

# Boyle McCauley News

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## *Bingo stalled*

### Special to the BM News

In the middle of September, Edmonton City Council will be considering once again the proposal to build a Bingo Hall on the site of the Edmonton Food Bank.

On July 19, 1988, Der Investment, the company requesting permission to build the Bingo Hall, was granted an adjournment by City Council until September 13, 1988. Der wanted the adjournment because they said more time was required to talk to property owners and also because their lawyer was not able to come to the hearing. Many residents were upset about the decision to adjourn.

Der Investment had sent a letter stating they would be requesting an adjournment just one day before the actual hearing date. They sent this letter to three community members who were ready to vocally oppose the proposed Bingo Hall Development. Der said they needed more time to speak to property owners. This surprised some of the community members, since Der's original application said they had already spoken with property owners in the immediate area. "The applicant personally contac-

ted neighbouring property owners within a 200 foot radius and outlines to them the plans for the development and use of the subject property...and none of them expressed any concern about the proposed use."

As it turned out, Council Members went ahead and voted for the adjournment, as they felt it was only fair that Der be heard. But some of the community members say they took time out of their busy schedules to attend the hearing. They felt City Council hadn't considered their time. City Council set the next hearing date for September 13.

All concerned community residents should write and/or phone the following people to express their opinion about the proposal: Mayor Lawrence Decore, Alderman Mel Binder and Alderman Lance White, c/o City Hall, 1 Sir Winston Churchill Square, Edmonton, T5J 2R7. Also, please send copies of any correspondence to Michelle Brown, Edmonton Highlands Constituency Office, 10767 - 97 Street, Edmonton, T5H 2M2.

For more information, please phone Michelle Brown at 424-1091 or 462-7748.



Dwayne Bouchie, coach of Under 8's soccer team which came 2nd in the Northeast Zone, accepts plaque from Rosalie Gelderman, co-chairperson of the McCauley Community League.

## KIWANIS CENTRE NEEDS TENANTS

After two years, the future of the Kiwanis Centre is still unknown. The building was formerly the old Coutts Machinery plant located on 107A Avenue across from Clarke Stadium.

The two and half acre lot was purchased by the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Edmonton several years ago. They had hoped to develop the site into an inner city recreation centre. The club, however, is having trouble finding groups to occupy the building. The Kiwanis Club also aimed to rent the 21,500 square foot building to people in the area, to help those on welfare develop skills to make them independent.

According to Doug Thierman, a club member, "a lot of money has been spent upgrading the building. The building has

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Rooming House project on 107A Avenue is now officially open.

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# What I think about SUMMER SCHOOL

## Essays by Alex Taylor students

I like summer school because you meet new people and you work with different teachers, and you get to go on lots of field trips. I like going to summer school because you are not just having fun but you also learn a lot. Summer school to me is like a holiday but you don't stay home and get bored but you get to go and have fun with your friends, though you do get to go home early. Summer school is a lot of fun. It is being with friends and playing new games, and you get to be outdoors a lot. Summer school is getting help with things that you have trouble with. Summer school is doing different things. Summer school is having fun, and participating in activities with people your own age.

--Yen

I like to be hugged by Mr. Ransanker. I like to play murder ball. there is a big dance coming up. I am looking forward to that. I like seeing my friends. I like to be here even though I could be at West Edmonton Mall or partying. It's fun to be at the school. I like the field trips. I like going swimming with the class.

--Jason W.

I come to summer school because I could learn more things there, and summer school is fun!!

In summer we do work in the morning and in the afternoon we play games like murderball, nuke'em and lot of other fun games.

Almost every friday we go on field trips. So far we have gone to Fort Edmonton and swimming at Kinsmen. And all the field trips are fun!

I feel that summer school is a great idea.

--by June Leung

I come to summer school because I can learn things, and I think summer

school is fun, and we go to a lot of field trips every Friday.

In the morning we work or do computers and in the afternoon we play games like murderdoll and nuke'em. It is really fun.

--Shiho

What I like about Summer School is going on field trips, and learning more things for next year in the next grade. I like to play murderball and other sports at Summer School. Summer School has a lot of activities for us to do.

--by Ronald A.

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## KIWANIS CENTRE (continued from page 1)

been insulated and the glass replaced." Thierman states though that the inside of the centre still has to be finished. It is hoped future tenants will do this according to their needs. Thierman says the Kiwanis will help interested groups with the cost of the finishing renovations.


