

Regent Park Association objects to treatment by Toronto Star

A second Ward Seven community group has taken issue with the Toronto Star over its reporting practices and policies.

Last month, two Homosexual organizations based in Ward Seven picketed the Toronto Star for its apparent smear campaign against gay

people.

This month, The Regent Park Community Improvement Association, in a strongly worded letter, has asked for a meeting to discuss the treatment of Regent Park in the news pages of the Star.

The Toronto Star, it seems has a

stock-pile of photos of Regent Park and whenever it wants to illustrate a story on bad planning or bad housing or poor management, etc., it prints a photo of Regent Park as an "example".

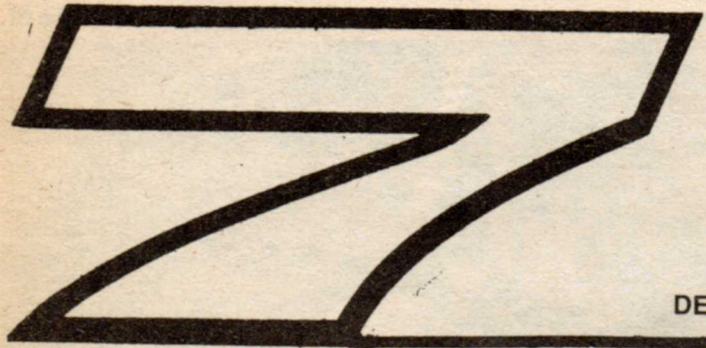
The Star also has a tendency to interview people in Regent Park for

stories about "the poor" or people on fixed incomes thus giving the impression that Regent Park is only filled with poor, people on fixed incomes or people from broken homes.

As a result of complaints by residents in Regent Park, the tenant ex-

ecutive are mounting a campaign to counter the bad press coverage of that development. Those wishing help in the campaign are asked to call the Tenants Association at 364-2909.

At last report, the letter, requesting a meeting with the Star to discuss the issue, has gone unanswered.



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NEXT ISSUE
The staff and volunteers of Seven News will take a much needed break over the holiday season. The next issue, our first in the new year, will be dated January 18, and be published just prior to that weekend. Deadline for ads and material for that issue is Friday, January 10.

Xmas party racket uses local kids

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

Children from Don Vale and the Riverdale area in Ward Seven are being used as innocent pawns in a very sophisticated, Metro-wide phony charity racket.

In a statement made last week, John T. Clement, Ontario's Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, drew attention to the problem of phony charities. "It's easy to take advantage of people's generosity at this time of year, and although most organizations do a lot of good at Christmas, there are a few that are strictly rackets," he said.

Mr. Clement said that one scheme involves phoning at random to solicit money for charity Christmas parties. "The money is supposed to help make Christmas a little happier for orphans and crippled children, but what often happens is that the organizer turns out to be a con man who keeps most of the money for himself."

It is quite probable that an organization called The Canadian Foundation for Youth Action is the one referred to by Mr. Clement.

This particular organization employs about 20 students at \$1.80 an hour to phone at random soliciting money. An employee who is good at getting money over the phone can also earn a time-off-with-pay incentive bonus.

The Better Business Bureau says it has received "thousands of calls" regarding this organization. The Bureau says they have been in existence for about a year and it is waiting for an audited financial statement from the organization.

The organization is registered as a tax exempt, charitable foundation but the Better Business Bureau adds that the Public Trustee for Ontario is investigating their costs of operation.

In a recent series of exposes by the Toronto Star, it was reported that the Canadian Foundation for Youth Action used between 75 and 80% of the money they received for overhead and operating expenses.

For every five dollars they receive to "help the poor starving orphans of Cabbagetown," they keep four.

The police fraud squad says that no fraud is involved as long as they hold a party for the kids and some of them turn up. But they have to hold a party.

Last year they held a party but the whole thing stunk because so few kids attended. Last year, the kids who attended were from the

Broadview-Gerrard area. But this year, to make sure of a greater attendance, they have enlisted the aid of the Don Vale Community Centre to get kids from the Don Vale area to go to their Christmas party.

The Don Vale Community Centre has been using a van, provided free by the Canadian Foundation for Youth Action, on and off for over a year. At one time, it is reported, the Board of the Community Centre was going to investigate them but nothing ever came of it.

To protect itself, the Community Centre has sent a "release" form to each of the kids' parents asking their permission to send their children to the party.

However, the form letter makes no mention of the questionable nature and purpose of the Canadian Foundation for Youth Action but instead details vividly the lavish party being held.

John Clement, in his recent statement, said, "Too often, a very worthy group can get a 'black eye' by unwittingly lending its name to a

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One of the most successful businessmen on Parliament street only sells his product one month a year. Elmer McDermott, pictured above, has been selling Christmas trees at the corner of Spruce and Parliament street for the last 21 years.

Mr. McDermott sells his own trees, cut and baled from the extensive and varied pine forests he has on 1000 acres of farmland he owns in Oro township in the Bracebridge-Gravenhurst area.

During his time selling trees, Mr. McDermott has developed both an eye for sizing trees and people. One glance and he can tell—at \$1.25 a foot—the exact price for a tree. He can also tell if a customer is just looking or serious about buying.

And if you want a cheap tree, wait until the very last minute before buying one. Mr. McDermott never takes any home but sells them all out the day before Christmas.

Photo by Susan Emond

Karl Jaffary says good-bye to City Council

by ART MOSES

Retiring Ward Seven alderman Karl Jaffary addressed the last official meeting of the 1973-74 city council on Dec. 10, calling his time on council "five of the most rewarding years of my life."

"As I look back on those years I realize the great impact they had on me. They were extremely happy ones due to the support and friendship of other members of council, at least some of them. There is no member of council whom I wish hadn't been there, even if just for amusement."

First elected alderman in December 1969, Jaffary was a key figure in the reform movement which began to emerge that year to challenge the virtually unchecked power of private developers in the city. That same year John Sewell was also elected Ward Seven alderman for the first time.

In December 1972 Jaffary again topped the Ward Seven polls, and with increased reform strength across Toronto, he was elected to council's executive committee and the executive of Metro Council. He announced his decision to retire last summer. He currently leads a group which recently purchased the Toronto Citizen and plans to resume publication next year.

