

Parliament Street festival planned

For the second year in a row, the Directors of the Parliament Street Business Improvement District will hold a two-day street festival on upper Parliament Street.

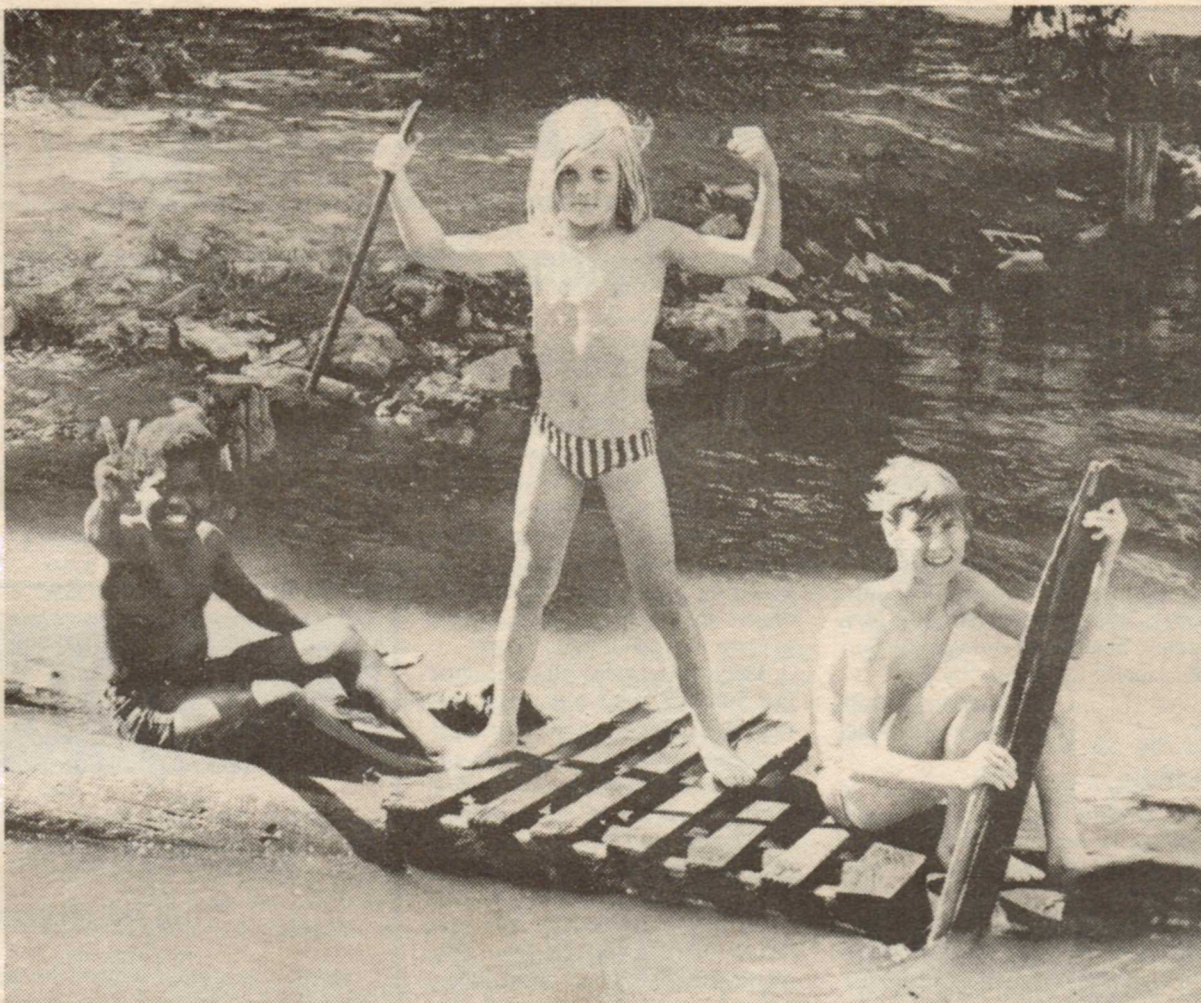
This year the festival will be held on two days over Friday and Saturday October 1 and 2 and according to festival organizers should be equally as good if not better than last year's festival.

Planned events include a fashion show for both men and women in local stores and a taffy pull for the kids. There will be several theme bands and of course free balloons and souvenirs for sale.

A new feature this year is an Old Cabbagetown "button contest". Any purchase in a store on Parliament Street gets the buyer a free "Old Cabbagetown" button. Periodically through the day, people wearing buttons will be selected randomly on the street and be given prizes donated by local merchants.

Another new event this year is the invitation of "Celebrity Guest Stars" and local politicians. The guest stars invited are Hugh Garner, Gord Sinclair and Paul Rimstead. The Mayor, local MP's, MPPs and Aldermen have also been invited.

And of course, in keeping with the Old Cabbagetown theme of the festival, many of the merchants will be dressed in "olde tyme" costumes.



A MEMORY OF SUMMER — The duck ponds on the former Riverdale Zoo site provided endless moments of fun. Above, three boys try rafting across one of the ponds.

Photo by Sue Emond

Castle Frank gets new principal


Students returning to Castle Frank Secondary School in the fall will find a new principal but not someone new to the school. The former principal, John Kileeg, has been recently promoted to the position of Assistant Area Superintendent of School Area Six in the north end of the city.

Promoted to principal is former vice-principal, John Hooper.

Meanwhile, the Toronto School Board have decided not to bring in a new principal at Sprucecourt Public School until October. The Board feels that staff and students alike need a chance to adjust to the loss of Helen Sweet, the school's principal over the past three years.

Miss Sweet died of cancer during the summer.

During the interim period, the school will be under the capable leadership of vice-principal Tom Fry. Mr. Fry was also the guidance counsellor for many years at Duke of York Public School.



NEWS

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NEXT ISSUE
Deadline for both copy and ads for next issue is noon on Monday, Sept. 20 for publication in the issue out over the weekend of Sept. 25. We still need letters-to-the-editor and have many good assignments for volunteer writers to take on. Call us at 920-8632.

