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Photo by Cherry Hassard

## Parents have say in hiring teachers

By JOANN HUTCHISON

A group of Ward 7 parents were told recently that they could have considerable influence on the effects of declining enrolment and provincial cutbacks. Menno Vorster, president of the Toronto Teachers' Federation, told the parents, "You think we have the power, but we know you have it."

Vorster was one of several speakers who addressed 27 Ward 7 parents currently serving on school staffing committees.

Staffing committees are supposed to give parents some direct input into how teachers are placed in the school for the coming year. The committee has three specific functions: to determine the number and size of classes, the number and length of teaching and non-teaching periods, and how students will be supervised when not being taught. A staffing committee is composed of the school principal, and representatives of the parents and teachers.

...See: Not aware — pg. 8

## They help those who can't help themselves

An organization called Care-Ring is about to begin in our community — providing we can get enough volunteers.

This group through a volunteer service hopes to care for the needs of the elderly, lonely, even perhaps helpless people in the area. It's a big area — Bay Street to the Don, North of Bloor to the Lake, the large downtown area. Volunteers will work on a one-to-one basis, taking people to hospital or to the doctor, helping with the shopping, looking after some minor emergency. Or, most likely, becoming a friend to some lonely person.

A Co-ordinator has been appointed and starts on 3rd May. An office has been donated by All Saints' Church, but till the phone is installed, please call 924-2543 (Neighbourhood Information Post) of, if busy, All Saints' 368-7977. Give your name and telephone number and the co-ordinator will contact you in time. Perhaps you would like to give an hour or two each week or every other week.

We hope this group, which is supported by the local agencies and churches, will do a big job, and supplement what is already being done by Tenants' groups, Central Neighbourhood, Dixon Hall etc.

Annual canoe outing

## Going down the dirty Don

By HOWARD HUGGETT

Do you remember last Saturday morning, the one following Good Friday? It was a typical April morning, with overcast skies and a cold unrelenting rain pelting down. A good morning, you would say, to stay in bed. Well for a determined group of dedicated canoeists it was a day to drive to the Don River at Serena Gundy Park with their craft on top of their cars and paddle down the rain-swollen stream to Harbourfront on the lakeshore. Last Saturday was the annual Don River Day, the seventh canoe trip down the stream.

Serena Gundy Park never looked so bright as they gathered at the river bank in their colourful outfits, yellow or orange oilskins, wind-breakers, ponchos, whatever. The canoes came in more shades than the clothes, from white to black and everything in between. With life-preservers strapped on they slid and clambered down the muddy bank to launch their craft into the fast moving stream. As for the reporters and photographers who turned out

to record the event, some of them were as colourful as the canoers. It was a photographers delight.

Don't ask me how many crafts there were. Some had already started when I reached the park just after ten o'clock and they were still pulling into the parking lot when I left around eleven. When I arrived at that stretch of the river that is above Pottery Road Bridge the first thing I saw was a yellow canoe floating upside down, the paddles beside us as everything was swept rapidly downstream. Rather a sobering sight, because you naturally wonder what happened to the occupants. Fortunately they came into view, walking down the bank and dripping wet.

After driving the luckless pair downstream to where their car was parked I returned to the riverbank in the stretch above Riverdale Park, the one that lies between the two railway lines and runs underneath the Bloor Street Viaduct. By this time old Mother Nature had finally gotten into the spirit of the day and produced some warm spring sunshine. (About time too, she should

have been ashamed of herself.) Down here the pace was more leisurely and some had even beached their canoes and were eating lunch on the bank.

What was it all about? This dedicated band, and they varied from youngsters to a few who were long past their youth, were trying to tell us something. The message is that down in this valley, lined with high-rises and laced with throughways and railroad tracks, there is a precious thing — a river. The very existence of Toronto is due in a large part to the Don, for it has helped to fashion our history. Not enough is being done to preserve and improve the valley, to make it a place of beauty and relaxation in the midst of a welter of steel and asphalt, brick and stone.

It was delightful for one day to see the little river alive with canoes. Long before the Europeans came to this land canoes must have gone up and down the stream. The canoe, the creation of the Indian peoples, played a vital part in the building of our country. It is a part of our history, let us cherish it always.

City Council approves \$144,000 expenditure

## New Frankland school moves one step closer

By ROB HUTCHISON

Inflation is pushing up the cost of the proposed new Frankland School. The old Logan Avenue school is in dilapidated condition and is beyond repair.

