



Why are these kids happy? Well, wouldn't you be if you were about to eat a cake you had all made? Shown above, at Duke of York School, are: (back row, left-right) Dennis Cata, Mike

Rudder, David Albourough, Janet Chin, Linda Wreaks, and (front row, left-right) Annie Chan, Jimmie Boulteris, Jason Smith, Kristy Rushworth, Dodie Warner, Oscar Abdelati, Shanti Scheuer.

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High-rise tenants fight rent hike

By GENE ALLEN

Karl Jaffary, former reform alderman for Ward Seven, has been representing an Ontario Street landlord with close links to the Meridian group in rent review

hearings over the last two weeks.

The landlord, Barbara Apartments Ltd., is asking for rent increases of between 17.6 and 22 per cent for the 558 apartments in the buildings. Under Ontario's rent

review law, rent increases of over 8 per cent are allowed only if the landlord can prove to a rent review officer that costs have risen by more than 8 per cent.

Jaffary, a strong opponent of

Meridian during his 1970-74 stint on City Council, defended his decision to act as the landlord's lawyer in an interview with 7 News.

"I've always supported rent control," he said. "The landlord approached me and said 'I just want my rights under the law'. If the landlord is prepared to obey the law, he has the right to be represented."

"The objections I had to Meridian as an alderman concerned the treatment of tenants in houses south of St. James Town, which I thought was just disgusting. However, I thought the resolution of the situation was not unfair."

Jaffary said that when he was a criminal lawyer "I was not concerned with whether the client was a nice guy or not." He added that he had no strong objections to any of Meridian's present activities.

An earlier hearing on the proposed rent increases held Dec. 13, 1976 was postponed because the landlord had incorrectly stated that the leases of all tenants expired on the same date. The recent hearings were held before groups of about 30 tenants with common expiry dates on their leases.

At the April 25 hearing before rent review officer Robert T. Grimson, tenants and their representatives argued that the landlord's claims of increased costs, particularly maintenance costs, were inflated. Margaret Gittens, a member of the tenants association, said: "The feeling of the tenants is that they are continually putting out money for work that has never been done." Other tenants questioned expenditures for drapes, carpets, ceiling repairs, and painting, saying both that they had seen little evidence of such improvements and that what work had been done in these areas was of poor quality.

"When I wash the fingerprints

off the wall, the paint comes off too", one woman complained

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Nellies' future is uncertain

At a recent community meeting on April 21, called by John Sewell and Janet Howard to discuss with the intended developer his plans for the lot on Broadview Ave. recently sold by the YMCA, there was spontaneous support for Nellie's Women's Hostel, and a strong affirmative vote for the hostel remaining where it is. "Any of us might need it some day," one speaker said.

The developer has undertaken to bring revised plans to a future com-

munity meeting. There was a strong implication that Nellie's would remain part of its project.

The present situation is that Nellie's has been asked to vacate its house by July 31. The hostel is an emergency housing facility for up to 30 transient women in the big comfortable old house at 275A Broadview. The hostel requires over 3,000 square feet of living space, a small mansion by today's standards. The few that do come on the market are quickly snapped

up for conversion to luxury apartments.

Knowing from past experience how difficult it is to locate a suitable house, Nellie's has for some time now been searching on its own as well as negotiating with the City Housing Department, but nowhere is there any house that would do. "If we cannot settle our housing problem, it is most likely that we will have to disrupt or even shut down our services," Carol Kowbel, Nellie's president, said.

St. Jamestown group is for the blind

By JENNY MEYER

The Good Companions, a group for blind and partially sighted people living in St. Jamestown,

was started by the YMCA in January 1977. The purpose was to set up a group in which information and aid in life skills could

be provided through social and recreational activities. The group itself, with 18 members including the elected executive, has extended these purposes to include the education of blind, partially sighted and sighted people in the community. The Good Companions have used the medium of the television program "St. James Town Today" shown on Rogers Cable Channel 10.

Also on the agenda is an orientation booklet for blind and partially sighted newcomers to St. Jamestown. Meanwhile the group is enjoying bowling, euchre, parties, and discussions.

If you are interested in attending a meeting of the Good Companions or know of anyone who might benefit from this group, please call the YMCA office in St. Jamestown at 923-4402. The membership fee is \$1.00 per year.



Some of the members of the Good Companions group

7 News gets new office

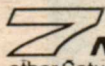
7 News has a new office. It's located in the basement of St. Peter's Church, 190 Carlton St. (just east of Bleecker).

7 News picked up and moved there lock, stock, and typewriter last week, leaving behind the quarters in the Don Vale Community Centre at 80 Winchester where the paper was located for a good number of years. The Don Vale Community Centre is now closed, with the centre itself having ceased operation and all the tenant groups such as 7 News having moved out. All had been given notice to move by the owner of the building, the United Church of Canada.

Seven News' new offices in St. Peter's Church are only temporary, however. In two months we'll have to move on again. So . . . if you know of any community office space that will be available by July 1, please let us know.

In the meantime, you can find Ward Seven's wandering newspaper by walking up the driveway running north from Carlton, along the east side of St. Peter's, going to the side door, ringing the clearly marked "Bell", and turning left as soon as you come in the door and walking down the stairs. We'll be there.

Our phone number is still 920-8632; our mailing address remains 265 Gerrard St. East.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Woodgreen Community Centre will be held at 835 Queen St. E., Toronto, Ont., Thursday, 26, 1977 at 11 p.m. for the following purposes.

