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TAKE ONE



Oxfam, the development agency on Carlton St. in Ward 7, helps people help themselves around the world. Above, a literacy program in Bolivia.

Oxfam helps people help themselves

On the south side of Carlton Street just east of Sherbourne in Ward Seven are the regional offices of OXFAM-Canada, the international development agency that helps communities in developing countries. Many people still lump OXFAM with other big charities that pull at your heart-strings and stir up your guilt in an effort to obtain money for needy people in far away places. But as one OXFAM slogan says, "We are more than a charity, we are a movement for social justice."

This slogan, and another one — "working with people who are helping themselves" — sum up the dramatic changes that OXFAM has gone through since it first started as a relief agency in Britain in 1944.

"We began like a traditional charity," says Paul Puritt the regional director at the Carlton Street office. "We provided relief to the poor and needy in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, in the form of handouts, and raised funds the same way traditional charities do."

Within ten years the limits of relief had become evident to OXFAM. The poverty and hunger of masses of people in the underdeveloped nations is not a temporary condition, caused by mishap and disaster, Oxfam learned. It is chronic and its causes lie in the inequalities of the social and economic system.

"Relief can only be a band-aid in this situation, and a very poor one at that since it carries all the negative aspects of hand-outs and welfare. People don't feel good receiving it," Paul Puritt says.

The real answer to these massive global problems is to change the nature of the social and economic system, to provide for people's needs

not through welfare, but through jobs, employment, and economic development.

"The best way to fight underdevelopment," quips Puritt, "is with development! But not all development is good. The people of Ward 7 know that, and so do the people overseas. Tearing down low-income housing here for fancy high-rises and elite homes is development for profit, not for people. The same thing has often happened in Third World (underdeveloped) countries."

"I remember when I was in Tanzania. The Canadian government helped fund the construction of a modern bakery there. They thought this was 'development'. But the bakery put more people out of work, because all the local bake shops couldn't compete and the Tanzanians had to eat 'wonder' bread instead of the nourishing, local bread."

The philosophy behind OXFAM's programmes in the poor nations is to support community-based, self-help development projects, like well-digging, agricultural improvement, education and nutrition, medical care, and vocational training. They are programmes run and controlled democratically by the people involved, not by middlemen or corporations in search of profit.

The benefits of self-help development far outweigh those of relief. The funds donated through OXFAM by individual Canadians reach more people and promote self-sufficient, long-lasting benefit.

As Puritt notes, they also help rebuild the spirit of people worn down by generations of despair. It is this dimension that is so crucial in the struggle for liberation from poverty. But development aid from organiza-

tions like OXFAM is still only a drop in the bucket when compared to the problems at hand. The large-scale social and economic changes will not be brought about by a few good projects here and there. Ultimately the people themselves in the Third World must organize themselves to demand these changes, through social and political action. That is happening in some parts, like southern Africa, where the old colonial regimes in Mozambique, Angola, and Guinea-Bissau have been ousted, and where the minority, racist governments in Rhodesia and South Africa are in decline.

OXFAM supports this effort for deep-seated change through its education and political affairs programmes in Canada. The organization presents briefs to government on issues of trade and aid between Canada and the Third World, and on the involvement of multinational corporations in underdeveloped countries. It produces booklets and films, and runs education programmes on global inequalities and injustices, and on how we can change the present international system.

Through this work, OXFAM has come to see a close connection between problems overseas and problems here in Canada. It has found that unemployment, poverty and social injustice have many of the same causes in both places: large corporate development rather than community-based development, control over people's lives vested in elites who use their power mainly to serve their own ends, and so on.

As a result OXFAM has been paying more attention to "underdevelopment" closer to home, inside Canada. It actively supports the Dene people

(Indians and Metis) in the Northwest Territories in their fight for land rights and self-determination.

OXFAM has helped the native people on the Grassy Narrows reserve near Kenora in their efforts to recover from mercury poisoning. A co-op store and wild rice harvesting are two projects OXFAM has funded there. Both offer employment and a source of healthy food. In Ward 7, OXFAM has helped the Toronto Warriors Society.

The final important change has come in OXFAM's fundraising programme. No longer do they try to appeal to the guilt of donors for charity.

"Individual Canadians should not be made to think that they are the cause of the misery in underdeveloped nations," says Paul Puritt. "It is the system that is wrong, and it is the system that must be changed."

"There are many underdeveloped communities that are working for that kind of change. They are helping themselves: they are fighting for justice. When we appeal to Canadians for funds now, we ask them to support these efforts. We are asking them to be a part of the fight against injustice. It's a much more positive approach."

On one of the walls in the Carlton Street office there is another slogan that draws all these changes in OXFAM together: "People Here, People There ... A Common Struggle for Justice." I now understand why OXFAM says they are more than a charity.

OXFAM always needs volunteers and new donors. If you want to help out with your volunteer time, or if you want to contribute, get in touch with them at 175 Carlton Street or call at 961-3935.

