

St. James Town tenants still waiting for promised cable hook-up

by MAGGIE SIGGINS

The 10,000 tenants of the St. James Town high rise complex have waited for three years for Meridian Group to install cable television. Residents have become quite angry because they claim the development company has been dragging its feet on the issue.

A statement released last month by the management indicated tenants would soon

have access to the many channels a cable system offers.

However, no further announcement has been forthcoming.

Meridian says they are studying two systems... Cable and MATV. They say both are acceptable from a technical point of view and the determining factor will be the cost because, as management points out, this would eventually affect rents.

J. Bain, district manager for the private

section, and J. Davis district manager for OHC in St. James Town, said last month that the company was "very close" to making a decision.

R.J. Jones, a resident in the "Winnipeg Building" says he knows of several people who have moved out of the complex because of the lack of cable television as well as the slowness of the elevators. Meridian is experimenting with schemes to improve the elevator service.

Presently St. James Town residents receive Channel 12, an inter-complex only cable station.

This features such programs as three full-length movies each day, a High rise digest which announces all activities which are going on in the complex, a horoscope, exercise program and a popular bingo game.

Tel-Apart Corp. which installed the station, says it hopes many tenants will get involved in programming.

JOIN THE GANG!

The SEVEN NEWS ANNUAL MEETING will be May 10th at 8 p.m. at 80 Winchester St. Agenda includes election of officers and financial report. Anyone living or working in Ward Seven can attend and vote. Next editorial meeting April 19th at 8 p.m. at 80 Winchester... your chance to make comments or submit articles for April 28th edition.



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THEY'RE BIG — Trucks blocking Berkeley Street are 45-foot in length says a local resident who measured one with a roll of string. Her 45 feet of evidence helped

convince Public Works Committee that action was required on the offending dairy plant. (Photos by Dave Todman)

Mrs. DePietro's 45-foot string gets action on dairy plant

by ETHEL PROULX
and JOHN GOYEAU

A piece of string the length of a tractor trailer truck and the determination of Berkeley Street residents like Mrs. DePietro may end longstanding complaints about the Sealtest Dairy plant located south of Dundas Street.

For several years Berkeley Street residents have complained without result about the Sealtest property.

HUGE TRUCKS

Huge milk tanker trucks drive over sidewalks, lawns and fences (see below) to park for hours with engines idling just yards away from local houses. Traffic and parking in the area is continually being disrupted. And there have been steady complaints about general unsightliness and odours.

Mrs. DePietro became outraged last month with an enormous truck that roared outside her window at 255 Berkeley for hours. She took her longest length of twine and went out to measure the exact size of the offending truck.

ARMED WITH STRING

Armed with her 45-foot length of string and the complaints of the neighbourhood, she brought up the issue at the March general meeting of South of Carleton Community Action (SOCCA). Mrs. DePietro's length of string took up the complete length of the meeting room at the Central Neighbourhood House on Ontario Street and convinced SOCCA members that action had to be taken.

As a result of the March meeting SOCCA Streets Committee Chairman Elsie Norton first wrote to City Hall and on March 27th

attended the Public Works Committee meeting with a delegation of local residents.

Confronted by residents' complaints and completely unable to refute the evidence of Mrs. DePietro and her length of string (which she brought with her), Public members suggested that the Works Committee Sealtest property might be purchased by the City.

Members of the SOCCA delegation agreed immediately and suggested that a children's playground on the site could help make up a shortage of parks in the area.

Although the area is zoned as "residential," the Sealtest Plant is allowed to continue its operations as a "legal non-conforming use."

The matter came up again at the Public Works Committee meeting

last Monday, April 10.

This time Mrs. DePietro didn't even have to take the 45-foot length of string out of her purse. The committee agreed to:

- ask the plant manager to schedule truck operations to cut down on traffic
- ask head of office of Dominion Dairy, the owner, to construct a loading area and loading dock
- ask the City Building Department to investigate noise levels at the site
- ask for a report from City officials about making the Milan Street warehouse the main loading area as long as the laneway below Dundas would not become blocked.

(Ethel Proulx is a member of the steering committee of SOCCA. John Goyeau is a SEVEN NEWS staff writer.)

Riverdale gets free overnight parking

by SEVEN NEWS Staff

An experimental by-law approved by the Public Works Committee last Monday could make Riverdale the first area in Toronto where free overnight parking is allowed.

The by-law, proposed at the urging of the parking committee of the Riverdale Community Organization (RCO), would allow 12-hour parking in the area bounded by Coxwell, Eastern, Danforth and the Don River.

Although support from senior levels of government must still be won, it is likely that early morning tire-chalking and parking tickets will end in Riverdale later this year.

Committee members agreed that Riverdale would be a good area for a pilot project on overnight parking because of research available on the area, the willingness of local residents to become involved, and

the acute shortage of parking spaces.

The Public Works Committee also agreed to a series of street-by-street meetings with Ward aldermen, City officials, and local residents to establish parking and traffic plans. The first meeting has been tentatively scheduled for the residents of Empire Street on April 19th, at Woodgreen Centre.

Residents of other streets will be welcome to observe the procedure.

RCO Parking Committee Chairman Harvey Porter submitted a preliminary list of 68 people interested in taking part in parking planning on their streets. He reported to the Public Works Committee that six streets had already held their own meetings on parking problems.

If the 12-hour parking by-law receives approval at all levels of government, City officials will report back after six months on the possibility of setting longer parking periods for other sections of the city.

Sewell and Jaffary begin planning for re-election drive

Incumbent Aldermen John Sewell and Karl Jaffary have officially announced they will run as aldermanic candidates for Ward Seven in the next municipal election.

The announcement was made at a meeting held recently in the Don Vale community centre with people who supported Sewell and Jaffary in the last election.

The meeting was also called to deal with a number of questions that arose automatically from the announcement of their running.

RUN TOGETHER?

Should Sewell and Jaffary run separate election campaigns? Should they run a combined campaign? Should they run a bit of both?

Another important question raised was whether Sewell and Jaffary could consider themselves safely elected in Ward Seven. If there was no problem in getting re-elected, then Sewell, Jaffary and their supporters could spend some time outside the ward helping to elect so-called "reform" candidates in other wards.

GRASS ROOTS

Another idea presented by Mr. Jaffary was to attempt a "grass roots democratic election campaign" in Ward Seven rather than the normal "highly centralized and dictatorial election campaign".

None of these questions, however, were resolved and it was decided to let people think about them for a couple of weeks and then hold another meeting to discuss them more fully.

A St. David's NDP meeting held last week gave Mr. Jaffary their endorsement. The meeting also decided to hold a Ward Seven NDP meeting in the near future to decide whether Mr. Jaffary should be officially re-nominated.

D-Day on Dundas St. Widening April 24th

A "Stop the Dundas Expressway" group, first organized in Ward Seven, is rapidly expanding and organizing right across the city.

The group will surface on April 24th when a petition and a number of briefs and delegations will appear before the Public Works Committee at City Hall.

The briefs and petition will ask the City of Toronto to put pressure on Metro to stop any widening of Dundas Street anywhere along its route.

The group first met late last month at Regent Park United Church when delegates from a dozen citizen associations met to plan strategy and draw up the petition presently being circulated around the city.

