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## TENANTS WANT CHANGES IN RENT SCALE

AN OVERFLOW ATTENDANCE OF MORE THAN 250 TENANTS MET ONTARIO HOUSING CORPORATION AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES TO CHALLENGE THE PRESENT "RENT GEARED TO INCOME" SYSTEM AT REGENT PARK UNITED CHURCH, APRIL 18. THE MEETING WAS SPONSORED BY THE REGENT PARK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

MRS. MARGARET SCRIVENER MEMBER OF THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE FOR ST. DAVID APPEARED BRIEFLY AND ASKED FOR A REPORT OF THE MEETING. THE HONOURABLE DONALD S. MACDONALD WAS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT BUT OFFERED TO MEET WITH THE EXECUTIVE IN THE NEXT WEEK. (MR. TOOKE REPRESENTED MR. MACDONALD)

MR. SELWYN NOEL WAS THE FIRST OF THE TENANTS TO SPEAK. HE ASKED WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE GOVERNMENT IN PROVIDING LOW COST HOUSING. IS IT TO HELP PEOPLE OUT OF POVERTY? THE RENT SCALE AS IT OPERATES DOES NOT HELP PEOPLE TO LIVE ABOVE THE POVERTY LEVEL OF \$4,500 FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR.

MR. ROSE REPLIED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PURPOSE IS TO SUPPLY CLEAN SAFE SANITARY ACCOMODATION WITH EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES. IT IS HOPED THAT PEOPLE WOULD IMPROVE THEMSELVES AND BE ABLE TO MOVE OUT. (MR. ROSE REPRESENTED O.H.C.)

MRS. SHEILA HOLMES SUGGESTED THAT RENT SHOULD BE BASED ON NET PAY RATHER THAN GROSS PAY AFTER STANDARD DEDUCTIONS. MRS. HOLMES ALSO MADE THE POINT THAT SINCE REGENT PARK IS THE OLDEST PROJECT RENT SHOULD BE LOWER THAN FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE SAUNA BATHS, RESIDENT JANITORS AND MODERN FACILITIES. MR. ROSE REPLIED THAT RENTS ARE NOT GEARED TO THE AGE OF THE PROJECT BUT RATHER TO THE INCOME. MR. TOOKE AGREED WITH MRS. HOLMES THAT RENT SHOULD BE GEARED TO NET INSTEAD OF GROSS INCOME.

KAREN MARTIN STATED THAT SOME YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FORCED TO LEAVE HOME WHEN THEY START WORKING BECAUSE OF THE INCREASES IN RENT. MRS. HOLMES AGREED THAT IT IS NOT FAIR TO ADD THE FIRST \$75.00 TO THE FAMILY INCOME BECAUSE OFTEN A YOUNG PERSON DOES NOT EARN MUCH MORE THAN THIS.

MR. HENRY FRANCIS CHARGED THAT ONTARIO HOUSING CORPORATION RENTS ARE UNFAIR. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE SCALE OF 25% OF GROSS INCOME SHOULD BE REDUCED. ONTARIO HOUSING CORPORATION IS THE ONLY PUBLIC HOUSING CORPORATION WHICH BASIS ITS RENT ON GROSS PAY.

SEVERAL PANELISTS SPOKE OF THE PLIGHT CONCERNING WORKING WIVES. IF A WOMEN EARNS OVER \$900.00, THE RENT IS INCREASED ACCORDINGLY. AFTER INCOME TAX AND OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES THERE IS VERY LITTLE LEFT.

A TENANT FROM THE AUDIENCE COMPLAINED THAT FROM A CHEQUE OF \$276.00 HE WAS PAYING \$95.00 A MONTH RENT. ANOTHER TENANT REPORTED THAT HIS RENT REMAINED THE SAME EVEN AFTER HIS CHEQUE WAS REDUCED. ONE OLD AGE PENSIONER IT WAS REPORTED IS PAYING \$238.00 A MONTH RENT. A TENANT CLAIMED THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY RENT INCREASED AS THE LAND WAS PAID FOR LONG AGO AND PROFIT IS BEING MADE BY OHC.

MANY OTHER IMPORTANT POINTS WERE MADE AND NEIL TANNER PRESIDENT OF THE R.P.C.I.A. ANNOUNCED THAT THE ORGANIZATION WOULD BE PREPARING A BRIEF AND WOULD ASK FOR SUPPORT FROM PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER TENANT GROUPS.

THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT CHANGES CAN BE MADE TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM IF TENANT SUPPORT THE R.P.C.I.A. IN ITS EFFORTS.

Eugene Demers

REGENT PARK COMMUNITY FESTIVAL DAY

SATURDAY JUNE 10, 1972 12 noon- 12 MIDNIGHT

REGENT PARK NORTH

THE TEEN CENTRE-203 SACKVILLE GREEN

and the Entertainment Committee of the R.P.C.I.A. are working together in a joint effort, to bring together all groups operating in Regent Park, including Schools and Churches,

O.H.C. will allow us to use the area, south of 415 Gerrard St. and to the rear of 251 Sackville St. This area also takes in the rear of 230 Sumach Street north of 600 Dundas St.

There will be a registration fee for booths of \$10.00 to be used to purchase prizes for the Miss Regent Park Contest which includes girls from 13 to 19 and the Mr. Regent Park Jr. which includes boys from 15 to 20. Baby Contest includes Girls and Boys under 2 and contestants must have proof of residency in Regent Park.

EACH GROUP WILL ERECT A BOOTH AND THE MONEY RAISED WILL BE USED FOR THEIR ORGANIZATION.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Pie and Cake Baking Contest  
Weight Lifting Contest  
Tug of War  
Best Booth Contest  
Mystery Guest  
Give aways  
Bingo, Pony Rides, Fish Pond.  
Basketable

DANCING

REGENT PARK NORTH  
ICE RINK

8:00 P.M.

