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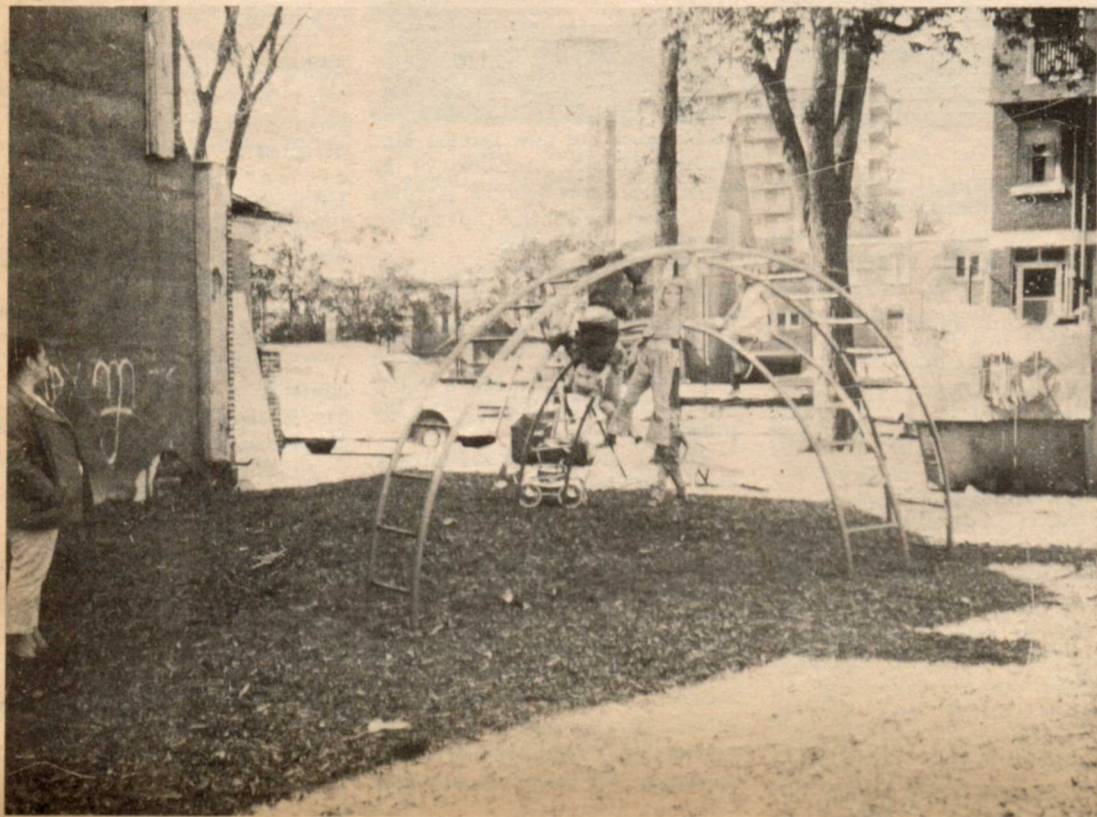
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New Bleeker St. Playground



Seven News Photo by Roberta Sankey

A small, but still significant victory was won by the Bleeker St. residents lately. The playground with its freshly painted swings, monkey-bars and slide stands in all its glory just north of Carlton on Bleeker St. It is surprising to a lot of people that a request for the playground was put into action so soon.

At first the residents were told that the equipment would be given to them but they would have to assemble and paint it themselves. But the City must have had second thoughts because without a word to anyone the equipment was assembled and last week it was painted.

Three cheers for the people, it looks like we still have a little influence at City Hall!

— The Co-op Office.

Three Accidents Not Enough

NO STOPLIGHT FOR BROADVIEW AND MILLBROOK

by Eleanor Gillis

Withrow Home and School Association has been trying for two years to get a pedestrian-actuated traffic light in place of the existing pedestrian crosswalk at Broadview Ave. and Millbrook Crescent.

Our children cross there to go to Riverdale Park for recreation both summers and winters. There is also a streetcar stop there, so we all use the crosswalk at one time or another. It has been our experience that it can be very difficult to cross safely. Broadview Ave. is wide, and at times cars will be speeding by on one side of the street, while on the other side they will be stopped.

In the past eight months, Aldermen Sewell and Jaffary, Mrs. Cave, Mrs. Lowe, and Mrs. Gillis (President of the Withrow Association), armed with a petition of 200 names, have been to City Hall three times attempting to get this light.

We received a report from the Commissioner of Public Works stating that speed studies and pedestrian surveys for this crosswalk show that gaps in traffic were adequate to permit adults and children to cross without difficulty. The report also claims that the average vehicular speed is approximately 30 mph and that there have only been three traffic accidents at that spot from 1966 to 1969. Because of this report it seems we do not have sufficient justification for a traffic light.

Yet while we were taking the petition around, we heard of many cases where people had difficulty crossing. All those

involved felt it was a bad crossing. Obviously, you have to use the crosswalk to be aware of the dangers. Despite the cold comfort of the statistics in the Commissioner's report, it only takes one speeding car to injure a pedestrian.

At the meeting of the Transportation Committee, our attempt to get a traffic light was refused. They said that signals

here could increase the chances of an accident. We were told that they did not really want to put a crosswalk in this particular spot because they felt it was not a good place — the road dips coming south on Broadview and there is a curve going north. But if this is the case, then neither a crosswalk nor a traffic light is safe.

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"Phonies, Parasites"

MARKS, MALETTE SLASH COMMUNITY GROUPS

by George Paul

Alderman June Marks says "the poor people of the Don District just want food in their stomachs and a roof over their heads and aren't interested in being asked their opinions" about what type of building is to take place in the district.

With regard to citizen participation in urban renewal, she says, "Way back I was the only citizen in the district participating in discussions of housing conditions held by the Social Planning Council. Now the balance has swung the other way," she says, complaining that citizens are demanding too much participation. "People can deal through their aldermen," she says. "They don't need groups."

These remarks were made during the course of a meeting of the Metro Social Services and Housing Committee on September 24th, in response to a letter from the Don District Housing Committee which had been forwarded to the committee from Social Services Commissioner John Anderson. Mr. Anderson had recommended against sending staff to a meeting of the Don District Housing Committee to which they had been invited, and suggested instead that elected members of the Social Services and Housing committee be sent.