Dry goods dry goods

Dry goods, dry goods, dry goods. At last, dry goods are available at your local food co-op. Both Central Neighbourhood House Food Co-op, located at 349 Ontario St. and Don Vale Food Co-op, located in the Christian Resource Centre at 20 Spruce St. are offering flour, beans, dried fruit, teas, herbs, legumes at better-than-anywhere prices.

Prices have always been good at the food co-op of your choice for other items (example: "Upper Crust" bread is 66 cents at the CNH Food Club instead of 71 cents at Carlton Food Mart and canned tomatoes for 48 cents for the largest size cannot be matched anywhere in the city) now flour can be purchased for 17 cents a pound at the food co-op. The cheapest price for the same flour is 21 cents at Whole Food Trading Company on Parliament St.

Ward Seven had seven food co-ops accessible to it two years ago. Now, even in the face of increased food costs, it has only three functioning organizations within reasonable access.

"One of the chief reasons for this," said Peter Banks, organizer for the CNH food co-op, "is the fact that though most of the people in the area give lip service to the idea of co-operation, very few of them are willing to work it through."

I can't help but imagine," said Peter, "If all those people in the area who worked in the advertising field, who worked in communications, who worked as organizers for other groups, put some of their energies into a food cooperative, how successful it would be."

Both Don Vale and Central Neighbourhood House Food Co-ops are interested in people who like fresh vegetables and inexpensive dry goods. If you feel so inclined, call 925-4363 or 922-7391 and find out about food co-ops.

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The Don District Community Services Group is interested in helping emerging groups and established local agencies who are having difficulties with ongoing funding.

If you are interested in working with this group to try to find answers to this problem — please phone Cindy at the Neighbourhood Information Post, 924-2543.

Christmas decorations

The Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area is sponsoring a competition among its members for Christmas decorating. The contest is open to all members except those on the Board of Management. There are two categories, one for regular merchants, and one for service stores. There are cash prizes. Judging begins December 5. Judges will reach their decision on the basis of how the decorations look to the customers on the sidewalk. For more details, call Jean Wright at 921-9878.



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Sewell's dogs

Dear Editor:

John Sewell should know what he is talking about:

Sunday Star — NAY to dog owner and Toronto Alderman John Sewell for pooh-pooing efforts to keep dogs out of city parks because people just won't clean up behind their pets. He says he's against such a bylaw because the city lacks the money and manpower to enforce it. Funny, Sewell raised no such objection before supporting a bylaw banning smoking in public places.

I, personally, have had the occasion this past summer when I had to tell John Sewell and his two dogs to move along when he paused too long with them at the front of our shop on Sumach just north of where he lives.

I said to him on that occasion: "Don't you have a front yard of your own John?"

He replied: "If you can get them to go on my front yard, you are welcome to try!"

All I can say is: I don't have to pick up after John Sewell's dogs. He can darn well stop polluting the streets and get himself a poop-scoop and use it!

For that matter, everybody who lets his or her pet go on the streets should have his/her name printed in the paper!

I like animals but on this particular issue, I think John Sewell's politics smell!

Sincerely,
Victor Fletcher



7 News reader is up in arms over the bathroom habits of John Sewell's dogs. Will shots be fired?

Oak St. alternatives checked

A good turnout of residents from the Oak St. apartments at the Oak St. Site Committee's meeting on November 21. The committee decided to work out an approximate cost for two types of development on the land between Oak and Cornwall Streets. One development would be housing with some shopping and commercial space; the other would be shopping and commercial with some housing. Both developments would include space for community activities and/or services.

Two groups formed out of the people present at the meeting: one to find out how much the two developments would cost and the other to find

out the space requirements of the different community needs.

The meeting also learned that there is a swimming pool and a gym in 220 Oak St. The pool has no regular life-guard and the gym has no equipment, so neither are usable. There is a parking garage below the Oak St. building that cannot be used because there is no security guard. The community needs group will help tenants get the use of these existing facilities.

The two groups will meet again on December 14 to report. The meeting will be in the portable on the Oak St. site at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

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A medal for Pat

By LYNN GOLDBLATT

A local resident, Pat Barrett, has been awarded a medal and citation by Governor-General Jules Leger for her work with senior citizens.

Pat Barrett, 75 years old herself, has been working with a group of 10 others to organize excursions to Harbourfront for senior citizen groups. By the lake, the ladies would feed the ducks and bask in the sunshine. A snack bar or tea wagon was stationed nearby for refreshments.

The people on the tours came from various community and senior groups from places like Woodgreen Community Centre and the Busy Bee Club, and from old age homes like Baycrest, Hilltop Acres, and Heritage Homes.

The medal and citation recognize Pat Barrett's work in making the program a success for the past two years.