Despite recommendations to build in their own reports, the Ontario government has refused funding for the new school in 1978 and 1979. Over those two years rising building costs have caused a shortfall in the City's original commitment of \$114,000.

A request by the Toronto Board of Education was presented to City Hall several weeks ago asking that the shortfall be covered by the city. Although City Council agreed to the extra money at a meeting Tuesday, the Board of Education received a few anxious minutes during a meeting of the city's Executive Committee last Wednesday.

At that meeting, city budget chief Art Eggleton said "no way" to the request for the extra \$114,000.

For once alderman Fred Beavis and Mayor John Sewell saw eye to eye, arguing that the money wouldn't be needed until next year and could be included in the 1980 budget.

Later Alderman Gordon Cressy noted that the school had been originally promised in 1964 by then-trustee Bill Lang. He said that Alderman Janet Howard had been fighting for years to keep the school on the City's agenda, and it was about time something was actually done about it.

The new school is being financed by the Board of Education through a special City-wide local levy that is normally used in such circumstances. Since the Ontario government's refusal of funding a large number of cuts in materials, lighting, windows, site and electrical work etc. have had to be made in the proposed school's budget.



The old Frankland School is falling apart.

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### Meetings

If you live in the Don Mount Court or Winchester School area you're going to wake up to a new park in the very near future. If you want to know what the park will look like, or if you want to have some input into the final plans, there are public meetings coming up in the next two weeks. Turn to the Community Calendar on page 5 and look under the events scheduled for April 3 and May 1 for a meeting near you.



It's Forsythia Festival Time

# Get out your party shoes

It's almost that time again, Ward 7's annual Forsythia Festival is a little more than two weeks away, and preparations are in high gear.

This year's festival, masterminded as always by local character Tony Brady, will be taking place in Hillcrest Park on Sunday May 6. (Hillcrest Park is at the eastern end of Wellesley St., three blocks east of Parliament.)

Included in the celebrations this year will be a parade leaving Avenue Road and Bloor at noon, and heading along Bloor, Yonge, Carlton, Parliament, and Wellesley; a host of clowns, 1000 pigeons, as well as the old favourites like a bike decorating contest, the mutt show, and of course the ceremonial planting of Forsythia bushes.

Also connected to the festival is an Old Cabbagetown art show at

Parliament and Carlton, which previews on Saturday May 5, officially opens May 6, and continues for the three following Saturdays. In addition DACHI is sponsoring a spring clean-up campaign for the area in connection with the festival.

Watch for more information on the festival in the next issue of 7 News.



## Someone fixes your car but you pump the gas

Readers of 7 News will be aware of the controversy surrounding Texaco's plan to turn the gas station at Amelia and Parliament into a self-serve gas bar. Residents have objected to the loss of service facilities that the change would mean. The protests seem to have had some effect: in a letter to Alderman Janet Howard, Texaco President R.W. Sparks has said that

the car wash and mechanical facilities will be retained after all, although plans to make the gas pumps self-serve are still to go ahead. A City by-law attempts to control self-serve stations, but at present it is possible to get around it by just offering one service, such as lubrication, in addition to selling gas. Alderman Howard is attempting to get the bylaw tightened up.

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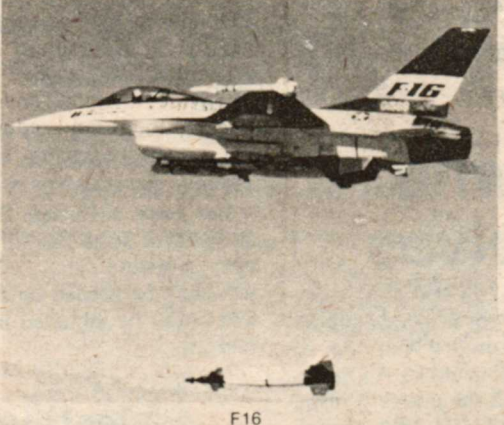
than 3,000 tactical aircraft based on 200 airfields in Europe. And NATO's planes, ships and missiles are capable now of wiping out most cities on earth several times over.

It is said that new fighters mean more jobs. But according to the United States Bureau of Labour Statistics, military aircraft produce fewer jobs than almost any other industry.

