

Rooming houses being lost

By ALDERMAN GORDON CRESSY

How can it be that even though we continue to see more new housing units being built, people are finding it harder and harder to find housing?

One of the reasons for this is a phenomenon called "deconversion", i.e. houses which contain several rental units being renovated and converted into single family dwellings.

To illustrate this, between 1976 and 1979 there were 7,000 new housing units built in Toronto. But in spite of this new construction we have lost approximately 5,000 units through deconversion. This means that in fact we have only increased our housing stock by about 2,000 units. We can see this in Ward 7, particularly in Don Vale and South

of Carlton, where houses which were once rooming houses, housing several independent people in rooms, now contain one family.

In 1976 City Council set a target of 40,000 new dwelling units 1985. Of this 40,000 it was intended that 20,000 would be suitable for low to moderate income people. The City, in setting this target, was committed to producing new housing for low to moderate income individuals and families, to having a balance between owner-occupied and rental housing, and to preventing the loss of dwelling units through demolition. In a recent report prepared by City Planning staff we were told that we are well on the road to meeting the 40,000 target — but we are not near meeting the target of having 20,000 of those units available for people of low to moderate

income. And these targets do not account for the fact that as we continue to get new housing units, we are losing almost as many old housing units.

Deconversion is of concern for several reasons. The population of the City of Toronto is decreasing due to household sizes becoming smaller. Deconversion contributes to this loss of population as the number of household units decreases. This creates problems for the City in terms of its huge investment in infrastructure — schools, parks, sewers, etc. As the population falls the per capita cost of paying for those services goes up.

For example, Don Vale's population has decreased from 8,701 in 1951 to 3,957 in 1980 — a reduction of 54.5%. The reason for this enormous decrease in popula-

tion can be seen in the changing character of Don Vale where we see fewer rooming houses and multiple dwelling unit houses and more single family dwellings.

Another serious implication of deconversion is the type of housing we are losing. Most of the units which are lost through deconversion are flats and rooms, occupied mainly by low income people. A City researcher has been looking at newspaper ads for flats, rooms, and shared accommodation over the past 5 years. In 1977 there were 642 ads for rooms. In 1981 there were only 224 ads. Although looking at newspaper ads alone is not a totally reliable indication of supply and demand, it is probably fair to assume that there are fewer rooms being rented.

The Rooms Registry at All

Saints' Church can certainly attest to the difficulty in housing single people, particularly welfare recipients. There just aren't enough rooms for rent.

This is not by way of saying that deconversion is all bad. As houses are deconverted they are also renovated and the houses are improved. But we are going to have to start looking for imaginative solutions to the shortage of housing for low income people.

And many questions need to be answered:

- Where are the people who are being displaced due to deconversion moving to?
 - who are these people and how many of them are there?
 - should, perhaps, the mandate of such housing programs as
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Singing program for boys & girls

A singing program during the lunch hour will be a first for St. Peter's Anglican Church located at Carlton and Bleecker Streets.

Boys and girls who live in the bounds of St. Peter's parish, which encompasses the north west corner of Ward 7, will be able to have lunch at the Church and then spend thirty minutes learning to sing in the classical tradition of choral music.

Under the direction of Eric Hanbury, organist and certified music teacher, the boys and girls will learn to sing traditional airs, popular tunes as well as liturgical music. In the second and third terms, the children will be prepared to enter choral competitions and will perform a musical.

"Traditionally, only boys attend choir schools, but we feel that girls, though their voices develop in quite a different way, will add a dimension to the St. Peter's Choir School program that other groups aren't able to offer," said director Hanbury.

The fact that the program is a lunch time event two days a week is

an attempt to build within the children, age 7 to 15, a sense of community much like the choir schools of the past. St. Peter's will supply fruit and beverage while the children will bring their own sandwiches. The group will sit together in a supervised and pleasant dining area before rehearsing.

Children who take part in the school will be expected to perform most Sundays in the transept of St. Peter's Church. The children will be robed in traditional choir garments and will move through the ranks of the choir in the accepted manner with a head chorister chosen.

Children from the age of seven or those who are younger but who can read may join the school. Members are accepted to the age of 15.

St. Peter's Church is anxious that members of the community, Anglican or other, support this endeavour. The Church rector, John Wiseman, said, "It is the responsibility of the church within

the community to preserve and maintain the traditions that are quickly slipping from us. If through St. Peter's Choir School we are able to provide a music program and an opportunity for children to sing together, we will be able to add to their education and self-fulfillment."

At school closing time in June, St. Peter's offered bursaries for \$25.00 to students in grade six who had excelled in musical endeavours at Lord Dufferin, Sprucecourt, Church Street and Winchester Schools, which are located in the parish.

For more information on St. Peter's Choir School, call 962-4518 after 1:30. The fee for each three month session is \$30 and the first session begins October 1. There is some consideration being given to an after school program for children who do not attend the schools within the parish. For more information call Sharon Cunningham 962-4518, or Eric Hanbury 534-0024.

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It is good to have friends who take time to think of the Native people, who are in the situation of having to live in the city, where problems of housing and employment are prevalent.

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Council Fire is not just a drop-in centre. A pot luck supper is held at

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A group of twenty to thirty people participate in baseball and volleyball offered by the centre. There is also a Merry Makers

Hobby Group for those who wish to learn a hobby or do a craft; they meet every Tuesday or Wednesday. In addition, there is the Health and Food Club for weight watchers and health-conscious people and which hold a supper based on proper nutrition and calorie intake at six p.m. every Tuesday evening. It is one dollar per person. Guest speakers are invited to share their knowledge on health with the group.

Council Fire can be reached at 366-0853.

There used to be more for teens to do

By MARY MURPHY

I noticed some teenagers heading down the street the other night as I was sitting on the front stoop of my apartment building. To me, they looked lonely and bored. And perhaps they had good reason to be, for what is there to do with free time these days when you are a teenager in this area?

Things were different when I was a teen. It's over 20 years ago now, but in my mind it was almost like yesterday.

Does anybody remember when Lord Dufferin opened its doors two nights a week, and invited the young to make use of what they had to offer? Even then the young used to think it a little square, but

attended out of curiosity. And surprisingly enjoying it. Monday nights used to be arts and crafts night with square dancing thrown in. I don't recall any parents being involved either. Thursday nights was a modern dance night. With all the latest dance tunes. Kids go to learn how to dance, meet their friends, and just have fun. Those were awfully good days. A lot of fun memories.

