



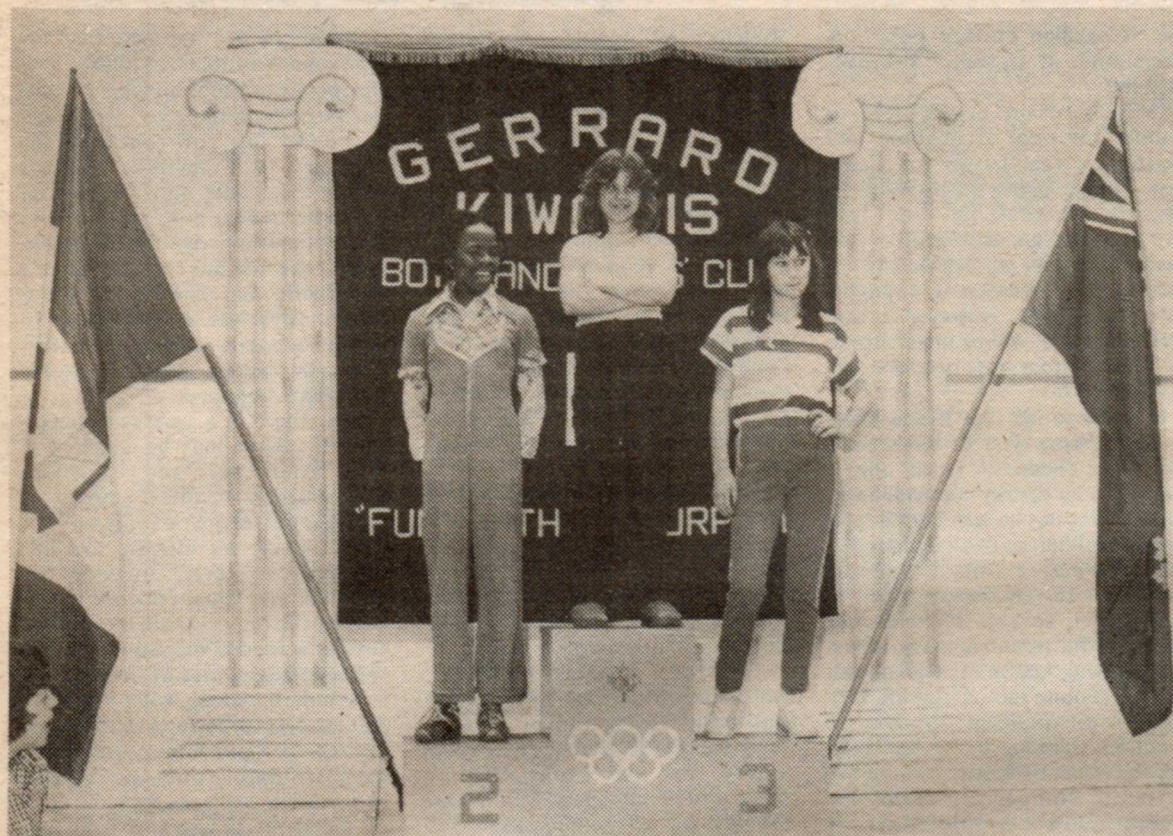
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Whatever the fate of the Moscow games, the Olympic flame still burns bright at the Gerrard Kiwanis Boys' and Girls' Club, 101 Spruce St. The 1980 Junior Olympics are under way, with events designed for participation by everyone and not just the athletically talented. There are contests for soccer, swimming, high jump, long jump, shuffleboard, bumper pool, art, crafts, chess, checkers — even the stamp club — with the program to culminate in a marathon run scheduled for April 1st. In the box horse event for 7 to 13 year old boys and girls the winners were (above): (1) Denise Tonks, (2) Katie Anderson, and (3) Brenda Searle, all of Regent Park.

It's tax time and you lose

By Howard Huggett

Well, there goes February and although that means that spring will soon be here — maybe — it also means that income tax time is coming — for sure. The T-4's are supposed to go out by the end of February and that means that a lot of working people will be filling out the tax forms and waiting for their refunds. According to government figures about three-quarters of the returns made our call for payment of a refund, and of course the great majority of those payments go back to workers who have had more tax taken out of their wages or salaries than the government is entitled to deduct.

When you stop to think about that, why should people have to loan money to the federal government, starting in January, at no interest and not get it back until March or April of the following year? There is a lot of money involved here. Government statistics tell us that over seven million tax forms involve returns, and if the average return was only one hundred dollars that would amount to over seven hundred million dollars. Where else can you borrow that sum of money at a zero rate of interest?

To look at it another way, how come that Ottawa habitually over-estimates the amount of income tax that workers should be paying? There are computers that can tell us about 8:30 on election night on the basis of returns from the Atlantic

Provinces who is going to form the next government before the results have begun to come in from Ontario and Quebec and the polls are still open in the Western Provinces. If these electronic wizards are not smart enough to arrive at a fairly accurate estimate of what taxes people should be paying they can surely calculate how much interest is due back to John Doe who has paid in \$237 too much in the previous year, starting on the first pay-day in January and running all the way through the entire year.

From time to time you hear about working people who are negotiating with their employer about their pay, and sometimes they have to go on strike to back up their demands. But they never seem to have any communication with the federal tax-collector who takes a slice off the pay-check before the employees ever see it. After all, it's the take-home pay that really counts; what comes back later in these days of permanent inflation is never worth as much as it was when it was paid in.

That is another reason why it is important that working people — or anyone else — should be getting interest on money they have lent to the government.

What brings up this matter of interest on money is the fact that people who have money coming back from Ottawa are preyed upon at this time of the year by your friendly neighbourhood tax-discounter. These big-hearted in-

dividuals will make out your tax return, charging for the service of course. Then you get back a percentage of what is coming to you, according to the return. In the past some of them held back as much as 50% as their payment for lending the money. There is now an act that governs what may be charged, but there is, I think, still too much latitude given to the lenders. They are allowed to charge 15% of the amount that is owing to the taxpayer, and that percentage seems to be fair when compared with current interest rates. BUT, refunds come back from Ottawa after an interval that is usually six weeks or two months. 15% for two months is the equivalent of 90% for one year.

Anyone who has tax money coming back from Ottawa and really needs the cash in a hurry — as opposed to someone who wants something now and is not prepared to wait a while for it — would be well advised to approach a bank or a credit union to borrow the money. It would be a lot cheaper.

Feet needed

Seven News is starting a campaign to increase its distribution in some areas throughout the ward. As you probably know, Seven News is very much a community newspaper and a lot of the work, including delivery, is carried out by volunteers who contribute some spare time.

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Called 'good citizen'

Suspended sentence for Canada Metals

Canada Metals, the controversial lead plant on Eastern Avenue, has received a suspended sentence after pleading guilty to two counts of creating air pollution.

The charges centered on lead emissions recorded on June 15 and June 16, 1979. On June 15, readings were more than double the allowable level, and on June 16, they were more than 13 times the allowable level.

The company argued that it didn't know the unlawful emissions were taking place, saying they were due to human error and equipment malfunction.

According to Judge Robert Dnieper, the company, which has come under fire from residents' groups, environmental health groups, the Ontario Environment Ministry, and the Toronto Board of Health for years, is a good corporate citizen.

"What damage was done to the victim?" asked Judge Dnieper. "If any, it was small, because fortunately the matter was caught in time."

According to the judge, there is "no physical possibility of a recurrence of the offence."

The sentence is being appealed.

Canada Metals: a partial chronology

By ULLI DIEMER

1925: plant built on Eastern Avenue.

1971: Ontario Environment Protection Act passed.

1973: BREMM, a local citizens' group, demands blood tests of residents in the area surrounding the plant.

