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Regent Park held a community get-together in June at the Regent Park United Church — shown above are four of the people who took part in the day's activities, which featured information booths like the one shown from various groups, refreshments, and the opportunity to get together and talk about things happening in Regent Park, or just to meet people.

Photo by Rajan Bakshi

Who will develop Oak Street site?

By MALCOLM ROBERTSON

The opportunity now seems to exist for a community-planned development on the Board of Education's Oak Street property.

The property in question is over two acres on the east side of River St. between Oak and Cornwall which has remained undeveloped and underused since the Board of Education demolished 52 houses 11 years ago to make room for a school which was never built.

The School Board now wants to develop the property to get back what it has paid out. But the Board is open for proposals for what to do with the site.

The Oak St. site is not the only vacant land in Ward 7. South Riverdale and South Cabbagetown have some vacant properties.

Vacant land so close to downtown Toronto must be very attractive to developers. Is it possible for the community to plan what to do with those sites before developers go into action?

The usual pattern has been to try and modify plans for obnoxious highrises and expensive townhouses to get some community benefit from the development. This pattern has had little success. If the community undertook the task of developing some of the vacant property in Ward 7 we might find ourselves with the kind of development we want.

We could develop light industry on the sites to reduce unemployment in the community. We could build co-operative or non-profit

housing, providing homes at affordable prices for low income families. We could put parks where they belonged rather than fighting with developers who count boulevards and grass medians as green space. In the past we have waited on the developer. Then it has often been too late.

We have a chance to do it differently at Oak St. People in the community, especially those living in Regent Park and the Oak St. highrises which border the site, need to express now what sort of development the community needs at Oak St.

Contact Mike Schwan at the Central Neighbourhood House, 925-4363, if you want to get involved or if you would like more information.

YMCA program

St. Jamestown young help old

While most people slow down in the summer, five young people at the St. Jamestown YMCA are now getting into high gear.

The "Y" office on 325 Bleeker Street received a Young Canada Works grant earlier this month and hired the five students to work with senior citizens and disabled people in the Ontario Housing section of St. Jamestown.

The Young Canada Works project will implement new recreational and social activities in the complex and assist in functions presently carried on by the "Y".

New programs on the drawing board include a drop-in centre, horseshoe tournaments and various card and board games.

As well, the group has planned several outings for seniors and disabled residents, such as visits to High Park and the CN Tower.

The students will also provide wheelchair service for disabled residents who must visit the Health Care Clinic, Wellesley Hospital or wish to go shopping.

Besides the various new programs, the students will assist in existing activities such as the free store, food co-op and craft club.

Other programs the group will continue to carry out include visits to senior citizens and disabled residents of St. Jamestown at 200 Wellesley Street and 275, 325, and 375 Bleeker Street.

Anyone requiring services offered by the Young Canada Works group should contact the YMCA office at 325 Bleeker Street or phone them at 924-4402. The group is also looking for suggestions and entertainers for

the Summer Festival at St. Jamestown which will take place this year on August 6.

Food talk at Woodgreen

Food Talk, a summer project designed to help consumers obtain better food value for their shopping dollar, is presently underway at the Woodgreen Community Centre.

Some of the activities being offered in the program include a film festival, a seniors' supper club, food demonstrations together with Woodgreen's co-op, cooking classes, youth groups, daytime trips, and food games.

The Food Talk program itself was designed by the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Manpower to provide meaningful summer jobs for students in the 15-25 age group. It is being carried on in 30 centres across Canada, being directed especially at low-income, native, immigrant, and senior citizen households. The Woodgreen project is headed by an intern dietitian and has five women working for it who have either completed degrees in Food and Nutrition or are presently completing them.

If the program is successful, it may be expanded to Don Vale and Regent Park, as well as the west end.

If you are interested in Food Talk, call 461-2772.

Caravan 77: 'A force for harmony in the city'

By CHRISTINE STEPHENSON

From the capacity crowds at each of the pavilions that I attended it seems that everyone in Toronto knows what Caravan 77 is, but actually it is the why of Caravan that is most important. According to the Chairman Leon Kossar, Caravan is an organization which "strives to involve cultural groups and the general population in a celebration of people". It is a celebration of differences, of being Canadian with all of our contributing heritages. It creates mobility between cultural groups, between neighbourhoods and throughout the city.

Caravan is a non-profit charitable organization and any excess is used to maintain the small organizational staff. Most of the pavilions originate from community groups who are privately funded, and a small number received Wintario Grants.

All of the participants that I spoke with considered Caravan a huge success. As Kay McPheer

and Charlotte Johnson, sing-song companions at the Portree pavilion said, "Caravan is the greatest thing that happens all year. It is a time when Toronto really lets her hair down. It is a chance to meet so many great people".

Although almost all of the Ward Seven pavilions were enjoyable many shone with their own specialty. The Port Royal (Caribbean) was the choice for the best show. The music of Audley Williams Hedonism and the interpretive versions of Matilda, the Reggae and the spectacular fire limbo of Frenchie Smith and the Dancers enthralled the audiences.

The Portree pavilion had the best sing-along and the most politicians and the Athens pavilion could boast of the most delicious (and fattening) pastries and the most enthusiastic and friendly mayor.

Mr. John Tsotsos was at the door to greet his guests and to thank those leaving. He related: "No matter how many we pack in here they are still lined up down the block. We are a little surprised but

very pleased at the success of the pavilion."

The Amsterdam pavilion, concentrating on her position as Toronto's sibling had the most elaborate setting, the worst air conditioning, and Lieda Limbertie was the only woman mayor that I encountered on my jaunt.

At first reactions were guarded at the Quebec pavilion, but soon the lively music of Denis Côté and Giles Lasier drew all over to a joyous appreciation of the French culture.

Disappointment came unexpectedly from the Canton pavilion. Despite the attempt at a multimedia presentation, the pavilion lacked the vibrance and spectacle of one of Toronto's largest and most colourful groups.

The only complaint that was frequently vocalized was that it just didn't last long enough. This is because the pavilions are staffed entirely by volunteers who donate their time and energy (usually on top of full-time jobs) for well over the nine days for which it runs.

