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Community branch bank closes doors

by ULLI DIEMER

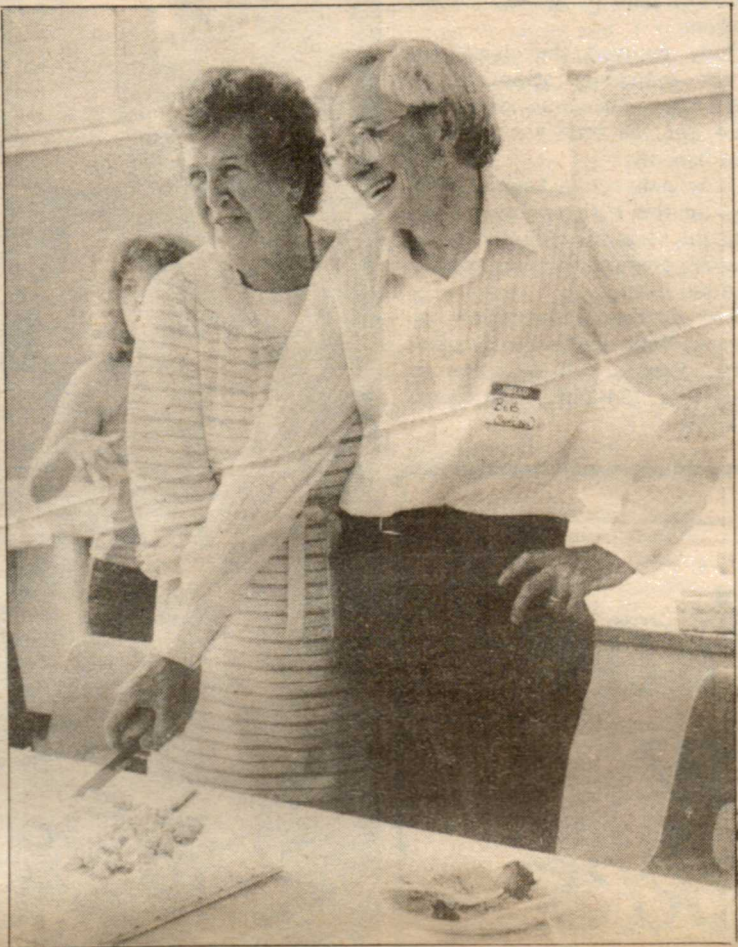
The Community Branch of the Royal Bank on Queen near Logan is closing its doors on August 17.

The branch was established in the mid '70s in response to widespread criticism that banks were aloof and remote, geared mainly to the needs of corporate clients rather than working class people or small businesses. The Royal's Community Branch was an experiment in presenting a friendlier, more accessible face.

The branch featured later hours, to make it possible for people to go to the bank after work, a small sitting room in which customers or their friends could wait or chat, and various other efforts to make the bank more comfortable and convenient.

The experiment seemed to be popular with local residents, but it always remained an isolated exception rather than the precursor of changes in the banking world. The trend, in fact, has been in the opposite direction, the closing of many local bank branches, longer lines, and more reliance on machines.

Small businesses have found more obstacles put in the way of arranging financing through banks. And now the Royal's Community Branch is itself falling victim to the trend: it is being rationalized out of existence, and all accounts are being moved to the branch at Queen and Broadview.



A potluck lunch was held in June to say goodbye to Bob Beardsley principal of Eastdale Collegiate, and Irene Ryder, the secretary.

Fond farewell to Bob and Irene

by LISA HORROCKS

On Monday 11 June, the staff and program participants and graduates of the Focus on Change program held a pot-luck lunch to say good-bye and thank you to Bob Beardsley, principal and Irene Ryder, secretary of Eastdale Collegiate who are retiring this summer.

Both Bob and Irene started with the Toronto Board of Education in 1965. Before coming to Eastdale in 1974 Bob had

been the co-ordinator of SEED Alternative School as well as the head of mathematics at Central Technical High School. Irene has been at Eastdale for almost two decades.

She has seen the school change from vocational to secondary school in 1971 and finally to a collegiate in 1974.

The formation of Eastdale Collegiate was one of "a series of responses to the educational needs of the majority of the

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Few straight answers from Welfare Passing the buck

by ANNA THOMPSON

On Wednesday, June 20, about 70 people, including welfare recipients, social and legal workers, and representatives of lobby groups, crowded into a basement room at Central Neighborhood House to ask Metro Toronto welfare workers some tough questions about a new welfare program: discharge allowance.

Two social assistance supervisors from the Adelaide Street welfare office were invited to answer questions about the eligibility criteria for the program.

The discharge allowance (maximum \$350) is "intended to assist clients in re-establishing themselves in the community upon discharge from an approved institution" and has officially been available under the Metro welfare program since April.

"For example," said Ron Beatty, supervisor of the Special Review Unit for Metro Social Services, "a battered wife who moves into a hostel (hostels are considered 'approved institutions' under the program) with her kids is going to need special financial support to meet the sudden and unmanageable costs of buying everything to move out and set up with: dishes, beds, etc. Money for these kinds of start-up costs aren't available under General Welfare Assistance."

Beatty allowed that welfare assistance may not adequately cover a recipient's costs for rent, but he believes that the program's approximately \$1-million budget for discharge allowance is worthwhile. "Even if you gave recipients a... raise to their monthly welfare cheques, there will still be people in special circumstances who will need extra, one-shot support for start-up costs after leaving an institution," he said.

