



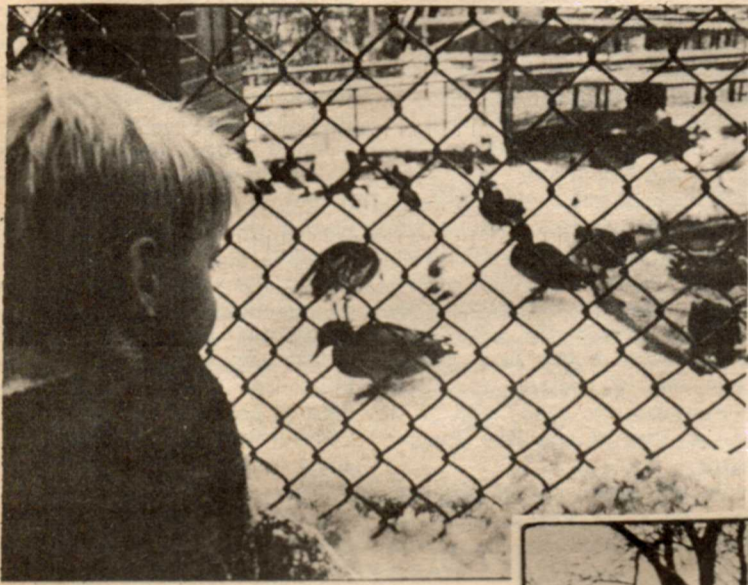
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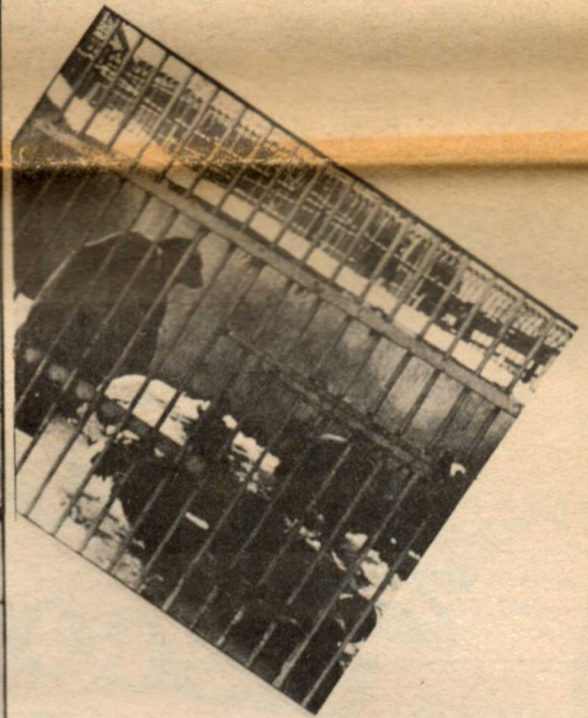
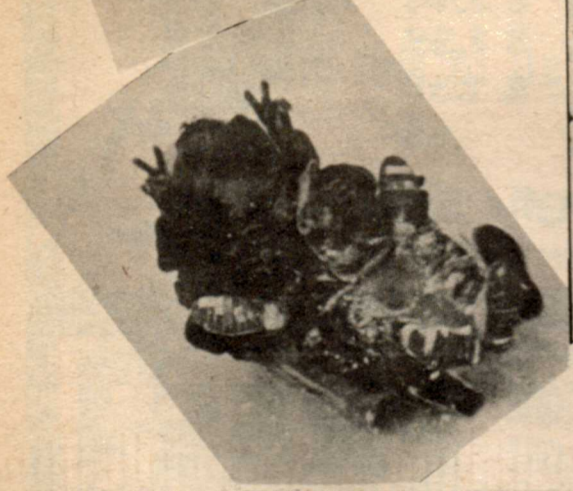
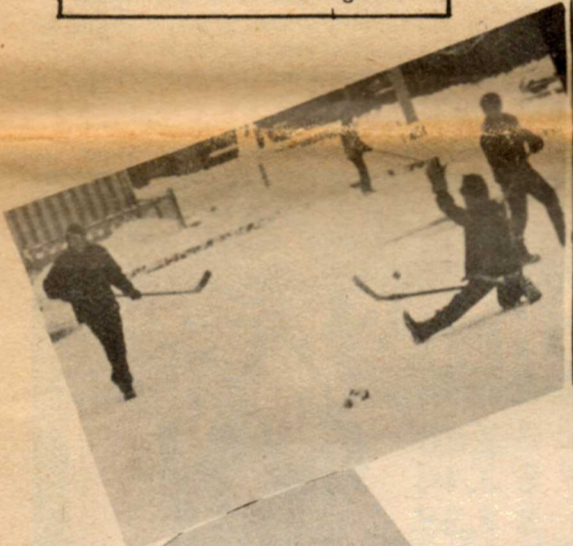
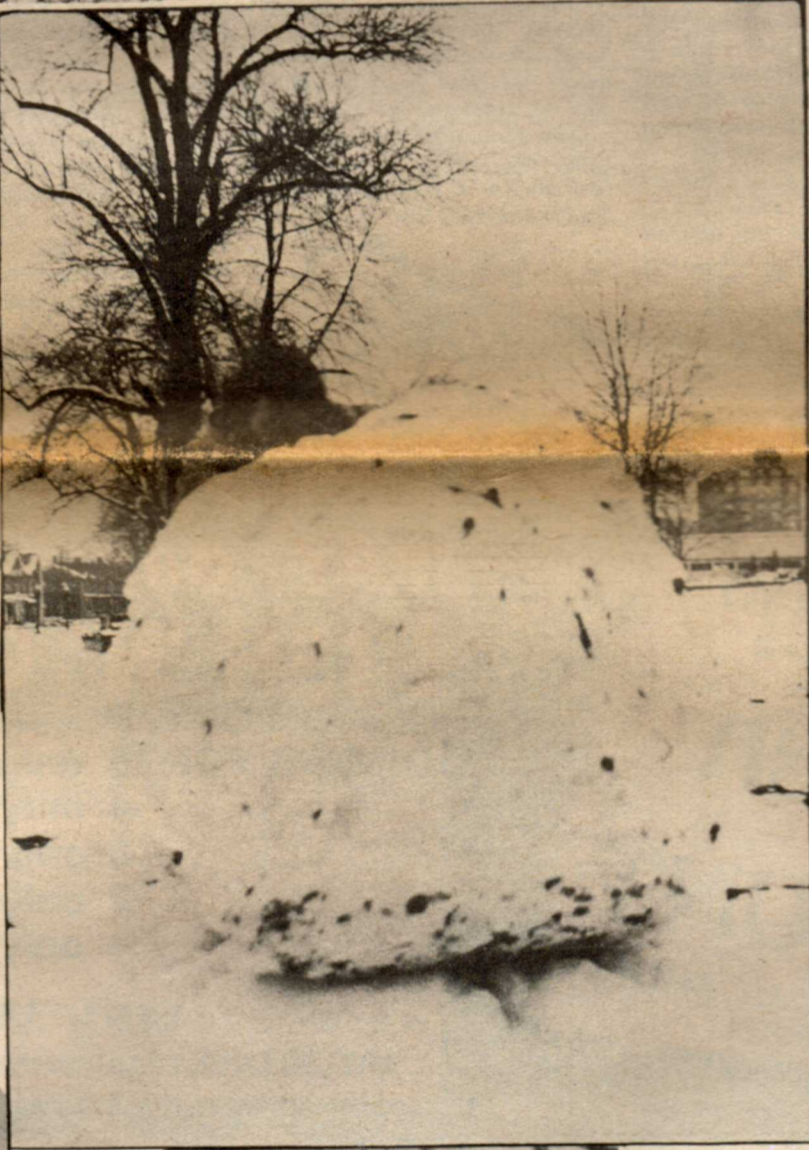
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MERRY CHRISTMAS WARD 7

