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Shown above is a section of an original stained glass window at Frankland School, which has been part of the school since it was built.

Photo by Gay Allison

Historical Frankland School growing

by JUDY ALLEN

Portable classrooms are common-place today, and can be found in many school yards. But, in the early 1900's, they were, to say the least, unusual. Frankland school was born as a two-room portable, but it was soon to disappear. The school itself was built in 1910. It housed eleven rooms, and was virtually filled to capacity by 1911, with a student enrollment of more than 450. This forced early expansion at Frankland, and by 1914, the school had grown to 29 rooms.

Frankland achieved distinct individuality in its early years through a collection assembled by a teacher. It consisted of butterflies, birds nests, rocks, minerals, and samples of manufactured goods in various stages of comple-

tion.

One of the first principals at the school, James Hill, said the school was a 'pioneer in adopting the idea of having the child build up his or her oral composition on facts, which could be illustrated by means of definite objects, or drawings'. A similar method of using drawings to teach a subject is used today by French language instructors at some schools in Toronto.

Frankland alumni during the first half of the century include broadcaster Gordon Sinclair, rugby great Teddy Morress, hockey star Bob Davidson and author Robert Thomas Allen.

During the first years of its existence, the school catered primarily to children with anglo-saxon backgrounds. Population shifts in the area resulted in the arrival of a

large number of immigrants, many of Greek heritage. This caused a new set of problems for the school, which had always been accustomed to serving children from anglo-saxon origins.

The school offered special classes in the Greek language during the evening hours in an attempt to provide some native studies for the Greeks living in the district. But, in 1973, the Greek Parents Association approached the Board of Education and requested that those classes be incorporated in Grades 1 through 6 during the school's regular, daytime schedule.

Today, the school offers a choice: two, short classes in Greek during the day time that are open to all students, and the original even-

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Apartment tenants form action group

by WENDY KING

Sixteen people who live in the St. Jamestown high-rise at 280 Wellesley St. E. have decided to organize a tenants' association.

The decision came during a public meeting January 17 at Winchester School. Two representatives of the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations were there.

Chairman (of the Federation) Jack DeKlerk encouraged tenants to see the advantages of forming a union that would share in the larger federation. He cautioned them **not** to organize people around a single problem, but to stress the need for a union that would come to grips with **any** difficulties tenants have.

Some at the meeting were con-

cerned about **how** to get more tenants involved in a union. DeKlerk said, "Most tenants are reluctant to get involved because they don't know what their rights are." To overcome their fears, tenants should come together and help each other more, and they should learn what rights they are entitled to as tenants.

A 50 cent booklet "Your Rights as a Tenant" was sold to anyone at the meeting who wanted a copy.

Another tenants' association meeting will be held soon to decide on a steering committee, etc. Tenants at 280 Wellesley St. E. who are interested — contact Paul or Dee Dylan, No. 1717, 922-6226.

Break-in prevention: Seminar explains how

By DOUG McLAUGHLAN

Recent personal experience led several residents of the Broadview-Gerrard area to take some action on the problem of break-ins. They organized a meeting to share experiences and information.

The meeting was held on January 12th at St. Ann's Church. Approximately forty people braved the snow and cold to meet Officer Bob Copeland, Crime Prevention Officer of 55 Division and Sergeant Dave Kerr, who discussed the problem and its many solutions.

Their presentation included the film, An Ounce of Prevention, which illustrated and introduced the basic considerations in the prevention of break-ins. Officers Copeland and Kerr then elaborated on the various measures available to the homeowner.

Community involvement was a prime concern. Knowing your neighbours means that you or they will be more likely to recognize and respond to any suspicious activity in the area. Quick action is very important if the police are to apprehend the burglars. Areas prone to break-ins are the back and sides of a house. Therefore, they should be made especially secure. Proper locks are an important part of this security as well as adhering to the ten commandments of prevention as listed below.

Something which can be most annoying is to have the police recover your stolen property, only to find that you cannot properly identify it and, therefore, can't claim it. To avoid having to buy back your stereo in a police auction, Officer Copeland recommended putting identification, such as your social insurance number, on your valuables. An engraver is available from any police station for this purpose or you may purchase a special marking pen at a stationary store. If you do have a unique item,

then it was recommended that you photograph it.

What to do if you come upon an intruder? If possible, do nothing. Why chance an injury? Your goods are replaceable, but you aren't. Do call the police as quickly as possible. It is their job, and, according to Officer Copeland, they have been successful in this area, where the incidence of break-ins has decreased over the past couple of years.

The major portion of Bob Copeland's job is prevention and he would be glad to give advice on a group or individual basis. He will lecture to meetings such as the one at St. Ann's or visit your home for an inspection to let you know how burglar-proof it really is. His phone number is 967-2158. The west side of Ward Seven is in 51 Division. The Crime Prevention Officer there is Ralph Stevens and he can be reached at 967-2105.