The Kiwanis first approached the Boyle Street Co-op about using the building. But the Co-op along with most

community agencies found the building too expensive to rent. More recently the Club has been in touch with the Boyle McCauley Health Centre. The Health Centre has outgrown its location on 96 Street and is looking for larger quarters. However Thierman says he was told that the Health Centre plans to build a new facility and feels the Kiwanis Centre would not meet their needs.

Howie Molstad, another Kiwanis Club member says their club is now negotiating with a few interested groups but there is nothing definite. It is possible the building may have several tenants. The Downtown Kiwanis Club is looking to move their own offices into the building in the future. In the meantime, the club is using the property for parking for Eskimo games to gain some revenue.

Inquiries about renting the building can be directed to Howie Molstad, 422-7166 or Doug Thierman, 423-1621.

by **Bonnie Austen**



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Summer School students watching a "Windwalkers" rehearsal in Alex Taylor school yard.

9th year for Alex Taylor Summer School

## SUMMER FUN

Alex Taylor Community School, 9321 Jasper Avenue, opened its doors for six weeks this summer to 110 students, 50 adults ESL students and seniors. The "Education, Entertainment and Exciting Activities" lasted from July 4 - August 12, 1988.

Mr. Steve Ramsankar, Principal of Alex Taylor Community School has kept the school open for nine consecutive summers. He says, "By keeping the school open, our students are kept off the streets and are engaged in productive activities. It is a time for socializing while learning in an environment which is conducive to education."

Fifteen supervisors and volunteers provided classes in Language Arts, Mathematics and English as a Second Language.

The recreational program included neighbourhood field trips and attendance at special events such as the Klondike Day's Parade and Klondike Day's Downtown Activities. Students also attended Edmonton Eskimo Football games with tickets provided by some very generous donors. Special all day field trips were taken on Fridays to Fort Edmonton, Polar Park, the Provincial Museum and swimming and finally a favourite with everyone - a trip to Wildwaters at Winterburn.

A Penny Carnival was held on Friday, August 5th providing fun and prizes for all who attended. A barbeque was held on August 11th for students, staff, parents, seniors and volunteers.

On the final day of Summer School, August 12th, a special recognition ceremony was held. Students, staff, volunteers and special patrons of Alex Taylor were given "Summer School '88" certificates.

by Marlene Polloway

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## SACRED HEART FOOD BANK CLOSED

Special to the BM News

On July 22 the Food Bank outlet in the basement of the Sacred Heart Church was closed, forcing its clients to go elsewhere to pick up food hampers.

Although the BM News was unable to discover the reason for the closing, there seems to be a consensus among those familiar with the Sacred Heart food bank that it was fulfilling a very necessary need in the community. Roughly a thousand people a month were using the service; about 40% of that number are children.

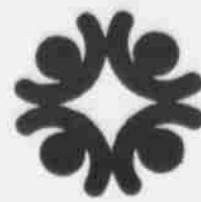
Several food bank outlets operate in the inner city under the umbrella of the main Food Bank. People who register with the main Food Bank are assigned to an outlet according to where they live.

The Sacred Heart outlet drew its clients from a geographical area roughly coinciding with the parish boundaries.

The food service at Sacred Heart has a long history, going back to the Church's beginning (it just celebrated its 75th anniversary). The Sisters of Providence, an order very active in the inner city, were involved in running the food bank outlet.

Workers at other inner city agencies are hoping the Sacred Heart Food Bank will reopen. Its closing breaks up a key element in the inter-agency strategy for feeding the hungry.

People using the Sacred Heart Food Bank are advised to contact the main Food Bank (9020 Jasper Avenue, 425-4190) for re-assignment to another outlet.



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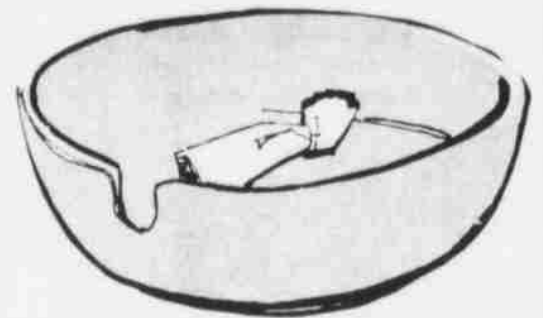
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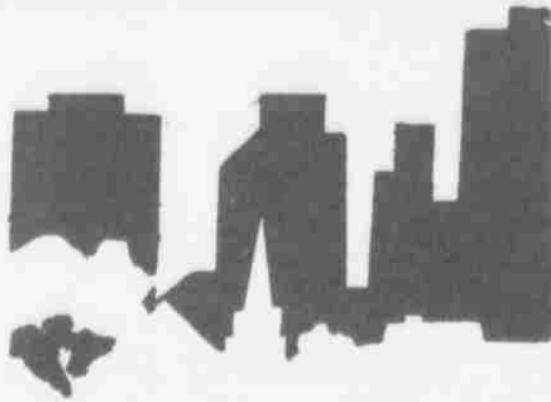
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# Editorial

Reprinted from **The Norwood News** (August, 1988).

