

Neighbourhood renewal is a success in South Riverdale

"Neighbourhood Renewal" is a local success story operated by local people. The group maintains an office at 1011 Queen St. E. and are funded in part by a Local Initiatives (LIP) grant and aid from "Project 500", a provincial government programme.

On their staff of 14 are two architects, eight skilled workmen and administrative and citizen contact persons.

The main objective of "Neighbourhood Renewal" is to upgrade, renovate and repair homes in south-east Ward Seven and south-west Ward Eight, from Dundas south to the lakeshore

keeping east of the CNR tracks and west of Pape.

The clients are referred to Neighbourhood Renewal by City of Toronto building inspectors who work in the area. Clients are usually pensioners, heads of one-parent families, and other low-income people.

"Neighbourhood Renewal" has

enough work on hand to keep fully employed until May 31st when their LIP funds run out. Obviously there is a very pressing need for programmes of this type and lack of adequate funding is a major problem.

Other programmes include:

- a monthly information sheet giving easy to understand

household hints usually listing various alternatives with costs and easy to understand line drawings.

- a local "for Rent" registry for anyone with a house, flat, or room for rent. Phone 461-6936 and ask for Terri. The listing will be advertised free each week in one of the daily papers.

- a counselling service to explain

the "how-to-do-it" process to people willing to do their own repairs. Along with this goes help in getting building permits.

- the collection of facts on private and commercial development within the area and exploration of experimental programmes of government-financed mortgages for people on low incomes.

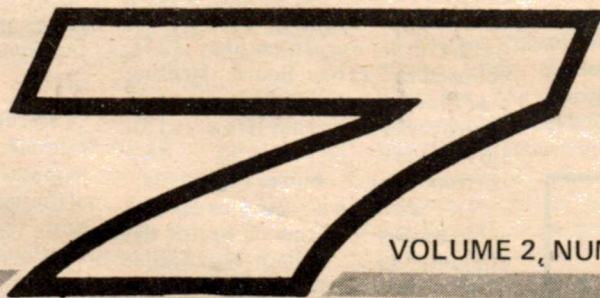
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The newly elected executive for the Regent Park Community Improvement Association. From L to R. — Eugene Demers, Treasurer; Neil Tanner, President; Betty Strand, Recording Secretary; Dave Martin, 2nd Vice-President; and John Sanlon, 1st Vice-President.

Record turnout elect new Regent executive

Youth and age combined to upset the more established active elements in the Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RPCIA) elections held last week.

Elected President of the Association for the coming year was Neil Tanner with 193 votes. Mr. Tanner defeated Bud McCormick who received 117 votes and Dick Boyd with 89 for the post.

For First Vice-President, John Sanlon was the winner with 214 votes over Janet Ross who polled 175 votes.

Dave Martin, aged 19, was the upset winner for the post of Second Vice-President. He polled 241

votes, defeating Vic Patterson who got 138.

For Recording Secretary, Betty Strand was elected with 218 votes over her rival Fred Sheridan who polled 145 votes.

Treasurer Eugene Demers was elected by acclamation.

Close to 400 people participated in the election by voting at the one polling booth open at Regent Park United Church. Good weather was attributed for the good turnout as against last year when only 300-odd voted in the elections.

The new RPCIA executive will represent a housing complex of 2,100 units with a population of over 6,000.

Report on Dundas widening delayed by Metro officials

by KARL JAFFARY
Ward Seven Alderman

A lot of interest is starting to be shown in the future of Dundas Street. We know that the people in Regent Park and the people south of Carlton don't want Dundas widened.

The problem is that Dundas is a Metro Road. That means that Sam Cass, (the man who brought you Spadina) is the man in charge of the future of Dundas Street. We can't seem to find out what he is doing.

Cass wants a 53-foot widening of Dundas Street between Yonge and Bay streets. That means that in that short block, Dundas will be 120 feet and seven lanes wide!

Can anyone believe that we are going to get a seven lane road only one block long?

Last June 29th there were several references to Dundas Street at Metro Council. Mr. Cass reported that Dundas Street was originally 66 feet wide, that on the basis of Planning Engineering Studies it should be 86 feet, but that Mr. Cass thought he ought to save a right of way 100 feet wide. Therefore at the corner of Dundas and Broadview, Metro owns a 100 foot wide right of way.