Sept. 11, 1973: Environment Ministry issues control order against Canada Metals.

Oct. 26, 1973: Environment Ministry issues Stop Order against Canada Metals to stop emitting lead and lead compounds based on the opinion that the discharges presented "an immediate threat to the health of residents" living in the vicinity of the plant. The Stop Order was issued on the advice of medical experts from the Ministry of Health and the Toronto Board of Health.

Oct. 30, 1973: The stop order is disallowed in court because, according to the judge, no health hazard could be attributed solely to Canada Metals.

Nov. 1973: A community meeting on the lead pollution issue is held. At the meeting, the results of blood testing in the area are disclosed, showing potentially harmful levels of lead in about 50 of the 732 tests, many of them in children at Bruce School. A Dr. Parkinson of the Hospital for Sick Children says that the government did not present the evidence it could have in court

to keep the plant shut down. IT is revealed that the Environment Ministry has been negotiating with Canada Metals for years about pollution control standards. It is also revealed that in the first part of

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The lead problem

At what level does lead in people, particularly children, affect their health, their behaviour, their ability to learn and to perform?

It is agreed that lead is a poison and at high doses seriously and obviously affects people.

The argument is whether or not lead levels below those associated with obvious symptoms have adverse effects on the brain.

Many efforts have been and are being made to determine whether these lesser levels of lead poisoning are not dramatic and therefore the effects on the brain may go undetected.

It is made more difficult because most studies have relied on blood lead levels to identify the subjects of the study. Blood lead is a test of recent exposure but may return to normal levels even though exposure was excessive.

Recently a group of children in first and second grades in Massachusetts were studied. Lead exists in teeth in a closed storage system and permits classification of earlier lead exposure according to

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The dog

By Howard Huggett

Why is it that you almost never see a dog with a bone any more? There are more dogs in this city than there used to be — some people have four of them. I can't believe that canines have lost their taste for bones, no matter how many television commercials they see of their relatives gulping down Gainesburgers of Top Choice or whatever is the "in" pet food this season. Whenever you watch one of those sales pitches there is a suspicion that the doggy performer has been forced to miss a couple of meals in order to make sure that this one is wolfed down with great gusto.

After all, canines have been hunting game and eating it in the unprocessed state for untold thousands of years. The ancestors of today's dogs were doing this when our forebears had to be content with nuts, fruits, berries, roots and whatever else they could scrounge.

According to scientists who have made a study of such things, mankind finally found a way to teach wild dogs to assist them in the hunt. As a reward for becoming man's best friend, Rover was thrown a bone or two.

Many years ago, when this city was a lot smaller — and duller — than it is now, it was a common custom to buy the Sunday roast from the local butcher shop late on Saturday night on the way home from the movies. A regular customer could expect the butcher to throw in a bone for the dog. There weren't any supermarkets then. There aren't any free bones to be had now, but you do see them on display for a relatively low price, designated as material for the soup pot.

So here is a thought for to-day. Buy your dog, or your friendly neighbourhood dog, a bone. Beef, pork, lamb, anything but chicken. It will be appreciated.

Quote of the week

Hints of peace bad for stocks

Hints of peace in the Middle East, coupled with fears of a Liberal win Monday, pushed stock prices sharply down yesterday, especially mines that would profit in a war. Page B1.

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Soviets, U.S. equally at fault

Re: "Canadian Foreign Policy: A Declaration of Dissent," February 15, 1980

In light of the urgent need to counter the orgy of jingoism and me-too-ism that passes for Canadian foreign policy in response to Carter's sabre-rattling over Iran and Afghanistan, it would be very tempting to give wholehearted support to the February 16 Committee's Declaration. However, I, and perhaps others, will be unable to do so until certain clarifications are made.

It seems to me that if one really wants to "stay clear of self-serving big-power rivalries," then one is obliged to be **equally** condemnatory of all violations of democratic and individual liberties in all quarters. It is in this respect that I find the February 16 Declaration to be inadequate. To say: "We do not condone the recent military action of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan and we deplore the continuing suppression of political freedom in countries claiming to be socialist" has the effect of a mere slap on the wrist in comparison with the Declaration's condemnations (however justified) against the U.S. and Canadian governments and the Shah.

More specifically:

1) Referring to the Soviet **invasion** (my choice of terminology) of Afghanistan as a "military action" is, from a political standpoint, no less than euphemistic. It brings to mind U.S. "military advisers" in Vietnam in the early 1960's. By contrast, the Declaration refers to "the thousands **tortured and killed** (my emphasis) when speaking of the Shah's regime.

2) By choosing to "not condone" the Soviet action and to "deplore" violations of political freedom in Socialist countries but to "condemn" actions of the U.S. and Canadian governments, the February 16 Committee, whether consciously or not, is telegraphing a bias when it comes to the "big-power rivalries." What are seemingly nuances of meaning, in this context communicate volumes; and it is not missed by the average reader.

3) In taking hostage the U.S. embassy staff, the so-called "militant students" of Tehran have served two most dubious objectives. For Khomeini they have provided the means of propping up his demagogic stance as champion warrior against "U.S. Imperialism," which is personified vividly (in blood red) in the minds of the Iranian people by the brutal regime of the U.S. government sponsored Shah. This at a time when the Ayatollah's phony Islamic reign of terror against the progressive elements of the Iranian Revolution (minorities, democratic left, workers, women — yes, how quickly some things **are** forgotten!) was in danger of collapse.

For Carter they have helped create the public support he needed and lacked to accelerate preparations for military confrontation — read: War — in the Middle East (and then along comes Soviet "military action" to complete the job).

Therefore, anything less than a full and outright condemnation of the hostage taking is to insult the intelligence of the average citizen who **knows** that two wrongs do not make a right and for whom hostage taking is a crude and morally offensive method for achieving political ends, no matter how worthy those ends may seem. Here again the February 16 Declaration gives the appearance of splitting hairs over human rights by the subtle way it phrases its statement: "While we are concerned with the rights and liberties of all individuals, including the American embassy officials in Tehran, we are alarmed that the thousands tortured and killed under the regime of the Shah seem to have been so soon forgotten." One is left to wonder just how concerned the February 16 Committee really is about the rights and liberties of those being held hostage, just who the Committee feels has forgotten about the victims of the Shah's bloodbath, and whether the Committee considers it justifiable to remind whoever is it that has forgotten by pointing guns at the heads of civilian diplomats.

Yes, there is a very real danger that the planet may be engulfed in war. And, yes, the Canadian government's uncritical support of Carter's militarism can only serve to help inflame an already too hot situation. However, anything less than full and equal criticism of the neo-Stalinist machinations of Brezhnev and Company and the vigilante adventures of tin horn revolutionaries **along with** the same with respect to Carter's warmongering and the Canadian government's meek tail-ending of it, serves both to undermine the courageous work of dissidents in the U.S.S.R. and other so-called socialist countries at the same time as it weakens its own credibility as democratically inspired protest.

I hope, therefore, that the February 16 Committee will act quickly to balance its position, at which time it will have my full support.

Roger Hollander
Browning Avenue

Moms & tots program great

I would like to draw attention to the Mothers and tots program at the 519 Church Street Community Centre.

My daughter, who is almost two now, and I have been attending the program since October and it has become the high period of the week for her. Instead of always being a spectator of play, such as watching older children and television, it is Sesame Street come to life for her. She is now an active participant in group games and has the invaluable experience of playing with youngsters her own age.

For the mothers, there are group discussions of common problems such as toilet training, feeding and development, under the guidance of public health nurse Lorraine Cass. For me it was a great relief to find how common my child's rearing difficulties were. There is also a yoga class on Thursdays for those mothers who still have weight to lose as well as just want to keep fit.