Will the new fighters add to our security? The United Nations Special Session on Disarmament, meeting this summer in New York, stated: "Enduring international peace and security cannot be built on the accumulation of weaponry by military alliances . . ." At that Special Session, Prime Minister Trudeau said that "conventional weapons are the germs of a highly contagious disease." He called for a "strategy of suffocation" in which the global arms race "would be deprived of the oxygen (resources) on which it feeds."

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# Parent/teacher group wants education upgraded

The Toronto East Community Council is a council seeking to draw together representatives from all schools under the Toronto Board of Education in Wards 7, 8, and 9. Its basic purpose is to "achieve the best possible education for children in this area."

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In the spring of 1978 it became clear that declining enrolment in Riverdale Collegiate meant a substantial drop in the number of teachers in that school, and the loss of some important programs; this caused some students to become very concerned about the future of the Collegiate. With the support of Mr. Neal, the principal, they gathered a group of teachers and parents to discuss the matter. A number of meetings were held, at which plans were laid for a large public meeting in Riverdale's auditorium. About 400 students, parents, and teachers attended this meeting. Unfortunately, by this time it was late spring. A petition was launched and in a short time nearly 1000 signatures were collected. It was impossible, however, to do further planning or action due to the summer break. In the fall, a small group of those concerned parents and teachers met to consider the next step.

Two meetings were held with representatives from 15 of the schools in the area. However, by the second meeting it had become clear that Riverdale's problems were shared by many other schools, and that the organization should not pick boundaries related to Riverdale Collegiate, but determined by the Ward structure of the City. The decision was then taken

to extend the area to include all of Wards 7, 8 and 9. At these meetings the following structure was agreed upon.

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

"We are an organization of parents, teachers and community members called the "Toronto East Community Council". This organization is being set up to achieve the best possible education for the children of this area. Within this goal, the organization will attempt to carry out the following:

a) to work together to inform parents, staff and community as to what each is doing in the ultimate aim of quality education.

b) to stop cutbacks that lower the quality of education in our area.

c) to co-ordinate action in all schools, and in the community itself.

d) to educate parents and community members as to the effects of cutbacks on students.

e) to actively encourage the establishment of school-community organizations, and to support them in becoming meaningfully involved in important decisions affecting their schools.

## STRUCTURE

The following proposals were accepted:

1) that meetings be open to all.

2) that schools be encouraged to send at least two parents, one teacher, and one student, where appropriate.

3) that there be one vote per school, and that a simple majority carries the motion.

4) that representation be selected by one of the following methods (in descending order of desirability):

a) a parent-teacher organization would select or appoint representatives.

b) a parent group would elect the parents, and a staff meeting would elect the teacher.

c) the staffing committee of a school would select representatives.

d) the Principal of a school would appoint representatives.

e) if none of the above are possible, any interested person could volunteer until such time as his/her representation could be ratified by a school organization.

## RECOGNITION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

It was agreed that the Trustees of Wards 7, 8, and 9 should be invited to all meetings as nonvoting members; that they should be expected to attend or send their representatives, and that they should receive copies of all minutes.

## PETITION

At the meeting in December the decision was taken to re-issue the Petition with a few changes. The new petition is as follows:

We the undersigned, believing that everyone benefits from well-educated young people, DEMAND THAT:

1. there be no program cuts for the year 1979-1980.

2. that necessary programs, previously in existence, be reinstated.

3. that the necessary money to implement the above be found without increasing property taxes.

4. that the Toronto Board of Education regain the right to negotiate its budget directly with the Provincial Government.

5. that the direction of education be to smaller classes.

# Mental patients want more humane treatment

The Ontario Patients' Self-Help Association (formerly Ontario Mental Patients' Association) is an independent and non-profit organization of psychiatric and former psychiatric patients based in Toronto. Former psychiatric patients established the group 1-1/2 years ago.

Over 100 people have joined or expressed an active interest in OP-

SHA. *Membership is Free.* The only criterion for joining OPSHA and coming to the meetings is present or past psychiatric treatment, inside or outside a psychiatric institution.

OPSHA is run democratically. All decisions are made by majority and open voting, each member has one vote and all positions are elective. OPSHA now has four direc-

tors and five officers: a chairperson, treasurer, membership secretary, recording secretary and a press or media officer. We recently drafted and approved a Constitution and By-laws, we're also incorporated as a non-profit organization.

