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7 News is taking its Christmas break, so this is the last issue until January 11, 1980. We will be in the office part-time during the holidays, so you can still contact us by phoning the office and, if no one is in, leaving your name and number as corrections. and number on our answering machine. We'll'be back full-time on January

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There's a new suburb of Toronto in the window of the Parkway Delicatessen. In Gingerbread Village the down payment is low but the edifice is edible. The Broadview Avenue store, an importer of European specialties, also stocks Christmas delights such as foil-wrapped chocolate Santa Clauses, chocolate-filled Advent calendars, and iced cookies with centre holes for hanging on the tree. Photo by Cherry Hassard

OHC restricts transfers

By GRACE CAMERON

Tenants who transfer from Ontario Housing projects to co-ops will not continue to receive rent supplements unless their transfers are approved by OHC.

Ken Wallace, manager of contract management programs for OHC, said that "transfers between any rental assisted program will be considered on three points.

He added that transfers depend on whether or not the unit has become to small or too large for the family, if the distance to work is very far or because of health problems.

en Steyer an office assistant at Bain Co-op, said OHC won't give tenants who move out rent supplements because "they're too interested in keeping the units filled."

However, OHC denies this. saying that there are over 3,000 people on the waiting list in Metro.

Steyer added that Ontario Housing is not necessarily appro-

priate for all families. "Part of the problem is that their politics don't make any sense to us," she said. "Just because people have adequate facilities they (OHC) think that they should be satisfied with that.'

OHC is trying to get co-ops in general to run their admission programs the same way that they do theirs, on the point system, she said

"Bain does not discriminate against people because of their financial status," she added. 'We're looking for people who are good for co-ops.'

The role of the co-op is to create a mixed community and to reduce the ghettoization of people, Steyer

All transfers without OHC's approval will be treated as regular move outs, according to Jean O'Bright, an office worker at OHC.

Steyer said that within the last year there have been a number of transfers from OHC into Bain.

· However, O'Bright said that although she doesn't know the exact number of transfers, the amount is not significant.

Christmas then and now

When Christmas comes around it is natural to turn your thoughts backward to Christmases of your childhood. The Yuletide comes at the end of the year, a looking-back time, and the celebration of the holiday is built around a sentimental affection for the past. So many of the Christmas cards that people send out depict scenes in the countryside, although the great majority of us live in cities and towns. There is likely to be a sleigh in the picture, a vehicle that is not often seen these days. Almost never does a Christmas card show a motor car, the most common means of transport. Did you ever see a card with a snowmobile on it? I haven't, although the countryside is full of them during the winter.

When I was a small boy on a Muskika farm there was a special magic to Christmas and Santa Claus was very real. Of course he was never seen, but there was no doubt about his existence. On Christmas morning the tracks of his sleigh could be plainly seen on the snowy field outside the farmhouse. What if those tracks were very like those made by my father's sleigh didn't know what kind of sled the old fellow drove. Besides, the piece of Christmas cake that was left on the table for him the night before was never there in the morning, so he must have been there. the readers of Seven News, the oldsters, may remember what it was like to awaken early on Christmas morning and reach eagerly through the utter darkness for the stocking that had been hung at the foot of the bed the night before. What a joy to find it bulging with goodies!

I don't know if many kids hang up stockings now, but if they do they wouldn't be pleased to find in them what kids found when I was young. Back in those times stockings contained such things as oranges, which were a Christmas treat. Today oranges are standard fare, winter and summer. That's one of the great drawbacks of the modern Christmas, many of the special treats that we used to enjoy at that time of the year are not

special any more — such as turkey.

Many people will tell you that

Christmas is really for children. Certainly the institution will flourish as long as it lives in the imagination of little children. I sometimes wonder to what extent small kids still believe in Santa Claus. It was easy to do so when he was nowhere to be seen. Now he is all over the place, on street-corners, in department stores and shopping malls, at company Christmas parties and on television. There are so many Santas that it is a wonder that they haven't formed a union. It has become a profession and now women are applying for the job. It seems to me that the only place where the old gentleman belongs is in the lively imagination of little children.

There is another special kind of magic that belongs to Christmastime, and it is for adults mostly. I am referring to that mellow feeling that comes over so many people at this time of the year and induces them to look for ways to help others, particularly those who are not as well off as themselves. There are some folk who make a practice of doing this all the year round, but most of us are too caught up in the daily struggle to think about it and don't get around to the good deeds until Christmastime. When it comes to promoting that kind of Yuletide spirit Santa Claus is not the best man for the job. Long, long ago in the Near East there is supposed to have lived a bishop Nicholas who made a practice of helping the poor. According to the story, he did this without letting anyone know he was doing it, even going so far as to drop money or other gifts down the chimney! I don't think you will ever see a number of imitations of him around at Christmas time, but then we don't need them. Anyone who wants to follow his example can go ahead and do so.

If you get an impression from this article that I am not afire with the spirit of Christmas, you are right. I never am until late on Christmas Eve, after the bells stop ringing. The bells I mean are the ones on the cash registers.

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Ward 7 to secede from Toronto? A garbage bag ballet?

A mini-cycle speedway down the Don Valley?

It's all in fun - in a Ward 7 musical revue to be staged in the Spring of 1980.

We have a script - or almost a script (its being written); a number of songs and more to come; a director, Lorne Brown; a choreographer, Elizabeth Biddard; an orchestra leader, John Piper - and several others.

By Christmas there should be

enough script to begin work with so we will begin casting in the New

Woiuld you like to be involved?? We need everyone from singers to stage hands to make up people, etc. etc. Part of the revue will, hopefully, be made up of contributions from Ward 7 community groups, so let us have your ideas

If you would like to join us contact 7 News, 363-9650, which is cosponsoring the revue.

Tenants, landlords clash on Earl St.

By DOUG CARLYLE

For over 18 months residents of 40 Earl St. have been on rent strike. Last Thursday tenants of the 43unit apartment building met with heir landlord to resolve the strike. From the meeting's proceedings, it appears that the strike is not going to end quickly.

Representing the tenants, Dereck Rainer presented the landlords, Mr. Moran and Ms. Virginia Booth, part owners of the building, with a detailed list of problems with the maintenance and upkeep of 40 Earl St. In turn, Mr. Moran presented a new lease proposal.

The list of building problems is long and detailed. It includes exposed wiring causing the near electrocution of a resident in apt. 43; a refrigerator and stove in the same apartment that have not been repaired for over 2 months; window sills rotting and falling from the building; an infestation of coak roaches and rats due to the absence of proper garbage collecton facilities; building superintendents who do little or no work; and water pipes leaking and sinks backing up.

Over the past nine or ten years maintenance of the Earl St. Apts. has been deteriorating to the point

where there is little if any upkeep. Registered letters were sent to the then landlord, Mr. Samuel Warner, listing necessary repairs. Mr. Warner refused to accept the letters. With no repairs or general upkeep, the condition of the building has only continued to diminish.

Acting to resolve the problems with their homes, the tenants organized themselves to fight collectively. They proceeded to go on a rent strike eighteen months ago. Rents have continued to be paid as usual but hav been made out to a strike fund with three tenants acting as Continued on page 3

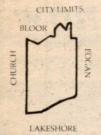
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An Open Letter to Bob Rae

We, the undersigned socialists living in the federal riding of Broadview-Greenwood, would like to express our concern over the positions taken by Bob Rae, or member of parliament, at the recetn national convention of The New Democratic Party held here in

A the convention Mr. Rae was clearly identified with the NDP establishment. He played a decisive role in water down a resolution that would have committed the NDP to social ownership in the economy. Mr. Rae was named by the press as a spokesman for the NDP old guard and as someone who was primarily concerned about what such resolutions might do to his chances of re-election.

We would like to contest the view that taking clear stands on issues of principle such as public ownership and environmental health and

Energy ideas

The media spares neither time nor space in keeping the public abreast of the negative aspects of the world oil situation while studiously avoiding any mention of the practical alternatives in energy that are available to us to-day.

The federal governments, both here and in the U.S., periodically announces plans are afoot to reinvent the wheel by assigning funds to the development of solar heat. However, no mention is ever made of the fact practical solar heat units have been in existence since 1938. To-day efficient home solar heat units are obtainable at a cost that is very comparable to the installation of conventional heating systems.

The internal combustion engine was originally designed to be powered by hydrogen, the most common element in the world. Gasoline, at that time, was far cheaper so car engines were modified to use gasoline as fuel. To-day home conversion units are obtainable that will extract hydrogen from local water supplies (H2O) at a current cost of less than .01¢ for enough hydrogen to power the average car over 100 miles. Hydrogen is infinitely safer than gasoline and possess approximately eight times the combustion power. Granted it would be extremely difficult to assess taxes on hydrogen as one could simply bail water from Lake Ontario or any ocean without the government of Imperial Oil being able to get their slice of the action.

