

Photo by Cherry Hassard

Kerwyn Jones and his basset hound ("or hush puppy") Boadicea. Namesake of the ancient Celtic Queen who led a revolt in Britain against the Romans, Boadicea places first in the category "Dog Who Looks Most Like His Master", in the Forsythia Festival held in Wellesley Park on May 7.

Dog dirt denounced

JANET HOWARD

It's the subject of jokes and furious phone calls to the Public Health Department. It turns on community groups, baffles politicians, and deprives little children of their right to use our parks.

It's the constantly increasing, stinking, apparently inevitable littering of public and private property with dog feces.

Some people have had more than enough. Jim and Beverly Reed of Wellesley St. have found the Wellesley Park Coalition which recently leafleted their neighbours urging them to declare war on the problem in at least one Ward 7 park. Users of Riverdale Park, just south of Wellesley Park, also attended the meeting in the new farmhouse at the end of Winchester Street.

Representatives of the City's Park and Recreation department and the Board of Health confirmed the unhappy news: we have by-laws, we have stoop and scoop programmes, we have tried a dog comfort station, and so far nothing has worked. The only dent in the problem came in the early days of the Beaches area stoop and scoop, where teams of volunteers worked in shifts to cajole and embarrass dog owners who were local parks.

People at the meeting angrily demanded enforcement of existing by-laws, which prohibit dogs running at large, and dog owners not cleaning up. The problem is that hiring the manpower needed — an army of animal control officers — would send tax bills soaring to dizzy heights the public would not tolerate. On the other hand, repealing the by-laws would mean that some people who are basically law-abiding

would no longer feel the necessity to control their dogs or pick up after them.

One suggestion carried the meeting by a very narrow vote: compromise, in Wellesley Park, by fencing off the children's play area, with a patch of grass at one end, pass a by-law banning dogs from that area and post a sign saying so. Someone suggested the sign should also inform the public that this action was taken by concerned local citizens, just to underline the point that careless dog owners are offending their neighbours, not City Hall.

There was a strong consensus that everyone should be willing to speak up when a dog walker fails to clean up. Elizabeth Harris of Carlton St. volunteered to work on some literature that park users could hand out in such situations. Nancy Koster of Wellesley St. proposed that a dog comfort station be installed to encourage people who might take the trouble to steer their dogs into it if they won't pick up elsewhere.

The meeting decided to ask the City's Parks Committee for the fence and stoop and scoop signs. Then, after some local people have worked on making their neighbours aware of the importance of keeping the parks clean, the group may

Meanwhile, Alderman Susan Fish and I had started work on a proposal to make the existing dog by-law more enforceable, but without the cooperation of people like the Wellesley Park Coalition, City Hall won't be able to solve the problem.

Dog lovers, pay attention: the public mood is turning harsh. It's up to you to prove that dogs and people can co-exist in cities. Responsible dog owners will have to help bring the slovenly ones into line.

Chinese classes cut

The Chinese Heritage Language Program at Leslie Street Public School came to an end this past Thursday May 18. The Chinese parents are interested in having their children continue the program throughout the summer and have applied to the Toronto Board of Education for a Third Language Program in Chinese to be set up in the school. The Board has approved a summer program with two classes to run from July 4 to August 4. However, the parents are expressing concern that with only two classes being made available, a large number of children who would like

to take the Chinese classes will have to be turned away.

In order to have the Chinese Language Program continue, the Chinese parents are sponsoring a Chinese movie evening on Friday May 26 at 8 p.m. in Riverdale Collegiate located on Gerrard at Jones Avenue. The colour film scheduled for the evening is a documentary performed by young Chinese acrobats.

Tickets for this fund-raising event are \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for kids, and are available at Queen's Dairy Bar at 1304 Queen Street East or by phoning 463-3938.

What's happening with our schools?

OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

The provincial government's policy of restraint in spending in human resources has manifested itself in the community as a series of cutbacks that are seriously affecting the quality of our educational and social services.

135 elementary school teachers have been fired by the Toronto Board of Education, the same fate awaits 58 Toronto secondary school teachers and others are being forced to leave their current job for another (bumping). Half the teachers at Contact School on Gerrard St. are being forced out of Contact School. Half the teachers at Contact next year will be teachers

who will be forced into Contact School. When teachers are forced to work somewhere against their will, it can adversely affect the educational process. There are over 1,000,000 Canadians unemployed and the Government can think of nothing better than to fire more people and force the others into involuntary labour in the schools.

Both teachers and students have been protesting these cutbacks in educational spending. 1,000 parents, students, and teachers were at the board meeting protesting the firings of 135 elementary school teachers. Secondary students, including Contact students were involved in a peaceful occupation of the Toronto board's meeting

room for several days last week.

What can you do?

1. Talk to your trustees and come to a meeting at Contact School to discuss how to respond to the recent developments: Date: Tuesday May 23, 1978. Time: 7:30 p.m. Place: Contact School, 310 Gerrard St. E.

