

# Superannuated Teachers of Ontario

District 16 City of Toronto

## *Newsletter*

April, 1980

IT'S SPRING! IT'S THAT TIME! Yes, it's time to think of our Spring Breakfast. The great day is Wednesday, May 7; the place, the Royal York; the time 9:00 a.m. sharp. Our guest speaker will be Bill Charlton, lawyer, raconteur, and Past President of the Toronto Board of Education. Do sit down and order your tickets at once, for the order must be in by April 22. If you have some travelling friends, make a reservation for them. They will heap blessings on your head if you keep them from missing this special event.

EXECUTIVE NEWS At our executive meeting last week, it was reported that our membership now numbers 750.

One of our newest committees is the Good Will committee, headed by Laura Schissler. Her report shows clearly how much such a service is needed and appreciated by our members. Cards, letters, phone calls, have brought many of our members a feeling that they have not been forgotten by their colleagues. With so large a membership, it is vital that all of us assume a responsibility for telling Laura of any illness or bereavement that we hear of. Her phone number is 769-2542.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Psychologists tell us that to feel wanted, useful, is one of the most important ingredients in a happy life. Judging by the number of requests that we hear of for volunteers, the retired person's talents may be needed even more urgently than when he was working for a salary. Meals on Wheels needs either drivers or assistants to deliver meals. So that potential volunteers might make the best choice of an area where they might enjoy helping, a co-ordinating agency has been set up: the Volunteer Centre of Metro Toronto (961-6888).

ANYONE FOR ROLE PLAYING? A very special plea for very special volunteers was made at the executive meeting by Don Freeman, General Manager of the Enoch Turner School Foundation. This school attempts to give students the actual experience of going to school in 1850. Classes are booked into the school for a morning or afternoon session, Tuesday to Thursday. First, the students view a film of life in Toronto in 1850 so that they may be prepared for the transition to a class room of the period. Lessons are carefully planned to conform to the style of teaching and class control of the era. The school needs 8 to 12 volunteers for next year. You would be giving only a half day a week and of course you could easily arrange for time off if a winter trip is on your agenda. If you would enjoy a bit of nostalgia, or the

chance to help to-day's youngsters acquire an understanding of the past, do contact Mr. Don Freeman at 863-0010 and offer your teaching and acting skills to the project.

SERVICES FOR SENIORS Each month seems to bring its fund of information about new opportunities for Seniors to enjoy a wide variety of benefits. Do explore these possibilities: they may open a surprising new range of activities for you. You may find that the booklet "Information for Seniors, 1980" will amaze you with the scope of its items. You may obtain a copy from the Community Information Centre of Metro Toronto, 863-0505. Here are some samples:

Bargains in Transportation These include reductions on: The Toronto Island Ferry service, Go Transit, the intercity bus lines, the railway, and some air routes. See pp.27-28 for more details.

Bargains in Entertainment See pp.25-27. The Canadian Opera Company will sell tickets to seniors for \$4.00 a half hour prior to curtain time. (This probably means 7:30 p.m.) The opera for April is "Peter Grimes". Also, they offer a considerable reduction if you are ordering a subscription for next season. The brochure will soon be available.

ROM "TUESDAYS FOR SENIORS" This fine program will be operating till the end of May. The April films are all on botany by Dr. David Bellamy. These showings have been so popular that it is wise to be at the museum by about 11:15. Lunch nearby and then visit the planetarium for the afternoon show, or take the ROM gallery tour - there are still a few galleries open.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Winnifred Baxter  
Georgia Brown  
Laura Jones  
Sara Pallett  
Dr. Thomas "Red" Martin  
Jessie Scott

If you learn of any information which could be of interest to the members, please let the Newsletter editor know.

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