The important aspect of Caravan is the humanitarian outreach, and Mr. Kossar lists his wife Zena as the force behind it. As he relates: "Toronto is now the largest city in Canada and we need an enormous reservoir of good will. Caravan is a major force for fun in the summer

and harmony in this city". The most important thing about Caravan is, as Mr. Kossar says, "It does not matter if you are president of a company or a bricklayer, everyone gets treated the same at Caravan." And the treatment is good!



A display of children's toys at Caravan 77's Mexico City pavilion



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Clinic defended Centre termed 'godsend'

To 7 News:

Regarding your statement in 7 News regarding St. Jamestown Medical Centre (June 18 issue). What you state is a pack of malicious lies and you don't know what you are talking about. I have been a patient there since its very beginning and I have always had first class treatment, and have had many minor illnesses cured at St. Jamestown Medical Centre, and have always been treated with great respect. The people I think you are referring to are the ones who have forgotten what soap looks like and I have seen them with my own eyes. Men being treated with the greatest respect and being addressed as "Mr." when what they needed first was to be dragged off to a bathtub to clean the air of their filthy odour. I wouldn't go near them with a fifty foot pole and neither would you, that is if you have any decency in you, which I doubt, judging by

your statement. This medical centre has been a godsend to hundreds of people myself included. If you listen to all the ignorant

complain most being their own fault they know no better. I challenge you to publish this.

Name Withheld

Left out of article

CRC has summer arts and crafts program

Dear Editor:

The Christian Resource Centre will be operating an arts and crafts program during the months of July and August. We will be doing crafts such as macrame, clay-modelling, flower-making, painting, etc. We will also be teaching interested children to knit, crochet, sew or do needlepoint. If any children have a special interest in a particular craft we will try to make it available to them. Each week we will be planning a special

event. This may involve a field trip into the community or some specific craft such as spinning or jewellery-making.

The program will be held at the Christian Resource Centre, 20 Spruce St., on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:00. The program begins July 4. If you are interested, call Christine at the CRC, 20 Spruce St., 922-7391 or 922-8322.

Christine Zarebski

Health centre needs help

Dear readers:

Did you know that the South Riverdale Community Health Centre needs you? Although the Health Centre exists primarily to meet the needs of South Riverdale residents we welcome all those who might wish to volunteer their services to the Centre.

The Centre is operated by a Board of twelve people who live in the community and it is the Board that is responsible for establishing the policies for care and treatment in the Centre. Because South Riverdale Community Health Centre is run by area residents it is, we hope, responsive to the needs of the community.

The services offered are varied, with emphasis on both preventiva-

tive and day-to-day health care, and include such things as family planning, lead testing, health education, pre-natal care and referral services.

There are many possibilities for those who wish to volunteer and we encourage that volunteers identify the kinds of things they would like to do within the Centre. Commitments might range from occasional (assisting with special events at the Centre) to regular (receptionist duties, interpreters, working on a newsletter) and could even include individual projects. How can you help us help?

Call Carolyn Davies at 461-2493,

South Riverdale Health Centre, 126 Pape Avenue, Toronto

Researcher Seeks Boer War Information

Dear readers:

It is seventy-five years since the Peace of Vereeniging brought the Anglo-Boer War to a close. The Boer War was the occasion of Canada's first major overseas military campaign, and relatively little has been written about the participation of the Canadian contingents.

I am engaged in researching the role of the Canadian forces in this conflict, and I am anxious to get in touch with surviving veterans or with relatives or friends of veterans.

I am especially anxious to gain access to papers in private possession pertaining to the War. Should readers be aware of the

existence of letters, diaries, scrapbooks, photographs, paintings or any other pertinent material, I would be most appreciative if they would write to me at the address below as soon as possible.

Hugh Robertson,
224 Springfield Rd.
Ottawa, Ont.

Library learns Don District history

Dear 7 News:

Due to increased interest in the history of the Don District and concern for its architectural preservation, Parliament Street Library has staff working full time on the community history collection this summer. Thanks to previous help and donations a considerable amount of material has been accumulated already and will soon be accessible as a resource to those interested in the history of the area.

So far, the collection consists of photographs, newspaper and magazine clippings, institutional reports and brochures, written personal reminiscences, and books dealing with the history of Toronto as well as a few specifically on this district.

This summer, we hope to expand the collection and would appreciate hearing from anyone who has worked or lived in the area, especially before 1950. Since

part of our project concerns the district's physical changes we would like to talk to anyone who has done research on their house and those who have old photographs.

Those who wish to share any kind of information pertinent to the history of this area can reach us at the Library (921-8674).

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Sharp,
for the Parliament Street
Library Local History Project

Ontario babysitting for the landlords

Dear Editor:

I am writing as a Ward 7 resident and a very concerned tenant about the high cost of renting in the city of Toronto. I feel that the rent

control program of Ontario leaves very much to be desired and that the government of Ontario has done a lot of babysitting for the landlords of this province. A proper rent program would be to provide rents at prices at one's ability to pay, based on need rather than on greed. Big rent profits should be controlled and outlawed.

Another thing tenants should be allowed to do is to put up election

signs for the candidate of their choice in apartment dwellings and houses. All too long, tenants have been treated as second class.

It is long overdue that landlords should be licensed. They just won't police themselves. Something should be done for tenants, or tenants will be putting up tents to live in soon.

Fred Sheridan,
Eastmount Ave.

Support for a community paper

Dear friends:

I visit a lot in Moss Park and have on occasion held at various events there.

I always read Seven News when I'm down there, but this time I brought one home as I wasn't stay-

ing. Under the circumstances I think I should pay for it, so I am enclosing a small cheque; it has to be small as I am a senior citizen.

Thank you for a job well done and keep up the good work.

Appreciatively, Pat O'Rourke

Dear folks:

Sorry I didn't send my \$7 in earlier. I've been in England and got back a little while ago.

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of a community newspaper that is still responsible to, and supported by, the community.

Best wishes,

Bruce Woodrow, Bain Ave.

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Library's Beatrix Potter exhibit delights viewers

By FRANCES WATMAN

"Peter Rabbit and Other Tales, Art From The World of Beatrix Potter" is a beautiful and nostalgic look at the writings of the late English children's writer and illustrator currently on view in the Osborne Room of Boys and Girls House, 40 St. George Street.

