

Don District death rate still highest in city

by DON WEITZ

Death rates in the ward are still climbing, particularly in the Don District. Death rates in the Don are typically much higher than the city's average and have been during the past four years. This depressing message is communicated by

the most recent death statistics for 1975, released by Toronto's Public Health Department.

While the city's total average death rate for 1975 is 8.3, it represents a very slight decrease from 8.7 in 1974. Except for Regent Park South, all death rates in the Don

are much higher. South of Carlton has consistently experienced the highest death rates in the Don and probably in the city as well during the past four years; they're 3-4 times higher than the city average! The southern part of South of Carlton has a 1975 death rate almost

60% higher than the one in 1974. For 1974-75, the only decreases in Don death rates occurred in Regent Park South (22% drop) and the northern part of South of Carlton (4.4% drop).

The city's average infant death rate increased slightly by .4%, but

in Regent Park South infant deaths increased dramatically by 90% — from one to two deaths. While there were no recorded deaths in South of Queen and South of Carlton in 1975, the infant death rates in Regent Park North and the

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Regent seeks more resident involvement

A drive is underway in Regent Park to activate and involve more residents in the running of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RPCIA). To do this, a series of localized meetings are being held throughout the complex.

The culmination of these local meetings will be a Nomination Meeting to be held on Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Regent Park United Church at 40 Oak Street. The nomination meeting will be for ten vacancies on the RPCIA executive, with the actual election date to be set at the meeting.

The vacancies on the executive of the RPCIA occurred as the result of the new management contract RPCIA signed with OHC the owners of the complex. Under a clause in the agreement, RPCIA, as manager of the complex could not have anyone on its executive who was also employed by them. Five executive members and five members-at-large found themselves in the dual position of being both management and employees and were forced to resign.

A spokesman for the RPCIA stated that there was a certain amount of time pressure as the present Management Contract between RPCIA and OHC runs out in December and negotiations on the new one will begin in September.

To make local residents aware and give them advice in negotiating, major labour leaders will conduct seminars in Regent Park in the fall.

The next two local meetings to involve residents will be held on Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at 42 Blevens Place basement and on Aug. 12 at 7:30 in the basement of 674 Dundas East.

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Lorne and Shane, two boys from the Queen-Broadview area are seen here trying to catch guppies from the catch basin that connects the two ponds in lower Riverdale Park.

7 News gets \$2,200 grant

The Ontario Arts Council has awarded 7 News a grant of \$2,200 for the 1976-77 year. The money is in recognition of the continued artistic content of 7 News and to underwrite the cost of continuing to print such material.

This is the third such grant that 7 News has received from the Ontario Arts Council. In 1974, it received a grant of \$1,500 and last year the grant was \$2,000. Seven News has never applied for or received a grant from the Canada Council.

In the 24 issues published between May 1975 and May 1976, 7 News printed a total of 65 "artistic" items of material. Thirteen of the items were historical, 19 were drama — both actual drama columns and items about dramatic presentations being produced at local schools.

Eight poems were published, all by school children or local poets and there were three satires and four book reviews. There were 18 miscellaneous artistic items printed, most of them ethnic and multicultural festivals reviewed, publicized or reported on.

Seven News lottery set for early fall

The annual Seven News lottery ("That 50 Cent Lottery") is starting up again soon.

Tickets are due to go on sale in the last week in August. Selling will continue through September, with the final lucky draw scheduled for Saturday, October 2 at Dixon Hall.

The purpose of the lottery is to raise money for Seven News so that the paper can continue to survive, thrive and serve the community.

At the same time, it is also an opportunity for people in the community to express their support for the paper by buying tickets, and by selling tickets.

As a community-owned and -controlled non-profit paper, Seven News depends on the active support of the community to survive.

The paper's main source of funds is advertising, but advertising revenue alone is not enough to cover all expenses. Some additional financial support has come from government sources in the past, but the most important source of funds of this kind, the Local Initiatives Program, is cutting back drastically on the aid it is giving to community groups. That's why the Seven News Lottery is more important than ever before.

The lottery is once again offering a number of prizes, both cash and merchandise. And the price of tickets is still only 50 cents.

If you are interested in helping with the lottery in any way, contact the paper at 920-8632.

Riverdale resident protests bank addition

"Health Before Wealth".

That's what one of Morris Silber's picket signs said as he walked back and forth in front of the Bank of Nova Scotia at the corner of Broadview and Gerrard.

Silber is protesting a major new section being added on to the bank. The addition blocks off the only southward-facing window of a flat above a store in the building next door, 69 Broadview, which Silber owns.

Silber has been trying without success for months to get the bank to alter its plans. The project has gone on relentlessly, and the window is now permanently bricked up.

Silber says that he has turned to picketing because traditional channels of communication have gotten him nowhere. Letter-writing, hiring a lawyer, and a meeting with the bank's chief of operations, Rod Taylor, have all produced nothing except "a lot of talk", and frustration, according to Silber.

The bank has stated that the addition "conforms to all local building bylaws" and that their lawyers are "watching" the situation.

Silber concedes that the bank is within its legal rights in bricking up the window, but points to this as a case of the law riding roughshod over the needs of people. Because the area is zoned as commercial, he says, the city and the bank are ig-

noring the fact that there are people living in the affected building.

"There are many working people living in commercial areas, above stores," says Silber, "but they don't care about them. But these are good, decent people, whose rights should be worth as much as anyone else's."

"They built an open air zoo be-

cause they didn't want animals blocked up the way they were in Riverdale zoo, but they won't give the same consideration to people," he says.

The window in question in the only source sunlight and fresh air for the bedroom and the bathroom in the flat.

At the very least, Silber wants the bank to pay for the cost of putting in a skylight as an alternative source of light. But the bank has refused to promise anything in writing. Verbally, it has said it may provide a small sum which it "feels is sufficient". It's not enough, according to Silber, to even pay an architect to look at the place and draw plans, let alone to pay for the work. The banks says Silber should be happy to get anything, since "the bank has no legal obligation to compensate Mr. Silber for loss of light and air".

So far, in spite of Morris Silber's picketing, it seems to be "Wealth Before Health" at the corner of Broadview and Gerrard.

Murder still unsolved

Homocide detectives are no closer to a solution to the murder that occurred in the Winchester Hotel last month. They also discount both theft and sex as possible motives for the slaying.

It was reported to Seven News that the victim, Ernest Keith, was a bisexual who often took both men and women to his second floor room in the hotel. Often, while drunk, it was reported that he was robbed by members of both sexes that he took to his room. Police spokesmen, however, claim they can find no motive for the killing.

Keith, 55, was found in the hall outside his hotel room, beaten to death with a whiskey bottle. He died of complications from numerous skull fractures. He had been a resident of the hotel for five years.



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Hospital seeks volunteers

Dear Sir:

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C.J. Arendt (Mrs.)

Reader likes Co-op story

Dear Sir:

As usual my picture was depressing but both articles by Tom Corbett on Riverdale Co-op in the last issue were excellent! We've been trying to get an article together ourselves for the past year or so for submission to 7 News — I'm glad we didn't. I think Tom got a much better perspective than we have ourselves.