2. Come to a demonstration to protest the possible firing of 58 secondary school teachers at the Toronto Board of Education: Date: Thursday, May 25, 1978. Time: 7 p.m. Place: Toronto Board of Education, 155 College St.

Fight Cutbacks
 Staff of Contact School

Dear 7 News:

We are a group of secondary students who have come together in a united cause to voice our concern in opposition to "CUTBACKS" and "BUMPING" of teachers as the solution to the problem of declining enrollments in the secondary and elementary levels of our educational system.

"BUMPING" is based on seniority with teachers having the most experience remaining in their present position or being transferred to a more secure position in another school while those teachers with less seniority being transferred to positions with less security; or discharged from employment as were 135 elementary teachers on the 4th

of April.

We feel that as long as younger teachers are prevented from entering the system and older teachers are forced to remain until they reach full retirement age or face the loss of about half of their annual pension, the educational system will slowly and surely stagnate. Therefore it is a necessity that "BUMPING" be banned and other solutions be found: such as letting the student-teacher ratio decrease, thus having enough students for the remaining teachers to teach while at the same time improving the quality of education. Remember, education is an investment for the future, your future.

A group of students



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LETTERS

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Trustees don't represent poor

Dear Editor:

The performance of our trustees has certainly been revealing at the recent Board of Education meetings. We are clearly not represented by people who are going to fight for the educational needs of our children.

Program cuts and teacher cuts are not going to help inner city kids in their struggle to get an education. We need smaller class sizes down here if teachers are to meet our children's needs. And we need all the extra program help we can get. Declining enrolment does not mean declining needs.

It is really irrelevant that class size in North Toronto is presently greater than class size here. Rich kids are in no danger of getting screwed by the system! "Equality of educational opportunity" will remain a myth until the system is forced to acknowledge that mid-

die-class children come to kindergarten better prepared to cope with school. Middle-income parents have a lot more opportunity to read to their children and to give them other essential pre-school experiences, because middle-income parents don't have to worry about where the next buck is coming from. "Equality of educational opportunity" means that substantially more should be given (in terms of funding, smaller class size, and program resources) to the inner city if the children are to have a chance to "catch up". We do not start on an equal footing, so cutting special programs and teachers "equally" across the system can only increase the disparity.

If we are to have any decision-making impact, if we are even to hear our concerns voiced, we must work to elect low-income people who will speak out for our children

as our trustees in the upcoming election. Clearly a middle-class social worker and his partner cannot voice our concerns strongly enough.

Irene Kitson, a mother from Park Public School, made an excellent presentation at the Board meeting on May 4 outlining the concerns of low-income parents in this area. The trustees were startled at how intelligent and hard-hitting her answers were to some very unsympathetic questioning. If we are to protect our children's future, lower income people must become politically involved and run for election in this ward. We will only get the funding necessary to secure our children's educational futures, if we fight to get it.

JoAnn Hutchinson
Spruce St.

Dear 7 News:

I enjoy Howard Huggett's energy columns. It is good to see somebody speaking up about all the ways the energy companies take us for our money.

One thing that irritates me, which is a small thing, but a typical one, is the Consumers' Gas Company's practice of making an extra charge for meter reading if you are not at home during the day. The meter readers are sent out only during the day, so if you work, naturally there will be no one home. Then the gas company expects you to pay a \$1.75 special charge to come when you are at home. In other words, it is a punitive tax on working people.

The only alternative they give you is turn over a key to your house to them. If you don't care to have strangers snooping around your home when you are not home, or if you have a dog, you are out of luck. You have to pay for the privilege of having your meter read.

A reader

Dear 7 News:

There is not one doubt in the minds of all your readers and also subscribers that your request for financial help will be accepted with their open heart and everlasting appreciation for your true and very loyal friendship in past service to us all.

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Allen Ave.

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由多倫多教育局主辦之祖裔語言課程將於五月十八日結業利士梨華人家長會希望子女在暑假期間仍可繼續上中文班，並已向教育局申請在該校設立暑假第三語言(中文)班。當局只批准兩班，同時上課時間只由七月四日至八月四日。家長希望在五月十八至七月四日之間仍有中文班，以免中斷。故定於五月廿六日星期五晚上八時假祖拉東街一〇九四號之河谷書院舉行電影晚會。全部收入將作為資助夏令中文班之用。該晚放映七彩電影飛燕迎春由中國小朋友表演雜技。老幼咸宜。成人票一元小童五角。可向皇后東街一三〇四號預購。電話四六三·三九三八

NEWS BRIEFS

Rick Sagara leaves
 Central Neighbourhood House is saying farewell to Rick Sagara, who is planning to return to university in the fall. Rick has worked at CNH in many capacities, including the Home Help Program, the Weekend Drop-in, and volunteers.

Caretakers ratify
 Toronto Board of Education caretakers have come to terms with management on their new contract, thus averting a strike which could have closed down the schools. They have accepted an average 5.7% wage hike, less than the increase in the cost of living, but close to the maximum permitted under anti-inflation guidelines. Wage rates go from \$5.60 per hour for matrons to \$9.51 for chief caretakers in the largest schools.

