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NEXT ISSUE

Next issue will be out on the weekend of February 7. Deadlines for articles and advertisements is Monday, February 2.

City buys houses in S. St. Jamestown

The City of Toronto is now in the preliminary stages of purchasing the remaining Meridian-owned residential units in South St. Jamestown. A total of 27 properties will be purchased on Wellesley, Rose and Prospect Streets.

At one time, a number of years ago, it seemed that Meridian's plan was to buy up everything in South St. Jamestown and because the area was zoned for high density, they would extend the St. Jamestown complex of apartments down another super-block to Carlton Street.

A number of things destroyed that dream. First there was a public outcry by tenants and residents in South St. Jamestown and surrounding area. Then a reform council took over City Hall — one dedicated to preserving neighbourhoods. And then there is the high cost of construction and a tight money situation.

A compromise was reached. Meridian would have the centre of the block, between Blecker and Ontario. Some of the remaining properties they sold to the City two years ago when the City set up a housing department.

Now Meridian is prepared to un-

load the remaining 27 properties. Originally, they held back in order to use them to bargain with the City for concessions in their Blecker-Ontario block. However, that could take three years and the tenants in the Meridian-owned houses couldn't wait that long.

They asked the City to lease the houses from Meridian. This arrangement was partially under negotiation when Meridian changed its mind and agreed to sell the houses for less stringent conditions of sale.

The deal quickly passed through City Council. The City agreed to close its city-owned lanes in the Blecker-Ontario block and trade them with Meridian for some parkland at the top of the block.

The matter is now before the City solicitor who is drawing up the necessary legal papers and Central Mortgage and Housing



Pictured above are three of the houses on Prospect Street in South St. Jamestown which the City of Toronto is in the process of buying from Meridian. A total of 27 houses will be purchased when the sale is finalized.

Photo by Audrey Kitson

Corporation (CMHC) who will finance the purchase.

CMHC will finance the full purchase of the houses with a 50 year mortgage at 8% interest. The cost to the city will be \$21.25 per square foot of land purchased.

The first lot of houses bought from Meridian by the City cost \$20 a square foot. Like the first lot, most are rooming houses in poor

repair and most will have to be rehabilitated to bring them up to city housing standards.

The houses to be purchased are

245, 255, 257 and 265 to 283 Wellesley East; 37, 39, 41, 45, 47 and 56 Rose Avenue; and numbers 26 to 38 on Prospect Street.

Legislation gives tenants more power

by WEY ROBINSON

According to the staff of the Tenants' Hotline, tenants have at last obtained some real protection against rent-gouging and arbitrary evictions, in two bills passed by the Ontario Legislature in December.

However, says Doug McConnell of the Hotline staff, "rights on paper are one thing, but enforcing them is another — tenants are

going to have to band together in tenant unions or associations to ensure that their rights are enforced and to prevent landlords from intimidating individual tenants on a one-to-one basis as they have always done in the past."

The Hotline and other tenant groups expect that rent control and security of tenure will mean a sudden and dramatic growth in tenant organizing, as happened in other centres like Boston when similar

laws were passed.

The Tenants' Hotline, located in the Don Vale Community Centre and taking calls at 922-6544 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, and emergency calls at other times, has been flooded with calls for the past few weeks from tenants who want to know how the Rent Review Act affects them, and who need the assurance that their landlord cannot evict them for trying to

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Landlords face \$2,000 fine for disobeying law

Fines of up to \$2,000 may now be imposed on landlords for a variety of offences under the Rent Review Act and the amended Landlord and Tenant Act, both of which took effect on December 18, 1975.

Landlords who, in 1976, charge a tenant more than the legal rent, which is up to a maximum of 8% over what was being charged for

the same unit last July (1975), without the prior approval of a Rent Review Officer or the provincial Rent Review Board, are breaking the law and may be charged with an offence.

The Landlord and Tenant Act has long provided that landlords must post their legal name and address and certain sections of the

Act in a conspicuous place in the building, but according to tenant groups very few landlords have ever complied.

The amended Act requires landlords to post their name and address for service of documents, such as a tenant's notice that he is leaving, or a tenant's notice of a dispute of a rent increase, and landlords are now also required to post not later than February 29, 1976 a copy of Part IV of the Landlord and Tenant Act or a summary of it which may be provided by regulations under the Act. Failure to post is an offence and may result on conviction and a fine of up to \$2,000. (The previous maximum fine was \$1,000)

According to spokesmen for the Tenants' Hotline, the enforcement of these provisions is left pretty well to the tenants involved, and they hope that with the new security of tenure that tenants have obtained under the amended Act, more tenants will be willing to lay charges when landlords break the law.

Last June Seven News carried a story about unruly youths in the area near the Broadview 'Y'. It talked about a meeting that tried to find a solution to the disruption caused by bored youths who are getting into glue sniffing and drinking. A LIP grant was applied for and the Community Youth Project is the result.

The project is embodied in a drop-in centre located in the Broadview 'Y' and staffed by four young men. They are located in the front part of the basement where they have a games room, a quiet room and an office. The centre is free for the youth of the area and the facilities of the 'Y' go along with it.

Both Tony Campbell and Rick Carnegie, two of the project's workers, have experienced the feelings of many of the area's youth. They have been there. They stated, "we want to be friends with the teens and help them realize their talents and channel their energies into something more satisfying than they do now."

They are offering job counselling and will listen to anything young people want to talk about. As drop-in activity increases, (they are getting 10 to 15 a night now) they want to organize field trips and have screenings of popular films. However, the project needs things, because the LIP grant only covers salaries and office expenses. They need donations of books, magazines, games and hopefully a radio and record player.

Tony and Rick explained why there is a problem with young people in this area. "This part of Toronto has been traditionally treated as a problem area by City Hall and the police. Some say that when you are treated as a problem, you become a problem. Well the kids in

this area have only one school over level four to go to, the others are vocational schools."

Tony and Rick felt that this was because the Board of Education assume that kids with working class backgrounds don't want an academic style education that leads to university. A lot of kids drop out feeling that society has something else to offer."

"They end up hanging around wondering how to get a job. A lot are escaping from crowded homes where they don't have much space. To be sure we've got frustrated kids in the area, but we don't have losers as many outside the area like to think," stated Tony and Rick.

The Community Youth Project hopes to help local youth to realize themselves and stop seeing themselves as victims.

Tony and Rick expressed the desire to have more involvement in the centre by parents. They want the centre to involve the family. To get this rolling they are having a meeting on the 27th of this month. The meeting will be at the 'Y' and will be to discuss the operations of the centre. They want people to come and help create a centre that truly responds to the needs of the community and the youth in that community. There will be day care, refreshments and films will be shown.

Tony and Rick are not the only workers on the project. John Fraser and Andy Sutherland are also part of it. A fifth person is also needed for the project.

The Community Youth Project DROP-In Centre is open from 11 in the morning until 10 in the evening. Right now they are open Monday to Saturday. You can phone Rick or Tony at 461-8123, extension 42 if you can help or want to know how to help.

MERIDIAN WON'T ACCEPT RENT

The Metro Toronto's Federation reports that some Meridian tenants in St. James Town are having trouble paying their rent. It seems Meridian won't accept rental payments at the figure set by the new provincial rent review legislation.

When a tenant pays the reduced rent, it is refused. When the tenant sends it by registered mail, it is promptly returned. And if the rent isn't paid, Meridian can use that as an excuse to evict.

The Federation is advising tenants to open a "Trustee Account" at a local bank and put the money in there. In such an account, the tenant can't touch it, and it can be held until Meridian decides to accept it or a court orders them to do so.

