

FESTIVAL CELEBRATES CHINESE NEW YEAR

In recognition of the large and ever growing Chinese community in Ward Seven, the Riverdale Library will be holding a festival to mark the Chinese New Year.

The Festival will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 8:30 to 10 p.m. at the Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview Avenue (at Gerrard). Admission is free and people from all ethnic backgrounds are welcome.

The festival will feature a Dragon Dance by children from Alpha School, Chinese folk dances by a University of Toronto Chinese Association dance group, Chinese folk and art songs, demonstrations of Tai Chi Cheun and "pushing hands", and a shadow puppet show.

And of course Chinese food will be served.

Riverdale teen program seeks jobs for youth

by RICHARD TODD

Late last month the Community Youth Project at the Broadview 'Y' held a meeting for those interested in the project. Sixteen people showed up and all had something worthwhile to say.

Bill Fenn opened the meeting by giving the history of the project and then Tony Campbell, who helps run the project, gave a report. Much of what Tony had to say was in the last issue of Seven News.

Besides working with the youth in the area by providing them with counselling, the Community Youth Project is actively trying to find jobs for them. Some are being hired as workers with the project and efforts are being made to line up jobs for the coming summer. Andy Sutherland, who works with the project, plans to contact people who run summer camps with the hope of getting openings as camp counsellors saved for some of the youth in the area.

It was reported that attendance at the drop-in centre has been good and when it falls off the workers are out on the street finding out why. They also reported that the drop-in centre at Don Mount has been rejuvenated. There have been facilities at Don Mount for some time but no one to run them. It is now staffed.

People at the meeting expressed the opinion that there are a lot of programs available in the community and it was important to get

the kids involved in these existing programs. A spokesperson for the Broadview 'Y' said that attendance was off this winter at community recreation centres in this area. People felt there was a lack of motivation on the part of the youth, not a lack of available things for them to do. They felt the role of the Community Youth Project was to find out why the youth lacked the motivation.

A further meeting will be held at the Broadview 'Y' on the evening of Feb. 24th to further discuss the activities of the project. Both parents and youths are asked to attend. On that evening plans will be made for a community social.

Local students raise money for exchange trip

Some lucky students at Rose Avenue Public School in St. Jamestown will be visiting Pittsburgh in the USA in May. The event is an exchange program in which 90 students from both cities will take part: 45 students from each city will visit and stay in the other city.

So far, as the result of a series of fund-raising drives, Rose Avenue School has raised enough money to send 30 students down. The money has been raised through the sale of cookies at school, the collection of coat hangers and recently through a raffle.

The raffle, for a single item, an afghan, has so far raised the most money. Students in the grade five and six classes of Mr. Smith and Mr. Koning sold 1400 tickets at 25 cents a ticket.

The afghan was donated by Mrs. Busby the mother of two students at the school. The winning ticket, drawn Jan. 30th was number 86.

A benefit dance in aid of the **Hassle Free Medical Clinic** will be held in the upstairs CHAT office at 201 Church Street on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. For information phone 363-6103.

Mrs. Grace Granger and Mrs. Nellie Collins of Wellesley St. East in Don Vale are enjoying a pleasant three week vacation in Florida.

A party, to celebrate the publication of Don Keating's new book, **The Power To Make It Happen**, was held Friday, Jan. 7 at St. Ann's Church on First Avenue. It was sponsored by the Riverside Community and the Green Tree Publishing Company.

The five-team adult **floor hockey league** at Broadview YMCA has just finished the first half of their schedule with the Counts in first place. High goal scorers so far are **Beaver Sarrazin, Dave Todd and Bob Mullen**. Leading goalies have been **Doug Park** of the Jets and **Ralph Gauthier** of the Vikings.

The Friendly Neighbours-Friendship Centre on Dundas Street East has received a **\$21,181 New Horizons Grant** to meet the needs of an increased membership. Their activities include movies, crafts, hot lunches, music, singing and socials.

Parliament Street lawyer **Carl Orbach** is spending a two-week holiday in Antigua Bay.

Copies of Seven News are now available free from **The Shop'n Bag** at the corner of Chester Hill and Broadview.

The Tuesday Library House will feature actor **Alex Jeffories** performing a number of roles taken from classic literature.

Good used rummage is still needed for the regular month-end **rummage sale** being held by the Don Vale Community Centre. Drop it in at 80 Winchester Street or phone 921-2426 for a pickup.

The **Teen Drop-in** at the Parliament Street Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East will be



Janet Day, playwright and director illustrates a scene from her new play, "Take This Rose" which will be the next production of Theatre Omnis. The play, now in rehearsal is expected to open in March at the Don Vale Community Centre.

Take This Rose will be a musical-comedy that takes a look at the generation that has come up through the roaring sixties and the post hippie seventies. FOR STORY SEE PAGE FIVE.



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NEWS ROUND-UP

Daycare course being offered at Eastdale Secondary

showing a series of **sports films** on Friday, Feb. 13 with Chariots of the Gods being shown on Feb. 21. Show time is 4 to 6 p.m. in The Cellar.

A new company of **Girl Guides** has opened at Regent Park United Church, 40 Oak Street. Any girl between 10 AND 14 years who would like to join should go to the Church on **Tuesday nights** at 7 p.m.

Local businessmen who have **full or part-time jobs** available for 14 and 15-year-olds are asked to contact **Albert Joseph** at 615A Gerrard St. E. or phone 461-7549.

The Broadview YMCA, **275 Broadview** has a number of selected activities available **free to children** in the immediate community. There are tap dancing, swim lessons, gym classes, floor hockey and crafts. For information phone 461-8123.

