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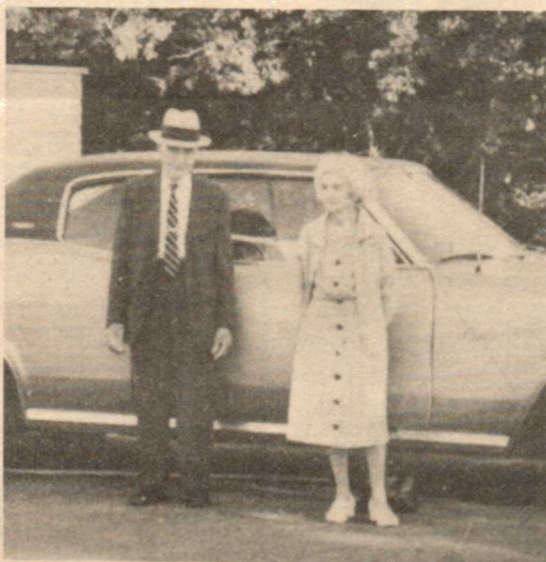
YOUNG AT 99!

Friends and neighbours held a surprise birthday party for Mr. Jim Grant, of 41 Oak St. on his 99th birthday, February 3rd. Mrs. J. Rose, Mrs. M. Morrison and J. Sanlon provided a nice lunch and birthday cake. Mr. Grant blew out the candles on the first try. He has lived a full and happy life and amused his guests with stories of his early boyhood.

Mr. Grant was born in Sterling, Scotland and at the age of 14 was working in a shoe factory, which he found very boring. While in Australia, he approached a Scottish sea captain saying he had received permission from his father to sign on as a cabin boy. He left for Brisbane at the age of 15. On his return, 2 years later, he was soundly thrashed for fibbing. He also recalls in 1913 one could sit in box seats in the Lowes Theatre, in Toronto, for 25¢ or purchase a ticket to the Princess Theatre, on King St (the first theatre in Toronto in 1848) for 5¢.

Mr. Grant received many cards and letters of congratulations, including one from Mr. Bob Bradley, of O.H.C. Mrs. Margaret Scrivener, MPP, advised him that he would receive a scroll from Premier Wm. Davis. Mr. Warren Beamish presented Jim with the latest copy of "Playboy" magazine. Jim turned to the centrefold held the book up for the gentlemen to see and said, "Is this the book they are making all the fuss about."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JIM GRANT!



There's nothing wrong with this, I can remember going to the Gaiety Star Theatre in 1903, and seeing a show that would make "Playboy" magazine sick."

While his beautiful wife, 88 years young, beamed with pride, they thanked everyone for the nicest birthday party Jim had ever had. There was no doubt in the minds of all present, that Jim would be around for many more birthdays. He says his secret to long life is a glass of beer, a wee drop of whiskey, porridge, marmalade, his favourite, and eat an apple every-day.

by E. Ferguson
Tenant.

OPPOSE THE WIDENING OF DUNDAS STREET

A DELEGATION ORGANIZED BY THE FEDERATION OF DON AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC WORKS MONDAY MORNING 10:30 A.M. TO OPPOSE THE WIDENING OF DUNDAS ST. THE MAIN RECOMMENDATION REQUESTS:

THAT THE COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC WORKS MOVE IMMEDIATELY TO DETER METRO COUNCIL FROM PROCEEDING WITH THE WIDENING OF DUNDAS ST., AND ANY OTHER STREETS IN THE DON AREA.

AS METRO COUNCIL HAS ALREADY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE WIDENING A VERY LARGE DELEGATION TO CITY COUNCIL IS THE ONLY WAY THIS DECISION CAN BE REVERSED.

THE WIDENING OF DUNDAS WOULD BE A DISASTER FOR THIS COMMUNITY. ALL TENANTS ARE URGED TO PARTICIPATE.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12th - 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
ROOM 1, NEW CITY HALL

THERE WILL BE A MEETING AT 10:00 a.m. IN THE ALDERMAN'S LOUNGE TO PLAN THE STRATEGY - ANYONE INTERESTED MAY ATTEND.

LOWER RENTS FOR O.H.C. TENANTS

Neil Tanner, Henry Francis, Ginger Gibbons, Dave Martin, Helvi Therien
RADIO STATION CBL - 740

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th - 11:30 p.m.

