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 The next issue of 7 News will appear on Friday, August 20. The deadline for that issue is Monday, August 16.

A walk for WoodGreen and Canada Day



WoodGreen supporters hand in their pledge forms.



Henry Chong and David Reville hurdle the Rocky Mountains as participants of the Cross Canada Celebrity Challenge.



And they're off and running...

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On June 26 over 175 supporters of WoodGreen participated in the Walk for WoodGreen and Canada Celebration. Despite overcast skies, walkers were in buoyant spirits as they enthusiastically completed the course. Special mention must go to Mr. Man Han Chan, who by raising \$455, won the grand prize for the most pledges collected. Congratulations are also in order to the following winners.

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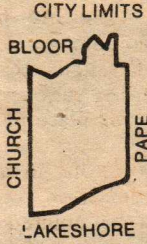


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Island radio tower is unwanted

By ULLI DIEMER

Does anyone recall the obsessive intensity with which the Metro Toronto government has devoted itself to shoving the Toronto Island Community into the lake?

You should, because they're still at it, spending lots of time, and taxpayers' money, in their crusade to bring the bulldozers in. They claim, of course, that the land is desperately needed as parkland, although any island visitor knows that large areas of the islands are virtually empty even on the hottest summer weekends.

Consistency, however, does not seem to be the Metro bureaucrats' strong point. So it is that the private yacht clubs on

the islands, occupying more space than all the houses put together, are to be given even more land at a token rent.

And so it is that Metro Council quietly approved a decision to give radio station CHIN six acres of island land to put up a new radio tower, despite a policy that has stood for 21 years to no new radio transmitter sites would be put on the

islands. The tower goes ahead with the full approval of Metro Parks Commissioner Robert Bundy, who said he had no objections to the tower, slated to be as high as a seventeen-storey building.

Environmentalists objected to the tower because it is in the flight path of migrating birds, many thousands of which are killed by similar obstacles.

Filipino politics split community

Political differences among local Filipino Canadians surfaced last month when different organizations held competing celebrations of Philippine National Day in different parks on June 12.

Philippine National Day has been celebrated for years in Seaton Park, by a group which opposes the Marcos dictatorship in the Philippines. This celebration has traditionally featured speakers, some of them exiled activists, who have spoken out against the imprisonments, tortures and killings that are taking place in their homeland.

As a result, the Philippine Consulate in Toronto has attempted to thwart the event in various ways. This year, it sponsored a politically 'neutral' organization which organized a 'Fiesta Filipino' in Riverdale Park, for the same day.

The anti-dictatorship group responded with a leaflet inform-

ing people what was going on, saying that the people at the Riverdale Park picnic would hear nothing, see nothing, feel nothing and know nothing about life under the Marcos Dictatorship because they would be given no opportunity to hear about or discuss what is happening in their homeland.

Nevertheless, both events were held, and the struggle for the allegiance of local Filipino immigrants continues.

WOMEN MARCH FOR RIGHTS

The annual Toronto Rape Crisis Centre's "Take Back the Night March" was held in Riverdale Park and marched through the Broadview-Danforth area on the weekend of July 24.

The march is usually held some time in September, but in response to the recent wave of violence, the date was moved up. The march is a demonstration by women against the violence perpetrated upon women.

There was a small outbreak of hostility when a man tried to join the ranks of the marchers and was asked to leave, but for the most part, the march was a peaceful demonstration of women reclaiming their right to walk at night.



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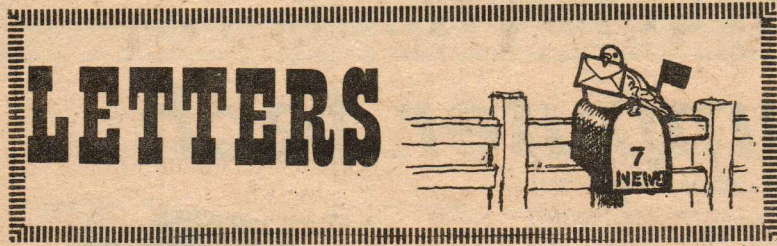


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Farm visitor annoyed

Dear 7 News:

The community doesn't seem to be noticing, but the City of To-

ronto is denying us access to one of its major attractions.

The Riverdale Farm closes every night at 7 p.m. despite a sign on the gate which says it is open to dusk. In these, the longest days of the year, this means we are being cheated of over two hours of prime visiting time to an exhibit that could be the destination of many a post-dinner walk.