The meeting elected a pro-tem co-ordinating committee to keep the movement alive. Named to the committee were: Dick Birch, Tom Clement, Sheila Holmes, Cathy Lambert, Norma Penner and Marg Mays.

At present the committee is contacting an additional 30 groups across Metro to gain additional support. A further organizational and strategy meeting will be held April 19th at 8 p.m. at Metropolitan United Church, 51 Bond Street.

And Sam Cass, Metro Roads Commissioner, still won't tell anyone what he plans to do about widening Dundas Street.



Loretta Newell, her mother, and friend look over items at the St. James Town "free store". (Story at right).

Bartering at the free store

by VALERIE ROSS

Before man invented money he traded what he didn't want but had for what he did want but didn't have. He bartered.

For the last year the same process has been taking place at the Free Store on 375 Bleecker Street. After one full year of operation the Free Store is still small but it has one room on the ground floor of the Ontario Housing Corporation building where people bring clothes, books, and anything else they don't want but think someone else might.

The store is open to anyone, although kids under 16 are usually discouraged from using it as a hang out. Hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Sundays, 2 - 4 p.m.

NEEDS HELP

When the store first began it was hoped that the original volunteer staff would soon be replaced by tenants who would regard the project as a community one. But the store is still pretty well run by one or two people. There is a major problem getting volunteers and people are needed particularly on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Those interested should drop by the Free Store any time and ask for Laurie Newell.

For a time last year the free store suffered from false reports that it was the source of a nasty cockroach problem at the 375 Bleecker building.

When the store really got going during the summer, a lot of dirty clothing was coming in to be exchanged. The Store operators threw out the dirtiest stuff, and tried to clean the rest.

NOT GUILTY

However, at least two cockroaches were spotted in the store, in spite of the efforts of the

operators. Building management blamed the Free Store. When the exterminators paid a visit, they told Dave Ruppell, a worker at the store, that there had been roach scares in the building before the Free Store began. The bugs were probably coming from the basement.

The Free Store, then, was found "Not Guilty."

The management had never been sure that the cleaning of the Free Store fell under its jurisdiction. It was argued that since anyone used the store, not just the building's tenants, the space was more or less public. Management refused to clean it. At last the volunteers who kept the floor washed once a week got fed up. They approached the management again, and now the Free Store is cleaned, for your shopping pleasure, by Meridian.

The Free Store today is basically a clothing and book exchange. A record exchange was part of the project at one time, but more people took records away than brought them in, and the record exchange disappeared. Laurie would like to see it start up again, and remembers that a pattern exchange was a popular part of the store too.

Community law office on Parliament . . .

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

A community oriented law office will be opening shortly in a storefront on Parliament Street.

The office will be operated by two "hip" lawyers, Bernard Kay and Ray Schachter, and their aim is to have their storefront known as a "community legal services depot" for the area.

Bernie Kay has had nine years in practice and states he's "been the whole route" as far as legal experience is concerned. Mr. Kay is interested in "people" law and states he wants to relate to the real needs of the people in the area.

Mr. Schachter has also had considerable experience in legal and social work. He has worked with disturbed children, worked with the Yorkville Trailer and participated in various conferences on penal reform.

Mr. Kay and Mr. Schachter emphasized that their role was to help people to help themselves in the various day to day problems that occur.

In line with recent recommendations of the National Law Reform Commission, Mr. Kay and Mr. Schachter are prepared to take the mystique out of the law profession. They plan to hold legal education seminars in the area on

such topics as: consumer law, criminal law, civil rights, environmental law, criminal law and the landlord-tenant act.

The two lawyers also intend to help groups and individuals prepare letters or briefs to the National Law Reform Commission.

. . . wins first case already

The first "case" of the newly opened storefront law office on Parliament Street wasn't spectacular but showed the need for such a service in the community.

Val Methot, a teen living in Don Vale, was given a bottle of wine by someone along Carlton Street. He took it up on the front porch of 255 Carlton where he proceeded to start drinking it.

A cop car cruising by pulled to a stop and the policeman attempted to arrest the youth and impound his bottle. Irene Lee, on whose property he was drinking, made an attempt to intervene on the grounds that she was a community resource person working with the youth in that area.

When this failed, she ran up the street to the law office and got Ray Schachter down to the scene. Mr. Schachter told the policeman that Mrs. Lee was his client and that he had no grounds for arrest.

After making suitable apologies, the policeman drove off - alone. And, oh, yes; the boy got his bottle of wine back.

Operation Family Rights

Operation Family Rights is asking for a change in the method used by general welfare and family benefit recipients to get prescription drugs.

In a three-page brief, recently presented to the Ontario Health Minister, they propose that each recipient be given a universal drug

identity card and number which upon presentation would be honored by any druggist in the province.

At present, welfare recipients are given a large orange card which is good for a period of one month only and is limited to a certain number of drug stores.

People on Family Benefits must buy their own drugs and submit receipts for them and be reimbursed some months later. Both these methods are awkward and cumbersome and the brief suggests that some better system be used.

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Know your rights course

If you are a recipient of a Government Allowance (Welfare, Family Benefits, or Disability) it is your responsibility to know the laws that govern your life.

Have you ever wondered how your Allowance was arrived at? Are you aware of the added benefits sometimes covered such as special diets, fire and life insurance, moving costs and furniture?

Operation Family Rights is conducting a free training program to help people understand Welfare, Family Benefits, OHC, Unemployment Insurance, etc. and to make them aware of the many community services available to them.

The programs run 1-3 p.m. five days a week. Free babysitters are available.

The sessions are at Eastminster Church, 310 Danforth. For more information: Phone 461-3801 or 461-0666.

Day Nursery at All Saints

Mothers with pre-school children, who live in the south-west corner of the ward are being sought to help form a co-operative day nursery.

Space is available - a gymnasium and play yard - at All Saints Church, Dundas and Sherbourne. But mothers and children are needed to get the nursery going.

Under a co-operative arrangement, mothers would meet and set priorities and programs for the nursery. They would also take turns once or twice a week in helping to watch the children.

Anyone interested in this program is asked to contact Marcy Gibbons at 962-9679 or 924-2543.

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Opportunity classes: - Do they have to be failures?

by SHARON GOODIER DALE

A lot of questions are being asked by parents, teachers, and other interested people in Ward 7 about opportunity classes. It seems that a lot of people's experience of them is negative: that they do not upgrade students, that they often are dead-end roads leading to unemployment later on.

I volunteer every week in an Opportunity Class in Church Street School. This class is so excellent that it puts many regular classes to shame. What it does for the question at hand is show that it IS possible for opportunity classes to be good social, emotional, and educational experiences for students.

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Church Street School has many advantages. It is very small with several special education and health classes having reduced numbers of students. As a result, teachers and principal, Mr. Lloyd Lemont, have more time to develop the necessary

personal relationships and close contact with individual students.

Unlike some schools, Church Street allows its opportunity class much freedom to mix with other children and to participate in school activities. Students from this class DO go on to regular classes when they are sufficiently upgraded.

The class is a junior level one and the youngest child is just over 7. The teacher, Mrs. Lydia Williams, has taught opportunity classes for 10 years. Much of the reason for the success of which I speak in this class, is, as always, due to the excellence of the teacher.