And what of all the shows we had on Parliament Street? If one place showed something we didn't like another had what we wanted. All the way from the Carlton show to the Bluebell on Dundas. One to each taste.

Then crowds would gather at a

favorite restaurant and meet a friend, then decide what to do.

The favorite restaurants, were Wallers at Gerrard & Sackville Streets, John's Grill on Parliament, or the Sip n Bite across the road. There were a couple of more but if your older brother or sister went there you preferred not to be there. Mostly because the older sibling didn't want you tagging around. It was classed as the older crowd.

I remember also the churches had a thing going. Some held dances, choir practices and general meetings just for the young. Talk to anybody and it was common knowledge to everyone what was happening. There was something to

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Gorgeous weather and happy friendly people made last Saturday's Bain Cop Street Festival on Bain Avenue an all-day pleasant experience.

The day was packed with events and things to see and do. There was a parade of decorated bicycles and tricycles for kids, games, food and drink, including a potluck supper. Music was another of the highlights, with a variety of performers succeeding each other all afternoon on the stage. Games included baseball, scrabble, and chess. And in the evening a street dance kept everyone in tune.

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Free films

This past week Central Neighborhood House announced that the schedule of free movies for the fall-winter-spring season of 1981-82 has been completed.

Booking movies is a very exacting type of profession; if it can be called a profession. It involves wheeling and dealing with exhibitors and distributors. Some of those sessions can become quite heated because it's very much like a bazaar where whoever shouts the longest and the loudest wins.

CNH operates on a very limited budget so shouting long and loud gets the pictures; at least the best available within the budget. The booker this season has done quite well. He's managed to get among others Flash Gordon vs Ming the Merciless; The Man Who Knew Too Much from Alfred Hitchcock; Orient Express; two more Hitchcock thrillers Young and Innocent and an adaptation of Canadian author John Buchanan's 39 Steps. Still to be booked but, in serious negotiation is Jaws I.

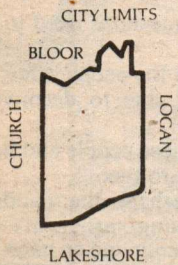
These movies are shown in the Board Room of CNH the last Sunday of each month beginning October 4. A Special of either Miracle on 34th Street or A Christmas Carol will be shown on December 26. A full schedule of pictures and play dates will be posted in the lobby of CNH. CNH spokesman ask, that the whole family take advantage of these showings, because they cost money to bring in and the greater the attendance the greater the grant to procure more and better pictures. It should be borne in mind that there is no admission charge; in other words — IT'S FREE ADMISSION.

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Farewell to Ann Periotte

We buried Ann Periotte this month. How sad it was to find no relatives to claim her body for burial.

Ann seemed to be driven to seek men's company, and many times we found her having had too much to drink, yet she never became aggressive, or foul-spoken, and her nature struck us as basically gentle and fine.

We had placed her in different homes, hoping she might change her life-style, but again it seemed that for some reason she wanted or needed affection and attention from the opposite sex, and became restless in the exclusive company of women.

We feel very sorry that we failed to reach Ann and prevent her tragically young death, at 23, and yet as we touched her cold hands, we felt she had found peace. Those who were present at her funeral, and the young people who carried the casket, were brought together by Ann in a sense of community which felt enough for her to offer her flowers at her grave site.

She took with her on her pretty face many scars from those who had abused her. Those who helped bury Ann were those who are part of Council Fire, and as we sat and watched, we were a community who cared enough to come and say good-bye.

We have buried others who lay unclaimed, and unfortunately we know that the story of Ann will be repeated, as girls continue to leave home to seek love, only to find loneliness and worse.

How can we prevent these tragedies? We know we must work and reach people like Ann so that their lives will be lived in dignity

and meaning, and not cut off before they had their chance to achieve these things.

Ann's life, however, in the final analysis, was not in vain - we like to think that the potential that was in her is being lived out in two other girls who knew Ann and used Council Fire, and have since reconstructed their own lives, including getting employment which allows them to live in self-respect. Ann lives on in Council Fire in memory, and the inspiration which she gave to others, if not in life, in her death.

Council Fire
 315 Dundas St. E.

Improve Parliament St.

Still another summer has gone by. Parliament Street is the same old drag. Big ideas never develop. Parliament was to be street from the gay 1890's. It remains a street from the era of 1940's-1950's.

The name of various stores may have changed - Tamblin's Drug, United Cigar, Loblaw's and Jenny Lind Candy are all gone. But Shoppers' Drug Mart, Corner Discount, No-Frill Food are the same old stores only with different names.

The real problem is the old sidewalks. The northeast corner of Parliament and Carlton has not only one step but two steps. Maybe we could say these sidewalks are

TAG DAY

The Toronto Humane Society's many services - for animals and people - throughout Metro Toronto are funded totally by donations. Saturday, September 26th is Tag Day and the THS needs your help.

If you would like to volunteer as a tagger, a driver or an area captain, please contact Toronto Humane at 362-2273. "Only humans can help animals".

from the gay 1890's.

A positive step would be the improvement of the sidewalks. New lamp poles of the gay '90's would add to the mood of the street. Little steps are what we need rather than grand dreams along Parliament Street.

Peter B. Pocock

No more bus to Leslie Spit

The TTC no longer has buses running on the Leslie Street Spit on weekends. The service was scheduled to run until mid-October this year, as it has in the last couple of years, but the TTC decided to cancel the route.

We heard about it from people who spent an hour waiting for the bus on Queen Street. They were eventually told about it by the driver of another bus passing by.

Credit where credit is due

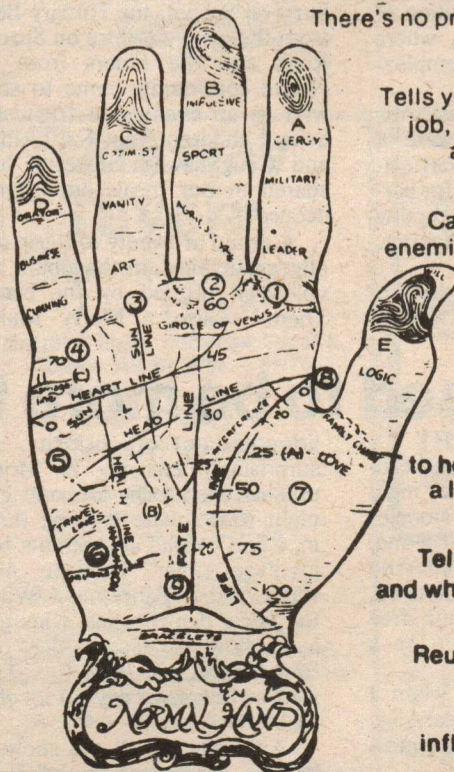
The photographs of the Royal Cabbagetown Croquet Classic which appeared in the August 21 issue of 7 News were taken by Phillip Grennan. Our thanks to him for kindly supplying us with the pictures, and our apologies for having inadvertently omitting the photo credits.