NEWS ROUND-UP

Centre offers Xmas dinners for 75¢

CHRISTMAS DINNER BARGAIN: The Don Vale Community Centre will serve a Xmas dinner of turkey, green beans with almonds, glazed carrots and Xmas pudding—all for 75 cents. It will be held on Tues. Dec. 24 starting at Noon. At 3 p.m. there will be a community Bingo....

CORRECTION: The Atkinson Foundation grant given to All Saints Church will be used to provide fireproofing in the area where a hot lunch program for students will be held....

A party was held last week to celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce branch at Parliament and Carlton. The party also marked the official opening of their newly enlarged premises....

New Adult Worker at Central Neighbourhood House is Francis Pearl.... Polly Evans has been hired as a part-time assistant to alderwomen-elect Janet Howard....

People over 50 who can't find meaning employment should contact Marilyn Bolton at 921-2073. She's trying to put together a project to offer employment for this neglected age group....

The Toronto Toros are helping the sports program at Dixon Hall. For every \$3 ticket sold to the Toro game on

January 3rd, \$1.50 will go toward buying sweaters for the Dixon Hall pee wee and bantam hockey teams. For tickets phone 863-0499....

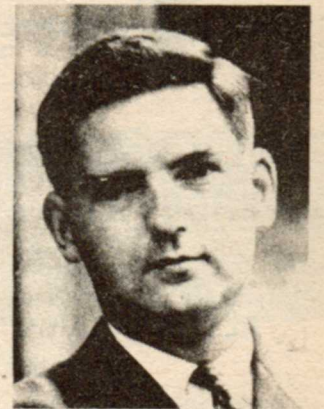
The Federation of Women Teachers' Associations of Ontario has awarded Ruth Johnson, a Rose Avenue school teacher a \$1200 grant. It will be used for a school Reader Book series which would include input from students and community artists and writers, as well as teachers....

Phone calls will be taken now for bookings after Jan. 6th for a new LIP project in the Riverdale area called Need-a-Van. Five people will be employed to provide a moving service for non-profit groups and people who can't afford a mover. Phone Mike Folley at 465-8709 for bookings or information....

The Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement District has opened a site office at 237 Carlton street. It will be open each afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday....

A course in Hatha Yoga is starting at St. Barnabas church, 361 Danforth on January 13 at 8:15. Fee is \$20 for 10 lessons and registration is the first night of the course....

Women's Place has moved from its office on George street and changed its name. It's now called Women's Information Centre and is located at 165 Spadina....



"My greatest regret," he told council with customary acid wit Dec. 10, "is that the best emotion I could express here was cold rage. On various occasions I have felt unspeakable disgust with all members of this council except for (Ward 11) Alderman (David) Smith who doesn't inspire great emotion in anyone."

Jaffary paid tribute to the city's staff and suggested council members should better learn about the talents of the city's employees to more effectively serve their electors.

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Ward 7 doggy debate rages on

Dear Editor:

Re: Seven News—Dec. 7, 1974 letter headed "Owners and dogs are pests." To "Names withheld, Carlton St., Sumach St."

As a dog owner I can appreciate some points you brought up in your letter. Dog shit in the parks can, understandably, be a nuisance to non-dog owners.

But your solution, which seems ideally to be a banning of dogs period, I feel is ridiculously insensitive on your part. Having owners pick up after their pets would be far more reasonable.

As for noise, maybe what you need to practice is a little toleration and consideration on your own parts as well as for the needs and idiosyncrasies of other people.

If we're on needless noise, how about car owners who, in a city like Toronto with such a fantastic transit system, still insist on driving their loud and polluting machines all over the city where excellent mass transit routes exist.

Maybe the co-existence of everybody is a key to any neighbourhood's harmony.

As for your paragraph on the utilitarian aspects of dogs, I indeed feel sorry for your lack of being able to relate to anything outside of your four disinfected, antiseptic walls.

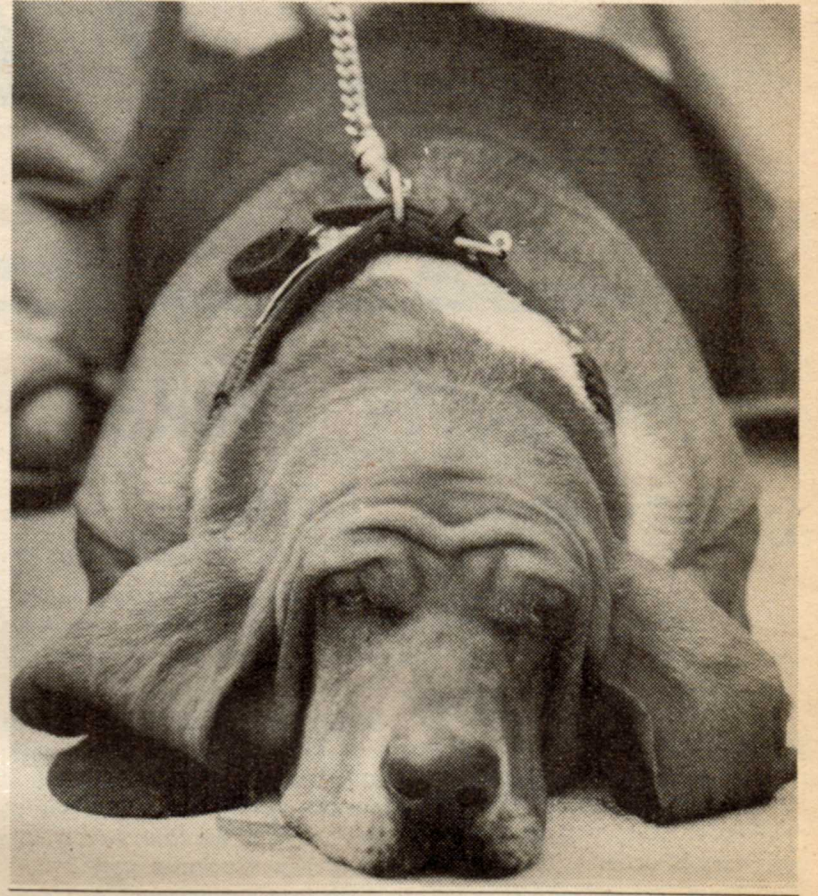
In an increasingly alienated urban society, a dog can fill the lack of open friendship and companionship that seems to surround us. After all, is a society meant to enslave everything within it to the "usefulness" of making itself the end achievement or is it merely a system to allow the development and satisfaction of all its members?

