

"Vigilantes" to protect female residents mistaken for hookers

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

Residents living south of St. James Town may take "Vigilante" action against the increasing number of men who are "cruising" the area looking for prostitutes.

The area of most concern is the Bleecker, Carlton, Sherbourne strip of stores and gaudy restaurants which serve as a hangout for many of the "hookers" in the city.

Men who come from all over the city seeking the services of these women can't differentiate between them and the regular residents of the area.

As a result almost every female in the area, married or single, between 11 and 80 is being accosted by these men.

Mrs. Roberta Sankey, a long-time Bleecker Street resident states she was riding home on a bicycle around 9:30 one night when an ever eager man "cruised" her and almost ran over her with his car.

"I've seen cars backed up 8 long on Bleecker street waiting for one girl to come out of the corner restaurant and make her choice." Mrs. Sankey added that there have been instances where the prostitutes even rendered their services to men in cars

parked in the area.

She says there is a general feeling amongst residents that the police aren't doing their job and won't clean up the undesirables from the area.

A call by SEVEN NEWS to the Metro Police Morality Squad about the problem got a generally "ho-hum" response. If anything, the police spokesman tended to defend the actions of the men cruising in the area.

"The situation isn't critical", "You can't fault a man for trying," and "It's a

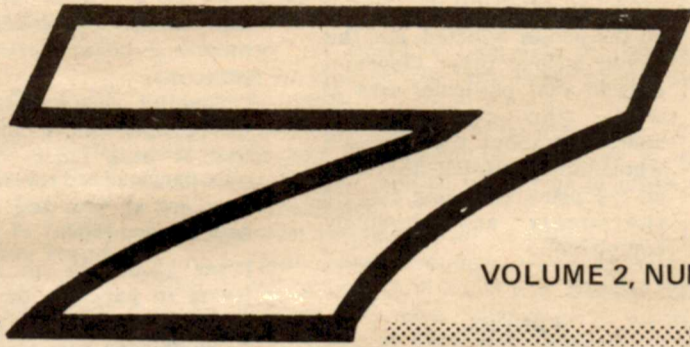
fact of life in Toronto," were some of the statements he made.

He did say, however that an extra policeman would be put on duty on the corner that night and he suggested that residents who are being accosted take the license number of the car and report the incident to the police.

When appraised of this response, Mrs. Sankey still felt unsatisfied and stated that the local residents would take some sort of private action to combat the problem.

COMING UP

Watch for our second anniversary issue coming up June 9th. Deadline for the next issue is 5 p.m. June 2nd. Next editorial meeting is May 31st at 8 p.m. in the SEVEN NEWS office, 80 Winchester Street.



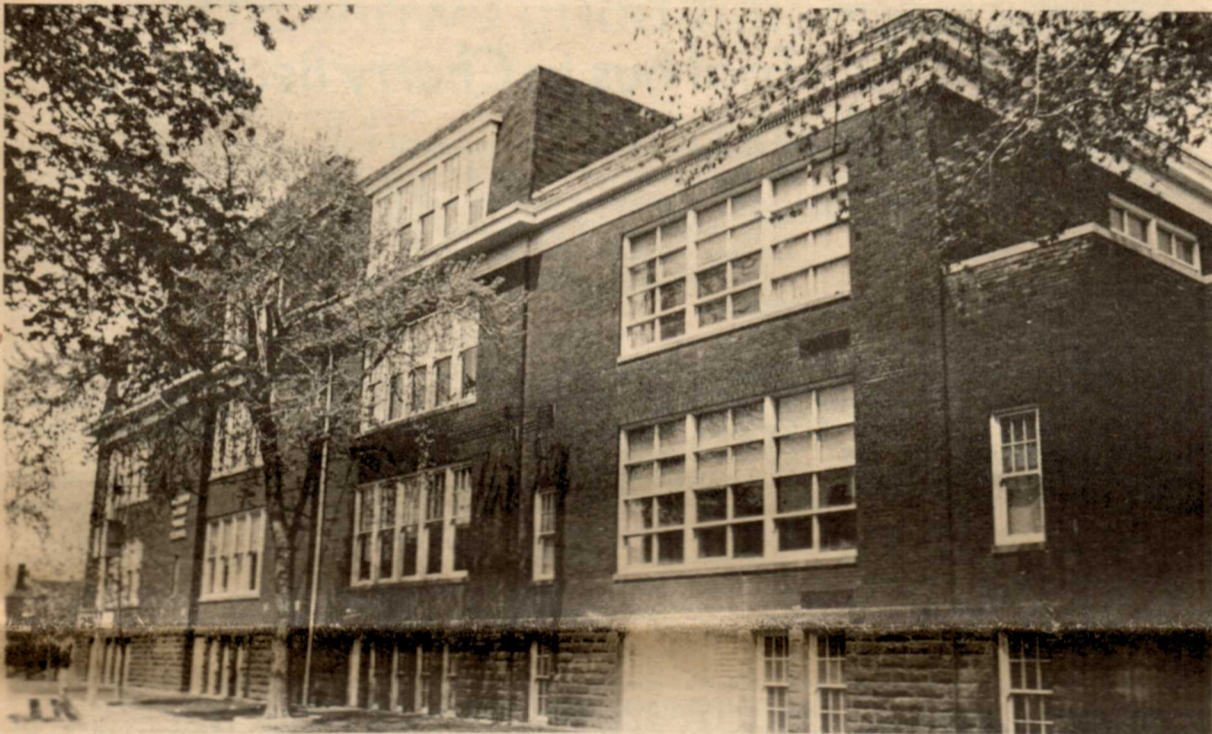
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SOON TO GO — This Saturday, May 12th, a leave-taking ceremony is being held for the 70-year old Withrow School. All former staff, pupils, friends and

all connected with the school are invited to attend. The old school is being torn down and replaced. (Photo by Bill Reno)

Fifty attend 7 NEWS annual meeting, give \$180 to kick off fund drive

by NORM CRAVEN

Seven News held their annual meeting at Don Vale Community Centre on Wednesday May 10th, 1972. Fifty adults plus one wandering child were in attendance.

The young lady put her feeding bottle at your editor's disposal.

Editor Norman G. Browne reported "Two thirds of all copy received is printed. Limiting factors are size of paper and advertising revenue. Because Seven News tries to be self supporting, money received from advertising is very important."

HUMOROUS REPORT

Our treasurer, Dallard Runge, painted his financial report in lucid but humorous statements. It must be the first time a profit and loss sheet has sounded like a page from "Mad" magazine.

Seven News at time of reporting had a bank credit of \$23.05, and what is even more amazing, made a profit of \$139. (errors and omissions excepted).