A creative **Writing Workshop for teens** in the Don District will be held at the teen drop-in at the Parliament Library House on Monday or Thursday nights. Phone 921-8674 for information.

The Miller's Mini Band, located at the **Second Miles Club** on Carlton Street has received a **\$2,190 New Horizons Grant** to entertain other senior citizens in nursing homes and in the community.

A **Valentines Dance** will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14 starting at 8 p.m. at Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. East. Tickets are \$2.50 each and there will be a bar, Chinese food and a live band. Phone **Jill at 461-1168** for information.

The Regent Park Community Improvement Association is distributing a **work survey** throughout the complex. If enough people answer the questionnaire and are unemployed but willing to work, an **employment service** may be set up in Regent Park.

Ontario Housing Corporation is **re-writing** its standard lease-form that it has with all its tenants as a result of the new Ontario Rent Review Act.

Until it is re-written and printed up, tenants are being asked to sign an "application to lease" instead.

An **Adult Bingo** will be held at **Dixon Hall**, 58 Sumach Street at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16. Admission is free and all proceeds will go toward youth program at the Hall.

The **Toronto Library Board** rotates its meetings and **next meeting** of that Board will be held at 8 p.m. in the Boys and Girls room of the Parliament Library on Monday, Feb. 9.

Friday free films at the Parliament Library House will feature **The Little Rascals** on Feb. 20 and **The Passion of Jeanne D'Arc** on Feb. 27. Show time is 8 p.m.

The Broadview YMCA IS HOSTING EIGHT OR MORE TEAMS OF Senior Public School **volleyball** in their gym every Saturday from **noon to 3 p.m.** as a means of helping them develop their skills. Spectators are most welcome.

Starting Feb. 10, an **eight-week course** is being offered at Eastdale Secondary School, 701 Gerrard East, entitled: "How to organize a day-care centre and keep it going." **Fee is \$6** and it runs from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday. For more info, call 925-3137.

A display of **African arts and crafts** is being held at the Parliament Street Library through the month of February.

Sir Kenneth Clark's film series, **Civilization** continues at the Parliament Library House every Wed. afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Free **adult Yoga classes** are being held every Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. at Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre, 870 Queen St. East. Phone **461-2550** for more information.

An evening of oral poetry with English poet **Michael Horovitz, Marc Mercer and Chaucer Scholdar** will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12 at the Parliament Library House.



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OPEN ASSIGNMENT

Seven News always has more ideas for articles than it has people to write them. Some of them take a fair bit of research or a degree of organizational skill. A lot of them are interesting and just beg to be written.

Starting with this issue, and from now on, Seven News will print a couple of those articles ideas in the hope that someone will pick up on the ideas and write the article.

You don't need a lot of writing skill and the Seven News editor will give you all the help he can — both in the writing of it and helping you with sources of information. If you want to take on one of these assignments, give him a call: **Norman Browne at 920-8632.**

ASSIGNMENT ONE:
CRIME IN WARD SEVEN: How does the incident of reported crimes compare with other wards or areas in the city? Is there a higher incident of unreported crimes in Ward 7? What areas in Ward 7

are most crime prone? What types of crimes are most prevalent and in what areas? Do criminals in the area see Ward 7 as "easy pickings"?

ASSIGNMENT TWO:
ANTIQUA STORES: What is the difference between an antique and a second hand store? How long have second-hand stores been in the area? What is the oldest? How many of them are there? Who patronizes them? When did antique stores start opening? Why? How many? Where located? Is the trend continuing or declining? Why? What types are there? What can be obtained in them? Etc., etc.

Volunteers sought by Winchester School

Dear Mr. Browne:

As reported in the last issue of Seven News (January 24, issue) a number of new Local Initiative Program (LIP) grants have been given to various local groups.

Here at Winchester School, we have received an \$8,960 grant to employ three new workers. Two of them are involved in volunteer organizing while the third, Geoff Williams, is employed in the classrooms as a teacher's aide.

The object of our efforts is to create a comprehensive and ongoing volunteer service system based on the needs of the teachers and students of Winchester School.

If you are a parent with a child

attending the school you will already have received a detailed questionnaire from us. For those members of the community other than parents who wish to become involved, it is simply a matter of phoning the school (921-2178) and asking for either Jane Neal or Christopher Hume.

We try to be available at all times and we now have our own office which we hope will soon be equipped with a telephone.

We are searching for all kinds of people with any and all kinds of talents, interests and time. The list runs from classroom assistance to clerical help; we need babysitters, typists, people to help with field-trips, sports, cultural activities and so on.

In other words, if you would like to help, in no matter what capacity, you can. Just give us a call, we would be glad to hear from you.

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LETTERS



Stamm, Scrivener cause ouster of 13 DACHI families

Dear Mr. Browne:

The continued successful opposition of Margaret Scrivener MPP for St. David's and Gary Stamm, failed alderman's candidate for Ward Seven, has resulted in a "non-decision" by the Minister of Housing to Dachi's application for rental supplement for low income members. Without approval of Ontario rent supplement to the Co-op by March 1st, 13 families who cannot pay breakeven housing charges will have to move from their homes and community.

One elderly couple who suffer from physical handicaps and diabetes, expressed concern over whether they will return to slum conditions lacking toilet facilities or running water which they suffered in Don Vale in 1973 prior to Dachi buying and providing them with a new, clean apartment. An apartment was quickly found by their former slum-landlord in Ontario Housing after Dachi put him out of business by buying the property in 1974. They know that Mrs. Scrivener did nothing for them. Dachi provided decent housing and helped them. They think it unjust that MPP Scrivener appears to be forcing them back to slum conditions or isolation, through her actions.

