

# NEWS

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## WATERFRONT PLANS UNVEILED



Aerial view from the south-west showing the park/water aspects of Harbour City in relation to the high-rise, high-density downtown core.

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### Auditorium half-filled

By Vern Burnett

The long-awaited public presentation of the Harbour City Concept was held at the St. Lawrence Centre, June 4, 1970, under the auspices of the Ontario Department of Trade and Development.

The many citizens who phoned for tickets only to be told there were none left would have been disturbed to know that the auditorium was only half full.

One speaker, noting the number of empty seats, voiced her concern for the many people she personally knew, who had applied, and were being denied the opportunity to be present.

Mr. J. Ramsey, a member of the panel, replied "We had over 800 tickets for tonight's performance. When I took the count earlier tonight I counted 421 and I made a note to find out just how many we gave away. But I can assure you that we didn't do anything to restrict attendance.

"We advertised in all three papers. People who did call up were told there weren't any tickets available; that's when we had the other hall, which only has a capacity of 380, I believe. Then, when we were able to arrange this larger hall, we sent the rest out. But we have not attempted to restrict this meeting in any manner."

It is unfortunate that so many missed this inspiring presentation.

To quote a Toronto evening newspaper in its report on the public presentation of the Harbour City Concept: "Trade and Development Minister Stanley Randall last night promised that the giant \$500-million Harbour City Complex, if completed, would be turned over to the city when the debt is liquidated."

If Harbour City is built, as Mr. Eberhard H. Zeidler, the architect, portays it in words and pictures, it will be a dream city.

Mr. Randall says "it is not a plan; it is only a pictorial study."

If Jane Jacobs' vision of what Harbour City could be would be, many of us will want to reside there.

But then, there are those words: flexibility, could, should, and concept, falling trippingly from the tongues of the members of the panel.

If the \$500-million could be applied toward cleaning up what Mr. Randall calls "all that mess of pottage that you have along your waterfront" and building imaginatively along the Lakeshore, then our Islands will be left unscathed.

Was our waterfront allowed to deteriorate, as it has over the years, in the name of "the economy?" If so, we must be sure that "the economy" does not control it in the future.

If you are interested in how your money is spent in developing your waterfront; if you are interested in helping to develop your waterfront, go to the public meetings which will be held by the Toronto Planning Board, the Special Committee for the Waterfront at City Hall and future meetings of the Ontario Department of Trade and Development, which will probably be held to discuss Harbour City.

Toronto is a big, mature city. We are no longer impressed with massive developments and multi-million dollar figures. Hopefully, our major concern is architecturally-good development, which not only has merit by itself, but also enhances those assets we already possess in this city.

IF ONLY THERE WEREN'T SO MANY IFS!

### SOCCA to survey area

Members of South of Carlton Community Action will be calling on residents of the Carlton-Sherbourne-Shuter-Parliament area during the next few weeks to find out what they think are the main priorities for community action.

Needs such as recreational facilities for single people or teenagers, opportunities for adult education, and the redevelopment of the area so as to provide good housing for low-income people will be explored.

If you want to work on a committee or help with future projects, please let the interviewers know when they call on you.

## IS this paper your paper?

By BOB BARRACLOUGH

Is this paper your paper?

One issue of SEVEN NEWS has been distributed. We didn't reach all the homes, probably, so this might be the first look you've gotten at our venture. If it is, we'll say again what it's all about.

We're the Ward Seven Newspaper Organization, a group of people from Ward Seven who, along with supporters from outside the ward, are attempting to produce this area's first real COMMUNITY newspaper.

By community newspaper we mean a vehicle which will be available to the community as an open forum, a place to publish stories, poems, features, news, photographs, recipes, advice, talk, gossip and anything else that the people of Ward Seven want to put into print.

Our staff is almost entirely volunteer and is recruited from within the ward; anyone can join the staff. People wanting to write

for the paper should get in touch with the editor at 922-9175.

There are also openings for artists, dabblers, thinkers, composers, warlocks, witches, children, pensioners, poets, priests, merchants, politicians, football fans, hockey fans, fishermen, policemen, feminists, male chauvinists, draft-dodgers, hippies, yuppies, Edmund Burkers, Anglaises, Francaises, welfare recipients and millionaires.

Or, if you are a businessman or have some access to some SPARE MONEY, you can help your paper by buying advertisements in SEVEN NEWS, or by your welcome contributions. Right now we're bucking a bit of a financial crisis, getting going, but with your help, we can do what you want us to.

People wanting to help out financially, either by placing an ad or by donating money should call or write to SEVEN NEWS care of Tom Thayer, business manager

(922-9175).

If you reach the conclusion that SEVEN NEWS is your paper, then we invite you to do something about it. Get out your pen or typewriter and do an article.

### Addiction survey

Residents of Don Vale! Some of the agencies in the area feel they have been goofing off on the problem of alcoholism and drugs. They need YOUR help to tell them what services YOU think should exist in your community. Valerie Elliott from Addiction Research Foundation is interested in your opinions on this matter and in hearing how you feel services could be improved; what is lacking that should be provided?

Phone her at 921-8674 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9-5.

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# CHURCH FOR SALE

By Bob Barraclough

What happens to church buildings, when they are abandoned by their congregations? The possibilities for use of these structures with their large auditoriums and numerous smaller rooms, their basements, balconies and belfries, are almost numberless.

Already some ideas come to mind. A church could be a restaurant, or a club. It could be a drop-in centre, or a creative resources centre. It could be a theatre. Or a big playhouse for children and adults.

Of course, there are other possibilities. A church could be razed to make way for a high-rise apartment. Or it could fall before the bulldozers carving a swath for an eight-lane expressway. But many people would rather not let these alternatives happen.

This seemingly irrelevant topic takes on special meaning for the residents of Ward Seven, and for the people of Don Vale in particular, when seen in the light of the recent decision to sell St. Enoch's Church.

To those few readers not already familiar with St. Enoch's, this neighbourhood landmark sits back one block from busy Parliament Street, amidst the close-crowded houses and yards near the tree-lined intersection of Winchester and Metcalfe Streets. It has high Gothic stained glass windows and a lofty belltower standing among the branches of the surrounding trees.

The setting is one of the few corners of downtown Toronto that could have been sliced right out of a small town.

The church, with its attached parish hall, is being used right now, as are several other churches in the area (St. Peter's, Regent Park United, etc.) for numerous day and night activities.

In light of this view of St. Enoch's, with its decidedly "neighbourhood" atmosphere and its accepted role as a centre for service to the community those hypothetical answers to our original thought about the fate of

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# Landlord and Tenant Act

by CLAYTON RUBY

Editor's Note: Clayton Ruby is a barrister and solicitor who carries on the practice of law in the City of Toronto.

The new Landlord and Tenant Act provides, for the first time, some real protection for the tenant, and some meaningful obligations on the part of the landlord of a residential property.

