

Death at all-time high on skid row

by GLADYS DE SCHEPPER

The men on skid row are dying like flies. This is the news that has brought social agencies and community workers in Ward 7 together for emergency meetings this month to discuss future action.

It is feared that since 1972, deaths on skid row may have risen by as much as 60 percent. The increase is a direct result of lack of housing and medical facilities.

When Bill 101 passed in the fall of 1972, it amended the Liquor Control Act to allow police to escort individuals found drunk in a public place to detoxification centres instead of to jail. Due to a lack of detox facilities, the result has been that in practice a person is held in custody at the police station for a few hours and then re-

leased.

Community workers say that under the old system of jailing, an individual on the skids could at least get shelter, food, and some medical attention. The workers, however, do not recommend a return to the former system. They say that jailing was a high-cost, short-term "band-aid" measure and did not solve the problems of the men and women on skid row. More low-cost housing, medical and detox facilities, and halfway houses are suggested as long-term solutions.

There is also considerable fear that the death rate on skid row will soar to an all-time high this winter. The invasion of middle-class professionals into the Don area and the conversion of rooming houses into apartment flats have caused a shelter squeeze on skid row.

Jerome Murray, a representative of the South of Carlton Skid Row Committee, says that the skid row men are already teaming up on available rooms. He predicts that the situation will worsen during the cold season.

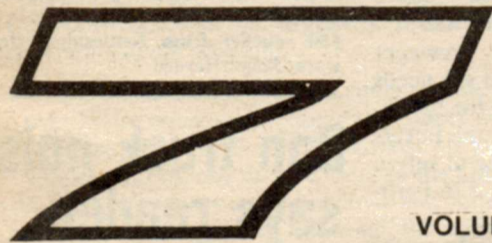
"They'll be freezing to death," warned another community worker. "It's legalized murder and legalized suicide."

When questioned for solutions to this problem, Ward Alderman John Sewell stressed rent control as well as increased social services as a means of providing life-support and rehabilitation on skid row.

"Most people just want to make skid row go away," he said. "They don't try to solve the situations that create it. And politicians won't put themselves out on behalf of people they don't consider 'respectable' and who don't vote."



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Future uncertain for Cabbagetown Boxing Club

by GLADYS DE SCHEPPER

The future looks dim for the Cabbagetown Boxing Club and Youth Centre. Over the past four years the club has supported team sports for nearly 300 boys, girls and adults in the Ward. Now it looks like lack of money may force it to close down.

The club was depending heavily on its application for an \$8,000 grant from the City. Last month the City's budget committee, under the chairmanship of Alderman Art Eggleton, approved a grant for \$3,000. Club spokesmen say that this sum won't cover the year's oil bill, let alone the cost of the sports activities.

Alderman Janet Howard has expressed her concern over the short-sightedness of the City's budget committee on this matter. She pointed out that closing down the club would mean greater expense to the City in the long run because the recreational programs, facilities, and personnel now provided by the club would ultimately have to be supplied by the Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

Since '72 the club has sponsored amateur boxers in competitions throughout Europe and North America. Its senior boxers are currently training for the 1976 Olympic trials.

Other sports sponsored by the Cabbagetown Boxing Club and



Junior boys adjust headgear before boxing bout at the Cabbagetown Boxing Club and Youth Centre located at 2 Lancaster Street.

Photo courtesy of the Cabbagetown Boxing Club

Youth Centre are: Mens', Boys' and girls' teams in the Don Valley Softball League; a senior basketball team which is currently standing in second place in the George Brown College summer league; a boys' peewee soccer team in the Broadview Y League; and a ball hockey team.

John and Peter Wylie and fellow organizers of the club are planning to appeal the City's budget decision. Meanwhile, they are making plans for a lottery and supper-dance to raise the badly needed funds. For information on how you can help, call 961-2912 or come to the club at 2 Lancaster Street

New construction in West St. Jamestown

It looks as though the Meridian group may finally be getting serious about building their West St. Jamestown project. Machinery is noisily scurrying about the area and huge trucks are going in and out again via Howard and Sherbourne Streets. Two possible explanations have been made for this new activity.

• Rumour has it that the Ontario Housing Corporation is planning to buy the site and build three

high-rise towers. When the Davis cabinet gave final approval for the project, against the objections of residents of St. Jamestown and Citizen groups all over the city, the estimated value of the land rose immediately from \$5 million to about \$15 million. Anyone purchasing the site would give Meridian a neat \$10 million windfall profit.

• Planning consultant Walter Manthorpe has finally submitted

Meridian's long-awaited application to City Hall for permission to go ahead with another monster development between Blecker and Ontario Streets in South of St. Jamestown. They will call this project Winchester Square, and it's supposed to be planned in accordance with the "Memorandum of Understanding" worked out in private between Mayor David Crombie and Meridian's Phil Roth. City Council may not want to give the necessary rezoning for this new development, if there isn't some indication that building is going on north of Wellesley.

Editor this issue is Gladys De Schepper. Summer publishing schedule is every 3 weeks, so next deadline is weekend of Aug. 2.

Cherry Beach may be ruined for recreation

by JIM HOUSTON

Cherry Beach could disappear in a few years. Long a popular 'summer resort' for thousands of downtown families, the beach is slated to become a massive container port facility as soon as the new Outer Harbour is completed and the needs of the shipping industry require the space. But some other developments could ruin Cherry Beach for swimming even before that.

Cherry Beach, like a lot of the

land down along the central waterfront belongs to the **Toronto Harbour Commission (THC)**. The City of Toronto has been leasing the beach from the THC for the past few years to keep it open for recreation and swimming. The lease has to be renewed every year.

There is a glimmer of hope that the beach area will not be needed for port operations, at least for many years. A new study was done this April for the THC on expected

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Trefann houses ready in fall

by J. OLIN

The problems involved in moving people into the new houses in the Trefann Court urban renewal area appear to be finally resolved.