Alcohol has been used for decades to power racing cars and this can easily be made from any growing material, wood, leaves, corn, grass, whatever. Studies have shown alcohol to be as efficient as gasoline and can to-day be produced at a retail price of .45¢ per gallon. Currently, in the USA, ther are over 10,000 applications on file for firms to produce alcohol as a fuel for cars. The US government has steadfastly refused to grant any of these requests.

As one considers these facts one is lead to the logical conclusion that much of this energy crisis is a planned ri-off by both governments and the multi-national oil cartels. Unfortunately the media is playing right into their hands by keeping the public uninformed of these better alternatives to oil. At some point in time, before all the money of the world finds it's way into the coffers of the Arab states and/or the Alberta government the public should learn they are being taken to the cleaners.

W.J. Stevenson

safety will be unpopular with Canadians. We feel that socialism implies significant social change and not merely the defense of existing welfare programs and public involvement in the economy. We feel that it is essential for the NDP to commit itself to a program of change that does not waffle on issues like nuclear power, uranium mining, and social control of industries and resources. The history of parlimentary socialism shows the necessity of having strong resolutions supported by an active party membership in order to prevent elected party members from taking the course of least resistance in parliament. We would like to express our fear that Mr. Rae's position indicates a step away from

business as usual socialism.

Signed: Mike Carr, Bain Ave., Robert Clarke, Bain Ave., Fernte Cristall, Langley Ave., Dinah Forbes, Bain Ave., Jonathan Forbes, Bain Ave., Mary Jane Gomes, Bain Ave., David Hahn, Garnock Ave., Leslie Hahn, Garnock Ave., Peter Howlett, Bain Ave., Susan Howlett, Bain Ave., Howard Huggett, Sparkhall Ave., Bruce McWilliams, Bain Ave., Maureen Morris, Jackman Ave., Paul Pellettier, Bain Ave., Glen Richards, Langley Ave., Penelope Richmond, Langley Ave., L.G. Rotenberg, Browning Ave., Anne Rutledge, Bain Ave., Gini Stolk, Jackman Ave., Richard Swift, Browning Ave., Peter Tabuns, Bain Ave.

Police ignore vandals

I read your last two issues about vandalism at the Bright, Sumach and Queen Sts. with great interest and I was reminded of my own extreme frustrations with vandalism and intimidation in the

Vandalism has already contributed to one shopkeeper leaving the city after five years at Sumach and Queen. Another, having his main windows smashed 3 times in 6 months, boarded up his store windows, and still another - in order to stop vandalism after a break and enter leaves \$10 in the till so vandals will be paid off for their frustrations of breaking in and not do any more damage.

Reptition is the byword for vandalism and B&E's in the area and I could go on for pages.

What is frustrating is to see the police deny that any problem exists. People who complain (and there are plenty who are not intimidated) are invariably told that "this isn't Rosedale you know" expecting people to put up with this, implying that we have no right to expect results in this area. Also, they say that when enough reports come in they will form a pattern warranting action. Conversely, the police refuse to report vandalism as too petty to bother with despite its costly frequency and when it came to the case of the store keeper who was too intimidated to tell police who smashed his competitor's windows and who suffered a smashed window himself, the police stated and I quote: "What happens to his property is his own affair" and refused to investigate further! Incredible!

When I called to complain about a vandal the policeman would not bother to go to his home and when we were alone the policeman said to me "next time hit him with his own instrument"!

Obviously the police operate on a quota of criminal charges or summonses. They are therefore capable of doing their job without being required to have any larger social conscience. If they can escalate a charge of vandalism against a juvenile (up to 15 years of age) to one of assault against an adult (myself) in this case then they will do so. This is an extremely rotten attitude to put it mildly.

To sum up, the police in the area consider calls for aid in cases of vandalism or intimidation to be harassment against themselves and an interruption in their day when they can be (in their minds) better occupied charging people in other areas of law enforcement.

As I told one officer I don't expect an officer to hold my wife's hand when she walks down the street but on the other hand she doesn't have to put up with intimidation, profanity, etc. from the same individuals for months. They still insist however that anyone who lives in the area has to expect to be trashed as a normal course of events. I might add that the individuals involved are rarely from Reg ent Park in my experience.

I would say that only 10 per cent of officers involved in these cases are even sympathetic to the plight of the victim. One fellow who was awakened by a noisy garage break-in across the street from his home was treated in a hostile manner as if he should not call police and was asked why he was concerned and why he wasn't wearing his shoes at the time!

Just whose side are the 'police'

NAME WITHHELD

Adult apartments?

As Saint Jamestown grows southwards down to Carlton, we are welcoming the 80's

A hot issue left over from the 60's are all adult apartment buildings. Too often, any liberal 'civil rights' groups forget the majority have their rights, too.

Why can not somebody paying \$1,000 a month have a peaceful

apartment? It is odd that Ontario Housing Corp. have Senior Citizens buildings. Nobody seems to care about these buildings.

With the growing population of retired folks, single adults, couples who chose not to have kids, all adult apartment buildings must remain a fact of life in Ward 7

Peter B. Pocock

No say for tenants

City housing tenants looking for ways to have more input into their own living environment and the policies governing it found themselves up against a brick wall earlier this month.

City tenants had been asking to have some of their number appoin-

ted to the City Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board of Directors, which they portrayed as being removed from their realities and

However, the city's legal department shot down their hopes, pointing out that provincial conflict of interest legislation forbids it.

Teenage nutrition: A Lifestyle Crisis

By ANNE WOODS

Teenage Nutrition: A Lifestyle Crisis, was the topic at the St. Lawrence Centre on November 21.

Dr. Harold Minden, from York University's department of psychology, introduced the topic by quoting dismal figures.

Between 60-80% of people never lose the weight they want and 75-95% never keep it off. Minden expressed concern about the medical and psychological repercussions of obesity. Overweight is the spawning ground for diabetes and hypertension. It also make its victim the easy prey of psychological abuse and hatred - especially self-hatred. The overweight teenager is particularly vulnerable. Not only must he cope with the self-hatred he feels in a slim-thinking society, but he must also cope with the overwhelming insecurities of growing

up.
"An overweight person must face the fact that he has a tendency for obesity. He must get his head together before he gets his body together," said Dr. Minden.

Working with people who have eating problems and disorders, Dr. David Garner of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry was concerned about society's attitudes toward the fat. His topic "A Fat Chance in a Thin World" ran a scalpel along the fragile edge of beauty's myth. Every age and culture has its own idea of beauty. A seventeenth cen-

tury Rubensesque woman, considered beautiful in her own time, might be mocked in ours. Our society happens to be obsessed with thinness, equating it with beauty and success. Females are bombarded by advertising and it is no coincidence that 70 per cent of high school girls in the States and Sweden are unhappy with their bodies and want to lose weight. Gardner surveyed the prerequisites of fashion models over the last twenty years to find that the average weight for models has decreased, the average height increased, the waist increased and the hips decreased, giving us our current beauty status of the female with the "tubular look."

Dr. Gardner is sympathetic towards the psychological effects of dieting, the depression, anxiety, fatigue and preoccupation with food. More dramatic are the shame, guilt, depression and lack of self-acceptance that haunt the dieter who has failed to lose weight or stick to her diet. Gardner would like to see fat people accepted for what they are, as people. He suggested that we should not be too gullible about society's transitory standards for beauty and should be willing to accept those people who fail to meet

Dieting is hard work. Despite what some diets claim, there is no fast, easy way to lose weight. One pound of fat is equivalent to 3,500 calories. A person on a thousand

calorie a day diet loses a steady two pounds a week. Does the person who wants to lose 30 pounds have the willpower to diet, non stop, for 3 months? How about the person who needs to lose 100 pounds?

Dr. Paul Pencharz on staff at the Hospital for Sick Children and the University of Toronto, felt that motivation was the trademark of a suc-cessful dieter. "Willpower must be evidenced in a child," he said. That is why he finds it difficult to work with a child whose parents have decided he should lose weight and have dropped him off at Pencharz'

Pencharz stresses that proteins, the building blocks of the body, are very important to dieting children and teenagers. Since weight reduction can interfere with growth in height of a teenager, Dr. Pencharz recommends dieting for those who are sexually mature. A good weight reduction program offers a balanced low calorie diet which maintains body mass and burn's off fat.

Prevention is an effective method of ducking the fat before it hits. Genes and upbringing help you predict your chances of turning into putty. If two parents, one parent or neither parent were obese your chances of ending up the same way are 80%, 40% and 7% respectively.

Since weight loss and maintenance score low success rates, wouldn't it be easier to teach people to eat the right kinds and amounts of good

when they are young so they never have to lose weight? Is the solution in encouraging our children and teenagers to eat properly?

Barbara Floyd thinks so. She is part of the Nutrition and Food Science group of the University of Toronto studying the eating habits of Toronto teenagers. The project has just completed Phase 1 and, being a study of 120 teenagers of well-to-do families of Anglo-Saxon origin, is not representative of the whole teenage population. However, the findings were interesting in themselves. They show that teenagers ate breakfast and supper with their families and supplemented their home-made lunch with cafeteria food at noon time. They also consumed healthy foods like milk, citrus fruit, lettuce and apples 2-3 times a week if not daily.