Business' Spring Fling
 Over 150 people from Ward 7 attended the Ward 7 Business and Professional Association's Spring Fling at Casa Loma on May 4th. Co-chaired by Heather Aspinall and Darrel Kent, the evening opened with a splendid performance by Charles Flanders, Claudia Moore, Wendy Childs, and Nancy Ferguson of the Toronto Dance Theatre. The dance, a new production was "Sweet and Low Down" created by David Earle, music by George Gershwin and costumes by Carol Crawley. The music was in keeping with the 1930's tone of the evening.

Scouts Recognized
 Twenty-five Scouts from the 99th Toronto Regent Park Troop received recognition awards at the Boy Scouts' Recognition Night on April 18. The 25 Scouts assisted senior citizens at the Auld Acquaintance Ball held at the Harbour Castle Hotel recently.

The student as teacher: a journal

In February of this year 10 Grade Eleven students from Eastdale Collegiate joined a programme to assist local Grade One children in reading. The project was organized by Sprucecourt School Principal Steve Donahue in co-operation with three Grade One teachers: Linda Rume, Nora Kutas and Bárbara Purkis.

Teachers at Eastdale agreed to give the students the time off but required them to complete the work that they missed. In general the Eastdale students found the project challenging and exciting. We are pleased to reprint excerpts from the journal of Mary Panagapollos, who was one of the students from Eastdale.

BY MARY PANAGAPOLLOS
"On Monday February the 13th in the afternoon, I was on my way to Sprucecourt Public School to help

them teach the grade ones how to read and write, and to introduce them to new words. I did them for six weeks to help the regular teacher with some of the kids who really needed help. My first day was just before Valentine's Day and all the children were busy making hearts for their moms and dads. I was a bit nervous on my first day, but when I saw all the little ones busy making hearts, and paper flying all over the place, I forgot my fear.

Day 2

"The second day I read them 'Desmond the Dinosaur', a story about an unwanted dinosaur and after they cut out the shape and I gave everybody in the group one dinosaur each, so the children can colour and also talk about what happened in the story. After I

introduced new words to them like, 'Won't, don't, nose, can't'. I also made progress with Loretta the little girl who is shy, she is beginning to talk to me and starting just a little bit to ask questions. The second day was a great success and I can't wait until the third day.

Day 3

"First I told my group to pick out a book they liked and bring it to me, so I could read it to them. Claire picked the book she liked and I read it to the gang. The book was called: 'Mouse looks for a Friend'. Anna wanted me to read, 'Hello Come In', also 'I Can Read'. Loretta the quiet one wanted me to read 'Whose Mouse Are You?' In fact everybody in the group read with me.

Day 4

"March 16 was my fourth day as a teacher at Sprucecourt. After I finished my last exam at Eastdale I was on my way to Sprucecourt. I felt tired that day because my exam was two hours long, but I was happy though, because my winter break finally came. So off I went to Sprucecourt. When I got there the children were making Easter Eggs for their moms and daddys, because it was the last day.

Day 5

"I stayed and watched the children's faces, as the teacher read the book on them. After the story time the children went back to their work. I was at the back table with a small group. If anybody wanted help with his/her math they would come to me, and ask for help. I love help-

ing children and I loved my fifth day at Sprucecourt."

Day 6

April 13th, was my last day at Sprucecourt Public School. I felt sort of let down that day, because I knew it was my last day out of six weeks, that my time had come to say good-bye to Sprucecourt and to the children that I had come to love. When I arrived at Sprucecourt, the children knew it would be my last day there, and the end of my teaching days. I wondered how they knew it? Mrs. Rume told me that they kept a count of the days I went to Sprucecourt and that's how they knew it. It was a sad day but the work had to be done, last day or not. As I was helping John with his math, I received a love letter from Steven. . . ."

Looking at Eastdale

Last week the Greek-speaking parents of the students of Eastdale Collegiate (located near Broadview and Gerrard) had an informal get-together with Bob Beardsley, the principal of the school. The purpose of the evening was to allow the parents the opportunity to better get to know each other and the principal, and to discuss openly and frankly their views of the school and of their children's education. To make the discussion easier, a Greek-speaking interpreter was also on hand.

After discussing the progress of some individual students, the discussion focused on the school as a whole. The parents were particularly pleased to hear that a number of interested grade 13 students would be taking one or two science courses at the nearby Riverdale Collegiate, which is equipped with some very

good science laboratories. The parents felt that this kind of sharing between schools would be a good experience for the students. It would make them see how another educational institution functions, and this would be good preparation for going to university.

One parent said that although he thought Eastdale was one of the best high schools in Toronto, what he liked best about it was its "democratic approach". "The students are encouraged to take responsibility for themselves and their education," he said. Another parent added that she liked the way "the students are treated like adults. The teachers are not always looking over their shoulders to make sure that the work is done. This teaches the student to be a responsible person". Mr. Beardsley agreed that this was a philosophy of the school, and gave as an example

of the students' sense of responsibility the fact that they recently raised \$500 in one week to make sure that Eastdale would have a yearbook this year.

