

Local youth get short-short haircuts to appear in movie

If you've noticed the odd man in the area sporting a short, short haircut, don't get excited. It's not a return to the saner days of 15 years ago. What happened was that 20 youths from Don Vale, Regent Park and Trefann were hired last week as "extras" in a film being shot in Toronto.

The request of the 20 men came through to the CRUNCH employment

office located in the Don Vale Community Centre. Bob Katz, a staff worker, immediately passed the word around the Don District and then went out on the street and told young men he met about the job offer.

Those who took the job will receive \$50 for about half a day's work—and instant fame. Half the amount, \$25 will pay for the short haircut. The other \$25 is their

pay for appearing fleetingly on camera, in costume during the shooting of crowd scenes.

The move is titled, "The Class of '44" and is a sequel to the much acclaimed "Summer of '42". The whole movie is being shot on location in Toronto.

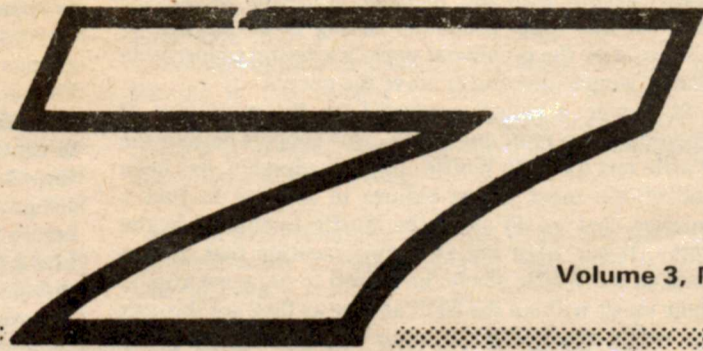
Our local "movie stars" appear as United States Marines involved in a

barroom brawl while on leave during the Second World War. The location shots for this segment were filmed at the Ford, Warwick and Westover hotels.

Oddly enough, one young fellow turned down the part. His mother didn't want his hair cut.

Long week-end

The next editorial meetings of SEVEN NEWS will be on Tues. Aug. 29th at 7:30 PM at 80 Winchester. Everyone welcome. Our deadline is Monday Sept. 4th.



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Summer is nearly over and the use of this land for park is nearly at an end. The Toronto Parks and Recreation Dept. leased the vacant lot between Sherbourne and Bleecker north of Wellesly from Meridian. The lease expires October 1st when Meridian wants it back for their development plans.

Children from Our Lady Of Lourdes and St. James Town have been using the site over these months, even though only a couple of small areas have been fixed up and suitable for playing by the Park Dept.

(Photo by Bill Reno)

Community Board to run secretariat planning meeting set for Sept. 18

By NORMAN G. BROWNE

A community controlled community secretariat may be in operation in the Don District as early as October 1st.

Negotiations have been underway over the summer between the Social Planning Council (SPC), the Provincial Government Community Development Branch and the Federation of Don Area Residents Associations (FODARA).

Through the negotiations, agreement has been reached on most major points of contention. The minutes of the last meeting of these three groups and the points put forward are now in the process of being mailed out to organizations and residents groups in the Don District.

MEET SEPT. 18

Each of these organizations is expected to discuss the matter among its members prior to a general meeting to hammer out a final agreement on September 18th.

The Community Secretariat is seen as an open-access, non-partisan, multi-service resource located in and serving directly the Don District. It would be located in a centrally located store-front and offer such service as typing, telephone answering, mimeoing, bookkeeping advice and meeting space.

The points put forward by FODARA and agreed to by the Social Planning Council are as follows:

—FODARA will be empowered by its member Associations to act as a

Community Board for the Secretariat. It would have the power to seek and spend funds as well as set policy for the secretariat.

—Initial funds would be spent on hiring a community worker, hiring a part-time secretary, rent an office and equipment and purchase office supplies.

—The Social Planning Council will monitor development of the Secretariat, act in a resource role and act as co-trustee in the handling of initial funding.

ADDED POINTS

The Social Planning Council also asks that the following points be agreed to by the community and

added to any agreement on the proposal:

—That the secretariat be a non-partisan, open-access resource serving all non-profit community groups in the Don District.

—That its opening date be set as October 1st.

—That if any money is received by the SPC from the Federal Government, the SPC will act as trustee but FODARA and the SPC would be joint signees.

The meeting to discuss all these matters will be at 8 p.m. on Monday, September 18th at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street.

Food survey in Ward 7

A current theory making the rounds of the Don District is that local merchants are increasing their prices on "cheque days" and then lowering them a few days later.

"Cheque Days" occur around the first and fifteenth of every month when Family Allowance, DVA, Pension and Welfare cheques are mailed out to a large segment of the community.

The theory is that the large chain food stores are the main culprits who increase their prices during "Cheque Days".

Midge Sandiland of the Neighbourhood Information Post, 265 Gerrard is setting up an informal consumer protection group to check on this theory.

Anyone concerned with high food prices who would like to help do some food price surveying is asked to contact Midge at 924-2544.

SEVEN NEWS will publish any facts uncovered by this group.

STEERING COMMITTEE FORMED

People of RCO decide to organize convention

After three years of organizing and surviving financially, the people of the Riverdale Community Organization decided it was time to organize a Community Convention.

At their June General Meeting, R.C.O. asked its Executive Committee to open up (some call it dissolve) into a Steering Committee to set a Convention. To form the Steering Committee every organization in the area was contacted and invited to the meeting which in effect took the place of the R.C.O. July General Meeting. This would mean broadening the base of the organization; it would mean making a new start so everyone can get in on the ground floor.