1. To receive and consider the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 1976, and the report hereon of the auditor, Clarkson and Gordon.
2. To receive and consider the report of the directors, president and executive director.
3. To elect directors.
4. To elect auditors.
5. To transact such further and other business as may be properly brought before the meeting any adjournment or adjournments thereof Dated Toronto 26th day of April 1977 By the order of the board of directors.

Woodgreen Community Centre is accepting nominations to the board of directors. Nominations should be presented in writing to Mrs. Jane Pope, Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. E., Toronto, Ont., M4M 1H9 by Wed. May 11th. All nominations should include consent forms signed by the nominee indicating their willingness to stand for office. Please indicate the full name of the nominee, address, phone number and a brief personal resume.

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LETTERS

Teachers protest Board's policies

To the Editor:

Are your readers aware of the direct efforts of the recent series of decisions made by the Board of Education for the City of Toronto in the face of budgetary restrictions imposed by the Provincial Government and the Board of Education for Metropolitan Toronto? These decisions include the releasing of 159 probationary elementary school teachers and the phasing out of 40 Special Education classroom programs. In addition the Toronto Board of Education approved a series of recommendations from the Central Staffing Committee which will result in larger class sizes for the schools of the inner city.

The loss of these 159 probationary teachers is especially regrettable since all of the members of this unfortunate group had been evaluated on the basis of their classroom performance as being either Very Good or Excellent. Thus we have lost not only 159 individuals but 159 high quality teachers.

The expedient yet callous manner in which these contract terminations were effected has been extremely damaging to the morale of the teaching staff in general. This unfortunate series of events has been handled by the Board in a way which has increased tensions between themselves and the teaching staff and which will reduce the number and quality of the services received by the parents and students of the City of Toronto. All this comes at a time when parents, teachers and the Board should be seeking an effective and harmonious working relationship in order to meet the challenges of economic recession, large New Canadian enrolments and changing educational goals and methods.

The actions taken by the Toronto Board in the face of the current budgetary considerations seems to defy logic.

1. The Toronto Board of Education was required to pare \$1.4 million from its original budget estimates by the Metro Board.

2. The Toronto Board managed the budget reduction by terminating the probationary contracts of 159 teachers, deemed surplus by the staff allocation formula of the Metro Board, and by withdrawing 40 Special Education classroom programs.

3. On Tuesday April 12, 1977 the Toronto Board was able to win a budgetary concession from Metro in the amount of \$1.1 million.

Therefore, the final difference between the original Toronto

Board budget request and the amount yielded is \$300,000.00. This difference does not necessitate the loss of 159 teachers and 40 Special Education classroom programs.

But, this \$1.1 million budgetary victory is not going to be used to rehire the terminated, probationary teachers or to reinstate the lost, Special Education programs or in any way which will effectively reduce class size and increase the daily, in-classroom services available to parents and students across the city. This \$1.1 million is to be used to fund the politically attrac-

tive Community Liaison Program, the educationally experimental SCORE project and the winterizing of some schools.

This reversal of normal educational priorities must not be seen as simply confusing but as an erosion of educational opportunities at a time when the existing educational structure is exhibiting difficulties in coping with the public's expectations.

Yours sincerely,
signed by Sandra Statler and 28 other staff members of Regent Park School and Reading Clinic including the secretarial staff.

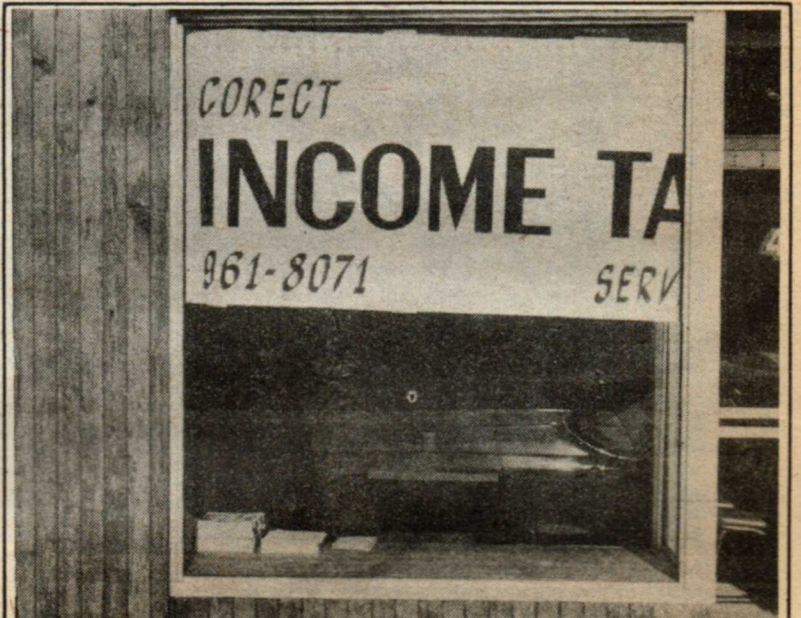


Photo by Cubby Coatsworth

If their math is as good as their spelling, then the clients of "Corect" Income Tax had better start worrying about their tax returns.

Goodbye to Don Vale Community Centre

Dear Editor:

The last days of the Don Vale Community Centre were very sad personally for myself and very hectic for the remaining services such as Seven News and BOOST and the Food Co-op. As I cleaned or tried to each room it carried memories.

Do you remember "Lunch at the Top" which was held on the third level? There are other services of DVCC which I suppose won't be forgotten, such as Crunch, Health, Cinch, all of these were good programs and services. The Don Vale Community Centre tried to have community oriented programs.