The 17 new houses, which were built by Trefann Homes Corporation, the local non-profit housing corporation, were ready for occupancy by the summer of 1974. Mortgage financing arrangements and difficulties with the land lease delayed the houses being occupied.

At its last meeting before the summer recess, City Council gave its approval in principle to the land lease for the units, subject to the rewording of a number of clauses. All parties involved, particularly Trefann Homes Corp., C.M.H.C., and the City's legal department are confident that the major obstacles to the land lease agreement have been cleared.

Barring unexpected problems, people will be moving into the houses by September. Nine of the units are to be sold and eight are to be rented. All land will be leased by the City to the purchasers in the case of the sale units and to Trefann Homes for the rental units. The eight rental units have already been approved for rent supplements.

The attractively designed houses, which range from two to five bedrooms, are located on the west side of Trefann Street and the south side of Shuter Street. They are situated in the Phase I area of the urban renewal scheme which is bounded by Queen, Shuter, Parliament and River Streets.

In spite of the incredible conflicts and disputes involved, the new houses do substantiate the feasibility of building solid, well-designed units which are easily integrated into an older physical environment.

Most of the properties which are designated for acquisition in Phase II or the remainder of the Trefann area have already been acquired. Plans prepared for this area cover the construction of approximately 200 new units. These would include small apartment buildings with mostly bachelors and one bedrooms, duplex units, and row housing similar to the new houses on Trefann Street. Other plans to date include the improvement of all streets and lanes, improved or new utilities, a new east-west street, and the conversion of an existing building into a small-scale community centre. Construction could start as early as the spring of 1976.

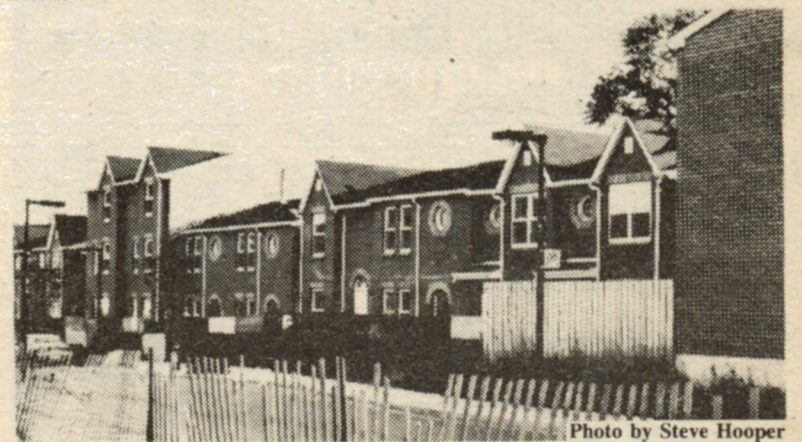


Photo by Steve Hooper

Trefann Court houses have sat empty since last summer, ready and waiting for occupants. Problems with mortgage financing and land lease agreements have caused the delay in occupancy.

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Seven News lottery nets \$4,000

Well, the lottery for Seven News has come and gone and we're about \$4,000 richer, thanks to the generous folks who donated time and money to their community newspaper. We also had a surprising number of ticket sales outside of the ward and are delighted to find that we have received nearly double the sum of money that was raised last year.

Gross receipts from the ticket sales and the lottery party were \$5,667.26, from which we subtracted the prize money for the lucky winners, and expenses involved in running the lottery and throwing the party at Dixon Hall.

Though we are straining our bank balance to make it through the summer, the lottery money will be kept under wraps until the fall. Then our new board of directors, which will be elected by the residents of Ward 7 in our annual meeting, will take over and decide



This photo was taken moments before the lucky winners were picked from the lottery for Seven News. A pot-luck supper and dance followed the grand draw at the lottery night party on Friday, June 20 at Dixon Hall.

Photo by Steve Hooper

LETTERS



Public doesn't understand skid row

Editor's note: the following statements were written by a long-time resident of the Don area who has been involved with helping skid row men for the past 20 years.

No one can blame the Ward 7 Businessmen for not wanting the skid row alcoholics panhandling and sleeping on the streets in the area.

However, statements made by Margaret Scrivener, Conservative member of the provincial legislature that these alcoholics will be dealt with very severely, are of little credit to her and show a great lack of knowledge as well as compassion.

One Ward 7 businessman correctly expressed the view held by both the medical and the legal profession that alcoholism is an illness and its treatment requires more detox centres, halfway houses, and proper medical care — the kind of help that is already available for those who can afford it.

It may surprise some people to know, and we quote from the United States Dept. of Health, "investigation has shown that the alcoholic men of skid row make up a tiny fragment of the entire population of alcoholics and problem drinkers — probably less than 5%. At least 95% of the problem population consists of employed or employable, family centered indi-

viduals."

"For the last three years the South of Carlton Skid Row Committee has been meeting, planning and drawing up proposals for helping the men and women on skid row. Their future programs will bring about a humane approach to the rehabilitation of these sick people who have been ignored by the Scriveners of this world.

Flower thief may strike again

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring to the attention of you and other flower-lovers in our area that they should keep watch on their outside gardens and plants. Last week my hanging planter was stolen from my porch during the night. It had a great sen-

timental value as it was given to my wife as a Mother's Day gift from our children. We are very upset over the loss and would not like this to happen to someone else.

Meanwhile, lottery manager Kathy Cook tells us that she needs back all **unsold** tickets for her records. Please return all the tickets you did not get a chance to sell to Nettleship's Hardware, 576 Parliament St.

And for those of you who might still be wondering about those lucky people who won the lottery prizes, here is the list.

