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REGENT PARK MARCHES FOR EMANUEL



Regent Park residents proceed up Yonge st. past the MC.Donalds which is flanked by a striptease house and a body rub parlor.

Emanuel- In Memorial

"SHOES SHINED, SHOES SHINED,
I AM THE SHOESHINE BOY.
FIFTY CENTS WILL SHINE YOUR SHOES,
YOUR FACE WILL SHINE FROM JOY."

EMANUEL, THE SHOE SHINE BOY,
SO FRIENDLY AND FULL OF LIFE,
ALTHOUGH HE WAS JUST TWELVE YEARS
OLD.
HE NEVER CAUSED ANYONE STRIFE,

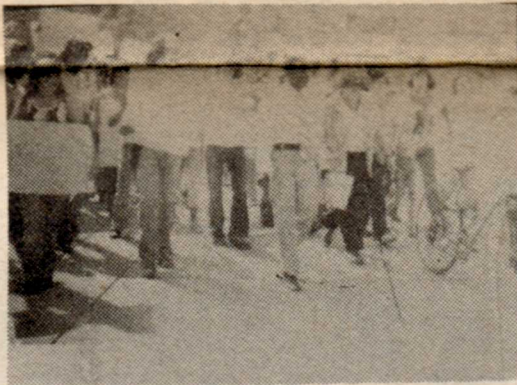
ONE THURSDAY NIGHT FOUR SICKLY MEN
DECIDED THEY WOULD KILL HIM.
THESE "MEN" DESTROYED THIS PRECIOUS
LIFE.
TO HIDE THEIR MANIC WHIM.

A BROKEN HEARTED FAMILY OF EIGHT
ARE NOW CRYING FOR THEIR BOY
AND FOR THE SENSELESS MURDER
THAT ROBBED THEM OF THEIR JOY.

MAY GOD IN HEAVEN GREET HIM
AND TAKE HIM BY THE HAND

" HIS LOSS TO US WILL TURN TO GAIN,
HIS DEATH WILL NEVER BE IN VAIN."

AS EACH OF US DOWN HERE BELOW
WORK CLOSE TOGETHER TO CLEAN THIS
LAND. ANONYMOUS.



Regent Parkers Led by Rev. Jackman and Sheila Holmes showed their outrage and sorrow at the death of Emanuel Jaques. By demonstrating against the Body Rub Parlors and Strip Joints that have become commonplace on Yonge St.

The Atmosphere of anything for money that pervades the area known as Sin Strip is as responsible for the death of Emanuel Jaques as the four men who are being held in Custody. Bodies are for sale on Yonge st. and have been for a long time. Male and Female prostitutes cruise up and down the Strip, looking to make contact with someone, who will buy their body for pleasure or pain. How to stop it? Prostitution as we know it has existed for a thousand years. It will continue to exist whether there are body rub parlors or not. You can't stop it, and you can't stop perversion. But you don't have to put up with it. 10 years ago there was no such thing as a body rub parlor in Toronto, and the city doesn't have to allow them to continue in Toronto or anywhere in the Province. I really can't recall the electorate clamoring for body rub parlors before they arrived and I don't think anyone except their moneyed owners will bemoan their passing.



WHERE IT HAPPENED 245 YONGE ST.

In Front of Charles Angel's where the tragic incident occurred. This body rub parlor was closed two days after the body was discovered but was soon reopened under the new name. of The Paradise.



FALSE ALARM

a fire alarm was rung Monday afternoon at 14 Blevins Place, The Fire department responded very quickly and withing 10 minutes there were 4 Trucks in front of the building. It was a false Alarm, maybe the next time it will be real, and the fool who pulled the alarm will be out of luck when the Fire department takes it's time going to 14 Blevins Place.