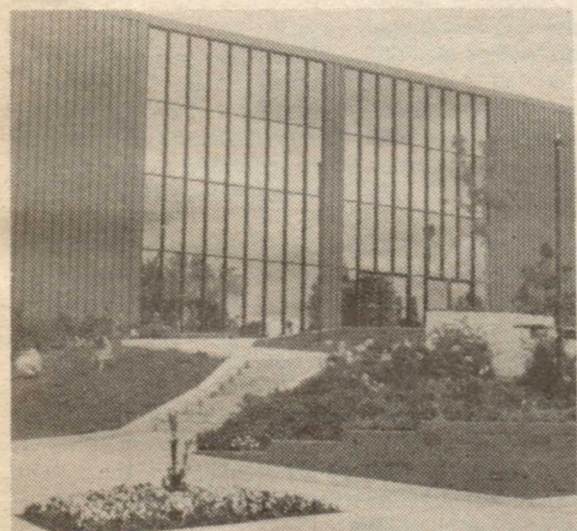
NEWS ROUND-UP

CNH to celebrate 65th birthday

Volunteers are needed by **Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street** to work with teens and children in fall and winter programs. Anyone with time to spare and wanting to help out should phone **Fred or Gayle** at 863-0499.

A **Chinese cooking course** is being held every Saturday for the next eight weeks at Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen East. There are two classes: Seniors, from 10 a.m. to noon and Junior from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fee is \$40 for the course. For information call **Mrs. Jane Lee** at 461-7668 or 461-1168.

Seven News has a number of new **Open Drops** where copies of the paper can be obtained free for the asking. In **St. Jamestown** they are: Shoppers' Drug Mart, Majestic Travel, St. James Town Barber Shop, Davis Cleaners, Jamestown Delicatessen and Elite Cleaners, 31 Howard Street. Other new Open Drops are Nellie's Hostel at 275A Broadview and Blake's Variety at 360 Gerrard East.



The new Jimmy Simpson Recreation Centre

The fall and winter program at **Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre** starts Mon. Sept. 27 with registration taking place during the **week of Sept. 20**. A large variety of programs is being offered to all age groups. They're at 870 Queen Street East or phone them at **461-2550**.

The **Adult Dart League** at Dixon Hall is still looking for members. Registration night is Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at 58 Sumach. For info call Fred at 863-0499.

Free **TM and Yoga** classes are being held every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. at Eastdale Collegiate auditorium, 701 Gerrard St. East. The classes are conducted by **Shri Rajkumar Mathur Ji**.

The Neighbourhood Information Centre, located on Barrington Ave. in Ward Eight, is compiling a listing of all homes in Ward 8 and the Riverdale area of Ward 7 that offer **home day care to children**. To get listed or for information, call them at 698-1626.

PEOPLE: Jay Hooper has been appointed Project Director of the YMCA St. James Town standard rental units, **Monica McPhee** and David Smith have been added to the staff of the St. James Town YMCA teen and children's program, **Laurie Newell, Wendy Bickerstaff** and Eileen Storchun are all new on staff at Tenant Hotline.

Deadline for registration for **night school classes** being held in Toronto high schools in Sept. 27 and 28 at the school holding the class that you want to attend.

ENTERTAINMENT: Squeezebox artist **Eddie Coffey**, known as "Newfoundland's own cup of tea", is entertaining nightly through September at the **Newfoundlander Tavern** on Danforth Avenue in Ward 7. Within the next couple of weeks he plans to record some numbers live from the Tavern.

Free Friday Films at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard East are in a science fiction vein during September. **Angry Red Planet** will be shown on the 17th and **The Raven** on the 24th. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

New **office hours** at the St. James Town YMCA are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday its open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Central Neighbourhood House is about to celebrate its **65th year** of operation. A birthday party will be held at its location, 349 Ontario on Saturday, **Sept. 18**, from 3 to 5 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited.

Theatre Next Door will hold **auditions** for its fall play on Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. in the recreation room sub-basement at **240 Wellesley East** and/or Sept. 13 at 8 p.m. at the **Don Vale Community Centre**, 80 Winchester Street.



Dianne Philips of The Mighty Majestics entertains an appreciative crowd at the Street Dance held outside Dixon Hall on Sept. 2.

NDP to hold family fun night

The New Democratic Party (NDP) which has often been criticized as being too serious, is out to change its image.

The first step being taken is a family fun night which is being sponsored by the St. David's NDP and will be held on Sun. Sept. 26 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Broadview YMCA, 275 Broadview.

To show that the NDP can be a fun party, they're planning a gala party. Volleyball, swimming, floor hockey, arts and crafts, singing, food and refreshments and supervised children's programs will all be available in a friendly, open-house atmosphere.

To show that they are serious about having fun, the St. David's NDP are mailing out 1,000 invitations to the party and following them up with phone calls. But a written or phone invitation isn't necessary to attend the party — anyone can come.

Besides taking over the YMCA and running a lot of its programs free for all the community on that Sunday, there will also be a number of big names present.

On hand for people to meet will be party leader Stephen Lewis; Gord Cressy, Ward 7 school trustee; Federal MP John Gilbert and MPP Jim Renwick. Invited to attend are ward aldermen John Sewell and Janet Howard as well as former ward alderman Karl Jafary.

The Broadview YMCA party is seen as the first of a series of social events to be held during the fall and early winter to give the St. David's NDP a better image and a higher profile in the riding.

Admission to the Sept. 26 party at the Broadview YMCA is free to all and more information can be had by phoning 363-3053 during the day or 961-2895 at night.



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Reader wants more on nutrition

Dear Sir:

I would like to draw your attention to the approaching Nutrition Week being held Oct. 18 to 23. This is sponsored by the Ontario Dietetic Association to focus attention on reliable sources of nutrition information, and the role of nutrition in maintaining good health. Your support would be appreciated.

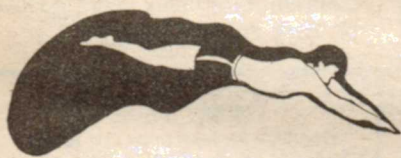
An excellent source of material you might consider suitable for publication is the community newsletter, "Nutrition Matters", published by local nutritionists for

the media, public health units, etc.

If you are not already receiving a copy, it is available from the local public health unit or from the Public Health Dept. at City Hall.

