

## OHC policy review alarms Tenants' Council

The Metro Toronto OHC Tenant's Council is concerned with an Ontario Housing Corporation policy currently under review which could evict parents under 60 years of age whose children have left home. Since 1980 OHC has had a moratorium on 'empty nest' evictions for those parents over 50 years old. We have been told by OHC officials that a decision will be reached "over the winter" on whether or not to reinstate the empty nest evictions policy.

We believe that the current review is being undertaken due to the growing demand for housing by families as reflected in OHC's expanding waiting list.

The MOTC position has been that not only those parents over 50 years of age but also any empty nest household in public housing who still has a social and financial need for assisted housing should be allowed to stay provided they are willing to accept a unit suited to their new family size. The hardships inflicted by the empty nest evictions policy are numerous:

— over 70% of OHC families are single parent female-led. Therefore single mothers are disproportionately affected by the empty nest policy. Mothers aged around 35 and up with low skills and low education are unlikely to find employment adequate to pay rents in today's private rental market, that is, if housing can even be found in Metro with a .3% vacancy rate

— mothers first lose their children, then their homes and often friends and the community supports they have grown accustomed to in raising their children

— if the child's attempt at independence fails there is no nest to return to as the mother is given 2 months notice of eviction once the child has left

— according to OHC there are up to 2600 households who could be evicted by the return of the empty nest evictions policy. About half of these households are in Metro Toronto. These numbers do not include those families with children in their upper teens who are approaching the empty nest syndrome.

As reinstatement of OHC's simple add pressure to other assisted housing programs such as the MTHC or Cityhomes, or result in the need of the empty nesters being denied altogether. The MOTC position is to have empty nesters transferred within OHC to smaller units and not evicted from public housing.

At the same time we would hope that OHC would recognize that the empty nest problem is but a symptom of the growing demand for affordable housing and the they would urge every public housing agency in Metro to do its share in meeting this growing demand.

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## Co-op supermarket proposed for area

By HOWARD HUGGETT

A co-op supermarket in Toronto? If we get one in the next year or so it will be in Ward Seven.

Where else?

For almost a year now a group of a few dozen people from the area have been busy, taking polls, doing research, checking on possible sites and estimating financial requirements. Just recently this dedicated band of workers moved a big step forward in their drive to open a co-operative supermarket in this district. During the summer they have been occupied with preparing a detailed proposal for funding under the LEA program of Employment and Immigration Canada. At the end of September they were successful in securing a grant for \$100,000 for the next year. This money will be used to hire several staff people to carry out a detailed financial feasibility study, acquire a site, arrange financing and develop a supermarket building.

It is interesting to look back a few years to see why and how the idea of supermarket co-op came about. At that time the Regent Park area was adequately served with supermarkets. There was an A & P store on Parliament below

Dundas, a Dominion outlet on Gerrard just east of Parliament, and a Loblaws on Parliament just north of Gerrard. In 1976 the Dominion Store closed (it is now Contact School), and in 1977 the A & P shut its doors. Soon after that Loblaws closed down, to open some time later as a "No Frills" store. Even this outlet, the nearest thing to a real supermarket in the whole area, has a very limited range of meat and produce and operates at reduced hours.

So residents of Regent Park must go all the way to the Dominion at Queen and Sherbourne or the one in St. Jamestown, even across the river to Food City at Riverdale Plaza or Miracle Mart at Gerrard Square to reach a real supermarket. Since a high percentage of the residents in the area do not have a car they are forced to make a heavy use of convenience stores in the district, and these outlets have a very limited range of products and they are much more expensive than a supermarket.

It was because of this genuine need for better shopping service in this area that the movement to start a co-op supermarket began, and how it came about is worth telling. Public Health Nurses of the district were told of the situation by residents they encountered and they took the problem back to City Hall. The result was a coming together of people from such organizations as the Regent Park Committee Improvement Association, the City Planning Department and the Health Advocacy Unit of the Public Health Department. This was in the fall of 1980, and in January 1981 a meeting was called of representatives from the above-mentioned bodies together with others from local community centres, local food co-ops and the Ontario Federation of Food Co-operatives. Out of this group a working committee was formed which has been meeting every month to promote a supermarket co-operative.

It should be emphasized that this hard-working group wants to do more than just set up another supermarket that will leave the ones that have left the area. What they are striving for is a supermarket that is operated by the people who

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City of Toronto Termite Control Officer Bob Lott holds remains of fence post destroyed by termites. Resembling a grain of rice in both size and colouring, termites live on cellulose obtained from eating wood or wood-based products. Homeowners in the City can obtain counselling and financial assistance towards treatment of termite infestation by calling 469-2358.

### Troubled by termites?

## The Termite Control Office can help

Each year termites cause hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of structural damage to homes and commercial properties in Toronto alone. Reticulitermes flavipes, more commonly known as the subterranean termite is probably the most destructive and widely distributed species of wood-eating insect in North America.

Termites live on cellulose obtained from wood and wood-based products. They eat the sapwood and soft wood between the annual rings. While they prefer decaying, damp wood, termites will also devour sound, dry lumber. Social insects with an intricate, highly-organized society, termites nest and live in the soil, and only emerging above ground in their search for food.

### Troublesome branch

The worker termite, which resembles a grain of rice in both size and colouring, is the troublesome branch of the family. The gut of the worker contains the protozoa (single celled animals) which enable the insect to break down the cellulose in wood into its component parts, which it then digests. Later this cellulose is regurgitated and fed to the queen, soldier and young termites. In this way the colony life cycle is maintained. Unfortunately, your house, office building or place of business can suffer extensive damage in the process.

The damage caused to wood by termites is normally not visible on

the surface as the insect avoids contact with the atmosphere. The termite has an extremely thin skin and as a result is subject to rapid dehydration if exposed to air for any length of time. In order to maintain the desired, moist environment, termites build what are known as shelter tubes. Constructed from soil particles, cemented together with excrement and secretions from the mouths of the insects, these 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch wide tubes protect the termites from the drying effects of the air. This device also enables the insect to cross metallic or concrete surfaces and join soil to the wood source. The presence of a shelter tube is generally the first physical evidence of termite infestation.

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## We're having a dance!