When some members of the audience expressed disappointment at the poor management and promotion of the program, Beatty defended his position. "The discharge allowance falls somewhere between the jurisdiction of the provincial and municipal governments," he said. "Welfare is administered municipally, but until now, different municipalities applied different guidelines to welfare demands not covered by basic income needs. The discharge allowance criteria were set out by the province to standardize the handling of this special area."

The program, said Beatty, was not widely publicized. Rather, the "agencies and institutions that would be making the likely referrals" were notified of its existence.

However, many of the agencies represented at the meeting indicated that they had received

no information on the program. One welfare recipient reported that welfare workers told him "We're too confused (about the discharge allowance criteria) to explain it to you."

Another complaint voiced at the meeting dealt with the program's requirement that recipients must be receiving "verifiable, on-going counselling" in order to qualify for this special financial assistance.

Beatty countered this argument, saying, "You must show that you are working on a strategy to get back into the community under the guidance of someone qualified to give you realistic feedback. There's no point in getting money unless you have some logical plan for putting it to use."

But a representative of the Union of Unemployed Workers was not convinced. "I think our union offers good, solid peer counselling, but services like ours and those of many other groups aren't recognized by the welfare authorities," he said.

"People have been fighting tooth-and-nail to get this money," said David Kidd, Adult Program worker at Central Neighborhood House. "Not only have clients been denied access to this money, they are complaining that they haven't even been able to get straight information."

W7 students travel to Mali

by SUZANNE BABIN

Two Ward Seven high school students are heading off to deepest Africa. Tynette Deveaux and Christene Browne are among 21 young Canadians chosen to take part in the Canada World Youth program going to Mali.

In the fall, Tynette and Christene will fly to Mali, but for the summer both young women will take up farming in rural Quebec. As part of the program, Tynette and Christene will be twinned with two young people from Mali. The young women and their Malian counterparts will learn how to farm, speak French and generally get to know one another.

In September, 42 Canadians and Malians will board a plane to begin the long journey to Bamako, the capital of Mali. There, the young Canadians will begin a learning experience that will be like nothing they've known or seen before.

Mali is one of the poorest countries in the world. A Malian's average income is \$140 (US) a year. There are no jungles — in fact, the country is suffering from a serious drought. The lack

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Gold Diggers annual benefit a hit

by BRIAN BURCH

Vermillion Valley, 80 kilometres north of Sudbury, is a long way from the CBC Parliament Studios. July 7, however, saw the two locations linked in a benefit for the Cabbagetown Gold-Diggers.

Performers ranging from break-dancing students from the Cabbagetown Arts Centre to Margo's Live Radio Review joined together to raise money to help send inner-city children to pan for gold in Northern Ontario. The gold-diggers project, initiated by David Blackmore, is a unique program in Toronto, providing wilderness experience near the site of Ontario's first gold rush for up to twenty five 12 to 17-year-olds from the Cabbagetown area.

The highschool variety night styled benefit was hosted by Shelagh Rogers, of CBC Radio's For Your Information. Area per-

formers gave a relaxed show for the enthusiastic audience. The musicians, dancers and comedians managed to perform something for everyone. Harold Candle, an 86-year-old Philadelphia native, for example, found a set composed of Mario Lanza's hits the best part. Younger people were attracted by the break-dancing.

Perhaps the most unusual act of the benefit was David and The Kid, a comedy duo. David Blackmore, the founder of the Cabbagetown Arts Centre, is ru-



David Blackmore clowns around with some gold diggers.

moured to have found Jason Ross in the alley behind the Arts Centre. Breaking the old rule of never appearing on stage with dogs or children, David provided the straightman to Jason's jokes, much to the delight of the older members of the audience.

Community support for the Arts Centre is important. David Blackmore has provided an effective, street-level approach to working with young people in our diverse neighbourhood. His idea of bringing kids from the urban core to Northern Ontario is an exciting project.

People who would like to support the gold-diggers but missed the concert can still drop off donations of money or camping gear to the Cabbagetown Arts Centre at 435 Parliament Street.

If you want more information about the project, or if you want to take or teach a class, phone David at 964-8346.

Another development - another dollar

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Regent Pk. pre-natal clinic offers advice to mums-to-be

by ROSALEEN CHARLETON

It was Judy's second pregnancy and the doctor suggested she attend the Centre's prenatal classes, but Judy felt there was no need for this service. As her pregnancy progressed, she noticed changes in her body that she had not remembered in her last pregnancy; things like frequency of

urination, constipation, leg cramps, dry skin and mood swings.

On her next visit to the Centre she discussed these problems with the nurse, who assured her that these were normal changes that may occur in the first trimester, and she gave her help-

ful hints on how to relieve these annoying symptoms.

It was at this point that Judy decided to come and see what went on at these prenatal classes. Every Wednesday morning she attended the classes and saw demonstrations on breast feeding and formula feeding. Breathing exercises were taught so that she would be able to cope with her labour and delivery. By using a pelvic model, the nurses were able to show the class how the baby is expelled from the uterus and into the birth canal. Relaxation techniques

were practiced.

Many films were shown and this is what Judy enjoyed the most, especially the films that showed deliveries. She saw films of normal vaginal deliveries with anaesthetic, Caesarian Sections and natural child-birth. Other films explained emotional aspects of pregnancy, care of the newborn and parenting and adoption.

Judy enjoyed the classes because individual attention on particular issues was also available and the staff were relaxed and friendly.

Judy delivered a healthy baby girl on the 10th of June, 1984 and she feels the prenatal classes helped prepare her emotionally and physically.

For further information on Regent Park Health Centre's Prenatal Classes call Rosaleen or Teresa at 364-2261. The classes are free.

Happy birthday Mrs. Macdonald

Congratulations to Martha Macdonald (a long-time Seven News supporter) of 273 Carlton Street on the occasion of her 77th birthday on June 14.