Don Vale Community Centre's Board of Directors decided to sell

as much of the assets as we could to pay off some of the bills so that we could leave the building free of debt created by our being there. So for three days the sale went on and we sold as much as we could and then on Friday the remaining stuff was actually given away. The children had the most fun taking their prizes away from DVCC.

We want to thank all the community people for their support and help in all our endeavours. It was a success for six years through the efforts of many devoted people who had created Don Vale Community Centre.

Dorothy Bushey,
Member of DVCC
Board of Directors

Everybody give to Seven News!

Dear 7 News:

I enjoy your paper and I hope everyone else who does will help the paper by sending a cheque, be it for \$1.00, \$7.00, or \$100.00.

Sincerely,
Bev Reilly,
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Dear Editor:

Thank you for the Seven News. Sorry my donation is so small, but old age pension is also small.

Anonymous
(Thank you — staff)

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Open house involves parents

The class's attention was being focused on calculating vectors by using graphs. "Using the geometry you've been learning in math, what must be the displacement at the base of this drawing?" asked Maury Schlifer, Eastdale's dynamic Science teacher. "It must be 2 metres," was the enthusiastic "student's" reply. The "student" just happened to be Margaret Murphy, a parent, who, while attending Eastdale's Open House, had become totally involved in the lesson, and answered almost instinctively. "You're right!" answered Mr. Schlifer.

From 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 1977, Eastdale Collegiate Institute was alive with excitement and activity as the school warmly welcomed the community to celebrate Education Week. Some time ago, the staff, students and the School Community Council decided to operate the school on a delayed timetable, encouraging parents and friends in the community to visit the school while it was in session. Many people took advantage of this unique opportunity to participate in the daily operation of the school.

Both staff and students had been rather dubious about the effectiveness of the whole day, but as the day progressed they seemed to relax and did not appear to be distracted by the many visitors in their classrooms. They almost seemed oblivious to the CBC cameras whirling in the background. A criticism voiced by one student and a parent was that they should have had more time to talk to the visitors. A suggestion for next year is to have a community meal incorporated into the day's activities.

Mrs. Kay Love, President of the Eastdale School Community Council feels that the day was well worthwhile and that there was good communication between parents, staff and students. She noted that people attended classes not only if their child was present in the class, but also because of a personal interest in the subject being taught. By having the activities in the afternoon and evening, they had been able to accommodate people who might otherwise have been unable to attend because of work or other commitments. The presence of a Chinese worker from the School Community Relations Department encouraged Chinese parents to visit the school and helped demystify this new experience as they heard activities explained in their own language.

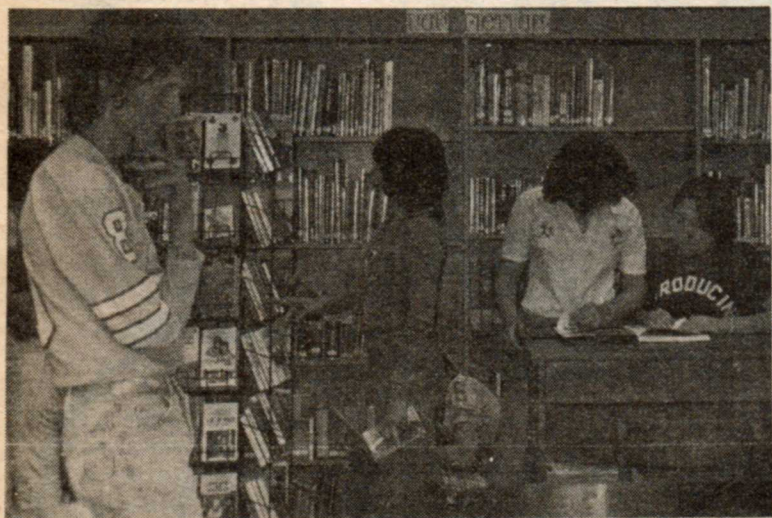


Photo by Rockie Lam

Eastdale students in library during open house.

Booklet describes tenants' rights

By DAVID VEZINA

Shortly after the last provincial election, legislation was passed that went into the make-up of the new Landlord and Tenant Act. The Act provides for well defined, broader rights for tenants. In conjunction with this the Neighbourhood Legal Services at 257 Seaton Street has issued a pamphlet that outlines the new tenant rights.

Firstly, a landlord must give you proper written notice if he wants you to leave. The notice must be signed by the person giving it; it must state the date on which you are to leave; it must identify the room or apartment; it must state the reason why you have to leave; and it must tell you that you have the right to dispute the eviction in court.

If the notice fails to meet all of the above criteria, then it isn't legal and you can ignore it.

The pamphlet also describes other situations where a knowledge of your rights is essential to a just settlement.

- If you are behind in your rent a landlord can give you notice to be out in 20 days. However, if you pay the amount within 14 days the notice is no longer legal.

- If you have interfered with the safety of other tenants or the landlord, or if you have too many people living in the place, the landlord must give you 20 days notice. Again, you have 7 days in which to correct the problem.

- If the landlord, spouse, child or parents of the landlord want to move in, the landlord must give you 60 days notice.

- If the landlord plans to renovate or to tear the building down, he or she must give you 120 days notice.

- A landlord must give 90 days notice of any increase in your rent.

If the increase is over 8% the landlord must apply to the Rent Review Board.

- You cannot be evicted for belonging to a tenants' association or for exercising your legal rights.

