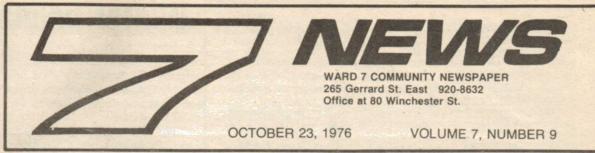


Physical Description of the Continuents

Vincent Tipe, who painted the fire hydrant, stands with it on the lawn of his parent's home on Carlton Street. Asked if it had a name, Vince said, "Crazy Joe, I guess." The only official reaction has been from a parking policeman, who stopped, rolled down his window and then laughed. Vincent painted the hydrant late last summer.



# Merchants want liquor, wine stores closed

The Board of Management of the Parliament Street Business Improvement District are demanding that the liquor and wine stores on Parliament Street be closed because they are contributing to the deterioration of the area.

The Board is asking that the three stores take responsibility for the conduct of their customers and in some measure regulate them. If this is not done and they don't close, the Board will seek community support in the way of petitions, pickets and may even take vigilante action.

The new get-tough policy in regard to "panhandling, stupid drunkeness and undesirables on the street" was approved by the Board at a meeting last week.

The Board of Management consists of President Bart Davis (Davis Cleaners), Carl Orbach (lawyer), Jim Reneries (Home Hardware), Sol Wayne (Wayne Furniture), Mary Bender (Harris Dept. Store), and alderman John Sewell. They represent 150 merchants on Parliament Street who have banded together and contributed increased taxes to improve the street.

The drunks and panhandlers, said Mr. Davis, "are bad for business as they are making the area an undesirable place in which to live and shop. It's a social problem," he added, "and should be looked after by the Province."

The problem is not a new one but it is only recently that the merchants on Parliament Street have tried to solve it. So far, they have been largely unsuccessful.

Mr. Davis stated that they had talked to Inspector Barnes of 51 Police Division but got no satisfaction from him. The police even refuse to pick up drunks lying on the street, claiming there is no place to take them.

The Merchants' Board has asked local MPP Margaret Scrivener for help but state she could do nothing. They also talked to the Liquor Control Board and the manager of the local liquor store but they would do nothing.

Mr. Davis is particularly angry about what goes on in the parking

lot beside and behind the liquor store on Parliament Street. He says the lot should be for customer parking rather than employee parking. If the cars there were constantly

being moved, the lot wouldn't be used by undesirables to drink and urinate in plain public view.

"I maintain that the liquor store Continued on pg 3

# 1880's era is theme of Parliament Festival

After a month-long delay, the second annual Parliament Street Fall Festival is ready to go over the two days Oct. 29 and 30. In keeping with the Old Cabbagetown designation of the street, the theme of the festival will be the 1880's era and merchants are expected to dress themselves and their stores to suit the theme.

Following are some of the planned events:

- Each merchant will have a supply of buttons to give out with a purchase. A spotter will pick people at random wearing a button and give out prizes and souvenirs.
  - A pet show and a pet rock
  - In the CBC building a number

of children's contest will be held.

- A stage will be set up for two days at the Loblaw Parking lot to accommodate bands.
- The O'Keefe Caravan with Paul Rimstead will locate near the stage.
- On Saturday there will be an all-day antique display in the CBC building.
- MPP Margaret Scrivener will be guest commentator for a Fall Fashion Show to be held starting at 2 p.m. in the CBC building.
- Federal Finance Minister and local MP Donald Macdonald is expected to make an appearance around 4 p.m. on Friday.
- And of course there will be special sales, sidewalk sales, festival sales and Halloween sales.

### SOCCA vetoes demolition

by BILL MARSHALL

South of Carlton Community Action (SOCCA) the residents' association for the area bounded by Parliament, Shuter, Sherbourne and Carlton, has gone on record as opposing the planned demolition of a house on Ontario Street owned by Don West Neighbour's Group, a non-profit, housing co-operative located in that area.

John Tinker, a representative from Don West, attended the SOCCA meeting held last month to hear suggestions from local residents on what they would like to see done with the property.

The property, explained Tinker, was bought after Don West had found the building to be structurally unsound. At the time of the purchase, demolition of the house was the immediate plan.

Residents at the meeting mainly

objected to the tearing down of the house. A planned side entrance and a lack of green space for the new structure proposed to be built there by Don West was also opposed.

Complaints concerning the build-up of trash on property already owned by Don West were also directed at Mr. Tinker.

Don West cannot afford the cost of bringing the house up to CMHC housing standards, according to Tinker. "We are a non-profit organization but we are also a non-loss organization," said Tinker. He added that the renovations required would prove to be economically unfeasible.

