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Election sees incumbents returned

By ULLI DIEMER

The final election results are in, and nothing much seems to have changed in the three ridings overlapping Ward 7, and in the city and the province generally.

Locally, all three incumbents — Jim Renwick in Riverdale, Margaret Scrivener in St. David, and Margaret Campbell in St. George — have retained their

seats. Provincially it's another Conservative minority government, with only the NDP and the Liberals changing places by the narrowest of margins. The NDP slipped into third place and lost its official opposition status, but considering how the official opposition has fared in the last few elections, this is a distinction that appears to matter more to the departing NDP leader Stephen Lewis than to the voters.

However, behind the apparent stability of the election results, some important changes may be taking place. Provincially, a three-party system of minority governments seems to have been established. The old tradition of stable continuing majority government rule has been set aside as many voters adopt the healthy attitude that no group of politicians should be trusted with too much power, that it is better to have them insecure and competing for favour with the voters.

Locally, only Jim Renwick had an easy time of it — he actually increased his margin, and picked up more votes than all five of his opponents put together. In St. David, Margaret Scrivener's margin was cut to an insecure 800-odd votes. Her future hold on the riding has to be considered questionable, and she'll have to work doubly hard between elections to hold her support.

In St. George, Margaret Campbell hung on to her seat by an even narrower margin in a result that can only be attributed to her personal popularity. There can be little

doubt that when she retires, the Liberals will lose the riding, as they have already lost every other riding in Metro Toronto.

For the Liberals, their showing in the cities may prove to be more important than their inheritance of official opposition status. The Liberals may be pleased with how they placed in the election, but the fact remains that they lost votes and seats overall, and that they were almost wiped out in the cities. In St. David and Riverdale, Liberals Ross McClellan and Dennis Drainville both ran creditable campaigns, but both finished far, far out of the running.

The NDP, meanwhile, ran very strong campaigns in both St. George and St. David, while the Conservatives also put on an almost-but-not-quite-good-enough showing in St. George. For the Conservatives, this may mean they'll be ready to inherit St. George in the next election. And the NDP now has two strong riding organizations in these ridings, which, even if they don't produce immediate election victories, may prove to be very important in the future. Watch for a lot of the people who worked in the NDP campaigns to be very active in local politics over the next couple of years.

What about the issues? If there were any in the campaign, they certainly weren't very evident in the three ridings of Riverdale, St. David, and St. George, where it was all mainly a battle of personalities. Despite all the election promises, voters can expect more of the same from Queen's Park...



Photo by Sandra Perryman

Asha Gopal and Revathi Satu perform traditional Indian dances at the Parliament St. Library House

East Indian Festival

By CHRIS STEPHENSON

There was standing room only in the Parliament Street Library House when Indian dancers Asha Gopal and Ravathi Satu began their dancing last month. The setting was enhanced by the displays of new books, the posters of India and the pungent smell of incense.

People from all walks of life were entranced by the beautiful young women dressed in rich colourful saris highlighted by belts, bracelets, ankle-chains and necklaces of gold. The girls danced barefoot, with their hair tied back in intricately beaded headresses.

On Tuesday May 31 the Parlia-

ment Street Branch of the Toronto Public Libraries celebrated the acquisition of a number of books in the Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi languages with an East Indian festival. They featured a film, a puppet show ("The Magic Cooking Pot") and a display of customary Indian costumes. All present agreed that the highlight of the evening was the performance of Indian dancing.

The girls performed many traditional dances to vocal and instrumental music. The most impressive dances were those of pure expression preceded by explanations. One of the more enthusiastic young watchers joined in the fun with her own interpretive

movements, and of the ladies movements, and one of the ladies present summed up the energetic nature of the performances saying, "Now I know why they're thin, they burn up a lot of energy".

After the performances the audience was treated to liquid refreshment and a selection of culinary delights including fried banana chips and chick peas with spices. Everyone present counted the evening a tremendous success.

If you have never attended one of the library's special programs, you should do so soon. If you missed the performance and wish to see the dancing, the young women will be performing at Caravan 77's New Delhi pavilion.

ALPHA School moving to Ward Six

By SHARON WYMAN

ALPHA School, the Toronto Board of Education's oldest alternative elementary school is moving from Ward Seven. It will re-open next September at Brant Street School located in the King and Spadina area of the City.

The move was made necessary by the sale of the Broadview YMCA. Parents and supporters of the school petitioned the Board to remain in the area and to maintain its status outside of Board owned space.

The parents, most of whom live in Don Vale and Riverdale believe that the child-centred philosophy of the School and its mode of operation would be jeopardized if it were moved into a larger public school.

The Alternatives Committee of the Board initially suggested that the School be moved into the second floor of the northern wing of Queen Alexandra Senior Public School. ALPHA was unwilling to move there because of the possibilities of conflict. The staff of Queen Alexandra did not favour the move either.

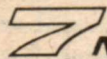
The members of the ALPHA Community preferred another rental location, 633 Broadview Avenue, a detached house on a large lot overlooking the recreational facilities of Riverdale Park.

The rental would have been the same as the past year rental of the Y, \$10,000 but renovations of \$16,000 were necessary. The Board was willing to spend \$23,000 on renovations to Queen Alexandra to facilitate ALPHA.

The School Programs Committee of the Board sent the ALPHA Community back to review the situation when they saw that Queen Alexandra would be unworkable and that renting and renovating 633 Broadview was not feasible during a time of budget restraints.

The Board came up with two other possibilities, the house on Oak St. or portables at Brant Street School. The house on Oak proved to be in such poor condition that renovating it would be unfeasible and half the members of ALPHA did not think that portables would be suitable for the School.

Brant Street School is a beautiful building built in the 1920's with a playground and a park. Though transportation to the school will be difficult, the King St. trolley will serve those members who live in Don Vale and Riverdale. ALPHA will maintain its separate identity there as it will have ground floor facilities, and access to the building as it chooses. It will share the building with Hawthorne II Bilingual School, the Board's newest alternative school.



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LETTERS

Volunteers needed for home visiting

Dear Editor:

The Don Vale Home Visiting Program is looking for people who can spare a little time each week to pay a visit to someone living nearby. It could be an older person who can't get out as much as he would like to or someone who is confined at home.

For the past two years the Don Vale community has been serviced by this unique home visiting program. Essentially, this service is one of friendly visiting rather than one of homemaking, homelife or nursing care. These types of programs are in abundance in the Don Vale, (Meals on Wheels, V.O.N., Homemakers,). Such services are not adequate in meeting the needs of those people who are isolated, elderly, disabled or shut in.

It is these groups towards which the Don Vale Home Visiting Program directs its actions. The program is aimed at providing personal, informal contact and conversation with other members of the community. Therefore these individuals are allowed to retain a sense of integration and identity with their community.

The visiting is carried out in the Don Vale area by local residents. Visiting is, of course, done in a person's home, room or apartment. Referrals come from local

doctors, agencies or people residing in the community. As the number of requests increase, so does the need for volunteers.

To be a visitor, you need only be willing to drop by for a chat. Your visit alone is of vital importance to many of these people as it is often their only means of companionship. Occasionally a visitor may pick up shopping for someone, read or escort a person somewhere but this is entirely at the discretion of the volunteer.

Our present situation is such that the number of requests we are receiving far outweigh our volunteer reserves. We are in need

of interested and concerned volunteers. The success of the program and its efficiency in handling referrals is dependant upon the volunteer participation of community residents.

Anyone who would like to become involved in visiting people or who wishes more information drop by the Christian Resource Centre, 20 Spruce St., and ask for Purcell or Chris. Or phone us at 922-7391. Also if anyone is in need of or wants a visitor, please do not hesitate to call us.