One hundred people came to the first Steering Committee Meeting July 25 from 48 organizations and with their decision to go for a Community Convention, R.C.O. went into limbo and everything having to do with R.C.O., plus all planning for the Convention came under the direction and authority of the new Steering Committee.

The co-chairmen are: Mel Brown—Donmount Residents Rehabilitation Committee; Peter Carter—Panhellenic Organization; Y. K. Chan—Chinese Community; Rev. A. Costa—St. Catherine of Sienna; Leonardi Gaetano—A.P.I.O.; Gerry Horan—Withrow Area Residents Association Rev. Harol Jackman—Ebonite Cultural Association; Connie Leslie—Don Mount Village Association; Charlotte Stuart—Queen St. E. Presbyterian Church.

The two Secretaries are: Mrs. Nancy Arnold—Riverdale Review and Mrs. Jessie Lightwood—Simpson Ave. Residents Association.

When the Steering Committee first got together we realized that we have achieved several improvements.

- Some of us got buses on Jones Avenue.
- Some of us stopped a parking lot at Withrow Park.
- Some of us on Family Benefits got cards to charge prescriptions.
- Some of us got free overnight parking
- Some of us are working on a Park for the Dunlop site.
- Some of us are working on not dropping out.
- Some of us are working on a Community-Controlled Health Centre.
- Some of us are working on Recreation in OHC-Housing Development.

- Some of us are working on building rehabilitation.
- Some of us are working on controlling a proposed hi-rise.
- Some of us are working on the Guaranteed Annual Income.
- Some of us got more money to extend Local Initiative Programmes.

There are a lot of us working on a lot of other things.

In the process of getting things done we realized that we have been learning how systems work and how to make them work for us.

We have discovered that when even a few of us stick together we can get some pretty big improvements.

We have discovered that alone we are a minority, together we are a majority.

We have discovered a new role for ourselves—the people.

We have discovered a new role for elected officials.

We have discovered how to make democracy work for us.

At the first Steering Committee Meeting, as at all meetings since, we keep asking and answering the question about what the Convention is and why we should organize one. People keep getting up and talking about what we could do if we put ourselves together in one big organization. We could then have enough strength to do something about Public Works problems that still plague us; about Supervision in our parks, about Taxes, Insurance costs, Utility costs, Education, Day-Care, Unemployment Insurance, Housing, Jobs, etc. etc.

So the question is: Can we get ourselves all together in Riverdale?

The answer we are giving is YES! And, we are on our way to a Mass Meeting. Members of the Steering Committee have been contacting Organizations still not participating. At the August 15th Meeting there were 66 groups in. We are also starting to contact people in the groups we come from to see how many we can get out to the Mass Meeting. The Mass Meeting is set for September 12th, in the Riverdale Collegiate at 7:30 p.m. At that meeting we shall see if we are together and going for a Community Convention to form a permanent organization, and set the date, which will probably be at the end of October, or mid-November. If so we will form a number of Committees to organize the Convention. At the Convention we will adopt a Constitution, elect officers, and pass a year's program of action.

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Local NDP fights to keep Waffle Movement in Party

by ULLI DIEMER

The 250-member St. David NDP, which overlaps much of Ward Seven, has not been visible publicly in this area in the last few months. The reason for this, however, has not been inactivity. Rather, it has been due to the fact that the riding association has concerned itself largely with the internal problems facing the NDP at this time, problems having to do largely, of course, with the provincial party's attempt to force the Waffle wing to disband or leave the party.

St. David, a riding composed for the most part of middle-of-the-road members who support neither the Waffle nor the anti-Waffle party leadership, has been one of the most active ridings in seeking to find a solution that would allow the Waffle to remain in the party. It has been the St. David position that groups such as the Waffle should be allowed to organize around their views within the NDP as long as they act through the riding associations or other structures of the party and accept the responsibilities of membership.

OPPOSE STEPHEN LEWIS

As a result, St. David came out strongly against the ultimatum delivered by Stephen Lewis and the provincial executive in a report to the provincial council that the Waffle disband or leave the party. A general meeting of the riding association unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the executive report. To publicize its objections to the executive move, objections shared by many other riding associations, St. David took the novel action of going on strike against the provincial NDP. This involved refusing to carry on normal party business, such as processing memberships and nomination candidates, and, as well, of picketing party headquarters. The move was one of the most dramatic illustrations of the fact that Stephen Lewis and the party leadership were acting against the wishes of a substantial portion of the party rank-and-file in seeking to purge the Waffle.

Despite this, however, the party's provincial council meeting in Orillia on June 24-25, adopted the "Riverdale resolution", which, according to Stephen Lewis and those closest to him, would do the same thing

as the original executive report, that is, rid the party of the Waffle (although it nominally allows the right to caucus.)

NOT LAST WORD

St. David, however, is refusing to let this be the last word on the subject. It is now in the process of organizing other Toronto-area ridings to band together to oppose the leadership's determination to get rid of the Waffle by making it clear that the ridings, the backbone of the party, will not accept this. The approach adopted is to work for an interpretation of the Riverdale resolution that would allow the Waffle to continue to exist as long as it accepts certain guidelines for behavior.

Significantly, the Waffle had agreed to do as much before the Orillia meeting but had failed to appease the Lewis leadership with this. Such an interpretation therefore, while just barely within the wording of the Riverdale motion, which recognizes the right to dissent and caucus in the party, would be directly contrary to the interpretation given it by Lewis and its other sponsors.