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- Second prize, \$100, S. Lee
- Third Prize, \$50, G. Whiteman
- Clock radio, Margaret Thompson
- Electric hibachi, V. Schellenberg
- \$50 clothing voucher from Corby's V.I.P., R. Marini
- \$50 food voucher from Carlton Food Mart, W. Woodward

Watch from Albert Jewellers, Tom Northy
\$50 voucher from Nettleship's Hardware, Janice Hayden

Ban truck noise says reader

Dear Editor:

Why is there not something done about Sealtest trucks operating in the land next to Ontario St? The banging of milk cans can be heard at 4 o'clock in the morning.

I have spoken to the police and they say that this is one of their biggest problems....Why is Mr. Sewell not doing anything about this? He can surely hear the noise since he lives only a block away.

It is very difficult to work after a night of this noise going on and the children can't sleep.

I would appreciate it if your paper could do something about this as you have done some really great things for the average person. Perhaps there could be something to deaden the sound, as I realize that they have to do their job.

M. Gordon
Ontario St.

DACHI resident blasts Scrivener

Dear Editor:

Margaret Scrivener is on the brink of giving her acid smile to get votes from the people that she is trying to get rid of. Those of us who know what she is up to are hoping that others will become aware of her intentions. She is an ally of the DACHI opposition and she only cares that their concerns are met.

It is a shame to see your own M.P.P enjoying the sight of fixed and low-income people sinking under the feet of some property owners. I'm sure that a lot of us would like to buy homes, but we can't afford to buy them in Don Vale at the current prices.

I would like to see people who are against Margaret Scrivener get together on ideas for defeating her in the next election. We need someone who cares about the non-property owners.

Dorothy Bushey
DACHI resident

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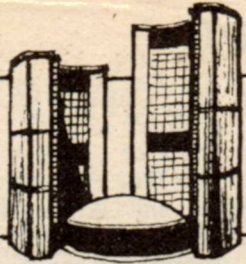
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Good news from Dundas-Sherbourne

by JANET HOWARD
Alderman Ward 7

Now and then it's nice to pass on some good news, and this is the best since I've been writing for Seven News: the first phase of Dundas-Sherbourne is finished, and it's beautiful!

Naturally it is helpful in this time of housing shortage for 76 new units to be available — rooms on up to four-bedroom apartments. But the real importance of Dundas-Sherbourne is that it shows that we do not have to lose in the interests of gaining housing.

For many years it had been usual to bulldoze perfectly good houses to put up high-rise buildings. People did not like what this did to their neighbourhoods, but the argument that the new apartments were necessary usually won out.

With Dundas-Sherbourne the situation was extreme. People from all over Metro wrote in defense of the houses — the whole east side of Sherbourne Street from Dundas almost up to Gerrard — when the developer who owned the site went to the Ontario Municipal Board with a project to tear everything down and build two high-rise towers. The local residents got Jack Diamond, the architect, to come up with a scheme which would preserve the houses and still give the same number of apartments as if they were torn down, and for the same profit to the developer, by dividing the houses into apartments and building new ones on extra land along the lane behind.

Neither the developer nor the provincial government particularly liked the idea of experimenting, and Ontario Housing agreed to finance the towers. The developer unleashed his bulldozer, but a couple of hundred people showed up at six o'clock in the morning to keep the houses standing while the Mayor was dispatched to Queen's Park for frantic, last-minute bargaining. In the end the City, with 90% financing from the Province, bought the entire Sherbourne Street row.

Phase I of the City project involved converting the houses into rooms and apartments. This was done with care so that the beautiful woodwork, staircases, fireplaces, etc., remain for the enjoyment of the new tenants, while modern kitchens and bathrooms, carpeting, new wiring and decks have been installed. The result is much more homelike than any high-rise apartment, with details not even a luxury building offers.

Rents in these units will be below market, but have not finally been set since a new cost-sharing formula is being worked out between the City and senior levels of government. Unfortunately, the plumbers went on strike all across Toronto before the toilets were installed, so as soon as the plumbers come back to work tenants can move in.

Through the rent supplement programme, three-quarters of the rooms and apartments will be available to people whose incomes are not high enough even to meet the below-market rents. Priority goes to area residents on the waiting list for City housing. The other quarter, not yet allocated, will be available to people paying the full rent. If you're interested, call 367-7880.

Phase II will provide 303 more units, rooms up through five-bedroom apartments, in new buildings to be constructed along the lane east of the existing houses. Work will begin shortly.

It has been a long wait, but everyone who has seen the results agrees that it was all worth it, even standing around that chilly morning when it looked as if all was lost. People who have lost their neighbourhoods to the bulldozer know the agony of that process; Dundas-Sherbourne is a happy proof that there is a better way of doing things.

St. Jamestown to hold festival

By MARK INGLIS

The 275 Blecker Tenants Association and the St. Jamestown YMCA will sponsor a small festival on July 26th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival will be held in the St. Jamestown square behind the swimming pool and will feature rummage sales and tables where local artisans will display their arts and crafts.

There will also be a 50 cent lottery which will feature a first prize of \$150, a second prize of \$75, and a third prize of a rotating grill. Entertainment will be provided by the Philippine dancers for half an hour before the lottery draw.

Margaret Scrivener and Margaret Campbell are expected to make the draws. The proceeds will go to the Hospital for Sick Kids, and Mrs. Caddy, a festival organizer, hopes to exceed the \$546 that was raised for the hospital last year.

For more information about the festival or about purchasing lottery tickets, please contact Mrs. Caddy at 924-5554.

DACHI rents 23% to 36% below market

A spokesman for Don Area Co-operative Homes (DACHI) has announced that the 1975 housing charges for the DACHI project on the Spruce-Carlton block are averaging between 23% to 36% below market rents for comparable units in the City of Toronto. These figures are based on the latest Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation statistics.

This dramatic difference in housing costs is attributed to the non-profit, co-operative nature of the project which removes the speculative aspect from housing costs. The following table demonstrates the differences.