Dallard said, "A \$1000 cushion would be very desirable and allow Seven News to meet its obligations a little more promptly. It appears some advertisers are a little slow in parting with their loot, meanwhile our printers insist on being paid. This becomes a little taxing on his ingenuity. A collection was then made at the meeting, to kick-off our third annual fund raising drive.

AD SWAP

John Goyeau, reporter, editorial assistant, you-name-it, stressed

some of the distribution problems. He has arranged swaps of advertising space for paper delivery by an enterprising trucker.

A very special vote of thanks is due to Carolyn Barber for doing such a bang-up selling job. She has lined up Woolworth's and other major accounts to repeat advertising, which is a tremendous feat.

After the close of the meeting, coffee and brownies made by our volunteers was served, and members chatted with their friends and renewed old acquaintances.

SEVEN NEWS was pleasantly surprised early this month when it was notified that it had received another paid staff member as part of an Opportunities For Youth project.

Hired was Elizabeth Tyrwhitt, age 26. Miss Tyrwhitt has previous experience in research, editorial work, writing and layout as well as community work in Ward Seven.

Miss Tyrwhitt will work for the period May 15 to September 15 at a salary of \$72 a week.

Will you support your paper?

The SEVEN NEWS Fund-Raising Drive was kicked off at our Annual Meeting when \$180 in cash and pledges was donated by the 50 people in attendance.

More money is trickling in by mail with appropriate comments. One reader writes, "Your paper has improved immensely — keep up the good work. Attached is \$5 to help out."

But its not our paper its YOUR paper. Have you made a donation lately?

Following is a list of those wonderful people who have made recent donations to help keep up the good work: Al Dolson, St. Paul's Parish Credit Union Ltd., Mrs. Bernard McEvoy, Elaine Houghton, Mrs. Eileen Smith, Peter Akehurst, Janet Crooks, Bruce Geddes, Craig & Marie Dowler, Don Weitz, Mrs. Ingrid Smith, Bill Reno, Maggie Siggins, Barrie Zwicker, Doug Loney, John and Carolyn Barber, Kathy Birtwistle, Ida Birtwistle, John and Angela Goyeau, Phil Nosko, Lise Maheu, Paul McGill, Marg Taggart, Rebecca Schechter, H. Murphy, and Joe Ganny.

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MEET AGAIN

Resident groups don't trust secretariat plan

by LIZ TYRWHITT

Don District residents don't trust the idea of a Community Secretariat.

This came out last week at a heated meeting to discuss the project when more than 40 representatives of the area associations met at the Parliament Library House with Marvyn Novick of the Social Planning Council and John Cornish of the Provincial Community Development Branch.

Jim Houston from St. Simon's Church expressed this feeling when he said that the Social Planning Council never brought all the groups together to find out directly what the needs of the community were, but assessed those needs independently.

LAID ON US

"Why not come to the community with the problem, not the solution?" It's not a process we've been involved in". He added "this is why the community feels 'something is being laid on us!'"

Representatives from resident associations in St. James Town, South of Carlton, Donvale, Trefann Court and Regent Park wanted a months time to consider their specific needs and strategies in light of the proposal. Mr. Novick agreed to this, saying there was no timetable in the creation of the secretariat.

HELP HIRE

Wolfe Erlichman stated the Trefann Court group's position: they want to be in on the hiring of the community worker.

Both Mr. Novick and Mr. Cornish stated at the meeting that the provincial government no longer wanted to support citizens' groups directly. In fact, grant money to the Community Development Branch had been cut 50 per cent by the government.

However, the Branch now found the secretariat model a useful way of channelling some money to these groups.

Marvin Novick said the SPC asked the Branch last December whether it would be interested in supporting their community model. The SPC has since received \$10,000 and the use of one worker, Skip Hambling.

The SPC will continue to look for other ways of funding citizen groups. Mr. Novick pointed out

that the SPC was the first to call for the extension of the Local Initiatives Grants.

Another fear expressed at the meeting by different associations was that the SPC can get funds for the initial two year period of the secretariat, but how would the secretariat be financed when it comes under local control? Since many of the area groups had asked for money and had been turned down by the government, how would they be able to get funds themselves for the secretariat independently of the SPC?

PARTNERSHIP

One of the most heavily debated points was how the partnership between the community and the SPC would function. Mr. Novick stated a written understanding would be made between the two and that the suggested partnership period of 18 months could be shortened.

The original grant application made by the SPC in February 1972 states that the "hesitation in proposing outright community control at the onset, is that control of the secretariat might then become a political background between respective citizens' groups." (p.5)

Don Weitz, a community worker in the area, said that this showed a "lack of trust in community groups to work together" and provided "a rationalization for the SPC to be a shepherd".

However, Mr. Novick said that the SPC had no interest in total control and that the "phasing into community control was up for grabs more than you realize".

Peter Akehurst, of the Donvale Residents Assoc., asked what would happen if, in a month, the area wanted community control from the beginning, what would the SPC's response be?

He did not receive a specific reply from Mr. Novick.

Also suggested was a trust fund with the money the SPC has already received for the use of the community.

During the next month, the nature of the community's response to the proposed partnership will be discussed by the different groups. A meeting will then be held between the SPC and these groups.

Questions I would like to see answered in SEVEN NEWS

Dear Sirs:

Questions I would like to see answered in any future SEVEN NEWS:

(1) Are the city services in Don Vale comparable to those in other areas of the city? If not, then why not? I happen to think they definitely are not.

DEL ZOTTO

(2) Why is Del Zotto Enterprises allowed to charge such exorbitantly high rents for these properties in the Don Vale, in comparison to the rents and facilities that are available in their properties elsewhere?

Are all the tenants in Don Vale aware of these differences? What if anything can they, and we, do about these discrepancies?

I think that each and every tenant in these apartments should be personally informed, and organized if possible, to fight against these iniquities, because this is what they are. Our own two aldermen should be personally informed as well.

INSPECTION

(3) Why do the city inspectors

Should ask about sex education

Sirs:

I would like to see some type of questionnaire which would get a consensus from other parents regarding sex education in the schools.

The general consensus of doctors in the USA is that it should be taught somewhere between the ages of 9 and 12, yet my 6-year-old has been shown a film on reproduction at Rose Avenue school.

I don't think sex education should be taken out of the hands of the parents in this way. The child should be allowed exemption from such study if the parent sees fit and without embarrassment to the child if possible.

Because the state does not yet own my children, I believe that parents should see any such films first and be allowed to pass judgement.

We have tried very hard to have parent-teacher meetings at Rose Avenue school but they are few and far between. There is very poor rapport between parents and teachers.

Neither side trusts the other.