Since a lot of the members of our housing co-op live in Ward eight and don't get delivery of 7 News I wonder if you could send me another 30 or so copies. I've been

sneaking extra ones from the Open Drops at the Community Bank and WoodGreen Centre, but that's probably not fair to people who pick up their regular copies at those locations.

I am also enclosing a donation which is inspired by the good press but not trying to buy it. I've been a 7 News fan since the days when I lived in St. James Town (anyone who's ever lived there would be in favour of housing co-ops) and the donation is long overdue.

Vicki Butterfield
Brooklyn Ave.

Reader praises security guards

Dear Norman:

I am writing regarding the United Security Guards that we have here at 155 Sherbourne Street. As you know, I lived in Regent Park North for some 17 years and it was quite safe and secure while Bob Bradley and his staff were running it. There were no security guards then and neither the tenants or the staff of the project wanted any.

It is apparent to me that in Regent Park the security staff there do not seem to be doing a very good job. However, here at 155 Sherbourne, which is also owned by OHC, we are under United Security and could not ask for better security, protection and politeness.

I wonder why OHC does not extend this security to both North and

South Regent Park. It would probably prevent a lot of the damage that I understand is caused in Regent Park.

If United Security can do such a darn good job here at 155 Sherbourne Street, why not in Regent Park?

Charlie Rolfe
155 Sherbourne

New book to include 7 News column

Dear Mr. Browne:

Further to our conversation of today, this is to acknowledge that you have given me permission to

reprint from George Rust D'Eye's column published in the May 29th issue of Ward Seven News (Vol. 6, No. 24, p. 6). This extract will

appear in my forthcoming book, C.W. Jefferys' **Kingston Road**, a collection of drawings and photographs of architecture and landscape subjects in the vicinity of the Kingston Road between Kingston and Toronto. Such permission will of course be gratefully acknowledged in my text.

A copy of the book will be sent to 7 News for review. An interesting angle that could be taken with regard to this book is that it is in a sense connected with local history: the artist, C.W. Jefferys, spent several years at his parents' house on 402-1/2 Wellesley St. East, around the turn of the century, (his father being a builder who designed and constructed many of the houses in this neighbourhood); George Rust D'Eye, who has helped me with information as well as giving me his permission to reprint his article on the Kingston Road which appeared in 7 News, is of course a local resident, as am I (my address being 65 Metcalfe St. — though I'll be moving shortly to Amelia St.) I'm C.W. Jefferys' grandson, and am working on a full scale biographical-critical account of the life of this important Canadian historical artist and landscape painter.

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Sunnybrook to satisfy residents complaints

After over ninety minutes of heavy negotiations, residents of Grant Street came away from a meeting late last month satisfied that most of their complaints about Sunnybrook Meat Packers would be resolved.

Thirty residents of the Grant Street area met with Allan Weisberg, manager of the meat company, at the Riverdale Site Office on Queen Street East. Alderman John Sewell was also present and acted as moderator of the meeting.

Mr. Weisberg was invited to the meeting by the residents after a previous meeting a week prior had drawn up a list of grievances that

they wished to present to him, along with some suggested solutions.

Major cause of complaint with the operation of Sunnybrook was the noise made by their trucks loading up in the mornings. That and the noise caused by the washing of the company vehicles on Sundays. It was suggested that he find a vacant piece of land not in a residential area and park his trucks there overnight.

A second source of complaint to the residents was the unsightly nature of the yard behind the meat packing plant. The obvious solution to this problem was the erection of a fence around the property.

A third source of complaint was the coming and going of large transport trucks on streets where such trucks are banned.

Mr. Weisberg pleaded poverty and stated that continued vandalism and theft from his trucks and plant was costing him much money. He hinted that local residents might keep a better eye on the property to prevent such occurrences.

The residents responded that they also were the victims of vandals and thieves and suggested he get a night watchman.

On the first point, Mr. Weisberg

conceded that if Alderman Sewell would help, he would look for a lot to park his trucks further down toward the lake.

On the matter of his unsightly property, Mr. Weisberg stated that he was having it paved and drained but the cost of a wooden fence could be expensive. After half an hour of hammering away at the point, Mr. Weisberg agreed to put up such a fence if the residents would pitch in and help him erect it. The men in the audience immediately volunteered to do so in return for an honest effort on his part to solve the truck noise problem.

On the matter of large transports using streets where they were prohibited, Mr. Weisberg said he had no control over the matter. He did, however, state that he would pass



Caught in the act. A tractor-trailer truck proceeds up Grant Street off of Queen despite sign indicating that trucks are banned.

Photo by Art Westover

the word along to the truck drivers and post a sign at his plant to that effect.

New assessment may affect your taxes

by JOHN SEWELL

Market value reassessment — a new approach to property taxation that the Province wants to introduce in 1978 — will have a greater effect on your property taxes than any other proposal in recent memory. The concept of market value reassessment is complicated and difficult to grapple with, but unless we look at it seriously now, then we'll be stuck with it whether we like it or not.

Currently, property taxes are determined by two elements: the assessment of all properties and structures; and the mill rate. The mill rate is the level of taxation set by City Council, Metro Council and the School Boards in order to raise the money necessary to pay for whatever governments happen to think is appropriate. The mill rate is set having regard for the total assessment of all properties.

Assessment is the base on which the amount of taxes paid by a particular owner is calculated. Every property has its own assessment figure, and by multiplying the assessment by the mill rate you arrive at the taxes. The owner of a property assessed at \$5,000 will pay half the property taxes of the owner of a property assessed at \$10,000. Thus assessment determines the share of property taxes that individual owners pay.

In Toronto most houses were assessed in the 1940's, and the assessment figure varies from 8% to 15% for the market value of the property. A house with a market value of \$50,000 might have an assessment of \$3,000.

UNEQUAL ASSESSMENT

Unfortunately similar properties are not always assessed equally. A seven-room house might be assessed at \$2,800, whereas the same house on the same size lot on another street might be assessed at \$3,200. This means the owners would pay different amounts of property tax although they received exactly the same amount of services for similar properties.

Market value reassessment is a new way of calculating the assessment on all properties. Under this scheme, the assessment is equal to market value of the property. The result will be that properties with similar market values will pay similar taxes.

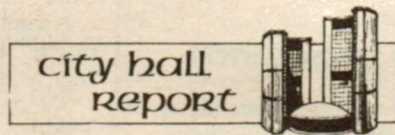
That, of course, is the attractiveness of the market value reassessment concept. Discrepancies and inequities will be removed, and all taxpayers will be put on an equal footing in regard to the share of property taxes paid.

But there are problems with the change. For instance, in the mid-1930's, City Hall decided to give working people who owned inexpensive houses a break. Property tax exemptions were established so that houses assessed at less than \$2,000 only had to pay 50% of the taxes normally paid; and houses assessed at under \$4,000 only paid 90%. These exemptions are still in effect, which means that many older homes in Ward 7 are now getting a real tax break even though those houses might have a market value of \$75,000 or more.