The chief purpose of OPSHA is to provide support and services to psychiatric and former psychiatric patients. We hold informal, weekly socials every Tuesday night at 8 in All Saints Church, which is located at the corner of Sherbourne St. and Dundas St. E. The business meeting is held once-a-month on the last Tuesday. We're also planning to provide a wide range of social, recreational and educational activities for our members. We're also seeking funding.

We encourage people to get involved and start doing, speaking and thinking for themselves.

If you'd like more information, please call us at 461-7994, or write to: P.O. Box 7251, Station A, Toronto, Ont. (M5W 1X9).

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## Quotes to Remember

When a person says he is apolitical, it usually means one of three things: 1. He has a vested interest in keeping things as they are. 2. He is content to let other people make the decisions that affect his life: a victim who wants to remain a victim. 3. He is a coward who would rather be stepped on than risk

conflict or take a stand. He is afraid of life, afraid of the world beyond his bedroom window. The 'apolitical' person actually supports the politics of defeat and despair, the politics of keeping things-as-they-are. On the balance sheet of history, he is not even a zero, his is a minus.

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Sincerely, The staff:  
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let your arms fling  
Cut two more  
now you're on the floor

Sit down  
Shut up  
Sit up  
Throw up  
I'm a human puppet.

Ruth Mainville

Sometimes I just want to leave  
kick you away and go  
And not give you the rest  
of my dull and tired life  
I want to run away from you  
kick you away and go  
And back out on my promise  
to stay and be your wife  
I wish I didn't owe you  
for all you've done for me  
Then I could, leave  
kick you away and go  
And not have to pay you  
back  
with my life

Anonymous student  
Contact School

### Wasted Lives

They all sat  
passively  
at their desks.

It was almost  
as if  
they were waiting  
for a dog whistle  
to activate  
electrodes  
in their  
muzak infested brains.  
Human problems  
were reduced  
to piles of forms.  
Occasionally,  
a life fell  
into the waste basket.

Tom Clement

### Drunken Joe

Two men look at Joe  
in disgust  
as he falls  
in a drunken heap.

They bounce him  
off the wall.  
It's over in seconds!

Two men recover in disbelief  
while Joe the streetfighter  
staggers towards home.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Friday April 20

Today, tomorrow, and Sunday are the days for the **St. Jamestown Cancer Drive's annual Bazaar**. It takes place in the sub-basement auditorium of the 240 Wellesley St. building. Today the bazaar is from 6 p.m. on, tomorrow and Sunday it's from 10 a.m. on. Come and enjoy the colourful shopping of unique and practical items!

Today and tomorrow NDPers and other interested people are invited to get together to discuss "**Economic Policies for a Broad-based Government**". The discussions, sponsored by the St. George NDP, take place at the Labour Lyceum at 33 Cecil St. Admission is \$3.00. For further information call 863-8453 or 922-4589.

## Saturday April 21

Come today to the South Riverdale Community Health Centre's **Celebration** of the opening of its newly renovated facilities. There will be an open house at the centre (126 Pape) from 1:30 to 6 p.m., with the official opening with Mayor John Sewell scheduled for 2 p.m. Call 461-2494 for information.

Come today to a **bazaar with an international flavour**. Have you tried sushi, manju, mochi and onigiri, senbei? What are they? Japanese foods. You can taste them at the Annex Senior Citizens' Bazaar at 1468 Danforth (one block west of Coxwell) today from 1 to 5 p.m. In addition, there will be baked goods, crocheted shawls, and more. Call 463-7441 for more information.

There will be a **spring rummage sale** and tea today at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., from 1 to 4 p.m. Also, tickets for Dixon Hall's Moonlight Boat Cruise are now on sale. Call 863-0499.

## Sunday April 22

**Rosedale Liberal candidate Ann Cools** will be the speaker today at the St. Luke's forum at 353 Sherbourne St. at 2:30 p.m. All welcome.

**St. Mathew's Lawn Bowling Club** (corner of St. Mathews and Gerrard East) is showing a bowling film today at 2 p.m. All welcome.

## Monday April 23

There will be a public meeting of the South Riverdale Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (N.I.P.) Steering Committee today at 7:30 p.m. at 765 Queen St. East. There will be an important review of the budget, and a review from the Green Committee which deals with parks.