T.T.C. DEFERS STUDENT FARE DECISION

by Velda Cyr

On December 7th at St. Clement's Anglican Church the R.C.O. Education Committee had a meeting with Mr. Gordon Hurlburt, T.T.C. Commissioner. Mr. Karl Jaffary, Alderman for Ward Seven, was also present.

Mr. Hurlburt was given a copy of resolutions passed by the people at a previous meeting of R.C.O. The resolutions were as follows:

1. We request the Toronto Transit Commission to eliminate the 4:30 p.m. dead-line for students tickets, and
2. We request T.T.C. to allow students who attend special classes on Saturdays and Sundays to use student tickets, pending proof of membership in these classes.
3. All students regardless of age (academic, technical and vocational) be entitled to use student tickets.
4. All children 14 years and under be allowed to use children's tickets.
5. The present height restrictions be eliminated.
6. The T.T.C. provide the service that will lighten the burden on the people who can least afford to pay the full cost.
7. The T.T.C. in co-operation with the Metro Council find funds to implement these changes, and to give a progress report at our January meeting.

Mr. Hurlburt was also presented with stories that gave a clear picture of the very real needs of the people of this area in regards to change in policy regarding the time extension of student fares and the raising of the height restrictions from the present 56".

Mr. Hurlburt said publicly at the meeting he agreed with us. He even went so far as to say that he would take our resolutions to the T.T.C. Commissioners.

The following day, December 8th, the T.T.C. Commissioners met. True to his word, but not showing quite as much conviction as he had the previous night, Mr. Hurlburt pushed for discussion and a motion extending the time limit on student fares, but he never got around to mentioning the height restrictions.

Mr. Day, Chairman of the T.T.C. moved to defer this matter to another date. And deferment it was. The matter was once again shelved. Mr. J. Taylor-Fisher of the T.T.C. did mention that T.T.C. had been thinking about students' fares for two and a half years and that he felt they should approach the Board of Education for subsidies. On the other hand, another Board member, Mr. Crawford-Smythe, doesn't believe in subsidies from any source. Another fact learned is that T.T.C. is spending more time with transportation problems outside its boundaries of Metro Toronto, than with the problems inside its boundaries. Is that because people outside are better able to have their voices heard than those inside the boundaries of Metro?

T.T.C.'s question is WHO IS GOING TO PAY? They, T.T.C. never answered that one. Perhaps the people of R.C.O. could answer because we know.

WE are going to pay. Regardless of how the money is raised - be it the fare box, the Provincial Government, Metro Council, or property tax, we, the people of Riverdale, will feel the pinch.

Parking Lots for WEST DANFORTH SHOPPING AREA Cars?

by V. MacCallum

A parking lot is not always a parking lot. More and more, they are a means of holding and assembling blocks of land for development. Spot re-zoning is a battle most residents try to fight, but a parking lot can sneak in where a house is demolished, or in the place of an unsightly empty lot and the rezoning battle is on the way to being lost. That the land is re-zoned as a temporary parking lot is immaterial. What do you do with an unused parking lot once it's there?

Too many times behind the main thoroughfare a street will gradually disappear under black paving, without too much protest. That parking lot on the next street may gobble a whole block or two or three. It may take a few years but in the meantime the "collector" is making money.

This fine point was clearly stated recently at City Hall. When asked why he would tear down habitable houses for a parking lot, a developer replied that "you make more money on parking lots." Though an honest answer in terms of dollars and cents, it sounded callous in the context of houses and people.

The obvious answer is to make it more difficult (and not so lucrative) to tear down houses unless the land is all assembled and the developer ready to build.