For families with incomes of \$20,000 or more, ending these exemptions will not cause hardship. But what about a retired couple who have lived in their home for the past 40 years? They are receiving Old Age Security and find it difficult to pay property taxes as they now stand. Removing a tax exemption will only compound their problem, yet in all likelihood market value reassessment will make them pay more. Is that a change we want.

Or take the example of different types of residential property. Apartment units are generally assessed much higher, proportionately, than houses. The general rule of thumb is that apartments are assessed at 25% of their market value, and houses at about 11%.

Market value reassessment will mean that the share of taxes paid by apartments will fall, while the share paid by houses will rise. This change is not in the interest of the homeowner. And it is not really in the interest of tenant, since we can be sure landlords won't lower their rents simply because property taxes on apartments have decreased. In fact, the change might mean that landlords will find it easier to buy houses, tear them down, and build more apartments. Is that a change we want to promote?



Thus one major problem with market value reassessment is that it will cause a shift in who pays how much. The shift might not produce results we will be happy with. At the moment we don't have any solid information, so we have to guess about the consequences of market value reassessment, but the guesses do not look promising.

The second major problem is in the relationship between residential taxpayers and commercial taxpayers. At the present time, 40% of Toronto's assessment base is residential, and 60% is commercial — offices, stores, and industry. Generally, commercial establishments are much more heavily assessed than residential, and putting all properties on a market value assessment base would mean that property taxes on commercial properties would fall drastically, while taxes on residential properties would increase drastically. (In one-industry towns in Ontario, there has been a significant shift after market value reassessment was introduced so that residential taxes have doubled, whereas the taxes on the industry have fallen.)

Will this happen in Toronto? Will residential taxpayers pay \$10 million more and commercial taxpayers \$10 million less? No one knows. The Province has suggested that a weighting system should be devised to ensure that the tax burden is not shifted to residential owners, but no facts or figures have been released yet which shows that the weighting system will be effective.

Thus property taxpayers face some difficult problems. Perhaps market value reassessment is a better way to help share the tax load. But a cursory glance indicates there is not enough information available to give any assurance that this so-called "reform" is not pernicious and dangerous.

There are two things that can be done. First, everyone who really cares about how much tax he pays — either directly as an owner, or through his rent as a tenant — should obtain the booklet "Reform of Property Taxation in Ontario". It can be obtained free from the Ontario Government bookstore at Bay and Gloucester Streets.

Secondly, the Ontario Municipal Board is holding hearings on Market Value Reassessment.

For Toronto, no hearings have been set yet, but watch out for an advertisement in the daily press. As many people as possible should either write or attend the hearings and ask that market value reassessment should not be implemented until we know what the real effects of this change will be. The best way of doing this is by having a dry run: the Province should let all of us — tenants, home owners, storeowners, etc. — know what our taxes would be if market value reassessment is used. Then at least we'll have an idea of how worried we should get.

If we decided to sit back because it's all too complicated, then we will find market value reassessment imposed whether we like it or not. And then it will be too late to do anything but complain.

Law seminars get good turnout

Over thirty people turned out late last month for the first in a weekly series of Community Law Programs being held in Regent Park. The first seminar was a "mock criminal trial" and acquainted those attending with courtroom decorum, procedures and participants. Subsequent programs in the series have been on the Landlord and Tenant Act and Consumer Rights.

The series continues through the summer and early fall with the following subjects being featured.

The Deserted Wife (for women only) at 2 p.m. on Aug. 11; Juveniles and the Children's Aid Society, 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 17; Immigration at 7:30 on Aug. 24; Legal Services and the Ombudsman at 7:30 on Aug. 31; Welfare

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"You should really have Bain's entire Distribution Committee," was Gerry Tanner's typically modest reply when asked to be Seven News' featured distributor for this issue. Gerry coordinates the efforts of a group of about ten Bain Apartments Co-op residents who deliver not only Seven News, but also the Co-op Newsletter and notices of all sorts.

A fairly recent arrival from Great Britain where she taught primary school, Gerry has lived at Bain Avenue with husband Ron and 21-month-old son Jason since December, 1974. In addition to her distribution activities, Gerry works on the Co-op newsletter and Recreation Committee. She is now helping to plan the Co-op's summer street festival.

Not kept busy enough by Jason's antics and Co-op work, Gerry has begun part-time studies at the University of Toronto. She is taking a French course this summer and will continue with general studies in the fall. In whatever spare time she can find, our dis-



Audrey Smolin

tributor of the week enjoys racket sports and macrame.

Gerry is by nature a quiet and somewhat shy person but is well known in the Bain Co-op as friendly and hardworking. Like many other Seven News dis-

tributors, she gives generously of her time to a wide range of community activities.

Hotline gets funds

The Tenant Hotline recently received funding from the Ontario Legal Aid Plan through its Clinical Funding Program. The \$47,000 grant to cover a period of 10 months, will enable the group to continue informing tenants of their rights.

As a community based service, the Hotline strives to be an appropriate vehicle for delivery of advice on tenants' rights. This includes information and representation under the Rent Review legislation.

The Tenant Hotline is located in the Don Vale Community Centre at 80 Winchester Street. They are open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. although they will take emergency calls in the evening and weekends on a 24 hour basis.

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News Across the Ward

Regent seeks youth workers

As a result of the recent "riot" in Regent Park and the overblown media exposure it received, all kinds of "concerned" individuals and groups have descended on the area.

A worker for the Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RPCIA) stated that the problem is a lack of street workers and the hiring of two such would solve the problem. He added that the "concerned" individuals and groups feel that it is too simplistic an answer and can't or won't supply the funds to hire such. However, a meeting is scheduled for all agencies working in and out of Regent Park and they will be asked if they can help to supply the two needed street youth workers.

Ironically, the RPCIA made a request a year ago for a grant from the Provincial Ministry of Health to hire some street workers for the area. The Ministry turned them down, saying there was no need for them.

There is between two and three times as many children in Regent Park as there are adults.

Canvas raises money

The Don Vale Community Centre raised \$783.90 in a three hour "blitz" canvass of Don Vale two Sundays ago. Russ Crossman, Co-ordinator of the Centre stated he was surprised and gratified by the response, considering that only about one person in five were home when the canvassers called. "If the people who pledged money come through, the total raised should be well over \$1,000," he said.

Canvassers handed out a printed brochure explaining the history and function of the Centre and a listing of the various amounts of money needed for major repairs and rehabilitations. One resident, noting a listing of \$250 needed to repair water damaged ceilings, promptly wrote out a cheque for that amount.

A number of local stores also donated food items but none went to the Centre. They were all eaten by the volunteer canvassers at a "party" later to thank them for their time and effort.

A more elaborate canvass, with call backs to seek those who were out at the first call, is planned for next summer.

Health centre consolidates offices

On July 26, the Don District Community Health Centre effectively consolidated its three locations on Shuter Street, Gerrard Street and Queen St. East into one central location at 295 Shuter, Apt. 102.

Despite the consolidation, the hours of service remain the same: Monday to Friday from 9 to 9 and on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. In addition, the Centre's "On Call" service, shared with the Regent Park Community Health Centre, will keep patients in touch with a physician 24 hours a day, every day. Physicians from the Centre will also make house calls whenever and wherever medically necessary.