OHC Task Force on housing meets in Regent Park

An Advisory Task Force on Housing Policy, appointed by the Ontario Government, will hold its meeting at St. Cyril's Church (Dundas & Sackville) at 8 p.m. on February 22nd, 1973. This is a fine opportunity for the tenants in Regent Park to present their viewpoints before O.H.C. Therefore Regent Park tenants are earnestly urged to make it a point to attend this meeting.

The Task Force is interested in securing the views on all the aspects of the Government's Housing policy. Written submissions are to be addressed to:

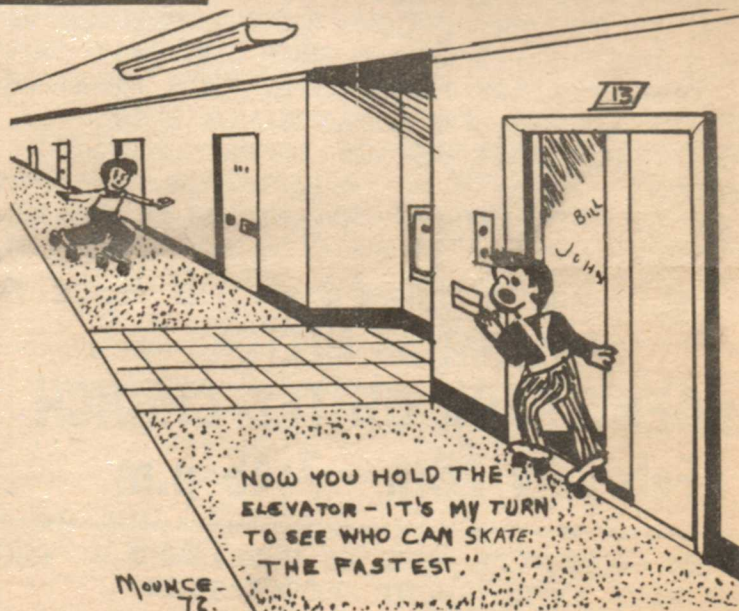
Mr. Eli Comay, Chairman

The Advisory Task Force on Housing Policy
5th flr. Hearst Building,
900 Bay Street

TORONTO, Ontario. M7A 1A2

on or before February 20th.

The R.P.C.I.A. has already submitted a Brief on the revising of the rent scale.



Does this go on in your buildings? If so get in touch with the RPCIA. The Association is working to improve conditions in the buildings. With the co-operation of all tenants, Regent Park can be better.

TENANTS, ONTARIO HOUSING CORPORATION FACE TO FACE

John Darcy Area Manager



PLEASE CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY TENANTS IN CASE OF FIRES? DO THE FIRE ALARMS CONNECT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT? WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO TURN OFF THE ALARM IN CASE OF FALSE ALARM? WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO RESET THE ALARMS?

Fire alarms are not connected directly to the Fire Department. However, in South Regent Park an indicator is located in our heating plant. The duty engineer immediately calls the Fire Department should an alarm sound.

No person has the authority to switch off the alarm until after the Fire Department have responded to the call to determine whether in fact there is a fire. After clearance, the alarm may be switched off by either our security or Corporation staff. However the resetting of the alarm is carried out in both North and South Regent Park by the duty stationary engineer.

SOME TENANTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED NEW FUSE BOXES STATE THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THEY WORK. WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT GIVING THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS?

The new fuse boxes are relatively simple to operate and certainly far more economical. Should a fuse blow, the switch type fuse breaker will trip to the OFF position. To reset simply switch back to the ON position. However, if in doing so it should again trip to the OFF position, please check household appliances to ensure the circuit is not overloaded or appliances shorting out. If you are sure there is no overloading or shorting and the switch will not stay in the ON position, please telephone our "TENANT ENQUIRY BOARD" - 925-4841. Do not attempt to remove the breaker switch.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE NEW EXECUTIVE OF THE R.P.C.I.A. WILL BE HELD IN REGENT PARK UNITED CHURCH ON FEBRUARY 20th, 1973. IT IS VERY URGENT THAT EVERYONE SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING IN ORDER THAT THE BEST CANDIDATES FROM THE COMMUNITY ARE ELECTED TO THIS EXCEEDINGLY IMPORTANT FEATURE OF OUR LOCAL GIVEN BODY.

THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE CONTESTED.