A staff member of Tenant Hot Line, a local tenant advocacy group, goes a step further and suggests opening an account in the name of Meridian and depositing the rent cheque in there.

And, of course, tell the Landlord what you've done!



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Don Valley ruined by cars, says reader

Dear Norman:

I enjoyed George Rust-D'Eye's article on the Valley of the Don and the interesting photos that accompanied it. But when I came to the following I began to wonder if he was talking about the Don Valley I know:

"The Don and its valley are among Toronto's most important natural resources, and even the abuses which they have suffered over the years have not destroyed their charm. Even with the expressways, there is still an abundance of natural beauty to be found on a walk through the Valley of the Don."

The above is certainly true of such important tributaries as Park Drive Recreation and Moore Park Ravine which are as yet carless, but as for the central Don, a recent "nature walk" yielded the following count of fauna: "10 Cadillacs, 20 Fords, 30 Pontiacs, 100 Datsuns and innumerable other delightful species I failed to identify."

It would be most unwise to underestimate the carnage inflicted on the central Don by expressways. I think they have all but destroyed it. If anybody can derive pleasure from the central Don's mutilated cadaver so reminiscent of Jack the Ripper's final victim, more power to him, but I must admit I am incapable of such imaginative transcendence.

We ought not to support in any way the idea that places of natural beauty can survive the onslaught of expressways or major roads. This is a notion that the proponents of expressways are anxious to foster. The central Don is one of our more dreadful environmental lessons. Let us learn it well and never forget it. Places of natural beauty are damaged beyond repair by the incursion of expressways. The central Don's principal value now is the force of its demonstration that expressways and natural amenity cannot co-exist.

Ralph Cunningham

LETTERS



Reader objects to title of column

Dear people:

I have been reading your paper with interest for some time now. In many ways it is a positive part of life in this community.

However, there is one grave failing in the paper that you show no sign of correcting. On the contrary, you repeat it issue after issue after issue. It is this: the ads you run on the second-last page are labelled, very misleadingly, as "classified" ads. This is a direct misrepresentation, an undeniable falsehood, in fact. The fact is, these ads are not classified at all, unlike the ads in the Star, Globe, etc. which are divided into such classifications as "Employment Opportunities", "For Sale",

"Personal" etc. Your ads, however, are not divided up at all; they are all slapped together in one mass. They are, in fact, **Unclassified** ads, the **direct opposite** of classified ads.

It seems to me that you are confronted with a very clear choice. Either you must classify these ads, or you must change the heading on the column to "unclassified." If you do not do so, you will be deliberately misleading the people of

Ward Seven! I call on you to do your duty!

Peter Parker
Ontario St.

(Editor's Note: When we get enough ads for the column that classifying them would be necessary, we will certainly do so. Until then, please bear with us and ignore the obvious inaccuracy of the column heading NGB)

Alpha School stages play

Dear Seven News

In December we worked on a play based on Peanuts about Charlie Brown. We rehearsed the play for three weeks. To get ourselves ready to act, we did theatre games — physical exercises, and chants. The rehearsals were fun.

We first presented the play to the other people at our school. Our play was a success! We next did the play at Woodgreen Community Centre, for the old folks and for the nursery school there.

The children sang, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" with us and they were very quiet while we did the play.

The second time we did the play for the old folks, we also sang Christmas carols. One of the reasons we liked doing the play is that it's nice to make people feel happy.

After the play was finished, we

enjoyed talking to the old people and they gave us cookies.

Alpha School
(Dora, Sarah, Lyndsay, Bessanna, Menya, Cybelle, David, Nick and Lillimor)



Children in the nursery school at WoodGreen Community Centre watch intense concentration as students from Alpha School perform in a play as part of their new community outreach program. Photo by Alpha School

Correction on photo contest

Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for bringing the Danforth Library's photography contest to the attention of your readers in the January 10th issue. We would like to ask you to publish one correction and addition, however.

(1) The contest is open to **any Toronto resident**, not only those in Ward Seven.

(2) Photographs should show the subject: "People or Places in the Danforth Neighbourhood"

Mrs. Maria Czerniakowski
Danforth Branch Head

Library committee seeks help

Dear Ward Seven:

This fall, citizens' and residents' groups in all areas of the City of Toronto organized Area Advisory Committees to advise and support the Toronto Public Library Board in its program to improve library services. As chairman of the Central Area Advisory Committee (concerned with groups from Wards 5, 6, and part of 7), I am writing to ask you to support the Library Board's proposed operating budget for 1976.

In a brief to the City Executive Committee in October, the Library

Board demonstrated many inequalities which exist in the levels of library service between the City and other Boroughs within Metro, as well as between different parts of the city. For example, branch libraries north of St. Clair Avenue offer services to their users which are nearly comparable to libraries in other parts of Metro; branch libraries in other parts of the city fall far below this standard.

The Executive Committee supported the principle of equalization of library services within the City and recommended to the budget review sub-committee that priority be given to increasing the City's support of the library. The Library Board's budget reflects these concerns: increases over 1975 spending are intended to raise the level of service in the west, central and east sections of the city. This includes the purchase of more foreign language books — notably in Portuguese, Chinese, Greek and Italian — more Canadian books, and more paperbacks and periodicals for branches in these areas. Increases in the operating budget

will also permit longer hours of operation and increases in staff.

I need hardly point out that it has been our concern for the deficiencies in services in our neighbourhood branch libraries which has stimulated citizens' groups to become interested in the activities of the Board. We support the Board's attempts to correct these deficiencies, particularly as the cost of such improvements is so little. The proposed increase in 1976 is \$1,547,065, a one-half mill increase in the tax rate. This would be an extra \$2.50 in taxes for a house assessed at \$5000, or less than the cost of a ticket to the movies.

Nevertheless, with the increasing emphasis on fiscal restraint and cutting-back, it seems that even these small increments are threatened in the coming year. I urge you to support the Library Board's proposed budget when it is brought to City Council for approval in January.

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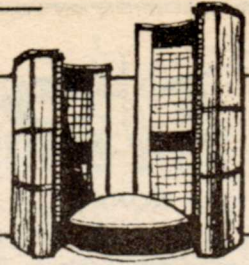
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Meeting objects to cut-backs

by JANET HOWARD

The Provincial Cabinet booked our City Hall Council Chamber recently for a meeting to tell us about spending restraint. City and Metro politicians had heard enough of the statements made by Provincial Treasurer Darcy McKeough to know that the subject is urgent, and we were in the process of finding out how we could reply when the meeting was cancelled.

Word of the cancellation did not reach 200 or so people who also wanted to hear the bad news. Most of these were day care workers, pensioners, representatives of tenants groups and others in a position to be badly hurt by proposed cuts in social services spending. They filled the Council Chamber and held their own meeting with those of us from the City who are concerned.

The meeting brought out two problems: the increasing Provincial deficit which has resulted from their overspending by about 20% a year for the past several years, and the question of priorities — with the money available, should expensive highways like the 400 and Spadina Expressway be built, or the six day care centres that Metro was to start this year with provincial money?

Day care is the service most threatened by the proposed cuts. Anyone who is familiar with the subject knows that it is false economy to cut out day care. Many people, mostly women, are forced to remain on welfare or family benefits when they would rather be working because there is no one to look after their children. The cost of a child in day care for a year is far less than the cost of keeping mother and child on welfare. Metro day care centres have been told to freeze placements. At one day care centre alone two women were recently turned away: one who is going blind and needed day care for her child while she takes a course at the CNIB to enable her to be self sufficient for the rest of her life, and another woman who was looking forward to getting off the welfare rolls to take a job. Both women have had to cancel their plans.