This, of course begs the question of whether it is a worthy destination. It took 30 years of benign neglect for the previous zoo to deteriorate to its sad collection of depressed, dust-covered animals. The present farm has accomplished this in just five years.

There is supposedly a citizen Farm Committee to look out for the direction of the Farm. Is it possible this is another group of backroom managers to whom committee memberships are just credits on the election literature they will be sending us this fall to convince us of their concern for our community?

In Toronto, the federal, provincial and municipal governments,

have respectively, Harbourfront, Ontario Place and the Metro Zoo. There are busy places year round with active, vibrant programming associated with them. Is there any reason the major physical attraction of the City of Toronto should be little more than a short-cut from Riverdale I to Riverdale II or a washroom facility to various community events taking place in the vicinity?

As a little footnote in anticipation of any reaction to this letter, it should be pointed out that the bureaucrats of City Hall will probably solve the 7 p.m. dusk problem by changing the sign on the gate to 7 p.m. or dusk, whichever comes first. So it goes.

A 7:15 Visitor

Irresponsible remarks

Dear Madam Editor:

Your note in response to the letter by G. van Houten of the Communist Party of Canada ("Soviets don't want war...") in the July 9th edition of "7 News" is most unfortunate in that it betrays a lack of comprehension of what the crucial issue today really is.

You ignored the fact indicated by Mr. van Houten that the USSR has stated at the UN and elsewhere that it is prepared to provide contractual guarantees to any and every country not to use nuclear weapons against any country that does not have nuclear weapons on their soil and renounces their

use. We need that kind of guarantee in Canada: the US has nuclear weapons stockpiled in Canada at Comox, B.C., Bagotville, Quebec, and Chatham, New Brunswick. We're targets! We should persuade our government to enter into such an agreement with the Soviet Union. This would also be part of our demand to make Canada a nuclear weapons free zone.

We should likewise enter into a similar agreement with the US - if they were disposed to it - the US is currently bent on a first strike policy against the USSR and we are part of that by virtue of our membership in NATO and NORAD. Whose po-

sition, then, is the sane responsible one?

You likewise chose to ignore the highly important Soviet proposal of renouncing the first use of nuclear weapons. The US response has been to stubbornly refuse to follow suit: If Reagan is genuinely concerned for peace, then why doesn't he take the Soviets at their word? Make them put their money where their mouth is.

Regretfully, you cast responsible journalism to the wind and chose, instead, to drag the cold war spirit of anti-communism and anti-Sovietism into an issue where it has no place whatsoever. The issue is not "us" against "the Russians": the issue is the arms race against the people wherever they are.

The merchants of death have for years clouded that fact by making the issue one of "us" against "the Russians" to confuse, mislead, and most of all, undermine criticism and resistance to the arms race, which is directed against you every bit as much as it is against all other Americans and Soviets.

The unwarranted and irresponsible remarks you made serve those against whom we have a common struggle for our common survival.

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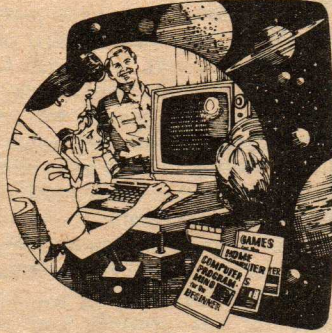
The human side of computer tech

By DAVE DICKEY

Previous parts of this series have outlined various effects computers are having, or are apt to have, on people and society. In many ways, the picture seems bleak and a few years from now it may seem even bleaker. This is because micro-processors are being put into place solely to increase output and to reduce wage costs. The cyclops eye of financial accounting make this the only consideration because the balance sheet is the only way the success of an enterprise, public or private is judged. A price tag is put on everything. What is not being taken into account is all the other human factors, such as the quality of life, work, play and environment.

A small minority of people hold the power to affect many people's working environments - their lives in other words, by making decisions based solely on considerations of cost and efficiency. How these decisions affect people is rarely considered.

This single-minded pursuit of profits turns potentially enriching technical developments into an attack on workers' living standards and working lives. If microprocessors could be seen as a means by



which jobs could be enriched, then there would be less cause for concern.