While it now appears that Clarke Stadium will not be renovated, residents are still left wondering how it all happened anyway. They are angry that the proposal went as far as it did without any community input. And they have a valid point.

Surely all levels of government should consider themselves bound to place community concerns as a high priority. The people in the McCauley and nearby neighbourhoods are the ones who would have been most affected by this project, but at the public hearing they heard many people suggest that the effects would be minimal or that the residents would not suffer greatly. Alderman Kozak even went so far as to suggest that McCauley residents deserved it for having chosen to live there in the first place.

Whose neighbourhood is it anyway? As the local residents pointed out, it was their lives and their community that would have been disrupted. There should never have been any question of whether a baseball tournament was more important, but there were constant reminders from Alderman Hayter that it was essential to accommodate the International Baseball Championships.

Baseball is a game. McCauley is a neighbourhood and the people who live there do not want their community to turn into a sports facility. But there are people whose arguments consisted of the necessity of having a luxurious baseball stadium, not just an ordinary one. They could play baseball elsewhere. Most of the residents do not have the option of going elsewhere.

There are far better ways that the proposed \$5 million could be spent. The money would be better used for inner-city redevelopment, but this area is only noticed when somebody needs a place to put another glossy sports facility.

A city without a strong inner core is a city that is crumbling from within. Edmonton is facing that problem, yet people continue to ignore the necessity for saving the inner-city areas. But baseball facilities are a top priority.

We ought to feel ashamed that we have developed a civilization in which community concerns are ignored and sports facilities can never be luxurious enough. This kind of attitude is contributing to the deterioration of our society.

When are people going to get their priorities straight?

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Under 14's soccer team--2nd place in the city. Coach: "Slim" Gomez.

## PART ONE OF A SERIES SAGA OF A SINGLE PARENT

by Cathy Reininger

When we lost our home and business in Ontario, I looked for ways to at least save the marriage. We packed up what had not been sold at auction and headed west. Like thousands of others who came to Alberta during the boom years I thought our troubles were over when we reached Alberta, the land of opportunity. I was wrong. We brought our problems with us.

My husband, two sons--James, two and Michael, eight--and I moved to Fort McMurray in October of 1978. Jobs were plentiful and the opportunities endless but within a year my husband had lost his job. In the next few months he lost four others. There was never any money though his wages were good. Somehow I had believed that in a new place things would be somehow better. Nothing changed. I was afraid all the time but I think I would have gone on taking any kind of abuse rather than face life as a single parent. He could do whatever he wanted with me but I couldn't let him hurt or put down the children.

James, at three, had trouble talking. "If you can't talk properly don't talk at all," his father told him. James, very anxious to please his Dad did just as he asked. He didn't make any sound at all. In the meantime, Michael was having trouble at school. I had to get out. I went

looking for help.

I got caught in a bureaucratic maze. Alberta Housing said they could find me a place to live if I could prove I had an income. Social Services said I could get on welfare if I had a place to go.

The social worker was very straight forward: "If you want out badly enough, you'll go back to Alberta Housing, you'll cry, you'll beg, you'll do whatever you have to to get them to give you a place. And if you can't do that then you deserve every beating you get." I was frightened but determined and we got a place to live and we got the welfare.

It was very hard at first. At a time when Fort McMurray had no bus service our van was repossessed so we walked everywhere. James, it turned out, had lots of problems. At first they thought he might be deaf, but in kindergarten he could not hold his pencil properly, nor

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# At the Legislature



As everyone who lives in the community knows first-hand, we could with a program to restore housing in the area to decent standards.

About 1400 people in the inner city live in rooming houses - about 70% of which have less than six years of struc-

# HOUSING CRISIS

tural life in them.

But here's something even more astonishing: about 80% of the residences in the Boyle-McCauley area are owned by absentee landlords. So, when the houses and room get run down, it doesn't matter much to the landlords, because they don't live here. Or even near here. Often they are tucked away in comfortable suburbia, living on rents they collect from around here.

