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FREE TAKE ONE

Public housing tenants face big rent increase

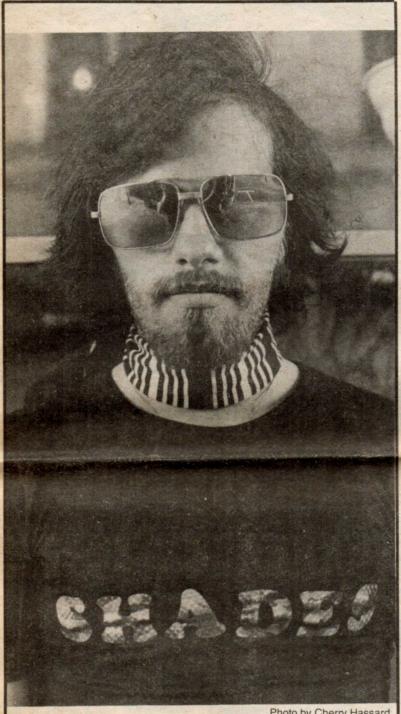


Photo by Cherry Hassard

T-shirt of the week: photographed outside a Ward 7 restaurant at 7 in the

By THOM CORBETT

The Ontario government is planning to bring in rent increases of up to 50% for public housing

Because the government is exempt from its own rent review legislation, 50,000 low-income families and senior citizens will probably be paying a lot more rent this fall.

Tenants (including those in Ward 7's Regent Park, Moss Park, Don Mount, and Bleecker Street units) have no input at all into this decision.

Ontario's Minister of Housing, Claude Bennett, promised public housing tenants last month that any rent increase would be postponed until this November. But tenants have charged that the minister has since gone back even on this concession.

Jean Lance, president of the Federation of Ontario Tenants Associations, declared that the government is now raising rents in an effort to ensure that all public housing tenants pay at least 25 per cent of their income for accomodation.

Ms. Lance said the move is completely unfair and points to the government's green paper on rent review which states that 44 pe cent of all Ontario tenants, high and moderate income earners included, pay 25 per cent or more of their income on housing. When Queen's Park new policy is fully implemented, however, 100 per cent of all public housing tenants will pay 25 per cent or more of their income on rent.

At the same time, rent review will ensure that tenants living in public housing continue paying a smaller percentage of their income on rent.

The decision to increase public housing rents came at a closed meeting in Toronto last month of federal and provincial housing officials which was held to discuss measures to lower the \$200 million public housing subsidy paid by both levels of government.

Ms. Lance said this subsidy, which provides rental housing to those who otherwise could not

afford it, is small when one considers the amount of money provided to middle and high-income home owners.

In 1976, for example, the federal government's Registered Home Ownership Savings Plan cost the treasury over \$160 million. At the same time, Ms. Lance noted, figures provided by the Canadian Council on Social Development show that home owners were excempted from capital gains taxes, upon selling their residences, to the tune of \$1,410 million.

Although home owners need an income of at least \$1,000 a month to afford a house, Ms. Lance added that public housing tenants are on the bottom of the income scale. Tenants in public housing who include senior citizens, deserted mothers and workers receiving the minimum wage or lower must exist on incomes as low as \$260 a month.
"Tenants who live in public

housing live there not by choice but by circumstances," Ms. Lance

Rental increases of up to 50 per cent, however, means low income earners will have less money to spend on necessities. Ms. Lance concluded: "Raises in rent for people on the lowest income, who are the hardest hit by rising living costs, simply are not acceptable.

Public housing tenants are now in the process of joining together to fight excessive rent increases and are quite optimistic that they will succeed.

Ian Hood, president of the Ontario Union of Tenants, neverthe-less realizes that in times of economic restraint many Ontario residents agree with any measure which "appears" to save the government money. "It's politically expedient to attack the poor in society. People applaud such moves but they don't understand the consequences.'

One of the consequences is that a typical single parent with two children who must exist on \$300 a month is paying \$100 for rent. As a result, the family has only \$200 left over for food, clothing and

other necessities.

Although many people feel public housing tenants pay low rents, when one considers their low income the reality of the situation proves otherwise. Because of their low income, Hood said nany children in public housing must quit school early in order to help support their families.

"It is small wonder that only 1 out of every 100 children in public housing projects ever go on to university.

While a lack of education ensures that public housing children will be stuck with low paying jobs, Hood said there are even more chilling consequences which results from the governments callous treatment of the

"There's children who are actually starving in public housing projects. And that's a fact.

Hood said if the government wants to cut the costs of public housing, they should look at the administrative costs of the Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) which oversees such projects.

"Over 35 per cent of OHC's income goes towards administrative costs. That's a lot of money to pay glorified rent collectors. Ontario Housing should look at themselves first. There is a great deal of fat to cut before they start raising rents.

Hood said all public housing tenants must unite in order to force the government to ensure that the poor can live a decent life.

'Single parents deserve better. Senior citizens who built this country also deserve a better break. I'm a tenant and I'm fed up. If we sit back and take it, we're

Public housing tenants in Ward 7 who want to work with the Federation of Ontario Tenants Associations to fight soaring rent hikes, should contact Irene Kitson at 364-4624. If you would like to form a tenants association in your building in order to express your rights, also contact Irene Kitson.

Centre seeks

By ROGER ROLFE

Tucked into a cubby-hole in Dixon Hall on Sumach Street, Danny Cushing and Wendy Wanstall are plugging away at trying to find jobs for unemployed young people in Ward 7.

