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Fear Red Tape Strangulation For R.C.O.

by Norm Craven

The Riverdale Community Organisation held a meeting at the East End "Y" Broadview Ave on Monday, Feb 22nd. Despite foul weather 90 members attended.

A telegram from Hon. Robert Andres expressed regrets "that he was unable to attend". Various committees tabled their actions. At this point it was very unexciting and Alderman Karl Jaffary left the meeting.

After this a "little meat" was put into the meeting. It was disclosed the Federal Government previously had made noises that had been interpreted as a promise to fund. But they are now using delaying tactics.

The Minister for Urban Affairs is allowing his aides to foster the impression that the delay in funding results from pressure applied by "Metro-Area Politicians" who wish to deny this funding.

It is true that RCO's "good friend" Alderman Tom Clifford (Ward 8) was instrumental in squashing a proposed grant to the RCO at a recent United Church Presbytery Meeting in Winnipeg, though an enlightened delegate fortunately reopened the issue later, and RCO was finally granted the same amount it had received last year (\$3000).

Still, it would seem that if the Minister is under real pressure then it must be coming from someone stronger than a bagful of local politicians. I would guess it is coming right down from 'old fuddle duddle' himself.

Mr. Andressy, the new liaison officer for the Dept. of Urban Affairs, has notified RCO he will be in town for two days to resolve the situation. He will meet with both the Social Planning Council (SPC) and RCO.

It appears he intends to appoint the SPC to be a watchdog and research the RCO. SPC will receive funds for this purpose. The Social Planning Council has not been very active and apparently they are trying to breathe life into the corpse. The SPC will then serve to mute, strangle and emasculate the RCO.

The RCO would then finish up with only a marginal federal grant for their operations. It would seem the RCO is passing through a very critical period. Donations are urgently required. It would be criminal if the RCO version of "people in action" is allowed to fold.

Is there no foundation in Canada or the U.S. (with lots of loot looking for a "purpose") and enough gumption to invest in the future to keep this very vital and able organisation solvent?

The meeting closed at 10 p.m. and everybody slipped out and all the way home.

Good Grief!

MERIDIAN FREAKOUT ?



Seven News Photo by Charlotte Sykes

What's this? You say Meridian has had a change of heart and has decided to tear down St. Jamestown? They are going back to old-style people oriented neighborhoods? Not quite... but they have at least expressed a willingness to co-plan their new St. Jamestown West development with the residents of the present St. Jamestown.

So at their last meeting, the St. Jamestown Tenants Association drew up an impressive list of planning changes to take to a meeting with Meridian for the future development of St. Jamestown West.

Among the suggestions put forward to take to Meridian were: One third of the area be deeded as parkland; St.

Jamestown West be integrated with the present St. Jamestown; Bleeker street should be closed to through traffic; and the units built should have a diverse social and architectural mix.

Considerable argument was voiced over the idea of banning all cars from the St. Jamestown West development. It was felt the idea was valid but was unrealistic and premature at this time.

It was also decided to send a delegation and brief to the Parks and Recreation Committee of City Council to point out the need for more parkland for the general St. Jamestown area.

Why Pay More?

by Rick Astley

Trouble with supermarkets is they're so convenient. They're also highly impersonal, very large, profit-motivated and extremely expensive. But they are convenient. And they do service a lot of people in the community and take a lot of their money.

Trouble is that none of that money is turned back into the community — into recreational facilities, parks, schools, community centres. It's one thing to take money from a community — it's

another to re-cycle it back.

Seems like the community is more of a service to the people who run the supermarkets than the other way around... but they are convenient.

There must be a way though, to operate a store in a community, and to service both the people and the community at the same time. It makes sense that money being spent in the community should be kept in it and that the people of the community should control the prices and economy of their community.

R. I. H.

One simple glance will tell you they are gone. The trees. Thirty four mature trees which have been growing for fifteen or twenty or thirty years on land between Bleeker and Sherbourne, north of Wellesley.

The land is owned by Meridian, and three large apartment towers are planned for the site. At the moment, Meridian has not got the necessary approvals to build the towers, and in fact it will probably be another six months before they get them.

Nevertheless, Meridian decided to cut down the trees. Did they really have to clear the land so soon, when they can't possibly build until after the summer? Couldn't the trees have provided another summer of shade?

