

REGENT PARK COMMUNITY NEWS

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RPCIA SIGNS CONTRACT WITH OHC

May 4, 1976- Janet Ross today officially signed the Tenant-Management Contract with OHC Officials in the RPCIA Offices at 44 Blevins Place. A special meeting was held May 3, by RPCIA Board of Directors to vote on the revised contract submitted by OHC after much discussion a motion was passed to accept the contract with an additional \$3,000. to cover office expenses and administrative fees.

Negotiations for the next contract for 1977 were proposed by OHC to start immediately. The RPCIA wasn't granted all of its points in the negotiations but have strengthened their position as to being an equal partner to OHC in the fulfillment of the Tenant Management Concept.

The next contract should see more involvement of the tenants in Management and a better understanding of this concept between the two parties.

The future of the tenant Management program for all Canada may well depend on how the RPCIA uses the contract to better the conditions at Regent Park. That is why the RPCIA needs all the people of Regent Park to become involved in running this program. We need input, opinion, gripes, whatever from you to do what you want with your community.



Janet Ross President of the RPCIA signs contract with Mrs. Niddrie and Mr. McCausland of OHC.

COMMUNITY * CALENDAR

May 5- Role of the Ombudsman, the title of an address by Ellen Adams at annual meeting, Elizabeth Fry Society, 8 p.m. 215 Wellesley St. East.

Toronto Symphony annual rummage sale 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. West Annex Coliseum, CNE, May 6.

Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women annual meeting, 125 Adelaide St. East begins with Holy Communion at 10 a.m. in St. James Cathedral, May 6.

A Meeting of the Don Area Residents Association will be held Wednesday May 12, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. at 249 Gerrard Street East.

The Toronto Humane Society is looking for donations of books, lamps, jewelry, pictures, silver, antiques, etc. for a fund-raising sale to be held in May, Call 922-1191, ext. 39 for a pick-up.

The Budj Bee Club will present a afternoon of slides of Harbourfront 75, May 5 at 2 O'Clock in the lounge at 41 Oak St.

Former teachers and students from Lord Dufferin School are asked to write the school so that they can participate in its centennial celebrations. Write to the school at 303 Berkeley, giving name, address and years attended.

Youth of the Riverdale area are invited to take a bus trip to the Metro Zoo on Sat. May 8. A bus will leave from the Broadview YMCA at 9:30 p.m. The charge for kids 11 and under 25 cents. For those 12 and over, it's \$1.00 plus two TTC tickets.

Inner City Angels are sponsoring Lollipop time. A fund raising event to aid the programs of the Angels. The lickoff will be May 14 at City Hall where Mayor Crombie will present Toller Cranston with a 50 lb. lollipop, for smaller lollys phone 922-3239.

Community controlled child care will be the topic of discussion on May 11 at 7:30 at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St. There will be a guest speaker and babysitting and refreshments will be provided.



Lord Dufferin Centennial

Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon visits the Lord Dufferin School to Present Centennial Commemoration Medallions to representatives of the junior and senior grades.

JOBS!

Laundry Room Attendants--

- open and lock up the laundry room (s) according to schedule.
- see that machines are operated according to posted procedures (no young children operating machines, no oversize articles, no dyeing, no destruction of property, etc.).
- reporting violators to Manager or Community Guardians if immediate danger.
- wipe inside and outside of machines as needed,
- clean behind machines.
- clean washing machines filters.
- spray disinfectant into machines once per week.
- open the washroom during operating hours of the laundry room and check it each half-hour.
- report all breakdowns and maintenance problems to the manager.
- not to be responsible for loss or damage to the articles in the laundry room or for clothes or money changing.

Full and Part time positions available at \$2.65 per hour. Positions Available, To start immediately,

Assistant Manager--

- responsible to the manager.
- supervise staff and maintain contract performance in specified area.
- provide on site support to staff in the handling of problems.
- Assist Unit Reps in organizing building meetings.
- follow up on maintenance matters reported to OHC.
- submit reports to the manager on the work of individual staff.
- visit buildings and interview tenants to access program and staff performance.
- carry out assignments as required by the Manager.
- act in the manager's absence.
- evaluate and approve weekly time sheets and reports from staff.
- arrange coverage of laundry room areas as required in contract.
- notify concessionaire and keep records of break-downs and repairs.

Salary: \$9,000. per year.

Resident Visitors--

- explaining the lease to new residents.
- welcoming new residents and arranging social functions for them.
- visiting senior citizens, sick and disabled.
- liason between the Management Programme and the Service Unit.
- visiting each apartment at least once per year or as often as necessary in co-operation with the Corporation Community Worker.
- working closely with the Home-Makers Service.
- advising the Association on Community programs.

The Salary is \$152. per week, guaranteed until Dec. 31/76.