Barbara Floyd states that body image along with the availability and perception of food influences food selection. This explains why the girls, 73% of whom were trying to lose weight, thought milk and green vegetables were healthier than the ice cream, soft drinks, french fries and cookies eaten by the boys, 50% of whom were trying to gain

Quotes to Remember

"The difference between an optimist and a pessimist is that the pessimist is better informed."

- Hungarian proverb

The study should be more interesting when it includes data on Toronto teenagers from every economic grouping.

In the meantime it is good to ponder the advice of the sage who must have had weight control in mind when he said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.



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Tenants, landlords clash on Earl St.

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trustees of the account.

When Mr. Moran and the investment group of which he is a member, purchased the building from Sam Warner several months ago, they were aware both of the building's condition and of the rent

To resolve the maintenance and health problems in the building, and also to begin receiving revenues from rents, Moran proposed to the tenants on Thursday that they sign a twelve month lease effective January 1st as soon as possible. (Up until now no residents have ever signed leases.) The lease proposes: 1) a hefty increase in rents from \$172.00 for a bachelor apartment to \$200.00) and from 187.50 to \$225.00 for a one bedroom apt.; 2) Providing the landlord with a key to each apartment; 3) payment of the last month's rent at the beginning of the lease; and 4) a penalty of \$50.00 for breaking the lease.

Moran contended he would not be able to develop a "nice" apartment building unless he had this drastic increase in revenue from rents. Further he argued that the building will not show a profit because of high operating expenses: "No one will get rich from owning this building for a long time.

Asking Moran questions after his presentation, residents appeared no less frustrated than before. The mood of the meeting was one of confrontation rather than negotiation. Moran said his group's proposed rents were not flexible and that is proposal was based on "good common sense". But residents were neither convinced of the necessity for such high rents nor whose good the common sense was based on.

Moran and his collegues left after their presentation and residents

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discussed among themselves and with Shean Goetz-Gadon, their legal assistant from the Metro Tenants Association, both their aggravation with Moran's proposal and their present legal position.

Mr. Goetz-Gadon reminded tenants that the over 25% increase in rent was clearly illegal since it was higher than the 6% ceiling established in the rent control legislation. Most of the residents, who are young working singles or older retired couples, are of a low-moderate income and could not afford the pro-

A second illegality of the proposed lease scheme is that in asking residents to sign the lease, Moran is not giving them a minimum 90 days notice of a rent increase above 6%. If he wants higher than 6% rent increases, application must be made to the Residential Tenancies Commission, where cases can be made on both sides regarding rent in-

The tenants' group will now determine an alternative proposal to present to Moran. They are under no obligation to make a deal with Moran over the lease. The rent strike is to continue at least until next Thursday, when residents are to hold their next meeting.

The tenants' group at 40 Earl St. For prints & pottery:

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is not alone in its struggle to have a landlord fulfill his obligations both under the City of Toronto Housing Standards By-law and within the rent controls. They have the support of the Metro NDP in a letter from John Argue, their chairperson, which offers "any help we can provide in ensuring that there are no evictions, nor rent increases, particularly as a result of your defending yourselves in co-operating in a tenants association, and that your building is brought into good repair."

Allan Sparrow, Alderman for Ward 7, has brought forth the tenants' problem to the Commissioner of Buildings and Inspections Dept., Michael Nixon. Sparrow is proposing a by-law before city council, freezing all evictions and rent increases at 40 Earl St. until the building is brought into a condition meeting the Housing Standards by-law.

The over-riding issue of the rent strike remains unresolved. Tenants have little control over their homes. They do not have the means to maintain, improve or alter their home. They must rely on the landlord to fulfill his obligations concerning upkeep. Often, however, the obligations that should be carried out in return for rent paid are dismissed in the desire for profit. Such is the history of the residents at 40 Earl St.

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Look over Christmas toys before you buy

Annually, Canadians spent millions of dollars on toys, primarily during the Christmas season. As Christmas approaches, advertising of this year's new, improved models is escalating. However, before purchasing any toy, there are several important factors to remember.

Safety is a major consideration, especially in toys for preschoolers.

Toys should not have sharp edges, small parts or paint which contains a dangerous amount of lead. However, since all toys are not government inspected prior to being sold, it's the responsibility of parents to check the toy before buying, and frequently during use.

Examine the toy for eyes, noses, wheels or handles which are loose. Ensure that the toy is well-constructed, without any sharp pieces. Determine whether the toy can be repaired if damaged, as this will extend the life of the toy.

Many toys are sold in packages which make a thorough examination

difficult. Therefore, you may want to ask a sales person if you can open a package, for closer scrutiny.

To some degree, there will be a relationship between price and quality of the toy. You cannot expect an inexpensive toy to offer the same durability and service as a more expensive one, so compare models.

Another important aspect of toy selection is play value. This relates the child's age and ability to the skills required to play with and enjoy a particular toy. Any toy which is too complex or too simple for your child will not be used by the child

Many toys offer "gimmicks" which initially appeal to children. However, unless the toy also has a high play value, it will not hold the child's interest. Try to think like a child. Some toys which are attractive to adults are totally unappealing to children.

Remember too that toys aid in a child's development, playing a dif-

ferent role as the child grow older. Infants appreciate toys which provide sensory stimulation through use of a variety of colours, sounds, movements and textures.

Toddlers are more mobile, so push/pull toys, building blocks and large balls contribute to better coordination. Older preschoolers enjoy outdoor and imaginative play which helps them to develop social skills. Tricycles, dress-up games and playing "house" with toy dishes, furniture and dolls will be appealing, while puzzles and colouring books are appropriate for quiet, independent play.

Many manufacturers include a suggested age range on toy packages, as a guideline for consumers. Some toys, with small parts which could be swallowed by young children are labelled "Not recommended for children under three years of age."

Another source of guidance in selecting suitable toys is "The Toy Report", published by the Canadian Toy Testing Council. Based on observations of children at play in private homes, day care centres, and nursery schools, this list of over six hundred recommended toys is revised and updated annually. The report, which includes the price, suggested age range and manufacturer of each toy, is available from the Canadian Toy Testing Council, P.O. Box 6014, Station J, Ottawa, Ontario K2A 1T1, for \$2.50 plus \$1.00 for postage and handling.

Once a toy has been purchased,

parental responsibility does not stop. Parents should read instructions carefully and ensure than the child knows how to play with the toy safely. Toys intended for older children can be dangerous in the hands of preschoolers, so older siblings should be taught to put toys out of reach of younger brothers and sisters. Of course, games which involve throwing darts, balls or other projectiles should be played in open spaces, safely away from small children.

Keep your home safe

A Christmas tree adds a special warmth to your home during the holiday season. However, to make sure the festive spirit lasts, here are some Christmas safety rules to follow.

Ensure that your tree is placed in a solid stand, well anchored with heavy twine or rope. This is especially important if there are small children or pets in your home, who might accidentally fall into the tree.

The base of a fresh tree should be kept in water to prevent it from drying out and becoming a fire hazard. Similarly, the tree should be located away from sources of heat, such as radiators, heaters, fireplaces and television sets.

Christmas lights should be positioned to avoid direct contact with tree branches or needles. If you need to use extension cords, no more than three sets of lights should be connected to each extension. Make sure electrical cords are kept away from the water in the tree stand, and hidden from small children and pets.

Of course, electric lights should not be attached to metal Christmas trees because of the possibility of electrical shock. The recommended

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method of illuminating such trees is by use of coloured floodlights.

If you already own or plan to purchase a plastic tree, ensure that it is made of a fire resistant material, which whill not catch fire readily. It is wise to place these trees away from sources of heat, as well.

Decorations used on Christmas trees attract the attention of small children and pets, but can be dangerous if accidentally swallowed. Mistletoe and holly berries can be harmful if eaten, while small ornaments, if swallowed, could cause choking. To prevent an accident, such decorations should be placed near the top of the tree.

Watch skids!

Caution is the best defense against winter weather. Too often motorists forget not only to prepare their vehicles for winter driving, but also to prepare mentally for the hazards brought on by snow, sleet and ice.

Do you know, for example, how to handle your car in the event of a skid? Despite all your precautions — good snow tires, slower speeds, etc. — skids do occur. What should you do?

Do **not** jam on your brakes. Pump them gently and often. Keep your front wheels turned in the direction the rear end is skidding. As soon as the vehicle starts to straighten out, straighten the front wheels. Be prepared for a skid in the opposite direction.

The combination of these manoeuvers can keep the vehicle under control and help you come out of the skid. Remember, too, that using your seat belts will help keep you behind the wheel in the event of a skid and in position of control.

