RPCIA elects new directors

By GRACE CAMERON

A new slate of directors for the Regent Park Communi-Improvement Association (RPCIA), have been elected.

The election which was held on November 22, saw 10 new members elected, and only two veterans re-elected.

the new members are Emily Bartlett, Mary Cook, Irene Kitson (who ran unsuccessfully for Trustee in the Municipal election), Bernadine Maxam, Audrey McPherson, Vickie Rhamdeen, E. Rosewell, Isabelle Scullion, Janet Ross and Barbara Soules.

The two re-elected members are Mary Bray and Minnie Nicholson.

Guy Fawkes gets torch

Todmorden Mills was ablaze with British tradition on November 15 as the Playter Area Residents Association celebrated Guy Fawkes Day.

This British holiday commemorates the villanous gunpowder plot of 1605 when Guy Fawkes and his companions attempted to blow up King James I and his Parliament. Thirty-six barrels of gunpowder were discovered before the building opened on November 5th. The plan was foiled and the culprits ex-

Britains now celebrate the day by building bonfires and burning replicas of Guy Fawkes dressed in local attire. PARA's Guy was burned wearing James Phelan's fashionalble wedding suit, donated with minimal hesitation. The entire evening was a huge success, with a tremendous turnout and plenty of refreshments for all. The celebration was topped off by a visit from the local fire department (due to a breadkown in East York municipal communications. A collection of police cars and fire-fighting apparatus barrelled down Pottery Road toward Todmorden Mills, where instead of the forest-fire they feared, they found one of PARA's most successful events of the year, a Guy Fawkes bonfire.



GUY FAWKES

The only person to enter Parliament with honest intentions

(that's what some people say) for the real possibility of

scene of an assault requires a prior mental processing that allows you to instinctively act in such a manner as to contribute toward defuzing the assault and/or helping in any way possible to bring the assailants to

--Without escalating the attack, or risking serious injury, demonstrate support for the assault victim.

-- Be prepared to call for

description of assailants and to serve as a witness.

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mula makes no sense.

In the first place, what has the amount of a taxpayer's income got to do with the cost of transportation? There is no first-class passage on the subway or bus. The price of a gallon of g-soline varies according to the quality of the product, but highly-paid executives may get driven to work in a company car, or he may live so close to his office that he can walk. On the other hand someone who is struggling to get by on the minimum wage may live so far from the job that he or she has to drive a car to make it. The Canadian Automobile Association estimated that the cost of operating a mid-size car in 1977 was 22.2 cents a mile, or \$2,218 a year on the basis of 10,000 miles a year. Of course it cost even more in 1978, but at the 1977 figure a round trip of ten miles each day for 240 (fifty days less a few days off for holidays) would cost around \$533 for the year, more than the new maximum. Then there are other expenses, such as lunches, special clothing required at work, etc.

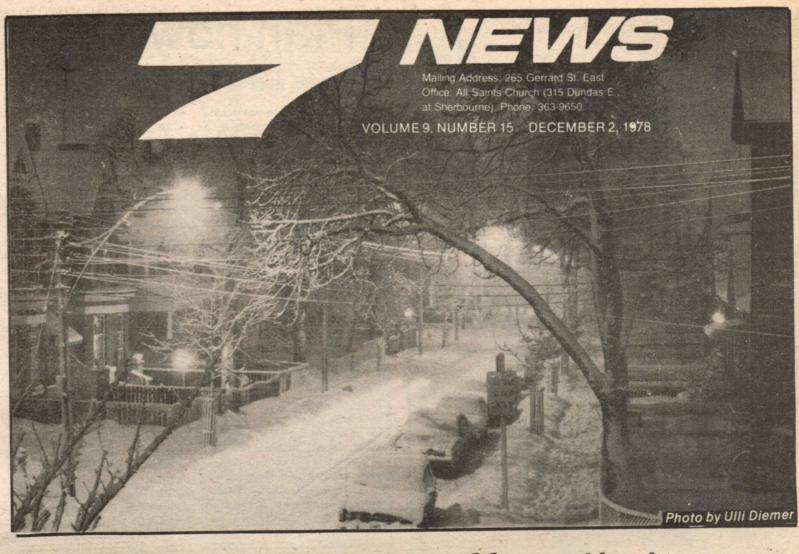
On the 1977 tax return the tax-payer with a gross income of \$8,333 could deduct the maximum of \$250 from it before calculating the tax; anyone below that would be entitled to a lower deduction. Now that the maximum has been doubled to \$500 the tax-payer who makes \$16,666 in 1978 will be able to cut his taxable income by the full \$500. However, the unfortunate toiler who still gets only \$8,333 in 1978 -and there must be lots of them--may deduct only \$250. Now who needs a tax break

changed, although this for- most, the person who gets around \$8,000 a year, or the one who makes \$16,000 or

> Besides, the tax-payer who earns around \$16,000 pays a higher rate of taxation than one who is getting only \$8,000, so that his deduction of \$500 is worth more than twice as much as the \$250 that the \$8,000 worker gets. There is neigher sense nor justice to the way this tax provision works. It would be more logical to handle the employment deduction in the same manner as the charitable deduction, that is to allow the tax-payer to take a fixed amound off income before calculating the tax. This figure could be arrived at by estimating an average employment expense. would be a lot fairer than the present method of basing the deduction on a percentage of the tax-payer's in-



Darrell Kent was elected president of the Ward 7 Business and Professional Association at its annual meeting on Monday night. For the complete story, see article on page



Federal budget offers little to majority of tax-payers

By HOWARD HUGGETT

What does the new federal budget do for pensioners? The answer is just about no-The cut in the federal sales tax from 12% to 9% could mean a very small drop in the price of many articles, if the cut is passed on to the consumer. There is no guarantee that The increase in personal exemptions for income tax purposes to compensate for inflation, a boost of 9%, will lower taxes by a considerable amount. Most pensioners do not make enough to pay income taxes; in 1976 only about one-fifth of senior citizens contributed, according to the Department of National Revenue. pensioners were just about ignored.

And what about working people? Well, the maximum amount of the employment expense deduction has been raised from \$250 to \$500,

with the percentage for calculation remaining at 3% of gross income. This will yield a saving in tax that averages, we are told something less than \$1.00 a week. Nothing very much, but a consideration. However, the formula for calculating this deduction has not

How to fight bigotry

We invite you to join the finding yourself at the growing number of Torontonians who are prepared to take positive action should a racial incident occur in their presence. These are Canadians who are anxious to see the good name of their community preserved, anxious to see warm, human relationships built and maintained amongst all people who have chosen Canada as the land in which to "live the good

For example, it is not enough to show a sympathetic attitude toward people in the community who are suffering the meanness of racial assault. Preparation justice.

help immediately. -- Be ready to provide a

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Plan now for retirement

By HOWARD HUGGETT

A great many employed people look forward to retirement as a kind of escape from the struggles of a working life, a chance to "take it easy"

It would be more accurate to describe it as a new situation with new problems.