The following are the "ten commandments for burglary prevention."

1. Thou shall not leave front door unlocked when working in back yard.
2. Thou shall have a deadbolt lock on doors.
3. Thou shall not leave emergency keys in a place well known to burglars.
4. Thou shall leave lights on at night when leaving home.
5. Thou shall leave shades and curtains drawn at night.
6. Thou shall put all valuables not being used in safe-deposit box.
7. Thou shall have a switch in the house to turn on outside lights.
8. Thou shall not allow repairmen or salesmen in the home till they have properly identified themselves to your satisfaction.
9. Thou shall cancel all deliveries, paper, milk, etc. when taken a vacation.
10. Thou shall not have sliding doors without a secondary locking device.



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LETTERS

Reader urges compassion

To 7 News:

I was reading your article in the Ward 7 News on one of our so called businessmen who does not like what he refers to as the undersirables on Parliament St. He is

forgetting that a very great percentage of them went through both World War Two and also the Korean War. I know, from experience.

W.L.M.

7 News called refreshing

Dear Editor:

Just can't resist telling you what refreshing reading 7 News is! Came across it by accident in Toronto this week ... and if I needed anything to remind me Toronto is alive, and there's a lot of mental machinery at work on behalf of its citizens — 7 News was it!

Alas, Fort Erie is like "something else"! After four years of

being amongst people down on everything they're not up to and voluntarily giving time and the green stuff, I'm sapped, drained and ready to join the majority of the citizens who are about as active as the last fly in January!

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What have animals got that we haven't?

By HOWARD HUGGETT

We all know that there are great numbers of folk who do love their pets often to excess. They lavish attention and affection on the dog or cat and have none to spare for their fellow creatures. What have the animals got that we haven't?

For one thing, they have simple tastes. Fortunately, they can't read or comprehend words, so they can't be brain-washed into thinking that they need a lot of things that unnecessary or even harmful and often too expensive. What pets require are the bare necessities, enough nourishing food, a comfortable place to stay, some attention and affection and a little amusement now and then to relieve boredom.

Some of them, notably cats, seldom seem to need affection and they can usually amuse themselves. Humans, on the other hand, are forever asking for more, and this can be very tiresome.

In a world that is changing in some unpleasant ways and with frightening speed pets represent old-fashioned values and simple pleasures.

Of course, dogs and cats can be spoiled and often are but whose fault is that? Not theirs, to be sure. After all, you don't see them going along the supermarket aisles and picking out their favorite food for Mother to pay for. Yes, I know that supermarkets don't allow pets in their stores but that proves my point. If they could be persuaded to that kind of impulse shopping they would be allowed in, depend on it.

When I was a boy, the butcher who sold you your Sunday roast, often threw in a bone for the dog. How often now do you see a dog with a bone? Yes, the world is changing, even for pets. But then again, who is responsible for the changes? If dogs ever get the



Photo by Elaine Farragher

franchise, they will demand a return to bones, believe me. If they don't do something they may end up with tooth trouble from eating the wrong food. Then their owners will have to pay the dentist, as well as the vet.

When you start to think about this matter of people and pets you realize that the most popular ones, dogs and cats, were originally domesticated for practical reasons. Pussy was given a home in order to get rid of the mice and rats. Most of the cats that I see nowadays wouldn't take on a mousing job, even on the basis of a thirty-hour week, two months' holidays and early retirement with a fully indexed pension.

As for Fido, he was expected to guard the sheep, fetch the cows home and protect the house. With modern farming methods there isn't much for dogs to do, so they are pretty well down to guarding houses or apartments. No wonder they get bored and run wild. The same thing happens to children.

The increasing urbanization of society has resulted in overcrowded cities and this is true for pets as well as people. The problem is more noticeable with dogs because many of them are large and all of them can be noisy.

Maybe it's time for us to switch to something smaller and quieter. There is no use in thinking of squirrels, they wouldn't go for it. They are quite happy living in trees and they eat better than we do. Many years ago I worked in an office that had been a private house. It was surrounded by grass, big old trees and lots of bushes, a real paradise for squirrels. All day, while the humans worked the animals fed themselves and frolicked in the trees. No, I think we had better forget about the squirrels, they are too smart to get involved with us that much.

OPINION

Interministerial report

by MARGARET CAMPBELL, Q.C.
M.P.P. for St. George

Much has been spoken, printed and pictured recently concerning the April 1, 1975 Interministerial Report on Residential Services which was tabled on December 16th, 1976.

The delays in bringing it forward have remained unexplained. The tabling of it was said to ensure to all of us the Government's desire to give all of Ontario citizens the information, and yet, there were no copies available. United Appeal was forced to borrow my copy to have it xeroxed as was at least one reporter. More were printed but almost all were recalled "because of an error".

