

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Watch for details of our wild Second Anniversary Bash in the next edition. Next deadline is June 23rd. You're invited to our open editorial meeting at 80 Winchester June 13th at 8 p.m.



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Where, oh where, are the lights?

by INGRID SMITH

The turnout for the South of Carlton Community Action Flashlight parade on May 29th could have been better, but the 45 odd people who took part in it made it a success.

Mrs. Elsie Norton, chairman of SOCCA's streets and lights committee, along with Miss Marian Service and Mrs. Lita Arnold made up a beautiful little song to the tune of: "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean". Everybody was fitted with a headband to which was attached a light-reflecting foil piece to give the effect of a miner's light.

After the meeting everybody joined in the song and walked up and down the dimly-lit sidestreets to take some of the people home. Hopefully City Hall will take notice and provide sufficient lights on Ontario, Seaton and Berkeley Streets as well as light up all the lanes behind the houses.

Last week several backyard fences on the west side of Seaton Street just above Dundas were set on fire by teenagers. The flames were high enough to destroy the Cable TV wires. By the time the police arrived the teenagers had vanished, of course. Apparently they were not from this neighbourhood according to oldtime residents who have seen them hanging around. It is felt that lighting in that lane would discourage these things from happening.

Following is Elsie Norton's song, which makes some of the best points for better streetlighting in the neighbourhood:

Oh where oh where are the street lights?

Oh where oh where can they be?

Oh where oh where are the street lights?

A car just ran over me.

... Give us, give us, give us more street lights quicklee, quicklee

Give us, give us

Give us some lights to see!

I was even carrying my flashlight

Hoping that I could see

A man ran round the corner

And snatched my purse from me.

... Give us, give us, give us more street lights quicklee, quicklee

Give us, give us,

Before some mugger gets me.

We pay our taxes regardless,

Which pay for our lights on our streets

So come on you guys at P.W. (Public Works)

Do something so we can see.

... Light up, light up, light up the streets for me, for me.

Light up, light up

So down here we all can see!

(Ingrid Smith, a member of SOCCA, was recently elected to the official city planning committee for South of Carlton.)

WE MADE IT

Happy birthday! It's our second anniversary edition

by STAFF

They said it couldn't be done. But we made it.

This is the Second Anniversary Edition of SEVEN NEWS. For two years now the Ward Seven area has had its own community paper.

That's quite an achievement, you know. Not many parts of Toronto or any other city can boast of their own community paper.

In fact, newspapers these days are getting bigger... and forgetting about individual neighbourhoods.

That's why all of the residents of Ward Seven can pat themselves on the back this week. SEVEN NEWS is a community paper and its staff of writers includes every citizen in Ward Seven. So to all of our readers, writers, staff, and faithful volunteer distributors... congratulations on your second anniversary.

SEVEN NEWS has plans to keep going for a good many more years. For the immediate future we'll continue our regular features. This week a new column on legal information begins. We call it "JUSTICE" and it will alternate from now on in every second edition with "SURVIVAL", our health column organized by Don Weitz.

Also in this edition is a questionnaire you'll really like. What do you think of SEVEN NEWS? What do you like or dislike? Don't lose out on your chance to vote on what your community paper should print.

Also coming up is our SEVEN NEWS Second Anniversary Party! Watch for details in our next edition.

But don't let all this congratulatory stuff go to your head. SEVEN NEWS still needs your help... and lot's of it.

SEVEN NEWS always needs writers, volunteer distributors, typists, layout workers, advertisers and advertising salesmen and money.

Want to help out? Donations and pledges of either money, or your help in preparing the SEVEN NEWS, can be forwarded to:

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Our Second Annual Fund Raising Drive continues to show that Ward Seven residents want to maintain their community paper.

Already several hundred dollars has been raised in cash and more has been pledged. Our thanks to recent contributors including: Ronald and Killian Brock, Broadview Avenue (anonymous), Ruth Hamilton, Nina Herman, Paul Herzberg, Roy Merrens, D. N. Ralley, Students Legal Aid Society, Glynn Firth, and W. F. McGuire.

No date yet for public meeting on Woodgreen

No date has yet been set for the proposed public meeting between residents of South Riverdale and the staff of WoodGreen Community Centre.

Charlotte Stuart, chairperson of the Dunlop Park Planning Committee of the Riverdale Community Organization (RCO), reported this week that no word had been received from either the WoodGreen Board of Directors or R. D. Kemp, executive director, although considerable time has elapsed since the meeting was requested.

WHAT ROLE

The subject of community discussion of the role of WoodGreen Centre emerged during planning meetings on the future of the park on the site of the former Dunlop Rubber plant, Queen at Booth. Residents attending planning meetings in May felt that the new park would have to be available to more than just children presently using WoodGreen facilities.

It was also felt that there was a lack of community participation in the development of programmes and that the Centre could be used more than it is now.

KEMP AGREES

The Dunlop Parks Planning Committee had requested a date before June 23rd for the public meeting and received assurances from Executive Director Kemp that he favoured such a meeting. The delay is said to be necessary to accommodate the schedules of members of the WoodGreen Centre Board of Directors.