Corporate tax share falls

An organization of social workers had done some research into whose money goes where. They found that the share of tax revenue collected from individuals has been climbing sharply, while the share paid by corporations has fallen by even more. The social workers felt that the shortfall in revenues to pay for needed social services could be raised without hurting the same low income people who need them.

From their experience, they had learned that we cannot afford not to spend money to keep children healthy and usefully occupied, to maintain a decent standard of living for pensioners, to provide enough money to those who cannot work for decent accommodation. Picking up the pieces afterwards in terms of medical expenses, reformatories and damaged families costs too much.

The City Hall meeting passed a number of resolutions. One was a demand that Darcy McKeough attend a public meeting to explain why he is attacking the most helpless people in the province. Another was that money be spent where it is most needed, on the social services he is proposing to cut. Finally, the meeting chose a steering committee of people prepared to work hard on getting the facts, making them known and helping the thousands of people threatened by the current cutback proposals to persuade Queen's Park not to do it.

If you are interested in joining what promises to be a city-wide fight, please call Marie French at 367-7911.

Students celebrate school centennial

The schools in Ward Seven seem to be trying to set records of one sort or another. First it was Withrow School who painted a record-breaking mural on the outside wall surrounding the school. Now it's a 200-pound cake baked two sections to a class and put together in the auditorium last week as part of the school children's celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of their school.

Besides the baking of the individual cakes that made up the giant 200-pounder, each class in the school also made a commitment to do something "special" to celebrate the school's centennial.

The class "projects" ranged widely from the creation of display boards of writing, poetry and art, to singing, dancing, band playing and the undertaking of a community service. One class, for example, announced that it would make

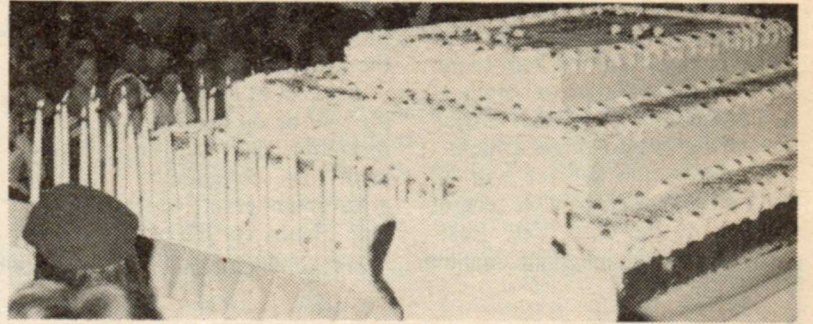


Photo by Audrey Kitson

To celebrate their centennial, each class at Lord Dufferin School baked two small cakes. These were gathered together and iced to make the 200 pound cake pictured above.

regular visits to the elderly at the Fudger Home for the Aged on Sherbourne Street. A grade six class has adopted a child in Korea as their centennial project.

However, all this is only the beginning as the school, located on

Berkeley Street in the south of Carlton area plans a year-long celebration.

Former staff and students of the school are still being sought to help in the celebrations. If you are one or know of any, contact the school and get placed on their mailing list.

L.I.P. funds eight more projects

A further eight Local Initiative Program (LIP) projects have been funded in Rosedale constituency which covers much of Ward Seven. The funds, \$77,940, was earmarked for other constituencies but unused by them. Transferred to Rosedale riding, it will provide 25 people with 515 man-weeks of work.

The new projects are:

New Association Moss Park (3 jobs, 60 man-weeks, a \$9,810 grant). This project will inform tenants about available recreational programming and sponsor recreation programs.

Home and School Regent Park (3 jobs, 60 man-weeks, \$9,000 grant). This project will provide three teacher aides to work in Regent Park School.

Preventative Care (4 jobs, 90 man-weeks, \$13,500 grant). Sponsored by the Don District Community Health Centre, this project will serve the health needs of the community, publicize where health care is available and work on dental care for children.

New Outreach for Library (3 jobs, 60 man-weeks, \$9,000

grant). Operating out of the Parliament Street Library, this project will take books to senior citizens and shut-ins in the Don District.

Service Unit Regent Park (3 jobs, 65 man-weeks, \$9,750 grant). This project will provide and pay the salaries of the core administrative staff for the Regent Park Services Unit.

Church Street School (3 jobs, 60 man-weeks, \$8,940 grant). This project will work, particularly with the ethnic community, to help

interpret the school to the community and the community to the school.

Winchester Street School (3 jobs, 60 man-weeks, \$8,940 grant). This project will provide one teacher aide and two people to survey the needs of the community and set up a core of volunteers to develop projects to meet those needs.

LIP provides roughly \$150 per person per week of which \$125 is for salary and the rest for expenses.

Home nursing course offered

There is still time to take the Home Nursing course being offered at minimal cost by the Don District Health Centre.

The six-week courses are being offered Tuesdays and Thursdays and are taught by a registered nurse. Subjects covered in the course include taking pulse, respiration, temperature, simple treatments (dressings, enemas, etc.),

moving, lifting and turning patients, maternal and child care, nutrition and diet in illness, safety and emergency treatment and artificial respiration.

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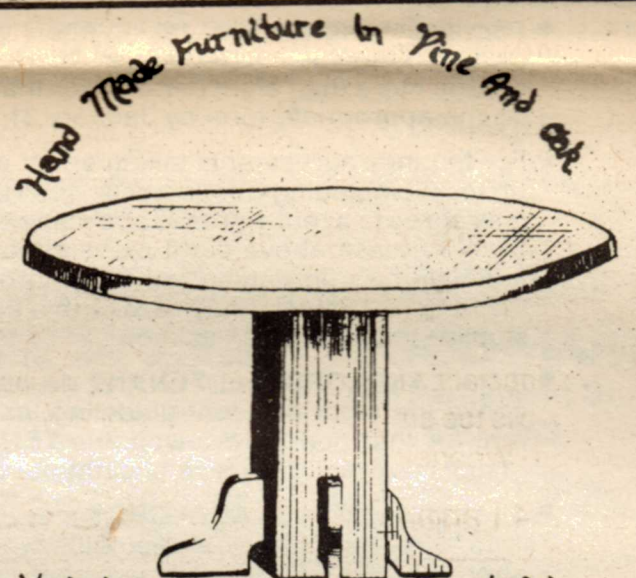
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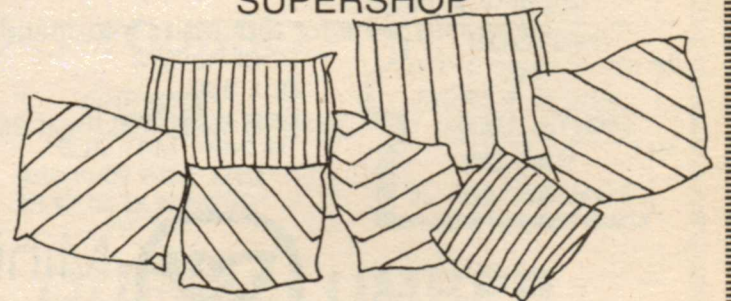
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TERMITES REPORTED IN DON VALE

An infestation of termites has been reported in Don Vale. The exact location is being kept secret but it is known that proper eradication procedures have been carried out and they are no longer a threat.

However, the subject will be hotly discussed at the next general meeting of the Don Vale Resi-

dents' Association being held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4 at the Don Vale Community Centre.

A panel of knowledgeable people will be on hand to provide information and answer questions from the community. Existing government grants which will provide money for the extermination

of termites will be described in detail. Also, community input will be sought on how the existing legislation and funding procedure can be improved.