EAGER TO WORK

The atmosphere in this class is one of friendliness and respect - both teacher for students and they for her. I have seen children CHOOSE to work rather than play because they are so eager for what they are doing.

Our school system does not give much training to opportunity class teachers. The

Board of Education offers a six week summer course, but many opportunity class teachers are unprepared for the minutely demanding task of teaching slow learners to read, write and do arithmetic. (The teaching of these basic skills has become an important issue since the Park School Brief indicated that many students in regular classes cannot read well, either.)

EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS

Mrs. Williams has worked out an elaborate program for her students (she has 6-7 this year). She has done this mostly on her own out of her own experience. And her programme WORKS. A child who started in January, unable to learn at his other school, was working almost at a grade 5 level when he left a few weeks ago. The 7-year-old came with very poor muscular coordination and a bad speech problem. He now reads, writes, and does arithmetic any grade two could do.

These children are lucky. They are noticed early in their schooling and placed

in a special class before they are too old to help.

We need more classes like this. More schools like Church Street School, more teachers like Mrs. Williams. We will get them only if parents and teachers get together to influence the educational system.

The fiasco of the community meeting with the Board at Park School showed us how reluctant the school system is to listen. Despite glowing successes like this class, they are too afraid to admit their failures and to do the necessary repair work with the help of parents.

Any parents with thoughts or feelings about opportunity classes or other matters related to education in Ward 7 are invited to write to SEVEN NEWS and respond to any of the education columns or to phone if you wish someone to visit with you to talk about your experiences.

South Carlton wants better lighting, "no" to towers, Dundas widening

by ETHEL PROULX and JOHN GOYEAU

South of Carleton Community Action (SOCCA) agreed at their March general meeting to oppose the construction of two apartment towers, to press for one new stop light and better street lighting, to oppose the Dundas Street widening, and to set goals for its housing committee.

The SOCCA planning committee decided March 14th to oppose the construction of a 23-storey and an 18-storey apartment tower at Shuter and Sherbourne. The 30 members present included a wide cross-section of local politicians, tenants, homeowners, roomers, business men and a developer.

Although the apartment tower proposal has been approved, Barony Estates, the developer, must come before the City's committee of adjustments to have changes to the original plan approved. SOCCA and Seaton Street residents feel that the changes being proposed are major ones and that the original approval should be rescinded. Twenty-five residents attended a City Hall meeting on the subject on April 4th but Barony Estates asked for deferment to later this month.

The SOCCA streets committee has collected over 100 names on a petition seeking a stop light at Ontario and Gerrard Streets. This petition - which included support won from MPP Allan Lawrence, the office of Local 43 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, local businessmen and both ward aldermen - has been forwarded to Cith Hall. City Clerk has asked for a report and a meeting will probably

be arranged with residents in the near future.

Elected at the March general meeting as steering committee for South of Carleton Community Action (SOCCA) for the next six months were: Ethel Proulx, Bruce Howe, Marian Service, Ingrid Smith, Julia Brown, Elsie Norton, Adam Lensky, Gerry Martin, Irene Burns, and W. O'Halloran.

Housing group issues brief

Metro Community Housing Committee, a citizen group concerned with housing matters, has recently issued a policy statement on tenant issues.

Through its Bonus Policy and Official Plan, the City of Toronto encourage private redevelopment downtown but makes no provision for helping tenants and roomers displaced by such redevelopment.

The brief asks that tenants and roomers be able to remain in the area at rents they can afford: When they are threatened with eviction as a result of redevelopment or area improvement, when they are faced with a raise in rent beyond their capacity to pay as a result of redevelopment or area improvement, and when they are faced with eviction due to demolition under redevelopment or area improvement.

The brief also asks that all low and moderate housing units that are removed in the course of redevelopment be replaced to rehouse tenants and roomers who wish to remain in the area and pay the same rent.

The brief requests a relocation service to assist tenants and roomers who wish to relocate

As its final point, the brief insists that all residents of a community undergoing redevelopment be allowed to participate fully in the re-planning of their neighbourhood.

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COOKIE SALE - Guides and Brownies in Ward Seven have been soliciting orders for the cookies since April 8th with delivery scheduled for the week of May 6th. Cookies sell for 50 cents a box and over 60 per cent of the revenue for Guiding in the Ward is derived from their sale.

Left to Right: Sandra Haley, 130th Co.; Naomi Tanaka, 115th Co.; and Sandra Delorme of the 394th Guide Company.

Donwest Neighbours let first two housing units

Donwest Neighbours Group, a community owned and controlled urban renewal agency located south of Carlton has managed to cut through the maze of bureaucratic red-tape that has all but strangled it and at last has two houses ready to rent.

Donwest Neighbours Group is a unique experiment. Its basic aim is to use existing loans, grants and subsidies to buy up housing stock, rehabilitate it and rent it on a non-profit basis.

The advantages are many. Existing housing stock is preserved rather than destroyed. Developers are prevented from making large land assemblies and housing stock is made available for those in the greatest need.

TWO AVAILABLE

The two units available to rent have 2 and 3 bedrooms and are located south of Carleton west of Parliament Street.

Selection of tenants will be based on the following requirements:

- A minimum salary of \$6,000 a year and a maximum salary of \$8,000 with rental of \$150 a month including most services.
- Priority to large families who find it difficult to locate in suitable housing now.
- A commitment to the Donwest Neighbours Group.
- Previous experience in community participation.

Tenants who are selected will be able to make their own rules regarding maintenance etc. and in a sense will become their own landlords. It is hoped that this will give them a greater feeling of security.

If the rental of these two houses is successful, the Group intends to buy another 12 to 15 houses in the

area and convert them to 2-unit dwellings.

The Donwest Neighbours Group hope that new Federal Housing Legislation, soon to be put into law, will make it easier for other community groups to set up similar projects of this nature.

Community Involvement at Neighbourhood House

Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario Street, is setting up a system for getting its neighbours and the local community involved in planning its fall programs.

A group consisting of five community people, 2 staff and one board member have come up with the idea of a series of meetings or "drop-ins" to give everyone an ample opportunity to express their views.

These meetings are:

April 24th, 7:30 p.m. A general community meeting will form small groups for the discussion of program ideas. At the plenary session later, leaders of these groups will voice the ideas of their groups to the total meeting.

No staff members will be leaders of these groups.

April 26th, 27th and 30th evenings. Everyone is invited to drop in informally for coffee and share their opinions on the April 24th meeting or suggest ideas for programs.

After this, a committee will sort the ideas into groups or "packages".

May 8th, evening. Another general meeting to discuss the implication of the "packages" or program ideas. A vote will then be taken on the ideas preferred by the people at the meeting.

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High Drug Costs: ups and downs

A Health Column
by DON WEITZ

I had a bumper experience while cruising along Parliament Street last Saturday afternoon. I stopped 10 young and old people and asked them if they ever heard of PARCOST, the Ontario Government's low-cost, quality drug program. They all shook their heads, completely mystified — perhaps thinking I was some kind of nut.

Anyway, PARCOST (Prescription at Reasonable Cost) started about 1½ years ago, a brainchild of the Ontario Department of Health, to give all of us high tax-paying people a long overdue break on our drug bills. PARCOST's chief objective, according to its Co-ordinator, Mr. C.A. Palmer, is "reducing the cost of prescription drugs without sacrificing quality."