The exhibition includes material never before shown outside England, on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum, the National Book League, the National Trust and the Armit Trust of Ambleside. It includes photos of the author, sketch books used by Beatrix Potter as a child, natural history studies, original water colour illus-



"Duchess went into her larder and took the pie off a shelf and looked at it." from *The Tale of The Pie and The Patty Pan*.

trations from her books, and the manuscript of *The Roly-Poly*

Pudding.

Beatrix Potter's popularity as a children's writer was instant and enduring. Although her first book, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, was rejected by all the publishers she approached and was subsequently published privately in 1901 for the sum of fifty dollars, all her books were best sellers. Frederick Warne and Company, seeing the popularity of her *Peter Rabbit*, published a second edition of the story in 1902, this time with colour plates — the original privately published edition was illustrated in black and white except for the coloured frontispiece — and went on to publish the entire series of

Potter books, all of which, incidentally, are still in print.

Beatrix Potter's tales of animals, lavishly illustrated in pastel water colours, were an innovation in the area of children's writing. Writers of the time portrayed animals as animals, but, as avid followers of Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cotton Tail know, the bunnies, dogs, cats and guinea pigs who romp through Potter's tales are people-animals with recognisable personalities having real life adventures and problems.

The exhibition runs from June 18 to July 19, Monday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is free of charge. Children and former children are invited.

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FODARRA condemns nuclear energy

The Federation of Don Area Residents and Residents' Associations (FODARRA) took a strong stand against the further development at this time of nuclear energy in Ontario at the second of its quarterly forums on June 11.

They listened to a presentation of the dangers and advantages of developing nuclear energy, which was made by a group which recently returned from lobbying in Ottawa, the Walk for Life group. Residents attending the

forum were most worried that the decisions "to go nuclear" which have such a monumental impact on our future had not been made by the general public but had been in the firm grip of a handful of politicians, senior civil servants, and scientists.

For example, the Atomic Energy of Canada, Ltd. (AECL) had decided without consulting the public to place a burial ground for radioactive wastes from nuclear power plants at Madoc, a town north of Kingston, Ontario. It was only after word had leaked out about this decision that organizing efforts of a few concerned residents led to public meetings.

Over 1000 people attended a public meeting on March 16, 1977, in which the AECL backed down and promised it would not continue its plans for the area as long as the community was opposed.

And recently, the officials in Newcastle, Ontario, decided in a secret meeting with Ontario Hydro that it would approve Hydro's plans to install a nuclear plant site in that area. The residents of Newcastle themselves were given no opportunity to discuss the grave questions that installation of such plants pose. Furthermore, the atomic energy industry has not made available to the public many studies which have been made of the hazards of atomic reactor plants.

The Chairman of the AECL was recently quoted in the *Toronto Star* as saying that these questions are too important to be decided by elements in the media or by the general public.

People at the forum felt that residents of the Ward 7 area should show their interest not only because we have a right to be consulted on such issues of basic social policy and national importance, but also because it is our energy needs, the energy needs of those in the city, that are being used to justify the health risks and the risks of nuclear catastrophe that the residents of Madoc, Newcastle, and Pickering must face. Therefore, they decided to send to the Porter Royal Commission on Electric Power Planning in Ontario, which is sponsoring the first significant public examination of nuclear power in Canada, the following resolution:

"The FODARRA forum is opposed to the proliferation of nuclear power plants in Canada, and it demands that money spent for further development of those plants be diverted to developing alternate energy sources such as wind and solar energy."

The twenty-five people attending the forum passed unanimously a resolution endorsing the presentation made by the FODARRA Health Task Force to the Toronto Board of Health.

OPINION

He who pays the piper . . .

By ULLI DIEMER

It's a pitiful spectacle. Community groups across Ward 7 (and elsewhere) desperately scrambling for enough funds to stay alive. Group after group faced with the prospect of laying off staff, cutting back services, or closing down entirely. And these aren't generally organizations with marginal support or of limited value either. They're by and large the groups providing the best services, staffed by good people, serving large number of residents. Organizations like the Community Secretariat, the Neighbourhood Information Post, Seven News.

Many of these groups had their start in the early 1970's when the various movements for "community control" were at their peak in Ward 7. The idea then was to create new kinds of groups and services, close to and controlled by the people, groups that could be springboards for social change, for taking power away from the large bureaucracies of the established power structure.

They had good ideas, and big plans. But things haven't quite worked out according to plan, and now much energy, far too much, has to be spent trying to find money to pay next month's rent and salaries. In the process, the real goals easily can, and often do, get pushed into the background.

What happened? Government money, that's what. Groups that started out being entirely run by volunteers, by local people, began thinking about how much more they could do if only they had one or two paid people, or three, or four, or . . . And why not apply for government grants? It's our own tax money, after all.

Maybe it was a good idea to take the government's money, when it was in a giving mood, as it was in the early 1970's, to get more things done than we could have with just our own volunteered efforts. But government funding can also be a very dangerous thing, and too many of us weren't aware of the dangers.

Government money creates dependency

The main problem is that it creates dependency. You start counting on getting another grant after this one runs out. You don't do anything to build up your own independent resources for the day when the funding will end, because you always think it won't end. You start relying more and more on paid staff, who also start, despite the best of intentions, to make more and more of the decisions. Volunteers — your base in the community, in other words — slowly start drifting away. They feel shut out of things, and anyway the movement they joined has turned into an organization, a community bureaucracy. The paid people worry about the shrinking base of the group, but they figure that it just goes to show that you can't count on people freely giving their own time to carry the load, so we just have to apply for more money to hire more people to do all the work there is to do, especially now that people don't want to volunteer anymore . . .

The result is an organization that has lost its base of support, that instead of being a way of increasing people's power has become a tool for increasing the state's power over community activities. The group itself is at the mercy of its governmental benefactor. If it does anything the government doesn't like, funding can always be cut off. (In practice, it doesn't usually come to that, because we tend to not even think about acting boldly, about doing things that might offend.)

And then it comes to a time like the present, when the state is short of money, and suddenly the grants start being cut back drastically anyway. The state, after all, has little to fear from groups that can no longer effectively mobilize the support of their communities.