How did this situation come

about? Dachi applied for rent supplement from Ontario in October, 1974. The application, approved by the Civil Service, passed to the Minister for final approval. Never before had a staff-approved application not received Ministerial approval. What happened?

Mrs. Scrivener and Mr. Stamm met with the Minister and, with others, convinced him that Dachi lacked "community acceptance" and could not qualify. The Minister and Premier Davis wrote the Project Manager of the Co-op in August 1975 and stated that if Dachi could demonstrate community acceptance, the application for rent supplement would be reconsidered. Dachi delivered a petition of 1,600 plus signatures from the neighbourhood supporting the Co-op to the new Minister of Housing in October 1975. Also, the Minister received letters supporting the Co-op from most organizations in the community. The Minister received this evidence of community acceptance and stated to Co-operative members that he realized the Co-op could not continue to carry members who are unable to pay breakeven rents and remain solvent. He realized that without immediate approval of rent supplement 13 families would have to leave the Co-op.

Again, Mrs. Scrivener MPP did not support the Dachi application. The Minister did not approve the application, but stalled. The Co-operative members, after two years of supporting low income families, can do so no longer without going broke. The members of the Co-operative cannot perform the job of the Ontario Government.

If Mrs. Scrivener and Mr. Stamm stall the Minister's decision on Rent Supplement past March 1st, they will achieve one thing. There will be no low income residents in Dachi — the Co-op will only house people of moderate income. Dachi will not go away, but it will not be able to house the poor.

Mrs. Scrivener and Mr. Stamm argued that Dachi could not provide housing for the poor. Their continued successful opposition to Rent Supplement ensures a self-



Margaret Scrivener

fulfilling prophecy.

The Minister is "reconsidering". But he can "reconsider" the Dachi application until every low-income resident in the Co-op has moved out, or until the Co-operative goes broke supplying housing to low income residents without covering costs. Mrs. Scrivener, by her actions, appears to say that sixteen hundred residents of Don Vale and thirteen disadvantaged families, do not count.

The answer to "confirm or deny" in the last Ward Seven News is "yes". The Co-operative will become a moderate income Co-op on March 1ST, with out the Minister's rent supplement. Mrs. Scrivener and the Minister of Housing have until then to decide if thirteen families deserve to go homeless. There are no further options available.

Mrs. Scrivener and Mr. Stamm talk about density, parks, architecture, planning, finances, bureaucracy, it's up to the Minister, sweat equity, property values, community opposition, and other myths. Say a lot about density, parks and planning, and you'll obscure the fact that you're effectively forcing the low income and elderly out of their homes and Don Vale. Gary Stamm — "confirm or deny"?

The real issue is low income families being effectively forced from their homes and neighbourhood, because their application for a program they deserve is not being supported by their own Government representative — a Cabinet Minister — Margaret Scrivener MPP. "Confirm or deny"?

(Dachi is short form for Don Area Co-operative Homes Inc., a non-profit low and moderate income housing project in Don Vale. The events described in this article are documented.)

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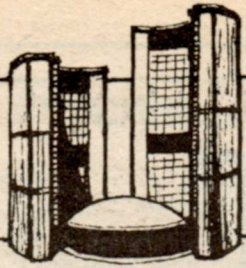
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Plan calls for too much office space

by JANET HOWARD

The new official plan that was adopted by City Council on January 31st will do all the things Mayor Crombie promised to stop when he was elected in 1972. What is still sometimes thought of as a reform-minded Council has just voted to encourage the doubling of office space downtown; to provide housing at St. Jamestown densities stacked literally on top of commercial office towers; to allow institutional buildings to expand at the expense of neighbourhoods.

The plan contains many fine-sounding objectives, such as deconcentration. That means sharing commercial development with other places like North York and Scarborough Town Centre, who are doing their best to attract developers so they can have their own downtowns. Unfortunately, the plan in fact discourages deconcentration by allowing for almost as much office space as the planners predict would be built anyway in the next few years, so that developers will have no reason to move out to the boroughs and beyond.

The plan states as a goal "the provision of decent housing to all residents in a suitable living environment at prices which they can afford." The way it chooses to do this is to bribe developers to build apartments at much higher densities than the old plan allowed by giving them their maximum commercial floor space on a particular site only if they also put in the maximum residential floor space on the same site.

The goal of having a park of some sort within a quarter of a mile of every downtown resident also sounds great. However, there is no mechanism to ensure that these parks are of any useable size — two benches and three pigeons on a postage stamp plot of land, purchased for hundreds of thousands of dollars, do not fill the recreational needs of downtown residents.

Reform Caucus worked hard on changes to plan

The Reform Caucus — five members of Council, including me — worked long and hard on suggested changes to the plan ever since it came out last October. By the time the Planning Board was considering it, we had worked out amendments that would effectively have promoted deconcentration (by putting the squeeze on downtown office building); made it difficult for speculators to drive land prices beyond the point where the majority of people can ever benefit from what is built; encouraged non-profit housing, with a large element of family housing, instead of the 30-storey singles' apartment buildings the plan will provide.

The problem was that we approach planning on a basis that is totally upside down from the basis the planners and the majority of City Council were using. Mayor Crombie admitted it in Council during the week long debate. In short, we felt that people elect their aldermen to change the way things happen if those things aren't in the best interests of the majority of residents. The planners worked on the basis of figuring out who has the power and the money (the land development industry) and setting up rules that will be convenient for that industry.

The Mayor made a speech to that effect. Having talked about saving neighbourhoods for the past three years, he told us that we should vote for projects like the Manulife Centre as our gesture towards housing because it will be profitable for developers to build them. He would not vote for one Reform Caucus amendment that you might think no one could vote against: "New housing shall be developed in a neighbourhood context with adequate parkland, local retail services, adequate educational facilities, and other support services." It is not an impossible goal unless you refuse even to try to do it.