One thing which the parents were not totally happy with was the community's view of the school. As one parent put it: "The Toronto Board of Education made Eastdale a Collegiate four years ago. This year and next many students from here will be going to university and to community colleges, yet many people out there in the community still think that Eastdale is what it was ten years ago — a girl's vocational school." The parents agreed that old images are hard to die, and agreed to continue to work with teachers and students to correct this mistaken notion.



Photo by Cherry Hassard

To some people, this is just another pretty face at the Forsythia Festival. To other Ward 7 residents, dogs are villains who befoul the parks. What's your view? Write to 7 News and let us know.

Hot times

By HOWARD HUGGETT

We are approaching that season when the problem is to keep cool, not warm. So-o, the Energy Corner is temporarily cancelled, leaving its faithful readers — all seven of them — with a few thoughts to toy with during the summer months:

1. This is a good time to insulate. There is a tendency now for people to put all thoughts of winter out of their minds, and demand falls off in the insulating business. Materials will become more plentiful and the companies will have more time to take care of your needs. In four months autumn will be here, so insulate, don't procrastinate.

2. Probably the greatest energy user during the summer months is the automobile. There are definite limits to how much you can curtail the use of a heating unit during the cold season, but lots of savings can be made through cutting down on the operation of an automobile. Like driving in slippers, so that your foot is lighter on the gas pedal. This tactic will also improve your chances of keeping alive and well all summer.

3. Of course, now is the time to have the furnace and the water heater cleaned and tested to make sure that they are both operating efficiently. And any time is a good time to get a copy of that valuable little booklet, "The Billpayer's Guide to Furnace Servicing." It is published by Energy, Mines, & Resources Canada, and you can have one free by applying to Furnace Book, P. O. Box 2010, Weston, Ontario. M9N 3R4.

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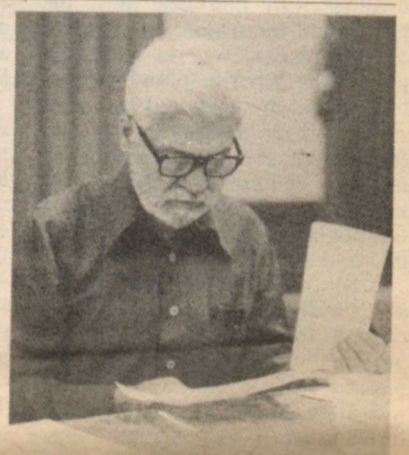
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Broadview Bullet

By HOWARD HUGGETT

In the past few weeks workmen have been very busy on Broadview Avenue, replacing the street car tracks and resurfacing the roadway at the same time. The noise has been deafening at times, and the traffic line-ups maddening as usual. Now, how long have there been tracks on Broadview?

Not even George Rust D'Eye knows that. According to his article in Seven News of November 20th, 1976, the area from Danforth Avenue south was annexed to the city in 1894, and some time after that street cars began to run on Broadview. Maybe some of our readers were around at that time and can tell us the exact date. A friend of mine, an old-timer, can recall approximately when the Toronto Railway Company took over the Broadview line and put in new tracks. That was shortly after the Bloor Street Viaduct was completed in October, 1918. (An old-timer in my book is anyone older than I am.)



7 News columnist Howard Huggett: "An oldtimer... is anyone older than I am."

The original Broadview car line ended in a "Y" at the Danforth, says my old-timer friend, and no doubt, he is right. For sure there will be some of our readers who will remember the details. I can recall that in the 1920's a suburban car line ran from Broadview and Danforth east to Main Street, I believe. Passengers coming east over the new Viaduct had to get off at Broadview, because that was as far as the city line went. To get on the suburban cars it was necessary to line up, in the middle of the street as I remember, and wait your turn. The fare was two cents. That's right, two cents. In those days a copper was money.

So, this is the third set of tracks for Broadview Avenue, by my count. If that is right, the second set have lasted far longer than the first, nearly sixty years as opposed to about twenty five. Maybe the old-timer's memory is faulty, and another replacement between 1920 and 1978. Oh, sure we could ask the T.T.C., but it's a lot more fun to ask our readers. Does anyone remember?

It is intriguing to speculate as to what they will have on Broadview in 2028. LRTC's? Projectiles? Ox-carts?

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Tuesday May 23

The Danforth Library continues its People and Places film series tonight at 7:30 in the library at 701 Pape Avenue with a free film about **Psychical Research**. Bring an open mind.

The Greenwood Group of the LaLeche League is holding a meeting tonight at 8 p.m. on the subject of breast feeding. The meeting will be held at 237 Glebe-mount Avenue and everyone, including your baby, is welcome. For more information call 461-8359.

The South Riverdale Parent/Child Drop-in Centre opens today at Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre on Queen Street East near Booth at 9:30 a.m. Parents and their preschoolers are invited to drop by Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to noon. The drop-in is intended to provide a relaxing time for the parents and a constructive play time for the kids. For more information call 463-5914.

There will be a meeting at Contact School today (310 Gerrard St. E.), at 7:30 p.m. to talk about ways of preventing the **decline in education** being caused by cut-backs.