- If a landlord does try to evict you, you can dispute it in court. The landlord must get a writ of possession from the court before you have to move. Even with that writ, however, a landlord cannot physically throw you out — only a sheriff with a court order can do that.

If you don't understand any of the points made here, or if you are involved in a tenant problem that hasn't been covered here, there are several numbers you can phone for help. They are: Neighbourhood Legal Services, 928-0110; Tenant Hot Line, 656-5500; or the Aldermen for Ward 7 — Janet Howard, 367-7916 and John Sewell, 367-7910.

Join Macdonald's new "One Million Club"

By ALFRED RUSHTON

Hello, there! You with the great big depression in your wallet from overspending again. Are you sick and tired of always paying those mortgage bills on time? Paying the landlord, the grocery man, the baker and candle stick maker? Well then, rest assured. We have come up with a plan which will see to it that you no longer have to worry about where your money is going — mainly because you won't have any to worry about.

Yes, we're talking about Donald Macdonald's Unemployment Agency where you can join the ranks of an ever-increasing number of your fellow Canadians. We are only at the nine hundred thousand mark and we're aiming for a million before the summer. Why don't you just fill out your application today and mail it in? Then you too can get to see the real side of life. Sit on park benches with men who know what real misery is and aren't afraid to tell you about it. Men and women who no longer have to worry about a roof over their heads because they sleep anywhere. They are the rugged out-

doors types who don't mind roughing it and who come up smelling of Rosé. Or how about joining a new social club at the Canada Manpower Offices as you wait. You might just find your next mate there. (Because there you'll meet people from all walks of life; people just like yourself.)

People sharing their very last cigarette among four or six others — you can't get closer than that, can you! Or how about sitting in a pub all day nursing a few draught beers while waiting for the papers to come out. Did you know that the unemployed are probably the best read people around?

They read every column inch of the newspaper, not to mention all those want ads. Think what such a situation can do for your education!

So let us know today if you want to become a member of Donald Macdonald's One Million Club. Think of it as a religious experience that you might have missed otherwise. Now you too will be eligible for the grand Cook's Tour of the missions. Each mission has the same story but a

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Jaffary represents landlord at rent review hearings

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about the paint job in her apartment. Tenants' representatives also challenged several invoices presented by the landlord as proof

of increases costs, saying that the invoices were improperly addressed. "Invoices are often addressed directly to the head office of Meridian, not to 700 and 730

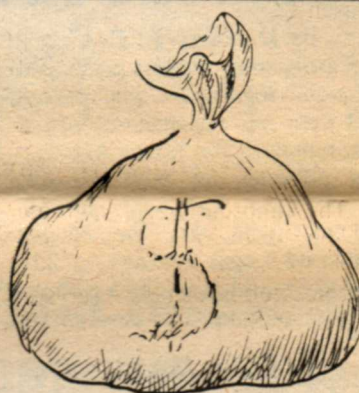
Ontario St." Margaret Gittens, explained.

Jaffary said the main elements of higher costs for the landlord were insurance, taxes, heating, and electricity. "I'm not going to argue that the standards of maintenance are good," he said. "My clients are open to discussion on this — but they can't discuss it while they're losing \$80,000 a year and costs are going up."

Many tenants who attended the hearing were confused about how much rent they should be paying.

At present, rents are \$127 for a one-bedroom apartment, \$145 for two bedrooms and \$161 for three bedrooms. The landlord announced an across-the-board increase of 8 per cent last December, and tenants whose leases are now expiring have been asked to pay a further increase. Rent review officer Grimson pointed out that no rent increase has yet been approved, and said those tenants who paid higher rents are entitled to refunds or credit on future payments. A decision on the application is expected this week.

The metamorphosis of Karl Jaffary



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material, deposited adult and boys' and girls' racks throughout the library system. In conjunction with the Canadian Periodicals' Publishers' Association, they also installed adult and boys' and girls' racks in different branches. It is hoped that this more prominent display will attract a greater number of people to read Canadian material.



If you operate a business or farm and create a new position for the summer, the Ontario Youth Employment Program will give you a grant of \$1 per hour toward the wages of an unemployed youth you hire for the job.

As a matter of fact, grants are available for up to six new positions per business or farm for each operational site, and you may hire any unemployed youth between the ages of 15 and 24 who lives in Ontario and is eligible to work here.

The program will be in effect from May 30th to September 16th, 1977, but the full 16 week commitment is not required.

Employer application forms for the Ontario Youth Employment Program are available through your

Ontario will help employers pay the salaries of youth hired for the summer months.

Here's how the program works.

local Canada Manpower Centres and, because grant funds are limited, should be submitted as soon as possible.

For more information, contact your local Canada Manpower Centre or:

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday May 7

Alpha's rummage and bake sale happens today at the Broadview YMCA, 275 Broadview Ave. at 10:30 a.m. It will feature clothing, furniture, books, toys, a snack bar, and much, much more. All proceeds will go to Alpha School.

The Indian Immigrant Aid Services is holding a **spring dance** tonight at 8:00. For tickets, call Dino Lewis 226-9596 or Indra Bishop, 922-2293.

BOOST — The Blind Organization of Ontario with Self-Help Tactics — is holding a **pre-Mother's Day Spring Bazaar**, at St. Paul's Church, 121 Avenue Rd. Activities planned are interesting hand-made crafts, baked goods, raffles, rummage sales, children's activities, and more. Admission 50¢ for adults, 25¢ for children.

The Parliament Street Library is having a **spring book sale** of old discarded books. Hardcover go for 25¢, paperbacks for 10¢. Coffee will be free. Browse through the mess, paint yourself a T-shirt, sip coffee, and sit in the sunshine on the patio in front of the library.