Thank you; Christine Zarebski, Purcell Gray, C.R.C.

OPINION

Pensioners get ripped off

By HOWARD HUGGETT

Ever since inflation became our constant companion we have heard a lot about the problems of pensioners. Their struggles to get by on a low and fixed income have received some recognition, but adequate help, now that's something else.

In January, 1972, Ottawa announced that from then on both the basic pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement would be tied to the cost of living index.

Well, on March 11th of this year Statistics Canada announced that the cost of living index showed a jump of .9% for both January and February. At the same time we were told that another substantial increase was expected for March. Since the rise for January and February amounted to 1.8%, another healthy jump in March would make the increase for the first quarter of 1977 come to something like 2.5% or even 2.75%.

On the very same day the Welfare Department in Ottawa announced the usual quarterly increase in pension payments which occurs in April, July, October and January. Commencing in April, the basic pension would be increased from \$141.34 to \$143.46, while the maximum supplement would go up from \$99.13 to \$100.62. The spouse's allowance would rise accordingly.

Sharpening a pencil and charging up the batteries on his pocket calculator, this reporter soon found out that the April increase was for 1.5% only. Living costs had advanced 1.8% by the end of February and almost two months later pensioners get a raise of 1.5%. Too little and too late!

But that's not the whole story. The consumer price index upon which pension increases are supposed to be calculated uses one formula for all consumers. This formula assumes that the average family spends 28% of its income on food, 32% on housing, 10% on clothing, and so on. That may be true on the average, but there is no doubt that most poor pensioners spend a very large portion of their income for food and shelter, so the government's consumer price index does not give an accurate picture of how living costs affect them.

The announcement from Statistics Canada of last March told us that the increases in living expenses for January and February were mainly due to a rise in food costs. In February alone food costs went up 2%, accounting for nearly three-fifths of the February rise. Obviously pensioners who are spending much more than 28% of their income on food are faced with a rise in living costs greater than the government's consumer price index shows.

It would be a simple matter to draw up a separate consumer price index for pensioners and people on welfare, placing more emphasis on food and shelter costs than is done in the present index. Such a formula should certainly be used to calculate increases in the Guaranteed Income Supplement, Spouse's Allowance, the GAINS Supplement and other payments based upon need. After all, even retired bank presidents and former land speculators get the basic pension when they reach the proper milestone, whether they need it or not. On the other hand, those pensioners on G.I.S. need all the help they can get to cope with inflation. It could be done all right, all we need is a government that cares enough to do it.

Campbell cites inaccuracies

Dear Sir,

In response to your article in the May 1st, 1977 issue of the Seven News concerning the upcoming Provincial Election, I would like to point out the following:

1. Margaret Campbell, the Liberal candidate and sitting Member had completed her own personal canvass of the St. James-town area prior to publication of the Seven News.

2. A blitz was done by Mrs. Campbell's campaign the first week of the election in St.

Jamestown concerning Alderman Sewell's and Mrs. Campbell's work on behalf of the tenants against the landlords.

3. I would urge you or any member of your staff to drop by Margaret Campbell's Campaign Headquarters at 78 Avenue road, north of Bloor, in order to avoid any further inaccuracies in reporting.

Yours sincerely
Alexis Rothschild
Campaign Manager

Centre project working well

Dear 7 News:

WoodGreen Community Centre is providing an employment service which will match up teenagers who are seeking summer employment with residents in the South Riverdale community needing household jobs to be done. The innovative approach of this program is the foremen consultants who are paid under Young Canada Works to supervise and train the teenagers. The jobs are classified as unskilled and semi-skilled. Examples of jobs are: cut grass, cleaning basement, garage, painting, babysitting etc.

The teenagers will be paid by the householder to perform the tasks but there is no charge for the consultants time or for the use of the referral service. Most jobs will fall under the Student minimum wage category which is presently \$2.15 an hour. Particular details of payment will be agreed on by the student and homeowner prior to commencing work.

Individuals interested in hiring a teen, or teenagers interested in summer employment, please contact Elida Farelli at: 461-5088.

Your sincerely,
Elida Farelli

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Nina K. Herman

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I find the newspaper very enjoyable to read. It is very informative about the community, helpful in letting me know what community services are available and many times, quite comical.

Being a canvas organizer for Jim Renwick I found the article "Provincial Election Campaign Hits High Gear" by Ulli Diemer (May 21, 1977) to be quite accurate and very comical.

Keep up the good news!

G. Swindell,
Bain Ave.

P.S. Seven News is the only newspaper I read.

To the Editor:

I have been receiving Seven News now for three years. I do enjoy reading Seven News. I wish to express my thanks and gratitude to you and your faithful staff for the very interesting and educational information that it does give all of your readers. I am now 78 years old born in London England in 1899. I will never be too old to learn in this progressive world we now all do live in. Wishing you all success with happiness and good health until the end of time. Enclosed please find a cheque.

Yours truly
Charles A. Bain



These gams and hams belong to two dancers who hold rehearsals in a 1964 Rambler parked in the service lane behind Amelia St. Martha Lovell (left) and Carolyn Shaffer are preparing for "Automyths and Leg Ends", an evening of dances and improvisations, June 22 to the 25 at 15 Dance Laboratory, 155A George St.

Photo by Cherry Hassard

Festival fun but the factions feud

By CHRISTINE STEPHENSON

In spite of all the trouble brewing in the Silayan-Filipino community, five of the sub-groups under the leadership of the Circulo Longo turned their recent celebration at Harbourfront into a success.

At the moment the community is faced with massive external and internal problems. The Immigration Office, the major source of funding for the Silayan Community Centre, has ceased to provide

funds, and both the Immigration Office and the brass at the Centre are claiming that they have no idea why.

The internal problems involve a very vocal battle between the "rebels" of Brother Teddy Valencia (who wish to open the leadership decisions of the Centre to the community) and the established "Dynasty" that seeks to maintain the status quo. Other sore points include the sudden firing of co-ordinator Nelia Soare and the drafting of the new constitution and bylaws.

The battle peaked in the split into two groups each claiming official status when the powers that be of the "Dynasty" had the locks to the Silayan Office at the Lourdes Parish Church changed.

In the face of all these problems the festival organized by Merle Deocampo was a success. According to Ms. Decampo the festival was the first step in "trying to create a focal point of cultural expression for the Silayan-Filipino community" and all of the participating groups are hoping that more will join in making it a yearly festival.

LIBRARIES

Local libraries usually have interesting and varied programs during the summer months. Check the following libraries in your area for their specific activities. Libraries are: Danforth Library, 701 Pape Avenue, 465-1221; Jones Avenue Public Library, 124 Jones Avenue, 466-9057; Parliament Street Public Library, 406 Parliament Street, 924-7246; Riverdale Public Library, 370 Broadview Avenue, 466-0776.

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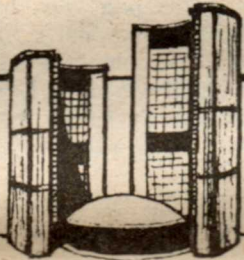
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Trefann court moves forward

By JANET HOWARD

The future of Trefann Court has been slow to take shape. Ten years ago governments were gearing up to demolish the whole neighbourhood. The residents held firm, and after a long, hard fight, in 1972 the local working committee came up with an alternative future which would see the improvement of the existing housing stock, new housing for sale and for rent to low and moderate income people, and the removal of obnoxious land uses like auto body shops.

The goals sound so reasonable that it's hard to imagine how difficult it was to accomplish even the first phase. Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the arm of the Federal government which provides the money for housing under both the old Urban Renewal plan and the new programmes like Neighbourhood Improvement, had no framework for funding houses that would be sold with controls on resale profit. The 17 houses built under Phase I of the Trefann Court redevelopment plan sat empty for upwards of a year while details of a land lease were hammered out to meet the criteria of the local working committee. The houses were built by Trefann Homes Corporation, a non-profit co-operative controlled by Trefann residents.

