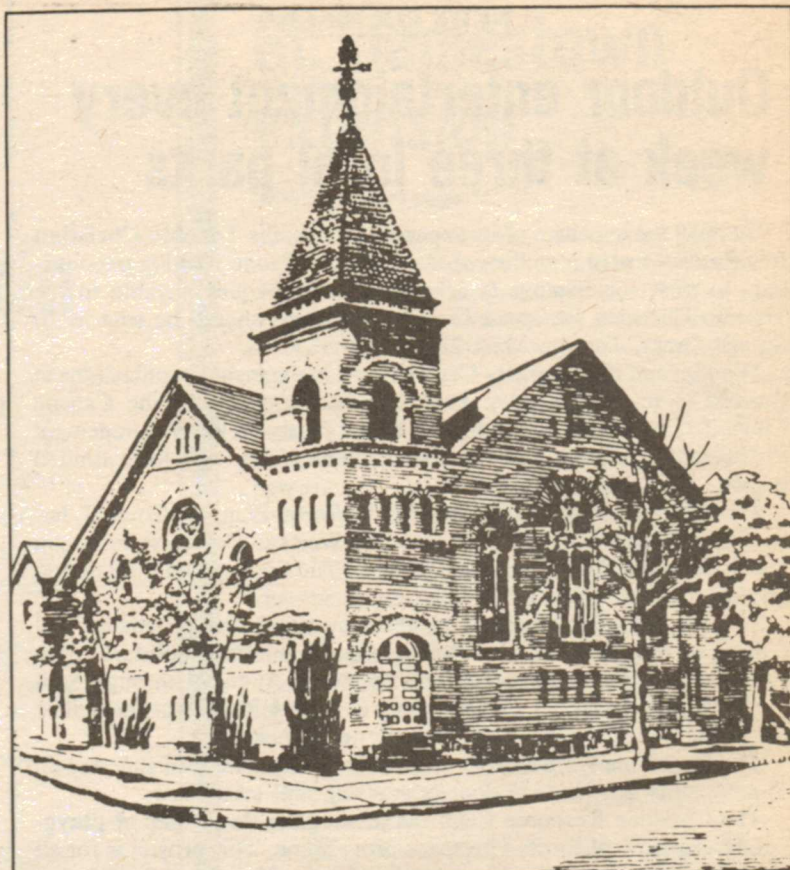
By 1889 it was becoming apparent that more room was needed for the growing congregation, and that the time was fast approaching when the Mission should be created into an independent parish, subject only to the control of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. On December 30, 1889, the church, under the title of St. Enoch's, was duly organized under the leadership of Rev. C. Patterson, who had been appointed to the pastoral care of the mission. Soon after, St. Enoch's congregation acquired the site of Winchester and Metcalfe, which had not been built upon up to that time. Building operations began in 1890, and the church was opened for divine service in the early part of the following year, Rev. Patterson still being the pastor.

In 1939, St. Enoch's became a house of worship of the United Church when its congregation merged with that of the Gerrard Street United Church, a former Methodist congregation which had been conducting services since 1880 at the north-east corner of Gerrard and River Streets.

The United Church still owns

the building, but for the last several years it has been put to community use as the Don Vale Community Centre. Two of the chief assets in performing this function are its location and appearance. It is built close to the street, in the centre of the Don Vale neighbourhood. Its doors are large and inviting. Its late Victorian Romanesque architecture is a slightly larger variation of that found in many of the homes in the neighbourhood. It is not at all pretentious, and provides an environment in which people feel welcome. It has beautiful stained-glass windows on its south and east sides, which throw a warm light on day-time activities in the sanctuary, and illuminate the street at night when a meeting is in progress. From a distance, the red roof of the Centre stands out above the trees, looking much as it always has since Victoria was Queen and horses and buggies ran along Winchester Street.