If you own land, you have a right to cut down all the trees on it. No one can stop you. Meridian exercised that right. They left maybe a dozen trees, and they have promised not to cut those down until construction is about to begin. But we have lost thirty-four trees in what seems to be a senseless exercise of power.

Tenants Meet Sherbourne Developer

by Norman Browne

An open public meeting, called by the City of Toronto Planning Board, was held last Monday at Duke of York School. The meeting heard a brief put forward by many of the residents in the area asking for a total freeze on all development in the Don District.

The meeting was called to view and discuss plans by developer Fred Braida to put 2 24-storey high rise middle-income apartments buildings on the east side of Sherbourne running north of Dundas. However, the 100 people there were almost evenly divided for and against high-rise construction and a sometimes heated verbal exchange took place between these opposing factions.

Nothing was really resolved at the meeting because, as one irate resident pointed out, "These meetings are called to either let the local residents let off steam or to get them to rubber-stamp a development."

One brief was presented, however, by the newly formed Don District Housing Action Committee, representing 8 citizen groups in the Don District. The brief asked the Planning Board to re-evaluate the project because it doesn't meet the needs of the people now living there: 25 houses would be destroyed; 250

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NEW FOOD CO-OP OPENS IN OLD ST. ENOCH'S

After all, they are the ones who live and work right here in the neighborhood.

This all adds up to a very good argument for opening a cooperative food store in the Don Vale — and this is exactly what has happened. The store is run and controlled by the people of the community.

Prices in the co-op are exactly the same as we buy then for — wholesale. We pay no rent, no utilities, no salaries, and we make no profit. And we are, therefore, noticeably cheaper than Power,

Dominion or Loblaws. And we, as members, control what we buy, who we buy from, the quality of what we buy and the price for which we pay for it. Our motives are a bit different than supermarkets.

The co-op has now been opened for a month and has been steadily growing as more people in the community hear about us. We currently are selling mainly dry and canned goods. We plan (within two weeks) to start selling dairy products, and we have made

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Residents of the Don Vale Area are opening a community-run food store that offers wholesale prices in the

Seven News Photo by Charlotte Sykes hopes of providing a practical alternative to high food costs at the larger supermarkets.

More True Confessions

AN ALDERMAN'S LIFE #2

by John Sewell

One of the things which take up most of my daylight hours is the round of meetings which go on at City Hall. Every second week the meetings arrive in a bunch: Mondays, two committee meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon; Wednesdays, City Council, which begins at 2:00 p.m. and usually goes all afternoon and continues after a dinner break; Thursdays, two committee meetings, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each alderman is on only two of these four committees. For instance, Karl Jaffary sits on the Public Works Committee, and Urban Renewal, Housing, Fire and Legislation. I sit on Buildings and Development, Committee and Parks and Recreation. But to get a full picture of what City Hall is all about, I find that it is helpful to drop into the meetings on the agenda which I am not a member. Quite often there is something on the agenda which I am very interested in, and wish to speak on, and thus necessitating my attendance. Further, the Executive Committee, the most powerful committee at City Hall (it contains the most powerful aldermen, and controls all budgetary matters) meets every Wednesday morning. I find that unless I attend this meeting, I lose out on a substantial amount of information about both City policy and where the Executive Committee is taking Council. In my experience, Council usually does what the Executive Committee wants, and for that reason it is important to know how they are going about making their decisions. Along with these meetings are all the other problems associated with being an alderman: people in the ward call for help with some problem, or to get information and advice. That, as I mentioned in my last article is good for five hours work a day. And of course there are sub-committee meetings. For instance, there is a committee composed of aldermen and school

trustees to look into joint problems, and how the two bodies can get together. That committee meets every two or three weeks, and takes up another few hours. Attending these meetings and watching how the other politicians operate is very discouraging. Again and again I find that the wrong decision is made, or that people refuse to talk about what is really going on in the City. On numerous occasions I have vented my frustration by making remarks about the low level or irrelevancy of Council debate.