Unit Representatives--

Unit Reps are also needed, Salary: \$2.65 per hour.

Applications are available at the

R.P.C.I.A. Office
44 Blevins Place
364-2909

WOMENS WEEKEND

Lynda Salmon from the Central Neighbourhood House is sponsoring

a Women's discussion group to meet on Friday and Saturday of May 7th and 8th. Some of the Women's groups involved will be; The Rape Crisis Centre, YWCA self-defence Demonstration, Times Women's employment counseling, Opportunity for Advancement, Child Development Specialists, Community legal Aid, Women's Lawyers, Women concerned with Women's Issues, Women's Resource Centre, Radio Women and Women's Kit.

The topics will be: Women Today, May 7th at 7 p.m. The position of Women in society today. The discussion will be led by Marilyn Smith. Getting to know Yourself, Socialization of women and how this affects the way one views herself. May 7th at 8:15 p.m. Things you always wanted to do - exploring creative possibilities for Women, this discussion will be led by Carol Edwards and will be on Saturday May 8th at 10 a.m. Jobs and You - discussion on skills and employment of various child-care arrangements for the community. Saturday May 8th at 11 a.m. The discussion will be led by Marilyn Smith. How Law Affect Women Presentation of laws affecting women-Family assistance, housing, in the courts. What can be done. Saturday May 8th at 1 p.m. the discussion will be led by Sandy Horan. Rape Self Defence, and Health - presentation on rape and prevention, self-defence demonstration. Also views on doctors and proper medical care. This will be on Saturday at 1 p.m. and will be led by Bonnie Easterbrook.

The Summary Session Bringing concrete suggestions of all workshops together and forming structure of an ongoing group. This will be led by Lynda Salmon.

"HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY" MOTHERS in Regent Park from the R.P.C.I.A.

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PARKS & REC

boxing

The City of Toronto, Department of Parks and Recreation Boxing Championships were held at Trinity Recreation Centre on Saturday, April 24th and Sunday April 25th. Regent Park Recreation Centre was represented by a team of eleven boxers coached by Mr. Liam McEvoy. Nine of the eleven boxers were finalists, five of which won the championship in their weight classifications.

Members of the Regent Park Boxing Team:

		lb.	Classifications
Tony Edwards	- 60	lb.	
John Hendry	- 45	"	"
Kurt Hendry	- 65	"	"
Lloyd Longman	- 70	"	"
Tom Hendry	- 70	"	"
Norbey Orsorio	- 75	"	"
Karl Hendry	- 85	"	"
Mike McNeil	- 85	"	"
Kevin Askins	-100	"	"
Jim Hendry	-110	"	"
Ken Jackman	-125	"	"

City of Toronto, Department of Parks and Recreation Champions:

John Hendry	- 45	lb.	Class.
Tony Edwards	- 60	lb.	Class.
Kurt Hendry	- 65	lb.	Class.
Kevin Askins	-100	lb.	Class.
Jim Hendry	-110	lb.	Class.

Finalists:

Norbey Orsario	- 75	lb.	Class.
Lloyd Longman	- 70	"	Class.
Karl Hendry	- 85	"	Class.
Ken Jackman	-125	"	Class.

The late spring snow
throws
everyone,
Back to the
winter
that could have
been,
but wasn't,
It's not the
first with promise,
it is the
last with memory.

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The Principle of the Ombudsman

Everybody knows the meaning of "Ombudsman"--he is someone to whom any citizen may take complaints about the actions of people in the government service. The Ombudsman will listen, examine, and try to obtain redress of an injustice or amends for a grievance.

There are many descriptive titles given the Ombudsman. He may be called Citizen's Defender, Citizen's Champion, Defender of Civil Liberty, Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, or Citizen's Guardian. Whatever his title, it is his duty to keep watch over the way in which government agencies and officials apply the law and regulations in dealing with the public.

The need to keep government administrators from abusing the wide powers that have been necessarily given them in recent years demanded a creative innovation. The institution of the Ombudsman went a long way toward providing what was necessary.

Social service reaches into every area of life, and the officials in charge of its many agencies come into contact with every citizen. The purpose of the Ombudsman is to hold the scales so that justice is satisfied, and justice, as St. Thomas Aquinas defined it, "is a constant and perpetual will to yield to each one his right."

Citizens will take their problems and complaints to the Ombudsman because they look upon him as representing the State's conscience. He is not a person bound by legalities seeking to win a case, but an arbiter who seeks to dispel erroneous notions on one side or the other by setting forth the truth.

Ontario Ombudsman Arthur Maloney, Q.C. together with a full team of Investigators will be at Dixon Hall 58 Sumach Street from early morning until late evening. May 26, 1976. All interviews will be completely confidential. No appointment is necessary.

SINGLE PARENTS

ONE IN A WORLD OF TWOS!
The average Canadian Family.
Everyone knows what it is.