South St. James Town progress grinds to a halt, houses coming down, tenants determined to stay

by JOHN GOYEAU

Community planning South of St. James Town has ground to a halt again.

Tenants on Ontario and Bleecker Street renting from Meridian Group have received notice that they are to vacate by July 1st. Included are Bob Sankey and John Whitelaw, elected representatives of the Ontario-Bleecker Tenants Association on the official City Working Committee set up to plan the future of the area.

WILL EVICT

At the June 5th meeting of the Official Working Committee Philip Roth, representing Meridian Group, made it clear that he intends to evict tenants opposed to immediate and total high-rise development for the area and flatten their houses.

Roth told the committee that a "new committee" could then be established to settle the future of the disputed area.

Roth charged that Sankey and Whitelaw were "John Sewell's hired guns" and that any planning site office for the area would become a "political headquarters" for the two Ward aldermen.

Alderman John Sewell and Ontario-Bleecker tenants pressed for a vote on the eviction notices over the objections of Working Committee

Chairman David Crombie. Roth told them there was no need of a vote since he agreed that the majority of the neighbourhood opposed his action in tearing down even more housing in the area which is still zoned residential.

POINT CLEAR

The Working Committee meeting June 5th was useless from the start. Representatives of the eight groups participating had been unable during the previous week to agree on an agenda for the public meeting. At the public meeting no items were settled and agreement on consensus voting procedures almost broke down.

Aldermen Sewell and Karl Jaffary both pressed Roth to pledge that Meridian would stop demolishing houses in the neighbourhood until agreement on planning had been settled and development was ready to start. They were unsuccessful.

Roth claimed that the City had demanded that housing standards be enforced on Meridian properties and stated that the company did not intend to spend anything to bring them up to standard.

Meridian clearly intends to bulldoze the Ontario and Bleecker Street houses. The tenants clearly intend to hold out for their legal rights and insist that Meridian pursue at least court action to evict them July 1st.

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LETTERS: Sick of reverse discrimination

Dear Sir:

I am sick to death of reverse discrimination; I refer to the article by Eileen Smith in the May 26 edition of SEVEN NEWS entitled 'RCO Finds Rosedale Garbage'. While in many instances, quite justified criticism is levelled at the residents of the area, in this particular case, it appears to be criticism for criticism's sake, and not backed up by solid facts.

The article states that Mr. Ralph Thornton of the Riverdale Community Organization, took several people on a tour of Rosedale during the recent garbage strike, talked to one Rosedale resident, and allegedly found 14 parks in the area, only one of which contained any garbage.

How does Mr. Thornton (or Mrs. Smith) define the term 'park'? There are several small open areas, some with benches, scattered throughout Rosedale, the majority of which are located north of the Glen Road bridge; However, there are only two parks (i.e. the

Helping out

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed \$5 to help the good of your paper. I do hope that we could get two papers some time. I cut out the articles I like to keep and pass them on to my sister.

W. F. McGuire
297 Ontario

Answer to your questionnaire

Dear Sir,

In answer to your questionnaire in SEVEN NEWS of April 28, 1972, I would like to give you my ideas - for what they are worth.

The apartments in this area are full of children, children with no park to play in, or with two or three small grounds with cement floors.

I know of three accidents due to these conditions where children have been taken to the hospital.

If children are allowed in these buildings, why don't they have a decent playing area?

Last year, there was talk of making a park with the land between Bleecker and Sherbourne. This would have been beautiful. But no, they want more High Rise, with more children and still no proper playing area.

These kids need an outlet. They cannot be pent up. One big playground with a wading pool, swings, etc., and a sand or saw-dust floor might be the answer. Right

Good wishes

Dear Sir:

On June 10th, 1972, 7 NEWS, the Ward 7 Community Newspaper, begins its third year of publication.

During the past two years, 7 NEWS has played an increasingly important role in developing a very essential sense of community awareness.

My sincerest congratulations and good wishes to all those who have contributed to its success!

Allan F. Lawrence, M.P.P.,
Toronto - St. George.

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accepted definition) ten blocks apart: Rosedale Park and Chorley Park.

The former has tennis courts, baseball diamonds, and a children's play area; the latter is a large unstructured area, far more accessible to the majority of residents north of the bridge. Chorley Park was chosen as a garbage dump by City Hall for North Rosedale because of its size and accessibility, and, believe me, there was a lot of garbage! In addition to garbage piled high and lining the Douglas Drive - Glen Road sides of the park (the only 2 sides fronting on streets) residents also discovered that rats are not discriminatory as to the area they breed in.

Rosedale garbage bears a remarkable similarity to Cabbagetown garbage - it even smells the same! As to the length of time taken for the garbage to disappear, Mrs. Smith states 'one day' - I beg to differ. I lost a wager on that score: it was the fourth day. In fact, removal was started in Allen Gardens prior to that in Rosedale.

Finally, in defense of the gentleman who took his garbage to Allen Gardens because it was the closest place, Mrs. Smith neglected to mention where the gentleman lived. If, for example, he resided on Maple Avenue, Elm Avenue, Dale

Avenue, or almost any street south of the Glen Road bridge, yes, the closest place would be Allen Gardens - four blocks away, just south of Bloor on Sherbourne. There are no parks (again, accepted definition) in South Rosedale - there are too many houses to allow for such things.

