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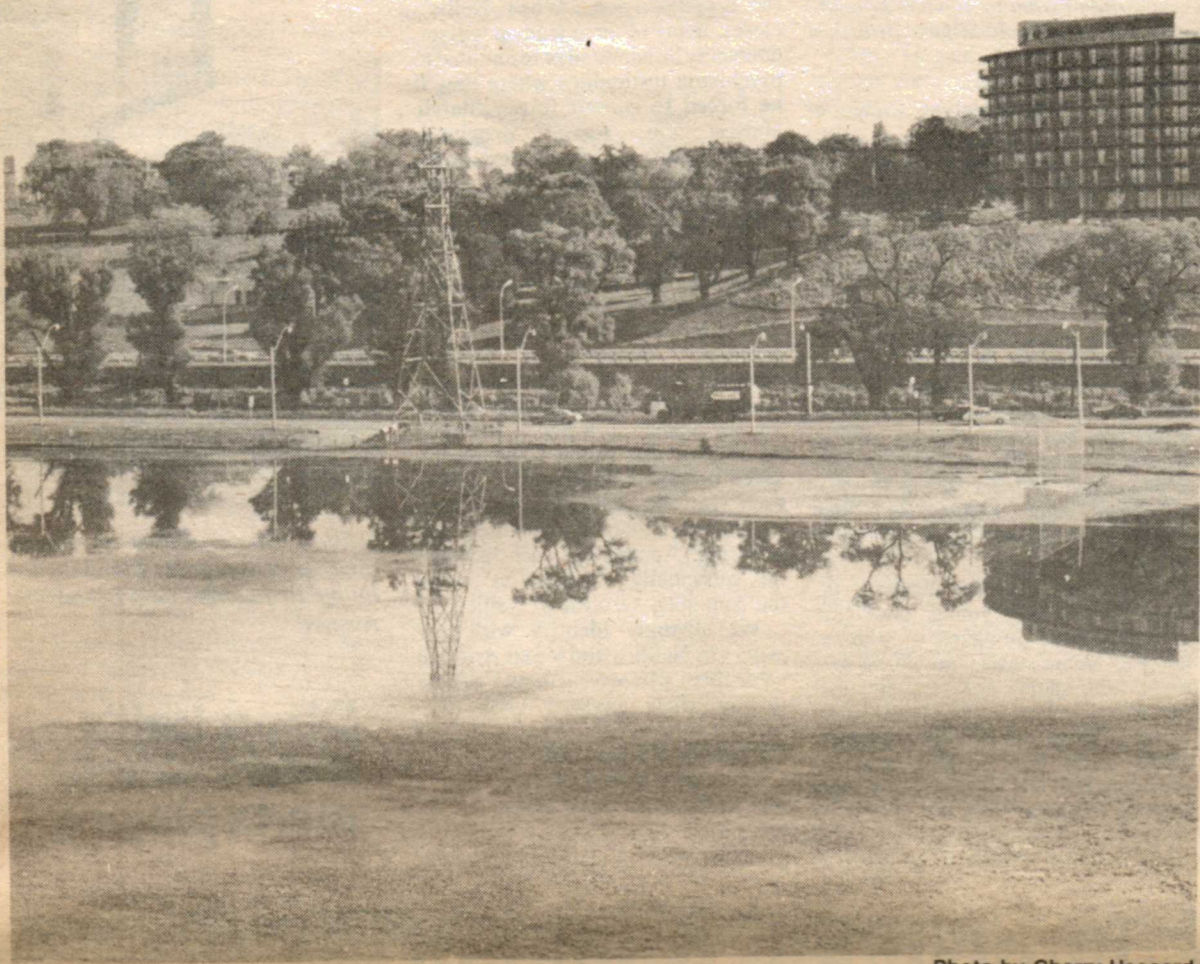


Photo by Cherry Hassard

With especially heavy rainfall this year, the baseball diamonds in Riverdale Park, prone to be soggy at the best of times, were transformed into a lake for weeks on end. Ducks, seagulls, and other waterbirds made it their home, while kids were actually able to catch little fish in the pond, and even in the pools on the paths.

Nellie's wins eviction battle

Nellie's, the beleaguered women's hostel on Broadview Avenue, appears to have won its battle to survive. With eviction staring it in the face, the hostel signed a last-minute agreement with the developer on Tuesday agreeing to purchase the house it presently occupies for \$70,000.

The YMCA, which sold the land Nellie's is on to Urban Habitat, had obtained an eviction order against Nellie's, but agreed to hold off while the hostel negotiated to buy the building. The rest of the land is to be used for a row-housing development.

It is expected that funds for the purchase will come from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

However, Nellie's still has a couple of hurdles to clear first. The most immediate one is the need to install a sprinkler system that the Fire Marshal's office is insisting on. The cost would be in the neighbourhood of \$15,000, money Nellie's would have to find somewhere. A new furnace also has to be installed in the building. Neither expense will be covered by CMHC. If these obstacles can be overcome, the hostel, which provides emergency shelter for up to 30 women, will finally find itself in possession of the building that has seemed very precarious indeed over the last year.

Seniors get good food counselling

By GRACE CAMERON

For the past year the Woodgreen Community Centre has been operating a nutrition service for senior citizens. The program was initiated by Ms. Barbara Cavin and Ms. Renate Manthei, who saw the need for educating the seniors in proper nutrition.

The food co-op is one of the programs that the nutrition service runs at the centre. The program was set up to sell the seniors good food, like fresh fruits and vegetables, at a low price, and in small quantities. On Fridays a mini-van is provided for the seniors to take them to the centre, and then take them home after they've finished shopping.

The program was initially funded by the Atkinson Foundation, however, it is now funded by the Provincial Government. The food is obtained through the Federation of food coops.

There is also a Nutrition Clinic that is operated by Ms. Manthei who is a dietitian. The clinic provides services such as therapeutic counselling for those who have difficulty following the dietary program set up by their doctor, help for those who have been in the hospital and need to follow a special diet, advice on how to prepare nutritious, well-balanced meals, and how to choose foods that are economical and nutritious. The clinic also runs a weight-reducing program, with regular weigh-ins, and special cooking classes on how to prepare meals that are tasty but low in calories.

For the seniors who usually eat alone, or those who are tired of cooking, there's a supper club that prepares supper on Tuesdays. There is only a small fee for this service.

Action wanted on race problems

By TRUSTEES FRANK NAGLE
DOUG BARR, SHEILA HOLMES

It's no news to residents of this city that the appalling spectre of racism is on the upswing. Rarely a week goes by without the media documenting some new incident of prejudice and discrimination.

Some readers may recall that some two years ago the Toronto Board of Education decided to undertake a comprehensive look at its changing school system. The report of that task force, the *Work Group on Multicultural Programs*, set forward some 100 recommendations for improvement of the system. In recognition of the fact that over 50% of the school's populations were from non-Anglo-Saxon background, the Work Group rested its case on the following assumption: "The Toronto Board of Education believes in the right of each person to cultural integrity, to a positive self-image and to an understanding of and respect for differences."

The potential for placing this important principle in complete jeopardy was seen in the outbreak of a series of incidents in Regent Park in the summer of 1976. The Toronto Board was sufficiently concerned about those events to give a small amount of money to a research team, composed of a teacher, school principal, and community worker, to investigate the situation.

This study outlined the causes for tension in Regent Park, and recommended various courses of action to the Toronto Board, the Ontario Housing Corporation, Metro Police Department, and the Regent Park Community Improvement Association. The study team itself recognized that it was under severe time restrictions, and was not able to interview as many persons as it would have liked, nor in the proper depth. As a result, the Board decided not to adopt the recommendations of the study group.

The question immediately raised by some racial minorities and members of the community involved the integrity of the Board to deal with the sensitive issue of race relations. Accordingly, in April, 1977, the Board established a sub-committee on Race Relations to seek representations and make recommendations concerning those specific actions which can be undertaken by the Board of Education and its teaching staff to combat the spread of racism in Toronto.

The committee is composed of four trustees, two Teacher Federation rep-

resentatives, two Principal Association representatives, and a member from each of: The Black Liaison Committee; Korean Education Committee; the South-Asian Origin Liaison Committee; Committee for Cross Cultural Communication; Urban Alliance on Race Relations; and the Human Rights Commission.

The Committee has met about a dozen times to examine its terms of reference, and to listen to presentations on the history of racism in Canada, and the contributions of various visible minority groups to the history and development of this country.

Presently, the Race Relations Committee is in the process of holding a series of public meetings, to provide residents, community groups and organizations with the opportunity to make their views on race relations known to the Toronto Board. We would like to welcome members of the Ward 7 Community to a meeting on **Wednesday, November 9, 1977 at 8:00 p.m. at Eastdale Collegiate, 701 Gerrard St. E.**

What are some of the issues you might consider? One member of the committee has proposed that if the committee does nothing else, it should establish policy for schools to follow in terms of responding to obvious incidents of racism, such as name-calling, inconsistent discipline, or physical attacks. If books are found to contain prejudicial material, should they be withdrawn from classrooms? How should the Board set up in-service seminars to allow teachers or administrators to examine their own acceptance of racial myths or stereotypes? Should the racial background of teachers be the same as that of the students?

And finally, it has been stated that the schools, alone, cannot correct all the ills of society. In that regard, what can parents and community members do to assist their children in the development of healthy relationships with people of other races and cultures?