Barbara Vitalis
Sackville Place

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In November, a free five-week course in nutrition will be held at the Parliament Street Library. In conjunction with or following the course, 7 News will carry some articles on nutrition. ... NGB)



Saturday Sports College

This coeducational programme for children is designed to introduce and instruct skills necessary to participate in a variety of sports, members may select any single session or attend all two, swimming lessons accompany the gymnasium activity.

REGISTRATION DATE: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11/76

SESSIONS: 1. Starts September 18/76 - Ends December 18/76
JUDO 7 weeks
GYMNASTICS 7 weeks
SWIM Lessons 14 weeks
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LETTERS



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

Reader complains about Carlton garage

Dear Editor:

As a resident in DACHI on Carlton Street I would like to complain about Spartus Garage which is on the north side of Carlton next to the lane running behind Parliament.

In a residential area such as this has become, I'm surprised that no one else has complained. The speeding cars and screeching brakes are enough to cause anyone to have a heart attack.

They are also careless because last summer their tow truck was improperly braked and plowed across the street. This left oil and grease stains on the cement walk in front of their garage where anyone could slip and fall or track into their homes.

The other problem is that everytime a resident in the area drives his car off the street, the employees of Spartus immediately move one of their customer's cars into the vacated parking place.

Other problems are that the employees of Spartus are constantly revving motors and honking horns. This is a noise that most people can do without. Also the parking control officers continually tag cars belonging to people who live in the area but don't seem to tag the cars

belonging to customers of the garage.

Everyone seems concerned about density and open space. I think there should be equal concern about people's health and not Spartus Garage's wealth.

Dorothy Bushey

OPINION!

Socialism falls short

by RICHARD WHITEBREAD

In the corner grocery store the other day, a woman was remarking on the scarcity of her purchases. It was the end of the month, she said, and like "everyone" she was waiting for her cheque. What the cheque was for is of little importance, but the incident points to an increasingly worrisome aspect of our society which should not be overlooked.

Our system of socialism must be the envy of every other country. We give allowances to mothers for having children, insurance to workers who cannot find employment, subsidized housing and free hospital care to the needy, and numerous other benefits which come with the postman at the end of the month. There can be no doubt that such social services satisfy a need by helping segments of society that would otherwise suffer grievous hardship. And yet more and more people are becoming aware that the present trend in socialism cannot continue without disastrous results.

We need only look at Britain to see the supreme example of a society being economically crushed under the burden of socialism. The grumblings that are being heard in Canada about the state of the economy are a healthy reaction to impending disaster.

Any sound economy is based on productivity. The system depends on individuals taking out of society in proportion to what they put into it. Two aspects are worthy of concern: Canada's rate of productivity is stagnating and the federal government continues to spend an estimated \$17.5 billion on its socialist schemes.

There is a lot of talk these days about reducing government spending to decrease the inflation rate. Part of the inflation problem is caused by the overprinting of money by the federal government, but we would do well to remember that an estimated \$8.2 billion of that money is used as free handouts to those receiving the social benefits of Old Age Security, Family Allowances, and Unemployment Insurance. These are unproductive benefits in that they are given out with no reciprocal good or service rendered in return.

The political fact of the matter is that politicians have come to realize that socialism is a vote-winner and a policy of eliminating or reducing social benefits is political suicide. Look what happened when the provincial government decided to reduce expenditures in the field of welfare benefits. Queen's Park was besieged by mobs of angry welfare recipients declaring that the government was being unfair.

How far are we willing to go before the socialist bubble bursts and we are left in a state of economic shock? No amount of complaining about the rate of inflation and government spending will hold water unless it is tempered with a sense of sacrifice. Until we are all willing to give up some of the socialist aspects we have grown used to, we will continue to muddle through to imminent calamity. We cannot expect the government to reduce spending and support us at the same time.

Every indication is that this sense of sacrifice is sadly lacking. Collectively we are all enthusiastic about solving the country's economic problems. And yet, as individuals, we sit back and wait for "that cheque" at the end of the month. Perhaps the lesson that is evident in all of this is that we cannot depend on the individual to give up what he has become accustomed to, and what he believes foolishly is rightfully his.

And that is where socialism as we have come to know it falls short: it is idealistic enough to expect that the individual will not abuse the system. Socialism presupposes that the worker who receives Unemployment Insurance will relinquish his benefits once he has found employment. It is naive enough to believe that only the needy will receive welfare benefits.

As a result, we all became too greedy in our former security and were willing to tap the system for everything it was worth. The blunt truth is becoming increasingly apparent: the well has dried up, and the drought is about to begin. And without a little restraint and sacrifice, the end of the month will not be soon in coming.

OPINION! is a column of a guest editorial nature on topics of special or general interest to people in Ward Seven. Your comments on its subject matter would be appreciated. Anyone wishing to write a column of OPINION! should contact the editor, Norman Browne, at 920-8632 for guidelines on length and subject matter.

Why not the YMCA ?

Take the best features of physical education, blend with a mixture of sociality and add an old, warm building and presto — the Broadview YMCA, south of Gerrard, north of Dundas Street. Our aim for 1976-77 is to cater to the demands of our community. Program staff is university trained to help you; support staff are friendly and will cater to your questions.

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Most important, however, our "Y" is a friendly people place "Y". We chose to do so and we work at keeping it such.

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2. TAI CHI

10 weeks starts September 28, 1976 Tuesday's 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Small Gymnasium All Ages Fee: \$30.

3. CO-ED LEARN TO SWIM

10 weeks starts September 16, 1976 Thursday's 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Fee: \$30.

4. TINY TOTS AQUATICS

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Starts September 15, 1976 Auditorium Wednesday's 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. where the child will be placed in appropriate levels. Ages Co-ed 6 - 15 years. Fee: \$10. per activity.
Ballet will be Saturday's 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For more information please call 461-8123.





Above, as part of the Bain Festival, Nancy Kimura and Mike Brown put the finishing touches on a tipi. Photo by Tom Moss

Lottery needs help to reach goal

That 50 cent lottery, Seven News' own Ward Seven lottery, is moving along in high gear, according to lottery co-ordinator Ulli Diemer.

Thousands of tickets have already been sold to put Seven News well on the way to its objective of raising \$5,000 to sustain the operations of the paper. But many more thousands remain to be sold, and as many people and groups as possible are needed to help out in every conceivable way. Still needed are more people who will sell tickets to friends, neighbours, and fellow workers, more groups who will distribute tickets to contacts and members, more merchants who will buy tickets themselves or sell them across the counter, more schools who will take on books of tickets, more people who will man tables on the street, at bingos, dances, etc.