Now Phase II will shortly begin. Unfortunately, CMHC still has no programme for low cost, ownership housing with controls on resale profits. The best that they will offer is the standard Assisted Home Ownership Plan, where the purchaser receives a subsidy on his mortgage rate but can resell the house for whatever the market will bear after five years. Since Trefann residents insisted from the very beginning that there should be a healthy component of owner-occupied houses in the redevelopment, 40% of the new houses to be built will sell under the AHOP plan. Of 30 old houses owned by the City, 17 will be sold in a manner similar to the conditions of the new Phase I houses, that is, with a 50-year land lease to people with low and moderate incomes, and the rest will be rented or demolished for new housing.

Assuming that the City is able to acquire an industrial building standing in the middle of the redevelopment area, about 200 new housing units will be built. There will be row housing, duplexes and walk-up apartment buildings. Small play lots, parkettes and/or common sitting-out areas will be located within each block of Phase II, which is bounded by Trefann, Shuter, River and Queen Streets. Wascana Avenue will be extended through to River Street upon demolition of the City-owned industrial building at 32 River Street.

Unfortunately, not every loose end of Phase I has been tied up. One garage on Parliament Street has managed to find legal loopholes to allow an auto body business to carry on in a back lane, to the inconvenience and extreme annoyance of near by residents. Neighbourhoods Committee recently voted to explore the possibility of acquiring the garage as the only way of stopping the obnoxious use, and the proposed zoning for Phase II will be worded as tightly as possible to prevent a recurrence of such a situation.

Once City Council has formally passed the Phase II plan, Trefann Court will be on its way to the future its residents have been working on for so many years.

Food for Thought

The overall loudness of environmental noise is doubling every ten years.

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Low cost housing needed

By BRAD LENNON
and MIKE SCHWAN

One of the issues that has been defined as important by the Federation of Don Area Residents and Residents' Associations (FODARRA) is low-cost housing in the Don Area.

We talked with people involved in DACHI, the Rooming House Tenants' Project, the Labour Council Development Foundation, the Toronto Non-Profit Co-operative Housing Federation, the Skid Row Committee, the Don District Site Office, the Don West Neighbours, and to Janet Howard. The following seems to be a general consensus among the various people we've contacted; the high cost of property makes it very difficult for non-profit or non-profit co-operative groups to create any more low-cost housing. We heard from various places that the course of action most likely to succeed would be to get city non-profit housing to acquire more units. However, it appears that the city is not planning on spending much more money than it has already committed to the area.

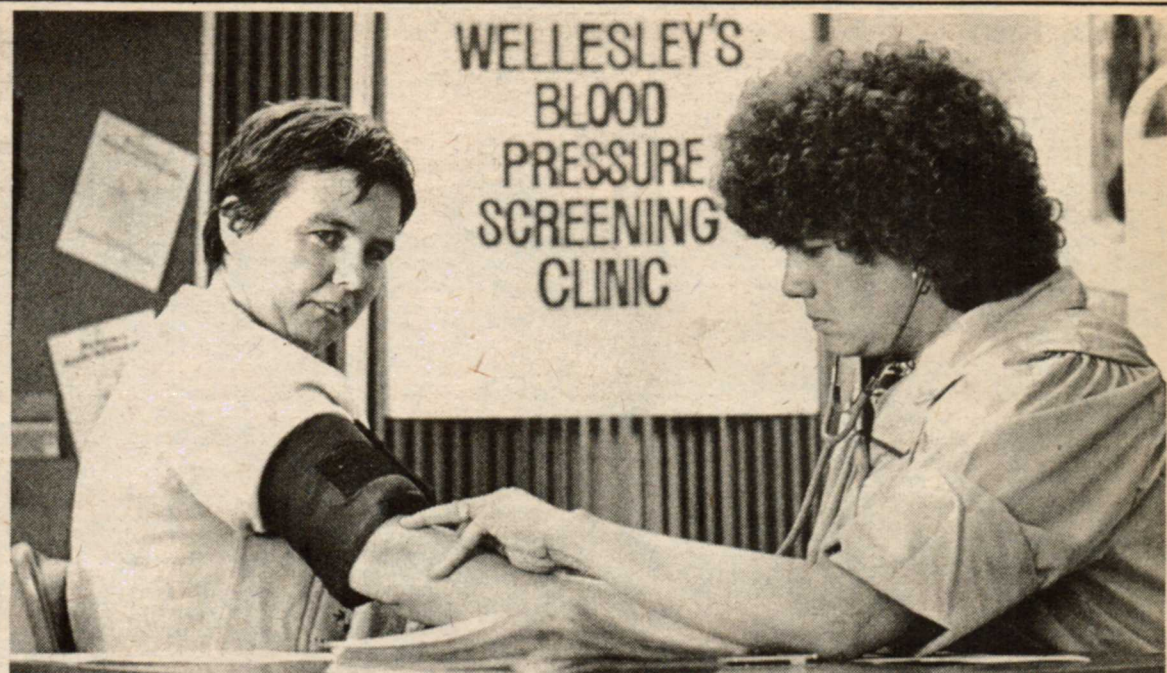
Specifically, concerning skid-row housing, rooming house units and flophouses are being placed on the market and sold off at an alarming rate. However, this process does not seem to have reached a crisis stage. The hostels have not

been overburdened this winter despite the fact that it was a severe winter. Some of the rooming house tenants that have been displaced seem to be finding new accommodation in Parkdale.

The problem with having City Non-Profit Housing acquire rooming houses and flophouses is that it is hard to get CMHC to finance these units. CMHC has set family units as a priority for funding.

Low-cost family housing in the Don Area has also been disappearing fairly rapidly as neighbourhoods are white-painted. Before long, there will only be isolated areas of low-income housing in the district such as Regent Park, Dundas-Sherbourne Project, and Moss Park. The situation appears more hopeful for retaining low-cost family housing than for retaining rooming houses in areas that are currently being white-painted. DACHI may expand somewhat; Don West Neighbours may be able to continue and expand; the City may be able to buy a few more houses. But the picture is not bright.

What thoughts do you have on this issue? Contact Mike Schwan at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St.; phone 925-4363 to share your feelings on this important subject.



Off-duty Wellesley Hospital nurses, assisted by members of the Auxiliary, screened more than 300 people for possible high blood pressure at the hospital's hypertension clinic last month. Organized in cooperation with the Ontario Heart Foundation (May was Hypertension

Month in Ontario), the three day even was held in the hospital's main lobby. By the last day of the clinic, thirty-two of the people tested were referred to their family physician for treatment of a high blood pressure problem.

Wellesley clinic has survey

After more than a year of planning, a patient survey is being carried out by The Wellesley Hospital's Department of Family and Community Medicine under Dr.

I.W. Bean, head of the department.

The object of the study is to find out the feelings of patients who, during the past year, have used either the hospital's St. James Town Community Health Centre, the Family Practice Unit at 146 Wellesley St. E., or the General Practice Unit in the Outpatient Department.

Some five hundred patients will be covered in the sampling. Using a specially designed questionnaire, interviewers will talk to them about their experiences at the time of their visits, and their attitudes towards those experiences. As well, they will be asked to make suggestions towards making visits

more satisfying where disappointment is expressed.

The type of questions being asked were suggested by patients themselves, as well as doctors and nurses, during a preliminary study last year.

All answers given by patients will be confidential, and the identity of patients participating will be anonymous.