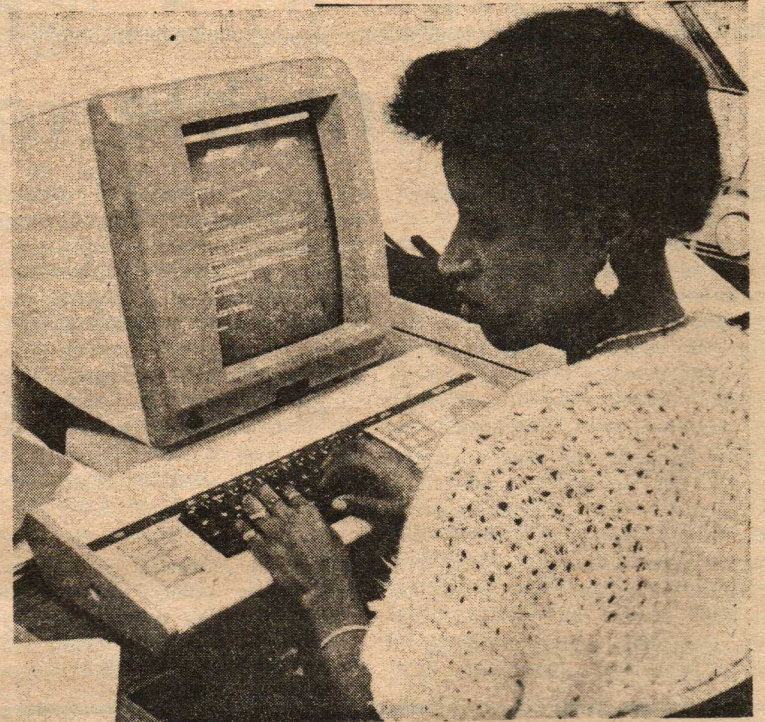
For example, automated cash registers in supermarkets could make a cashier's job better by permitting more opportunity for contact with customers as human beings. Technological work, which is now an overwhelming male preserve, could be more easily accessed by women.

Computerized phototypesetting has ended one craft, but at the same time, it has allowed for writers to typeset their own work, making the job more whole. Robotics create possible vistas for custom production by being so adaptable; as part of a communications network, consumers could directly relate their individual needs to the machine.

The sheer cheapness of the equipment, permits development of industries at the community level, making them even more responsive to needs. Old ideas of economies of scale may become irrelevant as production becomes less centralized. Indeed, the very flexibility of computers might permit them to help design jobs for interest, variety, challenge and creativity.

The socially-created split between mental and manual work could be lessened as computers make jobs physically resemble each other. As also with the socially-created split between our working and private lives as microprocessors will allow more people to work at home. There is the potential for more integration of our lives generally. This integration may make us more isolated and break up further our bases of solidarity, or it could offer the great possibility of interested communication between each other.

There is a choice. Already we are seeing the trend towards freer exchanges in terms of taping by way of the common tape cassette, and extended copying of material



With computers, technological work can be more easily accessible by women.

by way of the photocopier. Private property lends itself to the material, but ownership of ideas is proving elusive. In terms of computers, there are instances of telephone and computer codes being broken for access to lines. The proliferation of computers will open up more opportunities for people.

Small working units and families will have access to information and communications previously only available to large and lucrative concerns. Planning within a complex community can

without solutions, ofr of isolated abuses. The problems are made out to be due to stupidity of individual corporations or executives, of bad laws, or because of some failing in the human character. It is necessary, then, to transcend these particulars and realize that the underlying base is a system which operates for sa single purpose; profits, with human need only secondary.

Fighting automation can be valuable in order to protect interesting or scarce jobs, but resistance alone will not be successful. It re-



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Some unions have begun taking the initiative

become more democratic and accurate.

For any kind of meaningful application of computers, that is, technology that works for people rather than against them, concerted action is required. In the end, it must mean control over the machines and the workplace by people generally, rather than by a small powerful elite. In spite of our alienation, we tend to see our economy as a series of problems

requiring group education and action. Some unions have begun taking the initiative such as the ITU with their pamphlet 'Humanizing the VDT Workplace', and OPSEU's the 'Hazards of VDT's'. But unions will have to take a less sectarian view of society and instead realize that only a national organization, such as seen in Poland's Solidarity, can seriously challenge and alter social direction. It is ultimately a political decision.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

Fast Draw Competition

- Spectators awaiting the start of the "Be Part of the Legend" fashion show had best be ready to duck when bad guy "Black Bart" - the orneriest critter ever to crawl out of the west - challenges unsuspecting towns folk to beat him to the draw during Levi Strauss' Fast Draw Competition at Trinity Square, Eaton Centre.

