# Grand old lady suffers lack of suitors

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humidity controls and high tire standards. Through it as the BAO kept ner core of supporters, but faised to attract new members. That's what wornes BAO director Roger

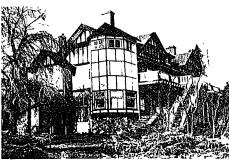
"It's the only way I can keep my feet warm," he said. On another recent morning, he found a tellinger from the deserted third floor of the gallery in his office.

"It's a little scary to walk into your office in the morning and raid a bat in your out-basket," he said. "And there are runfors this place is haunted. Several people have told me they've actually seen old Mis. Ceperley walking around the house."

But it's the membership, not

But it's the membership, not the ghosts, that worty him "We've got 300 members," he said, "and only half of them five in Burnaby. The rest come here from the surrounding areas. We've got a population of maybe 135,000.

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# HERITAGE VILLAGE Tash er lags a Short set

## **Assessment Act change** worries tax collector

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Area assessor Ted Twining said his office is now in the process of striking incomplete buildings from the assessment rolls. These are building values that would have gone on the roll but they re-coming of because of the court case." Twining said The total amount of property affected word, be known until the revision is completed as the and of this is completed at the end of this month, he added.

A spokesman for the Uryon of B.C. Municipalities, which has been pressuring the government

to change the wording in the act said changes to the assessment rolls could still be made by as late as February.

But if there are no changes

"But of there are no changes, there could be millions of dollars in lost revenue across the presence," the spokesman said. He said the UBCM has had numerous discussions with B C government officials in the past six weeks and has asked Municipal Affairs. Minister Bill Ritchie to take whatever yiels are necessioned. to take whatever steps are neces-

The government has a stake in the matter since it collects school taxes through property assess-ments and could stand to lose as much as \$75 million if the act isn't

# Firemen worry over cutbacks

Burnaby tireligthers are so worned about budget cutbacks,

worried about budger cutbacks, they have dug deep in their own pockets spending almost \$8,000 to advertise their services. A gloss, two-color pamphler was plunked on the doorstep of every Burnabs nousehold ast week, explaining just what tre-tighters do listing the aumber of emergency calls handled and reminding cutrens that fire services are paid for with taxpasers' money. Wayne Brassington, sice-president of the Burnabs Firefighters. Association, said members are deeply concerned about cutbacks. He said rumors have been circled.

deeply concerned about cutbacks. He said rumots have been circulating about a possible 25 per centification to the department through attrition last year and were not replaced. Brassington said. "The bottom line is that it means there's one less man at every building fire," he said. It's the first few minutes which term the said in the line that it means there's the said.

It's the first few minutes which are rucial in fighting fires, he said, and fewer men may mean the difference between losing a building or saving it.

"It takes six able-bodied men to raise a 50-foot ground ladder for a three-storey building," he said.

"We feel the fire department has developed over the years as a result of direct need. We can't afford to be restricted or cut back."

Ald Doreen Lawson, who is council haison to the fire department, said no cutbacks are planned unless firemen demand wage in-

Ald. Don Brown said rumors of large reductions in staff probably stem from a fire study three months ago. The study, chaired by Lawson, pointed to duplication of services by firefighters and ambulances. But Brown said the study was sent back for more information and is "probably a dead issue".

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Brassington said firemen Brassington said firemen are concerned people aren't calling them first in medical emergencies.

He said Burnaby is served by to four minute response time in most areas of the municipality Erretighters receive yearly training

Eirelighters receive yearly training in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and are able to provide life-support to patients until an ambulance arrives, he said. If the public isn't calling the fire department faish, who are they cailing! That's a sore point with farenen, although Brassington wouldn't comment on it. But, New Westiminster deputsure chief Jack Fulton said Burnabul tiremen were miffed when an ambulance answered a call from a senior citizens' residence across the street from the Edmonds fire hall earlier this year. Several fire hall earlier this year. Several of the semors tore a strip off the firemen for not coming to their

and, "but of course, they couldn't help, if they didn't get the call," Fulton said 3-40

Fulton said the number of Fulton said the number of emergency calls to trehalls has dropped 30 per cent in New Westminster since the emergency inhalatop number was taken out of the list of emergency numbers in the phone book. The calls are now going to the ambulance service, he said.

sice, he said Ambulance Employees Union President Mike MacCarron said he heard Burnaby Irrefighters were upset when they discovered the change in the phone book

isting.