When you are working you are giving up large amounts of time for money to live on. Since you have to do this you tend to regard work as a task, particularly if the job is difficult or boring, as so many of them are. And your leisure, because it is limited, seems very pre-

However, at retirement the situation is reversed and you find yourself with more time, and usually less money than you need. This can be quite a shock, and it is wise to prepare for the change.

That double problem of too much time and not enough money represents two results of one condition - a lack of activity. Many pensioners complain of loneliness, of a feeling of being "on the shelf". What they so often need is the challenge of a new occupation, the companionship that comes from working with others, the satisfaction of being useful. So many people spend their working lives at menial, boring jobs in order to earn a living. If they could on retirement find a fresh occupation that was interesting and rewarding they might enjoy some of the best years of their lives.

Wilder Penfield, the famous Canadian Surgeon, once said that everyone should start a second career in later life. If the new job brings in much-needed money the two main problems of retirement could be solved.

Alas, it isn't easy. Finding a new activity in later life, even when your health is good, can be difficult. It helps a lot to possess some skills of hand or brain, a good education, the capacity to 'mix' with others, the ability to express oneself. And let us not forget the importance of "good connections", of friends or acquaintances who have some influence and can supply that helping hand that often means so much.

Well, none of these advantages can be acquired over night. They have to be developed in earlier years, and the sad fact is that the very people who have never enjoyed such advantages during their working lives are the ones who will need them most on retirement.

The skilled worker, the university graduate or the business executive is more likely to reach pension age with substantial savings and a satisfactory private pension, and therefore have no need to earn additional money

But if they should have to work their chances of getting a satisfactory job are much better because of their more favourable circumstances. The low income worker does not escape from disadvantages on retirement, they follow him or her down the road.

There is one acquisition that can be very useful in later life, and that is a hobby. When time hangs heavy a hobby can brighten many an hour. Besides, it can sometimes be used to earn money. But here again, hobbies are better acquired in earlier life, when learning ability is higher and there is ample time to develop skill and experience.

The point is plain, the time to prepare for the problems of retire-

ment is during the working life. Do what you can to develop your capabilities when you are younger, so that you will be better able to meet the difficulties of your later

Now of course a great number of working people, despite all their efforts, will have to go through life without the skills, education and other advantages enjoyed by the more fortunate. This means that their situation at retirement will be about the same as a very large number of pensioners now have to put up with, unless our society makes a considerable improvement in the lot of the senior citizen.

This is another way of saying that the working person and the pensioner have common problems. The time to put pressure on the government to give a better deal to senior citizens is when you are still working and have some economic power and the advantages of working association with others.

Once you go on pension you are much more on your own and the influence of an individual pensioner is mighty small. The proof of that is that although there are nearly two million senior citizens in Canada the majority of them are living in poverty. Their great numbers are of little value because they are not organized.

It is the responsibility of pensioners, who know all about their difficulties, to make sure that those who are still working are made aware of the situation that awaits them on retirement. After all, working people are supporting those in retirement, and in return for this service they are entitled to any help that seniors can offer.

Besides, most pensioners have children or other younger relatives, and they should be concerned to do whatever they can to make sure that the next generation gets a better deal than they have.

But, most of all, it is the responsibility of those who are working to interest themselves on the situation of the senior citizens, the generation that did so much to help build this country. It is in the interests of working people to improve that situation — it will be theirs one

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Christmas trees eat up energy

By HOWARD HUGGETT

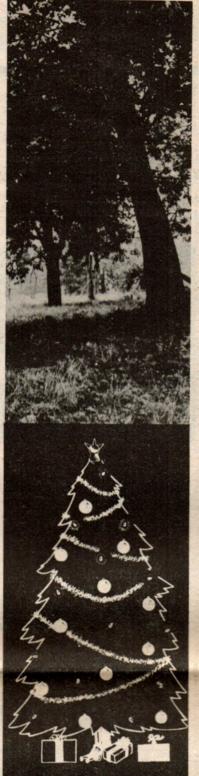
just in case you hadn't noticed, Christmas is coming. Seven News was reminded of that recently when it received a letter from the Christmas Council of Canada, an organization established in 1977 by the country's Christmas Decoration Industry in the interests of energy conservation. Even since the energy crisis descended upon us a few years ago there has been considerable pressure upon homeowners and others to cut down on the use of Christmas lights. The material supplied by the Christmas Council is quite useful in deciding how to meed this situation.

We learn that the manufacturers of Christmas decoration have cut the energy consumption of their products by about 25%. Standard indoor bulbs have been reduced from seven to five watts and outdoor ones from ten to seven watts, and that's encouraging. The Council suggests that the new lower wattage bulbs now be used to replace the older ones, but thrifty citizens are more likely to use up their present supply before buying more. After all, the manufacture of bulbs uses up energy also.

They also suggest that Christmas trees be placed in the corner of a room, and that only the visible parts

of the tree be lighted. Furthermore, it is their recommendation that the lights not be turned on until 7.00 p.m. and be turned off when retiring. And they suggest that indoor Christmas lamps be turned on only when people are in the room.

Before commenting upon these recommendations, I would like to refer to some pertinent information supplied by the Council. According to their statistics, the total residential electrical power consumed for Christmas lighting is only one-twentieth of one percent of all the electrical energy consumed in Canada. That is not very much. The number of kilowatt hours consumed by 50 seven watt bulbs that are used for three hours a day for fifteen days is only 16, as compared with 1,100 kilowatt hours that a toaster would use up throughout the year. The Christmas Council estimated that it would cost .40¢ to burn those bulbs, using a figure of .02½ per kilowatt hour that was supplied to them by Ontario Hydro. That cost figure is now out-of-date, I considerably cheaper but even think. Toronto Hydro rates than Ontario ones, in this city a Hydro bill for a private house shows a cost of over four cents a kilowatt hour. However, 16 kilowatt hours would still only come to about .75¢, which isn't much compared to



mastime. Canadian winter nights are long and dark and cold, and city streets can be very dreary places, so why not spend a little to spread some cheer? I have often thought that Christmas lights could well be left up after the season is over and used to brighten up our dark streets. The small extra cost could be met by turning out a few lights inside the

As to the suggestion that lights not be turned on until 7.00 p.m., that results, no doubt, from the situation that has existed in recent years when Hydro experienced power shortages. During wintertime the period of peak demand is of course between four and seven in the enening when darkness falls, the rush hours starts and stoves come on for the evening meal. However, Ontario Hydro is going into this winter with a very healthy surplus of generating capacity. They recently announced that they expect to have a reserve of 3,750,000 kilowatts when the expected peak of 16,567,000 kilowatts is reached some day in December. In this situation there does not seem to be any need to keep Christmas lights off until

One of the bulletins supplied by the Christmas Council deals with artificial trees. They estimate that one-quarter of all Christmas

the amounts spent at Christ- trees sold this year will be artificial ones, around 250,000 in all. These now come in many sizes and can be dismantled and stored after the festive season is over. And, of course, they can be fire-resistant. With care, they should last ten or fifteen years. From the point of view of economy, convenience and safety, artificial trees make a lot of sense. Of course, some people do not have the room to store them between Christmases.