Been to a really good dance recently? If you haven't — or if you have — here is your chance to listen to good music, dance, refresh yourself with licenced beverages, and generally have a good time.

We're having a benefit dance on November 14 (Saturday) at St. Paul's Church, at the corner of Queen and Power (just east of Parliament).

There will be two excellent rock groups playing — Rude Awakening and Autopsy. Things get under way at 8:30. Tickets are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door.

The dance is being co-sponsored by Seven News and the Rock Against Racism Group.

We are out to have a good time and make a bit of money for our depleted coffers, but there is also a more serious purpose to the event: to discourage racism by encourag-

ing activities that bring the community together, rather than dividing it.

We believe that racist attitudes, as well as more overt racist actions, are a great threat to our community because they turn people against each other, causing them to distrust and even hate. The result is that people who have a lot in common, including similar problems, housing, unemployment, etc., tend to blame each other for their problems instead of working together to solve them.

We would like to bring the community together. And what better way to do it than by having a good time?

Tickets to the dance are available at a number of outlets for \$4 (see the ad on Page 8 for locations), or you can get them at the door for \$5.

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# Mom, what have you been doing today?

The Minister of Community and Social Services, Frank Drea, has announced plans to shift sole support mothers from provincial municipal administration. In his speech of June 1, 1981, he emphasized that "the philosophy of social assistance in Ontario is that if welfare is intended to supplement rather than replace other available resources." The "other available resources" that he was specifically concerned with was "the individual's capacity to contribute towards his total or partial self-sufficiency."

He goes on to say that this can be done by ensuring the development of support services which would assist people in gaining self-sufficiency. He observes that "we find that the necessary support services have been put in place in many areas of the province. What is necessary now is to develop a co-ordinated approach to their delivery and to tie them directly to the eligibility determination process for social assistance."

In the past, the left hand often did not know what the right hand was doing. Now Drea wants them bound together. He will be able to bind them together with the development and installation of a new integrated computer system which will allow much closer checking on many aspects of the activities of people on social assistance. From his comments it seems that he wants, in particular, to match the use and availability of the support services with access to the cheques.

When reading this speech, the following example comes to mind: a woman might participate in a life skills group focussed on employment. In the past, she might have decided at some point during the meetings or at the end of the sessions that her children really needed her to be at home and available to them. Even though she had learned new skills and had more self-confidence, she was not ready to look for paid work immediately. The worker who may have referred her to the programme may have agreed with her decision or, in many instances may not even have known of her participation. Now Drea would like to tie the use of this kind of programme to her continuing receive a cheque. She might, in future, need her worker's referral to go into the programme and a decision not to look for work immediately or not to continue with the programme may make her ineligible for assistance.

The most serious issue this new system raises is the complete denial of the work of mothering. Sole-support mothers are classed among the "able-bodied recipients who require some kind of support services in order to get off assistance." In the past, the province took the responsibility to provide for mothers and their

children. In doing so, it was also made clear that once the children were raised, there was no further obligation. Mothers were moved off Mothers' Allowance and on to General Welfare and required to move from Ontario Housing since they were no longer part of a family unit. This caused hardship for many and groups such as Mothers Against Discrimination and, more recently, the Metro Ontario Housing Tenants Council (MOTC) have taken up the housing part of this issue. Even so, this set of policies did clearly acknowledge that raising children was a significant contribution and one that required support.

### Different attitude

The changes reflect a significantly different attitude which denies the legitimacy of mothering in situations where there is no male breadwinner. This comment on the change of policy is not intended to suggest that mothers should not enter the paid labour force. The point is that a mother who does, actually takes on two jobs, one paid and one in the home. The decision of a woman with children to enter the labour force is necessarily a complex one. Most women do not and cannot make this decision lightly.

In this speech, Drea talked of the development of sole support mothers' projects, the Work Incentives Programme, life skills and employment counselling whereby some municipalities can now offer a "real alternative". It is important to notice that he does not refer to skills training for which the federal government generally takes responsibility nor to the current labor market and unemployment for which no one takes responsibility. These are significant omissions since they were among the most central factors to be considered when thinking about work for women who are now outside the paid labor force.

A sole support mother who raised four children on her own and who managed to equip herself to compete for a highly skilled job was asked how she managed to do it. "With great difficulty, my

dear!" she replied, "I will be paying my student loan off until I'm eighty years old." She went on to point out that she had been trying to do this for ten years and had taken previous courses: "They were never enough to get you started, the system sets you up for failure." She feels she would have been in the active labor market many years before if she had been given adequate opportunity to prepare herself. Finally she took a community college course which gave her the credentials to do the kind of work she had done previously on a volunteer basis. She was able to obtain assistance under the Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP) in addition to FBA. "The expenses of being out of the home were phenomenal," she said, "I had to cook fast food. The course was so important to me. I had to prepare myself for six or seven hours of homework at night." She stressed that she was only able to do this because her children were doing well at school and were well-adjusted socially. In other situations where children were having difficulty, a mother simply would not be able to do this. The insights of the woman interviewed point up the main difficulties facing sole support mothers who have been out of the paid labor force: lack of time, money, and recognized skills.

The plans of the provincial government have been carefully worked out on the basis of cost efficiency and managerial accountability. These have ignored the issues which are of central importance to those people who are reduced to the dollar calculations. We feel that it is important for the community at large to discuss the issues that have been raised. **In connection with groups across Metro, we have called a large public meeting on November 16 at 7:30 p.m. at 519 Church Street. At this meeting, we wish to discuss the issues and plan a response. We urge all interested community people to come out.**

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By Barbara Brown

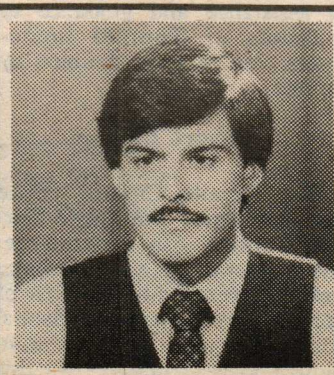
On Friday October 23, Eastdale Collegiate celebrated its 4th annual commencement. It was an evening in which everyone had something or someone to make them feel proud. Parents watched as their children graduated after the many years of sending them to school. This was particularly a proud night for the students who, after overcoming the trials and tribulations of getting an education, finally succeeded.