This devastating report states that there is chaos in the treatment of disturbed children and finds that 20% should not be in the institutions in which they are placed. When you couple this statement with the fact that another report, compiled by the Central Toronto Youth Services, (December 1976) and called "Priorities", points out that "By the age of eleven, more than 10% of the disadvantaged children have been placed in alternate care compared to less than 1% of those from non-poor families", you may understand my deep concerns for the children of my Riding.

The indication in the Government Report, as you read it, is that no one seems concerned about the needs of the disturbed child but rather about the system.

Dr. Wright, the Deputy Minister of the Secretariat of Social Development, is quoted as saying that no one "need be surprised" if one Ministry carries out its function without relation to any other. Those who are cynical, agree with him — but some of us have the temerity to ask why we are spending over \$2,000,000 per year for a Ministry whose function it is to co-ordinate? It is sad that there are so many employees of that Ministry working so hard, at relatively small salaries, who simply must do as they are told while those in the upper echelon such as the Deputy are overpaid at any price. Meanwhile, our children suffer.

It is also horrifying to read that between 30-40% of our elderly need not be in nursing homes.

Why are there so many variations in programmes? Why do some have a comfort allowance of \$43.00 a month while others must use all their Old Age Pension for services? Others must pay more than their pension and others, not fortunate enough to be in subsidized housing have difficulty making ends meet?

Since the Report was brought to the Ministry it is obvious that very little has been done.

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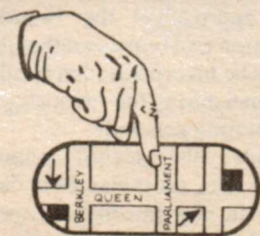
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Budget choices tough

by JANET HOWARD
Ward 7 Alderman

It isn't easy to draw up a budget which will provide the services people want while not hitting them with a tax rate they don't want. For example, John Sewell and I asked members of a residents' association in Ward 7 last year what kinds of things they would suggest cutting in order to keep the tax bill down. It wasn't really fair: how can an ordinary person, without a very large amount of information, judge whether we should cut down on garbage collections in favour of park benches, or not hire an extra planner when five neighbourhoods see their future depending on a planning study there isn't the staff to do?

Ordinary members of Council are beginning to feel the same way. For one thing, we're talking about a lot of money. Although the City spends only a quarter of the total property taxes collected — the Board of Education and Metro get the rest — our operating budget came to \$156 million last year and our capital budget was another \$26 million. We're also talking about choices that really matter to people: what they get back for their tax money.

The way it's done now, each department prepares estimates of its needs from December until the annual budget, in its final form, is approved by Council at the end of April. (That has already happened, and new aldermen realized that they were being asked to approve large amounts of money with little information, and without even the benefit of understanding last year's budget.)

Next, the departments submit proposed capital and operating budgets to the Budget Review Committee. (The capital budget is for assets the City will own — items we buy or build or repair for long-term use; some of this budget come from money we borrow, in the form of debentures, and some of it entitles us to contributions from the Federal and Provincial governments. Operating budgets are for salaries, services and programmes, and come entirely from property tax money collected.)

The Budget Review Committee goes over the estimates with members of the departments concerned, and anyone else who feels like attending their sessions. However, only the recommendations of the budget chief carry any force, so when the budgets prepared at that level go to the Executive Committee, no other member of City Council has had any power to make changes. Executive Committee then sends along a complete set of departmental budgets to Council with its recommendations, and Council may not change anything without a two-thirds vote.

Although the standing committees of City Council review the budgets of the departments who report to them (Park Committee reviews the Parks department and City Property department budgets, Public Works reviews the Works budget, etc.) in practice no aldermen outside the Budget Review Committee really gets a good look at how the spending of one department compares to the spending of another until the end of the process, when it is almost impossible to make important changes. It requires a great deal of work to sift through the information provided, and even more to spot the gaps and know what else to ask for.

Because many members of Council realize that their constituents have strong views on how money should be spent, there will soon be a debate on how to change the budget process to include a much wider base of elected people.

If we make the right changes, the budget should be a pretty good reflection of how people voted in each election. The representatives they send to City Council will be more involved in the important decisions, and their priorities can, if necessary, balance those of the Executive Committee, which is not directly elected. Increasing the number of aldermen actively involved will also raise the level of understanding of complex financial matters, which should benefit the normal, day to day workings of Council and its committees.

The question is, how much power will the Executive Committee be prepared to spread around to other members of Council?

city hall
report



Photo by Cubby Coatsworth

Amid crackers and floral tributes, the Ritz movie theatre opened quietly with the New Year. The popcorn machine is in, but the marquee of the old Gay Theatre at Dundas and Parliament won't be changed for a while. The Annapurna restaurant will supply the food; there'll be cider; and on Friday evenings live entertainment along with the films. Admission is two dollars for the two films,

which change every evening. Upcoming Friday entertainment will include concerts by Cinemaface and The Dishes, comics from Yuk Yuks and probably the first ever First Annual Bar Mitzvah Film Festival. On their programme they promise not to go out of business. It seems somehow fitting that Ward 7's first repertory theatre should open in the oldest theatre building in Toronto.