Termites were first discovered in the area in 1944. Since then they have infested large parts of the Metro area including a significant



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portion of east Toronto. The last report on them in this area was two years ago when a colony was discovered and killed at the corner of Gerrard and Berkeley Streets.

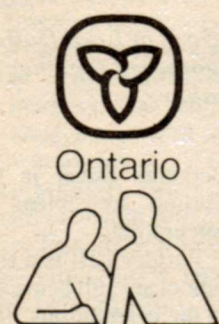
The termites found in this area are known as the "Eastern Subterranean" and live generally in damp soil or soft, damp, porous wood. However, they will feed on sound, dry lumber, obtaining moisture from the soil, condensation, or a leak within the house.

Termites live in colonies made up of workers, warriors and a queen. When a colony gets too large, a second female is born — this one with wings. It takes off with part of the first colony and they fly up to half a mile away where they set up a new colony.

It is this "budding" procedure that frightens people. A colony can be found and killed, but where is the original colony that it came from? And did the colony that was discovered have time to send out any new colonies before it was destroyed? And if so, where are they?

Anyone suspecting termites in their house and who would like to have their property inspected should call the City Development Dept. at 691-1116.

Besides hearing about termites, the Don Vale meeting will also elect two more members-at-large to the executive, hear reports from Aldermen John Sewell and Janet Howard and discuss the idea of requiring memberships in the Association.



RENT REVIEW

Metro Toronto Enquiries: 923-1199

Starting Monday, January 12, this new telephone number will be in operation to handle enquiries about the Ontario Rent Review Program.

Landlords and tenants in the Metro Toronto toll-free dialing area who wish information and application forms issued in connection with the Residential Premises Rent Review Act may call that number.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- For tenancy agreements taking effect on or after July 30, 1975 and up to and including December 31, 1975, **TENANTS** wishing to dispute increases up to eight per cent for that period must make application on the appropriate form by January 31, 1976.
- For tenancy agreements taking effect on or after July 30, 1975 and up to and including December 31, 1975 **LANDLORDS** wishing to charge more than eight per cent for that period must make application on the appropriate form by January 31, 1976.
- For tenancy agreements taking effect on or after July 30, 1975 and up to and including December 31, 1975 **LANDLORDS** and **TENANTS** may agree to a rent increase above the eight per cent for that period. If an increase above eight per cent is agreed upon, both parties must sign an agreement on the appropriate form before January 17, 1976. A **TENANT** may revoke this agreement within 30 days by signing the revocation section.
- If the **LANDLORD** and **TENANT** do not agree on a rent increase above the eight per cent guideline, and do not apply to have the rent for that period reviewed, the **TENANT** is entitled to a rebate of any rent paid in excess of eight per cent by February 16, 1976.
- The maximum rent **LANDLORDS** may charge tenants after January 1, 1976 for all tenancy agreements which became effective on or after July 30, 1975 is eight per cent more than the rent charged during the last full month prior to August 1, 1975. A landlord charging more than this contravenes the Act and may, on summary conviction, be fined up to \$2,000.
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- For tenancy agreements taking effect on or after January 1, 1976, **TENANTS** wishing to dispute any increase must make application on the appropriate form by January 31, 1976, or 60 days after receiving a notice of increase, whichever comes last.

Similar telephone answering systems will be announced later in other areas of Ontario.

You may write for forms and information to:

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Ministry of
Housing

Winchester Public School to hold dance classes

by SHEILA LAMB

Winchester Public School and the Winchester Community Council will begin a new series of after-school dance classes beginning on Monday January 26.

The classes will be open to all children and adults in the community the age of four on up. The first series of classes will last eight weeks with a nominal fee of \$1 per class to pay for professional teachers.

Classes will be limited to a minimum of fifteen students and each class will last approximately one hour.

Tap dancing begins Tuesday, January 27 at 3:45 p.m. This class will be taught by Walter Caulden, dancer and co-ordinator of Theatre Omnis.

Ballet classes commence Wednesday, January 28 at 3:45 p.m.

Creative Movement classes also start on Wednesday, January 28 but an hour later at 4:45 p.m. Both of these classes will be taught by Diane Strickland, director of Theatre Omnis and producer of *The Red Balloon*, their first play to run at the Don Vale Community Centre.

Modern Estonian Gymnastics begins on Monday, January 26 at 3:45 p.m. This class will be taught by one of the members of the famous Kalev Estienne School of Modern Gymnastics.

Registration forms are available at Winchester Public School, 15 Prospect Street.

The School Council will also hold evening classes in dance if enough people are interested. If you like the idea or want more information, phone Jim Wilkinson at 921-2178 or Sheila Lamb at 925-5078.



Above are Diane Strickland and Walter Caulden in a scene from "The Red Balloon" which recently completed a successful three-week run at the Don Vale Community Centre. Both are members of a newly created Don Vale dramatic group called Theatre Omnis and this was their first production. Besides working on their next production, Diane and Walter will also be teaching classes in dance to the community at Winchester Public School.

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NEWS ROUND-UP

Riverdale Care Centre has opened a free clothing exchange

A concert of organ and vocal music will be presented at **Eastminster United Church**, 310 Danforth at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25. The concert will be of classical music from the 17th to 20th century. Tickets are adults \$2.00, seniors and students, \$1.00.

The **Girl's Sewing Class** at the Christian Resource Centre has 25 girls from the Don Vale area who learn and improve their sewing skills free every Monday night. However, **volunteers are needed** to supervise and help the children with their work. Anyone who can help for two hours every Monday night or every other Monday night are asked to call **Mrs. Carol Neal** at 487-0495 or the CRC at 297 Carlton St. 922-7391.

The Riverdale Care Centre has set up a **free clothing exchange** store at **60 Grant Street** (Broadview and Queen area). The store is run by volunteers from the community and anyone can bring in mended clean clothing and exchange it for larger sizes. It's open Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Ward Seven Businessmen's Association will hold a meeting at the **Old Spain Restaurant**, Bloor and Sherbourne, at 8 p.m. on Monday, January 26. Admission is \$2.00.

As of January 12, Central Neighbourhood House has started processing **Income**

Tax forms for people in the community as in previous years. They're at **349 Ontario Street** and the fee is \$2 for the simple form and \$5 for complicated forms.

Friday films at the Parliament Library House feature **Potemkin** on January 30 and **Charley Chase** films on February 6. Show time is 8 p.m. and admission is free.

The **Hot lunch program** continues three times a week at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street. Served at **noon** on Monday, Wednesday and Friday they are delicious, nutritious and very inexpensive.

Volunteers are urgently needed to assist in the **Right to Read Program** at the Parliament Street Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East. Classes are Monday or Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. or Monday or Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. No teaching experience is required. If you can help out call the Library House at **921-8674**.

A meeting of the **Riverdale Community** will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Broadview YMCA, **275 Broadview Avenue**. There will be babysitting and movies for the kids as well as refreshments for the adults. Everyone is invited.

The Tuesday Literary Workshop at the

Parliament Library House will feature poet **Brenda Saunders** on Jan. 27, **Eric Layman** on Feb. 3 with **Julie McNeill** reading from the poems of **Eleanor Wiley**. Time is 7:30 p.m. and admission is free.

CONFIRM OR DENY: Unconfirmed reports state that DACHI's latest application to the Provincial Ministry of Housing for rent subsidies for some of their units has been **turned down again**. With rents increasing, the non-profit, co-op housing project in Don Vale is now middle-income and no longer low income.