We hope that you will have an opportunity to speak to the committee on November 9th. If you'd like to submit a written brief, or if you require an interpreter, or some additional information, please call Mr. Bert D'Antini 863-1045 or 863-1046. In closing, the Toronto Star summed up the question in a recent editorial: "There is still a reservoir of decency and goodwill in Toronto that makes it possible for us to lick the problem and continue to keep the city a safe, secure place for people of all races to live."

Rent ceiling dropped to 6%

The Ontario government has dropped the ceiling on rent increases from 8% to 6%, effective immediately. The figure is tied to federal anti-inflation controls. Higher increases are still possible, but landlords wanting them will have to prove they deserve them to the Rent Review Board.

Ironically, Premier William Davis' Conservative government resigned last April because the combined NDP-Liberal opposition passed a motion which would have lowered the ceiling from 8% to 6%. At the time, Davis said he couldn't live with the decision and called an election on the issue. According to the Liberal leader Stuart

Smith, the decision proves that "the whole election was a farce. They spent \$25 million on a futile election."

Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations Larry Grossman, who earlier opposed the reduction to 6%, justified the move by saying that it is the same as allowable wage increases under federal guidelines. This is exactly the reason the Liberal opposition gave in spring when proposing the amendment in the first place. The federal target was to reduce inflation to 6% this year; however, it is currently running at 8.4%. Wages are nonetheless being held to 6%.

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Does anyone care about Nellie's fate?

Editor's note: The following letter regarding Nellie's hostel was submitted to both 7 News and the Globe and Mail. The Globe printed the letter last week, but carefully edited out some of the strongest parts. We print the letter here in full. The parts the Globe didn't want its readers to read are indicated in bold-face print.

Dear 7 News:

The crisis facing Nellie's women's hostel is a crisis facing most other community-based houses and services which provide grass-roots support for people-in-crisis in Toronto. We see the forced closing of Nellie's as entirely unnecessary and preventable. In this case, as in so many others, it is clear that profits come before people. **By selling (out) Nellie's to a private developer, the YMCA stands to make roughly \$1 1/2 million and the developer probably much more.** (The Globe changed the preceding sentence to read: "By selling the property out from under Nellie's to a private developer, the YMCA and the developer stand to make a good deal of money.")

And what about the hundreds of women — mostly young, poor and with numerous problems — who've come to Nellie's every month for humane care, shelter and support? Just where will these women go after Nellie's closes this week? **Apparently, very few people care — certainly the 'Y', the developer and city government officials don't.**

We understand that roughly 30 percent (according to a recent estimate by a Nellie's staff member) of women coming to Nellie have serious personal problems and are in immediate need of psychological help or counselling; many have already endured psychiatric hospitalization. When Nellie's closes, many of these women will undoubtedly be admitted or readmitted to psychiatric institutions **where they'll be forced to submit to psychiatric abuses: e.g. forced drugging, electric shock treatment, sexist attitudes and practices by many hospital staff, etc.**

We wish to emphasize that **psychiatric hospitalization is abusive to the 'patients' and costly to Ontario taxpayers.** It costs at least \$100 a day to 'treat' one person in a psychiatric institution in Toronto; however, it costs only about \$13 a day to provide humane shelter and support for one woman in Nellie's. It should be obvious that Nellie's has already saved taxpayers thousands of dollars each year and prevented, or at least minimized, a lot of human misery and suffering. Apparently, such facts are not sufficiently important to ensure the continued survival of Nellie's.

We strongly identify with our sisters in Nellie's and stand ready to offer them whatever support we can during their present crisis. Harvey Jackson and Don Weitz, Community Workers and Co-Founders of the Ontario Mental Patients' Association, Toronto



Nellie's Hostel shown above sits on a six acre parcel of land owned by the Broadview Y on Broadview Avenue.

Dixon Hall's music school starts playing

By MARY ROSEN

Every Monday evening, Park School resounds from the music of 30 embryonic musicians. They range in age from 9 to 12 and what they lack in ability, they make up in enthusiasm. Some of the children come to Park School from Regent Park and Lord Dufferin Schools. Under Wayne Jeffrey's tutelage they are busily practising for their concert to be held on November 10 at 8 p.m. at Park School.

Jane Salter is co-ordinator for the music program, originating from Dixon Hall. This particular program is funded by United Way, and its aim is to foster a feeling of self-esteem in the individual child as well as to allow music to be used as a channel of expression. Another one of the aims is to involve adults. Hopefully, someone out there has an instrument that can be loaned or donated so that more children can have the musical opportunity.

Besides the children from the three schools, the crack Jarvis Collegiate Band will play at the concert. Several members of the Toronto Symphony have donated their time and expertise for the occasion.

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Seven News gets praise

Dear 7 News:

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 Carol Betts

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In reporting on the Thomas Foster Memorial Picnic last issue, we identified Mr. Foster as a former alderman. In fact, he was mayor of Toronto from 1925 to 1927, but was never an alderman. Thanks to one of our readers for drawing the error to our attention.

Employment Minister criticizes article

Dear Editor:

An article that appeared in the August 27 edition of Seven News under the title "Immigration Bill Unfair" has been drawn to my attention. The Immigration Bill to which the article refers is now an Act of Parliament, having received Royal Assent on August 5.

The Cross-Cultural Communication Centre, which produced the above article, is one of many groups and organizations that have voiced their opinions to the media, government representatives, other organizations, and to my department.

In fact, the new Immigration Act evolved from opinions and public debate, and this approach has been encouraged by the Government ever since the formation of the Canadian Immigration and Population Study in 1973. The resulting Green Paper on Immigration and the Report of the Special Joint Committee became important bases for discussion and debate both in the public domain and in Parliament. The Immigration Bill C-24 was a result of all the foregoing and during the final debating process in Parliament was again subjected to close scrutiny, resulting in almost 100 amendments.

The Act is fair in its treatment of immigrants, visitors and refugees. The right to appeal and other measures to safeguard human rights, have been built into the Act.

Groups such as the Cross-Cultural Communication Centre who espouse opinions that the Act is too tough, harsh and unfair, have failed to acknowledge the simple fact that the government has a responsibility to protect Canadians. This is why the Act has outlined inadmissible classes; this is why the Act outlines methods of preventing undesirables from entering Canada and of removing those not permitted to remain here. They also neglect to mention that the Act protects the rights of citizens, permanent residents and visitors to Canada by allowing special inquiries before impartial adjudicators, or appeals to the independent Immigration Appeal Board or to higher courts.

There is one point in the Cross-Cultural Communication Centre article with which I agree, and that is I hope your readers will familiarize themselves with the New Immigration Act.

Yours sincerely,
 Bud Cullen,
 Minister of Employment and Immigration,
 Ottawa

Reader wishes that he were in charge of housing policy

Dear Editor:

Landlords should not be moaning because rent increases have now been limited to 6%. Rather they should feel lucky that other conditions are not being imposed on them.

If I were Minister of Housing I would implement legislation that rents be held to one week's pay a month. Secondly, tenants would be granted the right to collective bargaining with their landlords. Thirdly, in many cases rents would only go up by 6% on the old rental now being paid by the tenant. Fourth, all exorbitant rents would be immediately rolled back.

Fifthly, in low income areas all rents would be government controlled and tailored to what they can afford to pay. Sixth, there would be an immediate start to building more housing at rents tailored to what people can afford. Seventh, a rent freeze and ceiling on the amount of rent that can be charged to a tenant would be imposed. This would mean a fair deal for landlords and a fair deal for tenants, and an end to the one-way spiralling of rents and gouging. Rents should never be allowed to outpace wage gains.

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Developers dump land for seniors' housing

By JANET HOWARD

It's time senior citizens began to complain about some of the "favours" that are done for them. Take housing, for example.

Developers are all trying to unload their worst building land onto Metro for senior citizen housing, and Metro is accepting it. The reasons are shabby but simple: mortgage money is scarce and interest rates for private development, especially when it might not be a quick financial success. Many developers have picked up land cheaply because it's zoned for industry, or something else is badly wrong with the location, so they don't want to risk putting up a building which might stay empty for longer than they can afford. However, there is abundant government mortgage money at lower interest rates for senior citizen housing. The game is to get an agreement with Metro, assuring a rezoning and a guaranteed profit, while Metro runs no risks either. So many seniors are desperate for a place they can afford that they will take anything Metro offers them; they have no choice.

The latest example of this kind of dumping came up recently at City Council's neighbourhoods committee. Right behind the Pape-Gerrard Plaza, there is a triangular-shaped auto wrecking yard which has irritated nearby residents for many years. Now the site has been offered to Metro for senior citizen housing. It sounds like an ideal solution to a bad situation, but in fact the building would stand 25 feet away from the main Toronto-Montreal Canadian National Railway tracks (which also carry a heavy traffic of GO trains). All the apartments and the landscaping would be on the north side of the building, away from the tracks — and also away from the sun.

Cut off by industrial buildings

Last year City Council rezoned some land surrounding a gas station, adjacent to a chicken-packing factory on Queen Street West for another senior citizen building. The site is cut off from residential neighbourhoods by industrial and commercial buildings, and there is virtually no food shopping near it. The developer was Belmont, who own many ordinary apartment buildings. The current scarcity of apartments for rent, and the fact that rent control doesn't cover new buildings, weren't a good enough incentive to risk putting up an ordinary building in such a location, so it's going for seniors.

A slightly different example of this attitude came out in the matter of the old Laughlen Lodge. The new and quite expensive Laughlen Lodge is now open behind the old one, which is a very handsome and historically important building. The City would like the old building used for some good purpose, so we were all pleased when

the Writers' Trust, an organization of Canada's leading authors, offered to renovate and use it. However, the Board of Laughlen Lodge turned the proposal down as being "incompatible" with senior citizens. When pressed for an answer as to what is compatible, Board representatives hemmed and hawed and said, well maybe a centre for geriatric studies. That's quite a statement! In effect, once you're over 65, you lose all interest in literature and you really want people next door studying how you go about getting older and older. I'm sure they never asked their tenants if that is true.