Many parents do not believe in the "new morality" and would not want their children subjected to such an "iffy" position. As a Christian I know there are no ifs, ands, or buts concerning morality. This is why I am concerned.

A READER
Sackville St. North

choose to ignore the deplorable conditions in and around these apartments? I personally, and several others that I know of have continuously complained, but no results are evident to me,

and I look out my back door at one of these buildings.

(4) Why is Meridian in South St. James Town allowed to demolish their houses there, and not forced to bring them up to standard as others are? There happens to be a scarcity of decent affordable accommodation in that area. I think that standards should be forced where feasible, and all other demolition stopped until all the people affected, and this would include other taxpayers outside that particular area as well, who are genuinely concerned about the city as a whole are consulted and until all the plans, re-zoning etc, are thoroughly and absolutely completed.

FENCES

(5) Why aren't the laws pertaining to the height of front fences enforced in this area, as in others? Where else in Toronto do you see such high front fences, they would not be allowed. (These high board fences seem to always scream back at me as I pass by them.)

CFRB bias

Dear Sir:

I think it is necessary to highlight the attitude of one of Toronto's long time broadcasters during the recent garbage man's strike.

Jack Dennett, the well-known CFRB news broadcaster, has a large audience. With such a large following, he has a responsibility for objectivity in his reporting. However, he did not show this responsibility when he made comments against the union. He should not use his influence, however subtle, to sway public opinion.

I think this shows how little support the working man has in the traditional media in Toronto.

Roger Power,
375 Berkely St.

LIP is doing good work

Dear Sirs:

Many groups, started with LIP or other government funding, should definitely be continued. They are doing good work for the people of the area.

One of these projects is the Open Door, held in All Saints Church. The workers there along with Rev. Ron Ellis all seem to have special talent in working with people.

Every day, visitors come in to play cards, watch television, have a coffee and chat with the others. Also, there is a Room Registry at the Church, where residents can find out where there are apartments or rooms for rent.

On Wednesday, April 26th, His Worship the Mayor, Bill Dennison visited the Open Door and was impressed with what this group was doing.

It is groups like this one that should continue receiving support from LIP or other government programs.

Charlie Rolfe

LIP rips off my taxes

Dear Sirs:

As a taxpayer I am appalled at the thought of the federal government giving more of my hard earned tax money to a bunch of rip-off artists under the guise of extended LIP grants.

Most of these so-called LIP projects are serving no real need in the community and are just make-work projects or an effort by the federal Liberal Government to buy votes in the coming federal election.

And for those LIP projects that are doing good work it is costing far too much. The average weekly pay of a person funded under LIP is

\$100 but how many of them are producing an equivalent amount of work for that money?

Who do these LIP workers think they are? Don't they realize that when their grant money is all gone they can collect Unemployment Insurance at two thirds of their previous salary?

But they aren't content with collecting \$66 a week for doing nothing. Instead they want an extension of their LIP grants so they can collect \$100 a week for doing next to nothing.

As a taxpayer, I say NO: let them find decent, productive jobs.

NAME WITHHELD

(somebody lives here, but we don't want any part of the rest of the community). I can remember not too long past when there were very very few front fences of any kind or height here, but rather streets of grassy green, well kept front lawns, mind you I have no phobias about the bricked in, or slabbed in, or what have you front lawns, for those who wish to have them for low maintenance convenience, but those high board fences sure do get to me.

I couldn't care less how and what people wish to build in the way of back fences for their own personal privacy, as long as they are all neat and tidy and kept in good repair.

I see absolutely no sense in trying to persuade the city to upgrade its services in any area, if the existing laws are flaunted by the residents, and not

adhered to by the people in an area.

TREES

(6) Do you think it possible to have a tree planting program in Don Vale? Elsewhere in the Ward as well if the people wish it. I understand the city has such a program and trees were planted on Amelia & Winchester streets a few years back. What I am thinking about are the small flowering type trees for front lawns on short and narrow streets with no boulevards where there are no trees in many cases, and large trees would be an impossibility.

Thanks so much for the regular delivery of 7 News lately. I had complained several times of no delivery, so wish to say I am now very pleased not only with the improved services, but also in my humble opinion improved content as well.

SALISBURY ST.

Trial bus to Cherry Beach

Dear Sir:

This summer, the TTC will provide a trial bus service to Cherry Beach which is located just east of Parliament Street at the foot of Cherry Street.

A lot of people living in the Don District have never heard of the place and I suspect our various governments hope they never do. Cherry Beach was once a popular beach. Kids would bike down there during the summer and families could drive down there for a few hours after work and on weekends.

BRIDGE OPEN

But that all changed when they built the super expressways that cup the lower end of the ward. They even closed the Cherry Street bridge for a few years. When they re-opened the bridge, they also cleaned up the beach and now they are putting on a trial bus service.

If you haven't been down to see the beach, you should do so while it's still there. Plans to do away with it have been on the books for quite a few years and our M.P. Donald MacDonald had just announced the latest one.

He hopes work will begin this year on a new 1000-acre outer harbour. Also, the Eastern Channel will be widened and commercial Port facilities will be relocated and expanded east off Yonge Street to Leslie Street.

TO DISAPPEAR

The plan also calls for a new aquatic park at the end of the Leslie Street spit but Cherry Beach will disappear in all these new harbour plans.


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Regent Festival set for June 12th

Opposition leader Robert Stanfield, Premier William Davis and NDP leader Stephen Lewis, along with special mystery guests will officially open the Regent Park Festival at noon, Saturday, June 12th.

A beauty contest will be held with the girls wearing sweat shirts and jeans, rather than the more traditional bathing suit.

Booths for refreshments, books and white elephant sales will be open all day. Bingo will be going on continually as well.

For the children, there will be pony rides. For the mothers and those husbands who like to bake, a baking contest will be held.

Twenty different organizations, schools and churches are involved in the Festival Day. The teen club came to the parents and asked them what they could do together to show their solidarity.

Twenty teenagers wearing white shirts and pants will unofficially guard the Festival.

The booths will close at 7 p.m. and a dance in the ice rink in North Regent will start at 8 o'clock to end the day.

However, summer recreational facilities in Regent Park will not be as good as local residents had hoped.

Disappointment was expressed at a meeting of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RPCIA) over the rejection by Opportunities For

Youth of the Green Summer Day Camp proposal.

The project involves summer recreation for over 600 children of the area and was given priority for continued support over the other OFY projects that had been rejected.

The group sent a letter to Gerard Pelletier, the minister responsible for the OFY programs, to urge him to reverse his decision about the day camp. He and his assistant have assured the residents that they will do all they can to meet their request.

The meeting was also disappointed that none of the planned summer recreation facilities in the OHC recreational project would be ready. The reason given for this delay is that the financing of personnel got held up.