Instead of discussing the recommendations, Karl Mallette, the Chairman, took the opportunity to make personal attacks against Norman Browne, the secretary of the DDHC, and

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Broadview Y-Site

NO DECISIONS WITHOUT R.C.O.

by Joe Tyrrell

Mr. Henry Labatt, newly appointed Executive Director of the Toronto YMCA has told members of the RCO Housing Committee on September 22nd in the RCO Office at 351 Broadview, that in actual fact the YMCA has no "plans" for the Broadview Property. The facts, he said, are as follows:

Fact number one: Due to their current financial crisis, the Toronto YMCA is having to decide new policy with respect to what to do with their various facilities.

Fact number two is that at the meeting of the Board of Governors on October 1st, the

Board will begin to set their new policy with respect to their properties.

Fact number three: Labatt promised the RCO Housing Committee that if a new policy decision is made by the Board to do something about the Broadview site, the YMCA and RCO Housing Committee will be sitting down together before any discussion begins on what comes down and what goes up or what changes are to be made.

Mr. Labatt brought others to the meeting with him: Mr. Bill Wood, Regional Director of East City YMCA and Mr. Steve Demsey, Chairman of the Board of East City Y.



Seven News Photo by Linda Minaker

The work goes on South of St. Jamestown. The Co-op has four men working regularly — Tony Schlatterer, Paul Newham, Andre Brochu and Roland Brouillard — and reports that they are making great progress. Offers from several "benevolent associations" seems to have fallen through: Mr. Fred Strong of the George Brown College promised as many men as they could round up, perhaps 60, but so far no one has shown up. The "Beautify Toronto" group was supposed to supply paint and five men, but for two Saturdays in a row they have failed to turn up.

Old Houses a Risk

Insurance Problems In the Don Vale

by D.F. Runge

Insurance Companies are quite well organized in this city. They have an average agreed-upon minimum rate for fire insurance on a house - 37c per \$1,000 for three years. The rate is set by the Canadian Underwriters Association.

However there is no law that governs the amount that a company will charge above that minimum when it decides that your house is a high risk. There are also no set rules or check list that determines how that price is set.

"The setting of rates is either a science or an art," observes Mr. Jacoby of Tomenson, Saunders, "but nobody knows how these figures really come about. Some companies, such as Liberty Mutual, won't write a policy south of Bloor."

Mr. Jacoby discussed the reasons for the high rates and the general reluctance to write policies in Ward 7, or similar areas. "Insurance Companies are in business to make money, and they do make a reasonable profit. They also employ underwriters. If an underwriter takes a lot of policies in an area where many claims are made on his policies, well, he just won't be employed any more. So they have to be careful."

The specific reasons for this attitude in Ward 7 seems to be that "the older a house is, the more susceptible to fire it is, because of brittle wiring, leaking furnaces, chimneys that are not properly pointed, rotten beams that can snap wiring because of settling."

Two other reasons that seem to cause the nervousness exhibited by some companies, says Mr. Jacoby, are "statistics on 'high-fire areas', and rehabilitation in an area," because of the risk of fires caused by construction workers.

So, if you let your house run down, you pay higher premiums. But if you try to fix it up, you also pay higher premiums. Either way the insurance companies make more.

For areas that fall into the above categories, the Insurance Companies have developed something special, a "Subscription Policy". This is a shared policy, whereby a group of companies share the risk. They sit down together and decide if you are insurable and if so, for what rate. If one company says it won't insure you, then the group can't insure you. If one company says 37c and another says 85c, then you get insured for 85c.

I recently tried to purchase fire insurance with Tomeson, Saunders for my new home on Carlton St. I was considered only because I also have automobile insurance with them. But because of the area (Don Vale) the house is in the "Subscription Policy" category. Two companies of the group of four came to see the house - Hartford Accident and Indemnity, and Phoenix of London. Two did not - Western Assurance Company of the Royal Insurance Group, and Employers Liability Assurance Corp.

Phoenix was ready to offer a policy at 37c, but Hartford said 85c. Tomenson Saunders then decided not to offer any policy at all - despite the fact that the house is solid brick, single family, and has recently been rewired. My reply was that I was going to write all this up for Seven News and to ask Mr. Jacoby how he spelled his name. The next day I was offered a policy at 85c. However, since I had just been given a policy at 37c by Travellers, I refused their offer.

There is a branch of the Ontario Government that attempts to deal with such problems. It has no legal control over the insurance companies, but can exercise its powers of persuasion. If you are having trouble getting fire insurance for your home call the Superintendent of Insurance for the Ontario Government, 365-2508.

Roomer Survey In Second Phase

The second phase of a survey being conducted by the Christian Resource Centre is now underway in the Don District. During the first phase, over 3,000 roomers were counted in an area bounded by Parliament, Queen, Jarvis and Carlton.

From this list of 3,000 roomers, 300 have been selected at random and teams of volunteer interviewers are going out through the area to interview them. The questions asked will deal with the life, background and living conditions of each individual. There are also a number of special questions dealing with the particular lifestyle of roomers.

During and after the survey, it is planned to organize and involve roomers wherever possible to press for the recommendations brought out by the survey. The results of the survey itself will be presented to all agencies and levels of government with the hope that action will be taken on the particular problems voiced by roomers.

Community Use of Cable TV Discussed at Town Hall

by Vern Burnett

Over 350 people turned out to the Sept. 17th Town Hall Meeting arranged by Intercom, a non-profit body formed to represent community interests and to co-ordinate community programs on cable TV. The concern appeared to be centred around how programming was going to be controlled, who was going to have control, and whether community organizations would have access to the facilities.

Stanley Burke in addressing panel members, Ross Pickett of York Cable TV and Gordon Keeble of Clear Color TV summarized the fears of most people attending the meeting by the following questions:

"We are here to discuss the wired city. Would you agree the wired city is going to transform our society? It is going to create an entirely new kind of society in our political system."

"Would you agree that probably the most important single question today is public access to the new wired city?"

"Can you tell me any reason why my interests as a citizen are best served by you (the cable companies) having exclusive control about what goes on the air, over an entirely new kind of system? Would you say that your exclusive control over, say, 50 channels would give you a monopoly over the thought processes of the community? What reason have I to believe that your control over 30 to 50 channels is in the public interest?"