Your president of the R.P.C.I.A. Neil Tanner and his Executive, Barry Tulip Director of the Teen Centre, and your Teen people, invite all tenants, and their friends to spend the day in your Community, take part in this exciting day.

Fund Raising Application and all correspondents to:

Mr. Allen Ferguson  
Mr. Tom Clement:  
Family Services Unit  
70 Pashler Avenue,  
Toronto, Ontario

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FROM THE DESK

OF THE

PRESIDENT: NEIL TANNER

AS SOME OF YOU ARE AWARE MEETINGS OF TENANTS HAVE BEEN HELD IN A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS. THESE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY THE UNIT REPS AND YOUR EXECUTIVE TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS OF THE TENANTS IN THEIR BUILDINGS AND THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE R.P.C.I.A. EXECUTIVE, O.H.C. AND THE COMMUN-

ITY GUARDIANS HAVE ATTENDED THESE MEETINGS. THERE HAS BEEN A VERY GOOD RESPONSE FROM TENANTS AND TO DATE OVER 150 PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN PART. MANY GOOD SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AND SOME RESULTS CAN BE REPORTED. IF WE CONTINUE THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY MUCH MORE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. SOME OF THE MOST URGENT PROBLEMS SEEM TO BE:

DISTURBANCE IN THE HALLWAYS. THERE ARE MANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT CHILDREN PLAYING HOCKEY AND OTHER GAMES IN THE HALLWAYS. TEENAGERS CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DISTURBANCE IN SOME BUILDINGS. TENANTS ARE URGED TO CALL COMMUNITY GUARDIANS IF THE PROBLEM IS SERIOUS. PARENTS ARE ASKED TO CO-OPERATE BY SEEING THAT THEIR CHILDREN DO NOT PLAY IN THE HALLS. MANY TENANTS FEEL THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH COMMUNITY GUARDIANS TO DEAL WITH THESE PROBLEMS.

DOGS. DOGS ARE A SERIOUS NUISANCE IN ALL AREAS. IT HAS BEEN EMPHASIZED THAT LEASES DO NOT PERMIT DOGS AND THEY SHOULD BE REPORTED TO O.H.C. A LETTER OF WARNING WILL BE SENT TO THE TENANTS-EITHER HE GETS RID OF THE DOG OR HE WILL BE ASKED TO MOVE.

PARKING. THERE ARE MANY CARS PARKED ILLEGALLY, CREATING AN AGGRAVATING SITUATION FOR THE TENANTS WHO CANNOT FIND SPACE FOR THEIR OWN CARS. THE R.P.C.I.A. INTENDS TO APPROACH THE POLICE ON THEIR POLICY OF NOT TAGGING CARS. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO AMENDING THE BY-LAW GIVING THE POLICE THE AUTHORITY THEY NEED.

MAINTENANCE. SOME BUILDINGS ARE GETTING EXCELLENT JANITORIAL SERVICE AND THERE WERE NO COMPLAINTS. HOWEVER IN OTHER BUILDINGS THE SERVICE IS VERY UNSATISFACTORY. O.H.C. HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THIS AND WE HOPE TO SEE SOME CHANGES. FROM THE BUILDINGS COVERED TO DATE 470 DUNDAS AND 251 SACKVILLE ARE BUILDINGS WHICH NEED BETTER MAINTENANCE. BUILDINGS WHICH HAVE COCKROACHES WILL BE FUMIGATED ON REQUEST AND AT O.H.C. EXPENSE. GARBAGE BAGS ARE NOT STRONG ENOUGH. OFTEN GARBAGE IS SPLIT ON THE GROUNDS WHILE BEING CARRIED FROM THE BUILDING. TENANTS FEEL THAT A BETTER SYSTEM MUST BE FOUND BECAUSE PRESENT CONDITIONS ARE VERY UNSANITARY AND ODOURS ARE VILE!

LAUNDRY ROOM FACILITIES. IN SOME BUILDINGS TENANTS ARE DISCOURAGED OR PREVENTED FROM USING THE ROOMS OFF THE LAUNDRY ROOM OR THE WASHROOMS WHILE THEY ARE DOING THE LAUNDRY. THESE FACILITIES ARE DEFINATELY MEANT FOR THE USE OF THE TENANTS AND THEIR CHILDREN WHILE LAUNDRY IS BEING DONE.

DROP-IN CENTRE AT 470 DUNDAS. THE TENANTS IN THIS BUILDING COMPLAINED ABOUT MANY PROBLEMS CREATED SINCE THE SALVATION ARMY DROP-IN OPENED. AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY O.H.C. TO MAKE SURE THAT TEENS DO NOT HANG AROUND THE BUILDING AFTER THE DROP-IN CLOSES. ALSO A COMMITTEE OF THREE WAS ELECTED WHICH WILL MEET WITH THE DROP-IN COMMITTEE TO GET ON TOP OF THESE AGGRAVATING PROBLEMS. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EACH AREA AND BUILDING TO HAVE A MEETING AND ELECT A UNIT REPRESENTATIVE. COMMUNICATION IS NEEDED! BY THE TIME ALL THE BUILDINGS ARE

COVERED OVER 500 PEOPLE WILL HAVE TAKEN PART. THE EXECUTIVE WILL SUMMARIZE THE MAJOR PROBLEMS AND WILL PRESENT THE FINDINGS TO O.H.C. BY CO-OPERATING IN THIS WAY WE CAN DO A LOT TO IMPROVE LIVING IN REGENT PARK.

*Neil E. Tanner*

Damn Fool Rhino  
by  
Murray E. Bonney

The organizers of this particular safari were a group of intellectuals belonging to a club whose only requirement for membership was an I. Q. rating in excess of ninety-seven per cent of the population.