Ask anyone and they'll tell you: It's a working father, a mother in the home, and two or three children. It's a comfortable and secure image--an image which we have all accepted as the normal. In fact, our entire society is geared to the assumption of this normal. Our belief in it is reflected in and constantly reinforced by the media, advertising, and even the textbooks in our schools. But, is it an accurate and realistic image of the Canadian Family?

Over 300,000 families would emphatically say no. They are one-parent families, and they make up 10% of all the families in Canada. For these one-parent families, the "average Canadian family" image is a myth, and a cruel one--a myth that has permitted us, as a society, to ignore both the existence of one-parent families and their very real and urgent problems and needs.

If you are a single parent in Canada, your chances of being poor are 1 in 2. 53% of one-parent families live below statistics Canada's poverty line. If you are a female single parent, your chances of being poor go up - to almost 2 in 3.

As a single parent, you find out only too well how inadequate are our child care services. You learn all about isolation and too much about frustration. And if you're a woman, you meet discrimination in the labour market which leaves you with only two choices: a low-paying, dead-end job or a marginal existence on welfare.

In the home itself, the children must be lovingly cared for, the decisions must be made, the family must be supported, the full responsibilities must be met: The single parent, male or female, must do it all alone.

The single parent is a "one" in a society whose structures and values are geared to "twos". The loneliness and sense of isolation, the frustration and feelings of failure, the endless problems, can be overwhelming.

In seeking answers to these problems we must stop seeing ourselves in terms of pleasant myths; we must instead look at our society as it really is; we must look beyond the comfortable myths to the less than comfortable realities. Only then will we be able to confront the problems in our society, and find humane, workable solutions.

For one-parent families, what are the solutions? There must be a dramatic expansion of our child care services. There must be a broader and more integrated system of community services to help the single parent cope better and feel less alone.

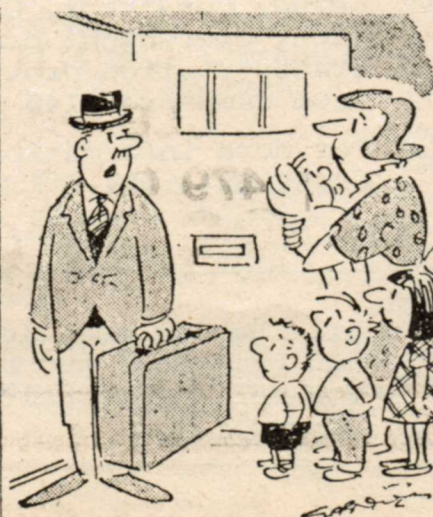
And more than anything else, there must be new income transfer programs to guarantee the right of all one-parent families--of all Canadians--to share in the national wealth sufficient to enable each to participate fully in our society. For those who are in the home, there must be a better and more humane system of support than that which presently exists. For those who have a job, but at low wages, there must be a program to supplement these inadequate wages.

Proposals for such programs have been discussed in the social security review which the federal and provincial governments have been conducting for the past three

years. For Canada's three-hundred thousand single parents and their children what has really been at stake in the review is nothing less than whether they will be enabled to live with the dignity which is the right of all Canadians.

The decisions which the federal & provincial governments make, or fail to make, in the next several months of the social security review--the adequacy of the benefit levels, the comprehensiveness of the coverage, the speed with which the new programs are implemented--will affect the lives of these families profoundly, for better or worse. This report is prepared in the hope that the decisions reached by governments will recognize the needs and hopes of one-parent families in Canada. And it is prepared in the hope that concerned and compassionate Canadians, as individuals and in their organizations, will tell government--in fact, demand of government--that new programs which fully and adequately meet these needs and respond to these hopes be implemented without delay or excuse.

MAYCOURT CLUB
NEARLY NEW CLOTHES ETC.
605 WHITESIDE PL.
THURSDAY
10:15 ----- 11 a m



'Goodbye, Aggie, believe me, it's better this way. . . Just forget you ever met me. . .'

Spencer

Daily Sketch

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Salute to Seniors

Throughout May, Parliament Street Library and the Parliament Library Outreach Program will be saluting Senior Citizens. This will take the form of special displays and programs.

Wednesday May 5th.

Talk and slide presentation on historic Cabbagetown by George Rust-D'Eye and presentation of the film Regent Park., by Robert Bradley, Director of O.H.C. Community Relations.

Wednesday May 12th.

Dreamland, a film on the history of Canadian film from 1895-1939, plus popular old short subjects.

Wednesday May 19th.

Presentation on slide and dummy of "A Hundred Years of Women's Fashions from 1895-1960" by Alan Suddon, Head of the fine Art Dept. Metro Central Library.

Wednesday May 26th.