Council voted to raise densities

Council voted to raise the densities suggested by the Planning Board, which had made precious few changes, faced with so complex a document and a January 31st deadline the Province had imposed. It also chose to make amendments to the plan to permit specific developments, such as letting the south side of Yonge and Bloor Streets rise as high as the north side, because a developer already has the land.

Another official plan amendment proposed for the same reasons almost sneaked through, but that developer was too obvious — there he was in the Council Chamber, chatting to every alderman he could collar, with a huge cardboard model of his high-rise project in a box. Allan Sparrow of Ward 6 got Council to agree to hear him officially, then and there.

It was a bizarre scene. The model sat on a table in the middle of the chamber while the developer's lawyer told us that he had discussed it with Alderman Smith of Ward 11 (in north Toronto) and Alderman Beavis of Ward 8, neither of whom make any bones about being there to help developers. The trouble is, the development is for Ward 6, and neither that community nor its alderman think it does anything useful for the neighbourhood.

I voted for the Reform Caucus plan. I voted for the amendments put forward by the Residents Advisory Committee, a group composed of representatives of over 30 community groups from across the city who had spent months analyzing the plan in order to make something good of it. When those amendments all failed, and the plan was only changed to allow a few extra developments that didn't quite fit the new technicalities, I voted against the plan.

When the new wave of high priced, high-rise junk housing starts to happen, I hope that the people of Toronto will finally be able to get the rules changed in their favour. For now, the Mayor can say it's a great plan; wait until people really see it.

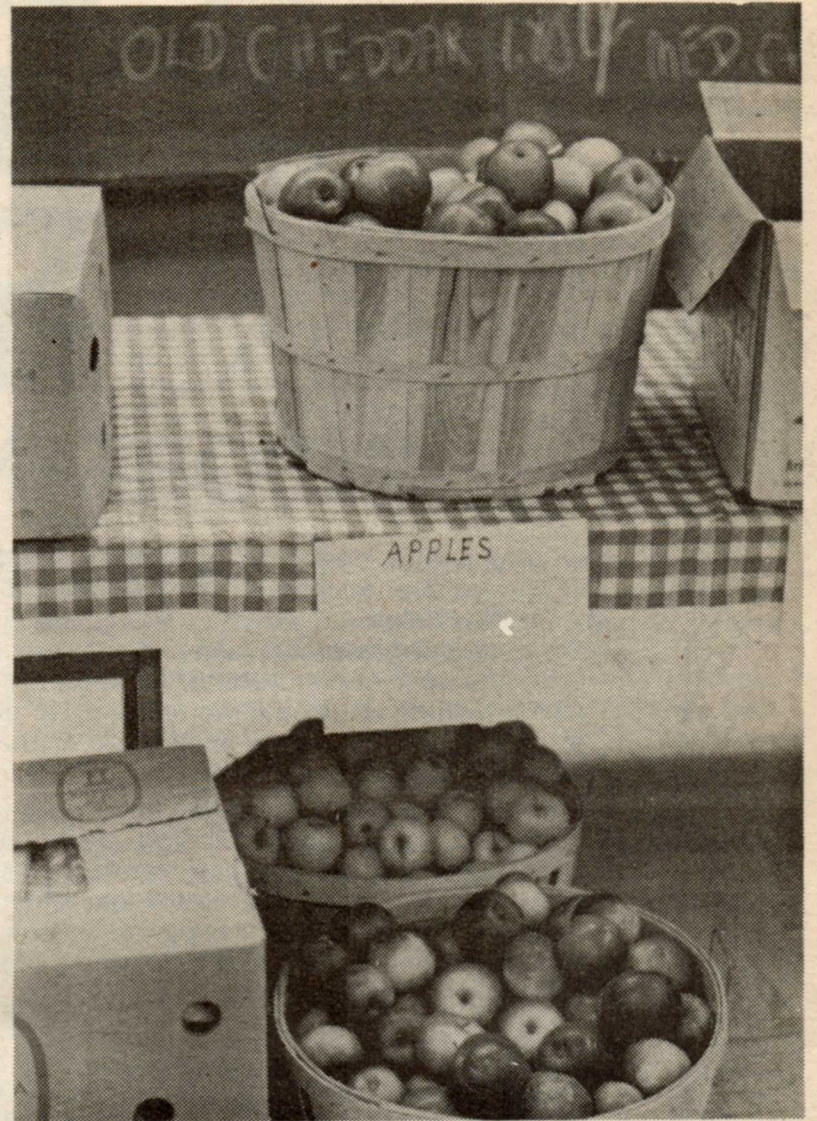
Regent Park opens food co-operative

by NEIL ROTHENBERG

On Friday, Jan. 9, the Regent Park Food Co-operative had its formal opening. On the first day of operation the co-op served 28 members, who bought over \$200 worth of fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and cheese. The co-op is located at the Oak St. portable, at Oak and River Sts. and is open on Fridays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Last Fall, the Regent Park Community Improvement Assoc. applied for and received LIP funding for one worker to help organize a food co-operative. In December, Mary Smith, a resident of Regent Park, was hired to co-ordinate the project. The co-operative was organized with the hope of providing a solution to the ever-rising price of food for the residents of Regent Park. With prices on the average 30% lower than the local supermarkets, the food co-operative has certainly been a success. The response by the residents of Regent Park has been no less than fantastic. In three short weeks, membership has risen to 77 and on Jan. 30, the co-op purchased over \$500 of food. There is already talk of expanding to 2 days a week and they are hoping to carry a wider variety of foodstuffs in the coming weeks.