It's a good cause — the survival of Seven News, and everyone stands a chance of winning. There's a \$500 first prize, a \$100 second prize, a \$50 third prize, a number of bonus prizes worth up to \$50, and prizes to the sellers of the first three winning tickets. (Sellers of the winning ticket gets \$100 for her or himself.)

And for those who don't care about winning prizes (should there be anyone in this category), you can always look at it as a way to donate to Seven News. According

to editor Norman Browne, many people who appreciate the paper and would gladly pay to subscribe to it (you can't, if you live in Ward Seven, because you get it free) use the lottery as a way to pay for their "subscription" by buying a couple of books of lottery tickets, or by selling them to their friends.

So hurry, hurry. Buy early, buy often. Call Ulli at 920-8632 for details.

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Festival at Bain Ave. a big success

by AUDREY SMOLIN

Undaunted by cloudy skies and forecasts of rain, residents of the 260-unit Bain Apartments Co-op held their third annual summer street festival on Saturday, August 28th. Co-op members' spirits were particularly high for this year's activities as they were also celebrating their upcoming takeover of the Bain property from the City.

Even before festivities began the street was livened up by gayly coloured balloons, streamers and posters, and by the hustle and bustle of residents of all ages preparing for the day's activities. Each of the Co-op's courtyards was designed for special activities — children's games in one, a cake baking competition and bake sale in another, and an intra-courtyard tug-of-war in a third.

The events of the day began with a children's parade and bicycle competition followed by the official opening ceremonies. Bill Binney, Co-op manager, was MC for the day and introduced Ward 7 Alderwoman Janet Howard. In her brief remarks Alderwoman Howard called Bain "an example and a hope" for the other non-profit housing projects of the City of Toronto. Residents, friends and neighbours were then invited to view the many crafts exhibits, try sandwiches and baked goods in the tea room (and have their fortunes

told in the process) or await the many games and competitions that were scheduled for the festival. With lots of food and prizes donated by local merchants, there was something for young and old alike.

Crafts displayed by Bain residents and friends included an exhibit of lovely hand-blown glass, a collection of beautifully-designed native crafts, a macrame demonstration and exhibit, and a collection of handmade dolls. There were also three tables of crafts made by Bain kids and adults at the Bain Recreation Centre, apple dolls, and exquisite handcrafted wooden infants' cradles.

Mrs. Myrtle Evans, longtime Bain resident, knitted and donated for raffle a very lovely and warm sweater complete with Bain motif, and the mother of Bain resident Flo Simpson created a set of nativity figures also raffled for the benefit of the Co-op.

The baking competition judged by Mrs. Evans, Alderwoman Howard, Bain assistant-manager Alexandra Wilson, and Residents'

Council member Charles Shopsis had on-lookers wishing they could change places with the judging staff. First place went to Maja Ardal for an indescribable coffee cream torte. Vanessa Compton won second honours for a chocolate apple creation, and Karen Christopher took third place with a very beautiful cheese cake.

Not even drenching rain could dampen the spirits of Bain residents. After waiting out the hour and a half downpour, Co-op members came out in full force for a potluck supper and street dance. Bain residents and their musical associates provided entertainment followed by dancing to records DJ'd by Bain's Linda Robitaille until midnight. Although some of the competitions were cancelled because of the rain, the Co-op plans to reschedule the final rounds of the tug-o-war and the men's beautiful legs contest for a weekend in the Fall. The prizes still await their lucky winners and Co-op spirits remain at an all-time high following this year's highly successful street festival.

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Who killed Grace Bates...?

by NORMAN G. BROWNE
and DON WEITZ

Grace Bates, a long-time resident of Cabbagetown, was 63 years of age when she died in the early morning of July 19 at Nellie's Hostel on Broadview.

She had been taken to Nellie's Hostel the previous night by a Hostel volunteer after an anonymous phone call stated that she had spent the three previous days and nights alone in wheel chair in Allan Gardens.

As a result of the media publicity on her death, an inquest was held. Prior to the inquest, Don Weitz, a community health worker in Ward Seven, who knew Grace, did some investigating on his own. He also testified at the inquest.

According to Weitz, a lot of information concerning her death didn't come out at the inquest — and a lot of what did, was contradictory and false to fact.

Although the coroner's report listed her death as a heart attack, Weitz feels she actually died of a "broken heart" because she was totally rejected by all of the social agencies and service networks that are supposed to protect her and keep her alive.

Weitz first met Grace on May 18 at the Toronto Community Youth Hostel on Spadina Road. She had been there five days. She was there because she could find no other place to stay. Her family benefits worker referred her to Don when she could find no place that would take Grace. Grace's worker, Mrs.

Spearman, said that the hostels and nursing homes she had contacted were either all filled up or flatly refused to take a person like Grace who was handicapped and in a wheel chair.

Grace had been brought to the youth hostel by the police after she had been evicted from her OHC apartment on Bleecker St. in James Town. She had been living there alone for a year.

At the inquest, the OHC property manager stated she had been evicted because of "inebriation and noise" and complaints from other tenants. Weitz claims that most of the "complaints" were minor — like keeping a pet in her apartment and calling the police because she was lonely.

On May 20, Weitz found a place for Grace at the Rose Avenue Rest Home which has room for 20 older people and charges \$165 a month for rent and meals. The people running the place agreed to accept Grace and Weitz recalls that they said they had heard about Grace and knew her Doctor.

When he took her to the Rest Home, Grace looked fairly cheerful and relieved. A week or so later when he visited her, Weitz says she looked fine but was still confined to her wheel chair.

However, at the inquest, one of the people who runs the Rest Home stated they only "accept people who can look after themselves."

Grace's stay at the Rest Home did not last long. According to testimony at the inquest she began drinking again and when the peo-

ple running the Home (Jenny McPhail and her husband Clayton Wilkinson) heard about it, they threatened to evict her.

Despite these eviction threats, Grace continued drinking until one day in early June when McPhail - Wilkinson gave her three weeks to get out. Around the end of June, Grace left, saying, "If I can't drink, I won't be back."