It might take a vote of the party convention, in December, therefore, to compel the leadership to adopt the St. David approach. At present, St. David is attempting to win support in other ridings and is considering other moves, such as refusing to recognize expulsions by the provincial executive, should they occur.

STRIKE CALLED OFF

In the meantime, the St. David strike has been called off and the riding is once more engaged in the process of signing up members and carrying on its other work. This includes preparing for the municipal elections, in which Ward Seven NDP alderman Karl Jffary is seeking re-election, and in which the party may run other candidates.

Another task, is the nominating of someone to contest the federal election for the NDP in this area. And beyond that, the St. David NDP is always concerned with finding ways of carrying its message of socialism to prospective supporters. Those interested in helping or in getting further information can call 923-7031.

Working committee okayed for South of Carlton area

After about a year of organizing, a South of Carlton Working Committee has been formed and officially recognized by the City of Toronto Planning Board.

The Committee's job will be to join with the city planners in a detailed study of the area bounded by Carlton, Parliament, Queen and Jarvis Streets. This will probably be the first successful venture since Trefann Court where people have a powerful voice in how the future of their neighbourhood is planned. But, unlike Trefann, South of Carlton does not have a long history of controversy. So far, there have been few ruffled feathers on the Committee that has representatives from all walks of life.

Some fifteen people made up of Homeowners, Tenants, Businessmen, Developers and Institutions all have votes on the Committee. They have been joined in their bi-weekly meetings at Central Neighbourhood House by the Ward Aldermen. The Chairman is Anthony Benjamin who lives on Berkeley Street and teaches at York University.

The Working Committee involves some of the people who are very active in South of Carlton Community Action (S.O.C.C.A.) like Ethel Proulx, Ingrid Smith and Allen McMillan. Others include Fred Braida — a developer active in the area who produced the high rise rooming house on Sherbourne

Street, Patrick Shibley — a real estate agent, and William Aykler who owns several properties in South of Carlton.

The Committee representatives were elected at a public meeting held at Central Neighbourhood House on May 23, 1972. The election followed a series of public meetings held every 2 weeks for several months. Soon after its formation, the Committee asked for and received confirmation from the Planning Board that a study would proceed, and that it would be based on consultation with South of Carlton people.

There is hope that the planning staff will open an office right in the area that will serve as a headquarters for the Committee and a place for casual discussions and meetings.

Getting organized is just the first step for the South of Carlton Committee. It still faces the difficult job ahead of figuring out some answers to the neighbourhood's problems. But things seem to have gotten off to a good start.

What the Committee has going for it most of all, is a community that has not been overwhelmed by new development. It is not too late for South of Carlton people to arrive at a plan that best suits their own neighbourhood.

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School Board funds community school at Dixon Hall

by JOHN MALY

Parents and teachers from Laneway Community School met with Toronto Board officials on Monday morning to begin final preparations for the opening of the school in September.

Using the figures supplied by Laneway, Michael Lennox, a Board official, agreed that one teacher should be assigned to Laneway so that supplies could be ordered and arrangements made for registration. It was also agreed that another teacher could be hired if more students were registered before school opened.

Mrs. Gudette, a parent who has been involved with the school since it opened, was optimistic that more children could be found now that the school was part of the Toronto Board and more secure financially.

Laneway also has plans to raise money privately or through the government so that a lay assistant might be hired. They felt that since the children range in age from seven years to eighteen years that a teacher would need assistance in preparing programs that would be geared to the needs of each student.

Mr. Kitney, area superintendent, suggested at the meeting, that arrangements might be made so that the

teenagers at Laneway could have an opportunity to spend some time in classrooms where equipment was available that would not normally be possible within the Laneway budget. Science classes and shops were mentioned.

Laneway began as an independent school in September 1969 and has been registered with the Province of Ontario for three years.

It has been supported primarily by money from foundations and universities.

Laneway began, because it was felt that a school that emphasized the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic was needed in the Trefann Court-Regent Park area.

The school also emphasized the involvement of the parents in the running of the school. Parents and teachers meet every two weeks to discuss all aspects of running a school, including curriculum, homework, discipline and fund raising.

Parental involvement and the three R's were the characteristics of Laneway that separated it from other schools.

Co-op nursery school to expand

By Leith Piper

In November of last year a number of families in Donvale opened a co-operative nursery school for children from 2 to 4 years. Two months later, they hired a full-time co-ordinator with whom they worked on a retation basis. Operating in a large, bright and well equipped room in the Donvale Community Centre, the school was held from 9:00 to noon every weekday. The co-ordinator's salary and the other necessary expenses were met by two successful fund-raising bazaars and nominal fees. The purpose of the nursery school was to foster co-operative education for both children and adults. Most children seemed much

happier to play and experiment in a group setting. The parents involved found it exciting to be responsible for the educating of their children and enjoyed working with other adults in the process. They also appreciated the added spare time on off-duty mornings.

After the summer break in July and August, the school will re-open in September. Most of the same families will be back, and many more want to join the experiment. So many that a comparable afternoon program is beginning to flourish. This is what everyone hoped would happen. Interested families are invited to phone **Fran Gerald at 922-8616**. Volunteers are also most welcome.

Natural food restaurant opens on Parliament Street

By 7 NEWS STAFF

In the last few years, Toronto has become very cosmopolitan in the variety and style of its eating places. And Ward Seven has its share of the nostalgic, ethnic or exotic resaurants.