The Smile Company will be putting on a **concert at Dixon Hall** today at 1:30. 58 Sumach St. This is an event for seniors.

**Actress/singer Sandi Ross** will entertain with poetry readings and songs at the Factory Lab Theatre, 207 Adelaide St. E., at 8:30. Call 864-9971

## Tuesday April 24

The 7th and 8th episodes of **Roots** are showing tonight at 7 p.m. at Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. E. Free.

Rose Avenue Public School presents **The Wizard of Oz** today and tomorrow at 7:30. Tickets are 75¢, free babysitting is provided.

The **RCMP** will be at Contact School 310 Gerrard St. E. today at 11, to talk about drugs and to answer questions about the force. All welcome.

## Wednesday April 25

An education forum on the risks of nuclear power in Canada is being held by the Development Education Centre today at 8 p.m. The forum, entitled "**Nuclear Futures: A Half-Life for All**" will be held at St. Paul's Centre, 121 Avenue Rd. The meeting will include an address by Ralph Torrie, author of a brief on the subject to the Porter Commission on energy planning. Followed by the film "Sentence to Success" and a discussion. All welcome.

Enjoy **bingo** today and tomorrow in the auditorium of 240 Wellesley St. E. The bingo is in association with the St. Jamestown Cancer Drive.

There will be a **gym and dance show** at the Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre, 870 Queen St. E., at 7:30.

Lynne Thorkelsson, a hospital pharmacist, talks about **how to use prescription and non-prescription drugs** properly at the Parliament St. Library, 269 Gerrard St. E., at 7:30.

There will be a meeting to discuss the **Central Area Parking and Loading Study** today at Lord Dufferin School, 303 Berkeley St., at 7:30. As a result of this study, new parking and loading standards are being proposed for the central area of Toronto, the eastern boundary of which is the Don Valley. For further information, call Ted Davidson at 367-7339.

## Thursday April 26

The **Thursday Noon Recital** at St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. E., features Alan Coffin, organist.

## Friday April 27

The classic horror film **Night of the Living Dead** will be shown today at 2 p.m. at the Parliament St. Library, 269 Gerrard St. E.

## Saturday April 28

There will be a **giant flea market and sale** at St. Peter's Church, 190 Carlton St. today.

There will be a **daffodil tea** at Regent Park United Church, 40 Oak St., today at 1 p.m. Admission 50¢.

Chester Village, 717 Broadview Ave., is holding a **rummage and bakery sale** today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7 News could really use some help in **compiling the Community Calendar** and making it more complete. If you can help, call us at 363-9650.

## Sunday April 29

There will be a **garage sale** today at 81 McGee St. Call 461-4173 for information.

The regular 10:30 service at St. Luke's United Church (353 Sherbourne at Carlton) will take the form of a **Methodist service** with singing of old hymns. There will be a display of old hymn books, Bible story books, etc. This year we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of primitive Methodism in Canada. Our coffee hour follows the service. At the St. Luke's forum at 2:30 the speaker will be Rosedale NDP candidate Ron B. Thompson.

## Monday April 30

A **spring fashion show** sponsored by "Fashion Hill Express" will be held at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach, at 1:30 as part of the

seniors program. Also lunches are available for seniors every Monday for \$1.00 Call 863-0499 for more information.

A public meeting to look at **proposals for an area park** will be held at 8:00 in the Don Mount Court South Tower.

## Tuesday May 1

May Day!



For residents in South St. Jamestown interested in **plans for a park** to be constructed in the vicinity of Winchester School, a meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. The meeting, at Winchester School, will study plans which have so far been put together by a citizens' group working on the future of the park.

Science fiction buffs can see "**The Incredible Petrified World**" plus selected shorts at Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen E., at 7 p.m. Free.

## Thursday May 3

The **Thursday Noon Recital** at St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. E., features Lorne Swan, organist.

The **Second Annual Canadian Energy Exposition** runs from today to May at York Quay Centre at Harbourfront with seminars, demonstrations, lectures and films on all areas related to energy. For more information call 595-5071.

## Friday May 4

A musical, **Something to Sing About**, is the Friday Afternoon film at the Parliament Street Library, 269 Gerrard St. E., at 2 p.m.

Today and tomorrow the Eastminster Players present a comedy in three acts entitled "**The Late Christopher Bean**" in the main church and auditorium at Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth. At 8 p.m. Adults \$2.50, children \$1.00.