The parking lot has many more components than is obvious at first glance. A parking lot is not always a parking lot.



by Tony Barclay

The West Danforth shopping area, or that part of it that is in Ward Seven, has by my count 129 shops, professional men and other businesses in it, not counting those in the streets nearby. This compares favourably with, for instance, Thorncliffe Market Place which boasts 55. You can be born, with the help of one of the more than 20 doctors in the area, be married in one of the three churches in formal clothes hired at Alma formal rentals, the photography for the wedding can be provided by Warner Photos, the flowers by one of the three florists. You can eat your wedding breakfast at one of the 11 restaurants in the area, and the pictures will be framed later by the Picture Frame Shop. The guests can buy presents for you at the 8 special gift shops, the bride can get her hair done at one of the 5 beauty salons and the groom his at one of the two barber shops. The bride's rejected suitors can purchase guns at the new ZOE's shop, the old gun shop having gone out of business and their bodies can be dealt with in a decent way at the Day funeral home.

It has been pointed out that this area is not what it once was, but while there are many new shops and some old ones like are now under new management, the old Anglo-Saxon shops have by no means disappeared. Mrs. Chambers celebrated fish shop is still there and MacDonald's paper and paint store. Waters Florists and many other well known long-lived enterprises remain. Like the area surrounding it, however, the West Danforth has taken on an international flavour. Some of the Baltic peoples are particularly well known. Ratas Optical (Estonian) keeps up an old family tradition in a new country, and if

you like food from that part of the world, you can go to Pokos Meats. Their close neighbours, the Finns, are well represented too, with Turku's Bakery and a new gift shop between Logan and Bowden. Nearby is the Scandinavian shop, but these northern Europeans have now been swamped by their southern neighbors. The Greek merchants who have been moving into the area in great numbers particularly in the stretch east of Logan are giving the area a really Mediterranean feeling. The new Odyssey and Byzantine restaurants, the Agora Meat Market, Pater Argiropoulos Jewellers and the shop calling itself Marble Art, all bring a rich flavour to the area. Is it significant that D.M. Pizza's has gone out of business and the only really Italian shop in the neighbourhood is the excellent Danforth Fruit Market on the corner of Logan Avenue?

But the heart of the area is in its remarkable array of specialist shops. Madam whose figure needs a little improvement can go to the Silhouette shop and if she does, perhaps her tea cups will give her a better fortune at the little place which tells you about the future. You can rent or buy a wig, take your animal to his own hospital or buy a motor bike. Interested in sewing? There are two shops to meet your needs and should you be interested in leather goods or storing your fur coat you can be attended to. Why not go to the Chaka Boutique for a very inexpensive African carving for Christmas sold to you by a charming lady from Swaziland? You can see a Greek film, take a drink home from the LCBO or enjoy one with a friend at one of the two taverns.

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HOW TO GET YOUR RENT REBATE

Many Ward Seven tenants are looking forward to the New Year — if for no other reason than that their annual rent rebate cheque will be given to them by their landlord.

More properly a Residential Property Tax Reduction Grant, these grants have been made by the Provincial Government since 1968 when enabling legislation was passed. Where a property owner is also a landlord, he is required by law to pass on the grant to his tenants. Since tenants don't pay taxes directly, they view the grant as a "rent rebate" and often call it such.

Although the rent rebate system has been in effect since 1968, many tenants are still unsure if they are eligible. Many tenants, knowing they are eligible, are unsure of how much money they should get, when and how. There are also some tenants who are eligible for a rent rebate, but don't know how to go about getting it.

WHO GETS A RENT REBATE:

All tenants who rent two or more rooms — provided one of the rooms is a kitchen in which they normally prepare and eat meals. Roomers renting a single room are not eligible for a rent rebate.

Businessmen Elect Officers

On November 24 the Ward 7 Businessmen's Association held its elections. The following officers were chosen: President: Sam Rotenberg; Vice-Presidents: Bart Davis, Edith Justin, W.F. Warner; Recording Secretary: James Carlin; Corresponding Secretary: Bud McCormick; Treasurer: Beatrice Dobrosky; and Auditors: Margaret Campbell, Q.C., and A.C. Melito.

WHEN IS IT PAYABLE:

If you moved anytime during the year, the landlord is required to pay you a rebate within 30 days of the time you moved. Your present landlord is required to pay you your rebate by the 31st of December of this year.

HOW MUCH MONEY IS REBATED:

The amount of money you get is determined by how big your present quarters are and how long you have lived there. If you are curious about the amount you should get or feel that you are not getting your proper share, phone the Tax Rebate Office at 363-7501.

HOW TO GET YOUR REBATE:

Some landlords, through ignorance or greed, still fail to pay their tenants their tax rebate. The government is willing to take all steps necessary to force such landlords to pay the rebate. This includes prosecution in court if necessary. Any complaints of this type should be made directly to the Tax Rebate Office at 363-7501. Do not phone your local alderman or tenant association as they will only refer you to this number.

In making a complaint, it is wise to know the name and address of your landlord and have proof in the form of rent receipts showing the length of time you have lived there. NOTE: A landlord cannot withhold a tax rebate from a tenant to compensate for damages or losses or lower rent.

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Community Journalism

By Carole Gault

How would you feel about making a contribution to your community and having a lot of fun doing it? All you have to do is come and work for the SEVEN NEWS. It's your community newspaper. You live in Ward Seven which is one of the most vital areas of Toronto.

It's got Regent Park and St. James Town, the "apartment communities". And there's the old downtown residential areas like Blecker Street and Winchester Street, where long-time residents are now feeling threatened by encroaching high-rise development. There's the interesting ethnic concentrations in the Broadview-Danforth region and the old industrial sections along Queen Street.

We also have a growing number of new residents who are refurbishing houses on streets like Wellesley. They've deliberately chosen to live in Ward Seven so we must have something to offer.