PRESIDENT	FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT	RECORDING SECRETARY
TREASURER	

THE ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH

NOMINATION MEETING
REGENT PARK UNITED CHURCH
February 20th - 7:45 p.m.

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V.E. Pande Shannon Bates

From the Desk

of the

President - Neil Tanner



As you can see on the front page the Task Force of Ontario Housing Policy will be meeting in this community February 22nd. On behalf of all tenants I will be presenting our Rent Brief at this time. Our recommendations which ask for rent to be based on no more than 20% of net income are supported by many other tenant associations and I hope that they too will have representatives at this meeting.

Recently we had a request for 100 copies of our Brief from the Warden Woods Community Council who will be meeting with Stephen Lewis their MPP on February 14th. Their president, Mrs. Clare, wrote "I am sure a tremendous amount of interest will be shown especially by people like ourselves who are immediately affected by the contents and it is the hope of our community that you will have success with this Brief and that most, if not all, of your recommendations will be implemented in the near future."

Edwards G.L. Jones, President of the D.D. Summerville Association wrote:

"At our January general meeting of our tenants association which comprises 160 suites it was unanimous that we concur with your rent brief in its entirety. Therefore, we would respectfully request that your good association place us on your list, giving support to this, our common cause."

We have also recently received the wholehearted support from Alderman Chisholm, Chairman of the Committee of Urban Development, and Alderman Dan Heap. This of course is in addition to endorsements we already have since our Brief was published in October.

Thus we can see that we are not alone when we say that rents in Ontario Housing are too high. I urge every tenant to come out to the meeting on February 22nd. at St. Cyril's Church. Rents as well as many other matters concerning housing will be discussed.

Henry Francis and a group of tenants presented a brief to the Parks and Recreation Committee at City Hall, Feb. 1st., requesting funds to operate the Adult Recreation Centre. With a grant it would be possible to hire a small staff and to offer better programs to the adults of this community. The reception was favourable and we are hopeful that some money will come our way.

TENANTS OF REGENT PARK

IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS CONCERNING YOUR LIVING ACCOMODATIONS OR CONDITIONS IN YOUR BUILDING AND WISH ASSISTANCE CONTACT THE R.P.C.I.A. OFFICE WE WILL TRY TO HELP.

REGENT PARK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

42 BLEVINS PLACE - APT 101 - 364-2909

"T.R.Y." — THROUGH REGENT YOUTH DANCES

MEET THE STAFF



Jim Gillan
(Seymour)



Al Whittal



Nancy Clement



Bill Walker



Violet Fotiadis



Vera Stasouska

Every Sunday night 203 has been getting in some really good bands, top names around Toronto... Von Ryan Express, Bananas. Here are some future groups that are already booked.

Sunday Feb. 18th -

"RHYTHM ROCKETS - starring (are you ready for this) THE SANTA FE KID."

Sunday Feb. 23rd - "BANANAS"

Admission - members 25¢ plus 1 can of food.
non-members - \$1.00

USUAL ADMISSION:

Members - 1 can of food
Non-Members - \$.50.

ATLANTIS



Recently received the award and honor of being "The Cabbagetown Legend" originally formed around 1966-67. Atlantis has been one of the 'top' show groups in Canada. Many of Ontario's finer towns and cities have been won over recently by the "Cabbagetown Legend." Always in demand, recently finished a very successful two week engagement at the Towne & Country's "Palace Room"

Atlantis, for so many people has become an unforgettable experience, memories that will never be forgotten. Regent Park should be proud of Atlantis, the many years of hard work, changes and finally, recognition (which they greatly deserve).

Special thanks to Sammy, Doe, Smiley, Meek, Ralph Napolitano, Gus Dixon, C.R.U.N.C.H, Michael B, Rick and the boys in the back yard! Tiny, (Jim Conway), Blaine, Bruno, Spaz, Leacroft, Roger, John Piate, the Gardner Boys, Orst and Leo; Benny & Ross; Mrs. Eskins and family. To all the people of Regent Park and elsewhere, we wish special thanks for keeping things rolling. May things keep rolling forever!!!!

HAIL ATLANTIS! THE CABBAGETOWN LEG-
END!

When 203 first opened Nancy worked as a volunteer every Friday night until our L.I.P. grant came through. She then became a full time staff because she enjoyed working with the kids. Nancy says she enjoyed the summer cottage and camping trips the day trips to the recreation parks and most of all the winter weekends away to Camp Norval. For about the last month Nancy has concentrated her efforts at the Service Unit working with kids who are having trouble with the school they are attending, and working very closely with the Board of Education.