We've gotten ourselves into a mess, and the only way out is to learn to stand on our own feet again. That means not counting on government money, and using any grants we happen to get to tide us over while we work to become self-sufficient. Most of all, it means building everything on the only secure base there is: the people.

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Funding for community groups

By Christine Stephenson

The end of the LIP grant has created pandemonium in the social service community and a number of groups fear extinction as the scrambling for funds becomes the primary rather than the secondary concern of many community groups. In a number of organizations the prophets of gloom and doom see the end of an era of fine community work in the Ward Seven area. In an attempt to stave off panic and provide a source of reference for the search, Seven News has compiled a list of possible sources of funds for community groups.

There are both private and foundation grants available to groups seeking funding, but they generally donate their funds to well-established public charities and hospitals. For the community group seeking funding, the government, local, municipal and federal each offers grants under the auspices of their various departments.

Within the guidelines set out by the "Municipal Act" and a number of other acts that are the responsibility of the Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs municipalities in Ontario may pass bylaws and set their own priorities in response to local needs. The policies regarding the funding of community projects vary greatly from one municipality to another.

Sections 352 and 353 of this Act enable municipalities to make donations to charitable institutions and patriotic organizations and to other groups for community recreation facilities and programs, health or community centres, aiding indigent person, and cultural and athletic activities.

In 1970 the City of Toronto established a series of guidelines as to the kinds of community projects that they would support. Included were cultural and artistic programs, groups representing the city at outside functions such as sports, athletic, cultural or artistic events and a limited number of pilot projects, special projects and services which the city considers worthwhile and deserving of public support.

Excluded were grants in lieu of taxes, where a precedent has not been established for a group, new projects or programs which overlap or duplicate the work of existing organizations in the city; projects regarded as Metro, provincial or federal responsibilities, projects considered suitable only for private enterprise or private charity, organizations or groups which have carried on the same services in the past with volunteer help and no public funds, associations of property owners, ratepayers, tenants, businesses, citizens and other organizations which are primarily self-interested.

Because of the extremely limiting nature of the municipal requirements, it is necessary to turn to the provincial and federal levels of government. The grants offered by these two agencies may best be divided into three areas: services, community and ethnic. The following is a list of government grants noted by level of government, type, department and explanation.

Provincial Government

Services:

1) Ministry of Communications and Social Services:

a) Children's and Youth Institutions Branch: funding for groups

which care for homeless and handicapped children, retarded persons, unmarried mothers and children with active problems.

b) Citizen's Branch: funding for cultural communities and organizations providing services to newcomers to Ontario, concerning both newcomer integration and intergroup development.

c) Day Nurseries Branch: Subsidies for daycare to municipalities, Indian bands or associations for the retarded, and to provide fees or services for families in need of private daycare.

d) Homes for the Aged Office Branch: Funds for voluntary non-profit homes for the aged operated by charitable organizations, service clubs, fraternal orders, ethnic and religious organizations.

e) Youth and Recreation Branch: to agencies that conduct non-profit camp programs, for new and innovative programs that involve young people in useful community activities.

Community:

f) Office of Athletics Commissioner: provides assistance to amateur minor sports leagues or organizations.

2) Ministry of Education:

a) Educational Exchange and Special Projects Branch Cultural and Educational Exchange Program: Grants are made to organizations engaging in an exchange program of a cultural or educational nature.

3) Ministry of Revenue:

a) General Housing: grants in aid of studies into housing conditions or matters relating to housing in Ontario.

b) Aid to tenants Organizations: grants to those in O.H.C. developments for the purchase of recreational equipment.

4) Ministry of Colleges and Universities:

a) Ontario Arts Council: provides grants to non-profit Arts organizations to support artistic growth in Ontario.

Federal Government

Services:

1) Department of National Health and Welfare:

a) Family Planning Grants: some funds are available on a short term basis as seed money to establish new and to expand and improve existing family planning services for demonstration projects designed to lead to wider and easier availability of family planning methods and services, increased public knowledge, a more effective use of resources, and training projects for health and welfare professionals.

b) New Horizons: provides funds for the discovery of the resources of retired persons and the promotion of their recreational, community and creative projects.

Community:

2) Ministry of State for Urban Affairs:

a) Central Mortgage and Housing: funds are available to assist in the cost of programs directed toward improving hous-

ing conditions and developing Canadian communities.

3) Ministry of Culture and Recreation:

a) Offers to help communities establish community centres and recreation facilities.

Ethnic:

1) Department of the Secretary of State:

a) **Citizenship Branch**, Travel and Exchange: grants to programs which encourage personal interaction between Canadians from different regions.b) **Citizens' Cultures**: makes grants available to groups of all cultural heritages who demonstrate a desire to develop and share their culture within the Canadian context.c) **Native Citizens**: grants are available to assist the presentation and development of native culture in the context of Canadian society and to encourage the development of specific projects to meet special native needs.d) **Citizens' Organizations**: provides funds for strengthening citizen participation and identification with Canadian social life for volunteer agencies and unstructured social action groups.e) **Social Action Branch**: administers programs which foster the cultural development of Canada's French and English-speaking minorities and promotes good relations between Canada's two official language groups.

2) Ministry of Culture and Recreation:

a) **Multicultural Development Branch**: limited grants are available to community groups seeking to improve the social and cultural environment in Ontario by promoting participation of ethnic groups in the cultural life of the province.b) **Ontario Folk Arts Council**: coordinates the activities of various ethnic groups.

b) limited financial assistance for projects involving cultural exchanges which are primarily arts oriented — performing, visual, creative, crafts between Ontario and other provinces or nations.

3) Department of the Secretary of State:

a) To provide support for the operating costs of original projects serving the areas of the Arts and culture.

b) to assist organizations of cultural institutions to provide focus for the cultural activities of the official language minority group in a province.

c) **French English Relations**: provides funds for one-shot groups which promote a better understanding between the two official language groups.d) **Programs for Official Language Minority Groups**: provides funds to support provincial and quasi-provincial organizations officially representing minority language groups in each province.4) **Canada Council**: Administers the Canadian Horizons Project which offers grants to individuals or groups wishing to undertake projects aimed at creating a heightened awareness of cultural diversity and heritage. Grants available for projects in all media.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday July 3

The Casa Loma Jazz Band is playing at the Harbourfront Cafe tonight from 7 to 11 p.m. It's part of the regular weekly program of jazz music, blues, stomping music, ragtime, and Dixieland. And it's free!