Recently, I wished to make a stronger statement about how irrelevant Council meetings were, and how most of the things that were said at them just didn't make sense. The meeting was called to discuss the goals and priorities of Council. The debate was unbelievable. No one managed to keep on topic, or if they were on topic their suggestions had little to do with goals and priorities. In order to dramatize just how frustrating we found the situation, Karl and I began to play chess. What we were trying to do was state as clearly as we could to the public at large that the meeting was a farce, and completely unproductive. We could have stood up and said 'This meeting is a farce and a waste of time', but no one would have heard it. But by acting out how we felt, we were able to draw attention to the situation. The newspapers and TV gave great coverage to the episode. Needless to say, many aldermen were furious with us: they felt we were casting shame on them and Council. And of course we were: that was the point we were trying to make. We were trying to show very clearly that that meeting (and, for that matter, many other meetings in which we have participated) were pretty stupid. We want people to know just how we feel about Council — that in our opinion it is not doing justice to the wealth of talent and ability of its citizens. — that in fact its policies are really harmful to the health of the city. Generally, the picture we get is

that people understood perfectly well what we were trying to say in actions rather than words. The sense of frustration they felt was mirrored relatively well in our actions. If that is shaming Council, then all well and good. Surely our job as politicians is to try and get decisions that are helpful to people in the Ward and to the City. Surely our job as politicians is to tell people just as loudly and clearly as we can that Council is not being helpful to people, if we feel that way.

Perhaps I have stated all this rather defensively. If so, it is because some of the people who have spoken out most forcefully on the chess game have little conception of what City meetings are like. And further, they define the role of the politician narrowly, and relegate him to acting with decorum in an intolerable situation. In my opinion, the role of a politician is to bring about change, and part of that is letting people know how I feel about the job I have been elected to do. My job is not only to attend all the meetings I have listed above, or even just handle the problems of constituents who call. My job is to create a relevant and meaningful change to give us a city which is more humane.

That is what the chess game was all about.

Well, we missed out again on getting garbage collection that is as good as the rest of the City. It is only in part of Ward 7 — from Sherbourne to the Don River — that open garbage trucks are still used to collect garbage. Elsewhere, compactor trucks are used, ensuring that loose garbage does not blow down the street after the truck.

For the past two years, attempts have been made to rectify this situation. When the original complaints were made, it was said that we have open trucks because we were close to the incinerator on Dundas west of Broadview. (That meant we had both open trucks and polluted air.) But in 1970, when the budget was being drawn up, we found that the money allotted to buy four new compactors to replace the open trucks was cut from the budget. The request for the money this year was cut in half — the City will buy two trucks, not the four which are needed.

Other approaches have been tried. We have attempted to get the routes changed so that some other part of the City gets the open trucks. So far that technique hasn't worked, although we are again being promised that rerouting will be looked into this year. Isn't it strange how they have decided to use the obsolete equipment in one part of the City?



Food Co-op

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arrangements to get fresh, frozen meat for members — all at wholesale prices.

Membership in the co-op is opened to anyone in the community and costs two dollars a year. The store is located in the basement of the Don Vale Community Centre — 80 Winchester (the old St. Enoch's Church) and is opened Thursday nights 6 — 9 pm and Saturday mornings 10 — 2. The store plans to be opened more regularly as more people become interested.

People who would like to try the co-op can shop once without becoming a member to see if they like it. If you would like to join or want further information — come down to the store or phone 964-2522.

Poet's Corner

the victims

The poor hover in a vacuum
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Of the department of welfare
Who reduce them
To a series of percentile points
For the dominion bureau of statistics.

The poor are constantly subjected
To factual in-depth studies
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Who justify their positions
By producing curved graphs
Showing behavioural patterns
That never cure any of the problems.

The poor are accused
Of possessing sub-normal intelligence
Or the morals of alley cats
Then they are ripped off
By all the beautiful people
In this cannibalistic world
Who also suffer the very same ills.

The poor become embittered
By the mountains of prejudice
They encounter every single day
From all the self righteous
When it is perfectly clear
They call the poor "stupid"
To fatten their own faltering egos.

The poor are the obvious victims
Of a giant conspiracy
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Norm Craven.

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N.I.P. To Expand Group Lists

by M. Cressy

Do you know (1) where to call if your child swallows some poison? (2) how to join the Food Co-op in Don Vale? (3) where to find a library with books only about Indians and Eskimos? (4) how to apply for half-fare on the T.T.C. if you're a senior citizen?

If you want answers to the above questions and many more just call 924-2543 or drop in at 265 Gerrard St. E. the Parliament St. Library House, home of the Neighbourhood Information Post. At the moment the "information committee" is busy getting our local resources up to date.