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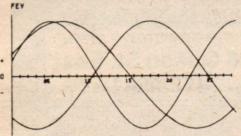
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A Day in the Life: Bert Hunt

BY LYNNE DEE TRUDEAU

Bert Hunt is surely among Ward Seven's most charming and interesting "old-timers". He has spent 72 of his 79 years in this community. During that time, he has observed the impact of two world wars on working people who had little to do with Canada's decision to enter either war, was a key figure in the East York Workers' Association, struggled with and responded to those who suffered indingnities and poverty during the depression years, and has kept an active interest in the more radical side of the political scene, here in Canada and abroad.

Now residing on Logan Avenue, just north of Danforth, Mr. Hunt-can recall his first years in the then-called village of Chester which was largely open country accessible by one or two wagon trails. His family had come from a coal-mining village in northern England, where their home was situated opposite the gates to the mine shaft. As a result, they would often see injured or dead victims of mining accidents being carried through the gates.

Determined to provide a life for his children which would not include the daily perils of coalmining, Mr. Hunt's father immigrated to Toronto in the spring of 1907. His wife and their three young children followed four months later. Like many Bristih people of their time, Mr. Hunt's parents came across the ocean with a working class consciousness that continues to leave its stamp on Canadian life today.

Mr. Hunt speaks of those first years in Canada: "When we first came here with an English accent, we were really put down... My dad was a contracting plasterer and he never made any money because he tried to do the work too good at cheap prices. He had to take it at cheap prices." Two years after their arrival, Mr. Hunt's brother, two years his junior, died of diptheria. Life in the 'new world' was certainly one of mixed blessings.

Having adopted his father's trade and become a plasterer - "my dad was ten times better a plasterer than me" - Bert was only 30 years old when the Depression hit. Still a single man, he wasn't as drastically affected by the Depression as most in East York, who had families to support. Many in the township had to work for welfare, collecting \$5.50 a week and "if a man took over his boy's newspaper route to help make a living, they deducted it from his welfare." Mr. Hunt then joined the East York Workers' Association, which had formed to protest the existing economic severity and form a support net-

work among the workers.
"We (the East York Workers' Association) forced the welfare up Fast York — there's no question about it. We had the best welfare of any municipality around Toronto. We were strong and we used our strengh in various ways." The Association had a membership of 1500, nearly 35 per cent of the community's labour force. "Ofcourse, some workers were very conservative and wouldn't come near the Association. They called us 'Reds'." Laughing, Mr. Hunt remembers the "stoolpigeons" in our ranks. There was one who drifted into East York and nobody had ever laid eyes on him before. He lined up at the welfare office for relief and him a single man! He joined the Association and he was even elected as a school trustee. But I had a feeling that he wasn't quite genuine. At a little demonstration at the town office, he punched one of the policemen in the jaw and he was arrested. And our welfare was cut off. The Communists came in then with truckloads of food and paraded all around town and had a

meeting at Massey Hall. This guy was on the platform and he was rated as a great hero. Well (laughing) quite a few years later I read his obituary in the Star — and he had been 35 years in the RCMP. And he was a member of the RCMP when he was a member of the East York Workers' Association!"

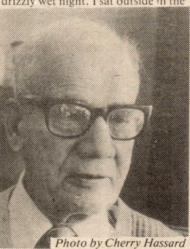


One of the highlights of Mr. Hunt's involvement with the Workers' Association came shortly after the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF, the forerunner of the NDP) movement began in 1933. "The Reverend Woodsworth and Irvine and all those people were at Regina and then we heard that Woodsworth was down here in Toronto with his son-in-law. We immediately went down to where he was staying - the whole executive of East York Workers' - and he agreed to come and address our meeting. We got busy making handbills and posted them up all through the township. The Mr. Woodsworth said he was very sorry that he hadn't realized that he had a previous appointment and couldn't come. We all hustled right there again and we told him, "We're gonna have the halls full and there will be a big overflow. We've even got some electricians working on a public address system outside the school." Well, then he backed down and cancelled his other appointment. He came out here and we filled the auditorium at the Danforth Park School and the auditorium at MacGregor School. And Woodsworth and his son-inlaw alternated speaking. Oh it was packed . . . Anyway, that started East York on the CCF trail."

In another way, however, Mr. Hunt points out that the Association was also exploited by those who wanted to succeed in the political ring. "From that time on, a recently arrived member of the Workers' Association became a politician and he got right in the centre of the CCF. A good many of us weren't too enthusiastic about him. We recognized his ability, but he had something we didn't like he felt the power of the support he was getting (from the Workers' Association) and I guess it went to his head . . . Things aren't the same now as when the East York Workers were around - we were propertyless if ever anybody was. And now with the affluent society, the CCF/NDP has become really a middle class organization.'

The Second World Ware was the awful remedy to the Depression. "As soon as the war was on, some of us who had been very unpatriotic and branded as Reds were in the army fighting for the country. It was the income; it was getting off welfare."

It was during the war years that Mr. Hunt met the woman who was to share his life until she passed away in 1977. Deeply moved, he reminisces about their courtship. "I was pretty near middle aged before I got married. I used to go and get six pints of ale at the Brewer's Warehouse at Cedarvale and Danforth and I noticed this girl who worked there. I started drinking mor, beer (laughing). Every time I had an excuse, I would get six pints. Then I got kinda lucky. I struck a job with a furnace company and they went me with a man to repair a furnace on Fenwick Avenue. And I saw this girl who worked at the Brewer's Warehouse. So one night, I think it was the day of Pearl Harbur, I went in the store and it was a drizzly wet night. I sat outside in the



car — by this time I had a car, the war was on and I was earning wages — and I stopped her when she came out and offered her a ride home. She said, "I never get into a

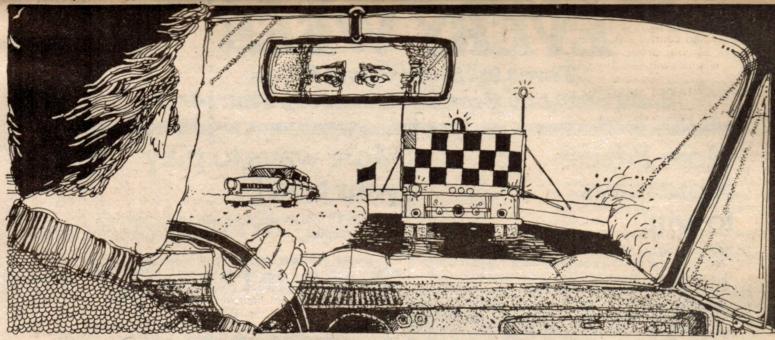
stranger's car." I said, "I'm not a stranger. I was in your house all one day and I saw you come out. Don't you remember?" So I guess I was persuasive enough, but she was very nervous. Anyway, I took her home and then I dated her. She'd be mad if she knew I was telling all this."

Mr. Hunt retired when he was 70 years old, after being in the plastering business for himself for nearly 25 years. Despite frequent discomfort due to angina, he still keeps up with the local politics and participates in NDP party meetings. "My hobby is mostly politics".

The grandson of a man who could write with both hands on two different subjects at the same time, Bert Hunt is quick to comment on current issues. He doubts the sincerity of Ameri-Canadian aid to the Vietnamese refugees in the wake of our poor response to refugees fleeing the overturn of Allende's Marxist government in Chile. He also believes that the Iranian students demanding the Shah's release have a legitimate protest to make and that "under international law, they have a right to extradite him (the S hah)".

Mr. Hunt amazed me by accurately describing my hometown, an obscure Northern Ontario town of which I only mentioned the name, as the place where "the Yankees owned the paper mill and polluted the Spanish River." And he amazed me by his thoughtful insights, his gifted memory and the way he can laugh at life's ironies.

We are hoping to make Day in the Life a regular feature of 7 News. Day in the Life is to be a section of the paper in which people talk about how they feel about their jobs, where they live, where they shop or go to have fun, and where people who have lived in this community for a long time can share their memories with the rest of us. If you would like to talk to a 7 News writer about your experiences, or if you would like to send in your own story, call us at 363-9650.



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Theatre By CLIVE MORGAN

"They are scum!" said Somerset Maugham in the Fifties as, powerlessly, he watched the London stage commandeered by Osborne, Sillitoe, Storey, Pinter, Braine, Wesker and half a dozen other playwrights spawned in the fish-andchip canal of lower class culture. So eloquently summarized, Maugham's point was that workers possessed neither the sensibility nor craft to be seen in public, much less write for it. Mercifully, he did not live long enough to encounter the world of Michael Hastings, whose 'Carnival War a Go Hot' is in a limited run at the Toronto Workshops Production Theatre on Alexander Street.

In the Hastings play "the scum" have inherited the earth and his metaphor for the occupation is an annual race riot known as the Nottinghill Gate West Indian Festival.