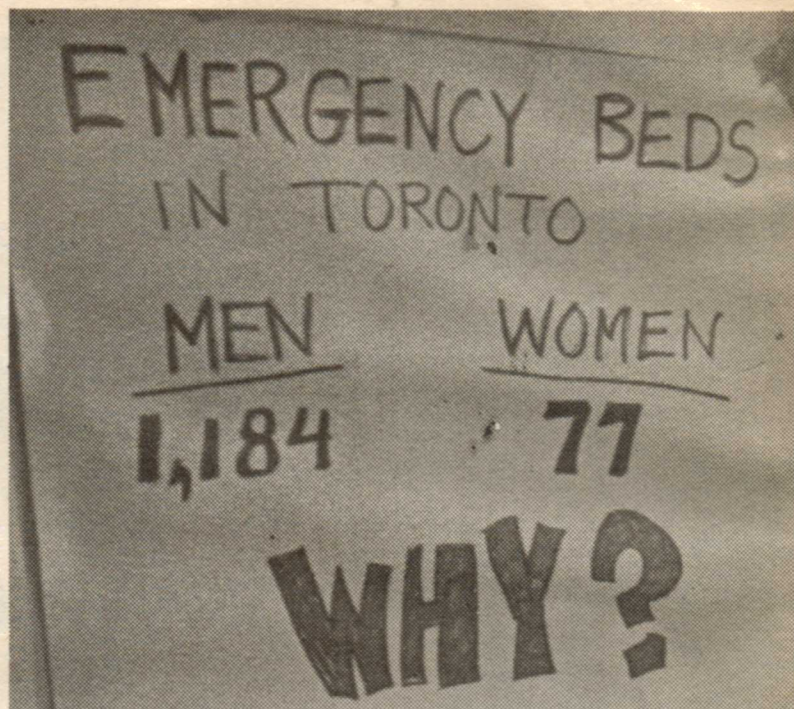
Weitz claims that testimony at the inquest over how she left was contradictory. Wilkinson says he never asked Grace to leave and that she left voluntarily. Weitz says she was "thrown out on the street in her wheel chair with nowhere to go."

Weitz also says that McPhail - Wilkinson hadn't bothered to try finding Grace another place. Nor did they notify a social worker or her Family Benefits supervisor Mrs. Spearman. They did, however, complain about Grace drinking to Barry Burwash, a Family Benefits field worker assigned to the Home.

On July 4, Grace showed up on the doorstep of Street Haven, a women's hostel on Pembroke Street, still in her wheel chair. A staff worker at Street Haven told the inquest that Grace informed her that she had been evicted from the rest home on Rose Avenue because of drinking.

Three days later Grace left Street Haven, partly because she wanted to go back to the St. James Town apartment from which she had been evicted.

On July 14, Family Benefits



The sign is on the wall at Nellie's Hostel on Broadview — the place Grace Bates died — after spending 3 days and nights in a park.

field worker Barry Burwash met and talked with Grace. Burwash recalls Grace telling him she'd been evicted from the rest home for "causing a disturbance and drinking at night."

Late Friday night, July 16, Grace was seen in the Emergency waiting room of Wellesley Hospital. Apparently no one knows why she was there.

Kieran Breaks, a former 7 News staff member, noticed an elderly woman with a "rotting smell" around her. Breaks recalls seeing Grace waiting for at least a half-hour before she finally urinated through her wheel chair onto the floor.

Breaks went and told a doctor about the woman. The doctor came out and spoke to her and then quickly disappeared. Breaks claims an hour passed without any Emergency staff coming to her aid. At that point she began to wheel herself out of the hospital.

Breaks notified a nurse that the elderly woman in the wheel chair had just left. "The nurse insinuated that it was all right — it was Mrs. Bates and they had tried to help her, but she had been 'uncooperative'."

Some short time later, Breaks left the hospital and upon walking over to the corner of Wellesley and Sherbourne he again saw Grace "sitting in the wheel chair in the corner of the bus shelter on Sherbourne Street".

Breaks returned to the Emergency Department of the hospital and told a nurse and a few doctors standing around about Grace. "I don't know if anybody is interested but Mrs. Bates is sitting in the bus shelter on Sherbourne and Wellesley."

According to Breaks, the nurse replied, "That's Mrs. Bates, that's fine, that's just where she should be."

Don Weitz says that the information by Kieran Breaks never came out at the inquest. It was first reported over the phone to 7 News editor Norman Browne shortly after the announcement of Mrs. Bates' death. Browne suggested he past it on in full to Alderman Janet Howard and informed both Weitz and Howard that Breaks had some important testimony about the Grace Bates case.

Breaks made a full written report to Alderman Howard from which Don Weitz picked up a copy. Weitz says that some of the Breaks story appeared in the Globe and Mail but none of it was reported at the inquest.

Sometime between July 16 to 18, Patsy Randall, a Street Haven resident saw Grace in Allan Gardens. Grace told Patsy that she'd spent the previous two to three

nights outside in the park because she had nowhere to go.

Weitz says, "Incredible as this sounds, the police didn't notice or bother to notice Grace during all this time in the park!" An unsubstantiated report says that a policeman from 51 Division was finally made aware of her, at which point he was heard to remark, "I wouldn't put that filth in my car."

Finally Nellie's Hostel was notified of her and she was taken over there — where she died the next morning.

Weitz says, "At least 20 people and eight social agencies were in contact with Grace Bates during the three months prior to her death. None of them got close enough to her to get personally involved. They just tried to put up with her — but from a distance — and not for long." Weitz claims the whole situation is a "cop-out".

The Coroner's Jury came out with this statement: "The main problem seems to be that this woman was neglected and undernourished because she had no place to go and no one to turn to for help."

The Coroner's Jury also made a number of recommendations:

- All nursing homes, rest homes and hostels, whether private or government run, should be licensed with standards set as to accommodation and operations with emphasis placed on the individual's emotional well-being.

- A central body to act as a liaison between various social services and agencies is required to improve communications between these groups.

- Stricter police patrols of known areas such as Allan Gardens where it is possible for a person to remain overnight unnoticed.

- More accommodation of a more permanent nature than the hostels with rehabilitation facilities is required, particularly for women.