Monday July 4

You are invited to the opening ceremonies of **Camp Neebin** today in David Balfour Park, south of St. Clair, east of Yonge. They run from 10 a.m. to noon and they'll feature various kinds of camping activities.

Tuesday July 5

The Greek Community Social Services, at 765 Pape Avenue, is holding a free **legal aid clinic**, starting today, and continuing every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Lawyers will be available to give advice on legal problems. For further information, or to arrange an appointment, call 469-1155.

Thursday July 7

There will be a Red Cross **Blood Donor Clinic** today from 2:30 to 8:30 at Gerrard Square Shopping Centre, 1000 Gerrard St. E. (Pape & Gerrard). If you're between the ages of 18 and 65, you can be a donor if you meet the requirements. Your blood can't be accepted if you have hepatitis, heart disease, epilepsy, stroke, cancer, if you've taken antibiotics or allergy shots in the last week, if you've had a cold or flu in the last week, or taken any medication, including aspirin, in the last 48 hours. You should weigh at least 110 pounds, and the Red Cross suggests you eat before you go. If you meet the requirements, then go and give the gift of life!

Friday July 8

The Parliament St. Library, Parliament and Gerrard, is showing the movie **The Luck of Ginger Coffey** tonight at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome at this free showing.

Saturday July 9

The 519 Church St. Community Centre will have a **benefit day** today from 11 to 5, rain or shine. There will be a rummage sale and a book sale along with a moderately priced picnic lunch and some Bluegrass music courtesy of the Border County Drifters. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Mary Stern at 923-2778.

Today and tomorrow, Neill-Wycik College, 96 Gerrard St. E., is holding a **festival to celebrate summer**. The Summer Celebration will run from 2 to 6 p.m. each day and involves a variety of activities, including an outdoor fair of arts and crafts, music and entertainment by local groups, displays of photography, weaving, pottery, batik, origami and many other arts and crafts. Admission is free and the whole family is invited.

Monday July 11

People interested in **participating in amateur shows** at the 519 Church St. Community Centre this fall are encouraged to come to the centre on Monday nights this summer at 7:30. Free music lessons and voice coaching plus rehearsal time will be available. For more information call Mary Stern at 923-2778.

The **Climax Jazz Band** will be playing at the Harbourfront Cafe from 7 to 11 p.m. tonight. Free.

Thursday July 14

Interested in learning a lot about being healthy? Come to the **Community Health Awareness evening**. It is taking place tonight from 7:30 to 9:30 at the Broadview YMCA, 275 Broadview Ave. Some of the topics which will be discussed are diet, personal hygiene, venereal disease, birth control, blood pressure and physical exercise. Literature on all these topics will be available and light refreshments will be served. Call 461-8123 for more information.

General

This summer, there will be **recreational swimming** for the entire family at Lord Dufferin School, 303 Berkeley St., as well as a number of other public schools throughout Toronto. The pool will be open from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Friday, 9:30 to 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1:30 to 4:30 on Sundays. For further information, call 367-7266. Admission to the pool is free to all residents of the City of Toronto.

There is another **camping trip** planned this month for residents of St. Jamestown, this one to Beausoleil Island in Georgian Bay for a weekend of sun and relaxation. If you are interested in joining the camping club on its outings, register at the Health Club, 650 Parliament St., or call 964-8775.

The **Theatre Next Door** will continue to be active right through the summer months. They will be having a variety of play readings. For further information, call Dave Easby at 924-8084 or the St. Jamestown Y at 964-8775.

A **parenting group** is being offered by public health nurses at 430 Broadview Ave. (at Gerrard) Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting Tuesday July 19, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for three weeks. This course is intended for interested parents who want to learn and practice the parenting skills described by Dr. Thomas Gordon in his book "Parent Effectiveness Training". The course is free, but there is a nominal charge for babysitting. For more information and to register, call 465-2496.

A **Food Talk** program, designed to give consumers better food value for their shopping dollar, and featuring information on a number of topics, is operating out of the Woodgreen Community Centre this summer. If you are interested in finding out more about the program, call 461-2772.

The Broadview Y has been given a Young Canada Works program for the summer of '77. Six students have been hired to assist the regular staff already present. Their main area of involvement will be with organizing and supervising **community happenings**. Have any ideas? Contact John Butt or Frank Christie at 461-8123.

The St. Jamestown YMCA, 325 Bleecker St., is sponsoring a **summer adventure club for kids** living in St. Jamestown. It runs Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 4 to August 26, in four two-week sessions costing \$10.00 per session. It's for kids 5 to 10 years. Contact Vera Martin at 923-4402 for more information.

The Broadview Y is closing on August 31. On August 25, the Y is holding a "**Farewell to Broadview Night**" starting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person. For more details, call 461-8123.

The Board of Education is sponsoring a wide range of **summer courses** for elementary school students, secondary school students, and adults this year. There are new credit courses, upgrading credit courses, English as a second language courses and booster programs, enrichment courses, and adult evening classes. Most courses begin July 4. For information call 598-4931, local 718 immediately.

The YWCA is also offering a wide range of **summer programs**, starting July 4. For more information, or to obtain a booklet, call 487-7151.

Community calendar is a free community service. If your group has upcoming events it would like to publicize, call 7 News at 920-8632. 7 News appears every second Saturday, deadlines are on the Monday prior.

Children's Aid workers go on strike

160 Catholic Children's Aid Society workers went on strike last Monday. The workers are members of the Federation of Community Agency Staffs (FOCAS).

The strike, the second at Catholic Children's Aid in

three years, was called when the Society unilaterally changed the agreement between the employer and the union which had been previously ratified by both sides. The union has charged the Society with bargaining in bad faith as a result of the move,

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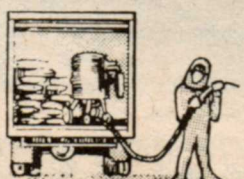
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The tale of a cottage at Castle Frank

By George Rust-D'Eye

It is hard to imagine now, but when John Graves Simcoe sailed into the Toronto Bay for the first time, on May 3rd, 1793, there were no buildings here, other than a fur trader's hut, some Indian tents, and the burnt-out remains of an Old French Fort.