Wednesday May 24

A one-man opera with Donald Bell is happening tonight through May 27 at the Toronto Free Theatre, 26 Berkeley Street at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 Phone 368-2856 for more information.

Thursday May 25

The popular series of **noon recitals** at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor Street East, continues today from noon to 12:30 with a performance by Michael Bloss. The concert is free and a relaxing way to spend a noon hour.

Find out about Erin Lane, a distinctly independent and alternative school, by attending the meeting tonight at 7:30 at Neill-Wycik, 96 Gerrard Street East. For general information about the school, call Don Vander Klok at 465-4076.

There will be a **demonstration today to protest the possible firing** of 58 secondary school teachers, at the Toronto Board of Education, 155 College St., at 7 p.m.

If you are interested in the state of housing in Canada, you may be interested in catching "No Fixed Address", a slide/tape show on the housing crisis in Canada, being shown tonight at St. Paul's Centre, 121 Avenue Rd., at 8:30 p.m. No Fixed Address looks at the part all of us play in Canada's Housing Game. It follows the moves of other players, such as developers, bankers, and governments. Refreshments are available.

Friday May 26

Hagood Hardy performs at an 11 p.m. jam in the Mainstage area of the Young People's Theatre, 165 Front Street East. Admission is \$3.00 at the door. Phone for information and reservations to 864-9732.

A press conference will be held this afternoon at 2 at the Board of Education, 155 College Street, in the main committee room. This press conference is being given by the South Asian Origin Liason Committee and the Indian Student Association to release a report on **alleged bias in secondary school text books** against East Indians. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fred's Free Films flick on at the 519 Church Street Community Centre at 8 p.m. tonight with a double bill: "Glass House" and "Zoos of the World."

The Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview Avenue, is presenting a **free film tonight about Latin America**. The show starts at 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

Saturday May 27

Today is the day for the great **Neighbourhood Information Post garage sale** a not-to-be-missed event for bargain hunters the ward over. The sale opens at 10 a.m. and runs till 4 p.m. and the day's activities include, besides bargains, door prizes, refreshments, and entertainment. In case of rain, the sale will be relocated from N.I.P.'s very doorstep to a close by indoor location. For more information about the sale, or if you have anything to donate, call N.I.P. at 924-2543. A special feature of the sale is the chance for people who have items of their own which they would like to sell to "rent" a table from N.I.P. The cost is a minimum \$10.00 donation.

Previews of a **newplay called HEAD SPACE** run today through June 31 at the Theatre Passe Muraille, 18 Ryerson Avenue. The production will then run from June 1-11, Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:45 p.m., and Saturdays at 7 and 10 p.m. Sundays at 3 p.m. Ticket prices vary and more information about that and about reservations can be had by phoning the theatre at 362-3873.

Sunday May 28

St. Simon's Anglican Church is holding a **Spring Fair in the Park** in St. Simon's Park located on Howard Street between Sherbourne and Parliament. Sandwiches, hot dogs, home-baking, candy, popcorn, balloons, clowns and entertainment with a steel band, no less, will highlight the Spring Fling. Come and join the fun from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday May 29

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, runs a number of programs for seniors. Today there will be **Folk Dancing** with Al Gladstone. Put on your dancing shoes and come out and enjoy the afternoon.

Thursday June 1

Free films and discussion. Is there resentment against immigrants? Why do people feel threatened? Riverdale Intercultural Council, 947 Queen St. E. 469-1819. 7:30 p.m.

Friday June 2

Fred brings his incredible collection of **free films** to the screen at the 519 Church Street Community Centre tonight at 8 p.m.

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General

Mime Variations Part I continues its run at the Unlimited Space Theatre, 95 Danforth Avenue at Broadview, until Sunday June 4. Performances are at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays with a special Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. All tickets are \$3.00 For information and reservations phone 461-6551.

Calling St. Jamestown! The Y is offering a **Summer Day Camp** for three age groups: 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10. The cost is \$15.00 for two weeks. For more information phone Pat at 925-8001.

The **St. Jamestown Y needs volunteers** for the library, free store, children's programs as well as wheel chair pushers for outings. If you are interested and would like to volunteer, drop by the Y office or phone them.

Harbourfront is presenting a program of non-strenuous, creative movements for seniors every Tuesday and Friday until June 30. There is a \$2.00 membership fee. For information on this **Movement Plus program** call Stuart Sweet at 531-4493, or the Community Care Services at 961-3885.

Summer programs at Dixon Hall are just around the corner. They begin Tuesday July 4 and run through to Friday September 1. It promises to be fun with such activities as bike rodeos, pet shows, and much much more. The Day Camp serving ages three to 18 runs Monday to Friday. For three to five-year-olds the times are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; for six to 12-year-olds the times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and for 13 to 18-year-olds, the times are 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. The tent camp at Hoover Park (south of Guelph) begins July 10 and runs to September 1. There are 12 sessions for different age groups. Ten people can go at a time. So register soon and enjoy the great outdoors; canoe, cook your own meals, live in a tent, swim. For further information on registration and costs call Fred or Gayle at 863-0499.