- Many of the hostels appear to be doing an excellent job, but are understaffed and limited in facilities due to lack of sufficient funds. We suggest that some of the provincial lottery money could be beneficially diverted in this direction.

- Stricter controls by Government are required on the eviction of people from Ontario Housing.

The last time Duane Bates saw his wife Grace alive was on July 11 when she came to visit him in the nursing home where he lives. "I'd never seen her happier in all my life," he said at the inquest.

Just try convincing him his wife died a "natural death" says Don Weitz.



The staff of Nellie's Hostel on Broadview took over the building — in part to dramatize the need for more hostel space for women in the city.

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Education Report

School Board helps needy students

by GORD CRESSY
and DOUG BARR

As it has done in the past, the Toronto Board of Education will provide free carfare or free school supplies to students from low income families in the city.

It has been our experience that whether or not teenagers in Ward Seven stay in high school can often be attributed to small but important issues such as having enough money for car fare and/or school supplies.

The application procedure is simple. Parents of eligible students should come in person to fill out an application at the Student Services Offices in Area Four.

These are located in the north end of the first floor of Regent Park Public School, 20 Regent Street. Regent Street runs south from Dundas a block east of Parliament Street.

Depending upon how much income a family has (and this includes monthly family allowance cheques) a student may be eligible for either free car fare or supplies or both.

Here is the eligibility list for 1976-77 school year. The first number is for the family size and the second, their maximum income: For a family of 1 — \$3,573; 2 — \$5,955; 3 — \$7,146; 4 — \$8,337; 5 — \$9,528; 6 — \$10,719; 7 — \$11,910; 8 — \$13,101; 9 — \$14,292; and 10 — \$15,483.

If a student comes from a family of say five, and his family lives on less than \$9,528, he is eligible for free car fare or supplies. If the

same student's family lives on less than the category for a family of four (8,337) he/she is eligible for both free car fare and supplies.

Another program that the Board of Education operates to assist students from families in financial need is the Attendance Scholarship. These are limited to one per family (unlike free car fare and supplies) and a student may not get both an attendance scholarship and free car fare or supplies. It's an either-or proposition.

The scholarship pays \$20 a month to eligible students who are in regular attendance at their school. In other words, if the student has been skipping school a great deal it is doubtful that he/she will qualify.

The procedure for applying for an attendance scholarship is the same as for free car fare and supplies. Parents must apply in person to the Area Four Student Services Offices at 20 Regent Street.

The basis for eligibility for an attendance scholarship is as follows: for a family up to four in size, their maximum income must be \$6,000 or less. For a family numbering five to six, their income shouldn't be over \$6,600. For a family of seven or more, their family income should be less than \$7,200.

Reader will be able to see, from a quick comparison of the two programs, that if a family qualifies for both — the attendance scholarship is clearly worth more. One simply has to be in much greater need to be eligible.

The attendance scholarship income figures quoted above are for last year and it is possible that these will be adjusted upward by ten per cent in the Fall. If your family is close to those figures, ask about the program when you apply.



The Consumer's Gas Company building which is being studied as a site for a Riverdale community cultural centre.
Photo by Adrienne Jones

Riverdale cultural centre finds site

Proposals for a cultural centre in South Riverdale will be put before a public meeting at Woodgreen Community Centre on September 14th.

The project, to convert the Consumers' Gas Meter Room on Eastern Avenue into a Community Arts Centre for Riverdale residents, has been developed by Synagon Theatre in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Improvement Programme Committee.

Said Robert Rooney, of 13 McGee St., "The Meter Room is ideal. There is very little structural work needed and it can accommodate a variety of activities. It would

be a great asset to the community."

Mr. Rooney and his wife Brenda have been working on the project for more than a year now. They believe that although the area is well-served by community centres, there is a decided lack of artistic outlets.

The plan is to operate initially three amateur theatre groups for children, youth and adults. These would be run by a professional group who in turn would also put on a season of plays.

The centre would also house workshops, music lessons, an arts and crafts studio and a photo-

graphic darkroom. A thirteen page report on the project is available from the N.I.P. office, 731 Queen Street East.

"Many opinions have been expressed on the subject," said Mr. Rooney, "as it concerns a very important part of life in our community. We hope that everybody with any interest in the arts will attend the meeting."

For further information contact Margaret Bryce at 463-5914.

Don West gets OK on new building

Don West Neighbours Group, a non-profit, co-op housing organization has won preliminary approval to construct a 13-unit mixed residential development on the site of 295-297 Ontario Street.

The site presently consists of an empty lot and a house deemed beyond repair.

The 13 units will consist of three 3-bedroom apartments, six 1-bedroom apartments and four bedsitting rooms in a three and four storey configuration with a density of 1.35. There will be parking space for five cars and 45% of the lot will be landscaped open space.

Some concern was expressed by neighbours over the management of Don West Neighbours other units. Don West presently has six other houses but with the addition of 13 new units it will allow them to hire a full-time caretaker to maintain all of their units.

The plan still has to be approved by City Council, and the OMB but no further major objections are expected. Financing will be by Central Mortgage and Housing and a number of the units in the new building will be rent assisted.

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Danforth nightspots provide varied entertainment

by PATRICIA COOK

Many Greek people coming to Toronto settle east of the Don River. Their influence is felt all along the Danforth but especially between Broadview and Pape. Bakeshops like the **Akropol Bakery** at 458 Danforth or the **Pallas Bakery** further up the street sell such goodies as fresh-baked Greek bread or nutty "baclavas" dripping with honey. For a look at some hand-embroidered imported clothing step into any one of the numerous shops around. Rarely do these shops stick specifically to clothes. An avid skier may find just the right pair of skis in the back along with a brightly woven wool ski sweater and toque. Beautiful glassware and hand-decorated Greek pottery are also abundant.

When shopping is over get ready for a big dinner of shish kebab, some hand-clapping Greek music, Naooussa red wine, lively dancing, and Greek coffee. The night spots

along the Danforth are varied and welcome people of all nationalities.

For real Greek food at a reasonable price, go to the **Dionisos Restaurant** at 500 Danforth Ave. or the **Byzantium Restaurant** at 401 Danforth. These places are casual, fairly small, and heavily patronized by Greeks. If you've decided on an expensive evening of dinner, music, and dancing, step down the street to the **Symposium Tavern**.