However, the Board of Education has offered the two acres of land on the Oak Street school site for baseball diamonds.

The swimming pool was to be open July 1st, but will not be open until the end of September. Necessary equipment was not ordered far enough in advance and it is not available yet.

The closest swimming pool to Regent Park is in the Lord Dufferin School. Summer swimming starts June 30th. It will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and, on Saturdays, from 9:30 to 12:00 and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is no charge.

RHYDE shows good balanced sound

RHYDE (formerly the Glass Meteor)

Organ — Sam Collura. Lead guitar — Joe Collura. Drums — Bill Jasma. Base Guitar — Phil Woodard. Playing nightly at The Gerrard Tavern, Gerrard and Parliament through to June 10th. No cover or minimum.

My first impression was that this group has a good sound balance. Some groups are overly loud as it is quite hard to control and balance the sound from each instrument when playing rock music.

The group is very tasty and versatile. Although primarily a rock group, they can play country music and ballads with equal ease. This shows the level of their musicianship has a "wide space".

The drummer, Bill Jasma, is good. He has good hands but he has the occasional tendency to play a bit heavy.

I would like to see this group get into their own thing. I think they are good enough to create their own music and would suggest that as their next step.

If they add to their group as there is some talk of them doing, I would prefer to see them put in a horn rather than another guitar. I think it would give them a better sound.

TOM OKI

RCO finds Rosedale garbage

by EILEEN SMITH

Here's one incident of the recently settled garbage strike that was not reported in the Toronto papers.

Ralph Thornton from the Riverdale Community Organization took a carload of people on a tour of the Rosedale area during the strike.

Mr. Thornton called out to a Rosedale resident outside his home and asked him where he put his garbage. The resident replied, "Oh, we take ours

down to Allen Gardens in Cabbagetown. That's the closest place to here".

The group found 14 parks in the Rosedale area. Only one had any garbage in it — two rather small piles.

These piles were removed the first day after the strike was settled and the garbagemen were promising home pick up in a couple of days.

(Mrs. Smith is a member of the RCO Parks Committee.)

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A HEALTH COLUMN
by DON WEITZ

Our first item this week is written by Mel Perlmutter, a psychometrist (diagnostic testing) working in the Psychology Department of St. Michael's Hospital.

THE PEOPLE GROUP

"People who need people are the luckiest people in the world", says a song. The truth, of course, is that we all need people. A much sadder truth is that in our society all too many people are isolated from others or are in relationships that have broken down because of a serious lack of communication. Many people are alienated from society's goals and institutions (often with good reason) and even from themselves.

It seems that rather than being treated as human beings, more and more often we are reduced to 'numbers', 'patients' or 'suckers to be conned'. People don't seem to care about others. They find it hard to relax and are slow to show warmth to others, especially strangers. To see what I mean, just say "good morning" to someone on the subway and see what reaction you get.

People need people for support. To be related to as a human being; to be told they are worthy of being cared for; to be able to get their frustrations and tensions off their chest by talking to a sympathetic listener.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Parliament Street Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.), an adult discussion/drop-in group is held. People come to talk about the problems they are facing in everyday living and also to discuss some of important issues in our society — like the dehumanizing aspects or problems of abortion, homosexuality, "mental illness", institutionalization, etc.

Talking, sharing, listening, caring and growing as individuals: that's what this group is about. Hopefully, participants gain some insight into our problems and those of others and through this understanding are better able to cope with the pressures of living.

This group is open to everyone in the community. What happens on any particular Wednesday night is the result of who shows up and what they want to happen. There is no obligation to return should you not wish to. If you think that this group might be something that you could contribute to or get something from, drop by some Wednesday night. If you have any ideas about different kinds of groups, get in touch with me, Mel Perlmutter, at 360-4175 or Don Weitz at 924-2544 during the daytime.

"OPERATION TURNABOUT"

Once again, the Federal Government's Opportunities For Youth Program is reacting inconsistently or hypocritically toward youth. While government health officials and other bureaucratic mandarins are warning kids ("alienated youth") not to get "stoned" or "freak out" on drugs, they refuse to fund some youth, self-help projects which could help the kids stay off destructive drugs like solvents.

For example, take OFY's recent rejection of "Operation Turnabout", a challenging and imaginative project conceived by some Regent Park youth which could have worked out of the Regent Park Teen Centre, 203 Sackville Street.

According to Steve Roblin, a project director, they were asking the Government for \$14,652.25 (\$14,132.25 for salaries) to hire 10 young staff to work with troubled Regent Park kids who are into sniffing glue and other solvents. All the workers would be recruited directly from Regent Park — 5 would work in North Regent and 5 in South Regent.

ALTERNATIVES

"Turnabout's" Program would be gradually created and controlled by the kids themselves, with support and guidance from the young project staff. At first, there would be two or three weeks of educational and "fun trips" which the staff would set up; then the solvent-sniffing kids would be encouraged and supported to come up with and follow through their own program ideas.

A camping trip was also planned, Steve says, to "give kids a chance to get out of the city... the camping trip could help bring kids together and depend on each other... (it would) should them other trips they can trip into without chemicals... It would get them involved with each other," instead of chemicals.

In this way, "Turnabout" would serve another purpose; namely, "prevent the kids from getting into heavier stuff", like amphetamines ("speed") or heroin ("smack").

Anyway, despite OFY's rejection of "Turnabout", the Regent Park Teen Centre will still carry on its fine work with kids deep into drugs and other problems, but on a part-time basis. A recent \$10,000 grant from the Addiction Research Foundation should help; this money will pay 1 or 2 staff people; Laurie Sugarman and Dr. Boone (both from ARF) will act as consultants to the Teen Centre.

Already, according to Steve, the Regent Park drug program has achieved some amazing results. He points out that before March there were about 100 kids sniffing glue or some other solvent; now, there are about 50-75, at least a 25% drop. Another amazing fact is that since it opened last October, about 400 kids have come to or become actively involved in its activities! It's open 7 days/week and it's for kids between 14 and 22. On Sundays, the Teen Centre features rock group concerts.

Anybody interested in learning more about the Regent Park Teen Centre Drop-in should call Steve Roblin or Barry Tulip at 362-0450 or 364-2839, or drop in at 203 Sackville Street.

HEALTH FLASHES

A spokesman from the Toronto Academy of Veterinary Medicine said last week, "There has been Rabies in the city; it is very contagious and all dogs should be vaccinated. You'll get a valuable, low-cost opportunity to vaccinate your dog(s) on June 3rd at the Rabies Clinic to be held in the Moss Park Armoury at the corner of Queen and Jarvis Streets. It'll cost you only \$2, instead of the usual \$6. So, REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR DOG(S) FOR RABIES SHOTS TO THE MOSS PARK ARMOURY ON JUNE 3rd.