I find it hard to see why we should all accept your values with uncondi-

tional surrender. Dogs will increase to fill the emotional voids in ourselves as more people such as yourselves group together in the security of collective anonymity. And I question you telling everyone on the absoluteness of your beliefs on such topics as how to spend evenings watching "children play, or people just enjoying what could be a beautiful restful place."

If it is a beautiful restful place you want, why don't you spend your evenings in the cemetery next to the park? At least you'd be in the good company of those who are as involved with life as yourselves.

Name Withheld
Amelia St.



LETTERS



Doctor misrepresented by 7 News photo

Sir:

In your December 7th issue, on page 7, you have published an article on the Don District Health Centre. You have printed an uncaptioned photograph of me beside it.

The photograph was lent to Mrs. Sue Emond (who I believe does some of your photographic work) on the understanding that our Health Centre was to be mentioned.

Mrs. Emond certainly seemed to have understood this. Actually, the photograph was taken by the Wellesley Hospital Department of Public Relations, and lent to me.

While I wish the Don District Health Centre every success, I am sure they have perfectly photogenic MD's of their own to publicize their efforts. Therefore your use of my photograph was both inappropriate and unauthorized.

I suppose, I will be lucky not to see it illustrating an ad for deodorants, if this is not stopped at this point.

I would appreciate it if you would



Our apologies to Dr. Armour, pictured above, for not identifying him in our last issue.

publish a correction, mentioning our Health Centre, promptly.

W. E. Armour, M.D.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: My apologies for printing your picture without any identifying information. I hope that the printing of your letter will help rectify any embarrassment caused to you....NGB).

WoodGreen Reminder

Dear Sir:

This is just a reminder to your readers that Woodgreen Community Centre still operates two free legal assistance clinics in the Centre Monday and Wednesday evenings. Registration is done in person between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. on those evenings.

If anyone has any questions about the clinics, please phone me at Woodgreen (461-1168). I am also very interested in hearing from people with any ideas on how Woodgreen's legal services might be improved or expanded.

Frances Watman
Supervisor of Legal Services

Stamm's concerns questioned

Dear Editor:

Gary Stamm's press release, announcing his candidacy for the recent election, which was printed last month in Seven News, contains one point to which I take particular exception.

He claimed that, "He is particularly concerned with housing problems in Metropolitan Toronto, especially those of low income families and roomers in his ward."

However, in practice he has been an active and outspoken opponent of

DACHI (a Don Vale co-operative housing project designed to house low income families and roomer.)

When considering Mr. Stamm's record rather than his statements, one might well conclude that his concern for low income families and roomers is not for their well being but rather a general concern that they be housed some place other than near his front door.

William Evans
Sackville St.

Regent Seniors entertained

by DOROTHY SANKSTER

Senior citizens in Regent Park still remember a happy afternoon in

early December, when community guardian Desmond Ryan entertained them in the lounge of 41 Oak Street with a programme of lilting Irish tunes. His fine tenor voice made the most of old favourites like "Galway Bay," "Macushla," and "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," and he was warmly applauded by the large turnout of seniors, most of them members of Regent Park's active Busy Bee Club.

After the Irish songs, Des led the group in a singsong of World War I tunes, including "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" and "Pack Up Your Troubles", and World War II songs like "The White Cliffs of Dover" and "Lili Marlene", and concluded with a Christmas medley.

Other performers were Mrs. Pat Barrett, who sang a solo number, and Fred Penn, who played several lively numbers on the new piano. Both are Busy Bee members.



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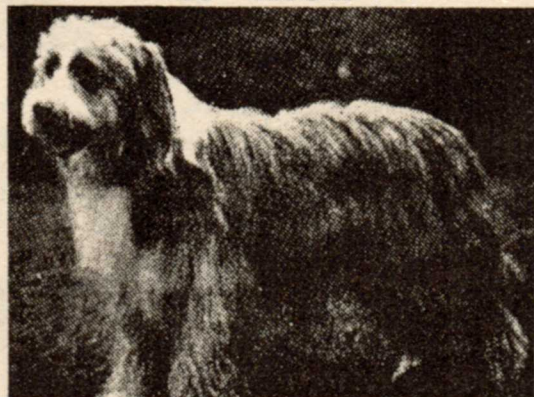
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Dining Out in Ward 7

by SCOTT WILLOWS

BUMPKINS

Recently a friend and myself decided to sample the fare of a restaurant in our area, which is quickly gaining a city-wide following. It was one of those sharply cold evenings of early December, and looking out from our cosy surroundings, we watched the season's first snow flakes fall on Parliament Street.

The front room where we were seated holds 24 people at two long tables. In the style of a country inn, we the patrons are encouraged to share the water jug, the conversation and other condiments of the meal.

We started with a rich brothy Lentil soup and an ample chef's salad with as tangy a French-Italian dressing as I have ever tasted. The rolls which arrived simultaneously in a basket, were hot enough to burn one's hand.

From a blackboard at the front of the room we chose the roast lamb for our main course. When it arrived it was piping hot yet still pink and tender in the middle. It was surrounded by crispy home fried potatoes and a helping of crunchy, spicy green beans.

Our neighbours to the right were extolling the merit of their escargots and enjoying a strange but aromatic concoction called a Bumpkins crepe. The filling was a wild melange of potato, onions, green pepper, tomato, and juicy chunks of beef filet.

To our left was the largest portion of crab I have ever seen, pronounced delicious by its host and at \$3.50 by far the cheapest price in Toronto.

For dessert we found the homemade apple pie a delicious ending to a beautiful meal.

While the operation of this restaurant is entirely informal and homey the chef-owners of the proceedings are seasoned professionals with extensive European and Canadian training. This certainly shows in the quality of the food as well as the distinctive flavour of the swift service and unpretentious surroundings.