One feature of senior citizen housing that people do complain about, and which causes some seniors to fend for themselves, however difficult it is, rather than live in Metro Housing, is the policy that single people must live in tiny little bachelor apartments.

It's hard enough for people who have accumulated furniture and possessions over a lifetime to move into much smaller quarters, but for the single person not even allowed to be allowed a bedroom is really depressing. It's also not necessary.

Brother and sister must separate

One feature of senior citizen housing that people do complain about, and which causes some seniors to fend for themselves, however difficult it is, rather than live in Metro Housing, is the policy that single people must live in tiny little bachelor apartments.

There is no provision for people other than couples to live together, either. For instance, a brother and sister must go into separate units even if they could more happily — and economically — share a two-bedroom apartment. Quite often, an elderly couple has shared accommodation with another person, a friend or relative or lodger, for many years; but even if all three are eligible, they must split up.

Since there are so many seniors waiting for accommodation, those who have apartments are glad to have them. But that doesn't mean we should proceed on the theory that anything at all is good enough — the worst locations, the tiniest, cells, the splitting up of households.

The argument was made at the neighbourhoods committee that seniors living beside a busy railway line near Royal York Road don't complain, so future residents of the Pape Avenue site probably wouldn't either. The committee felt that lack of complaint doesn't make people really enjoy noise, vibration and dense shadows. We not only turned the site down, but informed Metro that we won't consider rezoning land for senior citizen housing unless it meets reasonable environmental standards. City Council might overturn the decision, and if so, Metro won't be obliged to look around for areas where people would willingly live. That would be a tragedy.

Questions and Answers about your consumer rights

These questions and answers based on Ontario law, are intended to inform and to advise. No one should try to apply or interpret the law without the aid and advice of a trained expert who knows the facts, since the facts of each case may change the application of the law.

Q: Is there any way to ensure protection from faulty merchandise?

A: Guarantees and warranties are intended to protect a buyer should something go wrong with an article which has been purchased. Make sure you know what your guarantee covers. For example it may only cover parts and not labour. There are situations where the law will imply certain terms which must be set, even if there is no guarantee to that effect. One such situation is that goods must comply with their description — if the can says indoor paint it should be indoor paint and not outdoor paint.

Q: I bought a coat in the belief that I was getting a good deal as it was on a rack marked "30% off". As it turned out, the same coat was regularly marked at that price in another of the chain's stores. Is there no protection against this sort of practice?

A: Yes. Under the Business Practices Act of Ontario if there is a representation that a specific price advantage exists — a sale price — and in fact it turns out there is no price advantage, then the store is breaking the law. You are given the right to ask the businessman to cancel the transaction. If he does not agree to do so you can take him to court. If you don't want such drastic action, the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations may provide the needed assistance. You should direct your letter to the Director of the Business Practices Division.

Q: I was lured to a store by an advertisement illustrating a certain product. In fact, the product available was of an inferior quality than the one described in the advertisement. Isn't this illegal?

A: Under the Federal Anti-Combines Act, this form of false advertising is illegal and the store will be subject to a large fine.

Q: I am suspicious of door-to-door salesmen who claim to be selling goods such as Christmas cards for charitable organizations. How can I find out if they are legitimate?

A: Anyone making a false representation by claiming he has sponsorship, approval, status, or affiliation that he does not in fact have is acting illegally and may be subject to a fine. You should ask for identification. If still in doubt, you should call the organization before buying or subscribing. Remember that all door-to-door salesmen must be registered with the department of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

Q: To avoid legal hassles at a later date what should every consumer keep in mind?

A: Buyer beware!
— Understand all the conditions and terms before accepting or signing a contract.
— Examine the merchandise carefully before you buy it. If you can, test it right there.
— Stores are not required by law to give you a refund or an exchange.
— When you do make a purchase, keep your receipts and all guarantees and warranties attached.

NEWS BRIEFS

Whose can is that?

Been wondering about those cans in the stores on Parliament Street, asking for funds for a "Cabbagetown Youth Centre" but not listing any sponsoring organization? Well, they're being put out by the Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Club. Their aim is to buy and renovate the existing facilities. The picture on the can, however, is an artist's conception of the future facilities, not what they want the money for now. It seems the money collected may go for uniforms for the club's teams. According to the Neighbourhood Information Post, which tried to get more information about the cans, people at the boxing club are "very defensive" about their fundraising and unwilling to reveal very much about what they are doing.

Woman dies in fire

A 73-year-old Shuter Street woman died last week after her clothes caught fire while she was lighting a cigarette. According to police, the victim, Isabel McCarroll, had just filled her lighter with fuel.

Agencies nix transfer plan

A number of provincial voluntary agencies are demanding that the federal government impose controls for social services. Under a new no-strings-attached proposal for transferring funds to the provinces, the provincial governments could use the money for projects of its choice, such as road-building, instead of social services. According to Pam Cluff, president of the Ontario Welfare Council, the result could well be a

"situation where politicians may abuse the appropriation of funds."

Cutbacks pamphlet

A Toronto-based group, the Canadian News Synthesis Project, has just released an eight-page pamphlet which analyses the Ontario government's war on inflation through cutbacks in health and social services. The pamphlet's focus is on Ontario, but it can be applied throughout Canada, and it certainly has special relevance to many people in Ward 7. The cost is 50¢ for a single copy, 40¢ each for 10 to 25 copies, and 30¢ each for over 25 copies. It may be obtained from Canadian News Synthesis Project, Box 6300, Station A, Toronto or by phoning 368-0022.

Newspaper drive over

The Dixon Hall newspaper drive is over. It's been successful, maybe even too successful, because now Dixon Hall is being swamped with more newspapers than it can manage to handle. Thanks to everyone for responding.

Man killed at crossing

A man was killed at the Pape and Gerrard railway crossing last week, the latest in a series of deaths at the controversial crossing. In this case, however, it appears that the victim, 22-year-old Gary Joseph Pinderghast of Blake, was lying across the tracks. According to Sgt. Bruce of Metro police, there was a strong smell of glue on the body.

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Program saves you \$\$ and heat

By HOWARD HUGGETT

Well, the federal government's Canadian Home Insulation Program (CHIP) has been in operation just over two months, and already there are problems. Insulating materials are already in short supply and prices are going up. The largest producer of glass fibre insulation in Canada raised its prices on October 17th by an average of 6% and another big supplier did the same on October 3rd. The third major company is awaiting AIB approval for a similar raise and hopes to get it by November 1st. It is interesting to note that price increases of around 6% were general in this industry during the late winter and early spring of 1977. That makes a total hike of 12% for this year, well over the AIB guidelines of 8%. Once again, that body is better at controlling wages than prices.

In the first few weeks of the CHIP program more than 17,000 Canadians contacted the project's head office in Montreal, and let us hope that quite a few of them live in Ward Seven. But they should be on their guard against the dangers of dealing with some insulating firms. In Toronto about 100 new companies have started up since CHIP was announced last June, and evidently not all of them are trustworthy. Already the horror stories are

surfacing, such as the one about a customer who hired workmen to insert foam insulation between his walls. His young son discovered that nothing was being pumped in but air.

One of the serious restrictions on this plan is that only one application for a grant may be made for each dwelling. Anyone who was planning to operate on a do-it-yourself basis, particularly if it was being carried out in spare time, might have to wait quite a while to get a rebate. If such people purchased all the material required for the whole operation at the beginning — assuming that they could get it during a period of short supply — they would be tying up supplies that others need to get started. Still, under the circumstances, what else can an individual do?

Some people may not realize that in Ontario these grants, which cover up to 2/3 of the cost of materials only, and which have a maximum of \$350, are subject to income tax. When all the limitations of this program are considered, it is quite likely that a lot of people will just insulate on their own, without applying for the grant. You could hardly blame them.

Anyone who takes a walk through the streets of Ward Seven, particularly some parts of it, and thinks about energy conservation, can quickly spot

a serious drawback in the CHIP plan. It makes no provision for storm windows, and there are many, many houses in this Ward, even renovated ones, that do not have storms. A wall that is insulated up to the recommended standard has a resistance to heat loss, or R value of 12. A pane of ordinary window glass has an R value of only 1. At an outside temperature of 20 degrees F. or -7 Celsius, with the thermostat set at 70 the heat loss through 200 square feet of single pane glass would be equal to that provided by 2 gallons of heating oil or 256 cubic feet of natural gas per day. That is an estimate given by that valuable little booklet 100 Ways to Save Energy and Money in the Home, published by the Department of Energy, Mines & Resources.

You can cut that loss in half by putting on storm windows, but you can get much the same result by tacking or sticking on plastic sheets. The recommended thickness is 6 millimetres. As a matter of fact, if you have storms and they are the old-fashioned kind with wooden frames, it is possible to get the effect of triple glazing by applying the plastic to the frames on the inside.

Bonita's Eats

By BONNIE SARTORI

Fish is good for you. Not only does it bring a sparkle to your eye and a sprightliness to your gait, but it helps to keep good, honest, hard-working fisherfolk off the public dole (a very important consideration in these times of economic duress). Fish is one of the few animal foods left that is not pumped all full of garbage to make it beautiful and bulky. Unfortunately, a good many fish are forced to live in the offal that we dump in ways which is not so good for the fish and certainly worse for consumers of the disarming denizens of the deep. However, bad as the effluvia is that we are forcing our finny friends to consume, the additives that we are pumping into our barnyard buddies is by far, worse.