Photo by Daniel Gautreau

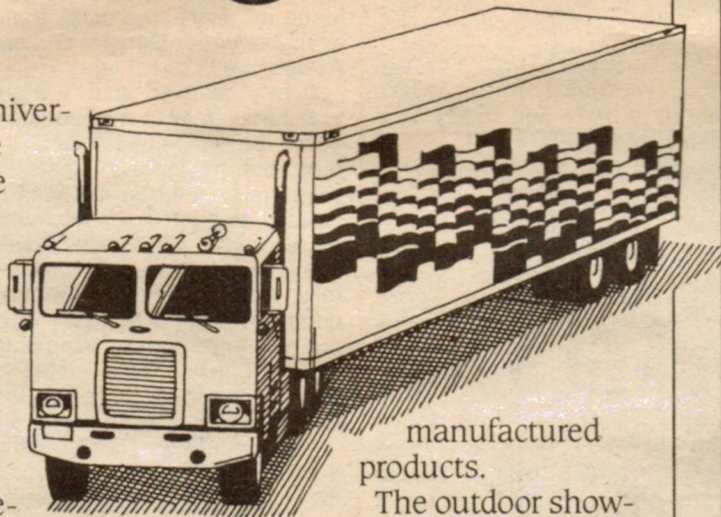
The Regent Park Health Clinic gives pre-natal classes every Wednesday morning to expectant mothers.

Now you can have a terrific view of the Great Lakes Seaway without ever leaving town.

This is the 25th Anniversary of the St. Lawrence Seaway and, to celebrate this important event, we're bringing the story of the Great Lakes and the Seaway to town.

The history, economic significance, and the future promise of the Seaway are all being presented in a special travelling marine showcase.

The Great Lakes Seaway links Ontario's industrial and agricultural centres, through more than 60 ports and harbours, to the world's markets. This cost and energy efficient system is a major transportation route for grain, coal, iron ore, potash, and many



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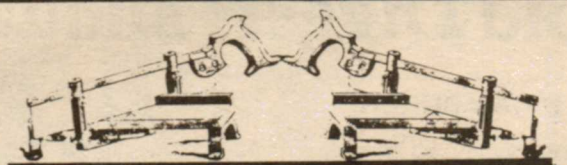
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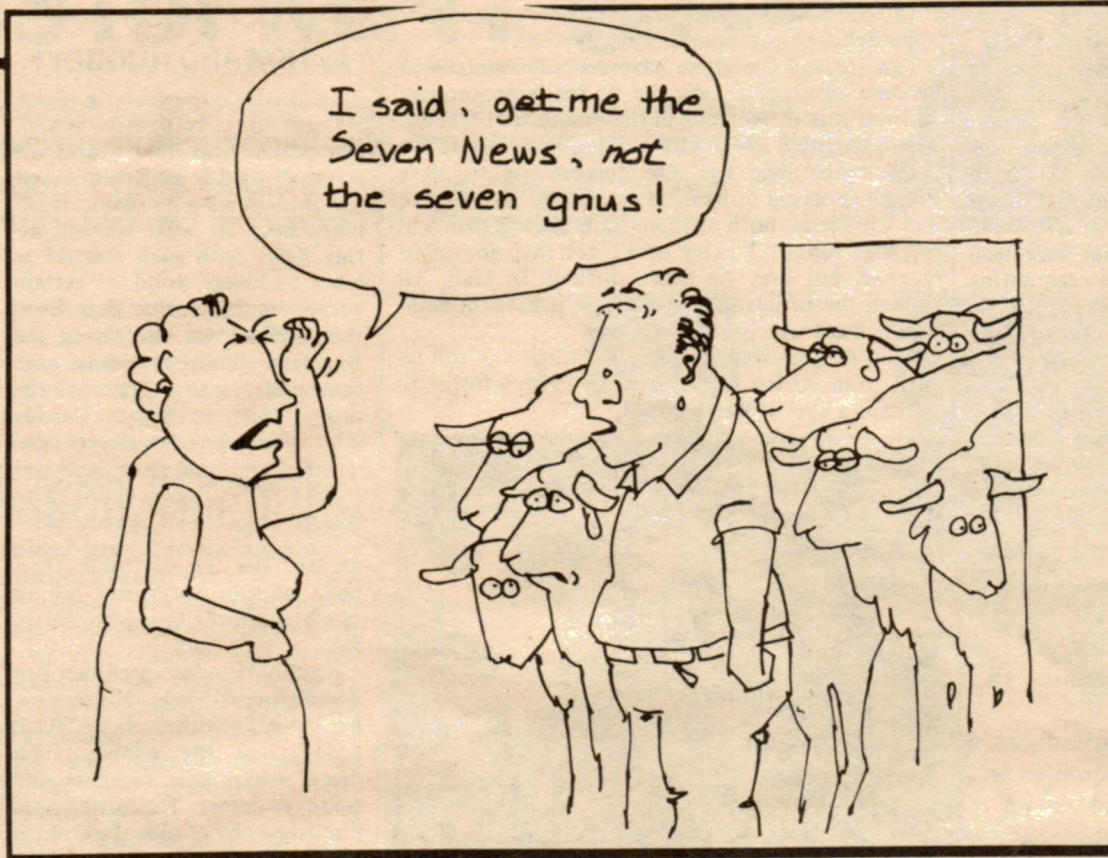
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BY JOHN CAMPEY & MIRA ABON

NDP responsible financially record shows

by LYNN McDONALD
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Liberals and Conservatives alike claim that times of economic stress require tough-minded governments, governments that keep spending under tight control, even at the cost of cutting needed social services. They dismiss the NDP as a party of fiscal irresponsibility that would spend the country into ruin. They frequently claim that the NDP's only solutions to economic problems is to increase spending.