As they travelled through rhino country they were discussing whether the teaching methods of Socrates could be used to advantage in today's complex society. The topic soon changed to what the finding of life on another planet could do to the worlds religions. Later in the day the talk changed again. This time they were discussing whether instinct was a product that stemmed from the memory of the unconscious mind and, therefore an educatable thing, or was it a heredity factor. A discussion that soon arrived to the point of man's intelligence in comparison with the instinct of animals as regards self preservation.

The truck carrying the men had reached to within walking distance of a grazing rhino when one of the intellectuals who claimed that all experience had proven that animals were stupid, especially the rhino, and that no amount of instinct they possessed could save them, grabbed a very small bow and a quiver of arrows from one of the carriers and jumped from the truck.

Approaching the rhino, he shot several tiny arrows into its hide. When the rhino charged, the intellectual skillfully avoided him, indeed shot another arrow into him as he passed; again the beast charged, only to be met with arrows and evasion. The intellectual feeling that he had proved his point turned toward his companions for their concurrence, saying, that were the arrows poisoned the rhino would soon be dead; but the rhino taking an unexpected short turn came at the man from behind, gored him in the back, trampled him, and after blinking stupidly for a few moments, sauntered off.

They buried the intellectual, and, though it was a long time ago, I think I can remember the inscription written on a plain wooden cross:

(Once upon a time a very wise man,  
met a damn fool rhino.)

But then, maybe my memory fails me,  
perhaps it was the other way  
around.

WOMENTS NIGHT OUT

POT LUCK SUPPER and DANCE

( 18 and up! )

St. Bartholomew's Church

FRIDAY MAY 5th, 1972

( first Friday of every month. )

SPONSORED BY

{ REGENT PARK SERVICES UNIT }  
{ St. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH }



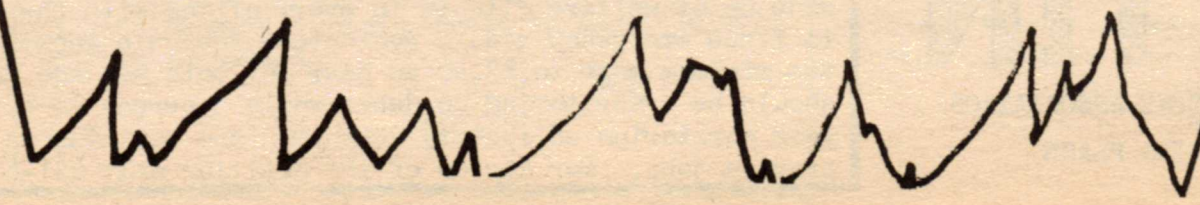
**"T. R. Y."**  
**THROUGH REGENT YOUTH**



**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

THE TEEN CENTRE AT 203 SACKVILLE GREEN, WILL HAVE TO CLOSE AS OF MAY 31, 1972. IF FUNDING DOLLARS ARE NOT FOUND, WE HAVE APPLIED TO THE CITY OF TORONTO FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM, BUT WE NEED TO SHOW THEM YOUR SUPPORT. THE TEENS OF REGENT WOULD LIKE YOU THE ADULTS TO WRITE YOUR SUPPORT TO:

MR. D. GRAHAM EMSLIE  
COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOPMENT  
19TH FLOOR, WEST TOWER  
CITY HALL  
TORONTO





# DOWNTOWN SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

## PARK SCHOOL

Well its almost vacation time and we the members of the Park School Council are very positive about what has happened in education here.

Since February we have been able to hire 8 paid parent aides. They have been working in the classrooms with the teachers and have also volunteered their time. Real advancement has been made and one supply teacher commented that she had never taught in a more organized atmosphere. Another example of a gain is that some teachers who were doubtful about the prospects of aides have now put their names in to receive this assistance in Phase 2. It is also interesting to note that other schools in this area, after watching Park Schools program have asked for parent aides.

The Canadian Donner Foundation has helped us in Park School to make our slogan of the area, which is "Help us to Help Ourselves" become a reality.

### WE STILL NEED YOU!!

In a week or two applications will go out for eight more parent aides. Please help us to continue and better this project.

Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month, at Park School room 22.

Plan to attend  
Yours sincerely,  
Mr. Ed Harcourt

## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

St. Paul's Catholic School, Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, offers a varied course for the children of this area. Children in the Jr. and Senior Kindergarten learn to function independently and in small groups; progress through meaningful play activities; and use language to extend learning. They learn to get along with each other. Grade 1 pupils have a better language background for reading as a result of the work in the Junior and Senior Kindergartens. Grades 2 and 3 continue activities and concentrate on remedial work for those who need it. The additional remedial teacher has helped considerable. A family group (three ages, 6,7,8,) in one room with older children for "models" and assistants to younger ones has been very successful. This type of organization, common in England, has many values for the children.

Successful experiences in physical education, art and creative language and drama have encouraged the children in Grades 4,5, and 6 to work to achieve in basics. Classes are grouped for math and reading with some individual programs for "special" youngsters who cannot cope with group work.

The Grade 7 and 8 program covers the basics satisfactorily but is more "conservative" than it could be. Dramatics and Art have been used to a limited extent with good results. Industrial Arts and Home Economics are most worthwhile for the students. Parents and students are proud of the things made for their homes. Girls are able to make clothes with skill through their classes. Some of the best guidance in general problems and work habits is possible in the individualized learning situations. Parents too use the facilities at "drop-in" on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. and are welcome to work in the shop during school hours. This is a community "drop-in" not confined to parents with children in the school.

Brother Dominic,  
Principal.



TEACHER'S AID WITH PUPILS AT PARK SCHOOL.