On Wednesday, **February 4**, the Neighbourhood Information Post, 265 Gerrard St. East will hold a **Board of Directors** meeting. All residents in Ward Seven are invited to attend. Time is 7 p.m. at the Post.

From the **Hearth: Stories** by the fireside for adults will feature selected **ghost and horror tales** at 8 p.m. on Wed. Jan. 28. On Feb. 4, there will be readings in **Canadian humour**. It's at the Parliament Library House and admission is free.

Mike Yale has resigned as Director of the **Don Vale Community Centre**. Over 40 applicants have applied for the job he has vacated and a decision is expected shortly on filling the post.

Yogi exercise classes along with talks on **diet and massage** will be held every Tues-

day evening at 7:30 p.m. at the **WoodGreen Community Centre**, 835 Queen Street East. The fee for ten classes is \$10 and a blanket and pad is necessary. For info, phone 461-5686 or 461-1168.

Good clean bric-a-brac, knick-knacks and **rummage** is urgently needed by the Don Vale Community Centre for the monthly rummage sale. Bring it to 80 Winchester Street or phone **921-2426** for a pick-up. Their next sale is on Saturday, **January 31** at 10 a.m.

Sir Kenneth Clark's film series, **Civilization**, is being shown every **Wednesday afternoon** at 1:30 p.m. at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East. Admission is free.

PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS: The Community Secretariat on Gerrard Street East (they do typing and printing at cost for the community) applied for and received a **Federal grant of \$2,000** for "Special Projects" that haven't materialized. They have until March 31 to spend the money but at last report still don't know how. ...

Another new face at the Parliament Street Library is **Louise Longa**. She replaces **Flo Murray** as a clerical assistant in the Adult Department and comes from the Locke Library in North Toronto where she was on staff for four years.

NEW LEGISLATION GIVES MORE POWER TO TENANTS

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enforce their right to rebates or a lower rent.

All tenants in rooming-houses, flats and apartments, including O.H.C. and limited dividend tenants (but excluding certain non-profit and co-operative housing) are covered by rent review. The Rent Review Act says that no landlord may increase the rent more than 8% above the rent that was charged in July, 1975, for the same unit, unless he gets the approval of a Rent Review Officer at a hearing. Any increase in other charges such as parking or laundry is considered as an increase in rent. If a landlord

reduces services significantly, that is also taken as a rent increase.

For the period from July 30 to December 31 of last year, tenants who have paid more than the 8% increase over July's rent will be entitled to rebates after February 29, if they have not signed a special agreement with the landlord by January 19 (and this can be revoked within 30 days of signing) or unless they have received a copy of the landlord's application to the Rent Review Officer to justify last year's increase. If the rebate is not paid, the tenant can apply to the Rent Officer for an order and with that order, if the landlord still doesn't pay, the money owing can

be deducted from the next rent.

The Hotline has had a lot of calls from tenants who moved in to their present place after last July and don't know what the rent was then. If that happens, a tenant can try to find out from the landlord or the other tenants, but should apply to the Rent Review Officer anyway so that a hearing will be held where the landlord will have to produce his books.

No landlord can charge more than 8% over last July for current rent this year, and if he does he is liable to fine of up to \$2,000, unless he has the approval of a Rent Officer. It is important for tenants to attend hearings or be rep-

resented by a friend or neighbour or some other agent, in order to protect their rights, and also to be able to appeal if necessary to the provincial Rent Review Board. An important amendment to the Rent Review bill was passed by the Legislature on January 16 which says that the rent on any unit may not be raised more than once a year.

What happens to tenants who pay only the legal 8% increase, or who ask their landlord for rebates, and are told to get out? The amendments to the Landlord and Tenant Act which were passed on December 18, 1975, along with the Rent Review Bill, provide for the first time that a landlord must have a good reason for eviction (like non-payment of rent or damage to the property) which is listed in the bill, and that this reason must be given in the notice to the tenant along with information about the

tenant's right to a Court hearing. The law particularly states that no tenant may be evicted for trying to secure or enforce his legal rights.

Tenants who pay by the week must now be given 28 days' notice. A landlord cannot refuse to renew a lease without good cause, which he must be able to prove in Court.

Two local bankers to be honoured

Two Parliament Street businessmen who are being transferred out of the area will be honoured by the Ward Seven Businessmen's Association at their next general meeting being held January 26 at the Old Spain Restaurant at Bloor and Sherbourne.

The two men being honoured with Life Memberships in the Association are **Jim Hall**, Manager

of the Bank of Nova Scotia and **Bob Wilson**, Manager of the Bank of Commerce — both located on Parliament Street. Both have been active in the Association and both are giving up their membership as they have been transferred out of the area.

Special guest speaker at the meeting will be Police Inspector Harold Atkinson who will explain

the new laws covering Holiday closings and the use of seat belts.

The meeting starts at 8 p.m. with the business session at 8:30. Admission is \$2 but this only partially pays for the buffet dinner that will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

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The Toronto Board of Health comes to Ward Seven

SURVIVAL!

by DON WEITZ

The Toronto Board of Health is trying to get closer to the people — at least for the purpose of listening to, discussing and acting on local health issues and problems. Another may be its attempt to justify its continuing independence and flexibility in refusing to amalgamate with the five other local Boards in Metro.

These are probably two major reasons why the Board of Health held its first public meeting in the Don District on December 15 of last year, in Central Neighbourhood House at 349 Ontario Street. The Don District Community Health Centre, chiefly through Co-ordinator **Maggie Brockhouse**, organized the meeting.

Actually, this was the first time the Board held a public meeting in any community in Toronto; it could set a healthy precedent in establishing a closer relationship or dialogue between the Board and many other communities in the city.

The action started during the evening meeting which lasted at least three hours. About 100 people attended, including most Board members: Alderman **Anne Johnston** (chairperson), Alderman **Dan Heap** (Ward 6), Trustee **Dan Leckie**, **David Pinckus** and **Dr. Wodehouse**, as well as **Dr. Moss** (Medical Officer of Health), a few other public health officials and many local residents and community workers. Maggie chaired the open discussion.

The first issue the Board tackled was trying to define what a community health centre is. It's a difficult task, partly because community health centres (there are about 20 in the province, 14 of which are in Toronto) differ in organization and focus on different health priorities arising from different health needs in their own communities. After discussing the issue for al-

most an hour, Dan Leckie moved that the definition should include the following: 1) community control, 2) community responsiveness (?), 3) treatment, 4) health advocacy-preventive care, 5) team-based and 6) locally-based. Two other related motions — also carried — dealt with analysis of public health participation and preventive care in community health centres, and also their "degree of community accountability". Dr. Moss is to issue a report on this, yet no date was set.

Personally, I believe the word "community" should not be used unless the health centre is in fact **community controlled** — two of the fourteen "community" health centres in Toronto are community-controlled: the Don District Community Health Centre and the Niagara Neighbourhood Health Centre. Otherwise, this defining exercise was a phony name-game which, as Allan Dudeck told me later, "doesn't do bugger-all."

Many people started speaking out or presented briefs on their real concerns. There were at least two presentations from the Don District Community Health Centre. Both stressed the need for much more preventive care and funding resource people to develop preventive care-outreach programs in communities. **Paul Chamberlin** from the DDCHC spoke to this and the Health Centre's brief recommended that this preventive care can best be carried out by a "Community Services Working Committee" (community-controlled). As it is now, all of the \$100,000 which the provincial government gives to the DDCHC is for "primary care" — nothing for preventive care. This must be changed, according to Dudeck and many other people, because such funding "restricts the potential" of community health centres. Of course, the trouble is that provincial funding of community health centres is based exclusively upon the "medical model" of care, which only recognizes and funds doctors and nurses. Other health workers don't count, as far as the Ontario Government is concerned.