After a year or so at 203, Nancy has decided it is time for her to go back to school. She isn't leaving for good, she will be a volunteer every Wednesday night. So everyone will be able to stay in touch with her.



Jim McKibbin



(Dobie)
Jim Dobson



Brian Roblin



Bob Beardmore



Denise Tupling.

HOCKEY NIGHT IN REGENT PARK

On Monday night, Jan. 22nd, the members of the 203 Hockey Team went down in defeat to the staff in a raging battle that ended up 27-13. (Whew!!) but what a game. Brian Roblin was the 1st Star of the game scoring about 10 of the staff goals. Pretty good nite, eh Brian? Jim McKibbin was another of the staff stars scoring only 1 goal, but almost killed Doug Swaffer (and himself) with a booming slap shot that slipped in.

It would be pretty hard to pick out anyone from the members' team, but a few honorable mentions should be made. John Beckett, Torn McCarthy, Larry Ketcheson and both Belly McCormicks, just to mention a few. The three boxes were thoroughly jammed with spectators until about 8 p.m. when it started to rain and hail, but the game still went on. There is supposed to be another game sometime in the near future; so get out and support the team of your choice.

IF THEY ONLY HAD.....

BY Heather Roberts.

If they only had the legs to walk,
The teeth, tongue and the mouth to talk,
If they only had the ears to hear,
And only they eyes to see who's near

If they only had the knowledge to think,
The mind to color, colors like blue and pink
This here world wouldn't be so bad
If they only had.....

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

From
Irene Kitson.



Snack food can sink the food budget besides being mostly empty calories that contain little nourishment. Limit snacks to fresh fruit and nuts which are

cheaper than manufactured goodies, and packed with the wholesome goodness of natural life, and taste wonderful. Our standby is peanuts roasted in the shell - fun for kids to eat and share with friends. The real sensation, however, is now bananas. Simply peel each banana, leaving it whole, wrap it in plastic wrap, pop it in freezer and presto...a mouth watering after school treat. Eat them Popsicle-style or whip in the blender with a bit of milk and cinnamon for a super frappe. They keep well for over a week. "Yes, we have Snow Bananas" and no more "empty" calories.

LETTERS FROM TENANTS

"The Indian Immigrant Aid Services is a voluntary non-profit organization endeavouring to help the New Immigrants in particular and all the immigrants of Indian Origin in general. We have been funded by the Federal Government under the L.I.P. and we operate an information and activities centre at 9 Boon Ave. (1/2 block from Dufferin on St. Clair) If you have any problem please feel free to call the centre-535-7442 from 9-5, Monday to Friday and some one will try to help you. Or contact Dr. Pande-362-4129. We also try to provide interpreters.

Dr. V.G. Pande
295 Gerrard St. #316

A PAPERS PLEA

by Shannon Bates

A paper in the community
Helps our people like you and me,
It gives us news of places to go
Our community paper isn't slow.
Of politics we hear a lot
Our paper has the truthful plot
Of educations, A.B.C's,
Our paper certainly hits the trees.
In it we have poems and jokes
We need your help, it's not a hoax
We tell the truth, give no one blues
In the Regent Park Community News.
Our paper is for Regent Park
On its pages you shall mark
Please call or bring your news
around.
Open your mouth, PLEASE make a sound.

Tenants FAVOURITE RECIPES

Receipe from India

by Mrs. Smita Pande
295 Gerrard St. #316

SWEETS - Germ of Wheat (Sooji)

Ingredients	Quantity
germ of wheat	2 oz.
sugar (icing)	2 oz.
peanut butter	3/4 oz.
sweet butter or equivalent fat	1/5 oz.
cardamon	two pinches
dried fruits, nuts, as required.	

Heat fat. Fry germs of wheat in fat till it becomes light-brown. When it starts becoming light-brown add peanut butter, and water. Cook for sometime. When it is cooked add sugar and cardamon powder. Cook till nearly dry and remove. Sprinkle dry fruits, nuts as desired. Serve it. Contains 545 calories

CARROT - Hulawa

Ingredients	Quantity
carrots	1/2 lb.
sugar	1/4 lb.
milk (preferably half-half)	2 cups
Hydrogenated fat or sweet butter	2 oz.
dried fruits, nuts etc.,	
cardamon	two pinches

Wash carrots, scrape and grate.