We have more than 40 community organizers listed but there seems to be a new "community action committee" forming every week and we want to stay in touch.

Sometimes we get people (with money, time, and talents) asking if there is a particular need for

something (like a drop-in centre) in a particular area. We can't answer correctly unless we know what services or activities do exist and which people (or groups) in the community they should talk with!

Where are the youth in Ward Seven? We also have answers for questions about drug crisis centres, educational counselling, group homes, summer hostels, birth control centres, etc.

Do us a favor, residents, please. If you're a member of any organization or think we should have an "information card" on any type of activity in Ward Seven (health, recreation, welfare rights, church, art classes etc.) please send us the following clipping (or drop in and see us). You're always welcome for a cup of coffee — and of course, we can always use more volunteers: 9:30 — 11:30 AM, 1:30 — 3:30 PM & 7:30 — 9:30 PM Monday to Fri. (Lawyers are there every Mon. & Thursday PM for advice).

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News in Brief

Free Art Classes are being given to residents of Don Vale at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street. Classes for children are Wednesday afternoons starting at 3:30 p.m. Classes for adults are Wednesdays starting at 8:00 p.m.

Seven News Editorial Staff Meeting, Thursday, March 4. Now that you have made it through the February slump there is no excuse for you not to turn up at 265 Gerrard St. E. (the Parliament St. Library House) at 7:30 and show how enthusiastic you really are about your community newspaper!

Sneak Preview of a New Canadian, A drama, called "The Marriage of Muskeg" will be presented Fri. March 5th at 8:00 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre 80 Winchester St. All ages are welcome, admission is free.

We are Serious: The 7 News business manager needs help selling ads. The ads are there but there is no way one man can cover the whole ward. If the paper is going to stay on its feet he needs support. It would only be a matter of 2 or 3 hours a week . . . and you get a 15% commission. Phone 922-9175.

At the height of a blizzard and cold spell a few weeks ago, a 7 NEWS distributor, delivering his papers, stumbled cold and frozen into a restaurant on Parliament street. Reluctant to leave the warmth of the store to finish his route, he huddled, shivering in the doorway until the owner of the store, looked up from the issue of 7 NEWS he was reading, noticed his pathetic condition and offered him a free cup of coffee. Our thanks to the fish and chip store, Prospect & Parliament for being a good samaritan.

Don Vale Community Centre Committee plans to hold a lottery to raise money for the community centre. Tickets will be priced at a \$1.00 each with a grand prize of \$1,000 to the winner. The winning ticket will be drawn Sat. June 12th at the Community Centre.

The Don Vale Community Centre at 80 Winchester St. has started a beginners sewing class for children age 8 to 10 years on Monday nights at 8:00 p.m. at the Community Centre. Admission is free.

The sewing class needs the donation of material and supplies if it is going to succeed. Needed is thread, all types of cloth, scissors and sewing machines. Bring any donations to 80 Winchester Street or phone 922-8322 for pick-up.

Congratulations to Delores Farace, of Scarborough, who was the winner of this month's RCO lottery. The lottery is set up to help the Riverdale Community Organization pay back some of its old debts: tickets cost \$1.00 each, the winner gets 50%, & RCO gets the other half. Earl Hagerman, vice-president of the organization, sold the winning ticket.

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., has a Legal Assistance Programme. There is a lawyer on duty every Monday evening between 6:30 & 8:00. This is an opportunity to discuss any problems with the law and receive FREE LEGAL ADVICE. Phone 364-6576.

Trudeau is coming to Toronto March 3 for a \$50/plate dinner. A coalition of organizations has come together to plan a demonstration & poor people's banquet outside the Royal York, for the same night, starting at 6 p.m.

Involved are Don Vale Tenants Assoc., South of Carlton Tenants Assoc., and Just Society Movement. We will be protesting against unemployment, poverty, political repression, repressive legislation, the unequal status of women. Posters about the event will be going up around the neighbourhood soon, so keep your eyes peeled if you want more information.

Gerald Tooke, riding assistant to Defence Minister Donald McDonald has been nominated to represent St. David's riding for the Liberal Party in the coming provincial election.

Over 1,000 people at the nominating convention saw Mr. Tooke win on the second ballot by defeating Denton McMurty 269 to 184. On the first ballot Mr. Tooke seized an early lead by getting 247 votes; Mr. McMurty got 181 and Jim Fleming received 179 votes.