Alan Dudeck, a community planner

working out of the South of Carlton Site Office, also criticized the Board for "not showing as much leadership as they should be ... they should be making public health services more accessible and accountable to the user...". He also urged the Board to tell the Government (Health Ministry) about the need for and value of community health centres, and to provide direct funding to dental services which "we can't get from the province."

Donna Clark, Director of Dixon Hall, made this same point about government funding of dental care; she was also critical of the lack of co-ordination of health services in the Don.

Both **Jeanette Keenan** and **Jerome Murray** spoke out against the many sub-standard housing conditions, health hazards and abuses which many roomers suffer in local rooming houses. Jeanette, Co-ordinator of the Rooming House Tenant Project (LIP-funded), cited specific cases of neglect on the part of some landlords; e.g., cold and dirty rooms with little or no heat which often lead to illness. She also emphasized the need for public health nurses to provide more information and assessments of roomers' suffering, especially those who are sick and old.

Jerome Murray, a well-known community worker now working with Jeanette on roomers' problems, pointed out that many landlords are failing to conform to some city health and housing bylaws, selling and/or renovating rooming houses, increasing the rent — thus forcing out many roomers who then must look for other housing accommodation.

The winter months, he added, are especially hard on roomers. Once they're thrown out, the roomers often find themselves in rooms with little or no heat and toilet facilities. All too often, the result is contagious disease and aggravation of their illnesses, many of which are chronic. Jerome also wants more direct help for people with alcoholic problems — more detox centres and halfway houses. Otherwise, some roomers will continue going to jail just

to get some food and a roof over their heads, particularly during the winter.

I talked a little about the continuing need for preventive health care in the Don and other communities; many more outreach and early illness testing programs, and the need to organize and fund **community health advocates**. These are people (not necessarily professionals) who would act on behalf of low-income people who are in immediate need of health care, health education and health justice.

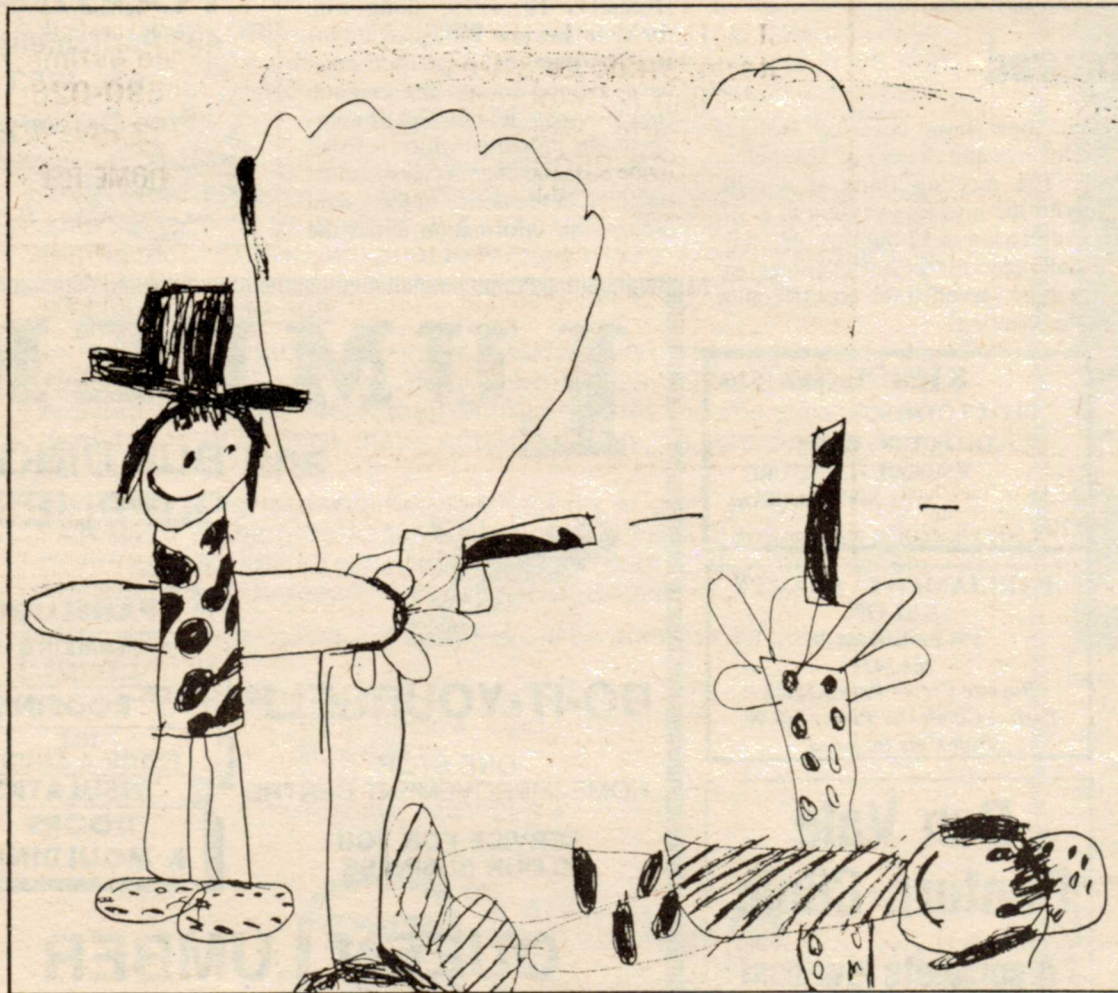
It's hard to say what came out or will come out of this Board of Health meeting. At least, the Board listened to some of us and appeared to take some of our concerns seriously. We'll just have to wait - and - see if the Board of Health acts on any of our recommendations. One concrete way it can show its accountability to people in the community is to provide us with more resource people and money to do the important preventive public health work that needs to be done. However, this largely depends upon the Board's success in pressuring the provincial government to give it the money it needs to fund public health services in local communities.

It's going to be an uphill battle but it's worth it, because our health and survival are at stake.

FEEDBACK NEEDED

I need some feedback about this column. Our original plan was to have articles from health-oriented people in the community — everything from Chiropractors to Medical Receptionists. I'm beginning to wonder if a question-answer formula wouldn't be better — something in the line of: "I've heard a lot about acupuncture as a method of losing weight. How does it work?" and then I could get the pertinent information and would feel that the column was really being useful. Please ring me, Maggie Brockhouse, 364-1361, or write Don District Community Health Centre, 295 Shuter St., Apt. 102.

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Murray Dale: druggist with a heart

by MARY ROSEN

What makes Murray Dale's drugstore at the corner of Wellesley and Bleecker Streets so unique in Toronto, if not in Canada, is the fact he has thoughtfully placed chairs for his waiting customers!

This personal touch, in tune with the welfare of the people he serves, is typical of the man. His cheerfulness, friendliness, his interest and love of people is reflected in the total atmosphere of the drugstore he operates.

As he dispenses pills and medicines, he also dispenses encouragement, sympathy or whatever the situation requires. A person feels a lot better before leaving the drugstore.

Murray Dale is a good listener and can tell many tales but he remains silent as a psychiatrist or a priest.

Two ladies, complete strangers, enter. Murray greets them both on a first name basis and exchanges pleasantries with them. They are asked to sit down to wait for a few minutes. It is very difficult to be sitting next to an individual without beginning a conversation, even if it means only to accuse the weather of fouling up still another day. Before they realize it themselves, these two ladies are getting acquainted and this may be the only chat they will have that day.