Mr. Tinker was asked to come back to a future meeting of SOCCA with alternate proposals to present to the community.

### Report cites reasons for racial unrest in Regent Park

The long awaited Board of Education report on racial unrest in Regent Park was made public last week. It cites a number of reasons for unrest in Regent Park and makes a wide variety of both specific, immediate and longrange recommendations to solve the problems.

The report was commissioned by the Toronto Board early in July after some allegedly racial conflicts the previous month in Regent Park. Three people — Henry Clarke, a teacher at Parkview Secondary School; John Woodroof, principal of Davenport Road Junior School; and Lois de Shield, a community worker with the Black Education Project — were appointed to conduct the study at a cost of \$2,000.

The report lists eleven potential causes of conflict in Regent Park:

• "The low economic positions of the residents of Regent Park is directly related to many of the conflicts. The high rate of unemployment of adults and teenagers creates tension in the Park.

• "The shortage of single family houses and the system of allocating houses to residents leads to frustration and resentment. Whether true or not, white residents believe that non-white immigrants are given priority.

• "The youth of Regent Park generally lack the basic academic and technical skills to obtain steady work. Boredom is the result." The report adds that boredom leads to a feeling of being trapped. It adds, "Although fights are inevitable, fights along racial lines need not be."

• "The lack of recreational facilities and programs is a constant source of frustration and irritation. The facilities, especially the baseball diamond (in North Regent Park) have become a focal point of territorial rights, and are important enough to fight

over." The report suggests that the Board convert its vacant lot at Oak/Cornwall into a playing field for soccer and football.

• "The lack of rapport between residents and agencies creates a mood of suspicion and a state of hostility. Residents resent the professional outsiders telling them what to do and how to live their lives."

• "The residents are critical of

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### Winter holiday offered to seniors

Family Service Association of Metropolitan Toronto is again offering 'Winter Break' - a uniquely Canadian holiday for senior citizens who cannot get away during the winter.

For two week periods during the months of November, December and January, older folk will be able to get out-of-doors to walk, bird

watch, snow shoe and sleigh ride in the lovely Albion Hills. 'Winter Break' is located at the Bolton Conference Centre, which provides a splendid view of the surrounding countryside and 350 acres for outdoor programs.

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### Regent Festival to Combat Racism

Six church and religious organizations in and around Regent Park have banded together to promote and sponsor a four-day, multicultural, "Festival of Praise" to combat the racial unrest in that area.

The four-day festival runs from October 28 to 31 with all events being held in Saints Cyril and Methody Hall at Sackville and Dundas.

The Festival kicks off on Thursday, Oct. 28 with music, puppetry and games for kids from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The evening meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. with music from a steel band, guitar selections and a guest

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The Saturday night program, starting at 7:30 p.m. is designed for the whole family and features the Newlife Singers, a flute soloist, a guest speaker and guitarists.

The climax celebration on Sun-

day night has gospel singers, guitarists, solo singers and a guest speaker. On each evening there will be a half-hour of pre-rally warm-up music and wandering minstrels.

The guest speaker for Saturday and Sunday nights will be Rev. Gordon Turner from Harmony United Church of Oshawa. Rev. Turner, a former jazz musician, was once a student minister at Regent United Church and has done considerable evangelical work.

A choral group, made up of Regent Park teens and young adults will provide background accompanyment for the various soloists on each evening's program.

The four day event is being coordinated by Rev. Art Dayfoot (Regent Park United Church), Capt. Len Goddard (Salvation Army), Rev. Harold Jackman (Regent Park Community Improvement Association), George Budd (Christian Youth Centre), Marion Thomson, Margaret Mays and Marilyn McCaul.



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### Suicide recommended

Reviewed by SHERRY MARSHALL

If things have got you down and out; and you are troubled beyond a doubt and you think that life is a drag — then you need a little suicide to liven up your dull life. The Suicide, despite its deathly title, is really a farce about a man trying to commit suicide. It seemed like everyone wanted him to do it for them — they lacked the courage of their convictions, and this is where the humour comes into the play. The Suicide, a play written in Stalinistic Russia, by the author Nikolai Edman, is presented by Theatre Compact at the Toronto Workshops Production Theatre at 12 Alexander Street.

The play opens in the dark with our suicidal hero feigning sleep just to irritate his loving wife and mother-in-law. Then it is flash, the lights go out and voilà it is husband disappearing time. "He can't be far," howls his mother-in-law, "he's forgotten his pants - where can a respectable unemployed man go without his pants." "A man without his pants is like a man without eyes - he can't go anywhere," continues his mother-in-law. Both of them think he has locked himself in the washroom so that he can kill himself, and they both wish that he would find somewhere else to think about doing it.