This was also a night of awards for students and graduates who had the highest scholastic achievement in certain subject areas. The award winners were: Herbie Counce for History, Tracy Kay for Business, Laura Dale for Math and Science, Margaret Douglas for French and John Hawkins for

Geography. Other award winners included: Margaret McNeil and Sandy Johnson taking the I.O.D.E. Award, Patrick Jones taking the Bert Hunt Memorial Bursary, Cindy Marini taking the Barry Sketchley Award, Laura Dale taking the Staff Award and Richard Heffron, Janny DaPonte and Tracy Kay taking the Centennial Awards. The Ontario Scholars Award went to John Hawkins who was also the Valedictorian for this year.

In many other respects this was an important event for the school, since its establishment in 1974, Eastdale has never had as many graduates as it did this year.

The community of Eastdale would like to wish those who graduated a future of peace, happiness, good health and prosperity.



The Donvale Professional Centre in Cabbagetown now has a chiropractor, there, to serve the downtown community. Dr. Frank Michael Amodeo, D.C. takes great pride in announcing the official opening of his new chiropractic office. It is located at 597 Parliament St. (just south of Wellesley) in the Donvale Professional Centre, Suite B4. The phone numbers are 922-7688 or 922-8817. Business hours are Mon., Wed., Fri., (12-8) Tues., Thurs., (10-6) Sat., (10-2).

# All Saints drop-in gets more funds

By KEITH D. ELLIS

Now that winter is almost here and the park benches are becoming increasingly colder, where does one collect a \$242 monthly welfare cheque sleep? True, there are the Salvation Army, Seaton House and the Fred Victor Mission. But they cannot fill the steadily growing need for more accommodation.

Single families have bought up many of the old rooming houses, cutting-off previously affordable accommodation. Given the housing shortage, landlords can pick and choose wealthier tenants. And if one doesn't have a fixed address, there is no welfare cheque.

The just completed agreement by the province to sell two police buildings on Sherbourne Street for \$200 will ease the hostel shortage somewhat. In addition, plans to increase Seaton House's capacity by 150 beds early next year should lessen the crisis.

All Saints' Anglican Church, with its Overnight Drop-In-Centre, has also helped alleviate this problem for the past ten years. Last February saw 163 people, men and women, given shelter on one particular weekend night.

All Saints' now has plans to enlarge its sleeping space. The Overnight Drop-In is not a traditional hostel. However, it does offer warmth, shelter, a cheap cup of coffee and moving pads to sleep on. It sees itself as a last resort. As the Reverend Norman Ellis, Director of All Saints' Church-Community Centre, says, "These people are the toughest and saddest people in the country; they are not Sunday School children."

In fact, All Saints' is prepared to allow the use of the church body for extra sleeping accommodation. This would, of course, require increased staff (presently it numbers three) and therefore more funds. However, All Saints' is not a wealthy congregation.

To this end, a deputation made up of Mr. Ellis, Don Madill, Supervisor of the Friendship Centre (which houses the Overnight Drop-In) and Grace Morris, Director of the Room Registry Service at All Saints', attended a press conference with Ward 7 Alderman Gordon Cressy at City Hall October 29. The need for increased accommodation as well as for expanded facilities and larger staff to support the Overnight Drop-In was stressed. The

Drop-In Centre re-opened October 30 and was anticipating a large burden on its existing space and small supervisory staff. Cressy underlined the "responsibility to provide accommodation for the people at the bottom."

A brief was later presented by Ellis, Madill and Morris before the Metro Community Services and Housing Committee with Cressy's support. They asked that a grant be made to keep the Drop-In

Centre open every night of the week. Their cause was aided by Richard Johnston, MPP for Scarborough-West, especially as it applied to the lack of women's overnight facilities. Ward 7 Alderman David Reville also urged that such a grant be extended.

## A co-op proposed

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will use it, a co-operative outlet. Investigation has shown that the big commercial stores influence their customers to buy certain products because it is more profitable to them to sell those items than others. They manage this by the way they position the items on the shelves, putting them at eye level or at the end of aisles so they will get more exposure. Commodities that appeal to children are often so placed that the youngsters can pick them off themselves. Such practices are to be expected in commercial stores, because they are being operated for profit.

A co-op store, on the other hand, is run for the service of its customers, to give them the articles that they themselves want. In order to accomplish this a co-op must be run by the customers themselves. The Regent Park area will get a successful co-operative supermarket only if they interest themselves in the project and decide to participate in its operation when it starts up. Right now it is vital that more people from the area get involved in the planning of this co-op because there is much to be done.



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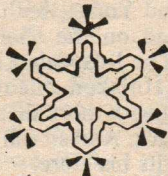
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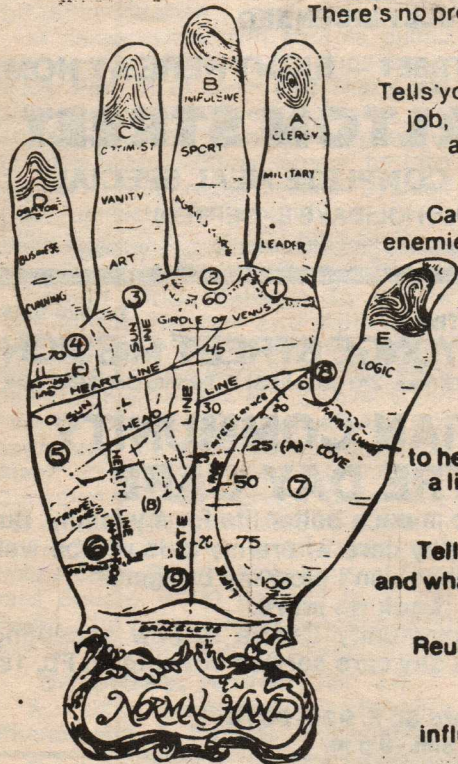
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# Discover some good writing

By JOHN CLEMENT

Charles Huisken, proprietor of This Ain't The Rosedale Library, told me that his bookstore caters to people like myself. Those of us who are not chauffeur driven from our mansions whenever we get the urge to browse for some new reading material. The unusual shop name is derived from an incident in which the poor chauffeur was left polishing chrome while his passenger attempted to obtain an issue of *Toronto Life* at a reduced price because its cover was slightly creased.

