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ELECTION FAILS TO GET NEW PRES

The Regent Park election originally scheduled for September 15, 1976 was called off by the Election Committee. This was done because of discrepancies in the official membership list of the Association. These discrepancies resulted in some people being listed twice while other were not listed at all.

Three candidates in the hard fought election, Irene Kitson, Gary Egerton, Marilyn Williams agreed with the decision of the Committee and supported it.

The Election Committee, chaired by Ulric Callendar gave instructions to the Board to prepare a new list of members by November 1st/76. These lists will then be posted in the buildings to give everyone a chance to see who is eligible and, if necessary, to make corrections - similar to the procedures used for municipal elections.

There will be a candidates meeting in February and the next election will take place in March, 1977.

The Election Committee did declare elected those candidates who ran unopposed: Arthur Scullion, First Vice-President, Pat Travis-Second Vice-President, Iris Jackman-Treasurer,

MEETING ON RACE RELATIONS NOV. 5

Regent Park is once again the centre of public attention. Recent incidents of the past summer have attracted the media and the Board of Education to look at race relations in Regent Park.

The summer of 1976 saw an increase in racial tension in the area. The RPCIA worked together with police and Community Guardians to prevent the incidents from becoming a riot. Most of the credit, however, goes to those tenants and their children who had enough sense not to participate in the events and not to join the large crowd of onlookers.

Since that time there has been a report from the Human Rights Commission and one from the Board of Education (see Oct 23 edition of 7 NEWS) on how to improve the situation.

The RPCIA met once with the agencies to try and come up with some plan of action but was for the most part unsuccessful. Now that there are some specific suggestions in these two reports, these agencies have all been invited to another meeting at St. Bart's Church on Nov. 5, 1976 to see what plan of action can be put together.

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Myrna Marston-Secretary, New Directors elected were: Leona MacNeil and Sam McPherson from the South Regent: Linda Ross, Marion Rice, Myrna Daniels for North Regent.

Bob Woodgate, Irene Kitson, Maria Hellaman and Bill Deeley remain as Board members.

Vi Yedon, Harold West, Ruth Teetman, and Wanda Stoner remain representing the groups within the R.P.C.I.A. umbrella.

Gary Egerton was accepted later to fill a vacancy on the Board.

Two vacancies still exist in North Regent.

The Board meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Regent Park United Church. All are welcome to attend.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



ARTHUR SCULLION

I would like to draw your attention once again about the racial disturbances around the Park. Not only in this happening in the Park but throughout the city, so I am sure as tenants of Regent Park you would like to see a stop to it. It's up to us tenants to do something about it before it starts, and also to put a stop to the vandalism in the park. It is your Tax Dollar that's being used to do all the repairs such as broken windows, elevators, playground and hallways-lobbies, lighting, etc. If you see anybody doing damage report them to O. H.C., Community Guardians and get names if possible, as its your Community there destroying and your dollars are needed to repair it. I am sure you don't like seeing your money wasted as it is.

Through the Regent Park community Improvement Association \$4 million dollars has been spent in the upgrading has been spent in the

JOBS

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF REGENT PARK. The Tenant Management Committee is now accepting applications for the positions of Unit Representatives and also for a Resident Visitor. Should you be interested, Please come to our office at 44 Blevins Place and submit your application.

STREETWORKERS WANTED

Contact Education Centre requires 2 streetworkers. Experience with inner-city teen agers would be helpful. Call Elaine - 862-1469.

upgrading of the Park, such as, the ice rinks, swimming pool, wading pools, and the lovely landscaping around us.

As I said its up to us as tenants of Regent Park to keep the Park in Regent.

As for the racial problems its not as bad as the news media makes it, but it could be if we don't get off our butts and work together as a community battlefield to see who is strongest or most popular. The ones who are going to get hurt are our kids. Most of school kids regardless of race, creed, and color play together so as adults I think we should take a lesson from them, as this is a community. Lets get out and off our butts and communicate as grown adults and show other communities that we can get along and maybe we can spread it throughout the city and province. Maybe the whole country.

