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HOUSES FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES.

by ALDERMAN JOHN SEWELL

Want to buy a house even though your family income is under \$16,000? You might be interested in a small development that's now being constructed on Berkeley and Poulette Street, south of Dundas.

Quetico Homes is now building 16 three-story row houses. Eight on Berkeley and Eight on Poulette. The original plan was that all 16 houses would be sold under the Assisted Home Ownership Plan--that's the federal government scheme where, if the house sells for less than \$47,000, the government will provide financial help, depending on income, for up to five years. Under the programme, a family with an income as low as \$10,000, can afford to purchase an AHOP home.

However, Quetico Homes ran into cost problems, and the present plan is that only eight of the 16 units will be sold under the AHOP plan. Since this change will require the consent of City Hall's Committee of Adjustment, it has been possible to get the developer to agree to give priority, until October 23, to families with incomes of under \$16,000.

Usually, when houses for \$47,000 are put on the market, those houses are snapped up by couples and families with incomes of \$20,000 or more. Those with higher incomes don't get any of the AHOP subsidies available, but inexpensive houses aren't easy to find. People with incomes under \$16,000--and they are the families for whom the AHOP programme was designed--don't seem to be able to get their foot in the door.

But in this case, subject to Committee of Adjustment approval, we think that we've arranged a headstart for families with gross income of under \$16,000. Purchases are subject to approval by CMHC, of course.

Interested, then call Quetico Homes, at 789-7613 soon, certainly before October 23rd. If you're worried about what to do, or if you want the name of a lawyer you might consult, call either myself at City Hall, John Sewell, 367-7910, or Janet Howard, 367-7916.

We hope that families with incomes of less than \$16,000 will take advantage of this arrangement. If people think it's useful, we'll try and get other developers to agree



MR. HAROLD JACKMAN
(MANAGER)

NOTICE TO ALL TENANTS.

For a while, we have been having a series of letters stolen from the mail boxes. Tenants should make every effort to secure their mails, especially on days when their family allowance cheques are due. Anyone caught stealing letters will be reported to the law-enforcers and finally sent to the cage on conviction. It is a final notice that: all persons who have been involved in the practice of tampering with other people's mails should stop and reconsider the consequences if caught. Please, in the name of God and justice we ask those involved to stop.

Thank you.

Yours Respectfully
Mr. Harold Jackman

MR. WINSTON COSBERT

LABOUR
COUNSELLOR



Mr. Winston Cosbert is the current Labour Counsellor of Regent Park Community Improvement Association (R.P.C.I.A). His job is to cater to the needs of the people of Regent Park. Mr. Cosbert has been in this position since the 25th of July, 1977.

Since last July he has helped countless residents to attain employment, particularly students who were out of school for the summer vacation. Mr. Cosbert is presently engaged in the job of placing your people between 17-24 years of age in the Canadian Arm Forces. Another of his duties is to find employment for handicapped residents. Assisting residents who need vocational rehabilitation is also his duty. Mr. Cosbert will help you to enter into manpower courses. Also anyone wishing to apply for their Canadian Citizenship. It is of interest to you to arrange for an appointment with Mr. Cosbert. The number to call is 364-3002. Give him a call anytime.

A LOOK AT GEOGRAPHY.

BY JOHN FORDE

As humans, we know our planet of origin is this lovely paradise- Earth.

Nothing is more precious to our continued existence as the Earth. Without the Earth we would be non-entities. Everything we need for our material existence is provided for us by the Earth through nature. The Earth is part of the "Solar System." What is the "Solar System"? The Solar System is made up of our Sun, Planets and other celestial bodies that revolve about the Sun. The term 'solar' comes from the Latin word 'Sol' meaning Sun. The Sun is our nearest star. It holds the Earth and other planets in their orbits by gravitational attractions.

However, we will view geography from a more simplistic view point. We should know the simple things about our creation: the earth is 7,918 miles in diameter;

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Dear Friends and Neighbors

On behalf of my family and myself, may I express sincere and grateful thanks to the resident of Regent Park (North and South) and 220 Oak St. for your expressions of Sympathy, cards and monetary gifts at the time of recent Bereavement.