The program, which is funded by the city, and led by Holly Holmes, who has a tot herself, is open to all members of the community. The group meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 12 A.M. It is a free service, and new members are always welcome.

Thank you

No politics with Hydro bill

Open Letter to the hydro-electric commission of the city of Toronto.

It has been brought to our attention that you are considering sending out the "People-to-People" petition, which the Ontario Federation for Canadian Unity is sponsoring, with your hydro bills. The Ontario Federation for Canadian Unity argues that this is a "non-political effort to keep Canada together." To believe that this is a truly non-political gesture is at best naive and at worst dishonest. We would like to point out the following political realities.

The "People-to-People" petition is not the only petition or statement on the Quebec question that is being circulated in Canada. Indeed if it were there would be no reason to circulate it. In fact this petition is a clear statement on the political future of the Quebec nation.

The hydro-electric commissions which support this petition are taking the taxpayers money and using it to defend a particular political point of view. To remain politically neutral — as a public utility should — you must not send out this petition. If you do decide to send it out, then you should give equal time to another point of view. We would be happy to supply you with the necessary copies of our petition.

The "People-to-People" petition is completely silent on Quebec's right to self-determination. In effect, this silence denies Quebec the right to freely choose, as a nation, its own political future. The petition asks English-Canadians to support a stand which, in the present political situation, can only lead to the negation of the democratic rights of the Quebec nation.

The political situation of which we speak is one in which there have been repeated statements to the effect that no negotiations whatsoever should be conducted with the P.Q. government following the referendum, regardless of the opinions expressed by the people of Quebec. Premier Davis has made himself more than clear on this question, and now his statements are being taken up by city councils across Ontario.

By refusing to cooperate with the Ontario Federation for Canadian Unity's initiative your city would be taking a stand that would really favour greater unity between the Quebec nation and English Canada, since such unity can only be based on equality, and the elimination of privileges.

We urge you again: Do not distribute the "People-to-People" petition.

The Toronto Committee to Defend Quebec's Right to Self-Determination.

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Springboard keeps families together

By DOUG TATTRIE

"We exist to keep families together," says the director of Operation Springboard, a combination busline/counselling service for convicts' families. Based in All Saints Church at Dundas and Sherbourne, Springboard has taken over 5,000 people to the isolated prisons around Kingston to visit with the prisoners.

Director Joyce Lawson says that without Stopover, convicts' families, many of whom are on welfare, would have to pay up to \$65 in buses and Taxis to have their families together.

"How can you afford that on mother's allowance?" she asked.

Operation Springboard charges \$10 per adult with children riding free. "We are the only one of its kind in Canada that runs six days a week," said Ms. Lawson.

Louie Van Meyl, who works with the prisoners for Springboard, said that family visits help lift prison morale. "When a prisoner only gets

three visits a year, it's everything. It's an event."

Ms. Lawson said that the Federal government recognizes this by giving them partial funding.

"But we're broke," said Ms. Lawson. "We put 2,000 to 3,000 miles a year on those vans. Second gear blew on one of them. We need new vans now," she said.

"I was making up the budget without my own salary because I could think of another way of making ends meet. Then we got a grant from the United Church; they were real good neighbours," says Ms. Lawson.

"But we still need help from the community with money and volunteers," she said.

Ms. Lawson said that people tend to look down their noses at convict families and don't let their children play with them.

"It can happen to anyone," she said. "If you got on a Metro bus

half the people in it are either ex-convicts or know somebody who is."

Ms. Lawson tells about meeting a crying woman in a waiting room of a prison. The woman said that her husband had been sentenced to three weeks in jail for defaulting on his unemployment insurance repayments.

Ms. Lawson says, "I thought to myself that three weeks isn't very much. But here is a respectable family in their first brush with the law and she was shattered."

"Families often know nothing about prisons," she says. Springboard helps families get over the trauma of imprisonment by giving them somebody to talk to and by giving them information about bail, parole and visiting hours.

"The vans are riding full. If we had a third van and driver we could fill it up. But we don't even have enough money to keep two vans going."

What kind of election was that?

By HOWARD HUGGETT

Now we can say good-bye to the election that we weren't supposed to want — according to the media. There was the usual griping about the cost — an amount of some sixty million was quoted. That works out to about three dollars a head, an amount that a lot of school kids spend every week as pocket money.

If you look at an election as a form of entertainment three dollars isn't much for a two-month show. The Rhinoceros Party's act alone is worth the price of admission when it pokes fun at the promises of the other parties.

When you consider what a candidate goes through in a two-month grind, or even the effort put in by a

door-to-door canvasser, the electorate has an easy time of it. The voters are called upon to walk two or three blocks to the polling booth and mark an X on the ballot — not a very demanding task. In our modern world with its huge companies and powerful government bureaucracies that little mark on the paper often doesn't achieve much, but it is worth using. A lot of sacrifices were made to win the right to mark a ballot, including the sacrifice of lives, and that is something to remember when someone knocks on your door on election day and asks you to exercise that right.

On the subject of rapping on doors, it has sometimes occurred to me that the electorate is courted very ardently for a month or two during elections and then left severely alone till the next time. It reminds you of those old-fashioned melodramas in which the innocent maiden is wooed and seduced by the black-hearted villain and then abandoned to her fate. Certainly that's not the way to establish a meaningful relationship with the voters. How much better it would be if canvassers would contact citizens on some important issue between elections — as the N.D.P. did with their campaign on Medicare. Between elections canvassers can talk to the electorate on one specific matter without being hampered by superficial issues and personalities that the media loves to throw in. They also have an opportunity to become better acquainted with the voters personally so that they will be more likely to talk more openly with the canvassers when the election comes around. As anyone who has knock-

ed on doors knows, many electors are inclined to be quite reserved until they have had a chance to determine what sort of a person you are and to be sure that you are not going to force your views on them.

Let's hope that the next time around we won't be subjected to such a flood of mindless, nauseating commercials as the ones we had to sit through during the election just completed. Nobody that I discussed them with had a good word for them. Those election "messages" were trying to peddle political parties and candidates as if they were detergents or panty-hose, using slogans in place of reasoned arguments. One radio commentator stated that the public had been complaining to canvassers about the quality of the political commercials. Wonderful, if true.

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English programs cut back

On January 22nd, 9 delegations of parents, teachers and community organizations made deputations to the Metro Board of Education. Although the ethnic origins of the speakers were varied, the message was the same: the formula used by the Metro Board of Education to allocate ESL teachers to the local Boards does not work. Unless the Metro Board changes this Formula, many ESL programs will be cut and children will suffer.

Examples were given of terrible situations caused by under-staffing in some school classes. One school in the Borough of York, for instance, has 284 ESL students but only one full-time ESL teacher.

Another problem was highlighted by the speakers was how to a child is eligible for ESL classes only for a two-year period. Mr. John Mylopoulos, representing the Greek Community of Metro Toronto, felt that students would be hard-pressed to become fluent in English in such a short period of time.

Many delegates thought the ESL problem affected all areas of the student's education. Mrs. Joyce Chu, President of the Chinese Parents Association, cited several examples of students failing in all

subjects, not because they had no ability, but because they had such a poor command of English.

The deputants, banding together under the title of K.E.E.P. (Keep Every ESL Program), presented three recommendations to the Metro Board:

a) that children who have lived in Canada up to four years be eligible for ESL Services and that weighting factors be amended to generate additional staff to meet this need.

b) that the ESL Formula include a factor to allow those students born in Canada but growing up in non-English Speaking homes to receive ESL services.

c) that the ESL Formula include a factor to allow those immigrant students from English-speaking countries who are functioning at two-grade levels below their Canadian peer group to receive Academic upgrading/English as a Second Dialect services.

The Trustees approved a motion that a staff report be prepared that would outline the affects of those proposed changes. This report will be made in three weeks and the delegations will be invited to respond at that time.