## REGENT PARK SCHOOL

I have often heard people running the school down, teachers down, and everything connected with Education and wonder what can be done. That is why I became active in our P.T.A. when it was organized three and a half years ago. Since then I've learned a lot and got really interested in how our children learn. I didn't want to get too involved but here I am secretary and asking other parents to help us out. We would greatly appreciate any help from anyone interested.

We have always been able to help financially; and when the school needs mothers to help out on trips. Right now we are running a draw on a 19" Television Set, a transistor radio, and a hand-mixer. This is to help finance a camping trip for the Grade 4 classes to Algonquin Park in June and also other school activities. The Grade 6 classes are going on a trip to Quebec City.

We are also planning a bingo game for our next General meeting which is to be held on May 16th the night of the draw. We would greatly appreciate if any parent reading this would like to help with prizes. We only want small articles like a tea towel, or wash cloth or a can of food to help make up hampers as prizes. Also we would like ticket sellers and helpers for a night.

If anyone is interested please phone me at 364-9903.

Ruth Bowen  
(Secretary Regent Park School P.T.A.)

# BULLETIN

REGENT PARK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
IS MOVING MAY 1ST TO 42 BLEVINS PLACE

Ontario Anti Poverty is sponsoring a petition to be presented to Premier Davis next May. The petition calls for recognition of welfare as a right rather than a privilege, establishment of grievance committees made up of welfare clients in every office with the committees empowered to issue emergency aid, a guaranteed adequate annual income, increasing the minimum wage to \$3.40 an hour for both men and women. Also there should be a moratorium on debts while a person is out of work, a one year moratorium on factory shutdowns and building an all Canadian car to provide jobs. For copies of the petition call 421-6157.



## EDUCATION - A PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

WE HEAR A GREAT DEAL ABOUT WHAT OUR CHILDREN SHOULD DO FOR US, BUT WE HEAR FAR TOO LITTLE ABOUT WHAT WE, AS PARENTS, SHOULD DO FOR OUR CHILDREN. OUR RESPONSIBILITY DOES NOT END WITH FEEDING AND CLOTHING THEM. WE ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING THEM STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR SUCH AS KINDNESS AND HONESTY AND FOR PREPARING THEM TO EARN A LIVING.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO THERE WAS LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN PREPARING CHILDREN TO EARN A LIVING, THIS COULD BE DONE VERY EFFICIENTLY BY THEIR OWN PARENTS OR BY BEING APPRENTICED TO A LOCAL CRAFTSMAN. TIMES HAVE CHANGED, HOWEVER, AND VERY FEW PEOPLE WORK IN THESE SIMPLE CRAFTS ANYMORE. TODAY OUR CHILDREN HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO EARN A LIVING IN AN INCREASINGLY COMPLICATED WORK WORLD. THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE THROUGH EDUCATION, AND EDUCATION BEGINS IN KINDERGARTEN NOT GRADE 9.

EVERY TIME A CHILD MISSES A DAY OF SCHOOL HE MISSES SOMETHING HE SHOULD LEARN. THE CHILD, WHO IS KEPT HOME DAY AFTER DAY IN KINDERGARTEN IS POORLY PREPARED FOR GRADE 1. IF HE MISSES FIVE DAYS A MONTH, HE WILL HAVE MISSED 50 DAYS IN A SCHOOL YEAR, OR TWO AND A HALF MONTHS. NO CHILD CAN GO TO SCHOOL FOR LESS THAN EIGHT MONTHS OUT OF TEN AND STILL KEEP UP WITH THE OTHER CHILDREN. ONLY AN EXTREMELY BRIGHT CHILD COULD GO NINE MONTHS OUT OF TEN AND KEEP UP WITH OTHER CHILDREN. THIS REMAINS EQUALLY TRUE WHETHER THE CHILD IS ABSENT IN KINDERGARTEN OR GRADE 10.

WE, AS PARENTS, ARE BEING VERY UNFAIR TO OUR CHILDREN IF WE ALLOW THEM TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER, EXCEPT FOR SERIOUS ILLNESS AND A COLD IS NOT A SERIOUS ILLNESS. ALSO PARENTS WHO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY, WHEN THEY ARE SMALL, ARE RARELY FACED WITH A SERIOUS TRUANCY PROBLEM LATER ON, PARTLY BECAUSE THE CHILD HAS ACQUIRED THE HABIT OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE AND PARTLY BECAUSE SINCE HE HAS ALWAYS ATTENDED REGULARLY HE IS ABLE TO DO HIS SCHOOL WORK WELL AND FINDS SATISFACTION IN IT.

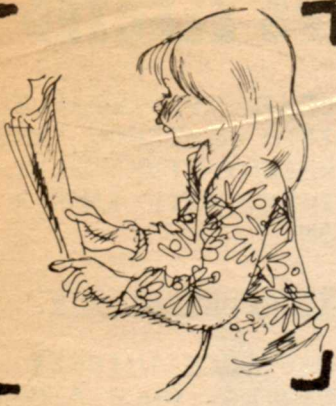
DORATHEA BAIDACOFF,

## SPRUCE COURT SCHOOL

Many exciting things are happening at Sprucecourt School. Our newly formed parent-teacher group is perhaps the most significant and interesting at this time. We have had three very interesting meetings and are planning a fourth meeting on May 18th 8-10p.m.

To discover how parents and teachers could share ideas, thoughts and experiences our parent teacher group has zeroed in on the concept of utilizing community resources in the form of parent volunteers and community resource people who have special skills. Our next meeting will be devoted to further discussion about this and we hope as many of our parents as possible will be able to attend.

Mr. R. H. McCall,  
Principal.



## ST. MARTIN'S SCHOOL

A meeting was held recently with the parent group and all those present were in favour of the trip to Ottawa.

The trip would last three days with the children leaving Thursday morning and returning Saturday evening. It would be in May.