Almost everyone wants to try his hand at writing. And The SEVEN NEWS gives you the opportunity to take pen in hand and do it. We can't pay you for your efforts. All we can offer is a chance to try it. Few of us are professional writers, although there is a sprinkling who like to write for SEVEN NEWS in addition to their regular assignments.

And if you're considering journalism as a career, what better way to see if that's what you really want to do?

We don't need experts. What we do want is enthusiasm and the ability to recognize the many stories to be written in Ward Seven.

Here are some examples of the kind of stories we mean.

Walter Manthorpe, a Vice-President of Meridian Development Corporation, refers to St. James Town as a "magnificent achievement". But how do the tenants feel about that? Go and interview some and find out if they agree or disagree and write a story about it.

There are lots of community organizations active in the ward. Find out what they're doing because the other ward residents are interested and might want to get involved if they know more about them.

Maybe you don't feel too enthusiastic about writing. We need lots of other talents and skills and we need them badly. Is there anyone out there who can help us with these items? —

BOOKEEPING (for our accounts); **BILLING** (any secretaries?); **LAYOUT AND MAKEUP** (We'd love some experienced people for this.); **MAILING** (requires only two hours every two weeks); **CARTOONS** (political or otherwise); **GRAPHICS** (artists to do ads and cartoons etc.); **SELLING ADS** (we need ads to keep us going; experienced salesmen types would be great but anyone who can pitch in will be much appreciated); **DELIVERY OF THE PAPER** (we have to get it to our readers.).

We hold our MEETINGS every second Thursday. The next one will be on January 7, 1971, at the Library House at the corner of Berkeley and Gerrard. That's the grey house behind the Public Library one block west of Parliament. The meetings run from about 7:30 to 10:00. Lots of lively discussions usually take place. We've already gone over everything from municipal politics to Women's Lib with people who dropped in. It's lots of fun and a great way to meet people.

COME AND GET INVOLVED!

News in Brief

The Regent Park North Old Boys held their elections for 1971, Thursday, November 26, at the Avion Hotel and the results are as follows: President, Mr. Tom Bell, Vice-President, Mr. Frank Moore; Treasurer, Mr. Ray Comper; Secretary, Mr. Ted Staniforth and Trustee, Mr. Ron Horniblow. To all the past Executive and workers many thanks for your help during the past year. Your past President, Mr. Ernie Peer.

What to do on Sunday afternoon? Come to Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St., for family fun. Yes, C.N.H. is open on Sundays, for families only. Bring the children and participate with them in a program. It could be sports, games, crafts, woodworking, cooking, or just sitting around talking to your neighbours over a cup of coffee. It is your program and you decide what you and your family want to do this Sunday at C.N.H. from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

The Nursery School at Central Neighbourhood House has some vacancies for children two to five years old. 349 Ontario St. Register any morning before 10 a.m., Monday to Friday, or telephone 925-4363.

A Christmas Variety Show will be held at St. Enoch's Church, 80 Winchester, on December 22nd, 7.30 p.m. Local people will be providing the entertainment.

A Christmas Light Tour for senior citizens is being arranged by Woodgreen Community Centre. Buses leave the centre on Tuesday, December 29th at 7.00 p.m. There will be a charge of \$1.00. Call Woodgreen Centre immediately if interested. Woodgreen has all sorts of other Christmas programmes for children and adults. For further information on Christmas activities, call 461-1168.

Don't Forget the Cabbagetown Christmas Concert, Dixon Hall, Sunday, December 20, 6:30-9:30. Films, Santa Claus, plays, music, refreshments, etc. and Tobi Lark (of "HAIR")!

Because of the Holiday Season, Seven News will not publish again until January 15. The next editorial staff meeting will be Thursday, January 7, 7:30 at the Parliament St. Library House, 265 Gerrard St. E.

GREETINGS

To all our Distributors,
who are an important part
of Seven News — and a
happy, happy thank you.

Nothing to do about Boredom

SPECIAL TO WARD 7 NEWS

I was on duty at the reception desk at Central Neighbourhood House last Sunday afternoon. You'd have thought we had Santa Claus sitting in the vestibule, the way the neighbourhood kids kept their faces pressed against the windows. I went to the door several times and talked to them, told them about the "family program" on Sunday afternoons, told them to be sure and bring an adult next Sunday. "What kind of an adult?" ... "Oh anyone, Aunt, Uncle, Cousin, Grandma, Mother, Dad." ... "Do we have to bring a Mom and a Dad?" ... "No, either one will do" ... "Well, can I bring a guy who just looks like my Dad?"

The last question came from a bright-eyed youngster with marks of tears on his face, who watched me anxiously as I replied. We got into quite a conversation later on, and began confiding in one another. It was one of those rare moments that one remembers for long after.

Such experiences and many others are here for all to share at Central Neighbourhood House. And for the men and women (of whatever age or educational background) who happen right now to be the victims of the desperate unemployment situation, I'd ask this: Why double the pain and frustration by allowing yourself to be lonely and bored as well?

They say that boredom ends where sharing begins. Sharing begins — on every level of activity and interest in every age group — the moment one sets foot inside CNH. And the need for volunteers is very great.

We have a very special need for volunteers to man the reception desk (as I did) one or two nights a week, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. It's not a hard job, but one of fun and involvement with the community.

You might also find yourself exchanging confidences with a bright-eyed boy, and going home later wondering why you'd permitted yourself to be bored at all. There's no need for your boredom while there's our need for your participation and involvement.

Will you call me at 925-4363, Ann Bowman, volunteer coordinator.

R.C.O. GETS FED. GRANT

by Norm Craven

Remember Oct. 28th, 1970? That's when the great "Non-Debate" on the Riverdale Community Organisation lasted six long heated hours at City Hall. Both Ward Seven aldermen gave strong support for the R.C.O. version of people in action. Unfortunately it was a losing cause.