雲遮士打公立小學消息

雲遮士打公立小學向教育局申請辦理中文班業經批准該校校長欲每學校附近之華人家長聚會定於十二月五日星期一晚上七時在 15 Prospect St. 該校二樓教員休息室內舉行華人家長會議歡迎附近街坊參加商討有關中文班籌備之事項如選擇教師及課程辦理入學報名手續討論開課日期及時間除該校學生外其他附近公立學校如 Rose Ave. 及 Church St. 兩間公立小學之學生亦將接受申請入學有意送子女攻讀免費中文班者應參加該家長會議欲知詳情請撥電話八六三一〇四五查詢

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Insulation program a bust

By HOWARD HUGGETT

So far the federal government's Canadian Home Insulation Program hasn't been able to get off the ground. This is a scheme to give grants to householders for up to two-thirds of the cost of insulating materials, with a ceiling of \$350. From the first of September until early in November only 2,800 people in all of Canada had applied for a grant. To realize how disappointing this performance is it has to be realized that CHIP headquarters is paying \$9,000 a month for a computer, has bought \$60,000 worth of machinery, and has a staff of 60. All this makes it possible to process 2000 cheques a day, but in one week only 689 went out. What went wrong?

Perhaps the most obvious defect in the program is that it pays nothing toward labor costs, which are a major part of a contractor's bill. Secondly, the grant is taxable as income, so that the maximum amount of \$350 is really worth something like \$280 to someone in a low-income bracket and much less to someone making \$15,000 or more. That isn't very much when you compare it to the cost of insulating a whole house.

Then there is the paper work involved. The application form has 47 different spaces to be filled in with such detailed information as the type

of house construction, number of storeys, type of fuel used to heat, number of bedrooms, estimated annual heating costs, and, if you please, the marital status of the applicant! It is no wonder that nearly half of the 2,800 applications had to be sent back for correcting.

Despite the fact that so few people have applied for this grant the insulating companies are very busy and materials are in short supply. It seems evident that many citizens have decided to ignore the CHIP scheme and do it on their own, and who can blame them. As a matter of fact, there are many, many people who can well afford to pay all the costs of insulating their home. Since they are going to get their money back through a reduction in heating bills, why shouldn't they? On the other hand, there are lots of homedwellers who haven't the money to lay out for this work, and they are the ones that the federal government should be helping to insulate. It takes just as much of our gas and oil to keep them warm as it does for anyone else. Instead of limiting the program for the first year to houses built before 1921 in some provinces or 1941 in others, it would have been much better to start by making it available only to those who are living on low incomes. Pen-

sioners who are drawing the Guaranteed Income Supplement, handicapped people and those living on public assistance payments: these are the citizens who most need help to pay for insulating. After they have been taken care of it would be time to extend the program to those who are better off. By that time many of these people would have taken care of it themselves, as some of them are now doing.

It is difficult to avoid the suspicion that this insulation program was launched this autumn because a federal election is coming soon.

Last spring there was considerable talk about it happening this year. The logical time to start such a program would be in the springtime when the insulation business has its slack period. Last May would have been a good time.

Now we hear that the director of CHIP is conducting a survey to find out why so few people have applied for the grant. Now is the time when citizens should speak up and tell the federal government what they think of the insulating program — something that the government should have asked them before it started the whole thing.

Seven News would be very interested to hear what you think about this matter.

Mousetrap: good family fare

By SETH BORTS

A shot shatters the silence. She screamed! But it was too late. Murder stalked the streets of London.

Yep! You guessed it: Agatha Christie's *The Mouse Trap*, the world's longest running play — it's been running for 26 years in London — is alive and well at the Toronto Truck Theatre.

More about the play in a minute. But first a word about Toronto Truck Theatre. Seems these people are actually self-sufficient. That is to say, they sell tickets to survive. They are about the only functioning theatre company in Toronto that I know of that is not on any kind of grant. There's nothing wrong with safeguarding culture with grants. But gee it's nice to see someone make it on their own.