When you hear there is General Meeting of the R.P.C.I.A. come out and voice your opinion. It's up to you. THE PEOPLE OF REGENT PARK. If you don't come to meetings, how do we know what you want? As tenants, you have to come out and get involved and make the Park a place to be proud of. Let us hear your views to stop this racial tension and vandalism in the Park.

Arthur Scullion, Acting President and Chairman of the Tenant Management Committee of the R.P.C.I.A.

P.S. The next election for the Board of Directors and the Executive will be in March, 1977. Come out and get involved.

GUARDIANS

Introducing our new Community Guardians

Over the summer months some changes have taken place in our Community Guardian staff. This will introduce two of our new Project Officers in Regent Park.

Hugh Coquhoun was with the Metro Police Department several years before joining Community Guardians three years ago. Known for his ready smile and friendly manner, Hugh has quickly come to know the people of South Regent Park where he serves.

After spending the better part of three years at Rochdale, he finds the friendly atmosphere of South Regent much more to his liking. A family man, Hugh's hobbies include community affairs and sports.

Rick McConkey is no stranger to the Park, where he served for a year and a half, before transferring to the mobile operation. A policeman, security officer and investigator before joining Community Guardians, Rick brought a wealth of experience to his work as a Project Officer.

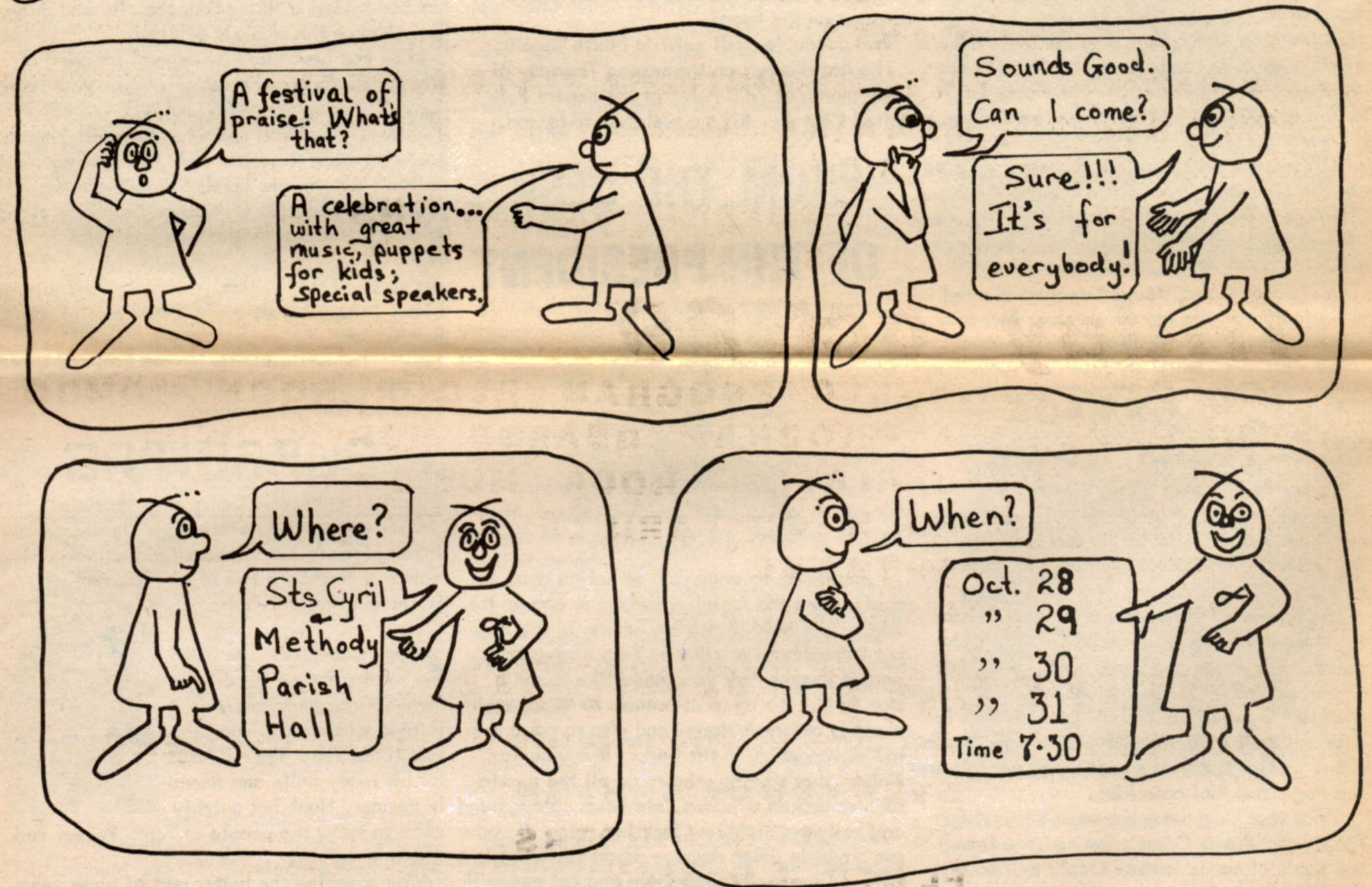
When he is off duty, Rick's first love is sailing, and he may be seen heading south towards the lake anytime he gets off duty during the summer months. Other hobbies include travelling.