I am very proud and honoured to know that Richard was loved and respected by so many people. Thank you again

Sincerely
Winifred Boundey

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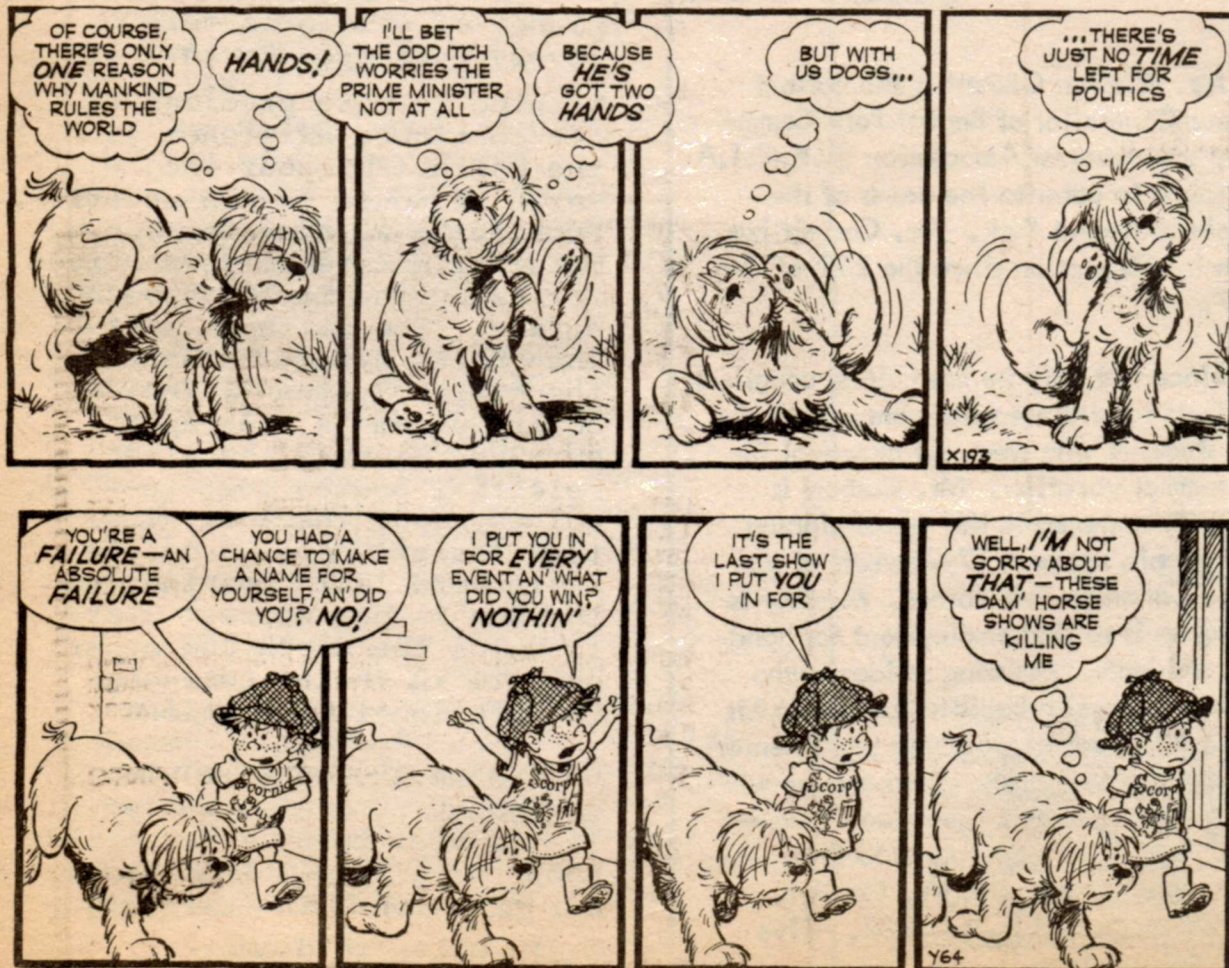
GEOGRAPHY

It revolves around the Sun in 365 days; It rotates on its axis every 23 hours, and 56 minutes.