## GENERAL

St. Martin Catholic School is now taking registration for four- and five-year-old children for kindergarten for September. An experienced staff offers programs emphasizing oral expression, vocabulary, sensory experiences and motor skills as well as social development and interaction. Music instruction includes songs and movement exercises. For information or registration call 922-6832.

Saturday May 5 is the date of this year's **Miles for Millions Walk**. This year, the walk will follow a different, circular route so that walkers can start and end their walk at the checkpoint closest to their home. Walkers forms are available at the Miles office, 253 Spadina Rd., 967-1932.

St. Peter's Cabbagetown Co-op Nursery School at 190 Carlton has openings for a few more 2 or 3 year olds. The nursery school

runs a 1/2 day program five days a week. Fees are \$50 a month. Phone 960-3663 for more information and ask for Valerie Wheeler, or call Sharon Cunningham at 962-4518.

Rene Souery, in conjunction with the parent teacher group, is putting together a **Withrow Community Resource Directory**. It is hoped this directory will be distributed to all households in the area. Area residents offering any type of service, and who wish to be listed, should send all pertinent information to Rene Souery c/o Seven News. We feel we should use local people whenever possible be it for TV repair, home improvements, baby-sitting, or even an oboe player.

The South Riverdale Community Health Centre has a **women's group** meeting Wednesdays to share experiences, information concerning women, and to promote self-awareness as well as social events. Call Carolyn Davies at 461-3578.

The **Friendship Centre** at 315 Dundas St. East has a hymn sing with cookies and coffee — no charge — every Sunday from 7:45 to 9:00. All welcome.

There are **free yoga classes** every Friday at Contact School, 310 Gerrard St. E. Call Roman at 967-5258 for information.

**Community Calendar** is a free community service. If you have something to announce just send your notice to 7 News, 315 Dundas St. E., or call 363-9650. The deadline for the next issue, the May 4 issue, is Monday April 30. That issue will announce all events up to May 18.

## Dachi cleans up spring

Don Area Co-operative Homes Incorporated (DACHI) in conjunction with other local groups including the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area and the Christian Community Centre, has designated Saturday May 5 as the first annual Cabbagetown spring clean-up day. The day will tie in with the Forsythia Festival which happens on Sunday May 6 and it is hoped that all groups, businesses and residents will participate. For more information call Dave Dickey at 924-8580.

## Watch your tongues

In your March 23rd issue you had an article 'Time Squandered' by Paul Bowman. I read the first two paragraphs and quit as the rough language disgusted me. Could you not edit such writing and delete the offensive wording? It defeats its purpose if it isn't read. The rest of the paper was interesting.

Lilyan Wiley



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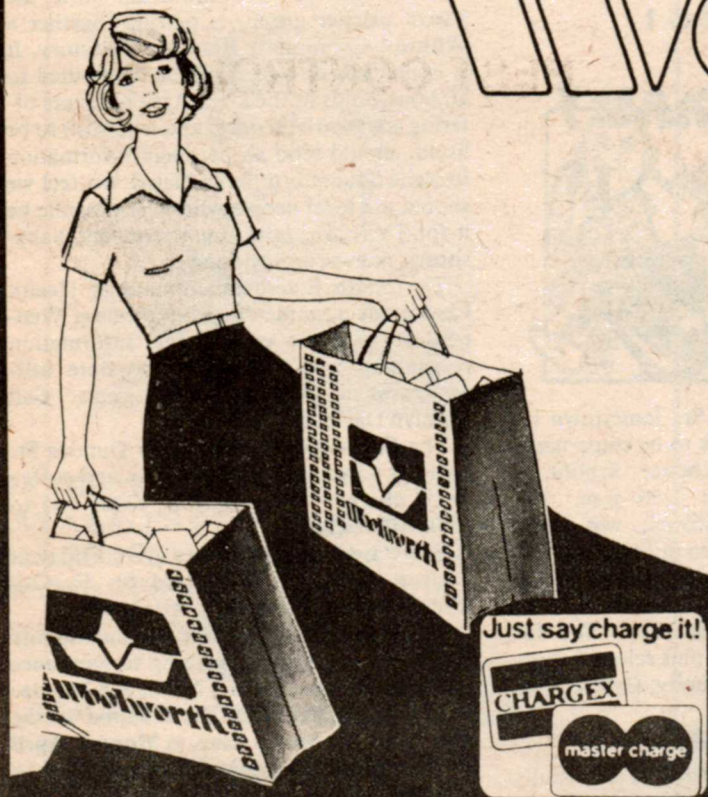
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## It's better than playing cards

By CLIVE MORGAN

Demonstrating a keen ear for the kind of obscenities that are a feature of any Metro beer hall worth its salt and a positive fetish for three-card stud, Jim Garrard has fashioned a grim little domestic comedy called 'Getting Even', currently running until Saturday at the Theatre Second Floor, 86 Parliament Street.