Sunday May 8

The **Cinema of Solidarity** presents "Double Day", a documentary on working women in Latin America, and their efforts to achieve equality in the home and the workplace. Admission is \$2.25, \$1.75 for students and unemployed. At Innis College, (corner of St. George and Sussex) at 8:00 p.m.

Monday May 9

The first organizing meeting of the St. Jamestown **Camera Club** will be held in the camera club room of 240 Wellesley building at 7:30. All St. Jamestown residents who would be interested in taking part are invited to attend. The camera club room is located beside the laundry room in the Vancouver building.

Whale Sound, a Canadian anthology of poems and drawings related to the themes of marine ecology in general and whale survival in particular, will open today at the Exhibition Gallery at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay West. The exhibit runs until May 28. Artwork will be sold, and most of the proceeds will go to the Greenpeace Foundation to be used in its efforts to save the whales. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday May 11

The Simpson Ave. United Church Social Club are holding **dart games** tonight and every Wednesday night from 7 to 10 p.m., as well as other games and euchre. Refreshments are served. The church is at the corner of Simpson Ave. and Howland Rd.

Thursday May 12

The Riverdale Hospital, on St. Mathews Rd. (Broadview & Gerrard) is having **tours and displays** of various activities to commemorate Canada Hospital Day. For more information, call 461-8251 (ext. 288).

Today, tomorrow, and Saturday, Theatre-Next-Door presents **Frankenstein** at 240 Wellesley St. E. in the sub-basement auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00, \$1.00 for senior citizens. For information call 924-8084.

Friday May 13

The Parliament St. Library House presents **short stories on film** as part of its Friday film program. Today they'll have The Open Window, Isaac Singer's Nightmare & Mrs. Pupko's Beard, and The Lady or the Tiger.

Today and every Friday at 5:45 on CGRT-FM (91.1), the Development Education Centre presents a program of **news on the Third World**.

NEWS BRIEFS

New Riverdale Zoo plods ahead

With the new Metro zoo already celebrating its third anniversary this August, residents of the Riverdale Park area have been wondering what's happening with the old zoo site. The Parks Department informs us that construction of a miniature farm is under way, complete with barn, farmhouse and all varieties of farmyard animals. Alfred Webb, who is in charge of the project, expects that it will be completed some time late in 1977. The farm will be open year-round, with free admission.

Hot Line relocates

The Tenant Hot Line has moved from its old location at 80 Winchester St. to a new location at 425 Vaughn Rd. Its new phone numbers are 656-5500, and 656-5501. The Hot Line had to move out of its old quarters in the Don Vale Community Centre when the centre was closed by the United Church. Not even the Hot Line had enough punch to prevail on the landlord to allow his tenants to stay! The Hot Line has also been refunded by the Ontario Legal Aid Plan for another year.

Saturday May 14

The Neighbourhood Information Post is having a **fund-raising garage sale** today, featuring all sorts of curious knick-knacks, household items, furniture, books, clothes, records, toys, jewellery, baked goods, etc. at bargain prices. It'll be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 265 Gerrard St. E. There are tables to rent, if you wish to sell your own stuff (call 924-2543) and any donations are very welcome. In case of rain, the garage sale will be held at the Christian Community Centre, 270 Gerrard St. E., opposite the Parliament St. Library.

A **lucky draw** is being held at Harbourfront today at 2 p.m., sponsored by the Silayan Filipino Centre, 520 Sherbourne St., 922-3997. The draw will be part of a festival with singing, dancing and much else. First prize in the draw is a return trip to the Philippines.

Sunday May 15

Today is the deadline for submissions to Jeremiah's great spring **photography contest**. Bring your photos and slides to Jeremiah's, 161 Winchester (at Sumach), and enter them in the Cabbagetown cliches, Cabbagetown people, and Cabbagetown places categories. Winning entries will be published in Seven News, and everyone who enters will get a free ice cream cone.

Residents of Geneva Avenue will be holding their third annual **street sale** today beginning at 10 a.m. Crafts, household items, books, toys, food, music, clothes will be for sale. For more information call Sharon, 962-4518. Geneva Street is one block south of Carlton, off Sumach.

Theatre du P'tit Bonheur is holding a **rummage sale and bazaar** today at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay West, from 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Available will be art, crafts, pottery, macrame, toys, old costumes, and much more.

Monday May 16

Contact School is having an **open house** at its new space in the former Consumer's Distributing Building on Gerrard St. E. just east of Parliament.

The St. Jamestown YMCA is helping interested residents set up a **camping club** again this year. If you are interested, come to a meeting today in the Y Health Club in the sub basement of the Ottawa building, 650 Parliament St.