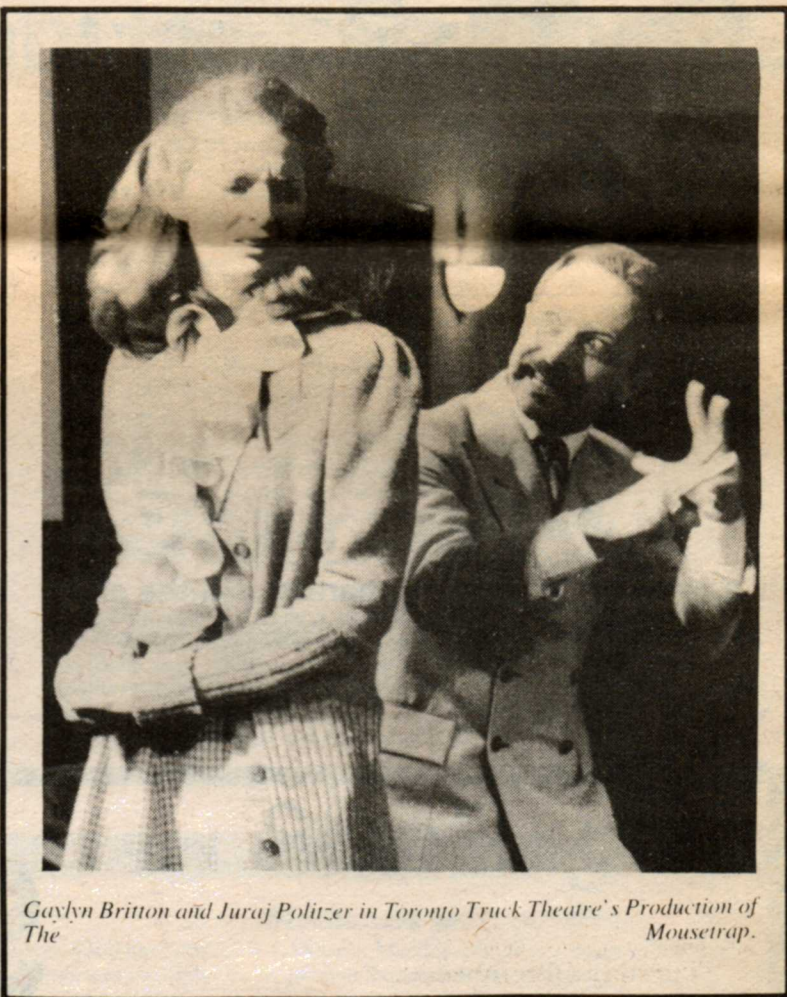
Now back to the play.

This is not an easy story to describe. A young and fairly newly-married couple, Mollie and Giles Rolston, inherit an old English manor, and decide to turn it into a guest house. Upon their arrival, Mollie flips on the radio. Over the radio come the gory details of a murder. Just to make it interesting, there's a snow storm going on outside which will soon strand all the occupants of Monkswell Manor, for better or worse.

The radio says the murderer was wearing a dark overcoat, a light scarf and a felt hat. Enter four guests and Giles Rolston wearing just such an outfit.

Soon a policeman arrives on skis, and proclaims that the aforementioned murderer is probably cooling his or her heels in the hallowed halls of Monkswell Manor. From here on in the fun and game of finding the real homicidal maniac begins.

This rendition of the play goes from boring to fascinating.



Gaylyn Britton and Juraj Politzer in Toronto Truck Theatre's Production of *The Mouse Trap*.

The first act sets the stage, yet seems to drag on in spots towards the end. You begin to feel at that point that you are lost in someone else's bad dream. However, there are some moments of belly-chuckling humour as dramatic first aid.

The second act is first rate. In particular, the recognition between the officer, and Miss Casewell (played

by Christopher Barry, and Jude Beny) after many hours and events, was the high point of the production. After this the whole play goes from light entertainment to a certain breath of reality. And the surprise ending is sure to have you fooled.

This is good family fare for the holidays. It needs trimming, but is very entertaining.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, December 3

Bain Co-op is holding a celebration at Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St. E.) tonight from 8:30 to 12:30. For tickets (\$3.00 in advance, \$4.00 at the door) and information drop by the Co-op office at 100 Bain or call 466-2186.

Two classic Soviet films are being shown today at the Public Library at 666 Eglinton Ave. West. The first is *Bed and Sofa*, filmed in 1927, an outstanding study of the problems encountered during a housing shortage in Moscow. This is one of the earliest films dealing with the liberation of women. It shows at 3 pm. The second is *Earth*, filmed in 1930, and concerns the death of an agitator. It shows at 8 pm.

The Sherbourne 155 Residents' Association is holding a **rummage sale** today from 10 am to 5 pm. There will be ladies' and gents' clothing, knicknacks, jewellery, and notions. Refreshments will be available. The sale will be in the recreation room at 155 Sherbourne.

Sunday December 4

There will be a **free concert for seniors** today at 2 pm at Riverdale Collegiate 1094 Gerrard St. E., featuring the Northdale concert band and singers. Admission free.

Hannukkah is near, so come celebrate today at the YMHA at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) in the second floor lounge, from 11 am to 2 pm. There will be dancing, latkes, dreidles, clowns, and fun. For kids and adults.

St. Luke's Church is holding another of its free forums at 353 Sherbourne St. (at Carlton). Today the speaker is Dorothy Cunningham, who will show slides of her recent trip to Iceland, at 2:30 p.m.

The **Canadian Children's Opera Chorus** will sing at Evensong at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor St. E., tonight at 7:30 pm. Derek Holman, their director of music, will conduct, and Dr. Charles Peaker, Organist Emeritus of St. Paul's, will play.

Monday December 5

The Busy Bee Club is holding its annual Christmas Bazaar today at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St. from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be baked goods, clothing, crafts, white elephant raffles, refreshments. Volunteers are needed at 9:00 am as well as donations of all the above. Please help! Everyone welcome.

The first meeting of the East End chapter of **Canadian Pensioners Concerned** will be held today at 1:30 pm at Temple Baptist Church, 14 Dewhurst Blvd. (near Danforth & Donlands). All senior citizens interested in organizing to improve their condition are urged to attend.