> The use of artificial trees is one way to avoid the annual slaughter of small On Christmas evergreens. tree plantations the crop is harvested when ready and nothing but the stumps remain, leaving the soil poorer than before and exposing the earth to erosion from wind and water. After Christmas the unwanted trees are thrown into the streets, where they manage to look very sad and forlorn. Then off they go to the garbage dumps with all our other refuse.

A lot of people, for sentimental reasons, will continue to buy the natural trees. However, many others will prefer to use the artificial ones, and that's a good thing. They will be making more land available to grow trees for other uses, such as lumber and fuel.

Darrell Kent new head

of Ward 7 business group

Drop-outs welcomed at Contact School

By KATHRYN ROGERS

The last issue of 7 News ran an article on Contact Schools' recent tutorial week. It occured to us here at the school that the readership may not know much about us.

Contact is a full-time academic high school run by the Toronto Board of Education. It is designed for people who have either dropped out of school or are having difficulty with the program at their current school. The school is geared to people of normal high school age (14 to 21). But people over 21 years of age who can benefit from our program are also welcome. Contact is open to anyone who wants to be in school no mater what grade they were in in their previous school.

For the first three weeks at Contact a student is enrolled on a trial basis. If after that time the student and the staff feel that Contact is the right place for him or her the student is enrolled on a permanent ba-

Contact offers courses in basic English and Mathematics. Classes are organized so that students can work at their own pace and catch up in reading, writing and mathematics. Contact also offers community studies cour-

ses which include academic subjects such as Geography, History, Man in Society, Science, Art, Consumer Studies, Dramatic Arts, and Physical

and Health Education. There is also a Community volunteer program on Wednesday afternoons. All courses offered at Contact are approved by the Ontario Ministry of Education and are worth credits toward the Ontario Secondary School Graduation

Students are involved in school decisions through a General Meeting held once a week. The meetings discuss discipline, after-school activities, trips and make re-commendations on programs. There is also a student comprised Judiciary Committee to make rulings on the conduct of the students.

The school tries to be involved with the community through our Education Centre. The street workers provide an education service to the community, and are involved in community outreach. Every Thursday at noon we are available to talk with people. This service is for students and parents, guidance counsellors and social workers, and anyone else who wants more information on the school. No appointment is necessary.

Group delivers

groceries

The Nutrition Service at Woodgreen Community Centre is compiling a directory of retail grocery outlets, (greengrocers, etc.) that will deliver groceries to homes in the area bounded by Broadview, Danforth, Coxwell and the Lake. The aim of this directory is to assist who are unable to shop person.

Please contact us if you know of any store that delivers, or, if you are owner of a store that will deliver groceries in this area.

We'd appreciate your help! Call Renate Manthei or Barbara Cavin at 461-1168, or leave a message.

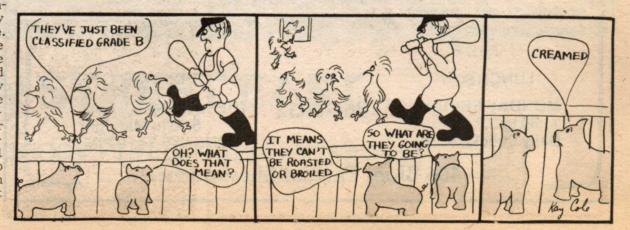
At the annual meeting of the Ward Seven Business and Professional Association held November 27, 1978, at the Ramada Inn, a new slate of officers was elected. Heading the organization for the coming year will be Darrell Kent who replaces retiring president Mrs. Betty Dawson.

Mr. Kent is a long-time resident of Ward Seven and is president of his own real estate firm (Darrell Kent Real Estate Ltd.). He has been active in the Associathose elderly and handicapped tion for some time and served as first vice-president for the past two years.

> The Association which has nearly doubled its membership in the past two years has found additional strength in the large number of new businesses locating in Ward Seven. As president, Kent

sees the organization playing a greater role in the ward through increased membership activities. The Association has its strength in the west side of the ward and will be actively pursuing membership growth in the area from the Don Valley to

Also elected were Chartered Accountant Jack Criger First Vice-President. Carl Orback of Orback, Katzman & Roth, as Second Vice-President, and Heather Aspinall of The Yarn Cupboard, as Third Vice-President. Treasurer is Mary Bender, of Harris Dept. Store, Secretary is Paula Smurlick, of Paula's Fine Wooden Furniture, Corresponding Secretary is David Weenan of Wylie Industries. Auditors are John Paloc and Terry Martel.



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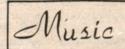
Tony Bird sings about the injustice (and beauty) in Africa

Large record companies, not unlike all other huge corporate entities, have as their first priority maximization of profits. Consequently, out of the over 2,000 records pressed yearly only a handful of artists are ever promoted by their company. The ones so blessed have either already made a name for themselves or--

TONY BIRD OF PARAD

in the record executive's mind--possess the most "commercial potential."

Unfortunately, this kind of thinking means that singers such as the white South



African Tony Bird remain relatively unknown although he writes and sings some of the most socially aware songs in the music world to-

Anyone listening to Bird for the first time, and un-aware of the artist's name, might easily mistake him for Bob Dylan. The only diff-erence is that Bird's voice and message is stronger than Dylan's present-day efforts.

As for putting a label on the South African singer's music, you could just as

easily call it easy listen- the CBS label. The second ing rock, blues or folksinging and still not properly pigeon-hole it.

For those music buffs who might enjoy listening to Bird, and most people would, there are only two albums to choose from. The first one, called simply Tony Bird, was released in 1976 and is only available as an import on

album, released earlier this year by CBS, was pressed in Canada and as such is a lot very popular among cheaper than his first eff-

The latest album, Tony Bird in Paradise, gives a much better indication of the singer's awareness of the oppression of blacks in South Africa. Two cuts in particular, Black Brother, and The Cape of Flowers, demonstrate why Bird is not white South Africans:

'With my mind so tormented in her province I wandered-while beauty and pain mocked my stride--for to feel so much freedom where no freedom exists--was too much in the Cape of Flowers..."