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WHAT IS SEVEN NEWS?

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SEVEN NEWS has a lot of new readers who probably aren't familiar with the concept and operating philosophy of the paper. There are also many readers who haven't received earlier issues of the paper that outlined this philosophy.

As a result, many readers are asking questions about SEVEN NEWS. Some of these questions, with answers, are listed below. If anyone has any further questions, drop us a line.

Who publishes SEVEN NEWS?

SEVEN NEWS was originally set up to be a co-operative and "shares" were sold at any price to people in Ward Seven. However, due to legal and financial difficulties, it was impossible to incorporate SEVEN NEWS as a co-operative. But the concept of community ownership was retained and adhered to and thus the publishers of SEVEN NEWS are the people of Ward Seven.

Who controls SEVEN NEWS?

The owners of the paper — the people of Ward Seven — control the paper. This control is exercised through decision-making at general and editorial meetings which are open to all. Community Influence is also received through feedback from people in the ward through normal channels of communication.

How is SEVEN NEWS financed?

Initially, some \$2,000 was raised through a fund-raising drive to start SEVEN NEWS. When this was exhausted, the paper relied on advertising revenue to sustain it along

with donations that continue to come in. A new fund-raising drive is now underway (SEE STORY ON PAGE 1) but the paper continues to rely on ad revenue to keep it going.

SEVEN NEWS recently received a small grant under the federally sponsored Local Initiative Program. But this money was only sufficient to pay for salary and office expenses. None of the grant money can be depended upon to pay for the cost of the paper. The grant money will run out at the end of May.

How much does it cost to bring out an issue of SEVEN NEWS?

It costs close to \$600 to bring out an 8-page issue of 23,000 copies. Typesetting, printing and the telephone are the major fixed expenses that make up this figure. However, income must exceed this amount because a 15% commission on ad sales is paid to the SEVEN NEWS advertising salesman.

What is the purpose of SEVEN NEWS?

As laid down in its constitution: — To serve as a voice for local residents and local organizations regardless of conflicting ideas on specific issues.

— To provide a means of distributing accurate information and news on subjects pertaining to Ward Seven, or items of interest to residents of Ward Seven.

— To facilitate communications between elected officials and the residents of Ward Seven.

— To provide a means for activating residents within Ward Seven.

— To provide means for making

residents aware of facilities available.

— To provide a means for public meeting notices.

— To provide information and education about legal and civil rights.

Who is the editor of SEVEN NEWS?

The present editor is Norman G. Browne, an indigenous community worker who lives in Don Vale.

How was he hired or elected?

The first editor of SEVEN NEWS was hired and because there was more than one applicant, he was also elected. When the money to pay an editor's salary ran out, various community people volunteered to act as editor. Mr. Browne took over as editor a little more than a year ago.

Is the editor's job full time and if so who pays his salary?

The first editor of SEVEN NEWS was paid a token salary out of the general funds of the paper. However, this soon ran out and since then no editor of the paper has received any money from SEVEN NEWS.

When Mr. Browne became editor, the Toronto Christian Resource Centre, an agency in Don Vale, was paying him a salary of \$2,000 a year as a part-time community worker. This arrangement continued with Mr. Browne working full-time for SEVEN NEWS.

When SEVEN NEWS received a grant from the federal government, Mr. Browne was officially hired at a general meeting at a salary of \$100 a week from the grant money. When that runs out, he has volunteered to continue editing the paper while receiving Unemployment Insurance. When that runs out, the Christian Resource Centre will again fund him as before.

Who controls the editor?

The SEVEN NEWS editor, regardless of his working arrangements with the paper, is at all times answerable to the editorial committee and the general membership.

How do I get a SEVEN NEWS reporter to cover a meeting or event?

SEVEN NEWS has no staff of reporters in the traditional sense of

the word. The SEVEN NEWS "staff" is the community and every member of that "staff" has the right and responsibility to write up meetings and events for the paper.

If you attend an event or meeting that you feel should have a wider audience, take notes or get someone to write about it. The editor will put your notes into a coherent, readable form, but the story and the facts must come from you or your group.

How is SEVEN NEWS distributed?

There are 90 volunteers throughout the ward who distribute the paper freely on their street, block or apartment building. Drops are also made to places frequented by a number of people: libraries, churches, community centres, etc.

How can I support SEVEN NEWS?

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WHAT IS PARTICIPATION?

The myth of citizen control

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

At the root of all the citizen action that is taking place at the Metro, City and Ward level is the subject of "citizen participation" and "community control".

The Spadina Expressway movement is probably the best example on a city-wide basis of citizens seeking to participate in the decision making that affects their lives. Metro Centre, the Police Tower site, and the widening of Wellesley Street are other lesser examples.

In Ward Seven, the hot-bed of community activism, the examples are even more numerous: West St. James Town, South of St. James Town, urban renewal in Don Vale and Trefann, recreation in Regent Park, the Riverdale Zoo site, the Dunlop Park site, etc., etc.

Yet few people really understand what they are saying when they talk about "citizen participation" and "community control".

However, a little-known article which has recently been published not only spells out the meaning of these terms but graphically illustrates what the whole thing is all about.

Sherry Arnstein in the AIP Journal states, "Citizen participation is a categorical term for citizen power. It is the redistribution of power that enables the have not citizens, presently excluded from the political and economic processes, to be deliberately included in the future."

The above quote was taken from an article titled: "Ladder of Citizen Participation". Here is the ladder used to illustrate the article:

The bottom rungs of the ladder, Manipulation and Therapy, describe levels of "non-participation" that have been contrived by some to substitute for genuine participation.

When Informing and Consultation are proffered by powerholders as the total extent of participation, citizens may indeed hear and be heard. But under these conditions they lack the power to insure that their views will be heeded by the powerful.

The next rung of the ladder, Placation, is simply a higher level of tokenism because the ground-rules allow have-nots to advise, but retain for the powerholders the continued right to decide.