Like other employment services, they try to put people and jobs together. Finding the unemployed youth hasn't been a problem. It never is, especially in these times and especially in Ward 7. The big problem for Danny and Wendy, and for anyone else in this line of work, is finding the opening and convincing employers to hire.

That's where Danny's and Wendy's approach is different. They call up and visit employers personally. They explain how the employer can benefit from the programme, since Canada Manpower pays the employee during the six month training period. They also try to dispel many of the myths

about unemployed youth in the Ward, and allay some of the employers' fears.

The big government-sponsored job creation programmes don't do these things. They are impersonal and bureaucratic; they come through with few decent or permanent jobs; and they are used by employers as an easy way of getting short-term labour at public expense. For the government, whether provincial or federal, these programmes function as public relations ploys, designed to make us think they are doing something about unemployment.

Ironically, Danny's and Wendy's project is funded by Young Canada Works, the old Opportunity for Youth scheme dressed up in new clothes, and one of the big PR splashes the feds now use to show us how concerned they are about

This means the funds for their

project - (The Community Employment Development Centre) - will dry up in February 1979, and unless they find alternate sources, the project will be forced to close.

But while it lasts it is an interesting experiment. Over the course of a year, Danny and Wendy will place sixteen young people between the ages of 16 and 24 in training positions. They are wary of employers who are looking just for cheap labour. They operate on the assumption that when a person is placed the job will become permanent provided things work out between employer and worker. If things are not working out, Danny and Wendy find out about it quickly. They see each of their placements weekly, discuss problems, and mediate if necessary. They expect a commitment from both the worker and the employer to make it work, and by doing so

they avoid some of the arbitrary firings and short-sighted quittings that plague the big, government programmes.

The Employment Centre project was prompted by a study done earlier this year on the rate of unemployment in Regent Park. The study found that 68% of young people 16 to 24 are unemployed and have little employment experience. The

Employment Centre was designed to help alleviate that situation and in a small way it is doing so, but the large question about the overall effectiveness of such job creation

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Kitson runs for Board

Long-time Regent Park resident Irene Kitson is running for school trustee in Ward 7.

Kitson feels that teacher and program cutbacks, and their effect on this area, are the main issues in the upcoming campaign. She told 7 News that she thinks Ward 7 needs a stronger voice on the Board of Education than it presently has. (Ward 7's two incumbent trustees are Doug Barr and Sheila Holmes.) According to Kitson, the needs of Ward 7 schools are being ignored in across-theboard cutbacks. Says Kitson, "Declining student enrolment does not mean declining student needs, and Ward 7 schools cannot afford any more cutbacks of staff or special programs.'

Kitson, who has lived in Regent Park for 20 years, has been active in a number of local groups. She has served on the board of the Regent Park Committee Improvement Association, and has worked with the recreation program at Dixon Hall, with senior citizens, with the Federation of Food Coops, and with the Federation of Ontario Tenant Associations. Since last October, Kitson has been working as a lunch-hour supervisor at Park Public School.

She can be contacted at 364-4626, or 366-8786.

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Hospital has celebration

The week of June 18 was Senior Citizens Week. We at The Riverdale Hospital officially celebrated the event on Thursday, June 15. A group of teenagers from Normandale Church, Minnesota, who were visiting and entertaining in our fair city offered to come and sing to our patients on the 15th. Since our Auxiliary had planned to give their annual tea to the patients around the same day, we combined all three occasions on Thursday

We invited many of our retired staff members to come and share the day with us and hoped a few celebrities would drop in

We have a lovely patio here with balconies overlooking the garden and the pool. The day was warm and sunny so we held our party outside.

It was good to see many happy faces, old friends greeting each other and 80 young voices blended in song. Refreshments were supplied by our Auxiliary and served by staff and volunteers

C.J. Arendt (Mrs.) for the **Image Committee** The Riverdale Hospital



Photo by Cherry Hassard

Patients, staff, and friends gather outside the Riverdale Hospital.

Help for the handicapped

Dear 7 News:

My name is Kazumi Tsurouka and I am working at Woodgreen Community Centre from now until August 25th, on a Young Canada Works project for "Outreach to the Physically Handicapped.

I will be trying to find out what

the handicapped in the area from the Don River to Coxwell Ave., south of the Danforth.

Our main goal is to encourage physically handicapped persons to take part in the various programs in the area and especially here at the centre. I feel that such participation would make the disabled feel more of the community then at present.

I would appreciate hearing of any programs in our area, and also receiving referrals of handicapped adults who would benefit from our project.

Kazumi Tsurouka

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Trying to find jobs for youth

schemes still looms.

As I have mentioned in previous unemployment columns in Seven News there is a chronic job shortage in Canada and in Ward 7. It is much worse in the midst of a depression-like economy as we now are. But when things improve economically, we will still have a high number of Canadians out of work and youth in Regent Park will still suffer at least 50% unemploy-

Government programmes that put the emphasis and the burden on the unemployed person, suggesting that they need new skills and more aggressiveness in jobsearching will not change the fact that there simply are not enough jobs. To create enough jobs so there is genuinely full employment is a challenge that runs counter to the kind of capitalist economy we have in Canada. The trend is to replace people by machines, to rape our natural resources with big dollars but few jobs, and to create a large permanent pool of unemployed.

Danny Cushing and Wendy Wanstall are more than aware of the limits of their project. They know it is only a drop in the bucket. And they know we need fundamental social and economic change to really tackle the unemployment problem. But they also know that the chronic lack of jobs in Ward Seven is producing

people who are highly discouraged and lacking many of the necessary skills for job-hunting. As a result people in the ward are losing on even the jobs that are available. The Community Employment Development Centre is trying to help out by teaching those skills, and providing some much-needed encouragement.

