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That's it for 1980, folks! The next issue of 7 News appears Friday January 16; the deadline is Monday January 12 at 5 p.m. Bring or mail your stories, pictures, or ads to 7 News, 315 Dundas St. E., Toronto M5A 2A2. And have a good holiday!

Eggleton ignores council; boosts STOL

Newly elected Mayor Art Eggleton is pushing ahead in his attempt to get a STOL (short-takeoff-and-landing) airport onto the Toronto Islands.

Plans for the STOL-port had been shelved when the Canadian Transport Commission refused in October to issue a license for the service, citing Toronto city council and citizen opposition as reasons for not proceeding.

However, even though the city is officially on record as being opposed to STOL, Eggleton met with federal transport minister Jean-Luc Pepin, Ontario transport minister James Snow, and Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey last week to discuss proceeding with STOL.

Eggleton was promptly criticized by STOL opponents for his actions. Eggleton was at the meeting representing the city, but instead of presenting the city's decision at the meeting, he presented his own, directly opposite, position. Eggleton, who campaigned for the mayoralty on a promise of consultation and cooperation, acknowledged after the meeting that he had been presenting his own "personal position on the matter" instead of the city's, but defended himself by saying that he had mentioned his position

on STOL during the election cam-

After the meeting, Pepin announced proposed federal steps which are designed to obtain Eggleton's personal approval for proceeding. These are that the island airport will not be opened to commercial jets, that the airport will not be expanded, and that the operation of the airport will not be subsidized.

Opponents of STOL, however, have pointed to the environmental problems that will be caused by having the flight path for initially 25, then more, flights a day passing directly over Toronto's eastend residential areas and prime recreational parkland. They also point out that historically, once a commercial airport is established, it is almost always impossible to block future expansion despite any guarantees that may be given. And critics of STOL also strongly question the economic benefits. The project will cost taxpayers \$200 million, and is expected to lose \$5.4 million a year when in operation. The benefit is to be 19 minutes less travelling time between Toronto and Montreal. Over 90 percent of the passengers are expected to be businessmen on business flights.



It is Thursday afternoon. There is light in the gym. There are happy sounds. Children walk to the beat, stamp it, run it, and have lots of fun experiencing elements of music in many ways.

The place is Sprucecourt Public School. The boys and girls who are taking part in these after-school music classes vary in age from three to nine years. They learn, in a fun way, to enjoy music and participate in it. The teacher takes ideas from Orff, Kodaly, Dalcroze, and many fine music teachers here in Canada and Europe. The classes are complete in themselves, but they also attempt to prepare the students for playing an instrument seriously later.

If you feel your child would like to be in on this you should contact Mr. Ada Vermeulen at 368-7291.

New classes will start again in January.

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Look 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 pair 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 difterent 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."

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.

French unit at Jarvis Collegiate?

By RHONDA SUSSMAN

A plan to move a high school French unit from Monarch Park Secondary School to Jarvis Collegiate in Ward 6, is strongly opposed by Jarvis teachers and parents.

They say it will threaten Jarvis Collegiate's claimed academic excellence by forcing the elimination of 16 classes and restricting the enrolment of out-of-district students.

The proposed move would take 23 French-speaking students from east end Monarch Park and place them in more centrally-located Jarvis, at Jarvis and Wellesley Sts.

These students are in grades 9 and 10 only at the moment, but once the transfer to Jarvis is complete, grade 11 will be added, and there are plans to eventually increase the levels offered to a normal grade nine-to-thirteen academic program.

The number of French students is expected to increase if the unit is moved to Jarvis, because French-speaking parents want their children to go to Jarvis. A survey taken three years ago, when a French high-school unit was first proposed, showed that 30 students would have enrolled at Jarvis, but when Riverdale Collegiate was proposed in the survey, no one preregistered. The unit ended up at Monarch Park Secondary last year, but because of the small number of students enrolled in unit, Ward 6 trustee Bob Spencer said that there was a danger of losing the unit altogether.

Jarvis teachers and parents claim that their school has higherthan-average standards.

This borderline snobbery of Jarvis parents prompted one parent, during a meeting of the Jarvis Parent's Association, to suggest letting a "mediocre"

school decline and that its students be shipped elsewhere (presumably not to Jarvis), and a French high school be started there

However, the opposition to the proposed transfer is not simply a question of snobbery or of anti-French sentiment — Jarvis parents and teachers were not kept informed or consulted on the plan to transfer the French unit, and this, more than anything, is behind their objection.