The bill for two hearty dinners came to a mere \$8.00. I suggest you try this unique dining spot before the line-ups start reaching to Bloor Street.

Macedonian Village, 372 Queen St. East

This rather large, Greek-influenced establishment does not live up to the standards of many of the other Greek restaurants in the city.

The decor is suburban rec-room, with a great big amateur mural on one wall which would make Diogenes turn over in his grave.

We bypassed the steak and chops part of the menu and ordered the spareribs and something called: Mix Plate

My spareribs had probably at one point in their ordeal had more than a chance of surviving the onslaughts of a suffocating steamtable and a swamp of soggy vegetables. They were tender but their spiciness attractiveness was lost in the pool of water at the bottom of my plate. The accompanying vegetables included a potato, plain white rice, over-cooked cabbage and a load of white beans.

The mix plate was a little more successful. It consisted of a large meatball, a cabbage roll and a stuffed green pepper. They were also a bit overdone but they held together more readily.

The salad that we ordered surfaced in time to eat it with the rest of the meal. For 1.85 it consisted of a bed of lettuce surrounded by pieces of cucumber, hard boiled eggs, tomatoes, topped by a slab of white cheese, with a meatball on the side.

The price was \$7.00 for two, with coffee and one Balaka pastry. The materials might warrant spending that much money here but the presentation leaves a lot to be desired.

Grooming Poinsettias for Christmas

by ROSEMARY ALLERSTON

Suitably arrayed for the season, in red, white or pink blooms, Poinsettias are just about as indispensable at Christmas time as the great Yule tree itself.

If you buy or are given one this holiday, you can make it last, bright and beautiful, right into gloomy February. And if you're really an enthusiast, you can have it joyfully blooming all over again next year!

First, you'll want to know about basic care:

Rule One: If it comes to you all wrapped up in fancy tinfoil, remove the stuff. This will allow water to drain properly out through the holes in the bottom of the pot.

Rule Two: Place your poinsettia in a bright spot, near as possible to a window, but not in sunlight.

Rule Three: The temperature should be coolish (being near a window helps.) Day temperatures of around 65 F, dropping to 60 at night, are ideal. Avoid cold draughts, or blasts of hot air from radiators.

Rule Four: Remember your poinsettia is a tropical plant. It loves humidity. The best way to provide this is to set the pot in a pebble-filled saucer, and see that the pebbles are kept moist. Don't let the plant sit in water, though.

Rule Five: It is most important to water carefully, so the soil is kept moist, but not soggy-wet. Water by soaking thoroughly (until excess water comes out the bottom). Then leave the plant for a couple of days, or until the topsoil begins to dry out.

With this loving care your plant should look great until February—at least!

Now comes the tricky part, getting your plant to bloom another year.

After the blooms die off (actually, the colourful parts of poinsettias are bracts, not flowers, but they look every bit as lovely as real flowers, so who care?) you gradually reduce watering.

The leaves will turn yellow. Next stop watering entirely, and put the plant away in a cool, dim place. (A basement with temperatures near 50 is good.)

Forget about it until May. Then get it out again, cut off all the debris to about six inches from the new soil

you have added (in the same pot) and put it in a window again, this time sunny and coolish.

When the weather gets warm, take the plant outside and plant it, pot and all, in a nice sunny spot. Keep watering and fertilizing it every three weeks or so.

In August, prune the plant back again, to about one third its size, and cut out all but four or five stems. (This is while it is still outdoors.)

At the beginning of September,

bring your poinsettia in again, and put it back in that sunny, cool window. You should have good, bushy foliage by now.

And if you feed it freely every couple of weeks, beginning in November, you'll have those Christmas blooms!

It sounds like a lot of work, but the truly devoted, the rewards are immense. And for everyone else—well, you can always buy a new poinsettia next year.

Christmas Recipes

by CAROL FINLAY

With inflation taking its toll, we're all looking for ways to cut the cost of Christmas without eliminating good friends from Christmas present lists.

Try making these edible presents. They are much more personal than store bought gifts because they represent your effort and thought for the friend. They are also much less expensive.

Package items attractively with sprigs of holly. Interesting re-usable glass containers can be found at craft or hardware stores.

GINGERBREAD MEN AND WOMEN

Embros on Yonge Street and Habitat on Victoria carry the cutters necessary to make the gingerbread shapes. After taking the cookies out of the oven, decorate them with raisins, nuts, or draw on their features with icing using cake decorating equipment.

Heat a half cup of molasses to boiling point.

Add 1/4 cup sugar, 3 tbsps. butter or other shortening and one tbsps. of milk.

Sift together and add: 2 cups of flour, 1/2 tsp. each of baking soda, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon, powdered clove and ginger.

Mix well, roll out like pastry (not too thin), cut into shapes and bake at 375 degrees for eight minutes.

CRANBERRY CONSERVE

There are numerous jellies, jams and conserves which are unusual and delicious. The jams and jellies section of your cookbook should give you lots of ideas. Here's a conserve which is both festive and inexpensive.

Pick over and wash four cups of cranberries.

Add 2/3 cup of boiling water, 1/4 lb. of seedless raisins, one orange sliced, seeded and cut small, and 1-1/2 lb. of sugar.

Bring to a boil, simmer for 20 minutes and then add 1/2 lb. walnut meats, cut in pieces. Cook a few minutes longer.

Makes about three 6-ounce glasses.

LANGMEAD PICKLED MUSHROOMS

The following recipe makes an unique Christmas gift. It will be the delight of any hors d'oeuvre lover—and should be given quickly or you'll be tempted to gobble it up yourself.

1 lb. fresh, medium-sized, button mushrooms

1/8 tsp. thyme

1/8 tsp. fennel seed

3 tps. seasoned salt

1 piece of bay leaf

1/2 tsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. onion powder

3 tbsps. red wine vinegar

2 tbsps. olive oil

1/4 tsp. lemon peel

1/2 tsp. parsley

2 or 3 whole black peppercorns

Wash mushrooms in cold water and trim off the tip of the stalk. Crush thyme, peppercorns, and fennel seed and combine with mushrooms in saucepan. Add bay leaf, garlic powder, onion powder, vinegar, olive oil, lemon peel, seasoned salt and parsley. Cook over low heat, turning mushrooms frequently until mushrooms are tender (about 15 minutes). Pour mushrooms and marinade into jar. Refrigerate and use within a week.