"You can sentence a man to death — but not to life," seems to be one of the themes of this play. "Humour him - tell him funny stories, which were more racist than funny — that will take his mind off his desire to commit suicide," is their friendly neighbour's advice. It doesn't work. It seems that The Suicide is a rather funny version of Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman", although there is nothing funny about being unemployed and broke. In both these plays both men want to commit suicide in order for society to realize the situation of the unemployed man—at least that is part of the message.

Now that it has been publically announced that you are going to take your life, you must do it for a cause — you have to blame someone else for your problems, the state, a woman — and this is where the real fun starts as everyone wants to get into the act of giving our confused hero a reason for dying, but not one for living. The author of the play felt that a dead man could say what the living think about Stalin and Russia. He would suffer no repercussions as he would already be dead and gone. He wanted to awaken the people's conscience.

#### Who is he doing it for?

Throughout the play, the would-be suicide becomes a prize (if you can call killing yourself a prize worth having), in a suicide lottery only one of them gets their reason used. They all get a chance to be in on the actual suicide but they don't know his real reason for doing it until they read his note.

Act Two opens on a somewhat happier note, for some that is, but the end result isn't too happy as it is only a farewell party for the Suicide — get him drunk and that way he won't think about his upcoming suicide. Our hero begins to believe in himself as a person and starts to get qualms about his impending death. He doesn't want to die for any of the reasons that these people have given him. He calls the Kremlin — they hang up on him and he thinks that they are afraid of him. Maybe he can do more by staying alive, than he can dead.

Then it is 12 noon and time to do the deed, but what will the outcome be. Who is he doing it for? He takes a bottle for courage and a gun for his deathly intents and he is off and running. He is no longer an unemployed man, he has become a social symbol, a hero who has died in defense of his country, and is now treading down the path of

The funeral is the final scene and even then the director can't leave the humour out of this so called tragedy. His so-called friends make melodramatic speeches over his coffin, saving he was a great man who knew what to do, in other words, saying only good things about the man and nothing bad should be spoken of the dead. It is definitely a farce as these people didn't know anything about him or his feelings, they just used him to further their own aims.

Funerals are boring, but this one was done as a satire on the whole system of death and dying and no one really knows if he is actually dead or not. The final blackout occurs and did he or didn't he - only his grave will know. He rose from the dead to haunt his tormentors.

See the play and judge for yourself, only you can tell. The Suicide runs until October 30 at the TWP theatre. Be prepared to bring along your laughter.

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### Merchants want liquor, wine stores closed

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in the gym.

and two wine stores are deteriorating the area for both merchants and residents," said Mr. Davis. "Either its going to be liquor street or a business street.

"We demand that the liquor and wine stores be closed until they can regulate their business in a proper way. If they can't regulate their customers, they should stay

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at CNH, are continuing to promote

activities for women in Ward

Seven. An organizational meet-

ing to form a women's committee

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Mr. Davis said that the rest of the merchants contribute \$15,000 in extra taxes a year to the improvement of the street but the offending stores have done nothing but help deteriorate the area. He felt that the presence of so many derelicts and drunks has been partly responsible for the slowdown in the home improvements and restoration that has been going

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Mr. Davis said that the Merchants' Board has asked for a meeting with William Bosworth,

on in the area for the past number

of years.

laws against panhandling.

Mr. Davis emphasized that his feelings on the subject weren't totally negative. "We know these people are human and are sick and we would gladly contribute to the cost of their rehabilitation." However, he added, "We will no longer stand for the unsightly mess of sick derelicts on the street. They are downgrading the neighbourhood and making it an unfit place

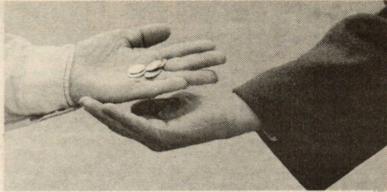
Alderman Janet Howard, in a separate interview, said that she and alderman Sewell were sympathetic to the problem but there was little that they could do as in-

chairman of the Liquor Control Board. "If his answer is negative, we will petition the neighbourhood to have the stores closed. If that doesn't work," said Mr. Davis, "we will picket the stores and introduce our own Cabbagetown Security Force.' Mr. Davis said the Merchants'

Board was demanding that the Police pick up the undesirables, the City of Toronto look after them, the Province set up a social program to treat them, and the Federal Government introduce

for raising kids.

dividual aldermen to solve it.



Panhandling is no longer illegal.