In other words, why pay more for drugs when you can get lower-priced ones of equal or comparable therapeutic effectiveness?

THE DRUG INDEX

The PARCOST deal works like this: The Health Department puts out a fact-filled, brightly colored booklet every 6 months, called the Comparative Drug Index (CDI). You can buy it for \$1, and it's sent to all doctors, dentists, pharmacists and hospitals in Ontario. In this book, you'll find lots of different drugs listed under both their chemical (or generic) name and brand name, as well as names of the drug manufacturers, unit cost of the drug (per capsule, tablet or vial), strengths (5 mg., 10 mg., etc.) and the package size.

THE POINT IS THAT THE DRUG LISTED UNDER ITS ORIGINAL CHEMICAL OR GENERIC NAME ALWAYS COSTS LESS THAN ITS BRAND NAME, and it's all there to see in living color.

O.K., let's take some examples.

Say, your doctor writes out a prescription for the mild tranquilizer Librium. Now if the doctor bothers to take the time and interest (which he rarely does), he'll find that Librium is the most expensive of at least 6 brands of the drug called chlordiazepide. It's priced at just over 9 cents a capsule in 25 mg. strength, whereas Novopoxide, just as therapeutically effective as Librium, costs only 2 cents.

So, your doctor can save you almost \$8 for a package of 100 if he prescribes Novopoxide instead of Librium. A big break, especially if you need a big supply of drugs and are a low-income person, on Welfare, Mother's Allowance or DVA.

VALIUM THE SAME

Or, let's take Valium, one of the most popular "downers". It's generic name is Diazepam, but there's no special cost for Diazepam. However, in the CDI you'll find that Vivol, which is just as effective, is much cheaper. At 10 mg. strength, Valium costs 11.5 cents per tablet, but Vivol costs only 6.5 cents, a saving of 5 cents or \$5 for a package of 100. The same goes for barbiturates like Tuinol. At 200 mg. strength, Tuinol costs 3.1 cents a capsule, but its generic name, Secobarbital-Amobarbital costs 2.4 cents or 7 cents less.

So, the doctors can save you lots of money by prescribing the drug's chemical name instead of its manufacturer's trade or brand name. Right? But they usually don't. So they're still screwing the patients.

There are several reasons, say Herb Binder and Nerv Gollon, partner-pharmacists at the Shoppers Drug Mart at 467 Parliament St., and Marvin Lubek, Chief Pharmacist at the Raxlen Clinic. They all believe most doctors are still refusing to write out the drug's generic name because: they've been "brainwashed" by the drug retail men or advertising campaigns of the big drug companies; they're suffering from "indifference" or force of "habit"; "lack of confidence in generics", or "associate drugs in the CDI with cheap substitutes".

Perhaps one solution, says pharmacist Herb Binder, is for doctors to "rubber-stamp" all their brand-name "scripts" with "DISPENSE PARCOST EQUIVALENT".

CHECKS WITH DOCTOR

At the Raxlen Clinic, pharmacist Mervin Lubek says that if a doctor sends him a script with the drug's brand name on it, he'll routinely ask the doctor for his permission to dispense the cheaper generic name.

He says most Raxlen doctors cooperate, and this is a big help to many low-income people who come to the Raxlen; 50% are on welfare, and 15% are on Blue Cross or DVA. Also, according to Mr. Lubek, it's not uncommon for Raxlen patients to get their drugs at cost (without the usual \$2 dispensing fee) if they can't afford it.

Anyhow, the City Welfare appears to favor PARCOST, and issues the orange drug card to all welfare recipients which is good for up to \$20 a month. You just give the pharmacist the card, he marks the amount and cost of the pills on it, and sends it on to Welfare to get paid. If you're on Mother's Allowance, you have to pay the first \$5 each month, any amount over that Family Benefits will pay for up to \$20.

But that's not much help if your drug bills run over \$20 each month. Probably, a good solution is to have some kind of drug insurance plan or "Pharacare" covered under health insurance. Check the important brief on drug costs by Operation Family Rights (310 Danforth Ave.)

Coming back to PARCOST, most pharmacists (60-70%) in Ontario actively support it; those that do display the PARCOST SEAL (in red and black) in the window or in front of the drug counter. According to Mr. Palmer, "about 80% of all prescriptions filled in Ontario are filled in PARCOST pharmacies."

Your comments or criticisms are always welcome on health problems or this column. Just write them down and send them in to SURVIVAL

c/o Neighborhood Information Post,
265 Gerrard St. E. or call: 924-2543 or 368-5101.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Oak-Cornwall is a muddle

Dear Sir:

In response to Janet Ross's letter of March 28th, the Oak St. School is a muddle and the citizen participation a farce. A citizen committee should be a group of citizens who can ask questions until they get satisfactory answers, not just blindly show discipline, respect and confidence in a few people's decisions. The facilities they are asking for are to serve the whole community, not just Regent Park.

The muddle of Oak St. started back in 1966 when O.H.C. had plans to build housing projects at Oak on River St. and Sackville-Dermitt in Don Vale.

Because of the expected increase in school enrollment, the Board of Education was looking for a 2½ acre site somewhere in the Don planning area. When these projects fell through, the Board had to reduce the size of the planned school so they settled for the 2 acre site on Oak St. Late in 1968, to avoid paying added benefits, they expropriated the 51 homes on Cornwall and Oak for \$1,100,000 just before the province passed their new Expropriation Act.

HOT ISSUE

In 1969, this became a hot election issue as they cleared the people from their homes. Scandals broke out over the extravagant spending of the Metro Boards and the Province began to crack down on them. This same year an architect was hired for Oak St. and preliminary plans were drawn for a K to 6 school. These plans are now obsolete but they cost the Board \$21,000.

After the election in 1970, the Board hired a principal (Mr. Homeshaw) to plan with citizens for this new school. He stayed for a year at a salary of around \$19,555. A Citizens Committee was started but parents showed little interest and although he must have gathered some information, the only thing we know is that he recommended that a K to 8 school be built. During this time the Province ordered the Metro Boards to slow down and set priorities on their school building plans.

Before Mr. Homeshaw left, a Task Force On Education was set up by the Toronto Board to look into the problems of inner-city school education. As it turned out, they became a team which did patch-up social work within the system. The Task Force asked the Board to let them take over the Oak St. site which is their headquarters and during the summer and fall through a series of manipulative meetings, they finally got a group of citizens together to demand that the Board build a K to 8 school.

Through a L.I.P. grant, seven people were hired to work at the Oak St. site and programs are being run in two portables. These 'Silver Seven' are on the Citizen Committee and they chose a *chairman* from this group.

Our criticism is not the program part of the project that they're running, but their reluctance to send out back-ground information on the school plans in their newsletter. It's not enough to say that "meetings are being held and if the parents don't come that's too damn bad." A lot of parents didn't know about the meetings and the new surveys mean nothing if all the planning is done before the surveys are finished.

As for Janet Ross' comment that the Trefann Mothers want to plan for a high-school, we don't.

We just resent the fact that although our trustees make hay on speeches regarding the need of an academic high school in this ward, no public meeting was held and the people were not allowed to consider either a junior or senior high school. One excuse given was that there wasn't enough land for a high school but the Board has since bought the Day Sign Company and

they are negotiating to buy the factories and city-works property on Dundas St.