It was agreed that the parents would decide on the amount of spending money their kids should have.

Mr. Matta offered to act as chairman of a committee made up of Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Giglio, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Sister St. Maurice and Mrs. Comerford.

### Easter Special

To show the importance of Easter to children in the school a filmstrip and tape were made, using pictures of almost every child in the school. This filmstrip was shown to the kids and parents and they all enjoyed it tremendously.

### RECREATION

St. Martins has a terrific recreational program thanks to the Department of Parks & Recreation. The boys programmes consisted of active games, floor hockey and athletics while the girls were engaged in drills and dances active games and athletics. Children were 8 years of age and over.

The program was a great success.

Thank you.

Mother St. Maurice  
Principal of  
St. Martins School

Do something nice  
for mother  
on Mother's Day



The Oak St. site, showing  
Regent Park.

## OAK STREET SCHOOL

The following is information for the parents in Regent Park North who will have children attending the new Oak Street School, the tentative date being September 1973.

The boundaries are Sackville on the west, Gerrard on the north, Dundas on the south and a strip along the east side of River between Gerrard and Queen. The school is to alleviate the overcrowding in Park, Lord Dufferin and Sprucecourt, which have 21 portables among them.

The Oak School will be a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school. This decision was made on surveys conducted in the immediate area by citizen's Committee working on the site for the last 6 or 7 months. One of the main reasons for the surveys being conducted was to give the parents a chance to voice their opinions and or criticisms and concerns of what they would like to see in the new school, this also being a help to the Citizen's Committee. These are the Community Required Facilities that the Citizen's Committee are working very hard to get.

**DAY CARE:** Day Care in the Oak Street School is a very necessary facility for our community and this need is recognized by the City and Province. The Day Care will have 65-85 children 100 sq. ft. per child for indoor space.

**DOUBLE GYMNASIUM:** It is a necessary requirement for a general purpose room as it will be used for our K-8 school students and, since it is a Community School, it will also be servicing the community in the evenings as well as the weekends. It will be used as a cafeteria and other programs as the needs arise, e.g. Drug Addiction Research. The Department of Education will fund this.

**SWIMMING POOL:** We are requesting a 25 metre competitive pool with diving facilities. Again the emphasis on community participation clarifies the need as well as the fact our school is a K-8.

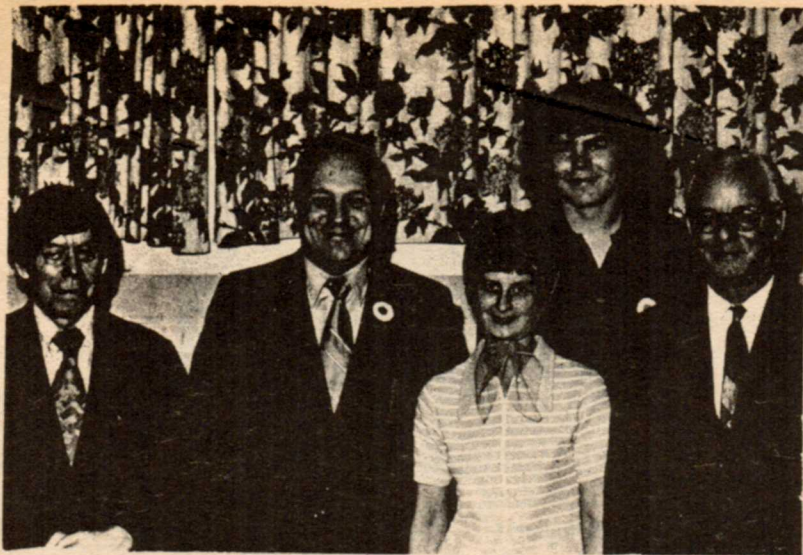
**GREENHOUSE:** A small greenhouse with portable enclosure in Court Yard and Portable Growth Chambers in classrooms.

**OTHER:** Library, resource centre, integrated Arts room (Home Economics and Workshop), provision for teaching science. The room will be equipped with science equipment, portable science lab, tutorial rooms (one on each floor) Court Yard (Green House), over-pass across River Street, (Theatre Arts and Music Room), Adventure Playground, Staff Community Room, Parking (O.H.C.?)

Subject to the approval of the Metropolitan School Board and the Department of Education.

Janet Ross





REGENT PARK COMMUNITY  
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
1972-1973 Executive

Neil Tanner-President  
John Sanlon-1st Vice-  
President  
Dave Martin-2nd Vice-  
President  
Betty Strand- Record-  
ing Secretary  
Dr. F. Demers-Treasurer

I am honoured that I was chosen to be the President of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association. Thankyou one and all and to the rest of the new executive I extend my sincere congratulations.

To the candidates who were not successful-congratulations for a most exciting campaign. It is my hope you will continue to be active in the Association. By working tog ether we can accomplish something for the people of this community.

I also wish to congratulate the new Unit Reps who were elected on April 18. The Unit Reps are the backbone of the Association. They are the people who communicate with you the people and express the views of the community. Without this communication the executive cannot effectively speak for the people.

Neil Tanner

To the tenants of Regent Park who turned out to cast their vote in the R.P.C.I.A. election. I thank each and everyone and a very special thanks to the tenants of 41 Oak Street who turned out in such large numbers, to vote and show an added interest in the Regent Park Community. My phone number is 368-7503 and all tenants of R.P. can call, and I will try to resolve your problems. "Thankyou again".

John Sanlon

It is an honour for me to be elected 2nd Vice President of the R.P.C.I.A. Executive. Your support shows that the adults and youth wish to work together for a better community.

Dave Martin.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Regent Park who once again elected me to the R.P.C.I.A. Executive. I will try to live up to your expectations.