Danny and Wendy are providing an important service for unemployed young people in the Ward, even though they know their project or others like it will not get to the roots of the problems. That challenge - to muster the political force necessary to produce economic change that will create, rather than destroy jobs is the responsibility of all of us to work towards. While Danny and Wendy plug away at Dixon Hall, it



Winchester highrises OK'd

The Ontario Municipal Board has approved the massive Winchester Square development for the South St. Jamestown area.

The OMB's decision means that residents have lost their ten-year battle against the proposed highrise complex, which is to have a population density even higher than that of the St. Jamestown area to the north.

The battle against the development has been a very bitter one, and residents and local aldermen have fought it in every way possi-

In the end however, the OMB, ignored their presentation to give the developer the go-ahead he needed. The only hope for residents now, and it's an extremely slim one indeed, is that the Ontario cabinet will overrule the decision. Residents are making a presentation, but are not optimistic.

Residents object to the development on the grounds that the very high density (3 times coverage) will aggravate local traffic and parking problems, overcrowd already inadequate park space and social facilities, and overwhelm the area with yet more highrises. They see the project as an extension of St. Jamestown, which already occupies the entier area north of Wellesley between Sherbourne and Parliament. They point to the problems that exist in St. Jamestown, saying that the very concept of dense high-rise development has proven itself to be "an obsolete planning and development concept."

The new "Winchester Square" development is to provide for 1261 new housing units, 3200 more people, and at least 858 more cars (not including visitors). The project is to include one building of 28 stories, one of 18 stories, one each of 15,14, and 12, and 4 more of 8 stories, as well as smaller townhouse buildings. All this is to be crammed into the block between Bleecker and Ontario Streets, between Wellesley and Carlton.

The projected ratio of children in Winchester Square will be significantly higher than either St. Jamestown or Regent Park, both of which have problems with inadequate facilities and environment for kids.

Quotations to Remember

Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion. General recognition of this fact is shown in the proverbial phrase 'It is the busiest man who has time to

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Helen Sweet Awards

The Helen Sweet Awards were presented at Sprucecourt Junior School on Tuesday June 27. The awards, which are presented annually to one pupil in each of Grades 1 to 5, consist of a small individual plaque and a cash award of \$10. Winners' names are engraved on a large plaque which will remain in the school. Each winner must be a good student who is a consistent worker in all areas of the curriculum, as well as being a co-operative, well-liked student who participates in activities in and outside the classroom. This Year's winners were: Janett Henry, Jae Hoon Choi, Camilla Park, Jeff MacLeod, and Cynthia

Recovery house, not detox

In the June 17 issue, we mentioned the Matt Talbot House on Carlton Street and referred to it as a 'halfway house''. This is incorrect; actually the house is a recovery house with a rather different purpose. It is a long-term residence directed toward older, hopefully recovered alcoholics. There is no formal counselling, but the objective is to provide a stable environment and a community for residents.

French school cancelled

The French-language high school which, as announced in the last issue of 7 News, was to open at Riverdale Collegiate in the fall, has been shelved. The reason is that there was not enough enrolment to set up the program. According to press reports, some parents objected to the amount of travelling their kids would have had to do to reach Riverdale. They wanted a more central location in the city. Other parents apparently balked because they consider Riverdale a "rough" area. This attitude came under a lot of fire from school board chairman Dan Leckie and from various people associated with the school and the area. Said Leckie, "these suggestions stem from ignorant sterotypes about working-class people, and East End neighbourhoods, stereotypes that shame the people who hold them and that are grossly insulting to the Riverdale community." A former Riverdale teacher, Terrence Green, said that he found Riverdale students "exceptionally polite, attentive, and generally a delight to teach." The new program, however, stays.

Old Cabbagetown grant

The Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area has hired an apprentice-trainee from the government-sponsored OCAP programme. The trainee, Renate Fox, recently completed a two-year course at Seneca College where she studied communications. She is working with Jean Wright as an assistant co-ordinator, and will be working with the merchants in the area.

Sprucecourt a co-op?

The residents of the Sprucecourt Apartments at Spruce and Sumach in Don Vale are negotiating with the City and other government bodies in an effort to become a co-operative. The apartments presently belong to the city, but many residents are discontented with city management and feel they would do better if they ran the place themselves.

Lesbian Mothers Defence

A Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund has been formed to provide support for lesbian mothers who are fighting child custody battles. The fund is to provide pre-legal advice, referrals to sympathetic lawyers and other professionals, financial assistance in building a strong court case, and personal and emotional support. The fund can be contacted at 921-9091 on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 6 and 8 p.m.

Teacher shuffle helps no one

Inglenook, an alternative school on Pembroke Street, is being hard hit by the effects of teacher cutbacks. Three part-time teachers are being forced to leave the school. Two of the teachers have been at the school for two years; the other has been there since it opened four years ago. One or two of them are being sent to other postings, but none of them wants to leave. Meanwhile two teachers are being forced to go to Inglenook although they don't want to go to Inglenook, with its alternative philosophy. The shuffles are taking place because of seniority rules. One of the two teachers being sent to Inglenook teaches French and Italian, two subjects that aren't on the Inglenook curriculum. The school is trying to get the staff shuffles reversed.