The co-operative is operated on a pre-order basis. The members call in their food orders on Wednesdays. Early Friday mornings, Mary Smith and Irene Kitson, go down and buy the food at the Ontario Food Terminal. Later that day the members come in and do their shopping. All the work at the co-



Apples by the basket were on sale at the successful opening of the Regent Park Food Co-op.

Photo by Laurie Brass

operative is done by the members on a volunteer basis.

Membership is open to all residents of Regent Park and the surrounding area. There is a refunda-

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FODARA annual meeting

The Federation of Don Area Residents' Associations (FODARA) will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday February 11, at 7:30 at the Community Secretariat, 249 Gerrard St. E. The main order of business will be to elect the new 15 person Board of Directors of The Don Area Community Secretariat. Eleven directors must be elected from among delegates to FODARA Council, but four are to be drawn from "the Community at Large". Nominations are open until meeting time.

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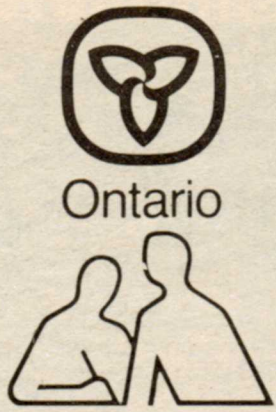
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- For tenancy agreements taking effect on or after July 30, 1975 and up to and including December 31, 1975. **TENANTS** wishing to dispute increases up to eight per cent for that period must make application on the appropriate form by February 29, 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 over the rent charged during the last full month prior to August 1, 1975, for the above period, must make application on the appropriate form by February 29, 1976.
- 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 29, 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 collecting more than this contravenes the rent review legislation and may, on summary conviction, be fined up to \$2,000.

- In respect to tenancy agreements taking effect on or after July 30, 1975 and up to and including April 30, 1976, **LANDLORDS** wishing to charge more than eight per cent for any period after January 1, 1976 must make application on the appropriate form by February 29, 1976.
- 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 February 29, 1976, or 60 days after receiving a notice of increase, whichever comes last.

RENT REVIEW FORMS

- Until the rent review offices are in operation, **TENANTS** and **LANDLORDS** may obtain forms from offices of the Ministry of Housing, Ministry of Natural Resources (northern affairs branch offices only), Ministry of Revenue assessment offices, Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations and Ontario Housing Corporation branch offices in Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Ottawa, Cambridge, Hamilton and London. Check your telephone directory for the local address.
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Community group to receive legal assistance

Law in the Community is a Local Initiatives Programme located at 257 Seaton Street. The program started on December 1, 1975 with training sessions organized by Neighbourhood Legal Services, also located at 257 Seaton Street. The three staff members are developing general para-legal skills in the area of poverty law and beginning to familiarize themselves with the overall legal needs of the Don District and which organizations currently exist that require assistance.

The areas of poverty law that will be concentrated on are:

Landlord-Tenant Act, Unemployment Insurance, Public Housing, Welfare, Pensions (DVA, Canada), Criminal Compensation Board, employment standards, and advice on how to get legal aid.

The basic goal of the project is to aid community organizations in developing the capacity to give legal advice on matters of concern which their groups ordinarily encounter. It is hoped that assistance to health clinics can be provided to understand welfare and old age pension problems.

Tenant associations will be con-

tacted to broaden their understanding of landlord-tenant law, related legal problems and possible solutions. Law in the Community will encourage community organizations to develop advocacy programs suited to their particular goals and direction, by training paralegal workers in their groups and by teaching courses to groups that do not have a large enough staff to include a full-time lay advocate.

Such work is crucial to bringing awareness of law into a poor community, where such work is not being handled by a law office at this time. It can best be carried out by groups who already have a base and constituency in the Don community.

The educational format for this program will involve workshops and seminars; people from other community legal services will be used as resources and key speakers, if necessary. The types of groups that would participate in such a program would be existing community based groups such as tenant associations, information posts, ethnic centres, community and recreation centres, community health clinics, church organizations, and professional groups such as doctors and public health nurses.

At this time groups in the Don District have been contacted by mail to establish what needs lie where and learn what legal needs are going unmet and how best to meet them with the co-operation of existing groups. Responses to this program is starting to reach the Law in the Community office and plans are being developed to implement the program.

Law in the Community staff Sharon Pirnak, Peter Lancaster, and Wendy Honickman may be reached between 10 and 5, Monday to Friday at 924-9593.

Teens told to drop out

by MARY ROSEN

Be a dropout! That is the advice Mr. Wayne Baker from the Donwoods Institute gave to a group of teenagers from St. Jamestown on Monday evening, January 26. He was invited to speak to the teenagers by Ron Lefebvre, Children's and Youth Director for the YMCA.

Mr. Baker pointed out to the teenagers that dropping out from pressures of the gang to drink was the healthy thing to do. Being a dropout is a serious matter. He explained that the teens who dropped out from the drinking gang would be harangued and would have to suffer being called "chicken" and other names. To be a dropout might even mean isolation for a time.

However, looking at the other side of the coin, the drinking ones, in reality were the chickens — their inability to cope with life, their families, their teachers or school work drove these teenagers to drink. Any minor frustration and they resorted to drinking. The age group is becoming younger each year, and there are alcoholics among fourteen year old kids.

Mr. Baker told the teenagers that anyone who became dependent on drugs or alcohol as a means of escape when a crisis threatened was addicted. Help should be sought, he urged.