The subject of the widening between Yonge and Bay came up the same day. Frankly I was terrified that we were in fact building the Cross-town Expressway and were calling it Dundas Street!

I therefore persuaded Metro Council to pass the following motion:

"That the Commissioner of Roads and Traffic (Cass) and the Commissioner of Planning (Wronski) be requested to report to council this year, through the Transportation Committee, on the present and future plans for Dundas Street within the City of Toronto."

The motion was passed on June 29, 1971.

Cass and Wronski did not report in the year 1971. They have not reported yet.

I am attempting to make them report, but they don't seem to feel they ought to do what council tells them, so I suppose I won't get anywhere.

Perhaps we need to get a majority of politicians who think bureaucrats should do as they are told by the council they work for. In the meantime, I have asked Cass and Wronski for a formal report to Metro Council on April 4th as to the reason for the delay.

Don Vale demands Meridian halt demolition

by BARRIE ZWICKER

Seeking an immediate halt to demolition of houses in South of St. Jamestown was adopted as policy by a general meeting of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents last week.

By a 54-1 vote, residents instructed the Association executive to prepare a letter demanding the halt. Copies of the letter will be sent to Toronto City Council's executive committee and to Meridian Developments Ltd. Meridian is tearing down the houses as quickly as possible even though,

according to Alderman John Sewell who attended Tuesday night's meeting, Meridian will not be able to get South of St. Jamestown rezoned for "development" before the end of this year.

The letter will be circulated as much as possible in Don Vale for about a week to gather signatures before being forwarded to the city and Meridian.

The meeting agreed that a delegation of Don Vale residents appear in the next city council executive meeting to back the letter.

More than 100 residents attended the 2½-hour meeting in

the gymnasium of the Don Vale Community Centre but the crowd had thinned out by the time the vote was taken at the end of the meeting.

A film, "Where We Live," showing alternatives to high-rise development, was shown.

John Barber, who moved the policy, said his reasoning was simply that neighbourhoods should not be demolished until replacement plans were ready for implementation. Representatives of South of St. Jamestown tenants said the houses must remain occupied in order to prevent demolition.

Parents become more involved in local schools

by SHARON DALE

Winchester School

At a meeting attended by approximately 80 parents and 10 students at Winchester School Monday, March 13, 1972, a decision was reached to open facilities of the school as drop-ins for parents and students.

The principal, Mr. Al Price, suggested that, beginning April 1, the staff room and the library be open Wednesday evenings after supper for parents. In addition, he agreed that the portable could be opened as a drop-in centre for interested students Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. under the supervision of local adults unrelated to the students.

This meeting followed a series of meetings during which a committee of

parents and local people and teachers sought a solution to the use of solvents by students at the school.

It was felt that glue sniffing and other related drug uses were a reflection of general needs in the community, a major one being after school programs serving Winchester students.

The students present at the meeting felt strongly that what is needed now is an informal place for students to meet, talk, and share experiences.

The following day there was to be a student meeting to discuss further plans. The principal agreed to inform all classes but since all were not informed only a few students showed up at the meeting Wednesday afternoon. These few decided to go ahead with the plans.

The next day, Thursday, when the decision of the group was presented to the principal, he said that he had talked earlier to some students who said they were not interested and so he had changed his mind about the drop-in.

The group of students and several adults will continue to try to establish the drop-in at the school.

Sprucecourt School

The principal of Sprucecourt School, Mr. R.H. McCall, opened the discussion part of a parents meeting there Wednesday, March 15, 1972, with the suggestion that parents consider to what degree they would like to participate in the decision-making process in the school.

The 50-60 parents responded strongly in favour of having a much greater voice in

determining such school policies as the type of report card sent home, the passing or failing of their children, the placement of children in certain classes (e.g. rigid or informal classes), and the matter of discipline in the schools.

No formula was conceived at the meeting for dealing with increased parental involvement despite loud cries of impatience from several parents.