It was encounters with this capitalistic attitude that prompted Charles Huisken to quit his job in a Rosedale bookstore and open his own Queen Street business in November 1979.

From the beginning he refused to stock books that sell themselves. Conspicuously absent are Atwood, Berton, Davies, Engel, Laurence, and Rohmer. So are children's books, cookbooks, gardening adventures, and the ubiquitous how-to books.

What is left? Interesting, experimental literature, ranging from what the blue-haired Rosedale set would consider to be gutter-prose, to what I believe is the sky. The store is filled with books printed by small firms, and (I hesitate to use the expression) small writers. Hopefully, in the years to come, both the companies and their stables of authors will grow into major concerns with the help of people like Charles Huisken.

(In this article I'm purposely limiting the content by writing about the store's uniqueness. There is a larger selection on hand.)

He stocks a wide selection of literary journals: the small quarterlies, assisted by the Canada Council and their respective province. The purpose of these publications is to encourage new writers. The standards are high for the simple reason that thousands of submissions are received annually, of which ninety percent must be rejected. Sadly, Charles

Huisken confirmed my suspicion that it's mainly fellow writers who purchase these volumes. The public still shies away from the beginner. Ironically, Margaret Laurence's first printed works appeared in two such journals: *Queen's Quarterly*, and *Prism International*.

Charles Huisken is himself a writer, although curiously all he will divulge on this subject is that he is printed in magazines under a pseudonym.

He understands the difficulty novice writers experience when trying to get into print. The big publishing houses, such as McClelland & Stewart, generally do not consider unknowns when planning their fall and spring publication lists. They tend to ignore even the most promising and talented writers just because their names have not been tested in the money-market of literature. Hence the existence of small presses who have no choice but to select from numerous unsolicited manuscripts. Yet, according to Huisken, some of the best works are marketed by these adventurous firms. And if it weren't for such places as This Ain't The Rosedale Library, the public would never have the opportunity to make this discovery.

This Ain't The Rosedale Library was the official Ontario representative of the fourth international "3-day novel-writing contest". Since its induction only one winner has been chosen: *Doctor Tin* by Tom Walmsley (it struck me as a likely candidate for the producers of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. Published by Pulp Press, Vancouver, in 1979, it is now in its second printing. But Charles Huisken is optimistic that the contest will have another winner this year. (32 manuscripts were submitted through his store alone.)

Much to my surprise, I discovered that we have many good sports writers in Canada, not just novelists and poets. And for this reason Huisken includes a large selection in his inventory.

I also learned that an author can publish his own works without attracting the stigma of vanity. Twenty-two year old Stuart Ross has printed two of his own collections entitled *Bad Glamour* and *When Electrical Sockets Walked Like Men* (Proper Tales Press, Toronto). Each includes poetic short stories as well as poetry, all of which is excellent. And if you are unable to locate Stuart Ross selling his books on the corner of Wellesley and Yonge, both works can be found on the shelves of This Ain't The Rosedale Library.

Charles Huisken encourages good writing with more than just a pat on the back. And so will everyone who visits his store.

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# Gay bar charged

The owner of a local gay bar, 18 East on Eastern Avenue, has charged that 51 Division police are using the liquor laws to harass his bar.

According to owner Dave Davies, 18 East has been hit with six liquor infractions since May of this year. Four of them were for "overcrowding licensed premises" and two were for "permitting liquor to be taken from licensed premises".

Davies says the bar is visited by police looking for infractions several times each weekend. "I believe that we have been singled out," said Davies. "It's a campaign of harassment against this business. I've come full circle from co-operation to blind hatred of the police."

According to Peter Maloney, Davies' lawyer, Inspector R.J. McBride of 51 Division admits that in the last two years at least, the Division has not laid any overcrowding charges against anyone except 18 East.

# Autumn leaves are coming down

By HOWARD HUGGETT

Hardly anyone likes to see the leaves come down in the autumn. When they break out in the spring they delight us with the fresh greenery that is so welcome after the long winter. During the hot summer they provide welcome shade from the sun. In the autumn they liven up the landscape with the well-known colours of that season. But after a few short weeks of glory they drop off and clutter up our streets, clog sewers and eavetroughs and sometimes make driving hazardous in wet weather.

Still, those fallen leaves do gladden the eye as they cover up the grey pavements, particularly those that have turned yellow. They have a golden look, and every year I find myself speculating as to what would happen to our

economy if they suddenly turned into paper money-one and two and five dollar bills. They wouldn't clutter up the streets for long.

Those leaves do have value, you know. Any gardener will tell you how useful they are in enriching the soil. Many years ago the city of Toronto used to stack the autumn leaves in long piles in the Don Valley, and they were sold to farmers when they had rotted sufficiently to be immediately useful. Not any more. I was told by a Metro official that the operating lost money, and now the leaves are just dumped as waste, the same as most garbage is.

Maybe the time will come when autumn leaves will be put to use again, and if the dollar bill continues to shrink in value a golden yellow leaf will be worth more than a green bill.

# A flock of geese over Ward 7

By HOWARD HUGGETT

Last Sunday morning just after eight o'clock a large flock of geese flew over Ward Seven. They were flying just about over Broadview Avenue on the edge of the Don Valley and were headed for the lakefront. About a week earlier another flock were spotted over Withrow Park, also headed south. There is nothing unusual about flying geese in the autumn season, but what is interesting about both of these flocks is that they were

flying quite low, a couple of hundred feet above the ground. Migrating geese usually stay up high.

I have checked with several recognized authorities and they come up with as many explanations. They are:

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Friday, November 6

J. Hoberman, filmmaker and film critic for The Village Voice, will be at **The Funnel Experimental Film Theatre** to discuss and show a programme of his film works. Hoberman works with found footage a great deal of the time and has been called by the Soho Weekly News: "a rarity among New American Cinema filmmakers because of his strong interest in the social and political aspects of film". 507 King St. E., at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3.00.

## Saturday November 7

The Women's Press is holding a "Slightly Damaged Book Sale" at 280 Bloor St. W. (at St. George) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Women's history, issues, and children's books 50% to 90% off. Free refreshments. CONTACT Margie Wolfe at 922-9447.