Geography studies man in space. Space is fundamental to man. He occupies it, lives within it, and measurement of it has always been of his concern. Some of the most frequent questions asked are: "What are the relationships between man and his environment?" Why do rivers flow north in the Northern Hemisphere? Why do rivers flow south in the Southern half? Regional geography is of growing importance. To a geographer a region is a concept, a part of the Earth identified by selecting certain features that are of interest to him.

Geographical inquiry focuses on the question of "Why are things arranged the way they are?" Is it possible for all such wonders to be an "evolutionary" accident. Nevertheless, the intelligent individual will ask him/herself: Isn't evolution a process within nature itself? Geography has many sides to it, i.e., it has several departments. We have thus far only looked at geography from its physical side only. Another very important side of geography, it should be remembered, is political geography. Political geography investigates questions of how political systems impose themselves on the Earth. Why is the Earth divided into political units each having more or less permanent population?

We should never forget that as humans - children of the Most Mighty Creator - we are all geographers, each and every one of us.



WHAT IS A PLAN?

BY JOHN FORDE

- 1) A Plan is directed towards rational action.
- 2) It is a future time-orientation. That is to say, a plan is a series of statements formulated in the present for future execution.
- 3) A plan is a statement about conscious changes in the state of a person's behaviour and feeling.
- 4) A plan is a set of statements that are to promote the achievement of certain goals.
- 5) A plan sets forth what must be done.
- 6) A plan exists only in the mind or in written or spoken form.
- 7) Every plan has one general goal; it also has specific goal, that is, those goals that the plan intend to carry out.

It is crucial to note that: "Almost any action can result from planning, and almost any goal can be planned for. In formulating a plan, one must always remember to ask how many will it help, and how much?"

A NEWSPAPER'S FUNCTIONS.

THE EDITOR

The first and most important consideration of a newspaper, it should be remembered, is that it is a medium of communication. A good newspaper will report important events occurring at home and abroad. It is a newspaper's job to report accurately and objectively. Think for a moment about your own "reporting". When you get into trouble at school do you tell your parents-objectively-what happened? Or do you give just your side of the story? A newspaper should not report only one side of the story: it should give the whole story.

A good newspaper will also attempt to explain why an event happened and what its effects will be. In other words it will interpret the news. It will not report only the fact that Russia and communist China are in disagreement over the role of Communism in the world, but it will give the softening of Russia's relations with the West and one of the reasons for the disagreement. A good newspaper will also point out the possible consequences of such a disagreement. In addition, a good newspaper should be an influence for social improvement both locally and world wide.

A good newspaper will also be a cleaning house: a medium for bringing together the consumer and goods for sale the job seeker and jobs vacant, the players and the play. As such, a newspaper performs a vital function in the community. Finally, a good newspaper is itself entertaining. It is so because it helps to satisfy people's curiosity about the world around them.

Another important function of a newspaper is the campaign for local projects. Serving Regent Park's residents is the main reason for the existence of the Regent Park Community News. The newspaper can be of far more benefit to its readers are also willing to share its views, etc., with others through the newspaper. A contribution, no matter how small, will be of great assistance in providing a better newspaper for our readers. All donations can be sent to the: Regent Park Community News, 44 Blevins, Toronto Ontario. M5A-3M6.

Phone numbers you should know!

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THANKS.

Mr. James Carr and Family of 605 Whiteside Place #1301 sends his thanks to the tenants of Regent Park as well as the R.P.C.I.A. for their kind donations and sympathy for the lost of his late wife Mrs. H. Carr.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. James Carr.

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GOD IS THE LIGHT.

BY MS. PEGGY WELSH.

God is our greatest light. He is the light of the entire universe. The Sun, which is the brightest light visible to the human eyes, is only a representation of God's light. In the spiritual struggle of man to find fellowship with his God-his eternal Father and Maker- Jesus is the light of the world: (refer to John 8:12).