The spokesman emphasized that even though the housing charges are significantly lower than market rents, some of the present residents of the project are experiencing severe financial difficulty in paying the charges because the Ontario Government will not provide them with rent supplement assistance; a decision supported by Margaret Scrivener, MPP, St. David, who has consistently opposed the housing project.

UNIT TYPE	DACHI HOUSING CHARGES (April 1975)	MARKET RENTS — CITY OF TORONTO (April 1975)
Room	\$102/mo.	Not available
Mini 1 Bedroom	\$134/mo.	\$174/mo. (Bachelor)
1 Bedroom	\$160/mo.	\$215/mo.
2 Bedroom	\$186/mo.	\$285/mo.
3 Bedroom	\$232/mo.	\$364/mo.



Members of the Busy Bee Senior Citizens Club are prominent on the board appointed to the new home help service for senior citizens in Regent Park (see story, p. 6).

Left to right: Barbara Soule (RPCIA representative); Marion Waterson (OHC, advisor to the Board); Alfred Axworthy (Busy Bees); Ruth Nodtvedt (Community Health Centre rep); Harold West (President, Busy Bees); Simon Mielneczuk (RPCIA, advisor); Pat Barrett, Hazel McAuley, and Olive West (Busy Bees), and Minnie Nicholson (Community Services Unit rep). Not in picture: Elva Carr and Jenny Avery, Busy Bees.

Library budget cut reduced

At its meeting at City Hall on June 26, the Library Board managed to get back \$50,000 of its \$142,000 provincial grant. The funding will ensure that the Library-on-Wheels and Library-in-the-Park services will be continued, at least for this summer. However, the severe overall cut-backs in the Toronto Public Libraries' requests will mean that no new programs or services will be initiated in the coming year, and that there may be some reduction in the present services or in book budgets.

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shipping over the next ten years, but the results have to be translated from statistics on ships and tons

into land-use requirements before any conclusions can be drawn about Cherry Beach.

In the meantime, city planners

are trying to develop long-range plans for the whole Central Waterfront area as a part of the Toronto Official Plan. Two years ago the

City succeeded in getting all the other levels of government, as well as the THC, conservation authorities, industries, citizens' groups and user groups to participate in a co-ordinating committee called the **Central Waterfront Planning Committee**. The CWPC gets to look at, and comment on, any proposal that anybody wants to implement along the lakefront from Ontario Place to Ashbridges Bay.

The CWPC has recently looked at three proposals for the use of Harbour Commission lands that could have very bad effects on Cherry Beach as a place to swim.

1. Knob Hill Farms has leased a piece of THC land on Cherry Street and have City Council's permission to build a large wholesale-retail supermarket on the site. The Official Plan recommends only industrial use in this area, not com-

mercial. But the existing zoning allows it.

2. An outfit called "Crazy Horse" has applied to the Harbour Commission to lease some land just east of Cherry Beach. They want to put in a trailer campsite for tourists visiting Toronto. Crazy Horse couldn't get all the approvals required in time to open up this summer. But they may try again next year.

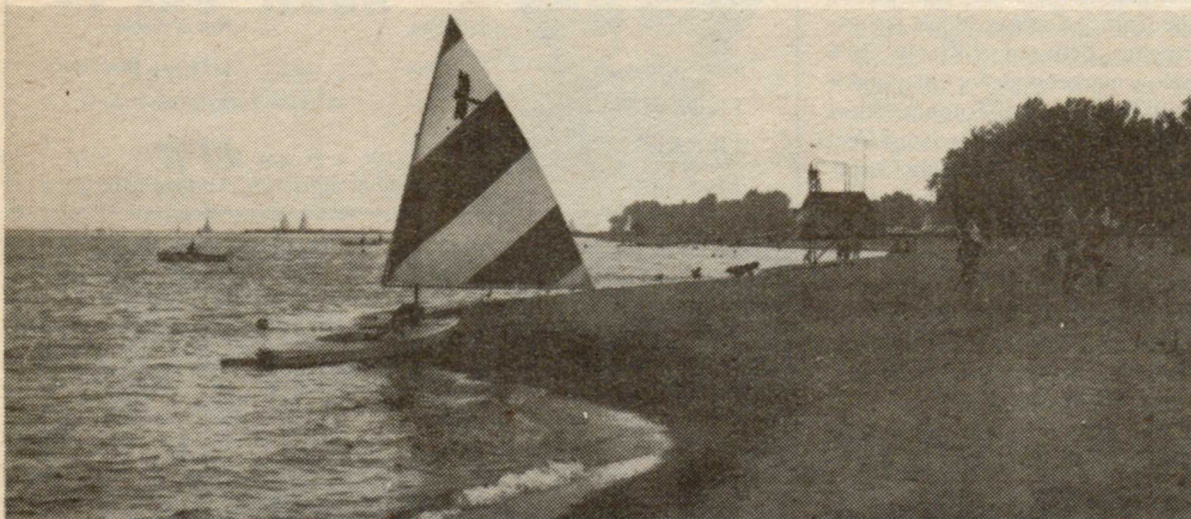
3. The third proposal could have the most direct harmful effects on the swimming at Cherry Beach.

The Don River empties into Toronto harbour through the Keating Channel. Masses of polluted silt pile up at the mouth of the Channel every year. If it isn't taken away, it will get washed over to pollute the shores and lagoons of the islands. So the Harbour Commissioners have to find somewhere to dump it.

Their engineers are studying three possible locations, in the outer harbour. The one they seem to favour would create over a ten-year period 70 acres of new land running east from Cherry Beach over to the Hearn Circulating Channel (a popular fishing spot for Ward 7 residents). That means Cherry Beach would be like a construction site for ten years. It's difficult to see how the water would continue to be useable for swimming.

City planning staff, working under the direction of the CWPC, are now conducting a recreation survey of the Central Waterfront area. They will include a close look at Cherry Beach (how it is used, who uses it). The council of the Federation of Don Area Residents Association (FODARA) has written a letter to the CWPC expressing concern about threats to Cherry Beach.