Now, the people who own these run-down, sub-standard tenements and houses are not likely to fix them up out of the goodness of their hearts. So, what's going to happen five or six years from now? I fear that by then the housing will be in such serious disrepair, the bulldo-

zers and developers will move right in. Shiny new condos might look real sharp, but we can be sure they'll carry a hefty price tag - way out of the range ordinary people like you and I can afford.

The solution to this growing problem is to have a public program to restore inner city housing to decent living standards. Yes, this would involve public dollars. But it would be an investment, which would pay off in the long run by:

- \*providing meaningful jobs
- \*giving people new skills
- \*allowing tenants to live in non-profit housing
- \*offering options to tenants who want to buy homes they now rent
- \*revitalizing the community and its amenities

This program would help pay back the investments by returning new earned tax dollars and rents to the government's general revenues.

It would be a smart policy all around.

I have proposed such policies in the Legislature many times, as have Ray Martin and other members of the Official Opposition New Democrats. Public reception to this type of housing program has been very favourable.

What a pity the Alberta government refuses to have anything to do with such a needed housing program.

by Pam Barrett

MLA - Edmonton Highlands

## SAGA OF A SINGLE PARENT (cont. from page 5)

print his name or remember the alphabet. He could not learn to tie his shoes nor did he have good balance. He sometimes used his left hand sometimes his right but he didn't seem to do anything well. No one fully understood his problems but he took speech therapy twice a week and every night we practised. It was hard work but the sounds became clearer and the letters unjumbled. If we had known that reading, spelling, printing and writing were going to be just as hard I think we might have given up right then.

On welfare you can pay the rent and buy food if you are careful. But you buy clothes second-hand and it takes a lot of time and effort to search the racks of the second-hand shops. I wanted us to look neat and feel good so I learned to go early and often. Shoes had to be new and my boys outgrew them quickly. I had an old sewing machine so I hemmed, mended, and repaired lots of things. Rummage sales and garage sales were

our entertainment, but they also yielded cheap clothing that could be made over. Sometimes the prices were just too high so we didn't buy anything. On welfare you never stop worrying. Every time the school had an outing that cost money I'd get sick to my stomach.

When you are on welfare you must agree to go to court to get child support. When I did that my husband became very angry. He threatened to kill me and to take the children. I got a restraining order from the court which said that he had to stay away from me, but he just laughed. My husband was six feet tall and huge. He made a point of driving his car right up on the lawn and stood there in broad daylight with a rifle in his hands. "I could blow your head off," he told me in front of the children, "and I'd be gone twenty minutes before the police would even come."

To be continued next issue.

operational from 1906 to 1931.

Two of the Syndicate Avenue Schools exist today as private residences and are located at 10830 and 10764 on 95th Street.

by Antoinette Grenier

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## SYNDICATE AVENUE SCHOOLS

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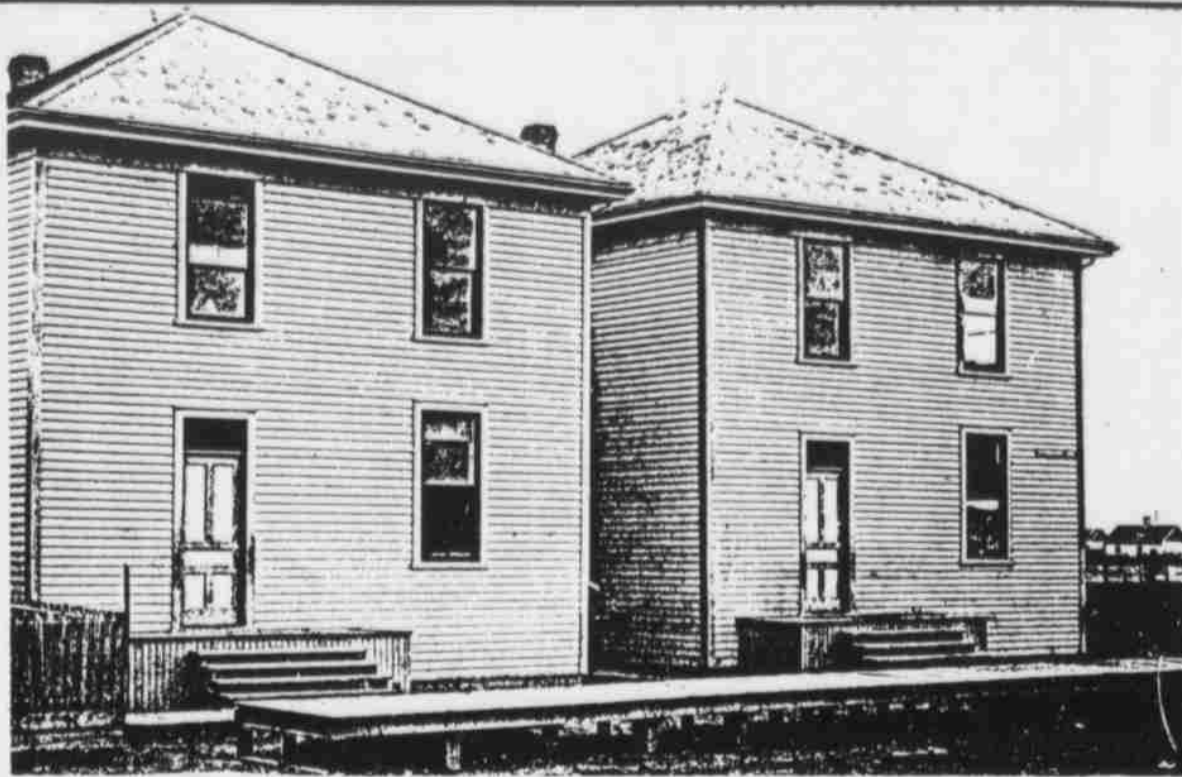
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Two of the Syndicate Avenue schools (near present intersection of 95th Street and 108 Avenue). Photo courtesy of the Alberta Provincial Archives. "Brown Collection" #3879