How valid is this criticism? Is a party that stands for full employment, a more equitable distribution of national income, and economic planning necessarily a party that will bankrupt the nation? Since the NDP has never formed a government federally, what indications are there that the NDP would not perform as its opponents insist?

The best indication is the example of the performance of social democratic governments when elected. They show that it is possible for a social democratic party to achieve its objectives and maintain fiscal responsibility.

The evidence on the federal level is found in the examples of social democratic administrations

in a number of European countries. The economies of Sweden, West Germany and Austria are persuasive examples of governments that have managed both to avoid the high levels of unemployment we have experienced in Canada and the fiscal crises that have plagued the Thatcher, Reagan, and Trudeau governments. But the examples of these governments are not necessarily indicative of what is possible in Canada. Our circumstances are different. How would the NDP perform in Canada?

One good indication is the example of the NDP government in Saskatchewan from 1971-1982. The length of its time in office suggests that the economic success the province enjoyed was not a result of good luck, but of sound economic planning. During this period the federal deficit escalated alarmingly, while the NDP in Saskatchewan achieved a balanced budget with a surplus in every single year. The first year the Conservatives formed the government in the province, in 1982, there was a deficit of over \$220 million. This year the Conservatives' projected deficit is \$267 million. What is even worse, these budget deficits occurred at the same time that substantial cuts were made in social services and many jobs were lost.

The performance of the NDP government was accomplished by a policy of long-term fiscal accounting, a principle which recognized that there are year-to-year swings in the economy for which governments must plan. In years of strong revenue growth, surplus funds were accumulated to cushion the deficits of less prosperous years.

By not being forced to cut programs during the years when revenue growth declined, the government was able to maintain a fairly constant rate of economic activity and a high level of employment. Equally important was the fact that essential programs and services were not threatened.

The NDP government was able to produce important new programs and expand old ones. New measures included a children's

dental plan, a prescription drug plan, and the abolition of hospitalization fees. Substantial improvements were made also in education, hospital facilities, occupational health and safety and northern development.

Under the NDP Saskatchewan was also able to achieve one of the lowest debt positions in the country. Its economic strength was recognized throughout the nation, so much so that financial institutions lent money to the province at lower rates than those to other provinces. The strength of Saskatchewan's economy was recognized internationally as well. On two occasions while the NDP governed the province, Moody's, the international bond rating agency in New York, raised Saskatchewan's credit rating. This kind of thing does not occur when there was been fiscal irresponsibility.

Since 1982 with the Conservatives in office in Saskatchewan the province's growth rate has dropped below the national average and the provincial debt has increased sharply. What is more, priorities have changed from providing for the security and needs of the people to serving the particular interests of the Conservatives. For example, while grants to day care centres have been cut by 12 per cent, salaries to cabinet ministers have been raised by 57 per cent. Operating grants for northern economic development were cut by 86 per cent, while the advertising budget for tourism and small business was increased by 103 per cent.

The financial management performance of the federal Liberals has been similarly dismal. Canada's debt is record high. Far from reducing the debt, we are barely able to keep up interest payments.

The NDP's insistence on full employment and improved conditions for the people of the country are seen by these parties as ruinous because they can see no way to provide jobs and services without huge government deficits. But the NDP does, and its record in Saskatchewan is proof that it can be done.

Moss Park gives thanks

On May the 16 the Moss Park Resident's Association held its first General Meeting. We are very proud to say that it went extremely well. Susan Fish MP, John McFadyen from the office of David Crombie, PC, MP, the senior property managers of MTHA, Mrs. D. Gunby and Mr. Kelk and many more were on hand to wish the Association the very best.

On June 2, we held our First Annual Summer Fair. At this time the Moss Park Resident's Association Committee would like to thank those who made it all possible. We would like to thank the John Innes Community Centre, Parachute, All Saints Church, the Cabaret East Dinner Theatre, and the Hairdressing Salon. Thanks also for the donations received from Sherbourne Meat Market, Moss Park Meat Market, Toronto Groceteria, Canada House Tavern, and all the kind people who donated food. A special thanks to Morris Silver for the great signs.

We would like to thank everyone not mentioned above (but you know how you are), for making the Moss Park Resident's Association Fair such a great success.

Respectfully
William Francis

Playter party marks Sesqui

On Saturday June 2 PARA held a garden party on the grounds of the historic Playter farmhouse.

The tea party marked the community's participation in Toronto's sesquicentennial celebrations. Members of the Toronto Historical Board were present to declare the house an historic site.

The house, which is over 100 years old, was decorated for the occasion and the local community was invited to walk about the grounds, have some refreshment and enjoy the entertainment which was provided in part, by local residents.

The two Playter sisters, both dressed in period costumes, were on hand to welcome the visitors to their home and many guests were also dressed for the occasion.

Everyone agreed that it was a very pleasant afternoon and there were wishes for an annual get-together of this nature.

Marty Moore.



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Ward 7 students go to work in Africa

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of renewable resources is another problem. The Sahara Desert has been slowly creeping in over the years because trees have been continually chopped for fuel used for heating and cooking.

In this connection, one of the goals of the Canada World Youth groups will be to build more efficient mud stoves. This will conserve fuel and it will mean fewer trees will be cut down. Stoves made by previous Canada World Youth groups have been a great success and have resulted in Mali requesting the same project this year.

Canada World Youth is in its 13th year of operation. Over 6,000 young Canadians have travelled to the 32 countries on the CWY list.