Lt.-Gov. Simcoe had been appointed in 1791 to represent the King in the new Province of Upper Canada. Having visited Toronto and having decided that it was, because of its protected harbour and natural resources, an excellent site of a town, he brought his wife, Elizabeth Posthuma Gwillim Simcoe, and their youngest children, Sophia, aged 4, and Francis, aged 2, to Toronto on July 30th, 1793.

The Simcoe family's first dwelling was a large tent which had once been owned by Captain James Cook, the celebrated navigator, and which Lt.-Gov. Simcoe had purchased at an auction of second-hand goods in London. This tent was erected near the foot of what is now Bathurst Street.

The Simcoes soon set out to explore the area around the site of the new town, near the mouth of the Don River, which Simcoe named 'York' on August 26th, 1793. Mrs. Simcoe, in her diary of July 30th, 1793, writes: "We went in a boat two miles to the bottom of the bay, and walked thro' a grove of oaks, where the town is intended to be built. The water in the bay is beautifully clear and transparent."

On August 4th, 1793, she states: "We came within sight of what is named in the map the highlands of Toronto. The shore is extremely bold and has the appearance of chalk cliffs, but I believe they are only white sand. They appeared so well that we talked of building a summer residence there and calling it Scarborough." The area has been known by this name ever since.

But the Simcoe's summer residence was to be built elsewhere.

On August 11th, 1793, Mrs. Simcoe writes: "This evening we went to see a creek which is to be called the River Don." On September 4th the Simcoes rowed up the Don to a point near where the Prince Edward viaduct now crosses. There they saw a tree fallen over the river. Mrs. Simcoe writes: A bald eagle sat on a blasted pine on a very bold point just above the fallen tree. The Governor talks of placing a canvas



Lt.-Gov. John Graves Simcoe: He had fought in the war against the American Revolution and as a member of the English Parliament had advocated the organization of a new province in the English colonies in America.

Mementos of Yesteryear



house on this point as a summer residence.

Later in the year, on October 29th, Mrs. Simcoe describes the finding of a site for the residence: "The Governor having determined to take a lot of 200 acres upon the River Don for Francis, and the law obliges persons having lots of land to build a house upon them within a year, we went to-day to fix upon the spot for building the house. We went six miles by water from the Fort and east along the bay shore to the Don, and up that river, landed, climbed up an exceedingly steep hill, or rather a series of sugar-loafed hills, and approved of the highest spot, from whence we looked down on the tops of large trees . . ."

The site was on the brow of the hill immediately north of the ravine where a brook then flowed into the Don, and through which the Rosedale Valley Road now runs. In honour of their young son, the Simcoes named their new summer home 'Castle Frank'.

The site chosen was one of the most picturesque in the vicinity: A writer of 1858 described it this way: "But even yet there is much that is attractive and picturesque about the grounds of Castle Frank. The mazy windings of the Don, as it silently meanders through the luxuriant flats which form its summer and autumn banks, bordered here and there on each side by high romantic hills, crowned with trees of all forms and sizes, from the slender but firmly knit ironwood to the majestic pine, and displaying all the varied tints natural to their foliage; — the various elevations and forms of the hills, and the diversity of light and shade thus produced, afford a series of views which delight the artist and the admirer of the beautiful in nature."

Work commenced on Castle Frank early in 1794, during the winter the Simcoes visited the site from time to time. Although it appears that the house was habitable at that point, the exterior was not complete until June, 1796 and the windows were never glazed. The slow progress on the work obviously rankled with Mrs. Simcoe. She observes on February 2nd, 1796 that "Castle Frank" is not yet floored; the carpenters are building a hut for themselves." By April 18th, her exasperation became more acute. She writes: "A large wooden canoe

was launched here to-day, built by one of the men who ought to have been busy working at Castle Frank."

John Ross Robertson, in his 'Landmarks of Toronto' (1894) described Castle Frank: "Castle Frank was not occupied permanently by the Governor and his family, but many excursions were made and week-ends spent by the friends who enjoyed pleasant hours in the little settlement during Governor Simcoe's administration. The building was about 50 feet in depth and 30 feet in width, the latter being the frontage, which faced south. The front elevation was not unlike that of a Greek temple. The trunks of four large, well matched, unbarked pine trees answered for columns supporting the pediment or the projection of the whole roof. The main doorway was in the centre of the front, but no windows on either side.

"On the east and west sides were four windows with shutters of heavy double planks running up and down on one side, and cross-wise on the other, and thickly studded with the heads of stout nails. Of a similar construction was the door. A chimney arose from the middle of the room. The walls were built of rather small, carefully hewn logs, of short lengths, clap-boarded. They presented a comparatively finished appearance on the outside, but after a time took the weather-stained colour that unpainted wood assumes. Inside, the finish was rough, in fact the interior was never fully completed. A slight attempt at a division into rooms had been made but was never entirely carried out. Entering the front door the visitor found himself at once in an apartment extending the width of the building and about half its length. On one side was a big fireplace. At the rear of this was another room of similar dimensions with a fireplace in the opposite wall. The cleared space in front of the building was but a few yards across, and from it to the site of the town ran a narrow carriage-way and bridle-path cut out by the soldiers and graded, traces of which may still be found."

taken up the river

The route described by Robertson ran up Parliament Street, along Winchester Street, down into the valley and up the hill to Castle Frank. Mrs. Simcoe, who lived until 1850, often spoke of "that pretty spot, Castle Frank", long after her return to England.