Stout-hearted cowpersons who join in the festivities during the celebration today through to August 6, will witness fashion shows, 12:30 and 5 p.m. daily. Prior to the fashion shows, and periodically throughout the day, mall-goers will be asked to test their mettle against Black Bart.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

Summer Festival

- The annual St. James Town Summer Festival is here again and will be held today, starting about 10 a.m. in the outdoor quadrangle along the west side of 240 Wellesley St. (near Shoppers' Drug Mart). It's going to be an exciting event with entertainment, displays, a lawn and craft sale by local residents, and a variety of refreshments. Should you need any further information, please don't hesitate to call Jill McNall at the St. James Town YMCA 923-4402.

Pelican Players Perform

- Pelican Players will perform "This Ain't the Statue of Liberty" today at 2 and 4 p.m. at Riverdale Park. This show, done with colourful masks, is free.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

Pelican Players Perform

- The Pelican Players will perform "This Ain't the Statue of Liberty" this month at Kew Beach (south of Lee) at 7 and 8 p.m. Admission is free. Performances may be cancelled in the event of rain. Call Pelican Players for additional information 656-7075.

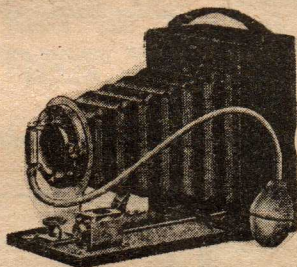
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Photographers Featured

- The work of photographers Robert

Baronet, Randy Bradley, Douglas Curran, Hubert Hohn, Ian Reeves, Barbara Spohr and collaborations by Francis Coutellier and Serge Morin are on display in the Art Gallery at Harbourfront through to August 15. The exhibit of about 75 works is intended to be a survey of current Canadian colour photography, a medium which many artist-photographers used to regard as suitable for commercial assignments only. The artists hail from Vancouver, Calgary, Banff, Edmonton, Toronto Quebec City and Moncton.

Hours for the Contemporary Gallery are: noon to 6 p.m. Tuesdays to Thursdays; noon to 9 p.m. Fridays to Sundays; closed Mondays except open noon to 6 p.m. holiday Mondays. The number to call for Art Gallery information is 869-8410.



- The "Picture Yourself" Studio is an opportunity for the public to participate in the photography exhibit by making instant 8" x 10" colour self-portraits which could be selected to hang in the Photography Gallery until August 15. The \$5 charge is less than half the normal cost of such a photograph, as the program has been supported by the Ontario Arts Council, the Canada Council and Harbourfront. When the exhibit is over, the photographs can be picked up by their owners at the Harbourfront Art Gallery. A photographer will be on hand to assist the public each weekend the project is on. The hours are 5 to 9 p.m. July 31, August 1, 2, 13 and 14.

Women's Self Defense

- A four week Self Defense course for women begins August 17 through to September 9th, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the YWCA, 2532 Yonge Street. Fee is \$45 for the eight sessions. The course will include discussion about self defense as well as basic practical techniques such as kicks, punches, breaking holders and verbal self defense. To register, call the YWCA at 487-7151.

Day Camp Program

- Ralph Thornton Community Centre has started its summer Day Camp Program and everyone is welcome. Mon., Wed., and Friday Circus Workshop, Tuesdays are Arts and Crafts, Thursdays are

Movie Madhouse and Jane Davis-Munroe will be giving dance lessons for children aged 6 to 12. There is also a teen lounge and Teen Dances. These activities will run all summer from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. So drop by or give us a call at 461-6311. Also it will be holding a regular flea Market on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. as a fund raising event for the Day Camp.

Yard Sale

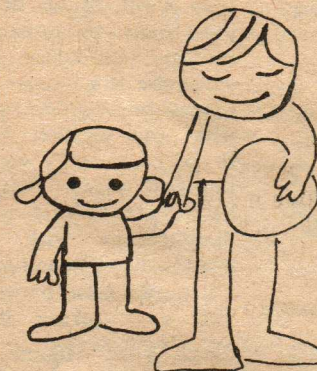
- This fall, the Elizabeth Fry Society is once again taking part in the Cabagetown Cultural Festival. This is not a celebration of witty, well-travelled vegetables, but it is a neighbourhood special event! Being a good neighbour is important to the Society, which has been in the area for over 12 years. Services and support are provided to women, aged 16 years and over, who have been in trouble with the law. The agency operates a half-way house, and has court and social workers on staff. The Elizabeth Fry Society is joining the festivities by holding a Yard Sale, complete with a Tarot Card reader and refreshments.