Latest to open in the ward is Bumpkin's Natural Food restaurant and it's exotic because it's only the second of its kind in the city.

Located at 557 Parliament Street,

Bumpkin's is already the "in" place for the east end counter culture set and a lot of "straight" people have wandered in out of curiosity and come back again.

But what does a "health food restaurant" serve?

Well, for dinner you could try the crepe—a thin pancake packed with either fruit or vegetables. The vegetable crepe, for example, contains broccoli, mushrooms, bean

sprouts, onions and green peppers. For an extra dine you can have it served with cheese sause.

Another tasty dish is Tempura, a Japanese dish in which fresh carrots, celery, mushrooms and potatoes are fried in a special batter and than served with rice.

Currie is often prepared for dinner as well.

A more traditional item is their grilled cheese sandwich made with their own whole wheat bread.

For dessert there's cantelope with yogurt and honey. Or how about bananas with cashews.

Bumpkins also often serve home-baked spice cake and ginger bread served with a soya cream that has a deep, rich flavour.

The beverages include fresh fruit and vegetable juices, milk and a variety of teas.

The atmosphere of the restaurant is easy going and relaxed. Four long wooden tables with benches line the walls with plants and flowers on all the tables. No smoking is allowed.

The owner of the store is Allen Jones, a 27 year old Englishman who came to Canada six years ago. His first business venture, over a year ago, was a health food store, "Minnie Prices".

It proved to be a success and when the restaurant next door became vacant he bought it out and expanded into that field as well.

Businessman Delays Site Office

No sooner was the South of Carlton Working Committee getting off the ground (see story on page 2) when a Ward 7 Businessman attempted to block one of its first moves.

At the August 2 meeting of the City of Toronto Executive Committee, a request was considered from the South of Carlton Working Committee for a planning site office to be opened in the area. The Committee wants the office as its headquarters and for its planning staff to be readily available.

Unfortunately, Sam Rotenberg, owner of a Parliament Street variety store, was in the audience. Just as it looked as if the South of Carlton people would get their office, he jumped up and started yelling that businessmen had not been consulted in the formation of the Committee.

The City Clerk recorded the outburst this way: "Mr. Sam Rotenberg of Ward 7 Businessmen's Association

addressed the Executive Committee and pointed out that property owners in the area have not been asked for their views on the foregoing recommendation and he expressed an adverse opinion on the establishment of the site office."

Alderman Sewell countered this statement by pointing out that, in fact, at least four businessmen and property owners are on the Committee. He named Patrick Shibley, Fred Braida, A. Saith and others.

No one knows why Rotenberg took it on himself to jeopardize the work of the Committee, especially business people whom he claims to represent.

The Executive Committee's decision was a draw — they voted to defer the matter pending a report from the Chief Planner. As one disgruntled Committee member said, "I hope the next time the matter comes up, Rotenberg will be minding his store and his own business."



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Anyone wanting more information on the school should phone 924-8889.

Back to school

By GORDON CRESSY
WARD 7 SCHOOL TRUSTEE

It looks like a good fall!

The school system is now divided into six areas under the decentralization plan. We fall into East Central Area. Our area superintendent is Harold Kitney and Helen Sissons from Park is our assistant area superintendent.

We welcome new principals: Al Price moves to Park Junior from Winchester; Les Birmingham comes to Oak St.—this has received final approval from the province; Al Robb is at Park School Senior; Mike Chomb comes to Winchester and All Hodd moves to Lord Dufferin.

If you have a problem or are just interested in what's happening at the school, give a call or drop in. They are your schools too you know.

My colleague Graham Scott continues to work hard as chairman of the Fundamentals Skills Committee. Several volunteer

remedial reading programs are starting throughout the Ward.

Vocational schools are well on their way to becoming co-educational as the result of Board Action at the last meeting. If all goes well, segregated schools should disappear next September.

Several new programs start in our Ward this fall, sponsored by the Board of Education. Contact, a school for drop-outs begins this fall in the evenings in the Regent Park Area. A.L.P.H.A., a free elementary school starts in the Broadview Y.M.C.A. Laneway, a school emphasizing reading and writing, continues at Dixon Hall.

After school recreational-Educational programs will be starting at Rose Avenue, Frankland, Withrow, Duke of York and Park School.

This is the year for us all to take part.

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Legal advice on separation

One of the most troubling subjects which a lawyer ever has to face is advising people when a marriage is in the process of breaking up. People often have a hard time understanding that the law is as remote from reality as it really is. However, once both the husband and the wife know what the law is, they are at least better able to work out some sort of settlement. They know what a Court is likely to do if it goes as far as Court and that helps to settle their differences.

MAINTENANCE FOR CHILDREN

The first thing that they have to realize is that the father is going to be required to support his children. No matter how the wife has behaved, the children will have to be supported. The amount of support which the husband ought to pay (assuming that the children are not with him) will depend to some extent on his income and on the other obligations that he may have. However, it is very hard to bring up a child for less than about \$20 a week, and the Court is aware of that.

CUSTODY

Custody of the children will be a different matter. The Court has a strong bias in favour of keeping children with their mother, at least until the children are 7 years old or older. The Court also tends to reinforce existing family arrangements rather than causing stress by needless change. Therefore if the couple has been separated for some time and the children have been living with one parent pretty satisfactorily, the Court will be inclined to confirm that parent as having custody.

Women sometimes ask what kind of misbehaviour will be grounds for them losing custody. Some want to know whether the fact that they have been dating another man, perhaps long after their separation from their husband, will be a sufficient ground for having their children taken away from them.