If you are stumbling around in the dark, and not knowing where you are going, or why, please realise, first and foremost, that you have a Father who loves you, and who knows exactly where you are at-for it is the who have Created us in the very sameness of himself. He sent Jesus to help you in finding your way to a peaceful and eternal life: Jesus came on this earth, in order that we might find light through darkness.

MY HUMBLE OPINION.

BY AYESHA RHAMDEEN (VIKKI)

It has become fashionable to do as the "incrowd" do - and while we are busy trying to be as popular as we can be, we are in complete disregard as to whom we hurt in the process. "No Man is an Island"; you are but a link in the chain- you are responsible to society for your conduct. Nothing that you do is your business; it is our business.

No matter what your station in life might be, there is always someone (a mind) looking to you for guidance, fashioning his or her delicate and God given gift after your actions.

We were all given gifts or attributes and we should use them well. Think of Life as an Art, therefore, living should be done exceptionally well. Everything we do, should be conducive to the Moral uplift of our community.

The next time you decide to be a part of the crowd, and indulge in the indecencies of society - stop and reflect awhile, remember the wide eyed innocent. You are not an individual, you are a link in the chain, you are a segment of the fruit, everything depends on how well you perform.

Think about it.....

How do you find Jesus? You simply say: "Jesus I need you," and you must mean this sincerely from your heart. In order to find the true light, we must be at peace with ourselves: know your relationship between yourself and your Creator, and also your relationship with your fellow humans. Humble yourself before God, and say to him in your closet: "I have committed so many of the things you called sins, that I have really messed things up along with myself. Father, God, come into my life and straighten things out.

If you have tried everything, and all has failed, humble yourself before your Creator and maker, and he will show you a way. Thank You.

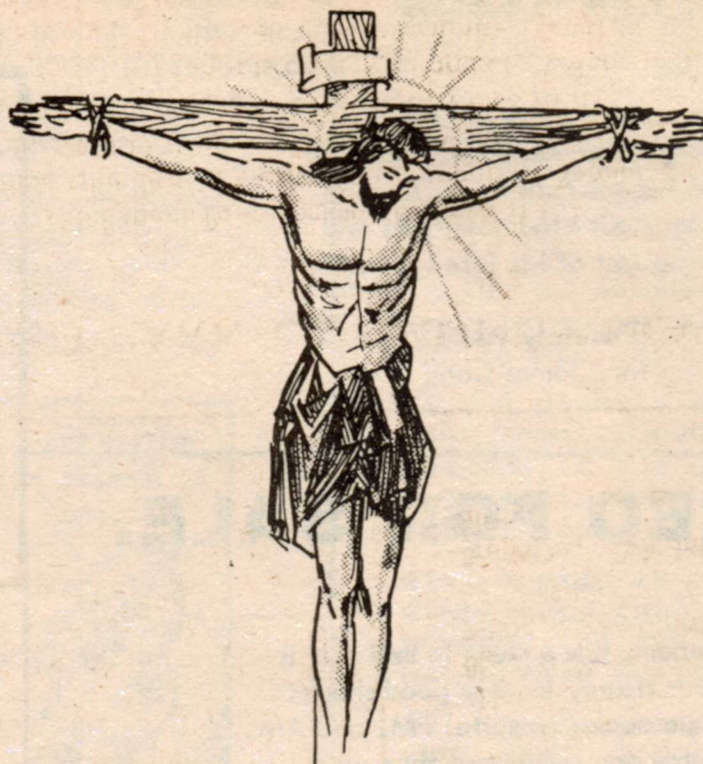


TEENAGERS OF REGENT PARK

All teenagers wishing to learn information about Birth Control, come to 44 Blevins Place on every Tuesday night from 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Counselling will be held by Miss Cheryl Tucker and Barb Brunette. This information is for males also.

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The Regent Park Community news is to serve the best interests of the tenants of Regent Park. Only if tenants become involve in the paper, will the paper be of total worth to its readers. All tenants are encouraged to voice their opinions through the (Community News). Help in making the paper be of use to you. The number to call is 364-2909 or come to 44 Blevins place. The Editor: John Forde.



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