The French Language Advisory Committee, elected to look into the possibility of starting a French unit, had proposed Jarvis in June 1978 as one of the possible

More recently, the choice was narrowed down to three — Harbord Collegiate, Bloor Secondary, and Jarvis. And although Jarvis principal, Ann Shilton, was part of the Advisory Committee for three years, she waited until Oct. 31 of this year to inform the staff, after an Oct. 30 decision by the Board of Education to approve in principle the move to Jarvis.

Nor did Ward 6 trustees Bob Spencer and Joan Doiron inform the community. A Jarvis parent, Dr. Tom Egan, said that the trustees attended at least part of all the Jarvis Parents' Association meetings this year and did not mention the proposed transfer.

The trustees say that they were not "encouraged" to speak at meetings, although it is presumably their job to keep the community informed of crucial Board decisions.

Angered by this lack of communication, Jarvis parents, at a Nov. 19 meeting of the Jarvis Parents' Association, voted overwhelmingly to defeat a motion supporting the relocation of the French unit.

In the face of this opposition, trustees decided to backpedal on the relocation, and not to make any irreversible decisions until January. The Board of Education has also voted to appoint a committee of trustees to meet with Jarvis teachers and parents to discuss why trustees think the unit should be moved to Jarvis.

At the moment, French-speaking students are forced to travel to Metro's only all-French high school, Ecole Secondaire Etienne Brule in North York if they wish to study in French past grade 10, or to study in English if they are university bound — neither Etienne Brule nor Monarch Park are as academically-oriented as Jarvis.

S. Riverdale health centre

Faced with an increasing number of patients from outside the boundaries of its area, the South Riverdale Community Health Centre has adopted a policy restricting future new patients to those from Riverdale.

A number of exemptions to the rule are also being provided for, as follows: active community members and volunteers; nuclear family members of existing patients; people who work within

the boundaries; partners of patients needed short-term follow-up; torture victims; referrals from social service agencies and professionals; visitors of patients needing immediate care.

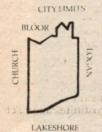
The boundaries of the area the health centre serves are bounded by the Don River, the lake, Cowell Ave., and the Toronto city limits on the north (above Danforth Ave.)

Merry Christmas

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Cabbagetown in history

Cabbagetown has always been an interesting neighbourhood. It began as a refuge for fugitives from the 19th-century Irish potato famine. They planted cabbages on the front lawn. And it's now a refuge for the middle class who have given up on the Great Suburban Dream and have moved back to what their parents had abandoned for better lives in dull subdivisions.

It was when the hungry O'Leary, McConnells and Murphys moved in by the hundreds that Cabbagetown began to thrive. It reached its first "golden age" during the decade before the first World War. This war was to end this golden age and it would not be for another fifty years before Cabbagetown would reach its second "golden age".

"golden age".

As Bill Hambly, the Shuter Street painter, recounted to Rae Corelli Toronto Star, Jan. 15, 1964, the Cabbagetown of 1914 as "a big beautiful town." Bill was born in the Hambly's home on Berkeley Street. His father, Fred, was the last oldtime political boss of St. David Ward (today's Ward 7). Fred held the distinction of being the only man in Cabbagetown to win a purple Cadillac convertible in a crap game. He gave it back the next morning.

When the First World War ended, the old people drifted away and a new uncomprehending people fell heir to the gingerbread houses and the chestnut trees. Soon the houses and the trees began to disappear.

The Skid Row of 1950's
It is hard to believe that 30
years ago, this lively up-and-coming neighbourhood was the skidrow of Toronto. As Rae Corelli
wrote in 1964:

"Neither is there any future for

Ward 7 Camp Funding for children with special needs

Rummage room open every morning at 10 am, 42 Blevins Pl., in the basement. Bingo first Thursday of every month at Regent Park Public School, 20 Regent St. Income tax will be processed in January for \$4 and up, which will be donated to the camp fund.

much of what remains east of Parliament Street and south of Gerrard. Cabbagetown has become a downhill ride; if you're on the way up, don't dare stay there."

Old men bumming money for cheap wine and ladies of the evening added to the broken dream era of Cabbagetown. An old woodenfloor Loblaws (now Royal Hardware), Tamblyn, a Jenny Lind, and old United Cigar Store added a true old "Toronto the Good" flavour. But the old neighbourhood was just a mere memory of its royal days.