Helen Keller play a tear-jerker

By SETH BORTS

Ward Seven is indeed fortunate to have The Young Peoples Theatre on its doorstep for its latest production -The Miracle Worker -- should touch the hearts and minds of all those who are thinking, feeling human beings.

The story is the William Gibson adaptation of Helen Keller's life story. Simply put, the real miracle worked is not merely the heroic action of Helen's teacher, Mrs. Annie Sullivan. The miracle is that no matter what the obstacles, the hopes, and dreams, and desires and scemes of everyone will be brought to fulfillment. And so the story indicates even the blind and the deaf have eyes and ears within themselves to know this. We all have a place in the universe.

Helen Keller has become deaf and blind at an early age. Her parents, a former captain in the confederate army, and his devoted wife, agonize over the limited scope of their unfortunate offspring. Due to her grow-

ing demands on time and patience the young Helen is fixed up with a prim and proper young northeastern nanny named Anne Sullivan.

heatre

Annie has her work cut out for her. The Kellers hope to compensate for sensual deprivation, by granting the young and shrewdly intelligent Helen anything she wants -- including the food off their plates at every meal. Helen is extremely spoiled, and yet cut off from a world she's never even learned to miss.

Hollis McLaren gives a stunning, sensitive and poignant performance as Annie. Revolting against sheer lack of hope, she attacks the very basis of Helen's problems, her inability to be a part of the world. No sympathy for her. Annie wrenches her obstanant young ward from her loving parents' clutches for a couple of weeks, and helps to "awaken her to her immortal soul.'

For that she'd need to communicate and that's exactly what she does. Via tapping a letter code into young Helen's hand, the world of words paints pictures, sings songs and opens the world to the tactile adventurer.

Lori-Ann Strange, as Hel-en, is buck-toothed and cute as a button. Though she speaks but one word at the end, she steals the show in an astute cuteness that's so obvious it's subtle.

Les Carlson, and Patricia Phillips as doting parents-gave some real eyewatering moments of impact.

Carl Ritchie, as brother gave an offhanded snarkey though polite view of the realities of the situation. Look to him for moments of comic relief.

And look to this production for a touching way to teach your kids that everyone -- even if they are deaf and blind--is a human being just like you or I.

For further information contact The Young People's Theatre, 165 Front St. E., 864-9732.

ONA RIST Read about the television you'd rather not watch

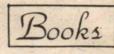
Television: The First Fifty Years By Jeff Greenfield Harry N. Abrams, 280 pp \$36.00

Although it pretends to clearly in the coffee-table, text. gift-giving category. There is a text, but if you want to read about television with a view to gaining understanding or absorbing analysis, there are far better books to turn to. What sets this book apart is the more than 400 photographs, most of them taken from TV programs going back to the early 1950's. It's a nostalgic forgotten memories.

leave you asking yourself how you could have ever to-

Canadian) television has al- ny book.

ways been so horribly bad, you needn't bother with this book, because it won't give you any answers. But if you want to impress a TV nut with a \$36 book, then this volume might do nicely. The pictures are excellent for the most part; you just find yourself wishing that they be more ("this book attempts had put in even more of them to explain") this book is and hadn't bothered with the and hadn't bothered with the Sarah Rothschild



Tube Strips By Bill Plympton Smyrna Press \$2.50

Tube Strips is a completely different look at televi-sion. It's a collection of trip through the past of Bill Plymptom's completely television-land, and for the irreverent and wicked carvast majority of us who have toons, all of which are about spent a lot of our lives in television or the world as front of the tube, it's a seen through the TV. Plymp-chance to bring back long- ton is truly a member of the ton is truly a member of the TV generation; the introduc-Some of the programs I tion to the book, which found myself recalling fond- claims that he spends all of claims that he spends all of ly; many of them, however, his time in front of the TV, may be an exaggeration (maybe not) but he surely must lerated them. Did people spend an awful lot of time really use to watch and en- in front of the tube. Plympjoy Queen for a Day, My Mo- tom's mind has somehow esther the Car, Green Acres, caped frying, however, his or Truth or Consequences? imagination is very much in-If you want to figure out tact, and his cartoons are why American (and therefore excellent. It's a very fun-Sarah Rothschild



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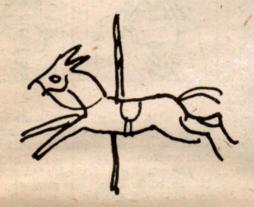
There will be a rummage sale at 155 Sherbourne St. on Saturday December 2 from 10 a.m., with clothing household items, etc., in the recreation room.

Also on Saturday December 2 there will be a senior citizens' Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale from 11 to 3. There will be new craft articles and a white elephant booth, plus a tea room and raffle. At Dix-

on Hall, 58 Sumach St.

And also on December 2 St. Barnabas Church is holding a Christmas tea and mini bazaar in the church hall from 2 to 4:30 p.m. There will be home baking, toys, Christmas de-corations, handicrafts that make great gifts, white elephants, plants, jams and jellies, antiques and things, and much, much more. There will also be a lucky draw. St. Barnabas is at Danforth and Hampton, at the Chester subway.

Go to any or all of these bazaars, and buy Christmas gifts at affordable prices, away from the downtown and mall crowds.



Meetings & Political

Sundays at 2:30 p.m. is the time for the St. Luke's forums, at 353 Sherbourne St. On December 3, the speaker will be Rev. Don Gillies, of the Institute of Human Relations. On December 10, it will be Israel Newell, Everyone welcome.

The monthly meeting of Canadian Pensioners Concerned, East Enders Chapter, will be a Christmas Party and all pensioners are welcome. It's at the usual place, 14 Dewhurst Blvd., Temple Baptist Church, one block west on Donlands subway station. The time is one o'clock on Monday December 4. There will be a short film and presents for every-Light refreshments will be one. served before the meeting.

Should any citizen have the right to sue a company, individual, or government for polluting the environment? the whole question of citizen access to court powers will be addressed by a panel of environmentalists at the Eight Annual Meeting of the Canadian Environmental Law Association on Tuesday December 5 at 8 p.m. at the Innis College Town Hall at the University. For further information contact Michael Perley at 978-7156.
The Co-operative Housing Federa-

tion of Toronto is looking for people who would like to become a part of Woodworth Housing Co-operative in the new St. Lawrence Neighbour-Woodsworth is a non-profit co-operative which means housing at cost, resident control and community participation. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday December 12 at 8:00 p.m. at 299 Queen St. W., Suite 501. For further information call 598-1641.

Educational

Free English Classes are available at 417 Gerrard St. East on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. There are classes from beginner to advanced.

