

My suggestions for the Fritterdebt

The city's Fritterfest Committee has called upon the public, which supported the city's festival so well late last September, to lead it out of the darkness of a \$43,000 debt.

When Fritterfest chairman Harold Shipp talks about the shadow cast across the face of the city these days, he's referring to the debt the festival built up, not the twin 40-storey monoliths, known

as Mississauga Landmark, which he wants to put up across from city hall. Shipp, one of the city's major builders, has personally offered to underwrite the debt, but that magnanimous gesture doesn't sit well with city council or the committee itself, which has appealed to the public for fresh proposals for fund-raising after the fact.

So far the response has been negligible. But there

are opportunities to turn a buck where they aren't always evidence. Several possibilities have been prompted for instance, by recent news events right here in Mississauga.

Lawyer Don Blenkarn, who voted twice in the municipal election has publicly challenged Ettore Cardarelli, who's pursuing laying a charge against Blenkarn with much the same enthusiasm with which Hazel McCallion

pursues modern fashion, to a grudge match. Why not allow the two to have it out and sell tickets, with audience participation determining the winner? Blenkarn supporters, of course, would be obliged to pay for two ballots apiece but the Fritterfest would be the ultimate winner.

Mississauga South Tory nominee Blenkarn has also said he'd take himself to court if he could. Why not allow him his fantasy, to stage a play in which he would play defendant and prosecutor? As an added gate attraction, ex-mayor Ron Searle, who may be interested in the nomination Blenkarn now has, could play judge and jury.

One of the methods the Fritterfest committee used to promote the festival initially was an es-



John Stewart

say contest for children about why I like Mississauga. A similar event for more mature audiences could be arranged, an essay contest in the form of the memorandum to oneself on why I love me but what I have to do to get the rest of the world to love me too. The judge is Minister of Small (and sometimes funny) Business, Tony Abbott from dear old Mississauga.

Then there is the government's old stand-by for raising money — fines

for those small indiscretions we're all guilty of from time to time.

Think of the potential revenue if Harold Kennedy were fined for snoring in council meetings; Margaret Marland for asking irrelevant questions; Frank Bean for snickering at colleague's arguments; Larry Taylor for wearing rancid runners in chambers; Frank McKechnie for missing meetings; Fred Hooper for referring to chairman Lou's little blue book; and Ken Dear for proposing we do things like Toronto does.

As well as fining individuals, we could fine whole councils as well. For every debate on the

fourth runway at Malton's Toronto International Airport by city and regional councils and the Ontario Legislature, dollars would pour in. Not only would the Fritterfest debt be wiped out but we could probably pay for the millions of dollars of services Ontario can't afford to pay to get the Pickering facility off the ground.

The Golden Nugget bingo hall in Dixie Plaza is begging charitable organizations to take out lottery licences. Fritterfest could take one out and quickly recoup their losses.

Speaking of lotteries, perhaps the best idea would be to hold a public lottery based on predictions of what the committee's debt will be in 1979. If the lottery is successful enough, there won't be any debt, and Fritterfest will get paid for the indiscretions of 1978 and won't have to pay off for the cynical predictions of gloom in 1979 either.

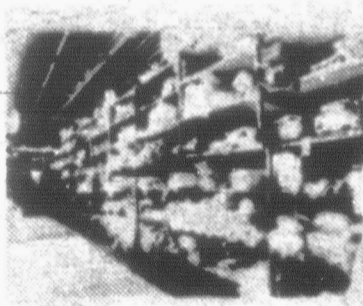
Drapery Sale 1/2 Price

ON ALL STOCK DRAPERY FABRICS

Buy the material only at 1/2 price, and let Mayfair custom make your drapes with their regular top quality custom making at great savings.



Modern and efficient workroom. Fully skilled staff. Our custom made drapes require careful individual workmanship and hand pressing.



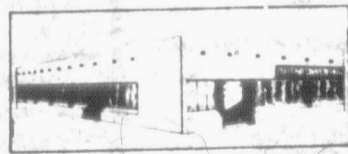
Huge stocks Available. Mayfair collects top quality fabrics from around the world and keeps a large inventory on hand for your selection.



Free-Shop-At-Home-Service. Mayfair's experienced decorators will come to your home or office for day or evening appointments without charge.



Deliveries and installations done efficiently and professionally by Mayfair's fleet. All our work is guaranteed.



Mayfair's modern head office, factory and showroom on Keele Street. Ensures you of beautiful hand finished draperies, where individual attention is always given.

For a Day or Evening Appointment Call Your Nearest Location Today.



5411 YONGE ST. (at Finch) 223-9651

1807 LAWRENCE AVE. E. at Pharmacy 751-1574

1187 HURONTARIO Mississauga 274-2579

4699 KEELE ST. S. of Steeles, 661-2131

2673 EGLINTON AVE. E. at Brimley 267-8297

YEAR END! SALE NOW ON

20% OFF ALL FRAMED PICTURES

Come In And See Our New Oils and Prints

TOPIC PICTURE FRAMES

274 LAKESHORE RD. E. PORT CREDIT 274-4685

ARE YOU READY FOR THIS January Sale



20% TO 50% OFF

house of viking

Mississauga 5200 Dixie Road, South of Hwy 401. Daily 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 695-8211

An international collection of Contemporary furniture

BINGO

At The GOLDEN NUGGET HALL DIXIE PLAZA

Sponsored Every Friday Evening By ST. DEMETRIUS UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH 7:30 p.m.

\$3500 IN PRIZES \$1000 JACKPOT MUST GO

For Information Call 255-7506

HAMILTON PLACE Great Hall

OSCAR WILDE'S HILARIOUS COMEDY

Lady Windermere's Fan

Starring "England's Gentleman of Theatre" WILFRED HYDE WHITE and MOIRA LISTER In An All Star Cast



Wed., January 10 thru Sat., January 13. Evenings — 8:30 p.m. — \$6.00 \$8.00 \$10.00. Saturday Matinees — 2:30 p.m. — \$5.00 \$7.00 \$9.00

STUDENTS — HALF PRICE

Tickets available in Toronto at Attractions Ticket Offices, 597-1888, Simpsons Outlets, 861-2333, Sam The Record Man, Downtown, Don Quixote Travel & Tickets, 279 College Street, 967-3502 Cumberland Terrace, all Bay locations except Lawrence — 964-5781 all In-place outlets and all usual Hamilton Place ticket outlets.