'Getting Even' answers the ubiquitous question: What in god's name are the next-door-neighbours up to now? It's that ne'er-do-well Arthur (Ken Ryan) arriving home in the wee hours with pal Michael in tow (Jonathon Barker) to continue to card game they began somewhere else in the city the night before.

They're an odd couple: brusque businesslike Michael is too self-possessed for his own comfort while foul-mouthed Arthur has a catlike quality, suggesting a job on the outside, although he probably has been on the inside at one time or another, and may be again before this day is out.

"Deal the....cards," orders Arthur. It's also the cue for Arthur's little lady Doris (Mary Phelan) to materialize from the bedroom and put on the bacon and eggs. Menage-a-trois east of the Don, and everyone will get it off. Michael will win which will help his image. Arthur realizes his pathological need to lose. And Doris gets to play the doormat again. Slim pickin's as



comedies go maybe, but once Arthur has been relieved of his cash it's boffo time all the way.

It appears, you see, that things may not be what they seem. Playwright Garrard invites the audience to share Arthur's paranoia (whether or not Arthur is paranoid is the moral question here) and believe pal Michael is not only cheating at the card table, but has also been getting more from Arthur's wife than bacon and eggs easy over.

Whatever the case, Arthur's revenge is intriguing as he humiliates two birds with one fetish. Forcing Michael at knife-point to drop his pants, he shackles his chum to the leg of the family piano, and orders Doris on to her knees to perform the required sex act on their visitor. Revenge or good neighbourliness taken to extremes, it's a scene rescued from farce by the enthusiasm of its participants.

No doubt Garrard, who directed the play himself, has sociological and psychological motives on his mind in 'Getting Even', and he gets some nice licks away about the old problem of the breakdown in communication between private universes. Certainly there's a haunting loneliness at the heart of the play, a mood the three actors realize in performances that are notable for their economy. But a comedy, now there's the joke of the night.

## Women form theatre group

A different kind of theatre production is happening at 519 Church Street Community Centre April 19th-29th at 8:30 p.m. Director Linda Pakri has been working on a volunteer basis to teach women living at Macphail House (Y.W.C.A.) all aspects of theatre. Two plays "Window Dressing" by Joanna Russ, and "The Gloaming Oh My Darling" by Megan Terry will be performed nightly.

"Window Dressing" is the story of a display window fashion mannequin who finds herself carried away to a young man's apartment, where his expression of love towards her makes possible a transformation from one-dimensional mannequin to three-dimensional human woman—a state in which she experiences for the first time the full rainbow of human emotions and feelings.

"The Gloaming, Oh My Darling" is a poetic exchange between two women in an old age home who find themselves still actively involved in discovering and asserting their own identity as women. Mrs. Tweed and Mrs. Watermelon live through a series of tragic, comic, thought provoking scenes as Terry draws a tapestry of the acquired wealth of feminine love, wisdom, and joy that compels a lively celebration of life even in the twilight years. This play will involve various experiments with audio and visual effects in the performance.

Tickets are \$3.50 at the door or can be bought in advance by phoning Lynda Salmon at 869-1037. Sunday matinees will be held at 2 p.m. as well as Sunday evening performances. Students and seniors are admitted for \$2.