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- 1 small onion, sliced
- potatoes, diced
- 3 cups milk
- dash pepper
- salt, to taste
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 lb. fish fillets
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1. Fry bacon with onions slowly till onions are tender.
- 2. Add potatoes, salt and pepper and water. Cover and cook for 10 minutes. Add fish and cook for 15 minutes adding more water if necessary.
- 3. Add milk and butter and heat (do not boil).
- 4. Eat with gusto (so good your mouth won't believe what your hands have made).

Fairhaven House, 123 Isabella (at Huntley) is holding an open house and craft sale on November 4 from 2:00 to 4:30 and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Fairhaven House is a retirement home.



Mrs. Irene Burton, one of the volunteers at the Don Vale Food Co-op, sets out boxes of produce that will later be used in filling out members' orders.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, November 5

Woodgreen Community is having an **Octoberfest** with live German entertainment by the Henkel family, and door prizes. Admission is \$3.00 per person. This includes a German dinner with a beer. For tickets contact Woodgreen, 835 Queen St. E., 461-1168. Festivities start at 7:30 p.m.

The Simpson Avenue United Church Social Club is having a Saturday afternoon **Euchre** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The church is at the corner of Simpson Ave. and Howland Rd., tickets are \$1.00, and there will be a mini-bake sale and prizes.

There will be a **Christmas bazaar** from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church Hall, Danforth and Hampton Avenues (opposite the Chester subway station). There will be antiques; Christmas decorations, a candy booth, a draw for a handmade quilt; jewelry, a white elephant and pickles — all home-made — linens and aprons, and a special penny draw! It's an ideal opportunity to do your Christmas shopping early.

A two-day workshop in textile **silkscreen printing** will be held today and tomorrow at Harbourfront in the Harbourfront Craft Studio. The workshop will cover the basic technique of printing on cotton. Bring your own 100% pure cotton or 100% pure cotton T-shirt. Tuition is \$25.00. For more information and registration call 364-7127 ext 55, 235 Queen's Quay West.

Enjoy an **afternoon of arts and crafts** at Harbourfront today from 1 to 5 p.m. Today's activities include drawing your own comic strip series which will be collected for the giant Harbourfront Joke Book. At the Harbourfront Cafe, 235 Queen's Quay West.

Today is the celebration of **"Diwali" India's Festival of Lights**, which marks the advent of winter and welcomes joy and prosperity. This evening's activities include an exhibition and sale of arts and crafts; a sparkling Diwali display of lights; a sweet and snack display and sale, plus music and dancing. Admission free. From 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay West.

The Salvation Army is having a **Christmas tea and sale** today from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. with home baking, and candy, toys, white elephant, and refreshments. 312 Broadview Ave.

Sunday November 6

There will be a **mass demonstration against growing racism** and against government inaction on the physical attacks and discriminatory treatment of South Asian and other immigrant communities. The demonstration is organized by the Actio Committee Against Racism and is sponsored by the Canadian Council for Racial Harmony and over 50 other organizations.

St. Luke's United Church is holding one of its regular forums today. The guest is Elaine Bishop of the Quaker Committee on Jails and Justice, who will be speaking on the **abolition of prisons**. At 2:30, at St. Luke's, 353 Sherbourne (corner of Carlton). Everyone invited, admission free.

Another day of Harbourfront family program (See above for Saturday).

Also at Harbourfront, the **Jazz Club** rolls into its second year today. Come and listen at 235 Queen's Quay West. Admission free. 7:30 p.m.

Monday November 7

Canadian Pensioners Concerned, a senior citizens' group, is having an organizational meeting for the east end today at 1:00 p.m. in the basement of Temple Baptist Church, 14 Dewhurst Ave. All pensioners interested in working together to improve their lot are invited to attend.

Woodgreen Community Centre is inaugurating a free **"Monday night at the movies"** program tonight. Films to be shown will include many old favourites, comedy, drama, westerns and recent feature productions. Each of the weekly programs will be about 2 hours in length and the show starts at 7:00 p.m. Children under 12 years of age will not be admitted unless accompanied by an adult. At Woodgreen, 835 Queen St. E.

At Harbourfront tonight it's **"The Comedy Shop"** at 8:00 p.m., with Toronto's newest standup comedians trying for a laugh. Admission free. 235 Queen's Quay West.

A five-week **learn-to-swim program for adults** will begin today in St. Jamestown in the indoor pool of the Ottawa building, 650 Parliament St. These classes are for the person who has never learned to swim and would like to feel more comfortable around water. Classes are held every Monday and Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00. The cost for this 10-hour program is \$15.00. Registration is now being taken at the YMCA office, call 964-8775.

Tuesday November 8

The Parkdale Library, 1303 Queen St. W., is presenting a free five-week course on the **songs and music of Canada** every Tuesday in November from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring your own instrument. No experience necessary. Call 532-6548 or 532-7939 for registration.

You are invited to a **community get-together** from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Regent Park United Church, 41 Oak St. The night promises to be an informative and fun evening for all as there will be surprise and entertainment. Sponsored by the Regent Park Resource Group.

Wednesday November 9

The Lawrence Centre presents a forum on the topic: Trade Off: **Human Rights or Economics**, which will discuss whether Canada can afford to help political prisoners by curtailing foreign aid, trade, and investment. Speakers include David MacDonald, M.P., David Grier of the Royal Bank of Canada, and John Saul, a professor of social science at Atkinson College.

A meeting of the **sub-committee on race relations** of the Toronto Board of Education is being held tonight at Eastdale Collegiate, 701 Gerrard St. E., at 8:00 p.m. Local residents, community groups and organizations are invited to attend this meeting to make representation to the committee. Doug Barr, Chairman of the Toronto Board of Education, and trustee for Ward 7, will chair the meeting. A discussion paper in which the sub-committee identifies race relations as it sees them is available to provide people with a focus for discussion. For further information, please call the School-Community Relations Department at 863-1045.

Thursday November 10

Dixon Hall Neighbourhood and Family Service Centre has begun a **community school of music**. The opening concert will be held tonight at Park School Auditorium, 440 Shuter St., at 8:00 p.m. Admission is free. The concert will feature children and teens from the community as well as members of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

Tonight and every Thursday night at 8 p.m. there is a **sewing class** in the DonMount Lodge of Woodgreen United Church. There are sewing machines and a fully qualified instructor in sewing. The lessons are free — just bring your own material and patterns and you can use the equipment and be guided in the arts of dressmaking.

Tonight and every Thursday night there is **progressive euchre** at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach, at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$1.00.

A ten-week **fencing course** starts tonight at the St. Jamestown fencing club. Lessons will be each Thursday night from 7:30 to 8:30 in the auditorium of 240 Wellesley St. E. Total cost is \$15.00.

There will be one of a series of **noon-time organ recitals** at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor St. E., today, with Elizabeth Gallimore, organist and choirmaster of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

Friday November 11

Oxfam's seventh annual **craft show and sale** will be held at the Civic Garden Centre, Edwards Gardens, corner of Lawrence Ave. E. and Leslie St., from 5 to 10 p.m. today, and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$1.00 with children under 12, accompanied by an adult, free. The show will feature a first-class selection of woven wall hangings, batiks, jewelry, leatherwork, pottery and other crafts, with many craftspeople demonstrating their skills. There will also be a variety of crafts for sale from developing communities around the world. Proceeds from the show will go to Oxfam's international development projects.

Meanwhile, at Harbourfront it's **square dance night** at 7:30 in the Harbourfront Cafe, 235 Queen's Quay West. Swing your partner at the weekly Harbourfront Square Dance. \$1.00 membership to the Harbourfront Square Dance Association and 50 raffle. Instruction is available.

Saturday November 12

Chester Village, 717 Broadview Ave., is holding a **Christmas bazaar** today from 1 to 4 p.m., featuring crafts, plants, baked goods, and a white elephant sale.

Tuesday November 15

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. until December 6 in Harbourfront's Exhibition Gallery an **introductory course in drawing and painting** is held. The course is designed to accommodate the handicapped. Tuition is \$2 per session. 235 Queen's Quay West.

Thursday November 17

Tonight at 8 p.m. there will be another **sewing class** at Woodgreen United Church. See above under Thursday November 10.

Poet Len Gasparini reads his **new poetry** today at 8:00 p.m. at the Parliament St. Library, 406 Parliament St., at Gerrard. Free. All welcome. His new collection of poetry, from which he will be reading, is called *The Wrong Side of the Dream*.

The **noontime organ recital** series continues at St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. E., with Arnold Terzits, sub-organist of Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Etobicoke.

Progressive euchre at Dixon Hall tonight at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$1.00.

Saturday November 18

Woodgreen Community Centre is holding a **bazaar** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, and an auction sale from 2 to 2:30. There will be clothing, arts, crafts, etc. for sale.

Today and tomorrow the Theatre Next Door is presenting **three one act plays** at 240 Wellesley St. E. at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00. For information call 483-3995 between 5 and 8 p.m. The three plays are *The Case of the Crushed Petunias* by Tennessee Williams, *A Marriage Proposal* by Anton Tchekoff, and *Hello Out There* by William Saroyan.

General

Here's a great Christmas idea from Eastdale Collegiate! Students at Eastdale Collegiate are **selling decorative 7-inch candles** through the first half of November, door-to-door in the area, to raise money for their new, small school (Eastdale). The candles cost \$3.00.