Brief briefs

The new/old farm in Riverdale Park is showing further signs of progress. The opening of the farm has been delayed once again, to "early September" but some animals - cows and horses - have already been moved in, and can be seen watching early-morning joggers. . Ward 7 activist Bill Lee has changed his mind about Regina. He's back in Ward Abuse-of-language department: Ever noticed how non-returnable bottles are labelled "non-refillable," to make it seem as if somehow they can't be filled? What it means, of course, is that the soft drink companies don't want to refill tehm. But it wouldn't be good public relations too label them "Bottles we won't let you return". . . A little incident observed in the ward: A newspaper boy (black) dropped a paper on a porch. A very young child playing on the porch used a racial expression he'd heard somewhere. As the paperboy continued on his rounds, the child's mother rushed out, dragged her offspring, now crying, down the street after the paperboy, and made the child apologize. If all racial prejudices were nipped in the bud by parents like that, there would be a lot fewer problems. .

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KIDS CALENDAR

Danforth Library

The Danforth Library is running afternoon programs for kids every day of the week but Sunday. All programs begin at 2 p.m. Here's the line-up for July:

- Mondays: toys and games
- Tuesdays: Around the World • Wednesdays: music and drama
- Thursdays: films Fridays: crafts

Saturdays: toys and games

Parliament Street Library

Because the library is busy being renovated, there will be no activities for kids - or adults - at the library during July.

Riverdale

Library The Library is running afternoon programs for kids every day except Wednesdays and Sundays. Here's what's going on starting at

- Mondays: games and stories
- Tuesdays: crafts
- Thursdays: crafts and stories
- Fridays: moviesSaturday July 15: clay modelling • Saturday July 22: paper bag pup-



Photo by Cherry Hassard

These dolls are part of the Antique Pickers Market at Harbourfront.

Exotic U.S. cuisine delights everyone

By BONNIE SARTORI

I am sure that one of the most under-rated cuisines of the world (besides that of Hamilton) is that of our friendly neighbor to the south. . . the good old U S of A. Faugh (or some equally coarse sentiment) you say. What can be said of the culinary art of a nation of people who stuff themselves with hamburgers and fried chicken? . . Well let me tell you. . .five years ago, I was in Minneapolis and I had a terrific cup of coffee in the bus station. During my epic voyage to the east coast I discovered a rare New Engtand delight - Egg McMuffins. . . on the same trip I also discovered a great wealth of other specialties. . .toast with jam; coffee with cream and (most exciting of all) french fries with-out vinegar! Well. . I was cer-tainly humbled and my feelings about the gastronomy of that friendly giant south of the 49th parallel certainly changed dra-matically. Not only that, but there is more to be discovered! My baby sister (who hangs out in Detroit a lot) says that the hot dogs are tremendous at the Lafayette Coney

Well I could just go on and on about the exciting things that are going on in kitchens all over that great international power to the south, however I'll cool my jets (American saying) for the time being.

At any rate, the recipe for this issue, strangely enough harkens from the U.S. I have a friend, Pat who actually lived down there at one time. Not only that, but she is probably going back there once she gets our secret Canadian recipe for French fries with vinegar. When she heard that I was going to do an article on American food, she quickly ran to a file of secret papers and produced her grandmothers top secret recipe for Creole sauce. This recipe has been in the family ever since the Acadian fled to New Orleans from wherever they fled from (history can be so complicated sometimes). At any . here it is. . . another rate. American culinary masterpiece uncovered.

Creole Sauce 1 can tomato soup

l can tomato soup

4 tbsp. green pepper, chopped

2 tbsp. onion, chopped 6 stuffed olives, chopped

½ tsp. salt

2 tbsp. margarine

Cook all together about 15 minutes. Serve over any baked meat or poultry or steamed fish.

Two cats at play

I watched from my window one black and white and one a tabby as they tumbld backs arched, ruffled fur

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Saturday July 15

The Filipino Festival opens today at Harbourfront at 11 a.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony and the opening of an arts and crafts exhibit and the sale of Filipino food. Activities for today are: noon - films, slides and music

1 p.m. - demonstration of Lechon, the roasting of a suckling pig

2 p.m. - folk tales, arts and crafts, and a kids talent

show 3 p.m. - music worship and dance demonstration

with the Folklorico Filipino of Toronto 4:30 p.m. - demonstration of Filipino cuisine

5 p.m. — Philippine fashion show

8:30 p.m. - Fiesta sa Nayon features an outdoor dance and the crowning of Miss Santacruzan.

All activities are free and more information is available by calling 364-5665.

Sunday July 16

The Annex, 1468 Danforth Avenue, is hosting a party for the NJCA and the JC community today at 2 p.m. in the Annex. Relations between the New Japanese Canadian Association and the sansei have increased steadily as community activity has developed. So, come on out and celebrate the friendship. For more information about the party, phone the Annex, at 463-7441.

The St. Luke's Forum, held Sundays in Allan Gardens, Sherbourne and Carlton, across from St. Lukes Church, today presents Prof. J. M. McNamee of York University. At 2:30 p.m.

Friday July 21

Fred's Free Films continue at the 519 Church Street Community Centre tonight at 8. Fred is well known for his astonishing selection of films. Tonights flicks include "Lady Vanisher" and "Snow Monkeys.

Fiesta Cubana happens tonight from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the St. Lawrence Market, 92 Front Street East. There'll be a buffet, dance, cash bar, door prize of a trip for two to Cuba, and a cultural program beginning at 9 p.m. This festival is sponsored by the Canadian-Cuban Friendship Association and the Preparatory Committee of Canada for the 11th World Festival of Youth and Students. Tickets are \$4.50 per person. Call Liz at 654-7105 for more

There will be a Red Cross blood donor clinic at Gerrard Square, 1000 Gerrard St. East, today from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Come and give the gift of life.