"Can you give me any reason at all why the public wouldn't be better served if the cable companies were regarded as public utilities, public carriers?"

Mr. Burke also asked if the interests of the cable companies wouldn't be better served by making use of public agencies such as Intercom, The Art Gallery, St. Lawrence Hall etc. with the capability of programming stimulating programs.

None of the answers seemed to re-assure the audience.

Ted Rogers, of Rogers Cable TV, speaking from the floor, first thanked the panel (Mrs. Pat Pearce, Commissioner, Canadian Radio and Television Commission; Ross Pickett, York Cable TV; Gordon Keeble, Clear Color TV; William Forsey, Education Director, Art Gallery of Ontario;

Education

Montessori on Sackville?

by Maggie Siggins

For years the famous Montessori teaching method for pre-schoolers has been in Canada the exclusive property of the well-to-do.

The several schools which have been set up in Metro for the last 10 years for children two and a half to six, charge annual tuition of anywhere between \$330 and \$600 for half-day programs.

Finally, however, last summer Montessori teachers brought the program to those it was originally intended for - inner-city children.

About 25 children attended the nursery held three mornings a week in Little Trinity Church on King St. E.

The program finished in mid-August but now teacher Mrs. Barbara Zeibots, supervisor of the York Montessori Schools, is trying to continue the program throughout the winter.

She is currently negotiating with the Toronto Board of Education for space in Sackville Public School. Since the program is free to parents, the group is also trying to raise \$1,000 to begin the program.

During the summer the nursery was staffed by a pretty 31-year-old Ceylonese who received Montessori training in Britain. She is also willing to volunteer her time during the winter.

The original Montessori program was developed for children of low incomes and although it has been used extensively in head-start programs

in the United States, the method has been available in Canada only to children of the well-to-do.

In 1906, Dr. Maria Montessori developed a program to aid the retarded children in the slum area of San Lorenzo, Italy. So successful was her method that many passed the state examination with higher grades than normal children.

Essentially, Dr. Montessori developed toys and games which allowed the child to learn as he plays. She also believed that a child will develop at his own rate if not pushed or held back.

The Montessori equipment, which includes colorful sticks to learn to count on and miniature sinks in which to wash dishes, is designed to give the child a sense of accomplishment and self-worth.

"Each child is valued for himself as an individual. Once he has this feeling it is remarkable how fast he can develop," says Mrs. Zeibots.

The Montessori method contains a sense of order and discipline, so necessary for children to succeed in school.

Most important, the children seem obviously happy in the nursery school. The Montessori method goes far beyond the simple baby-sitting prevalent in most schools, to a program which will give children a solid sense of worth.

and Alderman William Archer), and then addressed the gathering.

Mr. Rogers said that his company has about 50 channels to fill and at present is only able to fill 20. Access to the channels will be given to anyone who can help. He assured the audience that programs would not be edited and said "If it's libellous or if there is a great deal of swearing or some reason we can't carry it, we won't carry it."

Certainly there is a great need for community involvement. The cable companies, perhaps imperfectly, are trying to do their part.

The Canadian Radio & Television Commission is concerned about all details in relation to cable TV. It helps when citizens express their concerns. Meetings of the kind held by Intercom might ensure that community groups in the future will have an outlet through TV Town Hall.

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CABBAGETOWN BALL — AT CITY HALL

by Vern Burnett

Nathan Phillips Square on the evening of September 19th belonged to the people from Cabbage Town. They were attending the Cabbagetown Ball, arranged as a tribute to their community. Judging from the turnout, the party was a tremendous success.

Appropriately, Nathan Phillips was addressing the crowd when I arrived shortly after nine. Afterwards, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were to be seen talking animatedly with groups of citizens. Mayor Dennison was sitting on the platform but I missed his welcoming remarks. Mrs. Marks and Mr. Rotenberg spoke a few words.

It gives one a warming sensation to be part of a crowd gathered together anticipating pleasure in our publicly-owned City Hall Square.

My impression of the Cabbage Town Ball was that too many people were standing around, listening to loudly amplified Rock music, waiting for something to happen. Lacking was the spontaneous gaiety usually found at parties. I had hoped to see more of the variety of talents found in the community. Nevertheless, the idea of community parties at the Square is excellent. The Cabbage



Town party could become the forerunner of future Ward Balls, hopefully sponsored by the City.

The whole city would be invited to each party. Nathan Phillips Square would be our fun place and we would become better acquainted with our City. The idea of huge ward parties, plus all the regular happenings on our Square in one year, is enough to boggle the mind! Of course, there will be a few problems to iron out!

Games Night At St. Enoch's

A small group of community people have been getting together every Tuesday for a Games Night at 7.30 p.m. at St. Enoch's Centre, 80 Winchester Street (corner of Winchester and Metcalfe). The group's emergence seems to be an expression of the individuals' need for a community or at least the sense of a community. Hopefully this will result in the beginning of a community development with the group encouraging participation on the part of others in the neighbourhood. For those who come it will certainly mean making new friends and sharing information about entertainment and recreation in the area.

The philosophy of the group is that the group should control itself by deciding what activities will be undertaken the following week and whether there should be any new activities. The group has

kept things free and easy with the various members deciding what they would like to participate in.

The list of games for this week is as follows: bingo, euchre, bridge, checkers, bowling, and darts. If there are any games that you would like to play, please feel free to bring them with you. They are welcome along with yourself and friends.

So far Games Night looks like it is going to be successful and viable. Last week there were 18 people present and the week before there were 13. This week promises to be an even bigger and better time for all. Come early and bring your friends. There is no charge and food will be served later in the evening. For further information please call Marion Tompson, 80 Winchester (921-6711) or Christine Gilbert, 433 Sumach St. (920-2559).

Information Post Elections

by Harris Hunter

A very successful meeting was held on September 16 at the Parliament St. Library House to elect a board to formulate policy, and run an Information Post for the next year. About 40 people attended the meeting. It was quite lively and all points were well debated, with agreement reached on all questions.

Though the Information Post has been running for the last two to three months with the help of a number of volunteers, this is the first elected body to make it into a permanent organization. Mr. D. Dubens, a resident of St. James Town, and Mr. B. Geddes, one of the Librarians, who have both spent a great deal of effort in organizing the post, are our "chairman and vice-chairman" of the board.