LETTERS

Dear 7 News:

Good report on Wellesley Hospital in May 21 issue. Have also had bad experiences in nursing care of elderly friend. Carry on! M.K. Monk

OPINION

Wellesley clinic criticized

By MARY ROSEN

At the St. Jamestown Community Health Centre, an off-shoot of the Wellesley Hospital, one can expect to be treated as a low grade moron, and with contempt by some of the staff, if my experience is typical. You will be made to feel like an object worthy only of disrespect. After all, a patient isn't a human being but some sort of inferior species who has no sensitivity whatsoever.

The smiles from the receptionist and the accompanying attitude of deference appear to be reserved for the well-dressed and the seemingly affluent. It is the old rule — it's not what you are (nobody is interested in that) but what you appear to be, that counts. Woe betide you should you come dressed cleanly but looking like last year's waif. And should you have been unavoidably detained, then expect to be punished. Even when explanations are proffered and you say you are in a hurry and the matter for which you have come will not take any longer than two minutes, you can be certain to meet a stony stare and indifference. You will be obliged to wait and wait and wait.

There is also no privacy. Poor Miss —, an elderly lady, was embarrassed about being told she had to produce a urine specimen and who can blame her? It was also learned that she had to have a spinal and skull x-ray. Patients should not have to overhear what other patients require or their diagnosis or prognosis.

What I am objecting to, and find inexcusable, is the view of the medical profession as absolute monarchs that seems to prevail in that health clinic. Woe betide anyone who dares to challenge a doctor's authority, his wisdom, his all-knowing, never-ending monopoly on knowledge.

I had one encounter there recently that may be an example. I object to a question on a medical questionnaire — "State any other physical or emotional abnormalities" — for which the doctor put down family history on the form. I felt that this was simply a gossipy intrusion which had no relevance and was no one's business. The doctor became angry and accused me of asking him to be dishonest. I tried to explain that the question wasn't being answered which incensed him further. He told me to tear up the report, find another doctor, got up in a huff, and would have slammed the door, had it been slammable.

I have worked in hospitals in a professional capacity, with patients, and along-side doctors, for most of my adult life. Never have I heard a doctor speak to a patient in the manner to which I was subjected.

I felt a certain amount of sadness at the attitude that had been displayed, but at the same time, as I made my exit, I couldn't help wondering if that little episode was being charged to OHIP.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday June 18

A mass rally sponsored by the **African National Congress** is planned today at Queen's Park starting at 11 a.m. and will culminate at Nathan Phillips Square. The rally is to protest South African Government action against the people of South Africa. A fund-raising dinner-dance will be held this evening at the St. Lawrence Market Hall at 7:30 p.m. For information call 447-4497.

A special **poetry film program** at the Parliament Library House begins today at 2 p.m. Come and discuss poetry and poets with host Norm Craven.

Sunday June 19

Every Sunday evening from 7:30 to 10:30 there is a **senior citizens bingo** in the penthouse at 285 Shuter Street. Cards are two for 5¢. All bingo fans welcome.

Monday June 20

You can have a **satisfying meal** while supporting Meals On Wheels, a volunteer service which prepares and delivers meals to elderly, handicapped and ill people unable to make their own meals. Lunch costs \$3.00 and all proceeds go directly to Meals on Wheels. Advance reservations, tickets and the list of all participating restaurants are available by phoning 961-3885

Tuesday June 21

The **annual meeting** of Central Neighbourhood House will be held tonight at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St. beginning at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. One third of the Board will be elected at this meeting. For information on nominating procedure call C.N.H. at 925-4363.

You are invited to attend a **reunion at Sackville Public School** tonight at 7 p.m. Phone 368-0476 for information.

Wednesday June 22

The Association of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Tenants is holding a **general meeting** and wine and cheese party tonight at 7 p.m. at the 519 Church Centre, 519 Church Street.

The annual general meeting of the **Christian Resource Centre** will be held tonight at 7:30. All members of the community are welcome. The meeting will be followed by refreshments and members are invited to bring along musical instruments to live up the affair.

Friday, June 24

The Riverdale Intercultural Committee is holding a **multicultural rummage sale** tonight starting at 6:30 in the Queen Street Presbyterian Church at 947 Queen Street East. Everyone is welcome.

Theatre Second Floor, 86 Parliament Street at King, presents "**Jekyll play Hyde**" — you read it right! — an adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novel. The play opens tonight and runs until July 23 with shows Wednesday through Sunday at 9 p.m. Admission is \$1.00. Phone 364-4052 for information.

Tuesday June 28

A new Alcoholics Anonymous group called **The Spruce Group** has started up in Don Vale. Meetings are every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at the Christian Resource Centre, 20 Spruce Street.

Wednesday June 29

Dixon Hall's annual **Street Dance and Barbecue** starts at 7 p.m. tonight. Outside events include games for the kids from 7 to 8 p.m. and from 8 to 11 p.m. a popular rock band, raffles, and a barbecue. Inside, a dance band will be entertaining for the adults and a cash bar. For information phone 863-0499.

Friday July 1

Today's the day for **The Grant Street Festival**. There will be games, entertainment, refreshments, local talent, crafts and folk dancing. At 6 p.m. there will be a pot luck supper (tickets 25¢). Each household is asked to bring one dish to the supper. After supper, there'll be a concert. Everyone who likes a good time is invited!

General

A **Young Canada Works Project** sponsored by the Yonge Street Mission is providing assistance to elderly and disabled individuals in the area of minor home services, cleaning and repairs. If you live in the geographical area bounded by Bloor, the Lake-shore, Broadview and Yonge, and you need some help around the house call 961-5739 for assistance.

T.A.S.C. (To Aid Senior Citizens) is hiring high school students from June 20 to August 26 to do **chores for senior citizens**. The service is FREE and is for senior citizens living within the boundaries of the Sherbourne and Woodbine south of Danforth. For information call Jenifer or Paul at 463-8300.

Dixon Hall is running a number of **summer camps** for ages 6 through 17 this summer. For more information on costs and registration call Dixon Hall.

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Ward Seven walks at seven



By CHERRY HASSARD

When Tony Brady and his pet cockatiel decided to walk around the block, the police department, the fire department, the Toronto Star, the Toronto Sun, and Seven News showed up to watch.

Brady is organizer and promoter of "Ward 7 walks at 7:00", a daily happening which draws out Wellesley St. neighbours for a well-publicized constitutional jaunt down Sumach and Amelia Streets toward Hillcrest Park.

Brady, who was involved in the planning of Don Vale's annual Forsythia Festival, says the walk is aimed at all age groups. "A woman with heart trouble came out, and a man who had just recovered from surgery. And I was holding a seven-year-old by the hand." He views the walk as a social event as well as a promotion of physical fitness. "In Spain the girls walk one way and the boys walk another and the old people watch. We have nothing like that tradition here." Shyness is the barrier to establishing the walk as a local custom. "You've got to break down inhibitions. People feel silly the first time they turn out."

Brady hopes the idea will spread as other groups are started in other blocks. In the meantime, Ward 7 residents are invited to join in "Ward 7 walks at 7:00" any evening at the corner of Wellesley and Sumach. Tony Brady won't be hard to recognize. He's the one wearing red jockey shorts and sneakers, with the white bird perched on his right arm.

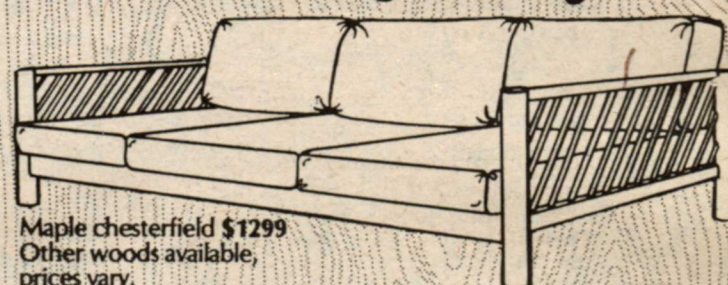
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BROADVIEW Y.M.C.A.