Circle this date on your calendar: March 14, St. Paul's Parish, Catholic Women's League Council cordially invites you and your friends to a St. Patrick's Day Silver Tea, St. Paul's Church Hall, 413 Queen St. E. (south side), from 2 - 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 6: Come to the Dance! The Woodgreen Credit Union and Woodgreen Community Centre are holding a dance at the Centre, 335 Queen Street East. The occasion is the anniversary of the closing of the Queen St. Dunlop Plant. What's happened to those men? Are the majority working? Have they been re-trained?

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Teen Column

BETTER INFORMATION CAN HELP SOLVE DRUG PROBLEMS

Drug information, based on scientific fact, is essential before a community can come to grips with the social issues involved in the so-called "drug problem".

My own opinions, attitudes and beliefs will be expressed in these articles, but it is important to note that the "facts" that I quote have been checked with Addiction Research Foundation, an agency of the Government of Ontario.

Cannabis: (Marijuana, Hashish) Cannabis is a plant from which both marijuana and hashish are derived. Marijuana comes from the flowers and upper leaves of the female hemp plant. Hashish is derived from the resin or fluid from within the plant.

Description: Marijuana, usually called "grass" is smoked as a cigarette, rolled to a tip at both ends. In appearance, it could be compared to tobacco.

Hashish, commonly called "hash" is found in solid chunks. The color ranges anywhere from a light brown to black.

Methods of Use: There are many ways of using Cannabis. Hashish smokers usually cut a small piece from the bigger chunk, place it on the tip of a lit cigarette, and inhale the dark smoke through a straw.

Both marijuana and hashish can be taken orally in cooked form. Many other techniques exist, but these are the major methods of use.

Who Takes It: While cannabis is generally associated with young people, growing reports indicate their acceptance by many adults in the professional community. A study to assess the extent of illicit drug use by adults is currently being undertaken by the Addiction Research Foundation.

Strength and Type of Intoxication: Cannabis is a mild drug compared to other mind-influencing drugs, such as, hallucinogens, amphetamines, barbiturates, etc. in terms of intoxication and after effects. While under the influence of Cannabis the user is inclined to relax and experience a sense of well-being, similar to the effect of alcohol. The growing acceptance of cannabis is surely based on it's pleasant effects and increasing evidence of it's lack of potential harm.

Symptoms: When under the influence of cannabis, the pupils are almost always dilated and staring is often common. There may be a sweet smell on the breath similar to that of incense. However, when burned, the fumes smell like burning leaves or rope. Strange behavior is often associated with cannabis use, but this alone should not cause suspicion of use. No hangover is experienced the morning following cannabis use.

Reasons for Use: Alcohol is a

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drug. In the 1920's it was illegal. But following the Prohibition Era, it became legalized. Many people today smoke cannabis as a social drug, for the same reason as alcohol. "HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF." All we can really say is that sometimes it is necessary to have some sort of relaxation - an "escape" from the pressures of everyday life.

Unknown of Cannabis: (1) Research has been unsuccessful in finding any harmful effects of Cannabis. However, its long term effects are unknown.

(2) It is sometimes hard to define the term abuse. Alcohol is abused when used excessively. However, it is quite useful when used as a form of relaxation. The same

applies to Cannabis. When this is abused it is probable that the person would abuse other drugs also. Thus, leading to the higher drugs. (However, this is not actual fact.)

DRUGS CHANGE IN DEGREE AND STRENGTH, BUT NO MATTER WHAT DRUG IS USED THE EFFECT AND BENEFIT OF THE DRUG DEPENDS ON THE USER, THE DOSE, AND THE SETTING.

If there are any questions or if you just have something to say, write to me, care of Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, Toronto 2.

— Michael John Comerford
A teen

Trefann Progress Steady

By Dale McLeod

Trefann Court moves ahead. Several weeks ago, the Urban Renewal, Housing Fire and Legislation Committee at City Hall approved the first phase of the renewal scheme, and City Council confirmed the committee's action at its meeting on February 17.

The scheme has been drawn by the Trefann Court Working Committee, composed of three resident, business and tenant groups in the area, backed up by Howard

Cohen, hired by the City Planning Board, and a compliment of other City staff.