Now is the time for residents of the Ward to make their views known to the planners and the politicians. Users of Cherry Beach who don't want to lose it can get more information from Chris Lucyk, Central Waterfront Planning Committee, 235 Queen's Quay West. Phone 367-7611.



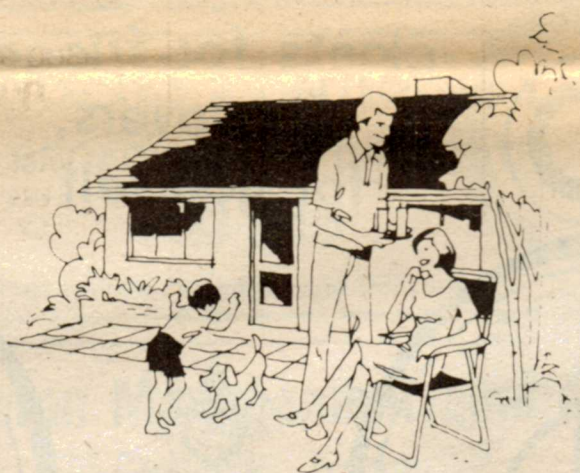
A westward view of Cherry Beach. Swimming and other recreation could be severely curtailed if landfill construction were to continue

indefinitely. Other proposals for use of the area include the construction of a supermarket and trailer camp.

Photo by Gladys DeSchepper

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- 2. Ontario Home Renewal Program (OHRP)** offers grants and loans for home improvements through local municipalities to low and moderate income homeowners. This plan

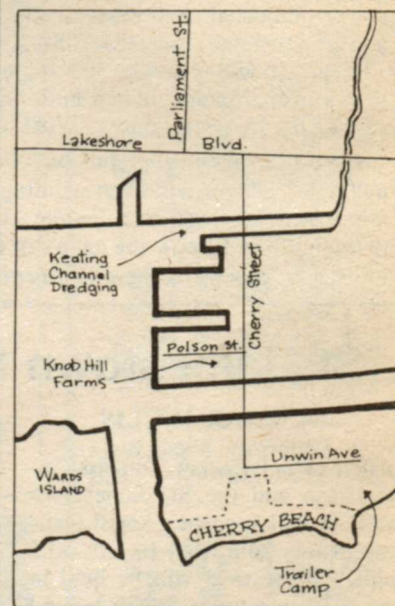
works to rehabilitate sub-standard dwellings—especially those with faulty structural and sanitary conditions—and to upgrade plumbing, heating and electrical systems.

- 3. Ontario Housing Action Program (OHAP)** helps municipalities and developers to increase the supply of serviced land, thus lowering the cost of home ownership and rental accommodations. It also encourages the building industry to more closely match the housing mix to the purchasing power of the majority of the population.
- 4. Ontario Home Buyers Grant** provides a \$1,500 grant in three instalments to any Ontario resident who is 18 or older and buying a first home. There are no price or income restrictions but the home must be the buyer's principal residence and acquired at fair market value. The purchase must be completed by December 31, 1975 and the buyer must be living in the home by June 30, 1976.
- 5. Accelerated Rental Housing Program** is designed to encourage the building of moderately-priced family rental housing in urban areas where there are very low vacancy rates. 25% of the units in this program are for low income housing, and there is rent stabilization in the remaining units.

If you would like more information or free literature on these five housing programs, write to:

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Cherry Beach Map

Karl Jaffary, former Ward 7 alderman, has been appointed by City Council to the Toronto Harbour Commission.

The THC was created in 1911 by federal legislation to end divided control of the harbour. It is a quasi-public authority with wide-ranging powers and land ownerships. Three commissioners are appointed by the federal government and two by the City of Toronto. They serve without pay for three-year terms.

Jaffary, away on vacation, was not available to comment on his reasons for wanting to be a Harbour Commissioner.



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William Davis, Premier

News Round-up

Alternative school organized for grades six to eight

A benefit folk concert for BOOST (Blind Organization of Ontario with Self-help Tactics) will be held Saturday, July 12 at 8 p.m. in the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St. Tickets are \$2. Please call 922-4639 or 921-2426 for further info.

Bring your poems and participate in an open poetry evening at the Parliament Library House at 265 Gerrard St. E., on Thursday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m. Telephone 921-8674.

Join the teen camping program this summer sponsored by Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St. A drop-in centre and arts and crafts activities are also being offered for young people. Call 925-4363.

The Danforth Public Library at 701 Pape Ave. is offering a full schedule of summer fun for boys and girls that includes movies, puppet-making, painting, games, and lots more. All activities begin at 2 p.m. Call 461-1221 for a complete listing.

Bring-your-own-cushion concerts are being offered every Sunday through July and August by the Charlie Farley Art Studio, 14 Queen St. E. Admission is \$1. Call 366-0846.

An alternative school for grades 6, 7 and 8 is being organized under the auspices of the Toronto Board of Education. For further information, please telephone: days 362-4931 ext. 313 or evenings 653-5136.

WANTED: Donation of used but useable furniture for needy family. Contact Peter Dudding, Regent Park Service Unit, 863-1768 (days only).

Sanity prevails in North St. Jamestown

Sanity prevailed at City Council last week when the North of St. Jamestown planning report was debated. Council overturned a previous decision by the Building and Development Committee which would give Meridian's Walter Manthorpe and other property owners four months to write their own report. In voting to accept the recommendations contained in the planning board's report, Council agreed to hold one more public meeting in response to the objections of property owners.

Regent Park battles with Parks & Rec.

The purchase of St. Cyril's Church is still in a deadlock, with the Regent Park residents' association (RPCIA) and Toronto's Dept. of Parks and Recreation battling for control of the future community centre planned on the church site.