## SYNDICATE AVENUE SCHOOLS

In 1908 only three permanent schools, College Avenue, McKay Avenue and Queen's Avenue graced the Edmonton skyline.

There were also temporary schools. Syndicate Avenue schools, located at the corner of Syndicate Avenue (95 Street) and Rose Street (108 Avenue) were hastily constructed at a cost of \$2950 each. They were two-story frame buildings and consisted of a classroom on each floor.

The schools were heated with lump and nut coal from the Great Northern Coal Company.

The classrooms featured oiled wooden floors.

The beginning of the Fall Term in 1910 listed Miss Grace Gibson, Principal, with teachers: M. McDonald and P. Harrell.

Even back in the early 1900's Syndicate Avenue was community-oriented. On May 26, 1914 "Daughters and Maids of England Society" were granted permission to use one of Syndicate Avenue Schools for meetings. The German Evangelical Church was granted use of one room for purpose of holding services. By 1921 various organizations were making use of the schools.

Around 1915 (October) pupils from Syndicate were to be moved to the vacant rooms in the Norwood and McCauley Schools. Soon thereafter, however, Syndicate Avenue was reopened under principalship of Miss Lillian Sinclair who at that time was a staff teacher at McCauley.

In the early years supplies went missing or were stolen. During the summer holidays of 1917, Principal Lillian Sinclair reported the following articles missing: one basketball (new), one football (new),

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## Eating out on a shoestring

*This is the first in a series of articles reviewing eating spots in Boyle Street/McCauley. The aim is to find places in our area serving food where one can eat well for around \$5.00 or less. It is possible!*

**The Jagerbeiz Restaurant**  
10864 - 97 Street  
429-7954

It was a cold and rainy summer day when the three of us descended on Jagerbeiz Restaurant for lunch. This restaurant has been in the community many years no but has undergone a fast succession of owners.

Present owner is local businessman

Volker Reuss. He was at the door to greet us and lead us to our table. Mr. Reuss is a friendly gentleman who made our stay at Jagerbeiz most pleasant.

The menu at Jagerbeiz shows a lot of variety and stresses German and Canadian cuisine. After glancing at the many selections, we realized it would be quite easy to choose items so each of us could eat well for around \$5.00 or less.

One of the seniors in our group ordered a plain omelette. It came accompanied with a large serving of fries. That, with a cup of coffee, gave her a filling lunch for under the give dollar mark.

Another senior, who had just come from her breakfast table, settled for the Hungarian Goulashsoup. It was very thick with lots of meat and a full flavour. After this for her came a bowl of ice cream.

I also chose the Goulashsoup, though the Bockwurst with potato salad looked mighty tempting! As well, I ordered a tossed salad. The salad came with grated carrot and slices of cucumber and tomato on a bed of iceberg lettuce. With a cup of coffee, it was a satisfying meal.

Jagerbeiz is a comfortable place to sit and visit. The place has comfortable tables and chairs (though perhaps a bit too close together). There are nice white tablecloths. The service is efficient and friendly. Jagerbeiz gives each customer a card to keep track of their number of lunches. After four lunches, the fifth lunch is free! We all decided we would return again. Lunches are served at Jagerbeiz from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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