Betty Strand

Dr. Demers an editor of the Regent Park Community News wishes to thank Mary Bilan and Bob Woodgate for nominating and seconding me for the office of Executive Treasurer of the R.P.C.I.A. and I assure you that the books will be accurate and a periodical financial publication will be printed for your personal viewing

Dr. Demers

## SALVATION ARMY SUMMER CAMP

Summer holidays are just around the corner and the Salvation Army Fresh Air Camp at Jackson's Point is waiting for you.

Free camping is available to children from 6-11 whose parents are receiving public assistance or are on a low income. There are facilities for lots of swimming, good nourishing food, and many types of recreation.

Applications are now being reviewed at 148 Jarvis Street (just above Queen St. East.) For further information telephone 366-9941. To avoid disappointment apply now.

## ACTION TO CURB GLUE SNIFFING

On February 21, over one hundred tenants attended a Panel Discussion of Drugs and Glue Sniffing in Regent Park. At that time the opinion of the tenants was that the problem was serious enough for action. A committee was set up to discuss what can be done in the Community.

There is an urgent need for full-time street workers who will contact young teens on the Project who are glue sniffing. To do this work the Teen Centre at 203 Sackville Green has applied for an Opportunities for Youth Grant. Also the Addiction Research Foundation have offered to hire a student for the Summer months. If the Opportunities for Youth Grant does not come through it is planned to work with "volunteer workers".

IF PARENTS WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN A SMALL GROUP TO TALK WITH OTHER PARENTS ABOUT THE PROBLEM(OR JUST TO TALK PRIVATELY) they are asked to contact the R.P.C.I.A. OFFICE 368-2909.

## NEW UNIT REPS ELECTED

TEN UNIT REPRESENTATIVES WERE ELECTED AT THE APRIL 18TH MEETING. THE DUTIES OF THESE REPRESENTATIVES WERE STATED BY THE PRESIDENT NEIL TANNER PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.

### DUTIES OF UNIT REPRESENTATIVES

1. ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS TWICE A MONTH AND GENERAL MEETINGS ONCE A MONTH
2. ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH EVERY TENANT IN YOUR ZONE. FIND OUT THEIR INTERESTS AND PROBLEMS.
3. WELCOME NEW TENANTS
  - \*INFORM THEM OF THE MAIN SERVICES
  - \*GIVE THEM SERVICES UNIT HANDBOOK
  - \*INFORM THEM OF THE R.P.C.I.A. AND INVITE THEM TO MEETINGS.
4. WHEN NECESSARY CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE WITH PROBLEMS.
5. IN THE CASE OF SERIOUS PERSONAL OR DOMESTIC PROBLEMS DIRECT THE FAMILY TO THE SERVICES UNIT WHERE THERE ARE PERSONNEL TO COPE WITH SITUATIONS OF THIS NATURE.
6. EXPLAIN THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY GUARDIANS AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES THEY SHOULD BE CONTACTED
7. SERIOUS GRIEVANCES OR COMPLAINTS REGARDING ONTARIO HOUSING SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE ASSOCIATION.
8. DISTRIBUTE FLYERS AND REGENT PARK COMMUNITY NEWS.
9. CALL MEETINGS OF TENANTS WHEN NECESSARY TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF COMMON CONCERN.

THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

ZONE 3-15 BELSHAW PL.-DICK BIRCH  
4-605 WHITESIDE PL.-HENRY FRANCIS  
8-470 DUNDAS ST. MRS. COLLINS  
ASSISTED BY MRS. SMITH  
10-600 DUNDAS ST. MR. MCCORMICK  
14-251 SACKVILLE ST. MRS. GIBBONS  
15-248 SACKVILLE ST. MR. HAWKINS  
AND MR. SHEPPARD  
15-274 SACKVILLE ST. MR. AXWORTHY  
16-41 OAK ST. MRS. SANDFORD  
18-325 GERRARD ST. MR. DEELEY

MEETINGS OF TENANTS WILL CONTINUE IN ALL BUILDINGS AND ZONES UNTIL THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS COVERED. FOR THOSE ZONES WHICH DID NOT ELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ON APRIL 18TH, THEY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO WHEN THE MEETINGS TAKE PLACE.

IN THE MEANTIME MRS. MARY BILAN WILL CONTINUE TO REPRESENT HOUSES IN SOUTHEASTERN PART OF REGENT PARK SOUTH AND MR. ED HARCOURT FOR 42 BLEVINS PL. AND MR. CUNNINGHAM FOR 14 BLEVINS PL. THEY WILL ACT AS UNIT REPRESENTATIVES.

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# CITIZEN GROUPS OPPOSE DUNDAS WIDENING

Tom Clement and a group of Citizens appeared at the Toronto City Hall on April 24th with the purpose of presenting a Brief opposing the widening of Dundas Street. However at the last moment Mr. Clement did not present the Brief as it appears there is some uncertainty about the new Eatons Centre going ahead. The Brief will be presented at a future date. The deputation was assured that the City would not decide on the widening between Bay and Yonge until the Brief was heard.

ANY WIDENING OF DUNDAS STREET WILL HAVE A DISASTROUS EFFECT ON THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, PHYSICAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE, GROUPS, AND COMMUNITIES ALONG DUNDAS STREET.

THERE HAS BEEN SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO WIDENING DUNDAS STREET BETWEEN BAY AND YONGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EATON'S CENTRE PROJECT AND THE PROPOSAL FOR A ONE WAY STREET SYSTEM. LAND AT BROADVIEW HAS ALREADY BEEN RESERVED FOR A 100 FOOT WIDENING IN THE FUTURE. IN FRONT OF THE ART GALLERY LAND IT APPEARS IS RESERVED FOR A WIDENING OF DUNDAS.