Main reason given for the consolidation from three centres into one is lack of funds. The Ministry of Health pays only the costs of direct medical services on a per capita participation basis. A fall off in the number of people using the Centre results in less funds being available and thus less centres being open.

The Health Centre is currently seeking a wider use by residents in the Don District largely on the basis that it is community owned and community controlled. The area served by the Health Centre is roughly Jarvis, Lakeshore, the Don River and Carlton Street.

OHC to study Regent recreation

The Ontario Housing Corporation, owner of Regent Park Housing Project, has announced that it will hire an outside consulting firm to do a in-depth study of the recreational needs of the people living in the 2,100 units there.

Cost of the survey is unknown but it will be paid for out of a \$4 million grant made some years ago by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to improve the recreational facilities and general environment at Regent Park.

About half that \$4 million grant has so far been spent — on the building of the swimming pool and ice rinks, etc. Considerable work is being done at present on improving the landscape around the various buildings.

The recreational study being done by OHC is thought to be in answer to continuous demands by local residents that St. Cyril and Methody Church at Sackville and Dundas be bought with part of the money and turned over to the residents as a recreation centre.

Besides OHC and CMHC, the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Department have become involved in the controversy as they see themselves managing and running the recreation centre once it is created. Local residents, on the other hand, want a much stronger say in management of the centre than Parks and Recreation normally allow.

Some Regent residents are angry over the OHC study. They say it wastes money from a fund which is earmarked for making physical changes in Regent Park. They also see it as a delaying tactic and maybe a justification for an eventual turnaround of the residents' request to buy the church for a recreation centre.



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to receive submissions, both oral and written, from all interested parties, concerning the Ontario government's proposals for a new system of property taxation based on market value assessment.

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NEWS ROUND-UP

South Riverdale seeks relief from crime wave

An exhibit on **Margaret Lawrence** is being featured at the Parliament Library during the month of August. . . On Aug. 12, at 7:30 p.m. poet **Robbin Ward** will read from his work at the Library House, 265 Gerrard East. Admission is free.

A **street dance** will be held in front of Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street on the evening of Sept. 2. There will be a live band, games, raffles and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

The 125 participating stores in the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement District will be taking part in a **sidewalk carnival** and street sale to be held all day Friday and Saturday, **August 27 and 28**. The carnival area is **Parliament Street** from Winchester to Gerrard and there will be balloons, clowns and souvenir hats and T-shirts on sale.

Jim Wiberg, chessmaster at the Parliament Library House took part in the Canadian Open Chess tournament held last week end at Queen's Park.

Charlie Rolfe is resting comfortably in Wellesley Hospital after a recent knee operation.

Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview is open in August again this year and is programming special activities for boys and girls every day through the month except Wednesdays and Sundays.

Dixon Hall is looking for volunteers to plan and operate **programs for children** in the fall and winter. Programs will run afternoons after school and evenings beginning Sept. 13. If you want more info or can help out phone **Gayle or Fred** at 863-0499.

The **Ballet Ys** company will be dancing under the stars during the evenings of **Aug. 8, 9 and 10** at Queen's Park Circle and Grosvenor Street. Performances start at 8:30 and admission is free.

On August 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parliament Library House, poet **Len Stewart** will relate through his poetry, his experiences as a door-to-door Bible salesman. Admission is free.

The Dixon Hall winter **mixed dart league** will start in September and run through until May of next year. Anyone over 18 may join and the entrance fee is \$2. For further information call **Fred** at 863-0499.

A week-long **festival in the sun** begins August 16 at the Parliament Library, **406 Parliament Street** at Gerrard. Aimed at boys and girls stuck in the city for the summer, the programs will feature storytelling and arts and crafts. Admission is free.

MPP **Jim Renwick** is scheduled to speak at Woodgreen Community Centre on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m.

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, will hold **Bingos** on Tuesday, Aug. 10 and 24 at 7 p.m. Admission is 50 cents.

The Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) has received a **\$12,400 Wintario** grant to purchase recreation equipment for some of its housing projects.

The **Regent Park Community News**, temporarily suspended for the summer, (its last issue was June 30) will publish again near the end of August.

There will be a free **film animation workshop** for boy and girls at the Parliament Street Library, 406 Parliament from August 9 to 14. For more information call **924-7246**.

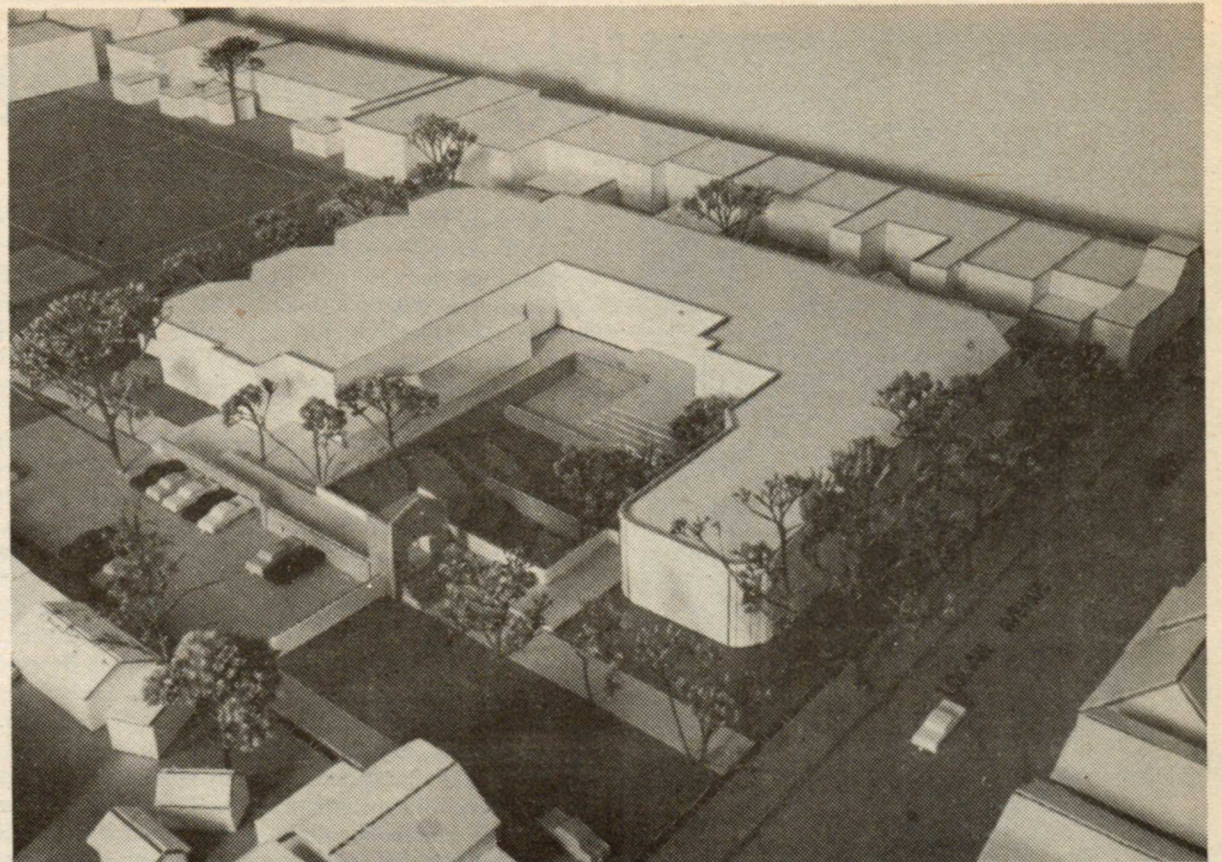
A **progressive Euchre** will be held at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, on Wed. Aug. 11 starting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for seniors with refreshments included.