As stated in the beginning, I am tired of unjustified criticism. What did Mr. Thornton hope to prove or gain by his little excursion into Rosedale? If such a thing was necessary, why pick on Rosedale again ... and again ... and again ...

Name withheld.

Thank-you

Dear Sir,

The Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Cadets of Castle Frank Area would like to thank all the citizens who supported them in their annual cookie campaign. Through your generosity our sales increased by 368 cartons of cookies. The total number of cartons sold in Castle Frank Area was 5,237. The proceeds from this campaign help to continue the Girl Guide programme in our own Area and in Metro.

Jennifer Kennedy,
60 Ruddington Drive,
Willowdale.

now the playground is an accident area.

Another thing the children in these buildings are deprived of are pets. Only birds and goldfish are allowed now. Can a girl or boy play with these things? No!

I can understand not allowing dogs, but surely a cat, hamster, etc., animals that are clean and make no noise would do no harm.

Believe me when I say these apartments offer nothing more than a roof over a child's head. They cannot live, laugh, play or lead any

kind of a happy, carefree life.

There is nothing they can look back on in later years with happy memories. But they can look back on "do's" and "don'ts", guards telling them they can't go there, and they can't play here.

Doesn't it all make a lovely picture? A very unnecessary picture!

Tenant on Bleecker and a mother of six.



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Let's hope SEVEN NEWS will keep going long after we get a different City Council.

JOHN SEWELL

Ward 7 N.D.P.

has adjourned its meeting about nominating an aldermanic candidate until:

Wednesday, June 28

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"Springboard" group helping out ex-prisoners and their families

Springboard, a project of the Toronto Christian Resource Centre, operates out of 297 Carlton Street and has been in operation for over two years. Right now the project operates on a Local Initiative Grant which has been extended to September 30, 1972.

Springboard was conceived and started by two ex-inmates of Federal penitentiaries, Ed Laboucane and Don Bailey. The original idea of Springboard was to provide transportation for wives of men incarcerated in Federal penitentiaries. These women would not otherwise see their husbands since many of them were on Welfare and the transportation expense was just too much.

Springboard still provides transportation through people who volunteer their time to drive and has a regular bus service.

EXPANSION

But Springboard is much more than a transportation service. Now thirteen staff members each have a specific area of responsibility.

Margaret Nistad and Ron Roseborough work directly with the men in the penitentiary to make sure Springboard's assistance is in fact what the men want.

Adrienne Greaves has regular meetings with the wives to help

them discuss their special needs and problems.

Recently Springboard started two small businesses creating employment for men being released on passes or paroles. An inexpensive moving business offers prompt service. Marty Palkert is in charge and can be reached at 922-6015.

A home renovation business does everything from cleaning basements to redecorating homes. It has been set up to help the released man test out the skills he has learned in prison. Thus, the rates charged are more reasonable and the work itself is done in a highly skilled manner.

Dave Fairbrother who is the co-ordinator of Springboard is the man to contact at 922-6015.

Springboard wants to become more involved in the community of Ward 7, especially since so many of the men who are in prison originate from this area. Our businesses that are service oriented are one way to accomplish this goal.

PARTNERSHIP WANTED

Springboard is in the business of trying to see that a man being released from prison has the best possible chance to become a productive and meaningful part of the community. This can only happen if you enter into a partnership with the project.

The number again is 922-6015 and Cathy Fox or Pat Jones are always on the phone and glad to talk to anyone.

SEVEN NEWS gets action on "hookers"

South of St. James Town residents report that police action has temporarily eased the problem of local women being mistaken for prostitutes.

In a story May 26th SEVEN NEWS reported that Carlton-Bleecker Street residents were planning "vigilantes" to counter police inaction in cleaning up "hookers" who operated in the neighbourhood.

The Monday following the publication of the story police raided the worst offending corner and during the past two weeks patrols have been increased. Residents do not expect that this will solve the problem but report that a story in SEVEN NEWS got fast results.

Don Valley softball

PEEWEE DIVISION

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Dixon Hall	1	2	0	4
Broadview YMCA	1	1	0	4
Don Vale Centre	1	1	0	4
Neighbourhood House	0	2	0	2

BANTAM DIVISION

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Don Vale Centre	1	1	0	4
Dixon Hall	0	1	1	2
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MEN'S DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pts
South Regent Park	2	0	0	4
Woodgreen Centre	2	1	0	4
Dixon Hall	1	1	0	2
Riverdale	1	1	0	2
Howell Forwarding	1	1	0	2
Brunt's Man.	1	2	0	2
Don Vale Centre	0	2	0	0

Planning group elected for South of Carlton Area

Ward Seven now has another official city working committee with residents participating in the planning process for their neighbourhood.

Thirteen of 15 committee members were elected last month to work out the future of South of Carlton Street from Parliament to Jarvis. The committee intends to meet every second Tuesday after June 6th at Central Neighbourhood House to work out a detailed plan for the area.