Mrs. M. Mackillop has also agreed to head up the very important department of information. So we will have able assistance in getting information that we can pass on to people who request our help, so we can advise them which of the many agencies to apply to for the type of help they may require.

Despite the fact that we have no paid members running the post, we do have some very capable people working with us. Mr. Pepler and Mr. Thompson who have almost finished their training at Law School have volunteered their services and assistance in questions dealing with law.

There were six residents elected at this meeting to work in various branches of the project; they were Mrs. Cressy, Mrs. Lacroix, Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. Holmes, Rev. Jackman, and Mr. Hunter. Also elected were Mrs. Laurie Shugarman and Mr. David Wadlen, both with the Drug and Alcoholic Addiction Research Foundation and Mr. Bob Caughell, a member of the community service branch of the Toronto Police Department.

All we need now are more people to help us make this a project that is meaningful and valuable to the people of the district. If you have some spare time, call us at 924-2543, or just drop in at 265 Gerrard St. East.

"Put On"

So Your Parents Drink

by Norman Browne

If you as a teenager find out that your mother or father are drinking liquor, it's quite likely the first thing you should do is get a grip on yourself.

"Sit down and think for a while. Pour a cup of coffee, calm down and think. When you are dealing with these problems, there are no standard reactions guaranteed to produce the same results."

This advice is offered by Graham Burdy, district director of the Toronto Alcohol Foundation.

Burdy says it is easier to tell teens what not to do than to tell them what to do. Not only are the reasons for and the results of alcohol use complex, the problem on today's scale is new and constantly changing. There is no ready solution.

"The number and variety of alcoholic beverages has gone up and the lack of clinical evidence on what is the long run effect has caught us unawares."

If you are a concerned teenager, Burdy says try for a start not to be stampeded by scare stories about liquor and liquor use. Try not to make judgments on appearances only and don't use spy methods to try and find out if your parents use liquor.

"If you want to alienate your parents in a tense situation, all you have to do is start going through drawers and reading mail," says Burdy. "This changes the relationship from a child-parent one and puts it on a courtroom-adversary basis."

"If your mother tells you she is drinking liquor, you would want to know how she felt and want her to know how you felt. You would listen carefully to what she

was telling you and why. Does she enjoy it or is it a drag? Is she waiting for you to ask her to stop?"

"Why does your mother want you to know? Is she testing? This is one of the reasons for liquor use — testing society — but some parents get in so deep they can't extricate themselves..."

"If you call the police or ask for hospital admission, you can start a sequence of events that is hard to change and that you may regret."

If your relationship with your parents is a 'good' one, you may never have to worry about a serious alcohol problem. If not, you may have to accept the fact that the whole family should be involved in treatment.

"Alcohol can be a declaration of independence," says Burdy. "Parents are saying — we don't care."

"We've found some kids don't want family therapy," adds Burdy, "although liquor drinking may represent a badly damaged family situation."

One part of the problem has been where to turn for help when help is needed quickly.

"Where do you send a parent who's suffering from acute alcoholism?" asks Burdy. "Mental hospitals haven't been geared for both organic and psychological help and general hospitals offer little mental help."

"And what teen would phone the cops and see their own parents thrown into a drunk tank?"

Burdy also advocates the idea of kids putting pressure on politicians to make them aware of the problems of drinking parents and of the need to do something to provide more help.

Big Ben— What's The Matter?

One observer at the Cabbage Town Ball held recently was the Old City Hall, feeling quite neglected and reacting rather glumly to the whole affair.

Most nights, the striking light standards at the Bay Street and Queen Street entrances are burning brightly. The night of the Ball, someone forgot to turn them on. Is this an ominous sign?

Big Ben was reacting strangely also. Was he being gracious in stopping that night so that none of the attention would be diverted from the New to the Old City

Hall? Or was he upset by the undercurrent caused by the secret negotiations and dickering going on around his home site?

Big Ben reacted in much the same way the last time the Old City Hall was in danger. Once this period passed he settled down and has since been keeping good time, booming out every quarter hour to let us know "all is well".

Perhaps the developer of the proposed new Eaton Centre will re-assure Big Ben and the citizens of Metro that the Old City Hall is in no way threatened.

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News in Brief

Seven News Meeting, for everyone interested; Thursday, October 15, 265 Gerrard St. E. at 7:30. We need you!

SCAMPA (Senior Citizen's Association of Moss Park Apartments) and the Moss Park Parents' Committee have united to form an association in the O.H.C. development which will represent all tenants.

The action took place at a meeting of more than fifty people at John Innes Community Centre on September 23rd.

Ed Fleming was acclaimed as chairman of the new association. An executive committee which will act for a three-month period includes Stanley Ware, vice-chairman; Mrs. Bettyanne Roth, secretary; W.H. Hammond, SCAMPA chairman, and representatives of the three buildings in the development.

The association was organized with staff assistance from Central Neighborhood House.

Meet the Teachers night at Frankland School: Oct. 6 grades 1, 2, & 3; Oct. 15 junior grades 4, 5 & 6; Oct. 22 Kindergarten open night.

If you are approached to buy a candy bar this week, it may be a Frankland School pupil out to raise funds for his Home and School Association (really for special activities in the school). The children will receive a small cash reward for the sale. The Home and School Association will get a large cash reward we hope. This is our fund raising activity for the year. We hope you will support us.

City Council: At its meeting held on September 15th, passed a motion recommending that a Citizen's Advisory Committee be created for the purpose of advising the Special Committee on the Waterfront with regard to Waterfront matters.

This involves a whole list of activities such as Harbour City, the new Airport, the recreational use of the Waterfront planning, etc. Decisions of this nature are of utmost concern to the entire city and it is important that a Citizens Advisory Committee represent the widest possible cross-section of the community.

If you have any names which you might like to submit for consideration in the appointment of such a committee, send them along to Alderman Reid Scott at the City Hall.

Eastern Service of Queen Street Mental Health Centre is now utilizing space at All Saints Anglican Church, Dundas and Sherbourne. Initially it is being used for after-care; however, future expansion will include other services.

City Hall Publication: Aldermen Crombie, Jaffary, Kilbourn and Sewell are now publishing on a bi-weekly basis their own newspaper to keep interested citizens informed of important happenings in the City. Subscriptions are \$10.00 a year for individuals, \$25.00 for Companies and Institutions.