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"The city," she said, "was trying to provide housing for them to get them off the streets. Clean, decent

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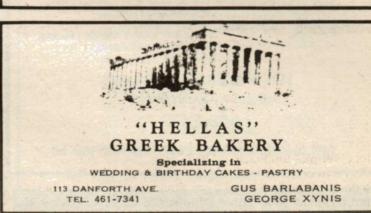
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### **Roomers tested for Tuberculosis**

by DON WEITZ

A major breakthrough in preventing T.B. and possibly other serious respiratory diseases among rooming house tenants in the Don District is in the works. The recent close collaboration between Moss Park Public Health nurses and the staff of the Rooming House Tenant Project (operating out of the Christian Resource Centre at 20 Spruce St.) gives cause for hope.

This co-operation between a community project and the local public health authorities began five

months ago - soon after a project staff person thought he had T.B. Fortunately he didn't, but he did show a positive reaction to the tuberculin skin test (see Health Column). Presumably, he had been exposed to T.B. or the threat of it was clearly visible.

At that point, Project Coordinator Jeanette Keenan called Betty Fletcher, Supervisor of the Moss Park Public Health Branch, and asked for help in setting up TB skin testing in the Don. As a direct result of this, Moss Park Public Health conducted tuberculin tests

on roughly 60 people at All Saints Church in July (see Health Column), and also at a rooming house on Seaton Street two months ago.

Public health nurse Jane Howlett and Dr. G. Peterson showed up at the rooming house, at the project staff's request, to test and check all roomers for T.B. Thanks to the help of a roomer, the project staff and the public health workers, all roomers understood the purpose of the testing and co-operated. The testing was carried out in a roomer's first-floor apartment with offers of free coffee

Of seven roomers tested (one or two couldn't be reached), four had positive reactions, three negative. Two of the four were immediately sent to the Toronto Chest Clinic (880 Bay St.) where they had chest x-rays; one refused to go and one had a chest x-ray at Wellesley Hospital. So far, the results of the x-rays have been encouraging. The two who went to the Toronto Chest Clinic found out they didn't have T.B.; public health still hasn't received the results of the man x-rayed at Wellesley.

This is the first time that T.B. testing - in fact, any public health testing — has been carried out in a rooming house. As long as Moss Park Public Health and the Roomers' Project staff stay in touch with each other, there probably will be more testing for T.B. and perhaps other preventable diseases as well. In fact, another round of tuberculin testing in the Don District is scheduled for November of this

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### TB or not TB ...?

by LORRAINE CASS

Is T.B. dead or alive in Toronto? Although a greatly diminished problem, tuberculosis remains with us. Toronto Public Health statistics have been declining steadily overall, from 60.5 cases (per 100,000 population) in 1964, to 39.8 in 1975. However, the Moss Park public health district (University Ave. to the Don River, and CPR lines to the lakeshore.) continues to have the highest rate in the city. In 1975 this area had 77.9 (per 100,000 population) reported cases of tuberculosis, compared with the city average of 39.8.

One wonders why, in this day of miracle drugs, that the problem continues to "bug" us? The answer isn't easy. It is a complex combination of social and health factors. "Tuberculosis is primarily an urban disease, with the low-income population at greatest risk." (from the Journal of the American Medical Association, January 12, 1976). In other words, it is most common among city people, especially the poor. Inadequate diet, overcrowding, poor ventilation and bad living conditions in general "set the stage" for the disease. Alcoholism together with poor diet (or malnutrition) is another factor and one must remember that "skid row" is contained within the Moss Park area.

People who have immigrated to Canada within the past 5 years, (and often from countries where the disease is less well controlled) account for 32.6% of the cases within Toronto.

#### What Exactly Is T.B.?

It is a serious infection in the body caused by bacteria or germs (Mycobacterium Tuberculosis), which affects primarily the lungs but can cause disease in other parts of the body

T.B. is spread from person to person by germs in the air, as a result of the talking, coughing, sneezing or spitting of an infected person. Brief exposure rarely infects, it is usually day-after-day close contact that

Tuberculosis patients are adequately treated today with drugs, of which several are in current use. This takes up to 2 years, and continuing the drugs is terribly important to the patient with active disease. If a person taking drugs experiences difficulty, the medications can be changed, but stopping pills without a doctor's permission can seriously complicate treatment. So close medical supervision is important! The drugs usually make the infected person non-infectious in a few weeks, and many patients are treated outside the sanitorium. It is not the person taking drugs for T.B. who is a risk of infection. Rather, it is the person with undiagnosed disease, or the person who neglects medication. Adequate rest and diet are important factors in treatment, also fresh air.

#### Prevention

How can we prevent T.B.? - Primarily by remaining healthy and taking care of ourselves.

Contacts of any diagnosed cases are referred for T.B. tests and chest

T.B. test screening programmes of high-risk groups sometimes help to identify cases. Tuberculin tests given to school children by the health department also help to identify possible sources of infection.