When one parent suggested that a parent-chairman be appointed for the next meeting, the principal deferred such a move and said it should be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for April 13. At this meeting parents and teachers hopefully will exchange ideas and opinions on promotions and placement for next fall.

Youth project moves to new home

by JOHN GOYEAU

The weatherbeaten, silver trailer that houses the Riverdale Youth Project will leave the corner of Dundas and Broadview this spring. After 30 months of community service and study, Harry McKay, project co-ordinator, will move April 1st into offices at the Woodgreen Community Centre on Queen St. to begin the final phase of the Riverdale Youth Project (RYP).

Interviewers will attempt to visit the 313 area students first contacted by the RYP during the summer of 1968. They will try to measure the effect of the Project in encouraging young people to

continue their education and find better employment.

Whatever results interviewers find this summer, the RYP trailer will leave behind more than four holes in a vacant lot and a well-worn path across the grass. The RYP has maintained a wide variety of useful programmes since 1968 and laid the groundwork for others to continue when the familiar, silver trailer is long gone.

POSITIVE RESULTS

The students interviewed in 1968 were divided into an action group and a study group for comparison purposes. More than 85 per cent of the action group became involved in programmes

outside regular school activities during the project while only 25 per cent of the comparison group had any non-school community involvement.

Project members kept records on the involvement of youth in the action group to see which of the many programmes of the RYP were most useful. At the end of 1971 the following results had been recorded: trips (47 students), sports activities (36), school tutoring (31), student employment (26), summer employment (25), school community council work (20), part-time employment (21), counselling (16), Board Meeting participation (15), Canada Manpower counselling (13), full-time jobs (9), and correspondence courses (2).

In addition to organized programmes four out of five of the students have visited the trailer drop-in centre, equipped with a pop cooler, TV, records, games, a telephone and floor cushions. The trailer has been open weekdays, afternoons and evenings, with Friday night designated as "Girl's Night".

Researchers connected with the Project hope that this busy schedule of involvement has been a positive factor in encouraging



young people to continue schooling and find employment.

FUTURE PLANS

Recently the RYP has been encouraging meetings of local parents and young people in a planning group to establish spring and summer programmes to continue after the trailer has gone.

The community planning group intends to hold block meetings in the south Riverdale area during April and a Community Conference on School Completion and Future Plans in May.

During 1972 the RYP has been assisting local youths in applications for summer jobs under the Opportunities for Youth Programme of the federal

government. Young people in the Project are now preparing an application for about \$35,000 to hire 11 people on three separate grants for seven summer programmes.

Although the application is still in the planning stage it will include:

- *an elementary school tutoring programme
- *solicitation for bursary fund for Riverdale area students
- *a drop-in centre for school drop-outs
- *an all-night "crash-pad" for transients to be called Youth House
- *preparation of a film on school drop-outs in the area and how the RYP has worked on the problem (RYP did a film last summer as well)

*planning the groundwork for "RYP II", a continuation of the work done by the original Riverdale Youth Project

*exchange programmes with students of similar backgrounds across Canada through the federal government Department of Secretary of State.

The RYP is now looking for parents and young people who want to participate in future programmes. It will continue to counsel on applications for summer jobs under the Opportunities for Youth Programme. Harry McKay, project co-ordinator, can be contacted at the trailer at 465-8106.

In 1968 staff members of the Riverdale Youth Project estimated that 70 per cent of Riverdale children and children who had moved from Riverdale to Scarborough were school drop-outs. Their unemployment rate was 42 per cent.

It seemed at that time that young people active in community organizations were most likely to move up to better paying jobs.

This spring the RYP will find out if their thinking has been proven true. If it has, several hundred Riverdale area young people will have benefitted more than they realize through RYP participation.

Free tutoring

ACADEMIC

Dixon Hall now sponsors a tutoring programme to meet individual needs in various programmes of study. Tutoring sessions are held each Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and students from all educational levels are welcomed.

Avoid end-of-term cramming and come to the tutoring session this Thursday, and every Thursday night, at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street.

ARTISTIC

A free, private tutoring service has been set up through a LIP grant for teens in Ward Seven. Under the service, 3 hours of tutoring will be given to acceptable applicants each week until June.