Free Hatha yoga class till the end of June. Every Thursday 4:00 p.m. Contact Centre 310 Gerrard St. E.

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **English classes for new Canadians** are being offered at the Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview Avenue.

Our Place Drop-In invites expsychiatric patients to visit the drop-in at its new home at 575 Yonge Street. Activities include informal discussions, films, dance, ping-pong, t.v., etc. If you'd like more information phone the drop-in after 1 p.m. at 967-5524.

If you are confined to your home for three months or more because of age or illness, the Toronto Public Libraries' **Shut-in Service** offers you a chance to borrow books free of charge. And the best part is that the books are brought to you. For more information about the Shut-in Service and an application form, phone 484-8015 extension 266.

Here's your chance to be involved in the planning process of the Toronto public Libraries. If you are interested, have ideas and wish to express your concerns and viewpoints about the library, **join the Citizen Advisory Committee**. More information about the Committee and how to join is available by enquiring at your library.

Persons with a non-blind disability who are unable to use ordinary print material have access to **Talking Books, books in English, French and German on tape cassettes**. The cassettes are small, simple to operate, easy to carry and can be played on any cassette player. This service is free. To apply for the Talking Book service, contact your library, or phone 484-8015, extension 256.

The Neighbourhood Information Post, a non-profit community based organization, is planning a garage sale May 27. **And N.I.P. needs your help**. If, during your spring cleaning, you find something that N.I.P. could sell at its sale, or if you could help them out with a small donation, phone them at 924-2543 or mail your donation to 265 Gerrard Street East. P.S. N.I.P. is a registered charity for tax purposes.

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Unemployment

By ROGER ROLFE

At a party a few weeks ago I got into a long, tortuous discussion with another party-goer about unemployment. Now I'm not the type who thrives on sophisto debates about politics or society or any other abstract subject at parties. I like parties for the fun and relaxation, and I think that that is the purpose of partying.

But this particular party-goer got me so angry with her views on unemployment that I just couldn't leave the argument. You know the kind of situation I mean.

We were talking about whether unemployment was necessary in Canada. She was saying that yes indeed it was. We have a complex, technological society that is so complex and technological that unemployment is just unavoidable. You know all these government economists who say 4% unemployment is "full employment", that's what they mean.

In an economy as modern as ours, with new ideas and new machines coming on the scene every day, with people moving from job to job, with industries closing here and opening there — well 4% has to be considered an "acceptable" rate of unemployment.

"Just hold it", I said. "Are we living in the same world? Where are all these new industries springing up all over the place? Please let me in on your secret, I know a million people who would like to know!"

Sure when the economy is in a boom phase, there are going to be a few people — say 50,000 in Canada — who are moving between jobs, I said. But that only accounts for 1/2 of 1% unemployment. All this talk about 4% unemployment still means that in the best of times there are 3 1/2% who need and want work and who can't get it. And now when the economy is hitting the pits, like now, there are another 5% above that who are in the same predicament.

"Well, that's the price we have to pay for all the benefits of this fabulous society of ours", was her response. "No, that's the price that the million Canadians unemployed have to pay so that you can benefit from this fabulous society of yours", I said.

Sensing that I had stepped over the line of appropriate grace with this comment I beat a hasty retreat, and hurried off to find another brew.

I've heard this kind of defence of our society and of our economic system so many times, and I'm sure you have too. It's a load of unadulterated crap! Unemployment — 9%, 8%, 4%, 2%, 1%, whatever — is not necessary. Nobody has to be without a job, or without the opportunity to have a job, and we don't have to sacrifice "modern" society in the process either.

All we need to have jobs in Canada or in any other country is raw materials and labour. In Canada we have lots of the former, and God knows how much of the latter we have sitting idle. The point then is to put the two together, to put the people together with the things they need to produce.

If we want to find out why unemployment exists in Canada, and why even in the so-called good times, unemployment continues to exist, we have to find out why this process of putting the people together with the raw materials is blocked.

To get the proper perspective on this problem, let's recall what unemployment was like in societies simpler than our own. In native societies in North America, for example, there was never any unemployment. Working meant hunting, trapping, fishing, or gathering and there was never a problem giving a person work. If you happened to wander into a native community a few centuries ago and said "I need a job", you would have one, just like that.

The same was true in agricultural societies in Africa, or Asia, and in feudal times in Europe. Unemployment was unknown.

But when we get to industrial societies like ours, suddenly we have unemployment. It's almost as if machines had some magical powers to put people out of work. (In fact, many people including that party-goer I was arguing with, think just that.) But machines have no magical powers. They are simply instruments that can help us do more in less time and with less effort. (They had machines in other societies too!)

The problem in our society is that the machines and the raw materials are owned and controlled by certain individuals who have the power to say who will use what at what time and in what place. If I own the factories or all the land in a certain area, then in our system I have the power to say whether I want you to work or not. It's as if a native chief suddenly decided that he owned all the land, all the fish, and all the animals. Then he could decide who would work and who would not. There would be a new word in the native language, "unemployment."

