

The deadline for the next ssue of Seven News is May 3rd at 5 pm.

The groundswell of enthusiasm is continuing. The excitement is mounting. The shapeless mass of wood is starting to take the form of a real community. Reluctant recruits are becoming dedicated workers who have joined the movement.

The Way We Are is becoming a reality.

This Ward 7 musical comedy is showing Community at its best. The cast members and behind the scenes people have been working towards the April 28th opening of "THE WAY WE ARE" for more than three months. And the initial reasons for involvement have been realized

LARRY KNIGHT, a freelance writer and director, as well as part time actor, says he originally joined the production to "break the monotony of the day". Larry portrays Charles Trend, the hapless husband of Wendy Trend, a downtown realtor. The Trends encounter Dr. Kommisch, the scholarly therapist played by PHILIP KYRIACOU, a hairdresser from Ward 7, in an attempt to resolve some family problems

About community

But this play is not only produced by the community, it is about the community. The on stage community includes such notables as Mom and Pop, an elderly couple who have a front porch view of the activities in their neighbourhood park. Mom is WINNIFRED BOUNDY who was a solo dancer in the last Ward 7



Larry Knight



Winnifred Boundy

is acted by TERRY LEE, director of Huntley Youth Services.

Also on view are Wayne and

a solo dancer in the last Ward 7 Antoine, the couple who are "too production and her fretful spouse bored to scoop". MARTIN

becoming a reality



Philip Kyriacou

RUDICK, a provincial government employee and BOB TREM-BLE of Central Toronto Youth Services team up in portraying this



Georgina McCormick



Terry Lee

The forces of law and order, also known as the Morality Squad, are led by the cop with a sense of proportion, Sgt. McPurity. CAROL KELLEY, who performed in the New Dance Centre's production of "Home-land" at Palmerston Library Theatre last year, gives substance to the role.

Not to be left out of our com-munity are the Women of 21 McGill who are still trying to solve the mystery of the big burn at their downtown club.

kids group

A sense of reason is brought to the chaotic adult world by the kids. And kids we've got. ELIZABETH BEDDARD leads her dance class from Dancers' Academy when they join an ad hoc group of kids who have come togethher from throughout Ward 7 for this production. The kids group is directed by EUGENNE SHAW, an experienced choreographer who works at Huntley Youth Services.

The kids find a leader in Wonder Kid, at other times known as GEORGINA MCCOR-MICK, a Grade 8 student at Winchester School. Wonder Kid shares with the kids and audience her view of what would make a super city and is instrumental in

achieving the happy ending.

And speaking of audience...

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on

April 28, 29, 30 and May 1 at Castle Frank High School. Tickets are \$5.00 for Wednesday and Thursday; \$7.00 Friday and Saturday with half price for students and seniors. Seating is not reserved so come early. Public transit is advised as parking in the area is

Tickets are available by calling 964-1126 between 9:00 a.m. and

TRAP homeowners appeal reassessments

Nearly one hundred homeowners crowded into a room in St. Barnabas Church on Danforth Avenue on Thursday, April 15th. The meeting was called by TRAP, Tax Reform Action for People, an organization that was formed about three months ago as a result of the highly unpopular re-assessment drive unleashed on unsuspecting homeowners by the Ontario Ministry of Revenue at the end of last year. From a handful of founding members at that time TRAP has grown to a very sizeable organization of about

One of the spokesmen for the group, Eric Leggatt, outlined to the assembled crowd how TRAP came to be formed. He mentioned some of the developments of the past few months, starting with the large and lively gathering of concerned taxpayers at Castle Frank School in early January, and going on to subsequent meetings with various aldermen and local MPPs. Legatt related how pleased they had been when several MPPs had admitted that the assessors had done a very poor job, thinking that the homeowners had won a victory. However, they soon found that nothing was going to be done to roll back the re-assessment.

On that point I can personally testify as to the behaviour of those provincial members of Parliament, because I was present at a meeting held about two months

owner representatives to confer with Margaret Scrivener, Susan Fish and Larry Grossman. Present at that time were many of Alderman Sewell's Steering Committee, including several members of TRAP. Only Susan Fish showed up, although Grossman was represented by his executive assistant. Both Fish and Grossman's spokesman agreed that the reassessment has been unfairly and incompetently done. However, when they were asked what we as representatives of concerned

hoomeowners could do to put on more pressure they made it quite evident that they didn't want us to do anything. It was a case of "Don't call us, we'll call you."

Because of the failure of our elected representatives to get any results TRAP soon decided to take legal action. They are challenging this re-assessment in the courts for the purpose of having it rolled back, and have hired a well-known and successful lawyer, Barry Swadron, to represent them.