Ride in John to the Saving of Cabbagetown

A young lawyer in blue jeans landed into Cabbagetown. His name was John Sewell. It had been proposed the entire area south of Bloor would be rezoned for highrise apartments. A crosstown expressway just north of the CPR Belt Line would connect the Spadina and the Don Vally Expressways. But John helped the citizens fight the establishment.

City Hall wants blood

There will be a Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic on Friday December 26th at the New City Hall. The hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Red Cross is asking for your support.

Each year at Christmas people look forward to getting together with family and friends and think about what Christmas means to them. Christmas means loving and sharing. We can all celebrate the Christmas spirit by giving a unit of blood at the Mayor's clinic. The need for blood over the holidays is constant.

If the Red Cross is not successful in collecting sufficient units, shortages occur. When this happens many suffer. Operations have to be postponed, people are sent home from hospitals. And there is the constant anxiety for those who need blood, waiting until the supplies are once again

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Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic on
boxing Day. Celebrate the spirit of
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Who won??

Although the houses remain, one wonders who won the war. The common people saved the neighbourhood but prices have gone up at a rate so fast that even the upper middle class cannot afford to buy in Cabbagetown. It is becoming the Rosedale of the 1980's.

Peter B. Pocock

What pensions?

I am one of a group of seniors who do not receive a full pension, as our retirement date, through no fault of our own, prevented us from making the minimum contribution of 10 years.

At the inception of the plan in 1966 we were assured, that as the plan became actuarially sound in the near future, we would get the

full pension.

I have carried on with my previously published letters to the media about this plan, and now have found a nasty side effect. The capital, possibly all of it, has been on loan to the provinces at a low rate of interest in the vicinity of 5,%, instead of being invested in the going commercial rate, which would make the plan self-supporting. This statement has been publicly confirmed by a financial writer, Jack McArthur, in the media, just recently.

So the Feds are doing exactly what some unions have complained about in their private pension plans, where it is alleged that the companies use the contributions as loans for their business needs at low rates.

The public should note this quite carefully, since almost everyone contributes. I, personally would make an educated guess that the present contributions will be hiked very soon, if not already in the mill. An unless something is done about these loans, the Feds will be paying future pensions out of current accounts.

Just as a matter of interest, a spot check of three senior homes in my neighbourhood shows about 38 seniors getting part pensions — and, remember, few seniors, since most are in the late seventies or older, were even able to contribute to the plan.

Would Monique Begin care to comment?

Bill Wood Broadview Ave.

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Agribusiness bad for earthworms —The sale of sex-

By HOWARD HUGGETT If you attend the Toronto Arts Production Forum at St. Lawrence Centre regularly you will, I believe, hear a discussion on every important subject. You will, that is, if you keep going. On Wednesday. December 3rd, the topic was Agribusiness: Ecological Disaster. A formidable panel of speakers was on hand to deal with this matter. There was Roger Barrie from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Professor Stewart Hill of the Department of Entomology at McGill University. Dr. D. Hoffman from the Faculty Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo, as well as

Agriculture concerns not only farmers; we all have to eat and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find food that is as nutritious and as tasty as it should be. As for the current prices, there is no need to remind anyone about that.

Dr. J.K. Reynolds of the Canadian

Society of Environmental

Biologists. Donald MacDonald

represented the New Democratic

The first sight that met the eye upon entering the hall was a table on which a small quantity of richlooking, black composted earth was spread out on a plastic sheet.

CNH gets greener

At its November meeting the board of directors of Central Neighbourhood House at 349 Ontario Street approved a proposal from the City of Toronto Planning and Parks Department. As part of the South of Carlton Planning Area improvements, the parks department would leave CNH's patio area and create and aintain on it several planting and

seating areas The plan would allow continued use of the area for children's games, but will at the same time provide much needed greenery and a pleasant place for neighbours to sit and relax.

Some while ago a South of Carlton Community Association sub-committee worked to bring about much needed improvements, not only on CNH's property but on other area sites: it seems these may be accomplished.

It was alive with small earthworms, busily munching away. This exhibit was supervised by an acquaintance of mine, a young senior citizen who maintains a childrens' camp in Haliburton and specializes in ecology. It was a very fitting introduction to the subject of the evening.