The Council of the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations will meet at the Kew Beach United Church (corner of Queen Street East and Wineva Avenue, which is 6 streets east of Woodbine) on Thursday, October 1st, 1970 at 8:00 p.m.

One item for discussion will be the approval of the final draft for the CORRA brief on what the goals and objectives of City Council ought to be.

Praxis Corporation will hold a conference on workers' control and community control on October 30, 31, and November 1, at the Bickford Park Secondary School. They are also holding a series of workshops at which worker and community control of the media are discussed; for further information call 929-0418.

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What Next for Factory Site ?

by Gundi Jeffrey

When the Built Rite Rubber Factory was vacated, the city took over the land. And then the problems started. What to do with the property?

The city is rather vague about the whole issue. Mr. Paul Ringer of the Development Department and Mr. Hapely of Parks and Recreation met with the representatives of the people of the area on September 1. The officials said that the city has not yet come to any decision about what is to be done. However, one of the ideas put forward involved housing for low and middle income people.

The residents of the area were far more definite in their ideas. They had formed an organization called DCW (standing for the initials of some of the more prominent members - Degrassi, Cummings, and Wardell). In their meeting with Hapely and Ringer, the residents were unanimous in asking that the land be used for recreation facilities.

One of the chairmen of the organization, George Selby, explained: "We wanted to have the land turned into a park and recreation centre for children up to 10 years old. Originally we wanted it for a recreation centre for everybody, but the land is not large enough. So then we asked for a small children's park."

He went on to say that this had now been included in the 1971 budget as a proposal for the property, but that agitation in support of this proposal had died down somewhat until further results were known.

Who is going to win this time? City Hall, or the People?

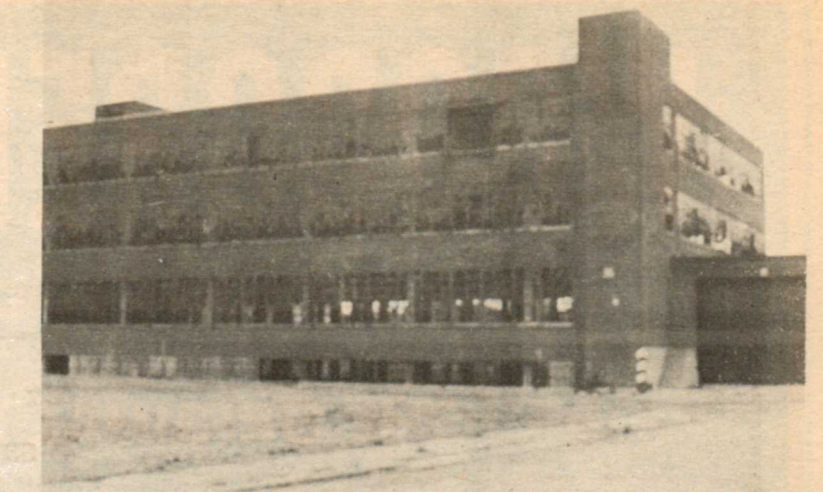
Marks, Malette

Mrs. Marks took up the cudgels against the Christian Resource Centre, which employs Mr. Browne, community workers, and activist clergymen, all of whom were branded by Mrs. Marks as "phonies", "individual opportunists who are trying to feather their own nests" and "parasites who come in and use the people."

"These are the people who are the most dangerous for us to deal with," she said.

Alderman Karl Jaffary said he knew some of the committee members and they were "nice people." However, he felt the committee was not very representative, and concurred in the recommendation that staff not be sent. As for elected representatives attending, he said, "It doesn't matter how we appoint people. We'll hear about it anyway."

Invitations to the September 29th meeting had been sent to a broad list of community organizations so that a report might be made on the response of Robert Andras, Federal Minister



Seven News Photo by Charlotte Sykes

This burned-out factory near River and Gerrard will be converted into a parking garage for a new development planned by Bell Realty Management Co. The middle-income development will consist of two towers, with 725 units in all.

STREETS TO BE REPAVED

by John Sewell

The Department of Public Works of the City has released its proposals for fixing streets and sidewalks in Ward 7 in 1971. It is on the basis of these proposals that estimates are made in the City budget for 1971, and unless money is included in the budget, it is very difficult to get changes made to the proposed programme.

Accordingly, residents of the ward should review carefully the major proposals regarding the repaving of streets and the rebuilding of sidewalks. There are two points which should be looked for. Firstly, does your roadway or sidewalk need a complete overhaul, and if so, is it included in the list? If it is not included in the list set out below you should get in touch with either of the aldermen, John Sewell (367-7910) or Karl Jaffary (367-7911) as soon as possible. If you think it needs repairs, it might be included for rebuilding, when that rebuilding is not really necessary. Remember that all repairs are made with taxpayer's money, and if a mistake has been made in what has to be rebuilt, you should phone one of the aldermen immediately.

In any case, every resident should look over the list carefully, to make sure that the streets you know are going to be fixed if they need it.

The Department of Public Works of the City has planned that sidewalks on the following streets will be reconstructed in 1971: ('odd side' refers to side with odd numbers on it)

AMELIA STREET, both sides from Sumach to Hillcrest; BERKELEY STREET, odd side; HILLCREST AVENUE, odd side; MUNRO STREET, both sides,

DUNDAS to Gerrard; KING to Adelaide; BOOTH AVENUE, both sides, Queen to Easter; CARLTON, both sides, Sackville to Sumach; DERMOTT PLACE, Spruce to Carlton odd side; EASTMOUNT, both sides; EMPIRE AVENUE, both sides, Eastern to Queen; FIRST AVENUE, both sides, Boulton to Logan; GRANT STREET, odd side, Queen to Kintyre; GRANT STREET, even side, north of Kintyre; HAMILTON STREET, both sides, Dundas to Gerrard; ONTARIO STREET, both sides, Aberdeen to Wellesley; ONTARIO STREET, even side, Carlton to Aberdeen; PARVIEW AVENUE, both sides; PROSPECT STREET, odd side, Ontario to Rose; QUEEN STREET, even side, Boulton to Degrassi; QUEEN STREET, both sides, Degrassi to McGee; ROLSTON AVENUE, both sides; SACKVILLE STREET, even side, Salisbury to Wellesley; SACKVILLE STREET, both sides, north of Wellesley; SACKVILLE STREET, both sides, Carlton to Spruce; SACKVILLE STREET, both sides, Winchester to Salisbury; SPARKHALL AVENUE, both sides, Broadview to Ingham; SPRUCE STREET, even side, Gifford to Sumach; SPRUCE STREET, both sides, Sackville to Gifford; SPRUCE STREET, both sides, Sumach to River; ST. PAUL STREET, both sides; SUMACH STREET, both sides, Amelia to Wellesley; SUMACH STREET, even side, Winchester to Amelia; SUMACH STREET, both sides, Queen to Shuter; TENNIS CRESCENT, even side, Broadview to Ingham; THORNCLIFFE AVENUE, both sides; WILKINS AVENUE, both sides; WINCHESTER AVENUE, even side, Ontario to Rose.