#### What Is A Tuberculin Test?

This is a simple test to find out if there are T.B. germs in your body. A substance called tuberculin is injected into the skin of the forearm, and read by a doctor or public health nurse 48-72 hours later. Redness plus swelling of approximately 1/4 inch or more indicates that you need further investigation. A positive test means that a person has T.B. germs in the body, but not necessarily active disease.

Recent contacts of tuberculosis are often asked to have a second T.B. test, about 3 months after the first. It frequently takes many weeks to change from negative to positive when an early T.B. infection begins.

#### The Positive Reactor

Up-to-date information tells us that most people who develop T.B. today have had the germs in their bodies a long time. It sounds odd, but true. That is why treatment is often offered to a person whose tuberculin test turns positive, after a previously recorded negative test. Also sometimes drug treatment is advised for school children with positive tests, as a preventive measure. Persons who have had positive tuberculin reactions for some years should have yearly physical exams and chest X-rays as advised by their family doctor or chest clinic.

Lack of knowledge and understanding of T.B. frequently leads to unjustified fears and myths. We hope the above has helped to explain the problem to you. Should you require further information please feel free to contact your district public health office (Moss Park 466-1118 or Riverdale 465-2496). Free information pamphlets are available at the health department office at 430 Broadview Ave., at All Saints Church (Dundas and Sherbourne), and the Neighbourhood Information Post at the corner of Gerrard & Berkeley.

Lorraine Cass is a public health nurse attached to the Moss Park Public Health office.

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### Native Children's Program Walkathon a success

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, will hold a Bingo at 7 p.m. on Tuesday Oct. 26. Admission is 50c. A progressive euchre will be held the following night, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50c for seniors.

The 7 News review copy of Don Keating's book, "The Power to Make it Happen" has been donated to the Riverdale Library where it can be read for the price of a library card.

On Tues. Oct. 26 at 7:30 at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard East, poet/novelist Tom Arnett will read from his latest

collection, "The Last Book of the Last Prophet.'

A St. Jamestown resident and U. of T. law student, Robert Snell has been named President and Chairman of the Board of Seven News, Inc. Vice-President and Chairman of the editorial advisory committee of 7 News is Tom Corbett. Miles Brickman is secretary and Teresa Cregg will take over the post of treasurer.

A hot lunch program has been started at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, every Wednesday at noon. Homemade soup, sandwiches and a hot drink are available for 80c.

Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Oueen Street East will hold a bazaar and bake sale on Fri. Oct. 29 from 10:30 until 2 p.m. Free

Poet Bill Major will read from his work at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs. Oct. 28 at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard East. Admission free.

The walkathon to raise money for the Native Children's Programs, held last week end, was a success by all reports. Winner was Joey King, 16, who started out from the Broadview side of Riverdale Park at 8:30 a.m., ran the 15 miles and was back by 10:45. His prize was a pair of moccasins.

A Gestalt Awareness Group is meeting every Tuesday eveing at 7:30 p.m. through to Dec. 21, at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street. For information, contact Ruth Gilbert at 923-8228.

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Homeowners and Residents is calling a General Meeting of all Don Vale residents for Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street. Main agenda item will be the election of officers for the coming year.

The Dixon Hall Food Co-op has started up again for this year. Costing \$2 a year to join, the co-op offers fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and cheese at near wholesale prices. For full details, call Felies Einhorn at 863-0499.

On Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parliament Library House, Robert Priest discusses the poetry of Robert Priest. On Thursday, same time and place, Jack Heighton tells stories for adults. Admission to both is free

An Octoberfest with a cash bar, music and dancing will be held from 7:30 to 1 a.m. on Sat. Oct. 30 at Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen Street East. Admission is \$3. For information or tickets, phone Gary Gordon at

The three public libraries in the area, Parliament Street (406 Parliament), Riverdale (370 Broadview), and Danforth (701 Pape) will each be holding children's Halloween parties at 2 p.m. on Sat. Oct. 30 with admission free in

The executive of the newly formed parent-teacher group at Sprucecourt School are Doug Beckett and Mrs. Sharon Vernon as co-chairpersons and Mrs. Pam Contreras as secretary. At a recent meeting held at the school, a parent committee was formed to help select a new principal for the school. Brian Millan was chosen to represent the community on the

A circus arts group is holding meetings every Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Win-

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chester Street. There is no fee and it is open to both teens and adults. Subjects covered include unicycle, juggling, trapeze, and trampoline. An interview is required for mem-

A Halloween Dance will be held Fri. Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street. There will be a buffet, DJ and cash bar. Tickets are \$2.50 each, in advance or at

The first feminist rummage and bake sale will be held from 10 to 4 p.m. on Sat. Oct. 30 at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street. Proceeds will go to help The Other Woman newspaper. Anyone with items to donate to the sale should call 595-1873 for a pick-up. That night, starting at 9 p.m. in the Centre, a women's dance will be held. Admission is \$2 with a cash bar and taped music.