Another speaker at the Thurs-Continued on page 2

Cabbagetown project is still rolling along

The Cabbagetown History Proect is still rolling along, with about 400 volunteers involved in one way or another. The group is still looking for old photographs, souvenirs and memorabilia for donation to an archives being set up at the Parliament Street Library for future students. Pictures and written material can be copied and returned.

As well typists are needed who are willing to undertake the hard work of transcribing taped inter-

The result of all the interviewing and history research will be a book to be written by local history expert George Rust-D'Eye and published by the Toronto Public Library. Sponsors of the project are the Parliament Street Library, Dixon Hall and Enoch Turner Schoolhouse. If you would like more information, telephone Jean Wright at 967-0345 or write to 7 Sword Street, Toronto M5A 3N3. Message may be left at Neighbourhood Information Post,

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For the last three weeks Seven we raise several thousand dollars pose of that campaign is to gain supporting memberships for our newspaper. This campaign forms a vital part of our annual revenue and has for five years now. During the course of the fundraising drive

News has been running a to aid in running the paper for fundraising campaign. The puranother year, we also raise a lot of questions. The most asked question is "How did the campaign start in the first place?" In answer to that we proudly present, celebrated in poem, the story of our very first supporting member.

Once upon a midnight dreary, while I worked, worn and

Struggling to finish the paper before dawn's light, While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a

as if someone gently rapping, tapping on the office door, "'Tis some creditor," I though, "collecting bills and awfully sore,"

Only this and nothing more.

Distinctly I remember it was in the bleak September denounce

Eagerly I wished the morrow; for vainly had I sought to borrow

From the banks surcease of sorrow; money to pay for our accounts

For the rare and radiant vision of cheques that didn't bounce.

Nameless here are our accounts.

Presently my heart grew stronger: hesitating then no longer "Sir," said I, "or Madam, truly your forgiveness I implore But the fact is that I was napping and so gently were you

So faintly were you rapping, knocking on my office door that I wasn't sure I heard you," with this I opened wide the door Continued on page 7

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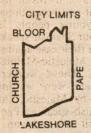
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By MORRIS SALDOV

It's time again when municipal politicians seek your approval for their efforts of the past two years. The election means our opportunity to voice our approval or discontent with the current situation. This time round the municipal competitors will probably be asking for three years of representing you at City Hall, rather than the usual two.

The Province of Ontario, led by Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Claude Bennett, is seeking an increase of one year in the alderman's term. Therefore, your vote in the municipal election is all the more crucial as you must live with your choice one year longer.

Housing problems in Ward 7 should be a vital force in this campaign. We are currently facing many problems in this area and answers for the electorate must be a part of any candidate's platform. Ouestions we should keep in mind when deciding on politicians during the upcoming municipal election are:

What are you going to do about the number of homeless people in our Ward?

Do you support Cityhome tenants being elected to the City Housing Board?

What is your position on the recent dramatic increases in property taxes?

collective

issues that many of us are facing today in this Ward, as well as across the city. If you wish to write about or discuss housing issues contact P.O. Box 54, Station F, Toronto M4Y 2L4; or telephone 654-0345 and leave a message for

the author. TRAP meeting

These are all valid and serious

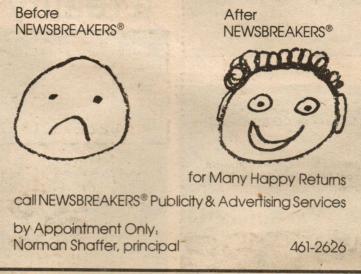
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day meeting, Len Annett, took up the matter of appeals to the Assessment Review Court. Many homeowners who had been reassessed did not realize what had happened and failed to register their appeals before the deadline had passed. As a result of pressure put upon the Ministry of Revenue to extend the deadline by Metro Council and homeowners' representatives, including TRAP, legislation has been introduced to allow all who have been reassessed to appeal if they wished. Annett pointed out that such a flood of appeals would take a long time to process. Furthermore, he warned that the chances of winning an appeal are not particularly good. The Assessment Board does not have to prove that their valuation is right, the homeowner has to prove that it is wrong. That is very difficult to do, short of listing the property for sale to see what prospective buyers are willing to pay. Even if the homeowner is able to find an example of another property in his immediate neighbourhood that is very similar to his own but has been valued at a figure considerably below his, this will not necessarily result in his assessment being lowered. What may happen is that the neighbour's assessment will be

> neighbourhood. TRAP is advising all re-assessed homeowners to appeal, but they consider that using the courts to have the whole re-assessment declared illegal and rolled back offers the best chance of getting results: Legal actions, of course, cost money, and they are asking for help from concerned taxpayers who can take out membership in TRAP, give donations or volunteer for organizational work. Their case will be coming up in the courts in the near future and it is important that they receive strong support throughout Metro. Anyone wishing to help out or get more information can call Tom Callihan at 967-5960.