Murray Dale has been a gregarious man all of his life. He was able to nurture this trait when he opened his drugstore on the northeast corner of Wellesley and Bleecker, back in 1953, when he graduated in pharmacy from the University of Toronto.

Those were the days when drugstores had lunch counters and his place was a meeting

place for all types of people. Policemen gathered there as well as thieves, employees from the Wilson Pop Factory across the road and the professionals of the district. It was then, also, that he met and fell in love with his present wife who worked at Wilson's and ate lunch at the counter Murray presided over.

Murray is nostalgic about those days. Placing chairs for the comfort of customers so they can sit and read, chat or simply have a smoke may be Murray's way of trying to recapture those long-gone times.

Mr. Dale has many anecdotes to relate. One morning he came to work to find his wall safe neatly blown up. Soon after this incident a man made frequent visits to the lunch counter and Murray and the man became quite friendly. About three months later the man, sounding serious and contrite looked at Murray and said, "Murray, if I had known you were such a nice guy I'd never have blown up your safe!"

Another story tells with a hearty laugh, is how an ex-con from Kingston and he had interesting daily talks over a cup of coffee. While they were holding a conversation one afternoon, the man suddenly excused himself and walked to the door where two men had entered. He talked to the men in hushed tones for a few minutes and they left the store. The gentleman returned to his seat at the lunch counter and whispered to Murray: "Those were a couple of my buddies and I just talked them out of robbing your store."

Murray Dale moved his store across the street to the south east corner when the high rises began to go up. Some people may remember it as Coyle's Grocery and Murray took over the premises when Mr. Coyle



Murray Dale in his drug store on Wellesley Street East.

Photo by Audrey Kitson

retired. The neighbourhood has changed but Murray Dale takes a philosophical viewpoint, "people are people and they are all the same to me. I love them." They seem to love him too, for people who have moved out of the neighbourhood still continue to be his customers and one returns from as far away as Kitchener.

A special thrill for Murray Dale is to have some of his former delivery boys return years later to introduce Murray to their wives and children.

Murray works long hours. The drugstore is opened from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, Saturday from 9 to 7 in the evening and Sunday the hours are 11:30 to 6, opened everyday except Christmas.

He commutes from Mississauga where he lives with his wife and two daughters aged nine and six.

There is a staff of 15 working at Dale's Drugstore and they are chosen for their human quality touch, a characteristic he brings out of them by his presence and understanding of human nature.

All is not sweetness and light in Murray's life — he has worries the same as the rest of us. The lease on his drugstores expires in three years and he has no way of knowing whether he will be allowed to remain or whether he will have to relocate.

There is a note of sadness in Murray's voice when he says, "Once this neighbourhood touches you it's hard to let go!"

A constant concern to Murray is the competition from the large chain stores and the talk of a giant complex of stores on the opposite side of the street being built in the near future. However, he remains optimistic, dealing with each day as best as he can.

His one fond wish is that the day should have more than twenty four hours. He would like to devote more time to his family and indulge himself in reading history. He is proud of his Franklin Mint collection which he is buying. He is also an avid science fiction reader.

Just before Christmas, an elderly gentleman, who lived out of the area, and whom Murray had known for over fifteen years, came in to the drugstore. He complained that he felt the pills he was taking were not strong enough and asked Murray to phone the doctor, the man sat down. He appeared to have fallen asleep. Instead, he had died. The episode really shook Murray Dale up.

Murray Dale's ambition is to someday write a book about his adventures and experiences in running a drugstore in Ward Seven.

If he ever satisfies his ambition, it would make interesting reading.

Student letters to John Sewell

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In mid-December of last year, Alderman John Sewell visited a Grade Seven class at St. Ann Separate School in the lower Riverdale area of Ward Seven. As a class project, the students were later asked to write letters to Mr. Sewell regarding his visit. A sampling of those letters are printed below:

Dear Mr. Sewell
Thank you for wasting your time, and coming to our school and talking to us. I hope you solve all the problems we asked you about. Hope to see you again.

Sharon Depatie

John Sewell
I think that Mr. Sewell is a very nice person because he cares and he is concerned with the people's problems. But when he told us about his job and told us to ask him questions, we told him some of our problems. But instead of Mr. Sewell giving us the solution he asked what we thought we should do. Now after we gave him our solution, he gave us his.

Regina McLean

Dear Mr. Sewell
We have a problem in our school. The other day I walked in the class and there was a cockroach crawling up the wall. We told the teacher but there is nothing being done about it.

I think we should have the school exterminated. What do you think?

Regine McLean

Dear Mr. Sewell
Thank you for coming to St. Ann's School. We liked you talking to us. I would like to know if there is anything you can do to solve the trouble around our street.

The trouble on our street is that a few dogs come and tear our garbage bags and when they do we have to put a new bag over it.

Darlene Nettagoo

Dear Mr. Sewell
I think you are a nice guy to talk to. I think that when you decide to construct and place something somewhere it is handy for a lot of people. For instance the Gerrard Square is quite handy to me because now I don't have to go all the way down town. I hope you make more handy things.

Sharon Depatie

Dear Mr. Sewell
I would like to thank you very much for taking time out of your busy schedule to come and speak to us. I found your discussion most interesting. My sister had a chance to speak to you during the last election, and she said she found your views helpful to the community.

A few questions I would like to ask you Mr. Sewell is 1) What is the Metro Council doing about the run down condition of the buildings between Broadview and Carlton? Most of the shops are cluttering the city

sidewalks and are a nuisance to the community.

Metro Council should pressure the owners to either fix up their shops or sell them to other people who will install stores that are necessary to this area. Example: The "Mr. Submarine" at the corner of Broadview and Queen. There should be more like this.

Another question, sir, is "Can there not be more signs telling of DO NOT LITTER?" Or make a law that states any litterbug will be fined so much for littering.

If I were 18 I would surely elect you!
Cynthia M. Powell

Dear Mr. Sewell
If you can remember, you came to my school — St. Ann's. I want to thank you for a most interesting speech. I don't know if you remember what I told you. In the neighbourhood where I live it is pretty dirty in the lane behind my house.

It looks like a dump. In the summer it stinks to high heaven. Under all the garbage there are cockroaches, rats, mice and maggots. There was a fire last summer. The firemen could not get in the lane because there was so much garbage and there was a car on both ends of the lane.

The people who owned it got out safely but the whole house was destroyed. I think the lane should be turned into a fire exit. I want to know if you can do something about it. I really enjoyed your talk.

Donna Tynes

Dear Mr. John Sewell
Thank you for coming to our school and mixing up your schedule to come and talk to us. It really must make people feel good to know they have someone in the city who cares and understands.

Lorie Wazonek

Dear Sir:
I have read the article on John Sewell in the Ward Seven News and I would like to know some things.

Why did he not talk about some things such as providing summer jobs for students. There are some kids in my neighbourhood who want to earn money for school in the holidays. But everyone says they were too young to work.

Another issue is the housing grants. A lot of people must rent or move out because they cannot afford to keep a house or even buy one. I don't think that is fair.

I also think he should have talked about the industry in our community. There are some places in our community that are run down, and are always empty. Because they are empty no one fixes them up so they are falling apart and are making our neighbourhood a mess.

I think he missed some of the most important things and that is not fair.

Susan LeBlanc

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BARGAIN HUNTING GUIDE IS NO BARGAIN

Bargain Hunting in Toronto 1976 by Marcia Unger and Sue Devor. Paperback, 168 pages, \$2.95. Published by Collier Macmillan Canada, Ltd.