So don't throw out all those things you no longer want. Instead, bring that painting you never did like, or the toys your children have long outgrown, or some of those plants that make your livingroom look like a Tarzan movie set. Now is the perfect time to donate these and other paraphanelia to the yard sale. You may drop them off at 215 Wellesley Street East, between 8:30 and 4:30, before September 8. Phone 924-3708. No clothing please. Don't forget to attend the Festival, the weekend of September 11.

Graphic Work at Art Gallery

- An exhibition of 101 etchings and engravings by German artist Max Klinger (1857-1920) continues at the Art

Gallery of Ontario through to August 29, 1982. Max Klinger: Graphic Work explores the central role of graphic art in the oeuvre of this late 19th century German artist.



YMCA Volunteers

- Are you 15 years of age or older? Do you enjoy working with children? Do you want an activity to fill those long hours of boredom this summer? If you are interested in volunteering your services to help out with the YMCA's summer programs, please contact Ed or Brenda by calling 923-4402.

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- Asthmatic children from five to fourteen will be able to attend day camps throughout the summer with the help of the York-Toronto Lung Association. Nurses will be in attendance in a special tent which will serve as the centre for supervision of medication and inhalation treatments. Parents can choose two-week sessions through to August 27. For further information, call 226-1454.

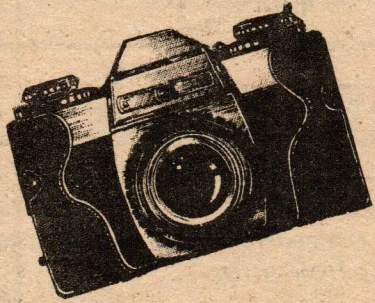
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DATE OF EVENT
 DETAILS OF EVENT (include time, place, & what the event is, in 2-3 sentences)

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Work on improving your photos

Summer and vacations are synonymous; it's the time when we snap shots of all of those "times you want to remember". Unfortunately, it often happens that when the film comes back from the processors we do not remember what the pictures were supposed to be of, or why we took them in the first place. This year, with a little extra effort, you won't be disappointed with your photos when you get them back.

Ensuring good photos begins when you are packing for your trip.

Check your camera for problems; it is working? Is it clean? If you have any doubts, get it serviced before you go.

Make sure you have lots of film packed; it can sometimes be hard to find in an unfamiliar area. A good, weather-proof package for film is a square, plastic tupperware container.

There are three basic compon-

ents of any photograph; lighting, angle and a subject. Subject is the biggest problem; somehow the shot that looked great when you took it, has transformed into a picture of water and sky, all of it a washed out blue, when you get it back.

Watch the birdie!

One way to liven up your photos is to get lots of pictures of people: Close ups, medium close ups and long shots. If you don't know the person you wish to photograph, ask their permission first; this will save later embarrassment on your part. Don't be afraid to get in close when photographing someone; it will cut out a lot of annoying and distracting scenery in the background.

A basic rule of photography is to never shoot into the sun. This will ruin your camera in many cases. While you shouldn't shoot directly at a light source, you should also not shoot with one directly behind you. This will create jarring, dark shadows in your pictures. A good idea is to take the photo in an area of even light—such as the shade, or close enough that the shadow doesn't appear in the viewfinder.

Lighting is the second biggest problem with most photographs, especially those of people. Over-exposure and under-exposure can ruin even the most beautifully posed picture. Too far away? Low? High? Vary the angles of your pictures to make them more interesting. Don't always shoot at eye level. Get higher or lower—it will give you a whole different view.

McCleary history project

Summer students at Ray McCleary Towers are in the middle of a history project of the Riverdale area. We feel that much of the local history of any particular area is unique, and we know that younger generations are fascinated by a time very removed from their present lifestyle of cars, computers, stereo and videos.

We are interested in collecting pictures, photos of family; people and places, types of transportation; buildings, stores, news clippings, price lists, advertisements, or anything else from older residents in the area. Students and interviewers will be available to meet with anyone having stories of family life or historical, social and cultural events of either wards, and the pre and post depression days.

These collections will be compiled for a history booklet that will be available by early September. If you would like to be a contributor, please contact Elaine at 465-1616, or visit Ray McCleary Towers at 444 Logan Avenue, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Any photos, clippings, etc. contributed to the project will be copied and the original promptly returned.

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Government restraint clarified

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The total cost of the package is approximately 47 cents; 30 cents for the stamp, 10 cents for the envelope, 2 cents for the paper and 5 cents for the printing. Multiply this figure by

the number of newspapers, magazines and other publications who received this memo—let's be conservative, the government certainly isn't—and estimate that 10,000 publications received the release. That's \$4,700 and half of them probably threw it in the garbage anyway.