The characteristic of our system is that the raw materials and the tools and the land are owned this way. In fact they are usually owned for a certain reason — so that the owner can turn a profit on his investment.

There is a name for this kind of system and we all know it. It's called "capitalism". Unemployment is a product of this kind of economic system, because its first priority is to make a buck, and making bucks does not necessarily

mean making jobs, or making enough jobs for everyone.

The blockage between the people and the things they need to work on is this thing, profit. As a business man I might decide to invest in a big new machine instead of hiring more people because it's more profitable. So I'll do just that. In this way you can see that employment and profitability don't always go hand in hand.

Some people get squeamish when you mention the word, "Capitalism". But let's be honest. When you are in business, you are in business to make money. And since production and employment in this country are in the hands of business, the system works to make money for the businessmen as the top priority. Those are the rules of the game.

If the rules were different we could have a society that was modern and that offered jobs to everyone. There would be lots of problems in that kind of society too but unemployment at least wouldn't be one of them. If you arrived in town and said "I need a job", it would be like the native community long ago — you would have one.

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Help for seniors?

By FRANCES WATMAN

The special problems senior citizens and handicapped adults in the community are now facing in light of continued financial cut-backs in social services, is the concern of the Care-Ring Home Help Committee, a sub committee of the Don District Community Services Group, that has been holding regular meetings in the ward.

Teresa Cregg of the Neighbourhood Information Post and a committee member, explained that since the Care-Ring services that operated out of Holy Trinity Church have been discontinued, N.I.P. has received frequent phone calls from seniors who need assistance but don't know where or how to obtain it.

Grace Morris, Co-ordinator of the Open Door Centre at All Saints Church, who was involved in the Care-Ring of Holy Trinity, explained both how that service oper-

ated and the kind of assistance it provided.

Downtown Care-Ring, which began operations in 1975, was a church-based organization set-up to meet particular day-to-day needs of seniors. A volunteer organization, Care-Ring provided a grab-bag of services such as transportation, friendly home and phone visiting, help with shopping, packing, etc., and escorting to appointments. These and other services were provided free of charge to seniors and the handicapped who either contacted Care-Ring themselves or who were referred through agencies or community workers. Where Care-Ring couldn't provide a requested service, its staff attempted to connect the client to an appropriate agency for help.

Although, as Grace Morris put it, ultimately "seniors have to help themselves", she sees a role for a central organization in this com-

munity to provide short term assistance. An example of this assistance would be the providing of transportation for an individual to a clinic or doctor's appointment.

The committee itself is not sure yet whether such an organization should limit itself to providing only emergency assistance, or should be prepared to provide on-going long term assistance such as regular home visiting. Currently in the process of polling community and social service agency workers for their ideas and suggestions around the setting up of a Care-Ring service in this area, the committee plans to hold an open meeting sometime in June for all residents interested in the Care-Ring concept.

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D'Eye's historic articles intensely interesting, reviving memories of places I knew so well, and the wonderful people to whom we owe so much in this day and age.

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Butternut St.; Dundas School staff and students, Dundas St. E.; S. Diemer, Lawrence Ave. West; Bonnie Heath and Roger Rolfe, Carlton St.; Riverdale Co-op Houses Corp.; Coxwell Ave.; Cathy Jones, David Reville, Davy Reville, Jane Reville, Millbrook Cres.; Little Trinity Church, King St. East; Central Neighbourhood House, Ontario St.; Open Door Centre, Dundas St. East; Evelyn Wilson, Shuter St.; Carolyn Barber, Metcalfe St.; Yonge St. Mission, Gerrard St. E.; David Ruppel, Chatham; Bev Coney, Parkview Ave.; Jake Verkade, First Ave.; W.P. Fenn, First Ave.

7 News General Meeting

Got a beef about 7 News? Want to praise us? Want to get involved, or just want to meet the people who put out 7 News?

Well, your chance is coming. Thursday, June 8 is the day of the 7 News General Meeting and Potluck Dinner. **Everyone** who lives or works in the Ward 7 area is welcome to attend. There will be brief reports on what has been happening at 7 News, there will be a chance to talk to the Board and staff, ask questions, and generally get acquainted.

And of course the highlight of the evening will be another one of the famous 7 News potluck dinners. People bring along a dish of some kind, or a dessert, or cheese, or whatever, and everyone eats to their heart's content from the great varieties of food offered. So, plan to come and enjoy yourself. (It's not necessary for everyone to bring a dish of food, but if you are, please call the 7 News office at 465-3810 so we'll know approximately what's coming.)

Ask your neighbours!

There are two ways you can help the 7 News supporting membership drive.

The first way is obvious: you can make a donation of \$7 or whatever you can afford, and in so doing can become a supporting member of the paper yourself.

But the second way is at least as important. It is to **encourage your friends and neighbours and fellow workers** to become supporting

members. For if the drive is to be successful, and 7 News is to become self-supporting, then hundreds of people in Ward 7 have to become supporting members. And this is where you can help us, by making the kind of personal contact that is so important to a drive like this. We can't reach everybody; we don't know everybody. But with your help we can get our message to many more people.