raised. In fact, Eric Leggatt told

the meeting of an actual instance of this happening in his own



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victory against landlord and tenant laws which were stacked in favour of apartment owners. Alderman John Sewell and Karl Jaffary were anxiously preparing for the upcoming municipal elections, by organizing and attending small block party meetings. The idea of instituting a busing policy in the ward 7 area was rejected by a group of parents as both insulting and irrelevant, and there was talk of the Sackville School closing because of a low student popula-tion. The Ontario Anti-Poverty Organization had recently been formed and was off and running on a petition campaign, which gathered much support from trade unions and municipal councils. David Crombie resigned as the chairman of the Working Committee in the South of St. Jamestown because of an apparent lack of interest on the part of the residents. And that week, Woolworths 'Door Crashing' specials included pantihose at 3/88¢ and bikini underwear at 2/88¢ if I'd known, I would have stocked up.

Referendum held

In the news 5 years ago there was a referendum held at the Bain Avenue housing project to see if the tenants wanted to officially become a cooperative. There was a danger that some tenants would boycott the referendum because of stiff City Council rules and regulations.

The Don Vale residents association was preparing for their

sixth annual Cabbagetown forsythia festival. Local artists and crafts people as well as musicians were there, along with those age old attractions — the talent show and the dog show. About 100 people attended a workshop on youth and agency problems in the Regent Park area. The conference was concerned with two basic things; communication among the various agencies and residents, and employment and recreational prospects for young people in Regent Park. Four Spanish-speaking workers won their case against their employers Majestic Maintenance Services. These workers like many others were getting badly swindled by Majestic, the Centre for Spanish-speaking Peoples took on their ease and won.

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Toronto to get permanent hostel

A rejuvenated office building on Church Street, just south of Dundas, will open in June as Toronto's first permanent hostel. Since early April the same location has housed the main office of the Great Lakes Hostelling Association

For years, this Ontario branch of the Canadian Hostelling Association has struggled to provide summer hostels wherever a vacant building could be found. These temporary locations, in vacant churches or schools, puzzled overseas hostellers and local enthusiasts alike. Among the major cities in the network of 50 hostelling countries, Toronto was

the only one lacking a permanent

The 92 bed hostel on Church Street is therefore an exciting addition to downtown, ready to welcome both Canadian and international travellers.

Previously known as youth hostels, the word "youth" has been dropped in order to promote hostelling as a family activity, suitable for all ages. Senior membership at \$15 per year, or \$9 for youths, allows you to spend the night at any of the world's 5,000 hostels.

Canada hs 60 hostels from the Yukon to Newfoundland, charging between 3 and 6 dollars per night. (There is a slightly higher fee for non-members.) Considering the price of hotels, hostelling offers an attractive holiday alternative.

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swapping travel tales with foreign travellers is a popular pastime, the hostelling association sponsors various outings.

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Moving north, there are small hostels in Orillia and Sault Ste. Marie. The latter is convenient for the Algoma Central Railway's spectacular tour of the Agawa Canyon, or for taking a leisurely cruise on the Soo Locks.

A former motel on Lake Superior is the home of the Thunder Bay Hostel. Amid the spectacular scenery north of Superior you can try your luck in an amethyst mine or wander through Old Fort William, the reconstructed home of the

Non-profit grant

A \$781,898 grant to help nonprofit housing in the City of Toronto was announced by Paul Cosgrove, the federal minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Claude Bennett.

The federal funds are being given to Toronto to help with the development of a 166-unit rental project in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood. The project is under construction south of the O'Keefe Centre on the Esplanade. It is being built on top of a five-storey parking garage.

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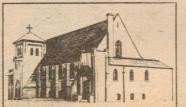
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At this meeting the Board will hear comments on and discuss the Trefann Court Official Plan — Final Recommendations report. If you require information on any aspect of the Plan, or a copy of the Plan, please contact Ann Ophel of the Planning and Development Department staff at 367-7335.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, Ar. 24

Susan Fish invites you to her first St. George's Day Festival between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Clowns, refreshments and live musical entertainment will all be at the west side of the north St. Lawrence Market, between Front and King Sts. In the event of April showers, come to the Market Lane Public School, Jarvis and Esplanade, behind the park from 2 to 5 p.m.

 Simpson Avenue United Church will be having a Trash and Treasure Sale on April 24 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Item for sale include clothing, books, white elephant goods and baked goods. Lunch is available, choose from salad plate or

tea plate.

Sunday, Apr. 25

Toronto Arts Productions presents Catherine Robbin, mezzosoprano with Roger Vignoles, Piano. This remarkable Canadian singer is in constant demand throughout England, Europe and North America. Her recital is part of Music at the Centre's Sunday Introductions Services sponsored by Brascan. The audience is invited to meet the artists at a coffee and cake reception following the performance. Toown Hall at 2 p.m. Tickets \$6 and

Wednesday Apr. 28

The transfer of single parents from Family Benefits to Welfare asssistance and the problems caused by this change will be discussed at a meeting at WoodGreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. E. at 7:30 p.m.