The first panelist gave a quick sketch of the development of farming from the early kind of subsistence agriculture that was conducted from log cabins and sod huts to the modern business type of agriculture. He touched on the farming problems of today, the competition that forces the industry to use large and expensive machinery and great quantities of fertilizers and pesticides. Faced with such expenses, farmers are compelled to operate large holdings and to find the money for land that continues to escalate in

From there the discussion took off, and what was very interesting was that a consensus of sorts developed before the evening was over. Although the different panelists approached the subject from varying directions, they all were in general agreement that the problems of agriculture were the problems of society in general.

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For instance, farm products are now marketed in the same manner as the commodities that business turns out. In other words, they are sold largely on the basis of their appearance only. Donald Mac-Donald referred to his boyhood on an Ontario farm and pointed out that in those days fruit with blemishes or misshapen vegetabes were quite acceptable. Now they are rejected because of their appearance, but appearances can be deceiving. On that score Professor Hill showed the meeting the results of tests made on samples of spinach, all of the same variety but grown on different soils. All of them were of good colour and attractive appearance, but the variations in their nutritional qualities were startling. Spinach is supposed to be rich in iron, but one sample contained only about onetenth of the mineral that another one did. I guess we'll have to develop more



Farmers used to be very selfsufficient. They grew much of their own food, produced their own fertilizer, used their woodlots for fuel. Now they have to buy fertilizers and pesticides from industry and specialized crops to be sold to giant companies who control prices. They are forced to pollute earth, air and water with toxic chemicals and the animal wastes that they no longer put on the land. They are just about as dependent upon big business as we the consumers are. How do the farmers and the consumers get together? That's the problem.

When the meeting was over the little earthworms were still munching away at their job. The multi-nationals haven't been able to put them out of business - yet.

By JEAN WRIGHT

Charging male customers of prostitutes and publishing their names would end prostitution "so fast you wouldn't believe, Priscilla Platt, defence lawyer, told a public forum on "Street Sales of Sex: Social Problem or Crime?'

Sponsored by The Elizabeth Fry Society, which works with women in trouble with the law, the meeting held Nov. 27 in St. Andrew's United Church also heard from former alderman Allan Sparrow, prosecuting attorney Michael Anne Mac-Donald and Sgt. Thomas Stephens of the Metro Police morality squad. Moderator was lawyer Wayne Laski.

Miss Platt's remark drew applause from the audience but was termed "simplistic" by Mr. Sparrow. Undeterred, she replied that it is men who are buying prostitutes services, men who are making the laws and men who are judging the cases. "They like the aws - the law doesn't touch men but these women are going to jail. They are being used.

Mr. Sparrow said the public demanded that Toronto clean up the Yonge Street area a few years ago, and prostitutes have no more right to use the streets for commercial purposes and cause public nuisances than has "a person selling refrigerators." In response, Gillian Sandeman, executive director of the Elizabeth Fry Society, asked why police don't charge the Maple Leaf Gardens for causing a nuisance on the

Sergeant Stephens said he feels the laws are correct. Prostitution itself is not a crime, but prostitutes and their clients can be charged with soliciting and loitering.

Several members of the audience expressed the view that women are very much discriminated against in the application of the laws. Among the points they argued were:

• Far more men are involved in prostitution than are women. Both customer and provider are involved in prostitution, yet only the provider, usually a woman, is considered a prostitute.

 Women prostitutes approach men in a relatively quiet and unobtrusive way that causes no public nuisance, and are arrested. Men frequently approach women in a loud and aggressive "Hey Baby!" manner and are never arrested. This approach is considered "sporting.

• Pimps are the worst aspect of prostitution yet few are ever jailed. "Their women are afraid to testify against them," said Sergeant

Several members of the audience suggested that the roots of prostitution are economic as most women are unable to obtain work that pays adequately. Other speakers wanted to see more money spent on prevention and 'positive' programs, especially for young girls, but, as attorney Miss McDonald pointed out, more money is spent on Metro Toronto roads than on the entire provincial administration of justice

Non-profit projects get aid

The federal government is naking \$3,176,621 available to assist five non-profit housing pro-ects in the City of Toronto, three of them in this area.

The funds will go to assist the city so it can reduce mortgages on the developments, sponsored by the City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corporation. The five projects will total 702 rental units.

