



## BUS STOP PARADISE

**Winnipeg** While some might see a bus stop in front of their home as an eyesore, Sally Papso of Winnipeg sees it as a natural extension of her yard. She has turned this nine- by one-metre strip into a parklike setting where neighbours take refuge under the shade tent of morning glories or sit on the bench Papso made.

Papso started by planting a few irises, then she painted the bus pole red and added bright red litter cans. Now the area has become a community treasure. Any-

mous visitors leave cards and letters of thanks. Teachers bring their students for art class. Neighbours meet to exchange bedding plants for their own newly adopted city boulevards.

Besides tending to her bus stop garden for the past six years, Papso counsels female survivors of sexual abuse and is a full-time counsellor at the Manitoba Youth Centre. — Louise Blank