Funds for tenant groups?

From a report to the Social Services and Housing Committee from the Department of Social Services re: the programme for funding local Tenants' Associations.

In April, 1974, at the request of the Minister of Housing and because of a brief presented to the Ministry by the Federation of Ontario Tenants Association (FOTA), a committee was set up by the province for the purpose of exploring ways of assisting tenants in the development of responsible Tenants Associations.

A committee recommendation presented in 1976 was approved by the Provincial Cabinet and the Ontario Housing Corporation for funding of the Tenants Associations out of OHC operating budgets at a maximum of \$12 per unit. This programme is now under review.

The committee reports that in their experience "funding is one of the least of the problems of the or-

ganizations." It was felt that a greater problem arose "when they (Tenants Associations) build up funding", for then "they have a difficult

time sorting out how to spend the funds they have accumulated." The report further noted that providing initial organizational expertise and on-going support to the Associations was extremely important and would continue regardless of funding decisions.

The committee's final recommendations were that:

1. no action be taken on the request for Tenants' Associations funding until such time as the issues on the future management, financing, and development of assisted housing in Metro are resolved;

2. the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company be requested to continue its annual Tenants Association seminar and continue to organize Tenants Associations within each new project.

Kathy Kerr

City Hall briefs

By Kathy Kerr

City Council adopted without amendment the proposal of the Buildings and Development Committee to approve a rezoning request for 50 Gerrard St. E. This is to permit the construction of a mixed use building with office and retail uses in addition to 20 conventional apartments and 136 special housing units for single person occupancies. The zoning application was opposed by homeowners on McGill St. and also by Neill Wycik Co-operative College. Mr. George Wheeler of Neill Wycik noted that while a density bonus was granted on the basis of the single persons units, there is no evidence that those units at the rents proposed would be low enough for the individuals who are supposed to benefit from these units.

City Council adopted the recommendation of N.H.F.L. (Neighbourhoods, Housing, Fire and Legislation Committee) to award a Pre-start up and Management grant of \$50,000.00 to co-operatives in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood.

The Committee on Buildings and Development: recommends that Council:

- approve permit requests for a planned condominium at 1000 Dundas St. E.
- approve a re-zoning application for permission to use the ground floor at 372 Huron St. as a meeting hall for a religious institution.
- No new demolition applications were received or reviewed.

The Executive Committee recommended that council proceed with legal actions against the owner of 72 Pembroke St. An application for a building permit to convert the semi-detached house into a lodging house for eight self-contained units was requested. Although the permit was refused inasmuch as it contravened existing zoning by-laws, the owner proceeded with the renovations. No parking was provided for these units as required.

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A co-op for Winchester Square

Plans are underway for a housing co-operative in the Winchester Square development (south of St. Jamestown).

The Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto is currently negotiating with Meridian Developments for the acquisition of a parcel of land and the construction of a 165 unit 8-storey apartment building as well as a row of townhouses. The site faces onto Ontario Street, Winchester School and the surrounding park. Construction is expected to start this spring.

The Co-operative will take advantage of special financing arrangements offered to non-profit housing co-operatives by the federal

government to provide reasonably priced accommodation for a mixture of families and individuals. The project, when complete, will be owned jointly by all members of the co-operative. All residents will be members and will manage the project on a democratic basis.

At present, a core group of interested persons is being formed to help launch the project, participate in design review and publicity. If you are interested or want more information contact Mitchell Cohen at the Co-operative Housing Federation, 598-1641 or come to an information meeting at Winchester School, 15 Prospect Street, On Thursday, March 6 at 8:00 p.m.

Library lures you in

By HOWARD HUGGETT

The corner of Gerrard and Broadview is certainly looking brighter these days. The old Riverdale Library has become the new one and re-opened its doors on February 4th. There has been a generous use of glass in the new sections and the sunlight can come streaming in to brighten up the interior and do justice to the new furnishings. When you pass by on a cold winter's night the warm glow of lights and the attractive appearance fairly lure you in.

Avoid a tragedy

Many commonly found household necessities have been the source of tragedy, especially for children. For instance:

A pot or pan on the stove is a temptation for children. They will reach up and pull the pan of cooking food on themselves or tip the pot full of boiling liquid. Make sure that all pot and pan handles are turned inwards on the stove.

Electrical outlets and worn extension cords can be deadly. Don't let children play with outlets, lamps, or

There is a lot more space to display the books and magazines. The contrast between the new roominess and the drabness and clutter of the temporary quarters in store space on Broadview is startling. The staff, as one can imagine, are very happy to be in their new home.

I don't know how old the old library was, but I'll bet some of the people in the district do. I can recall that when I was going to Riverdale Collegiate in the 1920's that was the nearest library to my home in the Danforth and Greenwood district.

appliance cords.

A young child alone in the bathtub is a potential victim of drowning and serious burns and scalds. Stay nearby when a child is in the bathtub.

A tablecloth hanging over a side of the table may become the source of burns to a child. A toddler may grab it, pulling with it a pot of steaming tea or some other hot food. Remember to keep cloths from draping over the sides of tables or other furniture.

Conservation ethic

By RON REID

When the winter evenings crackle with frost outside, the attraction of throwing another log on the fire and curling up with a good book becomes almost irresistible. If you have ever wondered why some folks seem to feel so strongly about the preservation of nature, I'd recommend one book in particular to explain that compulsion.

"A Sand County Almanac" was written thirty years ago by a conservationist named Aldo Leopold, but its enduring relevance makes it a classic. Leopold makes no attempt to hide his bias; the opening words of his book firmly set his theme: "There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot. These essays are the delights and dilemmas of one who cannot."

From a series of "sketches" garnered from his weekend retreat and his travels, Leopold weaves together the strands of a lifetime of conservation into a concluding chapter on ethics — a reminder that man is part of a world-wide ecological community, and that land is more than simply a commodity for the real estate market. Along the way, he touches on a host of issues still controversial today: threats to

wilderness by recreational overdevelopment and motorized gadgets; the ethics of hunting; the obligations of landowners to husband their land rather than simply exploit it.

All this sounds like pretty heavy reading, but in fact it is not. Leopold's informal style and vivid use of examples makes the "Almanac" a delightful fireside companion. But be warned — the magic of his word sketches is likely to sidetrack anyone with the slightest interest in nature into daydreams of their own, and you are likely to find yourself coming back to favourite passages again and again like an old friend.

Despite Aldo Leopold's untimely death fighting a grass fire on a neighbour's farm thirty years ago, his lessons on humanity continue to sound like they could have been written yesterday: "Our bigger-and-better society is now like a hypochondriac, so obsessed with its own economic health as to have lost the capacity to remain healthy."

"Sand County Almanac" is available for \$4.20 plus \$.75 handling from the Nature Canada Bookshop, 75 Albert Street, Ottawa, by mail.

Stopping your cheques

A special form must be completed and signed by the person who wrote the cheque. This must be done in person, at the branch on which the cheque was written. The necessary information will, occasionally, be taken over the phone, but a signature is still required. The information needed by the bank includes the following:

- your name
- the account number
- the date of the cheque and its number
- who the cheque was written to
- the exact amount of the cheque

With incomplete or inaccurate information the bank may miss stopping the cheque or stop the wrong cheque.

The reason for which the cheque is to be completed is also required. Two common reasons are that the goods were defective, or the cheque

Banks, credit unions and trust companies are generally quite uniform in the procedures followed and information required to stop payment on a cheque.

If you wish to stop payment on a cheque which you have written, time is an important factor. Payment can rarely be stopped on a cheque which has already been cleared. Clearing a cheque can take anywhere from one day to two weeks but most in-city cheques clear in two days.