"But we don't have a quarrel or a fight with anybody. I don't know if their calls are down, but

### Christmas Bureau strikes full gear

The elderly gentleman carries the tricycle and doll buggy into the bustling Burnaby Christmas Bureau office and smiles at the reception. They are thrilled to see

reception They are thrilled to see him

"We have a little girl whose mother said she wanted a doll buggie more than anything else," bureau coordinator Lil Wood tells the man.—He explains that he lound it in the shed of a woman he had gone to see about a carpet sweeper. "It was pretty dirty and moldy, but I thought I could clean it up and bring it to you," he says

and bring it to you," he says There isn't a trace of dirt or mold on the buggy now. It's navy blue plastic shines like new.

plastic shines like new.
But he refuses to tell us his
name. "I didn't do it for that. It's
enough for me to think of the
look on the faces of the children
Christmas morning."
The man is just one of numerous
Burnahy individuals, aroung

Burnaby individuals, groups, churches and businesses who each

year donate food, clothes, toys and money to the bureau which then distributes them to low income families.

The motorcycle toy run held by Vancouver's 13 motorcycle touring clubs last userly added 500 nm.

clubs last week added 500 new toys to the bureau's Christmas

toys to the bureau's Christmas bag. Wood explains. Wood, who's headed the bureau for seven years now, has a crew of 30 to 40 volunteers to help sort and distribute the gifts. And since the recession has bir-

ten deeply into the pockets of many Burnaby families, the need for donations is greater than ever

for donations is greater than ever Wood says.

"Last year, we had a 50 per cent increase in the number of requests for help. It went from about 1,200 people the year before to 2,300 people last year." she says.

says.
"We expect as many, if not more, this year."

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# Program in danger

to read of the psychiatric ing program at the B.C. Insti-or Technology says she fear constitution that a committeent to meet the needs of the industry.

had the storents entoted in January casses has quittle the course of freed to move to more spaces, and the provincial government suggested the move because BCIT is overcrowder while some class corns of Dougas remain empty. Mare Net and said.

Although she admits the facili-ties are overcrowded. Neylan said it takes more than a classroom to make the ourse.

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Colleges tend to meet the needs of students. A move right now would be inopportune."

As well, Nylen said Douglas College ran a similar program in the past, but it was cancelled by a lack of enrollment and by attrition. "BCIT allows us, a fair degree of flexibility," she said. "We admit students twice a year and that gives a steady flow into jobs. It als permits us to run smaller classes with more specialty teachers. "We can enroll in August X or

"We can enroll in August. No one minds. If students fail a term, they can repeat it right away, so

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# Daon plans huge project



MAYOR BILL LEWARNE...

Burnaby never liked being just a corridor to the rest of the Lower Mainland, and now a major developer is going to help it build a "downtown" identity. Mayor Bill Lewarne said Thursday.

Daon Development Corp., plans a massive facelift for Bur-naby's Metrotown. The project, costing as much as \$450 mil-lion, may include new stores, offices and residential towers by the next century. Dewarne said.

First phase of the project would involve re-development of the Kelly Douglas property with \$150 million worth of commercial and office space, the mayor said. It would be completed by 1987.

Part of Daon's plans for the first phase calls for a department store complex similar to the Eaton's Centre in Toronto. "It will be a beautiful domed

structure that connects by sky-way with the Metrotown ALRT station," Lewarne said.

"It's pretty darn exciting We'll have a downtown identity where now we've been living on shopping centres." Lewarne said. "Burnaby will finally be considered a city instead of just a corridor everybody passes through twice a day."

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Plans for redevelopment of major Metrotown parcels have been stalled by the slumping economy, but the prospect of rapid trainsi access and an improving business climate have revived developer interest, Lewarne said.

"It's been in the works since last spring, and council saw a special presentation on the first phase about three weeks ago."

There seemed to be "no nega-tive vibes" from council members, he said, although there is con-

siderable concern about traffic generated by such a massive development.

"Council's job is to make sure there is improved traffic access by 1987," the mayor said.

The first phase is expected to go to public hearing in Febru-ary, he said.

A spokesman for Daon said his company is withholding details of the plan until early language.

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"What I can tell you is that we are planning a major project. But it's still a bit premature to release details at this stage," the spokesman said.

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The first phase of the project will add \$2 million in property taxes to Burnaby coffers when it is completed in 1987. Lewarne. Hundreds of people will be employed during construction and more when the stores and offices open, he added.