Woodgreen Community Centre's **free Monday night movie** feature tonight is "I Love You, Goodbye", a provocative and thought-provoking film about a near-middle-aged woman who forsakes her home and family for a new life. There will also be selected short features. Show starts at 7 p.m. at 835 Queen St. E.

Tuesday December 6

There will be a Red Cross **Blood Donor Clinic** at Chester Village, 717 Broadview Ave. today from 5 pm to 8:30 pm.

There will be another weekly **poetry reading** tonight at the Harbourfront Cafe, 235 Queen's Quay W., at 8:30 p.m. Tonight Jamie Hamilton is featured. Open readings follow the guest set. Admission free.

There will be a **panel discussion on learning disabilities** in the central tower, Don Mount Court, 40 Don Mount, tonight at 8 pm.

Wednesday December 7

The Toronto Board of Education is sponsoring a meeting tonight at 7:30 on the subject of **reading**. There will be discussion of questions such as how can children learn to read quickly, easily, and fluently? What are the best methods? What can parents do to help? How can we encourage a love of reading in our children? The meeting is at Regent Park School (near Shuter & Parliament). Everyone welcome.

The **Riverdale NDP** is holding a general membership meeting tonight at 8 pm at Frankland School, 816 Logan (just south of Danforth). Riverdale NDP members in good standing are eligible to vote on resolutions and delegates for the upcoming party convention.

Thursday December 8

The **noon recital** at St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. E. today features Eric Hanbury, organist and choirmaster of St. Mark's Church in Parkdale. Admission free.

Tonight and every Thursday night at 8:30 in the Harbourfront Cafe, 235 Queen's Quay W., **amateur folk and blues artists** are welcome to perform. Admission free.

The Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, 106 Trinity St. will be showing "Search for the Great Apes", today at 7:30 pm. The film is about two women who separately, in the jungles of Borneo and Africa, attempt to discover more about man's closest non-human relatives. Marilyn Cole, who looks after the orangutans at the Metro Zoo, will speak. Admission is by donation. For more information call Keith Joyce at 863-0010.

Friday December 9

Dixon Hall (58 Sumach St., 863-0499) is having a big **Christmas turkey dinner and dance** tonight. The dinner is at 7 pm and the dance, with a live dance band, begins at 9 pm. Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance and are available now at Dixon Hall.

There will be a **craft sale** at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay W. today from 9 am to 9 pm. The sale and exhibition of works by resident craftsmen will continue until December 23.

Also tonight at Harbourfront there will be **Friday night films** at 8 pm in the theatre: A Doll's House, Ibsen's classic drama starring Jane Fonda, and I Never Promised You a Long Run, a humorous love story. Admission free.

Saturday December 10

There will be a **pre-Christmas sale** today from 10 am to 2:30 pm at the Boys and Girls Club of Downtown Toronto in the basement of 540 Dundas St. E., featuring paints and models, games, rummage, and a bake sale. Call 367-0648 for information.

Sunday December 11

St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. E. presents People Look East, an **advent cantata** for choir and soloists, brass quartet, timpani and organ composed and conducted by Keith Bissell tonight at 7:30.

Starting today, and continuing until December 18, Dance Sphere in association with the 519 Church St. Community Centre, presents **Bach's Christmas Oratorio**, choreographed by Charles Weidman and staged by Janet Towner. Box office 923-2778.

The African National Congress Women's Section and the Toronto Chilean Association will co-sponsor a children's day party from 2 to 5 pm, featuring puppet shows, skits, films, songs and dances. Admission is free. For more information, call 364-5665.

Wednesday December 14

There will be a meeting to discuss planning of the Oak St. site tonight at 7:30 in the portable on Oak St.

Thursday December 15

Tonight's the annual **Christmas Party** at the Christian Resource Centre, 20 Spruce St., at 7:30 p.m. All members of the community are welcome. There will be live music, food, carol singing, and Santa Claus himself. For kids and adults. (Films for the kids).

Today's **noontime organ recital** at St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. E. features Marvin Games, sub-organist at St. James Cathedral.

Friday December 16

Woodgreen Community Centre is having a **Christmas dance** tonight. Admission is \$3.00 per person and includes a **buffet dinner**. There will be a disc jockey and door prizes. For tickets call 461-1168.

St. Simon's Church, 525 Bloor St. E., is presenting a **singalong** today featuring the Gentlemen and Boys of St. Simon's Choir and the Canadian Staff Band Ensemble of the Salvation Army, and Readings by Arnold Edinburgh, tonight at 8 pm. Tickets, in advance are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for senior citizens, and \$3.00 for children under 12.

Tonight, and Saturday and Sunday at 8:30 pm (and Sunday at 2:30) **Silence and the Holy Clown**, a solo performance of mime and clown tragi-comedies presented by Paul Wildbaum will play at the Bathurst St. Theatre, 736 Bathurst St. Tickets \$3.00 at the door.