**Injured Workers:** Our meeting on the 26th of September made it clear that we must make the government and people of Ontario know that there must be changes in benefits to injured workers, but not the cutbacks which the Ontario government is now proposing. March With Us! Come out with family and friends and join together with us and our supporters in a march from City Hall to Queen's Park. We meet at Toronto City Hall today at 2 p.m. There will be a cultural program, and addresses by representatives of injured workers' groups, political parties, and trade unions. Sponsored by APIO, Centre for Spanish Speaking People, IAVGO, IWC, UIW, Toronto Committee on the Weiler Study.

## Monday November 9

The **Corktown Association** is holding a meeting at Enoch Turner Schoolhouse at 7:30 today. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss planning and traffic issues in the area. Representatives from the City, the Planning Department, Public Works, and the aldermen's offices will be present. If you live in the King-Parliament-Queen-River area, you are invited to attend.

Regular meeting of the community advisory board, Eastern Health Area, Department of Public Health, 7:30 p.m., 815 Danforth Ave.

## Tuesday, November 10

**Amber Light Theatre** presents a festival of Baltic plays beginning tonight through to November 28 at Cafe Concert (formerly Solar Stage) 149 Yonge St. The three plays performed will be "The Awakening" by Antanas Skema, "Maris and Baiha" by Anslavs Eglitis and "Fantasies of a Dying Planet" by Elmar Maripan. For information and reservations call 360-4502.

## Wednesday, November 11

Art Room, an art program for children, is having a **Birthday Benefit Party** at 107 King St. E. from 5-9 p.m. There will be a sale of original drawings, watercolours and photographs done by Toronto artists Anne Armstrong, Agnes Aru, Frans van Gerwen and Art Room students. Join the Art Room in celebrating the first birthday of Toronto's first art studio for children. Call 366-3159 for further information.

In co-operation with Metro's public and University libraries, the Funnel presents Part III of their **Fall Historical Series** which examines Surrealist and related films. This evening's programme features "Land Without Bread" by Luis Bunuel and "A Propos de Nice" by Jean Vigo. Admission is free and the movies begin at 8:00 p.m. at 507 King St. E.

## Friday November 13

"**South Africa Belongs To Us**": a film about Women and Apartheid. Introduced by Jerry Herman, of the American Friends Service Committee of Philadelphia. Tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends House, 60 Lowther Av. Co-sponsored by Canadians Concerned About Southern Africa (Toronto) and Canadian Friends Service Committee. For more information call 656-6068.

The Canadian Red Cross Society will hold a **Blood Donor Clinic** today at Gerard Square, 1000 Gerrard St. E. (at Pape). The hours will be between 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## Saturday, November 14

A Public Symposium on "Psychic Phenomena & Natural Explanation"

will be held at the Clarke Institute Auditorium between 10:00 and 4:00. Speakers will be experts on psychic phenomena and fringe-science claims, and will include internationally-known Canadian Mentalist-Magician Henry Gordon, who will give a demonstration of "Extrasensory Deception". All-day tickets are available for \$5.00 at the door.

Woodgreen United Church is holding its annual **Christmas Bazaar** on Saturday, November 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Of special interest is an auction at 11:15 which will include some hand-made quilts worked by the ladies of the church. Woodgreen United Church is located at 875 Queen St. E. at Logan.

7 News and Rock Against Racism present a **Benefit Dance** with the groups Rude Awakening and Autopsy tonight at 8:30 at St. Paul's Church, 83 Power St. at Queen and Parliament. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door or \$4.00 in advance, available at Seven News, 315 Dundas St. E., 363-9650.

## Monday November 16

There will be a **public meeting** tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the 519 Church Street Community Centre to discuss plans to shift sole support mothers from provincial to municipal administration, to talk about related issues, and to plan a response.

## Tuesday November 17

Two special documentary screenings "Idi Amin Dada" and "When the People Awake", a Chilean film in Spanish with English sub-titles, will be presented by Harbourfront tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00 at the York Quay Centre.

## Thursday November 19

The South Riverdale Community Health Centre is having its **annual meeting** tonight at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is a means for members, staff, patients, volunteers, directors, friends and interested people to get together and look at the affairs of the Health Centre. The centre promises that any "Speeches will be short and to the point." Call 461-2494 for more information.

A **Breast Self-Examination Teaching Clinic** is being offered to encourage and teach women to practise this simple cancer-detection technique. The free clinic will be held at Simpson Ave. United Church, 115 Simpson Ave. from 2:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The clinic is co-sponsored by the Beaches-Riverdale Cancer Society and the Department of Public Health. Women will have an opportunity to view the film "It's Your Decision", be taught BSE techniques by nurses and have abreast examination done by a doctor.

## Saturday, November 21

Turn-of-the-century Toronto is brought vividly to life in an intriguing historical photographic display being staged November 21 through to January 17 at The Market Gallery of the City of Toronto rArchives.

The exhibit, "**William James: Pioneer Press Photographer**" focuses on James' work which provides a unique pictorial record of life in Toronto from 1907 through 1936. The collection also includes celebrity portraits of silent movie screen idol Mary Pickford, the Prince of Wales reviewing W. W. I troops, MacKenzie King, the Eaton family and Sir Henry Pellatt of Casa Loma fame.

Toronto-central Red Cross will be holding an **Emergency Services Course** at the Branch, 460 Jarvis Street, from 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. This course, designed to inform and prepare volunteers to assist in branch emergency responses, is offered free of charge. To register, call Anne James, Director, Health and Emergency Services, at 923-6692.

## Sunday, November 22

St. John's Presbyterian Church at Broadview and Simpson Avenues, will be observing its **93rd Anniversary** today at 11 a.m. The Anniversary Minister will be the Reverend E. C. Hicks, B. A., M. Div. There will be special music by the choir and members of the 48th Highlanders' Military Band will assist with the service of praise.

Light refreshments will be served following the service. A special invitation is extended to residents of the community.

## Tuesday, November 24

The **Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto** will be holding a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Winchester St. Public School, 15 Prospect St. The Federation is a non-profit organization which seeks to help people start out and get involved in housing co-operatives across the city. This meeting is intended to alert the public to the non-profit co-operative form of housing in Toronto, in particular, the Hugh Garner Housing Co-operative which will be located at 550 Ontario St.

