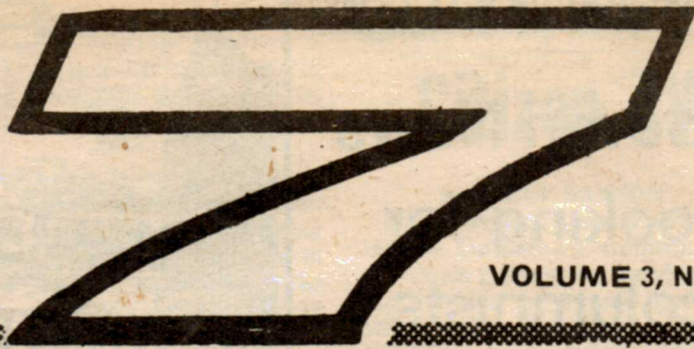


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HEALTH SERVICES SCARCE IN WARD 7:

Who is to blame for our high death rate?

by DON WEITZ

The death rate in Ward 7 is 1½ times the average across the whole of the City of Toronto, and in alcohol-related deaths and infant deaths, we lead the city.

This is the story from an analysis of the latest figures available from the City's Public Health Department. They apply to the census of 1971, but probably the same pattern still applies today.

Health care services in Ward 7 are seriously inadequate and our death rate is much higher than it should be. I believe the two facts are related. They raise some serious questions about the availability and quality of health care in our district.

In 1971, there were 13.1 deaths per thousand of population in Ward 7, compared with a City average of 8.7; deaths of children under 1 year were 25.7 per thousand compared with 13.9 for the city; stillbirths and deaths of babies less than one week old were 62.8 compared with a city average of 33.7.

The figures can't be explained simply by saying that there are many old people in the ward because the proportion of people in the Don District over the age of 45 is the same as for the whole city.

Deaths from cancer and heart disease were 1½ times the city average and there were high rates of murder, suicide, "accidental deaths" from poisonings and alcohol-related diseases.

The areas of the ward where the death rate is the highest are South of Carlton, Don Vale below Carlton, South of St. Jamestown and South of Queen Street.

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Colour TV, guns, dope, on order

A "contract" is believed to have been placed among the criminal element in Ward 7 for 12 colour TV sets. This means that if you have a colour TV, make sure it is fully insured or nailed down, or it may be stolen to fill the "order".

Here is the result of a survey and price-list of the local underground market:

Speed is selling for \$5 a "hit", but the quantity sold as a "hit" is small.

Bombers (various types of "pep" pills) are selling at \$1 a cap and going big right now.

Acid (LSD) is selling for \$3 a tab.

Grass (Marijuana) is selling for \$20 an ounce. Some super stuff is going around, possibly imported and spiked with opium.

Mescaline is selling for \$2 a cap.

Heroin is selling for \$20 a cap with quality varying.

Cocaine is selling for \$15 a hit with not much around.

Blank Driver's licenses are being sold for \$20 each. About 30 are for sale.

And for \$75 you can buy a hand gun...



Community-controlled television is making headway in the downtown area. Janet Howard, a recent appointment to the Toronto Historical Board, takes advantage of the open-access community time on the Downtown Community TV program to make the first of a series of

programs on interesting and historic buildings in Ward 7. Manning the DCTV portable videotape unit is volunteer Charles Krebs. DCTV's program is seen on cable channel 10 each Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Its phone number is 961-6924.

• See: Shakeup at DCTV, Page 3

Get your potholes filled in '73

The Toronto Public Works department has released its list of streets and sidewalks it intends to fix in Ward 7 this year.

If your street isn't on the list but you'd like it to be, you may be able to have it added by calling aldermen John Sewell or Karl Jaffary at City Hall (phone: 367-7480).

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Chesterhill Road from the west end to Cambridge.

Ellerbeck from Danforth to

Playter Crescent.

Geneva Avenue from Sumach to 400 feet east of Sumach Street.

Gifford Street.

Nasmith Avenue.

Grandview Avenue from Hampton to Logan.

Queen Street from Broadview to Logan.

River Street from Gerrard to north end.

Sidewalk Re-construction

Chesterhill Road from west end to Cambridge (both sides).