When the meetings started last fall, the Board officials recommended a K-6 school which would have served 735 pupils between Sackville-River, Gerrard and Dundas and River St. between Gerrard and Queen. The citizens committee chose a K to 8 school which will be for 610 pupils, 500 in the junior grades and 110 in the senior. Because the senior school is small the school can't have special rooms and teachers for Home Economics, Industrial Arts, music, science, and art. The Citizens Committee has to negotiate with OHC, CHMC, Toronto Parks and Recreation, and Metro Social Services to build these as joint-use facilities on a cost-sharing basis. If they refuse, the pupils will have to go to Park School for Home Economics and Industrial Arts.

They have asked for other additional facilities. Some are a duplication of those already planned for the Regent Park area with Federal and Provincial grants.

This week, the Toronto Board will be considering its budget which includes \$475,000 for a pool for Oak Street School. At the present time the Province has not approved the building of this school and they are questioning whether it is needed or whether the Public and Separate schools should share facilities. School enrolment has gone down and there are empty classrooms in both Public and Separate Schools. The Province will make a decision when new attendance figures are available.

FEW MORE PARENTS

The meetings at Oak Street are continuing and the SEVEN NEWS stories have obviously brought out a few more interested citizens but not many parents.

Janet said in her letter that a principal-designate would be hired. The Task Force had recommended this to the Board of Education the previous week and at the last meeting I questioned when this decision had been made. It hadn't been so they voted on it. When they couldn't get a consensus because the Trefann people wouldn't vote for it, they began to question who should be able to vote. "Just the parents of pupils who would attend the school?"

But there weren't enough parents there to make that decision and the rest were outsiders such as the Trefann people, Separate School supporters, young people from the area, university students, Board of Education and Task Force officials.

The question of who could participate was unresolved and whether the vote for the principle-designate is valid is anybody's guess.

I am against the hiring of a principle-designate and I will make an election issue of it if I have to.

NON-MEETING NIGHT

When the Board of Education held their non-meeting at Park School our Trustees committed themselves to support the Park School brief by asking that teacher-aides be hired to help solve the reading problem in the downtown schools. At the present time, there is a request in to the Board for money for aides now in Park school.

Because of the budget cuts the Board must make, this request could be turned down. Oak Street has already had a principal there planning for a year and to spend another \$19,500 is ludicrous especially when the school might not open for a couple more years.

If this kind of money is available, it should be spent helping the pupils in the schools where they are now with their reading problems.

Edna Dixon

Duke of York breakfast will not die

Dear Editor:

Upon reading the March 17th issue of Ward 7 News; we found a gross error in the excerpt from the article on "Education Cutbacks" on the Duke of York Breakfast Program.

The excerpt stated that the Breakfast program will also "suffer from these cutbacks or die entirely." This is definitely not true.

Our Breakfast Program has never received money or any other support from the Board of Education. From the start of our breakfast program which was May 1970, it was solely brought about by the parents and Vice-Principal of Duke of York.

We planned money raising events, such as luncheons, rummage sales, coat checking at dances and received donations from various groups and some private donations.

4-U is non-profit, not free

Dear Sir:

A letter in your March 17th edition questions the 20 per cent margin collected by the 4-U, Non-Profit Temporary Work Centre. It is true that we operate on this margin, as this is what it costs to operate at minimum expense. We are non-profit but we are not free.

The 4-U was set up to be a continuing source of temporary jobs in the community. L.I.P. is helping to get it off the ground, but after May it will run independently on the basis on which it is now operating, namely \$2.50 charge to companies, \$2 per hr. paid to workers. Any profits made in the initial period are used immediately to provide the necessary cash to men while waiting for companies to pay us. (It should be noted that 7% of the 20% goes towards the worker's vacation pay, pension, unemployment insurance, and compensation coverage.)

In short, 4-U is a place where you can get temporary work at cost price.

Jim Kirkwood, Manager, 4-U

Then later we were able to receive an innovation fund from the United Appeal through the Central Neighbourhood House.

This fund has now been exhausted and we are again depending on donations and fund raising events. Our staff is consisted of parents. Some are paid; others are volunteers. We charge 05c; we do not exclude children who cannot pay. This .05c includes orange juice, and a choice of hot or cold cereal.

Although it appears that the

Board of Education does not find it necessary to finance us in this program we have approached them to build us a kitchen in the auditorium where we prepare the breakfast and lunch, which is now our newest program. At present we carry water from one of the classrooms and heat it all on our stove, a two burner hot-plate, then carry everything down to the classroom again and do the dishes in a child size sink.

Donna Teatro Parents Association,
Co-Chairman of Duke of York

In a neighbourhood where "block busting" goes on there are plenty of ways for kids to get in trouble . . . like solvent sniffing . . . and vandalism . . .

An interview with kids from South St. James Town

There's a place on Ontario Street where you can go in to sniff and people live there.

In the house?

Yea, kids, teenagers. Like when we took you through the house you seen the mattresses and all that on the floor and blankets. And you sit in the front room and sniff. The price is eighty-nine cents for a jumbo.

It's a Meridian house, isn't it?

Doesn't matter about that, but it's a garage and . . . well, when a garage is broken that's where all the bums go in and drink and where all the kids go in and sniff. A lot of kids hang out around there, but . . .

It's a drinker-sniffer place.

Yea, you could say that, double attachment . . . it's one of the big garages they call King Sniffer's garage cause almost everyone goes there.

They call it King Sniffer's. And there's another house and that's a real far-out house and that's where we tore the railing off.

The railing?

Yea, of the bannister. We were all stoned one night on a Saturday.

Isn't that the place where you guys threw a fridge over?

Yea, we threw the fridge down the stairs, but only someone took it and scrapped it. We tore the bannister off and we used to sit in there and bring our broads in there when they had beds in there, stuff like that. We used to sniff and we to catch all the old bums in there . . . That's a Cutex bottle in there from one of the guys in the garage on Ontario Street . . . and part of a pajama top or underwear or something. The kids use that for a rag. A Kleenex package is something that maybe they didn't want, because cloth is better.

There's the house that was burnt too.

What happened?

There was three old bums down in the basement. They started a fire and my friends were upstairs. They were living up there. They had been living up there for about three months. The fire got so bad it burnt all their eyebrows and everything so they jumped out the window.

None of them really got hurt, though, but none of them went to the hospital because they were all stoned on Cutex.

Another garage where kids sniff, right on Bleecker, is in the laneway, the back of Ontario. They used to climb right up from the veranda onto that railing, get onto the roof, go through the window with the white frame, go down the hallway, into the bathroom and then had all the beds and that there. And they used to always sniff in there.



Fortunately some parents, volunteers, and community workers fight for a better environment for kids . . . with "after four" and "drop in" centres . . .

An interview with kids, volunteers and social workers about Ward 7 drop-ins

INTERVIEWER: I see, and what sort of fees do you charge the children who come to the Rose Avenue drop-in center?

STAFF WORKER: It's two dollars per activity for ten weeks, and there's a family rate. If there are over three children in a family there's a special rate for that family. There are also provisions made for people who can't pay.

INTERVIEWER: Where is most of your volunteer help from?

