

## CHEYENNE APARTMENTS

# Churches help during roach-kill

About 40 London parents and children get shelter, food and 'a pleasant day' while their units are being fumigated.

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The sandwiches, cookies and bananas had fallen prey to some healthy appetites and by now the children were trying out the toys.

"It's very moving to know there are people here who will help you," said Susan Greenwell, as her two-year-old son, Nathan, rummaged through a stack of paper.

It was fumigation day again, Monday, at two nearby apartment buildings and for the second time in recent months the tenants were enjoying the hospitality of the Church of Christ at 1750 Huron St. Forced from their apartments for the cockroach kill, about 40 of them were being fed by the people of the Church of Christ and the United Church. Toys were made available to the children.

**ANOTHER CHAPTER:** It was the latest chapter in the story of 95 and 105 Cheyenne Ave., where landlord Elijah Elieff has repeatedly failed to make some of the repairs ordered by the city. He has also been accused by tenants, many of them Cambodians, of making racial slurs.

"We've had a very pleasant day. It's like a little adventure for the children — better than what's going on over there," said Greenwell, nodding in the direction of the northeast London apartment buildings.

"Susan Eagle has been terrific," she said of the United Church minister who has been representing the tenants in their time of trouble.



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Pat Bo holds sleeping Michael, three months, while encouraging another son, Sopheatra, 5, to take his afternoon nap despite the unfamiliar surroundings.

"She took us down to the Salvation Army to register" for Christmas hampers.

Eagle said later she helped two families register and managed to get them some items of more immediate need.

She also helped some tenants apply for accommodation in the \$6.5-million Genesis Housing Co-operative, started by a group of single mothers who once lived at 95 and 105 Cheyenne. The complex is to be built near Cascade Avenue in southeast London.

**ROACH TALES:** Greenwell, a single mother

with sons, Toby, 14, Trevor, 5, and little Nathan, moved into 95 Cheyenne only 11 days ago. "I didn't know what I was getting into."

Like others, she talked of finding cockroaches — four of them alive, and 20 others that had perished inside an oven clock.

Irene Thomas, 22, who moved into an apartment at 105 Cheyenne two months ago with her stepfather and her mother, Keith and Linda Ackworth, said she hadn't any complaints about the landlord. She had seen a couple of cockroaches, but there were far more in her old Huron Street apartment.