There will be a forum on financial assistance today at the 519 Church St. Community Centre at 2:30 p.m. A panel of experts will try to answer your questions on general welfare assistance, family benefits, wage supplements, and emergency funds. Call Larry Bain at 923-2778 if you want more infor-

Saturday July 22

The Harbourfront Art Gallery is holding its annual kite festival, until July 30. Today there will be a kite-making workshop in the North Craft Studio from 1 to 5 p.m. All ages welcome. For details, call 364-5665. Tomorrow (Sunday) there will be a Kite Contest in the Bathurst playing field, with prizes for the funniest, best-constructed, most orignal, etc. kites.

Sunday July 23

Today at 2:30 p.m. you can hear Rev. J. M. Finlay of St. Luke's United Church at the St. Luke's forum in Allan Gardens (Carlton and Sherbourne). All

The first annual Metro Co-op Picnic on the islands happens today. All members of co-ops, credit unions and community groups, their friends and families are invited. There'll be a pot luck meal, games and races, and an all round good time. For more information, phone Larry or Helen at 698-1125, or Val at 789-9603.

Monday July 24

Mr. Elmo Gray will be presenting a slide show of the CNE's first hundred years at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, today at 1:30 p.m. This show is for the members of Dixon Hall's Busy Bee Club and anyone else interested in the show

La Leche League's Greenwood Group meets tonight at 8 at 263 Glebeholme Blvd., 3 blocks north of Danforth and west of Coxwell, to discuss "Advantages of Breastfeeding." Everyone is invited.

Wednesday July 26

The Canadian Red Cross is holding a very important blood donor clinic today in the Vancouver Building, 240 Wellesley Street East, St. Jamestown, in the subbasement auditorium. The clinic runs from 2:30 to 8:30. Coffee, cookies and orange juice will be served. This is your chance to take a few minutes and "give the gift of life."

Friday July 28

Fred's Free Films find their way to the screen tonight at 8 pm in the 519 Church Street Community Centre. Films include: The Dead of Night; Boy and a Boa; and Stuntmen. We don't know how Fred picks his film lineup.

The Riverdale Library is screening a free film tonight at 7 p.m. It's a Chinese movie called the Forbidden City.

Saturday July 29

The Annex, 1468 Danfforth Avenue, holds a bazaar today from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. with great bargains in clothes, baked goods, crafts, refreshments, and more. Come on out, brouse the bargains, and chat with friends.

St. Jamestown is holding its Summer Festival '78 today. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there's a bazaar with red-hot bargains, and an afternoon filled with enter-tainment and contests. The evening fare includes Filipino dancers and a concert by Peter Schofield and the Canadians.

The Midtown Club Birthday Party at the 519 Church Street Community Centre - and in the park - happens today from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. There'll be fun and games, prizes, music and laughter. Margaret Campbell, M.P. P., and other special friends have been invited. Midtown membership is high on quality but short on quantity, so bring a friend for the birthday cake and ice cream and a guaranteed good

General

Jimmy Simpson Recreation Centre, 870 Queen Street East, has a number of summer programs for kids and adults. There are so many things going on at Jimmy Simpson that it's best to phone the centre at 461-2550 to get the full run down on programs. Just

to whet your appetite, though: EVERY DAY — recreational swimming for adults; times vary

- tetherball and quoits for all ages, 7

MONDAY

p.m. to dusk TUESDAY - ball hockey for boys 17 and under, 6:30 to 9:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY - T ball for ages 11 and under, 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

THURSDAY - ladies softball for adults, 6:30 p.m. FRIDAY – co-ed team games, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. SATURDAY – cosmo hockey, 9:15 a.m. to 11:45

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sportabout II for all ages, 3:30 to 5:30 tetherball, quoits, and frisbee, all ages, 1 p.m. to 5:30

Dixon Hall runs a free legal clinic every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30. The clinic has been operating for many years, but because of a lack of advertising, not everyone knows about this service. The clinic is financed by the Ontario Legal Aid Services. There are five lawyers who alternate and attend roughly once a month each. Their main func-tion is to provide advice. They will try to answer your questions and advise you of your legal rights and options in particular circumstances. The problems dealt with include landlord and tenant, contractual agreements, welfare, criminal, traffic, labour, unemployment insurance, workman's compensation and torts. No appointments are necessary to see a clinic laywer, but if you want to call ahead, ask for Felies at 863-0499. It is necessary to phone in advance if you are going to come after 7:45.

Concerts in the Park continue this year with free entertainment. Here's the line-up: GREENWOOD PARK: concerts each Sunday eve-

ning at 7:30 until August 6 REGENT PARK: concerts each Friday at 7:30 p.m.

until August 11 WITHROW PARK: concerts each Tuesday evening

at 7:30 until August 8
RIVERDALE PARK: country and westernmusic each Wednesday evening at 8 until August 9.

The Board of Education and the City of Toronto are co-sponsoring learn-to-swim classes for kids at local schools. These programs are for kids 5 and up. Programs run until August 11. For more information, call 598-4931 extension 315.

Margaret Campbell, M. P. P. St. George provincial riding, will be hosting a picnic on Sunday July 30th in Allan Gardens from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. This is her third annual picnic and, if it is as successful as the others, you're in for a good time. There will be entertainment for young, old (and in-between). There will aslo be music, balloons, and free soft drinks but you're asked to bring your own lunch this time (inflation!). Everyone is welcome.

From July 24 to 29 the Girls Club for girls aged 7 to 12 runs at Regent Park United Church, 40 Oak Street from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Who says that life after 65 has to be one long bingo game? Harbourfront's Summer for Seniors program runs all summer from Tuesday to Friday and includes a wide-range of activities for seniors. If you'd like more information on the activities which are free - phone 364-7127 extension 62.