The purpose of the program is to increase global awareness. In today's complex society it is important that we have a better understanding of these people who live differently from us. Also, Canada World Youth hopes that its young people will re-

turn to Canada with an understanding of the basic approaches to community development.

Tynette and Christene have been encouraged to become involved in the life of the host country . . . not just in Mali but in the province of Quebec where they will live in a small farming community.

Their exchange has also turned out to be a French-speaking program. Fortunately for Tynette and Christene, both of them took French throughout high school. Picking up French may go well in Quebec, but may be more difficult in Mali. Although the official language there is French, Bambara is most widely spoken.

So if all goes well, Tynette and Christene will return from Africa fully fluent in French but with perhaps a hint of Bambara.



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Book recalls Toronto in 1810 A city of *all* classes

by HOWARD HUGGETT

We are now deep into Sesqui-centennial Year, and the media is awash with information about Toronto in by-gone days. However, much of what we are getting deals with such matters as what buildings stood on certain corners in this or that year. Even that well-known chronicler, the Reverend Henry Scadding, concentrated on the affairs of the upper class in Upper Canada with whom he was closely con-

of that society. It makes fascinating reading.

The population of the town in 1810, then called York, was about 630, according to the assessment records, of whom about 13 per cent were classed as servants. The upper class was made up of about 20 families and they would have employed most of the servants, since the great majority of the inhabitants were far too poor to have servants. A few in the servant category were actually slaves, but they had all been freed by about 1820. It is

SPOTLIGHT ON SESQUI

nected. His famous book, Toronto of Old, does not tell us much about the lives of ordinary folk.

Fortunately an architect-turned-historian, Eric Hounsome, has given us Toronto in 1810, an account of the people, their dress, social life, business and trade, et cetera. This little book, published by Coles Publishing Company, provides a look at the life styles of the various classes



encouraging to note that some of them were treated generously upon gaining their freedom, being given grants of land or legacies.

In considering matters of dress and grooming there are examples, naturally, of the great changes that have occurred over the years. On the other hand, instances can be noted that illustrates how the vagaries of fashion can restore some tendencies to popularity again. In 1810 knee breeches, which had been the accepted garb for "gentlemen" in the eighteenth century, were still worn for formal occasions. Many old men in Toronto had not yet begun to wear pantaloons, the common garment of the lower orders. Pantaloons originally ended somewhere around the knee, like the culottes that women wear today. They grew longer and the portion from the knee to the ankle became close-fitting so that it could be tucked neatly into high boots — a very sensible dress for muddy York.

In time pantaloons evolved into trousers and it became the fashion to press a crease into them. But it is interesting to note that the coats that were worn over them were of different material and colour than the nether garments. This is quite a different practice from the one that was customary a generation ago of wearing business suits to work and more in keeping with current preference for a jacket and slacks.

The story of pantaloons and how they evolved naturally invites comparison with dungarees. In the eighteenth century this bottom garment of the class at the bottom of society became accepted through the western world and every male, from bank president to busboy, wore them as a matter of course.

In the dirty thirties, when I worked on a freighter, just about every sailor wore dungarees, for obvious reasons. They were hard-wearing and easy to wash. They were seldom seen on the streets of Toronto then, but they are now most popular for many a pair of legs, and nobody is so rich, or so poor, that they will not wear them.

All this poses a most interesting question: why do the more affluent members of our society adopt the clothing habit of the poorer people?

A NEW PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION to help Disabled and Seniors live at home.

Why was this new program introduced?

“Many elderly and disabled people want to live with their families. However, in some cases, providing shelter requires extensive home renovations which result in increased property taxes. We must encourage—not penalize—families for their efforts to provide shelter and supportive care.”

Accordingly, I am announcing today that homeowners who undertake renovations or additions, specifically to keep an elderly or disabled person at home and in the community, will be exempt from any increase in taxable assessment that would otherwise occur.”

Budget Statement—May 15, 1984, The Honourable Larry Grossman, Q.C., Treasurer of Ontario.

Does the program involve direct financial assistance for alterations? No. The savings are in reduced property taxes each year, not in grants or loans for alterations. Under this program, the assessed value of the improvements will not be included when your property tax is calculated, providing the improvements were made to help a disabled or senior live at home.

Who can apply? Any property owner who makes improvements to accommodate people who are 65 or over and those of any age with physical or mental disabilities that would otherwise require them to live in an institution.

Can only the family of a disabled or senior person apply for this exemption? Not necessarily. For example, you may wish to make improvements to accommodate a friend in your home. Moreover, disabled or seniors can apply for the exemption directly, if they make alterations that will enable them to continue living in their own homes.

What about group homes? Non-profit group homes can apply, but only as long as their improved accommodations do not exceed three residential units. Larger institutions operating multiple facilities to care for the disabled or seniors are not included in this program.

Can commercial properties qualify? Yes, in some cases. For example, a family operating a retail store

could apply for the exemption if they make improvements to an apartment upstairs for the accommodation of a family member or friend who would otherwise be compelled to live in an institution.

What types of home improvements qualify? Any addition, improvement or alteration specifically related to the needs of the disabled or senior resident qualifies for this new exemption. These may include such features as special bathroom modifications or additions to an existing home. (Please note: general repairs and maintenance do not increase assessment anyway).

Does the exemption apply to changes underway or completed before the program was announced? Only alterations started after May 15, 1984 when the program was announced will qualify for the property tax exemption once the work has been completed.

How long will the exemption apply? The tax exemption continues as long as the senior or disabled person uses the property as their principal residence.