The Don Vale Community Centre has for several years served the diverse needs of a great number of people living in the Don Area. From the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents, the Tenant Hotline and B.O.O.S.T. to the Don Vale Nursery School, 7 News, and the Don Vale Food Co-op, the Centre provides accommodation to groups and individuals active in serving community needs. Its own programme includes the organization of activities for teens and pre-teens, a home-visiting programme for isolated people in the community, the drop-in service to assist people in solving a variety of problems, and the hot lunch programme. The Centre is always available for use



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Wanda is aptly described by Rev. Jackman's words. Although the job as unit rep is designated as part-time, it is not unusual for her to work full-time at no extra salary.

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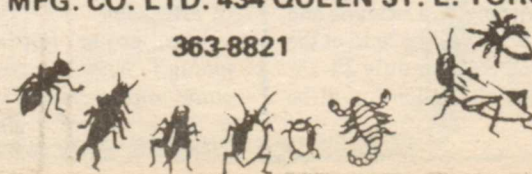
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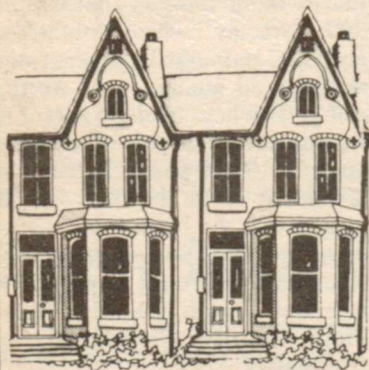
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Let's all go to the beach

by SUSAN BULMAN

Why didn't anyone tell me about Cherry Beach?

This delightful city park is maintained as a natural environment with the lake, a sandy beach, fine tall trees — and it's right at our doorstep. There are barbecue grills and picnic tables in the woodsy part and it's so close to us it's perfect for shore dinners any day of the week or weekends.

There are lifeguard stations for supervised swimming, and the beach is kept clean by a sand sifting machine.

I found Cherry Street (just east of Parliament St., running south off Lakeshore Blvd.) and followed Cherry straight south running right into the parking lot. On the way I passed over two lift bridges, the ship turning basin, and various industrial storage areas and assorted active industries. This pocket of industry was like a revelation to me. Children would be goggle-eyed.

The city provides various facilities including change rooms,

washrooms, a food concession stand and there's no permit required for barbecues. People with light boats which could be carried from the parking lot are even permitted to launch them along the beach.

There's a good fishing spot too, along the beach to the east where anglers seem to have good luck with whitefish, smelt and carp.

Cycling or walking you can explore a dirt trail to the eastern gap which is the Main Harbour Channel. This is one of the best points in the city for boat watching. All types of craft including sail and ocean vessels pass through the channel here at very close range, into Toronto Harbour.

The jaunt is ideal for a bicyclist, with lots of points of interest along the way. Best of all, it isn't on the list of tourist attractions, so it doesn't get overcrowded yet. You could drive, cycle or walk, but the TTC only goes to Commissioners and Cherry Streets weekdays, not weekends.

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Church considers meal program

In order to upgrade the health of some area residents, All Saints Church is considering a hot lunch programme.

Elsie Pyke, one of the organizers, said the programme was initially conceived to serve roomers but its boundary has been enlarged to include senior citizens and the disabled.

"Many of these people are not getting adequate nutrition," she said.

The full-course meals, costing \$1.25 including dessert and beverage, would be served in the church, located on the corner of Dundas and Sherbourne Streets. Books of tickets, to cover a month

of meals, will be sold.

In order for the programme to pay for itself, at least 40 people are needed before it can be implemented. If the church can get enough interest the first meals will

be served by September.

Anyone desiring to make use of this hot lunch programme, or willing to volunteer your help, should contact Rev. Ellis or Elsie Pyke at 368-7977.

Eastdale banquet ends year

On Thursday, June 16th, over 250 parents, students, staff and friends from Eastdale jammed into the school auditorium for a gigantic banquet to end off the school year. Initially conceived of by teacher Jane Wingate, the idea was picked up by the Eastdale Community Council and everyone pitched in. Parents did the cooking, teachers did the serving and students did most of the eating. In the words of Mrs. Kay Love, chairman of the council, the event just showed "what a terrific school-community we have here." It was the perfect ending for Eastdale's second year as Ward 7's only collegiate.

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