A series of 10 classes in the ancient art of T'ai Chi continue at Harbourfront Mondays until August

28. To register, phone Tom Chan at 429-1408.

The St. Jamestown YMCA is forming a softball team for fun and no-pressure competition with other teams. The team is open to men and women (of course) and rank amateurs and superstars alike are encouraged are encouraged to join up. Call the Y office at 964-8775 for more information.

The Riverdale Library continues to run Chinese English for New Canadians classes every Tuesday and Friday morning from 10:30 to 11:30. Call the Chinese department at Woodgreen Community Centre, 461-1168 for more information.

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INSTRUCTORS

Applications for instructors for Heritage Languages Programs are now being received in the Heritage Languages Department, Room 601, at 155 College Street.

EVENING OR WEEKEND BOARD PROGRAMS

Some community groups may wish to co-operate with the Toronto Board of Education to establish evening or weekend programs for children from various areas of the City and of Metro.

Please call James G. Lipsett at 598-4931, ext. 605, for further information before August 31,1978.

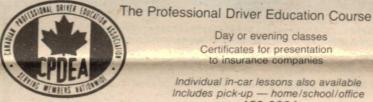
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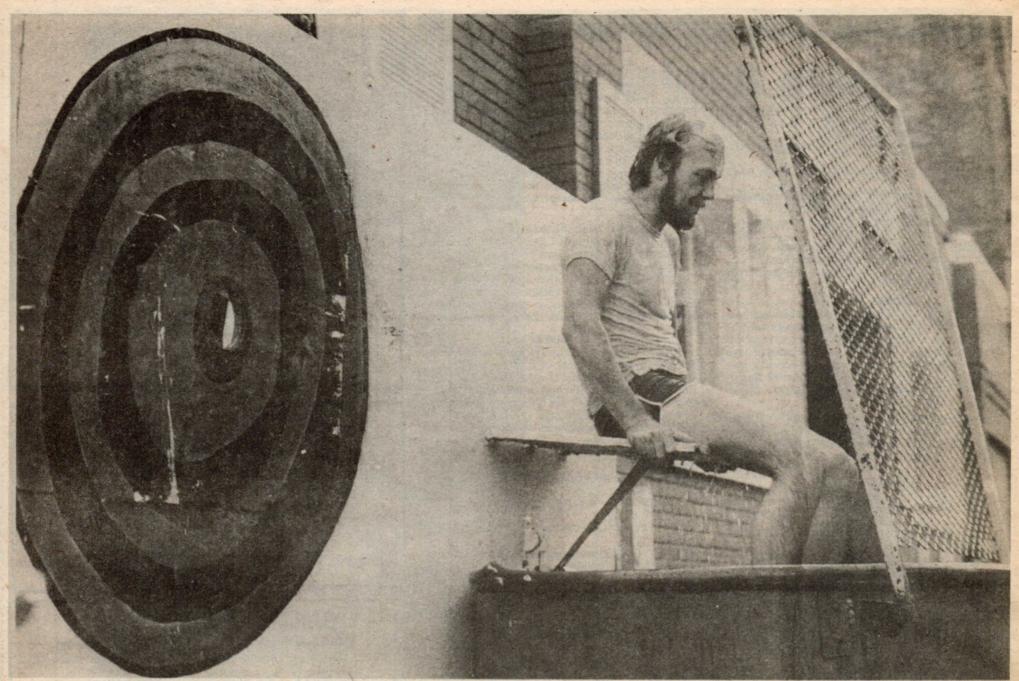


Photo by Cherry Hassard

The dunking machine proved the most popular game at Dixon Hall's annual Street Dance and Barbecue held July 7th. For 25¢ you got a basketball and two throws at the target, with a bull's eye activating a lever which dunked Fred Andrews into a large tank of water. It's

all in the line of duty for Fred. He's programme director of the community centre, 58

Things are hopping, sportswise, in Ward 7

The team from Pape Avenue Recreation Centre placed fifth in the recent Eastern Track and Field

Some of the youngsters from Pape did quite well in their individual events:

Young Wai Ling was first in the triple jump. Mike Mayers finished second in the 800 metres race. Rance Nakamura finished first in the 100 metres, and first in the standing broad jump.

Jim Avgeros took first in the long jump and second in the 100 metres. Dennis Campbell took

second place in the standing broad jump. And John Svenlzurio

finished third in the shot put.
On the girls' side, Michelle
Mayers was first in the 60 metre race, while Claudette Campbell was first in the standing broad jump and second in the softball throw.

The boys' tug-of-war midget team won its event, while the boys' relay team finished second.

Competitors who finishhed in the top three in their event will go to the upcoming City of Toronto meet for recreation centres and

playgrounds.

Boxing

On July 1 and 2, 12 boxers from Ontario participated in the Canadian Junior Boxing Championships in Whitehorse, Yukon. Of the 11 medals won by the Ontario team, three went to boxers from the Cabbagetown Boxing Club. Congratulations go to Tony Morrison, and Shawn O'Sullivan, gold medal winners, and to Vince Pileggi, winner of a bronze Track and Field

The Eastern District Parks and Recreation Meet was won by Withrow Park with a total of 89 points. In second place with 88 points was Earl Beatty. Highlights of the meet was the setting of a new city record for the 100 metre dash of 11.4 seconds set by

of Withrow Park, beating the old record of 11.8 seconds.