1. Within 21 days after the tenant signs a written lease, the landlord must give a copy of that lease to him. If the landlord does not give the tenant a copy of the lease give a copy of that lease to him. If the landlord does not give the tenant a copy of the lease, the tenant has no obligation to pay rent, until he gets his copy. Nevertheless, no written lease is necessary and a valid tenancy agreement can be created by a "handshake" agreement without writing it down.

2. Security deposits as such are abolished. The landlord may, however, insist that the last month's rent be paid in advance. If damage is done to the apartment, the landlord must sue for this damage in an ordinary civil court, and may not seize moneys in his possession to cover them. If, however, the tenant leaves before the period of the lease has expired, presumably the landlord may take that last month's rent to offset any loss he might have from the "skipping" tenant. Six per cent per year interest is required to be paid to the tenant on any moneys paid as a security deposit for rent. Landlords may no longer require the delivery of postdated cheques for payment of rent. You pay rent when it becomes due except for the last month's rental.

3. The landlord used to have a right to seize goods found in the apartment, or to lock the apartment keeping within it all the tenant's property and ultimately to sell the same or hold it as security for the payment of rent. This right is now abolished. If you leave a place without paying the rent, the landlord must give you your goods back and may not keep them; he, however, has the right to sue you in court for the money that you owe under the agreement.

4. Landlords used to be able to restrict or prevent a tenant from subletting his apartment.

The new legislation provides that the landlord may make such subletting conditional on his consent, but the legislation also provides that the consent may not be arbitrarily or unreasonably withheld by the landlord. Moreover, landlords used to require payment of large amounts of money for this "privilege" of subletting: the landlord may now charge only his reasonable expenses, which should be less than \$25.00, and may be nothing at all.

5. The landlord's right to enter the apartment is severely restricted. He may now enter only in cases of emergency or where the lease provides that he has a right to show the premises to prospective new tenants at reasonable hours, and after the existing tenant has given notice that he is to leave. In all other cases the landlord may not enter unless he first gives notice in writing to the tenant at least 24 hours before he wants to come in to the apartment, and he may come in only during daylight hours and only at the time specified in the notice.

6. Neither a landlord nor a tenant may change the lock on a door unless they both agree to the change. That is, there will be no more locking out of tenants.

7. For the first time, Ontario has stated that the landlord has obligations to provide certain standards of fitness for the room, apartment or house that he rents. The landlord must keep the place in a good state of repair and fit for habitation, and must comply with all health and safety standards and housing standards. This obligation exists regardless of how dangerous or uninhabitable the apartment was when you moved in. That is, you have a right to insist on decent repair and decent housing.

The tenant, on the other hand, is responsible to keep the premises ordinarily clean, and to repair any damage caused by his acts or his negligence, or the acts and negligence of anyone he invites on the property.

Most importantly, the tenant may do a number of things if the apartment has leaks, broken windows, rats, etc. He can apply summarily to a judge of the county court and ask that the judge end the lease, and give him the right to leave. He may apply to the court to make the landlord pay for any repairs that he has had to make (presumably on an emergency basis) or, he may order the landlord to pay for any given repair that is necessary, or, he may give you the right to deduct the amount you pay for repairs, or will pay for repairs, from your rent.

It should be noted that this does not give you the right to, by yourself, deduct repair moneys from the rent you owe to the landlord. Nevertheless, because of the provisions restricting the landlord in how, where, and when he is to terminate a lease and "evict" the tenant, you may be able to do so. We will see what the courts do with this provision.

8. The landlord may no longer just move in and move you out. If he wishes to terminate the lease, he must go to Court and get a writ of possession. You are entitled to defend and state that you should

not be moved out, and give your reasons. Several valid defences to such an action by the landlord are stated in the act. Among them are provisions providing that the landlord may not "evict" you because you complain to any governmental authority that the landlord has violated any statute or municipal by-law dealing with health or safety standards, or because you attempted to secure or enforce any of your legal rights as a tenant.

9. If a landlord knowingly breaks any of the sections of the statute regarding giving the tenant a copy of the lease, taking a security deposit unlawfully, changing a lock on a door, or taking possession without having first gone to court, you may swear an information against him in Room 6, Old City Hall in Toronto, and if convicted, the landlord would be guilty of an offence on summary conviction and liable to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00.

10. A landlord and tenant advisory bureau is to be set up in Toronto, which will advise both landlords and tenants as to their rights, to receive complaints and mediate disputes between landlords and tenants, and to provide information and to receive and investigate complaints of conduct that violates any statute. It remains to be seen whether the landlord and tenant advisory bureau of Toronto will be pro-landlord or pro-tenant.

If you are having a problem with your landlord, you should seek advice from a neighbourhood residents' association, or you may go to the Legal Aid Office at the corner of Richmond Street West and Sheppard Street in Toronto, and receive assistance from a lawyer. If you do not qualify for a lawyer under Legal Aid, the Law Society will arrange for a half hour meeting with a lawyer who can assist you with your problem at a cost of \$10.00. In order to arrange a \$10.00 appointment, you should telephone in Toronto: 362-4741.

Note that this new Landlord and Tenant Act applies only to leases that commence after January 1st, 1970. On leases that commence before that date, the provisions are much more complicated, and you will need legal advice to sort out your problem. You may also need legal advice to determine whether or not your lease, in law began prior to or after January 1st, 1970.

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# Residents discuss stadium

The first reaction to the proposal for a domed stadium in Riverdale Park was made at a meeting on June 3rd in Don Vale with the setting up of a committee on the use of the zoo site.

Named as Pro-tem chairman of the committee was Mr. Peter Elliott of 128 Winchester St., Ph. 920-7979, in Donvale. Mr. Elliott felt the committee should seek opinions from as many people as possible as to how the site should be used.

Suggestions brought up at the meeting varied widely - from retention of the zoo in its present state, creation of a 'mini zoo' for the entertainment of local children, or creation of parkland etc.

Some felt that city core residents had more need for the zoo than do people in spacious suburban areas. One member even enquired if the present zoo could be expanded.

Besides the proposal for a domed stadium, the Toronto Humane Society has expressed an interest in re-locating from its present site on Wellesley St. West to the Riverdale zoo site.

## CALENDAR COMMUNITY

15 Urban Renewal Committee Meeting, 2:00 p.m. Committee Room No. 1, City Hall-Special Meeting to deal with Don Vale only ...

16 297 Carlton St., 7:30 - General Meeting of Don Vale residents to deal with summer programs in the area.

17 Tenant Power Forum, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

18 St. Enoch's Church, 8:00 pm. - Committee on Use of Church

22 Broadview Y M C A Auditorium, 8:00 p.m. - General Meeting of all East Don Associations ...

22 Ward Council Meeting - 8:00 p.m. - Regent Park Church

25 St. Enoch's Church, 8:00 p.m. - Committee on Use of Church

### JULY

5 Seven News General Public Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Parliament St. Library House.

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# ACTION EAST OF THE DON RIVER

## Executive Committee, Riverdale Community Organization

Community organizing is building people power because it is people working on their problems in a way that is effective both in getting results and in building an organization.