5 YEARS AGO IN THE REGENT PARK NEWS



GUIDE TO PARENTS

SOMETIMES CHILDREN LIE: Thinking that lying is bad does not help the child. Lying is always done for a reason. Children may lie so they won't be punished. Children may lie to act big. Most parents punish children for lying. Parents think they have failed and get upset. This is what some children want parents to do. Parents must find out why the child lies. Then they can do something about it. Yelling at a child for lying may just make him think that he is a bad person and discourage him even more from trying to get the right kind of attention. At home sometimes walk away from the child when he is not good. Leave the child and walk into the other room when the child wants to have his own way or when he wants to keep you busy with him. He will not attempt to do these things when no one is there. Walking away is not the same as not caring. You don't always have to do something when there is trouble. Doing nothing is sometimes better. At home go away from fights but not the children. Don't talk when there is fighting. Give children attention when they are good, but not when they are bad. Sometime children act bad just to keep you busy with them. Yelling may make you feel better. Yelling does not help the child to learn good ways. At home don't get into your children's fights: Let your children have fights so their parents will give attention to them. If children find out that fighting keeps their parents busy this will cause more fighting. Fighting means working together. Most of the time we think of working together as something good. When children fight they are also working together, but in a different way. A child cannot fight alone. Parents should not try to find out who started the fight. They should not punish one child. They should not feel sorry for the other child. When two children fight at home

they are both to blame. Don't ask too much of your child: learn the difference between asking too much and asking what the child can really do. But don't ask him to be the best shoe-tier in town. Sometimes parents are too eager and demand that their children do better. These parents may want their children to do better in school or to do better in sports or to get along better with other children. All of these these are things parents want their children to do. Parents always tell their children "You could be better if you tried harder." When children hear this they think that they are not good enough as they are. When parents are too eager and when they say things like this, the child usually does little or nothing.

Don't try to do too Much: When there are many things wrong, parents sometimes try to fix too much at one time. When parents try this they sometimes warn children that they will punish them and often can't do what they say. Parents do better when they can carry out what they say they will do. That is, if parents cannot keep a child indoors, they shouldn't say he has to stay in. Some mothers feel useless if their children aren't perfect. These mothers think they are not good unless their children are perfect. These mothers correct their children often. They do many things for their children. They do everything they can to make their children perfect. These mothers also act as if they are better than any other people. It is not good for children to have a mother who thinks she is always right.

Take time to teach your child the right way to do something. Teaching him when you are upset is a poor time. Teaching him when other people visit is a poor time. Teach your child at a quiet time. Teach only one thing at a time. It takes less time to teach children how to behave than to correct them over and over.

"Good" Mothers sometimes need to keep busy with their children it makes them feel important. This makes them feel like good mothers. Some mothers do not feel important unless they keep themselves busy with their children.

Never do something for a child when he can do it himself: Parents do not need to do many of the things they do for children. Most parents think that their children can do less than they are actually capable of. Parents should give them a chance to do many things. This makes a child responsible. Children should be encouraged to do many things so they will become responsible. Children learn better when they do things for themselves. Don't overwork yourself by doing too much for a child.

A CHILD LEARNS WHAT HE LIVES

If a child lives with criticism,
he learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility,
He learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule,
He learns to be shy.
If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement,
He learns confidence,
If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.
If a child lives with security,
He learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and
friendship,
He learns to find love in the world.

DIXON HALL

Dixon Hall is planning a Street Craft, Art & Hobby Show to take place on September 1st, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

We would like to extend an invitation to the community of South Cabbagetown and area to display, demonstrate and sell your work. We are looking for professional or non-professional people who are into art, photography and crafts of any kind to take part in the show. This could include school groups, seniors clubs, or any individual who would like to share their work with others.

If you are interested in setting up such a booth, please call to reserve before August 19th. There will be no charge for space.