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Maugham himself might have found the event suitable for a lively letter to 'The Times', a "Wither Britain'." exclamation for his villa in the South of France. In the event, though, Hasting's achievement is more significant. Working class himself, he has access to the epicentre of the riot, and, once there, searches for the sense of this new Britain. He makes a surprisinfind; the people are alive - very alive - and well, 'tis the times that

The action of the play occurs inside a military bus parked on the carnival route (designer Michael Eagan's set is a model of concise ingenuity) as Griss, a middle-aged military man now fatally embittered by the rancid new Britain, tries to whip a bunch of layabouts and wonky young women into a law and order force. Given such unpromising material, he decides disguise is essential, and the transformation of the group from uniform - oddly enough, everyone occupies a rank

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Transformaton, indeed, is what gives 'carnival' its surprisingly tender heart. As a riot erupts outside the bus it becomes the common danger which draws the occupants of the bus close together, striking down their racist and sexist attitudes in the process. Playwright Hastings doesn't leave it at that, but to reveal more would really be to

In what finally is a compassionate and powerful production, director Pam Brighton provides a stage-full of real people; cocky, vulnerable, awkwardly tender by turn. But why Ken Pogue's mid-play monologue as Driss is allowed to reduce the other characters, no less than the audience, to glassy-eyed onlookers is a mystery. That the play survives after this says a lot for the patience of the other players, who come racing back in the second act to provide a full-blooded en-

Overall, the cast gives a stout performance. As the three randy soldiers, Angelo Rizacos, John Jarvis and Sean O'Hara are thoroughly believable while Nicky Guadagni, Gail Stewart and Carol Ann Francis are three very gritty young police-women. Calvin Butler's performan-

ce as the black patrolman, Firestone, is suitably ironic. Pierre Tetrault's policeman-turned-Hippie is less convincing, although the actor does have his telling moments.

Writings from the

School have a school newspaper, the Winchester Press, which appears every month. Also contributing to the paper are Toronto Island School students who use Winchester's facilities once a week.

Below are some of the items published in the Winchester Press:

The Way to Winchester School 8:05. Then we take the Yonge sub-

You shouldn't eat salt, starch, fat

do anyhow.

By Tate Eitelbuss

MEAT

The reason I do not eat meat is becuase I hate to think of all the animals that get killed each day and all the chemicals in the meat nowadays. Chemicals are very bad for vour health.

By Deanna Lynn Harper

The Toronto Humane Society

Have you ever been to an animal shelter? Well I have. It was very sad looking at all the animals there. I asked the lady there that was answering questions, how many cats and dogs were killed a year. I could not believe it when she told me they kill over 4000 cats and dogs in a year. I felt so sorry for the pets. Only if people would take care of their animals, we would not have these problems.

By Minda Williams

Travelling to Winchester School

I like going to Winchester School because I get to be with my friends, without a teacher tell us we can't talk about the movie last night or the cute boy that sat next to her. With a teacher, I feel like I am a little kid with my mommy, but at other times it's alright I guess.

When I am with my friends I feel like I own myself, I am much o than I really seem. I also enjoy life very much. I like to fool around (not with boys) with my friends.

By Jenny Maher

What Happens Around My School I like the environment around my school. I've never gone to a school in the city where the grounds are concrete, except for Winchester, I hope I never have to live in the city. I'm used to grass and trees. One thing the Islanders depend on is each other. And dogs are free to roam around. There are privileges that Islanders have that Torontonians don't.

By Kim McKenna

Winchester Press

The Island school goes to Winchester school every six days. First we get the 7:45 boat, that gets us to the dock at 8:00. Then we take the Bay bus up to Union Station at way line up to College. We stop off at McDonalds for a danish and some pop. The we take the College eastbound car and off at Ontario Street. The we walk up two blocks, and we're there. Then we come in, and go to the class.

or sugar. Potato chips, gum hamburgers, and candy contain all four things above. If you eat too much candy, it will give you diabetes. Too much sugar would give you pimples, and all of it will make you fat and give you tooth decay. So I

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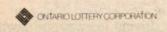
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The East Side Players present Bill Liar, a comedy by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall. Directed by Margaret Stewart. Performance starts at 8:30 pm tonight and Saturday, December 15. Tickets are \$4.00 for students and \$3.00 for senior citizens. The show is at Old Todmorden Paper Mill, Pottery Road (between Bayview Extension and Broadview Avenue). For reservations phone 425-0917.

Saturday December 15

Satna Claus will be making an appearance in the Parliament-Carlton Streets area. Schools and community groups from around the city will be meeting Santa. Everyone is invited. For more information on Santa's schedule phone 489-3777, or 924-2543.

Parliament St. Library at 269 Gerrard Street East is having a Family Christmas Party with the Parrys. There will be carol singing so join us. Come make a Christmas Present on the 22nd of December at the Library at 2:00 pm also.

Pepi Puppet Theatre presents The Tale of King Tut at the Royal Ontario Museum at 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm today and December 22. Special holiday shows on December 23 and 26, same times. This is a good treat for the children. \$1.00 plus Museum admission. For reservations phone 497-0916.

The YMCA is holding a Christmas Party for children aged 3 to 8 at 1:00 pm in the 200 Rec Room. Admission is \$1.00. There will be refreshments and a present from Santa. To register please leave your child's name and age with the receptionist at 325 Bleecker St. Phone 923-4402 or 925-8001 (after 3:00 pm) for more information. Location of party is 200 Wellesley St.

The Coalition for Usable Transportation is sponsoring a dance at 519 Church Street Community Centre at 7:30 pm through to 12:30 pm. Admission is \$2.50 per person.

Woodgreen Community Centre at 835 Queen St. East is holding a Christmas Cance with Disc Jockey playing everyone's favourites. Buffett Dinner included. Advance tickets — \$3.00, at the door — \$3.50, and \$6.00 per couple. Phone 461-1168 for time of dance.

Don Vale Manor at 330 Gerrard St. E is having a bake sale and bazaar from 10 am to 2 pm. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, December 16

Harbourfront is the site for over 175 vendors at the Antique Market. Market opens at 10:00 am, closes at 5:00 pm. A lecture on Canadian Paintings 19th Century by Helena Ignatieff will be featured at 2:30 pm at 222 Queen's Quay West. Free. For more information call 364-5665 or 363-9622.

Tuesday December 18

St. James' Cathedral at 65 Church St. presents for its Lunch Hour Recital from 12:00 to 12:25 pm Norman McBeth & Giles Bryant. Admission free. All welcome. King & Church.

Toronto Arts Production presents The Waverly Consort, America's famed early music group who will be presenting a holiday concert, The Christmas Story, As Told in the Music of the Middle Ages. Performance starts at 8:30 pm, at the St. Lawrence Centre Town Hall. Tickets are \$7.00 and \$8.00, available from the Box Office of the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front Street East, call 366-7723.

The Annual Christmas Open House at the Christian Resource Centre, 20 Spruce St. will be held at 7:00 pm tonight. Come join in an evening of carols, entertainment, refreshments, and good fellowship. For more information call 922-7391 or 922-8322.

Wednesday December 19

The YMCA is holding a Christmas Dinner in the 200 Rec Room. The cost is \$1.50 per person and number limited to 60, so sign up at 325 Bleecker St. no later than Friday December 14, 1979. Bring your own dishes and cutlery. Location of dinner is 200 Wellesley St.

The Development Education Centre's radio program From A Different Perspective is back on CJRT-FM (91.1) at 6:30 pm. Tonight's program will be News from Grenada and an interview with Michael Burbe about Malaysia. On the 26th of December at 6:30 pm the program will have Peter Davies interviewing Ali Malimy Bengura about adult Literacy work in Sierra Leone. For more info call 964-6560.

Thursday December 20

Toronto Arts Production presents The Orford String Quartet, Canada's leading chamber ensemble, and brilliant American clarinet soloist Richard Stoltzman at 8:30 pm at the St. Lawrence Centre Town Hall. Tickets are \$6.50 and \$7.50, available from the Box Office of the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front Street East. For more info call 366-7723.

Dixon Hall is hosting a neighbourhood Christmas Gala from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm tonight. There will be a Christmas dinner, entertainment and a visit from Santa. Doors open at 6:15 pm and admission is \$1.00 for adults and .50¢ for children. (Family maximum charge is \$3.00.) Tickets available at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St. Phone 863-0499 for more information.

The Dance Company of Ontario presents The Dancing Circus, a new ballet choreographed by Lois Smith and Earl Kraul. The Dancing Circus will be presented at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm December 20-23, and December 27-30 at the Toronto Free Theatre, 26 Berkley Street. Adults: \$3.50, Students and Seniors: \$2.50, Children: \$1.50. Delightful ballet for everyone. For more information call 363-9945.

Friday December 21

The YMCA is holding a Christmas Dance from 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm at 200 Wellesley St. in the 200 Rec Room. Admission is .50¢. Dance for children 9 years and up. For more info call 923-4402 or 925-8001 (after 3:00 pm)

Monday December 24

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Ongoing

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The Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto is a volunteer, non-profit organization assisting women in conflict with the law, in the courts, in the jails, in the community. This year the Society will be attempting to make Christmas a special time for the women they work with. There will be several Christmas parties for their clients. They need gifts for women who are in the Metro West Detention Centre and in the Vanier Institute for Women. Specific items that are appreciated most are cosmetics, hair care products, nylons, underwear and other personal items. Donations of money for these events are very welcome as well. Please forward contributions to: The Elizabeth Fry Society, Toronto Branch, 215 Wellesley Street East, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 1N2 or call Maria Rizzo at 924-4366.