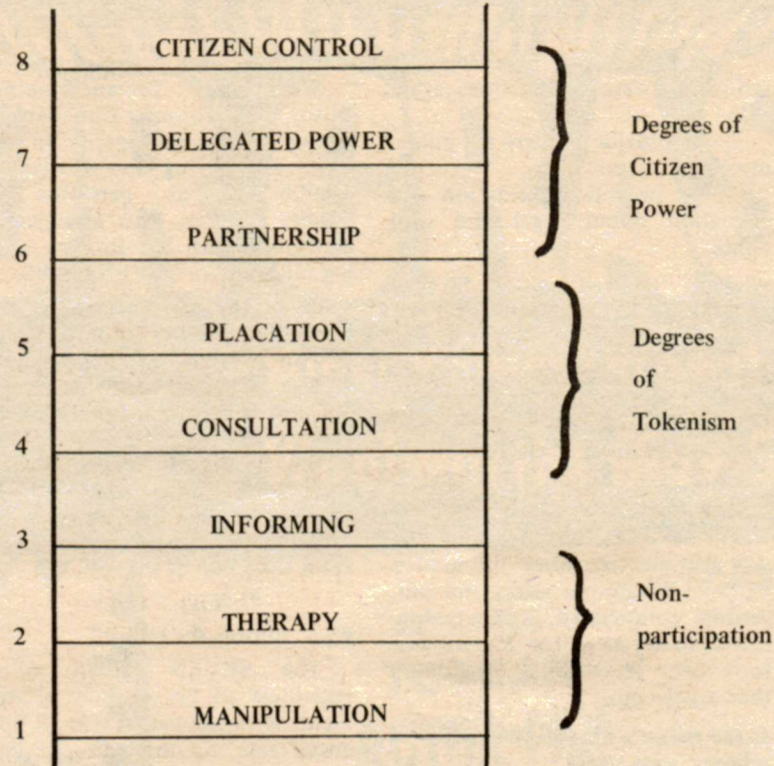
Further up the ladder, citizens have a greater degree of decision making clout. They can enter a Partnership that enables them to negotiate and engage in trade-offs with those in power. And at the top of the ladder, citizens obtain the majority of decision-making seats or full managerial power.

Ah, yes. Already you are beginning to understand and maybe get a little bit angry... You thought, when you went to that meeting, that you were "participating". In reality, you were what...?

But let's take a look at a few examples!

The Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) has set up an advisory committee made up of one tenant from each major OHC housing project in Metro.

Big deal. That's the bottom rung: MANIPULATION.



"In the name of citizen participation, people are placed on rubberstamp advisory committees or advisory boards for the express purpose of "educating" them or engineering their support."

Now, if the Federal Government, which funds OHC through Central Mortgage and Housing Company loans, were to demand that a majority of tenants be on the Board of Directors of OHC...

That would be rung nine.

The Trefann working committee has been hailed by City officials as a model of citizen participation. Citizen delegates from each of the Associations in the area have been sitting down with planners and Aldermen to develop an Urban Renewal Project for Trefann.

But that's only rung FIVE; PLACATION.

Any decisions arrived at by the working committee can be vetoed by the Planning Board, the Urban Renewal Committee of City Council, City Council itself, the Provincial Government and the Federal Government.

As the article states: "At this level, citizens begin to have some degree of influence though tokenism is still apparent".

Those in power allow citizens to advise or plan ad infinitum but they retain the right to judge the legitimacy or feasibility of the advice.

Another example is local, neighbourhood Planning Board Meetings held to allow "citizen participation" in the planning of a near-by high-rise development.

At one such meeting, no one was there from the Planning Board but the developer was there with his

plans, his lawyer and his architect. The meeting was designed for a one-way flow of information - from developer to citizens - with no channel provided for feedback and no power for negotiation.

That is rung three: INFORMING.

The now famous Park School meeting with the trustees of the Toronto School Board may be seen at that level or the next one up, rung four; CONSULTATION.

The most frequent method of consulting people is attitude surveys, neighbourhood meetings and public hearings. People are primarily seen as statistical abstractions, and participation is measured in how many come to meetings, take brochures home or answer a questionnaire.

What citizens achieve in all this activity is that they have "participated in participation". What those in power achieve is evidence that they have gone through the required motions of involving "those people."

The interesting thing about the "Ladder of Citizen Participation" is that it can be applied where any group of have-nots enter into a relationship with some group or organization that has power.

For example, at what rung of the ladder are volunteers participating in Central Neighbourhood House, Dixon Hall, or Woodgreen Community Centre?

Do volunteers working in these and other agencies have the power to choose programs, decide priorities or hire staff?

How many citizens, participating as volunteers in an agency have the right to elect or sit on that agency's board of directors?

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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS has a new chapter meeting every Monday night at 8 p.m. at All Saints Church, Sherbourne and Dundas. Everyone welcome.

DIXON HALL, 58 SUMACH STREET, is holding a Bingo on June 6th. Early Bird games start at 6:30. Regular games are at 7 p.m.

HELP WANTED: The Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street has received an extension of its LIP grant until September and has openings for the following positions: Co-ordinator, Programme Organizer, Secretary-Bookkeeper and Maintenance man. Salaries are roughly \$100 a week. For more information phone 921-6710.

A RUMMAGE SALE is being held at Duke of York School, Room 106, on Saturday, May 27th from 10 to 3 p.m. Proceeds will go to the After-School crafts and cooking programme.

ROSEDALE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION will hold a federal nominating convention on Monday, May 29th at 8 p.m. at the 48th Highlanders Hall, 519 Church.

RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR CLINIC at Woodgreen United Church, 875 Queen E. on Wed., May 31, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

WINCHESTER SCHOOL has an Adult Drop-In every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Use Rose Avenue door. All are welcome.

BROADVIEW LIBERAL ASSOCIATION will hold a federal nominating convention on Tuesday, May 30th at 8 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 174 Leslie.

THE CO-OP DAY CARE CENTRE based at All Saints Church, Sherbourne and Dundas still has openings for children 2 to 5 years of age. A mother enrolling her children is expected to spend one afternoon a week looking after children. There is also a 50¢ a week charge for cookies and juice. For more info phone 962-9679.

ALLAN LAWRENCE, MPP and BARRY ROSE of Ontario Housing Corporation will be guests at the next general meeting of the Moss Park Apartments Community Association. The meeting will be Wed. May 31 at 8 p.m. in the penthouse at 285 Shuter Street. Moss Park residents welcome.

SOUTH OF ST. JAMESTOWN TENANTS ASSOCIATION is holding a public meeting at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St. on Tuesday, May 30 at 8 p.m.

SEVEN NEWS NEEDS A VOLUNTEER TYPIST 2 afternoons a month to type up rough copy for the paper. Phone 368-5101.

THE THRIFT STORE, located at Central Neighbourhood House is open from 9 to 11:45 every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning.

A PARTY TO RAISE MONEY for the South of St. James Town Defense Fund will be held at 175 St. Clair West on Wednesday, May 31st at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained at 265 Gerrard East or from 51 Blecker Street.

ENGLISH CLASSES FOR NEW CANADIANS on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 415 Gerrard St. East. For more information call 863-1768.