The City Council, after a bewildering series of motions cancelling motions, decided the best course was to pretend R.C.O. did not exist, and had not made a request for recognition. This is the type of inspired leadership we have come to expect from Mayor Dennison, and it is totally in keeping with his bland and colourless personality.

Our benevolent City Council so beclouded the issue that the Federal Government from whom all blessings flow had to use the wisdom of Solomon to resolve the situation. The Hon. Robert Andras, Minister of Housing and his staff (of the Federal Department concerned with making grants to citizens groups) approved a \$3,000 preliminary transfusion to the R.C.O. on Monday Dec. 7th, 1970.

This money must be used by the R.C.O. to chart out a serious and far-reaching description of aims and proposals, showing how their organisation works for and benefits the people. The Federal Government will then issue a substantial working grant to the R.C.O. In turn the Federal Government will use the R.C.O. proposal as a yard-stick when evaluating requests from other citizen groups.

It seems the Federal Government recognises the R.C.O. as a very effective safety valve that removes injustices and allows wrongs to be speedily righted before they build up to disastrous proportions. Some of our city politicians should take note of how the professionals operate on Parliament Hill, they could use some pointers.

FOOD BY CO-OP

Are you concerned with the high cost of food? Do you feel the customer should have a say in the operation of the store he shops in? Do you think the people of a community have a right to control the prices and quality of goods sold in that community?

These are just some of the questions that have been raised over the last few months by people throughout this community; and finally it looks like something might come of it.

A co-op grocery store, run by its members, for its members is opening. The store, located in the basement of St. Enoch's Church (Metcalf and Winchester) will be open to anyone who wishes to join. (membership in the co-op will cost \$2 per year).

The idea of a co-op grocery store is not a new one. It has been tried successfully in many areas across Ontario and other parts of Canada. Simply, a co-op store is operated by its members — for its members. The store buys directly from the wholesalers and manufacturers and then sells the goods (to its members) at cost price. This eliminates the cost of handling, salaries, advertising, profit, etc. that supermarkets have to charge in order to survive. It is in effect a store itself — but run by the people who use it.

Prices in the co-op store will be approximately 20% lower than regular supermarkets. This means a regular \$25 grocery bill would be \$20 at the co-op store. Members who use the store will also be expected to help (in some way) with its operation. This will not amount to very much time — but it is the only way the store will succeed and the only way we can keep prices down.

More important perhaps, than the actual price saving itself, is the fact that the co-op store will allow people in this area to have some sort of control over the prices and quality of goods sold in the area. We will decide for ourselves — as a group — how the store shall operate, and not have to rely on whatever the supermarkets wish.

For people who don't live very close to St. Enoch's (but who still wish to benefit from the store) — there will be other "drop-off points" in the area, where people can place their orders and come and pick them up.

The idea of the co-op is being initiated by the Welfare Rights office at 393 George St. If you wish to join or want further information; please drop down to the Welfare Rights office — or phone 964-2522.

Co-op Day Care

A co-operative day care centre is being planned for the area just south of Allen Gardens. The concept behind the centre is to meet the needs of people in the community rather than just provide a facility operated for people. It is planned to be run by the people who are involved, so that these people set the policies for the project and determine the instructions for the children. It involves parents working with other parents in setting up and operating an educational scheme for their children.

The co-op day care centre is necessary because of the high costs of day care facilities in Toronto, and because most of the present facilities are not operated by parents. If people started their own centre, they could make decisions about fees (maybe no fees), since the parents involved would be responsible for administrative chores.

The centre is being planned in the George Street Annex at 349 George Street. This building is a two storey abandoned school, and would well serve the community if used as a co-op day nursery and other related projects. If you are interested in becoming involved in this scheme, and much help is needed, contact the Welfare Rights Office at 392 George Street or call 964-2585.

MORE ON WELFARE RIGHTS

As the Just Society Movement has just completed its first effort of publishing a welfare rights handbook, (and has plans for a much more extensive version) we are angered to learn that professionals are attempting to justify themselves by duplicating work that others have already begun; others who have been working — on a volunteer, day-to-day basis — in the area of welfare for over a year and a half.

It reinforces our view that the "professional" feels he not only can do a better job than those people without social status credentials, he is continuing to practice a traditional role, best described as elitist; a role which, in reality, reflects highly destructive class bias based upon, again, socially acceptable credentials and reinforced by a peculiarly institutionalized mentality. After all, who else but this type of class conscious individual, operating through a church based organization, could consider a \$25,000 outlay, over a fifteen month period, to produce a welfare rights handbook and instruct people on its use.

After reading Karl Jaffary's story in the recent issue, (WELFARE RIGHTS MANUAL) we felt the paper had not checked the facts. Our letter is an effort to point out additional information, and raise a few questions.

(Editor's note: Karl Jaffary, Alderman Ward 7, wrote in his article that Wood Green Community Centre "has hired a couple of staff people to produce a welfare rights manual and teach people how to use it.")

A member of the JSM had a telephone conversation with the executive director of Woodgreen Community Center, Ken Williams, on either November 30, or December 1. The call to Mr. Williams was prompted by the rumour that the Woodgreen Community Center was about to sponsor two U.S. social workers to gather material for a welfare rights handbook.

During the telephone conversation mentioned, Mr. Williams denied that Woodgreen Community Center was about to sponsor an effort which would eventually lead to the publication of a welfare rights handbook. He explicitly stated that if Woodgreen wanted to do this, people who were working in the area of welfare grievances, in

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Toronto, would definitely be consulted. (i.e.: The JSM)

There is a contradiction between the article and what Mr. Williams told the JSM.

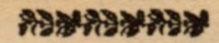
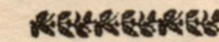
We think some other justification should be found for the existence of the two social workers, who have not worked extensively in the Toronto area, and who are presently employed by the Woodgreen Community Center.