We for one, would like to thank the government for clearing that up.

The hon. Donald Johnston, President of the Treasury Board, announced last week that with the passage of Bill C-124, the Government will move to restrict the salary increases of senior public servants to no more than 6 per cent and 5 per cent over the next two years.

"I wish to clarify that the performance pay portion of the management compensation plan will be suspended for the duration of the restraint program."

The compensation of approximately 4,500 executives and managers in the public service, including Deputy Heads, Armed Forces and RCMP, senior legal officers, all members of the Man-

agement Category and equivalents, will be affected by the announcement.

"It is our intention to reduce the level of wage and salary increases in Canada to 6 per cent and 5 per cent over the next two years in an effort to achieve similar reductions in the rate of inflation. Reaching that goal is vital to the economic recovery of the country. The senior levels of the public service are being asked to make a special sacrifice. This is particularly true of Deputy Mini-

sters who have not received an increase since the spring of 1981.

"I will shortly be asking the senior officers of Crown corporations to also follow this lead."

In making the announcement, Johnston noted that the suspension of the performance pay portion of the compensation plans, combined with the shift in their effective dates from April 1 to July 1, 1982, provided for in Bill C-124, will result in public service executives receiving only a 4.8 per cent increase in fiscal 1982-83.

Letter carrier alert in area

A "Letter Carriers' Alert" program is now operating out of the 519 Church Street Community Centre, for people living in the 519's area.

The idea of the program is that your letter carrier will keep an eye open for your well being if asked. For example, if newspapers pile up at your door, or if something else seems unusual, making it seem that you might be in need of assistance, your letter carrier will let 519 know and they will pursue it from there.

The program is designed primarily for seniors, disabled people and others living alone, but anyone is eligible. If you are interested, call the 519 Church Street Community Centre at 923-2778

or speak to your letter carrier. The area covered is Bay Street to the Don River, CPR tracks in Rosedale to Carlton Street. A similar program is co-sponsored by the WoodGreen Community Centre in its area.

Organizations sponsoring the program are the Letter Carriers' Union of Canada, the Labour Council of Metropolitan Toronto, and the United Way, as well as the community centres.

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Yet, that "wilderness" is being parcelled out. To logging. To mining. To human development. And, perhaps, to Parks - if we stake our claim now.

On March 12, Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope placed 245 candidate parks and nature reserves on the table for public discussion. If these areas are added, it would triple the number of provincial parks and double the size of our park system, although there is no guarantee at this time that even one new park will be

established. The crucial decisions on these proposals will be made within months.

Mr. Pope's announcement is the culmination of a decade of effort to create a system of parks protecting the full diversity of Ontario landscapes and recreational experiences. These candidates affect every one of us with an interest in the outdoors - whether naturalist, canoeist, hiker or sportsman. Decisions now will shape the parks system for generations. For large wilderness parks south of the treeline, 1982 is the last chance before other land use commitments close in.

Two points are clear from recent discussions with Mr. Pope:

-He plans to put at least some of the proposed parks into regulation within a year.

-The public response - your response - to district meetings and land use plans will determine how many and which parks come to reality.

The minister's challenge is clear. If we want the kind of Parks system envisioned in the 1978 parks policies - for which we all fought - we must demonstrate local support for the chosen candidates or propose strong alternatives. This cannot be done without your help. Time short and the task is great. Your action and support will make the critical difference. Write to Hon. Alan Pope (Minister of Natural Resources, Queen's Park, Toronto, m7A 1W3). Support the Ministry's parks initiative. Outline your concerns for the candidate parks. Your letter should make one or more of the following points:

- existing parks planning policies are sound and should not be diluted.
- parks are no place for resource development.
- parks are worth millions of dollars to Ontario's economy.
- parks are the best means of protecting Ontario's natural heritage.

Be as specific as you can. Cite personal experiences and if you want to see new parks in your area, give details. Your letter needn't win a prize, but it does have to be posted.

For more information, contact Nancy Patterson (416) 444-8419.

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The church was the second Presbyterian church to be built in Toronto; Knox Presbyterian was the first. The church was built in 1865 for \$16,000, but was replaced in 1891 by the present day structure.

It is, perhaps, a sign of our times that the once thriving church congregation has dwindled down to a few hundred members. It's also a sign of our times that the church site, bought in 1856 for \$3,100, was sold last September for 1.5 million.

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