For ready help in time of emergency, call Community Guardians, 924-7754.



ANNOUNCING

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FESTIVAL of PRAISE

THE FOUR DAYS' PROGRAM

AT

STS. CYRIL AND METHODY PARISH HALL
(SACKVILLE & DUNDAS)

Thursday, Oct. 28

3:30-5:00 P.M. KIDS' PROGRAM

**MUSIC
PUPPETRY
GAMES**

7:00 P.M.

MUSIC PROGRAM: STEEL BAND

7:30 P.M.

EVENING MEETING

MUSIC: STEEL BAND

GUITAR SELECTIONS

SPEAKER

Friday Oct. 29

7:00 P.M.

MUSIC PROGRAM: BLOOR ROCK COMBO

7:30 P.M.

A PROGRAM GEARED FOR YOUTH

CHRISTIAN ROCK MUSIC

FOLK GUITARISTS

SPEAKER

RAP SESSION

Saturday Oct. 30

7:00 P.M.

MUSIC PROGRAM: NEW LIFE SINGERS

7:30 P.M.

EVERYBODY'S NIGHT

NEW LIFE SINGERS

FLUTE SOLOIST

FOLK GUITARISTS

SPEAKER

Sunday Oct. 31

7:00 P.M.

MUSIC PROGRAM: LOCAL TALENT

7:30 P.M.