The tutoring service is available to teens aged 13 to 20, who have a strong interest in any of the following: sculpture, painting, crafts, music (guitar, flute, etc.).

Any teens interested in this service are asked to call Caroline Souter at 924-5813 for more information.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Muddle in the mind" - Oak-Cornwall Council chairman

Dear Sir:

The only muddle at Oak Street and Cornwall is in the minds of some of the people who attend our meetings from other areas of the Community outside Regent Park. Their minds are really not muddled at all; they know what they want - a high school. The Toronto Board of Education has already passed a K-8 school.

This decision was made on a random survey done in July and August 1971 in the immediate area which would be affected by the Oak Street School. On this survey 51 people were for a K-8 school out of 66 surveys. At present tenants of Regent Park are continuing this survey. Every survey completed at this time supports the K-8 school decision.

The reasons for this being 21 Portable in the surrounding schools and most parents feel that their children prefer to stay in the one school. This is not a new idea, other new schools to be built have reverted back to K-8, e.g. Balmy Beach.

Poor attendance - Yes - but where in this community is attendance any better - Trefann Court? - No. Trefann started out with 5 mothers now only 3 participate - why? Are the people of Regent Park going to let Trefann Court make their decisions for them - We think not! We hope not!

Principal - Yes - We need a Principal if this is going to be a "COMMUNITY" School. The future principal should be in on the decisions of the new school and meet the parents and know what the concerns the parents have around education.

Experimental - Absolutely No!! - ridiculous - What parent in their right mind would be part of building this type of school. Three "R's", definitely, Mrs. Dixon one of the Trefann Mothers has forgot the fourth "R" which is Respect which entails discipline also respect and confidence in other peoples decisions in what they are trying to do to the best of their abilities and knowledge even if they are few. The Board of Education has extended this invitation to the parents of the Community to be involved from the ground up.

THAT IS A LIE

"Nobody knows" - That is a lie - "Nobody is interested" - That is a lie - I am a Parent and my children will be going to the Oak School. My name is Janet Ross. I am a member of the Park School Community Council and am the Parent who read the "brief" from the Park Council at the Board of Education and I think that says something about my concerns around Education.

This is the first time a Citizen Committee

has been formed and it is trying very hard to get the school built as quickly as possible with the help of the Task Force which have an extremely long agenda to accomplish and "Oak Street School" being only one of many schools they cover. The committee has been functioning for approx. 6 or 7 months and we would like to try to aim for Sept. '73 as the opening date. We want to build the best school possible, this is not done in a day.

The Local Initiatives Programme is a separate group from the Citizen Committee although some of the same people are on both. They are running a Drop-In Centre for all age groups on the Oak Street site as well as Drama Classes, Arts & Crafts, Dancing, Model Club, Games, Pre-School Program, Trips etc. The one thing that the LIP allows the parents to do is finish the survey and put out a Newsletter from Oak Street.

I would like to know why Trefann or anyone is critical of this for the attacking Trefann Mothers are being paid by a LIP Grant from the Community Workshop. Maybe one of their jobs is to destroy the Oak Street School proposal in order to take over and plan for a High School.

Trefann Court Mothers are supposed to be on the Oak Street Citizens Council and Planning Committee. I would like to know how they can work for a committee and

against it at the same time. Trefann Court Mothers were invited to participate in the committee at this time and I would like to know what they are doing for this committee in the way of concrete help.

PROVE INSINUATIONS

As for the Agenda - I am the "Chairman" of the "Oak Street Citizens Council" and I make up the Agenda with the assistance of the Secretary and other members. Can anyone prove any different, because they had better be able to prove what they are insinuating. We have agenda meetings every Wednesday morning. We do co-operate with the Task Force as they are our Liaisons with the Board of Education for necessary information. The school boundaries are not going to expand but will get smaller.

The Citizen Meetings are not cut-back because of poor attendance in fact are not cut-back at all neither is the planning. Anyone interested in the true facts please come out to the meetings or drop in anytime at 203 Oak Street, you are welcome. The only people confused at this time as far as I can see is Valerie Ross and the Trefann Court Mothers. Regent Park Tenants can speak for themselves.