**Music and Dance
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Each Thursday, beginning at 4, Denise Woodley will teach two classes in ballet for children age 4 to 10. Mrs. Woodley is a former dancer with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and a performer on TV. Girls will wear dance slippers, tights and leotards and the boys will wear T-shirts, shorts and socks with their slippers. The program will be basically pre-ballet with an emphasis on body awareness. The fee for the 12 week program is \$35.00. The first class is September 24, for more information, call Mrs. Woodley at 469-2030.

Children age 3 to 9 can take part in a program of music, movement, chants and songs under the direction of Ada Vermeulen, beginning September 23. Using the methods of Orff and Kolady and other innovators, Mrs. Vermuelen will develop a sense of music and melody in your child. The children will also be able to play small instruments. The fee for the 10 week program is \$17.50. For more information on the three classes available, please contact Mrs. Vermeulen at 368-7291.

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Ethnic dancer at the Cultural Festival.



The Parliament Street Library held a pet contest. Was this the winner in the "best dressed pet" category?

All photos by David Zapparo

Energy options & alternatives

OVER A BARREL: A GUIDE TO THE CANADIAN ENERGY CRISIS by Jan Marmorek (Toronto: Doubleday Canada Limited, 1981) \$9.95 paperback, 283 pp.

ZERO ENERGY GROWTH FOR CANADA by David B. Brooks (Toronto: McClelland and Stewart Limited, 1981) \$19.95 hardcover, 304 pp.

In *Over a Barrel* Toronto Energy Probe researcher Jan Marmorek has produced a readable energy guide for the layperson. Enlivened by historical tidbits, photographs, cartoons, and excerpts from newspaper stories, *Over a Barrel* is a survey of Canada's energy sources — oil, natural gas, coal, nuclear energy — as well as water power, solar energy, biomass and wind power. For each source Marmorek supplements an analysis of supply, uses and side-effects with good suggestions for further reading.

Kudos go to Conservation House in Regina ("Wonder House") which uses less than 10% of the heat energy needed by an average same-size Regina home; to the Gulf Canada Building, Calgary, which requires only one-fifth the energy consumed by conventional commercial buildings; and to the community of Davis, near San Francisco, where 40% of all traffic is by bicycle. In industry, says Marmorek, "cascading" energy opens immediate possibilities for conser-

vation by matching differing energy qualities to differing tasks. "If an industry burns oil in a furnace, uses the hot gases to turn a turbine for electricity ... then uses the remaining heat to make steam for high temperature industrial jobs, and then pipes the leftover heat into a nearby building", a barrel of oil is much more useful than a barrel burned directly to produce space heat (p.80). In the latter case, a high quality energy source is used for a job which requires only low quality heat, and much available work is wasted.

Marmorek's goal — a conserver society based on renewable energy sources — is shared by geologist/economist Dr. David Brooks, an Ottawa Energy Probe researcher. According to Brooks our approach in the past has been an upside-down concentration on increasing energy supply — Alberta tar sands oil, Arctic gas — rather than reducing energy demand. *Zero Energy Growth* advocates a society where the annual rate of total energy consumption remains the same from year to year. Low energy growth would not catapult us into a depression: a high standard of living and an industrialized economy would be maintained. "Rather than thinking of the 1930's it would be much more relevant to think in terms of the energy economy that we had around 1955 when, on a per capita basis, Canadians consumed only

half of the energy they consume today" (p.63).

Zero Energy Growth is a scholarly study with a good section on conservation techniques and an emphasis throughout on economics and cost analysis. Brooks marches bravely into the energy pricing battle, the current hot topic. He feels conventional energy sources (oil, gas, electricity), traditionally heavily subsidized by government, have an unfair advantage in pricing over conservation and renewable energy sources. Artificially low, conventional energy prices must rise to reflect their real cost to society before investment is attracted to conservation and renewable energy. In the short term, low-income earners would be protected from higher energy prices by grants for conservation, by conservation projects undertaken by community-based construction firms, and by direct transfer payments. In the long term, the poor would benefit from a lower energy economy which would bring higher employment and lower inflation, and result in a more equitable distribution of income.

An authoritative reference work, Brooks' *Zero Energy Growth* as a bonus contains a short, clearly written appendix on Energy Measurement and Energy Efficiency. (You too can astound and delight your friends with your explanation why electric resistance heaters are wasteful under the Second Law of Thermodynamics.)

If you can read only one of the above books, Marmorek's guide is recommended — it's more accessible. It's also the book to consult if you have the oil pipeline debate confused with the natural gas pipeline debate and want to sort them out. Both books are available from Energy Probe, 43 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto M5S 2C3 (416) 978-7014.

Cherry Hassard

This article also appeared in the Bain Co-op Newsletter.

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Bob Rae runs for head of NDP

By ULLI DIEMER

Bob Rae, the 33 year-old MP for the federal riding of Broadview-Greenwood, has announced his candidacy for the leadership of the Ontario NDP.

The provincial NDP will be holding a convention on February 4 to 7 to elect a successor to Michael Cassidy, who resigned after the party fell from 33 to 21 Legislature seats in the March provincial election.

To date, Rae is the only declared candidate for the job, although it seems certain that Scarborough West MPP Richard Johnston will also be running.

Rae is expected to have an excellent chance of capturing the job, but if he does, he will face the task of finding a seat in the legislature. With only 21 seats altogether, the NDP doesn't have "safe" seats where an incumbent could resign to make room for Rae, and in any case it would be politically difficult for Rae to run in a seat far removed from where he lives.

Ironically, the provincial seat largely corresponding to Rae's federal riding is also held by the NDP, by Jim Renwick. Renwick, however, is a strong supporter of Richard Johnston, and he has made it clear that he has no inten-

tion of stepping down to make room for Rae.