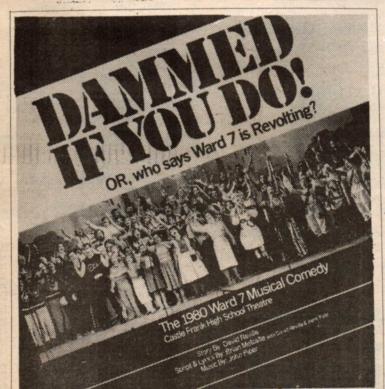
One of the projects is a 303unit development on the Esplanade, on the southwest corner of Front and Sherbourne, in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood. The project will consist of an eight-storey building, a fourstorey building, and a block of townhouses. The project will contain 29 bachelors, 125 one-bedrooms, 126 two-bedrooms, and 23 three-bedrooms.

The second project is also in St. Lawrence, a 281-unit development on Scadding Ave., on the southeast corner of Sherbourne and Scadding. It will consist of a nine-storey building and fourstorey building, and will contain 98 bachelors, 82 one-bedrooms, 91 two-bedrooms, and 10 threebedrooms.

Construction on both projects is under way.

The third project is on Ontario Street, north of Dundas. It will contain six one-bedroom units and three two-bedroom units, and should be completed early in 1981.

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• The co-op consists of a mix of 67 one, two and three bedroom "stacked townhouse" units around a courtyard. It is part of the larger "Winchester Square" development which includes City Home Non-Profit Housing and another co-operative.

 The attractive features of Fieldstone include its lowrise layout, small parks immediately to the north and east, immediate access to Winchester public school (without crossing a street!),

underground parking, and cable T.V.

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By GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

In the early days of Toronto, long before the invention of the television set and the automobile, Torontonians spent much of their leisure time out-of-doors, even during the winter.

Elizabeth Simcoe, writing in January, 1794, talked of walking miles on the frozen surface of the Don River, and of seeing the tracks of wolves and deer in the snow near Castle Frank. The next day, the Simcoes rode on horseback to the bay, crossed the frozen Don, and rode out on the 'peninsula' (later known as the Toronto Island). Later, on January 26th, 1794, Mrs. Simcoe mentions going out to see Mr. Talbot, Lt.-Gov. Simcoe's personal secretary, skating on the Don.

The next day she walked to the bay, where she saw Indians fishing for pike, pickerel and muskellunge. The fish would be atracted to the hole in the ice by an artificial fish of white wood with leaden eyes and tin fins, hung on a line in the water. When the fish approached the hole, the Indians would spear them with great dexterity.

As the population of the area grew, and the Town of York became the City of Toronto, the number and variety of wintertime activities increased. Sleighs, the principal means of winter transportation, served both practical and recreational purposes. Anna Jameson, in her

"Sketches in Canada and Rambles Among the Red Men," written in 1839, described winter sleighing in Toronto:

sleighs as they glided past. They are of all shapes and sizes. A few of the carriage sleighs are well-appointed and handsome. The market sleighs are often two or three boards nailed together in form of a wooden box on runners; some straw and a buffalo skin serve for the seat; barrels of flour and baskets of eggs fill up the empty space. Others are like cars, and others called cutters are mounted upon high runners like sleigh phaetons. These are sported by the young men and officers of the garrison, and require no inconsiderable skill in driving, as I am assured that they overturn in the snow not above once in a quarter of an hour, and no harm and much mirth ensues."

William Russell, in 1865, described the Toronto scene this way:

"In this winter time the streets are filled with sleighs, and the air is gay with the carolling of their bells. Some of the vehicles are exceedingly elegant in form and finish, and are provided with very expensive furs, not only for the use of the occupants, but for mere display."

Mr. Russell also talked about the 'muffin', the



An 1873 watercolour showing a Canadian outdoor winter scene — men wooing muffins on toboggans. From Canadian Christmas Book, by Caroline Carver.

name used to describe 'the lady who sits beside the male occupant of a sleigh'. The name probably relates to the fur muff carried by women to warm their hands. The typical winter wear for both men and women was the 'blanket-suit', consisting of knickerbockers and long coats, with brightly coloured stockings, sash, and knitted tuque, or fur hat. Passengers in a sleigh would cover themselves with at least two robes, the top one being usually a buffalo or bear skin for extra warmth. Quite often a sleigh would tip, throwing driver and muffin into the soft snow.

Another popular pastime was skating. One learned to skate by pushing a chair about on a frozen pond. 'Social' skating, to the music of a military band, was an enjoyable form of winter entertainment. Mr. Russell described a typical Canadian skating scene in 1865:

"The room, which was like a large public bath-room, was crowded with women, young and old, skating or preparing to skate, for husbands, and spread in maiden rays over the glistening area of ice, gliding, swooping, revolving on legs of every description, which were generally revealed to mortal gaze in proportion to their goodness, and therefore were displayed on a principle so far unobjectionable.