Janet Ross
Regent Park.

"We don't need another community paper in Ward 7"

Dear Sir:

I am writing this to express my concern over rumours that the Ward 7 Businessmen's Association is considering the formation of a "community" newspaper of their own. I hope that the members of that Association will, in their wisdom, reconsider the situation as it related to the Seven News, the existing community newspaper, and then cancel any plans that they may have made about their own newspaper.

I have had close contact with Seven News since it was organized two years ago. During this time I have watched individuals of many different points of view work hard to produce Seven News. They have certainly had many obstacles to overcome, given the very concept of a volunteer-produced, non-profit, community-oriented newspaper.

Of all the obstacles however, two have persisted: economic instability, and the fear the Seven News has a partisan bias. Both these obstacles affect each other.

A community newspaper which is distributed free must rely heavily on advertising revenues. In turn a community newspaper must expect

and actively cultivate an effective response from the businessmen within its community in order that the advertising content will be relevant to the community.

I know that the collective group of people that have put out Seven News over the past two years have tried desperately to get the support of local businessmen. I have seen these attempts fail. By and large they have failed through misunderstandings related to the editorial policy of Seven News.

Some local businessmen have listened to rumours that Seven News is communist, or at best, leftist inspired. Others have listened to the point of view that nothing gets published unless it is attacking establishment values, etc. From my understanding of the Seven News situation neither of these statements is true.

NOT COMMUNIST

Having attended a number of Seven News organizational, editorial and general meetings, as well as knowing many of the people who have been involved in Seven News, I can only conclude,

categorically, that Seven News is NOT Communist or Leftist in intent. I also know that Seven News will publish any community news providing: (a) that someone writes it up and submits it before deadline, (b) that enough money is on hand to put out a paper large enough to include all submitted material, (c) that if money is not available, items of second or third priority (editor's decision) must be dropped.

Unfortunately, those who most loudly protest that Seven News will not print their points of view are those who have never submitted their point for publication; or if they did, may have had the unfortunate experience (because of lack of money) of not seeing it printed.

Seven News seems to be in an endless circle. More advertising revenue equals better content/ Better content equals more advertising revenue.

I do believe that this circle can be broken, but not by the production of another "community" newspaper. Both the

local businessmen and Seven News will have to bend a little. The businessmen will have to submerge their political fears and the Seven News may have to be prepared to drop the occasional "hot story" in order that the less spectacular community stories can be reported.

CALL GENERAL MEETING

I realize that this letter has been somewhat disjointed, but the issue is quite complex. In order that the situation might be resolved, and the

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Seven News as a community newspaper be strengthened, I would like to suggest that a general meeting of Seven News be held in the near future, with the widest possible representation from the Ward Seven community.

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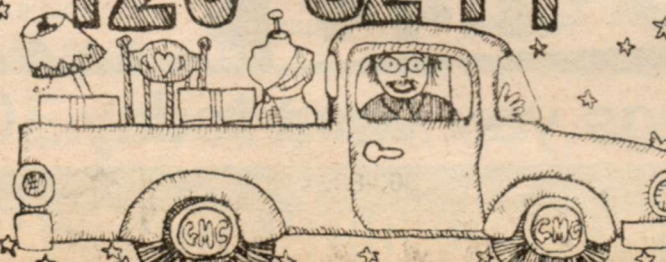
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Sports Roundup

by JOE GANNY

REGENT TAKES 5 out of 7 Boxing Titles

On March 14th, at McCormick Recreation Centre, the Regent Park entries showed their ability by reaching the semi-finals and then went on to the championships. It was a great night for Clyde Gray and Sam Careanna, the two boxing instructors at Regent Park North gym who train the Regent boys at 600 Dundas St. East.

Clyde Gray, the Canadian welter weight champ of Canada stated he had never seen such determination from the kids and parents at the fights; even if they lost, the losers were cheered and congratulated.

Little Dwayne Lees won his fight in the 45 lbs. class, in the 50 lbs. class it was Richard Kingsley, in the 80 lb. class the winner was Randy Garrison and Jeff Lees was the heavy-weight winner with a T.K.O.