Newly elected executive of the Regent Park Busy Bee Club are: Harold West, President; George Flannigan, Vice-President; Patricia Barrett, Secretary and Hazel McAuley, Florence Spea, and Edith Flannigan as committee chairmen.

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Any community groups or organizations interested in organizing all-candidate meetings in connection with the coming municipal election are requested tocontact the Association of

Women Electors at 366-0195. The Association is maintaining a registry of election meetings.

Dundas Day Centre is holding an Open House on Oct. 28 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at their offices at 349 Ontario Street. Everyone is in-

Every Thursday afternoon, from 2 to 3 p.m., a public health nurse will be available for advice and counselling at the Open Door Centre, in All Saint's Church, 315 Dundas Fast

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### Bleecker St. is steeped in history

by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

Bleecker Street is the first street east of Sherbourne, and runs from Carlton Street north to Howard Street. On earlier maps it is sometimes spelt without the 'c', but historically it should have one.

The name 'Bleecker' marks the coming together of two of the most prominent and powerful families in the Family Compact, the group which dominated social, cultural and political life in the Town of

William Dummer Powell, (1755-1834), came to Upper Canada in 1792, having served in the Royalist cause in the American Revolutionary War. He was appointed to the Court of King's Bench in 1794 and became the Chief Justice of Upper Canada in 1816. His third son, Grant, (1779-1838), a doctor, practised for a time in Ballston Springs, New York. While there, in 1805, he married a Miss Bleecker, of the well-known Knickerbocker family of that name, from Albany, New York. The prospect of war led him to give up his practice and move to Montreal in 1811, and then to York in 1812. During the War of 1812 he served as military surgeon to the British forces, and was in charge of the military hospitals for the Niagara area. He was known as the 'little doctor with the gold specta-

Dr. Powell was appointed Clerk to the House of Assembly of Upper Canada in 1813, Judge of the District Court of the Home District in 1818, and Clerk of the Legislative Council in 1827. He was also one of the first members of the Upper Canada Medical Board. During the Rebellion of 1837 his house was spared by William Lyon Mackenzie, who considered him a friend.

#### SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Thomas Ridout, (1754-1829), came to York in 1792, becoming Sergeant-at-Arms to the House of Assembly. He was later appointed Clerk of the Peace for the Home District in 1800, Surveyor-General in 1810, M.P.P. for West York in 1812, and a member of the Legislative Council in 1824. His eldest son, Samuel, (1778-1855), came to Canada from Virginia in 1797, and obtained a post in the Surveyor-General's office, where he served for many years. In 1815 he was appointed Sheriff of the Home District and Registrar of Deeds. Earlier, in 1800, he had purchased, for \$2,400, the Park Lot of 200 acres bounded by the present Sherbourne, Seaton, Queen and Bloor Streets, formerly owned by John White, Attorney-General of Upper Canada, who had been killed in a duel in that year. This area includes what is now Bleecker Street.

Samuel Ridout sold the west half of his lot to his brother, Thomas Gibbs Ridout, who, from 1813 to 1820, held the exalted post of Deputy Assistant Commissary-General. What is now Bleecker Street would have formed the dividing line between the two properties. Sherbourne Street (properly called "Sherborne") was named after the family seat of the Ridout family, in Dorsetshire.

#### ONE OF FAMILY NAMES

Samuel's son, John, Registrar of Deeds from 1855 to 1894, married Grant Powell's daughter, Charlotte Bleecker Powell, and when the Ridout family finally began to subdivide its estate in the 1850's and early 1860's, they named Bleecker Street after one of the family names of their newest member.

In the 1840's the land in the area was heavily forested. Bleecker was laid out in the 1850's, and in the 1860's and 1870's, houses began to spring up on the street. By 1874 there were 44 houses. Among the residents were a printer, machinist, bookkeeper, barrister, painter, pensioner, grocer, packer, coachman, a professor of music, a customs loading waiter, three widows and seven carpenters. By 1880 there were

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St. Peter's Church, at the north-east corner of Bleecker and Carlton, as it looked in 1867. The church was built three years before this picture was taken. It is noted that "In the building but little ornamentation was possible with the limited amount (\$3,700) at the disposal of the building committee. Recourse was therefore had to the contrast produced by the colours of the Photo: Toronto in the Camera, 1868

101 houses. Occupations represented included three artists, thirteen clerks and bookkeepers, a bricklayer, eleven salesmen, a machinist, six carpenters, an architect, a heraldic chaser, and a

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which it was built." The only other non-residential

fish dealder named F.C. Snook. By 1890, Bleecker Street had become entirely built upon.