Still to be elected are: one homeowner who wishes to sell his property, and one resident businessman. Elected were: **HOMEOWNERS TO STAY:** Eric Gropler, Ingrid Smith, Ethel Proulx; **TENANT FAMILIES:** Dorothy McLean, Al McMillan, Richard Talbot; **ROOMERS:** John Ip, Charlie Rolfe; **BUSINESSMEN:** Fred Braid, Pat Shibley; **ABSENTEE LANDLORD:** Bill Aykler; **INSTITUTIONS:** Central Neighbourhood House, All Saints' Church.

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENTS' LEGAL AID SOCIETY has placed law students at several locations around Ward 7 this summer. The students will help and advise free of charge with legal problems, including traffic offences, landlord and tenant disputes, small money problems, welfare appeals, unemployment insurance claims and representations to boards, agencies and committees. For more information, contact: Ken Chomat at Dixon Hall (863-0499), Daphne Atkinson and Bob Armstrong at Regent Park.

CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE is in need of tents this summer for children on supervised excursions to Clairmont Conservation Area. If you have a tent to spare, please call Roger Ingle or Ed Orr at 925-4363, Monday to Saturday.

WILLIAM PERRY has decided to end his involvement in voluntary social work as from May 31st. He wishes to thank each and everyone who gave him valuable assistance in his work. He will continue to deliver Seven News to the Don Mount Court, Saulters and Lewis Streets.

SENIOR CITIZEN LADIES are welcome at Dixon Hall each Monday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Men meet each Friday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY RUMMAGE SALE will be held on Saturday June 17th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Salvation Army Hall, 312 Broadview.

LIBRARY HOUSE at 265 Gerrard East will hold a poetry reading on Thursday June 15th with the poets John Jessop and Dorothy Ruth. Ted Plantos will read from his first collection of poems, *The Seasons are My Sacrament*, a week later on Thursday, June 22, 1972. Everyone welcome.

ENGLISH CLASSES FOR CHINESE will begin in the evenings on Friday June 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the Regent Park United Church, on 40 Oak Street. A beginners' and an advanced class will be taught by Chinese university student volunteers. A baby sitting service will be provided. To join please contact, Mr. Yip (923-4350) or Miss Ngai (922-1203).

FILMS POTPOURRI will be held every Friday starting at 8 p.m. at the Parliament Street Library House, 265 Gerrard East.

YOGA CLASSES for everyone are given every Tuesday night at the Parliament Street Library House.

PEACE FESTIVAL sponsored by the Viet Nam Mobilization Committee at Don Vale Centre, 80 Winchester, June 24th at 8 p.m. Folk singers, rock groups, dancing, craft show and sale, films, discussion groups and licensed bar.

FIFTY SUDBURY VISITORS spent last week with parents and children of Duke of York School. Duke of York kids acted as hosts for a full week of sightseeing around Toronto.

DIXON HALL BUS TRIPS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS again this summer. It's time to don your sun bonnets, pack your lunches, and phone Janice at 863-1537 for further information regarding times and places.

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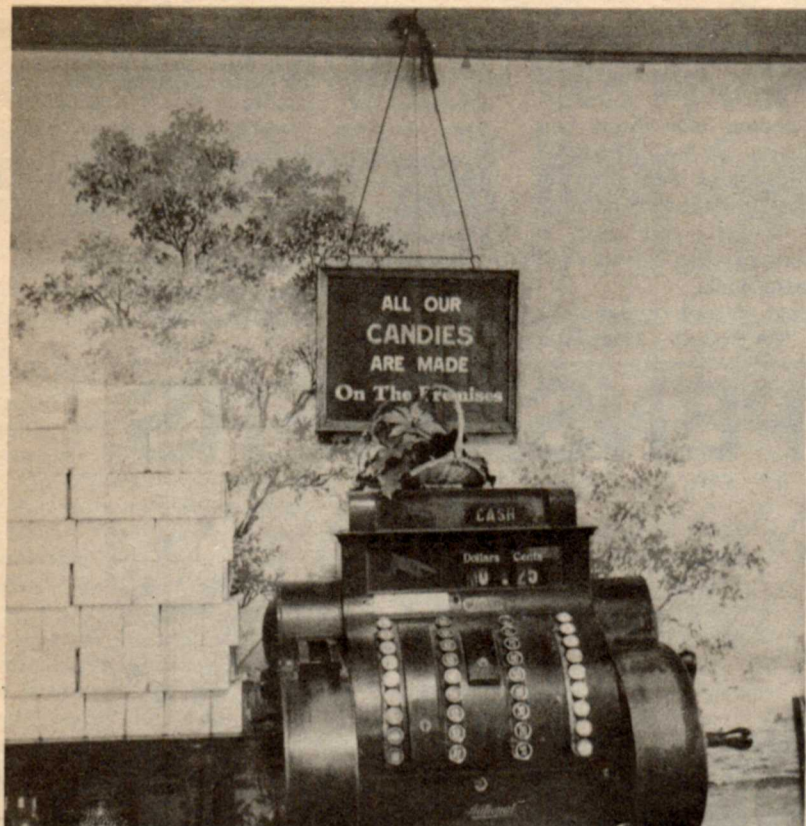
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A nostalgic trip to the old Danforth sweet shop

by VALERIE ROSS
photos RON BARTLEMAN

There is a candy store on the Danforth called Danforth Sweets. As children, we were frightened when we passed its shiny black-paint facade and the darkness inside.