The Don District Community Health Centre, 295 Shuter St., Suite 102, is opening a **dental service** in addition to the already existing medical service starting in November. Dental hours are Tuesday and Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Appointment required.

The Development Education Centre, 121 Avenue Rd., is offering a course on **"Canada and the Third World"** this winter. If you are interested, call DEC at 964-6560.

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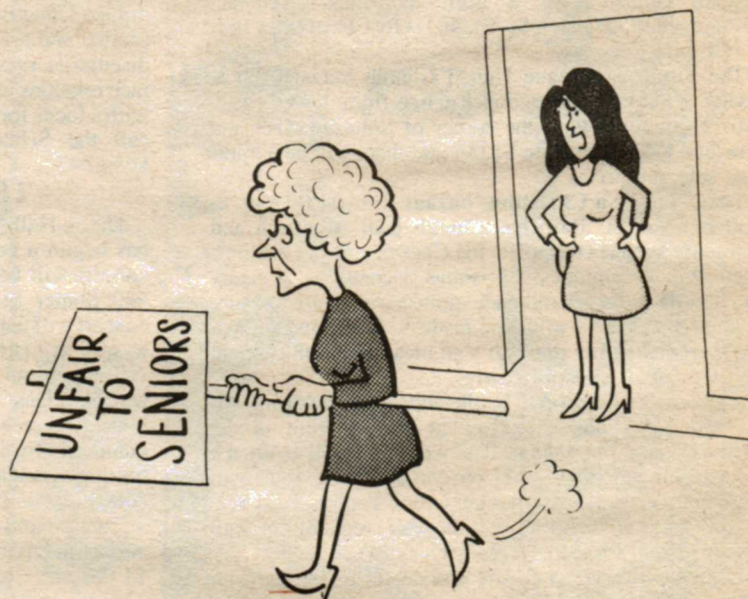
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Canadian Pensioners Concerned

By HOWARD HUGGETT

Canadian Pensioners Concerned was organized a number of years ago, and has grown and spread until it is now a national organization. Until recently there was only one chapter for members in Metro, but on account of very substantial growth the meetings were becoming too large and unwieldy. New chapters have been established in the Etobicoke and Scarborough areas, and now there is a move to set up another one in East Toronto. A preliminary meeting is to be held on November 7th at 1 p.m. in the basement of Temple Baptist Church at 14 Dewhurst Boulevard (see the Community Calendar).

During its existence Canadian Pensioners Concerned has achieved considerable success, lobbying the federal government on behalf of senior citizens and providing valuable information and assistance to pensioners across Canada. As it draws in more members and increases its influence it will be able to accomplish much more. Pensioners who live in Ward Seven and do not already belong to Canadian Pensioners Concerned or some other similar organization are urged to take



Mother, why don't you take a Valium instead?

MD's should stop wailing

By ERIC BLAIR, M.D.

"Doctors Fleeing Canada", the Globe and Mail's front-page headline trumpeted last week. "Sickened by bureaucracy" and unable to make a decent living, doctors are flocking to the southern United States in alarming numbers, or so the Globe would have us believe.

Really? Just what is the situation of doctors in this province?

Two issues are being cited — money and bureaucracy.

Take the first: money. The article estimated the average doctor's after-expense earnings to be \$40,000 a year — perhaps an underestimate, but I do not wish to argue the point. What is relevant is that the average income of a single male wage-earner in this country is perhaps \$10,000 a year. Even given that the physician is responsible for his/her own pensions, etc. — and let us not forget that the Ontario Medical Association offers an excellent package, tax-deductible of course — that still puts him at three to four times the salary of the average working person.

It is true of course that much hard work is required to train to become a physician, but would anyone claim that working in a mine or on an assembly-line is any easier? Why should the doctor be paid so much more?

And at the average cost of several hundred thousand dollars for the education of each medical student, of which he or she contributes an insignificant amount, who owes whom — society or the physician? For

years doctors have raced far ahead of the rest of society in earnings; only now in this time of economic depression are they being asked to hold back a bit. Is this really such a sacrifice?

How about the complaints about the government bureaucracy which doctors have to put up with? Here, the problem is more difficult.

But, as much as many doctors decry the medicare (OHIP) system, most people would agree that it has made medicine more accessible to lower and working-class people, although the delivery of health care is still far from egalitarian. So, the idea of giving up government health schemes or of adding "disincentives" is not in the interest of most Ontarians or Canadians.

Does this mean we are stuck with the present health-care bureaucracies? Not necessarily. There is an alternative — the reorganization of health care around community clinics which would encompass a spectrum of medical and non-medical services. Community clinics in centres as widely separated as Sault Ste Marie and Saskatoon have shown that they can reduce the number of admissions to hospital as well as the length of stay and thereby decrease the cost of providing community health care. By making these clinics responsible to the local population a level of government bureaucracy and interference is eliminated. As well, physicians are enabled to work a more reasonable workload by such a system.

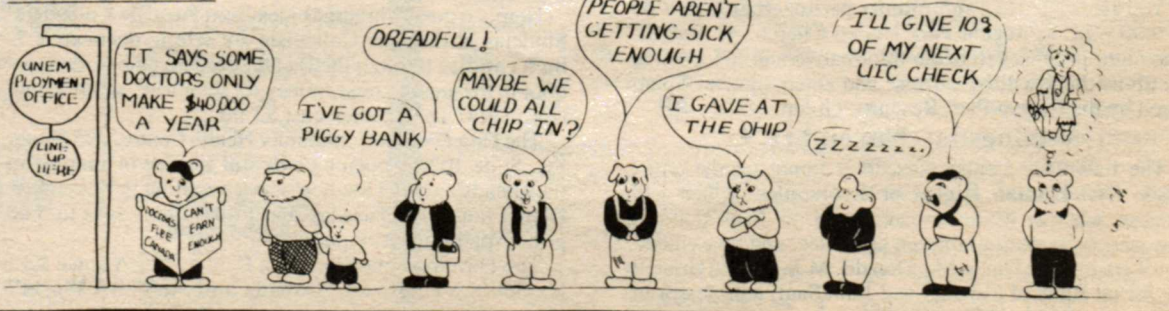
But this alternative does not sit well

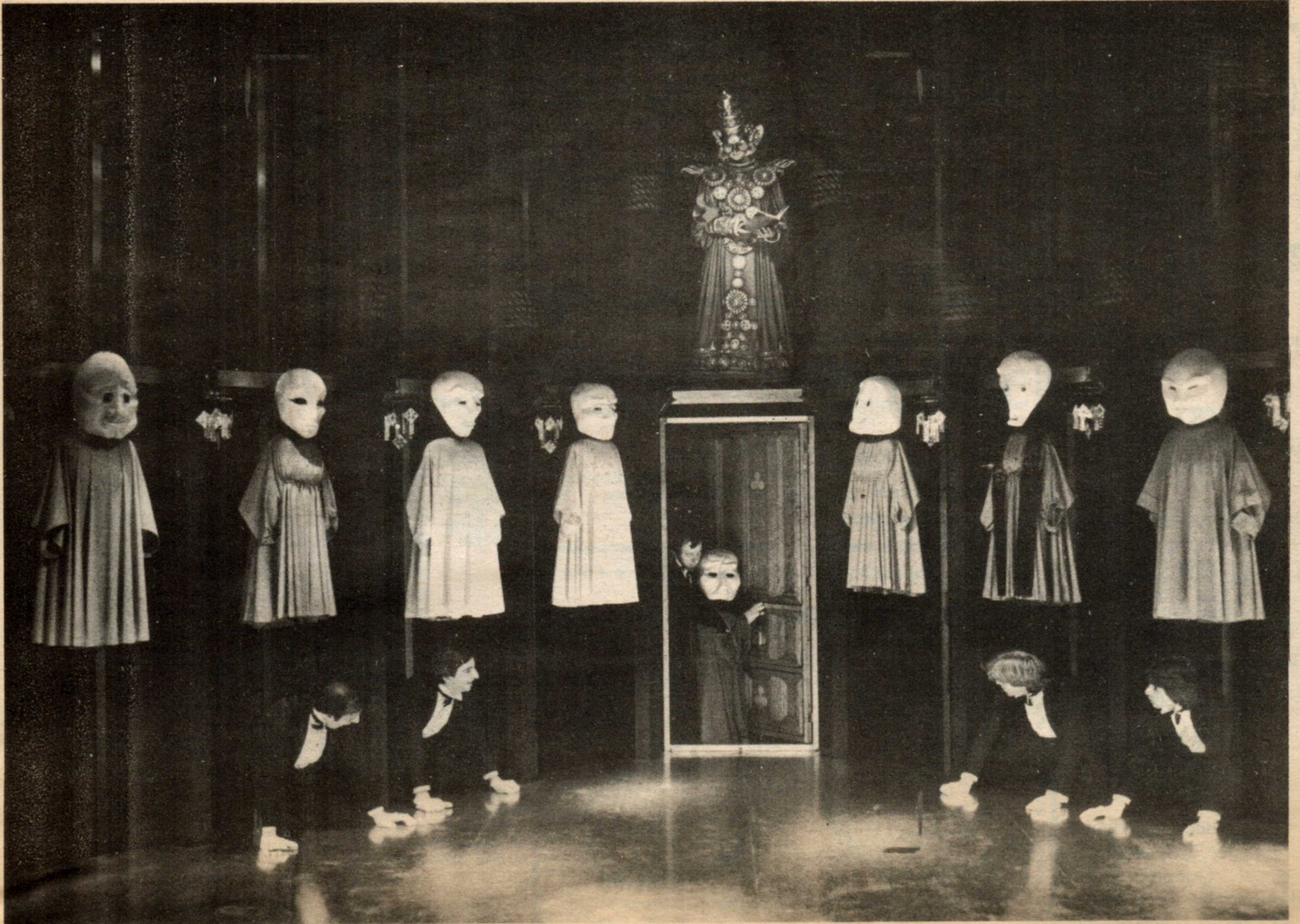
with most doctors. Having come largely from upper middle class families to begin with, and being fully indoctrinated in rugged individualism, these professionals are usually unwilling to make attempts to work in environments in which they find themselves in less than almost total control. In other words, we find ourselves in position of having health care largely in the control of a group of people who are consciously out for their own pecuniary interests. (A common situation in much of the rest of our social structure.) The government, being Conservative, is reluctant to interfere with a "free enterprise" medical structure but is left with no choice because it is being stuck with the bill. So we are left with a bastard solution which pleases no one — including the patient.