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Responsible for Housing, to a letter from the committee. The committee had requested that some of the money from the \$200,000,000 fund for innovative housing projects be diverted from developers who destroy low-income housing and put up high-rise luxury buildings, and

instead be made available to citizens' groups who wish to build housing for low-income people.

Mrs. Marks termed the letter to Andras "a dangerous letter."

This kind of request stops progress and causes confusion," she said. "We must not allow municipal, provincial or federal funds to be used to disturb people." Complaining that some Federal M.P.'s are not aware of the Metro committee's request to the Federal government that they be consulted regarding any applications for grants from citizen's organizations, she proposed that the committee renew its request. The action was approved by the committee, and copies of the original request are being mailed to all Federal and Provincial members of Parliament.

The Committee also approved unanimously the motion of Alderman William Sutherland that Mr. Andras be informed that they did not concur with the specific application of the Don District Housing Committee.

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Sports

Round-up

By Joe Ganny

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On Sunday Sept. 13, as I mentioned before, the game of the century was played between the Gerrard and Avion Hotel waiters, with the Avion once again taking home all the marbles with an 8 to 4 victory. It was a cold and damp day but this did not hinder the players or the spectators as there was loads of coffee, pop and hot dogs along with the odd bumps on the hip. I would like to use some of this column to thank the following people for their donations and their help. River Snack Bar, Blake's Variety, Avalon Cleaners, Steves Salon, Male Shop, Sam Rotenberg Variety, Local 43, Al Sims, Irwin Specialties, R.C. Cameron and Sons, kids from Regent and Moss Park, Tom Bell, M.P.P. Harry Bud Price, Steve McEvoy, Mrs. Ferguson, Elgin and Martel, E. Baker, Mrs. S. Doyle, Ray Comper, Les McCormack, Dick Mayben, Cecil Blunt, the Parks Dept., and an old cabbageowner. If I missed anyone, many thanks from me and the ball players.

The game itself was a most exciting affair with Mike Bilon banging out a double for the Avion and Danny Readon playing a bang-up game at third base for the Gerrard Boys. The old veteran pitcher for the Gerrard, Joe Cruciano, had to be relieved in the top of the fourth inning as his old bones could not take it any more, and he told me that he had to save his pitching arm for next year. The players were as follows: from the Gerrard, Freddie Smith, Paul Cruciano, Harry Taggart, Andy DiGiacomo, John Locicero, Don Neal, Al Mazzanti, Fred Mombourquette, Gord Summers. The Avion players: Bill Hiltz, Jim Smith, Frank Kavanaugh, Jack Watson, Ken Boucher, Leo Belonger, and to the umpires that were chased out of the park, Jim McCarthy, and Ray Baker, many thanks to both of you for a job well done. During the game a cheque for twenty five dollars was presented by Steve McEvoy from M.P.P. Bud Price.

Back to the Ladies' Playoffs, mentioned before, the game of the first game of the Regent Park North Ladies Softball Finals got underway and behind the superb pitching of little Brenda Reid, Ernie's Roadrunners banged out a 11 to 5 win over Peers, Pets. The Road Runners fell behind 5 to 1 in the early innings with Charlotte Fraser, Bev Forgraves, and Donna O'Brien of Peers Pets leading the hitter. The Road Runners settled down and with Ann Anderson, Pat Brooks, and the same Brenda Reid, chopped away at the Pets and came up with the win. It was a well played game with Helen McKeown of the Pets making some spectacular catches in the field. Manager Ron Hornblow had great praise for his rookie outfielder, Donna Perry, Carol Smith, and Diane Ferguson.

Regent Park Sr. Men's Playoffs: Active Const. eliminated Latimer Brokers in the best of three series with the first game ending in a scoreless tie. After 8 innings of play, Brian Lancelot pitched a two-hitter for Latimers and John Mulhall gave up three hits for Active. The second game went to Active 6 to Zip with Dave Mullet tossing a two-hitter and Fred Watson banging out two doubles. Latimers defaulted the third game. In the other series Dexters Shell defeated Ward Seven two games to one with one game tied. Glen Davidson hit a home run for the only score in the first game as Dexters won 1 to zip. Gary Lavene tossed a no hitter in this game. In the second game Mike Troitter's fine pitching enabled Ward Seven to tie the series at one game each. John Smith had two hits for the winners. The third game ended in a tie and Dexters Shell won the fourth game 4 to 2. Ross Cannon was the winning pitcher. Active Const. now meet Dexters Shell for the final. As baseball is coming to an end, I hope to have all the hockey scores throughout the Ward Seven area and some information as to where the hockey clubs are located and the times that your boy can try out. See you at the next roundup!

Operation Springboard

What is Springboard? Springboard is an organization of volunteers that work to help men and the families of men incarcerated in Federal penitentiaries in Ontario. Operating from a base in the Don Vale, and specifically the Christian Resource Centre, it has, in six months' operation, come from an infant organization to its present point of beginning to blossom into real maturity.

One of the basic guidelines set down when Springboard was formed was that it be flexible so that it could meet the needs of the people. For men newly released from prison, one of the first and most important needs seemed to be finding employment. So Springboard first set up excellent liaisons with Manpower, and second, established a temporary help company.

Springboard also set up transportation for wives and families so that they can visit with their men in prison. This was done when it was found that many relatives were unable to visit because of the inaccessibility of institutions and the expense, increased by this inaccessibility.