Add carrots to milk and cook. When milk dries up, add fat and fry. Add sugar, prepared fruits and cardamon. Serve. It tastes delicious. Contains 318 calories.



"Lady I'm not interested in your purse. Here, take my wallet..."

Community
Guardians
924-7754
Metro
Police
967-2222

Unit Rep of the Month



Mrs. E. Constantinos
605 Whiteside Pl.
#1024

Mrs. Constantinos was born in Toronto so she realizes that many people need help. For 3 years she has resided in Ontario

Housing and has come up with the conclusion that tenants are not getting involved enough with the community projects and interests. She has only been a Unit Rep for three months and finds it very satisfying to help all she can. Mrs. Constantinos likes being with people and meeting new friends. She is also a supervisor at the new Adult Recreation Centre once a week.

Her only son, Peter, is fifteen, and goes to school at East End High. Many things in her opinion, have greatly improved since she has been here. Although there are many older persons here, I quote her as saying "Regent Park is more for the younger generation."

Interviewed by
Shannon Bates.

COMMUNITY GUARDIAN - - CAN HE ARREST?

WHAT ARE A COMMUNITY GUARDIAN OFFICER'S POWERS AND AUTHORITY WHEN A CRIME SUCH AS BREAK AND ENTER OR THEFT TAKES PLACE IN A PROJECT?

If a Community Guardian Officer, while on patrol in a project, actually finds someone breaking into a place OR committing a criminal act such as theft, he can arrest that person without a warrant and his authority to do so is stated in Section 449, Subsection 2, of the Criminal Code of Canada.

It should be remembered that Community Guardian project Officers are not working in projects for the sole purpose of making arrest, but rather, are there to assist and protect tenants and, hopefully, to prevent crimes from happening. It is not Community Guardian's intention to replace your police department, but rather, to support them as they carry out their responsibility of protecting the lives and property of all citizens.

The Criminal Code is the guidebook to all person engaged in keeping the peace and protecting citizens. All citizens have certain powers of arrest, but they differ from the authority provided in the Criminal Code for security officers, and they in turn differ from the powers and authority provided for Police Officers.

The Criminal Code spells out the powers and authority for each of these groups. If you observe something occurring which in your opinion appears to be wrong, phone your Police Department and your Community Guardian officer.

DR. BOONE SUPPORTS COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

Dr. S.S. Boone was raised in Sudbury. Attended University of Toronto for pre-medical and medical training. Graduated in 1970 and interned for one year at St. Joseph's Hospital.

He has been with the Services Unit since September 1972. He feels that there is a great need for a clinic in the area on a full-time basis. "The sooner a clinic is built in Regent Park, the better," said Dr. Boone, "I hope that as many of the residents as possible get involved in the care and upkeep of the clinic when it is built (hopefully sometime this year). Only then can the community feel that they have a part in the running of a Community Health Centre."

Dr. Boone is at the Services Unit, 70 Pashler Ave. every Friday morning from 9-12. Any tenant in Regent Park may make an appointment to see him by calling - 863-1768. Dr. Boone will see patients whether or not they have OHSIP cards.

Interviewed by
Daphne Mounce
Editorial Committee.



DR. S.S.E. BOONE

SERVICES UNIT
70 Pashler Ave.

MEDICAL SERVICES
available
Friday mornings
9:00 - 12:00

Phone for
appointment
863-1768



"After all the hypochondriacs I get, it's a pleasure to meet someone who's really ill."

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE MEET IN LOUNGE



ARTS & CRAFTS

crocheting, leather work,
quilting, etc.

Wednesdays - starting March 7th
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Instructor-Shannon Ferrier

PAINTING & DRAWING (for Beginners)

Develop your talent!

Tuesdays - starting March 6th
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Instructor - Florence Murray

POUNDS-A-WEIGH

The sensible way to lose weight
conducted by Dr. Barbara McLaren

Tuesday Mornings-starting March 6
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn how to take and develop
your own pictures.

Tuesdays - starting March 6th
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Instructor-Wolf Jenninas

New programs at adult recreation centre

Programs for adults will be available at the Adult Recreation Centre beginning March 5th, 1973.

If you are interested in any of these programs fill in the application form below and return it to the office or centre with your fee of \$1.00 for each program you wish to join.