If Woodgreen Community Center is sponsoring the work required for a welfare handbook, the disregard shown by the executive director, Ken Williams,

is blatantly offensive. It might also be of interest to note that the provincial government is working on the third draft of a comprehensive welfare rights handbook, to be distributed to all recipients. The publication date is scheduled for either March or April.

Rich Astley
Michael Mears
John Mooney
Steve Spence
Welfare Rights Office
George Street
Just Society Movement.

Seven News photo by Carol Betts



Christmas dolls and stuffed animals for Ward 7 children are made year-round by women inmates of the Don Jail. Miss Whitson, shown here with some of the imaginative results, is the matron in charge. The women, all remand or short term inmates, use a bright sewing room as their base of operations. Ward 7 residents are asked to donate any pieces of material they may have. Especially needed are fur, felt, and knitting wool. Call Miss Mackay at 466 2164, ext. 43.

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GETTING OLD IN WARD 7

by B.K. Morris

Old age — getting older each second, each year, each stage of life cannot be avoided. Modern medicine is discovering new ways to help counter wear and tear to the body. But nothing can be done to stop, once and for all the body's decreasing capacity to continually go on repairing itself. Somewhere around thirty, the decline that is irreversible begins.

What happens to us as we get old? Especially, what happens if we get put into a closed institution? What do we now feel as we are in isolation, cut off from the variety and the once vital relationships and events of life that we knew when young?

There are about 3,000 old people in Metro's closed institutions, and about 250 in Ward 7's Fudger Home. The still active old are mixed in with the senile — what the inmates refer to as the "looney" west side of the institution. "Old Slim went over to the west side last week," says A. McKenzie. "Had three bottles — mickies — and was slobbering all over the place. Too bad." Sometimes the active and the senile mix; often, they don't, because it's hard to see your own pending despair. "One of my closest friends became senile a little while ago. It was hard to see him slipping. I don't visit him any more . . . too depressing."

Like other closed institutions, life is regulated by others. To be sure, as the Fudger Home "Residents' Guide" states and urges, the inmates "co-operation and assistance" is necessary for even minimum order. But how much order? Getting up as early as 6 a.m. to wait and wade through washroom line-ups to go to 8 a.m. breakfasts? Having any and all of your personal savings taken from you on entering and then having the grand sum of \$16 or so returned each month for spending?

Not that Fudger Home is felt to be bad for its inmates — some don't mind it; others know that other alternatives would have them long dead by now (frozen to death trying to go down the street in some alley); others hope to leave after a spell. If it's temporary, there is hope, because then the end is not yet in full sight. If you're still into doing creative and independent things for yourself, for others, such as is continually illustrated by the hobby-craftsmen like Albert MacKenzie in Fudger's live-wire Craft Shop, then here, too, there's specific reasons for hoping and still caring. But it's hard.

For whom are institutions created? When size, efficiency, even cleanliness of halls and walls becomes more important than the human lives each still unique and alive — then we who tolerate such inhuman institutions are in trouble. This has been one of Lala James' commitments, one of St. Luke's deaconess-workers with the elderly. She compares the aged in Fudger Home to St. Mathews Lodge, also in Ward 7, where the latter is smaller, more personal and where privacy is still real. She compares Metro's policies with Italy's, where the aged are still a vital part of the whole family, (as with our Indian and Chinese communities, for the most part) . . .

Miss James relates the awesome and recent account of how one woman, used to the liveliness of some inter-dependent rooming houses, moved to the new St. Jamestown hi-rise for the elderly, and how she became so cut off from active life she knew that she came to sleep out in the foyers and hallways. Now she is once again in a confined institution — 999 Queen St. West.

So Fudger Home for the Aged endures. Most do not like it as it is — not even the Bleeker Street Tenants Union people who are rebuilding and renewing just behind.

The Fudger Home guideline for residents quotes a wise adage to its inmates: "...avoid worrying, crying, anger, or dwelling on your misfortunes. Laugh as much as you can. Yes, it is possible! Smile if you can't laugh. Avoid talking about your symptoms as much as possible. Many of our most serious cases do." And then, for the benefit of those of us still on the "outside", but still directed to the inmates, the guideline wraps up the case for most any institution's protection: "The accommodation supplied at Fudger Home is provided by the property owners and taxpayers of Metro Toronto and the Province of Ontario for your comfort . . . We ask you to help in preventing waste of materials or destruction of the property in fairness to those who support the home. Please do your part."



News from City Hall

1. The City has purchased the empty lot just south of 231 Ontario Street for park purposes. The cost was \$28,000. Hopefully people on the street will be able to get together to decide what type of park it should be.
2. The lot on Bleeker Street, just north of Carlton, will be used as a natural ice rink for the winter. It will be maintained by the City.
3. Parking will now be allowed on the west side of Logan Avenue, in front of Frankland School, during the evenings.
4. The City has recently passed a bylaw to stabilize the Castle Frank area. The bylaw prescribes minimum lot frontages for most of the street, thus preventing developers from buying up a big lot and filling it with narrow town houses.
5. An apartment will be erected on the west side of Broadview, just north of the city limits. The City Planning Board felt that the project had some merit, and accordingly, the City gave its consent to the East York bylaw allowing the building.
6. The last City Council and committee meetings for the year will be in the week of December. They will resume in the week of January 18th, 1971.
7. The developer who owns 225-285 Sherbourne, and 312-34 Dundas was requested by the City not to demolish any of those houses until all the zoning changes for the planned apartment buildings have been completed, and until the developer has arranged all his financing for the buildings. The motion has no binding effect on the developer, but as a request from the City, hopefully, it will convince him not to tear down any of these houses until absolutely necessary. It appears that building will not begin until at least next summer.

R.C.O Feeds for Money

The Carroll Hall of Woodgreen United Church was the scene of a successful fund-raising dinner for Riverdale Community Organization on Tuesday evening, November 24th.