The Parks and Recreation department of Toronto will be holding a boxing tournament sometime in April for novice

boys only. This means that the boys who were declared champions in the above event will not be able to enter.

Now that the ice rinks are closed, the Regent Park Centre will be forming ball hockey teams for all ages. Anyone interested call at the gym at 415 Gerrard and sign up. There is no charge.

BOWLING AT ST. CYRIL'S HALL

Both Geo Brown and John Shyppit of the St. Paul's League are to be congratulated on bowling that once-in-a-lifetime perfect game of 450. And thanks to Jim Evens for the information.

FUTURE SPORTS AT REGENT PARK

With the arrival of spring, ball gloves are getting a work-out in the area. The Regent Park Recreation Centre is forming the following sport activities: ladies and girls softball, men's and boys softball, volleyball teams, punch ball teams, track and field events, hardball teams, tiny tyke clubs, square dancing, roller skating and many other events.

Anyone with suggestions for other sport activities is asked to give me a call at 363-2955.

CRUNCH finds jobs for local youth

For the past four and a half months Bob Katz and Mark McGuire have been operating CRUNCH from the basement of the Don Vale Community Centre.

CRUNCH is an employment service for young people living in the Don District. They handle almost any type of jobs from temporary to permanent, unskilled to highly skilled or anywhere in between. In addition CRUNCH has been loaning money to local youths who want to start their own community businesses.

"We have done fairly well in terms of getting people jobs" said Mark "but we are far from perfect and we still have a number of people for whom we have not yet been able to find jobs."

Both Mark and Bob are also interested in finding community businesses to fund and in helping them to get started. Last week they called together six young men who had been having trouble in finding a job and held a meeting to discuss the possibilities of them starting their own business in dry wall applying and insulating. Although none of

them had any experience, an experienced man agreed to train them on the job. Three days later they had arranged their first contract.

"A week ago these guys were looking for any job they could find above the minimum wage" said Mark. "Today they are running a business and learning a trade at the same time. They are not looking for jobs that don't exist. They are making their own jobs."

"For a while we were a bit worried that we were not really responsible to the Don District community" said Bob. "But I think this problem is just about solved. For the past month we have been putting together an advisory committee made up of local people who are well respected in the community."

We have talked to many groups and they have given us names of people who are well respected and willing to assist us in setting up a board which will plan all CRUNCH policy. This way we hope to keep giving out loans for many years to come."

News Briefs

GENERAL MEETING OF DON VALE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE Thursday, April 6th, 8 p.m., 80 Winchester.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION OF MOSS PARK hold Euchre on Thursday nights, Cribbage & Rummy on Monday afternoon, Bingo on Monday night and Art classes on Tuesday night. All events in the Penthouse at 285 Shuter.

WARD SEVEN NDP MEETING at St. Luke United Church Wednesday, April 5 at 8 p.m. Alderman Karl Jaffary will attend. Topic is "Role of NDP in Ward Seven elections."

MOSS PARK ELECTIONS

Moss Park Apartments Community Association elections were held this month. Elected were: Saul Fagan, president; Bettyann Roth, vice-president; Bernadette de la Riviere, recording secretary; Korayn MacDonald, correspondence secretary; and Madeline Devlin, treasurer.

Five of six representatives (two for each building) were elected and one vacancy remains as building rep for 275 Shuter. Tenants interested in volunteering for this position or finding out more about the Association should phone members of the executive.

POOR PEOPLE'S BANQUET

Gateway School, a free school serving the lower east end of Ward Seven, will hold a fund raising poor people's banquet on April 14th.

Unlike the \$50 a plate Trudeau dinner and the \$100 Stanfield banquet, both held in the plush carpeted facilities of the Royal York Hotel, the poor people's banquet will use the same church basement which housed the poor people's conference in January - the basement of the Queen Street East Presbyterian Church at Queen and Carlaw.

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Marie McCormick

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Suddenly everyone in Canada seems to be hopping on the bandwagon - talking wine, drinking, even thinking wine! Relaxed Wine and Cheese parties have taken over the popularity that stuffy cocktail receptions once enjoyed. And, often as not, when you're invited to dinner these days, the hostess will serve a wine fondue as the main course.