The Speakers' Hour at Contact School is open to anyone who is interested in coming. Speakers' hours are held every Tuesday morning from 9:50 to 10:50. On December 5, Alan Strater of the Civil Liberties Association will speak on The RCMP and the MacDonald Commission. On December 12, the tentative topic is The Indian and the City.

Exhibitions

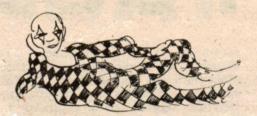
The world of children, of childhood images and fantasies, and most of all, playthings, influenced illustrator and humourist. Walter Trier's work. Images of Toys, an exhibition of 36 of his delightful watercolours for his book Spielzeug, will be exhibited at the Art Gallery of Ontario beginning November 18, continuing until December 31.

Entertainment

Theatre Next Door presents Sha-kespeare's Comedy of Errors on December 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9 at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of 240 Wellesley St. e. Tickets are \$3; senior citizens \$2. Group rates are available. For information or reservations call 961-4016 or 483-

St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. E., will feature Advent lessons and carols at 7:30 p.m. on December 3, with the St. Paul's Choir and St. Paul's Singers, On December 14, there will be a Thursday Noon Recital with organist Joan Tobin.

The Alumnae Theatre, 79 Berkeley St., presents Norma Edwards in The Women of Margaret Laurence from December 5 to 10.



The Canadian Electronic Ensemble presents new works by David Grimes, Derek Healey, Gayle Young at The Theatre Upstairs, 26 Berkeley St. on December 14 at 9 p.m. Call 864-9994 for more details.

Jarvis Collegiate's annual Christmas concert, presented by the Music Department and featuring the Concert Choir, Girl's Choir, Intermediate and Junior Choirs and String Quartet, will be held on Monday, December 4 at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor St. E. at Jarvis. Admission is \$2.00.

St. Paul's Centre, 121 Avenue Rd., is holding a special fundraising benefit on Saturday December 2. The evening will present a variety of performances by members, groups and associates starting at 8 p.m. Following the performance, a community dance will be held. A light buffet, cash bar and music will of-fer all those attending the opportunity to relax and enjoy a fun evening with friends.

The Theatre Second Floor, 86 Parliament St., will present Action, a one-act play by Sam Shepard from December 2 through December 23. Nightly, at 9 p.m., Wednesdays through Mondays. \$3.00. Call 364-4025 for reservations and informa-

The Continuing Committee on Race Relations, presents a Christmas Dance on Friday December 8 at 8 p.m. at 175 St. Clair Ave. W. Advance tickets \$3, at the door: \$4. Call 960-0041 or 781-0245 for tickets.

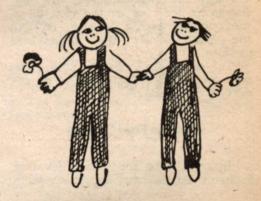
Games & Recreation

There are free yoga classes on Fridays at 3:30 p.m. at Contact School, 310 Gerrard St. E. Everyone welcome, call 967-5258 for de-

There is adult and senior citizens' bingo in the main floor lounge of 41 Oak St. on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. Admission is 35¢, which gets you 2 play cards. Other cards are 3 for 25¢. There are 12 games plus 3 special games, and 5 games at one line. Free refreshments. Come and have an afternoon of bingo fun.

Kids' Stuff

This December, Alladin, his magic lamp, and a mysterious genie will appear at the Royal Ontario Mr seum. The Pepi Puppet Theatre will present an adaptation of this story, twice daily, at 2 and 3:30 p.m. on December 2, 9, and 16. Tickets go on sale one hour before show time. Entrance fee is \$1 plus Museum admission. Call 497-0916 for advance tickets.



Ongoing

From a Different Perspective - a weekly, half-hour radio programme of interviews, news and analysis on the developing world, especially as it relates to Canada. Listen to it on CJRT-FM 91.1 Mondays at 7 p.m. On December 4, host Peter Davies talks to John Saul and Brenda Johnson about their visit to Mozambique. On December 11, Joe Tubino is interviewed about his recent visit to Peru, followed by news from Malay-

The Danforth and Riverdale Libraries are presenting various Christmas crafts and parties throughout December. Contact the libraries for more information.

History of Jarvis

Jarvis Collegiate wi-1 publish a History of Jarvis Collegiate late next year. The book will be 300 pages in length and will contain approximately 150 sketches and photographs, including a print from the account book of George O'Kill Stuart, who opened the school on June 1, 1807.

Filipino Parents' Association

The newly elected officers of the filipino Parents Association of Metropolitan Toronto were inducted recently at the Lynch Hall of Our-Lady of Kourdes Church on Sherbourne St. with Rev. Fr. Joseph Johnson, S.J., as inducting officer, giving

inspiring advice on unity and love before inducting the 17 directors. Julia Castillo, a former public school teacher and Dr. Honesto Fènol, a former dental officer of the Philippine Army in the Philippines, headed the list of inductees as president and vice president of FIL-PAR, for the incoming year 1979. Also inducted were Mrs. Sabina G. Consolacion, secretary; Mrs. Rosario Flores, assistant secretary; Mrs. Loring Buera, treasurer; Mrs. Emilia Javier, assistant treasurer; Marcelino Candelario, auditor; Melchor Caceres, assistant auditor; Mrs. Frances Brillantes, public relations officer; Antonio Tuliao, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Feluza Lucas,

assistant; directors: Dr. Emilio Javier, Nicanor Tumbocon, Pete Ban-

gcaya, Severo Belen, Amanda Borgonia and Magdalena Imperial. The new officers will be presented to Filipinos of Metro Toronto at a Christmas ball on December 16.

Hospital Association President

Professor John Wevers, Chairman of the Board of Governors of Central Hospital at 333 Sherbourne St., has been named President of the Ontario Hospital Association for the 1978-79 term. Wevers has been on the Board of Central Hospital since 1963, and chairman of the board since 1967. He was first elected to the OHA Board of Directors in 1974, and is a past Chairman of the Hospital Council of Metro Toronto. Wevers teaches at the University of Toronto.

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FOOD PRICES: UP

By MARIO CUTAJAR

Ask a bureaucrat a simple question and he/she will give you a snow job.

Ask why food prices never seem to stop rising and they'll give you Beryl Plumptre. She'll tell you that that's the way things are.

Understandibly people long ago stopped looking for answers from the government. But the answers are there.

When you're trying to figure out why things are a certain way, its often a good idea to see where the miney is going. Who is getting most of our food dollar?

Not the farmers. Most of them are worse off than the consumers. And not "labour" either. The people who work for manufacturers are having as hard a time as the rest of us. Their wages aren't keeping up with the prices of what they themselves produce.