In the evenings, when other stores on the Danforth shone with light to attract customers, the candy shop was dim. Only a half-open door showed that it was still receiving.

The cards that told the names of the candies in the front windows fascinated us. They were hand-lettered. The calligrapher used a pale blue ink that dried unevenly, and wrote in faded, elegant style.

IN THE WINDOW

The candies were placed in ascending levels in the two front windows. Maple Cremes, Walnut Mallow, Apricot Jellies, and Hard Chocolate Fudge.

Mostly they were dark, bitter-brown and chocolate covered, decorated with nuts or hard icing.

Some were other colours. Glassy little jellies in fruit colours, orange, lemon-yellow, apricot-amber, frosted over with coarse sugar crystals. There were also those semi-soft mint wafers that come in white, green and strong pink . . . with ridges on one side.

In February there were scarlet Hearts. Everything has its own personality when

you are a kid. A thing or a place receives either friendship or special hate. The candy store won our affectionate respect. It was quiet, dark, fascinating but self-absorbed. It was the first and last store of its kind that we had seen.

BEATS WORK

We were thirteen, and taking a lot of our time thinking up new ways to avoid homework when we hit on the idea of investigating the candy shop and strolled on down in our dirty sneakers.

"This store still open?" It was.

We stayed at the front, although the stools were too high for us, because it was "Cool" to sit at the bar. Besides, the back of the store was dark. We dangled our legs on the stools, then, and ordered two Fizzes, lemon and lime.

When we tasted them, we knew we'd struck gold.

Fizzes are both creamy and tingling at the same time. They also have a strong flavour that is not too sweet.

We should have tried a David Harum or a Sasparilla Soda. Kids are very conservative. Night after night we'd squander our allowances on Lemon Fizzes. What was left would go for candy stamped through with the names of exotic English towns like Blackpool. Those were nights well-spent.

My grandmother says the candy store has been on the Danforth "since before the War". When my grandmother talks about the War, there is some doubt as to what war she means. But the Candy store is at least as old as the First World War, dating to 1917.

It was founded by the brother of the present owner. Now he and his wife are the proprietors, making most of the candies right on the premises. They are such private, quiet people that the store feels no different whether they are in it or not.

NO CHANGES

Danforth Sweets has not changed at all since we were kids. But everything changes sooner or later, and I have heard a rumour that Danforth Sweets may close later this year. The lady behind the counter denies this.

"At least, not for a while," she says. It is strange to imagine Broadway and Danforth without Danforth Sweets . . . the store with the stain glass windows, the fake columns, the glass cases, the high counters, the tall candy jars shaped like Russian minarets. After so many years on the Danforth, it no longer seems to need the money of customers to sustain it, but is as self-sufficient as Nostalgia.

(Valerie Ross, a student, is a regular contributor to SEVEN NEWS.)

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Haven for women

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According to Rev. Dave Busby, the

Haven's Executive Director, about "125" women pass through the house every week, and an average of "25-40" women drop in each day. The 6 regular staff members include dedicated people like Peggy-Ann Walpole, the nurse who founded Streethaven, Flo Waterworth and Dave; in addition there are 50 volunteers. Street Haven's estimated budget this year is "\$68,000" which is coming from both government and private funds.

The Haven's most recent community service is their "Emergency Overnight

Shelter". Since June 1st, the Haven has 8 beds available for any women who don't have a place to stay. Any woman can stay a maximum of 3 nights, and it's *completely free*. So far, women can stay only Monday-Friday; by September, it will be 7 nights a week. Their hours are: M-F, 9 a.m. — 10 p.m.; Sunday, 4 — 10 p.m., Closed Saturdays.

If you want more information or help from Street Haven, just call 920-9111 or drop in at 87 Pembroke Street, "the only house in town".

ATTENTION OLD AGE PENSIONERS



GUARANTEED MINIMUM INCOME LEVELS HAVE BEEN RAISED

to \$150 monthly (single pensioners)
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AND...IF THE COST OF LIVING GOES UP...SO WILL PENSIONS

- pensions and pension supplements have been increased back to last January to reflect increases in the cost of living . . .
- in future, if living costs rise, these benefits will be adjusted accordingly each April . . .
- all of the 1.8 million pensioners will have their pension and supplement fully adjusted for changes in the cost of living . . .
- 1 million aged 65 and over (about 60% of old age pensioners) will receive increases in either their maximum or partial supplement benefits . . .
- an additional 100,000 pensioners will be entitled to the supplement for the first time because of higher allowable income.

Those who may qualify for supplements

All those receiving only the basic Old Age Security pension will receive **during July** informational material and a Supplement

Application Form to assist them in determining whether they are now entitled to the supplement.

Your old age security pension

Your **May cheque** will not include the increase.

Your **June cheque** will include:

Back payments—January to May	\$14.40
New rate of regular monthly cheque	82.88
Total to be paid in June only	\$97.28

Your old age pension and supplement

Those who are receiving maximum benefits under the combined Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement will be entitled to \$150 for a single person or a married person whose

husband or wife is not a pensioner and \$285 for a married couple where both are pensioners—\$142.50 each.