Rae was first elected to Parliament only three years ago in a by-election, and rapidly went on to become one of the NDP's most prominent federal members. He is the party's finance spokesman, and is one of the only five MP's from Ontario for the NDP.

He launched his bid with a promise to build "a modern and truly effective political party" capable of challenging the Conservatives 38-year stranglehold on power in the province. He believes that "there is a truly progressive majority in this province waiting for direction and leadership." "I am committed to policies that will put people first," he said. "The 1980's threaten to become a decade of selfishness and meanness, a decade of short-sightedness. Cutbacks in important services for people are coupled with a corporate ideology that leaves Ontarians tenants in their own land."

Rae looks to have solid support from the party establishment, with which he has been identified at conventions. Rae was one of the principal spokesmen for the right wing of the party in its battles to beat back left-wing challenges to party policy, and he may have trouble gathering support from the left. Johnston, however, is not identified with the left either.

An ad hoc committee has been working to draft Rae and to help provide him with a strong organization for his leadership bid. The members of the committee include Marilyn Roycroft, former assistant to Stephen Lewis, Clifford Pilkey, president of the Ontario Federation

of Labour, former provincial leader Donald MacDonald, MPP Robert Mackenzie, and federal treasurer and former provincial secretary Gordon brigden.

Jim Renwick, MPP for Riverdale, is co-chairman of Richard Johnston's committee. Renwick says he could be happy with either man as leader, but says that he thinks that Rae is better suited to the federal level, and Johnston more to the provincial. In his opinion, "they speak to two different ways of looking to the party ... Richard has an immense sense of the basic importance of the riding associations and the affiliated locals and is for their participation in the party." He sees Rae as "having a

more authoritarian personality" and Johnston as "being more democratic."

Rae won't resign his federal seat unless he wins the leadership. The father of a five-week-old daughter, he notes that he can't afford to give up his income until he sees if he wins. If he does win, then the NDP

will have a fight on its hands to retain his federal seat of Broadview-Greenwood. Rae has won in the riding in one by-election and two general elections in three years, but the races were close and with a less strong candidate the NDP might be in trouble. One candidate being mentioned as a possible successor to Rae is former Waffle group leader Jim Laxer.

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The local run seems to have been perhaps the most successful one in the whole country, both in the number of participants and in the amount of money raised. Final results aren't in yet, but it seems that about \$75,000 was raised.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, September 18

In recognition of the increasing frequency of violence against women we are coming together to **Take Back the Night**. Join us tonight at 8:30 pm at the northwest corner of Parliament & Gerard. Bring a flashlight, whistles, screech alarms or any other noisemaker you can find. Women only. Childcare is available with advance notice by calling the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre at 964-7477.

Saturday September 19

Caroline Co-operative Homes Inc. is holding its official opening and **First Annual Fall Fair** today from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. There will be a kids' party from 3 to 4, and the official ceremony and ribbon cutting will take place from 4 to 4:30. Everyone is invited. Caroline Co-op is at 93 Longboat Ave. The best way to get there is to take Berkely Street south from Front Street.

The feminist journal **Fireweed** is holding its **4th annual festival** today with video showings from noon to 3 pm, poetry & prose readings from 4-6 pm, and a party from 9 pm - 1 am with surprise entertainment, dancing and a cash bar. It all takes place at the Music Gallery, 30 St. Patrick (Queen & University). **Tickets \$10** at Toronto Women's Bookstore, 85 Harbord; Pages Book Store, 256 Queen St. W., and the Music Gallery. All welcome. Daycare will be provided during the day. Compensation will be given for babysitting incurred for the evening dance.

The Market Gallery of the City of Toronto Archives presents "**Toronto Island: The City Years**", a 171-piece exhibit focusing on the City's stewardship of the Island from 1793 to 1956, when ownership was transferred to the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto. Opening today and running to November 15. The Market Gallery is located on the second floor of South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. at Jarvis. Hours: Wed.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, September 20

Le Centre Francophone invites you to participate in a **Kite Flying Contest** today at 1:30 pm. Throughout the afternoon, there will be a kite-making workshop where you will have the opportunity to design your very own kite and try it out. The competition starts at 2 pm. Le Centre Francophone is located at 435 Queen's Quay West (in Harbourfront, at the foot of Spadina). For more information, call 367-1950.

Harbourfront is screening Franco Brusati's **Bread and Chocolate** tonight at 7:30 pm. \$2 at York Quay Centre, 235 Queen's Quay West.

The Saint Luke's Forum presents speaker **Prof. J.M. McNamee today at 2:30 pm in Allen Gardens, Sherbourne and Carlton.**

Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays holds its regular meeting and potluck supper today from 2-6 p.m. at the 519 Church Street Community Centre.

Monday, September 21

The Humane Society (11 River St. at Queen) is having an **Open House** today from noon to 8 pm. Guided tours will last approximately half an hour.

Acid rain threatens our farmlands, forest and even our health. Yet the American government has expressed its intention to relax air quality standards while our government handles Canadian sources of acid rain with kid glove. Tonight's seminar at Ecology House, 12 Madison Ave., will **examine the acid rain problem** and the steps that must be taken if it is going to be resolved. 7:30 pm, admission \$3.

Tuesday, September 22

Today is the first public informational meeting about the **new Hugh Garner Co-operative** being built at 550 Ontario Street. Anyone interested in joining this family housing co-op is invited. At Winchester School, 15 Prospect St., at 7:30.

Wednesday, September 23

It costs more than \$800 a year to heat the average Toronto home. By 1985 this figure will have doubled. Ecology House, 12 Madison Ave., is presenting a seminar which will describe how almost any house can **reduce its heating bill by 50-90 percent**. Tonight at 7 pm, admission \$3.

Thursday, September 24

There will be a **blood clinic** today from 5 to 8:30 pm at Holy Name Church, 71 Gough Ave.

Feminist singer/musician **June Millington** performs tonight at Harbourfront's Brigantine Room. June Millington sings black and Latin music as well as ballads and rock 'n' roll. 8 pm. Interpreted for hearing-impaired, wheelchair-accessible. Childcare provided. Tickets available in advance from Toronto Women's Bookstore, 85 Harbord St., Harbourfront box office and all BASS outlets. A Womylny Way Production.

The East Side Players perform **Plaza Suite**, by Neil Simon, tonight, tomorrow and Saturday at 8:30 pm in Old Todmorden Paper Mill on Pottery Rd. (between Broadview and Bayview). Tickets are \$5, \$4 for seniors, reservations 425-0917. On opening night only (tonight) the audience is invited to join the East Side Players at a wine and cheese reception following the performance.