## Friday, November 27

The Association of Volunteers and Staff of Central Hospital will be holding the **12th Annual International Bake Sale and Bazaar** in the Central Hospital Lobby at 333 Sherbourne St. from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Join them for great food and great bargains. Admission is free.

Montreal-based filmmaker and photographer Raphael Bendahan will be at the **Funnel Experimental Film Theatre** at 507 King St. E. at 8 p.m. to present a programme of his film work, past and present. Titles include: "Black and White/Noir et Blanc", 1972, "Light Study", 1981, and "Double Narratives", (a work in progress). Admission is \$3.00.

## Saturday November 28

The **Ralph Thornton Centre** is holding its **annual meeting** at the centre, 765 Queen St. E. (at Saulter) in the auditorium, second floor at 2 p.m. Children's movies followed by a potluck dinner. Come and bring a dish of your choice. Enjoy a good community afternoon. Call 461-6311 if you wish any further information.

A **Christmas Bazaar**, organized by the U. C. W. Simpson Ave. United Church will be held between 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 115 Simpson Ave. Christmas gifts, crafts, home baking and jewelry will be featured. The hot luncheon will cost \$2.50, and afternoon tea will be \$1.50.

The Women's Caucus of Canadian Artists' Representation Ontario, in co-operation with the **Funnel Experimental Films Theatre** presents Part II in a series of films on women artists to be held on a monthly basis for six months. The film **Linking Arms** by John Gareau documents the production of artist Collette Whiten's sculptural piece of the same name. Collette Whiten will attend the screening to discuss the film and show slides of her work. The film begins at 8 p.m. at 507 King St. E. Admission \$3.00.

**Annual Bazaar today** at St. Bartholomew, 509 Dundas St. E. (east of Parliament), 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Baked goods, plants, crafts, knitted goods, snack bar, Christmas gifts.

## ONGOING

**Dance Classes** Mondays 4 to 10, ballet and modern dance for children 4 to 16, jazz classes for adults. Registration now taking place. Sponsored by the Ralph Thornton Community Centre. For more information call 461-6311 or Jane Davis Munro 465-9555.

Woodgreen Nursery School, a school for developmentally handicapped preschoolers ages 2 to 5, is in desperate need of volunteers to spend one morning a week from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in their program. No experience is necessary. The teaching staff provide the training, and the ongoing support for the volunteers. If you are interested in meeting this challenge contact Elizabeth Sabiston at 968-0650 Ext. 39.

A **Moms and Tots Program** is held

every weekday morning between 9:00 and 11:15, in Room 205 of Regent Park School. Songs, games, toys and snacks are provided for tots aged 1 to 4 and there's coffee, tea and conversation for moms. Phone 363-3441 and ask for Anne.

The **Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre** at 870 Queen St. E. is undergoing construction but it will still offer a **full swim programme** and limited adult physical programming. For more information on these free programmes call 461-2550.

**Central Neighbourhood House**, an inner-city neighbourhood centre, is seeking candidates to serve on its Committees and/or Board of Directors with a personal background and an architectural or engineering background. If you are interested and have the time to give assistance in either of these two specialized areas, they would be pleased to hear from you. Central Neighbourhood House serves the area bounded by Jarvis, the Don Valley, Wellesley and Queen St. Their mandate is to keep in touch with and respond to the needs of the individual and the community through "in house" programmes as well as being supporters of programmes, organizations and groups out in the community.

For further information please call Ethel Proulx at 925-4363 or drop by to see her at 349 Ontario St.

Individuals and organizations hurting from the current high interest rates are joining with the Labour Council of Metropolitan Toronto to mount a campaign against the high rates.

The Council and the community, in co-operation with the Canadian Labour Congress and the Ontario Federation of Labour, has launched a "Down with Interest Rates" campaign. The first focus of the campaign is a mass demonstration on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, November 21st, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will be telling the government about the human cost of the interest rates. Pensioners, small businesses, homeowners and ratepayers, housewives, farmers, single parent families, fixed income families, students, tenants — all who are paying for the outrageously high rates — will join the Labour Council on the trip to Ottawa. Car pools, buses, trains and planes are being co-ordinated to leave from various locations across Metro at 6:00 a.m. on the morning of November 21st.

Interested individuals and organizations will also be asked to consider the formation of a broadly-based coalition to develop and pressure for an alternative economic policy — one that takes into account the real needs of the people of this country.

## At The Libraries

The theme for boys and girls at the **Riverdale Library** this month will be "Pirates". Every Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. children can participate in the activities. **Pre-school time** continues every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for children aged 3 to 5. As well, **films** for young children will be presented every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 466-2197.

Every Saturday morning at 10:30, children of all ages are welcome at the **Parliament Street Library** to hear stories. A special programme this month will be a **Puppet Show: Baba Yaga** on Saturday, November 21 at 11:00 a.m.

• **Le Centre Francophone** is a cultural and information centre for people interested in joining the French community living in Toronto. At the Centre Francophone (conveniently located at Harbourfront) you will find practical information such as schools, restaurants or services as well as cultural activities. For more info call 367-1950.

Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have a notice which you would like placed in the next (November 27) issue of 7 News (all events between November 27 and December 11 should go in this issue) please fill out the coupon below and mail your notice to 7 News, 315 Dundas St. E., Toronto M5A 2A2 or call us at 363-9650.

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

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# Through the years in 7 News

Ten years ago in 7 News, the big story was a move to oust both of Ward 7's aldermen, Karl Jaffary and John Sewell. A letter and a

## Violin Lessons

The Sprucecourt School Community Association has arranged for violin to be taught on Mondays and Tuesdays after school beginning Monday, Nov. 9. Ron May, a violinist with the National Ballet, the Hamilton Philharmonic and the Chamber Players of Toronto will teach individual half hour lessons at a fee of \$9 a lesson. Violins will be provided on a loan basis from the school. Though the approach will be individual, aspects of the Suzuki Method will be applied in monthly group lessons. Ten students, aged 7-12 will be accepted with Sprucecourt students having priority. For more information call Sharon Cunningham 962-4518.

poster had been mailed to all members of the Ward 7 Businessmen's Association, asking for contributions to a fund to elect new aldermen. The poster read: "WANTED For Ward 7, Two Honest Men to run as Aldermen in the next municipal election. DESCRIPTION: Neatly dressed, well-behaved (no rioters need apply). Signed Citizen's Group." The man behind the move, it appeared, was Eric Rosen, a local businessman who then published a newspaper called the St. James, and who now publishes another paper, the City Dweller.