As well as not being able to stop payment on cheques which have already been cleared, it is impossible to stop payment on certified cheques. If the situation should arise in which you are uncertain about being able to cash a cheque made out to you, go to the bank on which it was written and have it certified. Payment cannot then be stopped.

Political firing

On November 16, Edith Pariseau, a journalist for Radio-Canada's CBLFT-CJBC French Language Toronto television and radio station was unjustly dismissed from her job. This was a clear case of discrimination based on Mrs. Pariseau's view on the future of Canada.

At no time was Edith Pariseau's competence put into question. She had satisfactorily fulfilled her duties as a reporter and a news writer for close to a year before being informed on the morning of November 16 that she had until 2:00 pm that day to clear out her desk and leave the premises.

What had she done to merit this kind of treatment? According to the news director, the network management was not pleased with Mrs. Pariseau's involvement with the **Committee to Defend Quebec's Right to Self-Determination**. Moreover, they objected to her having read out a message by the francophones of Penetanguishene at a Forum organized by the Committee on November 7 at the St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto.

In other words, there is no place in the CBC for those unwilling to toe management's political line, and here in Toronto that line is very definitely opposed to Quebec's right to self-determination.

Our committee was created last spring. Its purpose is not to support one option over another for Quebec, nor any political party, but rather to defend the right of the Quebecois people to make their own decision free of interference or threats.

It would seem that such a stand rubs the CBC network the wrong way, to the extent that it would use it as grounds for dismissal. Behind the supposed "neutrality" and "objectivity" of the publicly-owned broadcasting system, lies a very well-defined position in favour of the federalist status quo.

Our Committee condemns the unjust firing of Mrs. Pariseau and expresses its concern over the kind of "objective reporting" we can expect from the CBC, especially with the approach of the Québec referendum.

Graeme Nicholson
for the Committee.

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That's it! The name for the Ward 7 Musical Comedy to be held on May 1, 2, and 3.

We are now in full gear and have the following rehearsal schedule for people who want to be in the chorus:

Tuesday, March 4
Monday, March 10
Thursday, March 27
at 8:00 p.m.

in the music room (new building) of Winchester School.

If you want to be in the chorus or to dance please come to these rehearsals. If you want to do anything else — sets, costumes, a principal part, stage crew, etc. — call Joanne Campbell (367-7910 or 964-2511) or Peter Turner (922-9617 or 466-7145) for more information.

Join now! How else can you expect to get the answers to the age-old questions:

- Will the Metro Mayors get their turkeys?
- Will the community workers ever get a copy of the Don Valley Speedway proposal?
- Can a rock and roll singer find happiness with his former caseworker?
- Why does King William cry, in exasperation, "we're damned if we do and damned if we don't"?

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday March 1

St. Paul's Church, 83 Power St., is holding a **bazaar** with baked goods, white elephant table, good used clothing, and refreshments from 10 am to 6 pm.

Sunday March 2

Terry Laidlaw will be the guest speaker at the **St. Luke's Forum**, 353 Sherbourne St., at 2:30 p.m. All welcome.

Tuesday March 4

Starting today **cards, euchre, bridge and cribbage afternoons** will be held every Tuesday 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Dixon Hall. For more information contact Lindsay at 863-0499.

Thursday March 6

There will be a **bingo** at Regent Park School at 7 p.m. Proceeds to the Ward Seven Camp Fund for children with special needs.

The **Adventures of Tom Sawyer** will be showing at the Parliament Street Library, 269 Gerrard St. E., today at 6:30 and tomorrow at 2 pm.

Saturday March 8

Woodgreen Church Sunday School is having a **book and rummage sale** 11 am to 2 pm at 875 Queen St. E (at Logan).

The ladies of St. Barnabas Church (Danforth at Hampton) are having a **garage sale** in the lower hall of the church from 11 to 2.

Marie Parker is the featured author at Pathways College today. She will be reading from her work. 591 Parliament St. Free.

Action Volunteers are holding a demonstration today at 1 p.m. outside the Eaton Centre (Yonge at Dundas) to **protest the seal hunt**. From there we will march up to The Bay and then head over to the 519 Church St. Community Centre for tea and a post-demonstration celebration.

Sunday March 9

There will be a **St. Luke's forum** at 353 Sherbourne St. at 2:30 p.m. but as of press time we have received no information as to who the speaker will be.

Monday March 10

The final presentation of the "**Winchester Park**" plan is to take place tonight: the completed plans are to be presented for the community's approval. At 7:30 p.m. at the Winchester School staff room. (Our apologies for the previous incorrect listing of this event.)

Wednesday March 12

The 519 Church Street Community Centre

is having its **annual potluck supper** at 6 pm. There is no admission, but you should bring some food to share. It would help if you phoned to say you were coming and to let us know what you are bringing. 923-2778.

St. Luke's Church is having a special Wednesday evening **Lent meeting** today with guest speaker Rev. Eric Nelson, the chaplain of the Family and Juvenile Court.

Thursday March 13

The **Angry Red Planet** is the film at the Parliament Street Library, 269 Gerrard St. E., today at 6:30 and tomorrow at 2 pm.

There is a **pot luck supper** tonight at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., followed by Easter decoration making under the direction of a trained artist. All materials provided except egg — bring your own eggs to colour. Special activities for children. All children must be accompanied by their own parents or relatives. Doors open at 6:15. Card and table games available.

Friday March 14

There will be a **bake sale** at Ray McCleary Towers, 444 Logan Ave., from 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Ongoing

Marvellous, mad, cosmic Canadian comedy" says Don Rubin of Canadian Theatre Review of George F. Walker and John Roby's **Rumours of our Death**. Smash hit. Held over at Factory Theatre Lab, 207 Adelaide St. E. Tickets — CALL 864-9971. Until March 2.

Dixon Hall is hoping to run a "**disco-fitness**" class on Saturday afternoons. You can learn dance steps as well as movements which will keep you fit and trim. We need a minimum of 8 people in order for this class to run. If interested, please call Janice or Ross at 863-0499.

Volunteers are needed to work in **pre-school program for immigrant children**. Training provided. Your own pre-school child welcome. CALL Pamela Ramsay 694-8795 evenings.

Recent drawings by artist Kathrin Souery are on view at the Pape-Danforth Library, 701 Pape Ave., March 1 to 31.

Simpson Avenue United Church needs responsible individuals to help in our newly formed **Beaver and Cub program**. Anyone interested in getting involved please contact John Baldwin at 463-3470, Don Hayward at 463-7332, or George Hamilton at 463-5885.

Income Tax returns are being processed at Regent Park Community Health Centre for a nominal fee, with the proceeds going to the Ward Seven Camp Fund for children with special needs. Returns may be left at the centre any week day from 9 am to 5 pm and in-

formation can be obtained by phoning 364-2261. The Regent Community Health Center is at 19 Belshaw Place.

DayTime volunteers are urgently needed to help supervise the annual free income tax clinic for people with limited incomes sponsored by Neighbourhood Information Post at Library House, 265 Gerrard Street East.

The annual clinic runs until May on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to act as receptionists and co-ordinators, to book clients, answer phones and assist with filling out income tax forms. Chartered accountants will also be donating their time.

If you would like to donate a few hours to this valuable service, please telephone Neighbourhood Information Post at 924-2543 or 924-2544.

The **Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre** at 603 Whiteside Place (364-4915) has a number of activities for tenants of Regent Park and the surrounding area. These include cribbage, ping pong, shuffleboard, bumper pool, darts. There are a TV and stereo to enjoy. There is an arts and crafts day for ladies (more are welcome). There is a library with an assortment of books. A bowling league starts up in the fall. Family membership at the centre is only \$2.00 per year. This includes a Christmas Party for children of members 12 and under. The centre is open Monday through Thursday 1 to 4, and 7 to 10 p.m. On Fridays, it's 1 to 4 and 7 to 11 p.m. Feel free to drop in.