For more information call:

Sue Sanders
c/o Dixon Hall Community Centre
58 Sumach Street. 863-0499

BIKE RODEO

AT PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL
August 25, 10:30 a.m.
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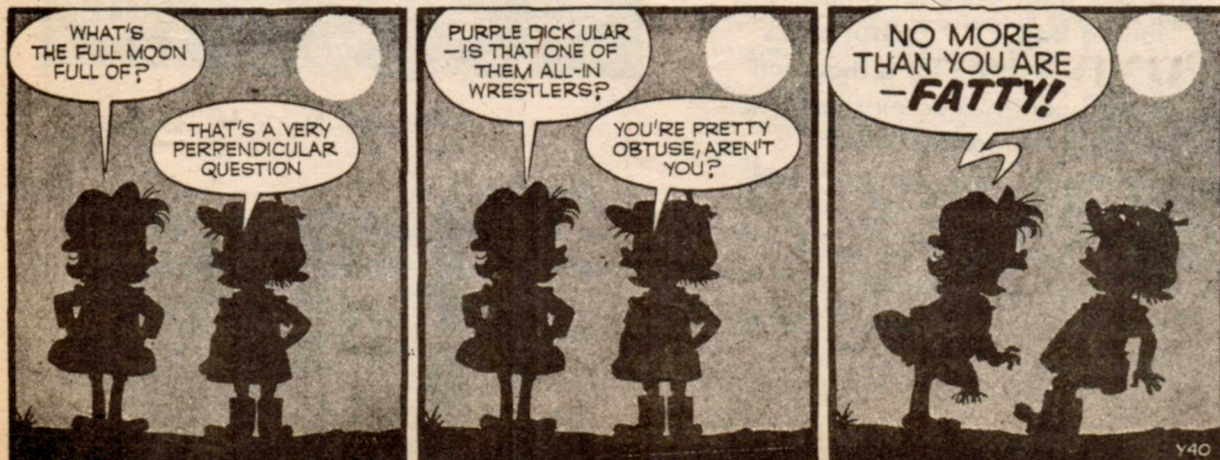


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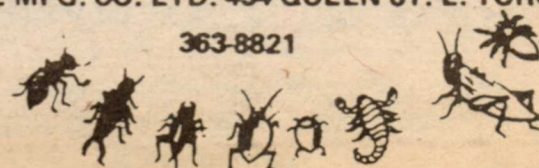
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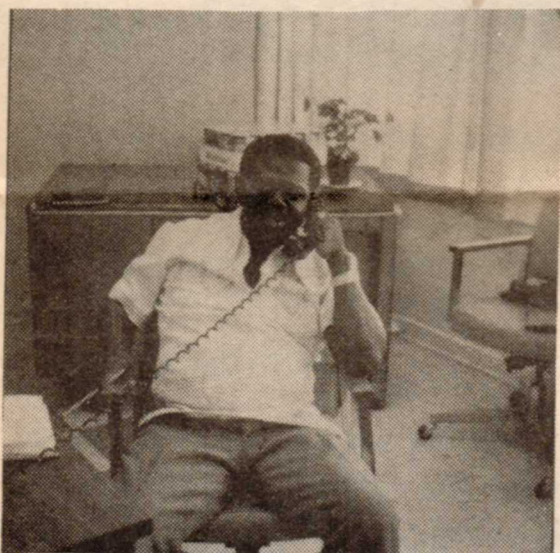


TENANT MANAGEMENT VANDALISM IN THE LAUNDRY ROOMS

During the past month a very serious situation has developed in the breaking of coin boxes in the laundry rooms. I would like to appeal to all residents to cooperate with us in putting an end to such vandalism. O.H.C. has provided the residents with a very good service in the Laundry Rooms. The breaking of the machines by these persons will work a hardship on all the Residents of the park by putting machines out of service and increasing the maintenance cost. As Residents we must co-operate to improve the environment. If you have any suggestions about this matter, please phone or write the office, 44 Blevins Place. I am looking forward to the cooperation of all the people of Regent Park,

Sincerely

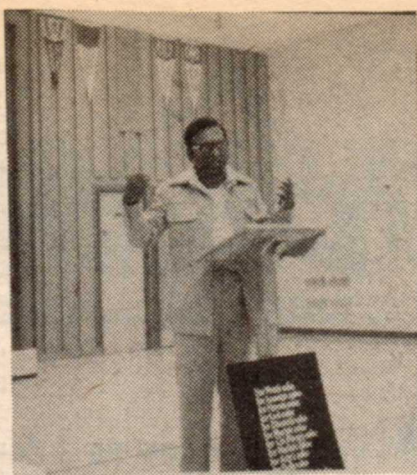
Harold Jackman Manager Tenant Management Programme.