STAFF WORKER: A lot of it was word of mouth. We get quite a few people who are going to teacher's college, mainly because they're interested in getting the experience along with their education. We also got students from the Wellesley Hospital — the nursing students; and other than that it was just putting up bulletins here and there. There are other services we would like to be able to provide if we had additional funds and additional staff.

INTERVIEWER: What school do you go to, David?

STUDENT: Rose Avenue.

INTERVIEWER: How many afternoons do you come here?

STUDENT: I go every five days after school.

INTERVIEWER: So you must be doing lots of things. Do you want to tell us what you're doing now and then maybe tell us some of the things you do other days after school?

STUDENT: Well, today I'm building a balsa wood model which is made out of wood and you put it all together and you attach elastic to each end of the model and you wind it up and it flies. On other days we do aircraft carriers made out of plastic and everything.

INTERVIEWER: So it's mostly modeling type stuff you do every day?

STUDENT: Well, no not every day . . . like one day a week we do models, another day we do singing and cooking, and a bunch of other things.

INTERVIEWER: What's your name?

STUDENT: Sydney.

INTERVIEWER: Sydney, what school do you go to?

STUDENT: Rose Avenue School.

INTERVIEWER: And is Monday the only time you come here?

STUDENT: No, I come Monday, Tuesday I'm an assistant, and I come Wednesday.

INTERVIEWER: Do you want to tell us what you're doing now and some of the things you do on other days?

STUDENT: Well, now I'm making a wood model, Tuesday I'm assisting in my club, Wednesday I'm finishing my wood model, Thursday I go to stamp club and Friday I go skating.

INTERVIEWER: Do you just want to tell us just how the chess program is run and how you got involved in it?

VOLUNTEER: Well, one of the instructor in school said they needed volunteers and I came down. We don't do just chess, we have Old Maid and we have poker games and we have all kinds of bingos so the kids don't get bored. It's very hard for them to concentrate because the age I have is five to nine. It's hard to teach the five year olds chess.

INTERVIEWER: I see, and about how many kids do you have here every night?

VOLUNTEER: Oh, it ranges — two to nine.

INTERVIEWER: What's your name?

STUDENT: Brian.

INTERVIEWER: And what school do you go to, Brian?

STUDENT: Rose Avenue.

INTERVIEWER: How many days do you come here?

STUDENT: Every day.

INTERVIEWER: Do you want to tell us what you're doing today and what you do some of the other days when you come?

STUDENT: Uh, we skate and we're playing chess now and we tumble.

INTERVIEWER: What's your name?

STUDENT: Ha Shu.

INTERVIEWER: Ha Shu, what school do you go to?

STUDENT: Rose Avenue.

INTERVIEWER: And do you want to tell us what you're doing tonight and what you do any other nights when you come here?

STUDENT: I do chess, model making, tumbling, floor hockey and ice skating.

INTERVIEWER: What sort of things did you kids all do after school before there was an after school program?

STUDENT: Oh, I just went home and watched T.V. . . . I just went home . . . I didn't have anything to do . . . Nothing, just fooled around.

INTERVIEWER: What did you do last night after school?

I watched T.V.

INTERVIEWER: And what do you like doing best? Do you like coming here and doing drawing, do you like watching T.V. or . . .

STUDENT: I like coming here.

INTERVIEWER: What school do you go to?

STUDENT: Spruce Park.

INTERVIEWER: Do you come here very often?

STUDENT: Every day.

INTERVIEWER: Do you want to just tell me the things you do on different days?

STUDENT: Well, most of the days when we've got the crafts, I do the crafts. I work in here on Thursdays and on Wednesdays I help around when they have the movies.

INTERVIEWER: What other kinds of things do you do, learn how to cook?

STUDENT: We make cakes, cookies and after that I do cooking . . . we do beans and that.

INTERVIEWER: Can you tell me what kind of program that Central Neighbourhood House offers for children who would be in public school or senior public school?

STAFF WORKER: We have three types of programs. We have a club group program that operates Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school from three-thirty to five and these groups are staffed primarily by volunteers and a few of the groups are staffed by students from the school of social work. The groups are generally composed of about eight to ten children. These children have the same leader every week and plan their activities together each week in the group.

INTERVIEWER: What kinds of activities would the kids be involved in after school?

STAFF WORKER: The kids in the club groups can plan anything from going on out-trips to craft activities. Cooking is a great activity for the kids. Most boys and girls love to cook. And any games that they can play inside the building or out. We have a games room and a gym and tumbling mats and basketball, volleyball, anything along this line the kids can do if they plan it a week in advance.

INTERVIEWER: Is there any membership fee for the program?

STAFF WORKER: There is a membership fee of seventy-five cents which entitles the kids to come for a year, but thus far we haven't got a policy on membership fees. Some kids haven't paid and they still are allowed to come into the building.

INTERVIEWER: What area would you say primarily your kids come from?

STAFF WORKER: The kids come from an area probably bounded by about two blocks on either side of the building, so its very, very close by. We're located on Ontario St. so the kids come from Gerrard and Dundas probably between Sherbourne and Parliament, and not very much farther south than Dundas in some cases.

INTERVIEWER: What would be the age spread of the kids you get in an after school program?

STAFF WORKER: The children range between five and twelve years, and once they reach thirteen then they join the teen program on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The number of five year olds that we get is very low. We're trying to encourage more five year olds to come out. Mainly the kids that come are between seven and twelve.

INTERVIEWER: Are there any other after school programs beyond the club programs?

STAFF WORKER: There's a drop-in program that operates every day after school between three-thirty and five so if a child isn't in a club group on a particular day he can enter the drop-in on that day as well as all the other days of the week. There's also a program on Saturday morning between nine-thirty and eleven-thirty that's based on interest groups.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Regent Park sweeps floor hockey

by JOE GANNY

The City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Floor Hockey season opened March 25th with Regent winning in all series played at the John Innes Recreational Centre.

In the atoms, Regent defeated Pape 8 to 3; pee wees, Regent 9 Pape 6; Minor bantam, Regent 8, Pape 2; and the bantam game went into overtime to give Regent Park an 8-7 victory.

On April 1st, Regent Park was again victorious in all series played. The scores were: Atoms; Regent 5, Moss Park 2, Pee wees; Regent 7, Moss Park 4; Minor Bantam, Regent 10, Moss Park 8; and Regent Bantams dumped Moss Park Bantams by a 6 to 4 score.

BASKETBALL

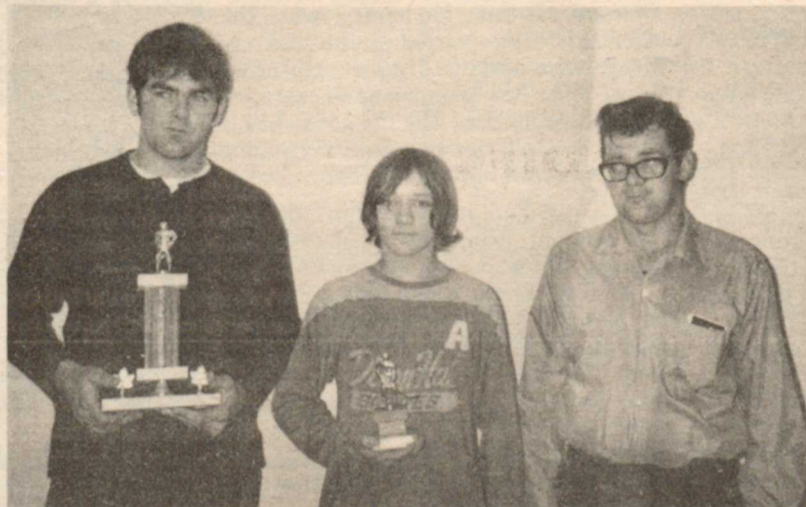
In competitive basketball, Regent Park went all the way to win a 49 to 48 victory over Winona Park and enter the championships. Regent Coach Doug McClean had great praise for his team and says Joe Boulton, Victor Alexander, Mike Minto and Doug Gray were the main reason for the win.