The necessary solution — community clinics — will be very difficult to attain in the face of a solid opposition from the medical profession. But it is necessary to begin the battle, if only by asking the right questions and posing the problem in rational terms. Let us be done with the tedious wailing of doctors about the amount of work they do and the amount of money they make. Let us instead share the workload, share the responsibilities, and share the returns equitably.

Eric Blair is the pseudonym of a local physician.

HAMSTERS





Dream Play called "fluid and hypnotic"

By SETH BORTS

Bravo.

This reviewer is solidly pleased to have seen the Tarragon Theatre's rendition of Strindberg's *The Dream Play*. Perhaps, in a moment of foresight, Strindberg himself knew that one day this version of his work would come to be. Its brilliant artistry would please any artist greatly.

In a raw foreboding silence the story dawns. Agnes, the daughter of Indra, an Eastern god, strays from her cosmic playground long enough to come down to earth, and bear witness to man's suffering for her father. Her journey takes her through practically every aspect of human experience. As

she moves through the continuum of time and space, she takes many different roles and positions — as do her fellow participants in the dream of life.

All the main actors in this play may seem a little wooden. But, in reality, they're really supposed to be made of fibreglass. Huge puppets seem to come to life, and create a mirror for the whole of man's existence. Their domain is from birth to death and beyond.

Felix Mirbt, Toronto play co-director, deserves praise. He not only created the puppets, but also figured out how to manipulate them well.

In *The Dream Play*, puppeteers are not hidden but, are actually an integral

part of the proceedings. Three-foot tall puppets move with steely-cold reality, while Eastern gods, suspended on platforms above them give their un-moving faces sound and presence.

It's as if — in this format — that the whole of life, is really but a dream. Different characters seek many, and sometimes conflicting goals. They are tossed and turned by the events around

them. Indeed their very day-to-day existence is shaped by some higher powers. Hence, the Eastern gods read the puppets' lines for them.

Yet there is always the underlying consciousness of the dreamer to find. Agnes explains that, "Your only duty is to seek enlightenment."

Let's put it this way ... This is not a light play. Most of the people around

me enjoyed it greatly. The person next to me said that the play seemed to drag a bit in spots, and seemed too long to her. There's just *so* much to it. No wonder the play has received mixed reviews.

The couple behind me summed it all up, when asked what they thought of the play: "Fluid and hypnotic."

Les Canadiens scores

By TOM CLEMENT

Toronto Workshop Productions has opened their fall season with a rousing version of Rick Salutin's play *Les Canadiens*. By giving the audience some valuable insights into the history of Quebec, the play attempts to show how the Montreal Canadiens became a symbol for the national aspirations of the people of Quebec.

An atmosphere of excitement is created before the play even begins. The audience is greeted by the cast who play hockey on a miniature rink while being accompanied by organ music. Astrid Janson's stage design deserves full praise for contributing to a proper mood for the play.

The first act takes on the enormous task of covering the history of Canada, Quebec, and *Les Canadiens*. Although sometimes confusing, the first act is highly entertaining. The most powerful moments of the first act are provided by Rocket Richard. The riot that followed his questionable suspension is shown as part of a series of political actions by the Quebecois.

In the second act the mighty Montreal Canadiens must face political reality. The players find themselves facing indifferent fans who are overjoyed with the victory of the Parti Quebecois. No more do *Les Canadiens* represent the aspirations of

the Quebecois. The people have taken an important step and elected their own government.

Les Canadiens is a daring play that contradicts the steady diet of Liberal Party propaganda that English Canadians have been fed for the past year.

Les Canadiens is first class entertainment that provides us with a rare opportunity to better understand the current situation in Quebec.

Les Canadiens runs until November 19. For tickets and information call Toronto Workshop Productions, 12 Alexander Street, at 925-8640.

Poetry Corner

Nemesis

Faces growing long
and eyes too full of empty coffee
cups
meet me every morning
fingers painted brilliant yellows
and burnt brown
flash to roll yet another drooping
cigarette
that will hang like swollen corpses
from white cracked lips.

What kind of death walks here
Among these shells of human
flesh?

Where lives the spirit
That gracious gift to all
offered to save us from the
endless sleep.

Another ash falls slowly
and explodes with a soft puff
on the dingy dusty floor
that defies the broom
the mop and only sends up
emptiness
in its dead reflection.

What life behind those eyes
that neither laugh nor cry or
even flash with anger
at a life
that even a wild beast would end
by dashing itself
against
a jeering
steadfast rock.
Frank Meyers

Fact and Fiction

I was asked by an old dear,
If I ever was a teacher?
Knowing my ownself better,
What else could I answer
But under my breath mutter —
Oh, no never a teacher,
Only a poor learner —
And even at that a cheater!
S.S. Sethi

Stretch Your Feet According to Your Sheet

Poor Toronto built latest zoo
and the highest tower,
Some prestige to acquire over
other cities of power;

To keep up with the Jones'
She incurred such expenses —

That now she needs downpour
of dollars, not a shower.
S.S. Sethi

Norm Craven

A silent chuckle on his lips,
Mirrored in his eyes
The Secret of dreams past
Listening, anticipating your next
line,
He likes to catch a down - to -
earth phrase.
He's like a sailor whose breath
Blows sighs in a January frost.

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bag
Spreads, sounds, rhythms, col-
ours,
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Tell us Norm, are you a lep-
rechaun?
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treasure(s).
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DURGA PUJA, a Hindu religious and social festival, was celebrated recently at Harbourside by members of PRABASI, a Bengali cultural association. Bengal, population 44 million, is one of the northernmost provinces of India. Above, the ten-armed goddess DURGA, seated astride a lion, is depicted in the act of slaying the buffalo-demon MAHISHA. The clay image is viewed as a symbol of the victory of virtue over evil.

Asians fear racial violence

"Racial violence and discrimination have permeated through all levels of society", according to Bhausaheb Ubale, the author of a six-month study on racial discrimination against South Asians.

The report states that Toronto's 80,000 South Asian residents must live with the constant fear that they will be attacked on the streets, the subways, the schoolyards. Mr. Ubale was critical of the role of the police in taking steps to prevent racial violence,

and criticized the role of the press as well.

One problem, according to Mr. Ubale, is that the school system ignores half the world, including South Asia, so that pupils have little or no information about the cultures of these peoples.

The report was presented last week to Attorney-General Roy McMurtry and a number of police and other officials.

Bonita's Eats: Mom's soup

By BONNIE SARTORI

Women of the world unite! You have nothing to lose but your aprons! Pretty inflammatory for a column on the womanly art of cooking, eh? Anyhow, the rare and valuable recipe in this particular column is most definitely liberating for the chef of the house. If prepared properly, the soup should last longer than most marriages do these days.

My dear mother (Hello, Carmella!) is a prolific soup-maker. So injured was I to the fact that a house was not a home unless there was a pot of soup simmering somewhere that my first purchase for my own kitchen was, in fact, a gigantic stock pot. Unfortunately, due to my rather limited financial resources at the time, it was to be my only kitchen utensil for a good many months. Boiling an egg in it bordered on the absurd. However, this was in the golden oldie days before the energy crisis, and so fortunately at that time my consciousness had not been raised to the point of feeling guilty about the wastage of our diminishing fossil fuel reserves.

So much for my political nattering. Mom's minestrone is a marvellous hearty soup. So now

that fall has flung itself upon us, make a big pot of this marvellous potion, invite everyone living within a 2 mile radius to help you consume it (you'll still have leftovers, trust me), and enjoy!

Bonita's Mom's Minestrone:

2 tsp. oil
2-3 pieces bacon, chopped
(optional)
1 clove garlic, chopped
2 onions, chopped
1 tbsp. sage
1 tbsp. parsley
salt and pepper to taste
2 tbsp. tomato paste
4-5 stalks celery, chopped
4-5 carrots, sliced
3-4 potatoes, diced
1 can chick peas, water and all
1 large can peas, water and all
1/4 cabbage, shredded
3 or 4 beef bouillon cubes
water to cover the whole mess
1 cup soup noodles

Saute in the oil in a large soup pan the bacon, onions, garlic, parsley, sage, salt and pepper. Add tomato paste, diluted in 1 cup of water and let simmer about 5 minutes. Add all the vegetables and water and bouillon cubes and let simmer 45 minutes. Add noodles and cook 10 minutes longer. Makes lots of soup.

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How Ward 7 voted in the election

By ELLEN POMER

If you were living in Ward Seven during the recent provincial campaign you were probably visited no less than seven times by various canvassers and phoned no less than eight times to take a sign. Depending on which candidate was wooing your vote, you were probably also invited to enough coffee or cocktail parties to make you either an insomniac or an alcoholic.