Wednesday May 18

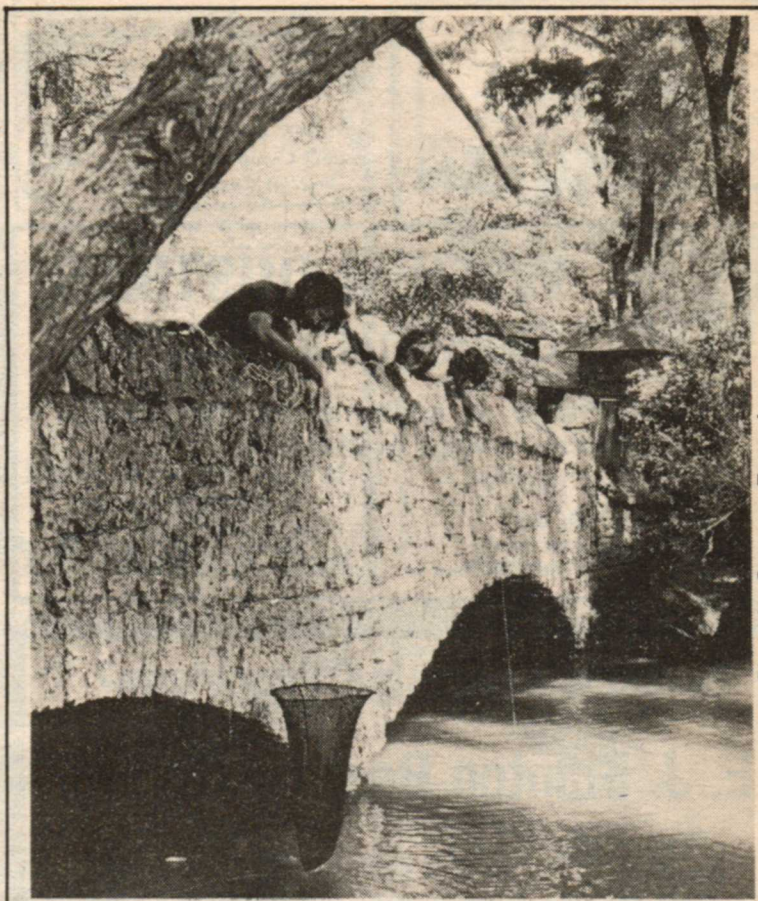
There will be a public meeting to discuss **renovations to the Parliament Street Library** today at 7:30 at the library. Everyone is welcome.

Lois Marshall and Theodore Gentry will be in **concert** today at St. Simon's Church, 40 Howard St. as part of the Toronto Spring Festival of Music. Call 531-3301 for ticket information.

General

The John Howard Society of Metropolitan Toronto 168 Isabella St., 925-4386, is **looking for volunteers** to act as court liaison officers, employment counselling, visiting men in institutions, and intake counselling. Call them if you can help.

The **Community Worker Newsletter** has just published its second issue, containing articles on the community worker program at George Brown College, Tenant Hotline, low income housing, a report from Winnipeg featuring Barrie Morris and Valerie Stubbs, and a list of crisis phone numbers in Toronto. If you are interested in subscribing, or if you have an article or information to contribute, write to Community Worker Newsletter, P.O. Box 7251, Station A, Toronto.



Fishing in old Riverdale Zoo duck pond.

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Fires, fires, fires

A fire hit All Saints Church at Dundas and Sherbourne last week, causing \$25,000 damage, and closing the church down temporarily. A caretaker has been charged with arson.

Fire gutted a classroom at Castle Frank High School on Bloor St. earlier this week. The fire itself was confined to only one classroom, but water and smoke damage were caused to other parts of the building. Estimated damage was \$80,000.

Cancer campaign

The recent cancer campaign held in St. Jamestown netted about \$6300 for cancer research. The campaign included door-to-door canvassing, bingo, and an auction and bazaar. Merchants in the St. Jamestown area and elsewhere donated clothing, manufactured articles and the like for the bazaar, held at 240 Wellesley. Since a great deal of goods were left over, a similar bazaar is planned in September. Chief organizers for the campaign were Frances Drummond and Jack Bain, from the managerial staff at St. Jamestown, who devoted long hours and hard work to making the program a success.

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Terrific travesty takes theatre

Travesty means a kind of burlesque in which the original characters are preserved and the situations parodied. This describes the New Theatre's presentation of Tom Stoppard's play *Travesties* at the St. Lawrence Centre, April 21 — May 7.

The blend of historical documentation and fantasy makes for a very burlesque type of humour as the play opens with Barry Morse (Henry Carr), senile and decrepitly reminiscing about his part in the great war. He is confused and acts like a complete fool, talking of James Joyce, whom he labels an Irish nut who writes poetry in his hat.

Carr babbles of Lenin with the piercing eyes, and of dynamic actions in the Street of Revolution. There is a continuous play of words throughout as each actor

enters into his own personal monologue. The real humour is in the actor's actions. The Russian Revolution is discussed between master and servant, humourously of course. They repeat this action of gathering the news several times and it begins to wear thin.

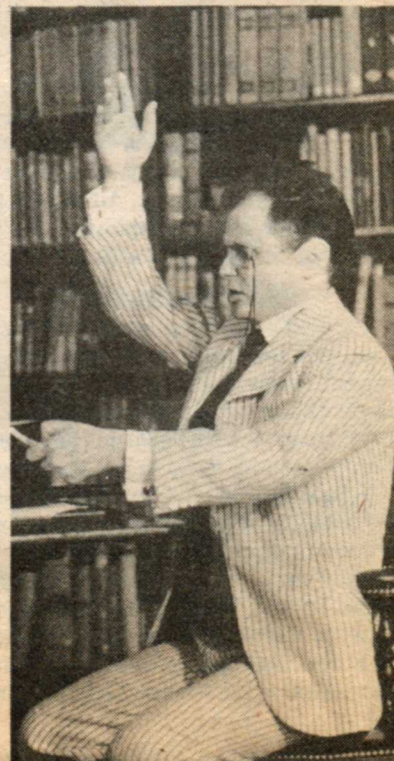
Humorous skits and monologues prevail throughout as the characters try to relate to each other on an innocent basis, but end up fighting with each other. There were shades of burlesque as offside remarks are made supposedly to one in the wings.