Those who are now receiving a **partial supplement** will also receive the same amount of adjustment, but not the new maximum benefits noted above.

Your **May cheque** will not include the increase.

Your **June cheque** will be at the new rate and will also include the back payments to last January.

Need More Information?

Additional information will be mailed to all pensioners in mid-June. Information is also available from the Regional Old Age Security Office in the capital city of your province.

John Munro
Minister



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Centennial at All Saints

by NORMAN ELLIS

One Hundred Years ago this week a small church was dedicated by the Bishop of Toronto, — June 16, 1872. It was a simple frame church, built in a few weeks at the cost of \$400 on the corner of Beech Street, later Wiltin Avenue, and now Dundas East. Two years later this proved too small, and on the same site, which had cost \$2200, the present church of All Saints' was built and opened on Advent Sunday 1874.

All Saints' has had an illustrious history. Among those who attended were Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Francis Hincks, Sir Alexander Campbell, the Hon. George W. Allen, Sir Charles Tupper. The church, with a seating capacity of 800, was usually filled, and the Sunday School numbered 1500. A

missionary in China was supported by the congregation.

The church, however, has recently suffered the fate of most downtown churches in most cities. The congregation moved away, and somehow the institutional church here as elsewhere failed to adapt itself to the modern city, with its changed situation, and moving population.

It is to attempt to meet this new situation that the Church of All Saints' has in recent days changed so drastically, and we believe 'beautifully'. A year ago it ceased to be a traditional 'parish church' and became rather a 'Mission', an Anglican-sponsored Community Church, — open to everyone, and the poorer and the more needy the better.

A Sunday service is held as usual at 11 a.m. with a rather friendly bunch of people, who mostly live near the church, and Sunday School is at the same time. A 'Tuesday church' brings people of all and no denominations to a fellowship supper at which the sacrament is celebrated and shared, in the pattern of the Last Supper. Most usual church activities continue, but the emphasis is on a ministry of 'Outreach'.

This is shared by such groups as the Friendship Centre for Men, in the Parish Hall; the 'Open Door', a drop-in centre for women in the church itself, and also a Room Registry service; the Mental Health Centre from Queen Street Hospital; All Saints' Men's Club; a Day Nursery; various services for Canadians; Legal-Aid students; and the Community T.V. The church will be happy to welcome other groups who are serving the community.

We are delighted to welcome under the roof of our church all these good people, some with us all the time, some working under the Local Initiatives Programme and Opportunities for Youth, — but all together doing a good service to God's world and people.

On behalf of the Directors of All Saints', on behalf of their congregation, we extend a hearty invitation to people of the community to share our celebrations on Sunday 11 June's Centennial.

(Rev. Norman Ellis is rector of All Saints' Church.)

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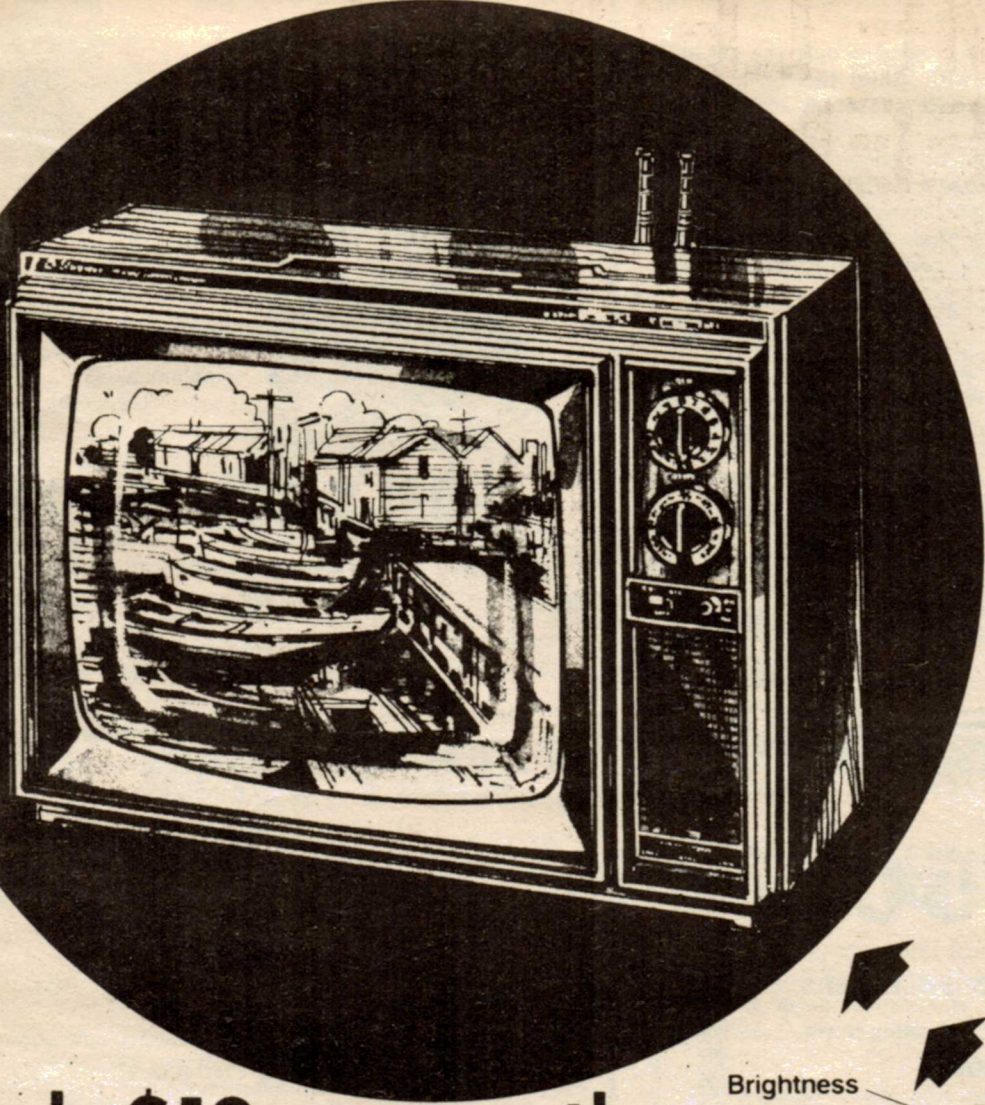
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JUSTICE