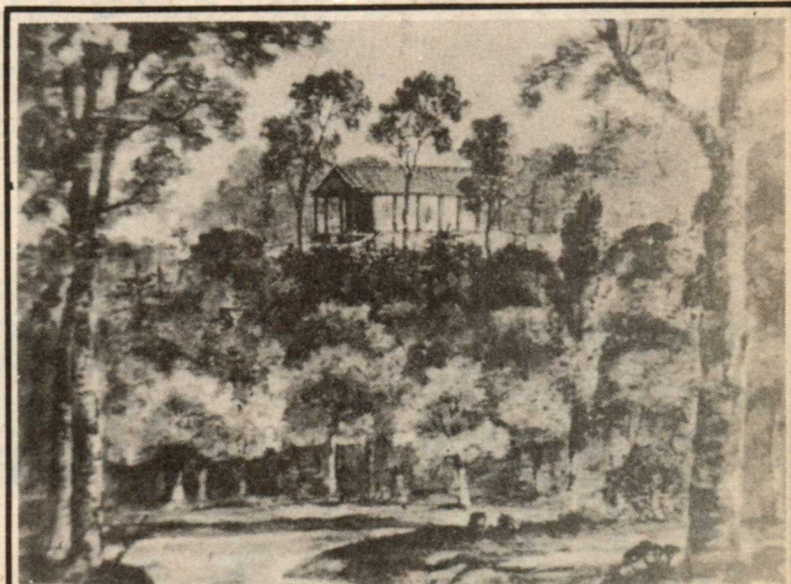
Elizabeth Posthuma Gwillim Simcoe — from Mrs. Simcoe's Diary by John Ross Robertson. Mrs. Simcoe's second name "Posthuma" relates to the fact her mother died during childbirth and her father had died previously. Thus she was an orphan at birth.

July 20th, 1796 was the last day at Castle Frank for the Simcoes. The next day they set out for England, leaving their summer home in the care of Lt.-Gov. Simcoe's successor, Peter Russell, whose family used it for picnics, excursions, and parties, to which the guests were taken up the Don in the summer by boats and in the winter by sleigh.

During the summer of 1798 Russell allowed Castle Frank to be occupied by Captain John Denison, an English militia-man who had recently immigrated to Canada. By 1803 the house was uninhabited and going to ruin. After 1807 it was tenantless. The Americans who occupied York during the War of 1812 heard stories of a 'castle' on the Don River, and went up the Don to find it, only to discover nothing but a broken-down and deserted house.

The remains of Castle Frank were burnt in an accidental fire set by fishermen in 1829.

Today, all that is left to remind Torontonians of Castle Frank, aside from some street names, is a small cairn erected by the Don Valley Conservation Authority in 1954 on the south side of Bloor Street just west of the Prince Edward Viaduct. It bears witness to the fact that just south of that site stood the summer home of the first Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada.



Castle Frank: a drawing by Elizabeth Simcoe. Mrs. Simcoe's skills as an artist and writer have resulted in a wealth of information today relating to life in the early Town of York.

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By ULLI DIEMER

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The company placing the ad is International Forwarding, whose address is a post office box. But their name is simply rubber-stamped on the sales pitch sheet, which is apparently used by a number of different companies placing these and similar ads. An article in the last issue of Canadian Living magazine describes the operations of these companies, which use this and a number of other gimmicks to get people to send them money.

It's all perfectly legal, since the ad doesn't actually promise you anything, and you do receive something for your money, even if it's only a sheet of paper (your "supplies"! But it solicits money from people least able to afford to throw it away, and that's why you won't find the ad in 7 News any more. Thanks to our readers for letting us know what was going on.

NEWS BRIEFS

Housing at King & Parliament?

The Toronto Planning Board has recommended that six acres in the King-Parliament area be used to provide housing for 700 people. The Board recommends in a report that zoning be changed to permit residential development in the now mainly industrial area. The preliminary neighbourhood plan proposes that the housing be limited to low and middle income families who could not otherwise afford private housing in the area.

Project Awareness in Regent Park

Project Awareness, an effort on the part of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RPCIA) and Dixon Hall, to promote more communication between cultures and to lessen racial tensions, is underway this summer. Two students have been hired to work on such things as seminars on the different cultures and customs of the many ethnic groups in the area, and the nature and causes of racial discrimination. Later in the summer, it is hoped that a multicultural fair can be arranged. More information about the project can be gotten by calling Godfrey Harris and Mel Watts at Dixon Hall, 863-0499.

Secretariat Clings to Life

The Community Secretariat, which is threatened with imminent closure because of the refusal of government sources to renew funding, is planning a Community Secretariat Survival Conference for Friday July 22 at 1:00 p.m. at

203 Oak. The Secretariat is asking community groups to send one or two people to help plan strategy for finding ways to keep the Secretariat going. More information can be obtained by calling the Secretariat at 363-3888.

Fire on Parliament St.

A fire in the flats above Olympic Grocers on Parliament just north of Shuter drove eight people from their homes last week. The fire, believed to have been caused by faulty wiring, caused an estimated \$30,000 damage.

New Education Paper

A new publication about education was started in Toronto last month. It's "The Education Editor", and it's affiliated with the Metro Education Information Centre, and it publishes articles about local and general education issues in a number of languages. The paper can be obtained by calling 598-0018.

People

A farewell Sunday was held for Captain and Mrs. Leonard Goddard of the Salvation Army last month in Regent Park. The Goddards worked for 7 years as commanding officers of the corps at 304 Parliament St. . . . Jean Wright has been appointed co-ordinator of activities for the Old Cabbagetown Businessmen's Association.

Goodbye ALPHA

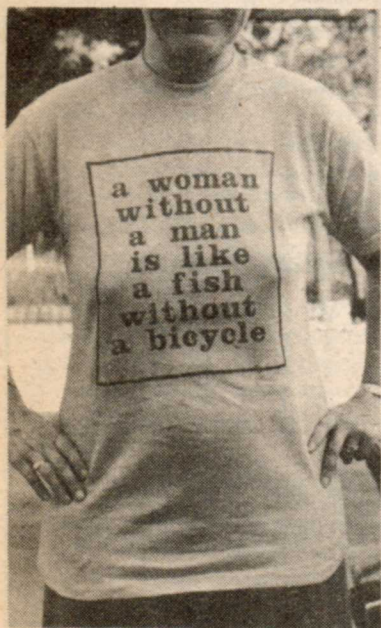
ALPHA School will be moving soon from its old quarters on the third floor of the Broadview YMCA. Here are some comments by the students there about their move.

By MOLLIE GOLDNER

ALPHA says farewell. I will miss the Y.M.C.A. We are moving near the CN Tower. I will always remember this place.