Seven News is looking for volunteer **door - to - door distributors** to deliver the paper on a number of streets in the area. It takes only half an hour or so every two weeks and the exercise is good for you. If you can help out, phone **Audrey Smolin** at 920-8632.

Mary Rosen, a 7 News volunteer writer living in St. James Town, is writing an article for a future issue on **ghosts and haunted houses** in Ward Seven. Anyone with any knowledge or experience in the subject is asked to phone her at home in the evenings at **924-8526** or call the 7 News editor Norm Browne at **920-8632** during the day.

South Riverdale residents and shopkeepers are up in arms over the **crime wave** that has been endemic in their area. A rash of break-ins, robberies and vandalism has prompted one group to circulate a petition while another group has set up a meeting with the Inspector of the local Police Division over the problem.

The East End Volunteer Workers will be hosting their annual **baseball tournament** in Greenwood Park on Sunday, Aug. 8 starting at 10 a.m. Admission is free and all are invited to attend.



A rough architects model of the new Frankland Public School. Final plans will be ready in the early fall. Logan Avenue is on the right.

Frankland school to be replaced

by PAUL BARNARD

Frankland Public School at Logan and Danforth is slated for replacement by the Board of Education and the Ministry of Education. There are community facilities incorporated within the school and funded by the City and partially by the Board of Education. The new school will have fewer classrooms (although Frankland is bursting at the seams with six portables, the Board projects that the school population will decline in the next five years) but with the community facilities added, the building area will be approximately the same as exists now. The community facilities include craftrooms, meeting rooms, a learner pool, storage and office space.

At a meeting held late in June at the school, the architects presented siting alternatives for the replacement of Frankland. Parents, teachers, other residents of the area, school trustees and Board staff were present.

After much discussion the meeting resolved to follow one alterna-

tive in which the new school, 'U' shaped in form, wraps around the north end of the existing school establishing a presence on Logan in line with existing houses. Generally, community facilities have been located adjacent to Logan, instructional areas to the west of the existing building. The greater part of the existing building will continue to operate during the construction of the new school.

Upon completion of the new school, the present building will be demolished. The basement, including some of the stone walls at the base, will remain as a sunken playground with the new school wrapping around the west, north and east sides. The two stone and brick portals on the Logan facade will be retained. The remainder of the playground and the parking will be disposed to the west and south portions of the site.

During the summer, the FCC Building Committee has been holding regular meetings with the architects, City and Board staff to develop the design in detail. It is

hoped that a detailed design of the school will be ready by early fall for presentation to the community. If the design is accepted and the various levels of government release the necessary funds, the new school should be completed by the fall of 1978.

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The grave "stone" of Andrew Kidd (1840-95) and his family, one of a few cast iron monuments in the St. James cemetery. Photo by George Rust-D'Eye



One of the more beautiful monuments in the St. James cemetery, that erected to the memory of Robert and John Mountjoy, erected in 1868.



Orphans' Home monument, erected in 1868 to the memory of some of the children who had lived in the Home. Photo by George Rust-D'Eye

St. James cemetery dates to 1840's

by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

If the dead could speak, some of the inhabitants of the St. James Cemetery would tell the story of the founding of the Town of York, the early administration of the Province of Upper Canada, the Government's side of the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837, and the fight for responsible government; for St. James, the burying ground for the members of the Family Compact, is one of the most beautiful and historic cemeteries in the Province.

By the 1830's and 1840's, the church yard to the east of St. James Cathedral on King Street was becoming overcrowded. The congregation, which included among its members the richest and most powerful families in the Province, chose a site to the north-east of the city to be the resting place for their departed brethren.

The property selected to be the cathedral cemetery for the Church of England in Toronto consisted of 65 acres of rolling wooded land on the hills bordering Castle Frank Brook and the Don Valley. The cemetery was laid out and landscaped in the late 1840's, based on the plans drawn up in 1845 for the site by John G. Howard, architect and first City Surveyor for the City of Toronto. The property had originally belonged to the family of Lt.-Gov. John Graves Simcoe. It was sold by the Simcoe estate to John and Amelia Scadding, who granted it to the Church.

The graceful little Gothic chapel of St. James-the-Less, built in 1858 well-situated on a hill near the main cemetery gates, was designed by Cumberland and Storm, architects. That firm also designed such notable Toronto landmarks as the Adelaide St. Court House (1852), the 7th Post Office at 10 Toronto St. (1853), University College (1856), and changes to Osgoode Hall (1857). Col. Frederick W. Cumberland, whose own house, "Pendarvis" (1860), still stands near the north-east corner of St. George and College Streets, is buried in the cemetery. Originally intended as merely a mortuary chapel, St. James-the-Less was dedicated, in 1861 to "the Honour of Almighty God and His Son Jesus Christ, the Author of Eternal Life, for the perpetual use of the faithful in the performance of the burial service and the other public rites of the Church of England."

BODIES MOVED

As soon as the cemetery was opened, there were no further interments in the church yard of the Cathedral, and most of the bodies buried there were moved, with their grave markers, to their present, and final, resting place.

In 1863, Rev. Samuel J. Boddy, then and for 17 years thereafter chaplain of the cemetery, began to conduct public services in the chapel. As the area around the cemetery became more populated and the parish accordingly increased, it was necessary to build a new church, St. Peter's, at the corner of Bleeker and Carlton Streets, in 1866, at which time services in the chapel among the tombs were discontinued.

Today the beautiful chapel and its peaceful cemetery grace the north end of Parliament Street and the banks of the Rosedale ravine. Even the inhuman buildings of St. Jamestown to the west, and the traffic on Parliament, Bloor and the Rosedale Valley Road, cannot detract from the beauty and stillness of this home of the dead. Buried here are many of the founders of this City, loyalists, veterans of the War of 1812, governors, legislators and civil servants of the Province of Upper Canada and the Town of York, and other distinguished early residents of the City of Toronto.

The gravestones and monuments in the St. James Cemetery represent a complete and excellent history of the stone-carver's funeral art from the early nineteenth century to the present day. Although the grounds are well-kept, it is sad to see so many of the early stones wearing away, cracking or becoming covered over with grass and dirt. Unfortunately, the stone most frequently used to mark the graves was quite soft, unlike the granite and marble later used for the purpose. It is hoped that some interested individuals or organizations will undertake the preservation of at least some of the more important gravestones, at least through photographic records, so that the information and epitaphs relating to Toronto's early citizens will not be lost forever, and so that the mortuary art of some of Toronto's early craftsmen will not be forgotten.