The intense campaigning in the area by the Conservatives and New Democrats brought approximately 860 more people to the polls in 1977 than in the previous election. Gordon Cressy not only benefited from, and probably encouraged the higher turnout, he also gnawed away at the Liberal vote. Since 1967 the Liberals have pulled about 2,300 votes from the ward; this time they fell by more than half. Meanwhile, Scrivener not only held on to the 3,129 votes that she received from the ward in 1975, but found 318 new Conservatives.

With a total of 10,477 cast in Ward Seven (not including those who voted at the advance polls), Cressy received 5,758 votes or 55% of the total votes. This, for the NDP, is a gain of 1,508 votes over 1975. With 33% of the ward supporting Scrivener, the Tory's pulled 3,459. With the remaining 12%, Liberal candidate McClelland received 1,260 votes.

South of Queen Street

In those polls south of Queen, Cressy pulled 615 votes compared to Scrivener's 263. Neither candidate was able to take the vote to the 1971 record when the NDP had 758 votes and the Tories had 368. Yet, compared to 1975, both increased their party's vote in this area — Cressy by 89 and Scrivener by 70.

South Broadview

In the latter part of the campaign, Cressy canvassed the south Broadview polls with John Gilbert, the Federal MP for Broadview-Riverdale. This coupled with NDP canvassers who visited each household four times during the campaign gave Cressy about 64% of the vote. Compared to 1971, the NDP decreased its vote in this area by 104; compared to 1975, the NDP gained 250 votes. Since 1971 Scrivener has consistently increased her vote in this area. In 1971 she polled 84 votes, in 1975, 201 votes and in 1977, 298 votes.

Pockets of Tory Vote

The above figures for South Broadview do not include Riverdale Hospital which is in fact located in the area. Voting patterns not only in the hospital, but also in senior citizen's homes require separate attention for they present an identifiable problem for the NDP. Of the 190 votes cast from the hospital, 114 voted for Scrivener. This pattern continues in Chester Village on 717 Broadview Ave., where Scrivener received 71 of the 115 votes cast. In the senior citizens' building in Regent Park, 41 Oak St., Scrivener polled 51% of the vote. For Cressy the results from 41 Oak were particularly disappointing. "I canvassed that poll twice," says Cressy. "My wife also canvassed it. We had two excellent canvassers in that poll. I had hoped we would have done better there." Gerry Caplan, the NDP's campaign manager for the province in both the 1975 and 1977 campaigns explains that "We [the NDP] do well with senior citizens only when we have a sitting member. Senior citizens tend to vote for the incumbent."

Regent Park-Trefann and Oak St. Area

In the Regent Park and Trefann area, the Liberal vote went down from 1975 by over 60%. Cressy gained almost all of the Liberal's losses. Although Cressy did increase the NDP vote from 756 to 1,062, he fell short of the 1971 NDP results by 204 votes. In 1967 Scrivener got 707 votes here, and while from this time until 1975 her support in the area slipped, she did receive 29 more votes in 1977 than in 1975. Cressy took the Oak Street apartments by a slim margin of 26 votes of a total of 653 cast. Cressy's support throughout the area is obviously due to his record as school trustee, but he also had a cast of Ward Seven notables to assist him. John Sewell, Janet

Howard, Doug Barr and Sheila Holmes — to name a few, campaigned on Cressy's behalf. Even with these high powered heavies, Cressy did not do as well as expected in the area.

Don Vale

For Cressy the results from Don Vale must have been mildly disappointing. He had hoped for 1,500 votes whereas he received just over 1200. Here in his home area Cressy got 400 more votes than the NDP received in 1975. Scrivener's support fell by 66 votes from 1975, but by about 350 compared to her 1971 result. Realizing that the fight was between Scrivener and Cressy in Don Vale, (and throughout the rest of the riding,) one Liberal canvasser was seen throwing his party's campaign literature into a waste basket on Alpha St. In 1977 the Liberals polled 268 votes in Don Vale compared to 507 in 1975.

Across the Don

The area across the Don River, both north and south of the Danforth makes up about 29% of Ward Seven. Here about 300 more people voted in 1977 than in 1975. This accounts for about 40% of the increase in the number of voters from Ward Seven over the past two elections. The fierce competition in this area between the two leading contenders not only explains the higher turnout, but is reflected in the results: North of the Danforth, Cressy received 895 votes to Scrivener's 713 and South of the Danforth Cressy received 832 to Scrivener's 655. Both candidates increased their 1975 votes in this area — Cressy by 410 and Scrivener by 160. While Cressy outdid the NDP's 1971 record high by 271 votes, since 1971 Scrivener's vote has dropped by about 270.

Prior to the 1977 campaign both the Conservatives and NDP pulled their highest number of votes in Ward Seven during the 1971 campaign, an election which saw an incredibly high turnout at the polls. At that time Scrivener polled 4,181 votes and with Giles Endicott as their candidate, the NDP polled 5,489 in the ward. Cressy increased Endicott's 1971 result by 269 votes. Although he polled 55% of the vote in Ward Seven, Cressy came nowhere near his personal record. When he was re-elected as school trustee in 1972, the ward supported him with about 7,600 votes. His past supporters either wanted him to be their school trustee but not their member of Parliament, or they were once willing to support him, but were now not willing to support both him and his party. Meanwhile, the Liberals were at their best in the ward in 1967 with Joe Potts as their candidate. At that time they received 2,477 votes in the ward and 6,766 throughout the entire riding, falling short of a Liberal victory in St. David by only 815 votes.

In 1977 the NDP gained the most from the Liberal losses. And while Cressy can perhaps take joy in the Liberal's misery, the Conservatives can take delight in the NDP's defeat. When asked about the outcome of the vote in the ward, Scrivener's campaign manager first had to sort out where Ward Seven is and then insisted, "I can't remember about the campaign anymore. It was a tough, bloody election. It's over and now we've all gone back to work." Scrivener herself was not available for comment.

Cressy attributes the fact that Scrivener increased her vote in Ward Seven to "hard constituency work" but maintains that he is pleased with the support Ward Seven gave him in the past election.

To win the election Cressy needed to increase the NDP support in the ward, Scrivener to hold on to her support. Both were successful but there was only one winner. And although the NDP polled 55% of the vote in Ward Seven, the Conservatives remain the force to be reckoned with not only in the ward, but particularly in the other 60% of the riding.

Life begins at 73!

By MARY ROSEN

Bessie Dewar is not terribly keen on sitting in a rocking-chair. Crocheting and knitting the time away, as so many of her peers are busy doing. This lady is unique! She goes for the action, and she usually is part of the action.

Take for instance this remarkable lady who began swimming lessons at the age of 73. Now three years later, she enjoys a daily dip in one of the St. Jamestown pools and can keep up with those one third her age.

Most people would consider a daily swim, enough exercise for one person. Not Bessie — she has an exercise bicycle in her living room, since her fold-up bicycle was pinched. She does several miles on it while watching TV which she watches only while exercising. Television is much too passive a participation for her to take sitting down.

As if that isn't sufficient, Bessie Dewar has recently begun taking French lessons at night at Jarvis Collegiate. I don't think she will fool a Frenchman with her Glasgow accent, but I'm sure she'll try.

Bessie has a sense of humour along with a good business head. "Why be difficult," she says with a mischievous twinkle in her brown eyes, "when with a little more effort you can be impossible." It helps to keep the adrenalin going! She knows where

the bargains are to be found and has the knack to get the prices down whenever she wants to. Some fine posters, bric-a-brac, have been given her by travel agencies, stores and bazaars. One such item is a two foot skeleton given her — he looks funny, dangling lopsidedly from a lampshade, grinning vacuously as if he had spent a night on the town. The evidence is a champagne cork perched on his bald head!

Besides these accomplishments, Bessie has a talented green thumb. Her apartment is a veritable greenhouse. There are more than 50 plants some of which she has tenderly nursed back to health, when they had been given up by others. She knows all about lighting, moisture, loving and explains how important oxygen is.

Bessie came to Canada with her family twenty nine years ago from Scotland and that seems to have been an adventuresome thing to have done, considering her age. Times were rough in places but her survival instincts were intact. She can look back to a fruitful and hard-working life, but she hasn't the time for that. She is too busy living in the present with one eye looking into the future. And that's what life is all about!

The motto, "A sound mind in a sound body," seems to fit Bessie Dewar to a T. Long life Bessie!



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Early in 1976 we received correspondence from CMHC which indicated the landlord had charged rents substantially above those approved by CMHC. As a result, we asked CMHC to intervene on our behalf to enforce the terms of their contract and to order the landlord to rebate those tenants who had been overcharged in rent.

CMHC refused to take any action to enforce their agreement or to protect tenants' rights, so we decided to take matters into our own hands. Initially we began by paying the CMHC approved rents for that year, although later we withheld the difference between the CMHC approved rents and the rents we had been charged in previous years. The landlord retaliated by trying to evict us and harass us. Presently, 22 tenants have paid money into court in the eviction proceedings while an additional 5 tenants are faced with legal actions in the small claims and county courts. Altogether, we estimate that 60 units in the building have been involved in our fight.

We find it ironic that it is we who are on the defensive when originally it was the landlord who violated the terms of his contract with CMHC. To add insult to injury, some 7 or 8 months after CMHC informed us of the approved rent levels, they wrote us retroactively approving the landlord's increases as implemented!! CMHC has greatly damaged our case both by condoning and actively supporting the landlord's violation of the CMHC contract.