#### **CHURCH OPENS**

In 1865 St. Peter's Church was declared open by Bishop Strachan. The decision to build it at the corner of Bleecker and Carlton was made by the congregation of St. James Cemetery Chapel, in 1864. Rev. Samuel Johnson Boddy, Archdeacon of York, was the first rector of St. Peter's, where he served for over thirty years. The church, which was recently restored, is of English Gothic design, by Gundry and Langley, architects. The church was originally lighted by two immense gasaliers, but in 1897, a donation by Sir Henry Pellatt permitted electricity to be installed. The church was once surrounded by a wooden fence, which had been replaced by the present metal one by 1904. In that year John Ross Robertson wrote about St. Peter's: "It partakes in the cleanliness and neatness of that section of the City in

building erected on Bleecker Street before the turn of the century was the factory of Charles Wilson, of 519 Sherbourne Street. Mr. Wilson, an Irishman, came to Toronto from Montreal, where he had built up a business of manufacturing 'non-intoxicating beverages'. In 1875 he built a factory on Bleecker Street, behind his house north of Wellesley Street, and commenced production of 'Prize Medal Ginger Ales and Mineral Waters'. An 1893 book on Toronto mentions that by then he had four bottling machines in operation, and was producing 75,000 to 100,000 bottles of scientifically-prepared beverages each year. Accompanying the 1893 article is a picture of Charles Wilson's registered trademark, a squirrel sitting on a log eating a nut.

#### SEEN A DRASTIC CHANGE

Over the years, many Torontonians have resided on Bleecker Street, and many will again. However, recent years have seen a drastic change come to what was once a peaceful, well-treed neighbourhood of people living in modest Victorian houses. In the early 1970's Bleecker became very bleak indeed when Meridian Developments bought and destroyed most of the homes. St. Jamestown South (or something) had arrived. Of the 160 houses on Bleecker Street in 1890, only about 15 survive. Ironically, the survivors were once the smallest houses on the street. Now they are the only



Bleecker Street north of Wellesley Street, in 1941. At that time, the residents were being disturbed by the large number of soft-drink trucks using the street to get to the Wilson factory. Some of the trucks are shown in the picture.



The Bleecker-Ontario block north of Carlton Street. The long

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### Report cites reasons for racial unrest in Regent

Continued from pg 1 the police generally, but view the local community relations officers more favourably.

• The Community Guardians (OHC-hired security guards) are seen by many residents as being ineffective, devious and weak.

• The daily news media is criticized because of its overuse of sensationalism. The report states, "The residents feel they are exploited by reporters since the only time they come to the Park is when there is trouble."

 Both pre-teens and older teenagers are confused by the double standards and hypocritical behaviour of adults in regard to inter-racial dating.

· Residents in Regent Park tend to blame local schools for some of the trouble. They believe that if the schools used more discipline and trained children better in academic and technical skills, it would solve some of the prob-

The Report makes a number of immediate recommendations to the Toronto Board of Education for solving these problems. These recommendations include:

• Extending the community relations program to the Ward 7 area, concentrating on the Regent Park area.

 Make work experience programs available to all students who wish to participate in them.

• That school staff, in cooperation with its students and their parents, establish standards of acceptable language and be-

• That guidelines be issued to school principals and staff with regard to the possession of weapons on school property.

 That schools encourage integration in sport activities.

 That schools make more extensive use of house league prog-

• That guidance and counselling services help secondary students identify the real job possibilities in today's world.

 That teachers and principals be held accountable if they promote children who haven't got the necessary skills to cope suc-

 That the amount and reasons for kids "playing hookey" from school be looked into.

More far reaching are its long-term recommendations:

• Set up a program in or near Regent Park for school drop-outs and adults who want to upgrade their academic skills.

• Run a series of preemployment training programs for unemployed youth in Regent

• Obtain for Regent Park the services of a youth-oriented vocational counsellor from Canada Manpower.

· Help the RPCIA get more innovative employment programs for the Regent Park area.

 Look into the possibility of setting up an actual boarding school for children in Regent

• Encourage older and more experienced teachers to work in Regent.

• Increase the percentage of male teachers in inner-city schools.

· Encourage more men to teach junior and primary classes where they are needed.

• Develop an in-service program for teachers in multiculturalism and racism.

The report makes a number of strong recommendation to the Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) which owns and operates Regent Park.

It says that OHC should clarify its policy on tenant admission to Regent Park in general and to the units known as "houses" in particular. It asks that OHC start an in-service training program for security guards and unit representatives on multiculturalism. It asks that OHC build or establish a community centre in Regent Park. It suggests OHC provide recreational facilities in South Regent equal to those in North Regent.