(Babysitting will be available for morning or afternoon programs only.
Fee of 25¢ per family.)

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FOR TEN WEEKS.

BRIDGE

Learn to play an interesting
and exciting game!

Tuesdays - starting March 6th
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Thursdays - starting March 8th
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Instructor-Dr.V.E. Pande

FRENCH CONVERSATION.

Enjoy informal lessons.

Mondays- starting March 5th
7:30-9:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please enclose \$1.00 for each program and return to:

Mr. Henry Francis, Director
Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre
603 Whiteside Pl.
Toronto, Ontario.

(cheques to be made out to: Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre

NAME..... Phone No.....

Address.....

Programs..... Time.....

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Do you require baby-sitting? (day time only).....

DOWNTOWN SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

EDUCATION THROUGH CAMPS! PARK SR. SCHOOL

The staff and students of Park Senior School are planning a series of camping trips for all interested students, late next spring (from mid-May until the end of the first week in June.) They will go in groups to Camp Mazinaw, north of Belleville, or to Camp Kitchikewana on Beausoleil Island in Georgian Bay.

These educational trips are planned to expand the interest and experiences of our students. Exposure to first hand experiences of the Canadian outdoors will help our children to grow more completely and to develop an awareness of Canada as a country and their own identity within their country.

In a community such as Park School we feel that a group camping experience can lead our children to realize their own capabilities and the need for each person to bear his share of the load. It is important for our children to have an opportunity to build close relationships with one another, which can only be achieved by a group living, working and playing together, twenty-four hours a day for a period of time.

Both camps conduct classes in the science, geography and history of their respective regions. This will enable our girls and boys to put to more practical use their reading, research and other skills learned in the school situation. In addition the pupils will have the opportunity to participate in the usual camp and recreational activities of hiking, swimming and boating.

Each pupil who goes will contribute to the project by helping on one of more of our many money making plans, such as bake sales, candy sales, etc. In addition, we are asking each pupil to make a direct financial contribution, if possible.

The staff and pupils are working hard to raise the required funds for this project. In addition we are seeking help from interested people and in business who are willing to help a group of boys and girls who are able to help themselves.

Park Senior School

PARK SCHOOL COUNCIL

Monday, Feb. 12th

7:30 p.m.

ALL PARENTS WELCOME.

NOVEL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM AT PARK SCHOOL



Park School Children's Program Centre is an after school type program that began December 4th, 1972. Twelve local young people, who live in Regent Park, were given a L.I.P. grant for \$36,504.00.

The regular daily program is conducted in three unused portables in Park School yard. Activities include an Arts and Crafts program, a Model Making Club; an Active Games Room as well as Out-Trips. We have a six team Cosmo Hockey House league at Regent Park Gym and an All-Star team which plays against other Centres.

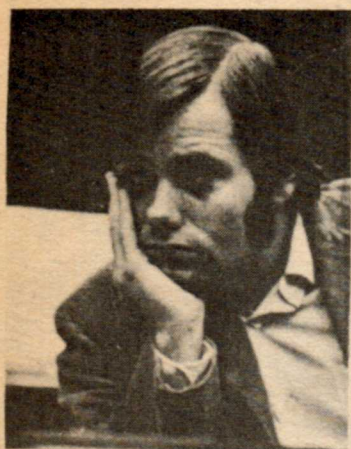
Daily attendance in the rooms which are open from 3-9:30 p.m. - Monday thru Friday, should be looked at on an individual basis. For instance at 3:15 the Model Club has 25 children, at 7 p.m. they have 20. But through the evening 100 different children make a model. Generally speaking all the rooms have the same attendance pattern. The Games Room can serve 50 children at any one time but again over 100 different children a night. The Arts and Crafts program also attracts over 100 different children a night. We find an equal number of boys and girls attend and that the 9-11 age group predominates.

We have at this time insufficient time in the Gym. At the moment we are attending Regent Park School for gym activities but hope to be able to have other gym programs, especially for the girls, in the near future. Apparently the agency programs have cornered all the permits.

Our Out-Trips program began last week with four overnight stays at Camp Norval. We took 4 groups of 8 boys with two staff in attendance. We hoped that this low-child-staff ratio would lead to better staff-child relationships. I cannot say whether or not this was achieved, but the kids had a hell of a good time.

Dave Stanley,
Program Director.