In my experience, Courts are becoming very reasonable on the question of custody. They do not want either parent to behave in a way that will hurt the children and that is particularly true of the parent who actually has custody. If parent has been so mentally ill as to be in and out of mental institutions much of the time, a Court might say that that was such an unstable attitude as to be harmful to the

children. In the same way, if either parent was very obviously involved in clearly promiscuous behaviour, the Court would be loath to give that parent custody. Most Judges would say that it would be really harmful for a child to grow up with a long succession of different people living with their parent. It would be hard to teach a child about the value of really deep human relationships in those circumstances.

JUSTICE

A legal Column
by KARL JAFFARY

The Court is much more concerned about what the effect is on the child than anything else. I do not believe that any mother would be deprived of custody of her child simply because she had committed adultery. On the other hand, any mother with a serious alcohol or drug problem or with a history of convictions on morality offences might have problems about getting custody.

MAINTENANCE FOR WIFE

Another major problem is when a husband has to support his wife. This question is not decided, in my opinion, on nearly such reasonable grounds as the question of support of the children. It is still tied very much to the issue of fault. Therefore, if a wife satisfies a Court that her husband has committed adultery or has treated her with cruelty or has deserted her, then the husband will have to support the wife. If she can't satisfy one of those conditions, then the husband will probably not have to support the wife. Again, it is hard to say how much support will be required, but a rule of thumb would be about 1-3 of the husband's income. The husband can get out of supporting the wife by showing that she has committed adultery and this is so even if the wife has at one time obtained an order for support against her husband. The law therefore encourages both parties to sniff around trying to find out whether the other one has been misbehaving or not.

There are a couple of things that make the fairly simple statement above a little more complicated. In the first place, it is sometimes

quite difficult to prove that adultery has taken place. People don't generally do it with anyone watching. Even if adultery can be proved, there is a legal doctrine called condonation. That means that, if a husband and wife reconcile their differences and live together as man and wife again, it becomes very difficult for either of them to then rely on any misbehaviour that the other has committed, assuming that at the time they reconciled, both of them had known about what was going on. If you have forgiven your husband or wife for anything, you have real trouble trying to use that against them in a Court in the future.

DESERTION

Another legal doctrine that comes into play is called constructive desertion. That means that the Court does not just look at who walked out of the house. Say a husband says to his wife: "You get out of here. I don't love you anymore and I am not going to have you in the house anymore," and the wife does leave. A Court will say that rather than the wife deserting the husband, it has been the husband who has constructively deserted the wife.

The words I quoted a moment ago are not magic. As much may depend on the kind of conversation that was going on as on the words themselves. Judges realize that, in the midst of a fight, married people may say a good deal to each other that they regret. If a wife wants to say that her husband has deserted her because she has been ordered out of the house, she will have to satisfy the Court that she was given that order in a serious and deliberated way and that she knew her husband meant it.

In the same sort of way, a husband can say that he has been constructively deserted by his wife, even when he leaves, if the wife has behaved like a terrible shrew and it has been really impossible to go on living with her. I hope that gives you a rough idea of what is meant by desertion.

Cruelty

Cruelty is a particularly difficult problem. If a lawyer wants to be highly technical about it, he can even say that there are different

Food, films offered Wednesday at Donvale

The Don Vale Community Centre at 80 Winchester Street is featuring a free film showing every Wednesday evening.

A show for kids is featured every other Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. starting on September 6th. Starting on August 30th and running every other week at 8 p.m. is an adult film showing with a local filmmaker giving a talk on the films showed.

Admission to all shows is free.

The Don Vale Community Centre has been holding a community luncheon every Wednesday from noon until 2:00 pm and it has had fair success within the community. However, there are many people in the Don Vale area who would enjoy the luncheon and the centre would like to see them out enjoying themselves at luncheon time. They also need some help in preparing the luncheon each week. Then have a kitchen in the Centre and food will be available—all they need are some good cooks to help turn on the appetite of the masses. For further information, please call Grant and- or Gayle at the Centre—921-6710.

definitions of cruelty for different purposes. Cruelty, for example, is now a ground for divorce, and there it has to be cruelty that is so severe that a Judge would agree that it would be intolerable for the injured party to go on living with someone who behaves so cruelly: in divorce situations, it looks as if you can be inadvertently cruel. In other words, if your husband behaves like a pig all the time, if it is so bad that a Judge would agree that it was intolerable for you to go on living with him, then you can probably leave, and you can show cruelty for purposes of getting a divorce. In a more philosophic vein, you might say that your husband really wasn't cruel—he wasn't behaving like a pig because he wanted to hurt you, he was behaving like a pig because he was a pig. Well, he probably behaved in a cruel fashion for purposes of a divorce action, but if you were trying to get your husband to support you without divorcing him, you might be in some difficulty. An English Judge said some time ago that, for cruelty to be really there, the person who is being cruel has to be trying to get at the other person somehow — trying to hurt them—and that is the essence of cruelty and it can't be done by accident. Fortunately, both the Divorce Court and the Family Court take a more liberal attitude toward the meaning of cruelty.

Cruelty can be either physical or mental. In either case you will probably have to have medical evidence to show what has happened to you. If you are relying on physical cruelty, the Court will

want you to be able to describe exactly what happened to you and will probably want you to describe a number of incidents. In addition, other people should have actually seen the bruises or other evidence of your being beaten. It is particularly helpful if there can be medical evidence.