Saturday December 17

Santa Claus will be on the street and in the stores of the Parliament-Carlton area on the morning of Saturday December 17 and will be giving balloons to the children. As well, Christmas music will be provided during the festive season. Any group wishing to take part in street performances at that time can contact the Cabbagetown Business Improvement group by phoning 967-0345.

Eastview Community Centre (86 Blake St.) presents the **Eastview Multicultural Children's Festival** today from 3 to 10 pm featuring a penny carnival, cultural displays, a bazaar, multicultural activity, gymnastics demonstrations, an international buffet, and an evening entertainment program. Call 465-5469 for details.

General

Every Tuesday afternoon a group of retired men and women arrive at Riverdale Hospital to bring some cheer into the lives of the lonely patients. These volunteers are part of the **Senior VIP Service**. Each week, before they go on their visits to patients the Senior VIP's meet together to share experiences.

Many more senior volunteers are needed for this program. If you have half a day per week to share, please contact the Senior VIP Service at 923-4477.

A group called Rosebud Films is producing a dramatic film on the South Asian community in Toronto, and on the racial problems that have developed in the city in the past few years. They are looking for South Asian actors and actresses interested in appearing in the film. Interested persons should send a recent picture to Rosebud Films, 9 Cunningham Ave., Toronto. Experience is not essential.

English language classes are available every Monday and Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 at Winchester Public School, 15 Prospect St. These classes are available to all new Canadians in St. Jamestown who wish to learn the language.

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., holds **progressive euchre** games every Thursday at 7:30 pm. Admission \$1.00.

The Child's World, an exhibition of clothing, toys and books that takes a look at children in the 19th century and how they spent their time at school, work, and play, is on in the Grange Room of the Ontario Art Gallery all through December and January.

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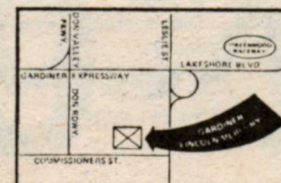
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Ontario Housing is a huge government operation with many people working for it. They are supposed to be in the business of housing people. As tenants in Ontario Housing we don't think that it would be too much to expect OHC to treat its tenants as human beings with some rights. We expect that OHC should operate in a way that makes some sense in the everyday world. Here are some examples of the kinds of things we have found OHC doing.

A woman moved into Ontario Housing with two of her young children. Her three other children were living with a relative but the relative died. Of course the mother had her children come and live with her even though it would be very difficult to manage on a small salary. The mother tells Ontario Housing all about the situation and asks them for a transfer to a larger unit. Five kids and two bedrooms makes for very close quarters. After giving Ontario Housing all the papers and information they ask for, she waits for the answer. What reply has she gotten? She has received an eviction notice for overcrowding. Ontario Housing has also told her to re-apply since they are sure she is still eligible — and that they expect that she'll be high on the list and get back into Ontario Housing in a few months. 'We

wonder why she can't stay in her apartment until larger space is found. If she could afford another place she wouldn't need Ontario Housing to tell her to leave. OHC say to go, but they don't say where. Maybe some Ontario Housing officials have some extra space in their homes.

Another one of us waited six years to get into Ontario Housing. The reason given by OHC for the long wait was that a mother with two boys and a girl needed 3 bedrooms. The mother is now in OHC in a two bedroom apartment sharing a bedroom with her teen-aged daughter, she has a letter from her doctor saying that the housing situation is not good for her health, but OHC is saying that she doesn't need anything larger. We would like to know why they changed their mind about the size of the unit she needed? What is their policy now? Are people in Ontario Housing second class citizens? Don't they deserve privacy like anyone else?

Another family has had their transfer approved — or at least they think so, but they haven't heard anything for at least a half a year. Every time the mother phones the OHC office she gets the run-around

and is told to phone someone else. This "someone else" never seems to be in the office. This family has

been living in Ontario Housing for a long time and they feel that they deserve some consideration. We feel Ontario Housing should look after the needs of the people who are now tenants in OHC first. There is supposed to be a Transfer Committee that makes decisions about transfers, but we don't know who these people are or when and where they meet. We don't know what kind of information we have to give in order to get a transfer, and it seems that the rules keep changing. We do not feel that people in OHC are being treated fairly. We want to know what the policy of OHC is around transfers. We want to know when and where the Transfer Committee meets. We want to be able to go to the transfer committee meetings and be represented. We want OHC to find out what their tenants need and take care of that before anything else.

We don't want to be pushed around from person to person, to be told different things and be forced to live in small spaces. Even animals in the zoo get better treatment. We want our Rights.

OHC TENANTS

For more information, phone —
961-2673 — Mary or Albert.