The Regent Park Senior Citizens' Go Go Band plus old fashioned square dancing to the calls of John Lewis and country music.

These programs will be held at 406 Parliament Street at 7:30 pm. ADMISSION FREE.

A NEW TRAINING PROGRAM

W.A.T. (work adjustment training)

The Salvation Army and the Canada Manpower are working together to give the people of Regent Park who have trouble obtaining or holding jobs, work experience and training. Income will be provided during the training. The areas of training are:

I. Clerical: This training will expose them to work experience in the following areas: typing, English, Machine maintenance, receptionist, telephone answering, mail, filing, reproducing equipment, office procedure, stock control, ordering, etc.

II. Woodshop: This training will expose them to work experience in the following areas: Operation of all common Shop Machinery and its maintenance, handling and knowledge of lumber, finishing, etc.

III. Maintenance: This training will provide experience in the following areas: Floor care-including washing, waxing, machine use, etc. Wall cleaning and care, equipment maintenance, minor repairs, including lights, furnaces, etc., garbage disposal, etc.

For more information and applications, contact Captain Goddard at the Salvation Army Regent Park Community Centre. 864-9364.

SUMMER CAMPS

SUMMER CAMP AT THE SALVATION ARMY.

1. RESIDENT TEEN CAMP

This is a new camp located 180 mi. N.E. of Toronto, near the town of Bancroft. The camp will be open for teens 13-16 years of age (to 18 if still attending school) from July 6 - August 12. The camp is located on the bay of a small lake. The camp is one of the few structures, as most of the area is still virgin timber.

This beautiful area gives a good setting for camping, hiking, and exploring in the world of nature. The water and beach are ideal for swimming, boating, canoeing, water-skiing, fishing, etc., which are all part of the camp program. The camp site itself have several playing fields to be used for volleyball, baseball, archery, football, etc.

This small camp is co-ed with the total camp being accommodated in one main lodge. The deliberate smallness of the camp allows for the development of friendship and constructive counselling when required.

The camp is run by the Regent Park Community Centre of the Salvation Army. The camp cost for a 10 day period is geared to your income. Applications can be picked up at the Salvation Army Community Centre at 470 Dundas St. E. (basement) - For more information call 864-9364.

II. Resident Children's Camp

Our camp is located at Jackson's Point, Ontario, on Lake Simcoe, about 60 miles north of Toronto. Member of the Ontario Camping Association, operating co-ed camps for children 6-12 years of age, from low income single parent families, etc.

Minimum fee of \$7.00 per child. Maximum fee based on income. Fees in addition to \$2.00 canteen money for each child.

Registration done through mail if children attended camp in 1975.

If child is registered for the first time, parents must apply at 148 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

Program includes swimming, archery, field games, sports, crafts, canoeing, out-trips, Christian education, over-night camping, Free transportation provided to and from camp-from 148 Jarvis Street.

For more information, call--366-9941, Ext. 55.

III. Children's Day Camp

S.P.A.C.E. '76

The day camp is located at the Regent Park Community Centre at 470 Dundas St. E. The program is to provide an outlet for the creative play activities for children in the low income area in and about Regent Park. The children, through excursions outside the community, will be provided with an exposure to society outside the physical bounds of their community. As well, throughout the program, a consistent effort will be made to acquaint the children with the facilities and activities available in their own community.

The activities will include drama, crafts, music, reading, recreational games and sports including swimming. We have adequate indoor facilities at our disposal. Weekly excursions to a wide variety of locations such as: Science Centre, Marine Museum, Lion's Safari, Len Lake Camp, Metro Zoo, Dundurn Castle, Fort York, Pioneer Village.

Registration for Day Camp during the last two weeks of June - (June 21 - July 2) at the Salvation Army Regent Park Community Centre, 470 Dundas St. E.

For more information, call 864-9364

Metropolitan Downtown Boys Club

The Day Camp this summer will take place at Pettit Creek Conservation Area. The children will be taken to the camp each day by school bus. The camp operates from Monday to Friday from 10am. until 4:pm. for boys and girls from the age of 6 years to 12 yrs. One day each week the children will be taken to places of interest in and around Toronto.

There will be overnight camping trips for children from 9 years of age and over. The program will include camping, crafts, swimming, sports, hiking, campcrafts, naturelore, pellet guns for 11 years and older, special events every week, and much more.

The cost of the day camp is \$3.00 a week to be paid in 2 week sessions. The camp operates for the months of July and August to begin on July 5, 1976.

For further information or registration forms contact the Metropolitan Downtown Boys' and Girls' Club at 367-0648 or drop into the club at 540 Dundas Street East, basement.



Bill Deeley and Clara Little are two Unit Reps who have a reputation for doing their jobs thoroughly and well.

We wish to extend our apologies to Bea Thompson for the mistake in her name, last issue.