Situated at 95 Danforth Ave. the Symposium has been open for four months and attracts a crowd of about 70% Greek and 30% Canadian, mostly couples. The decor is spacious with dark brown carved wood walls rising to meet white stucco. The tables are covered with red and white checked cloths and are casually arranged on varying levels, most within sight of the dance floor and band. Along one wall opposite the bar is a striking

rural of the Mediterranean and coastline. Waning and brightening lights have the effect of bringing the painting to life as the water shimmers and moves. For a more intimate evening there is room for eight couples on a balcony overlooking the dance floor.

The Symposium features a typical Greek menu with appetizers of Saganaki, a dish of cheese and eggs, and Octopus, a somewhat unfamiliar delicacy to many land-bound Canadians. A large Greek salad with Feda cheese costs \$3.25. The main course features steak, lamb, and the famed "souvlakia" or shish kebab for \$5.25. You will pay \$1.00 for Canadian beer, \$1.75 for 1-1/4 oz. of Canadian Club rye whiskey, and \$2.25 for mixed drinks like a Singapore Sling. Or you can try the Symposium special made of orange juice, lemon juice, apricot brandy, grenadine, and ouzo, for \$2.35. A bottle of red Beaujolais with the meal will cost \$14.95.

Six years older and more expensive is the **Neraida Room** at 129 Danforth. It also offers dinner, dancing, and live Greek music for the well-dressed crowd but here you'll pay \$2.00 for a 1-1/4 oz. drink of Canadian Club, \$1.50 for Canadian beer, and a whopping \$15.00 for a bottle of the popular Greek red wine, Naooussa. The menu features steaks, pork tenderloin, and fish. Shish kebab is \$6.00 a plate.

There are places on the Danforth that cater to those people who prefer to devote their whole attention to food. One of these is the newly-opened **Hellenic Place**, owned by twenty-three year old Andy Dimakopoulos and situated at 124 Danforth. The decor is softly elegant with blue tablecloths, dim lighting, and fresh roses and a candle at each table. It seats about one hundred seventy people

and displays a mural of the Delphi Temple on the south wall. Visitors to this restaurant are treated to a delightful Greek custom. They visit the kitchen where they choose their dinner from a number of sizzling Greek dishes. Mousaka, a dish of egg plant and ground meat with a light shepherd pie covering, is excellent and cost only \$3.75.

The shish kebab specialty is a reasonable \$4.50. Greek salad, a bargain at \$2.00 for two people is light and tasty. All dishes go well with a bottle of Naooussa, here only \$6.00 a bottle. I was offered a taste by a happy customer who had driven sixty miles from King, Ontario, on a recommendation by a friend. Drinks run from \$1.20 to \$1.50 while Canadian beer is 70 cents. Stop for a while here and chat with Mr. Dimakopoulos, a very hospitable owner who loves "to talk to people — exchange stories about Greece". Try the Hellenic special, a drink mixed with the traditional ouzo, the licorice-tasting drink from Greece.

Up the street at 477 Danforth is the **Odyssey Restaurant**, a second spot without live music, where you will be greeted by a black suited waiter with black bow tie and white shirt. Seating about one hundred fifty people this elegant restaurant was about three-quarters full the Sunday night I was there. The walls are the favored deep brown wood and the tablecloths are a rich red. You'll pay \$1.35 for a Canadian Club highball and \$7.50 for Naooussa. Shish kebab is \$4.25 and mousaka and lamb are \$4.00. For dessert try the custard-like Galactopourico. A somewhat livelier time may be had upstairs during the week with the mid-east dancing of Michel Safi's Harem Review.

After dinner you may feel like relaxing and listening to soft Greek folk music at the **Esperides Cafe**, a

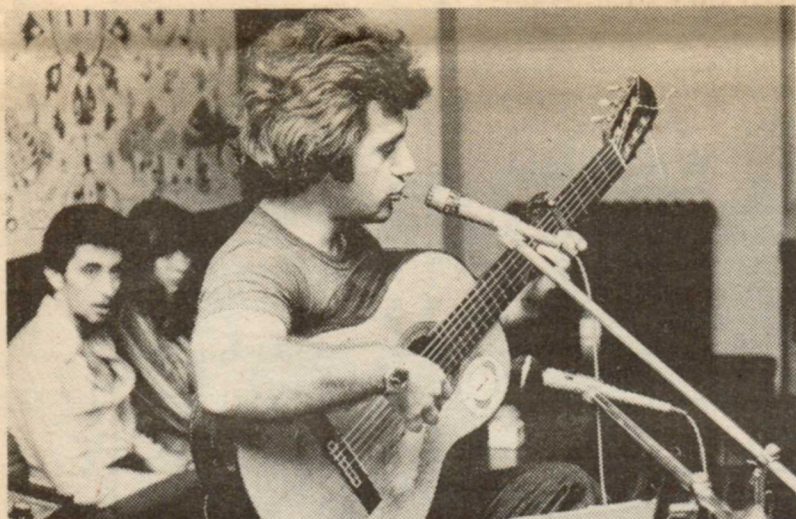
Greek coffee house. If you've eaten a little less you may feel like dancing the night away at the **Macedonian**, a regular discotheque with a Greek owner. Both places cater to a younger crowd and neither have a liquor license.

The **Esperides Cafe** at 125 Danforth has low brown and gold striped stools facing little redwood tables. Again there is a mural all along one wall. This one is a black and white abstract of soldiers. The Greek coffee is thick and bitter and is poured into small pewter cups from a long-handled copper pot. The Esperides seats about one hundred twenty and has been open for two years. It is the forerunner of the Symposium, owned by the same man.

Just down the road at 351B Danforth is the **Macedon discotheque** opened two years ago by a couple of Macedonians. One of them, Risto Dimitriev, tells the story of nearly a dozen couples who have met here and are now married. The Macedon, popular with the 16 to early 20 crowd, was packed on the Thursday night we were there.

Disco music, with different light colors and patterns accentuating every beat, plays continuously. Stroboscopes chop up the actions of the dancers who retire dancers who retire to drink lemonade at 95 cents a glass, soft drinks at 80 cents, and coffee or tea at 50 cents. As one eighteen year old from Danforth Tech put it, "Most of the kids like it here because they know everyone else."