Friday, September 25

There will be a **blood clinic** today at Centennial College, 870 Pape Ave. (at Mortimer) from 9:30 am to 11:00 am and from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Riverdale Public Library (Broadview & Gerrard) is showing a free film "**Topper Returns**", starring Joan Blondell, today at 2 pm.

Saturday, September 26

The Young People's Theatre Centre, 165 Front St. E., is having a **BirthDay Bash Open House** from 12 noon to 5 pm, opening its doors to young people and their families for an afternoon filled with music, mime, puppetry, dance and magic, and invites the youngsters to explore the theatre and its many backstage areas. For more information, call 363-5131.

Today is the Toronto Humane Society's **Tag Day**. All the money raised that day will help feed and provide shelter for lost and abandoned dogs and cats, and veterinary care for sick and injured strays. Won't you help the Toronto Humane Society by volunteering to collect donations? Find out more about Tag Day. Call Toronto Humane at 362-2273.

Playter Annual Fall Fair today from 11:30 am to 5 pm at Jackman Junior Public School. Events include children's fancy dress parade (11:30), book, toy and clothing sales, pony rides, astrology chart readings, face painting and much more. Volunteer help is welcome. For further info, call Gayle Mercer at 463-4375.

Sprucecourt Co-op is holding a **lawn sale** today from 10 to 4 (rain date: Saturday, Oct. 3). There will be a kiddie area, hot dogs, soft drinks, a raffle, etc. Come out for a Saturday full of bargains. Sprucecourt Co-op is located at Gildersleeve Lane and Sumach St.

Picket the office of anti-gay "Positive Parent" leader Stew Newton. Mett today at 1:00 pm at the corner of Yonge & Eglinton. For more information, call 923-GAYS.

Hard Times Dance tonight at 9 pm at St. Ann's Church Hall, Gerrard & DeGrassi St. Buffet included. \$8 per couple. Sponsored by St. Ann's Women's Guild.

Sunday, September 27

The St. Luke's Forum presents speaker **Dan Forsythe**, community relations. Today at 2:30 pm in Allen Gardens, Sherbourne and Carlton.

Tuesday, September 29

The **Enoch Turner Schoolhouse** is running a mini-bus tour today to Cobourg, Grafton and Port Hope, touring historic buildings in each location. \$23 for members, \$25 for non-members, lunch included. Bus leaves from Summerhill subway station at 8:30 am. For details, call the Enoch Tuerner Schoolhouse at 863-0010.

Harbourfront is holding a series of **Amnesty International Benefit readings**, beginning tonight with Allan Sillitoe (UK), Michele Lalond (Canada), Thomas Kinsella (Ireland), Allan Ginsberg (USA) and Roberto Retamar (Cuba). Tonight at 8 pm in York Quay Centre, admission \$3.

Wednesday, September 30

Actor's Lab is staging **Momo**, an account of French poet and theatre theoretician Antonin Artaud's internment at the Rodez insane asylum during World War II. Opening tonight at 8:30 and running till Oct. 10, with Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm. Tickets \$6.50 adults, students, seniors and equity \$5, Sunday matinee pay-what-you-can. **Actor's Lab** is at 366 Adelaide St. E. at Sherbourne.

Amnesty International Benefit Readings continue tonight at 9:30 pm with Manlio Argueta (El Salvador), William Styron (USA), Rick Salutin (Canada), Zdena Tominova (Czechoslovakia) and Roch Carrier (Canada). York Quay Centre, \$3 admission.

Friday, October 2

The Funnel Experimental Film Theatre, 507 King St. E. (east of Parliament), is screening Bette Gordon's **Empty Suitcases**. Gordon, who is workshop director at the Collective for Living Cinema in New York, is known for her concern for issues of cinematic representation and feminism. Tonight at 8 pm, admission \$3.

The Kababayan (Filipino) Community Centre is holding a **forum on the Ku Klux Klan** tonight at 6 pm in the Firehall, 224 Cowan Ave. They will be showing the film "**The New Klan**" and will have speakers from the Riverdale Action Committee Against Racism and other organizations.

Saturday, October 3

Action Volunteers for Animals is holding its annual **Bazaar** today at the 519 Church Street Community Centre, starting at 11 a.m. They urgently need **saleable items** such as furniture, records, books, kitchen supplies, clean clothes, china and glass, and more. They also need volunteers to do a variety of tasks such as driving, clean-up and moving. The animals depend on you. Call Action Volunteers at 499-5403, or Carol Craig at 498-6244. (If you can't volunteer, please come to the bazaar.)

At The Libraries

The **Parliament Street Library** (269 Gerrard E., 924-7122) offers **stories for children** every Saturday at 10 am. All ages welcome. On Saturday the 19th at 10:30 am there will be **scary movies for kids** and on Saturday the 26th at 10:30 pm Jerry Brodey presents **Songs Have Wings**. Come and sing along.

Every Monday at 10:30 a.m. there is a **preschool program for Chinese-speaking children**. Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. there is the regular preschool program.

For adults, there will be a **Chinese family film** on Saturday the 19th at 2 pm.

The **Riverdale Library** (Gerrard & Broadview, 466-2197) has varied activities for boys and girls each Saturday at 2 pm. On Saturday the 19th, there will be **arts and crafts**. Each Thursday at 2 pm, the library has **films for younger children**.

The **Queen/Saulter Library** (765 Queen St. E., 465-2156) has **pre-school story hours** for children two to five on Wednesday, September 23 & 30 at 2 pm. Coffee time for parents during the program. Please register at the branch. The **Pape/Danforth Library** (701 Pape Ave., 465-2421) has **programs for kids** Saturdays at 2:30; on the 19th it's "Fake Food Creations".

An **exhibition of oil paintings** by Fred Winterbottom is on exhibit at the library through September.

Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre

603 Whiteside Place, 364-4915

The Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre is open to people in the Park and in the surrounding areas. We offer bumper pool, shuffleboard, darts, ping pong, cribbage and a library, television and stereo for use. For the ladies, we have arts and crafts on Thursday afternoons.

We would like to start leagues for darts, cribbage and euchre. A bowling league already exists.

Drop in and make yourselves at home. We have a staff who would be glad to show you around. Membership is available for \$2 per family which includes a Christmas party for children 12 years and under.