The first phase proposal is for the area from Trefann to Parliament Street, and Shuter to Queen. The City has substantial land-holdings in this block, and some 16 houses will be built on this land. The plan is dependent of favourable compensation being paid to several property owners, but it is expected that those settlements will be forthcoming, and the proposal will not be held up because of them. Businesses and residences on Parliament and Queen will not be forced to relocate. In fact, the only major relocation that will occur is the moving of Cummings Auto Body, a firm on Shuter Street, and arrangements suitable to Cummings will be worked out in this regard.

The plan has met with the unanimous approval of the Trefann Court Working Committee and it seems to be satisfactory, with a few minor problems still to be ironed out, to those in the first phase area itself. This, of course, is a bit of a surprise to many of the politicians, who once felt that people in the area couldn't agree on anything.

With this large and significant step already taken, the people of Trefann are now working on proposals for the rest of the area east to River Street. To some extent, they will be playing against time, since City Hall has only budgeted for the planner for a total of six months, three of which have already passed. But don't be surprised if the people of Trefann come up with a satisfactory plan in that time. To date they have shown that they know what the whole planning game is about, since they are the people who will be directly affected by what they are planning.

Don Housing Group Forms

The much discussed and planned Don District Housing Action Committee was officially formed at a meeting held recently at the Christian Resource Centre in Don Vale. The meeting, sponsored by community workers from the Don District Housing Resources Committee, was attended by representatives from eight resident, tenant and citizen groups in the area.

After much discussion, it was realized that what all the groups had in common was the desire for decent housing at prices people can afford. The functions of the Committee will be to exchange information, do research on planning being done in the area, provide support for groups and their strategies and originate programs and strategies on an area-wide basis.

At a second and third meeting the group decided the most immediate problem was the high-rise project being planned for the Sherbourne-Dundas area.

And, with only limited time and manpower, the Committee managed to get out over 50 people to the meeting to oppose it and also present a well-received 3-page written brief to the Planning Board.

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HOCKEY ACTION AT MOSS PARK: A.H.L. Bombers 2, Bisons 3. Robert Millard and Timmy Politis got one each, with Jim Doran, Geo Cailler, Ron Baduick scoring for the winners. Hornets 3, Aces 2, John Barr, Bill White, Bill Bujold were the big guns for the Hornets with a goal each. Murray Smith and Mike Coles scored for the losers. Barons 2, Bears 4, this was a grudge game as the players on each team play to win and the tempers were slightly high and chippy, for the losers Tony Black and Jeff Hosmer scored for the winners Veron Corkum, David Gates, Jim Poiter and Ray Doucette.

N.H.L. Canadian 0, Rangers 4, coach Glen Conway had great praise for his team even though they were beaten 4 to zip by the Rangers as Steve Bacon potted two of his clubs goals and Andy Horvath, Paul Butt scored the others to round out the victory.

Red Wings 0, Leafs 1, once again Chris Boris played an outstanding game in the nets for the Red Wings as his team went down to defeat by the Leafs, scoring the lone tally for the Leafs was Richard Ellison. Bruins 0, Hawks 6, for the Hawks, Greg McNally scored two, Peter Cook two, Bobby Day one and Doug Ouderkirk one.

A.H.L. Hornets 2, Bisons 1, James Barr was the hero of this game as he scored both goals, James Doran potted the lone tally for the Bisons. Barons 2, Bombers 0, Colin Mackie had two and goaltender Guy Connelly played an outstanding game for the losers. Aces 3, Bears 2, this was a

well played game as the score indicates and it was almost a tie as the bears pulled their goaltender in the last minute of play, but they could not put the puck behind Tim Milley.

N.H.L. Red Wings 3, Canadians 3, coach George Blindy and coach Glen Conway used all their hockey knowledge to break the tie, but both of them were unsuccessful.

Rangers 4, Hawks 0; Goals by Dibby White, Steve Bacon, Andrew Horvath, Jeff Black. Coach Dan Oddette had great praise for his goalie Tom Ferguson. Bruins 3, Leafs 2; referees Rene Vilon and Mike Summers had their hands full in this game as the players played this as though it was a typical National Hockey affair when the N.H.L. Leafs and Boston meet each other. Both goalies Mike Goddette and Mickey McGiverin were outstanding.