The musical The Way We Are begins tonight at 730 at Castle Frank High School and continues until May 1. Tickets are \$5 for Wed. and Thurs., \$7 for Friday and Saturday with half price for students and seniors. Seating is not reserved so come early. Public transit is advised as parking in the area is limited. Call 964-1126 for tickets between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 29
Toronto Arts Productions presents Emanual Ax, piano. He returns to the Town Hall at 8:30 for a recital that features Haydn, Szymanowski, Schumann and Chopin. Tickets \$9 and \$10 (rush seats only one-half hour before performance).

Dixon Hall will hold a benefit concert on behalf of its music school. It will take the form of a musicale and will be in the home of the President of the University of Toronto. Performing will be Susan Prior, baroque flute; Leslie Kinton, piano; Gianetta Baril, harp and James McLean, tenor. Tickets for the event will be \$50 each. This is just one of the things that goes on behind the scenes at the Music School that is essential to its survival. Lots of effort has to go into other fundraising activities to keep the school afloat.

Friday, Ar. 30

• The seniors at WoodGreen Community Centre will be having a Paint Party to promote the Fun With Art program, today at 12:30 p.m. The painting of a spring mural will be the focus of the Paint Party which will take place in WoodGreen's gymnasium after a pot luck luncheon. LaVinia Lyne, the art instructor, will be on hand to answer questions.

Saturday, May 1

 We all experience stress in our daily lives; some people are able to cope with it better than others. At a one-day event, Stress '82 - Coping and Beyond, workshops, seminars, displays, performances and films are scheduled for any interested members of the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. York Quay Centre.

• The Second Mile Club, 192 Carlton St. will be holding a rummage sale today between 10 a.m.

and 3 p.m. Gold clothing.

 Thyroid Foundation of Canada: Public Information Meeting on the subject of nutrition and thyroid disease will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, 2075 BAYVIEW Avenue. Phone: 493-1608.

 A coalition of over 30 diverse community groups is sponsoring a "Fight The Right Festival" at Harbord Collegiate on Saturday May 1st from noon to five p.m.

This afternoon of entertainment, displays and workshops invites the public to find out about community

issues that affect them.

Featured performers include Chilean musicians, Afro-Caribbean drummers, and the Red Berets, a 17 woman choir. The public can choose from over 16 different workshops during the afternoon, ranging from "Unlearning Racism" or "Domestic Violence Against Women" to "Police Harassment and Peoples' Rights" or "Nuclear Holocaust"

Among the sponsoring groups are the Riverdale Action Committee Against Racism, the International Women's Day Committee, Committee of Solidarity With The People of El Salvador, Right To Privacy Committee, Cruise Missile Conversion Project, and Gay Liberation Against The Right Everywhere.

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For further information the public can call 653-4939 or 537-5540.

Sunday, May 2

 A Spring Concert of Sacred Music featuring works by Brahms, Faure and Vaughn Williams will be presented by the Eastminster Choir, conducted by Alan Coffin. Guest appearance by Canadian Children's Opera Chorus. The concert begins at 8 p.m. at Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Avenue. Tickets \$3.50 for adults, students and seniors \$2.50. Available at the door.

 What could be more exciting for kids than a fairy tale come to life! Alice in Wonderland the White Rabbit, Queen of Hearts and the rest of Lewis Carroll's beloved characters will be at Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay West, for the Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Sunday, May 2, 9 and 16 at 12:30 and 2 p.m. The performance - even t is sponsored by Christie, Brown and Company, Limited. For further information phone 364-5665.

Wed. May 5

 A Diabetes Day for Senior Citizens with diabetes is being held at WoodGreen Community Centre, 835 Queen Street East on Wednesday May 5, 1982 1:30-3:30 p.m. The event will feature up-to-date information about diabetes, self-care, etc. Sponsored by the Canadian

Diabetic Association, Toronto Branch.

Call: Judith Heddle - 488-8871 for more information.

Thursday, May 6

• School Pre-registration St. Ann's Catholic School, 55 Howie Avenue, Toronto. May 6th, 1982. From 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon, and from 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Bring the child's baptism certificate (Roman Catholic) and the child's health records. Junior kindergarten children must be four years old December 31st, 1982. Senior kindergarten children 'must be five years old December 31st, 1982. For further information contact Mrs. C. Battaglia, 463-5986.

Ongoing

 Attention Adults! You can join Ceramics, Keepfit, Sketching, Macrame, Slo-Pitch or Badminton at Frankland Community Centrre, 816 Logan Ave. (just south of the Danforth). We'll keep you busy during May and June and it's all FREE! Just sign up at the Centre or call 463-0554 for further information."