Public works projects

The city's Department of Public Works has now made available the proposed list of major improvements to Ward 7 streets, sidewalks and laneways during 1977. Alderman John Sewell (telephone 367-7910) and Janet Howard (telephone 367-7916) would appreciate hearing from people who think that any of the following improvements are not required or if any street or laneway has been left off the list.

Proposed road reconstruction:

- 1) Amelia Street, from Parliament to Sackville
- 2) Carlton Street, from Ontario to Parliament
- 3) Parliament Street, from Gerrard to Carlton

Proposed sidewalk reconstruction:

- 1) Carlton Street, both sides, Ontario to Parliament
- 2) Parliament Street, both sides, Gerrard to north branch of Gerrard
- 3) River street: west side, Nicholas to Gerrard; east side, Dundas to Oak
- 4) Trinity Street, both sides, Mill to Front, including boulevard

Proposed laneway pavings:

- 1) Lane running east/west between Amelia and Winchester, from just east of Sackville to Sumach
- 2) The east/west and north/south lanes in the block bounded by Hogarth, Bowden, Wolfrey and Hampton.

- 3) The east/west and north/south laneways in the block bounded by Hogarth, Hampton, Wolfrey and Logan.
- 4) The east/west and north/south lanes in the block bounded by Eastern, Booth, Lakeshore and Logan.

- 5) The east/west and north/south lanes in the block bounded by Sackville, Salisbury, Rawlins and Winchester.

As well, the departments will be making numerous repairs to many streets and sidewalks throughout the ward. The list of such repairs is too lengthy to publish. However, if residents have suggestions regarding small repairs, please call Howard or Sewell.



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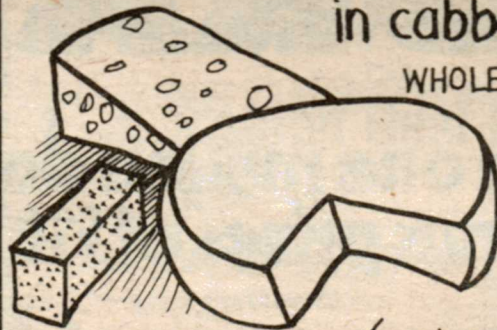
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The focus of Landscape is on women poets, both published and unpublished. The objective of the experience is to stimulate and encourage exchange between isolated writers and groups of women

poets who have had little contact or communication, e.g. ethnic poets, women who write in their homes, feminist poets, etc.

The format of the day, to be held in May, will involve a hundred participants, of whom thirty will read their work that has been accepted. There will also be space for a "Poetry Hanging" of work by any participant; and a workshop on publishing. All women poets are encouraged to become involved.

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John Sanlon, the Party organizer offers special thanks to Telley Jodrell, Mary Hope and Kay McDonagh, and all the ladies who helped make this evening a success.

There will be bus trips and parties coming up soon. For information call John Sanlon at 368-7503.

SURVIVAL

Poisons in the home

By WELLESLEY HOSPITAL STAFF

It's a sad fact that, despite proper labelling of potentially harmful household products and increased public awareness of the problem, cases of home poisoning are still widespread as anyone who has worked in the emergency department of a hospital or health clinic knows.

And it's a sadder fact, too, that the majority of such casualties are children, especially those smaller ones who don't know any better — and can't be watched all the time.

They climb up on the washbasin and get at the bathroom cupboard. They play hide-and-seek in the spaces under the sink.

All the places, in fact, where such lethal products as lye and Drano and bleach and polishes are kept.

And they either take something themselves or feed it to a small brother or sister. For after all, many such items — like lemon oil for instance which comes in an attractive bottle and smells pleasant — don't appear harmful to them.

Perhaps surprisingly, aspirins are one of the most common causes of poisoning in children, especially those coated, sweet-tasting ones specifically made for them. They get their little hands on them and eat them like candy.

But apart from such drugs which should, in any case, be kept well out of reach (preferably in a locked cabinet), the golden rule to be followed is that any substance not meant to be swallowed should be regarded as a possible poison if taken internally. And appropriate safeguards should be made to keep them away from innocent hands.

With adults, the most common types of home poisoning are those resulting from mistakes or misunderstandings (aside from the deliberate self-poisoning, such as through overdose). Frequently seen are people who leave sleeping pills beside the bed.

One is taken, drowsiness occurs but sleep doesn't, and forgetfulness sets in also; another is taken, perhaps more and before long, the person is poisoned.

One doctor recently saw a case where the poisoning had been caused by sulpha drugs. The patient had been told to take two tablets every six hours, didn't check the label and instead, took six tablets every two hours.

That isn't an uncommon occurrence.