How do you receive this new property tax exemption? The first step is to call your local Assessment Office at the number listed below. To avoid any possible disappointment, please contact us before finalizing your plans. We look forward to discussing the program in greater detail.

Please talk to your local Assessment Office. We're anxious to help.

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ROOMS for RENT SALE

Rooming houses become rarer by the year, swallowed up by further development and often forcing older people onto the streets or into the hostels.

Mrs. Marshall's rooms have been among the best anywhere but now they too are in danger of disappearing...



by MICHELE YOUNG

Rachel Spencer remembers and misses the old Cabbagetown. The confectionary store she ran on Carlton Street was a landmark for local kids for 27 years. She's seen generations go by — kids grew up, got married and then brought their kids to her shop. "I remember when a pop or a cone was five cents, nobody could afford much more," she says.

But she's older now and much of the former community has been transformed, and it's "just not that friendly anymore." So the fact that she has now been given notice to leave the old Victorian house on Carlton at Ontario, across the street from where her store used to be, comes as no surprise.

The old building is one of six that has been sold by Ethel Marshall, an old-fashioned landlady who has had a reputation for running some of the best rooming houses in the city. In an era of absentee landlords, skyrocketing rents and roomers being used as pawns in the land investment game, Mrs. Marshall offered attentiveness, low rent and security. For Rachel Spencer and the other residents here, the buildings are just another tradition that is about to disappear.

"She was from a different time, a slower era."

appear.

In the building next door to Mrs. Spencer, Norman Caine has had a room for eight years. Of his former landlady he says, "she was not making a lot of money here, but she was kind and tolerant. What people don't understand is that she was from a different time — a slower era and she brought her values into this time."

The tenants and roomers who have rented here have tended to stay awhile. Calvin Campbell is one of these, having spent 20 years in Mrs. Marshall's houses.

"Everybody seems to know everybody else here and it's mostly because of her," says Campbell. "She's brought together a family. She's a living

saint to a lot of these people."

But at 89, Mrs. Marshall is no longer able to give the houses and their tenants the attention she used to. Says Campbell fatalistically, "you're breaking up something here but you can't stop it. It has to be."

Nevertheless, residents have gotten together in the hope that something can be done. Meetings have been held and assistance from Ward Seven Aldermen and community groups has been asked for and given. At one meeting in mid-June questions were raised about alleged arbitrary rent increases demanded by the new landlord Norman Ontario.

Wey Robinson of Neighbourhood Legal Services, explained that, although the law is not clear as to whether roomers are under the Landlord and Tenant Act, rent controls do apply in their case. Three months written notice must be given for a raise in rent, only once a year and not over six per cent unless taken to the rent review board.

As for security of tenure, Robinson said "we will assume you are under the Landlord and Tenant Act and we will defend you." Concern about security has been the primary concern. Alison McKenzie, another resident here, says rent is not really the issue. "Most of the people in this building would be willing to pay more, they just don't want to be dispossessed. The older people here have their dignity and they're in danger of losing it," she says.

She agrees with Campbell that a community could be broken apart. For indigent people "it's ideal, it gives them a home they wouldn't otherwise have." And rather than have the property fall to development, McKenzie says the government has a responsibility to hold together a "social organization that works."

But Barry Chavel at Alderman Reville's office says that alternative has been looked into and it's not practical. The Ontario Housing Corporation can't buy the houses because all funds have already been allocated to other projects. Even if the money could be produced the only way this project would work would be if the property was



Rachel Spencer (seated left) listens at a meeting with other roomers and tenants of the old Victorian houses on Carlton at Ontario. Mrs. Spencer has been asked to leave by the end of the month. Others here are still uncertain about their future in the buildings.

purchased from the present owner for \$850,000. To spend any more would mean hiking rents beyond affordability to the present tenants, just to meet mortgage payments. But Ontario isn't likely to sell the land for so little, he paid more than that figure in the first place.

"I'm not a Cadillac-Fairview."

Meanwhile, Ontario denies being the villain in the situation. He says that, far from throwing people out onto the streets, he is actually going to great lengths to find housing for them.

So far about half of the tenants and roomers have left or been given notice to leave, but Ontario claims that some of the buildings will remain as rooming houses "at this point in time."

He does have an offer-to-buy for one of the houses but one of the conditions there is that the

tenants be allowed to stay one or two years.

"People say that the developer is always the bad guy, but I'm not a Cadillac-Fairview. In this case it's just a natural process of change, it's inevitable."

Caine sees developers from a different viewpoint: "They come from somewhere else and leave behind a trail of despair. Then they'll go someplace else and leave behind more sorrow."

Finding low cost housing is not easy for those on disability or old age pensions, as many people here are, says Caine. But more importantly, many of the roomers and tenants in these buildings have been here for a long time and are now being asked to uproot and move out of a friendly and supportive environment.

And Chavel says it's not a matter of Ontario being a "Rasputin who comes in twirling his mustache and saying 'out damn spot.' He's just playing a financial game, like monopoly. It's

more an issue of housing being a right, and that's what drives me crazy."