 Kids Springtime Fun is at Frankland Community Centre, 816 Logan Ave., You can join Drama, Gymnastics, Crafts, T-Ball, plus many more all during the months of May and June! Just sign up at the Centre or call 463-0554 for further information."

 Every Wednesday, classes in ballroom and latin american dancing are held at 410 Sherbourne St. at 7:30 p.m. Young and old welcome

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 For information about the controversial El Salvador Billboard on the north side of Wellesley Street, between Bay and Yonge, contact Michael Riordon 922-0735 or Erma Stultz 923-6641 ext. 306.

 City Streets Gallery, 339 Dundas St. E. is now featuring original pen and ink drawings of Cabbagetown, downtown Toronto and Manhattan - a celebration of the city. Open Wednesday to Sunday 12

 Umbrella Central Day Care Services has grant funds available for non-profit organizations wishing to set up new pre-school day care centres. Umbrella is a non-profit charitable corporation that provides administrative resource services to non-profit children's centres in Metro Toronto. A maximum of \$1,500 will be granted on a matching funds basis to applicants. This money has been given by Levi Strauss Canada Inc. to stimulate the start-up of new day care centres in recognition of the importance of community-based day care. Groups wishing to apply for these grants

should call or write to Umbrella Central Day Care Servides at 361 Danforth Avenue, Toronto M4K 1P1 (416) 461-0958 for guidelines and an application form.

Central Neighbourhood House is seeking candidates for the Board for 1982-83. Each director is elected for a three year term but may stand for re-election once only, to serve a second three-year term. Nominations may be received up to and including May 11 for inclusion on the ballot. If interested please contact Ethel Proulx at Central Neighbourhood House for the necessary forms. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 18 at 7 p.m.

Attention seniors. Woodgreen Community Centre has programs for you. We have men's billiards, ladies' billiards, exercise, gentle yoga, bowling, supper clubs, crafts, diner's club, Toronto Travellers' Club, foot doctor, food co-op, fun with art, bus trips, and a Friday drop-in program. Also we are having a bazaar Saturday May 8, 1982 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have any items to donate for our auction such as used clothing or books, please give us a call or bring them down to the centre at 835 Queen St. East. For more information call Sue Butler at 461-1168 ext. 38.

 Woodgreen Nursery School,a school for developmentally handicapped pre-schoolers ages 2 to 5, is in desperate need of volunteers to spend one morning a week from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in their program. Each child has an individual program, designed to strengthen self-help skills and build self-esteem. 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 please call Elizabeth Sabiston 968-0650 ext. 39.

• Need help with your Income Tax Form/ Central Neighbourhood House at 349 Ontario Street offers you the service from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. Come in and ask for Len. Costs

\$2 to \$5.

Downtown Care Ring is in need of volunteers. It is receiving an increase in phone calls from people requesting help, particularly disabled ones who need a drive to an appointment, and lonely ones for whom a friendly visit would be beneficial. This is a simple service, a neighbourly one, but to the city's disadvantaged and lonely, it is a vital one. Please volunteer for a few hours to help a person who needs you - Drivers are especially needed even for an hour a week. Please call 868-1190 weekdays from 9 to 5.

Torontonians wanted to experience the sights and smells of spring can welcome an early season as the Spring Flower Show comes to Allan Gardens from March 1 to May 1. Hundreds of colourful domestic and exotic flowers and plants will be on display daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Allan Gardens, bounded by Jarvis, Carlton, Sherbourne and Gerrard Sts., is easily accessible by public transit. Free guided tours are available by calling 367-7291. Photography is per-

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= PART 4: THE TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION =

VDTs: Are they really a health hazard?

By DAVE DICKEY
The largest and fastest-growing part of the micro-processing field is that of VDT's (Video Display Terminals); it is also the most controversial in terms of health and safety. Since the bulk of information comes from sellers of telemation equipment, usually in the form of high gloss advertising and promotion these issues are as unlikely to be dealt with frankly as the other ones touched upon in this series. Supporters of the equipment, including buyers, like to dismiss critics as fringe types bent upon holding up progress, and to minimize health issues.

Knowledgeable individuals and union leaders thus have an uphill battle to get their information and questions out to the public for discussion. They lack the financial resources of well-heeled corporations and so must rely on media news coverage. Unions themselves appear to be painfully slow in switching their emphasis from wage concerns to the more social ones, including health factors. Workers are more vulnerable when jobs are scarce and often have to sacrifice their own welfare

TV type tube which provides the images in VDT's, belong to the broad category of non-ionizing, low level radiation, specifically of micro-wave lengths. Ionizing radiation, high level, such as from nuclear radiation and X-rays is fairly well studied and understood. The effects of low level radiation,

in favour of getting or keeping a

issue of possible radiation emitted

from VDT's. (The wave lengths

found in a cathode ray tube, the

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job in order to live.