Competitive playground results: Regent Park Midgets 5, Trinity 2, for Regent Earl Roach two goals, Bob Mculagugh, Bruce Collins, and John Anthony one each.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Come one come all to the Bologna Banquet! Rub elbows with the elite who at the same time are having a \$50 plate dinner. Meanwhile ours will only cost a penny per plate. Time: 6 P.M.; date: March 3, 1971. Place: the sidewalk in front of the Royal York Hotel; dress: come as you are; special interest: you will get to see our wondrous Prime Minister Trudeau walk into the Royal York of course.

Chains Battle, but...

PRICE WAR HURTS SMALL STORES

by Barry Morris

"We'll hold on as long as we can, as long as we have to," hopes Harold of the Eastdale Meat-market, remarking on his small store's battle for survival in the present discount price war among the large supermarkets.

"But are the prices really down?" notes Sam of Fairway Variety, and current president of the Ward 7 Businessmen's Association - "some items are down, all right, but a lot have gone up."

Wayne Luscombe in the Don Vale community, who claims his mother to be among the more careful buyers, goes further: "Some items have only changed price by one cent... hardly a discount war."

So what is the most important thing us humans need? Even more than decent shelter, it is food. However, as of this date, more than a few food stores are closing - that is, being closed down. Why?

Sam Rotenberg does not feel that the giant chain stores' price war is forcing closure of the smaller merchant. On the other hand, the daily newspapers and a recent University of Toronto marketing survey indicate strongly that yes, indeed, the smaller man is being hurt.

The Ward's Business head, Sam, has his own analysis of what's wrong: mostly bad management, plus a still hard-to-organize merchants' association, then there is the powerful monopoly that a lot of the big businesses in food have. Where both the manufacturing and the retail end of the market is owned and

controlled by the same business, then the smaller retailer faces continual problems.

Most of all, Sam feels that what the small businessman needs is representation on the Ottawa-centered Price & Control Board. This group has most of the say on who charges what, and when! Both Sam and Harold see us, the public consumer, as the continuing and final victim. "In the short run," Harold warns, "prices may go down. But in the long run, prices will again go up, and more." "What the public must see," Sam continues, "is that it is impossible to pay a decent wage to workers while at the same time selling merchandise at lower and lower prices. If it continues unchecked by some kind of Government laws then the clock will be turned back (back to low wages, lay-offs, long hours... cut-backs)."

A further point of Sam's is the conflict between smaller businesses and the big monopolies - a conflict that supposedly was eliminated years ago by the

Combines & Investigations Acts. Yet, when, for example, Silverwood raises their prices on milk, forcing the smaller man to also raise his, their retail outlets don't raise the prices until later... pretending that they don't have a monopoly.

Hard to grasp? Who does understand enough to act? Simply put, we consumers are not in control of our most physically basic need fulfiller, food. So what do we do? Some of us change stores, possibly travelling the extra mile, or so. Some of us, on a harder level, begin to change our shopping habits, like watching for the real size and nutritional value of the packages we buy. Then there are the possibilities of food co-operatives, or of taking off into the wild woods, perhaps still a 1/2 step ahead of the rest of our pollution. But we who have vested interests of sorts in the Ward, we who have hopes for its people, we need to understand. The question is who is controlling whom, when and where. What is happening to us, anyway?

No Heat on Ontario St.

by Norman Browne

When Charlie Rolphe moved into the rooming house at 310 Ontario there was no heat in the building. Over the following eight weeks, he talked to the owner and the superintendent but could get no action out of either one of them.

Finally, he took a petition around to the other tenants in the house and after going through considerable bureaucratic red-tape at city hall, he got the health department to investigate. The health department has now forced the owner to fix the furnace and put some heat on in the house. The owner was also given a week to repair the plumbing which was in a total state of disrepair - the tenants at 310 Ontario were borrowing water from the house next door.

But this story doesn't have a happy ending. It seems a young girl living in the back of the second floor caught pneumonia - presumably from the cold - and lost the baby she was carrying. And Charlie Rolphe has been threatened, harrassed, had his room broken into and vandalized.

It is hoped that the owner and superintendent of 310 Ontario will read this article and smarten up. After all, some tenants in Ward Seven might get a wee bit angry at the idea that landlords can kill them off with impunity...

Tenants (cont. from p.1 col. 5) people would be displaced, 225 of whom are low-income roomers. The brief also asked that all development in the Don District be suspended; one method of doing this would be to designate the whole area an Urban Renewal area. This tactic would freeze the area until such time as it can be properly developed to meet the housing needs of its present population.

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