According to Janet Ross, RPCIA president, Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. and Ontario Housing Corp. have more than a million dollars left over from their \$4 million Regent Park landscaping and upgrading program. The money is scheduled for the purchase and transformation of the church into a community centre. But the province is delaying the purchase because it wants the programming and operational costs of the centre to be handled by the Parks and Rec people.

RPCIA says that control of the centre by P and R will drastically reduce the use of the facilities for the community's own programs. The Parks people say they will offer the residents advisory status at the new centre, but nothing more.

Learn how to care for your teeth and get some good advice on diet and between-meal snacks! A free dental lesson for the whole family is being offered on Tuesday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St.

A non-profit group recently organized to aid people over 50 years of age needs volunteers and new members. The name of the group is Senior Consultants and their location is 511 Church St., telephone 921-2073. Persons over 50 are invited to their all-day flea market, carnival and variety show at the St. Lawrence Market on Sunday, July 13.

A summer almanac listing 128 pages of community programs and events is now available at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St. This calendar of summer activities is part of a fund-raising effort for the Centre. Price is \$1.50.

Come to an evening of study on environmental problems Wednesday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard St. E. Lectures, films and demonstrations will be offered.

Join the Lord, Lions and Wilderness Camp sponsored by Dixon Hall. The one-week sessions are offered August 4 to 29 for teens aged 14 to 16 years. Cost is \$10 per

week. Contact Laurie Garton, Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., 863-0499.

All senior citizens are invited to come down to Harbourfront at 235 Queens Quay W. to join a special summer program. A wide variety of activities such as crafts, films, music, drama, and games will be offered without charge from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday to Friday, beginning July 8. Special transportation will be provided. Call 369-4951 (days) or 363-5496 (evenings).

DON'T FORGET the new Jimmie Simpson Park recreation centre at 870 Queen St. E. Call 461-2550 for the full schedule of the swimming programs, team sports, and arts and crafts activities being offered.

A new group has been organized around the issue of prisoner's rights and community access to and from correctional institutions. Contact Rick Carnegie, 921-0007.

LOST. A small, tan two-year-old female shepherd dog disappeared from her home on Sunday, July 6. She answers to the name of "Sheba." Her owners desperately want her back, but they are also concerned that she will not survive without the medicine that was being used to treat a severe case of kennel cough. If you know where Sheba is, please call Irene and Bill Lee at 921-7521, 40 Spruce St.



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Booth at the Don Vale festival for Hobbit, a local denim-wear business.

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Distributor of the week

by MONA LIM and MARK INGLIS

Mrs. Fung Kui Ing is a very good distributor of the paper in the Logan at Queen area where she lives. Our government, she says, has tried very hard to take care of its citizens, especially the old people, and she feels that it is her duty to contribute what she can to her community.

She is an active member and volunteer at the Woodgreen Community Centre. She belongs to the Woodgreen Chinese Elderly Persons' Club, where she spends most of her time joining in the activities which include viewing movies, summer outing trips, visits to hospital patients, and monthly birthday parties.

Three years ago Mrs. Fung Kui Ing moved to Canada from her home in Hong Kong. At the age of 77, she has raised 12 children and has five grandchildren. Only six of her children are still living; four are in Hong Kong and China and two live in Canada.



Photo by Steve Hooper

Seven News thanks residents for help

Our thanks to the following residents for their help in the Ward 7 News Lottery '75! A list of the merchants and community agencies who helped us will be printed in the next issue.

Marg Taggart, Carolyn Barber & Kim Barber, Nora Hayes, Jean Law & Peter Law, Mrs. Helen Petrie, Jim Houston, Jordan Hill, Mark Inglis, Norm Brown, Terry Taggart, Leo Barbary, Carol Finlay, Kathy Corrigan, Wyn Turner, Ann Cox, Bill Lee, Marty Crowder, Susan Seaby, Barb Payne, Marg Young, Clara Little, Anna Yanousky, Thora Smaller & Harry Smaller, Esther Parsons, Pamela Prior, Gail &

New home service for senior citizens

For elderly persons living in Regent Park, something new and important is on the horizon.

It's name is "Home Help," and it was inaugurated last September when New Horizons provided the Busy Bee Senior Citizens Club with a research worker — Dorothy Sangster — to visit senior citizens in north and south Regent Park and uncover the extent of the need for such a service in this community of approximately 400 men and women over the age of 65. It was felt then, and research has backed the feeling with facts, that a bit of help when it's most needed will

enable many senior citizens to remain in their own homes as long as possible, rather than being relegated to nursing homes before they are truly ready for an institution.

The kind of "help" envisaged surrounds a variety of problems — frailty and ill health, convalescence after hospitalization, shopping, cooking, housekeeping, and so on. Fortunately, some seniors do not have these problems. Others have only occasional needs, while others encounter many and frequent problems. For these, the new Home Help service hopes to make life easier and more comfortable.

As this issue of 7 News goes to press, several good things have happened:

● In February, Metro's Social Services Committee agreed to support the program on a fee-for-service basis.

● In May, the United Way granted \$8,000 to get the service started. This money will make it possible to hire an experienced co-ordinator, meet office expenses, and pay initial wages to Regent Park residents who want to work part-time helping their elderly neighbours.

● In June, 39 residents of Regent Park — mainly young married women — applied to take qualifying course for participation in the program. Of this number, four have already graduated from a two-week Red Cross course held at Humber College. They are: Mrs. Myrna Marston, Mrs. Ionie Campbell, Mrs. H. Warren and Miss Linda Schell. A fifth resident, Mrs. Rosabelle Nardlal, has just completed a Visiting Homemakers Association one week course.

A number of other residents who are also qualified to help senior citizens are presently working in Regent Park on a volunteer basis and it is expected that some of these will also be interested in working for the new service.

Senior citizens will be notified when the Home Help Service officially commences in September. In the meantime, a Home Help Board has been appointed, including representatives of Regent Park's Community Services Unit, its Community Health Centre, its Community Improvement Association, and members of the Busy Bee Club executive committee. Its first task will be the naming of a qualified co-ordinator to launch the new program.