To understand food prices, we have to remember that food is an industry in Canada.

Canadian Food Industry

In fact, the food and beverage industry is the most important manu-

facturing industry in Canada. It accounts for 18 per cent of all manufacturing and 13.4 percent (218,333) of all those employed in manufacturing, the largest number employed by any one industry.

Since the 1930's Canada has had a so-called "cheap-food policy". Under this policy imports of food are exempted from tariffs and quotas and farmers are given as few direct subsidies as possible. Yet in practice, as we know, this policy has not kept food cheap. But it has served to drive ordinary farmers bankrupt even as the giant agribusiness concerns have made a killing.

Farmers as Victims

In a time of high food prices there is a tendency to lump producers, manufacturers and sellers together as part of the same ripoff. People figure that if the farmer grows the food and food is expensive then the farmer must be getting rich. But in reality, as prices have steadily risen, farmers have just as steadily been getting poorer.

Between 1951 and 1971 poverty

caused a 70 per cent—decline in the number (not sixe) of farms and a large-scale migration from the land to the cities. Comprising 21 per cent of the work force in 1951, farmers had, by 1971, declined to 6 per cent of the work force. During that same period farm debt increased by 160 per cent, from \$1.8 billion to \$4.7 billion.

At the same time investment in farms went from \$13 billion to \$23 billion. The decline in the number of farms, in other words, has simply meant the absorption of the smaller units into the bigger ones. The same policy that drove the farmers off the land was also a great opportunity for the monopolies to move in. The "cheap food" policy in practice only guaranteed cheap farm prices.

The plight of the potato growers in New Brunswick illustrates what has been happening all over Canada.

In between 1965 and 1974 the average price per hundred-weight (cwt) paid to the farmers dropped from \$4.40/cwt to \$2.27/cwt, a decline of 1 per cent each year, not including inflation. In the same period farm costs were increasing by 5.6 per cent a year.

This has meant that the farmer in order to maintain his income has had to grow more and more potatoes. But the more production increases the more the price of potatoes is depressed and farm costs increased. The farmer is thus caught in a cycle from which he only escapes when he goes bankrupt.

The only ones to benefit from this state of affairs have been large corporations like the A.D. McCain Company. McCain is a company involved in all aspects of potato production and processing. Farmers buy machinery and fertilizer from McCain and sell their produce to the company. Though the farmers are encouraged to believe they are independent producers most of them in fact end up, through debt, working for the company.

Credit extended to a farmer by one of the McCain companies, for example, is a debt owed to all. If he still owes money when he takes his produce in to another McCain subsidiary the company can deduct the debt from what it pays him for his produce. And the farmer has little choice but to sell to McCain. Unless the farmer wants to let himself at the mercy of a notoriously fluctuat-

ing market he will sign a contract with the company specifying the volume, price and quality of the produce he has to sell McCain the next year.

Once the farmer gets in debt with the company he is tied to it for the rest of his life. As one farmer put it: "There is no way the farmer will ever pay back. Once a farmer's in debt to McCain's he's gone. There's never another good year."

A hostile environment is the least worry of the farmer. Farmers have survived droughts, frosts, floods and disease. What they can't



cope with is the rapaciousness of their creditors. The real cause of hardship is not nature but other men, businessmen.

The weather, for instance, has little to do with how much the farmer will get for his crop. How the company manipulates the market is more important.

In 1976 there was a drought in New Brunswick. By all predictions the farm price of potatoes ought to have increased. By all predictions, that is, except McCains. The company, in fact, insisted on paying the farmers \$3.32/cwt even though the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture estimated that it cost the farmers \$3.75 just to grow the potatoes. All McCain needed was a licence to import potatoes. This the Federal Department of Agriculture obligingly granted and McCain was able, once again, to get its own way.

But good weather can be as much of a disaster as bad. The year previous to the drought turned out to be a bumper year. As a result incomes in New Brunswick and Prince

Farmers left behind as food costs rise

Increases in food prices are far outstripping increases in farm prices, according to a recent study. Between mid-1977 and mid-1978, farm prices (i.e., prices paid to farmers) went up by 14.9 per cent. In the same time, supermarket prices went up almost twice as much, by 26 per cent.

Another interesting fact that emerges is that prices to consumers go up not only when farm prices increase, but also when they decrease. Between June and July of this year, for example, the Farm Price Index actually dropped 2 per cent. The lowered costs were not passed on to consumers, however--prices rose anyway.



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Edward Island declined by 41 per cent and 22 per cent respectively. The market price of potatoes in Montreal, however, only went down 5.4 per cent, this at the same time that farmers in the two potato provinces had to have their incomes supplemented by government handouts. In effect consumers paid twice: they still paid a high price for the potatoes and then paid again through their taxes to maintain the farmers at a subsistence level. The money in both cases goes to companies like McCain. The subsidies paid to the farmer are what enable him to sell his produce to the com



price below what it actually costs him to grow them. Money defies gra-vity: it goes from the lower to the

higher income group.

The plight of the New Brunswick farmers merely illustrates what has been happening on a national scale. By 1971, 43.5 per cent of farm families were in the "low income" bracket, meaning that these families were living on less than \$4,000 for a family of five. At the same time the farm's share in the price of food fell from 60 per cent (1949) to 37 per cent (1973). By comparison packaging costs today may make up as much as 25 per cent of the final pro-

This shift in the relative importance of farm and packaging costs indicates the porfound changes that have taken place in the way food is manufactured and sold. As we shall see, small stores, like small farms, have been muscled out by the large chain stores. This together with the proliferation of "new" food items is the source of both the high price of food and the deterioration in its quality. What happens to food after it is harvested and sold

to the food conglomerates is ultimately what determines the pattern of consumption.

Labour Not to Blame

There is a myth propogated by the press and encouraged by the government that high food prices are caused by high wages in the food industry. This despite the fact that the average wage in the food and beverage industry is below the average manufacturing wage.

Low wages in the food industry have several causes. The primary one is the industry's drive towards profits. High profits are possible only if costs are low and costs are low when wages are low. This is a universal principle, the ideal of all manufacturers and not just the food companies. What facilitates putting this ideal into practice in the case of the food industry is the low level of unionization among employees and the above average proportion of women workers. while in manufacturing as a whole 72 per cent of the employees are unionized, the percentage in the food and beverage industry is only 54 per cent.

Likewise, while the percentage of women workers in manufacturing as a whole is 22.9 per cent, in the food and beverage industry this percen-tage is 26.9 per cent. These women earn 47 per cent less than their Wages in each male counterparts. sector of the food industry and the proportion of women workers in each are given in Table I. Note teh cor-relation between the proportion of women workers and the average wage.