Centre hours are Monday to Friday, 1-4 pm and 7-10 pm.

ONGOING

● **Community Alternatives** requires **foster families**, consisting of couples with a background in working with adolescents. Each couple will be asked to take a child into their own home and to provide care and guidance. Training and support will be provided. The funding package is excellent. If you are interested call 484-1920.

● **Opportunities for Men** is a program modeled on "Opportunity for Advancement" (groups for sole-support mothers on government assistance) and is run out of Central Neighbourhood House. It is a democratically-run program whose goal is to share information, solve problems, and to make realistic plans for the future. Ty next series of meeting begins **September 30**, 1:30 pm at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St. Anyone who is interested can drop by CNH or call 925-4363.

● **The Black Women's Support Program** is open to men, women, and their children who are experiencing depression and isolation. For information about referrals or volunteering, contact Brenda Roach at 789-7957.

● **Are you lonely and house-bound?** Do you want someone to visit or to talk to? Call **Dorothy** at Dixon Hall, 863-0499. Dixon Hall's Friendly Visiting Program has just started and we are looking for people who are lonely and also for lonely people who want to do visiting.

● **Interested in nature?** So are the Toronto Field Naturalists. The TFN sponsors regular nature walks all year round as well as meetings and films. Several subgroups belonging to TFN also meet regularly: a bird group, a botany group, an environmental group, and a junior club. For more information or to join, call 488-7304 or write 83 Joicey Blvd., Toronto M5M 2T4.

● **Attention Allergy Sufferers!** The South Riverdale Community Health Centre, 126 Pape Ave. is planning an educational event for the fall. Phone Health Educator Allie Lehmann at 461-2494 for further information.

● **Legal Advice Services** are available at Central Neighbourhood House each Monday evening at 6 pm. No appointment is needed. Just come with your problems on welfare rights, landlord-tenant, employment rights, immigration, etc. Our lawyer will assist with legal aid if required. The service is free.

● All women are invited to attend **Wednesday night women's program** at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St., from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call Charlotte or Ethel at 925-4363 for more information.

Seven News gratefully acknowledges the financial assistance of Lever Detergents Ltd. in

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We could lose rent controls

By ULLI DIEMER

Rent controls in Ontario are in trouble.

Gordon Walker, Ontario's Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, the minister responsible for rent controls, said last week that he regards the current rent controls as "totally unrealistic". He says that for starters, the current ceiling on rent increases of six per cent will be raised either this fall or next spring at the latest. He added that "the ultimate goal is to get out of this field. No one ever envisaged rent controls as a forever item."

Walker wouldn't say what a "realistic" rent control ceiling would be, but it seems clear that he is thinking of a more than token raise. Some observers suggest that 10 or 12 per cent is likely.

Rent controls were brought in by a minority Conservative government in the face of strong political pressure from tenants and the opposition parties, but the govern-

ment has always made it clear that it was not comfortable with the principle of rent controls. It is now facing political pressure from landlords to get rid of controls. (Walker's remarks about controls were made in commenting on a brief presented to him by a landlord association).

Landlords are unhappy with controls because they say that costs such as maintenance and mortgage rates are going up much faster than six per cent a year. Proponents of controls, however, point out that six per cent is the amount that rents are allowed to go up without costs having to be proven. Any landlord who can prove that his costs were higher is permitted to raise his rents more to take that into account. In fact, the average increase allowed by the Residential Tenancies Commission has been 10.9 per cent in Toronto, and over 16 per cent in some other centres. Apartments built after 1976 are not subject to

rent control at all, nor are units owned by the city, Metro, or the province.

Kenn Hale, chairman of the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations, was critical of Walker's philosophy. He suspects that the Conservatives intend to deregulate the housing market entirely. "I think the Government will try to sneak this by the people a step at a time," he said. He warned, however, that this wouldn't be easy: "A lot of people are determined to fight on this issue." Hale adds that most landlords "must be doing all right, since only about five per cent of them ever apply" for rent increases greater than the six per cent ceiling.

That's not the way it appears to Joseph Moretta, a Niagara Falls real estate developer who was one of

the landlord group who met with the minister. According to Moretta, "it's open season on landlords." "There are a lot of tenants driving two cars and going to the discos every night."

The truth of the matter is probably that while most landlords are making a comfortable profit — if they weren't, they would certainly be selling in today's rapidly escalating real estate market — they are unhappy because their profits aren't as high as those some other investors are making. Making ten or twelve per cent profit on your money doesn't look as good as it did a few years ago when today you can make 20 per cent lending it out in mortgages.

The huge profits to be made in some parts of the economy — if you have the capital to invest in the first

place — also helps to explain the drop in housing starts that has marked the 1970's. Developers blame the drop in apartment building on rent controls, but the fact is that new apartment buildings are not subject to rent controls at all. The drop in building — except for profitable luxury condominiums — is also a feature all across Canada, including in provinces and cities that don't have rent controls.

According to Diana Hunt of the Federation of Metro Tenants Associations, "Gordon Walker's going to have a lot of very angry tenants to deal with."

Tenants who are interested in becoming more involved in the issue can reach the Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations at 364-1486.

Rooming houses

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Cityhome be reassessed with a view to putting more emphasis on assisted housing for single, low income people?

- how much does the City's rooming house licensing and inspection policy encourage operators to get out of the business because of the high cost of satisfying City housing standards?

- should the Federal government change the basis on which subsidies are given to non-profit developers to allow for mixed use buildings on commercial strips?

City Council is committed to getting more data on deconversion and its implications before setting a policy direction. The City at the moment is working with the Pro-

vince on getting data on where people are moving to. Council has requested that the issue of housing unit loss be taken into account in provincial initiatives to encourage renovations. City staff are looking at the implications of possibly encouraging people to add rental units into their houses. This, of course, must be carefully looked at so that we don't get into a "bachelorette" situation.

There is no question that the most basic issue facing people today is housing — whether it be high mortgage rates, lack of availability of rental accommodation, or high rents. Deconversion is only one aspect of the problem and I would certainly welcome people's comments or suggestions on how the City should deal with it.

Channel dredging postponed

The Keating Channel dredging issue received another airing last week, resulting in yet another deferral.

The Toronto Harbour Commission wants to dredge the silt which has accumulated in the channel, making it unusable for ships. There is also a suggestion, disputed by some, that the silt could lead to the river flooding upstream somewhere.