We need your help.

Membership Campaign Scoreboard

Memberships sent in or renewed up to Wednesday May 17	162
Amount contributed	\$2184

Ward 7 orchestra

With Ward 7 lawyer Melanie Manchee playing the trombone part on cello and Rick Law, a born and bred Ward Seven resident, arriving at the last minute to pound the timpani, the Ward Seven Community Orchestra played for the patients at the Queen Street Hospital on April 27th. Their numbers included Mache Slav by Tchaikovsky, the Sound of Music by Rogers and Hammerstein, selections from Cole Porter, a march from Mozart, and the Entertainers by Scott Joplin.

The orchestra rehearses at Winchester School 15 Prospect St., every Monday evening at 7:45 p.m. If you would like to join the orchestra, now or in September, please call John Piper at 921-7798 or 598-4931 ext. 346.

Eight years of Seven News

With this issue, 7 News starts its ninth year of publication. Yes, that's right — ninth year! (No, we certainly don't act our age, do we?)

Anyway, that's quite an achievement for a little paper which many people (including some of the staff) said wouldn't make it past its first summer.

We've persevered, and thanks to an awful lot of people pitching in to help, we've survived and even thrived. Mind you, there have been times, no doubt, when some of our readers have wanted to come into the office and wring our fool necks for some of the things we've said. (A few have tried.) But we hope that

most of you, most of the time, have found 7 News to be enjoyable, interesting and thought-provoking. (And useful — you can always use it to line bird-cages.)

The ward — and the world — has changed quite a bit since the spring of 1970, when John Sewell was knee-high to Karl Jaffary, and residents in Riverdale, Trefann, South St. Jamestown, and Don Vale were giving developers and their tame politicians apoplexy. But there are still battles to be fought and won, and there is still 7 News, doing what it can to help, crammed full of everything from recipes to letters, from "mementos of yesteryear" to

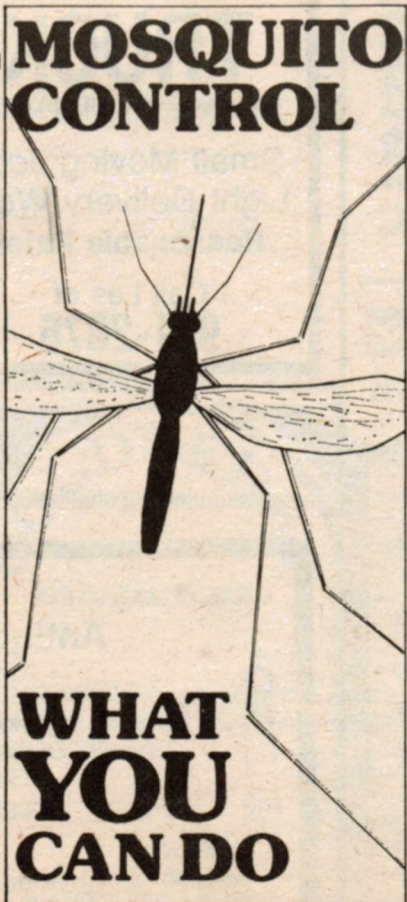
opinion pieces about what we ought to be doing next year.

We hope you like having us around.

P.S. As you know, 7 News is in the middle of its fundraising campaign. So, dear reader, you probably expect that this article will end with an appeal for you to become a supporting member of 7 News by contributing \$7.00 to whatever you can afford. You probably expect we'll talk about how we need the money, how we like dogs and children, how we stand up for your rights, how 7 News only survives because the people of Ward 7 support it financially.

But we're not going to do that, because we know that you already know about our supporting membership campaign, and we know that you just haven't gotten around to sending in your membership, although you've been meaning to, just as soon as you remember where you put your chequebook. No, we know that you'll send in your donation without being reminded again, and then you'll be one of the hundreds of supporting members who keep 7 News alive. We know you'll do that, so we won't say a word about our fundraising campaign. We'll just mention that the coupon to fill out is on page 8.

Your guide to Mosquito Control.



In 1975, St. Louis encephalitis spread by certain mosquitoes was reported in Ontario for the first time. There were about 70 human cases, mostly in Southwestern Ontario.

During the 1976 and 1977 mosquito seasons a combination of factors — including public awareness and care, and municipal mosquito control programs — reduced the number of cases to four in 1976 and to none in 1977.

We will be prepared again this summer.

Since a recurrence of the encephalitis virus is difficult to predict it is necessary that scientific surveillance and mosquito control programs be continued during the summer of 1978.

There is no known treatment for the disease so prevention is essential. Symptoms of encephalitis include drowsiness, loss of appetite, fever, headache, nausea and vomiting.

It must be emphasized that most mosquito bites this summer will be simply a nuisance. However, should symptoms occur, you should consult your physician.

This free pamphlet on mosquito control is available on request from your local health unit or any office of the Ministry of the Environment.



Hon. George R. McCague,
Minister of the Environment
Hon. Dennis R. Timbrell,
Minister of Health

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