REWARDING WALK

A walk through the St. James Cemetery will be well rewarded, whether or not one is interested in the art of gravestones or the people whose existence and departure is documented upon them.

The following family tombs in the cemetery are listed by the Toronto Historical Board as possessing historical and architectural significance: Austin, Brock, Gooderham, Gzowski, Howland, Jarvis, Manning and Severs.

Some of the other early residents of the Town of York and the City of Toronto who are buried at St. James are the following:

John White, first Attorney-General of Upper Canada, killed in a duel in 1800 near Berkely and Front Streets by John Small, Clerk of the Executive Council, over language used by the Attorney-General concerning Mrs. Small;

Mary Jarvis, of "Rosedale", the former Mary Boyles Powell, wife of William Botsford Jarvis, Sheriff of the Home District;

The following Chief Justices of Upper Canada or Ontario: Hon. William Dummer Powell (b. 1755 - d. 1834); Sir John Beverley Robinson (B. 1791 - d. 1863); Sir William Ralph Meredith (b. 1840 - d. 1923); Sir Glenholm Falconbridge (b. 1846 - d. 1920);

Hon. John Hillyard Cameron, Solicitor General 1846, Alderman 1846-7, 1851, 2, 4, 5, Member of Parliament 1854-7; rivalled Sir John A. MacDonald for leadership of the Conservative Party; drowned while bathing in 1876;

Enoch Turner, brewer, resided at 241 Sherbourne St., founded the first free school in Upper Canada, on Trinity St. (1848);

John Scadding and Millicent Tripps Scadding (parents of John Scadding Jr., and Dr. Henry Scadding), who came to the Town of York with Simcoe;

Arthur Lepper and William Lumbers, early residents of the Don Vale area;

Hon. William Allan and Leah Tyrah Allan; the Allans came to York in the 1790's. William Allan was postmaster of York 1816-27, and later member of the Legislature and of the Executive Council 1837-8.

Mementos of Yesteryear



The eleven children of the Allans, including William George Allan of "Moss Park", Mayor of Toronto 1855, Alderman 1849 and 1855, Member of the Leg. Council 1858-67, appointed Senator at Confederation;

William Warrent Baldwin, a moderate Reformer, member of the Leg. Assembly 1828-30 and Leg. Council 1843; and his son, Hon. Robert Baldwin, leading moderate Reformer prior to the Union of the Provinces (1841), chief proponent of responsible government; he served as joint leader of the government with Louis H. Lafontaine (1842-3) and in the first Responsible Government (1848-51);

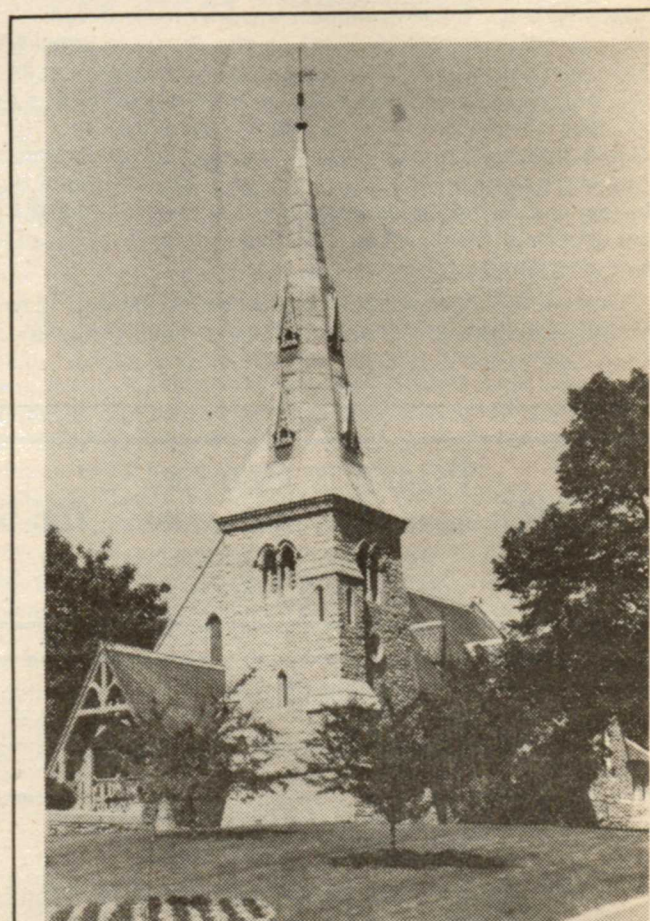
Hon. Robert Baldwin Sullivan: second mayor of Toronto (1835), member of the Exec. Council (1836) and Leg. Council (1839), and after the Union re-appointed to both Councils (1841-51); and Prov. Sec'y to the first Responsible Government, in 1848;

Sir Casimir Gzowski: a Polish engineer who settled in Toronto in 1841, he became a leading contractor; his work included the building of the Grand Trunk Railway and the laying out of the Niagara Park system;

Jonas Jones, Justice of the Queen's Bench (1837-48), and served in the Provincial Parliament;

Thomas and William Helliwell, father and son, early millers on the Don River.

As well as these mentioned above, the St. James Cemetery is the final resting place for many Torontonians. Among those buried there are members of the following well-known Toronto families: Jarvis, Ridout, Osler, Powell, Cawthra, Gwynne, Bouden, Medcalf, Gooderham, Worts, Jackes, Heward, Boomer, Duggan, Chewatt, Baldwin, Galt, Kivas Tully, and Goldwin Smith.



Chapel of St. James-the-Less, built in 1858, designed by Cumberland and Storm, architects: a beautiful Gothic-style building in a perfect setting. Photo by George Rust-D'Eye

Inexpensive dental work lessens bite on wallet

by MARILYN McCAUL

When was the last time you paid a visit to the dentist? Been a while? Have you been putting it off because of painful memories of past experiences? Do you need dentures or other dental care but can't afford it? Have you ever needed a dentist in an emergency and not been able to find one? If so, read on.

For those of you who've previously had unhappy experiences in the dentist's office, on your next visit, you may be in for a surprise. Recent improvements in equipment and freezing techniques make for practically painless dentistry ... honest ... I speak from experience.

Though it may be some time before we get socialized dentistry, there are ways around the high cost of dental care.

If you're on Mother's Allowance or welfare, you are eligible for full dental assistance. That means the government pays the whole bill for exams, x-rays, fillings, extractions and dentures. Those on Mother's Allowance should automatically receive an orange dental card which is good for all regular services from any private dentist who accepts welfare rates. Your local welfare office can provide a list of these dentists. The orange card is good as long as you're receiving assistance.

If you're on General Welfare, you don't receive a dental card automatically, but you can request one from your local welfare office. This green card is issued on a monthly basis.

For expensive services like dentures and partial plates, holders of both orange and green cards must also obtain a white fee authorisation form before the dentist can proceed with the work.