Low wages in the food industry are such common knowledge that even Beryl Plumptre, a staunch defender of corporate interests, has had to admit that wages represent "a small fraction of the price increases".

The Culprits

Clearly neither the farmers nor the workers in food manufacturing are the source of high prices. villains are the corporations.

In Canada, as in the United States the food industry is highly concentrated. In products like flour and

breakfast cerials, vegetable oil, sugar and beer, the top four firms may account for over 80 per cent of all sales. Even this fact, however, fails to adequately illustrate the extent of concentration. A number of firms are highly diversified with out actually having monopolies in any one sector. John Labatt's, for example, is involved not only in brewing, but also in wine, canned and forzen foods, dairies, food services, confectionery, flour mills, bakeries, feeds, hatcheries and poultry processing. Gulf and Western, besides owning Paramount Pictures, has farming, processing and packaging interests.

Concentration accounts for the fact that in Canada in 1971, 1.5 (one-and-a-half!) percent of the total number of food firms were credited with 75 per cent of total sales.

Not surprisingly profit rates in the food business are double the industrial average. Price fixing is easy since diversification allows a firm to make up temporary losses in one sector by profits from another. Moreover, between large conglomer-

ates, a "live and let live" atmosphere prevails that allows a firm to raise prices without being undercut by the others. Instead the other firms eventually follow the leader and raise their prices. The whole thing requires no formal agreement and thus remains outside the jurisdiction of anti-combine legislation.

Along with increasing concentration there has been a disastrous decline in the number of small food manufacturers. Between 1961 and 1971, 2,000 food and beverage plants went bankrupt, a decline of 28 per cent. Most of these failures were small, private of co-operative firms, a large number of them Canadian In Quebec alone the number of milk processing plants went down from 1,080 to 160, then in the space of just over 20 years (1951-74). The winners in every case are the large firms, most of them American.

Part One of two articles. In the next issue of Seven News, we will look at Advertising, marketing, American Domination, and the role of government.

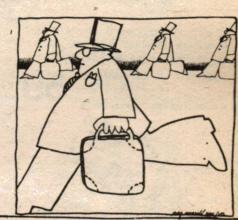
Industry profits soar 63 per cent

Canada's official inflation monitoring agency criticized skyrocket-ing profits in the food industry on Monday.

In a report to the first ministers' conference on the economy, the Centre for the Study of Inflation and Productivity said that profits per unit of output have risen by a phenomenal 63 per cent between the first and third quarters of this year alone. Food prices have naturally also risen quickly in the same period. Overall corporate profits have increased by 22.8 per cent.

By contrast, the annual rate of increase in wages has been 8 per cent, lower than the rate of inflation. In the food industry, wages have not even kept pace with the average. Profits in the food industry have risen at about ten times the rate of wages. The Centre also noted that corporations have been

making a killing from the falling Canadian dollar. Instead of using the decline in the dollar to improve their competiveness and stimulate the economy, companies have been jacking their prices up to take advantage of the fact that foreign imports are now costing more.



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SPORTS

Cabbagetown boxers stay on their feet and win

Results of an amateur boxing show held at the Cabbagetown Youth Centre, Tuesday, Nov-

70 lb. class: Dwight Scarlett, Cabbagetown, lost out to Mike Leggatt of Sudbury.

100 lb. class: Asif Dar, the Pakistani Panther, Cabbagetown, lost a controversial decision to Canadian Junior Champion, Chris Rannelli of sudbury. Most persons thought Asif won, but the judges deemed otherwise.

120 lb. class: Shawn O' Sullivan, Cabbagetown, won decisively over Rick Rannelli, of Sudbury, Shawn is also a Junior Canadian Champ.

Heavyweight class: Alex Williamson, Cabbagetown, defeated Roger Landrault, Coppercliff.

130 lb. class: Don Poole, of Cabbagetown, 1978 Ontario Intermediate Champ, defeated Adrian Agostini, Junction, B.C. via a third round TKO.

147 lb. class: Don Marshall, Cabbagetown, had no trouble in decisioning Rick Coburn, Toronto A.C.

A team of six boxers was chosen to represent the Central Region (Metro Toronto) at the 1979 Intermediate Ontario Championships Kingston in December. They

119 lbs: Mark Leduc, Landsdowne

126 lbs: Don Poole, Cabbagetown

132 lbs: Adrian Agostini, Junction

147 lbs: Rick Colburn, Toronto A.C.

150 lbs: Gary Grey, Rexdale 165 lbs: Tony Morrison, Cabbagetown

Results of Bouts Held at Cabbagetown Youth Centre, Sun-

day, November 1974 55 lb. class: Conrad Gray, Cabbagetown, outpointed Jim McPherson of Bramalea.

75 lb. class: Carlos Taggett, Cabbagetown, decisioned Howie Smith of Rexdale.

75 lb. class: John Shaw of Cabbagetown took just two rounds to defeat Peter Mor-

rish, Rexdale. 85 lb. class: Donnie Dill Cabbagetown floored Issam Sawah, Rexdale, in the 2nd round. The referee stopped the bout ...

147 lb. class: Ginel Gheta Cabbagetown, scored a TKO in the first round over Mike Desantos, Rexdale. This was Ginel's first bout.

120 lb. class: Ivan Hughes Cabbagetown, lost a close one to Classy Dwight Fraser of Bramalea.

156 lb. class: Fitzroy Gayle, Cabbagetown won over James Romani, Clairlea.

120 lb. class: Vince Pileggi, Cabbagetown, defeated Remo Di Carlo, St. Leonard's. Federal MP for Rosedale

riding, David Crombie was on hand and complimented the boxers on their fine efforts. Mr. Crombie was an amateur boxing champion himself, some years ago.

Footnote: It was recently reported that John Shaw lost a bout in Sudbury to Mike Leggatt. In fact, John won that bout quite handily.

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My ad should read as follows: ...

Girls' teams at Jarvis busy chalking up wins

The Girls' Physical Edu- swim team this year. busy this fall with five incial Girls' Athletic Council activities.

The field hockey team unted in the first out for the Ontario Squad.

ing hard and steadily im-Mrs. D. Dobson, have had have had a busy fall. quarter-finals.

to the semi-finals.

Harvis has had a large planned.

cation Department has been Miss McQueen, and student help from John Hinds and Ann terschool teams, with inter- Curry, the team has had a form activities and with spe- good season. They are preparing for the individual finals at Etobicoke Olympium.