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Feminist will be federal candidate in Rosedale riding

by MAGGIE SIGGINS

Rosedale riding will be the battleground for a traditional David and Goliath slugout in the next Federal election. There will be two giants in the contest... incumbent Liberal Donald MacDonald, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, and a prominent Progressive Conservative, perhaps Alan Lawrence.

Already declared and in the running for the Conservative nomination are three men: Warren Beamish, a professional engineer; David Lissamen, a lawyer, and Dick Cavanaugh, another engineer.

The "David" in the battle is Aline Gregory, an energetic 41-year-old who will run as an independent candidate on a feminist ticket backed by the newly-formed Women for Political Actions (WPA).

TWO RUNNING

Aline Gregory is one of two Toronto women sponsored by this group which includes about 200 women from a variety of political philosophies. Many have helped and belonged to established parties for years. Kay Macpherson, a long time activist and former president of the Voice of Women, is the other woman being backed by WPA. She will run in St. Paul's riding.

Aline Gregory says she chose Rosedale not only because she lives and is involved here but because of the large number of working women and women-heads-of-household living in the area.

Rosedale includes St. James Town and several public housing developments which tend to attract large numbers of women on their own. But MS. Gregory says she is also interested in representing married women in her riding.

"I don't think women's oppression is one of class. I think wealthy women are as much oppressed as the poor," she says.

STATUS OF WOMEN

MS. Gregory is using the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Status of

Women as the basis of her campaign. She is particularly interested in implementing such help to working mothers as 24-hour-day care services. She feels this is of particular importance in this riding.

She hopes that many men will vote for her and she will appeal to them as well in her campaign. "Many men are interested in having abortion dropped from the criminal code and expanding day care centres. And there are many

"liberal-minded" men who are concerned about the women's position in society."

Although abortion will be one topic in her campaign, she hopes her platform will be broad enough so that even those opposed to abortion will vote for her on basis of her feminist stand on other issues.

"We're not forcing abortion on anyone. We want women to have freedom of choice about the matter."



SOCCA to view slides at Neighbourhood House

A colored slide presentation on the Don District will be featured at the next open meeting of South of Carlton Community Action, to be held on Monday, May 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Central Neighbourhood House.

Photography was done by Tom Fry, guidance counselor at Duke of York School, and other school personnel. Commentary is by Doug Barr, Barry Morris, Jim Houston, Roberta Sankey, Mary Murphy, Bob Coughell and Nina Herman.

The program was originally prepared for the "CAASE" conference last January of professional workers in the district, and is primarily concerned with the housing and social problems of the area.

At the close of the SOCCA meeting, there will be a flashlight procession through the South of Carlton neighbourhood to demonstrate the need for better street lighting. All those attending are urged to bring flashlights and help in the demonstration.

Aline Gregory has worked at a variety of occupations and is currently an accountant with the Traders Group Ltd. She is involved in staff training, accounting procedures and systems development.

ACTIVIST

She has long been concerned with the rights of women. She was one of the early members of the New Feminists, a Toronto group.

She was also a founding member and chairperson of the group called Women's Coalition for Inclusion of the Word Sex in the Ontario Human Rights Code. She was instrumental in preparing a brief to then Prime Minister John Robarts, organized a public demonstration to back it up, analyzed the Ontario Women's Equal Opportunity Act and presented a critique of it to all members of provincial parliament.

MS. Gregory also participated in a sit-in at a Royal York Hotel dining room which served only men. The hotel later reversed its policy.

She is on the executive of the Ontario Committee on the Status of Women. This group has asked the Ontario government to set up an implementation committee to ensure Status of Women recommendations are acted on.

Since January 1970, Aline has been a member of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women in Canada. This group was responsible for the successful

Strategy for Change Conference in which over 500 women from across Canada participated.

BETTER DEAL

Although she says much of her platform will revolve around getting a better deal for women, she is also interested in other riding issues, particularly housing and ecology.

Aline's campaign will revolve around a hard-core of dedicated women who firmly believe that even with such giants as McDonald to contend with, she will be a formidable candidate.

They plan public meetings with leading feminists as speakers, hope that the campaign will act as a kind of consciousness raising process for workers, and generally want to educate women in the ward.

A resident of St. James Town, discussing Aline in the elevator said he would consider the possibility of voting for her. "I think such platform would certainly be different and very interesting."

His wife agreed: "I'm not usually interested in politics. But if there was someone running on women's right issues I would become interested."

Whether David beats the Goliaths or not, it will be an educational and provocative campaign.

(Maggie Siggins, a frequent contributor to SEVEN NEWS, lives in St. James Town.)

Don Valley softball

MEN'S DIVISION

Monday, May 29, South Regent vs. Lever Bros. Wednesday, May 31, Old Clifton House vs. Howell, Woodgreen vs. Dixon Hall. Thursday, June 1, Brunt's vs. Don Vale. Monday, June 5, Dixon Hall vs. Lever Bros. Wednesday, June 7, Don Vale vs. Old Clifton House, Woodgreen vs. Brunt's. Thursday, June 8, Howell vs. South Regent.

All games played at Riverdale Park starting at 6:30 p.m.

BANTAM DIVISION

Tuesday, May 30, Broadview YMCA vs. Woodgreen. Friday, June 2, Don Vale vs. Dixon Hall. Tuesday, June 6, Don Vale vs. Broadview YMCA. Friday, June 9, Dixon Hall vs. Woodgreen.

All games played at Riverdale Park starting at 6:30 p.m.

PEE WEE DIVISION

Wednesday, May 31, Dixon Hall vs. CNH. Woodgreen vs. Don Vale. Wednesday, June 7, Don Vale vs. Broadview YMCA. CNH vs. Woodgreen.

All games played at McCleary Park starting at 6:30 p.m.

Don Vale Center meeting

All those living in Don Vale who are interested in the concept of a community run, community controlled Community Centre are asked to attend the next General Meeting of the Don Vale Community Centre.

The meeting, to be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 1st at 80 Winchester Street, will deal with a proposal to modify the length of office and number of the Board of Directors of the Centre.

The proposal calls for reducing the present 17 on the Board to only 9 and reducing the one-year term of office to 6 months. To keep a continuity on the Board, 3 new members would be elected every two months.

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FASHIONABLE AND EXPENSIVE

Don Vale future already sealed

by MARTIN ALEXANDER

The newspapers have done it again — given more publicity to townhouse development in Don Vale.

A recent real estate section in the Globe and Mail led off with a story showing just how fashionable — and expensive — that area is becoming. The article was just the latest in a long line of similar stories, which, taken together, will ultimately make nonsense of all the heart-searching going on in the heads of the areas Radial Funk Gang (so labelled in yet another newspaper article by the Star's Alexander Ross.)

Don Vale's intelligentsia, demonstrably one of the most concentrated in Toronto, has long been concerned with the character of the area.