If you're not on welfare or Mother's Allowance but have a limited income, you may still be eligible to receive special assistance from the Department of Social Services, especially for costly items like dentures. There are no set rules for eligibility; each case is looked at on an individual basis. Visit the welfare office nearest you to determine if you qualify for assistance. The Family Welfare office is at 55 Queen Street and 339 George Street is the office for single men.

Don't be put off by all the red tape of social services. It is possible to cut through it and is really worth the effort. Just last week we were able to arrange special assistance for dentures for a person on a limited income. He was fitted for teeth the day after we contacted welfare!

If you need any further information or help in obtaining assistance, you may phone the Department of Social Services at 487-4392 or us at NIP at 924-2543.

Those receiving War Veteran's Allowance who are over 60 and unable to work may receive full dental assistance. Persons under 60 may be eligible for assistance under certain circumstances. For further information call 369-4872.

If you're eligible for dental assistance, you may make an appointment with any dentist who accepts welfare rates. In addition to private dentists, the following local clinics accept welfare as well as private patients.

The Regent Park Dental Clinic, 19 Belshaw Place, in the Community Health Centre, telephone: 364-2265, offers complete dental services. It's open Monday to Friday, all day, and Tuesday and Thursday until 9 p.m. There may be up to a six-week wait for an appointment.

The Raxlen Clinic, 500 Parliament Street, telephone: 966-3641, offers complete dental services. It is open Monday to Friday and will make evening appointments on request. The clinic does no billing at all. Non-welfare patients must pay by cash or cheque at the time of the appointment.

If you're not eligible for assistance, there are clinics that offer dental care at reduced rates. Because welfare recipients are eligible for government assistance, they are not accepted for treatment at any of the following lower-cost clinics.

Dixon Hall Dental Clinic, at 58 Sumach Street, operates with the help of volunteer dentists. The Clinic has up-to-date equipment right at Dixon Hall, and

provides all regular dental services (exams, x-rays, fillings, etc.) Cost is \$2/visit, paid in advance. The services of the clinic are available to people who live in the specific geographic area of Sherbourne to the river and Dundas to the lake. An appointment is necessary. Call Susan Sanders at 863-0499.

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The University of Toronto also operates an Extractions and Dental Surgery Clinic, 100 Elm Street, telephone: 978-2798. Extractions are \$4/tooth; dental surgery is \$15. Cost of anesthesia varies according to type: sedation — \$2; general — \$5.

Further away, but still a good place to know about, is the **Alexander Park Dental Clinic, 64 Augusta Avenue** (on Queen between Bathurst and Spadina), telephone: 364-2998. In the summer, they're open Monday to Friday; winter, Tuesday to Friday, and provide full dental services. Cost is \$5/visit or \$5/filling. An appointment is necessary. Residents of the area have first priority, but anyone from Metro may call for an appointment. There may be a waiting list.

If you need dentures or a partial plate but can't afford it, check first with welfare to see if you qualify for assistance. If not, don't abandon hope of getting teeth. There are places which offer these services at reduced rates. At some you can even arrange to pay by installments.

If you live in the Dixon Hall Dental Clinic area, (Sherbourne-River, Dundas-Lake) you may get dentures for \$75 for both upper and lower, \$45 for one. Over 60's are charged a flat rate of \$20.

The Regent Park Clinic, 364-2265, makes upper and lower dentures for \$180.

The Raxlen Clinic, 966-3641, gives a reduced rate of \$230 for senior citizens.

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Regardless of where you are going to have your dentures made, you should still have an examination by a dentist. He will be able to advise on what is the best arrangement for you.

If you are receiving dental assistance, remember that your dental card is good only for services performed by a dentist. It will not cover work done by a denture therapist.

Did you know that preschoolers and children in school up to grade 13 can receive free dental care at clinics operated by the

Department of Public Health? In Ward 7 there are eight which operate in public schools.

Each clinic serves students in at least two or three other schools. To receive treatment at a clinic, parents can send a note to the school nurse requesting that the child see a dentist. Children under 18 must bring in a consent form signed by the parents. Because they are eligible for coverage with a private dentist, children of families on assistance are not accepted for treatment at these clinics.

From September to June, full-time dental clinics are located at Lord Dufferin School, 303 Berkley St., Dundas St. School, 935 Dundas (beyond Broadview), and Frankland School, 816 Logan Ave. Morning clinics are operated at Park School, 440 Shuter St., Regent Park School, 20 Regent St., Winchester School, 15 Prospect St., Withrow School, 25 Bain Ave., and St. Paul's School, 80 Sackville St. Contact your school or the NIP office to find out which clinic serves your children.

The clinic at Lord Dufferin School remains open during the summer. Call 367-7446 to arrange for an appointment.

Also operated by the Department of Public Health is the Broadview Health Centre Dental Department, 469-0208. At no charge, it provides complete dental service to children 18 and under. They take small children in the morning and high schoolers in the afternoon. It is open all year round. The clinic also provides instruction on preventive dentistry (proper methods of brushing and flossing, nutrition, etc.) It is necessary to phone for an appointment.

No one who lives in Toronto ever need go without dental care in an emergency. Numerous places offer such services.

Regent Park Dental Clinic treats emergencies (tooth aches etc.) every Monday from 9-5. You just need to phone (364-2265) before going down to the of-

fice.

The University of Toronto Dental Clinic will take emergencies every day at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Call 978-2784 before 9:30 for an appointment the same day. The cost is \$5.

The University of Toronto Extractions and Dental Surgery Clinic will do emergency extractions daily at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Cost is \$4 per tooth cash. Call 978-2798.

The Raxlen Clinic will take emergencies the same day if you phone in the morning. They charge regular dental fees. Patients must have cash or a check at the time of the appointment. Call 966-3641.

The Alexander Park Dental Clinic, 364-2998, will take emergencies Monday - Friday at a cost of \$10.

The Toronto General Hospital Dental Clinic at University and College, Out-Patient Department, 2nd floor, is open for emergency extractions Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$10/tooth. Phone 595-3600.

St. Michael's Hospital, Queen and Victoria Streets, is open for emergency extractions Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. No appointment is necessary. The clinic also provides full dental services Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Fees are according to the regular dental fee schedule. An appointment is necessary for all work but extractions. Call 360-4409.

If you need further assistance in locating a dentist in an emergency, especially on weekends, try the Academy of Dentistry, 230 St. George St., 967-5649. They provide an after hour Emergency Dental Referral Service and have dentists on call Monday - Friday 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., and Saturday, 12 noon to 1 a.m.

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St. James Town festival a success

by MARY ROSEN

Although the rain put a damper on the annual "Y" Summer Festival, activities went on and wares were sold in the track room at 200 Wellesley.

The following had tables for various causes — Wheels of Fortune table contained a variety of goods

and also a bake table. Mrs. Lil O'Hara — handwork. Mrs. Marian Brown — jewellery, pin cushions and dolls' clothes. Norma Villeneau — variety table. Daisy Holtan sold books and toys. Mrs. Jean Colson had a table of fine flower arrangements. Mrs. Welland displayed dresses and beads. George and Helen Barthelme showed their hand plaited reed baskets and yarn animals.