Winston Cosbert shown here is doing a terrific job as labor counsellor. Come in and give him a try, he is at the RPCIA office. 44 Blevins Place.

WELFARE RECIPIENTS !

All persons on Welfare male and female who desire employment kindly contact the Labour Counsellor Winston Cosbert, at the R.P.C.I.A. office 44 Blevins Place. On the 22nd of August 1977.



Dr. Pande, Toronto Board of Education at Project Awareness gave a talk on India for the edification of the audience.

Project Awareness Seminar Schedule

July 28th- August 27th.

We have been encouraged by the turnout and degree of Participation by the Agencies and Community in the Seminar Sessions thus far. We would encourage any and all interested persons to come out and participate in the rest of the sessions. The Seminars are being held every Thursday Afternoon from 1-4:30 p.m. At Regent Park School, 20 Regent Street. Further information can be obtained by calling Godfrey and Mel at Dixon Hall 863-0499.

August 11th. Topic: NATIVE PEOPLES:
the Urban Dilemma

August 18th Topic: The Nature of Black
Conscienceness

August 25th Topic: Race Relations and
Prejudice: What is to be
Done?

August 26th and 27th- Multicultural Fair



The picture above was taken at the Project Awareness Seminar, a lively and informative group discussion was underway.

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Unit Reps wanted for work in Regent park contact Harold Jackman at the RPCIA office 364-2909

Area Supervisors 3 needed for work in the Tenant Management Program contact the RPCIA office.

Secretary trainee wanted for the RPCIA office, Phone 364-2909.

Phone numbers
you should
know!

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FIRE DEPT.-	363-2133
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(general inquiry)-	367-8623
(emerg. service)-	367-8600
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HOMEHELP SERVICE	- 366-0110



RELIGIOUS CORNER

How important is Faith?

The Importance of faith in the lives of people cannot be overlooked. Each individual must have faith in themselves if they are to succeed. Faith strengthens the individuals will to succeed. The businessman must have faith in his business if it is to succeed. The farmer in his crop, the scientist in his invention. Faith is possibly one of the greatest positive forces for good.

There is a new Religious Broadcast operating at 100 Huntley St. This is a good thing for our area. Individuals can express their religious views through the media of Television and Radio. If any one is interested they can get in touch with 100 Huntley St. and I am sure you will find answers to your religious or spiritual problems.

The Regent Park United Church will be getting a new minister soon who will replace Rev. Art Dayfoot. A New Deaconess and field worker have also been appointed and she is now busy making contacts with people in the area.

Emmanuel's Death

The tragedy of Emmanuel's death has proven that evil if allowed to flourish will bring sorrow to many people.

the people of Regent Park should be highly commended for rising to the occasion and protesting

Emmanuel's death.

May he rest in Peace.

Rev. Harold Jackman

KIDS ON THE SKIDS

A lot of youth migrating to Toronto this summer are hitting the skids, hitting rock-bottom and it's getting worse. That's the message coming from some really concerned community workers in the inner city or 'Cabbagetown' in Toronto's Ward 7 where they're trying to reach out to, house and rap with hundreds of poor kids, usually 14-20 years old.