The list of victories won by groups that make up the Riverdale Community Organization currently stands at 24. Some examples follow.

**THE LANDS AND TRAFFIC** Committee of the Don Mount Village Association was formed when the people at an association meeting in March decided to do something about the fact that no less than three people had been injured while crossing Dundas St. at Munro within a month.

They invited Commissioner Bremner to a meeting. He sent Mr. Pryer of the Traffic Engineering Dept. Mr. Pryer made no promises beyond what could be done by regular procedures.

"There are no procedures for dealing with emergency situations," he said.

The Committee sent a wire the next day demanding a more satisfactory response from Mr. Bremner before the end of the day. He phones with an offer to be on the agenda of the appropriate committee of public works.

Mrs. Lillian Carrigan, chairman of the committee, gathered support from other groups and the chairman of RCO, then made what has been reported to be one of the most effective presentations ever made before

the Public Works Committee.

They demanded crosswalks for Dundas at Munro and Queen at Carrol. These are now slated for installation. The committee was successful in escalating the process. Mr. Howard Leslie is now chairman of the Don Mount Village Association.

The COLGATE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION'S most bothersome issue lately was the presence of the Paradise Riders on one of their streets. They took action against the landlord by inviting him to a meeting held in Woodgreen Community Centre. He did not come, so Earl Hagerman, chairman, took the meeting to the landlord's front lawn in Scarborough.

He promised to give a one week eviction notice to the Riders the following Sunday. He did, and the Riders have since moved.

**THE QUEEN-BOSTON-DUNDAS-BROOKLYN ASSOCIATION** went after absentee landlords by mobilizing the City Building Inspectors to get the landlords to bring their properties up to standard. They also have an agreement with appropriate City and Metro committees to remove the crosswalk and install traffic lights soon to appear at Pape and Queen.

Mr. Allan Seaton and Mrs. Phyllis Regan are co-chairmen of this group. Mrs. Emily Surman led the delegation that went to City Hall.

**THE EASTERN-LOGAN-NEIGHBOURS ORGANIZATION** has been successful in getting a family into

OHC, having the Police Patrols do some speed checks, and finally, most important of all, getting the Children's Aid to return children to their families in the neighbourhood.

**THE QUEEN STREET EAST TENANTS** formed to get their landlord to fumigate for roaches. Now Margaret Young, temporary chairman, is seeking to expand her group along Queen and down Broadview.

The newly-formed **GERRARD-BROADVIEW NEIGHBOURS ASSOCIATION** started with an absentee landlord. They had his son to a meeting and got promises of full co-operation in bringing the property on Gerrard up to code standards.

The **GRANT-KINTYRE NEIGHBOURS ORGANIZATION** recently won an agreement with Sunnybrook Meat Packers. For years neighbours have been putting up with bloody water in the street from the hosing of Sunnybrook trucks, with garbage spilling over the disposal bin on to lawns and porches, with a back lane pounded full of holes, mostly by trucks making deliveries to Sunnybrook Meat Packers, and with speeding by some Sunnybrook drivers.

The group invited Mr. Weisberg to a meeting to discuss the problems. He didn't show. They went to his house and he invited them in. But he would not negotiate.

Mrs. Ivy Samis started blocking the lane the next day to prevent trucks from getting in to the back entrance. Mr. Weisberg tried to get the neighbourhood businessmen

to join him in making the lane public, but they said "No - these are our customers."

Mr. Weisberg went on TV and said he wouldn't meet with a "mob."

The 60 groups who have participated in meeting to form the Riverdale Community Organization did not protest their role as the "mob," and thus helped keep the action "respectable."

After two days of leafletting and picketing in front of Sunnybrook Meat Packers, Mr. Weisberg changed his mind, met with the group, chaired by Marlene Aylward, and signed an agreement meeting all the demands.

**FIRST AVENUE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION** formed as a result of a meeting called by Alderman John Sewell to advise people of the proposed widening of First Avenue.

Riverdale Community Organization staff were invited to the second meeting to help this group hold elections and plan to make their presentation to the Department of Public Works in opposition to the proposed widening.

They were successful in stage one: they got it deferred. They also made one of the best presentations ever made before the committee.

**THE BLAKE STREET RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION** formed in February, with Mrs. June Pritchard as temporary chairman, and quickly won several achievements from mailboxes and telephones to "School Zone"

signs and increased police security.

They are currently involved in seeing that OHC makes good on its agreement to improve facilities for recreational activities in the development.

Mrs. Nellie Williams is the chairman of the recreation committee.

In March the original sponsoring body of the South Riverdale Community Project invited all organizations - about 100 - in the South Riverdale area to a meeting to discuss community problems and community organizations as a method of dealing with them.

To date some 60 organizations have participated in forming committees, expanding the eastern and northern boundaries to Woodfield and up to but not including the Danforth, and deciding on Riverdale Community Organization as the name.

The 60 groups consist of 17 neighbourhood groups, 11 churches, 9 organizations, 8 school and Home and Schools, and 15 agencies and others.

Communities will function as member groups need them to tackle bigger issues. At this point, groups are only beginning to sense their potential together. The real thing develops as groups join together to win improvements that are big enough to constitute basic changes in the community.

Bad community organization, like traditional social services, helps people to "cope" with what is. Real community organization changes what is.

## WEST DON DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD INFORMATION POST

The West Don District Neighbourhood Information Post, with headquarters in the Parliament St. Library House, has issued a call for volunteers to help with organization.

The post, which hopes to serve as a clearing point for information about and of interest to people in the area, has been in the planning stages for several months.

According to a spokesman for the information post, the primary objective is to provide information about what's going on in the neighbourhood. Several

categories that will be covered are recreation, education, social events and services available to the residents.

A secondary function of the post will be to exist as an immediate "action line" for the community, so that people can get results when they have problems of a social, political or legal nature.

The post will be non-partisan, and hopefully will be run and supported by all the residents of the area. It hopes to be a visible drop-in centre with a phone line for handling questions and answers.

The post is to be staffed by residents of the area who will volunteer an hour or two of their time each week.

In fulfilling its function of service to the community, the

West Don District Neighbourhood Information Post will, it is believed, help to act against the depersonalized life that we live today, in which people are out of touch with what is going on, especially in this inner city area. This will be done in a positive, creative sense by putting people back into touch with their community, and by thus developing community spirit.

Anyone interested in working on the West Don District Neighbourhood Information Post is urged to return the slip below to the post, Community Services Librarian, Parliament St. Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East, Toronto 2.

## OOPS!

In the first issue of SEVEN NEWS, the publishing body was referred to as "the Ward Seven Co-operative." This terminology was incorrect as our organization is not chartered as a co-operative.

The correct name of the publishing body is The Ward Seven Newspaper Organization. This is an open group, in which all interested persons are invited to become voting members.