The form of this concern, and its goals, have not always been similar: some would preserve the working-class flavor they think distinguishes what they would like to believe is Old Cabbagetown; others envision a hotbed of the creative and social humanities; still others feel it is useless to resist the inevitable triumph of the high-rise developers. But, though agreement has been difficult to perceive in all this, thought has been constant and deep...

And misdirected.

Four years ago a family looking for civilized in-town housing would probably have embarked on a frustrating round of explorations in the Annex and Rosedale. High prices there might have driven them to the Rathnelly-MacPherson area. Rising prices there might have driven them to sheer frustration or — God forbid — the suburbs.

OLD MADE NEW

Or they might, as many did, read an article by Irvin Lutsky in the Globe and Mail's Report on Business. In it he told the story of George Herczeg, an independent developer who was taking old, often dilapidated houses in Cabbagetown and turning them into smart new dwellings for, in the

words of the article, "young professionals and swingers."

If the people who read the article investigated further — and again, many of them did — they would have discovered that a fully converted townhouse could be purchased for under \$30,000.

So, many of them bought — the prices were irresistible.

A STEAL

Now, they and the hundreds of thousands of other readers of the Globe have just been exposed to the information that you can buy a house, fully converted in Don Vale (a name that sounds suspiciously like a crooner's) for less than \$40,000. And that bit of information was conveyed in a manner that suggested that the current prices are a steal.

The weird fact is they probably are.

So thinkers beware! You may ponder at length — and sincerely — Don Vale's future. But the facts are clear: Don Vale's fate is sealed. It's a brilliant future, but probably not the fate any of you would have chosen.

Nonetheless, any area where houses have risen in value as rapidly as they have in Don Vale has probably developed an independent momentum — one beyond change.

To understand where that momentum is taking Don Vale, it's necessary to forget labels like Cabbagetown, Redevelopment, Renewal and any of the connotations that go with them.

Examine the area instead of the

cold light of pure physical location; its distance from Yonge Street and Bloor Street. Its relationship to a city in which hotel is being heaped upon hotel, apartment upon apartment, condominium upon co-op.

Examine precisely the kind of city Toronto has become: **Rich, cosmopolitan and, in the dismal light of most of the other cities in North America, safe.**

The city's future as a tourist centre, convention magnet and jewel in the crown of the capitalist empire, is assured.

FOR RICH

This means that Don Vale's position in the Heart of Heart's is equally assured: the area is destined — or doomed — to become an expensive, exclusive enclave in a city where small, central housing is becoming scarce.

Rising prices will not deter those who want and can afford the luxury of living in the heartland.

Rising taxes will drive out those who cannot or will not pay them. In 1968 the taxes on my house were \$275. They're now \$600. Can \$1,000 be far away?

How many of you who read this will decide to sell your houses for what seem like immense sums, instead of paying taxes that seem nearly as high as prices for the houses in the 1930s?

Don Vale's fate is sealed. What you think of it depends on the role you see yourself playing in an imperial jewel.

Emergency home help

Public housing tenants in Ward Seven will be able to use their Emergency Homemakers' Service until September.

Homemakers Service is available to residents of Moss Park, St. James Town and Seaton Street public housing. It provides housekeeping assistance, messenger service for medicines and essential purchases, rides to and from hospitals, and other help for tenants who are not capable of performing tasks on their own.

Emergency Homemakers' Service is financed through a Local Initiatives Programme (LIP) grant to the Don District Council of Public Housing Tenants Associations. It has 14 staff workers and can be contacted by telephoning 924-7538.

During one month this spring the Service performed 370 messenger services and assisted 245 homemakers.

Most want more say on development

Eighty per cent of those who responded to the SEVEN NEWS second Opinion Poll want neighbourhood residents to have more say in the type of future development planned for their area.

Response to the second poll dropped off sharply from that of

the first but is still of interest. A third questionnaire is printed below. Let us know "WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?"

Here are the results of the second poll:

1. "What do you think of high-rise development in Ward Seven?"

ENOUGH — 7. NOT ENOUGH — 8. TOO MUCH — 14. NO ANSWER — 1.

2. "Do you think there should be a freeze on high-rise development in the ward?"

YES — 22. NO — 7. DON'T KNOW — 1.

3. "Do you think a height restriction should be placed on all future construction in Ward Seven?"

YES — 23. NO — 6. DON'T KNOW — 1.

4. "If you agree there should be a height restriction what do you think it should be?"

3 STORIES — 12. 4 STORIES — 2. 5 STORIES — 2. 7 STORIES — 2. NINE STORIES — 1. HIGHER THAN 9 — 4. UNLIMITED — 1. NO ANSWER — 6.

5. "What do you think of the amount of Public Housing in Ward Seven?"

ENOUGH — 9. NEED MORE — 13. TOO MUCH — 3. DON'T KNOW — 3. NO ANSWER — 2.

6. "Do you think that people living in an area should have more say in the type of development planned for their area?"

YES — 24. NO — 6.

What's your opinion . . .

1. What method of transportation do you use the most?
Car TTC Bicycle Walk Other
2. Do you think less emphasis should be placed on the use of the car and more on other forms of transportation? Yes No
3. Are you in favour of reserving special lanes on main roads for bicycles only? Yes No
4. Are you in favour of the widening of Dundas Street through Ward 7 to ten lanes? Yes No
5. Are you in favour of widening any streets in Ward 7?
Yes No Narrow streets only Don't know
6. Do you believe your area is being well served by the TTC?
Yes No Sometimes Don't know
7. Are you in favour of a ban on private cars in the downtown area?
Yes No Partial ban only Don't know
8. On what street in Ward 7 do you live or work? _____

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS: _____

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SPEAKING OUT

Q: "What do you like about your neighbourhood?"



It's close to the inner city. The stores are close. There are lots of things to do.

Mrs. Milani,
274 Sackville Ave.



I don't like the neighbourhood: it's dirty. But I like the people.

Len Martin,
247 Broadview Ave.



It's different than any other part of the city. It's more like a small town. It's a better place, I like it down here.

Dick Birch,
15 Belshaw Pl.



I like the kids and the older people. They are more friendly here.

Joan Gilmore,
193 Gerrard



I think it's a friendly neighbourhood. I think there is a good shopping district. The storeowners are co-operative and friendly.

Mrs. Yedon,
355 Gerrard St.



I don't like the people. I can't get out of the area. I have to live with cockroaches and dirt. There are no benches for the old people to sit on in the parks.

George,
260 Carlton St.



I think it's cool. Lots of recreation. There's a new rink, lacrosse, hockey, track and field and at Regent Park, there are 6 drop-ins for kids.

Robert Headley,
600 Dundas St. E.

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