Amongst the notables in attendance were Mrs. John Gilbert, James Renwick M.P.P., J.J. Richards, Mr. & Mrs. John Sewell and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Jaffary. Strangely enough it was the first time John Sewell has ever been seen in public without his leather jacket. The guest speaker was Laurier Lapierre.

The food was just like mom makes — it was a most memorable evening. A couple of young ladies warmed the crowd up for Laurier Lapierre with some swinging ballads. "Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head" got the royal treatment, in two distinct but delightful styles. Of the 300 plus diners about 50% were females. This is a healthy sign when the fair sex actively participate in community affairs.

Laurier Lapierre has just the right amount of french accent to make his English grab and enthrall his listeners. He told a couple of jokes on himself, not forgetting the defunct T.V. programme "This Hour has 7 Days".

He then switched to more serious matters, and deplored the violence committed in the name of the people by the F.L.Q. Amongst other violent acts was the holding of the municipal elections in Montreal on October 25th. The people were frightened and scared with the Military positioned at all the prominent places. 66% of the people did not vote. Of the ones who did Mayor Drapeau got 92.3%. Jean Marchand (Cabinet Minister) dealt a low blow to F.R.A.P. The elections should have been held in a vastly different atmosphere.

Things must change. There is a profound depersonalisation in the tragedy of bigness. Developers are forever building bigger and bigger mausoleums. Even the libraries in Quebec are becoming entangled in red tape. When you try to draw out a book, you put your life on the line. They stand there, in their dust jackets, row on row of phallic symbols. They only exist to be admired.

After Laurier's masterful speech everything else was anticlimactic. He left you with the right amount of faith and courage to face squarely up to the issues. He may not be everyone's idea of a professor but he is one tremendously sincere and dedicated Canadian.

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Sports

Round-up

By Joe Ganny

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The Friday Nite Bowlers are now in top gear with Turkey Roll Night just around the corner. The Road Runners are still leading the pack with the Gold Dust Twins, Mary Murdock and Rita Thoms supplying the fire power. However, they're being hard pressed as the Alley Cats scratched out four points. Hazel Watson's Kats refuse to lie down. The Lucky Six led by John Buffan and his new birthday shoes knocked off the Red Hot Dusters. Geo Dyer and Dot Shanahan claim they will take it out on the Road Runners, The Mod Squad with Cathy Locicero 650 and June Horniblow, just recently out of hospital stayed in the running beating the Hard Luck Falcons. These Falcons are going to click anytime now and watch out, the Impossibles are making a run for top hounders with Frank Ruffio and Diane Kavanaugh helping out. Penny McGrawes Charlie Browns, John Meads Wranglers and Norm Conways Big Bangs are all lurking in the background and watch out, any nite they will break out. Jack Watson leads the mens high average with a 225, Don Bayda 223, and Serge Tucci with a 221. In the Ladies Class Sue Binstead 183, Mary Murdock 182, Cathy Locicero 181, The high single is in the hands of John Buffan with a 330. It's nice to see Donna Perry out from the hospital and it's great to hear that Gord Gooderham came out on top from heart surgery and he is resting well at the Toronto General Hospital, Room 818.

Moss Park Novice Hockey League got under way last

Saturday, and what a success it was with close to 200 boys participating with the idea that some day they will be in the big time N.H.L. As this was opening day, things were a little confused trying to place the boys on their respective teams. In the Tiny Tyke, 5, 6, and 7 yr. olds, it was Marlies 18, St. Mikes 17. This league plays with all the players on the ice at once, no goal tender and twenty players to a team. This means that each boy plays 40 minutes of hockey each game for the whole winter, and what a time they have. In the A.H.L. League, the Aces defeated the Barons 4 to 2, with M. Smith, D. Sarkisian, M. Coles and T. Milley scoring for the winners, and K. Groves netting 2 for the losers. Bears 6, Bisons I. V. Woodcock and V. Corkum each scored two goals, with singles going out to C. Farmer and R. Garrison. Bisons lone tally was by R. Badiuk. Bombers 2, Hornets 2. Goals by T. Teabo for the Bombers and singles by K. Barr and B. Hand. In the N.H.L., Leafs 8, Hawks, 1. The big guns in this game were A. Cunningham and D. Plowman, with three goals each and singles by S. Parker and C. Lynch. Hawks lone goal was scored by C. McNally. Bruins 6, Canadians 0. The star of this game was P. Teabo with three big ones and singles by S. Coffey, E. Snow, P. Popadalis. Rangers 3, Wings 1. G. Whyte scored 3 goals and B. Day got the lone one for the Wings. As you can see there is lots of action in this whole League. It operates with volunteer managers and coaches and at the present time is in need of five sponsors at

Mother's Allowance

RULES TOO RIGID

by Renee Johnson

The Social Action Committee of Toronto Single Parents Association is pressing the Department of Social and Family Services to change the ruling whereby Mothers Allowance Recipients will be allowed to earn their respective allowable incomes and have that said income accounted for on a yearly basis instead of a monthly basis which is the present system of calculation. The maximum earning level for a working mother with two children is \$576.00 per year without having her family benefits affected. Under the present system she is only allowed to earn this amount at the rate of \$48.00 per month. Any amount over the \$48.00 is paid back to the Department. This brings about an unrealistic restriction in terms of securing temporary work. There are more temporary

a total cost of fifty dollars per team. I'm sure that there are some Ward Seven businessmen who could help out in this matter. If anyone is interested, please phone 366-0767 Mr. Bob Gore or call me at 363-6894.

UNWANTED TEENS

by Michael John Cornerford

Those of you, who read my last article, (November 20, 1970) know the reason for this column. One of the most talked about subjects in reference to teens, not only in this area, but throughout North America, is the drug scene.