Results of the central district meet, involving teams from John Innis and Regent Park recreation centres, will be available in the next issue of Seven News. Winners of these track and field meets advance to the city championships at Brockton High School on July 25th. Come out and support these hard-wroking athletes!

Jogging

A woman's jogging club meets regularly at 9 a.m. Sunday Morning at the Riverdale Park track. New people are always welcome.

Lacrosse and Ball Hockety

Teams in lacrosse and ball hockey are presently being organized in many of the recreation centres in the area. Sign up immediately if you are interested. The reception centres in this area are Regent Park, 415 Gerrard St. 363-2955; Jimmie Simpson, 870 Queen St. E., 461-2550; St. Jamestown, 925-8001; John Innis, 150 Sherbourne, 366-0767; and Pape, Pape and Gerrard, 461Hard Ball

East Division - Park and Recreation Hard Ball Results Tykes: John Innis 25 Pape 3 Pee Wee: Pape 10 John Innis 5 Bantam: Pape 8 John Innis 2; East Riverdale 14 Regent Park

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4. Pape

5. East Riverdale East Division Girls' Softball Games last week:

Pape 6 John Innis 4

Team Standings: 1. Pape

Annette Rec. Centre 3. Elizabeth Rec. Centre

The Regent Park Ladies' Softball team is looking for interested teams to play exhibition games Tuesday and Thursday nights. Contact Dal Wrigley 363-2955.

Quotes to Remember Only dead fish swim with the

-Malcolm Muggeridge

Legal advice for tenants

By SHELLEY APPLEBY Riverdale Socio-Legal Services

In recent years the number of tenants in the city

has increased. As money is getting scarce it is getting more and more difficult to afford to purchase a house. Many of us will be tenants for quite a while and as such should have a clear understanding of what our rights and obligations are.

In Ontario the Landlord and Tenant Act covers the problems of repairs, evictions, security deposits, privacy etc. while the Rent Review Act deals with rent levels.

Here are some typical situations faced by tenants and what can be done about them.

A tenant agrees to rent an apartment even though there are a number of repairs that need to be done. After moving in he speaks to the landlord about the repairs only to discover that the landlord does not intend to fix them. The landlord claims that the tenant knew before moving in about the problems and because he agreed to rent the premises he must accept the apartment as is.

Answer:

The landlord is responsible for repair and mainte-nance of the premises even if the tenant knew about the repair problems before moving in. If after speaking to the landlord and putting your request in writing the repairs still aren't done the tenant can apply to court for an order directing the landlord to repair the premises. In some instances the rent can be reduced until the proper repairs are done. To do this a tenant should consult a Community Law Clinic.

Situation 2:

A landlord rents the upstairs of his house to a couple and their one child. There is no separate entrance for the tenants. The landlord at least twice a week comes upstairs for different reasons. The tenants have repeatedly explained that they want

Regent reps strike OHC

their privacy but the landlord says it's still his house and he has the right to go upstairs whenever he wants

Answer:

Once an owner of a house decides to rent out part of it he/she becomes a landlord and must follow the Landlord and Tenant Act. The act says that a landlord can only enter the premises after giving 24 hours written notice to the tenants. If the landlord refuses to stop entering the upstairs flat the tenants can charge him and he could be liable to a fine up to \$2000.

Situation 3:

A family is given notice to vacate the premises within 20 days because they are in arrears of one months rent. The notice says that if they pay the amount owed within 14 days the notice becomes null and void. The notice also warns the tenants that the landlord can apply to court for a writ of possession after the 20 days and the tenant can dispute the land-lord's claim in court. The 14 days pass and the tenants are unable to pay the amount owed and want to know if it is too late to pay the amount and stop the eviction.

Answer:

The Landlord and Tenant Act states that the landlord must tell the tenant in the notice to vacate that if the tenant pays the monies owed within 14 days the landlord cannot evict the tenants. The Act also states that if the money is paid up till the court date the

In this situation if the tenants don't pay the amount owed by the 20th day the landlord can apply to the County Court. It usually takes a couple of weeks to get a court date and the tenants have up to that date to pay the arrears either by paying the landlord or by paying into the court.

If you need any assisance with landlord or tenant problems call Riverdale Socio-Legal Services at 835 Queen Street East 461-8102

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A number of things are at issue

in the dispute. The RPCIA wants

to negotiate a new contract, but

the OHC wants to continue the old

one on a month-to-month basis,

with no change or increases in pay.

The OHC wants to "study" the effectiveness of the "Tenant-

Management" program and wants

to freeze contract negotiations in

the meantime. The RPCIA objects

to what it calls OHC control of the

proposed study, saying it would mean that OHC could determine

what the conclusions and results

of what the study would be. The

students to keep them open.

CONGRATULATIONS: To my daughter Deborah on er wedding to Glen Trimble. From her father Mr. T.

Negotiations have broken down between the Regent Park Com-

munity Improvement Association

(RPCIA) and the Ontario Hous-

ing Corporation (OHC) over the future of the "Tenant Management Program."

Under the program, RPCIA staff and units representatives

perform some management func-

tions in the Regent Park public

housing complex. Because of the

failure to agree on a new contract,

staff are "on strike" against the

OHC, and are no longer perform-

ing these functions. These include

supervision of laundry rooms and

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gram was signed, pay rates have

gone up by 26 per cent, while the cost of living has gone up between

Another problem is that unit

representatives have not received

their full pay to the end of the con-

tract period, June 30. The payroll

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'Kids who call others names have problems'

The kids at Withrow School have some strong opinions about what it's like to be called names and made fun of. The following poems and articles describe how the kids feel about these situations, and how they handle

By FAIDRA MCKIBBIN

Age 9
One day when I was walking home from school two boys were bugging me and calling me freckly face and fat and that really hurt my feelings and broke my heart. They were punching me and kicking me. They were bad boys and I didn't like it. They chased me a

few days and then they stopped.