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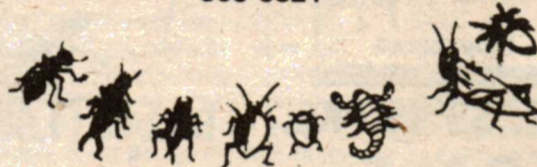
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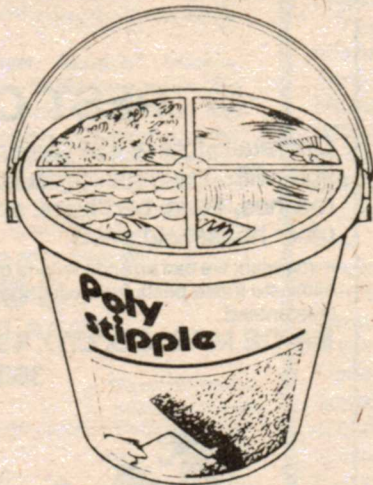


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Trustee George Martell pointed out that school staffing committees, by way of discussing staff allocation, actually deal with the whole program of the school. "There should not be just one plan laid down by the principal," he said. Rather, a number of options should be considered. The principal's proposed program "should reflect discussions with the staff and community regarding the needs of the school."

Merylee Houston recounted her experiences as a former parent member of Frankland's staffing committee. She emphasized that it was important for meetings to be held at times convenient for both parent and teacher representatives, and that no vote be held before all members fully understood the issues.

Houston also stressed that things are getting tougher for staffing committees. Due to program cut-backs, there are now no so-called "luxury" programs left to juggle, and decisions have to be made "close to the line". In fact many staffing committees may have to face the cutting of Remedial Reading and Library programs, hardly luxuries!

Menno Vorster, president of Toronto Teachers' Federation, agreed that staffing committee decisions were becoming increasingly difficult. However, for this very reason, teachers put a lot of stock in the staffing committee as an attempt at decentralized decision-making with respect to their own school.

A number of parents questioned why there was a greater teacher representation on the committee (a ratio of 2 teachers for every parent) and why there isn't equal parent

representation. Vorster felt that a trust between teachers and parents in a community grew, such a situation might well become possible in the near future under a new collective agreement. Indeed, there would be no staffing committees at all had teachers not negotiated for them in their union contract.

At present, the number of parent representatives on staffing committees in Ward 7 school are: Dundas (4), Frankland(5), Jackman(5), Lord Dufferin(10), Park(3), Queen Alexandra(5), Regent Park(1), Rose Ave.(4), Sprucecourt(3), Winchester(3), Withrow(6). It was pointed out that to increase the number of parent representatives on a staffing committee in mid-stream in possible providing that the teachers agree to increase their numbers.

The meeting concluded with a broadly based discussion. Topics of general interest included: the differences between discussing program choices and accepting a laid-off staffing model; the area superintendent's veto power, and the ensuing appeal process; the idea of parent representatives meeting with teachers at the divisional level (primary, junior, senior, special education, and specialist programs e.g. home economics) to better understand the program concerns of all teachers; and the circulation of staffing committee minutes to all teachers and interested parents.

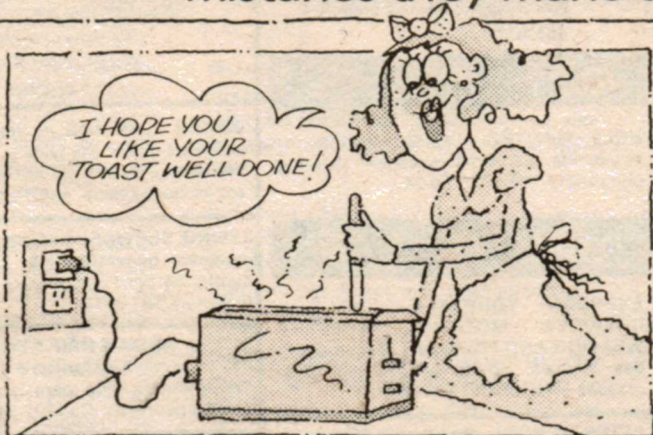
Some parents were angry because they felt that they had not previously been fully informed about the possibilities of staffing committees, and the nature of what they could discuss. In one case, for example, they had been told that they could not discuss allocations for senior school physical education or home economics, when in fact they can. A few parents also discovered that a staffing committee meeting need only be kept confidential if all members vote to that effect. In some schools, a general rule of confidentiality had been imposed, preventing them from discussing issues of importance with non-committee parents in the community.

The group decided to hold another meeting after May 3rd (the date the Board votes to fire or retain its "surplus" teachers).

Merylee Houston urged all concerned parents to attend the Board meeting at 155 College St., on May 3rd, and to organized delegations from their schools to speak against further program cuts. All those interested in joining the march should meet at O.I.S.E. (252 Bloor St. West) at 5:30 P.M. on May 3rd.

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