A Story About Feet
By EDDY

I was walking down the street and I met a pair of feet. I said, "Hello there. My name is Pete." Ten they said, "Want to see the feet of Feet Ville? You'll love to go with bare feet." So I said, "But what if I get dirty feet?" "Then you will have to take a seat and watch other feet, you big hunk of funny feet!"



Amelia Street resident sports tee shirt with a message.

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From crisis to crisis: it's been a rough year at the Board

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Thus far 1977 has been one of the busiest years the Board has seen in a long while. We began by striking some 27 special committees and work groups to deal with

the numerous policy issues that lay ahead. And then, we launched into our first of three main crises.

The first crisis the Board faced was financial as it attempted to set its budget and obtain the funds needed from the Metro School Board. We ran into road blocks all along the way. Metro, faced with a huge education mill rate increase caused by the loss of financial grants and a surplus from the secondary school teachers' strike, was in no mood to make concessions regarding the "unique" needs of Toronto. We went in asking for \$4.6 million above the Metro formula and came out several months later with permission to spend \$1.1 million above formula. En route we had had to radically pare our budget, make several submissions to Metro and even debate the wisdom of remaining within the

Metro federation. Depending upon what the Robarts Commission recommends we may yet get the chance to operate on our own.

The second major crisis the Board had to deal with was the laying off of 159 elementary school teachers. I suppose we knew we would have to do it for some time but we kept hoping that enrolments would rise, attrition would increase, and other Boards would help out. Unfortunately none of these hopes came about. Thus because of mis-projections in both enrolment, due to changing immigration patterns and attrition (teachers resigning or retiring) we found ourselves approximately 180 teachers over our Metro allotment in September of 1976. Over the year we used these teachers to do supply work and to fill long term vacancies which had arisen through illness and death. However, by the spring we were still 159 teachers in excess of our Metro allocation.

The decision to let the teachers go was a heart-wrenching one for everyone involved. These teachers, all of whom were on probationary contracts, had proven themselves competent professionals in their year with us. We had hoped that other Boards would be in a position to hire some of them but attrition rates all over Metro have dropped dramatically. In Toronto, for instance, for the 5 years prior to 1975, the elementary attrition rate was around 9% (or 270 teachers). In 1976, the year we miscalculated, it dropped to 6% (or 180 teachers) hence the gap of 90 more teachers on staff than we had expected. This year, the attrition rate is running at less than 3% (or 90 teachers)!

We are still feeling the repercussions of these layoffs but through a great deal of hard work on the part of Board officials, some of these teachers are getting placed elsewhere.

The third major crisis the Board dealt with thus far this year was the

proposed cuts to special education programs. As some of you may know the Toronto Board is allocated a specific number of teachers from the Metro Board on the basis of enrolment and certain special needs (eg. inner city schools). This year, because of declining enrolments and changes to other Metro allocation formulae, we received 19 fewer special education teachers from Metro. Then when the trustees met with the Toronto teachers on the Central Staffing Committee the decision was made to reduce special education by another 22 programs, resulting in a total reduction of 41 programs. The reaction from the public to this situation was strong and clear. They protested the cuts and demanded that they be reversed. Led by the Association of Children with Learning Disabilities, parents joined with the Board in approaching Education Minister Tom Wells. Wells responded by offering an additional \$1 million which could be translated into special education teachers. By using this money and by juggling class size in some programs, the Toronto Board was able to restore all but the equivalent of 3 special education programs. No small feat in a time of declining enrolments and decreasing provincial grants.

The past 6 months have also been busy ones for Ward 7 schools and time will only permit a brief listing of some of the highlights.

• Sackville held its 90th birthday party and finally closed down as a local Ward 7 school. Ecole Gabrielle Roy will continue there for at least one more year.

• Regent Park and Park schools distinguished themselves in the Kiwanis orchestra competition winning second and third places respectively in the junior and senior competitions.

• Sprucecourt chose a new principal and parent Doug Beckett helped organize one of the strongest parent-teacher groups in the ward.

• Eastdale was the first school in the city to produce an annual report for the public on its activities over the past year.

• Twenty-one Jarvis students went on an unforgettable trip to China during the winter break.

• SCORE, the massive inner city experimental program began this year with Duke of York, Lord Dufferin and Regent Park schools agreeing to be key schools at which learning proposals will be tested

• And Frankland finally learned that they would get a new school. Construction is slated to begin next summer.

Group opposes pipelines

The No Pipeline Now Coalition is a broadly based grouping of churches, international agencies, native support, public interest, labour unions and education groups. Its main purpose is to push for a 10 year moratorium on the construction of a northern pipeline either through the Mackenzie Valley or by any alternate route.

The Coalition feels that the pipeline will irrevocably tie Canada's resources into an export-oriented pattern of energy development based on American needs. This will mean higher energy costs for Canadians and a further depletion of our non-renewable energy resources. In the long run a pipeline will seriously disrupt employment patterns and the equilibrium of the Canadian economy.

In addition, building the pipeline will, as documented in the

report of the Berger Commission, threaten the life-style and land rights of the Dene and other native people in the north. The environmental impact of such a pipeline is also far from certain.

Time is short. The government is committed to making a decision on the pipeline by September 1. The coalition is urgently requesting all Canadians to write their members of parliament expressing their concern over the issues. Copies of letter to members or ministers plus requests for further information or donations should be addressed to No Pipeline Coalition, 102 Bank St. 2nd Floor, Ottawa. In Toronto, the campaign is being organized by the Metro Action Committee for a Moratorium. For further information, call Jan Marshall, 175 Carlton St., 961-3935.

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Simpson's Senior Softball Standings

	W	L	T	PTS
Ward Seven Cukes	4	2	0	8
Elmwood	4	2	0	8
Dovercourt	3	3	0	6
Rothmans	1	5	0	2

As you can see from the above standings, Ward 7 has its own team in the Simpsons league, and it's leading the league (Well, tied for first, anyway . . .) There are doubleheaders every Monday night at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. at Dovercourt ballpark (Salem St. & Bartlett St.) The next game for our local heroes is on Monday, July 4 at 7:00 p.m. when they play Rothmans. Last week, they beat Dovercourt by a 4-2 score, so the Cukes are riding a winning streak. Come out and support them! For more information, contact Wayne Janisse at 461-3828.