Membership certificates may be purchased for any amount by residents of Ward Seven; a \$5.00 membership fee is required from all persons residing outside of Ward Seven and from all persons living in Ward Seven who wish to have their newspapers delivered by post.

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**Sam Rotenberg**

**He's "Our Man Sam"**

by Ted Plantos

Sam Rotenberg, at a glance, looks like he could be a cab driver or a waiter in one of the hotels in the Cabbagetown section of Ward 7.

In fact, this short and burly figure of a man with huge hands is one of the more articulate businessmen in the area. He has participated in this community as a store owner and as a person who is concerned with the youth in the area. He spoke before the Special Subcommittee on Poverty as a representative from the community.

Sam sells hot dogs for 15 cents; coffee is a nickle at his store, and ask any kid along Parliament St. where he can get a good five-cent donut.

You might find anybody in Sam's Winchester and Parliament St. corner store; housewives, community workers, cats, guys on the bum, princes, paupers, poets, checker-players, and Sam's closest friends: the people who are the majority in this area; the low-income worker.

Sam believes in self-determination. From my conversations with him in the past, I have formed the opinion that he is a very individualistic person. He has strong feelings about the kind of community action needed to combat the present problems in Ward 7.

Not everyone agrees with Sam; in fact, he has often been criticized by his fellow businessmen for his "liberal" views.

**Interview**

**TED PLANTOS:** How long have you been a businessman in the Ward 7 area?

**SAM ROTENBERG:** Almost thirteen years.

**Ted:** You have shown concern in the past about the use of drugs by younger people in the area. I'm referring to glue sniffing, and nail polish sniffing, and the use of speed. Could you tell us more about that?

**SAM:** Well, we tried to stop the local merchants about three years ago from selling glue - model glue. It was a big seller. We used to sell, ourselves, four or five boxes some nights. We used to sell a lot of it. And a lot of merchants sold it; not meaning any harm. But it was going too fast for the amount of model planes we were selling. We got to the idea that we wouldn't sell anymore. I put a sign in my window. As far as I know the sales have dropped to almost nothing in a lot of the stores in the area.

The Toronto Daily Star carried the story on the front page, and it caught on and carried across the country. TV and radio gave it a lot of publicity. So this promotion that we put on must have had a big effect.

**TED:** I understand you sell your coffee and donuts for a nickle each? I just enjoyed one of your 15-cent hot dogs.

**SAM:** Yeah, well, we sell hot dogs at 15 cents, yes. A lot of the children live in small places where they have no cooking facilities. It's very hard when you get up in the morning at 6 o'clock and try to make a hot meal or cook anything on a two-burner stove. One wire might be broken, and everybody in the house is trying to use the same stove. The house is really built for one family and three families are living in the same house.

It takes hours to cook something. If the parents give the kids a dime or 15 cents, they might end up in my store. They might buy a pop or a coffee and donut.

**TED:** I understand that the Ward 7 Businessmen's Association has an interest in the St. Enoch's property in the area? Are they interested in the property for use as a parking lot for potential customers, or for the ideal of a community centre as you proposed in your last election campaign?

**SAM:** The offer, the purchase, the selling idea, came on the market. The church was put on the market to sell.

One of our members noticed it in the real estate bulletin that St. Enoch's was for sale. He called me and asked me what I thought of it, and I said, "Well, we used to meet there," and I thought it would be a good idea if we bought it and turned it into a community centre.

I personally advocated the building of a community centre in the last election. We should have a day care centre and a community centre. We have no intentions to tear it down to make a parking area.

In the offer, we state that this church will be used for a community centre and day care centre, and if we have any intentions for not using it as such, we will turn it back to the church authorities to take it at the price.

It's not for the purpose of a parking lot. We want a parking space put up by the city, not by the Ward 7 Businessmen's Association, because I don't think it's our problem.

**TED:** What is your opinion of the community work that is being done in the area? There is a lot of activity on the part of the different churches and community organizations or operations in Ward 7.

**SAM:** There are too many trying to do the same thing, and when there are too many trying to do the same thing, nothing is being done.

I'd rather see one huge organization which will combine, and even if it was city-wide, and work it into an area basis, where it would allocate so many people to work in the area to see that the work is done.

Because look. There aren't too many people who know youth work. And some people may think that they know youth work, but they don't.

Kids like to have a proper program for their interests. If they don't have it, they won't be interested. They'll leave. You've got to be ahead of them instead of them being ahead of you.

**TED:** You've seen young people growing up in this area. Could you tell us about that?

**SAM:** Some of them have gone into law; some of them are in business, and a couple of them joined the police force. A couple of them are in the fire department. It depends on how much education they've got.

**TED:** What is your opinion of our two new aldermen and the work they are doing individually?

**SAM:** It's too early to tell. I think, though, that the biggest problem is that they're still working in too narrow a field; working on this side of Ward 7 instead of working all through Ward 7.

**Tenant forum coming**

"The Metro Tenant's Association is sponsoring a tenant forum on these and other issues at the Town Hall. Michael Audain of the Canadian Welfare Council is being invited to make a brief introductory comment on the necessity of people participation in the structures which determine their environment (i.e. rented dwellings).

"Lee Patterson, former president and founder of Metro Tenant's Association, will give a brief history of the association and will act as chairman of the meeting.

"Members from the Ontario Tenant's Association and the Metro Tenant's Association will be on stage to comment on the present situation. The main part of the meeting will be devoted to comments and questions from the audience.

"The audience will consist of not only Metro Tenant's Association members, but also many other tenants' groups across the city who feel they have something to say on the question of tenants' rights.

"Members of the government, such as Mr. Wishart and Mr. Randall, will be invited to the meeting so that they may answer questions from the audience.

"The main aim of the meeting is to give tenants and tenants' organizations an opportunity to publicly air their grievances and to make at least some of the very pressing problems clear to those who should be prepared to act to remedy these.

"This is the first in a series of such meetings which MTA hopes to sponsor in the Town Hall."

The Metro Tenant's Association has announced that a special "tenant forum" will be sponsored by them on Wednesday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Lawrence Centre - Town Hall, with the focus to be upon "Tenant Power - What do Tenants Want?"

In the announcement, the association stated that "The last few years have seen a phenomenal rise in tenant power.

"Tenants are simply fed up with spiralling rents in jerry-built buildings, and landlords who fail to 'keep their side of the bargain.'

"Tenants comprise well over half of the population. Tenancy is no longer simply a temporary affair; for about one million people in the Metro area, it is a more or less permanent form of existence.

"These people are demanding decent housing and full control over their homes.

There are a lot of problems that they are taking up, and Sewell especially, that are not Ward 7 problems. They're city-wide problems.

I'm not saying that his work is not right, but I don't think it all applies to Ward 7. Ward 7 gets good and bad publicity, and bad publicity is not in the best interest of the community.

**TED:** Will you run for election again, Sam?

**SAM:** If they do a good job, there's no use in putting out a good man. If they don't do a good job, we'll decide then.