It's easy to appreciate the effect of the Greek culture on the Danforth any time, day or night. The Greek language mixes with English in the fruit stores, the bakeries, the clothing stores, the restaurants, and the night spots. For many of us, a visit to this colorful area of Toronto is as close to sunny Greece as we will ever get.



Thanos Adrianos is a current entertainer at the **Esperides Cafe**, one of the many lively nightspots that are featured on the Danforth.

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Crisis looms for community office space

by **NORMAN G. BROWNE**

The availability of free or inexpensive office space to community organizations in the Don District may reach crisis proportions in the next month or so.

Funding cutbacks have caused a number of community services to seek free or cheap office space. However, this same desire for austerity is effecting the United Church, the Toronto Library Board and the Toronto School Board and causing them to reassess their practise of making space available free or at a loss.

The Library Board enters the picture in a dispute that has arisen over the use to be made of the Parliament Street Library House at 265 Gerrard East. The dispute arose when Neighbourhood Information Post, which now occupies a small office at the back of the first floor of the house asked for larger quarters.

They made a request for either the back of the reading room or the whole front room now used for TV watching. At the same time, the Community Secretariat, now temporarily located at Oak and River entered a request for space on the second floor of the Library House. Both groups sought the accommodation rent free.

Some of the Library House staff and regular users objected to any changes in the arrangements at the House. The Library Board, meanwhile, would like to see the community take over operation of the Library House and run it as a community centre.

A public meeting last month tried to sort out the problem but ended up forming a committee to look into the situation. The committee, called "Friends of the Parliament Library" is reported to be having trouble dealing with the issue and it all might end up in the laps of the Library Board at its October meeting.

Meanwhile, the Community Secretariat is getting free rent on a day-to-day basis on the second floor of one of the two remaining houses at the Oak-Cornwall school site.

They have no tenure there, though, because the School Board is presently negotiating with the City to take over the two houses and turn them into residential accommodation.

Finally, tenants in the Don Vale Community Centre are sitting uneasy as a result of action taken by the Board of the Community Centre. The Board, on behalf of the people of Don Vale, rents the Centre for \$1 a year from the Un-

ited Church of Canada.

The Centre Board suggested paying a higher rent to the Church and in return have the United Church pay some of the costs of maintenance and upkeep for the building. A letter to the United Church mentions a figure of around \$12,000 as being needed for major repairs and upkeep.

However, the maintenance and architecture member of the three-man fact-finding group that came to a meeting in the building recently estimated that \$250,000 was the amount of money needed to put the building into ideal repair and condition.

That same figure, \$250,000 was, coincidentally, mentioned earlier as the possible sale price of the building to a congregation in search of a church. At a prior meeting, Rev. John Metson, the United Church minister responsible for the area stated that over the last few years the value of the building has

risen from \$65,000 to a possible quarter of a million.

The lease on the building expires at the end of this year. If the United Church doesn't provide any money for repairs, the community centre could be unusable this winter. If they don't renew the lease and sell the building instead, it could still result in the tenants in the building having to move out.

The United Church is expected to make their decision in late October on the fate of the Don Vale Community Centre. Both the Community Secretariat and the Neighbourhood Information Post should also know by then where they stand.

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by **JANE GOWDY**

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A clerk at Doyle's Discount Store bags the purchases of a satisfied customer.
Photo by Adrienne Jones

BOOK REVIEW

The Intruder...intrudes

Reviewed by Tom Corbett

The Intruders, by Hugh Garner, \$9.95, 328 pages. Published by McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

Hugh Garner's latest book, **The Intruders**, is a poor effort by an author described as "one of Canada's most successful, prolific and well known writers."

Without arguing the merits of this portrayal, it is enough to note the above quote is found on the dust jacket of Garner's latest venture into the presses of Canadian Literature.

One might overlook this public relations blurb, if Garner had stuck more to straight storytelling in **The Intruders**, and left his own philosophy out, or at least subdued it a bit more.

Although the author has picked a good topic to write about, the "whitepainting" of Cabbagetown, too often he gets caught up in his own philosophy. He forgets that natives of the area may have more perspectives on life than he does.

Instead, his own narrow thinking comes out of the characters' mouths. Consequently, they become cartoon figures to be laughed at, instead of people to sympathize with in their uprootings by a new class of people.

The author's analysis of his many characters and their problems, makes one look upon Garner as a shallow Freud and Plato combined.

The Intruders is a follow-up to Garner's second novel, **Cabbagetown**, published in 1950. Both of these books use the same setting, an area the author grew up in.

Unfortunately, **The Intruders** doesn't capture the feeling of the area as his earlier novel did. The time has also changed, to the 1970's, along with the characters who provide the new book with its title.

The intruders are middle class professionals moving into Cabbagetown with their sandblasting machines and paint brushes. One of the book's main characters,

Elsie Dales, shows us the contempt that she, as a supposedly typical Cabbagetown native, has for these new residents.

However, one isn't very apt to take her too serious in a condemnation of the new neighbours, because she feels the same about everyone she doesn't know or understand.

She shows utter contempt for "long-haired weirdoes", politicians and college professors, as well as "anybody else from east of Ontario."

It is in the conflict between Cabbagetown natives and newcomers though that Garner really shines. Too bad it takes 300 pages before the two groups realize that until they start minding their own business, problems with neighbours will continue.

If the characters had read Ann Landers more often, perhaps the book would have contained lower quantity and higher quality.

Another problem Garner can't seem to overcome, is the stereotyping of the Cabbagetown natives. In one blatant example, he tells us that people in the area use "Ma" in their talk — "the Cabbagetown generic term for Mother which still prevailed in that neighbourhood though in other parts of the city it had been superseded by Mom."

The Intruders is not a complete waste of reading time. There are a number of pages where Garner forgets he is trying to give us his message and lapses into straight storytelling.

As a storyteller, Garner is quite good and his characters give us a much better scope of the problems they face than Garner apparently has. Unfortunately, these lapses are too few and far between. There is one good point about **The Intruders** which can't be overlooked. With its detailed street locations, the novel would be great competition for a Perly street guide.

Personally, I'd opt for the street guide; it doesn't pretend to be something it isn't.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The review copy of **The Intruders** has been donated to the Parliament Street Library and may be obtained there free upon request.



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