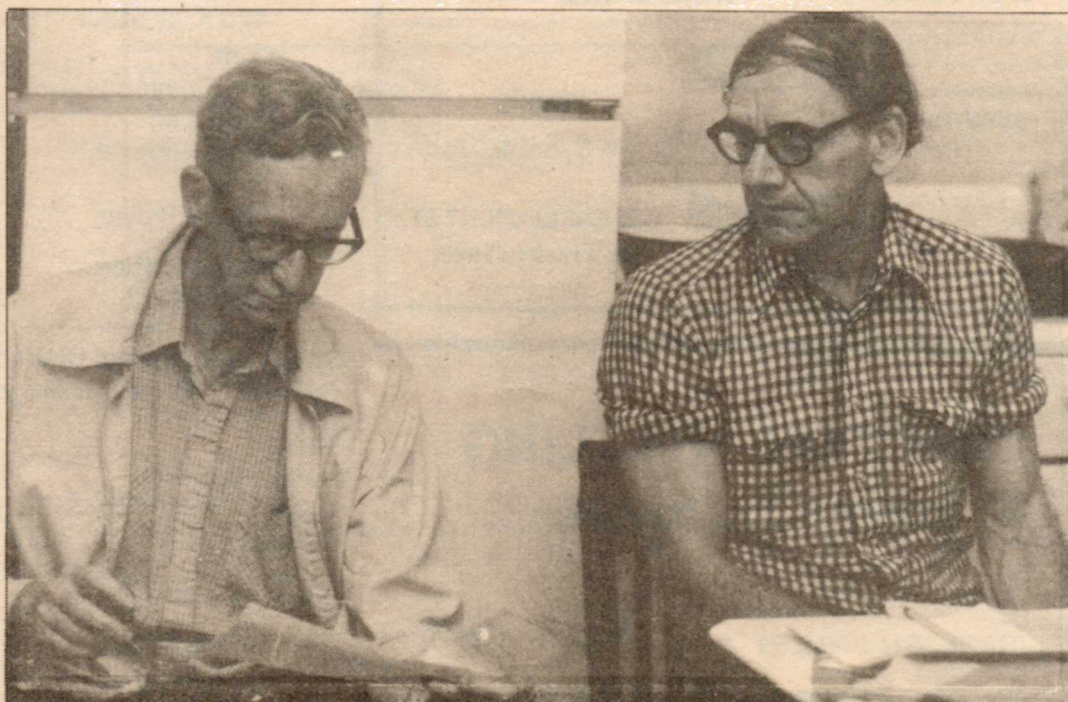
Rachel Spencer's view of the situation is "we don't think much of it." She has to be out by the end of the month and has been looking for an apartment to share with her neighbour, Grace Heatherington who has lived here for 27 years.

"It's more an issue of housing being a right, and that's what drives me crazy."

So far they haven't had much luck. Rents in the area for two-bedroom apartments are running at about \$600 a month, an impossible rent for two elderly people on old age pensions. (Mrs. Spencer receives \$528 a month.)

But it more the familiarity of this little community on Carlton Street that she will miss when she moves. She adds "if only we didn't have to go, if only we could just stay."

photos by DANIEL GAUTREAU



"We're all friends here," Martin Mullins (above) says of this small community on Carlton. Wey Robinson (far left) has offered to assist residents faced with possible eviction. Beside him is Norman Caine, a roomer here.

Sally Ann goes to the pubs

By PAUL LONREGAN

Why does the Salvation Army go into the pubs? That was the first question I asked Lieutenant Philip Boutly and two cadets, Leslie Russell and his wife Janet. Philip Boutly is in charge of the Riverdale Corps of the Army. "Well," said Mr. Russell, "we do

that in order to get in touch with different kinds of people that we wouldn't otherwise be likely to meet. Some people lead sheltered lives, so they go to the pubs to find someone to talk to. This helps us to relate to them so that we can know better how to help them."

The next question was: Do you think the people give you the run-around, do they hand you a donation to get rid of you, or do you think they are really serious? "It's a combination of circumstances," Mrs. Russell said. "Many of these people are there because they are lonesome," she

said. "They go there week after week and they see us there, so they realize that we care what's happening to them."

And does the Salvation Army really feel that way? "Yes," she said, "I do. We have found that if we stop going to certain pubs that the management will call us up and ask that we come back. They explain that in many cases ours is the only religion most of these people ever get."

Mrs. Russell told me of a case of a middle-aged couple who had met in a pub that the Army visited. They decided to get married and asked if the ceremony could be conducted right in the pub, because that is where all their friends went.

So the Army approached the management, who agreed to go along with the idea and were willing to turn off the taps during the ceremony. In this way, Janet pointed out, the Army was able to give all the patrons there a message they would never have gone to church for.

At this point I asked the Lieutenant if these contacts in the pubs resulted in relationships with the people. "Often nothing happens," he said. "Relationships are formed, but they are shallow because contact is not frequent enough." Do you ever get anyone to come to the church? "Yes," he replied, "as a prime example, we met a woman

in one place, she was not drinking at the time. As so often happens, she asked how to get her children into Sunday school. We were able to tell her where and when to go."

Do these people ever follow through, or do you have to follow up? "That depends on their attitude," said Lieutenant Routly. "If they promise to bring them, I hand them my card and say I hope to see them there. You have to wait and see."

Do you think a lot of these people are giving you the run-around? "Well, if you open yourself up to people," he answered, "some of them will use you."

When some of them make a promise, is it the person talking or the booze? "Who are we to judge?" Mrs. Russell asked. "Just because a person is drunk doesn't say that he or she isn't serious." I asked the Lieutenant if he believed that the pubs ministry should continue, if it was accomplishing anything. "Oh, it's hard to say," was his reply, it takes a long time to get results. I have to believe, just as I do when I get up to preach on Sunday morning, that some of it will rub off."

Paul Lonregan is a member of the Riverdale Corps and a student at East End Literacy.

Eastdale says 'goodbye and thanks'

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children of the neighbourhood," according to Bob.

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Riverdale Library: A travelling puppet show will visit every school in the area and the show will be geared to events in Toronto's past. Six one-hour heritage craft sessions will be held on Saturdays through 1984 for children six to 12 years old. For information call Beverley Beggs 466-2197.