I know that, to most parents, this seems very serious — that drugs are closing in on their children. To most parents it seems that, no matter where they go, they hear about drugs. This, I know, is true, but what you hear isn't necessarily true. A lot of the facts become very blown-up, exaggerated, and distorted by propaganda, ignorance and just sheer lies. A classic example of this is an article in the Toronto Daily Star that hit the page. It concerned a drug survey undertaken by a leading drug abuse agency. The results stated that drug abuse had tripled in the past two years.

This is the type of information that alarms parents, but what is so absurd is the way in which they gather these facts. The procedure to find the number of students that have used drugs abusively is to ask the individuals if they have tried drugs before. This puts the person who has tried marijuana once on the same level as the person who "shoots" heroin five times a week. Surely this isn't fair. Is it accurate?

The surprising thing is that this survey concerned 100,000 students at the most, but on the last page of the same newspaper was an article, approximately three inches in length, about 250,000 students who raised \$150,000 for the needy in Biafra.

Newspaper articles, radio reports, medical reports, and such surveys are constantly "brainwashing" the minds of parents to such a state that as soon as the word "DRUG" is mentioned they are literally petrified. Being a teen, I know what is happening in the drug scene. I'm not saying I know everything about it, but I am saying what I think. I would appreciate it if you would tell me what you think. Tell me if you agree, disagree, or if you are just plain confused about it, as many people today are. If this sounds okay to you, write in to myself, care of Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., Toronto.

positions open for people who can work at say one or two week periods than there are at say one-day-a-week periods, particularly at this time when the economic structure of our society is experiencing a tight money problem. Money is easier to earn during the summertime than it is during the wintertime and if a mother goes ahead and earns over her maximum allowable quota during the summer — she is in the process of paying it back during the months when jobs are not so easily attainable and she is caught up in the struggle of what to do for her family at Christmas. It is my belief that instead of trying to better the economic situation under the present system, she gives up in despair and doesn't try.

What are the consequences? At a recent Social Planning Council Meeting it was reported many women break down from trying to cope with the responsibility of

heading a one-parent family complicated with the struggle to survive financially. It doesn't take an economist to figure out the costs of having to care for these women in psychiatric institutions plus the probability of footing the Children's Aid bill.

An amendment to the ruling would for example enable the mother to earn a couple of hundred dollars to provide her children with a happier Christmas; perhaps a summer camping experience (non-Toronto City Mission style) in an unpolluted environment or enable her to plan for the future by taking college courses. Every mother's allowance recipient should be able to have the kind of freedom to be able to adopt the attitude that collecting mothers allowance is a short term experience, while endeavouring to apply herself toward a position in her lifestyle where she and her family no longer need to be at the poverty level.

O.H.T.A. PLANS CONFERENCE

The Ontario Housing Tenants Association plans to increase the pressure on Trade and Development Minister Stanley Randall and Ontario Housing Corporation management for recognition of tenants rights.

"Provincial public housing authorities have been treating tenants like second class citizens long enough," said Joseph MacDonald, an Association committee member. "While MPs, MPPs, Aldermen and other public spirited citizens stress the right and need for tenants to have more participation and control over their environment, Mr. Randall and Paul Goyette, OHC managing director, are resorting to harassment and threats of eviction to silence tenants," MacDonald said.

Jerome Murray, a militant tenant leader from Regent Park, said the need for a major overhaul of housing policy is overdue. "Randall and OHC have stepped up their campaign to keep the citizens of Ontario in the dark concerning housing and are concentrating their efforts in attempting to create a wide breach between public housing tenants and other citizens. In spite of this campaign, tenants are rapidly getting the facts out in the open. In Randall's own provincial riding in Scarborough, the O'Connor housing project, in its four years of existence, has been without recreational facilities for nine hundred children under twelve years of age. How many taxpayers are aware that Regent Park North was completely paid off last year? And who knows where the money is going now — certainly not back into the development. If we had Randall's million dollar advertising budget to work with, the public's right and need to know would be fulfilled," said Murray.

Tenants from various projects listed complaints about "bad planning and sloppy construction." Mike Carson, O.H.T.A. President, said a public inquiry was necessary to stop OHC from pouring public funds into fixing construction defects and rewarding the firms responsible with new contracts.

Russ Crossman, spokesman for the Charles St. Tenants Association at the 715 apartment married students buildings on 30-35 Charles St. W., charged the housing agency with numerous infractions of the city by-laws. The Charles St. group are conducting a mass rent strike to get the housing agency to abide by regulations. The students also protest excessive rents, with some of the low-income families paying

40% of their income in rents. A spokesman for Montreal Trust, has told Association members that they will not be involved in any decision to evict families who are refusing to pay rents.

"We intend to continue the rent strike until such time as the housing authorities recognize their legal and moral obligations to the families here. A Tenant Committee is picking up the rents and banking them. This will be turned over to housing when they have met their obligations," Crossman said.

The Steering Committee meeting, attended by about thirty delegates from O.H.T.A.'s 52 tenant groups, was called to discuss the association's Ontario Conference of Public Housing Tenants which will be held in Toronto on January 30-31.

Among the aims and objectives the steering committee has set for the conference are: tenant management over housing, recreation, and other community activities at the development level; a rent scale more equitable and sensitive to the needs of the low-income and fixed income groups; 50% tenant representation on boards dealing with planning of developments, administration, budgets and financing; tenant boards for selection of tenant placements, transfers, and evictions; the right to appeal to a review board comprised of 50% tenant membership; a maximum 15% rent scale for senior citizens; adequate recreational and other facilities in all existing public housing projects before landscaping and other such projects prior to tenant management; Federal administration of the Landlord-Tenant Act; the establishment of a Federal Housing Authority; and home ownership plans for low-income tenants in public housing developments.

The Purpose of the Conference, as summed up by the O.H.T.A. Steering Committee is:

- 1) To establish better management and a higher quality of life in public housing developments through increased tenant control over their community environment.
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