Power to the ~~people~~ police

by RAY SCHACHTER

I could try to describe in graphic detail the abuses to which people in the Ward 7 area are subjected by the police and other authorities, but most of the readers of this newspaper are more aware of these than I am and could certainly do as good a job of writing about them. I will try to outline a few solutions to a few problems.

Example: You are a male, 25 years old, dressed normally, casually strolling along Dundas Street at 12:00 p.m., alone, with no fixed destination. There are no other people around and a police cruiser pulls up. Two cops emerge and tell you to stand against the car; they want to search you. Theoretically, the police have no business taking this sort of action. In order to search, except in exceptional circumstances, they must arrest you. In fact they have no right even to ask who you are, and in order to "take you to the station to ask you a few questions" they must arrest you, or you don't have to go.

SOME SOLUTIONS

Solution: In this situation you can take several courses of action.

(1) You can allow the police to search you, being totally cooperative and succumbing to their every desire, hoping they will not throw a few punches just because you're clean. This effectively strengthens police power because the police begin to feel they can harass anyone at any time with impunity.

(2) You can refuse to allow the search, informing the police of your rights as a citizen not to answer any questions or submit to search unless you are charged because there are reasonable and probable grounds you have committed a criminal offence. This may antagonize the police officers who are conditioned to expect either (1) or (3) and they may react with something other than sympathy for your civil rights. If this is the case and there are no witnesses, it is unlikely the normal court procedures will afford you any relief.

(3) Run — this is not recommended.

(4) Fight — this is not recommended.

I think the above situation should be elaborated a little more. First, a policeman may ask you questions but you are under no obligation whatsoever to answer. If you are arrested, the police officer has no more right to ask anything than before, and should give you a warning in clear and simple terms that whatever you say can be used against you, but failure to warn will not necessarily prevent your statements from being used against you.

SHOULD YOU GO ALONG

Example: You are the same 25 year old male and the police have searched you and found a wallet containing \$20 and a credit card, and a pocket knife. They ask you to accompany them to the police station for questioning.

Solution: (1) You can accompany the police without a murmur of dissent. Again this course of action expands police powers and ego because they have no right to force you to go to the station or anywhere else without arresting you. The police feel that they have the right to force people to co-operate. By co-operating you may avoid arrest and with a little more hassle at the station you may be released.

(2) You refuse to go anywhere or say anything unless you are arrested.

This type of action forces the policeman's hand. He realizes now that you are aware of your legal rights and he's not dealing with a dummy. He will then (a) say "get lost", or (b) get rough and arrest you regardless of any reasonable grounds.

Either of the two courses of action will have long and short term effects. If you co-operate, the police gain long term power which they must not possess in a free society. You may reap some short-term benefits by being released without a charge, this time.

You may avoid being pushed around. If you do not co-operate, the police will attempt to use their other "powers." They may arrest you on flimsy grounds to harass you, i.e. show you that there's little to gain by refusing to play their game by their rules.

You could sue for false arrest — a useless remedy, usually unsuccessful or with nominal damages. They may decide to get brutal. You could sue for assault, but with no witnesses, how could you prove anything. Besides, you could soon find yourself charged with resisting a police officer.

CONDONING BRUTALITY

I do not believe that any of us should condone police brutality or abuse of power. Yet I would not expect a person confronted by two 250-pound cops who are in a surly mood to "exercise his legal rights" if there was a good chance of broken ribs or a fractured skull.

We do need (1) a citizens' committee to review and investigate police actions, to accompany the police at various times on the beat and to take up the causes of people who feel they have been mistreated. This committee could praise the police as well as criticize them, and give them some insight into the feelings of the people for whom they are supposed to be working. I propose that an ad hoc committee be set up in Ward 7 that could perform at least some of these functions and even if the police refused to co-operate, could report on their investigations of complaints to the police, and perhaps take some legal action in extreme circumstances, as a group.

(2) I think that every precinct should have one independent person present at all times in the station to perform the functions of a watch dog and monitor police activity in the station in relation to interrogating people in custody, treatment of prisoners and extraction of confessions under duress or inducement.