Springboard has arranged for qualified hobbycraft design instructors to go into the institutions so that men can learn new techniques and make new contacts. It is hoped that they will gain the incentive and support to continue these satisfying endeavours after they are released, rather than associating crafts only with the institution, which is the present situation. Springboard has also arranged and is working towards having prison hobbycraft exhibited and possibly sold at the C.N.E. in 1971.

Springboard also makes accommodation arrangements for men when they are first released, so that the people surrounding them may give them support and a sense of belonging. This gives the men a sense of security and stability and helps them realize there are community services that they may benefit from.

In summary, then, Springboard is a volunteer community-based organization, which offers a man in prison and his family, meaningful alternatives to their present life and solutions to some of their problems. It offers on a personal basis services not available from other agencies. The hope is that a man who has paid the debt that society deemed necessary for any crime that he may have committed will afterwards be able to realize his ambitions, desires, and basic human rights.

Springboard, under the wing of the CRC, exemplifies the resource centre motto: "To aid man to recover meaning and worth through personal and social renewal and growth". These volunteers are friends who are helpful and receptive. There are many friends needed. Give us a call - we would like to talk with you.

Co-ordinators: Don Bailey, Ingham; MUNRO STREET, from Edward Laboucane, at 922-8322 Dundas to Gerrard; ONTARIO

Dear Dr. Kadry,

I am writing in response to your article in Seven News concerning drugs. Your approach is the most intelligent one to the drug problem that I have yet come across. The staff at CODA would do well to take note of your ideas. Not that the information put out by CODA is wrong, but the tone is so obviously that of scare propaganda that the kids are certainly not going to pay attention. Everyone knows that the withdrawal effects of heroin are terrible, but CODA keeps harping on this as if this would keep the kids from investigating speed, pot, etc. I think what I especially liked about your article was that there was not an obvious moral viewpoint, but instead an objective, scientific approach. This seems much more effective than using scare tactics which just increases the curiosity of the potential user.

Thanks again,
Glenn Elliott

TTC Shelter at King, Sackville ?

by Colleen Moffatt

A petition containing 127 names is soon to be presented to City Hall urging that a TTC shelter be erected at the corner of King and Sackville Streets. With the Gardiner Expressway just overhead, the corner, in the winter, lies exposed to severe winds blowing in from the lakefront.

The signatures on the petition were collected largely by Mrs. A. Manhood of Trinity St., a school crossing guard who must stand for at least two hours a day at that particular intersection. She is supported by those in the neighbourhood who use the streetcar stop and those whose children attend Sackville and St. Paul's Schools and who are concerned for Mrs. Manhood's health. Hopefully, we shall soon hear the results.

Streets

The Department of Public Works of the City has planned that the following streets will be repaved or reconstructed in 1971:

AMELIA STREET, from Sackville to Parliament; BAYFIELD CRESCENT; BOOTH AVENUE, from Eastern to Queen; BOULTON AVENUE, from Queen to Cummings; CARLTON STREET, from Sackville to the east end; EASTERN AVENUE, from Eastern to the CNR; EASTMOUNT AVENUE, ELLERBECK STREET, from Danforth to Playter Cres; FIRST AVENUE, from Broadview to Logan; GERRARD STREET, from Berkeley to Parliament; GLEN ROAD, from Howard to Bloor; INGHAM AVENUE, from Millbrook to Tennis Cres.; KINTYRE, from Broadview to Grant; MILLBROOK CRESCENT, from Broadview to

To The Editor

On behalf of the Community Booster Club, we wish to protest the dismissal of Bruce Lawson from the St. Lawrence Centre. We feel that the purpose of the Centre will be defeated. Citizens participation is the base of Democracy, where you have no public opinion, you have no Government of the people, for the people, by the people. We find it hard to believe that the St. Lawrence Centre lacks the money to pay staff.

Joseph B. McDonald
Chairman C.B.C.

Don Dodge

The Don District Housing Committee held its much awaited meeting last Tuesday night to hear the answer to a letter sent to Robert Andras, Federal Minister in charge of housing, asking for a freeze on all high-rise development in the Don District and for funding for organizers who would enable the people to develop alternate methods of housing.

The reply from Mr. Andras totally ignored the question of freezing high-rise development. It also said that there was no more money left in the special \$200 million innovative housing fund. However, he said that there were other sources of funding available and that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation would send the documents necessary to apply for such funds.

Having dealt with the letter, the meeting then bogged down for the next two hours as to where to go from there. It was pointed out that the group was not a legitimate citizen group since of the 28 people present only six were local residents. The rest were observers or representatives of agencies in and out of the area.

The meeting all but disbanded the group by naming no date for a future meeting. However, Norman Browne of the Don Vale Tenants' Association was named interim co-ordinator with the power to call future meetings should enough residents in the Don area decide there was a need for such a group.

STREET, from Adelaide to Queen; ONTARIO STREET, from Gerrard to Carlton; ONTARIO STREET, from AL STREET, Wellesley; SACKVILLE STREET, from Gerrard to Sackville Place; from GERRARD STREET, from SACKVILLE STREET, from Salisbury to north end; SACKVILLE STREET, south of Queen; ST. PAUL STREET, south of Queen; SPRUCE STREET, Sackville to Sumach; SUMACH STREET, Queen to Shuter; TENNIS CRESCENT; TIVERTON AVENUE; THORNCLIFFE AVENUE; WEST AVENUE; WELLESLEY STREET, Parliament to Wellesley Avenue; WOLFREY AVENUE, from Bowden to Hampton.

Many other sidewalks and streets are slated for minor repairs. If you feel that either your street or sidewalk is in need of complete rebuilding, and is not included in the above list, please call one of the aldermen.

Spotlight

We were also told that the proper way to use a crosswalk is to wait for all traffic to pass and then cross. Obviously the Transportation Committee does not believe in the Stop, Look, and Point method which they usually tell the public.

After all this we felt certain that the present crosswalk was not safe. But if, as the Transportation Committee says, traffic lights are not possible, what then can be done? As there was no alternate suggestion from City Hall, I guess we'll just have to continue to take our chances.

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Roaches: Caught in the Middle?

by Barry Morris

With flat bodies, long spiny legs, tan to dark brown skins, the ability to squeeze, hide, and breed in the smallest and darkest of cracks, the cockroach announces itself. No area, no home, and no century has been without the presence of the cockroach. You may not have seen one (yet); but . . . alas, the cockroach has been around. In fact, some zoologists believe the cockroach has been around for some 300,000,000 years — even before flies, bugs and butterflies. And before us people.