Mr. Baker has no criticism to make on social drinking. The danger existed when a person allows the drinking to take hold of one's life and the person is unable to stop his drinking. He emphasized the need for rapping with someone who has empathy, whether a friend, relative, a stranger when life and its problems

became too much to handle by one's self. He stressed the importance of becoming involved with people, not a chemical.

Mr. Baker went into the physical, mental and social damages caused by drinking or taking drugs. He cited an example of a famous football player, now dead, who drank before, during and after a game. One afternoon the player became so disorientated he ran with the ball, not to his opponents' end but to his own. Needless to say his career was finished after that fiasco.

Mr. Baker described what he called "defensive mechanism". These were all the excuses people used to continue drinking — it might be anything from a toothache to "the teacher is picking on me." This type of thinking is dangerous, he said, because teenagers or adults justify their behaviour to drink and are unable to see that excessive drinking is an illness. Urgent and immediate help is required. He warned the teenagers that alcoholism is never cured, only arrested.

Mr. Baker has been at the Donwoods Institute in Leaside since 1967. He is director of Physical Fitness, Social and Recreational Therapy. An ex-alcoholic himself, he knows from experience what he is talking about and has great understanding of the hazards involved when a person depends on drinking as a way of life.

He talks to teen age groups anywhere in Ontario and usually presides at meetings in about forty schools. He will talk at any school or to any teenage group. Those interested in listening to him about addiction or in questioning him should phone the Donwoods Institute at 425-3930.

Health Centre takes survey

The Don District Community Health Centre is presently asking people in that area what services it should be providing over and above its present programs.

A door-to-door survey is being conducted to both make people aware of the Health Centre and to seek feedback about what programs and services it should also provide.

As well, an action committee has been formed consisting of people who are knowledgeable about the neighbourhood and its health needs. This committee meets every other Tuesday night and is still seeking members. For more information phone Larry at the Health Centre, 364-1361.

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Take This Rose set for March opening

by CHRISTA VAN DAELE

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You take the rose, of course. What else *could* you do?

It is scenes like this that are being created by Theatre Omnis this month to play to Cabbagetown residents for the March opening of **Take This Rose**.

Take This Rose will be Theatre Omnis' second Toronto production. The Company has involved itself actively in the community in the past with its highly successful staging of **The Red Balloon** and its recent programme of dance instruction at Winchester Public School.

And **Take This Rose** should be proof of Theatre Omnis' continuing engagement in Don Vale. All of us who have hit thirty, says playwright-director Janet Day, will certainly connect to the theme of the play. The central character is a blue jeaned, long haired, youngish man. He's the tumbler, the poet, the philosopher; he's "been through the wringer", the director says.

The wringer . . . Spiritually, emotionally, the youngish man has had it. He's been through the sixties. Out to the commune. Back to the city. Then, the seventies. The disasters speed up, accelerate. His girlfriend becomes independent. She takes up with . . . but you'll have to see the play. He looks for his brother. Finds him in a drag bar. . .

Get the picture? But the theatrical experience of **Take This Rose**, promises Janet Day, will be uplifting, to a certain extent. The music, for openers, will be fantastic; the company has hired George Coventry to take the lead. He's a singer-composer with more than a hundred tunes to his credit. He'll be backed by a chorus, cabaret-style, of six men and women, singers and dancers. And the story itself will be told by a narrator who flashbacks and jokes, tongue-in-cheek, on the action.

All in all, **Take This Rose** promises a good night of sound entertainment. Diane Strickland, the theatre's artistic director, believes that people deserve to feel better, not worse, when they leave the theatre. And when you talk to husky-voice Janet Day, the warm lady that's been hatching the project for five years, who has left New York and has picked Toronto as a place to live and work, you know the show will touch a nerve in everybody's past. Because she created it straight from her own.

ELSEWHERE AND NOTED

Theatre Omnis: **Take This Rose**. Time and place to be announced next issue.

Firehall Theatre: **The Unexpected Guest**. A thriller by Agatha Christie. February 5-21. 8:00 p.m. 70 Berkeley St. For more information: 364-4170.

Theatre Metropolis at the Harbourfront Theatre: **The Stranger**, by Paul Young and Richard Allan. Feb. 5-8. 8:00 p.m., 231 Queen's Quay. For more information: 369-3931.

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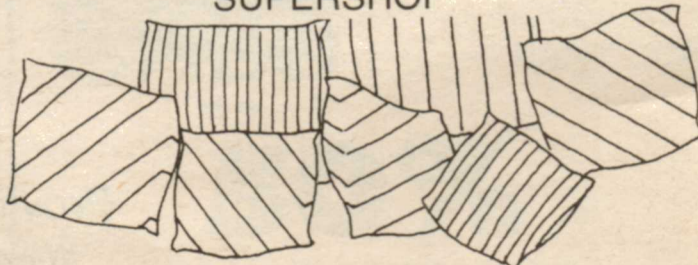
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Pat Travis: A profile of a crossing guard

by MARY ROSEN



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PAT TRAVIS

Mr. Pat Travis began to work at the age of thirteen, cutting lumber, during the depression to help support a family of twelve boys. He joined the army when he was fifteen and saw service during World War II. In the army he was a small arms instructor and a sergeant.

Now at the age of fifty-seven he still wears his silver hair in a crew cut style.

Although partially disabled by congestive heart failure Pat is still a busy, active man. He is vice-president of FODARA, an organization representing eleven residents' groups in the Don district. One of the groups' notable achievements, they fought and won, was their case against the widening of Dundas St. E. They also stayed the razing of houses, south of St. Jamestown, by the Meridian Group.

When Sackville St. School was being threatened with extinction, Pat was at the time chairman of the Parents' Committee. He argued their position with the City of Toronto and the Board of Education, and the school remained. Today a flourishing French School exists at Sackville St. School.