Also, it suggests that OHC and the RPCIA establish recreation programs suitable for people of all age groups and ethnic backgrounds and that the people concerned have a say in the programs designed for them.

The report recommends that the police put more community relations officers in Regent Park, and "at least one aware and sensitive black officer be hired for Regent Park". It also suggests that the police clarify to Regent residents the laws on drinking and property rights.

Finally, under general recommendations, the report suggests tha the Jamaican-Canadian Association become more involved with the black teens in Regent Park, that the RPCIA try to involve more residents in the activities of the association, reestablish the drop-in centre in South Regent and operate it by a teen committee and finally reestablish the summer program held at Park School in 1975

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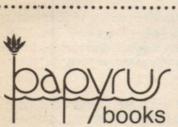


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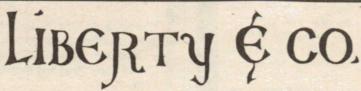
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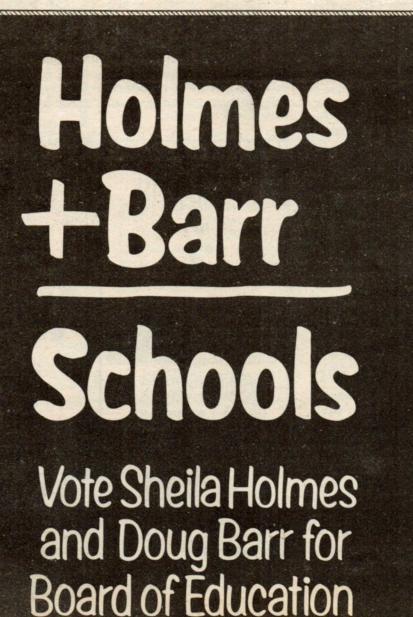
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### **Library Controversy**

A set of controversial recommendations on the future of the Parliament Library House will be presented to the Toronto Public Library Board next month. The recommendations are from a group called "Friends of the Parliament Street Library Committee" which was formed at a public meeting in early August.

.The issue that the meeting was originally called to deal with was a request from the Don District Community Secretariat for office space in the building and a request from Neighbourhood Information Post, now housed in the building, for larger quarters.

It is known that some Parliament Library staff and Library Board members feel the Library House should be split off and run as a separate, autonomous community centre by the community. The

centre by the community. The issue has also been raised that the Library House duplicates many services and programs already being offered in the community by nearby organizations.

The recommendations run counter to these two concepts and also deny space to the Community Secretariat and appear to deny larger quarters to Neighbourhood Information Post.

A Committee of the Library Board will deal with the recommendations of Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. at the Northern District Library, 40 Orchard View Blvd. For information on the issue, phone Lynn Robins at 922-6894.

Here are their recommenda-

1. That the Toronto Public Library should retain ownership of and responsibility for the Parliament Street Library House; that community, cultural and library related activities be organized by the library staff based in part on suggestions from the community; and that the staff should conscientiously avoid duplicating services and

activities that are already offered by other agencies in the neighbourhood.

2. That Parliament Street Library House be the program-arm of the library; programs offered should reflect local interest and utilize local talents, should be well advertised at the Parliament Street Library and should support library collections, therefore the Library and House should operate as a unit.

3. That the Library collection should be expanded to support programs; that the Library provides a good selection of international newspapers and that the multilingual collection be increased to accommodate needs of the cosmopolitan population; that the Library provide films, records and other audio-visual equipment for library users; that the Friends of the Parliament Street Library Committee participate in the seléction of materials.

4. That the drop-in facilities be retained but be located less prominently; because of the diverse nature of the neighbouring community, the Library and House must offer a wide range of programs and services in order to meet the needs of all sectors of the community.

5. That both exterior and interior renovations are essential in order to encourage
better use of Library and House; interior
architectural changes should make the
space pleasant and functional while exterior
re-decorations should attempt to make the
buildings and grounds more attractive in
order to change the image of the Library and
House; that the facade of the House should
be retained because of its historic significance; that a committee of citizens participates in all such building projects.

6. That community organizations be allowed to use space in the House so long as library programs have priority; it is strongly recommended that the Library does NOT organize its programs and the use of space around the community organizations; that their locations in the House should NOT interfere with other uses of the buildings; that should they be considered for space, they may be required to pay a minimum rent and that their tenancy be reviewed by the Friends of the Parliament Street Library Committee semi-annually. As for the two organizations that have specifically requested space, the majority of the members recommended the following:

— that Neighbourhood Information Post remains in the Library House because of its existing residency, provided that it abides by the stipulations outlined in No. 6; that the Community Secretariat will not be granted space in the Library House.

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