275 Broadview Ave.
461-8123

Wild Roots Day Camp: July 4 to August 26, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Boys and girls 5 to 12 years. Fee: sliding scale \$25 to \$35 per two week period. Wild Roots Camp is based at the Broadview Y.M.C.A. and has activities all over the city. Open Swim — Tuesdays Thursdays. Contact Chester Schippke.

CABBAGETOWN BOXING AND YOUTH CENTRE

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Boys' Softball League (14 years and under), Girls' Basketball League (14 years and over), Girls' Volleyball League (by experience level), and Boys' Volleyball League (by experience level). Soccer Teams 10 to 17 years. Boxing — 10 years and over. Contact John Wylie.

CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

349 Ontario Street
925-4363

June 10 to August 5 (children 11 to 13 years), Monday to Friday, with some weekends. Small group outings (10 to 15 children), camping, indoor activities, including arts and crafts, drama, sports, and swimming. Similar programs for children ages 5 to 9 years. Teen Program: "Job Enterprise". Teens will undertake various jobs in the community. Food co-op. Contact Maryanne MacArthur or Ria Harting.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

270 Gerrard Street East
929-9614

Day camp program: July 5 to August 12, Tuesday to Friday. Lessons, crafts, camping, ethics teaching. Fridays: picnics for regular attenders. Nursery to Grade 6: 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon (Tuesday to Friday). Grade 7 to Grade 13: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Tuesday to Friday). Contact Don Jongsma or Steve Chu.

CHURCH STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE

519 Church Street
923-2778

City Junior Playground: Playschool for 4 to 12 years: (1:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pre-school program with mothers: Tuesday to Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Library for Children — 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. until the end of August (Tuesday to Friday and Saturday 2-5). Out-trips — till August 4 for 5 years and over. Sports, learn to swim classes, arts and crafts, games. Contact Kevin Smith.

DIXON HALL

58 Sumach Street
863-0499

Day camp for children ages 3 to 12 years, July 4 to September 2, Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Participants should bring lunch and T.T.C. fares. Outings, swimming, sports, crafts and other in-building activities. Teens (13 to 18 years) Monday to Friday: 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., drop-in, outings, sports, in-building activities, teen lounge. Family outings and picnics. Camp: Hoover Park, Cambridge — July 11 to August 26, Monday to Wednesday: 11 to 17 years (2 overnights), Thursday to Friday: 6 to 10 years (1 overnight). Contact Fred Andrews.

EASTMINSTER COMMUNITY SERVICES

310 Danforth Ave.
466-1695, 466-2343

Recreational and educational activities, focussing on New Canadian children, ages 5 to 16. English classes, piano lessons, arts and crafts, folk dancing, sports, field trips, films, counselling. May 30 to September 2. Contact Frank Stamato-poulos.

EASTVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

80 Blake Street
465-5469

Day camp for children 6 to 12 years, July 4 to August 26. Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Trips, overnights, in-building activities such as arts and crafts, games, sports. Teens (13 to 17 years) — afternoon, evening and Saturday programs — dances, games, sports. Eighteen to 25 years: Sports League activities. Contact Dave Rew.

GERRARD "K" CLUB

101 Spruce Street
925-2243

Day program: July 5 to August 26. Outdoor sports, indoor games, crafts, trips, art classes, music, corn roasts, learn to swim. Children 6 to 12 years: Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Teen Program: 13 to 17 years — trips, sports, lounge, crafts, Community Project. Tuesday to Thursday, 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Camping Program: two two-day camps, Monday to Wednesday, tent-camping. Uxbridge Ontario. Crafts, swimming, nature lore. Boys go one week, girls go other week. Begins approximately July 18. Contact George Ferguson or George Rigg.

METROPOLITAN DOWNTOWN BOYS' CLUB

540 Dundas Street East
367-0648

Outings to Conservation Areas during July (Monday to Friday), 6 to 12 years. \$1.00 per week or \$3.00 per family. Brind lunch, bathing suit, and towel. First three weeks of July — camping for 11 to 12 year olds, one group per week. Contact Dave Nelson.

REGENT PARK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

44 Blevins Place
364-2909

Day camp program for 6 to 12 year olds, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. July 2 to August 26. Program will operate out of three locations. Participants should bring lunch and T.T.C. fare. Arts and crafts, music, sports, swimming, outings etc. Contact Chris Whyte.

RIVER-OAK PARENT-TODDLER DROP-IN CENTRE

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SALVATION ARMY

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864-9364

Day camp for children ages 4 to 12. July 6 to August 26. Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In-building activities in morning, outings in afternoon. Participants should bring lunch and T.T.C. fare. Teen camp for 13 to 18 year olds, July and August (10 day period). Family Camp at Len Lake, August 12 to 28. Hiking, sports, swimming, boating. Contact Bonnie Foote.

ST. JAMESTOWN Y.M.C.A.

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WOODGREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

835 Queen Street East
461-1168

Day camp: July 14 to August 26. Nature lore, swimming, camp crafts, cook-outs, hiking, games, outings, overnights. Children 8 to 12 years. Location: Milne and Claremont Conservation areas. Contact Bonnie Sartori or Karen Wood. Program for Chinese Women — women's workshop, English language instruction, language training, social program, community awareness, family problems. Preschool children's program, one to 5 years. Weekend and evening programs for working people, social and recreational programs. Contact Pauline Chan 461-7668.

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BOLTON CAMP

Children 8 to 15 years, and Mothers and children 3 months to 8 years. Contact Family Service Association 922-3126, or 922-0713.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

A varied program of sports activities, swimming, arts and crafts, social program and play schools is offered by the Department of Parks and Recreation in Community Centres throughout the City. For information regarding specific activities and times of operation in your area, contact Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre, 870 Queen Street E., 461-2550; John Innes Community Centre, 150 Sherbourne Street, 366-0767; Pape Recreation Centre, 953 Gerrard Street E., 461-3531; Regent Park Housing Recreation Centre, 415 Gerrard Street E., 363-2955; S.H. Armstrong Recreation Centre, 56 Woodfield Road, 463-5721.

SUPERVISED SENIOR PLAYGROUND FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

June 6 to August 19, Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to Hydro Lights. Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Parks are: Greenwood, north west corner of Dundas St. East and Greenwood Avenue; Leslie Grove, Queen St. East and Jones Avenue; Withrow, Logan and Carlaw, one block south of Danforth.

June 6 to June 28, Monday to Thursday, 4:00 p.m. to Hydro Lights. Friday 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. June 29 to August 19, Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to Hydro Lights. Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Schools are: Queen Alexandra, 181 Broadview Avenue; Withrow, 25 Bain Avenue; Winchester, 15 Prospect Street; Regent Park, 20 Regent Street.

SUPERVISED JUNIOR PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN 10 YEARS AND UNDER

June 29 to August 19, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Parks are: Blake south west corner of Strathcona and Blake; DeGrassi, north east corner of DeGrassi and Queen Street East; Don Mount, one block west of Broadview on Kintyre, Queen and Broadview; Morse, west side of Morse, south of Eastern Avenue; Riverdale East, west side of Broadview, one block north of Gerrard East; Sackville, north west corner of King Street East and Sackville; Shuter, south east corner of Sumach and Shuter; Trinity Church, south side of King Street East, one block east of Parliament Street; Wellesley, end of Wellesley Street East, east of Parliament.