The St. Jamestown Y has a range of activities for adults and seniors. These are:

The Senior Monday Club, Which meets each Monday from 1:15 to 3:30 pm in the 200 Wellesley Rec Room. Bingo, card games, refreshments.

Monday Evening Crafts, held in the 275 Bleecker Rec room each Monday from 7 to 9 pm. Knitting, crocheting, chit chat, refreshments.

Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have an upcoming event which you would like listed in the March 14 issue

Monday Bingo: held in the 200 Wellesley Rec Room each Monday beginning at 8 pm.

St. James Town Songsters: a group of seniors who get together in the 200 Wellesley Rec Room each Tuesday evening at 7 to sing old and familiar songs. They often entertain at various homes and hospitals in the area.

Do you like finding out what's going on in the community through reading the community calendar? Then maybe you'd like to get in on the ground floor, so to speak, and help us put the calendar together. If you have any time to spare, and you think you might like to help, please give us a call at 7 News, 363-9650.

Dixon Hall

Come on Friday February 22 to Dixon Hall. We'll be having a **pub night** complete with music and a cold buffet. Doors open at 8:30 pm and admission is free. (No minors allowed.)

Ceramics class for adults is being run on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Learn how to make mugs, bowls, etc. from start to finish. Cost for this class is \$30 for 6 weeks.

An exercise and movement class is now being run at Dixon Hall each Thursday afternoon at 1 pm. Exercise is a great way to relieve stress and tension and to tone up for the spring. Classes are \$1 each. Call 863-0499.

Dance classes for children from 7 to 14 years are being offered at Dixon Hall each Monday afternoon from 4 to 6 pm. Cost \$1 per class.

Volunteers are needed for programmes at Dixon Hall and Park School. The after 4 program at Park School is looking for volunteers to help run cooking, needlework, and arts and crafts. If you can help please call Elizabeth Jeschkeit at 863-0499. Also, Project Achievement, a tutoring programme for Park School kids is looking for volunteers on either Tuesday or Thursday nights. Call Ross at 863-0499 if interested. And Dixon Hall's music school is in need of volunteer music teachers — especially guitar. Call 863-0499.

(all events between March 14 and March 28 should go in this issue) fill out the coupon below and mail or bring it to 7 News, 315 Dundas St. E., Toronto M5A 2A2.

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15 Prospect St.**

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Housing Federation of Toronto at 598-1641

REMINDER

As of March 1980 the government of Ontario has made car insurance compulsory. The driver must carry a minimum of \$100,000 third party coverage.

PENSIONERS: REMEMBER

It is time for pensioners to renew their guaranteed annual income supplement (GAINS). Applications must be received by your local office before April 1, 1980.

For further information regarding either of the above notices contact: Jim Renwick's Constituency Office 1204 Gerrard St. E. 461-0223 Open 2-8 pm Mon.—Wed.; 1-7 pm Thurs.; 9am to 2pm Fri.

TYPING CLASSES

There will be a limited number of seats available in a beginners typing class

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POETRY

BIOGRAPHICAL (TOKEN ASIAN)

Sometimes mistaking bad breath for good verse, am a boat-person from a few years back, a bastard-child of colonialismo. As a missionary in Toronto, contracted socialist-disease from the natives and am lying on my back — waiting for voices. Only wish for the eighties is that the United States government be put on trial for crimes against the people of the world. As for Canada, we're the first lady of colonialism, and we should sue for divorce.

Have a book, "Has Anyone Asked the Police if We Can Stand HERE", FORMERLY WITH Goldflower, now with Oblivion Fragrances, an underground press

dedicated to self-suppression. Therefore you can't see it.

GEOGRAPHICAL

Today residents of South Riverdale were asked to turn themselves in for renovation treatment.

Considering the trash that is said to prevail on this lakeside industrial resort, renovation-treatment has become an annual occurrence, as regular as small-pox vaccines, and has been given to considerable support and street-festivity in the last few years, sponsored by the local straight bourgeoisie association.

Long bastions of stealth have fallen to the miniature wrecking balls of sand. Those who refused it have

been deported to OHC reservations in transurbia. Some citizens have escaped the treatment by sailing away on porches. The United Nations isn't investigating.

Senior citizens' homes have been melted down into windowless blocks. Children are dropped as aid, into suburbia, to sober anxieties of impotence. The City is now an adult-only theatre and the police pack hoses which are attachable to sand-hydrants.

While citizens are slapped around to get a little bit of red into their cheeks and necks, blacker citizens are sanded down to grey: serving towels wrapped around their throats.

Times are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

at your local community health centre.

IT'S ALL GOOD FUN.

Suggeste alternatives to the lord's prayer No. 8

In Toronto the Good
The Cops are Tops
The State is Great
(watch out!) amen.

Suggested alternatives to the lord's prayer No. 9

the Word today, Children is *clear*
the judge cleared the courtroom
the jury cleared the cops
blue skies cleared their conscience
a dead man
can't clear his throat
(contempt shouts, look
it still rains.
city of the night
through your deepest sewers,
your darkest veins,
look
the leaves are lining
the streets)

1984

By SETH BORTS

Maybe it was the size of the theatre. And, then again, maybe it was the size of the innovations of the NDWT Company. But in any case their current production of Orwell's *1984* is missing something, and frankly it comes off as being the doublethink equivalent to overkill. If you like lavish super-duper electronic representations of fascism at its worst, then you'll love this play.

NDWT has of late been showing this presentation to secondary students from around Metro. They use over 20 television sets that I counted, plus two large screens, two TV cameras, a live band, and a chair. Says one NDWT source, it takes them two days to set up for a show. Therefore they stopped travelling around to Metro schools and invited the students in.

As entertainment I'd say that this production is worth seeing. However, with the size, their production would be better suited to the CNE Grandstand than the Bathurst St. Theatre at Bathurst and Lennox.

1984 is Orwell's ode to the demise of democracy, wherein the world divides into huge blocs of power: Oceania, East Asia and Eurasia. War is chosen as a means of keeping down the masses. One's thoughts, speech and action are controlled by "the party" and its embodiment, Big Brother.

A man by the name of Winston Smith is sadistically made to betray all his loved ones in favour of Big Brother by a fullblown tool of fascism named O'Brien.

The whole production was very rock opera oriented. It came off as something that would make a nice halftime activity at a Rolling Stones concert.

Good performances were delivered by Alan Bridle as O'Brien, and Alan Rosenthal as Winston. Big Brother was ominously played by Jim Gerrard. Berenche gave a nice supporting performance as Julia.

In the right setting this production would come off much better. In all, however, the current presentation is enjoyable.

Poetry by Krisantha Sri Bhaggiyadatta

face it, there's an illegal immigrant
hiding in your house

hiding in you
trying to get out.

hold your chin up, there
is a cockroach
stalking the walls

of your brain
trying to get in

on your affluent fantasies
and fifty-cent fears

(business's men, custom's officials, dark glasses, industrial aviation, policemen, illegal bachelorettes, sweat-shop keepers, information canada:

"you can't can't get their smell off the walls")

"there is never one cockroach".
there is never one you.

corporate love

we are naked, this moment
stripped of
time, the flesh
is smooth and
cool

the talk
is reduced to
yes,

no
the passion
is built, tongue
by touch,
complete.

the sweat withdraws,
a skin pushes us
apart, the sheets
separate us, our dreams
seek corners, the bones
are awkward
the breath sour. silence.

day reaches out
and strangles
memory.