Cabbagetown Cultural Festival: The festival will be held September 7, and will highlight the historical and multicultural aspects of the Cabbagetown community through performances, walking tours and a photographic exhibit. For information call Lee Heine-mann 924-3943.

Riverdale Affair: The Riverdale Community Festival will be held on Saturday, September 8, in Withrow Park. A full day of celebrations is planned including prizes for the best costume of a historical or prolific Toronto personality, historical walking tours of Riverdale, a flea market, bake sales, auction, puppet shows, craft demonstrations, et cetera. For information call Jeff Evanson 947-7914.

Toronto Fire Council: On July 21 at the Ward 7 celebration (see first item on this calendar), there will be an exhibition including a teepee and native drummers. For information call Mildred Redmond 366-0853.

Regent Park Teen Association: Block-O-Rama is a celebration of what there is in the community. The abilities, talents of residents and their rich, diverse cultural heritage will be expressed through games, athletics, music, dance, poetry, DJ's and fashion, all organized and performed by residents, local groups and agencies of Regent Park. The event will take place Saturday, August 18. For information call Bob Macdonald 863-1768.

St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association: The annual neighbourhood picnic, scheduled for Saturday, August 25 will be expanded this year to celebrate the Sesquicentennial. A parade, Sesqui costumes, square dancing, fiddling, and a race along the original shoreline are planned. A 20-30 minute show, Toronto - Today and Yesterday will complete the day. For information call Bill Ferguson 967-1212 ext 4350 or 366-3638.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday

July 13

Third World Poets at the Trojan Horse Cafe, 179 Danforth Ave. 461-8367.

The Stroke Club at Central Neighbourhood House meets every Friday between 1 and 3 p.m. Linda and the gang get together for a couple of hours of exercises, bowling, and good conversation. The club is open to anyone who has had a stroke or would like to learn more about strokes. For more information call Linda 925-4363.

Saturday

July 14

Black Perspectives summer happenings. Today from 4 to 9 p.m. All Saints' Square, south Regent Park. Music, poetry and drama. Featuring new talents and voices from Regent Park.

Tuesday

July 17

Reading Series: Some of the finest Canadian and international authors appear at the Harbourfront Reading Series. This week is Timothy Findley, Norman Levine, Spider Robinson and W.P. Kinsella. Admission is free. Harbourfront at 8:30 p.m.

March on Welfare: Moss Park, 10 a.m. Sponsored by Toronto Union of Unemployed Workers, Seaton House Hostel Association and the Toronto 150 Years of Poverty Coalition. For more information call 366-1307.

Thursday

July 19

Trip to the Metro Zoo: Free bus ride there and back. Get tickets in advance from the Dundas Sherbourne Community House, 251 Sherbourne St. For information call Beric at 964-0095 or Netta 923-4402.

Saturday

July 21

Support the Neighbourhood Information Post's garage sale today between noon and 4 p.m. The fundraiser is being held at the Darrell Norman Service Centre, one block south of Wellesley Street East on Parliament. Proceeds will help NIP provide information and referral services and a self-help centre to 90,000 residents in downtown east Toronto from its office at 265 Gerard Street East. Anyone wishing to donate items may call 924-2543 and arrange delivery Monday to Friday between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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Friday

July 27

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Saturday

July 28

Transcript: A Performance by Judith Doyle. Judith is a per-

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July 13 Silent '80s
July 20 Traffic Jam
July 27 Jumbie Zabuka
Aug. 3 Sunforce
Aug. 10 QTS Band

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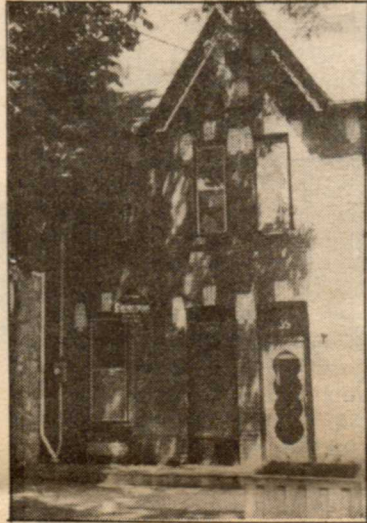
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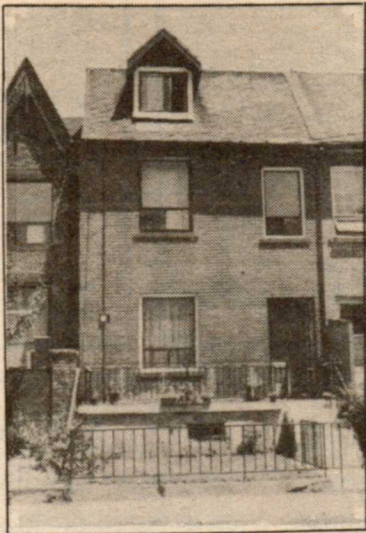
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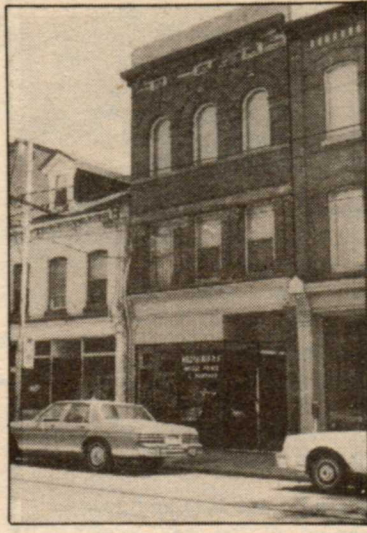
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