**TED:** Thank-you, Sam.

**SAM:** Okay.

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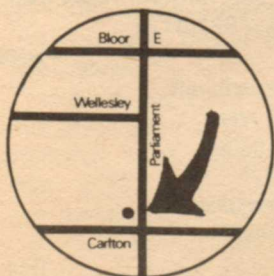
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# No-return bottles protested

The Women's Group for Lower Prices and Safe Products has declared a boycott of disposable bottles, which they call "a dangerous health hazard for you and your kids."

The WGLPSP has singled out for attack Powers Supermarkets, which they say carry un-returnable bottles.

"They cost you much more

than the returnable and safe bottles. Demand and buy only returnable bottles. Many stores around Powers carry them. These stores give you a choice, but Powers stores give you only one choice, 'the sucker's choice,' the disposables."

Referring to an article in a recent edition of the Star Magazine (Sat., April 4), the WGLPSP advises shoppers buying soft drinks not to "fall prey to this racket," which the Star Magazine points out is adding to our pollution problems by creating mountains of discarded glass bottles every year.

"Mayor Dennison is behind us in this campaign," the group proclaims. "We did it to Loblaw's and we can do it to Powers!"

## Brenda Gorman Firing Shakes RPCIA

# OLD, NEW EXECS VIE FOR POWER

## "Stacked" Meetings Polarize Residents

On Tuesday, June 9, two meetings of the Regent Park Community Improvement were held, one of which will most certainly decide the future or the fate of community participation in Regent Park. One meeting was held at Dixon Hall at 8 p.m. and was organized at a general meeting of the R.P.C.I.A. The other was an executive meeting held simultaneously at the RPCIA office on Parliament St.

The meeting at Dixon Hall got underway 15 minutes late due to the failure of the RPCIA executive to put in an appearance. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Roger Martin the meeting moved to the three points on the agenda:

the refusal of the executive to approve the establishment of a medical clinic in Regent Park in co-operation with the Hospital for Sick Children.

the illegal dismissal of Miss Brenda Gorman, the community worker hired by the RPCIA.

a request that an immediate audit of RPCIA finances be carried out.

The end result of discussion centering around these three issues was the dismissal of the present executive under the leadership of the recently elected president of the RPCIA, Mr. Budd McCormick, and the election of a new ad hoc executive under the leadership of Mr. Jerome Murray, past president of the association. Mr. McCormick and his executive were removed for "lack of

responsibility" and various allegations of incompetence. The Chairman pointed out that under the RPCIA constitution there was to be a general meeting of the membership called on the second Tuesday of every month, and that as the executive had failed to do this, they were in default. Having been notified of the general meeting they failed to show up.

The "Sick Children" Clinic Project had been rejected by the executive in spite of the fact that 98% of the people in Regent Park had signed a petition in favour of the project. A letter was read from Dr. Ursula Anderson regretting the RPCIA's decision not to take action on the project. The meeting moved to reject the executive's decision on the basis that it was not the will of the people.

The dismissal of Miss Gorman was considered illegal because it contradicted the contract under which she was hired. When Miss Gorman was hired she was told that if she was to be dismissed she was to be given the reason for her dismissal at a general meeting and to be allowed to defend herself. She was not given this chance by the present executive.

The "firing" of Miss Gorman was attributed to a letter which she had written to Mr. L. Heinemann, of the Federal government's Welfare Grants Division, in which she expressed concern over the low rate of involvement of Regent Park citizens in activities sponsored by the Association and the retrograde leadership supplied by the present executive. Miss Gorman stated that "people, not the structure; people, not the group, are the important thing" and that the Association should be more concerned in this area. Changes must take place. There was need for a positive program and strong leadership. The meeting moved that Miss Gorman be re-hired as the RPCIA's community worker.

The meeting called for a complete audit and disclosure of the Association's funds and

documents. (The RPCIA receives the bulk of its monies from the federal Department of Health and Welfare.) Alderman Karl Jaffary expressed an opinion that under the present constitution it was "perfectly clear that there be a meeting on the second Tuesday of every month" and that the Association could call for a general audit at any time. An auditor is to be appointed and it was suggested that Margaret Campbell be asked to perform this function.

The ad hoc executive then took over the meeting under the leadership of Jerome Murray. A letter is to be drafted and sent to Donald MacDonald requesting an immediate "freeze" on the Government grant to the RPCIA., following which another set of elections are to be held. Mr. Murray then made a plea that such a situation not be allowed to occur again. The meeting was adjourned.

At the end of the "other" meeting of the executive held at the RPCIA office, Mr. McCormick and his executive sketched in their side of the story for SEVEN NEWS.

Last year, during Jerome Murray's presidency, Mr. Murray was fond of pointing out again and again that the RPCIA constitution was only a guideline, and that it had never been ratified by the membership of the RPCIA. That, in effect, there is no legal Constitution. Moreover, that there are discrepancies concerning a number of copies of this "Constitution" in the RPCIA files which bear conflicting statements concerning the calling of general meetings. Mr. McCormick presented two copies of the Constitution, one calling for general meetings at one date and another at another date. At any rate, both these directions had been superseded at a meeting of the Executive on April 29, where meetings were declared to be held on the third Monday of every month. Thus the only official meeting of the general membership will take place next Monday, June 15. The meeting at Dixon Hall was, in the Executive's opinion, illegal, and is also illegal in the eyes of their legal counsel. Furthermore, by anybody's Constitution, the

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# Opinions From Our Readers

Dear Sir;

Congratulations and Best Wishes with SEVEN NEWS. ACTION REPORT kept us well-informed and I miss it a great deal.

1. What has happened to Ward Seven since the elections last December?

2. What is to happen in Don Vale? Highrise? Town Houses? Redevelopment? Or stay as it is?

3. Your "Poets' Corner" should be called "Poetry in Motion."

4. Why don't we have 15 mph signs erected on Wellesley St., east of Parliament and on Amelia, where there are so many children? Who do we contact regarding this problem? Some cars travel at 40 mph.

5. What about our massive garbage collection that we used to have in the spring, where we could get rid of everything at once?

Keep up the good work and please include me on your subscription list for one year.

SEVEN NEWS is just what we've needed.

George Christian

I am a person who, through work, deal with children in every district. The children here eat more junk, destroy more trees and birds' nests and eggs and are a lot cheekier if you try to explain that flowers have a right to live as well as people.

The amount of liquor devoured here could buy the people other accommodations.

We have hostels for men, John Innes for children and adults, Good Neighbour Club, churches and Salvation Army, but what about the other side of the coin? SHOULD IT BE ALL TAKE AND NOTHING GIVEN IN RETURN?

One example: Why couldn't the teenagers plan outings for small fry which would only involve carfare and lunch taken along? The mothers would have a break, and the teenagers some responsibility.

Why couldn't families adopt an older person once a month for a home-cooked meal and people who care, even for an afternoon? Happy memories could tide them over for many a week.