"It was a mighty pretty sight. The spectators sat or stood on the raised ledge around the ice parallelogram like swallows on a cliff, and now and then dashed off and swept away as if on the wing, over the surface, in couples or alone executing quadrilles, mazurkas, waltzes and tours de force, that made one conceive that the laws of gravitation must be suspended in the Rink, and that the outside edge is the most stable place for the human foot and figure.





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By the 1870's there were skating rinks oughout Ontario, many of them covered. One wasn't was the Victoria Skating Rink, built 862 at the south-west corner of Gerrard and rbourne Streets.

Other popular activities on ice included lace on skates, skating masquerade parties, ice ocipedes (tricycles with blades instead of eels), ice-boating, curling and hockey (or

ce-boating was cold, dangerous and exciting. n the terrors of sea-sickness



As early as 1829, Torontonians of Scottish cent were playing the game of curling on the n River. The Toronto Curling Club was orized in 1836-7, and thereafter bonspiels were d each year on cleared-off sections of the , Grenadier Pond, and the Humber River. most famous team was the Toronto Red kets, who won 75 successive matches during 1860's and '70's.



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der favourable ice and weather conditions the ts were capable of sailing along at 50 to 60 es an hour on the smooth ice of the Toronto In 1853, it was written in the 'Illustrated ws' that "Some of these boats are got up with ater pretensions to comfort, having seats for accommodation of three or four persons; and nese boats ladies frequently enjoy a sail, free .



Toronto's heavy annual snowfall provided further opportunities for wintertime fun. Then,

as now, children built snow forts and snowmen,

and threw snowballs at one another and at pas-

sing adults in high hats.

Sliding down snow-clad hills, with or without a sleigh or toboggan, was also great fun, as was hitching up the family dog, or perhaps a goat or sheep, to a small sleigh. Adults also enjoyed the pleasures of sleighing and tobogganing on the hills in Victorian Toronto.

One unusual wintertime activity caused by a heavy snowfall in Toronto, occurred in February, 1881. The Street Railway Company, in an effort to clear the snow from its Yonge Street tracks, put snowploughs on its streetcars. This created piles of snow several feet high on each side of the tracks, making the thoroughfare impassable for other vehicles. Storeowners angrily demanded a stop to the operation. But the streetcars went on ploughing, whereupon shop hands and clerks turned out in force and shoveled the snow back onto the tracks. After a short but heated fight, the streetcar drivers had no choice but to abandon their cars and head for home.

Although it could be said that the Victorians learned how to enjoy the winter by reason of necessity, it is clear from their experience that the cold and dullness of winter can be relieved, and the effects of climate utilized, to increase the enjoyment of leisure time. It is unfortunate that for so many modern Canadians, sedentary habits and the over-use of the car and the television set, have prevented them from realizing that winter can be fun!





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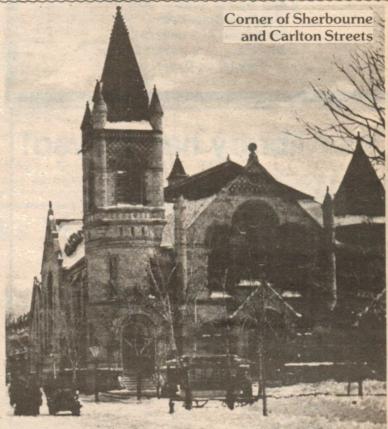
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Jackman girls win

On Tuesday November 25 the City of Toronto Girls Junior Volleyball Championship was held at King Edward Public School. The Jackman Jaguars defeated Davenport to win the city finals.

Jackman Jaguars girls won two out of three matches

In the first match of the game Davenport beat the Jackman Jaguars 15 to 13. In the second match Jackman pulled up enough strength to beat Davenport 15 to 5 and went on to complete their victory in the third round of the tremendous game with the score of 15 to 7

Jackman won fair and square but the Davenport girls were disappointed.

Nicole Sadinsky and Cheryl Kerr helped the team a lot. They

were definite and organized players. If our whole team didn't serve with their fantastic serves the Jackman Jaguars would have been in a jam. Sofie Pendarovski and Sofie Staios were fantastic tippers. Whenever a ball came to one of those girls they tipped it very aggressively.