including radio waves and microwaves, have been relatively ignored on this continent, mainly because of their commercial importance. Paul Brodeur, in his book 'The Zapping of America', argues that the U.S. military and business interests have over the years minimized dangers from low level radiation, suppressed studies, and colluded in arriving at

Some critics have drawn the connection between radiation and other kinds of pollution and asked, Would'nt we be better off if safe levels erred on the side of safety? The orthodox view holds that emissions from VDT's are either non-existent or so insignificant to cause any problem; and in

arbitrary, theoretical safety levels.

any case the body has an ability to absorb these low level rays without any lasting injury. Is it so simple? Do cells, stimulated by such high frequency, deeply penetrating, low level rays always behave 'normally'? Even if we aren't behind the screen of a VDT we are all being bombarded by thousands of times more radiation from communication towers than naturally occurs. Our adaptive systems need much more than a generation or two to protect us from such drastic alterations of our natural environ-

A lesson may be learned from our experience with X-rays. Once considered totally safe we now know that even a fanciful yearly limit of dose is erroneous; that indeed we have lifetime limits which depend upon such factors as body weight and age. We now know that errors occur in dose levels, or the scatter effect of defective X-ray machines. In short, we each have an individual limit and is cumulative. Will we discover, years down the road and after needless suffering, that low level radiation has the same

Critics of the prevailing views on low level radiation insist that these rays also have a cumulative

effect, and that injury can be produced through prolonged exposure even though measured radiation may be well below any momentary minimum safety level. Found to be particularly vulnerable are the eye, thyroid and reproductive organs. The central question then becomes, are any levels safe?

Adding to the problem is the lack of equipment around with which to consistently and accurately measure possible low level radiation leaks from VDT's. There may be zero emissions from machines when new but will levels remain zero over their lifetime?

Statistics are showing that operators of VDT's have a higher incidence of cataracts, miscarriages and deformed births. Whether due to radiation or to the mmany stress-related factors associated with VDT use remains to be seen. Other common problems include:

- · Soreness, redness, singing, itching, irritiation and general discomfort of the eyes;
 - Pains in the neck and back;
 - Dull headaches;
- Loss of visual acuity (seeing blurred or double images and coloured fringes;
 - Dizziness and nausea; • Problems with eyeglasses
- and contact lenses.

Stress-causing factors include poor machine design and maintenance, improper desks or chairs, incorrect office layout and lighting, and too much time in front of a screen.

Designing equipment and planning a work environment for health and comfort is called 'ergonomics'. A great deal of knowledge has already been gained on what constitutes a healthy environment, but the dominant philosophy tends to place worker well-being at the lower end of business priorities. Machine safety and arrangement, alas, is more often production oriented than human being oriented.

Arbor Day

Friday, April 30 is Arbor Day in Canada. The day is designed to be a national celebration of trees and their growth. Ward Seven school-children will be participating in the day's events by planting trees in Withrow Park. Each tree will bear a placque commemorating Arbor Day 1982, the type of tree planted and the name of the school involved.

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Termite grants increased

Funding for Ontario's termites control program for 1982-83 has been increased to \$500,000 due to the unexpected increases in applications for assistance, announced Ontario Environment Minister Keith C. Norton recently.

The grant program was begun in 1975 with a \$200,000 base and it applies to homeowners in Ontario municipalities which have adopted local termite control bylaws. Grants repay homeowners 60 per cent of the total cost with a maximum allowance of \$2,000.

Applications for grants have been traditionally processed by the municipalities on a first come first served basis. Because of the large demand increase Mr. Norton said a special committee will review the termite control program in terms of its objectives and future effec-

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And the only word written there "Donations." This I whispered and it echoed back, "Donations."

Only this and nothing more.

Back into the office turning, all my soul within me churning I gripped the envelope's edges tighter than before "Surely," thought I, "Surely then this is a joke, Played by some unwitty bloke."

And my spirits sunk lower than before.

Brightening up I took the sheet,, sunk between my two

And ripped it open from aft to fore, a piece of paper fell to the floor

Trembling, shaking, a nervous wreck, I picked up the envelope's cheque

And fell down faint upon the floor.

There it sat still beguiling my sad soul into smiling I lounged in front of the cheque upon the floor I walked out the door in a daze, I remember And said to morning's burning ember, "It is our first supporting member!'

And strode the streets in search of more.



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The MAY 1982, Vol. 7, No. 4 CODIXON DIGGER

Hall reopens its doors

58 Sumach Street by local church Board, staff and volunteers of groups who wished to offer assistance to the down and out. For many years, Dixon Hall was a soup kitchen for the poor and immigrants to Canada who settled in Cabbagetown. The Hall was born out of a need to help these ate. people, and kept alive by volunteers, donors, and other concerned community residents and

Dixon Hall has grown through the years. As the need out of which Dixon Hall was born has changed, the Hall, has tried to adapt to that need. Today it works with children, teens, adults, and seniors in the community. The need for Dixon Hall still exists today, as does the need for volunteers and donations to keep the as models. Hall going.