But now, everywhere, cockroaches are hated by us people. Some say they carry certain diseases — others, like the professional pesticide people, say they don't, and in any event, can be completely eliminated if gotten to in time . . . Other people claim, that if they had to make the choice of what animal they'd least like to be, it would be the cockroach (along with, perhaps, a snake or bed-bug).

Further folklore on roaches has it that they serve as a medicine, to cure lock-jaw, if juice from a dozen roaches is sniffed slowly. And John D. Rockefeller was advised to chew his food finely, precisely because his doctor had observed that the healthy roach chews his — both in his mouth, and later on, in his stomach.

Ah . . . yes, the cockroach. Dirty to most of us, while living and breeding on our own dirt. And the roach is the victim of what may be some of the most hotly contended issues of our time in and around this Ward. While no one speaks for the roach, many are using the roach to speak for themselves. And maybe it is time. At least the following have reason to be speaking:

Mike Schmedt, 77 Howard: discovered roaches crawling out of his apartments' incinerator shoot last spring, and again, now. Both his wife, a nurse, and City Health Inspectors agree that roaches may be bad for his new baby. Mike claims the "whole" building needs to be treated, for adequate elimination. Past efforts, via the Meridian-managed Apartment, have sprayed a part of the building, but failing to do a whole job, the old, haunting roach returns. Mike feels that besides the question of the adequacy of the extermination a crucial issue is compensation to him, and family, for the unavoidable inconvenience during and after the extermination job. Like — how about alternative accommodation while his apartment is being sprayed, and after, when the smell and fumes are strong? Meridian Management policy-maker Herb Wright says they've never had such a request from one of their tenants for alternative accommodation, and on the adequacy of chemical used to eliminate roaches, says: "I expect private exterminators to know what is best. And you know, these things are brought in by the tenants. When they do appear, we send the exterminators in right away!"

Who's responsible, here? And is the

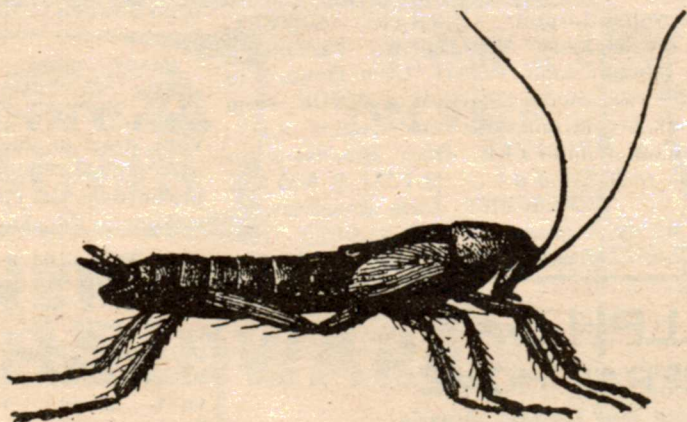
roach to be prey for Tenant Association President Peter Roberts and/or Community Action Project organizer Jim Houston as they deliberate? And will Meridian investigate into the adequacy of their delegated jobs, as well as provision of convenience for tenants?

Mrs. Evelyn Ford, 325 Bleeker St., discovered roaches both in the buildings' sauna bath and swimming pool — "little ones, just bred and born, right on the benches we use (used to use)". Mrs. Ford has developed some theories on the appearance of the old roach. Like, maybe kids from the Y-sponsored day camp this summer had something to do with it; like, maybe people haven't looked carefully enough into any used furniture they brought to the apartments; like, maybe the continuing fact the pool is "always dirty, where you can't see the bottom" has something to contribute. Anyhow — Meridian Management was notified again and yet . . . still . . . the cockroach endures. Who is the predator, again? While brooding on what more could be done, wondering even if other 325 Bleeker tenants are affected, Mrs. Ford and friends don't use the pool anymore.

Mr. Trevor Harding, 6 Parkview: while sitting back in one of Parliament Street's finest bakeries (mmm! those health biscuits . . . Bond's Bakery), related how he has fought off roaches in his building with 40% cyanide powder. "Roaches breathe through their legs, and you gotta get them walking through the stuff. All the time, you gotta watch them — they'll come into any place . . . with your groceries, through laundry, in cases of pop, boxes, and so on." Harding, relating some more folklore says that if you can ever find the 'king roach', the big fella, you can break up the whole bunch of them in your house or room."

Mrs. Laura Boudreau, 281 Carlton, and Mrs. Shirley McCarthy, 277 Carlton St. discuss how they plan to attack the re-emergence of cockroaches, again in their rented quarters. "Let's get one of those 5-gallon cans of .5% Diazonin from Bikoe on Queen St. E. and get at all our adjoining houses together". Both of these tenants have been through the fearsome process of finding out just who is responsible for eliminating roaches, 15 months ago. On calling the "Vermin Control" Inspection Division at City Hall (367-7466), they found out what they were: tenants occupying a whole house are usually held to be responsible. If they'd been tenants in a multi-occupied building, the Landlord would be. Often the area of responsibility is vague and troublesome.

Meanwhile . . . the cockroach endures. So do people. And while both do, not always in co-operation, one wonders whether, ever, one will out-survive the other? The cock-roach? with a great head-start. Or people? us, still figuring out how to live . . . together. Or, neither of us, if people are exterminated before roaches, and then roaches die out — because we eliminate their food, our food?



Seven News distributors have been running into some static from hostile superintendents. Mr. Shepherd, apt. 309 of 391 Sherbourne and Mr. Klaus (no relation to Santa) of 435 Sherbourne St. have both chased distributors out of their buildings, though the newspapers were always slipped under the doors of the apartments, and never left in the hallways. "I don't need that kind of garbage in my building," said

Mr. Klaus. He and Mr. Shepherd both told the distributors to leave the newspapers on the hall radiator for the tenants, but as soon as they turned to go, the supers were seen heading towards the incinerators with the papers. People in these buildings have been upset at not receiving the paper — now at least they'll know why. If anyone 'on the inside' at 435 or 309 wants to help distribute their building, phone Seven News 922-9175.

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