Opponents of the dredging don't want to see it proceed, at least until some safe way is found to dispose of the dredged material. The fear is

that the city's water supply could be contaminated, either by the silt — which contains an array of chemical sediments — being stirred up, or by leaking into the lake after it is dumped. (The original proposal was to dump the silt near the Leslie Street landfill site.)

City Council voted 12-10 to spend more time studying alternatives, sending the matter back to the city's neighbourhoods committee. The Neighbourhoods Committee already previously voted to ask Premier William Davis to prohibit the dredging.

A day in a life

By CHARLOTTE MORGAN

Years ago, Steve Fruitman worked on the order desk of a lumber company. It was a low-paying job and required long hours away from home. His young child was in bed before he got home and not up in the morning when he left for work. Steve started to look for another job.

Today Steve left his house at about 6:00 a.m. and will be home by about 3:00 p.m. He will have lots of time to enjoy his family. As he does his job people will be specially pleased to see him because now he's working for the post office as a letter carrier. The pay is good and he's happy to be working outside. He doesn't have a regular mail route, but works as a relief carrier, picking up other routes when their regular carriers are away.

"I get to work at 6:30 a.m.," Steve says. "The mail comes to us from the inside workers in bundles (first class letters are sorted into streets) and flats — which is the large stuff — the magazines and the large envelopes. There are always lots of miss-sorts. People sort much better than those machines. When the sorting is done we check the mail against the change of address cards we have on file for the route. We fill in and send off cards to any publishers whose subscribers have moved, as well as contact government departments about pension or other cheques. This is the service you pay \$1.00 for when you fill in a change of address card."

After the mail is sorted and bundled we put it into drop bags

and trucks take it to those green boxes on the street. Then we write up our registered mail and postage due cards. If postage is due on business mail we have to put in I. O. U.'s. Otherwise it's strictly on the honour system. This mail we carry with us.

We're supposed to take transit to the route, because it's illegal to put mail into our own cars. We pick up the mail from the green boxes and start the route. When it's done we go back to the station and sort the afternoon route. We're not allowed to leave with that route's mail until noon, but once we've delivered it we can go home."

According to Steve, it's not difficult to get a job as a postie, but it does take time and persistence.

"You have to apply, and keep on applying, to Manpower", he said.

"Every three months or so they seem to clear out all the applications. Even so, it can take up to a year before you get called in for an interview. Then they ask you questions like 'what's the capital of Canada' and 'can you sort ten letters into alphabetical order'. And that's it. You're in on a six-month probationary contract, which means that you could be fired anytime during that period and the Union couldn't do a thing about it."

As a relief carrier Steve works in postal stations across the City and has a pretty good idea of the character of each. "It's the supervisors who can make or break the Station as a place to work. There are a couple of stations in Toronto nobody wants to work in — they get

all the junior and probationary people. I think it's important to have a good mix of experienced and inexperienced workers, young and old, working together."

The post office adheres strictly to a seniority system, and this applies to everything from application for promotion or transfer to allocation of holidays. "Because I'm still a fairly new employee I can't take Summer holidays — they're all taken by people with more seniority than me."

Steve feels fairly positive about the fate of the post office when it becomes a Crown Corporation.

"For a start, we'll be under Federal Labour Relations Legislation. At the moment I'm classed as a civil servant and that imposes certain restrictions on bargaining rights. I see it as a move to depoliticize the post office."

Steve, who has lived at Bain Co-op on Bain Avenue for 3 years, likes his job and says that after work he still has time and energy for other activities, such as the Bain Food Co-op, of which he is an active committee member, and time to spend with wife Maggie and children Dawa and Tenma (the names are Tibetan).

This article also appeared in the Bain Co-op Newsletter.

Berkeley St. man dies

A Berkeley Street man died on September 5 as a result of a two-car accident at Bayview and River. Scott Kapplet, 32, was eastbound on River when his car collided with another car southbound on Bayview. He was taken to Wellesley Hospital where he died four hours later. No charges were laid. It was Metro's 59th traffic fatality of 1981.

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New school in Ward 7?

By David Clandfield
and Fran Endicott

School Trustees, Ward Seven

Just south of Front Street, between Parliament and Berkeley, lies an empty tract of land. It is part of the St. Lawrence Project Phase B. This land is destined to be the site of a new community elementary school serving the new residents coming into the south west corner of our Ward.

Over the summer, a Task Force composed of people from the school board, City Hall and the community has been meeting and will be presenting its final recommendations to the Board of Educa-

tion and the City Council this month.

At present, plans call for a school of fifteen classrooms, a large general purpose room (with gym facilities and stage), a multi-purpose community room (with facilities for daycare) and a 25-metre swimming pool. Special provisions will be made for access for handicapped people.

It is hoped that this project will be funded jointly by both the school board (with Metro and provincial support) and by the City at a cost of approximately \$5.8 million.

The eventual plan would entail phasing out, eventually, the Market

Lane school at the foot of Jarvis Street, which is only a temporary location and far too small for the whole public school population as projected for the St. Lawrence area. The finished new school would accommodate about 320 students. This number is expected by the fall of 1984, when all the new housing units are completed and occupied. The new school building, if all goes well with funding and planning approvals, and with construction schedules, would be opening on January 1, 1985.

The problem for residents in this area until the school opens will lie in the facilities for their children's

education and for daycare until the school opens. For the time being, new space in the existing Market Lane site will allow that school to accommodate children moving into the district. Local residents will have already noticed the arrival of nine portable classrooms into the parkland immediately to the south of the school site this summer. They are ready for use, not only for the eventual overflow from Market Lane, but also to accommodate the badly needed daycare programs for that area.

We are only too painfully aware that the months ahead may create some problems for the local resi-

dents. But we do hope that the eventual building will go a long way to meeting the desperate need for both educational and community facilities in the area.

The fight that lies ahead of us right now is securing the necessary budget approvals from the Metro School Board and the Ministry of Education at a time when neither of these two bodies is in a generous mood. Fortunately, the St. Lawrence community is both active and supportive of this project.

If readers are interested in more details about this project, please call Trustees Clandfield or Endicott at 598-4931 (local 640).

Crying all the way to the bank

By ULLI DIEMER

You can't get upset at every bit of nonsense you see or hear about in the news. It would quite wear you out.

But some things do rather leap off the page or the screen at one.