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Mementos of Yesteryear



by ROBERT RUSSELL

"When the English-speaking countries sit down at lunchtime to a "traditional Christmas dinner", they eat an aztec bird, by an Alsatian tree, followed by a pudding spiced with sub-tropical preserves, while in England itself the most popular of Christmas carols still tells of the Bohemian King Wenceslas—set to music from a Swedish spring song.

And so on. Gone the boar's head, gone the yule log, gone the Pickwickian

wassail. We all still have holly, mistletoe and much else—though America had to send back across the Atlantic the old circular sun symbol of the holly wreath...."

The Christmas carol developed in the first place as a popularly understood Nativity song as compared to church hymns which were usually sung in Latin.

In the 16th and 17th centuries, the Reformation and Puritan movement discouraged such thoughtless re-

velly so much so that in the following couple of hundred years carols almost disappeared from England itself.

In the 1820's, William Hone wrote, "Carols begin to be spoken of as not belonging to this century..." though he remarked on their continuance in Wales and Ireland.

Yet almost at the same time, in 1822, Davis Gilbert published a small Collection of Christmas Carols and this was successfully reprinted. It followed the general renewed interest in the Christmas tradition.

Apart from the distant hard-core of carolling Cornish and other Celts, the custom never really died in England—only fell into general disuse. It was kept half-alive, here and there, by individual villagers for a mixture of love and money.

In 1833, the antiquarian William Sandys published a further volume of carols and French noels. Twenty years later, Neale and Helmore set a volume of old Swedish songs to new words and musical arrangements—which incidentally first gave us Good King Wenceslas.

In the late 1870's, Christmas Carols New and Old, edited by Bramley and Stainer, finally popularized the carol with church congregations. The American carol, O Little Town of Bethlehem, was not written until 1868 and did not become generally popular until twenty years later.

It took a full half-century for the carol to find general acceptance—and in this we see a parallel with other Christmas customs of the present day which only fully developed in the late decades of the nineteenth century.

The experience in France and Germany was roughly the same.

Since that time, the carol as music has become even more popular, although the mittened and muffled round of carol singers for charity has diminished, they still collect useful money.

Many popular carols seem to possess an indefinable quality, something between a lullaby and an anthem but never quite a hymn. And

this strikes a particularly tender emotion in most people.

The most one can say is that two large elements are common to most carols—joy and simplicity, and both are of a kind that ordinary people quickly understand.

This simplicity was apparent last week, when I attended a meeting at the Don Vale Community Centre. In the next room, Don Valers interested in music gathered for carol singing under the direction of John Piper. Each voice blended and perhaps added its own little variation of the carol but the total effect was one of enjoyment and fulfillment.

Perhaps, this is what keeps Christmas music alive.

The humorous, sad, magical account of Dylan Thomas's own childhood and of a Christmas Day in a small Welsh town has become a



stumbled up the darkness of the drive that night, each of us afraid, each one holding a stone in his hand in case, and all of us too brave to say a word.

"We reached the black bulk of the house. 'What shall we give them?' 'Hark the Herald?' 'No,' Jack said, 'Good King Wenceslas. I'll count three!'"

"One, two, three, and we began to sing, our voices high and seemingly distant in the snow-filled darkness round the house that was occupied by nobody we knew. We stood close together, near the dark door.

"Good King Wenceslas looked out, On the feast of Stephen...."

"And then a small dry voice, like the voice of someone who has not spoken for a long time, joined our singing: a small, dry egg-shell voice from the other side of the door: a small, dry voice through the keyhole. And when we stopped running we were outside our house...."

May your Christmas celebrations be meaningful and fulfilling and perhaps a chord or two of Silent Night might bring enjoyment to you and your family.

Best wishes for the holiday season.

The history and significance of Christmas Carols



modern classic. It belongs, as such, to the tradition of the carol, the wreath on the door and the lighted tree in the window.

My favourite few lines from A Child's Christmas in Wales are as follows:

"And I remember that we went singing carols once, when there wasn't the shaving of a moon to light the flying streets. At the end of a long road was a drive that led to a large house, and we

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shoddy operator who raises a lot of money but keeps most of it."

And it isn't a case of the Don Vale Community Centre having to send its children outside the ward to another Christmas party. It doesn't as it is holding its own Christmas party on its own premises.

A rough survey by Seven News shows that no outside group is justified in holding a Christmas party for local kids. Every local school, church, agency, organization and a lot of citizen groups are holding Christmas parties for Ward Seven children.

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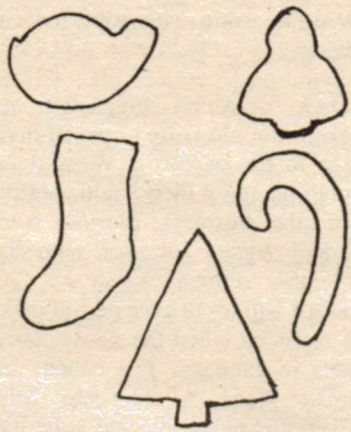
Needed

- felt pieces - red, green, white
- old nylons for stuffing
- embroidery thread and/or wool in bright attractive colours (gold embroidery thread is pretty)
- glue that dries clear - e.g. Titan Craft glue which can be bought at Lewiscraft
- any of: beads, pearls, glitter, bells, buttons, fur pieces and gold braid.

To make

- cut two of any Christmas shape.
- Sew them together using the blanket stitch. Leave a big enough opening for stuffing. Finish the sewing.
- decorate, using glue to stick on

the materials available. The candy cane is attractive wrapped with gold braid. Some bright wool plumage and pearl eyes outfit the bird; and fake fur trim and bell dress up the stocking.



MACRAME SNOWFLAKES

After you have mastered the two basic knots—the lark's head and square knot—you can make a snowflake in ten minutes.