## funding crisis

Elsewhere in the news, the Neighbourhood Information Post was facing a funding crisis and a survey by SOCCA, the residents' association in South of Carlton, revealed, among other things, that "tenants are less transient than frequently thought. Twenty-seven per cent have lived in the area for more than ten years, 17% having been neighbourhood residents for

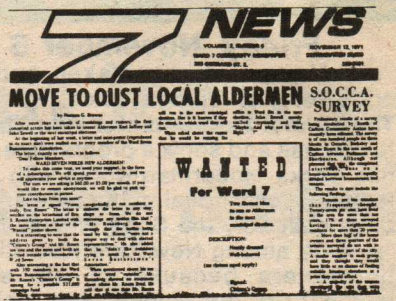
more than 20 years." Plans for development of the Consumers' Gas site were reported in a story beginning "The vultures are zeroing in on the Consumers' Gas Site." The Don Vale Community Centre elected a new executive, headed by John Barber, who defeated Bill Lee in a close race. And Seven News was calling a general meeting for later in the month to discuss whether or not it ought to apply for federal government L. I. P. funding. Some people were opposed because they thought such funding would "concentrate too much power into the hands of too few people for too short a time." And Lent's Super Discount on Queen was advertising dog food at 9¢ a tin.

Five years ago in 7 News, the top story concerned the Don Vale Community Centre's fight to survive in the face of a funding cut-back and threatened eviction from the United Church, which owned the building at 80 Winchester. (The Centre lost the fight, and now the building houses the Toronto Dance Theatre.)

## Presented profiles

A municipal election was under way, and Seven News presented

profiles of the major candidates: John Sewell, Janet Howard, Gary Stamm, and Charlie Rolfé for alderman, and Doug Barr, Sheila Holmes, Edna Dixon, and Noreen Gaudette for trustee. A separate article on the election coverage of the City Dweller, the newspaper owned by Eric Rosen (see above, 10 years ago ...) which this time devoted "its entire front page, its entire third page, and three quarters of its fifth page to (Stamm). Stamm is given a total of 381 square inches of coverage, including 9 separate stories and 5 photographs." Aldermen Sewell was mentioned only in an article announcing Stamm's candidacy,



while Alderman Janet Howard was not mentioned at all.

The issue was also a milestone for Seven News itself: the paper announced that Norm Browne, who had been editor of Seven News since 1971, had been fired, ending his long and turbulent association with the paper that had come to be largely identified with him personally.

## GOPHER WANTED



Seven News requires the occasional services of a volunteer gopher. Putting a newspaper together involves a great deal of running around, and from time to time it would be a great help to have a person who could "go fer" this and "go fer" that. One such time is every second Wednesday night, when the production of the paper requires frequent trips back and forth to the typesetter. There are also occasions once or twice every week during the day when we could really use a bit of help in running errands (all in and around Ward 7). If you could help out, please give us a call at 363-9650. A car or bicycle would naturally be an asset.

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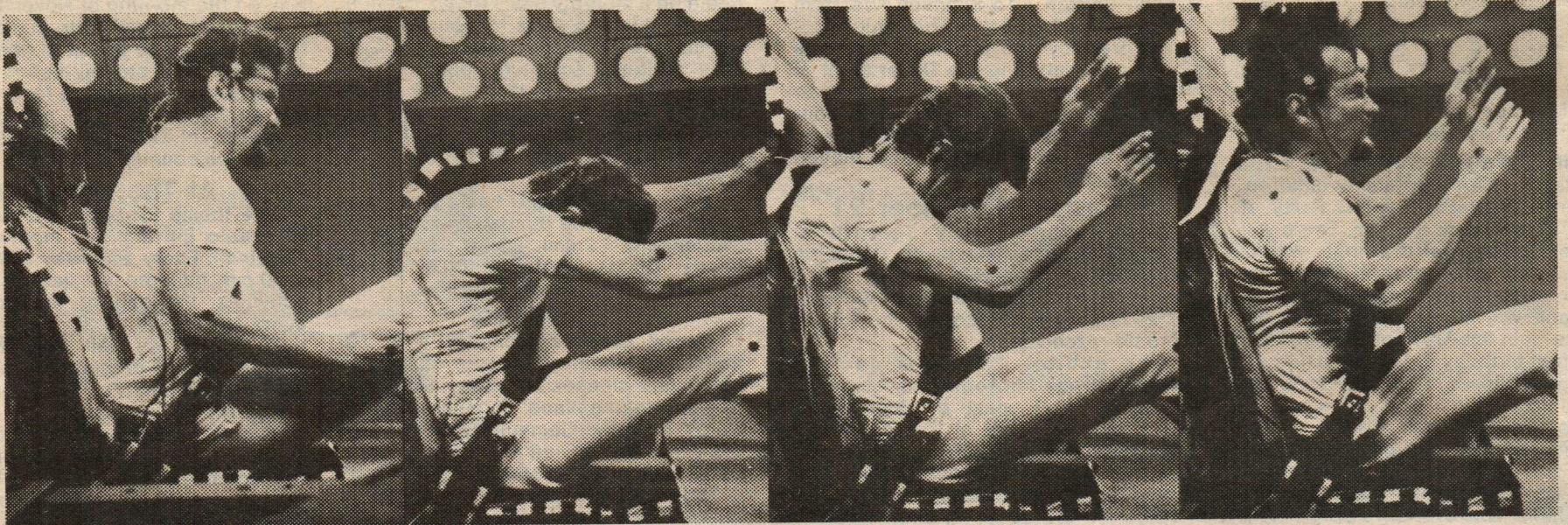
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Sponsored by the Parliament Street Public Library, Dixon Hall and the Enoch Turner School, the project will gather information for a booklet and archives of the historic Cabbagetown area. Funding is by the Learnx Foundation. Every type of record and story about the area is being sought,

from personal reminiscences of childhood days to photographs of people, buildings and events.