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The special problems of gifted kids

By CLIVE MORGAN

If your neighbour coyly informs you her nine-year-old has dumped hookey in favour of the piano, don't be so sure there's another Child Wonder on the block. Even if those melodies coming from next door are real enough, no just



stereo camouflaging a 'Captain Marvel' read, it's no guarantee the kid's a Great Mind: bright children are usually great at sport, prefering it to Bach and Schubert.

That's one thing Ken MacLennan has learned over the years as he's coped with the needs of the city's gifted kids, "Whoever stereotyped the gifted child as a sickly kid in glasses got it wrong," says the energetic principal of Saturday enrichment classes at Castle Frank School. "Usually these kids are physically advanced and proficient in athletics as well as schoolroom subjects. And if you look into their history you find they begin to talk and walk sooner than other children."

Given this new view of the gifted child, its probably there are more, not less, around than we thought; the 450 children enrolled at the City-run class at Castle Frank and

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MacLennan himself rejects the notion that enrichment classes foster an intellectual elite. "These children need to be with other children who are interested in a particular subject and who can handle the rate of learning. They often think they are different in the normal school setting. Once a week at our Saturday morning classes they get to know there are others around like them. We're not creating an elite, only trying to make sure these kids survive. It's easy for them to end up in boring jobs if teachers decide their potential is too hot to handle.'

It was parents themselves who forced the issue of enrichment classes back in the Sixties. An anonymous gift of \$100 got the Saturday morning classes going, providing facilities and teachers for 35 grade five students. This year the City of Toronto spent approximately \$30,000 on the most suburban program municipalities have programs of their own within the public school syllabus - and, in theory at least, every child in Toronto has a chance to attend Castle Frank on Saturdays as a supplement to their normal schooling.

A screening process with double checks built in is used by MacLennan's department — his official title is assistant coordinator of special education (gifted and enrichment) Toronto Board of Education — to identify gifted kids in the grade school. First, the teacher is asked to be alert to tell-tale signs of exceptional ability. The teacher looks for children who are provocative questioners, good evaluators of knowledge and self-learners. Body

language can also reveal brightness; gifted children often get so involved with their studies they put body and soul into the enterprise.

Sad to say, behaviour problems or underachievement may mask high intelligence in a child, and that's something teachers may find hard to take. MacLennan says the child who's an original thinker may challenge the idea of authority or act in a nonconformist way out of sheer frustration or boredom.

When a child is tentatively identified as gifted he or she is given written I.Q. tests along with psychoeducational tests, providing parents agree. Finally, the child enrolls at Castle Frank one Saturday morning. At first sight, Saturday mornings at the school seem typical of any grade school; corridors noisy with bustling brighteyed kids. But once the bell rings and the children enter the classrooms things get pretty intense. Whether they are discussing models of extra-terrestial beings they have designed — designs which take into account atmospheric conditions in outer space — or putting together a child's eye guide to the city, the grade 5-8 pupils work at a speed and with a dedication that astounded this visitor.

The teaching staff MacLennan has assembled are rather special.

They spend little time enforcing regulations since the children are as anxious as their instructor to get on with the job at hand. Even so, teaching bright children is notoriously tough. Science teacher Ed Volker, for instance, must not only know his subjects backwards but he must be ready to field very pointed ethical questions. Principal McLennan had his own moment of truth in front of a class of bright children; by what right, asked the class in the middle of a discussion on fur trade, did the white man drive the Indian off his land? MacLennan still thinks about that

Finding teachers assured enough to stimulate children who potentially are brighter than themselves is an on-going problem for the school. "These are good kids and they will take 'I don't know' from a teacher for a while, but then they begin to wonder 'who is this guy?' ".

MacLennan thinks public attitudes about our bright children are changing, but he's not sure we've got it right yet. "You hear people supporting the idea of enrichment classes on the basis that our society can't afford to neglect children who are potentially highly productive people. But these children are not commodities. The name of the game is really self-fulfillment."

SAVING HEAT By HOWARD HUGGETT

For the past few years consumers have been lectured about the need to turn down the thermostat, to insulate, to drive less, etc., in the interests of saving money and conserving energy. This year we are going into a winter season with the knowledge that fuel supplies are tight and now we have another reason for conservation — a desire to avoid having chattering teeth. With that in mind let's consider in-

sulation.

Most of us have heard plenty on that subject in the last few years—fibre glass as against rock wool, poly-urethane versis poly-styrene, etc. That's not the kind of insulation I mean. There is another kind that can be installed very quickly, and always on a do-it-yourself basis. The insulating materials that are installed in walls, ceilings and floors are there for the purpose of maintaining indoor temperatures at a level that feels

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Board asked to confront streaming

By JOANN HUTCHISON

On Thursday, November 15th, a Special Board Meeting on Special Education was held at 155 College St. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the **Draft Report** on Special Education submitted by the Special Education Workgroup.

Ward 7 trustee, George Martell, presented an alternative set of guidelines at that meeting that asked the Board to confront the issue of streaming particularly as it related to bottom-level special education classes.

A recent report from the Psychological Services Department shows that 75% of the children currently enrolled in the self-contained Special Programs (primary, junior, senior) should not really be there because they do not test out at the "educable mentally retarded" level. In most cases, they are in those classes because they are two or more years behind in reading.

In addition, statistic recently released by the Inner City Co-ordinator indicated that of the senior schools in Ward 7 which send grade 8 graduates to high school, one school sent 60% of its students last year to vocational high school (levels 1 to 3), and another 2 schools sent 40% of their graduates to levels 1 to 3.

It was this sort of evidence, coupled with 10 years of intensive investigation that caused Martell to ask for a serious look at the streaming question as it relates to special education.

Following is an interview that Maureen Woolfson of the Toronto Teachers' Federation newspaper Role Call did with Martell shortly after the meeting in which she asked him to elaborate upon his position. It is reprinted here, in part, with the permission of the editors of Role Call.

M.W.: There's been a lot of concern among teachers about what you have in mind for Special Education. Perhaps we should start by getting your position straight on this issue.

G.M.: Sure, I'd be glad to. There's been so much misunderstanding to date about the guidelines I set out, it's great to get another shot at explaining them.

The first thing it's important to say is that there were no implementation proposals in the guidelines, and that I always assumed - and thought I'd made clear - that there would be lots of time for debate and consultation with our teachers and parents' groups. I hadn't thought of having any definite proposals ready until after March 1980 and even these would be mostly proposals "in principle" with many different approaches to be worked out locally. And I never for a moment imagined that we could move on any of my proposals without new programs solidly worked out with teachers and having the money to pay for them.

The second point I want to stress is that the term Special Education is a very loose umbrella of a term, and that ther are many special education programs I support. I tried hard to make that clear in the guidelines. Special Programs Language, Hearing, Deaf, Vision, Orthopaedic, Hospital and Institutional, and Speech were all protected and a certain amount of expansion considered. Learning Centres and Reading Clinics (perhaps integrated into one program) were to be expanded, with the proviso that the specific skills of the reading clinician continue to be utilized. I wanted some more information on Special Programs Learning Disability and Health, but there was no suggestion that these programs were to be cut back.

The only programs for which I made any serious "in principle" recommendations were Special Programs Primary, Junior and Senior, Behavioural, Home Instruction, and Gifted and Enrichment. These are programs which have a very high over and under-representation of different classes, and are, I believe, structured in such a way as to be fundamentally unjust to children from low-income families.

M.W.: Could you be more specific about what you had in mind for these latter programs? I know a lot of teachers are worried about how it could affect their program and sheer time organization.

G.M.:1'll do my best. It's important to say first, though, that teachers ought not to worry about anything being imposed on them. Dealing with the streaming system — and these programs are right at the centre of it — is the toughest problem we have to face in the schools today, and the teachers have to be solidly in support of anything the Board attempts to do. Nobody's program is

going to be changed without a teacher and the parents being happy about what is to replace it.

M.W.: Could you start with Special Programs Primary, Junior, and Senior? G.M.: Sure. These are programs where the kids are officially labelled as having 'limited intellectual potential", and at least 80% of them come from lowincome families. My guidelines said that the self-contained aspects of these programs should be phased out and the withdrawal dimension integrated into the Learning Centres, where a much stronger withdrawal setting was envisaged. I didn't say that there weren't going to be some of these kids who couldn't handle a regular program. Of course, there will be some who can't survive in a regular program, even if it's made considerable smaller, and we have a lot more back-up resources. The guidelines made provisions for selfcontained classrooms for these kids. What I wanted to stress was that there are a lot of kids in these classes who are not of "limited intellectual potential", but are simply a couple of years behind academically, and who could be handled (with extra resources) in the regular

I also want to say here that there are a number of schools in the inner city which are making very substantial efforts to de-stream their schools, and more than anything else they've inspired me to think that we can really do something about this question right now. But only if there's a will to do it. Imposing a solution here would be a disaster.