In Junior Basketball, Regent was defeated 40 to 38 by Elizabeth Recreation Centre in a hard fought game. The winning score came in the last 17 seconds of play with lots of action at both ends of the court.

Top scorer for Regent Park was Mike Horniblow who popped in 20

points for Regent along with great help from Bill Yaschuck and Doug Douglas. Congratulations also to coach Ray Baker of Elizabeth Centre for his fine work in moulding a winning club.

Regent Park is forming a ball hockey league phone Joe Ganny at 923-7251.



Left to Right: Allan Hasmer, Dixon Hall Senior Team Captain holds the South Don Valley Hockey Championship Trophy. Jeff Lees, Junior Team, holds his most valuable player award. Bill Hand, Sr., is coach of the Junior and Senior Teams.

Awards Banquet at Dixon Hall

The 1971-72 South Don Valley Hockey League season passed into the annals of history on Wednesday, March 29, 1972 with the first Annual Dixon Hall Hockey Banquet. It was a successful season all around - especially for the Senior Team - they won the championship under the very capable coaching of Bill Hand, Sr. and the equally competent captainship of Allan Hasmer.

The Junior Team, also coached by Bill Hand, wasn't quite as successful, but put up a very good show nonetheless, making it to the semi-finals through games that were played against bigger and tougher teams; they were the League 'Little Guys'.

Denis Morrice, Dixon Hall's Executive Director, switched hats for the evening and was the guest speaker. He concluded his brief remarks by reminding the players that, despite all evidence to the contrary, the baseball season is imminent, and that they had better get organized!

He then presented the Most Valuable Player Awards: The Senior Team Award went to Joe 'The Hustler' Canero, with the Junior Team Award being a tie between Jeff Lees and Joe Parker.

The South Don Valley Championship Trophy was accepted on behalf of the Senior Team by the Coach and the Captain

- Bill Hand, Sr. and Allan Hasmer. When Bill later came forward to accept his personal trophy, he received a resounding standing ovation by the whole room.

Bill worked long and hard hours throughout the season coaching and lending support to all the players of both teams.

The evening concluded with the showing of the 1967 Stanley Cup Finals film. The Banquet, the brain-child of Mike Britton, Dixon Hall's Boys' Programme Co-ordinator, and Joan Hand, and the season were both a tremendous success; just the first of many to come.

NEWS IN BRIEF

This column is now being compiled and written with the help and co-operation of the NEIGHBOURHOOD INFORMATION POST. In future, please address any items concerning new programs or future meetings to Neighbourhood Information Post, 265 Gerrard East. Or phone 924-2544.

ARTHUR WAYLING was elected president of the Board of Directors of Dixon Hall at their annual meeting held last month. Also elected to the executive were Geoffry Woolley, vice-president; David Burt, secretary; and Cecil Fleming, treasurer.

Elected as directors were: Paul Adams, Mrs. G.W. Blay, Dr. Alan Bruce-Robertson, Mrs. C.M. Cassis, Mrs. Helen Conner, Mrs. Edna Dixon, Mrs. Norreen Gaudette, Mrs. E. Guerin, Mrs. Joan Hand, Carl Head, Dr. M.D. Klotz, Howard Phillips, Mrs. Pat Rice, Ed Robinson, Henry Specht, Mrs. P. Tomlinson and Ken Williams.

MOTHERS LIVING WEST OF THE DON who wish to help form a co-operative nursery school are asked to come to a meeting at All Saint's Church, Sherbourne and Dundas, Tuesday, April 18th at 1 p.m.

AN ADULT DROP-IN every Tuesday evening at Winchester Public School, Winchester & Rose Avenues. Volleyball, basketball, cards, conversation and coffee.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT PARK SCHOOL are asked to attend the first of a series of open discussions on Discipline in the School. Monday, April 24th at 7:30 p.m. at 440 Shuter Street.

REGENT PARK RECREATION ANNUAL GYM DISPLAY April 25th at Park School, 415 Shuter Street. Show time is 7:30 and admission is free.

THE REGENT PARK SENIOR CITIZENS GO-GO BAND and ladies Yugo will entertain in the Park School gym, 415 Shuter Street, April 26th. Show time is 7:30 and admission is free.

BALLET, JAZZ, BOXING, GYMNASTICS, LADIES FASHIONS AND CRAFTS on display at Regent Gym, 415 Shuter St., Thursday, April 27th starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

WOOD GREEN PARENTS ALONE Spring dance April 29th at 8 p.m. Bar, D.J., door prizes, buffet. \$2 each.

PHOTO-CELL, A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT by a downtown Montreal co-op, on display until the end of April at Baldwin Street Gallery, 23 Baldwin Street. This exhibit is of particular interest to people living in downtown Toronto. Admission is free.

ON APRIL 22nd, EASTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH WOMEN are holding their 4th Annual SPRING TEA AND SALE at the church, 310 Danforth Ave. The handicraft and white elephant sale begins at 1:30 p.m. with home baked goods and tea on sale at 2 p.m. 50c admission includes refreshments.

THE SECOND ANNUAL SPRING FLEA MARKET is being planned for the latter part of May by the Don Vale Community Centre. The Centre is seeking donations of hard goods, furniture, tools, pictures and frames, books, dishes, bric-a-brac, etc. Anyone with items to donate is asked to drop them off at the Centre, 80 Winchester Street, or phone 921-6710 and they will be picked up.

THE DON VALE COMMUNITY CENTRE is starting a local fund-raising drive in the immediate community. People who have had any association with the Centre will be asked to pledge one percent of their net income to keep the Centre going for the summer and fall.

TO: Executive Committee, Toronto City Council
and
Jules Hanson, president, Meridian Developments Ltd.

SUBJECT:
Destruction of homes in South of St. Jamestown
We the undersigned support the stand, adopted 54-1 by a General Meeting of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents the night of March 21, that:

1. DEMOLITION OF HOUSES IN SOUTH OF ST. JAMESTOWN HALT IMMEDIATELY.
2. (a) All existing homes be kept occupied, and maintained in a responsible manner, and (b) All tenant leases be extended TO THE TIME WHEN ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF "DEVELOPMENT" BEGINS.
3. In the event Meridian does not agree with the above, Meridian executives be asked by the executive of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents to explain their reasoning, in person.