June 29 to August 19, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Schools are: Church Street, 83 Alexander Street; Jackman, 79 Jackman Avenue, Leslie, 254 Leslie Street; Lord Dufferin, 303 Berkeley Street; Morse, 180 Carlaw Avenue.

WADING POOLS FOR CHILDREN 10 YEARS AND UNDER

June 29 to August 19, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 7 days per week. Pools are: Allan Gardens, Gerrard Street East of Jarvis Street; Blake, south west corner of Strathcona and Blake; Blake Street School, 21 Boulton Avenue; Don Mount, one block west of Broadview on Kintyre; Greenwood, north-west corner of Dundas Street East and Greenwood; Jimmie Simpson, Queen Street East at Booth; Leslie Grove, Queen Street East and Jones; McLeary, south west corner of Queen Street East and McGee; Morse, west side of Morse Street south of Eastern; Moss Park, Queen Street East and Sherbourne; Pape, south east corner of Pape and Gerrard; Queen Alexandra School, 181 Broadview Avenue; Regent Park School, 20 Regent Street; Regent South-East, Belshaw Place; Regent South-West, Sackville Green and St. Bartholomew Street; Regent North-East, south of Gerrard, west of River; Regent North-West, behind Regent Park United Church; Riverdale East, west side of Broadview, one block north of Gerrard; Sackville, north west corner of King Street East and Sackville; Shuter, south east corner of Sumach and Shuter; Wellesley, end of Wellesley Street East, east of Parliament; Withrow, Logan and Carlaw, one block south of Danforth.

OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOLS

June 18 to September 5, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 7 days per week. Pools are: Greenwood, north west corner of Dundas Street East and Greenwood; Regent Park North, Gerrard Street East and Sackville; Riverdale, west side of Broadview, one block north of Gerrard Street East; Woodbine Beach, Queen Street East and Woodbine Avenue, one block south on Woodbine. (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

INDOOR SWIMMING POOLS

June 28 to August 21, Monday to Friday, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Pools are: Earl Grey, 100 Strathcona (also on Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.); Jarvis, 495 Jarvis (only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Sundays 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.); Lord Dufferin, 303 Berkeley; Queen Alexandra, 181 Broadview (also on Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

TENNIS COURTS

The following courts are not under permit and are available for use by the general public, free of charge, at all times. Nets at these locations are provided by the City of Toronto. Courts are: Jimmie Simpson, 2 courts; Riverdale Park, 3 south courts; Withrow Park, 2 courts. Contact Bob Coulter 367-7291.

Compiled by the School Community Relations Department, Area 4, Toronto Board of Education.

Community groups scramble for funds

By AUDREY DALY

the federal Local Initiatives Program (LIP) ends next month, and when it does, many of the community projects and some groups whose activities are financed by LIP will be facing a crisis. Some will cut back their staff and services, others will go out of existence. A lucky few have gotten further funding to carry on.

A new program, Canada Works, has been set up to replace LIP, but criteria for it are much more stringent. Among other things, they are deliberately designed to eliminate former LIP projects, and indeed any previously existing projects, from consideration.

Seven News has been trying to determine the effects of the end of LIP on Ward 7 by talking to a number of groups.

At the Community Secretariat,

Gail Beglin reports that their LIP funding has already run out. They did not meet the criteria for Canada Works since they are not a new project. However, they are re-applying, intending to switch their orientation to multicultural and ethnic development, in keeping with the changing neighbourhood within which they operate. Due to lack of funds, their staff is expected to drop down to one person, which will mean a cut-back in the services they offer. They have applied to the City for interim funding, and expect to receive \$3,000.

At Regent Park School, LIP funding was used to pay mothers working in the school as teaching assistants, says the school principal, Mr. Dorevich. The school wishes to apply for Canada Works funding, but is still waiting for the

application forms to come in. The school has not yet decided what to ask for under the new regulations. They have not received any money from the other levels of government.

Joe McNeary, a social worker at the Hassle-Free Clinic, says it is the only free clinic in Toronto. He says the staff of 3 doctors, plus 6 paramedics and social workers, offers medical attention to people "in alternate lifestyles." As the name suggests, the clinic originally serviced drug users, as the Rochdale Clinic from 1969-73. They moved to their Church Street location in 1974, and as the composition of the street changed, they directed their efforts more to the homosexual members of the community, and to teenage girls requiring birth control information.

The clinic runs an outreach program consisting of two staff members who were paid by LIP grants, who would do such things as visiting the Don Jail, and going to the men's baths, and giving blood tests to detect V.D. With LIP cut off, the outreach program will be cut to one position, says

McNeary, which will be funded by private donations. He says they didn't apply for a Canada Works grant because, "we were tired of it."

The clinic itself is able to continue its operations on a grant of \$73,000, 85 per cent from the province.

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Sherbourne get-together

Sherbourne One Five Five Residents Association celebrated its third birthday with a gala affair on Friday May 27. A buffet lunch was enjoyed, wine flowed and a floral Birthday Cake added the final touch. The Party Committee was headed by Myrtle Hagerman assisted by Nancy Laird, Kay Nisbet, Eileen McGinty, Lois Day, Lena Twining, Josephine Gilfrand, Gladys Elia and Larry Elia.

Founded in 1974, the Association has survived its lusty, and sometimes howling, infancy and can now look back on its achievements of the past, and hope for better ones in the future. Foremost amongst these was the opening of the Dominion Store in the building, which has proved of great benefit not only to themselves, but for everyone else in the area.

The Association is unique amongst residents associations for

having survived so long, as the mortality rate in that field is very high. This has been achieved by the unstinted support of one leading figure, Doug Wallace, who has been President since its foundation. Together with Mr. Wallace on the Board of Directors are Jean Manuel, Vice-President, Gladys Elia, Sec.-Treasurer, Kay Nisbet, Myrtle Hagerman, Joe Stinson, Marion Curtright, Jean Sing, Larry Elia and Nancy Laird.

From the start the Association has striven to work amicably with Ontario Housing Corporation and in return the OHC has given unstinted support and encouragement to the Association. The intention has been to co-operate with Management, not to confront it. And the results have proven the wisdom of this policy. Problems are discussed together, and what can be done has always been done. They all feel good about it.

We need new office space

Ever since we left the Don Vale Community Centre, which was closed down at the end of April, Seven News has been without a permanent home. We are presently in temporary accommodations, but we aren't sure how long we will be able to remain here. We are presently tracking down some possibilities for office space that would be good if they work out, but nothing is definite yet. So if you know of any community office space that is available at the rate we can afford (we're presently paying \$150 a month) please let us know. Otherwise we may find ourselves putting out Seven News from a tent in Riverdale Park. And then where would we plug our tea-kettle?

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A good taxidermist does more than you think

By HOWARD VEZINA

A red fox stands forever on guard by the door of this shop. It's brow furrowed in annoyance, the eyes blazing with anger, the animal has stopped its retreat for a moment before a moss covered branch. It turns to glare along its path of flight, sharp ears pricked, straining for the slightest sound of the approaching hunter.

The wide and staring eyes catch me off guard as I walk in the door. The fox stays motionless, yet seems poised, ready to snap its head around and leap over the branch into the bush again at the slightest provocation.

Manuel Jan, the owner of Mountain Lion Taxidermy at 122 Cambridge St., walks up to greet me and motions for us to go to the back of the store.

I follow him, feeling a dozen pairs of eyes watching from the walls.

A great Horned Owl peers down from its perch, looking me over intently, checking for friend or foe. Apparently my appearance

does not calm him. He hoots his disapproval through an open hooked beak, and rises from the tree limb, feathers ruffled and wings set to carry him away. Close by, a brown weasel looks us over with unseeing eyes before robbing the eggs of an unguarded nest.

"These displays are incredible, Manuel," I say.