Mental cruelty will have to be proved with even greater particularity. The stories about Nevada divorces granted on the grounds of leaving toast crumbs in the bed or something like that will simply not wash in Ontario. If you are trying to show mental cruelty, you are going to have to have a psychiatrist come to Court and say that you would have been virtually driven to a mental break-down if you had gone on living with the person much longer.

Anyway, that seems to be the story of wives getting support. They can get support if they can show their husbands have committed adultery, have deserted them or have behaved with cruelty, always provided the husband can't show that the wife has committed adultery or done something else bad. A lot depends on what you can prove, not just what happened. Getting support is therefore a bit chancy.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In our next issue a concluding article in this series will deal with the subject of Divorce. Questions relating to these articles or other legal matters should be directed to SEVEN NEWS. We will try to get our legal-writers to deal with them in future issues.)

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Nature trail revealed

By NORMAN G. BROWNE
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At first there were just animals and they established game trails through the ravines and valleys as they travelled in search of food and water.



And then Indians used the trails as they looked for easy passage through the heavy brush and broken lands that lay between the Humber and Don Rivers.

Then a city sprang up and civilization came to the area. But the ravine and valley land remained for the most part untouched and the trails they contained became overgrown, disused and all but forgotten.

Final softball standings

FINAL STANDINGS

SOFTBALL

MENS DIVISION

	W	L	F	A	Pts.
South Regent	11	1	127	49	22
Donvale C.C.	7	5	113	61	14
Woodgreen C.C.	7	5	98	88	14
Dixon Hall	6	6	110	127	12
Howell F.	6	6	96	113	12
Brunt's	3	9	86	122	6
Riverdale	2	10	67	137	4

Playoffs

Series A Semi-Final (2 out of 3)

First Game

Woodgreen 4, South Regent 3

Second Game

South Regent 13, Woodgreen 3

Third Game

South Regent 12, Woodgreen 11

Series B Semi-Final (2 out of 3)

First Game

Dan Vale 17, Dixon Hall 2

Second Game

Don Vale 11, Dixon Hall 3

Series C Finals (3 out of 5)

First Game (extra innings)

South Regent 7, Don Vale 6

Second Game

South Regent 3, Don Vale 0

Third Game

South Regent 10, Don Vale 5

BANTAM DIVISION

Y.M.C.A.	9	2	0	119	34	29
Don Vale C.C.	7	4	0	121	87	25
Dixon Hall	4	6	1	100	139	20
●Woodgreen	1	9	1	58	140	13

●Denotes defaulted game

Playoffs

Series A Semi-Final (2 out of 3)

First Game

Broadview Y5, Dixon Hall 1

Second Game

Broadview Y5, Dixon Hall 1

Series B Semi-Finals (2 out of 3)

First Game

Don Vale 16, Woodgreen 9

Second Game

Don Vale 10, Woodgreen 1

EAST-WEST GIRLS SOFTBALL

FINAL STANDING

St. Christopher	8	0	266	76	24
Dixon Hall	4	4	108	146	15
Broadview Y.M.C.	2	6	109	196	12
O'Connor Dev.	2	6	86	151	11

●Denotes defaulted game

Series A Semi-Final (2 out of 3)

First Game St. Christopher 40,

O'Connor 10

Second Game

Defaulted by O'Connor

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under Bloor street to a footbridge spanning the Rosedale Valley Ravine.

TUNNEL UNDER BLOOR

I went though the tunnel and climbed between the fence on the east side to get into the ravine and onto a trail.

Trails lead from there along the top, middle and bottom of the ravine but I took one that led down the side of the ravine until I came to the foot path that had been recently laid out by the Parks Department.

I followed the foot path east until the sides of the ravine narrowed down as they approached the subway bridge. From there I cut up hill through a patch of wild raspberries and under the subway bridge to a trail that ran past more wild raspberries (two weeks ago they were red, ripe and delicious. Mmm.) and under the west arch of the Bloor viaduct.

WILD BLACKBERRIES

From there, three trails led off. One went up hill where it comes out into a little parkette at Bloor and Parliament. Another goes down hill to run back into the main path. I took the middle trail—right into the bush and wild blackberries!

That trail ran into a path which

ends at the fence of St. James cemetery. Here a trail runs down the side of the ravine, parallel with the fence until it joins up with the main path again.

I followed the path right down and across the road and along the bottom of the ravine along the other side of the road. Eventually the path led into the ravine away from the road until it ended in a small clearing below Sandy Hill cliff.

At first glance, the "cliff" looked imposing and insurmountable. But on closer inspect, I discovered that the logs that have been jammed into the side of the hill are terraced and form steps all the way up to the top.

But it was a long climb and I had to stop half way up to rest. I also discovered that its better not to look up or down but just at your feet as



you look for the easiest step up.

At the top is the ruins of an old cottage and a trail leading south along the summit. The summit eventually narrows and there is a fantastic view of the whole Don Valley. A number of trails lead from there down the south face of Sandy Hill to the valley floor.

From there, you can cross the road and up the hill in Wellesley Park to come out at Sumach and Amelia streets in Don Vale. Or you can follow the edge of the Bayview Extension alongside Necropolis Cemetery and Riverdale Zoo where you can climb over a fence into Riverdale Park and eventually come out at Sumach and Carlton streets.

Try it—from either end. It can be fun.

Lots of action in south South ST. Jamestown

By BARRY MORRIS

The tenants' struggle on Bleecker and Ontario Streets continues. Their fight is basically on two fronts: legal and political. And their goal is to keep the Meridian Group tied up in the courts and to prevent their homes from being demolished.