China In The News/Throwing the book at Mao (Special to the Globe and Mail and the Great Wall Street Journal)

the east is read
as having second thoughts
about Mao

peeking through our bamboo curtain,
voyeurs of other people's times,
tourists at destiny:

"see, they're like us.
they drink coke
and they hold hands too . . ."

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here, the east isn't even
pink yet

coke adds life
and multi(nationally plies
tooth decay.

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Imperialism's Children/ Operation Amnesia

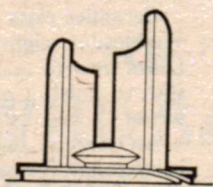
B-52 tears for the boat-people:

with red in our eyes,
yesterday's face lies
high
in the ever-dissolving
memory-aches
of can-america's
tele-naturalised disasters:

"here's oil for your palm,
this isn't napalm and there's
where the dominos fall
and here's where the propagandists pick
up:

dust from the east, here's
a flag to see the world through,
a scar-strangled banner, to hide
your face in"

(pls. note: B-52's are not a New-York hair-style or rock-group
but a Warshington War-style, a winged vehicle
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A proposed amendment to the Official Plan to permit a mixed commercial-residential building at 267 Broadview Avenue.

Copies of the Commissioner of Planning and Development's report explaining this amendment are available from Information Services, Planning and Development Department, 20th Floor, East Tower, City Hall, 367-7182.

Further Information is also available from the South Riverdale Planning Office, 821 Queen Street East, 463-5914.

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The Canada Metals story: A chronology

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1973, there were 16 occasions on which lead in the air near the plant was above the legal maximum. Monthly dustfall was higher than the maximum every month from January to July 1973.

August 1974: Formation of Working Group on Lead Emissions at Canada Metal. The working group recommends a number of control procedures; monitoring of lead levels; regular blood tests of residents, and a clean-up of soil in the area. The soil clean-up is carried out in June and July 1977.

January 1975: Environmental Hearing Board public hearings begin and continue to October 9, 1975. The transcript of the hearing filled 7,663 pages.

April 5, 1976: Control order to abate fugitive emissions and from plant upsets issued.

October 12, 1976: A committee on the Environment Hearing Board's recommendations is set up. Membership consists of residents' group representatives, company representatives, and government officials.

November 1976: A public meeting is held, sponsored by the Committee.

March 1977: A summary of the Environmental Hearing Board recommendations is tabled. Of the 103 recommendations, 39 were completed or under way.

March 28, 1977: Committee members representing residents' groups resign.

June/July 1977: Removal of soil contaminated by lead is carried out, at a cost of \$80,000.

April 18, 1979: An Ontario Environment Ministry official admits that new lead contamination of the soil in the area exists. He says that residents have not been informed because "it would only upset them". The Ministry had known about it since November 1978, but had done nothing.

April 23, 1979: Readings for lead in the air are published in the press. They show that the "acceptable" level was exceeded 10 times in June 1978, five times in July 1978, eight

times in August, nine times in September, 15 times in October, eight times in November, nine times in December, and five times in January 1979.

June 1979: A community meeting on lead pollution is organized by the South Riverdale Community Health Centre. At the meeting, evidence is presented suggesting that previous levels of "acceptable" lead pollution are too permissive.

October 1979: A new liaison committee is set up to look into the

situation of lead levels near the Canada Metals plant.

October 1979: The Board of Health and Ministry of the Environment give their approval to the building of a proposed new apartment building at Pape and Eastern, near the Canada Metals plant (and close to the A.R. Clarke Tannery). The planning commissioner recommends that the building be "air conditioned". The city neighbourhoods committee later recommends approval be delayed for a

year until it is seen whether Canada Metals complies with the latest control order against it.

February 22, 1980: Canada Metals is given a suspended sentence after pleading guilty to two charges of air pollution. The judge said he was suspending sentence because Canada Metals is a good corporate citizen, because there was "no physical possibility of a recurrence of the offence", and because there was little, if any, harm done.

The lead problem and children

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As the children lost their baby teeth, the teeth were collected and analyzed for lead. The children were studied in two ways. Those in the top 10% (that is, greater than 20 parts per million) and those in the lowest 10% (that is, less than 10 parts per million) of lead concentrations in their teeth were given psychological tests of various kinds and their classroom behaviour was also measured by their teachers ratings. In addition, all of the children whose teeth were analyzed had their classroom behaviour measured in the same way.

Those conducting the study attempted to provide conclusions which applied to the community at large and made a determined effort to draw its sample group from a representative population.

The results of this study were published in March of this year (1979).

In scientific terms, the study reported: "Children with high lead levels performed significantly less well (1) on the Weschler Intelligence Scale, particularly the verbal items,

(2) on three measures of auditory verbal processing, (3) on attentional performance as measured by reaction time under conditions of varying delay and (4) on most items of the teachers' behavioural rating".

To take Item (4) only because it is more familiar, the teachers were asked to answer these questions:

1. Is this child easily distracted during his/her work?
2. Can he/she persist with a task for a reasonable amount of time?
3. Can this child work independently and complete assigned tasks with minimal assistance?
4. Is his/her approach to tasks disorganized (constantly misplacing pencils, books, etc)?
5. Do you consider this child hyperactive?
6. Is he/she over-excitable and impulsive?
7. Is he/she easily frustrated by difficulties?
8. Is he/she a daydreamer?
9. Can he/she follow simple directions?
10. Can he/she follow a sequence of directions?

11. In general, is this child functioning as well in the classroom as other children his/her own age?

Teachers reports of classroom behaviour showed that children with high lead levels were rated significantly poorer on nine of eleven items and that the total score of these subjects was lower.

What is the conclusion for our community?

I believe that this study and others certainly suggests strongly that relatively low doses of lead effects the mental processes of children in their ability to deal with words and to pay attention. A continuing consistent effect of exposure to lead is a disturbance of the capacity to pay attention and therefore of the ability to learn.

The report in its careful restrained language of science concludes:

1. The teachers' behavioural rating scale was found to be sensitive to the degree of lead exposure on almost all items across the entire range of tooth lead levels in a dose related fashion. This observation

suggests that lead may increase the risk of undesirable behaviour in the classroom at doses considerably

below those found in the group with high lead levels.

2. The defined "no effect" levels for children exposed to lead has undergone a steady downward revision over the past three decades as new data has shown effects at lower doses. Currently the Centre for Disease Control has defined a blood level of three micrograms per milli-litre as the threshold for undue lead absorption.

3. The impaired function of children with high lead levels, demonstrated in the neuropsychologic laboratory, mirrored by disordered classroom behaviour, appears to be an early adverse effect of exposure to lead.

I have presented this paper to the meeting because Canada Metals may have to be closed.

JIM RENWICK
(June 11, 1979)

Presented to meeting on lead pollution at South Riverdale Community Health Centre.

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Education Round-up

By JOANN HUTCHISON

The Special Education Workgroup at the Toronto Board has proposed that most of the students who are currently in self-contained primary and junior special education classes be returned to the regular classroom program. The Workgroup's central proposal involved the establishment of two-year pilot projects in at least eight Toronto elementary junior schools (Kindergarten to Grade 6).

There would be a reduction in regular classroom size and back-up support from learning centres and teams of teachers for these students. The Workgroup's report will be the subject of city-wide meetings early next month.

Placement

A recent Board report showed that 75% of those students currently enrolled in special programs primary, junior, and senior have been inappropriately placed.

These students are **not** educable mentally retarded children. Rather, they are students of average intelligence who are two or more years behind their peers academically. Many are from low income and/or immigrant families.

It is recognized in the report that primary and junior special programs must be maintained for those small number of children who are educable mentally retarded.

Behavioural Classes

Self-contained behavioural classes will also continue. However, behavioural and regular classroom teachers will co-operate to ensure as much integration of these children into the regular classroom program as is realistically possible.