For me, such an item was the story in the Sept. 15 Toronto Star about bank profits. "Stung by public outcry", the article said, "bankers say criticism is based on ignorance". A respectable, authoritative-seeming banker type gazed respectfully and authoritatively across the page at the reader. A caption beneath his photograph told us that the man is

the Royal Bank's Ken Smee, and that he believes that 'banks are earning not too much but too little'.

Which to me seemed a bit much. I read on. The article told us a great deal about bankers' worries and the hard lives which they lead. The value of banks' stocks is rather low, it seems. Others industries are much more profitable, like communications media and oil and gas. Cutting interest rates even a bit would even 'wipe out the bank's profits'. They feel they are 'misunderstood' by the public. Only a heart of stone could have failed to be moved.

Still, a couple of hard facts did

remain. One, Canada's top eight banks made \$1.3 billion in profits in the first nine months of the year. That's \$1,300,000,000. And two, their profits are 49 percent higher than they were a year ago.

And these are just actual profits. Things such as \$80,000 executive salaries, executive jets, business expense accounts, etc. appear on the expenses side of the ledger, not on the profits side.

I think the banks are doing all right for themselves.

To Mr. Smee, however, the size of the banks' profits, while 'seemingly staggering', isn't really all that great. They just 'look large' "because we are a big bank."

Right.

And the big banks are getting bigger all the time, thanks to us. During this year alone, for example, they will have made an average profit of \$107.00 from every adult Canadian. At any rate, they'll have made over \$1.7 billion in profit by the end of the year. Which is exactly \$1,699,994,040.00 more than I made last year.

Wrong date

The last issue of Seven News was incorrectly described on the front page as Volume 12, Number 6: August 21, 1981 issue. It was actually the September 4 issue: Volume 12, Number 7. (The correct date was given on pages 2 through 8 of the issue.)



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DO YOU have some extra time to spend with a child? The Big Pals program at Dixon Hall is a volunteer program in which suitable adults are matched to a child on a one-to-one basis. Come on — be a friend to a child. Call Lorraine at 863-0498 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for a variety of community programs three hours a week in either group settings or on a one to one basis with people of all ages. If interested phone Eva 925-4363 at Central Neighbourhood House. (12-3).

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Mail them to Seven News, 315 Dundas St. East, Toronto M5A 2A2, or bring them to the office: we are in All Saints Church, at the corner of Dundas and Sherbourne.

Come visit your local information post

Questions? There are answers. Drop by the Neighbourhood Information Post at 265 Gerrard St. East, at Parliament St. during its Open House to find out what NIP can do for you. The Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd, from 10 AM to 8 PM, to help celebrate Community Information Week. Staff and volunteers will

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Community Information Week has been declared to more widely acquaint those of you who may not be aware of the local information centres and the services they provide.

For more information call NIP at 924-2544 and speak to Cindy.

There used to be more to do

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each taste. It seemed closer then too. It wasn't uncommon to see a priest or minister talking to the young or knocking on someone's door. Automatically one would put on their best manners, just out of respect. What happened to that? If the clergy was ridiculed, their friends would look down on the person doing the ridiculing. Because respect was a part of your upbringing. And not to have it reflected on one's family, and boy one stuck up for families, or you were a weak sister. No class, as we would call it. Class was everything. Even fighting, as all young get to do at one time or another. One had

honour. If a fight was going on, one didn't butt in as long as it was one on one. To my knowledge only the cowards ganged up on one person. Yes even then we were learning to be a part of society. Love for family, community and friends. Do the young have that now? I don't know. I obly see a lot of lonely, sad and unhappy people. I don't have any answers, except perhaps to put the blame on society for putting the almighty dollar ahead of happiness. It has become a dog eat dog world and anybody's pocket can be picked if he's sucker enough to let you see what's inside. It's sad, but if I think this way, others must feel it too. What can be done about it? I wonder.

Islanders prosecuted for renovating

By ULLI DIEMER

Toronto Island residents who are doing work on their homes without building permits now face prosecution by the city.

It is illegal to renovate buildings without building permits, leading

city councillors to conclude that they have no option except to authorize prosecutions.

Island residents, however, are caught between a rock and a hard place because of the political struggle that surrounds their tenancy.

Bricks & Bouquets

By THE OBSERVER

Cabbagetown, please step front and center. You excelled yourselves on two counts last week-end. First you staged the biggest and best Festival ever. And then, you came through, with the largest group of participants in Canada in the Terry Fox run. A double bouquet for you ... Another bouquet for the Toronto School Board who have built a beautiful lawn and super landscaping in the Lord Dufferin School Yard facing Parliament Street ... Seniors you can look forward to a \$7 increase in your October OAS basic, plus an additional \$7 in the supplement (if you get it) ... Also in the plus column for Seniors. You will receive your \$50 tax grant toward the end of this month with the first half of your 1981 Property Tax grant coming along around the middle of October ... Wonder how come the display window at Jennies Variety got

broken. It is known that someone threw a brick. But who?, that is the question We've been watching people at the bank line-ups. It's not the elderly or the infirm or the people who have difficulty with the language who cause the mess ups. We notice people who need assistance invariably go to the desk designated for that purpose. All banks have those desks. The people who cause the hold-ups in the lines are the same jokers who wait at a car stop for several minutes for a bus, turnstile, or street car. Get on and then have to fumble thru their pockets or their bag for their tickets or change. The same thing as at the Banks. They just don't know what time it is Have you heard the latest? It deserves a load of bricks. Medicare is going to undergo a big change. You're going to have to fork out not only for OHIP but also at the Doctor's Office as well as at the Pharmacy. Isn't that just beautiful? So 'til next time 30.

The City, which signed ownership of the islands over to Metro in the years when city politicians had faith in the good intentions of Metro, now regrets its step, and has been doing what it can to enable the historic island community to remain. Metro, however, is the legal owner, and wants residents to get off — it is preparing to spend huge sums of money on a campaign to oust the Islanders. As part of its campaign of harassment against the Islanders, Metro will not allow any building permits to be issued. The permits would have to be applied for by Metro because it owns the houses.

Metro also refuses to allow any building materials to be brought over on the island ferries, which it also owns, making it impossible for island residents even to do minor repair work on their homes. Many of the houses, however, are badly in need of repair and need work done on them before winter. Metro would be quite happy if residents were forced to leave by the deteriorating conditions of some of the buildings.

Some islanders, therefore, have gone ahead with work anyway, smuggling material across the harbour and doing the work themselves without permits. They are the ones now facing prosecution.

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