The reasons behind this current wave of "bacchanalia" are legion. Increasing numbers of footloose Canadians, in search of adventure, have discovered the pleasures of a "little local wine" on trips abroad. New Canadians have taught us how to enjoy a glass or two of chilled wine with friends and at the dinner table. As a result, more and more "homegrown" Canadians are beginning to purchase increasing amounts of Canadian wines for enjoyment at home and also to order our Ontario wines when dining out.

Perhaps you too are just now discovering this fascinating phenomenon, so aptly described as, the "wonderful world" of wines. In the beginning, at least, you'll probably find you prefer the medium sweet and medium dry table varieties to the very dry types of wine.

Jim Carson, the manager of Jordan Wines' retail store on Parliament Street suggests you take home one of their Jordan Party Packs to help you discover which table wines are really "yours". This nifty little package comprises five half-bottles selected for your enjoyment from among Jordan's most popular brands coast to coast in Canada. For example, there's Crackling Rose (this country's top selling brand) and Crackling Perle Blanche (a light-hearted, bubbly white wine, ideal to serve at any time). The Party Pack also includes medium sweet Sauternes and extra dry Claret - as well as that taste sensation, Crackling Cold Duck. And the cost - a mere five dollars even at all of Jordan Wines' nine retail stores.

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SPEAKING OUT!

Photos by BILL RENO

Q.: What do you think of development in this area?



We need more stores around here for English-speaking people.
— Mrs. R. STEVENSON
Dearbourne Ave.

I'm not a boozier, but it's a good place to put a hotel for people who would like a drink.
— GEORGE MacKAY
O'Connor Drive



I don't think enough is being done to stop overcrowding.
— MARGARET GLENNY
Eastmount Ave.

I like apartments physically. It gives me a chuckle to look at them.
— ALAN RYAN
Wolfrey Ave.



Title Search

Title searches on property, corporate research, information on developers and land assemblies and zoning changes are all part of the services being offered by the Downtown Action Project located at 298D Gerrard East.

These and other services are being offered free to tenant groups, homeowners and interested individuals. Their phone number is 924-8887.

Store front law office planned

A community council is being set up in the south Don District. Each of the members on the council will represent a community group in the area.

The community council, is being created to set policy for and control a community store-front law office which is being planned for the Don District.

Five public meetings have been held in the district over the last few months with the organizers of the storefront office and at the last meeting, an interim committee was set up to create a community council.

Preliminary estimates of the money required to set up the law office is \$42,000 a year. This would pay for the rent of the office, telephones, research costs, and the salary of one full-time lawyer.

Besides the lawyer, the law office would also utilize a number of law students as well as para-legal volunteers from the community.

Present plans call for obtaining an Opportunities for Youth grant on an interim basis to test out the feasibility of the storefront law office idea. If this money is forthcoming and the concept proves itself, additional money would be sought from governments, corporations, industry and foundations.

SURVIVAL!

by DON WEITZ

("The whole tooth and nothing but . . .")

The Star Forum on Dental Care held Tuesday night, March 14 at the St. Lawrence Centre Town Hall was another exercise in futile orality — lots of talk, no action. Despite a 3/4 capacity crowd of around 300 people, the four dentist panelists led by Dr. Wesley Dunn (the suave, smooth talking but wordy Dean of Dentistry at the University of Waterloo) who has an oral problem keeping his mouth shut, tried to dominate the show but all failed in their bid for stardom.

Star Moderator Fred Hotsun gave each of the 7 panelists 5 minutes spiel time, then a 20-minute film strip was shown, aggressively titled "The War Against Plaque". This was an insultingly infantile propaganda piece (inspired and sponsored by the Ontario Dental Association) which told us that by dutifully and regularly brushing our teeth (preferably at a "45 degree angle") we can prevent the bacteria shit ("plaque") from collecting and hardening between the gum and tooth. Of course, the film's real message was hidden; that was that it's always the patient's fault, never the dentist's, for allowing our teeth to rot.