Act two becomes a hooray for the revolution. "Absolute freedom is a hypocrisy," is the cry. No one knows who is doing what to whom. Who was Lenin? He was writing a book on imperialism. "We of the older generation may never see the revolution." Imperialism is the highest form of

capitalism.

Humour is evident when the characters attempt to do soft shoe routines. It becomes an unnatural reaction to the situation. Inane conversations take place and the play ends on a cry of "Long live the Revolution", history is made and humour and confusion become the only things that count to these people.

For an evening of humour though, *Travesties* is an excellent springboard for your laughter. It is confusing and funny — it doesn't tax your brain, and leaves you laughing at the flexibility of the characters and yourself at the silliness of it all. See it and get your funny bone tickled.



New Theatre presents Tom Stoppard's *Travesties*.

theatre round-up

The Ryerson Theatre company is offering Professional Workshops in: Jazz Dancing; Makeup for Stage, TV and Film; and Stage Management and Production. For information call 595-5088 and 595-5086. These courses run May through August and feature professionals in those fields teaching the courses.

The Kyra Lober Modern Dance Studio at 6 Church Street has a spring schedule dancing lessons. They teach the art of motion and awareness of one's self. Call 368-6327 for information and registration and cost.

Theatre Compact presents *Orators*; three one-act plays featuring: Anton Chekov's *Swan Song*; *Hands* by Yuli Caniel; and *Rounders* by Michael Brodriff; at the Toronto Workshop Productions Theatre, 12 Alexander Street. The *Orators* runs from May 9-20. Call 922-6159 for tickets and information.

Open Circle Theatre presents two new full-length plays: "Lovejoy's Nuclear War" and "Westroy Hotel". These plays are presented as Double Exposure — on alternate evenings and in repertory at the U.C. Playhouse, 79A St. George Street (below Harbord). Both scripts are topical and original to be realized as workshop productions. This solicits audience feedback, and allows the playwright the opportunity to test his play — giving him/her the further opportunity to change and grow before doing more work.

Open Circle Theatre hopes to develop new writers and plays. Lovejoy's Nuclear War is a dramatic production, researched and conceptualized by Sylvia Tucker in collaboration with Steven Bush. It dramatizes the hazards of nuclear energy and the implications of purposeful civil disobedience. "Westroy Hotel" by Chris Hallgren is a comedy reflecting the conflicts of contemporary Quebec. Seven characters find themselves in arguments and farcical situations. Call 967-6584 for exact performance dates and reservations.

Theatre du P'tit Bonheur has changed the day of its fund-raising to May 14, and still is including the arts and crafts, rummage sale, and entertainment. Contact 466-8400 for information.

Bain residents approve co-op ownership

Residents of Bain Avenue apartments have voted in favour of co-operative ownership of their complex, in a referendum held on May 2 and 3. The apartments are presently owned by the City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corporation, but plans were to sell it to the co-op, consisting of all tenants, providing the residents indicated they were in favour.

88 per cent of the adult residents turned out to vote in the referendum, and voted 63% in favour of co-operative ownership.

Final negotiations for the transfer of ownership should now go ahead.

Street sale on Geneva Avenue

For the third year, Don Vale's answer to Petticoat Lane will take place on Geneva Avenue. It will take place Sunday, May 15, beginning at 10 a.m.

Residents of the street as well as several local organizations will bring their books, their antiques, their old china, their kinky clothes and their just plain junk out on to the street and offer it for sale.

This year, St. Peter's Co-op Nursery School and ALPHA School will have booths. They will be selling everything from bathtubs to baking trays.

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Minister of Health

Greatest living playwright celebrates

By MARY ROSEN

When the candles were blown out on Shakespeare's birthday cake, and the audience had made its wishes, all those who came to pay homage to the immortal bard agreed that the evening had been a success, alas too short.

The success was largely due to the staff of Parliament St. Library, who conceived the idea of an annual commemoration. The efforts and exuberant energy of Louis Green and Alex Jeffories, two actors in love with Shakespeare and the spoken word, treated the "party goers" to excerpts from various Shakespearian plays.

Louis Green, a graduate from the Old Vic in London and a well-known figure in Stratford, recited Hamlet's famous soliloquy — To Be Or Not To Be. He also transformed himself to Othello and Cassius. Mr. Green was helped by two members of the audience, Alfred Rushton, playing Clarence and Mary Rosen, taking the part of Desdemona and Lady Macbeth goading her husband to commit murder. Louis Green's resonant voice, rich in timbre and expression, sounded as if it had been created solely for the purpose of performing Shakespeare.

Alex Jeffories, the other lead

actor, has played roles at Stratford and he is able to draw upon a mixed anthology of playwrights and novelists, ranging from Molière to Dickens. He gave us versions of Falstaff (attired in a comic dress and trappings), Brutus, and Buckingham. Parts from the Merchant of Venice were read by Green, Jeffories and Ted Plantos.

Through the able performances of Louis Green and Alex Jeffories, states of mind were altered and a new appreciation of Shakespeare was either formed or cemented. It was a fun evening, enjoyed by cast and audience.

POETRY

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Still stands the stone giant,
Feet firm on valley floor,
Mighty shoulders wedged against both hillsides
Ignoring the little metal toys that scoot
across his broad chest to reach the other side.
From time to time a rumble in the granite gut
Announces the digestion of yet another subway train.
Down below, between the great stone toes
More tiny toys streak and spurt
Along the concrete ribbons that twist
And curl close to the valley sides.