GORD CRESSY

HOT LINE to ELECTED representatives



DOUG BARR

School Trustees
Ward 7

EACH MONTH FROM NOW ON TENANTS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES - DOUG BARR AND GORD CRESSY, SCHOOL TRUSTEES; DONALD S. MACDONALD, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT; MARGARET SCRIVNER MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT;. Below you will find questions concerning your Children's Education directed to Gordon Cressy and Doug Barr.

WHEN WILL THE OAK STREET SCHOOL OFFICIALLY BE OPEN?

Hopefully children will begin attending classes in September of 1974. However the pool, general purpose room and day care facilities will probably not be ready until January 1975. Strong, consistent resident pressure will help keep officials on schedule. Contact Janet Ross at 863-0358 if you want to become involved in planning how the school is to be used.

WHAT ARE THE GROUNDS FOR SUSPENDING A STUDENT FROM SCHOOL?

The regulations of the Board of Education governing suspensions state, "it is the duty of the principal to suspend a student who is guilty of (a) persistent truancy; or (b) flagrant opposition to authority; (c) habitual neglect of duty; (d) the use of profane or improper language or (e) conduct injurious to the moral tone of the school, and to notify the parents or guardian of the pupil and the Board and the inspector."

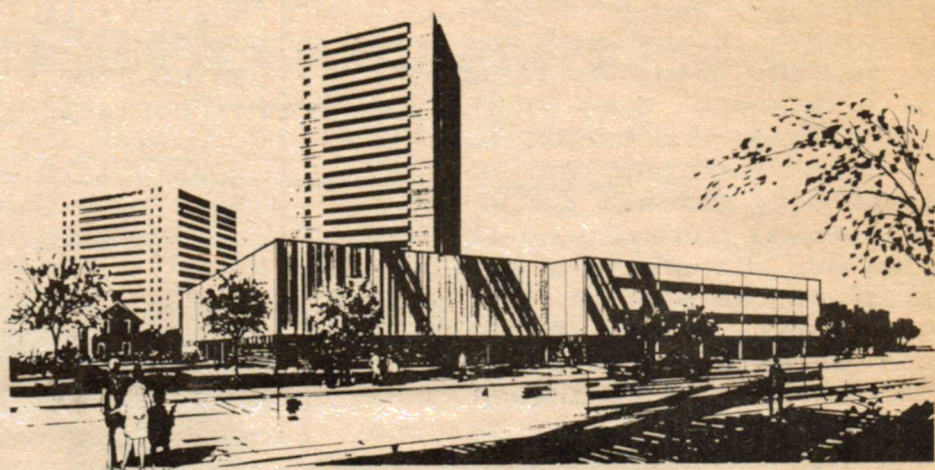
As you can see from the vague nature of these grounds a great deal is left up to the interpretation of the individual principal. Gord Cressy and I are concerned about this and I have had a sub-committee struck to attempt to set out a proper procedure that all schools will follow prior to the suspension of any student. This will mean that every alternative will be tried before a youngster is suspended.

WHAT CAN MY TRUSTEES DO FOR ME?

We can be of help in three areas:

- At the Board by making sure that issues important to inner city families get top priority. (like a greater emphasis on reading and the basic skills)
- In the Ward by attending various Home and School Council meetings to work with you on the changes you want in your local schools and by holding meetings of the Ward 7 Education Forum whenever important matters (such as Budget priorities) come up at the Board and we need to know how you want us to vote on them.
- On the Hotline we realize that some things are too personal to be brought up at large meetings and yet often you need to talk them over with someone who knows a bit about the education system. If you have tried to work it out with your local school and not been satisfied give us a call on the Education Hotline - 921-4404. It will be answered either by a trained resident who will hold all conversations in strict confidence or by the answering service who will relay your message to your trustees.

Oak Community School is very much alive



OAK STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The citizens who originally sparked the interest in having a community school have been working hard with the Toronto Board of Education, The Province, Parks and Recreation and Metro Social Services and are now at the stage where architects plans for a shared use building will be presented to the citizens for their approval. A meeting of representatives from the community was held in Oak Portable on Tuesday, January 30th, for this purpose.

The plans will be discussed at that time and copies *are being* sent to each resident in Regent Park so that everyone can see what we are doing and share with us in the planning.