Needed

- white butchers twine
- macrame rings - one for each snowflake - available at craft stores such as Lewiscraft
- board for working on
- pins for holding twine while working (special macrame ones are best)

To make

- cut eight lengths of twine, each 1-1/2 feet long
- using one, double it over and make a lark's head over ring
- repeat for all eight. You will now have 16 ends.
- pin ring to board

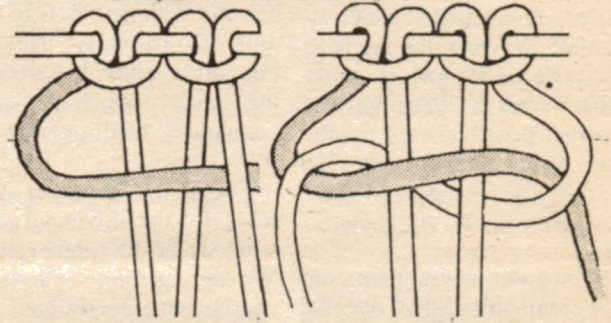
— using the four ends of two lark's heads, now make two square knots

— repeat all around the ring. Pull tightly so they sit snugly on the ring

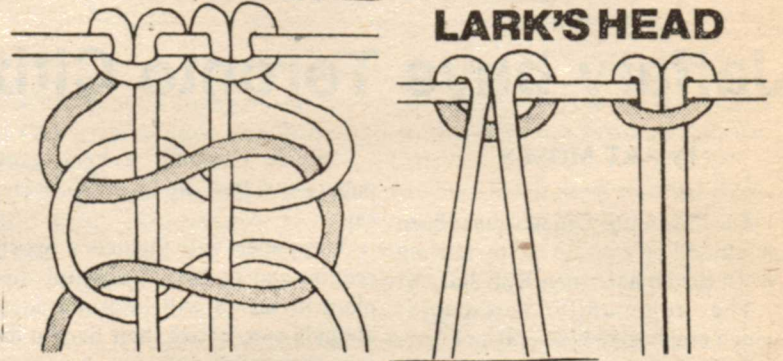
— now using abcd as the diagram shows, leave a space of an inch and make two square knots. Pull snugly and clip off the ends. Repeat all the way around the ring.

BASIC KNOTS

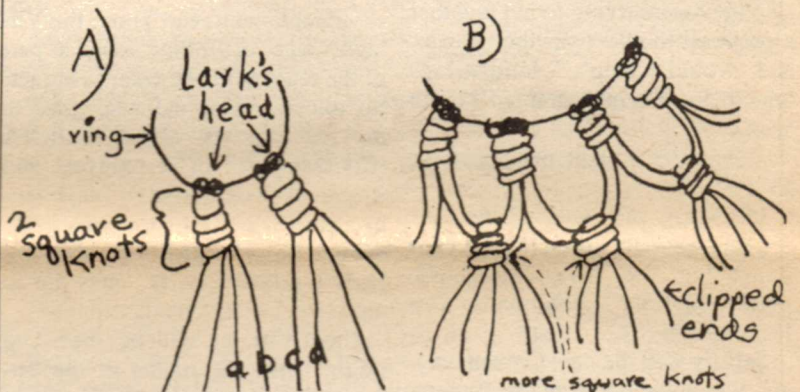
SQUARE KNOT



LARK'S HEAD



TO MAKE THE SNOWFLAKES



Sixteen Local Initiative Projects approved

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

Sixteen projects have received preliminary approval in Rosedale Riding under the Local Initiative Programs (LIP) for 1974-75. The 16 groups will employ 70 people and will spend \$252,598 over a six month period.

The total allocation of money under LIP for Rosedale Riding this year is \$281,051 leaving \$28,453 still to be allocated to hire eight people.

A spokesman for the Community Advisory Group, nine local people who screen the applications at the local level, stated that there was a lack of innovative projects submitted this year and as a result LIP has become just another federal funding program.

Because of widespread criticism of LIP, the tendency this year has been to approve projects by existing and long-standing organizations with a good base and record in the community.

Only two of the 16 projects could be called "innovative" and only one of these is for a group that has been in existence less than a year.

Following is a preliminary list of LIP projects approved for Rosedale Riding:

Good Neighbours Club, 171 Jarvis street, granted \$10,686 to hire three people.

Open Door Drop-In at All

Saint's Church, Sherbourne and Dundas: granted \$14,989 to hire four people.

Community Employment, a project of Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario: granted \$21,373 to hire six people.

Women in Transition, located on George street: granted \$21,372 to hire six people to provide emergency housing for women in crises

Regent Park Community Improvement Association: granted \$26,758 to hire seven full-time and one part-time staff for various projects in Regent Park.

Cabbagetown Boxing and Boy's Club: granted \$10,686 to hire three staff for various youth projects.

Gym Drop-in, a project of Fred Victor Mission, Jarvis and Queen: granted \$10,686 for three people.

Tenant Hot Line, a project of the Metro Tenant's Federation, but will locate in and serve primarily Ward Seven. It will be an informational and advocacy service for tenants having problems with their landlords. Granted \$14,898 to hire four staff people.

Seven News: granted \$10,686 to hire three staff people.

Hassle-Free Clinic, located on Church Street: a counselling and referral service for people unable to cope with regular agencies: granted \$22,022 to hire six staff people.

Duke of York school, Pembroke south of Dundas: granted \$25,584 to

hire seven people to provide hot meals, after school programming, etc. for children in the area.

St. Jamestown Nursery, granted \$10,686 for three people.

Trefann Community Centre, granted \$11,336 to hire three staff.

Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester, granted \$10,686 to hire three staff to do programming at the centre.

Community Meals, a project of St. Jamestown YMCA, has been granted \$8,870 to hire two and a half staff to provide a hot meal service for senior citizens in the area.

New Audience, a project of Open Circle Theatre. The only art project funded, it has been granted \$21,373 to hire six people who will put on relevant dramatic presentations in Enoch Turner Schoolhouse in the King-Parliament area.

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Mass public meeting called for Riverdale area

by ART MOSES

A mass public meeting has been called for Jan. 7 to discuss plans for a community health centre in the South Riverdale area.

West Ave. resident Jim Webb told the Dec. 11 meeting of the Greater Riverdale Organization the public forum will be designed to unify all proposals for a health centre, and discuss other possible uses for the old post office building at 765 Queen St. E. The meeting will be held at Queen St. E. Presbyterian Church.