Although we are receiving free legal representation from Parkdale Community Legal Services our court costs are rising, and we may need money to continue to fight in other arenas. We need your support. Donations made payable to the 800 Richmond Street Tenants' Association Trust Fund and delivered to Apartment 101 would be greatly appreciated.

We would like to extend to you an invitation to our benefit dance to be held at St. Christopher's Church, 765 Queen St. W., on Saturday, November 19 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale for \$3.00 per person and international foods will be available. Please come. Enjoy yourself and support our cause. For more information or tickets please call me at 364-1819 in the evenings.

Heather McMurray, President,
800 Richmond St. Tenants' Assoc.

Winchester potluck

October was a big month for Ward 7's lively Winchester School. The school had another one of its famous potluck dinners which are quickly becoming a local institution. Over 300 people crammed into the auditorium to sample the fare (stuff themselves?) and to enjoy a thoroughly pleasant evening with their neighbours, children, teachers...

And the school was also presented with a safety plaque in a special assembly — the first one the school has won, at least in recent memory. Well done, Winchester! And special thanks to the Winchester pupils who gave 7 News their reports on the event.

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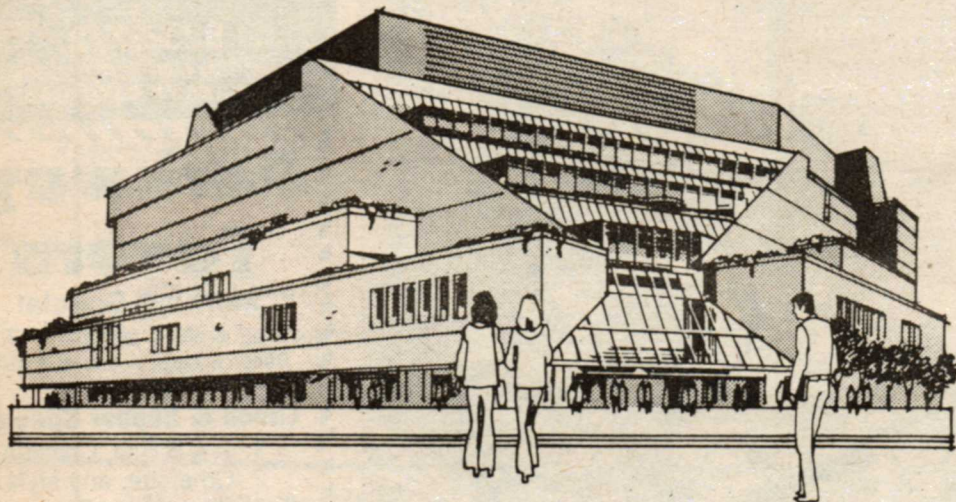
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Dufferin pupils wowed by Taste of Robert Service

On October 18, Charles Hayter performed his "A Taste of Robert Service" before 200 Grades 7 and 8 pupils at Lord Dufferin School on Berkeley St. Below are the reactions of some of the students to the poetry performance:

"Dear Mr. Hayter: I think that you are very talented, and if I was a producer of a TV variety show I'd let you go on every week to give the audience a chance to appreciate poetry. When I heard that we were going to have to listen to poetry I thought it was going to be boring but when I got down there I changed my mind after being fascinated for an hour." — Christine Browne

"Dear Mr. Hayter: I enjoyed your great performance, it was the most enjoyable performance by one man that I have seen at Lord Dufferin. I especially like the poem about Sam McGee. The rest of the poems were well read. I would like to have met Robert Service when he was alive." — Jackie Browne

"Dear Mr. Hayter: On behalf of my school, myself and inevitably everybody who's been to your speech and here to say a million thanks to you. I personally was not very interested in poetry but that is only history now, for my enthusiasm was aroused by the passage that you read named 'The

Cremation of Sam McGee'. It combined passion and comedy which you seldom find and yet the imagination that was put into it seems to exist in reality. All I know is that it takes a man that is able to let his imagination go wild and lose the story's format, and Robert Service seems to fit it well." — Michael Wong

"Mr. Hayter: the humour was magnificent. ... Here is a poem I wrote for you: **THANK YOU**

Thank you for staying a while,
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Because the poems you recited were very good." — Jose Raymundo

'OHIP' goons at Don

According to Contrast, a newspaper published by the black community, there is a new "goon squad" operating out of the Don Jail, calling itself the "OHIP gang" because "they get customers for OHIP" (Ontario Health Insurance Plan).

Ed Ziemba, an NDP member of the provincial legislature, told Contrast of an incident in which a Trinidadian claimed that he was pinned to the back of a police wagon and kicked by members of the gang, who are themselves prisoners.

Ziemba told the legislature that if it's been generally seen that people from visible minorities are in danger while they are in custody, then "we should be making sure that they have protection. Law and order should prevail, both in and outside of prison." Ziemba says he knows of two other persons who said they were attacked by members of the gang. One was an East Indian, the other black. The Police Complaint bureau is looking into the allegations.

UN Day

Earl Grey School held a very successful United Nations Day celebration last week. The day was packed with activities, featuring a guest speaker, Mrs. Fox, from Unicef, who talked about Unicef work in Africa and displayed crafts from Tanzania and the Sudan. The school also had a display of Inuit and pioneer arts.

The movies Between Two Worlds was shown to classes at assemblies, and a pageant on the brotherhood of man was performed, with students wearing masks representing the different continents. Perhaps the highlight of the day was a special double lunch period for which each class had chosen a different country and had prepared food from that country.

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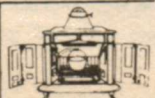
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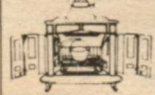
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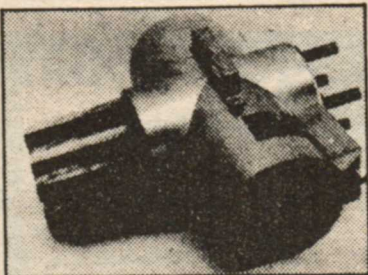


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OPINION

We don't need TTC fare hike

Winter's on its way. The leaves fall, the temperature falls — only the TTC fares keep going up. Mind you, it almost seems as if that too is part of Nature's Grand Design. The TTC makes such a simple case: Costs are mounting, the operating deficit is getting greater, the passenger must pay a fair share. What can we do except raise the price of tickets?

But in fact the process is not so natural or so simple. TTC finances, and public transportation in general, involve a series of conflicts between different levels of government and different groups in society as a whole.

This brings us back to "user pays". The proposal is to hike the cost of tokens from \$2.00 to 7 for \$3.00. The cost of single rides — increasingly popular since fares began to climb a few years ago — will go up still more steeply: from 50 cents to 55 cents, a rise of 10%. (Though TTC General Manager Michael Warren says employees will be held to raises of 6.5% this year.)

The increase will add an estimated \$9 million to TTC revenues next year. But it will also cost the system about 6 million riders.

This has a familiar ring. We all remember how the Post Office was "rationalized" by firing workers and cutting out Saturday service. Meanwhile, the price of stamps went from 5 to 6 to 7 to 10 to 12 cents, and may rise until it endangers the earth's ozone layer.

The TTC operates with a similar lack of logic. For one thing, the costly Scarborough extension will bring in 6 million new riders — just the number that will be lost by raising fares!

For another, many of the lost riders will turn to cars to get around. Traffic will get worse, buses and streetcar service will deteriorate, more and more people will give up on the TTC, the deficit will increase, fares will go up — and we'll all sit through the same movie again.

Is there a way out? Any solution must be based on a clearer notion of just who benefits from public transit. Few of us spend the weekends joyriding on the Junction bus. We need the TTC to do the shopping, to go to theatres and ball games and bars and most of all — to get to work. It serves us — but it also serves our bosses. And it serves some of them very well indeed.

Take Eaton's. The special subway stop at the Eaton Centre cost a cool \$3 million. And the terminus of the new Spadina line was dictated by the desire to provide easy access to the Yorkdale Shopping Centre.

The one real merit in making up the TTC deficit from property taxes is that it forces companies like Eaton's to start paying their fair share of transit costs. After all, much of the commercial value of developments like the new Yonge-Sheppard complex is based on the availability of the TTC.

The drawback, of course, is that such proposals hit the little guy too. Property taxes fall heaviest on homeowners on fixed incomes and working-class tenants who pay their share in their rents, and present rebate schemes provide little compensation.

Our own defence would be to recognize that free public transportation is a rock-bottom necessity for everyone who lives and works in this city, and to pay for it from the wealth of the community as a whole.

If McGuinness Distillers could pay for the TTC on New Year's Eve, GM and Imperial Oil ought to be able to handle about 6 weeks each.

This would involve a wholesale reform of the tax structure, a shift from personal taxes (sales and income) to corporate taxes.

It's a reform that's long overdue. But we don't expect to see it under a Tory government.

But we don't have to wait for the Tories. Citizens groups could begin to organize "fare strikes". Remember those Montreals who jumped the Metro turnstiles *en masse* a few years ago? The same strategy was used to fight a fare increase in Italy — and it worked. People underpaid the new fare with uncountable clumps of coins, or else simply refused to pay it at all. The increase was scrapped.

The Italian fare strike had the enthusiastic support of the local transit unions. We don't expect the Amalgamated Transit Union to play so active a role. But unions in general should begin to make transit an issue in contract talks. About 10% of the companies in Boston now buy tickets and distribute them free to their workers. That kind of demand — coupled with a campaign for free transit for everyone — could help make the alliance between producer and consumer that the labour movement needs so desperately.

And it would be a big first step towards ending business' free ride on the TTC.

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