The legal strategy is on two further levels. First, the Tenants Association has the able services of Ray Schachter and Phil Zylberberg, who are spearheading an offence against Meridian (read Howard Investments Ltd.) through the Ontario Municipal Board.

The tenants are arguing that the Developer is in direct violation of the Toronto City's Official Plan, which supposedly calls for good, democratic planning to precede any kind of re-development of an area. More specifically, the Official Plan calls for "provision of suitable accomodation for families with children in residential buildings which are at locations and densities suitable for such families"

A variety of housing stock is also affirmed, as well as adequate parks, school & recreational needs, and general retention of any neighborhoods' present good features.

The O.M.B. hearing was to have taken place this past Monday, but Meridian obtained a Court order

restraining the O.M.B. hearing taking place until the Ontario Supreme Court rules on whether in fact the O.M.B. has the legal or jurisdictional right to so hear the tenants charge. The Ontario Supreme Court will meet Tuesday, August 29 at 10 a.m. at 145 Queen St. W.

The City is also being charged along with the Developer, since the Planning Board has ducked their whole planning responsibility.

The second level of tenant action consists of a series of brilliant County Court cases, led by Greg King and George Biggar, assisted by the tire- lessly able John Whitelaw. Here, the strategy has been to appeal most of the houses for which Meridian has been granted a writ to repossess, tying the landlord up for probably 6 weeks of more higher Court arguments.

Also, three other houses' cases had to be adjourned until September 14th, when an honest Judge Grossberg of County Court removed himself from judging the cases because of an undue bias he had come to feel about the whole Landlord- Tenants matter. His bias was due, perhaps, to the uncontrollable passion and courage of the tenants' feelings of being screwed, even by existing but bad laws.

The political strategy has been to embarrass the City politicians,

especially those sitting on the supposedly powerful City Executive Committee, and especially the two mayoralty candidates: Rotenberg and O'Donohue. Neither the committee nor these two men have moved so much as a milli- metre to help, really.

Only Crombie and Ward 7's Sewell and Jaffary have been at all strong. Of course, good press publicity has been crucial to the whole struggle.

Ever since 103 Bleecker St. has been well fortified—you have to see the barricaded house to believe this!—and since Rick & Marilyn & Mary- Jo have placed themselves in the house to be live bodies on the line, the press has passed on the word that no Sherriff and his posse of deputies will have an easy time of re-possessing the house back to Meridian.

Why have vacant land for two or

more years? Housing stock that is re- habitable is available, now and here on Bleecker and Ontario Streets. Meridian, the developer is not ready to build, nor does it have any bit of planning permission to construct anything, here. In short, no decent, democratic, broad-based, people- planned idea, at all, exists for South of St. James Town.

So—further to this, an-up-to-now-hidden director of the Meridian Building Group, a Morton Merkur of 17 Reddick St. living in upper Bathurst Heights, is having his plush home picketed by batteries of tenants and superters. Why this? To let his neighbors know how he makes his cash; how his wealth and maybe, prestige, is due directly to living off of the plight of the poor way down south of him.

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Withrow residents preserve park and organize new association

Eight year old Owen O'Shone, who calls himself the "Mad Irishman", but is better known as "Gran pop" by all the kids in Withrow Park, saw the city truck unloading curb stones in the park. So did a lot of his neighbours. They inquired and found out that the Parks Department was going to construct a parking lot. Withrow Park is one of Grandpop's three homes he says. The other two are Sunnybrook Hospital where he goes for treatments for old war wounds, three times a week, and 762 Logan, where he has lived for over thirty years.

They were going to ruin his park. So he talked with his neighbors and called Alderman Sewell. The Alderman wisely advised that the neighbors call a meeting. He remembered vaguely the motion presented by Alderman Fred Beavis in the Parks Committee for the parking lot; and admitted that he probably voted for it. "But that's why people have got to be organized so they can keep after people like me". Some of the staff from the Riverdale Community Organization were called in to help and a meeting was set at Eastminster Church with Rev. Glen Tenpenny chairing. People around the park were notified of the problem and the meeting.

SHORT NOTICE

Over 100 angry people attended on short notice and decided that the parking lot must be stopped. They got a commitment from Aldermen

Sewell and Clifford, and formed a delegation to the Prks Committee. The following Monday Mr. Clydesdale met the residents (Commissioner Forrest was on holiday) and promised that nothing would be done until the group had a chance to talk with the City Executive.

On July 19, over fifty residents met in the lobby of the New City Hall. They went up to Committee Room Number 4 where Mayor Dennison was chairing the meeting of the City Executive. They moved in and filled the room. Most had to stand. Rev. Tenpenny went to the microphone and said, "I'm only here to introduce the people of the Withrow Area. Last week some curb stones were placed in the park for a parking lot. Many of the residents were upset. We had a meeting and about 100 people voted unanimously against a parking lot in Withrow Park".

MAYOR NERVOUS

Mayor Dennison smiling nervously, was asking for some order as people buzzed at the front and some children crawled on the floor. Rev. Tenpenny introduced some of the residents to speak against the parking lot. Among them was Mr. O'Shone who had walked and calculated the distance to all the parking lots in the area from Withrow Park. "And I'm a cripple too", he said as he waved his cane.

At this point an uncomfortable Mr. Beavis, who had been making

remarks like "well, a number of people from the area had asked for this" said, "I was the original person to move that this be done so I would now be happy to move that this be rescinded". Dennison spoke very quickly: "Is there a seconder, all in favour, carried".