The coach Mr. Johnston and his trainer Danny Kyriazis had a very well prepared team.

If it wasn't for Mr. Johnston and Danny the Jackman Jaguars wouldn't have been in the city finals. Mr. Johnston worked the girls very hard every day, two times a day, but you have to give the Jackman volleyball girls a lot of credit.

They have a lot of spunk and that's how the volleyball girls won

The Ralph Thorton Center (the Old Post Office at Queen and Saulter St.) is now ready for groups to operate out of it. A board of management consisting of Edith Brown, Velda Cyr, Brian Eaton, Yoke Chan, Agnes Johnston, Tom Masney, Ruby Simpson, Susan Ursel, Phyllis Regan and Marrin Jones has been approved by Ciry Council and its 1980 budget finalized. Staff have now turned over responsibility of the Center to the Board and its co-ordinator Connie Leslie. Look for the grand opening in January.

Newsletter stresses preventive medicine

A newsletter, the Health Advocate, is now being published in Toronto, by the Health Advocacy Unit of the City of Toronto's Public Health Department.

The new approach stresses community-based health promotion and disease prevention, based on the principles of "ecological sanity and social justice", rather than the current emphasis on curing after the fact, increasing specialization, and high tech-

The newsletter cites as examples of its tasks, combat of manmade health hazards from the effects of chemicals, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, pollution, poor nutrition, and stress. "Preventing these factors from having an unhealthy influence on our citizens is our overall aim", says the newsletter.

To get on the newsletter mailing list, call the Health Advocacy Unit at City Hall at 367-7450.

Anti-racist

After its successful November Cultural Day, which three hundred people attended, the Riverdale Action Committee Against Racism has formed four sub-committees. They are research; school-community; petition; and fundraising. Anyone interested in helping out or in receiving information can contact 947 Queen St. E., or phone 465-1143, 369-3659 or 469-1819.

their victory Sarah is wonderful:

The Wonderful World of Sarah Binks, currently playing at Toronto Free Theatre and starring Eric Donkin, certainly is wonderful. It's the brightest, liveliest piece of comedy this reviewer has witnessed since Toronto Truck Theatre's Room Service a couple of years ago

Mr. Donkin portrays the role of Miss Rosalind Drool, Ms. Drool, dry and about as introspective as really good flypaper, does an anthology of the life and poetry of

Sarah Binks. ("Sweet Songstree of the Prairies".) Sarah dedicates poetry to a dead calf, the hired man, and a being "Up From the Magma and Back Again". She waxes most lyrical, perhaps, about Regina, "The Athens of the Pra-iries", which, she says, "may be remembered for many things' such as "the richness of its insect

Eric Donkin triumphs in this piece of true theatrical art. We anxiously await both his next work and that of Director John Banks.

Regent elections

The Regent Park Community Improvement Association and the Service Unit are having their board of directors elections January 28, 1981. All tenants in Regent Park are encouraged to attend and to vote and to participate. Anyone interested in serving on either board please contact the RPCIA

364-2909, from 9 to 1 or the RPSU 863-1768 from 9 to 5. The election committee chairpersons are Mrs. Estelle Dunbar and Mrs. Emily Bartlett. Come and support our community by visiting our of-fices at RPCIA, 44 Blevins and Service Unit, 63 Belshaw

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The Scalawag Cafe, a coffee house of the 80's, features the **Def-Ayds**, tonight in the Pine Room of the 519 Church Street Community Centre, at 8:30 pm. Admission \$1.50. Saturday, December 20

Noel Dansant avec Des Amis du Centre Francophone à 20h, ce soir. Danse, atmosphere des fêtes, decorations. Un grand Noël comme chez-nous. 435 Ouest Queen's Quay, Harbour Renseignements: 367-1950. Sunday, December 21 Harbourfront.

The St. Luke's Forum (St. Luke's Church, Sherbourne and Carlton) presents the Rev. Douglas Muir today at 2:30 pm.
Come to a candlelight service tonight at 7:00 pm in St. Barnabas' Church, 361
Danforth Ave:

Thursday, December 25

Come to a Christmas dinner at St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. E. Entertainment will begin at 12 noon and a traditional Christmas dinner will be served at 2:00 pm in the Cody Hall. The warmest of welcomes awaits you at St. Paul's. All you have to do is phone the Church office at 961-8116 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, and say that you will attend.