Dixon Hall was built in 1929 at new facilities in which to work, the Dixon Hall mounted a fundraising campaign to renovate the building at 58 Sumach Street in 1979. Now the renovations are complete and despite some of the unpaid bills, we have a great excuse to celebr-

> And a celebration it will be on Saturday, May 8th, as Dixon Hall is officially re-opened. Recreated will be the fonder memories of the 1920's and 30's, the years out of which Dixon Hall was born. The day will begin with a tree-planting ceremony in front of the Hall at 1:00 p.m., marking the continued growth of the Hall. This will lead into a 1920's fashion show narrated by the witty Ben Wicks and featuring the staff of Dixon Hall

After this outrageous exhibi-Responding to the need for tion there will be a delightful Dixon Hall Music School recital, and a mystifying magic show performed by CJCL/Metro 1430's talk show host Andy Barry. As if this were not enough to bring out the adventure seekers, there will be antique cars parked outside the Hall, displays, old movies, and music inside the Hall, and food and refreshments sold at old time prices throughout the day.

The day will be topped off with licensed Roaring Twenties Dance in the evening, complete with door prizes and other yet to be disclosed surprises.

So come along and join in the fabulous fun of the day. Help us put the 'Hall' back in Dixon Hall. We are interested if you have any further ideas for the opening, and are looking for volunteer help for the day, so give us a call at 863-

Brian Spain

Learning as you work

You need a skilled and experience to land a decent job these days. Especially if you're a woman. But how many employers will give you that first lucky break?

Though a drop in the bucket, Dixon Hall's job-preparation program aims to give a dozen community women-on-the-job secretarial training. The women work in their choice of more than 9 community agencies for 4 months, and receive six hours instruction a week from Dixon's administrative staff in business English, speedwriting, office procedures, and elementary book-keeping. Canada Manpower is subsidizing the program.

The women study in teams, and learn from each other. Their own writing provides the material for the English review. Guts, crativity, and perseverance they've certainly got as the story below proves. It was chosen and edited by the women themselves.

My mother died when I was six. My father was quite devastated by the death of my mother. A couple of months later, my father became an alcoholic. A few months later, my father got involved with a woman named Shirley. She was also an alcoholic and a child-abuser.

My father never knew what she

was really like. When he left the house, she treated us very differently. She would feed us raw meat with cayenne pepper and different spices. I ended up in the hospital from her. She beat me up with a hockey stick. I was completely black and blue and received 46 stitches in my scalp.

Shirley was charged and imprisoned for 5 years for childabuse. After I was released from the hospital, I was automatically put in to Children's Aid. From Children's Aid, I went into foster and group homes. Then finally when I was eleven years old, I was adopted by what I tgought was a nice family. But little did I know.

It seemed like my adopted father never wanted me and my mother did. It seemed like the only time my father talked to me was when he wanted me to do something. You see, my adopted family also had an adopted son. He was adopted when he was a baby. So they treated him very differently. I couldn't handle it. So I left their home and went back into Children's Aid. Then it was the same thing all over again home to home until I reached 16 years of age.

Then I went to the streets. I

became involved in drugs. I was on drugs for about a year and a half. Then I got in trouble with the law, etc. Finally, I met this guy and I felt secure for the first time in a long time. I got pregnant and after that I had two more children.

I moved to Regent Park and that's where I met Adrianna and became involved with the Regent Park Residents' Association (RPRA). Through the RPRA, I got involved with the Sole Support Mothers' Group, a drama course, and the Dixon Hall job-pfeparation program.

I'm really excited about this course because it can be very useful in the long run. My dream is to become a Registered Nurse. But I'm pregnant now and will need to work after the baby is born. Secretarial work pays relatively well, and should help me get off Mothers' Allowance and increase my self-esteem. I'm determined to complete this course, baby or no

Penny Dywer Job-Preparation Program



Sponsor Dixon Hall's Australian Road Runner (alias Jim Ward) in the 1982 Capital City Marathon, Ottawa, May 16th. Our Executive Director is running to catch up with the runaway costs of Dixon Hall. Mary Jane Korpan, Dixon Hall's bookkeeper, has challenged the community to match her \$2.00 per mile pledge!

I wish to sponsor Dixon Hall's Marathon Man at the following

amount per mile: Address .