So, the audience was successfully muzzled for about 1 hour before they were permitted to respond to this impressive display of dental bullshit (to be fair, not all of it was — only 95%). The star-studded professional lineup consisted of: Drs. Bruce Hord and Roger Ellis from U. of T., Dr. F. Cappa, Editor of the ODA Journal, Dr. Dunn, Health Minister Richard Potter, Mrs. Norma Litwiller, and Mr. Morden Lazarus, the outspoken Public Relations Director of the Ontario Federation of Labor. The last three panelists appeared more direct, more open and down-to-earth and so more in touch with the audience — predominantly middle-class professionals with, unfortunately, a sprinkling of low income, righteously indignant people.

DOUBLETALK

Nevertheless, some useful dental information came out of the professional double-talk. For example, we learned that **50-60% of all the people in Ontario are still not getting adequate dental care!** But having said this, no one bothered to ask why, even though it's a well known fact that there is still a severe and chronic shortage of dentists and dental schools in Ontario.

Norma Litwiller, an active member of the RCO was the only panelist who spoke out of her own personal and family experiences. Righteously but calmly, she attacked the high dental costs she and her husband were forced to pay (\$200 in one year while he was going to college and earning only \$75 a week) and the apparent incompetence of at least one dentist. Norma explained she took her 12 yr. old daughter to see two dentists; one detected 5 cavities, the other miraculously discovered 23!

She then offered constructive recommendations like providing more dental health education in the schools and on TV (extract the pop commercials), getting more dentists and put more emphasis on "preventive dentistry". Dr. Potter added his bit by asserting he's going to crack down on dentists who charge high fees for dentures or generally gouge the public. And Dr. Cappa teased the audience by refusing to give out the names of some dentists in London who charge "under \$200" for a full set of dentures.

Begin with kids

Mrs. Edna Dixon and Mrs. Noreen Gaudette from Trefann Court both favored denticare providing the cost is not too high, but how high is high? Anyway, Dr. Potter and the dentists favor a go-slow, year-by-year "incremental" dental insurance scheme starting with full coverage for kids up to 3; then they plan to add one year at a time. But why stop at 3, why not go all the way?

Some provinces, like New Brunswick, have begun giving full coverage for kids up to 12. Well, at the slow Ontario rate, it'll probably be at least 50 years before most of us get the "universal, comprehensive and portable" health coverage which Morden Lazarus believes we have a right to demand NOW.

Morden Lazarus made a lot of sense in strongly advocating more community health centres which should include dental care. He also called for an immediate halt to the ODA-instigated raids on the Denturists' dental labs (where they make the false teeth and other specialized fittings) and supported the Denturists' continuing fight for legal recognition and status, training and licensing in Ontario (Alberta, Manitoba and B.C. are the only provinces which have legally recognized the Denturists).

Overcharging

There was a lot of heated discussion between the dentist-dominated panel and some Denturists' clients in the audience over the high fees (average \$260 in Ontario dentists charge and get for false teeth.) (Denturists usually charge \$125-\$150 for a full set of dentures, they usually fit.) As expected, the dentists tried to stifle this lively debate but failed. Anyway, I find it significant that no Denturist was on the panel; later, I heard from reliable sources that the dentists would refuse to participate on the panel if the Denturists were permitted to sit.

I wish I knew the name of the old pensioner who, after pacing up and down the aisles, finally mustered up the courage to ask the dentists just why he was forced to pay "\$400-500" for a set of dentures. He never got a straight or satisfactory answer from the panel; he was visibly frustrated and angry and resumed his pacing.

CORRECTION: Re. Mr. Norman's question about detox units in Ward 7 in the last issue, I found out I was dead wrong in stating that Street Haven, a refuge for women, has an 8-bed detox unit. My apologies to Mr. Norman. Instead, I discovered that Street Haven used to have this detox unit, but for only 3 months, May-August last year. The Addiction Research Foundation, which gave them a grant, requested Street Haven to close down the unit to "Assess" its clinical results. So, you women with serious drinking problems still have no place to go to dry out, rest and get the proper medical care you need in the Don or Ward 7. But the men have the luxury of occupying 22 beds — for roughly 70,000 people in all of Ward 7. Isn't that great?

Next issue: Drug costs, Druggists and Detox units
Let's hear your views and criticisms on this column and health problems; write to:

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