Saturday, December 27

Join Alice and the white rabbit at 7:30 pm in Harbourfront's York Quay Centre when Toronto's City Ballet presents its full-length version of Alice in Wonderland. Adults \$6; children and seniors \$4: Reservations 869-8412.

St. Luke's Forum (St. Luke's Church.)

St. Luke's Forum (St. Luke's Church, Sherbourne and Carlton) presents Alec Jefferies today at 2:30 pm.
Harbourfront's film series is screening The Black Stallion, a beautifully

photographed boy-and-a-horse story. Tonight at 7:00 pm in York Quay Centre. Admission is \$2

Wednesday, December 31

Tired of getting bombed at the Winchester every New Year's Eve? Why not hobnob with Toronto's aristocracy at Toronto Arts Production's Gala Theatre Party. See a Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum in the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front

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The American Association for the Advancement of Science is presenting a free Science Film Festival, continuously from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm today and tomorrow and from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Tuesday, Jan. 6 and Wednesday, Jan. 7. The festival will include films on Einstein, the shroud of Turin, chemicals of the brain, the cheetah, energy and morality, the birth of a whale, computer technology, and coping with death. At the Cinema II theatre in the Sheraton Centre.

Monday January 5

Today and every Monday there will be a bingo at 7 pm at Dundas-Sherbourne Community House, 249 Sherbourne St. \$1 for two cards for 20 games. Everyone welcome

Tuesday, January 6

The Ontario Human Rights Commission is holding a winter festival in St. Jamestown. A

meeting will be held to discuss the festival Wednesday, January 7 Professor Wombug's Medicine Show, a radioactive tragi-comedy, will be performed tonight at the Cabana Room,

Spadina Hotel, King and Spadina. Call 598-1486 for more information.

Thursday, January 8

A new Brownie pack will be opening at Woodgreen United Church, 875 Queen St. E., starting at 5:15 pm. For further information call Mrs. Oliver, 463-9861 or 364-7131, ext. 232, or Mrs. Shaw at 466-8762. Brownies are for girls aged six to nine, and are affiliated with the Girl Guides.

Friday, January 9 The Scalawag Cafe, located in the Pine Room of the 519 Church Street Community Centre (just north of Wellesley), presents Sam Lerkin tonight at 8:00 pm. Admission is

The Funnel Experimental Film Theatre, 507 King St. E. will be showing the super-8 films of Toronto filmmakers Kim Kozi and Napo B. Titles include Zig Zag, Chino Chu

Chu and Vango, based on the life of Vincent Van Gogh. Concurrent with this screening there will be an installation piece by the artists in the Funnel Gallery. Tonight at 8:00 pm, admission \$2.

Wednesday, January 14

Regent Park The Improvement Association is having an open house tonight from 5 to 8 pm, at their office at 42 Blevins Pl. The purpose of this open house is to inform and attract residents of Regent Park to the work of the tenants' association. A buffet will be served.

Thursday, January 15

The City Parks Department and the Toronto Board of Education are investigating the possibility of a joint redevelopment of Lord Dufferin's Parliament Street schoolyard. Why not come to a meeting in the Lord Dufferin School (303-325 Berkeley St.) auditorium tonight at 7:00 and share your thoughts, and ideas with representatives. thoughts and ideas with representatives

from these two groups?
Tonight at 8 pm in the Art Gallery of Ontario Auditorium, Language and Representation in Avant-Garde Film, a survey of the disjuncture between language and image from 1928 to 1970 through the work of Marcel Duchamp, Man Ray, Robert Breer and Stan Brakhage. There will also be a lecture that will further clarify the topic by the editor of *Film Culture* magazine, P. Adams Sitney. Call the Art Gallery of Ontario at 977-0414 for more information.

 Riverdale Hospital is offering a chance for Riverdale patients and friends to do their Christmas shopping every Friday in Riverdale Hospital's front foyer.

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Plans have been drawn up by the City Landscape Architect as a result of suggestions made by a representative committee of parents, neighbours, city, board and school staff.

The plans are ready to go! Why not come to a meeting in the Lord Dufferin School auditorium on Thursday, January 15th, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. to talk further?

All of our classes have seen the plans, and have very enthusiastically discussed them.

They have made some excellent suggestions for improvements and models, pictures and sketches will be available for you to see. One of our classes has even written a

An improved schoolyard and parklike setting would be a welcomed addition to the Regent Park area. If we can have an enthusiastic representation at the meeting on January 15th, possibly the money could be budgetted for an early start to this project.

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