Sincerely,  
name withheld

"You" have a case in point in your first issue, "Mr. Editor!" Where a large number of concerned citizens formed a meeting at the "TOWN HALL" for the purpose of finding out what the "Provincial Government" programme was going to be in developing the "WATERFRONT" in downtown "TORONTO."

These "CITIZENS" procured the hall for the purpose of holding an open forum, to be advised and be able to discuss the contemplated development as it could well affect their lives and property!

They invited "Mr. J. Ramsey" of the "PROVINCE of ONTARIO DEPARTMENT of TRADE and DEVELOPMENT," as he is the man who is in charge of the "GOVERNMENT'S HARBOUR CITY CONCEPT" for the "AREA!" And the project they are concerned with.

"Mr. Ramsey" agreed to attend under certain conditions that "HE" proposed, and he made a firm commitment that he would be there.

"But" three (3) days before the meeting, "Mr. Ramsey" had one of the "office boys" call to say that he could not attend, as he would be out of town during the time of the meeting: "But" this was not so!

As a picture was taken of "Mr. Ramsey" talking to "MRS. MARGARET CAMPBELL" during the meeting.

"Mr. Ramsey" left as soon as this deception was known! But the question is not the action taken by "Mr. Ramsey," but how long are we, the "PAYERS," going to receive this type of treatment from "CIVIL SERVANTS" who take our money, but feel that "they" have the right to refuse to supply information regarding projects that they are in charge of, when many "citizens" wish to be informed as to the decisions made that could well affect their happiness and well-being.

I think it is well past the time that the citizens do not appear to have the right to question any "CIVIL SERVANT" who is responsible for a contemplated project, or any other action taken by him or a member of his staff.

But the person who made the decision, and took the action should be held responsible for his actions, and it is high time that the person making or taking the action be prepared to justify their actions, and they no longer be allowed to hide behind some other person because he may have a higher office, or a better job than the person who made the decision.

After all, they are not children, and should be held responsible for their own actions, whether right or wrong. The public has a right to know any time that they form a responsible body to find out and they wish to be informed of the reason of the action, or the proposed policy.

Let us do all within our power to stamp out this type of programme now!

An enraged "citizen"  
HARRIS HUNTER.

Dear Sir:

This is not so much a letter to the Editor, as it is some comments on the quality of the composition of the paper.

The physical first; the inking or printing is excellent and very regular; distribution is very good and I think Norman Browne should be congratulated.

More serious is the content of your paper. I feel that you yourselves, or your advisers, are in an in-between state of mind - not quite sure whether to report or comment. The 'lead article' and its accompanying pictures are fine in their place, e.g. Nationals, but I would take issue as to whether the content gave sufficient guidance to Ward 7 residents on the significance of the Waterfront Plan in relation to Ward 7. My personal opinion is, that "This is your paper" was the most important article for the initiated. Nonetheless, I do feel that it is "our" paper, and wish it every success.

Yours very truly,

Gino Scianamé.

Dear Sir:

Just how long are we "CITIZENS" who pay the "ages" of the "MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT" and the "CIVIL SERVANTS" who are responsible for projects being considered by the "PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT" going to be denied the right to know what the policy and the thinking behind the project is going to be; and not going to be allowed to request information, or question what a development is to be.

But to be informed that "they" will only agree to attend meetings where we will not ask for information that could be vital to the health and welfare of the people, but only allowed to ask for information that "they" themselves feel we should know!

If at any time there is any question or doubt in the mind of the official that these ground rules are not going to be applied, then he will not attend the meeting, and will ask one of the office boys to say that they will be out of town while the meeting is taking place.

Are we "sir" (?) to be regarded as small children, or are we so inept that we are unable to think for ourselves?

And are we in need of having the "BIG BROTHER" of "GOVERNMENT" to do all our thinking for us?

Are we "Sir" only capable of earning the money to pay the wages, and for the projects, but at the same time not to be informed or have any say in what the development should be like, or what should be on the given project?

Are we payees of the project not to be allowed to express our approval or disapproval, or to offer any counter proposals of any project before it becomes a fait accompli, or must we just accept what "BIG BROTHER" is willing to give us?

Dear Sir:

May I thank you for your splendid paper. My only comment is that there are two sides to every coin. This district has the most help but very few people take advantage of it.

Last winter there were free sewing lessons at the John Innes Recreation Centre and only three to five people took advantage of them. I myself have a very beautiful jumper, a shortened dress and a very beautiful picture, thanks to the city and to a very capable teacher.

There was nothing to donate except a short walk and a couple of hours per week.

# Church

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"deconsecrated" churches become much closer to our realm of immediate interest.

When we listed all the uses the building could be put to—and many were left out—we were talking about another church in some other community populated by some other people. But now the matter is close to home. St. Enoch's is listed for sale and we consider seriously whether we want it for community use.

The time for such considerations, however, seems limited. Already, in the short space of time St. Enoch's was unofficially listed for sale, several groups inside and outside of Ward Seven have expressed interest in purchasing it. A number of offers have been received by church officials.

One of the offers came from a company interested in tearing the building down and using the corner lot for high-rise development.

The prospect of losing the church and, worse, radically and perhaps irrevocably altering the quiet neighbourhood around it, brought a swift and strong wave of protest from the members of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents.

In order to organize themselves so that group action could be undertaken to see to it that so promising a facility for community use would not be lost, the members of the Don Vale H & R called a general meeting of all interested persons.

Through the discussion of ideas, a draft proposal for the use of the building was submitted by the association. With direction thus provided, follow-up meetings were scheduled and are being held regularly.

The follow-up meetings are attended by representatives from most groups in the area as well as interested individuals.

Calling themselves the Committee for the Don Vale Community Centre, the members are presently seeking a commitment from the church as well as from foundations and grants.

In addition to the Don Vale Community Centre Committee, another local organization is seeking to acquire the church and its property. The Ward Seven Businessmen's Association has made a cash offer as a down payment.

between the plans of the two groups is that of approach. Both would have the church serve as a community centre; however, the Businessmen, rather than working through the community at large as the Don Vale CCC has done, have confined their actions thus far to involvement of mainly their own group.

The CCC is operating with the single purpose in mind of using the hall and other facilities for a community centre; although no official statements have been released to this effect, a number of CCC members have expressed their fear that the Ward Seven Businessmen's Association, whether they used the church for community activities or not, would, for one reason or another, be unable to involve enough of the Don Vale residents to make the facility a real "community" centre.

The important thing for the people working with the CCC, no matter which group (CCC or W7 Businessmen) gains control of St. Enoch's is that the church shall serve all the people of the area.

So far as any outside observer can tell, this same thing is the expressed purpose of the Businessmen, although there has been no serious talk of the two organizations joining forces.

Instead, the CCC has pushed ahead with plans for use of the church, predicated upon the assumption that it will become CCC property (that is, that the church will be made available to the Don Vale public.) In addition to giving the group a direction to strike in, it also helps give the impression—to all concerned—that the members are serious about and capable of taking over the organization of a viable community centre.