"At this point we're preparing briefs for community use of the post

office and a building at 5 Brooklyn Ave.," Webb said, "but we still need a lot more community input."

Webb is a member of a GRO committee working on plans for the post office building. The committee has met with members of the Riverdale Community Health Care Foundation which has been attempting unsuccessfully to establish a community health centre for about five years.

Foundation member Velda Cyr told GRO the provincial government wanted a health centre established in Woodgreen United Church, but the church governor wanted to control

it. Their position violated the concept of community control, and the plan fell apart.

Now Woodgreen church reportedly plans a health centre there as a centennial project.

"We hope the mass meeting will combine the interests in the community for a health centre," Cyr said. "We know there is a desire to establish a facility in the Blake St. OHC development as well so we could bring them in on our plans too."

Tentative plans now involve the establishment of health facilities in several locations in Riverdale under

a unified umbrella, controlled by the community.

People at the GRO meeting agreed every effort should be made to avoid splits in the community, bearing in mind the overall commitment to a health centre responsible to local resident.

Dick Renshaw suggested organizers should issue a special invitation to the people at Woodgreen church planning their health centre.

In other business, Marjory Ave. resident Agnes Johnston said the 6-member reform caucus on City Council will try to have permit parking repealed when the new council meets in January. The caucus includes Ward 7 alderman John Sewell and newly-elected alderman Janet Howard.

The caucus apparently believes council has received so much negative reaction it may decide to shelve

the plan, scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1.

Even Ward 8 alderman Tom Clifford, a strong supporter of permit parking, was quoted during the election campaign as saying permit parking would have to be reviewed by the new council. GRO raised the question as an election issue in Ward 8.

GRO will write a city council urging the repeal of permit parking.

Discussion of the dog problem was deferred because Larry Haiven, unsuccessful Canadian Liberation Movement candidate for Ward 8 alderman was ill. Haiven had volunteered to research the laws governing dogs in parks and other public places.

The next GRO meeting will be Jan. 8 at 8 pm in the Community Bank at 930 Queen St. E. The meeting will discuss plans for GRO executive elections.

Jaffary buys Toronto Citizen

by ART MOSES

The Toronto Citizen has been purchased by a group led by retiring Ward Seven alderman Karl Jaffary.

The community newspaper, which emphasized coverage of civic and provincial issues from the perspective of Toronto's reform movement, stopped publishing in September because of a dispute between its owners and its employees.

"Some people came to me and said they were trying to put together a proposal to take over the Citizen, and 'would I help'," Jaffary explained in an interview. "I said 'yes'."

The group bought the paper for \$7,500.

Ironically, the leader of the Citizen management group that stopped publishing the paper was John Sewell, Jaffary's aldermanic colleague from Ward Seven.

Jaffary said the new Citizen owners, which include some staff members, will not resume publication "for some months".

The group has ambitious plans to public a 48-page tabloid weekly, with initial circulation of 50,000, eventually reaching toward 100,000 across Metropolitan Toronto.

"We're planning a very good paper, the best in town," Jaffary said.

The paper will include a sports section and perhaps a cultural supplement which will inform readers about how to enrich their lives at the lowest possible cost.

"We're not aiming the paper at the top 25 percent of income earners in Metro but to the top 25 percent of people who are doing things or want to do things," Jaffary said.

"People who read Time, the Village Voice, or Rolling Stone are part of the readership we want to attract. So too are everyone who goes to movies, knows about CORRA (Confederation of Ratepayers and Residents Associations), plays tennis, buys wine, uses a library card, owns a bicycle, grows plants, supports a political party, goes out to pubs, or tries to change things."

Citizen stories will be short and bright "like the model of the Toronto Sun, but the political stance will be the opposite of the Sun," Jaffary said.

Before it can start publishing, the Citizen must raise \$200,000. The owners want to be able to pay staff "reasonably decent wages." Full-

time staff will be treated as professional journalists, and part-time contributors will be re-imbursed as well as possible.

"We have been delighted to find that a lot of people have been calling to say they're interested in investing in a paper like the Citizen," Jaffary said.

Supporters of reform aldermen severely missed the Citizen during the recent election campaign.

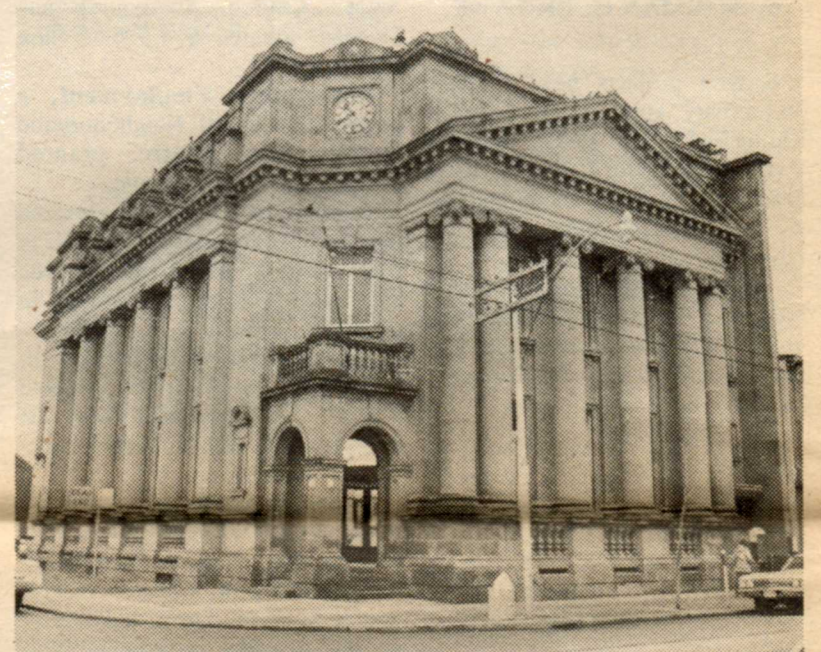
Jaffary foresees no problems in reaching a collective agreement with the Citizen staff.

Seven News to carry Regent News

In its issue dated February 1st, Seven News will carry as a supplement a four-page tabloid edition of the Regent Park Community News.