A WIDENING OF DUNDAS BETWEEN PARLIAMENT AND RIVER WOULD DISECT THE COMMUNITY OF REGENT PARK. THERE ARE 9000 PEOPLE LIVING IN REGENT PARK AND 5000 OF THESE ARE SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN. RESIDENTS OF REGENT PARK SHARE EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON BOTH SIDES OF DUNDAS STREET. THIS NECESSITATES CONTINUOUS CROSSING OF DUNDAS. A WIDENING OF DUNDAS WOULD NOT ONLY DESTROY THE COMMUNITY BUT IT WOULD ALSO BE VERY DANGEROUS FOR PEDESTRIANS. IN RECENT YEARS SEVERAL CHILDREN HAVE BEEN KILLED WHILE CROSSING DUNDAS STREET AND A WIDENING WOULD DEFINITELY INCREASE THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCIDENTS. CHILDREN IN OTHER AREAS ALONG DUNDAS WILL BE EFFECTED IN A

SIMILAR WAY. CHILDREN IN ORDE STREET SCHOOL, RYERSON PUBLIC SCHOOL, AND CHILDREN FROM MANY OTHER SCHOOLS WILL BE THREATENED BY THE INCREASED FLOW AND SPEED OF TRAFFIC.

A WIDENING OF DUNDAS BETWEEN YONGE STREET AND BAY HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE FAIRVIEW CORPORATION. MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THE WIDENING WOULD NOT STOP HERE. A WIDENING OF DUNDAS TO THE WEST WOULD DESTROY CHINATOWN WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT BUSINESS AND CULTURAL AREA.

THE ADVANTAGE OF A WIDENING OF DUNDAS STREET ARE OBVIOUS FOR THE EATONS CENTRE PROJECT. HOWEVER CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE INCREASED AIR, EYE, AND NOISE POLLUTION IN FRONT OF THEIR HOMES.

AT THIS TIME WE ASK THAT THE WORKS COMMITTEE OPPOSE ANY DUNDAS STREET WIDENING IN THE HOPE THE CITY OF TORONTO CAN TRULY BE CALLED A CITY FOR THE PEOPLE.

## THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

- 1) HAVE ANY DECISIONS BEEN MADE CONCERNING THE WIDENING OF DUNDAS STREET.
- 2) IS THE PROPOSAL TO WIDEN DUNDAS BETWEEN BAY AND YONGE PART OF AN OVER-ALL PLAN TO WIDEN DUNDAS?
- 3) FOR WHAT USE HAS THE LAND BEEN RESERVED IN FRONT OF THE ART GALLERY?
- 4) FOR WHAT USE HAS THE LAND BEEN RESERVED FOR AT DUNDAS AND BROADVIEW?

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT THE WORKS COMMITTEE FIRMLY OPPOSE ANY WIDENING OF DUNDAS.
2. THAT THE WORKS COMMITTEE INSIST THAT THE METRO PLANNING BOARD OPPOSE ANY WIDENING OF DUNDAS STREET.
3. THAT THE RECENT METRO PLANNING REPORT CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF DUNDAS STREET BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH A PUBLIC MEETING. SEVERAL GROUPS HAVE REQUESTED SUCH A MEETING.
4. THAT THE MOTION OF MAYOR DENNISON AS REPORTED IN THE TORONTO STAR ON APRIL 1, 1972 TO THROW OUT THE WIDENING OF DUNDAS BE CARRIED.

## SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

1. RESOURCE COMMITTEE OF THE DON DISTRICT
2. DON DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PUBLIC HOUSING
3. ONTARIO HOUSING CORPORATION
4. NEIGHBOURHOOD INFORMATION POST
5. SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL-STORE FRONT
6. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL-41 OAK ST.
7. REGENT PARK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
8. SOUTH OF CARLTON COMMUNITY ASS.
9. TREFAN COURT RESIDENT ASSOCIATION
10. COMMUNITY THEATRE PROJECT
11. ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

To DATE 1000 Signatures protesting the Widening of Dundas have been collected. If you would like to collect more signatures contact the R.P.C.I.A. office- 42 Blevins Place.

## BOY SCOUTS

Boys in the Regent Park Community have been doing some strange things lately. They've been touring Fire Stations, sitting around artificial campfires doing skits, holding onto Boa Constructors and going on hikes in the country.

Sound interesting? For the 200 Cubs and Scouts in the area it certainly is.

Active Groups of Cubs ages (8-11) meet at St. Bart's Church, Regent Park School, St. Pauls School, Dixon Hall and St. Martin's School.

Scout age boys (11-14) also meet at all the above mentioned places. Their program is a lot more challenging and has many more outdoor activities.

The cost of Scouting is not great. Through the efforts of Daniel Peace, Field Executive for the Scouts, and Austin Davis, Service Team Captain for our area, boys can get "experienced" uniforms, which are in top shape, for a small contribution.