One key community group with deals exclusively with "skidrow" people is the Anchorman a LIP project based in the heart of "Cabbagetown". Harvey Jackson and Joe Hill are two of three Anchorman workers- in addition to John Roach- who say they've seen many more youth on the skids this year than most previous years and it's worrying them. Harvey has seen "a dozen 14-17 year olds, both boys and girls" and adds they're usually coming from "small towns in Northern Ontario and the East Coast", the Maritimes. Virtually all are poor and come from poor families. When they arrive in T.O. the vast majority have no friends or relatives, little or no money, no place to go and end up on welfare. Many kids sleep out in the parks until they find their way to a temporary or semi-permanent hostel, like the 'Y' Stopover, Salvation Army, Nellie's or even Seaton House and the Fred Victor Mission which traditionally houses middle-aged and old-aged "skid-row" men.

So why are the kids on the skids? Good question. Joe Hill says many youth he's talked with keep mentioning no jobs and no money as reasons. The vast majority have no job skills, little or no work experience and very little schooling. "They're lucky if they've made grade 8" say Joe and Harvey.

And what do the kids usually do at night? According to Harvey and Joe, they're often "hustling" or into prostitution (male and female) and committing petty thefts and other crimes. It's getting damn serious. Listen to what Joe has to say: "They'll roll drunks, pensioners, welfare recipients, 'skid-row' residents...anybody that's got a buck.. I wouldn't want to sit in Allan Gardens and let it be known that I had a buck. You wouldn't feel safe." Harvey vividly recalls an old blind pensioner who was "kicked to death about four weeks ago in Allan Gardens by three young men.." The violence is escalating.

Joe believes the most common problems kids-on-the-skids are experiencing are: 1) serious family troubles at home, and 2) the desperate need for money and virtually non-existent jobs (Manpower and UIC have documented the fact that 15-24 years olds have the highest unemployment rate, roughly 20-25%).

Last March, family problems was the main reason many girls and young women came to Nellie's a well-known, emergency hostel in downtown Toronto. Judy Dwyer, a Nellie's worker, says over 50% of young women residents (15-20) came to Nellie's because they were forced to leave home, parents, husbands, or boyfriends or were evicted. Another 40% were listed as "transients" or "Travellers", and 12% just got out of non-jail institutions like psychiatric hospitals.

Like the Anchormen, Nellie's workers have seen an almost steady increase in the number of poor young women under 21. For example, during the past three months (March-May), the proportion of 15-20 year olds in Nellie's was: March-40%, April-34% and May -43%.

It's obvious we're seeing the makings of another major crisis in youth. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say a chronic crisis in adult society's mishandling and neglect of poor kids on-the-move. An immediate need, according to Harvey, is for community workers (especially youth workers) to provide and share more solid information on "skid row" youth. While nobody seems to know how many hundreds or thousands of youth there are or will be on "the row", one thing is sure. Poor kids and their problems are not suddenly going to blow away. They're real and serious and unless we do something real, serious and damn soon it's going to be a long-hot summer.

REGENT PARK SENIOR CITIZENS
BUSY BEE CLUB

GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

will take place on :

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPT.
7TH, 1977, at 2:P.M. 41 Oak st.
DOWNSTAIRS LOUNGE

Euchre Club, will be open every Monday afternoon commencing September 5th at 2:p.m. in the downstairs lounge.

All senior citizens of Regent Park are Welcome. Membership renewal will be available at the above meeting. The cost is 50¢ per year. Membership Secretary: Mrs. Hazel McAuley Telephone 364-2937. You are requested to be present and support your club.

New and Exciting things are happening at Regent Park United Church, as of July 1st, 1977. Janet Duke was hired to be a Community Worker for Regent Park United Church. Janet lives in the city and has worked at Regent Park United as a student 4 years ago. On November 1st, 1977 the Reverend Richard Millar will be joining the Church as our Minister. As yet a deaconess has not been appointed but the Board of Regent Park United Church, is currently interviewing perspective persons.

Services are continuing as usual with Mark Waugh conducting them. Stay tuned for further exciting news from Regent Park United Church. Cheers!
Friendship Units will be having a Rummage Sale on Friday Sept. 2nd at 6:30 at 40 oak st.

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