The cross-country team, der Miss M. Misko participa- with their coach, Mrs. E. year of a Stark, placed first TSSWAA sanctioned league and city at the finals on Octoplaced third overall in their ber 24. The Midget team and final city tournament. Dur- the Senior team, as well as ing their season four girls one Junior runner, qualified (Paula Heal, Jennie McLean, to run in the Ontario finals. Dawn McNeil and Jennifer Outstanding performances in Morton) were asked to try the Ontario finals (OFSAA) were turned in by Cathy Red-There are two teams in dell-Green, Arlene Williams basketball this year. The and Beckie Brooke. The Mid-Junior team, with coach Mr. get team placed 14th overall N. Loberto, have been work in Ontario.

The Girls' Athletic Counproving during their season. cil, who organize and operate The Senior team, under coach the girls' interform sports, some close games with over- have run a Junior-Senior times and ultimate wins; they basketball tournament, a are preparing to go to the cross-country interform race and a Grade 9 welcome night. The Tennis team, under Their second annual Sadie Mrs. G. Burnell and Miss J. Hawkins right was a tremen-Turnbull, with student coach dous success. With Irene Cathy Masterson, progressed Murphy as president, this year will be active and well-

Who did your neighbourhood pick in municipal election?

By ROB HUTCHISON

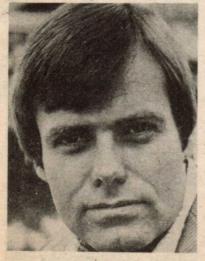
Shortly after the polls closed on November 13th the results began to trickle in from the sparsely populated south end of the ward. Allready the eventual winners

seemed to be taking command-bourhood rather than ing leads. Over the next Such neighbourhood hour individual polls momen- give an idea of how the voother areas of the ward exopinion.

The list below gives the ward vote totals by neigh-

bourhood rather than by poll. tarily confused the issue as ters of a certain area felt about the candidates, where pressed their differences of candidates were strongest, and where weakest. Only the stronger candidates have been included below.

Playter-Broadview (Polls 139-150)	St. Jamestown	South of Carlton (Polls 49-162, 157)	Regent Park South (Polls 28; 33-36; 41-42)	
Alderman	Alderman	Alderman	Alderman	
Cressy 1201	Cressy 1931	Cressy 962	Cressy 503	
Howard 823	Howard 1304	Howard 959	Howard 373	
Paton 578	Paton 897	Paton 347	Paton 63	
Trustee	Trustee	Trustee	Trustee	
D	Brown 346	Brown 118	Brown 33	
Brown 205	Dixon 219	Dixon 112	Dixon 91	
Dixon 127	Holmes 644	Holmes 363	Holmes 206	
Holmes 450	Kitson 197	Kitson 174	Kitson 93	
Kitson 154	Martel 649	Martel 449	Martell 186	
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Tulip 474				
North Riverdale	North Riverdale West of St. Jamestown		Moss Park	
(Polls 112-138)	(Polls 151-154)	(Polls 96-110)	(Polls 46-48)	
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Paton 858	Paton 126	Howard 1071 Paton 450	Howard 342 Paton 94	
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Trustee	Trustee	Trustee	Trustee	
Brown 347	Brown 27	Brown 75	Brown 49	
Dixon 231	Dixon 30	Dixon 89	Dixon 48	
Holmes 726	Holmes 62	Holmes 425	Holmes 142	
Kitson 358	Kitson 23	Kitson 193	Kitson 37	
Martell 1296	Martel 56	Martel 838	Martell 171	
Tulip 790	Tulip 128	Tulip 504	Tulip 80	
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South Riverdale (Polls 6-27; 111)	South of St. Jamestown (Polls 63-69)	Regent Park North (Polls 29-32; 37-40;	South of Queen (Polls 1-5)	
		43-45; 156)		
Alderman	Alderman	Alderman	Alderman	
Cressy 1371	Cressy 349	Cressy 912	Cressy 213	
Howard 1123	Howard 333	Howard 660	Howard 205	
Patton 432	Paton 110	Paton 192	Paton 59	
Trustee	Trustee	Trustee	Trustee	
Brown 89	Brown 43	Brown 119	Brown 26	
Dixon 155	Dixon 34	Dixon 68	Dixon 49	
Holmes 496	Holmes 119	Holmes 271	Holmes 60	
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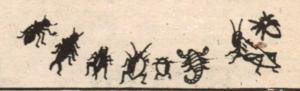
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(Con't from page 1)

Help Stop Verbal Abuse

-- Vicious ethnic jokes do not bear repeating, or laugh-(Have you heard the joke about the bigot who...)

-- Ask the phone company for assistance in tracing callers who conduct racist attacks.

-- Encourage victims to appeal for help with the administrators and enforcers of justice in the communi-

-- Have a talk with the parents and teachers of young people who shout racist slogans, even if that means having a talk with yourself.

Help Stop Printed Abuse

-- Erase or cover racist grafitti or slogans.

-- Criticize directly or indirectly sources of obviously biased or insensitive made it" (white).

media coverage of racial incidents.

-- Encourage students from the minority ethnic populations to become journalists, and help those with journalistic skills to obtain positions in the media.

-- Submit letters to the editor to counter the many defensive, reactionary letters from some members of earlier "elite" migrations to Canada who 'never complained, worked hard and

Buddy System in Metro

-- If you employ baby sitters, choose them with various ethnic backgrounds.

-- Take affirmative action against any activity in Metro that might serve to drive minority people into a psy-

Help Build an Interracial chological and/or physical

--Volunteer a little of your time each month to community activities directed at opening up new channels of communication amongst our diverse ethnic populations.

The Whitepainters Have Landed

The Whitepainters have landed! As they advance, rundown houses are facelifted and sleazy stores trans-

formed. Local people are

surrounded and driven away. The radical alderman squirms slightly as he is whitepainted to be mayor.

Tom Clement

School club studies different cultures

During the winter of 1977-78, a group of visible minority group students at Jarvis Collegiate formed the International Club. These students wanted an opportunity to learn more about the histories and cultures of their own people and those of other groups not normally studied in the school curri-They also wanted a club which would be a vehicle for sharing this information with all Jarvisites, regardless of background. The name, International Club was chosen so that everyone would feel welcome.

In the past ten months, the club has organized meetings devoted to music around the world, games around the world, the culture of Pakistan, the struggle for independence in Rhodesia/Zimbawe, the racial oppression of South Africa, an international feast, a folk-dancing workshop, a dinner in a Chinese restaurant, viewing the T.W.P.'s production of Athol Fugard's play The Island, a skating party, an evening of film dealing with racial pre- or cultural background. And judice, a picnic and two very successful dance par-

In the near future, the club intends to have meetings devoted to Hungarian culture, the essence of Judaism, a Jamaican feature film, a visit to a Native People's Reserve, another skating party...

In addition to, and more important than, the actual formal events listed above, the club has created a network of friends transcending all grade levels and all differences of racial, ethnic that is what the international Club at Jarvis is all about.



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