Clip out the above and send to Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., Toronto M5A 3J7

Editorial Committee

The DIXON DIGGER is the monthly newsletter of Dixon Hall, a neighbourhood social and family service centre. Address: 58 Sumach St., Toronto, Ontario M5A 3J7 (863-0499). Editorial Committee: Editor, Terry Dance; Elizabeth Jeshkeit, Brian Spain, Jim Ward.
The DIXON DIGGER normally appears as an 8 page newsletter

with a circulation of 2000. It appears twice a year, however, as a page in Ward 7 News. The June issue will return to the 8 page format. Mailed subscriptions: \$5.00/adult, \$2.00/seniors. Subscription fee includes a membership in Dixon Hall.



RE-OPENING The 20's Revisited DATE: Saturday, May 8th 1:00 p.m. PLACE: Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street Licensed Roaring 20's Dance at 8:00 p.m.

Planning the future

The May 8th gala opening of Dixon Hall celebrates the future by looking back to the past. The Hall has its roots in the hard times of the 1920s and 30s. It was born out of a growing concern for the plight of the rapidly increasing number of have-nots in Toronto. Today many social observers are comparing the current economic conditions with those of the socalled Great Depression. Over a million are out of work in Canada and an increasing proportion of the population is unable to house and feed itself properly.

In such times it is appropriate for Dixon Hall to direct its activities toward lessening the impact of economic constraints by working for better housing and better work and personal growth opportunities for those in our

We attempt to do this through the provision of recreation programs, jog-preparation programs, counselling, legal aid, home help for the elderly, advocacy on behalf of those who are least well served by the system and by acting as resource people in the area of community develop-

Obviously on its own an organization as small as ours can only effect small scale change but with help from our neighbours and we are a neighbourhood centre - we can do a great deal

A major change occurring in

the area surrounding Dixon Hall is the influx of middle-class people. This is not unique to Toronto throughout the western world the middle class is moving back from the suburbs to the inner city. In many cases, the process pushes inner city accommodation costs out of the reach of lower income individuals and families.

Lower cost accommodation becomes available (ironically) in the outer reaches of the urban area so that those who can no longer afford to live down-town are pushed to the edge of the city; thus once again segregating out lower and middle income people.

At Dixon Hall we believe one of the most exciting things inner city life can offer is its diversity diversity of people, of attractions, of opportunities. We believe also that middle and lower income people living close together can work to preserve this diversity by providing wider opportunities. One of the most useful things Dixon Hall can do is bring together local people with different experiences and different backgrounds - people who can learn from each other.

The May 8th gala opening of Dixon Hall will celebrate both the past and the future. We look forward to providing the time, space, and human resources to help weld this diverse community into a place where one can be truly proud

- Jim Ward

Dixon Hall Programs

Teens

Teens at Dixon Hall are hoping to have a dance sometime in the spring. We need more help in planning the dance, putting up flyers, selling food, pop, etc. If you're a teen and interested in working on this give Charles or Janice a call. Also, teen summer programmes will be happening this year. All teens interested in planning programmes or giving iideas, should call us at 863-0499.

Parents & Tots

Parents & Tots program will be held at the new renovated Dixon Hall. This is a programme for adults who want to spend a few hours out with others their own age. Activities range from movies to discussions, from crafts to outings. If you'd like to join us, we meet each Wednesday afternoon. 1:30-3:15 p.m. NO CHARGE. We also need a volunteer to work with the tots while their parents are in the group. For information or if you'd like to help, call Janice.

Music Camp

The Dixon Hall Music Camp will operate this year for a week in July. We can accommodate only 25 children - only those whose attendance is good and those who practice regularly will be considered. For more information on lessons or the music camp, call

Legal Hassles?

Do you have legal questions you need answered? Come to the Dixon Hall Legal Aid Clinic on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. It is located now at 58 Sumach St., in our renovated building. Call Lorraine at 863-0499 for more information.

Seniors

Dixon Hall provides educational, health, and recreational activities for seniors in the community, as well as support services to seniors who need assistance in their homes. These services include home maintenance, transportation, laundry, assistance with shopping and home visits. The Seniors program also offers crafts, French classes, cards, bingo, fitness programs, folkdancing, men's club, special entertainment, luncheons, out of town trips, and regular footcare clinics. For a detailed list of activities, call Helen Hemsol at 863-0499 and get our special Seniors newsletter for the month of May.

Teens score a hit

The Regent Parrk Teen Association put on the play Mother Courage & Her Children" on March 25 and 26 at Castle Frank High School. Over 400 people attended and we took in \$750.00. We think the results were very good. Everybody was fascinated with the work and effort that the teens put into this production.

We all knew it was a very difficult play to put on, but we knew we could do it. We thought people got the message about what the play stands for and all its connections to the world today, for example: how people have to struggle to live, how the government is cutting back on grants to community organizations, and how Reagan is threatening world peace with the nuclear bomb.

Through performing the play, we learned so much about what's happening in the world today, and how we could help to change

The Teen Association hopes to put on many more plays. It's through these productions that we hone to learn more about our society and how to survive in it.

- Debbie Carter, Director