Don Mount tenants organize

By AUDREY BAYDUZA

A panel discussion on children's learning disabilities is among the first activities being organized by a newly-formed tenants' association at Don Mount Court. The panel discussion will take place at the association's General Meeting to be held December 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the Central Tower at Don Mount. Panelists will include school trustee Doug Barr, a community relations worker from Ontario Housing, a psychologist, and a teaching specialist in learning disabilities. Special emphasis will be placed on the programs available at Dundas and Queen Alexandra Schools.

When it first began to assemble last June, the Tenants' Association was the first organization of its kind to appear at Don Mount Court in over a year. The new association is presently drafting a constitution and it will be the first Tenants' Association at Don Mount to adopt that kind of formal structure. The adoption of such a constitution does not give the association any

official status with Ontario Housing, but members feel that it will at least make clear their authority to speak to the public housing authority on behalf of all the residents.

Most of the Association's immediate concerns centre around security and maintenance. Security staff has been reduced to one person per eight hour shift during week-days. Don Mount Court includes three apartment towers with a total of about 250 units. Residents feel that the cutbacks in security together with the lack of recreational facilities on the project contribute heavily to the increase in vandalism and other disturbances that has occurred over the past several years.

"It's a few individuals who are being allowed to get away with things and give us all a bad name," one of the members said. Without any sort of tenants' association, there has never been enough of a feeling of community among the residents for them to be able to respond to this kind of prob-

lem, and the feeling is strong that there has been little help forthcoming from management.

Security at Don Mount Court is not provided directly by Ontario Housing, but is subcontracted out to a private company, Community Guardian Services. Maintenance, on the other hand, is provided, for the most part, directly by OHC, but residents are not much happier with that situation.

Other members complained of the time it took for repairs to be done, as well as the shoddy way in which they were effected.

"I never had cockroaches until they sprayed to get rid of them," one member quipped.

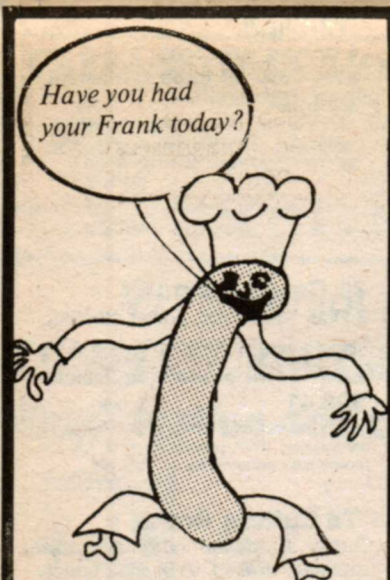
The Association has written to the Minister of Housing, John Rhodes, and to the MPP for the area, Margaret Scrivener informing them of the existence of the association and also setting out a number of specific complaints. Both have replied to the letter, but the specific complaints remain "under investigation."

NEWS BRIEFS**Chinese Club raises funds**

The Woodgreen Chinese Elderly Persons Club has been raising funds for community causes. Members of the club raised \$50.00 among themselves as a donation to 7 News, and will be donating \$200.00 to the Heritage Language Program (Chinese) in Area 4, which includes Ward 7, to promote Chinese culture and recreation. Anyone wishing to donate or give support can contact the club at 461-7668.

Macdonald joins law firm

Donald Macdonald, who resigned from the Trudeau cabinet in September after holding a number of senior portfolios, most recently in finance, is joining the Toronto law firm of McCarthy and McCarthy. Macdonald says he has not yet decided whether to resign his seat as MP for Rosedale now, or whether he will wait until the next election before stepping down.

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Nettleship's: a family store

By MARY ROSEN

It is somehow warming and reassuring in this transient age of the nuclear family to learn that the Nettleship family of 576 Parliament St., below Wellesley, put down roots over 50 years ago and continues to grow in the same location.

First of all, grandfather Nettleship came to Canada as a youngster from Scotland in 1909, then started a plumbing business in 1920.

His son began a hardware store at the same address when the original founder died. Today, Margaret Taggart, nee Nettleship, one of two granddaughters, operates the family business. She has managed to do this while bringing up a family of five children, ranging in age from 16 to 24.

Mrs. Taggart states she can't remember when she wasn't in the store. As a child, she and her sister played in the hardware store their father ran, since their living quarters was only a door away. Her own children have been part and parcel of the business as well. Nothing much has changed structurally — the family roots are still intact and the physical layout has not altered to any great extent. The store and the original homestead are still separated by only a

door which is always open. There is free access — as it were, from one room to the other.

Mrs. Taggart's son, Don, a clean-cut, well-spoken, and pleasant lad of 19 is the fourth generation in the establishment. He helps to wait on customers while his mother is busy with salesmen, keeping the books or managing the business, and running a busy household. The family is close-knit without being cloying. They do their own things yet always come together and share their dreams, aspirations and discuss their doings. Don has not decided the course of his future as yet but it seems likely he may follow in the steps of his forebears. He displays a natural aptitude for selling and has a fount of knowledge of the hardware business.