M.W.: What about Behavioural Classes?

G.M.: I feel just as strongly that we have to do something about phasing out our segregated behavioural class system, which involves transporting a lot of upset kids from their neighbourhood school and then putting them together in the same class, which I don't think is the most helpful thing we can do for them. (The vast majority of these kids, I might add, also come from low-income families). We have to put in a lot of backup resources to make a program of local integraton work - and, of course, it won't work for all kids currently in self-contained programs. But for a good many it's possible, if we're willing to

I've also been very impressed with schools like Rose Avenue, which have made an enormous effort of re-integrate behavioural class kids and have had some real success.

Dealing with the Home Instruction (behavioural") kids is the toughest problem - dealing with the kids who give the system the most trouble, most of whom, again, come from low-income families. While we will require many more resources than we have at present, I find it very difficult to let things stand as they are. It's very difficult to justify a system which provides youngsters with three hours a week instruction and then leaves them on their own for the rest of the time. Most of these kids are all by themselves four and a half days a week. I don't have detailed proposals to put forward at this time, but I think the schools have to be a lot more responsilbe than they are for these children.

M.W.: Finally, how do you approach Gifted and Enrichment?

G.M.: In this area my main concern was the use of I.Q. testing for enrichment programs. It seems to me we should continue and probably expand the vast majority of our enrichment programs (including our Saturday morning classes), but they should be open to applicaton on the basis of interest and commitment to hard work. I'm not suggesting for a moment that the quality of these programs should be watered down. A kid may enter a program that is too hard for him, and he'll have to drop out. But I want everyone to have a chance at doing high quality work. Kids have a lot of talents that aren't reflected in I.Q. tests.

M.W.: A lot of people who came down to the Board on the 15th seemed to think you meant something very different from what you've described. How do you explain that?

G.M.: For a start, a lot of people didn't really read my document. After awhile I started answering the phone saying "Have you read it yet?" and almost no one had. Among those who did read it, I think there was some genuine misunderstanding — a feeling by the opposition that there was some sort of "hidden agenda" here. But there wasn't and that came out clearly at the Board. There was also, I think, some wilful misinterpretation. Michele Landsbery, who did

some investigation of the situation, put a lot of this down to my "political enemies", who "stampeded" people into opposition. There's no question in my mind that a good deal of "politics" went on, but I don't think the issue is woth pursuing. In part, because we now have a chance to do this process right Rrior to the Special Board, what had been coming down on us was a Workgroup Draft Report, which had been around for awhile but which not many people had examined seriously and which was soon to be put into legislation. Some of it was very bad stuff indeed. We now have six month. to go over the Draft Report carefully and make amemdments.



M.W.: At this point, I'd like to ask you a few questions about some of the concepts in your guidelines. Could you first tell me what you meant by "failure"? Some people interpreted your remarks to mean that failure was good for kids. G.M.: I'd be glad to talk about this. A

G.M.: I'd be glad to talk about this. A lot of peole did misinterpret me, much as you suggest. I didn't say that failure, by itself, was good for kids. I said it wasn't destructive "in the context" of a serious task shared by teachers and the rest of the kids. Failure, I said, shouldn't be part of "judging" a kid. I'm not emphasizing that kids should regularly fail grades, nor do I think that putting an "F" on a piece of work does much good. I want to put the stress on encouraging the kids to do the work better. Failure, for me, is just a normal part of doing an important and difficult task well.

For example, about a year ago I was helping a young Regent Park teenager, who hadn't much experience with writing before, do some writing of poetry. We met for three hours on Monday nights at the U. of T. library, and it was very common for her to spend those hours re-working 6 or 7 lines of a poem she had already written at home. My major role was asking questions about the accuracy of the lines. Both the student and I had some

common sense notion of what success was — what excellence was in this context — and kept working towards it. And, I want to stress, we cared about the task. In the course of an evening she would often fail many times in getting a line right, and sometimes wouldn't get it right at all and would have to give up on it, and put it away for awhile. But this wasn't a destructive process. It was just part of doing the job right, and it had many satisfactions.

Now it's my view that the way we set up our bottom stream classes — the way we label kids and the way we group them — discourages substantial expectations for success (which has to include the "failure" I'm talking about) which we can legitimately have fore a great many of the youngsters we presently define as having "limited intellectual potential."

M.W.: Would you say, then, that the notion of children "learning at their own speed" has been over-romanticized?

G.M.: I certainly would. And I think that's the opinion of a great many teachers, too, for whom the Hall-Dennis report has turned out to be a pretty empty dream. The phrase doesn't mean anything anymore, except as an official explanation for kids who are falling behind in their work.

M.W.: You mentioned "excellence" a moment ago, and in your brief you said children should be "challenged with excellence". What does that mean?

G.M.: Well, it mostly means what I was trying to do with that student at the U. of T. library, though I may have been doing it badly. More than anything else I think it means pushinh kids to get at the truth of the matter at hand, whether it's writing literature, doing historical research, or carrying out a scientific experiment. The skills come along — good teaching being essential of course — as the push to get at the truth becomes stronger...

M.W.: Let me turn, then, to another question. One of the criticisms some people have made of you is that you wanted to go very quickly and slip your guidelines through, without a full debate. What do you say to that?

G.M.: The very opposite is the case. Over the last couple of months the opposition has, in fact, hassled me a little for dragging my feet and for wanting to

Special Board wasn't my idea at all. It came from Trustee Menzies, who felt a certain pressure to wind up the Workshop deliberations and come to some firm conclusions. My original motion to the Workgroup (Oct. 15th, 1979) was to send the Draft Report, my guidelines and all other Workgroup documents to the Director for administrative comment to come in three or four months time. I finally went along with a Special Board with the hope, voiced by Menzies, that it would "help clear the air" and we could go back to the Workgroup with a clearer notion of what we were about. As we know it didn't quite turn out that way.

M.W.: So was the effort worthwhile? Are we only left with muddy waters? G.M.: I think we're left with a lot more than that. The effort was very much worthwhile, because for the first time the issues raised by the Draft Report are now fully on the table and people are going to take time to look at them. They are especially going to be looking at the issues of streaming and illiteracy (the end products of our bottom-stream). I don't know of any school system in the country that has ever had such a system-wide discussion, and I have the impression that parent and teacher groups

are going to take it very seriously.

In many ways we're starting from scratch again, and I think that's good. I plan to write a new response to the Draft Report, and I hope as many people as possible out there will do the same. It's important that all of us who care about these issues contribute to this debate, and that some kind of concensus document is worked out. A very important step is being taken.

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by tinni bannergi

About the author:

At a tender age I came to Canada and attended Huron Public School after a delay of almost a year.

During that year, I went to a nursery in the Church of The Messiah, (which was burnt recently), here I learned every swear word in the English Language — and since I didn't know any other English that's how I expressed myself till I learned it properly.

Enough of that. Now we'll move to later years.

I survived 8 years at Huron and actually enjoyed it (horrors!!!) Then I began to attend Jesse Ketchum P.S. If I haven't moved I'm still going there.

Now that you know all about me, I hope you're satisfied.

I started writing poems two years ago and I continued because I got a lot of satisfaction reading over what I'd written. I think that a person should write a few poems and if you start when you are a child all the better. After a while it appears that some have the knack and others don't. Don't let this discourage you Keep writing!

Tinni Bannergi

Student School

By BILL MILLAR

When I was 18, and half-way through Grade 12, I did what is know as making the big move, doing my thing, or whatever way you cut it, it simply means I quit school. Though my vice principal brought me into his office for a father and son talk, it went in one ear and out the other. There I was sitting on the outside of a school I had once played sports for, and now it felt like I had just broken out of prison.

Would I ever return? Who cared? They never did me any favours. Now I was free to have my own independence - an apartment to party in, a jazzed-up car, and endless nights to ponder over a few tokes and beers.

It took eight years of off and on part time, full time, and waste time jobs to realize that my parents, teachers, and counsellors, who had almost begged me to see the light, were right.

I knew the value of my freedom and independence, but it took living in damp basements, payinh high rent, phone bills, car payments, chargex accounts, and numerous other expense to teach me that it had a price too.

And working a 7:00 to 5:00 job that you can't stand and living high can be mind-destroying. You can't stay high on pot, booze and sex forever. Somewhere along the line a person has to identify with who they and, and what they're heading for in this world.

Part of that world is that if you don't have at least Grade 12, not only do your employers refuse to give you the time of day but also you have no chance to get into colleges or universities.

My turn came after a layoff from my job of three years. Being laid off shocked me so much that something clicked in my mind. Coincidentally I heard a Q-107 announcement about the Student School. It simply said that if you had been out of school more than a year, if you are sixteen or older and if you quit school for any reason, if you wanted to come back "Now was the time'

A study by the Toronto Board of Education released in January 1979 showed that 40 per cent of the students who entered Grade 9 had dropped out by the time they got to Grade 12. The Student School is an effort to try to improve that situation a bit.