On the subject of medication, it should also be remembered that medicines may undergo significant chemical changes while sitting unused in the medicine cabinet. They may look the same and even taste the way they did originally; but they could have deteriorated and become a possible potential poison.

A good rule of thumb is to dispose of any leftover medicines, especially the kind obtained only by prescription.

Headache pills and pain-killers (especially the latter) are other types of potentially dangerous medicines when misused or swallowed.

Whatever the cause in cases of home poisoning, the victim should be treated as quickly as possible. First-aid treatment should be given immediately and the victim removed at once to the nearest emergency centre.

Here is a guide to what should be done in various different poisonings.

If the victim has swallowed substances such as corrosives (lye drain cleansers, bleach, strong acids, etc.), vomiting should NOT be induced. If the patient is conscious, large quantities of milk, or traditionally, cold greasy dishwater, may save a good deal of damage.

In the case of kerosene or other products containing petroleum — such as fuel oil, furniture polish, turpentine, lighter fluid (a common cause of poisoning in children) — again, vomiting should not be induced. The victim should be given fluids.

It is possible that such a victim won't swallow voluntarily, in which case the usual method is to pour liquid into the mouth while holding the victim's nose so that he has to swallow in order to breathe. And it has to be done quickly.

So long as there are no burns around the mouth or lips where there is no caustic involved, vomiting should be induced either by giving strong salt water, a mixture of Keene's mustard and water or perhaps by gently touching the back of the victim's throat with the finger tip.

In any case, you shouldn't wait more than five minutes for the patient to vomit. Take the victim to the nearest source of emergency treatment.

There is a Poison Control Centre at the Hospital for Sick Children and another at the Toronto East General, both of which can provide information if there is uncertainty about the type of product swallowed. However, it is probably unwise to waste time trying to find out whether something a child has taken really is poison or what type it is. Call an ambulance and, if possible, alert your nearest emergency department to let them know the patient is on the way.

NOTE: If there are any particular aspects of health care that readers would like to see covered in this series, please write: Public Relations Department, The Wellesley Hospital, 160 Wellesley St. E., Toronto, M6Y 1J3.



February 3, 1977

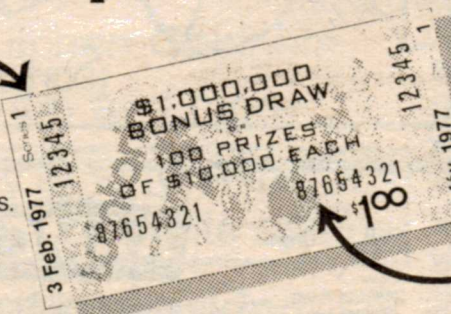
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NEWS ROUND-UP

Monday January 31

The Ward 7 Business and Professional Association is holding its first general meeting of this year tonight at 7:30 at the German Canadian Club Harmonie, 410 Sherbourne St. There will be a panel presentation followed by a wine and cheese party. Attendance is limited so register by phone in advance at 967-3353.

Tuesday February 1

There will be **bingo** at Dixon Hall at 7 p.m. Admission is 50 cents.

The People and Places **film** series at the Danforth Library features The Animal World. Admission is

Wednesday February 2

Harbourfront is presenting the Canadian **feature film** Isabel starring Genevieve Bujold and directed by Paul Almond. 7:30, free, at York Quay.

Dixon Hall is offering a **self-defense** program at St. Paul's School for ages 6-17. Admission is 50 cents per week. For more information call Gayle at 863-0499.

Thursday February 3

The Don District **Inter-Agency Group** will be meeting at Regent Park United Church at 10 a.m. Call 924-2543 for more information.

There will be progressive **euchre** at Dixon Hall at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for senior citizens.

A **Parent Effectiveness Training** course is being offered by the Riverdale Public Health Nursing Office, starting Thursday February 3 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Six classes will be given. This course is intended for interested parents who want to learn and practise the parenting skills described by Dr. Thomas Gordon in his book "Parent Effectiveness Training". The course is free but there is a \$4.00 charge



Among the activities at the Central Neighbourhood House jamboree was the testing of blood pressure.

for babysitting to cover the whole series. For more information, call 430 Broadview Ave. at 465-2496.

Monday February 7

The week of February 6 to 12 is Prevention of Blindness Week. The C.N.I.B. in conjunction with the Don Vale Medical Centre will hold a free **glaucoma screening** today from 1:30 to 4:30 in Suite B in the basement of the Centre at 597 Parliament St. Screening takes only a couple of minutes and involves a simple eye-drop test which produces no discomfort.

Thursday February 10

Tired of the same old meals? Learn how to **cook something new** at Dixon Hall's Thursday cooking class. Classes run for eight weeks beginning today, from 7 to 10 p.m., and cost \$10. For more information, contact Dixon Hall.