The people expressed jubilation as they got together in one of the other committee rooms afterwards. They planned a meeting for the following night. Rev. Tenpenny stressed the importance of having an association around Withrow Park to watch-dog what happens there.

CELEBRATE VICTORY

The following evening, July 20, residents met again at Eastminster Church and celebrated their victory by, 1) making a number of suggestions for the Park and 2) electing a working group to put the suggestions in proposal form and to organize a meeting with Commissioner Forrest to press for their proposals.

They agreed on a name for themselves, "The Withrow Area Residents Association".

The working group of W.A.R.A. are:

Owen O'Shone, Margaret Wood, A. Acheson of Logan, Mrs. Wilkenson of Garnock; Mrs. Dietrich, Mrs. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Don Stephen of Wolfrey; Lyla Barclay and Charles Hilder of Gransview; Rita Brandt of Albermarle; Gerry Heran, John Walton, Linda Torney, and Art Wheeler of Carlaw; James Ewington of Strathcona; Frank Sherwin of Frizzell.

The working group met three times and drew up the proposals for Withrow Park One proposal asks that the clubhouse and facilities be turned over to the residents to control, another insists on a better clean-up, maintenance and supervision. They want picnic tables, benches, waste receptacles, two tennis courts, and a solution to the speeding problem around the park.

Thursday, August 17, 1972 in Holy Name Hall, Linda Torney of 635 Carlaw skillfully chaired a meeting of the Association with Commissioner Forrest. It was not that well attended. Thursday, shopping night, the new meeting place, summer holidays — were some of the excuses given for the attendance of less than forty residents.

BROKEN GLASS

Commissioner Forrest was on hand to hear the proposals. Mr. O'Shone, at one point, got up and emptied a bag he had been carrying. Broken glass poured out. "This is what the kiddies have to play in most of the time", he said. Others told about the poor supervision. Commissioner Forrest promised he would get the park cleaned up, get the picnic tables and benches in the park, and support their request for tennis courts and control of the clubhouse and facilities. He advised a delegation to the Parks Committee and, when someone asked how many should go he suggested "the more the better, you know how that works."

Series B Semi-Final (2 out of 3)

First Game	Dixon Hall 28, Broadview 14
Second Game	Dixon Hall 31, Broadview 20

Series C Final (2 out of 3)

First Game	St. Chris 30, Dixon Hall 23
Second Game	St. Chris 44, Dixon Hall 18

St. Chris wins championship.

SPEAKING OUT

What do you think of the schools in Ward Seven?



I like the schools. I like studying and learning. I like the teachers.

Hwasoon Chu,
63 Bleshaw Place.



Sometimes the schools get kind of rough, but other times it's alright. They teach you a lot. I don't like the strictness. You have to have manners

Rhonda Gibson,
407 Gerrard St. E.



I like Lord Dufferin. I like the teachers.

Anne Bond,
347 Parliament St.

I've got two teenagers going to Jarvis. They started in Lord Dufferin and I had no problems with my children or with the teachers at all. The parents need to encourage their children.

Marg. Bond,
347 Parliament St.

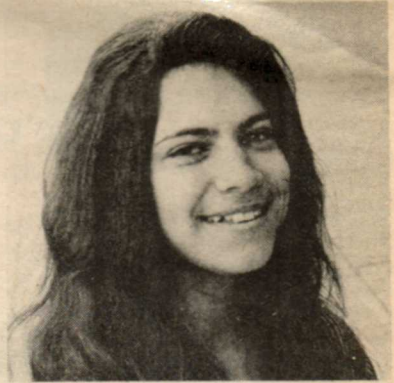


I am a landed immigrant from Hungary. I think the education is better here than in England. There it's expensive and the teachers aren't paid well. But parents in both countries don't have time to spend with the children to take them to school.

No name

They're . . . alright. They're pretty great. We get to do what we want. I like it. It's ok.

Pat Parks,
65 Winchester Ave.



Photos by BILL RENO

Ward 7 News Round-up

Afree legal services clinic is being held every Tuesday at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street The Riverdale Community Organization has moved thier office from Broadview to 1050 Gerrard East. Their phone is still 466- 2148 If you're wondering, SEVEN NEWS skipped an issue in August. Lack of money and material is blamed. Articles, features and letters are still urgently needed for future issues. Project Landlord at Queen Street Mental Health Centre is looking for landlords who will rent to recently discharged patients. They hope that if ex- patients live in comfortable, a home- like atmosphere, they will stay out o of hospital. Phone Mary Ann Archer at 533- 8501 (ext. 315) for more information.

PEOPLE: Frank Cserepy

PEOPLE: Frank Cserepy, formerly with the Don Vale Community Coalition, has been hired by the Provincial Government as a community worker for the Don District. Irene Lee has quit her job as detached youth worker for the Don Vale youth project. Giles Endicott, past NDP candidate in St. David riding has moved to Regina where he is working for the Provincial Department of Health . Alderman John Sewell was given a donation of five desks and assorted office furniture. He in turn donated them to the Don Vale Community Centre. Steve Elson is another new detached community worker in the Don District. He is being funded by the Alcohol and Drug Research Foundation and replaces Laurie Sugerman who was well known for her work in the district. Mark Speakman has been talking to activists in the ward for a survey he's doing for the Federal Urban Affairs Department.

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The Committee invites written briefs from individuals and organizations who may wish to present information, opinions or suggestions regarding any of the above matters relating to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Briefs must be submitted by September 15th, 1972, to the Clerk of the Committee Box 233, Main Parliament Building, Toronto 182, Ontario.

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