He smiles. He knows. "I am very proud of my finished works, but it's a messy, sometimes smelly job. A lot goes into each animal before it gets to look like the ones in the store."

The workshop where we're talking backs what he says. A fine clay powder dusts the floor and tables where stacks of gracefully curved fish are waiting to be mounted on wooden backings. On another table paint tins, brushes and plaster moulds of animal heads crowd for space.

"Taxidermy is more than what most people think. For sure it's stuffing and mounting animals and fishes like these, but it is also the mounting of a butterfly or mosquito, or the assembling of dinosaur bones."

"A good taxidermist does more than most people think, too. He has to have a working knowledge of the anatomy of the animal, and he has to be a sculptor to work the clay into the proper dimensions. He has to be an artist to get the colours right when he is painting the creature. And he has to be a naturalist to know where the colours go, how the animal moves and what it usually eats and lives around."

"He also has to be a tanner, because a taxidermist must work the skin of an animal properly if the display is going to last."

The task of preparing an animal

is somewhat complex. It's an operation that takes time and patience. For example, to prepare the head of a wolf, Manuel would first take measurements of the skull. These he would transfer to the clay model he carves and shapes, so that an exact replica of the head takes shape. Because the next major step involves the use of plaster of paris, hot wax is brushed over the surface of the clay rendition, or mannequin, so there will be no sticking. The mannequin is then set in sand so that one side is protected from the plaster that is poured on the upturned half. When the plaster sets it is removed from the clay figure and the procedure is repeated with the other half.

Manuel now has two plaster of paris moulds, each containing

impressions of half the animal's head. These parts are fitted into perfect alignment, and layers of a cardboard and glue mash are worked into the form.

When the mash dries, the skin will be fitted, glued, and sown into place. After tanning, Manuel treats the skin with arsenic to prevent the growth of mold or bacteria. It's the most dangerous part of the job, as the poison could be lethal to the taxidermist, but it adds much to the preservation of the subject.

The last stage is the insertion of glass eyes and a rubber tongue, again moulded from one of Manuel's carvings. Paint and varnish are applied and attention is given to small details before the head is finally mounted on its plaque.

"I've done many animals in my time — everything from a sparrow to a two-headed calf."

"The smaller creatures, such as birds, are the hardest things to work with. The skin is so delicate that it can tear like tissue paper in your hands. I have to be very careful with that type of subject."

Manuel will often go out after subjects himself. In an occupation that he says always has to be studied, his trips afield are not so much for relaxation or recreation, but part of the job.

While a few of the finished animals are for sale, most of birds, fish and game displays are for show.

"I have them here so that people can judge my work for themselves."

"I catch my own fish and mount them, but people don't buy them. They really want to catch their own. It's got to be their trophy, one that they can look back on twenty years from now and say,



Photo by Howard Vezina

"See that fish on the wall? Some friends and I had a good time that weekend and that fish put up a hell of a fight!"

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Simon leaves

Simon Mielniczuk, co-ordinator of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association for the last three years, is leaving the RPCIA for a new job.

In his three years at the RPCIA, the association expanded and strengthened and became firmly established as the key body in Regent Park.

Simon's new job is as a community development worker in the west of Toronto.

Don Mount Court tenants meet

Tenants at Don Mount Court got together on Tuesday evening, June 7, to discuss common concerns and organize themselves to take action. There was a good turnout of tenants, with fine representation from young people living in the community. Areas to work in were identified and an interim executive was elected for a 6-month period. The newly elected executive members are Peggy Reinhardt, Ona Blatchford, and Rita Chappell.

If you live in Don Mount Court why not contact a member of the executive and get actively involved in your tenants association? Don Mount Court Tenants' Association is also interested in communicating with other tenants' associations to share common interests and to work together to be better able to solve the problems we experience.

— Don Mount Tenants' Association

St. Peter's holds Chicken dinner

A chicken barbeque on the laws of St. Peter's Church will be the highlight of the Church's Patronal Festival, Wednesday, June 29.

On that day, the historic church building at 190 Carlton Street will open to its neighbours and friends. Tours of the building will be available during the afternoon and evening. During the tours, an organist will be playing the Church's fine Casavant Freres organ.

The day will begin with a "Flea Market" in the morning which will feature home baking and preserves. Tickets will be sold for a draw on a micro-wave oven.

The chicken barbeque will be a family affair, with attractions for both old and young, with the flavour of an old fashioned Sunday School picnic. It will begin around six thirty after a special communion service in the Church.

Members of St. Peter's invite all who like chicken and who enjoy meeting people to come out to their Festival. Helping members of the congregation will be the families of the children of St. Peter's Nursery School.

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BOOST's second convention held seven member Board elected

By DOROTHY BUSHEY

BOOST, the blind organization that had its start at the Don Vale Community Centre three years ago, had its second convention recently. About 100 of the 300 members of the organization showed up; 20 of them fully or partially sighted.

Saying good-bye at the convention were Mike Yale, founder of BOOST, and his wife Jo Ann Balsom Yale. They are now on their way to Europe to do studies on the blind in Europe (and also for a belated honeymoon).

The convention considered some 35 resolutions relating to the blind and the handicapped, to be acted on through the groups's self-

help tactics (BOOST stands for Blind Organization of Ontario with Self-Help Tactics), and through putting pressure on the government. If the group's past efforts are any indication, then their efforts should meet with success.

The convention elected a board of seven blind people to run BOOST's affairs, headed by John Rae, who was chosen chairman.

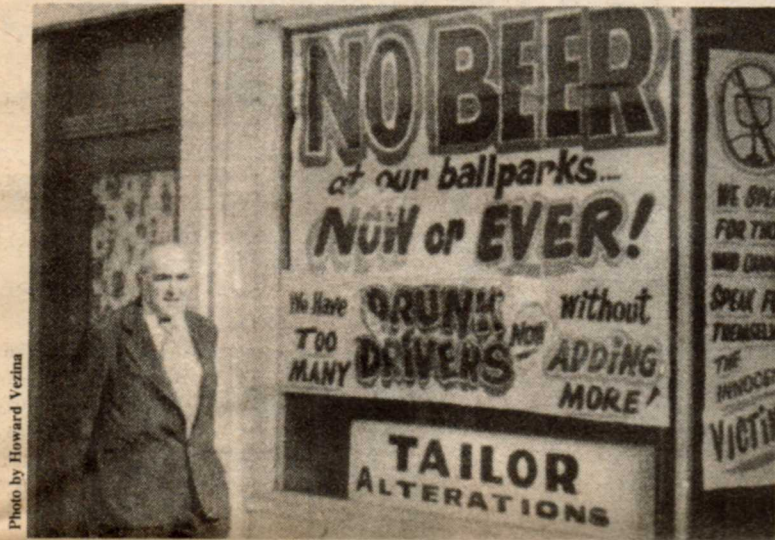
Possibly the greatest obstacle to be overcome is people's attitudes to the blind. There are so many people who can't believe that a blind person who walks very well and doesn't have a guide dog is really blind. The blind today,

BOOST members, are so self-reliant, sufficient, that they are able to do a lot of things that would have been considered impossible a few years ago. They are coming out of the shadows and are saying, "look at me, I can do what you can do, work-wise or anything else."

One BOOST member was relating how he had been asked how a blind man could have sex. His questioner didn't understand that a blind person would still have desires the same as anyone else.

The public needs to become aware of the blind and find out just what they're all about. The blacks have overcome and now the blind have overcome, and with all our help they will continue doing so.

Handy Andy takes you to the cleaners



By HOWARD VEZINA

You can't miss the store at 811 Gerrard St. E.