Mrs. Taggart reminisces about the vast changes in the neighbourhood since she was a young girl. She remembers the stately homes which have been replaced by the St. James-town complex. The family suffered financial setbacks when the complex went up but the Nettleships-Taggarts have the capacity to adjust. They make a modest but comfortable living.

Has the clientele changed much over the years? Not at all, according to

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Does she think running a hardware business is a bit unusual for a woman? "No", she replies simply and in a self-effacing way. She is like one of those pioneer women who is asked, "Did you put that building up yourself?" and the pioneer woman is perplexed by the question. There was a job to be done and she did it!

There is an old saw about going to the busy person when another job has to be done. Busy people usually make time and so it is with Mrs. Taggart. She or some member of the family has delivered the 7 News since its inception in their neighbourhood and on Amelia Street.

With people such as Mrs. Taggart and her family, this country will continue to root and to grow.

Nellie's Hostel worth saving

The building known as 275A Broadview Avenue is the home of Nellie's Hostel. It is hoped that the building can be saved and continue to be used for this purpose. Recent events show cause for optimism in this regard.

The building housing Nellie's is listed by the Toronto Historical Board as having historical and architectural significance. It was built in 1907, and first occupied by Christopher J. Atkinson, the founder of the Boys' Institute. It was used by Mr. Atkinson

for the activities of the Institute, which later became part of the Y.M.C.A., which built a larger building on the property in 1911.

The building is designed in the Romanesque Revival style, and is a rare example of its kind in this area. Some of its interesting architectural detail consists of a large semi-circular bay window, the brick arched entrance, its magnificent terra cotta panels, and its roof cornice brackets and border detail.

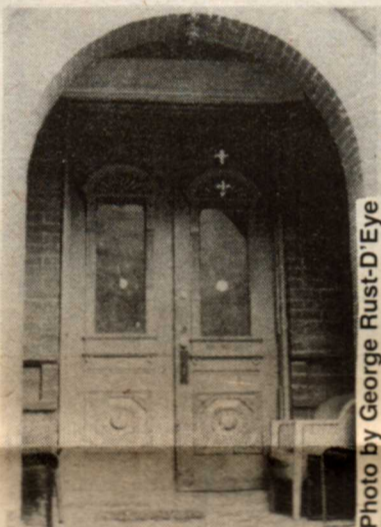


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Lori Hughes

On Monday October 24, the grade threes at Regent Park School went on a field trip to Cedar Creek Farm. The following are some of their comments about the trip.

When we went to the farm I liked the dog at the farm. And after that we went fishing and Shane got a fish and after that we went to see the pregnant fish that have 10,000 eggs in November. We went to lunch and we went to play in the hay and we swing and fly in the hay. We went to see the ducks and we got a drink and we got a pumpkin. We went horse back riding and after that we went to see the map and after that we went to see the pigs. Debbie rode a pig and Roddy rode a pig too. And we got to see a baby rabbit. We got to see a cow and we got to feed the goat.

Darrell Wheatley

When we played in the hay and when I swang, I fell in the hay, and hurt my finger and I got bored in the hay and I got mad. I jumped for the rope and got it and swang again. Then we went to see the pigs and the rabbit and the goats and we went fishing and Shane caught a rainbow trout. Then we went to see the baby fish and we went to the horses and we rode the horses around the grass. There was one horse that had a cold and sneezed and tried to eat grass but the man wouldn't let him eat the grass. And when we finished he ate the grass and we took him in. Then we went home and I was sick. I got in the class. Miss Shaw cleaned my jacket and I went home.

Sidney Stone

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Octoberfest

By FRANK BOSANAC

Dancing, refreshments, friendliness and good times were in order for some 200 people at Woodgreen Community Centre's third annual Oktoberfest held on Saturday November 5.

The Henkel Family Band was there providing good German oom-pa-pa accompaniment to the merriment and to those partaking of the frothy brew with their meal. Much of the thanks for an enjoyable evening must go to the volunteers who worked so hard to make the event a success.

Next year Woodgreen hopes to see even more people coming out to enjoy Oktoberfest. A woman from the north end of the city who came to Oktoberfest this year for the first time told us at Woodgreen that she enjoyed herself so much she plans to come back.

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Survey

By SHARON CUNNINGHAM

Cabbagetown's parish church, St. Peter's (Anglican) has begun a door-to-door survey in the Don Vale area to determine how it might be more effective in the community.

The church, located at Blecker and Carlton is under-used in relation to facilities and programs. Besides the Sunday and Wednesday use of the sanctuary for religious services, it has a gymnasium with a stage, a parlour, a large kitchen and several meeting rooms which are empty most of the time.

The congregation which was once drawn from the neighbourhood, has been dispersed and few new families have come to take their places.

Until the early sixties, St. Peter's had activities ranging from a tennis club, to a children's after-school program to a glee club. The door-to-door canvassers will be asking what kind of activities, religious or secular, would attract people to St. Peter's. Suggestions ranging from a thirty minute family service to an artisans' gallery have been mentioned.

The survey began December 4 and will continue door-to-door until Christmas.

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