By STEVEN TOM AGE 8

One day I was riding my mini bike. When I was halfway downtown my engine over heated. I tried to get help but then two people came and tried to scare me back to my side of town. So I told them mymini bike was over heated so they helped me fix it. If I didn't tell them my mini bike was over heated they would start calling me names. Or they would fight with me. Instead I made new friends.

By SALLY KANELLOPOULOS age 81/2

One day at the pit I and my friend were playing and three boys were calling us Greeky. I think they were calling us names because they heard some other kids and started saying them too. I did not say anything back because it would start a fight and I do not like fights. I do not like fights because I would get hurt and it would not be funny.

By WILSON WONG AGE 81/2

If the world keeps going like it is there would be more land than you could ever see because there would be whites' land and blacks' land and the war with the whites and the blacks might never ever end in the right way!

By HENRY SHAM

AGE 8
One day when I went home from school a kid started calling me names so I said, "If I called you names would you like it?" "No!" "So stop calling me names," I said. When the kid called me names I felt like a freak because I didn't do anything but stand there. Fight is no good if you

want to fight. Just fight with a punching bag.

By DIANE SMARDENKAS

AGE 7

Racism is not the proper thing. You do not fight with other people. People have feelings and they hurt inside. The other person starts to cry. That's why I wouldn't fight with another person.

By ALBERT AGE 81/2

One day I saw Jerry G. calling my sister flat head. I felt sad. I was about to hit Jerry. I felt sad, sorry and mad. I chased Jerry away and that's how I didn't get my sister mad. I think next time I'll say "Please don't do that.

By JOHN AGE 9

One day I went to Mrs. Denton's house. I went on the subway with my friends. There were two boys saying to us, "Oh, my, what a bunch of Chinese and chocolate faces." Then I moved away from them to my friend. The way I felt about it - why should they. I think they have a problem.

By KATHY WONG

In our school there may be some fights and arguments, but the person that is calling the other person names may have problems.

I once saw a girl and a boy was beating the girl and calling her names. I thought that wasn't very nice, of course, but the boy did have a problem. The problem was he was used to fighting and having arguments. A teacher came along and had a talk with him but he still has that problem.

By KING YU AGE 9

If I was a person who was being called names, of course I would feel badly. I would talk to him or her. I would say, "It's not very nice and you wouldn't like it if nice and you wouldn't like it if some other person called you names." I wouldn't think he or she was bad because most of the people that fight or call people names start because all their parents are going to work and the child would go out of the house into the street and they mostly meet bad friends.



Kids' view of city life

By FRANCES WATMAN Come With Us, Women's Educational Press, \$5.95.

Come With Us, a book of poems, stories and glorious technicolour drawings by Canadian born and immigrant inner-city kids, is the Womens Press' newest addition to the world of Canadian kids-lit. The book was co-ordinated by Judy McClard and Nomi Wall who spent two years in classrooms and community centres in Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal getting the kind of openhearted and spunky responses to questions about inner-city working-class life that turn up in the

Come With Us is divided into five sections: Why we came and where we came from; streets and schools; work; racism; and we see ourselves. In the first section the kids write and draw about their past — there are pictures of the family homes left behind in Trinidad, Jamaica, Japan, Italy - and stories about relatives' problems with immigration, and the terrible sadness of being separated from family and friends.

In the streets and schools section, one writer from Duke of York School describes his neighbourhood with passionate distaste: "Allan Gardens is a beautiful place cause it got all the flowers and everything, but Moss Park is a rotten place where the bums sleep. On Sherbourne Street there's a hospital for the bums from the Salvation Army, and in the alley, that's where it stinks the

Proponents of the Board of Education's Heritage Language Program, take heed. A Macedonian boy writes about the special problems of trying to retain his mother-language while dealing on a baily basis in English: "As far as language is concerned," he writes, "I'm pretty good at speaking Macedonian for a kid that talks English the whole day." Another Portuguese writer details her problems at school when confronted with learning English. However, she proudly succeeds, and concludes her story of her triumph this way: "And that is how I became English.'

The success of Come With Us lies in the surprising awareness of the kids about their working-class world and in their honesty in sharing their feelings about issues such as racism. One writer explains: "My dad's prejudice with some people from other countries. He wouldn't get involved with them and he tries to pass it on to his kids." A white boy writes, in a story called Lifetime Friends about his black pal Roger. But there are no illusions here. "Black guys are the same as us except we're white and their Black. They can have the same things as us, but people don't like them too much. That is the state of the real world, but not the way it is in the special world of best buddies. Concerning Roger: ". . . we are lifetime friends. We'll never break up unless something happens, like if I or Roger moves to a different

But, while best buddies transcend racial lines, racism is here. One Jamaican boy writes sadly about his first experience with racial bias in Toronto. At first he doesn't understand the racial slurs, but he learns: "When I went to the Tubman Centre I find out it means they're telling us that we're ugly and they're beautiful.'

Come With Us is telling us a lot about the real world of immigrant kids in the inner city.

Is anybody, listening?

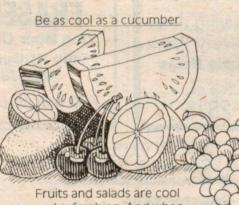
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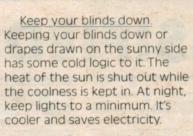


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