Dixon Hall Board

Pat is vice-president of the Board of Directors of Dixon Hall Community Centre. This active group engages in recreational pursuits for all age groups; also practical programs such as dental care, legal advice, income tax help and day care.

These activities would seem to keep him pretty busy but Pat finds time to bowl every Thursday night with his attractive wife, Dorothy, of twenty-one years. They are proud of all the bowling trophies they have won over the years.

Since 1967 Pat has been team captain with the United Indian League. He beams a happy smile when he talks of this league. Pat and his wife Dorothy are the only non-Indians belonging to the bowling league and they also attend other Indian functions.

Besides all these enterprises Pat is on the Board of Directors of Neighbourhood Information Post, a community orientated group, dispensing information of any kind, to the residents of Ward Seven.

Pat lives with his wife and three daughters, Kathy, who is twenty, Carol Lee, eighteen, and Roberta, seventeen, in Regent Park North. Roberta is active with the Pioneers, a senior group of Girl Guides at Trinity Church. The two younger girls attend Lakeview School, studying business administration.

Pat, until five years ago, was a

truck driver with United Crane and Hoist Company. After a day's work, he was backing his truck into his back yard when he slumped over the wheel, "blacked out". He had to leave his job because of the fear this would happen again while he was driving on some busy street, endangering other people's lives. With the help of some school trustees, Gordon Cressy for one, he got a part-time job as a crossing guard.

His first day on the job as a crossing guard, at Sackville and Shuter, the children gave him such a hard time that Pat was ready to quit. He learned in a hurry that he had to be "the boss." Since that day five years ago, he has come to know well the children from St. Paul's, Park Public, and Regent Park Schools, the three schools he covers as crossing guard.

These days kids are no longer the problem

The children all call him Pat and appear to like and respect him. He smiles a good deal and greets them all cheerily. He sometimes has to play several roles: that of mentor, father, confidant and watchdog.

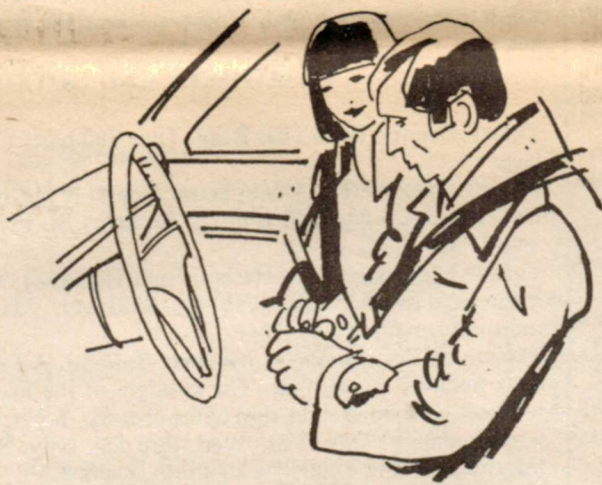
"The children are no longer the problem these days," says Pat. The issue he must contend with are the motorists. Some drivers will not stop, although they have been warned from a long and safe distance to do so by the red sign all guards carry. His life and the children's are sometimes in jeopardy, he says, because of the drivers who do not stop at the crosswalks. He wishes the crossing guards had more authority to report drivers who violate the law to the police.

Pat also wishes the guards could be paid a little more than the minimum wage. He believes that with a hike in pay to at least four dollars, more people would be interested in becoming crossing guards, saving the taxpayers money. The situation as it stands now is if a guard is not on duty at a crosswalk, then a policeman takes over. The police, however, receive more than the minimum wage. Pat feels that if the job were more attractive, money wise at the least, there would be guards on call in case of an absence.

Who would want to stand outside in weather below zero, as it has been recently for three to four hours for \$2.60 an hour? Pat's reply is "someone who has to do the job and I like kids — someone has to protect them."

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- Seat belts that are not working must be repaired.

- The shoulder harness is not part of the system in back seats—and need not be installed.
- It is not illegal to carry more passengers than there are seat belts.
- The driver is responsible for all children aged 2 to 15. All adult passengers, 16 and over are responsible for themselves.

There are exceptions:

- (1) Children under two years of age.
- (2) Persons with a medical exemption certificate from their doctor.
- (3) Delivery personnel driving in their drop-off zone at 25 mph or under.
- (4) Rural mail delivery personnel.
- (5) Convertibles do not require shoulder harness.

The fine for breaking the law is from \$20 to \$100, plus costs. But life and health are precious, and accidents which cause death or injury to people, or damage to property, cost far more than the fine.

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Nursery schools in Ward Seven

by SHELLEY BIRENBAUM

Nursery schools provide a part-day nursery education program for children of pre-school age (usually 3 to 4 years). They are usually a preparation for junior kindergarten or kindergarten, and are geared toward developing the child's physical, social and intellectual skills. Nursery schools, because they generally operate on a half-day basis, are not usually equipped to meet the needs of working mothers.

Some nursery schools are cooperative, which means that the parents are actively involved in the planning and carrying out of the programs.

Don Vale Cooperative Nursery School, 80 Winchester Street, is almost completely run by the parents, who usually come for a week at a time (depending on their work schedules) to help out in the nursery. The school takes children who are from 2 to 5 years old and runs from 9:00 - 12:00. The fee is \$35 per month, but it is flexible. There are some spaces available right now. If interested in enrolling your child, contact Cathy Jones at 967-7532.