The Regent supplement will be carried once-a-month thereafter but will only be available to residents of Regent Park. Major stories from Regent Park will continue to be carried in the regular section of Seven News.

Under their LIP grant, Regent will hire an editorial co-ordinator for their paper and will provide typeset copy on flats for inclusion during the printing of Seven News. The cost of printing the supplement will also be borne by Regent Park.



The Post Office building, pictured above, at 765 Queen St. East, is one of the sites being considered for a Riverdale area health clinic.

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DRAMA in the WARD

by SCOTT WILLOWS

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The Firehall Theatre

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Theatre Passe Muraille

Peter Melnik's strange mixture of musical mime, nonsense and melodrama continues at Dundas and Sherbourne. Brutal Paradise is one of the experimental shows sponsored by the large Passe Muraille operation in the city.

The Theatre Second Floor

Watch for the opening of this new theatre at 86 Parliament St. The first production will be Des McAnuff's Leave it to Beaver is Dead which should open early in the new year.



Local team wins at broomball

by PETER LAW

On Saturday, Nov. 30, the Inter-City Broom Ball League presented three games of world calibre broom ball. The first game, at 8 p.m., pitted a visiting team from Cambridge against the Inter-City League All-Stars.

The All-Stars, displaying superior ball control and position play, recorded a 3-1 victory over the visitors.

At 9 p.m. the second game featured the Eager Beavers vs Les Voyageurs. The Beavers maintained first place by notching a 2-0 win. This was the Beaver's fifth shut-out of the regular season.

The third game matched the Yokels II against Whell and Rim. The Yokels quickly established an aggressive offensive attack, and by the half-way mark of the first period had built up a 2-0 lead.

Defenceman Mike Carpe netted the first goal at 5:22 after a scramble on the goal mouth. The second was a 20 foot drive by Chuck Labinowitz at 8:41—his third goal of the season.

At this point a number of penalties stalled the Yokel offence, allowing Wheel and Rim to narrow the gap to

2-1 early in the final period.

However, this sparked the Yokels to a fresh attack, culminating in two goals in the final half of the period. Right-winger, Harry McLean blasted a hard shot in from the face-off circle, and Doug Humphries was credited with his fifth goal of the season.

The game ended with the Yokels

holding a 4-1 lead.

John Piper and John White played for the first time in organized broomball at this game. Piper was thrown out of the game for fighting, and White recorded his first scoring point—an assist on McLeans goal.

Other new additions to the team are equipment managers Raymond Maheu and Ivan Deschamps.



Charlie Labinowitz starts a rush from centre ice as Jim West barges through two opposing players to follow up.

Film club to be organized in Ward Seven

by WAYNE GARTLEY

The Don Vale Community Centre is organizing a film club. The \$5.00 membership fee entitles members to attend a film series at the Centre, 80 Winchester Street.

The first series will be devoted to six musicals produced between 1932 and 1944 and is titled, "The Great and Not So Great Musicals." The first showing on January 15 will be the 1932 classic, "Love Me Tonight" with Jeanette MacDonald, Maurice Chevalier and Myrna Loy. "42nd Street," starring Ruby

Keeler, Dick Powell and Ginger Rogers (1933) follows on February 5.

Other films in the series which will be shown on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. every three weeks include "Dancing Lady" (1933) with Joan Crawford, Clark Gable and Fred Astaire, "Maytime" (1937) with Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy and John Barrymore, "Bathing Beauty" (1944) with Esther Williams, Red Skelton and Basil Rathbone and "Career Girl" (1944) with Frances Langford and Iris Adrian.

Each film program will include a cartoon or newsreel from the period. All proceeds will go to the Don Vale Community Centre. To buy a membership for yourself or as a Christmas gift, contact the Centre, 80 Winchester Street, 921-2426.

Seven News holiday break

In order to give SEVEN NEWS staff and volunteers a break over the Holiday Season, Seven News will skip an issue. The next issue of Seven News will be dated January 18 so don't expect a copy until then. Deadline for that issue will be January 10.

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Early Xmas for Busy Bees

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The lounge at 41 Oak Street was decorated with greenery, and special greetings were brought from Donald MacDonald, MP Rosedale, who was later serenaded in absentia by a group singsong of Old MacDonald Had a Farm, and greetings were also brought from MPP Margaret Scrivener. Invited guests included District Manager, OHC, John Darcy; OHC Co-ordinator, Mrs. Marion Waterson and her husband; and Cathy Dowdall, of New Horizons. The Christmas songs were accompanied by Fred Penn, and summertime was recalled by Mrs. Florence Stea, who wore a grass skirt for her lively Hawaiian dance. Alfred Axworthy was in charge of electronic equipment and the ladies re-

sponsible for the delicious supper included Mrs. Elva Carr, Olive West, Hazel McAuley, Pat Barrett, Jessie Aery and Betty Waddington.

A welcome announcement by president Harold West was that the two new comfortable recreation rooms which have been provided by the Ontario Housing Corporation on the ground floor of 41 Oak Street, for the use of all senior citizens in North and South Regent Park, will be officially opened on January 21, with refreshments, a programme and special guest. (More about this in the next issue of 7 News.)

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The Santa Claus Conspiracy

by TED PLANTOS

*Santa Claus, you are no longer
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*The big green monster has sucked you
into its mouth of chargex plates;*

*& the sleigh bells that we hear ringing
are strangely similar to cash registers*

*Santa Claus, you are a corporate masquerade,
a myth turned to a swindle*

Santa Claus, you have sold out

Your elves works for the minimum wage;

*the North Pole is a front
for tinsel splattered department stores*

*Santa Claus, you are not the socialist
we all thought you were*

so take off your red suit & Karl Marx beard

Come clean, Santa Claus

We know that you accept bribes under the table

Santa Claus, come clean

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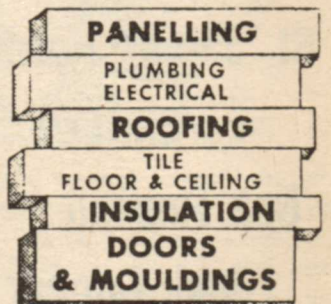
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