The Handy Andy Cleaners and Tailors might be another small tailor's shop but for one very noticeable thing: where small signs in the window should be advertising a two-for-one special on shirts, there are instead huge fluorescent colour posters, blazing in poster paint brilliance with opinions on government, terrorists, and anything else that strikes a response chord in Morris Silver.

Since November, when store owner Silver felt he must do something about showing where he stood on issues, the store front messages have become his brainchild and the windows his billboard.

"I could have written letters to the editor," says Silver, talking from behind a counter littered with

newspapers and clippings "but by the time they edit it down to the space they have for it, it wouldn't be what I wanted to say."

It was in November when in his voluminous reading he came across an article giving statistics on the number of people killed by drinking drivers. The number of those dead, his long time anger against the drunken driver, the location of his store, (directly across from the Brewers' Retail at Gerrard and Logan), and his need to get across how he truly felt, led him to set up a powerful first display.

In it, a mangled and bloody doll lay prone in the gutter, tightly clutching a bottle. The sign above the gory figure read, 'Boy, Did I Have A Ball Last Night!' Behind the figure was a black tombstone with the inscription, 'Don't Get Stoned.' Above the scene, fixed to the window, a sign gave the sad

statistics, '361 Men, Women and Children Killed By Drinking Drivers.'

It was, to say the least, a pointed message to anyone passing by, and especially to those trudging out of the beer store, car keys and beer case in hand.

In all his work there is the deft touch of the artist. From the first display to the one concerning France releasing the terrorist Abu Daud (complete with French military hat stained with blood and the heavy use of red, as in 'We Mourn The End Of Honour In France'), to the bold lettering of his new message (No Beer In The Ballpark — Now or Ever), there is a proper sense of proportion and perspective. The wording is direct, economic and functional. When I asked Morris if he commissioned a professional to do the visuals, he answered with the pride of a professional that it was all his own work.

"I even do work for my competitors," he laughs.

"When I was your age I wasn't a tailor," he goes on to explain. "For years after my stay in the army I was a window dresser. And I don't mind saying that I was a good one."

"I have all the proper tools for doing this type of thing: camel hair brushes, poster paint and stock, and good ability to improvise."

"My wife, Edith, and I discuss beforehand what we want to do, what issue strikes us as most important and how we can best get it across. When we decide on what should go up, I start to go to work on it."

Silver has been at the east end location for 22 years, working at the shop and living with his wife in the flat above the store. He knows the people around the district and says that reaction from the public has been favourable.

"People like my signs. They come in just to comment on them."

With his finely attuned sense in what he believes to be right and wrong, and with the world moving as it does, Morris Silver's store windows will no doubt continue to be crowded with the sentiments of the man.

He believes that people should speak out and do what they can on matters that touch them. While nothing may appear to change, Silver believes that public relations people, local politicians and even diplomats "take note" of a community's reaction to issues.

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Termites turn to Ward's wood

By HOWARD VEZINA

A map recently released by City Hall confirms that Ward 7 has not escaped from the termite infestation first discovered in the Toronto Harbour bay area around 1944. Since that time, colonies of *Reticulitermes flavipes* (Kollar) or the eastern subterranean termite, have spread in a fan-like formation out over the city.

Areas hardest hit in Ward 7 are in the Cabbagetown locale, in blocks bounded by Sherbourne and Parliament Sts., College St., and as far south as King St. Also heavily infested is the area around Queen and Broadview.

Don Jennings, District Supervisor of the Rehabilitation and Maintenance Division of the city Development Department, notes from personal observation that the insects seem to prefer areas with sandy soil.

'complex network'

"It's getting pretty bad in the east end," adds Jennings, pulling a ratty looking paperback from out of his files.

"We found this lying on a mantle shelf in a home that was infested," he says. "As you can see, they do pretty good work." A quick turn of the pages showed a complex network of tunnels throughout the book.

However, their tastes are not strictly literary, and these little creatures, who at this moment might be quietly dismantling your own house, are fascinating.

Termites have been around about 250 million years with little evolutionary change. There are three types in North America, but the subterranean termite concerns us most in Southern Ontario.

An average colony contains about 60 thousand workers. The workers are part of a highly organized social system. In it, they form one of the five major castes of the colony. Three of the other castes are concerned with reproduction, and the first, second and third forms of these fertile castes range from the queen of the colony to the winged reproductive form. Soldier termites form the fifth caste.

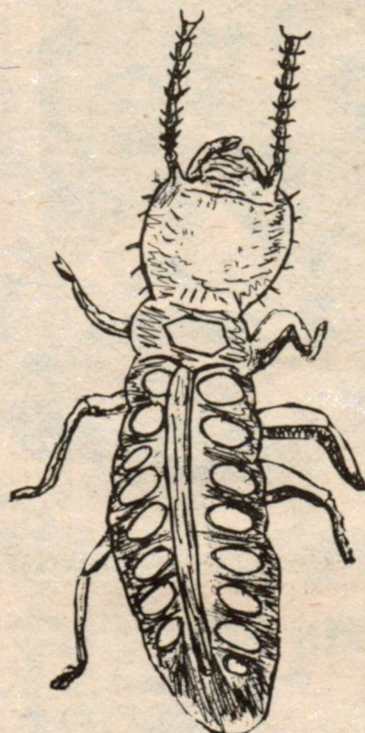
'life of laying'

After mating the king and queen lose their wings and the queen settles in for a life (about 30 years) of laying eggs. Upon full maturity and under ideal conditions, she can lay over 7 million eggs a year, becoming so bloated that worker termites must shift her around as she can no longer move under her own power.

The winged reproductive will often leave the colony in hopes of mating and forming a new colony somewhere else. Termites spread by other ways however. They can be carted to other areas by people unaware that the timber they are moving is infested. Some believe that this is why numerous cottage areas have recently become infested.

Also, colonies can grow to such a size that one area is quite simply forgotten. Because of the amazing ability of the termite larvae to molt into almost any caste form, being cut off from the main colony is not a disaster. Because of their adaptability, the 'forgotten' colony can become self-sufficient within a short time.

The worker caste is the only one in the system that can collect food. Working in the tunnels they bore through the wood, the average worker consumes 2 to 3 per cent of its body weight each day. A good part of the digested food is brought back to the colony to feed the three fertile castes and the soldiers,



whose sole job it is to protect the colony from invaders. With this voracious appetite, a mature colony that contains 350,000 workers, would consumer about 31 grams, or a little more than an ounce, of wood a day.

To prevent a termite infestation of your home, there are several precautions you can take:

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thousands dead.
Volcanoes erupt on the geography of my face.
I scratch them.
The lava is red.
My neck is red.
Everything is red.
The light is red.
We wait.)

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• Check around your basement for any tell-tale signs of infestation. If you find any 'shelter tubes' — tubes about a quarter of an inch thick and running for many feet, then there is a good chance that your house is host to the insects.

• Remove any scrap wood from your property. It's also a good idea to improve the water drainage around your home.

• Any inside source of moisture makes it all the more convenient for termites to refresh themselves, so check the waterpipes at home for any condensation or leaks.

• Because termites need moisture and dry out quickly without it, the workers must return from the wood by way of their tunnels to get at the moisture that is in the ground surrounding their colony. By eliminating contact between soil and the wood work of your house, you can destroy this vital link.

• If you do have an infestation problem, both the city and the province have financial schemes that will help you to bear the cost of an exterminator. To get more information on the grants and if you can get one, phone Robert Lott at City Hall. Mr. Lott is head of the city's termite control program, and can be reached at 367-7600.

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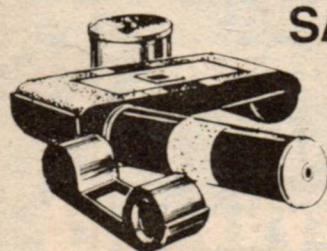
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