On hand to help, advise and encourage are O.H.C. community relations worker Mrs. Marion Waterson, and RPCIA Co-ordinator Simon Mielniczuk, who has devoted a considerable amount of time and thought to the funding of this new and much-needed service for seniors.

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Toronto Historical Board

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by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

The Toronto Historical Board was created in July, 1960 by the City of Toronto to protect historic sites and properties. Its predecessor was the Toronto Civic Historical Committee, formed in 1949.

Among the Toronto Historical Board's many functions are the operation and control of historic sites and properties owned by the city government, the development of proposals for the preservation and restoration of historic sites, properties, and objects in the city, and since 1973, the duty to recommend to City Council that certain buildings be designated as worthy of preservation.

Some of the historic sites operated by the Board are Fort York, the Marine Museum of Upper Canada, the William Lyon Mackenzie House, Colbourne Lodge in High Park, and the Scadding Cabin at the C.N.E.

The Board consists of two members of City Council and 15 other members appointed by Council, ordinarily for a term of three years. The Board and its committees meet regularly at the

Marine Museum of Upper Canada at the C.N.E. A staff of 27 people with another 80 on temporary payroll carry on the regular operations of the Board.

The provincial government often consults with the Board on the wording and placement of historic plaques. In 1974, the Board participated in the restoration of Montgomery's Inn in Etobicoke.

Among the Board's current responsibilities is the continued restoration and maintenance of about 15 buildings, an indeterminate number of monuments, memorials and plaques, and some 20 acres of historic grounds.

In addition to its other functions, the Toronto Historical Board has been involved for the last two years in the listing of buildings recommended for designation by City Council as worthy of preservation. The list now includes about 1,000 properties, selected on the basis of their architectural, historical and contextual merit. At this point fewer than 50 of these properties have actually been designated by City Council.

The listing of a property by the Toronto Historical Board is the first step in the procedure leading to its historical preservation, but the listing alone has no legal effect. It indicates the recognition and appreciation by the Board of the quality of a building, and is a useful guide to citizens interested in the history of their community.

A forthcoming article will deal with the purpose and effect of the designation by City Council of properties and districts under the various pieces of legislation affecting historical preservation, including the new Ontario Heritage Act, 1974.

Properties in Ward 7 listed by the Toronto Historical Board

Alpha Avenue: Nos. 1-17, 2-18.

Amelia Street: Nos. 36-40, 126-136, 127-135.

Ashby Place: Nos. 1-12.

Berkeley Street: Nos. 55-79, 111-117, Consumers' Gas complex, Dalton's 1834 Ltd., Firehall.

Bowman Street: No. 2

Broadview Avenue: Nos. 161-171.

Carlton Street: Nos. 258-282, 286-288, 314, 320, 397, 419-421.

Eastern Avenue: Nos. 415, 433, 447 (all Consumers' Gas buildings).

Front Street: Nos. 219-227, 231-237, 243, site of first Parliament Buildings of Upper Canada — near Parliament Street.

Gerrard Street East: Nos. 436-446, the Don Jail.

Howard Street: St. Simon's Anglican Church.

King Street East: Nos. 234-236, 359-361, 249-251 (the Sherbourne House), Little Trinity Anglican Church and Rectory.

Laurier Avenue: Nos. 1-21, 2-22.

Metcalf Street: Nos. 1-25, 20-32, 37, 50-52.

Parliament Street: Nos. 45, 221, 562-582, 583-5 (Barr's Dairy), the Lakeview Hotel (now the Winchester), Chapel of St. James the Less, with fence and gates.

Queen Street East: Nos. 216-232, 234-242, 317 (Berkeley St. Wesleyan Methodist Church), 480 (Dominion Brewery); 500 (Dominion Hotel), 496, 491-497, 524-534, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Broadview House, 744-746, 765-769 (Postal Station G), 792-798.



The Avion Hotel, 434 Gerrard St. E. at Sumach. The building was originally a pharmacy and was erected in the early 1890s. Recently listed by the THB. Photo by George Rust-D'Eye

Sackville Street: Nos. 377, 384-386, 406-412, 407-409, 419-423, 437-443, 461-463, 483-503.

Salisbury Avenue: Nos. 12-22, 46, 62-82.

Sherbourne Street: Nos. 241 (Enoch Turner House — Allandale), 251, 260-262a, 276, 279, 285, 582.

Spruce Street: Nos. 41 (Trinity College Medical School), 119-133.

Sumach Street: Nos. 289 (Women's College Medical School), Spruce Court, 384, 410-412, 442-456.

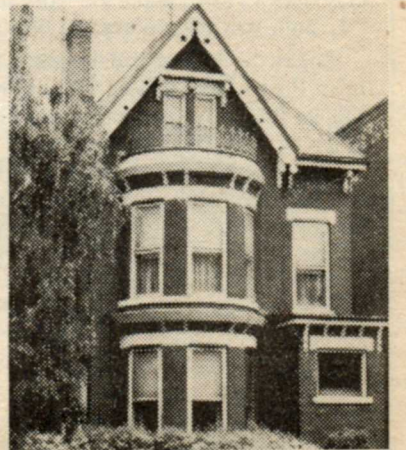
Trinity Street: Nos. 2 (Gooderham and Worts distillery complex), Enoch Turner Schoolhouse.

Wellesley Avenue: Nos. 1-19, 2-20.

Wellesley Cottages: Nos. 1-17.

Wellesley Street East: Nos. 314-334, 376-380, 385-401, 398-402, 414-428.

Winchester Street: St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church (Don Vale Community Centre), 156 (the Lamb House), the Toronto Necropolis, the Donnybrook (pavilion in Riverdale Zoo).