General

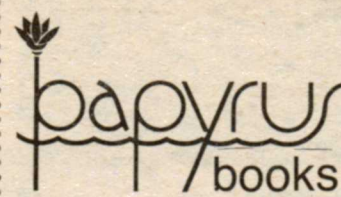
Every Friday night from 7:30 to 10:30 the 41 Oak **Bingo Club** will be operating as usual. Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 the club is open with admission 35 cents.

At its last meeting in 1976 the Board of Education agreed to rent the premises at 310 Gerrard St. E., the former Shoprite Store. The Contact school is interested in the possibility of having other community groups **share the space**. A meeting will be held at the present Contact site on the third floor of Duke of York School, 14 Pembroke St., on Thursday February 10 at 7:30 p.m. For further inquiries call 862-1469.

The **Senior Volunteers** in Public Service (VIPS) are looking for a group of 25 senior citizens to work as friendly visitors for Riverdale Hospital. Orientation and training begins Tuesday February 8 at 1:00 p.m. and is open to interested persons age 55 and up. After the four-week training period, volunteers will be asked to spend one half day per week visiting older patients in hospital. Interested persons are asked to phone Mrs. Mary Hood at 923-4477 for more information.

Income tax and rent rebate forms are now being done weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St. Cost is \$2.00 to \$5.00. For information call 925-4363.

The **Community Orchestra** needs more players. It currently has 13, and needs more: brass, woodwinds, strings, and percussion. Practices are every Monday night at 8:00 p.m. at Winchester School. Next performance is in April. We can give some help in getting instruments if you don't have your own. We're playing both modern and classical numbers. For more information, call Elaine Farragher at 920-4513.



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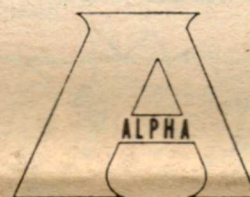
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NEWS BRIEFS

Tenants' group to be set up

The Metro Toronto executive of the Federation of Ontario Tenants' Associations met in Regent Park recently to initiate setting up of a Metro Tenants' Council for the over 100,000 public housing tenants in the Metro area. According to Jean Lance, the Association president, "tenants have no meaningful input or participation in planning, policy, and management of projects." The Association can be contacted at 781-5210.

Scrivener riding office closed

The constituency office of Margaret Scrivener, the MPP for St. David and the Minister of Government Services in the Conservative government at Queen's Park, has been closed since before Christmas. According to staff in Scrivener's Queen's Park office, the office, at 298C Gerrard E., "is still there, even

though it isn't open". Plans are to try to re-open the office sometime in the future.

Sewell wins court battle

A six-year legal battle between Meridian Property Management and Alderman John Sewell has ended in a defeat for Meridian.

Meridian sued Sewell over 20 houses he rented from them in 1970-71 and sublet to tenants, in the South of St. Jamestown area. Meridian claimed Sewell did not vacate the houses when asked to do so, and sued him for \$383,080.

But the Ontario Supreme Court ruled last week that Meridian didn't have a case, and awarded the judgement to Sewell, ordering Meridian to pay Sewell's court costs. Justice Donald Keith said any losses suffered by Meridian were due to "their own obstinacy."

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DRAMA

Winter theatre season looks good

by SHERILYN MARSHALL

The Ward Seven Winter drama season is getting off to a flying start with an interesting variety of plays being presented in the area. The plays range from the humorous to the serious and the horror to the realities of life.

Factory Theatre Lab is presenting a Canadian version of Deliverance with a play entitled "This Side of the Rockies" — an adventure story about three young city men in their twenties, who are weekend campers in the wilds. The men encounter mysterious happenings on their hikes and this affects their feelings towards each other. The play combines humour and seriousness as the men inter-relate towards each other. The play presents the unexpected.

This Side of the Rockies is directed by Eric Steiner, who has directed several productions at the Factory Theatre Lab. Bryan Wade wrote the play as well as Blitzdrieg and Underground for the theatre. Both men have been involved in other theatre groups across Canada. Eric Steiner also directed the Rocky Horror Show for the Actors' Stage. This Side of the Rockies will be running until February 13, Tuesday through Sunday.

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From rocky mountains, the drama moves into Lillian Hellman's "The Children's Hour", a play that studies the "goodness and badness" of young girls. The victims, namely the girls in the school, eventually become the victimizers as they torture two of their teachers, mentally, with vicious rumours, destroying the relationship of these two people. "The Children's Hour" was a movie starring Shirley MacLaine and Audrey Hepburn.

"The Children's Hour" is on from February 10 to the 26th, with performances Tuesday to Saturday at 8:30. All opening nights are Thursdays at the Firehall Theatre, 70 Berkley Street. Call 364-4170 for reservations and ticket prices.

The Open Circle Theatre presents "The Primary English Class", by Israel Horowitz with previews January 25 through February 4. The play is a comedy about six non-English speaking immigrants in North America, who sign up for an Government sponsored "Immersion" English class with a teacher who speaks only English. The Open Circle production will be the Canadian premiere.