Amidst all this motion sit silent the steel rails,
Waiting, waiting,
Until finally the great dragon glides along them,
Hooting and hissing as it shakes the valley
And disappears.
Everywhere you look mankind is noisily rushing
To here and there and back again,
But why?

And all the while, almost unnoticed and overlooked,
Paying no attention to man and his works,
The unassuming little river wends its quiet way.
Here it sparkles over sandy shallows,
There lingers in deeper depths,
Even circles around, recalling some forgotten task,
Then hurries on again, as if to make up time,
Intent upon its appointment with the inland sea.

On some far-off day all this man-rush will cease,
Even the stone goliath crumble away,
Leaving in peace the lovely valley
With its faithful companion, architect and builder,
The quiet stream whose motion alone makes sense,
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KIDS STUFF

Would you nibble on a candy tree?

The Candy Tree

By EMILY CUNNINGHAM
ALPHA SCHOOL

Once upon a time there was a little boy and a little girl. And one day they went into the forest and they found a candy tree. Then they nibbled some candy.

The end.

Incubating Eggs

By LANCE LATRULO
ALPHA SCHOOL

One month ago our school, Alpha, started to incubate eggs. Twenty-one days later one egg started to hatch. The next day we had to break a bit of the egg shell so the chick could get out. About 2:30 in the afternoon it was out except for its legs. I had to use my hands to take a bit of the yoke sack off the chick.

It is living to this day.

Smoking is Bad for You GRADE 5

REGENCY PARK SCHOOL

By NARDA KHAN

Our class learned about the damage that smoking can do to you. It affects the lungs and the heart. On Tuesday April 19 our class did a play about smoking and what smoking can do to the lungs and heart. We also demonstrated some exercises that you can do to help keep your heart and lungs in good condition.

By JAMELY CHOW

This term our class has learned about smoking, how people start, how it damages our body and affects our heart and lungs.

Smoking causes people to cough, makes the food not taste good. It speeds up your heart beat and it affects your lungs so you have a shortness of breath. It may give you cancer.

I have learned what the danger of smoking can do to the body and I hope too many people do not smoke.

By MAE ING

I'd like to tell about smoking. Smoking can change you physical

fitness. There are over two thousand people that die each year because of smoking. Cancer of the lung is one of the diseases. Smoking can affect your heart, lungs and teeth and also the cells in a person's body.

When you smoke a cigarette, nicotine goes into the lung and clogs the air sacs. So I'd advise you not to start smoking because smoking can be a lot of danger to a person's life.

Visiting the Royal York Hotel

By DAVID NORTH

On February 16, I went to the Royal York with my cub master. We took the King car to Yonge Street and we took the Yonge subway to Bloor. We went to ask a man how to get to the Royal York. He said to go outside and down the street. So that's what we did.

In front of the Hotel there were all kinds of cars. We went in and we hung up our coats and we went up stairs. We went downstairs to ask a lady. She did not know where Room B was. There were girls with crowns on their heads and there were a lot of people too.

We went up the stairs two times. It had all kinds of rooms and then we found Room B. I went in the room and a man gave me a card to write my name on. We ate fruit cocktail and then we had lamb. It tasted good and something else tasted bad.

We sang songs. I had fun and I had so much fun that the time went fast. It was time to go home. I said goodbye and we went home.

Swearing

By JUDY PAYNE

I don't like people swearing. I think something should be done about it.

(1) ask the Lord to help them out.

(2) ask people to talk about something to keep their mind off it.

Kids' Calendar

DANFORTH LIBRARY

Saturday May 7 at 2 p.m., gardeners take heed! Come plant a seed and watch it grow.

Film buffs can drop by Saturday May 14 at 2 p.m. for a screening of some great nature films.

PARLIAMENT STREET LIBRARY

Do you love books? Come to the book sale Saturday May 7 from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. and get yourself some bargains.

What are you doing after school? Mondays through Thursdays a varied after school program starts at 4 p.m. There are stories, films and crafts.

GERRARD LIBRARY

May is Pet Month at the Gerrard Library. Come by Saturday May 14 at 2 p.m. for a screening of two films, Bear Country and The Case of the Elevator Duck.

Every Friday from 4-5 p.m. movie lovers are invited to screenings of some great movies.



Photo by Cherry Hassard

Frolicking in the soap-filled fountain in St. Jamestown are Elizabeth McCleary, Carol Burns, and Tracy Stelmachovich.

Meals Here and There's tenth anniversary

By SHULAMITH MEDJUCK

Meals Here and There, a meals-on-wheels program, is about to celebrate its tenth year of operation. For the nourishing meals for

the elderly, the disabled, people who have been released from hospital, and the housebound at a sliding scale fee of \$1.25 per meal.

The program is available from Eastminister United Church and Kew Beach Church.

Ten years ago, the local churches and some community groups recognized the need for a Meals on Wheels program for east Toronto, and launched it, under the chairmanship of Maude Harding.

The program has grown from a few meals a day to over 50 meals a day. However, with the growing number of elderly and disabled there is an urgent need for expansion of services. The faithful volunteers are severely strained

and the program desperately needs volunteers, to drive, deliver meals, or be a telephone co-ordinator.

The alternative — limited service — is grim and would effectively mean the continued institutionalization of others simply because of lack of support services.

We would urge the general community of Ward 7 to express its appreciation to the volunteers who have given 10 years of their time and energy and to help the Meals Here and There program celebrate its 10th anniversary by volunteering some time to the program, even if you can spare only a few hours a week.

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