Excluded Programs

The proposal does **not** include consideration of these Special Education programs: Learning Disabilities, Deaf, Hearing, Language, Gifted, Speech, Home Instruction, Orthopaedic, Special Program Senior, and Self-Contained Reading. **All of these programs would continue as presently organized.**

Class Bias

At a heated Board meeting in November, 1979, Ward 7 trustee, George Martell, raised the issue of the large numbers of working class kids who are being streamed into bottom level programs.

Martell claimed that smaller class size, serious literacy programs, reading clinics and learning centres in every school, and active co-operation between special education teachers and classroom teachers in terms of program planning for children who had fallen behind academically, would significantly reduce the number of children from lower income homes

Funds for local hospitals

The Ontario Ministry of Health has announced 1980-1981 budget allocations for Ontario hospitals. Hospital spending is doing somewhat better than it did last year, when many hospitals were hit with particularly heavy cutbacks. This year's cutbacks are not quite as severe, but spending is still well back of the rate of inflation, so hospitals can expect to fall a bit further back in their efforts to keep up with their expenses.

Local area hospitals have been allocated the following amounts for 1980-81: (1979-80 figures are in brackets)

Central Hospital, Sherbourne St.: \$8,027,138 (7,462,250). Orthopaedic and Arthritic Hospital, Wellesley St.: \$5,983,325 (5,562,894) Princess of Margaret Hospital, Sherbourne St.: \$21,525,971 (20,009,110). Riverdale Hospital, St. Mathew's Rd.: \$18,365,350 (16,926,590). St. Michael's Hospital, Queen St.: \$44,228,213 (41,096,846). Wellesley Hospital, Wellesley St.: \$33,278,236 (30,911,447).

who ended up in dead-end programs.

He asked that **special programs primary, junior, and senior, and special program behavioural** be carefully examined and phased out for all but a small number of children. Overwhelming numbers of working class students have ended up in these programs as a result of not being able to read and write at anything near grade level.

A number of Ward 7 parents, a couple of Ward 7 teachers, and one Ward 7 principal who spoke that evening suggested that Martell's proposals be seriously considered. They said that, in their experience, the streaming of their children into self-contained special classes had failed to improve academic achievement significantly enough to allow the children to return to the regular classroom program.

Children who were labelled and segregated as "slow learners", they maintained, were not motivated to learn no matter how competent the teacher.

Teacher Commitment

The success of the proposal, it is stated bluntly in the report, "will depend in large measure on the commitment of teachers who take on the challenge. . . It is understood that along with all considerations staff would have to be committed to the program and to the ideal that **most** children can and should be able to accomplish the academic tasks presented to them."

Lower Class Size

Staff now provided to schools because of special allocation for English as a Second Language (E.S.L.), Special Education, and Inner City needs would be used under this proposal to significantly lower class sizes.

This could be as low as 18 students per grade class in some schools.

Students of average intelligence — not mentally retarded — who are two or more years behind academically would be distributed among regular classrooms in this plan, and would receive withdrawal Learning Centre support from a specialist teacher.

3 Teams of Teachers

Staff members in a project school would be asked to join one of three teams of teachers in their school. This will make programming easier.

Team 1 would have a small number of students in their classes who would visit the school's Learning Centre. The teachers would work with Learning Centre staff, Special Program Consultants, and Curriculum Division Consultants to design programs for these students.

Team 2 would have a small number of E.S.L. students in their classes and would work with E.S.L. consultants to develop programs for these students.

Team 3 would have neither Learning Centre nor E.S.L. students in their classes. They would work with consultants from the Curriculum Division to develop local curriculum.

Voluntary Component

It is hoped that individual schools would volunteer and then be selected to become part of this proposal.

Pilot project schools would need to have a teaching staff who are committed to the aims of the proposal, and who are willing to undertake the necessary in-service training (half to be offered on "school time" and half on the

teachers' personal time) and the program adaptations that would be required.

Parents of the Special Program Primary and Junior children in the school would have to agree to their children being partially re-integrated into the regular classroom program.

No Bumping

Schools opting for such a plan would take several years to develop their program. It is therefore proposed that they be released from "bumping" arrangements for a two-year period so that they will have the same teachers in the school for the term of the pilot project.

The staff members in schools who opt to go with the pilot project would be encouraged to remain in their school for the two-year period.

Staffs would be allowed to opt out of the plan if, "after seriously attempting to implement it", they find that it does not work for some reason in their particular situation. They would then lose the extra staff provided when they entered the plan.

It is estimated that twelve extra teaching staff plus a consultant plus sixteen half-time teachers (the latter to provide release time for teacher inservice) will be required at a cost of \$544,000 for the pilot project. This figure does **not** include any internal curriculum resources. \$5,000 would be provided to each participating school for "program establishment."

Public Meetings

The Workgroup is holding four public meetings to get community response to its pilot project proposal.

The meeting for the east end of the city is to be held on Monday, March 3, at Dundas Public School (Broadview Ave. and Dundas St.) from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

It is very important that concerned parents and teachers read the report and come out to voice their opinions. Some Ward 7 school-community groups are already meeting to discuss their response to the proposal.

Copies of the report may be obtained from your local school or from the Special Education Department at the Board, 155 College St. (598-4931).

The March 3 meeting is crucial. It is the community's final chance to give its input to the members of the Workgroup before the pilot project proposal goes before the Board.

Ward 7 trustee, George Martell, supports the proposal because it provides "an honest first step in developing the conditions within which we can provide a curriculum of quality and purpose for all the children in our system." Martell feels, however, that the report does not do any more "than touch the surface of the class bias in our schools, which is reflected most dramatically in the low levels of literacy among so many of our youngsters from working class homes. It is a problem this Board will return to again and again, and even a partial solution to it will require the most determined efforts on our part."

If you can't make the March 3 meeting at Dundas School, you may attend one of three other meetings throughout the city. The meetings all run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The dates are: March 6 (Kent St. P.S.), and March 10, (Kensington P.S.).

Cold weather advice

By ROBERT B. MITCHELL

With winter finally in full gear, many homeowners develop problems related to the insulation and ventilation of attic areas. Condensation of warm moisture laden air in the attic on the cold roof surfaces may result in damage to wood roof members, damage to insulation and possible damage to the ceiling plaster below the attic area. The key to this condensation problem is proper ventilation.

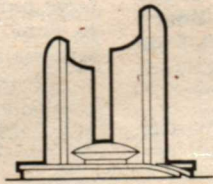
During the course of day to day living in a home a great deal of warm moist air is generated. The moisture rises and passes through the living areas into the attic. In older homes, the attic areas contained very little, if any, insulation and usually no ventilation. With no ventilation warm moisture laden air remains trapped in the attic and as the warm moist air comes in contact with the cold roof members, condensation occurs. As the level of insulation increases so may the condensation problem. Higher insulation levels further reduce the ability of the moisture to escape and condensation is more likely. Excessive condensation may even appear on the ceiling surfaces of the living areas below the attic.

What is proper ventilation? An

aggregate free area of one square foot for each three hundred square feet of attic floor area is often recommended. For cathedral type roofs and low pitch roofs ventilation should be increased to two square feet for each three hundred square feet of attic floor area. End louvers or roof vents in combination with eave vents provide a natural thermal current and effective ventilation results.

The following are items you should check and watch for in your attic area. Check the eave or soffit vents to ensure that they are clear and not blocked with ventilation. Apply the general formula and satisfy yourself that you have an adequate amount of ventilation. If you see brown stains appearing on the ceiling surfaces below your attic and there are no obvious water sources in the area then you may have a condensation problem. When you check the attic you may see water stains or even a white layer of frost on the inner roof surfaces. These are probable indicators of inadequate ventilation. Improving the attic ventilation should quickly rectify the problem.

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