One of the possibilities the group felt most keen about was the establishment of a Day Care Centre for children in Don Vale. The benefits of such a program for mothers who wanted to get out of their homes during the day and take on a job or participate in the community are obvious. But another group's well-being was taken into consideration.

A service designed to go hand-in-hand with the Day Care Centre was promised by Miss D. E. Lane of the Women's Sheltered Workshop. Hot meals will be provided at a nominal cost to participants in the programme.

The Community Centre Committee, which is meeting every Thursday evening at 8 in St. Enoch's, has invited the involvement of as many people as possible at the meetings.

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## St. Jamestown festival set for Aug. 19-23

St. Jamestown will have a 4-day summer festival from August 19th to 23rd. The date of the festival and the decision to go ahead with it was set at a general meeting of St. Jamestown residents held June 1st at the St. Jamestown auditorium.

The idea for the festival came out of weekly coffee parties held in the "Toronto" building. An ad hoc committee was formed which in turn called a general meeting to present the idea.

Chairman of the meeting was Derek Baker who put forward a number of ideas that the committee had come up with. These included a garden party at St. Simon's church, a beer garden in the tennis courts, a mini rock festival, a school yard dance and an open house demonstration of all activities going on in St. Jamestown.

Other ideas presented from the floor were: a movie evening, a flea market & rummage sale, a folk festival, art and photo exhibits and sports events. The festival promoters emphasized that they want the event to be free of charge and are hoping for donations of goods and services to help make it a success.

The meeting decided that their next step would be to approach Meridian with a written brief on their proposal and get their permission and co-operation in staging the festival. Another general meeting was scheduled for June 15th at 8:30 at the St. Jamestown auditorium at 240 Wellesley Street.

## Youngsters enjoy outing

By Wally Ramage

May 30th 1970 was a very busy day that started at 6 a.m. with myself, and my wife, Gill Capewell, Vice President, Mrs. Capewell, Recording Sec., Wally Farrell, Advertising Chairman.

The day started clear and got hotter as it progressed.

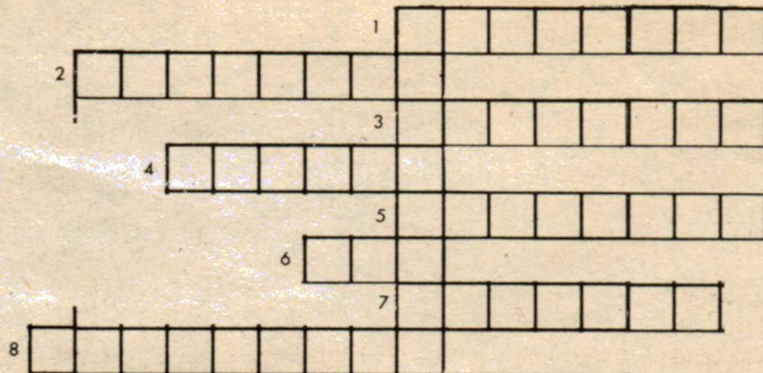
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Here is a specimen completed puzzle formed on Yonge St.;

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Prize puzzle number one.



1. He wrote "The Pied Piper of Hamelin". (8)
2. This city comes between Montreal and ours. (8)
3. U. of T. College west of Toronto. (8)
4. Coniferous tree. (6)
5. E.E. , American poet. (8)
6. Deciduous tree. (3)
7. Sherbrooke is among these townships in Quebec. (7)
8. Town of Lancashire, England; also near Buffalo, N.Y. (9).

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There was football, baseball, and a long hike. The events were topped with toys for all the small children and records were given to all children over 12.

Ice cream, chocolate milk and oranges were supplied to all adults and children.

I would like to thank all who have helped to bring our association this far. I wish Don Maine, who resigned as Vice President, a speedy recovery from this serious back operation.

We will hold another picnic for those who went and for those who missed the first one, very soon.

## RPCIA

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Dixon Hall meeting was still not valid because they failed to gain the necessary turnout of 100 to constitute a quorum, in addition to which some members of the Executive were not notified of the meeting, while the remainder received notice as late as 4 p.m. that afternoon. Also the names of the people on the notice calling the meeting were fleshed out by separating the personal names of husbands and wives and distributing them throughout the list. The meeting was packed by Murray supporters.

Mr. McCormick stated that Miss Gorman had been dismissed for failure to co-operate with the new Executive, not for her letter to Mr. Heinemann; and that the Clinic project was not turned down, but only tabled due to investigations in another area which might produce the same or even better services. The Executive expressed an interest in not acting without first surveying the possibilities.

As to the audit, the Executive felt that all Mr. Murray could do was to investigate last year's activities when he himself was president as a government auditor has just gone through the books covering the period from March 31st to present, the date from which the new portion of the grant to the RPCIA takes effect. As to the threat of "freezing" the money, Mr. Heinemann has assured the Executive that this will not be done now or in the foreseeable future.

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As to the future, Mr. McCormick is optimistic that the RPCIA will ride out the storm. He realizes that his Executive is relatively new and feels that they will eventually gain the solid support of the citizens of Regent Park.

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# RECORD RAP

By CHRIS TETTMAN

Creedence Clearwater Revival has been around for a long time now, but not always under the same name.

A while back they were the Blue Velvets; at another time they were the Golliwogs.

The group also played in an airport hangar with the top-flight San Francisco bands like Jefferson Airplane, Grateful Dead and Moby Grape.

Since Creedence Clearwater Revival started making records, every one has gone right to the top of the charts. The singles have sold as fast as they have come off the presses.

But the success has been a long time coming. It took ten years of playing in small clubs all over the San Francisco Bay area before John Fogerty, lead vocalist, guitar and song-writer, turned to "swamp rock", writing about the bayou country which he himself had never seen.

After a long succession of hits including Susie Q., Porterville, Walk on the Water, Lodi, Bad Moon Rising, Proud Mary, Born on the Bayou, Green River, Down on the Corner, Who'll Stop the Rain and, currently, Up Around the Bend, C.C.R. has played the "major league" of first-line auditoriums like Fillmore East & West, The Avalon and the Carousel.

In addition, the group has played to a number of top-flight smaller clubs including The Matrix, The New Orleans House, The Popycock and others.