CLIMAX CELEBRATION

GOSPEL SINGERS

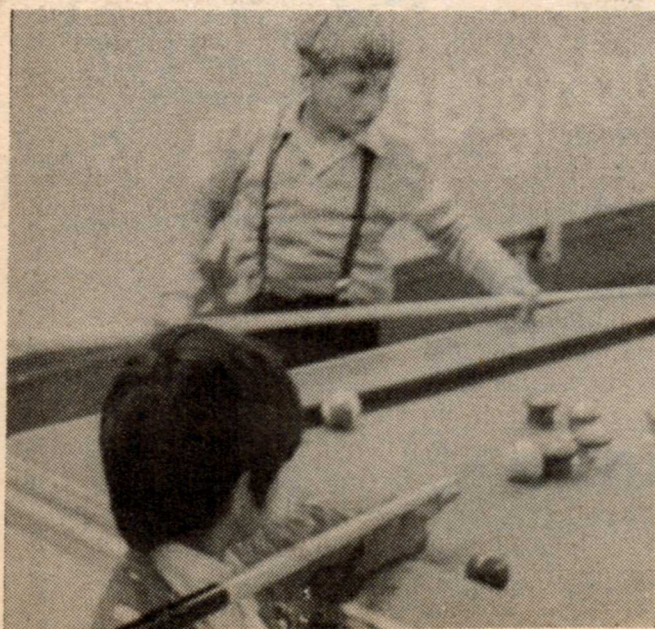
VOCAL SOLOIST

SPEAKER

P.S. WATCH FOR THE 'WANDERING MINSTRELS'



A shot from Teen Camp! Besides the Teen Camp - Several weeks are set aside for families at picturesque Len Lake Camp.



Bumper Pool for Pre-Teens, and the big table for teens.



You can now prepare yourself for that office job you have hoped for. Training is done on both manual and I.B.M. Electric typewriters.



This old piano sees lots of action by the piano students and those coming to the friendship room.

Salvation Army Reports

1. During the past summer, many young people enjoyed the camping program provided by the Centre. The Day Camp (for pre-teens) was held in the Centre with three days a week devoted to field trips. The Lodge style Teen Camp was just built this year and is located on beautiful Len Lake. The ten day co-ed teen camps include a variety of water and land sports as well as rap sessions and sing-a-longs. Off camp programs include hikes and hay rides. If you missed this year, plan now for 1977.

2. The Centre has a variety of programs for the whole family! The preteen and teen department are open everyday after school. The programs include separate free and easy rooms with T.V.'s, pool, table-tennis, etc. The above rooms are always open. Special weekly activities include: Arts and Crafts, from simple to advanced, Swimming-at Central Commerce Secondary, Photography, we have our own developing, Woodshop, where teens can learn and earn, Sewing, handwork and the machine, Happy hour, singing and story-telling, Tutoring, help with your homework, Counselling-help to find value in life, Music, lessons in guitar and piano, Bi-monthly outings that include educational tours and recreational.

3. Our little store that is open in the afternoon has lots of good buys for those wanting to stretch their money. The store includes new shoes, shirts, underwear, etc., as well as a good variety of good used clothes, e.g. of prices=new mens shirts - \$1.00 ea. The store also has some of the furniture that has been made.

4. Typing classes - are available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for those interested in learning or brushing up their skills or for future employment or personal use.

W.A.T. - Having a problem finding a job? This is a common situation found among residents living in Regent Park. The cause may relate back to lack of education, social problems, or even lack of opportunity.

The work Adjustment Training program works along with Canada Manpower making it recognized program by employers. Students have proven that the course has been useful by their success rate of obtaining a job after completing the course.

The three courses: Clerical, Woodworking, & Maintenance all express the importance of having the correct attitude and awareness when involved in a job.

Each person is paid a salary by Manpower when attending the course. An additional advantage of the W.A.T. program is that the Woodshop now repairs and refinishes old furniture, as well as making new furniture. This is done at very low rates for the tenants at the Park. Please contact Miss Muldrew - 864-9364.

6. The friendship room is open everyday for adults. The room affords the opportunity of meeting new friends, reading (from its library) sharing common problems and solutions. This may be done over a cup of coffee and cookie. The room is open to both men and woman.

7. Coming soon - We are now in the process of setting up the first adult exercise room in the Park. The facilities will include - carpeted exercise room with modern equipment, and experienced instructors. After you work out, a sauna, sunroom and shower await! We will also have a personal exercise and weight program for you. We anticipate a heavy demand for this room registration, and therefore may have to be limited. Advance registration is now being taken.



Off to swimming: Only one of the various outings that our bus is used for by the centre.



Lots of good buys: Store hours 1:30-3:15 pm. Mondays to Fridays.



Interested in Woodwork? Here's your chance or maybe you need something made or repaired.



Now you can trim those pounds and shape up!