Cambridge to Broadview (north side).

Degrassi from Gerrard to First

(both sides).

East Don Roadway from south end to Queen Street (east side).

Eastern Avenue from Empire to Booth (north side).

Ellerbeck from Danforth to Playter (west side).

Erindale from 180 feet east of Broadview to Ellerbeck (both sides).

Geneva Avenue (both sides).

Grandview from Hampton to Logan (north side).

Hampton from Grandview to Hogarth (west side).

Howland Road from Gerrard to Simpson (both sides).

Howland Road from Gerrard to Simpson (both sides).

Victor to Langley (east side).

Montcrest Boulevard from Broadview to west end (north side).

Queen Street from Degrassi to McGee (north side).

River Street from Gerrard to north end (east side).

Queen Street from McGee to Booth (south side).

Queen Street from McGee to Booth (south side).

Riverdale Avenue from Broadview to Logan (both sides).

Sumach Street from Carlton to Winchester (east side).

Wellesley Avenue (both sides).



Bart Davis

Ward 7 — "A diamond in the rough"

Bart Davis has been elected President of the Ward Seven Businessmen's Association. He replaces Sam Rotenberg, who died last month.

Also elected as first, second and third vice-presidents were Wilf Warner, Jim Reniers and Bill Dunlop. Betty Dawson remains as Treasurer.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Davis said that the Association, formed in October of 1938, presented the city of Toronto with the memorial fountain in Anniversary Park at the corner

of Gerrard and Parliament, to celebrate its 25th anniversary in 1963.

Mr. Davis went on to say that after a long period of decline, the ward seems to be stabilizing and improving. Both the construction of St. Jamestown and the present restoration of houses in Don Vale are indications of that trend, he said.

Mr. Davis concluded by saying: "Things are changing and we must change. We must look at the district in a new light. The district that we didn't think

much of, about 15 years ago, has started to show up. It is a diamond in the rough."

Guest speakers at the meeting were Peter Clark of the Downtown Businessmen's Association and Alderman Karl Jaffary. Both spoke about ways and means of improving business in the area.

The next general meeting of the Businessmen's Association will be held on March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Club Harmonie on Sherbourne Street.

WARD COUNCIL FORMED, MEETS MARCH 4

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

A ward meeting held last Wednesday night decided to set up a Ward Council which will consist primarily of two delegates from each organized citizen group that holds open public meetings in the ward.

The Ward Council also will have power to add to its membership by appointing members-at-large from those areas that have no neighbourhood citizen organizations. There will be a place for any interested individuals to take part in the decision-making process through policy committees.

The first organization meeting of the Ward

Council is set for Sunday night, March 4, at 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre. All neighbourhood associations are asked to elect two delegates for the meeting or send members of their executive as interim delegates until such time as proper elections can be held by their associations.

The first meeting of the Ward Council is open to the public but only properly accredited delegates can speak or vote.

At the meeting that created the Ward Council, a number of points were made about its function and purpose. Most of these points saw the Ward Council complementing and

absorbing the present advisory committee set up by Aldermen John Sewell.

The suggested functions of the Ward Council would be:

• Hold regular meetings with the aldermen, probably on Sunday nights;

• Check the agendas of City Council and its committees and advise the aldermen on what stand to take on various issues;

• Research and write policy papers on many of the problems faced by the City of Toronto, using volunteer committees and individuals with special interest and or knowledge.

• Hold general Ward Meetings to obtain further input and opinion on these "policy papers";

• Act as "watchdogs" and on-the-spot advisors to the ward aldermen at city council and its committee meetings;

• Act as a vehicle for educating, activating or politicizing more people in the ward.

Alderman John Sewell had some reservations about the proposal accepted at the meeting and stated quite bluntly that if the new Ward Council did not advise him or work out policy statements, he would look elsewhere for such information.