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ALDERMAN'S REPORT

Planning your city's future

by JOHN SEWELL
Ward Seven Alderman

There are a number of small but important items that City Hall is toying with in Ward Seven. The following is a short summary:

o The Rezoning application at 739 Broadview (just below Danforth) is now being considered by the City's planners. A meeting of local people was held on April 3rd, at which loud opposition was expressed to the possible establishment of a 7-storey hotel at that location. Plans were made at that meeting to keep in touch with the City planner so that people keep on top of the issue.

o There is renewed activity over the vacant lot at Shutter and Sherbourne. The owner of the land, Barony Estates, recently made application to get some minor changes made to a bylaw so two large apartments (19 and 23 storeys) can be built. Twenty people showed up to oppose his application, since they don't want such big buildings in their neighbourhood. The Committee of adjustment decision will be out in a few days.

o The Committee on Parks, Recreation and City Property recently approved the establishment of a sub-committee to plan the new park slated for the old Dunlop site, at Booth and Queen. The Committee consists of three politicians and four residents, and there is room for more people from the community. This sub-committee will probably be approved by City Council, at which point it can get on with planning the new park. The sub-committee met on the evening of April 11.

o City Council is showing some signs of relenting on the widening

of Dundas Street. In a recent debate on Eaton Centre, the Mayor introduced a motion which indicated, in a half-hearted way, that he was not really happy with the proposed widening of Dundas, between Yonge and Bay, by 54 feet. Council adopted his motion, while rejecting a motion by Jaffary which cut the widening in half. Clearly, groups which are unhappy about the proposed widening, will have to keep punching away to make themselves heard.

LARGER ISSUE

Several larger issues, not affecting Ward Seven directly, but of great effect to the City as a whole, should be mentioned:

1) **Eaton Centre.** This is the development which is talked about least in the newspapers, probably because Eatons, as an advertiser, is not interested in having discussion about it. The development will radically change the whole downtown by introducing in its midst, a shopping mall such as is usually found only in the distant suburbs. One of the nice things about downtown has been that there was no where in the city like it, but Eaton Centre will change all that: the downtown will be like everywhere else. Yonge Street will be boring to walk down since nothing will be happening there. (The action will be in the mall Eatons wants to establish just west of Yonge.) Everything will be sell-sell.

City Council refuses to discuss this development, even though the City owns about five acres of land smack in the middle of the development site which will be sold to Eatons, probably for a bargain price.

People should be thinking about,

and possibly complaining about, Eaton Centre now. There will be one public meeting at the end of this month, after which the city will sell its land in the area to Eatons. If you want to find out more about the development, and get active in changing it, give me a call.

2) **Eaton Centre, Quebec Gothic, and Metro Centre.**

The question to ask is: at what price should the City sell its land? At the price asked for by the developer? At the highest price that people in the area sold to the developer for? Should the City only sell if it gets benefits like parks, etc? Watch for discussion on this

Riverdale Health planning

by VELDA CYR

The Research and Planning branch of the Provincial Department of Health has now approved in principle funding for the proposed Riverdale Community-controlled Health Center. As a result the Riverdale Community Health and Care Foundation is planning a large area meeting Saturday, April 29, from 3 - 8:30 p.m.

Purpose of this meeting is two-fold; (1) to elect a Board of Directors to be the governing body of the Health Center, (2) to accept or amend the by-laws being presented to the Board by the Steering committee of the Riverdale Community Organizations.

Voting will be by membership and the fee for membership 25c per member. (For voting purposes only). Delivery of service will be open for anyone in the Riverdale area. That is the area bounded by south side of Danforth Ave. to the Lake front, Don River east to Coxwell Ave.

A nominating committee has been elected, and are busy gathering names. Do you or your group have a candidate? If so, contact the Riverdale Care Center at 461-0914 and they will forward the names to the nominating committee. Nominees are accepted from the Riverdale area.

If you have questions you would like to ask or would like to be involved, then come Saturday April 29th at 3:00 p.m. to Carroll Hall, 875 Queen East. Dr. Wigle from the Provincial Department of Health will attend.

What's your opinion . . .

1. DID YOU VOTE IN THE LAST MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS?
YES ___ NO ___
2. DO YOU INTEND TO VOTE IN THE NEXT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS?
YES ___ NO ___ MAYBE ___ DON'T KNOW ___
3. IF AN ELECTION WERE HELD TODAY AND THE FOLLOWING WERE RUNNING FOR WARD ALDERMAN, WHICH TWO WOULD YOU VOTE FOR?
___ JOHN SEWELL ___ OSCAR SIGSWORTH
___ KARL JAFFARY ___ SAM ROTENBERT
OTHER: Write in names - _____

4. IF YOU COULD CAST ONLY ONE VOTE FOR ALDERMAN WHICH OF THESE WOULD YOU VOTE FOR?
___ JOHN SEWELL ___ WOULDN'T VOTE
___ KARL JAFFARY ___ DON'T KNOW
5. DO YOU THINK JOHN SEWELL IS DOING A GOOD JOB AT CITY HALL?
YES ___ NO ___ DON'T KNOW ___ DON'T CARE ___
6. DO YOU THINK KARL JAFFARY IS DOING A GOOD JOB AT CITY HALL?
YES ___ NO ___ DON'T KNOW ___ DON'T CARE ___
7. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO JOHN SEWELL'S ACTIONS IN COMMITTEE AND IN CITY HALL COUNCIL?
PRIDE ___ EMBARRASSMENT ___ DISGUST ___ DON'T CARE ___ DOESN'T MATTER ___ OTHER _____
8. DO YOU THINK JOHN SEWELL KEEPS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE PEOPLE IN WARD SEVEN? YES ___ NO ___ DON'T KNOW ___
9. DO YOU THINK KARL JAFFARY KEEPS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE PEOPLE IN WARD SEVEN? YES ___ NO ___ DON'T KNOW ___
10. IF YOU WERE ASKED TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF TORONTO WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

WHAT QUESTIONS WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE ASKED IN FUTURE SURVEYS IN SEVEN NEWS? (List questions in the following space or use a separate sheet of paper.)

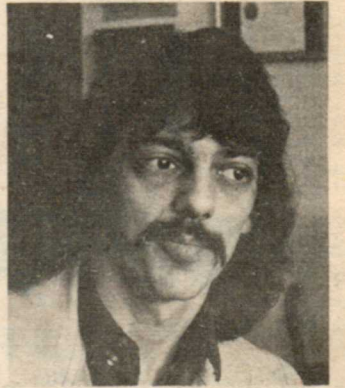
FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO:
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265 GERRARD STREET EAST
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ALL RESULTS WILL BE COMPILED AND PUBLISHED IN THE ISSUE AFTER NEXT.

SPEAKING OUT!

Photos by BILL RENO

Q: Did you know about the proposed 7-storey hotel at the corner of Dearbourne and Broadview? What do you think of this idea?



I don't know much about it. I think it would help my business, Ye Olde Style Shoppe, as long as the hotel didn't become a neighbourhood hangout.
WAYNE JACQUES
746 Broadview



I don't think it's a good idea because the facilities here are already excellent. I have to come over here to do my shopping.
MRS. RICHARD TREMBLAY
18 Elm Street



I think it's a good idea. Why not?
VERN MORGAN
70 Cambridge



I don't speak the English. Ask my boys.
No Name
52 Dearbourne



I didn't know. It's definitely a bad idea. There's too many people living around here now.
VIC KOLAR
828 Broadview



No, I hadn't heard. I'm against it because I think there's too many big buildings around here already.
GARRY GILROY
1 Hogarth



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