At the site itself Oak Community Citizens Group conducts a mother and child group, Arts and Craft group and a Teen Centre Drop-In under a L.I.P. grant. Information about these programs can be obtained by calling - 863-0358. In addition to these programs the site is used for citizen meetings by people from the "Oaks" and by the Oak School Workshop Group which is studying education in schools in order to begin programs now for the new school concept.

The site is also used by "Contact" an alternative high school providing credit courses in secondary school subjects for young people who have dropped out of school (for information call Harry Smaller at 537-2194 or 759-5250) Another program going on is leadership training for those citizens involved in the project. This course is given by Robert Hart and will help us in preparing in carrying out new school programs and making it possible for us to take part as a community in the school as it develops.

The principal, Les Birmingham is now working with us. He is becoming aware of the needs of the community by getting involved. Les is available to all of us and is willing to try and be of help where ever he can. His main job will be working for us at the Board level and getting our request through and in carrying out the building programs which we hope will start this spring. In addition he sponsored our LIP grant programs and with us will be preparing curriculum, planning and hiring of staff for the new school. Les believes strongly in "community involvement" participation and shared decision making and is anxious to work with everyone under these conditions to build the best school we can.

Janet Ross, Chairperson
Oak Citizens Committee

2 FREE PASSES

to a Famous Player Theatre

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SPORTS CORNER by J. Ganny

Toronto Parks & Recreation
Regent Park Centre

Scraps & Pros. Houseleague

Los Angeles Kings bang out a big win on Jan. 15th. This was by far the outstanding game of the season as the Kings and Canucks were tied 4-4 going into the last period and little Gary Garbutt deflected in the winning goal giving the Kings a 5-4 win. Second game Flyers and Canadians had a tough time in getting their 3 goals, as they played poor hockey up to the last period when they seem to come to life as they banged in 3 fast goals but there was not enough time left to overtake the strong Flyers. Final score Flyers 7 - Canadians 3. Jan. 22nd. - Canucks upset the leading Flyers 4-3. M. Chrickshank with 3 goals and Martin Thompson 1. Second game - Canadians really socked it to the Kings 8-3. This was Montreal's second win and you would of thought it was the Stanley Cup that they were playing for.

STANDINGS AS OF JANUARY 22nd.

	W.	L	T	Pts.
Flyers	4	2	0	8
Canuks	3	1	2	8
Canadians	2	2	2	6
Kings	2	3	1	5



Boys in the Locker room.

Competitive Hockey

January 15th, REGENT PARK JUNIORS scored a 9-3 win over TRINITY REC. CENTRE. Goals by M. Hosmer - 3; L. Chapman, B. Bilan, B. Borebank, R. Bosley and J. Mayben one a piece. January 13th - REGENT PEE WEES had their best game of the season in a convincing win of 11-4. REGENT BANTAMS came out of a tie game at the end of the second period to defeat TRINITY 5-3.

SPECIAL NOTE TO COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

On Saturday March 10th - 8 a.m. at MAPLE LEAF GARDENS the Dept. of Parks & Recreation are holding their ANNUAL HOCKEY FINALS. If you care to see the best games of the season, please try to be there as there is no charge and I'm sure you will give the REGENT TEAMS a great lift by cheering for them whether they win or lose. Games are played from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Hope to see a great turnout.

Regent Park takes 1st place

at Winter Carnival Parade

Friday, Feb. 2nd. 1973

at City Hall.

a beautiful trophy was presented to them.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

Sat. March 17, 1972 - 8 p.m.

Regent Park Old Boys Association is having a bang up dance at

St. Cyril's Hall - Dundas and Sackville St.

Admission - \$2.00 per person

Buffet Lunch - So put on some Greens and do a Jig. Tickets: phone - 363-2955 - H. Busby.



GIRLS RINGETTE TEAM

Ringette Houseleague Standings

TORNADOS	-	17 pts.
LIONS		17 pts.
PROS		15 pts.
FLYERS		13 pts.

BASKETBALL

Girls Competitive:

Bantam	2 wins	2 losses
Intermediate	2 wins	2 losses
Open	2 wins	2 losses

Houseleague:

DIDGETS	18 pts.
GIDGETS	12 pts.
MIDGETS	6 pts.
FIDGETS	4 pts.

VOLLEYBALL

Houseleague:

KROOKS	16 pts.
WALLBANGERS	10 pts.
SMITTIES	8 pts.
MILLBANKS	8 pts.

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10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

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Regent Park Community Improvement Association

Some organizational experience and ability to work with people. Training period if necessary -

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