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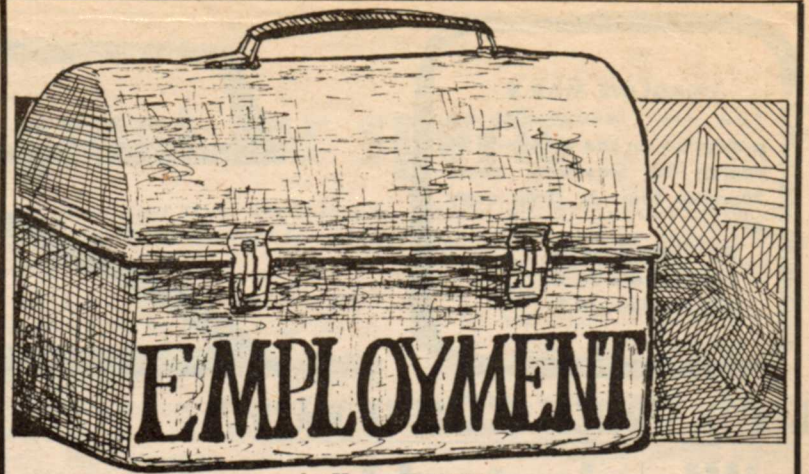
In particular, there is a need for reporters in St. Jamestown, Regent Park, and for the east side of the Don River. Reporters will be helped with the writing and given the names and phone numbers of key community contacts.

There are now about 115 volunteer distributors across the ward and the paper is also left at about 40 public locations for anyone to pick up. Circulation has reached 23,000 and is still rising. Only a few apartment buildings and streets on the east side are not getting the paper regularly. If you are not getting your SEVEN NEWS, please call 920-8632.

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by Harry Kadickle

There was a guy — or so the story goes — who after working for 17 years in a west end factory got laid off about six months ago to make way for a machine. After a minimal amount of hassle (six weeks) he managed to start collecting unemployment insurance.

Last week he was notified that his benefits would be "discontinued" because he failed to fill out a "Job Search" form... he died in a car accident over a month ago.

He was one of the lucky ones.

With unemployment at one of its highest levels in years... with literally hundreds of thousands of people wandering the streets looking for work... with food prices soaring and rents skyrocketing... Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in a dramatic move last week, killed the five percent tax on chocolate bars and soda pop!

And folks... this is the leader of the country — our country!

You know, I just can't figure it out. Like, the price of food is ridiculous, right? Well, the government recognizing this fact is doing a study on the high cost of food... meanwhile the prices continue to rise.

Two weeks ago the cabinet minister responsible for food prices stands up in the House of Commons — the seat of government — to announce (get this) a stunning scheme that will cut the average food bill in half!... 'buy hamburger'.

This buy the way is the guy conducting the study into higher food costs. He's also helping that other guy run the country.

I mean, even if you could afford to buy hamburger... there's only so many ways you can cook it... in an oven, in a frying pan or (on Sundays) mixed with Kraft dinner.

I don't know... with food prices going up, fuel prices going up, rents going up... about the only thing not going up are elevators...

And you'd better watch them too. If you get stuck in an elevator while collecting unemployment insurance, you just might find yourself disqualified for not looking for work.

And that's the way it is... Insane as it may sound — under existing legislation we have absolutely no rights or power whatsoever.

A person collecting unemployment insurance is completely at the mercy of bureaucrats at the UIC office or a political statistic to people like Trudeau and the hamburger kid.

The fact is — that there are nowhere near the number of jobs available for the number of people out of work. And yet, every day people are being cut off unemployment insurance for not looking for jobs that don't even exist.

And they expect you to raise a family on nothing or next to nothing — and enjoy it... watch TV sometime, you'll see just how wonderful life is supposed to be.

Anyway if you're getting hassled, or cut off whatever — drop over to NIP at 265 Gerrard E. or phone 924-2543. We're trying to get some people together who want to get something done.

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High Death rate (cont.)

South of Carlton had the highest infant death rate in the ward and babies died for every 1000 born alive (This rate is almost 4 times the city rate!). Even more alarming is the fact that the lower part of South of Carlton (Dundas to Queen, Jarvis to Parliament) had the astronomically high infant death rate of 86.1.

Also, about half the ward's census tracts had infant death rates 2 or more times higher than the city average.

Contagious or Communicable Diseases: No one died from V.D. in the ward. Although only 1 person from diphtheria and 1 from infectious hepatitis in Toronto, both these deaths happened South of St. Jamestown.