The emphasis will be on people. Every area of the community is invited to contribute. First step is to recruit the volunteers. The type of job available is limited only by the imagination of the volunteer. Personal stories, research, interviewing, telephoning, coordinating, reading, envelope-stuffing, typing — whatever you like.

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Cabbagetowner! Anyone can get involved. Cabbagetown today is truly a unique "village within a metropolis," inhabited by people from every walk of life living side by side. Public housing, ornate

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covering the story of how Cabbagetown became such a fascinating melange will be the stimulus for volunteers young and old.

For further information call coordinator Jean Wright at 967-0345

## You could be evicted by OHC

If you are under 60, not on disability pension, not retarded, and your children have left home, you could be evicted by OHC through the Metro Toronto Housing Authority.

OHC and the conservative

Housing Minister Claude Bennett are still in charge of who gets in and who stays in public housing. The Minister has already stated he doesn't believe empty nesters should be allowed to stay. That means up to 2600 families could be evicted across Ontario about half of them in Metro Toronto.

The province is therefore threatening to bring back the evic-

tion policy which was suspended in July, 1980. OHC has been quoted as saying that they will reach a decision on this over the winter months.

If you want to save your home act now by calling the Metro Toronto OHC Tenant's Council (MOTC) at 654-0345, leave your name and telephone, someone will get back to you the same day.

### Woman evicted

## OHC victim tells her story

In response to efforts by Metro Toronto OHC, Tenants Council, to help families who are being evicted by OHC simply because their children are leaving home, I am writing as a parent who was evicted in January 1980 because my children were no longer dependents and for that reason I no longer qualified for subsidized housing. After struggling through the years of low wages and raising four teen-agers while attending university at nights and working

part-time days and week-ends, I was notified that my lease would not be renewed because I no longer qualified for subsidized housing. By this time only one young adult was still living with me and we had moved to a smaller two bedroom apartment in the same building which we had lived in for six years. This move meant the break up of what was left of the family home. The 'Empty Nest' policy of OHC means that older women over 45 who have perhaps recently gone back to the labour force after raising their families are deprived of subsidized housing just when they need this

support the most. To be put out of her home, to be displaced at this crucial period of time in her life is a cruel social policy which needs to be changed.

### Correction

Last issue's Bricks and Bouquets column contained a couple of errors. Helping to organize activities at the Dundas-Sherbourne project are two student community workers, not social science students. And we had one of their names spelled incorrectly: it's Bryan Lomax, not Lorman. Our apologies.

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# L'Eventail: A nice surprise in Riverdale

By PHYLLIS JENSEN  
L'EVENTAIL which means "the fan" is a new French restaurant on Gerrard Street near Logan. It is one of the nicest surprises in Riverdale.

Once inside a deceptively simple entrance, there are a few steps down into a brightly lit room with yellow brick walls decorated with bamboo-leaf fans. Wicker chairs, white table cloths on padded table tops and green plants complete the pleasant surroundings.

The price is reasonable. The daily special with: soup or juice, main course, dessert and coffee is offered for \$8.95. The evening my friends and I went the special was leek soup with crab meuniere which we decided to pass up for other regular dishes. The house wine, Cressmans, was a bit too sweet for our palates but there is a good selection of imported wines to choose from.

Good German light and dark

rye bread was offered with tubs of butter before the meal. L. S. tried the pate maison - nicely flavoured but with a little bit too much salt. It was served with crisp breads. The appetizer was followed by black pepper-corn beef steak (entrecote au poivre) cooked medium rare as ordered and came covered with a light peppery sauce. It was delicious.

S. B., feeling famished, started with baby shrimps in tomato sauce (crevette mignotte) attractively served on half-shell. They had an interesting texture and fine flavour. The main course, beef tenderloin (petit filet mignon maison) was topped by a thick gravy and button mushrooms. It was succulent, cooked to choice and tender.

My fresh green salad was just that. A medium sized plate of crisp lettuce, green pepper, cucumber and tomato slices covered with a thin mayonnaise

dressing with a hint of pepper. A pleasant change from oil and vinegar usually served in french restaurants. The chicken in wine sauce (coq au vin) had the right aroma but the sauce was not as full-bodied as expected. The chicken itself was fine, still moist but seemed to have been cooked

separately as the meat was not permeated with the flavour of the herbs and wine.

Each of the above entrees was served with a medium sized roasted and peeled potato lightly dusted with paprika. There were crispy green beans too. The beans were done to perfection, a rarity in

## People News

Central Neighbourhood House has welcomed Pat-O'Connor as Adult Programme Worker .... The Board of Education had a presentation honouring Jocelyn Muir of Jarvis Collegiate. Jocelyn became the youngest person ever to swim Lake Ontario this summer ... Marry Gerritsma of the South Riverdale Community Health Centre has left the centre to take a job with the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto ... Cindy Woods, the music school co-

ordinator at Dixon Hall, has departed for another job. Replacing her is Doug Jameson ... Also new at Dixon Hall is Charles Smith, who will be working on setting up teen and adult programmes ... The Corktown Association has elected a new executive, consisting of Angus Cranston as President, Ted Spong as Vice President, Joice McNulty as Secretary-Treasurer, and Jan Silverman and Bob Barrett as members-at-large.

most restaurants.

L'Eventail has a variety of desserts: strawberries with cream and peach melba, are two. One of my companions tried the chocolate mousse which she said was very light and decent. The coffee was slightly bitter and the tea served in a beautiful white china pot was warm rather than hot.

Throughout the meal the service was prompt but not intrusive. Our individual bills ranged from \$9.00 to \$14.00. You can eat well at L'Eventail for under \$10 a person if you decide to forgo the liquor but even with drinks it can be done under \$15 per person.

Overall L'Eventail is a pleasant restaurant and a quality surprise in Ward 7. One of my companions remarked that L'Eventail has the classiest, cleanest washrooms in town. It is true. The womens' washroom is just off the entrance on the same floor as the restaurant so there is no groping down cold damp dirty stairwells to use the john. Importantly it is convenient for handicapped diners and safe for women.

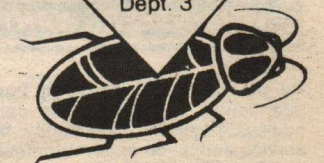
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