So at present I am a student at the Student School, spending my time during the day getting four Grade 12 credits that will give me my diploma. The Student School arranged for me to get mature student credits according to the number of years I had worked and any course taken while out of school. Course from Grade 9 to 12 are taught within the Ministry of Education guidelines to suit every student's requirements.

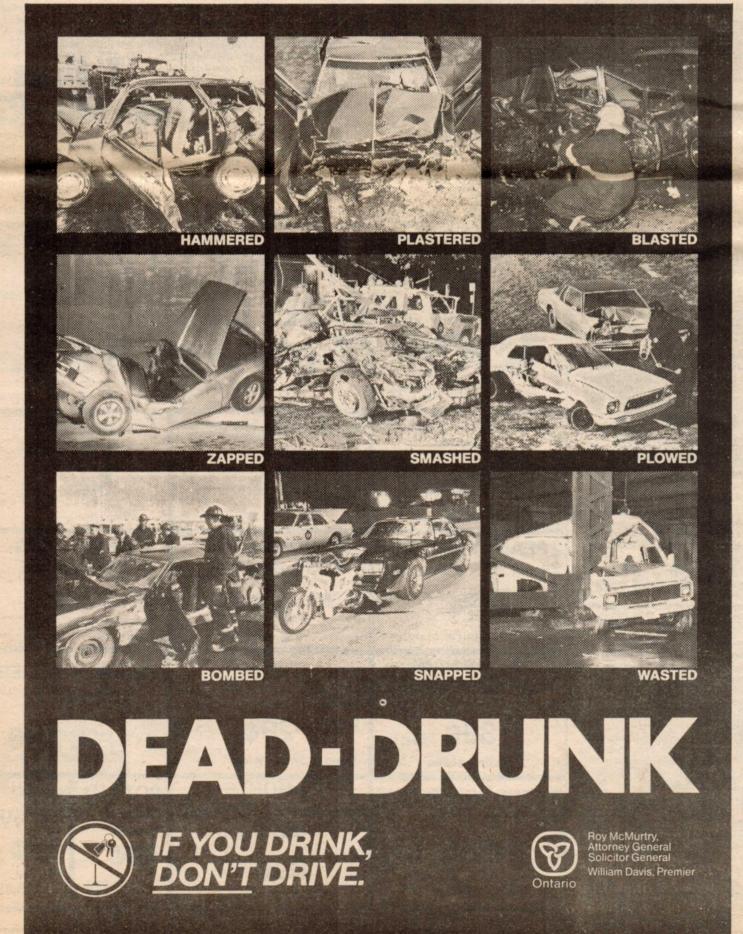
As an alternative school designed for drop-outs, the Student School gets students actively involved in making all decisions about their programs providing that the Ontario Ministry of Education approves. You have student earning academic credits in work-related experience programs, and getting paid by the employer for their volunteer work. Either way you can't lose. With a little bit of common sense, ears to listen and the will to get your grades, they will help you do the rest. In my opinion, the university time atmosphere, the good leadership along with friendly attentive people, provide the answer to getting a high school education.

If any of this interests you the Student School may be the answer for you.

Look at it this way. Quitting school is putting off until tomorrow what you could do today. Going to the "Student School" is getting today what you will need

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Sandblasting is vandalism

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I have been fuming for some time over the vandalism being effected on what is left of our architectural heritage by over-zealous property owners, architects and contractors. The cleaning of buildings is reaching epidemic proportions, with the majority of work being done incorrectly and with little or no regard for the future weatherability or appearance of the exterior surfaces. Buildings should be cleaned using the gentlest means possible without damaging the original surfaces.

Few people seem to care. The current fashion for sandblasting has led to a proliferation of restoration contractors. Their free test patches, carefully executed and often right around the main entrance, indicate that another poor building will shortly be skinned and coated with some marvelous preservative for

Sandblasting is a totally unacceptable method of cleaning any building. It is a destructive, abrasive technique developed to strip metal castings and the like of scale and rust. Wet-sandblasting and highpressure water cleaning are just as destructive and unacceptable. Enlightened contractors are using chemical cleaning methods which unfortunately can be just as injurious if not carefully chosen and supervised. The often-secret brew of acids is mopped onto the building then flushed off, cleaning by dissolving away the surface of the wall along with the dirt.

Detergents and patent cleaning compounds are sometimes used but they can get into the wall and reappear later as streaks and crystalline deposits. The silicone treatments offered to rectify the damage and protect the walls last no more than one year in our climate and are a

building destroyed by sandblasting is better off with a few coats of carefully chosen paint to protect what is left of the walls. If you must clean a building, what does one do?

In Paris and London at the turn of the century, the major buildings and monuments were cleaned by pure water and a gentle scrubbing with soft bristle brushes. This proved to be cost-efficient and did not damage to the exterior surface of the buildings. A major church in New York City is at present being cleaned by this method. A properly cleaned and maintained building needs no treatments or preservatives. If in doubt, the best approach is not to do anything and spend the money fixing your roof. Old buildings, like old people, tend to look just find as they age, but everyone needs a good wash every now and

on't be a peephole driver

hazardous but they should not be regarded as an excuse for an accident.

Two of the main causes of winter accidents are reduced visibility and los of traction.

The established saying of -"don't be a peephole driver" should be taken to heart. How often have you failed to adequately clear the snow and ice from your windshield or mirrors before starting out? Be fair to yourself and others, clear your windshield so hazards can be recognized the moment you leave the driveway or parking

After your windshield is clear, it just as important to keep it clear. Make certain the heater-defroster is capable of keeping the windshield clear at all times. Know your heaterdefroster and how to use it.

Other aids for adequate visibility are good wiper blades, and a scraper or brush. Check wiper blades and arm pressure frequently. Even with new blades, wipers may skip and stick if the arm pressure is low.

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Don't regard them as an absolute cureall. Always remember to reduce vour speed.

Check mechanical equipment. Make sure your brakes grip evenly unequal gripping starts skids. Check tires for uniform pressure. Avoid over-inflation as well as under-inflation exceeding ten percent of the standard pressure.

Get the feel of the road and adjust your speed accordingly. Occasionally, try your brakes or gently press the accelerator while driving slowly when traffic and road conditions permit. If the wheels slide or spin, adjust your speed.

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Thanks again The response to our appeals for

The Jesuits have opened a new

centre in Riverdale. In announcing

the opening of the Jesuit Centre for Social Faith and Justice, its first

director, Father Michael Czerny,

described the purpose of the centre

as "a focused Jesuit effort to colla-

borate with eucumenical and other

action groups in witnessing to jus-

tice and furthering social change.'

volunteers to help us put out 7 News continues to be very gratifying. We would like to thank the following people, who have volunteered recently and who are now helping to put out the paper in one way or another. Thanks to Mike Siggins, Grace Chow, Maggie Keith, Marlene, Douglas Wells, Bill Millar, Isabelle Clewes, Angela Hume, Doug Carlyle, Rita Hoffman, Lynne Dee Trudeau, Karen Joeveer, Jim Hockley, Kathy Kerr, Jill Leach, and Anne Woods.

However, as we have been stressing in the last few issues, 7 News' serious and chronic financial problems, which are not improving, are forcing us to rely on volunteers to a much greater extent that ever before. We need help if the paper is to keep coming out. So . . . we need even more volunteers, particularly in certain quite unglamorous areas, such as typing, basic, simple bookkeeping tasks (no experience required), and general office work. We could also use someone to "take charge" of updating our distribution lists regularly. And we can always use more people to deliver papers door to door on their street or in their apartment building.

If you think you might be able to help, and if you'd like to find out more about what the various tasks would require, give us a call at 7 News, 363-9650. We'll only be in the office on a part-time basis from now until January 2, but if you don't catch us in, just leave your name and number on our answering machine and we will call you back as soon as we can

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Founding staff of the Centre include Father Gordon George, Provincial of the Jesuit Fathers in English Canada from 1958-64, and former General Secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops; Father Michael Stogre, M.D., who is one of the few priestphysicians in Canada; Father Michael Czerny, who is a member of the executive of the Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America; and Father Jim Webb. who has been active in social issues in Riverdale, and who is currently chairman of the Taskforce of Churches and Corporate Responsibility. According to Czerny, the centre's

location in Riverdale "expresses its desire for roots in a working class neighbourhood." The centre has its local base at Queen Street East Presbyterian Church, 947 Queen St.

"Problems in the neighbourhood and the work place have to be linked with wider issues," says Czerny, "and at the same time we'll try to bring some of the acute international crises home to Canadians.

The centre's first project has been to join with the Ontario Federation of Labour, the Social Planning Council, and other groups in a campaign to curtail the present erosion of medicare and to "promote a new perspective on health care for Canadians.

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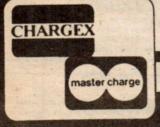
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