(3) I think that some awareness must be brought to both the people and the police by media, newspaper, TV and seminars to make the two groups understand what function the police should play in our society.

(Ray Schachter is a storefront lawyer on Parliament Street.)

Anti-poverty festival a warm-up for Queen's Park march June 15th

by BRUCE ARNOLD

Ward Seven residents turned out in force at Trinity Square May 27th for what Mike Carson described as, "The first, but I hope not the last, Ontario anti-poverty festival."

About 5,000 people visited the 12 hour affair which was jointly sponsored by John Sewell, William Kilbourne, the Ontario Housing Tenants Association, Confederation of Ratepayers and Residents Association (CORRA), the United Electrical Workers, and the Ontario Anti-Poverty Organization (OAPO).

POLICE STOP

Alderman Karl Jaffary arrived just in time to convince police that the festival was legal. Before he got there, the police had stopped the festival until someone could come up with a license.

One member of the audience wondered out loud how often police stop the music of the Salvation bands while licenses are examined.

The festival was stopped a second time when a fleet of chauffeur driven Cadillacs showed up and the poor people were ordered to keep quiet while a high society wedding took place in Holy Trinity Church. The bride and groom finally emerged two hours later and drove off with a "Fight Poverty" poster taped to the back of their Cadillac.

PETITION DRIVE

The festival was designed to focus attention on the Ontario Anti-Poverty Organization's petition for a guaranteed adequate annual income, improvements in welfare and labour legislation and a full employment policy.

A variety of events took place outdoors. Community groups exhibited their literature and posters while some of city's top pop groups gave free shows.

Indoors free movies competed with anti-poverty teach-ins for the attention of the crowd.

Probably the most moving part of the teach-in came from an unidentified woman. She told of the heartbreak of raising nine children with no help and very little money. Some of her children are now serving time at Guelph reformatory and, she said, the government is spending \$14.50 a day to try and straighten them out. "They never gave me nothing when I was raising them," she said.

The point was made clear. Government does nothing until it is too late. Perhaps if parents had enough to raise their children on in the first place, families would be spared a lot of grief and the taxpayer could save a fortune on rehabilitation costs.

The theme of the day turned out to be to organize. Community workers, union leaders, even some politicians urged poor people to organize into a strong group and fight for solutions to the problems of poverty.

Lofty McMillan, National Organizer for the Canadian Union of Public Employees, dropped by to express solidarity with the anti-poverty movement.

James Renwick, MPP, and Maggie Bizzell, a communist candidate, also delivered speeches

supporting the organization.

Summing up for anti-poverty association, Skip Hambling pointed out that the festival had demonstrated that the poor are already organized. "We're ready" he told Renwick, "Where do we go from here."

750,000 SIGN

Mike Carson announced that more than three-quarters of a million people had signed the petition.

The organization hopes to have thousands of people waiting quietly at Queen's Park on June 15th while an OAPO delegation meets inside the Parliament Buildings with Premier William Davis.

The Ontario Anti-Poverty Organization is located at 1905 Danforth Avenue.

Riverdale to press for better living standards

Riverdale area residents have established a committee to press for better living standards.

Forty members of the Riverdale Community Organization (RCO) voted unanimously at their last meeting to establish a Committee for a Better Standard of Living with election of officers set for June 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Woodgreen Church Neighbourhood House.

The initiative for the committee came from members of the Operation Family Rights group and others who attended a conference on the prevention of social problems sponsored by the Childrens Aid Society May 24th at St. Ann's Church.

Various RCO members spoke out about the guaranteed annual income, the need for self-respect and the problem of abuse of welfare before the committee was set up. Anyone interested in preventing poverty can join the new committee. Information is available from 466-2148.

Regent Park Services Unit publishes handy manual

A comprehensive handbook on Metro and community resources has been prepared and distributed by the Regent Park Community Services Unit.

The 57-page book lists almost every agency where people can get help or information on a wide range of needs, with useful tips on hours of operation, length of waiting lists, types of service and other advice which could be useful.

Churches and schools with their personnel and telephone numbers are included as well as "free" stores and thrift shops, sources of welfare, food and clothing assistance and teen and adult drop-ins in the community.

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SPEAKING OUT

Photos by BILL RENO

As this is the Second Anniversary Edition of Seven News, we asked:
 "What do you think of the 7 News?"



I think it's good. It tells all the stuff that's going on in the neighbourhood.

Dave Spence, 36 Degrassi



I've never read it. I'd like to see more sports.

Mike Miller, 169 Withrow



All I read is the sports section. Some of my friends play for Regent Park. There could be a little more in the hockey season. The teams do well here and deserve more attention.

Bill Riley 810 1/2 Queen



I think the paper is very good. It covers any newsy items in the district and has quite a bit about senior citizens.

Miss Sutherland, 44 Logan



Yes, I like it. I work in the neighbourhood. It gives local news. I like the Speaking Out Column.

Florence Hargrave, Your Dominion Hardware, 734 Queen



I think it's a really good paper. I've been involved in the paper as well. It's a good source of information about what's happening in the neighbourhood.

Rebecca Schechter, 875 Queen

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