Ticket prices for this play are \$3.50 and \$4.50 with preview tickets costing \$2.50. "The Primary English Class" will be presented Tuesday through Sundays. Call 967-6584 for reservations and information. The show opening is February 5 and the previews are January 25 to Feb. 4. The play will be at the New Theatre, 736 Bathurst St. (south of Bloor).

Ryerson Theatre Productions presents "Broken Pieces" or

"pieces Detachees", also a language play as it deals with the character and life style of the Quebecois. The play is written by Michel Tremblay and in the French Canadian "Jaoul" tongue. Broken Pieces has been translated by John Van Meer and it loses none of its effectiveness in the translation. The play explores the people and their language. Broken Pieces is set in the tenement district of Montreal.

The play runs February 4-12 with a preview on February 3 at the Ryerson Theatre on Gerrard St. E. General Admission is \$2.; Students and Senior Citizens \$1.50 and preview price is \$1.00. Groups can get in for \$.75. The play goes Tuesday through Saturday at 8:30 and Saturday Matinee at 2:30. For tickets and reservations, call 595-5088.

The Toronto Free Theatre is presenting the play called ME by Martin Kinch, Toronto Free Theatre's artistic director. The play was originally staged in 1973 and has been re-written for this production. ME is a penetrating study of a young frustrated author who is attempting to fight his way back to his typewriter. He also tries getting out of a web of unhealthy relationships that are stagnating his artistic creativity. He has built these relationships around him and is no longer able to relate to them.

Director John Palmer has done several plays for the Toronto Free Theatre, as well as TV scripts and a film (Monkeys in the Attic). ME will be on until February 6, at 26 Berkeley St. For information and reservations call 368-2856.

7 News Meeting

7 News will be holding a general meeting on Friday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Queen East Church, 947 Queen St. East (at Carlaw). The meeting will discuss fundraising for 7 News, policy, and anything else that people want to talk about concerning the paper. Everyone who lives or works in Ward 7 is welcome to come to the meeting.

The meeting will be combined with a potluck dinner and party.

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Leafs	4	2	2	0	11	20	4
Chicago	4	1	3	0	11	27	2
Flyers	4	0	4	0	12	26	0

January Results

Jan. 3/77	Canadians 7 — Flyers 5
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Historical Frankland School still growing

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ing classes open to students of Greek origin.

The current principal, Robert Geddes, says the Greek Community Organization sponsors the two day time classes in Greco-Canadian studies. The co-ordinator of the Frankland Community Association, Mrs. Sue Barnard, says the evening program, four times a week, consists of a course in Greek academics.

The 'Family Growing', or 'Multi-age Grouping' program was introduced several years ago. It allows a child to stay in the same classroom, with the same teacher, through the first few primary grades. Mr. Geddes says the program allows the students to help each other, and it eliminates a lot of wasted time, because the teachers are more familiar with the capabilities of each child.

Mrs. Barnard says one of the programs badly needed at Frankland is school-age daycare. A program, that would allow the students, under supervision, to use facilities at the school before classes begin, during the lunch period, and after school. Although the Board of Education offers a variety of programs that cover breakfast, lunch, and after school periods, Mrs. Barnard feels a program, licensed under the Municipal Day Care act, is the best, as it provides the most effective legal guarantees. Mrs. Barnard says an application has been submitted to the Day Nurseries Branch of the Ministry of Social Services.

The Superintendent of District Four, Helen Sissons, says she has received an application from the parents group that will be forwarded to the Program Consultant, Community Use of Schools, at the Board.

Mrs. Barnard hopes that the program can be in operation by January. It's expected that students using the program will pay fifteen dollars a week, with some funding coming from both the Board and the Ministry of Social Services for