Eva Martin from the Parliament St. Library was present to sell and display some of the books availa-

ble at the library. William Lowry sold his imports from various South American countries. The young men scooped up the machetes, complete with a finely designed scabbard. Necklaces representing the Mayan and Aztec cultures were bought as well as embroidered dresses and shirts. Erni Garia sold her creative pillows. Mrs. Van der Meulen had knit and crochet sweaters, dolls' clothes and afghans for sale. Mrs. L. Harvey displayed her Eskimo scenes and Eskimo dolls and beaded Olympic tote bags.

Evelyn Hammond the president of the 200 Senior Club and Eileen Alderson, the treasurer displayed suits, jewellery and a variety of merchandise. Mrs. Vi. Parr displayed her paintings on felt and she also had crochet merchandise. Kay Campbell sold some attractive afghans. Mrs. A. Calloway had her table replete with crochet pillows, tams, and hats.

In the afternoon, Eva Martin gave a puppet show featuring Red



Riding Hood and The Judge, a monster show with a good ending. She was helped by Nancy Cesario.

Jean Colson won first prize in the baking contests. Mr. Hull from Fudger House judged Mrs. Colson to be top in the cake, pie and bread categories. Second prize went to Mrs. D. Martell in the pie and cake categories.

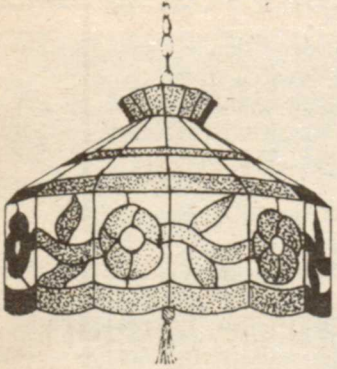
In the afternoon Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Liberal M.P.P. paid a visit and drew the names for the lucky draws for the Wheels of Fortune. The first prize went to Mrs.

Tuckher who won four bridge chairs. Second lucky draw went to Mrs. Volgan who won a lovely afghan and third prize went to Mrs. L. MacLean who received two bridesmaids dolls. The fourth prize went to M. Mabley who won a wall plaque.

Mrs. Ethel Smith from 275 Bleeker won the honor of being the oldest female resident. She is ninety-one years old and still in good health. The gentlemen must all think they are young swains for not one of them ventured to distinguish themselves at having attained a healthy age.

In the evening Paul Scofield and the Canadians presented a band concert which was curtailed by the rain. Cathy Young an upcoming vocalist sang some tunes until the rain stopped the proceedings. Tim Gallinger sang as well. He sang some originals he wrote, "Old Vienna Shop" and "The Summer of My Life."

Vera Martin of the St. James Town YMCA worked hard in putting the whole thing together and she should be proud of the day's work.



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Don District death rate still highest in city

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northern part of South of Carlton were 1-1/2 - 2-1/2 times higher than the city average.

The statistics on the major causes of death in the Don District during 1975 show some alarming information.

Heart disease continues to be the No. 1 killer. The city average is 287.5 deaths per 100,000 people, but the death rates are much higher in the Don, except for Regent Park South. Again, South of Carlton had the highest death rates for heart disease — 2 to 5 times higher than the city average! In 1975, 80 people died from heart disease in South of Carlton, 45 of whom lived in the southern part of this community.

Cancer was the No. 2 killer. The city average death rate was 182; except for Regent Park South, other communities in the Don had

much higher rates. South of Carlton and Regent Park North had the highest rates.

Of course, alcoholism together with its many serious complications and deaths continue to plague the city, particularly the Don. In the city, the death rate for alcoholism has almost doubled during the past two years — 6.6 in 1974 to 11.5 in 1975. Although Regent Park North had no recorded deaths from alcoholism in 1975, all the other communities did, and they all were alarmingly higher than the city average — 13 to 20 times higher! Again, the northern part of South of Carlton had the highest rate, 238.5. The rates are lower for alcoholic cirrhosis (liver complications), but the overall pattern is the same.

Also, respiratory diseases continue to take a heavy toll. For example, pneumonia accounted for an average of 36.1 deaths in the

city generally. But this was surpassed by South of Queen, Regent Park North and South of Carlton where the death rates were 3 to almost 6 times greater! Unfortunately, T.B. is again on the rise — primarily in 'skid row' areas like South of Carlton, where 3 people died from TB in 1975. This accounted for the highest TB rate in the city — 50 times greater than the city average!

Finally, suicide and homicide rates in the Don are still much higher than those in the city. In 1975, out of a total of 128 suicides recorded 13 or slightly over 10% occurred in the Don. Once again, South of Carlton had the highest suicide rates — 102.2 and 69.7 — which was 4 to 6 times greater than the city average! In fact, the 1975 suicide rate in the northern part of South of Carlton was exactly what it was in 1972, but 3 times higher than the rate in 1974.

The following tables show a four year comparison on death rates, infant death rates and the 1975 figures on causes of death.

DEATH RATES (per 1000 pop.)						
City	S. of Queen	Regent Pk.	S. Regent Pk.	Regent Pk. N.	S. of Carlton (32)	S. of Carlton (33)
1975	8.3	16.5	6.4	14.7	26.1	31.8
1974	8.7	16.5	8.2	11.7	27.3	30.1
1973	8.8	18.7	5.8	11.8	31.5	27.4
1972	8.9	19.2	5.4	8.2	31.2	28.1

(Note: South of Carlton is comprised of two census tracts (in parentheses). Tract 32 is bounded by Carlton, Dundas, Jarvis & Parliament Streets; Tract 33 is bounded by Dundas, Queen, Jarvis & Parliament Streets.)

INFANT DEATH RATES (per 1000 live births)						
City	S. of Queen	Regent Pk.	S. Regent Pk.	Regent Pk. N.	S. of Carlton (32)	S. of Carlton (33)
1975	12.6	--	33.9	17.2	29.4	--
1974	12.2	47.6	17.9	17.4	--	55.6
1973	14.2	--	13.9	37.9	--	50.0
1972	14.7	41.7	12.8	28.8	27.8	20.8

1975 — Major Causes of Death (rate per 100,000 pop.)						
City	S. Queen	Regent Pk.	S. Regent Pk.	Regent Pk. N.	S. Carlton (32)	S. Carlton (33)
Heart Dis.	287.5	329.7	140.8	448.4	596.3	1045.3
Cancer	182.0	274.7	140.8	340.8	391.8	325.2
Accidental Poisoning	2.0	--	--	17.9	34.1	--
Suicide	18.0	--	60.4	17.9	102.2	69.7
Homocide	3.4	--	--	17.9	34.1	--
T.B.	1.1	--	--	--	51.1	--
Infectious Hepatitis	.6	--	--	--	17.0	--
Alcoholism	11.5	164.8	40.2	--	238.5	92.9
Alcoholic Cirrhosis	12.2	54.9	40.2	17.9	170.4	116.1
Pneumonia	36.1	164.8	--	107.6	204.4	162.6
Bronchitis	4.9	--	--	--	17.0	46.5
Emphysema	3.8	--	20.1	--	--	23.2
Asthma	1.7	--	--	--	--	46.5

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