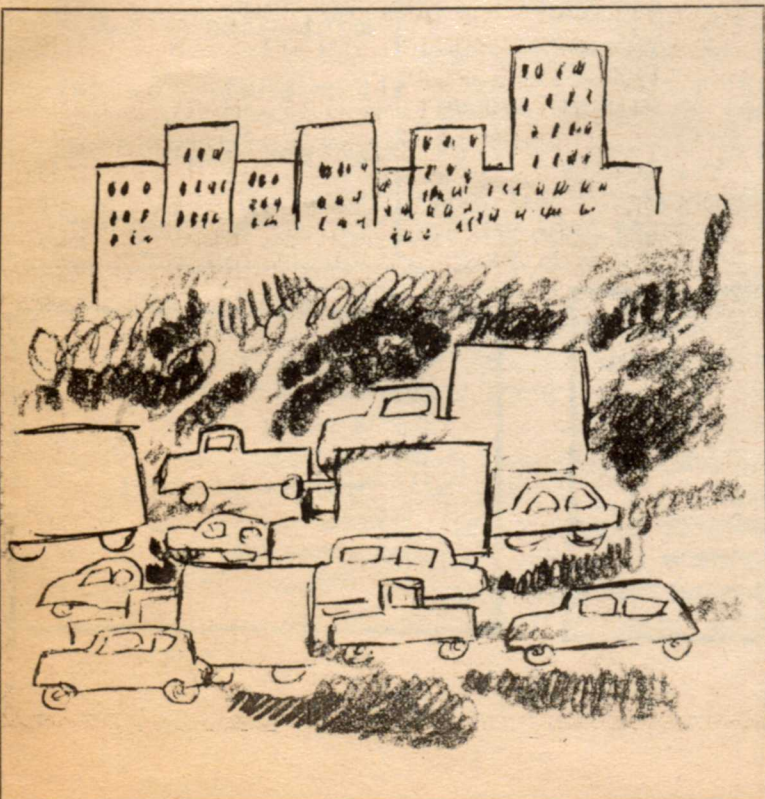
The Groups are all run by volunteer men and women. If you are interested in getting involved as a leader, we can use your help and are willing to provide you with enough training so you can do the job for the boys.

If you know a boy who would like to get involved in Cubs or Scouts please give Dan Peace a call at 925-3425 or check with either the Services Unit or Information Post as to the Group that is nearest you.

by Daniel Peace

I wish to thank the tenants of Regent Park for their kind messages of sympathy. Your thoughtfulness meant much to myself and my family during our recent bereavement.

Neil Tanner





# SPORTS CORNER

## REGENT PARK HOCKEY

## BOXING EVENTS

Joe Ganny

Hockey night in Canada had nothing on the turnout of parents and kids on this day, as Regent Park Recreation Centre went into the finals with four out of six teams participating for the Golden Awards that were presented by the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Toronto. The minor bantam game was a thriller as Regent Park went down with a 2 to 1 lose in overtime to Trinity Recreation Centre with Benji Green putting our lone tally. Regent peewees came out on top with a 4 to 2 victory over Pape Recreation Centre with our big guns Paul Cormier dumping in all 4 goals. Regent Bantams went down to defeat 2 to 1 to the powerful McCormick Boys, but they held their heads very high as this team was undefeated all season. In the junior game once again we were defeated by Pape Recreation Centre 2 to 1 in overtime with Mike Horniblow, Howie Fillier, Greg Kelly, Brian Katurmura supplying outstanding hockey skills at all times. Congratulations to Harold Lounds and Les McCormick and as the old saying goes wait next year.

Congratulations are in order to our boxing club at the 600 building. Once again our boys came out on top at McCormick Recreation Centre on Saturday Night with wins in the following bouts. 55 lbs.

Richard Kingsley from Regent Park defeated Ronald MacEachern of Chinouscousty. 65 lbs.

Paul Chretien from Regent Park defeated Jory Smith of Albion Club 70 lbs.

Jimmy MacDonald of Regent Park defeated Randy Moss of Albion Club, Lloyd Lacasse of Regent Park defeated Wesley Winchester of St. Albions, Billy Littlejohn defeated Tom More-mille from St. Catharines, 80 lbs.

Randy Garrison defeated Todd Hayvis of Park Royal Ontario. 90 lbs.

Russell Conneley defeated Basil Mills of St. Catharines, 100 lbs.

Jeff Lees defeated Sam Reddick of Pape Recreation Centre. 117 lbs.

Danny Macumier of Regent Park defeated Ronnie Makischuk of McCormick Recreation Centre. Also may we congratulate our boxing instructors Clyde Gray and Sam Cann-eralla.

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7-10 p. m. Wednesday

7-10 p. m. Thursday

There were a number of minor mistakes in the Regent Park Services Unit Resource Handbook. If we have failed to find any of our mistakes, call us at 863-1768. The following is a list of corrections to the Handbook.

### CORRECTIONS

- Page 9 Nursery School 203 Sackville Green 364-2839
- 16 St. Bartholomew's Church 368-9180
- 16 Father Belway 368-8563
- 10 Duke of York-Principal-Mr. W. Sinclair 368-0811
- 53 The Hon. Donald S. Macdonald 922-9516
- 10 Duke of York-Guidance: Mr. Fry 368-5558
- Public Health 364-0087
- 10 Park Senior-Guidance: Mrs. P. Cisson 368-5215
- 11 Regent Park-Social Worker: Mrs. Feldbrill 363-3606
- 10 Park Junior-Principal Miss Helen Sisson - 364-8717
- 10 Park Junior-Vice Principal Mr. Carey 364-8717
- 5 YMCA 40 College St. Toronto 101 921-5171
- 53 Mrs. Margaret Scrivener M.P.P. 119 Glen Rd. 965-4769
- 53 Mr. Jerry Tooke 922-9596
- 13 East End High School 66 Coleman Avenue Principal - Mr. McEwen Vice Principal - Mr. Condie Guidance - Mr. Bastado 461-7526

## EARLY YEARS DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

That's what's happening at the Oak Street portable every Tuesday and Friday mornings. Linda Williamson and Cathi Lambert open the door at 9:30 to let in the two or five year olds, while the mothers come close behind pushing strollers etc. with the younger ones.

Once the coats and hats are put away mothers and children gather together for a sing-song, or maybe it's a morning for a film. With a short juice and cookie break, the children go onto play activities, while two or three mothers supervise the fun and games. The rest of the group gathers for Arts and Crafts, or it could be a talk on child behavioural problems.

Right now our group is small and newcomers of all ages will be welcome. Come on over and join in the fun and games!!!

by Mrs. Cora Clyde

I wish to thank  
my friend Mrs. Pat  
Barret and Patrick  
Duggan for helping  
me to get an apart-  
ment-also O.H.C.  
for their co-oper-  
ation. Thank you.  
Miss Riley.

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