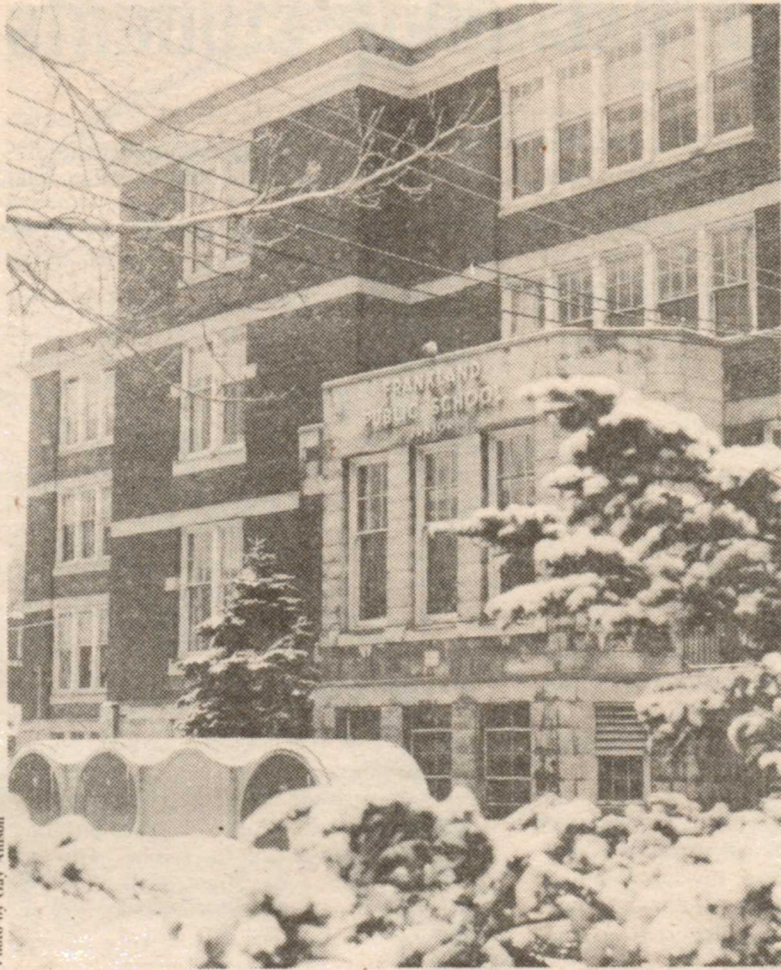


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Frankland School: a solid structure awaiting far-reaching changes.

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The school today has an enrollment of more than 750 students. But, plans are in the works to build a new school, with somewhat reduced enrollment. The new school, which has yet to receive final approval from the Ministry of Education, will incorporate parts of the existing structure. The principal, Mr. Geddes, says it will be unique. It will be a community school, used by both the Board, and the Parks and Recreation Department.



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KIDS STUFF

Regent Park hosts P.E.I. exchange students

In November, two classes of grade six students from Prince Edward Island spent ten days in Toronto as the guests of the fifth and sixth grade students at Regent Park School. The following comments were written after the visit by the Regent Park students who acted as "hosts". In June the hosts will get their turn to be guests when they return to P.E.I.

On November 24, 1976 65 P.E.I. kids came to Toronto for an exchange visit with us. We went on trips and there were 120 of us. On the 25th we went on a tour of the Museum and to the Planetarium for a show. On the 26th we went on a tour of the Ontario Science Centre and saw two demonstrations. On the 27th we went to see the Toronto Maple Leafs practise. On the 29th we went to Queen's Park and the Legislature. After that we went to the CN Tower and saw a film on how it was built. Then we went up to the top and it was a beautiful sight.

On the 30th we went to the Island School and had our lunch there. We also went on a tour of Ward's Island. On December 1st we went to Niagara Falls and saw a show at Marineland. On the 2nd the P.E.I. kids were leaving but we knew we were going to see them again because in June we're going down to P.E.I. and they're showing us around their Island.

Janice Bowen

On November 24 some 65 students came from Summerside P.E.I. as part of an exchange programme. We were put in groups. There were 5 groups called The Spuds, Little Rascals, Lobster Traps, Group 222, and the group I was in was called The Cool Sweat Hogs. Our Chaperone's name was Mr. MacMurdo. The boy that was staying at my house was Robert Aucoin. He stayed at my home for 10 days.

Bruce Curry

We took a bus to the CN Tower. The kids were amazed at what they saw inside. The CN Tower guide showed us a movie of how it was built. We were grouped and we then took the elevator to the observation deck. There was a beautiful view of Toronto

Sue-Tina Kong

I took my assigned billet skating and took her into big buildings and also I took her down to Yonge St. to Funland and Sam the Record Man. At my house we would stay up until midnight playing games.

Doris Fairney

On November 26 we went to the Science Centre for the whole day. We played different games and had a lot of fun. We watched two different shows — one of the shows was a man doing experiments with bubbles; the second show was a lady with lights.

Jimmy Ribble

On Thursday Dec. 2 at 9:30 a.m. our guests left. When the P.E.I. people arrived at the Nova Scotia ferry it was storming and the ferry would not go across. They finally got home at 8 o'clock and in June we are going to P.E.I.

George Harrison

On Nov. 24, 65 kids came from P.E.I. We were doing an exchange program. They would come from P.E.I. and stay at other kids' houses for the week. It was fun. We went to lots of places and showed the P.E.I. kids what Toronto was like. We went to the CN Tower. It was really exciting. First we saw a film on how the workman started building it. Then we went up in the elevator. It went fast. And hurt your ears as it took you up. When you got out of the elevator you could see a really nice view of Toronto. And the cars looked like little candies.

Marilyn K.

We went on lots of trips. It was fun. We went to the Museum. We learned things from ten thousand years ago like jugs and mummies. Then we went to the Planetarium. We learned about the stars and planets. It was fun too. When we went to Marineland I saw a real whale. He was big. I never saw a real whale before or dolphins.

The next day we went to the Science Centre. There we went and saw experiments with water.

Tommy Lemay

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