This very impressive large Victorian mansion built in the 1870s is at 286 Carlton St. It bears a large gable roof and is listed by the THB for its architectural and contextual significance. Photo by George Rust-D'Eye

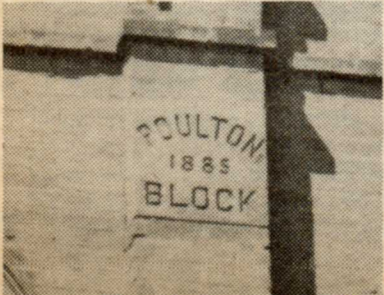


Photo by George Rust-D'Eye
The detail of the Poulton Block (Orient Hall Masonic Lodge) at Queen St. E. at Boulton. Recently listed by the THB.



Photo by George Rust-D'Eye
A very beautiful and well-proportioned terrace from the 1880s, at 436-446 Gerrard St. E. Listed by the THB.

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Stylish shopping area planned for Parliament

by **GLADYS DE SCHEPPER**
Businessmen on Parliament Street are continuing to push forward their plans to renovate the strip bounded by Winchester and Gerrard. For the past year the group has been working on a project to develop the area into a stylish shopping district called Old Cabbagetown.

Margaret Scrivener, M.P.P., has said that legislation will be ready by fall to provide grants to assist in streetscaping and loans to

owners for rehabilitating store fronts.

Meanwhile, the businessmen have commissioned Toronto architect Sheldon Rosen, who has done work in the Yorkville area, to come up with recommended improvements for Parliament Street. In a meeting on June 18, Rosen, unveiled his plans which included removing garish shop signs in the area, adding brick crosswalks, planting trees along side streets leading to Parliament, enlarging

the Gerrard St. parkette, re-installing overhead wiring underground, adding parking space for shoppers, installing awnings and canopies on ground floor windows and doors, and sandblasting or painting buildings so that they coordinate with one another.



Rosen estimated that if proposals were followed they would cost between \$2.5 and \$3 million. There was some fear expressed at the meeting that the renovations would lead to higher rents and prices in the area and that small businessmen would be forced to relocate.

Future plans for the project include a promotional campaign and a meeting of community businessmen to be held within the month.

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DRAMA in the WARD

by **JOE SIMMONS**

You've probably all passed it at one time or another. The fading blue sign spelling out a word that attracts unusual attention. The place is the GAY Theatre on Parliament St. below Dundas. It was named the Gay back in 1946 when the word meant only, according to Webster's: "1. high spirited, merry; 2. bright, colorful, showy."

Today the theatre's real name is the **Parliament Theatre**. Its owner is an East Indian named Syed Ghulam Panjtan Jaffery who explains that he simply hasn't got around to changing the name on the marquee since he took over the cinema in 1973.

According to Mr. Jaffery, the old GAY Theatre was just a run-of-the-mill movie house. But when it was built in 1926 and christened the Bellevue, it was the third movie theatre in Toronto and was the talk of the town.

The Parliament Theatre is now an East Indian movie house. The movies are spoken in Hindi with English subtitles. A film I saw there recently was called "Deewaar." I was surprised by how much I enjoyed it. I know very little about the East Indian culture, and yet the beauty of the movie was universal enough to be appreciated by anyone. Love, hate and all the human emotions were portrayed in terms that transcend race and religion.

The movie lasted three hours with a half-time intermission. During this break I could buy an Indian meal of curry and japatris or hot samosas (spiced potato pie). What could have been more exquisite than an evening of dining and theatre on a summer night in the city?

The movies run only on weekends (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays) and so Mr. Jaffery is willing to rent out the theatre during the week. The theatre seats 520 people and special rates are offered for community events. For info about forthcoming films at the Parliament Theatre, call on weekends at 868-0222. For rent info, call 494-0611.

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Dining Out in Ward 7

by **SCOTT WILLOWS**

The Round Window — 729 Danforth.

There is a minor revolution taking place among both established and new restaurateurs in Toronto. The trend is to the fixed-price menu, a small seating capacity, and a limited number of entrees with one choice of vegetables. The Round Window fits into this category. Seating 35, it is a cosy little place with wooden beams, brick walls, brass antiques, batiks and sea shells. The menu is printed on large board on the wall, and it boasts some of the best prices and best seafood eating in town: Turbot 2.95, Flounder 3.25, Cohoe Salmon 3.50, shrimp in curry 3.25 or in tomato sauce 3.90. The most money that you will have to lay out for a main meal at the Round Window is 5.95. This includes dishes such as: Crab, Scampis, Lobster and Red Snapper.

One is always aware of a consistently fine restaurant by the care which is shown for the small details. A meal at this little bistro begins with a scorching hot fresh bun and an accompanying clay thimble of soft butter. Full marks!

On my initial visit I chose the seafood combination plate (12 shrimp, 12 scallops and lobster pieces) at 9.50 for two. The clam chowder which preceded the meal was an excellent tomato based "Manhattan" style broth. Likewise the Greek salad with feta cheese, lettuce and home-made olives primed our tastebuds expectantly. The hot platter arrived bearing a recently broiled selection of unadorned delicacies swimming in a light garlic butter sauce. Accompanying vegetables included a diced carrot and corn combination with firm waxy boiled potatoes. It was one of those rare occasions when gastronomic perfection makes a cameo appearance in a deceptively simple package.

Recently I began an evening with oysters on the half-shell (1.95). They were cool and tender in a subtle vinaigrette marinade. This Round Window regular sampled the Shrimp Edwig for 3.25 — number of medium sized shrimp in a rich veloute sauce. My companion was delighted with her fresh Dover Sole which was a masterpiece. It was broiled to an incredible tenderness — a light flakey texture which you would surely pay double for at any other of the four star locations in the city.

Mr. Thomas Thomaidis, the proprietor, is expecting a liquor license within the month. Thomaidis is wisely considering plans for expansion already. His business is increasing steadily and deservedly so. The service is pleasant and efficient and the already skillfully prepared menu can't help but benefit from the addition of wine.

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