St. Peter's Cooperative Nursery School, 190 Carlton Street, also encourages parents to help out in the school. The nursery runs from 9:00 — 12:00 and has children from the ages of 2 to 5. The

fees are flexible and are usually \$30 per month if the parents help out one day during the week. There is also a 3 day program, a 2 day program and a 1 day program. There is space available right now. If interested in taking a look at the school or setting up an interview, call Mrs. Judy Stamm at 922-6836.

Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario Street, has a nursery school for children 2 to 4 years old. It runs from 9:00 to

open to children 2 to 4 years of age, who reside in the St. Jamestown area. Parents are expected to help out in one session every few weeks. The hours are from 9:30 to 11:30 and 1:30 to 3:30. The children can come for both sessions. There is no fee for the nursery school and there is space available. For more information call Judi McCallum at 925-8001 or Paul Unterman at 964-8775.

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, has a morning program for children 3 to 5 years old. The program runs from 9:00 to 12:00 and is free. There is space available. If interested, contact Fred Andrews at 863-0499.

Regent Park South Nursery School, 203 Sackville Green, is run by the Metro Child Care Unit. The children are from 2 to 3 years old and they attend either the morning session (9:00 to 11:30 a.m.) or the afternoon session (1:00 to 3:30 p.m.). The program is intended for non-working mothers who are in financial need. The fees are a minimum of 10 cents per day per child.

The children are basically from the Regent Park South area. The nursery program is geared to the needs of the children and all the instructors have been trained in early childhood education. There is still room available in the nursery. For further information call the Metro Child Care Unit at 367-8591.

The Children's House, 935 Dundas St. East (Dundas Public School at Boulton Avenue) runs from 9:00 to 12:00 and takes children from 3 years old until junior kindergarten. The fee is approximately \$20 per week, but a family



Above, children from the Central Neighbourhood House nursery school take a break from their indoor activities to play in the snow in the playground adjacent to the building. Photo by Shelly Birenbaum

from the post

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12:00 and includes a nutritional lunch. The nursery school is cooperative and the fee is on a sliding scale from 10 cents per day if there is a subsidy, to \$5.50 per day. All staff have been trained in early childhood education. If interested in finding out more information, contact Barbara Greer at 925-4363.

St. Jamestown Nursery School is a Local Initiatives Project, sponsored by the YWCA. It is

can apply for a subsidy through Metro Social Services. The nursery program is relatively structured. The school has some Montessori equipment and works toward preparing the child for junior kindergarten.

There is basic language stimulation and training in social interaction. All the staff have been trained in early childhood education. For more information call Mrs. Jackson at 691-4032 or Mrs. Weaver at 465-8518. There is no room in the nursery right now, but names can be put on the waiting list.

Eastdale Secondary School Nursery is located at 701 Gerrard St. East. It runs from 9:00 to 11:30 and takes children from 2-1/2 years to junior kindergarten. This nursery is a training ground in the skills of child care, for students from Castle Frank High School. Under the supervision of Mrs. Szonyi, these students work with the children. The nursery program is both educational and social, with

outdoor play, singing, games and trips.

The school is subsidized by the Board of Education and thus the fee is only \$3.00 per month. Any family is eligible to enroll their child. However there is a fairly long waiting list and if you are interested, phone Mrs. Szonyi at 461-0835 to put your name on the list.

Just outside the Ward 7 boundaries is **Bond Street Nursery School** in the Metropolitan United Church at 51 Bond Street. The school is run by United Way and subsidized by welfare. There are four staff members, a social worker, and there is always room for volunteers! Most of the parents are single and there is a bus service available. The school also has a mother's group. The children are from 2-1/2 to 5 years and the program runs from 8:30 and 12:30, all year long. There are always vacancies and subsidies are available. If you are interested, contact Mrs. Lee at 363-0335 or 364-0919.



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THE TROUBLE WITH GREENHOUSES

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

Don Area Co-op Greenhouses, Inc. (DACGI) has run into opposition in its efforts to supply housing for low-income plants in the Don Vale area.

The latest set-back is that the Carlton Street project has been turned down by the City's Committee of Adjustment. However, supporters of the project, who believe there should be a mix of low, medium and high income plants and flowers in the area, plan to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

DACGI's main argument is that the townhousing and white-painting that has gone on has resulted in the paving, gravelling and bricking of a number of front lawns with the resultant loss of space for the plants that formerly lived there.

The DACGI project is an effort to provide housing for the plants and flowers that have been displaced from the area as the result of the changes that have been made over the past number of years.

Another cause for complaint is the annual forsythia festival held each spring in Don Vale. A DACGI activist recently stated, "With the spread of Forsythia through the area, what happens to the plants, shrubs and flowers that formerly lived where the Forsythia has been planted?"

An old-time resident has another argument, "We want our children to know, meet and experience people, plants and flowers of every type and from all walks of life."

Opponents of the project claim that DACGI will only house weeds and the concentration of a lot of

weeds in one spot will lower property values in that area.

Opponents also claim the project will cause a higher density in the area and result in a greater burden on the taxpayer through the increased use of municipal services.

However, a planner for the area states that the amount of greenery has actually dropped over the past five years, and the plants housed in DACGI wouldn't begin to make up for that loss. "Besides," he said, "the density of greenery in Don Vale will still be a lot less than that in St. Jamestown!"

Those fighting the project dispute these claims and state that the


amount of oxygen produced by plants in Don Vale hasn't noticeably changed in the last 100 years.

The most outspoken opponent of the project claims that "sweat equity" is the only way to produce plants and provide them with the space they need to live. Deriding the whole co-op, low-income concept, he predicts the Provincial Government will not subsidize the project and as a result it will eventually only be able to house middle and upper class plants and flowers.

Meanwhile, with the community divided 60-40 in favour, petitions are being circulated, briefs written and it looks like a major battle may be shaping up.

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