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

There are two kinds of bargain hunters. There is the very poor who seek bargains because they have no other choice. They have to in order to enjoy a minimum standard of living.

Then there are those who buy bargains as a conversation piece. Or as a method of saving money to spend on luxuries that can't be got at a bargain.

This book was written by and for the latter type but is obviously of some value to both types.

After a short and gushy introduction, there are 12 chapters dealing with various types of commodities and where they can be bought cheaply. The chapter headings range from clothing, shoes, furniture and rugs to fabrics, food, sporting goods and entertainment. There is also two indices — by stores and by goods.

The authors claim that they have visited personally every store mentioned and they are getting no money by mentioning a particular store.

A number of the places are in Ward Seven. There are the obvious

places like Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul and Society for Crippled Civilian stores. Under the food listing there is Ushers and Sunnybrook Meat Market. Less well-known are such places as The Paint Centre and Fix-it Auto Body on Parliament Street and Greenspoon Bros. on lower Berkeley.

Probably the most interesting thing about the book is the places it overlooks — just in Ward Seven alone. Not mentioned are the free stores in the area, the many second hand stores, the various food co-ops or a couple of wholesale food stores in the Don District.

Maybe what is needed is a book, booklet or series in Seven News on Bargain Hunting in Ward Seven. To a bargain hunter in this area, the research, at least, would be interesting.

The authors of Bargain Hunting in Toronto make no mention of the basic criteria in bargain hunting: Is the cost in time and transportation worth the saving in "hunting" far afield for a bargain?

But if you apply that criteria and only hunt for bargains in this area that are listed in the book — then the book is no bargain! However, the review copy of the book has been donated by Seven News to the Parliament Street Library. There you can read it for free.

And that's a bargain!

Where to get your income tax form filled out

by SHELLY BIRENBAUM

Income tax time again! As Nicholas, one of our volunteers at the Post puts it "Let Ottawa tax your income and not your patience."

Below is a list of the many income tax clinics sponsored by community groups to assist Ward 7 residents in filling out this year's tax forms.

Len Willis through Job Creation Project will be filling out tax forms Mon. to Fri. 9-5 at CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE, 349 Ontario St. Leave your forms and relevant information at the Reception desk and you can pick up the completed forms a week later. Charge is \$2. for simple returns and \$5. for very complex forms. Call 925-4363 for more information.

Staff at DIXON HALL, 58 Sumach St., will be assisting those on low income with their forms daily. A special clinic for senior citizens will be held every Wednesday 9:30 to 12:00. Starting Feb. 24th volunteers from the Institute of Chartered Accountants will help those who were working last year and have T4's. For all clinics at Dixon Hall call 863-0499 for an appointment. "Service is free — but donations are great."

NEIGHBOURHOOD INFORMATION POST staff and volunteers at 265 Gerrard St. E. are filing forms for those on low incomes Mon., Wed. & Fri. afternoons 1:30 to 4:00 and Mon. and Wed. evenings 7-9 p.m. There's no charge, but any donations people wish to make are happily accepted. Volunteers from the Post will be visiting the EMERGENCY HELP OFFICE at 200 Wellesley St. every Mon. evening 7-9 p.m. to assist St. Jamestown area residents. Call 924-2543 for an appointment at either one of these clinics.

Don Havens has volunteered to

operate a daytime tax clinic in the St. Jamestown HELP office at 200 Wellesley St. every Tues. and Fri. 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Residents of the Don Vale area can get assistance with their in-

p.m. The service is free for senior citizens and \$2. for others.

WoodGreen and Riverdale area residents can call 463-4246 for an appointment with a Local Initiatives Project Tax Service in their area. It will be operating from Morse St. School, 180 Carlaw, every Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Evening clinics will be held at: Queen St. E. Church, every Mon. and Thurs. 7-9 p.m.; St. Anne's Church, 120 First St., every Tues., 7-9 p.m.; and St. Clement's Church, 183 James St., every Wed. 7-9 p.m. There's no charge for the service.

EASTMINISTER COMMUNITY SERVICES at 310 Danforth has a free clinic for senior citizens and those on low incomes Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No appointment is needed. Small charge for more complicated forms. Call 466-1695 for more information.

An income tax service for senior citizens is being offered by WOODGREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 838 Queen St. E. Call 461-1168 for an appointment.

Those of you who are filling out your own forms and have a question regarding a particular section can call the Dept. of Taxation's Tax Inquiry Service at 869-1500. They will answer any inquiry over the phone.

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come tax forms at the DON VALE COMMUNITY CENTRE, 80 Winchester Street, every Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. For an appointment call 921-2426. There is no charge for the service.

Staff at the SILAYAN FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTRE, 520 Sherbourne St., will assist Philipinos to fill out their Philipino as well as their Canadian income tax forms. Call 922-3977 for more information.

Residents of Regent Park can drop in for tax assistance at the Regent Park Community Services Unit, 63 Belshaw Pl, Apt. 101, anytime Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m. to 9

Distributor of the week

by PHIL JALSEVAC

Bryan Moore, Seven News' Distributor of the Week, for this issue has been faithfully delivering the paper to residents of Sparkhall and Albemarle and has shown a keen interest in the papers' operations, visiting the offices to watch how the paper is produced and asking questions about the journalism trade.

Bryan has also been eager to help in other ways, sometimes coming with the distribution crew to load and unload the thousands of papers that are picked up every second week.

The 14-year-old Earl Grey Junior High student cites mathematics as his favourite subject in school, stating that "it's good exercise for your brain." His favourite extracurricular sports are "baseball, hockey and all that," and at school, he enjoys playing in the house league volleyball games. Bryan's one complaint about this however, is that "I'm the only one who shows up. Half the guys hardly ever come, and the other half have broken arms and legs."

His favourite TV shows are



Photo by Audrey Kilson

"Adam 12" and, the perennial favourite "Hockey Night in Canada". He says that the Montreal Canadiens are the team he roots for mostly.

The youngster stated that he appreciates Seven News because it does not emphasize "all the bad news, like somebody getting robbed or killed," as found so prevalent in the dailies. Expounding on this further, he said, "I read the last paper and it just talked about the district and community groups and that kind of thing."

Asked what he would like to be when he is older, Bryan stated, "Oh, I don't know yet ... but maybe I'd like to start my own business, maybe a trucking business like my dad used to run."

Alpha School seeks help with project

by RON AUSTIN

Alpha is an alternative public school, in its fourth year of operation. It functions under the Toronto

Board of Education, and is located on the third floor of the Broadview YMCA at 275 Broadview.

The school is organized as a cooperative in which the parents

govern, as well as participate in the daily activities of the school. Alpha draws some of its population from the immediate area surrounding the school, but the majority come from other areas of Toronto.

Alpha was recently awarded a Local Initiative Program grant and the project using that money began late last year. The aim of the project is to integrate Alpha more fully with the surrounding community and to encourage intercultural communications.

The project hopes to accomplish this aim by having informal visits with people from diverse ethnic, racial and cultural origins who live in or near the Broadview community.

The school began its project by putting on a play for the day care and the senior citizen drop-ins at WoodGreen Community Centre at Queen and Logan. From all reports, the play was well received.

The school has also been exploring many cultures, through cooking, language social studies and in other areas.

To give its students a well rounded education, the school is looking for people with knowledge, talents or memories and who would be willing to share them with a class or classes at the school. The school is also looking for ways it can help groups or organizations in the community.

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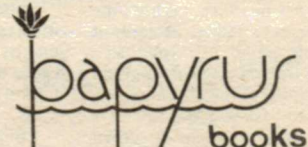
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