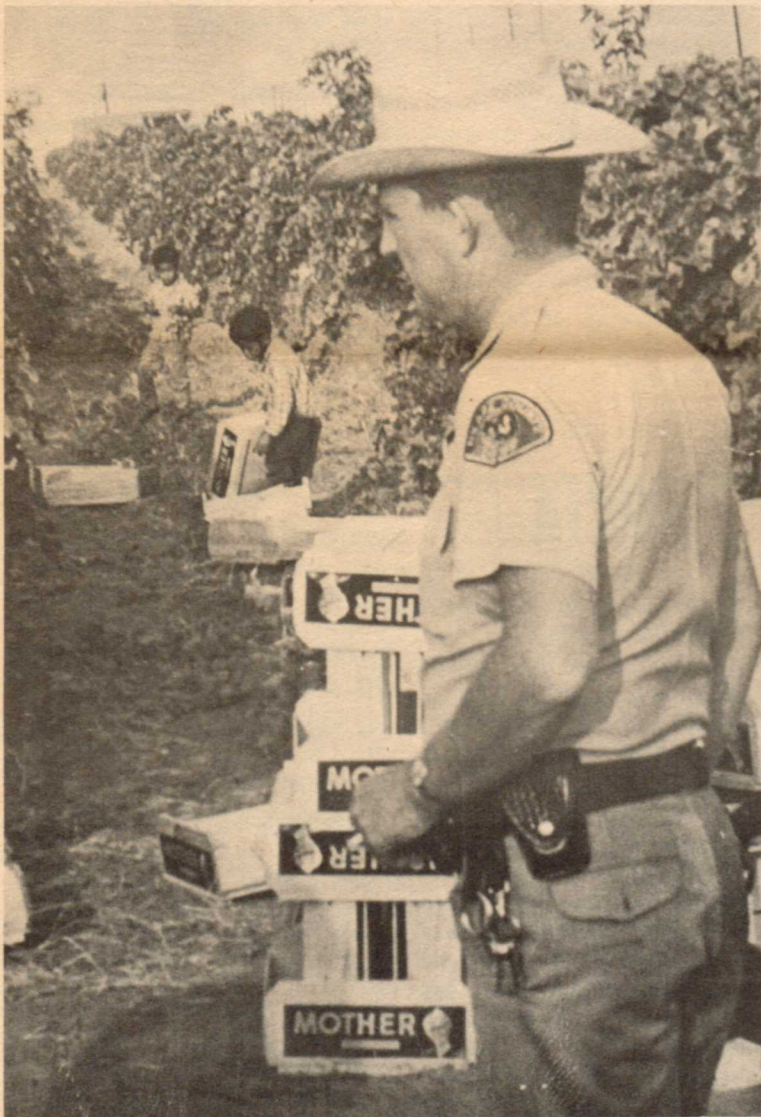
Personally, it's not just the songs that attract me; it's the way they play and sing the songs. They have developed their own unique style.

Another thing I like about their songs is that when I sit and listen to them, I usually understand the meaning. One song, for example, is Commotion. The song is self-explanatory. It's about some trouble in Berkeley last year and all the hassles involved in it.

What grabs me in their style is the way they work to get everything in the songs to blend together just right.

The name Creedence Clearwater Revival, as explained by John Fogerty, was put together out of thoughts running through his head when the group was starting to put their "swamp rock" thing. Creedence was something to believe in; Clearwater referred both to the band's interest in the anti-pollution, Earth People's movement and to the symbolic regenerative qualities of clear water (something deep, calm and pure); Revival referred both to the band's revival and to the dawn of the new age that bands like Creedence Clearwater Revival represent.

meeting: Vice President, Peter Akehurst; Corresponding Secretary, Barry Zwicker; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Craig Dowler; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Haliburton; Members at Large, Mrs. Fran Chadwick, Mr. John Barber, Mr. Paul Barnard, Mr. Peter Barrie, Mr. Jerome Carver, Mr. Craig Dowler, Mr. John Goss, Mr. James Lorimer, Mr. Aubrey Mather, Mr. Michael Mather, Mr. D.S. McPhee, Mrs. Eleanor Moore, Mr. Alan Samuel, Mrs. Peggy Simmie and Mrs. Catherine Wolfe.



## History of the Boycott

CESAR CHAVEZ, front row in the top photo, the leader of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, has brought his compadres a long way from the first strike against the grape growers in the vineyards around Delano, Calif., U.S.A. From their strike, an international boycott of California table grapes has been mounted, aimed at breaking the attempt by the growers to break the strike by using non-union labour.

The farm workers' representatives are currently working in Toronto, where they are living in Ward Seven on Boulton St., just south of Queen St. E.

Juanita Brown, a slight but very energetic and attractive young woman in her twenties,

who speaks English and Spanish fluently, acted as interpreter for Manuel Rivera, a close friend of Cesar Chavez and one of the original organizers, when they visited the SEVEN NEWS office last Friday.

Manuel, 58, the father of eight children, speaks very little English, but his personal fervor for "La Causa", which he says will not benefit him, but his children and grandchildren, because he is too old, reaches beyond the language barrier. A person understands what Manuel is trying to communicate by listening to the quiet, swelling tone of his voice and by watching the subdued intensity in his shining eyes. He's gone through a lot during the strike - he was run over by a truck (deliberately)

during one session on a picket line, but he is not bitter. He believes in the cause championed by himself and by Cesar Chavez, and he believes that the farm workers will win.

Juanita is, like Manuel, a person who overwhelms other people with the kind of wisdom that only dedication can ignite. The wisdom is not from books or from teachers, but from bitter experience. From the harsh experiences of the past, from the disappointments and from these people's native longing for freedom and human dignity, they have learned that there is no position, no amount of money, no prize, no baubles or trinkets that the powers that be can offer that can substitute for the thing that is required for these little gifts: the human soul.

In the lower picture, a county policeman watches over two young Mexican-American children working in a vineyard as part of the force employed by the

growers to break the strike - even though state and federal laws in the United States do not permit the use of labor of children under 16 years of age! Manuel and Juanita said that this picture serves, in their minds, to illustrate one of the harshest facts of all that they have had to face: that the law too often is meant to protect only the rich, not the poor.

Juanita and Manuel, and the other organizers of the Toronto California grape boycott effort in Toronto, expressed special empathy with the people in Ward Seven, which contains more of Toronto's poor and pushed-around people than any other section of the city. Manuel says that the fight being waged in California is not intended to be a local affair, but one that will spread "around the world", in which all men will stand up for their right to live a life of dignity and honour.

### Poets Alive

The way it is.

- Derelicts living rent free
- In wornout buildings
- Haunted by ghosts
- Poured from bottles
- And rats
- And cats
- Wandering through windows
- Shattered by rocks.
- Outerwalls scruffy
- Pockmark postered
- Protest Viet Nam
- Used clothing
- Demand abortion
- Womens liberation front
- And rear
- Exit
- Holy cow
- Chairman Mao
- Vote John Sewell
- Loves
- Mary.
- Wreckers hammer
- Poised
- To strike
- For urban renewal
- And fracture
- Disturbing dreams.

by Norman Craven

### Doran Don Vale president

At a general meeting held June 3rd, Michael Doran was elected new president of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Doran mentioned that there were three different groups representing the residents of Don Vale but they all have a common objective. "They all live here," said Mr. Doran. "They all want to remain in Don Vale, and they all want to make it a better place to live."

Mr. Doran hoped that representatives of the three groups could get together and agree on a common basis of understanding. He felt that the groups in the area should not be fighting amongst themselves - even though they should remain independent.

Following are the other officers elected at the general