Also, of the 16 people who died from T.B. in Toronto, 6 were in the ward. Consequently, **Ward 7 had the**

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1971 (rates reported per 100,000 pop.)

	Ward 7 Rate	No.	Toronto Rate	No.
Diphtheria	21.6	1	.1	1
Infectious Hepatitis	7.7	1	.1	1
T.B.	41.7	6	2.2	216
Pneumonia	69.2	43	30.6	68
Bronchitis	60.0	19	10.1	72
Emphysema	37.6	11	7.6	54
Asthma	9.8	2	1.3	9
Alcoholism	84.0	19	6.4	46
Alcoholism Cirrhosis	47.4	21	11.8	84
Cancer	245.1	215	183.1	1305
Heart Dis.	459.6	381	328.8	2344
Acc. Deaths	49.5	812	5.0	36
Suicides	42.4	23	19.6	140
Overdoses		10		46
Homicides	20.6	8	6.1	25

*Includes drug overdoses

highest T.B. death rate in Toronto (41.7), and the Moss Park Public Health District — which includes the Don area — had the highest T.B. death rate (6.7) of all the city's public health districts.

The average T.B. death rate in Toronto was only 2.2.

Respiratory Diseases: For such major respiratory diseases as pneumonia, bronchitis, emphysema and asthma, the ward's death rates were consistently higher than the city's averages. 21.2 percent of all city deaths from these diseases occurred in the ward. The average death rate for these 4 major conditions was 12.4 in Toronto, but it was 44.1 in the ward — almost 4 times greater.

The two most common respiratory diseases resulting in death were pneumonia and bronchitis. The death rate in the ward for pneumonia was more than twice the city average, and the ward's death rate for bronchitis was 6 times greater than the city rate.

South of Queen had the highest death rates in the ward for pneumonia (over 5 times the city average), and Bronchitis (over 10 times.)

Alcoholism & Alcoholic Cirrhosis continues to take its heavy toll in the ward, especially in the Don

District. About one-third of all alcoholism-related deaths in Toronto happened in the ward. The ward's alcoholism death rate was about 14 times the city's overall rate.

Exactly four fifths of the ward's deaths resulting from alcoholism and alcoholic cirrhosis (involving serious liver damage) happened in the Don District. **63 percent of the ward's alcoholism deaths occurred in South of Carlton which had the ward's highest death rate from alcoholism — about 20 times the Toronto rate!**

AND WE STILL DON'T HAVE EVEN ONE DETOX AND HALFWAY HOUSE FOR ALCOHOLICS IN THE WARD!

Heart Disease and Cancer were the two most common causes of death in the ward. In 1971, 381 people died from heart disease and 215 from cancer in the ward. Over 16 percent of all deaths in Toronto from these two diseases happened in the ward. **The ward's death rates for both these diseases was almost 1½ times the city's rate.**

Accidental Deaths, Suicides and Homicides: Accidentally or deliberately, a lot of people in the ward have killed themselves, and to a much greater extent than in most other parts of the city.

For example, 12 people in the ward died "accidental deaths" from poisonings, etc. This accounted for exactly one-third of all such deaths in Toronto. Once again, South of Carlton had the greatest number (5) of these deaths.

23 people committed suicide in the ward (probably an underestimate); 10 were from drug overdoses. About ¼ of all known suicides from drug overdoses in the city happened in the ward; **70 percent of these overdose-deaths involved people 45 years and older, and 50 percent of them occurred in the Don Dist. South of Carlton had the largest number of suicides, 5.**

About twice as many men as women killed themselves in both the ward and the city. **The ward's suicide rate was 42.4, more than twice the city's rate of 19.6.**

There were 25 homicides in Toronto, 8 in the ward, and 6 of these in the Don District. The ward's homicide rate was almost 3 times the city's.

Why does the Don District, particularly South of Carlton, have disproportionately greater numbers of people dying from so many different diseases, including alcoholism?

Why are so many people in the ward killing themselves (alcoholism is a slower form of suicide)?

Do these statistics say anything about the availability and or quality of health care delivered in this ward? I definitely think they do; our health care is seriously inadequate.

If you're interested in getting together around health issues and problems in your community or want more information, **contact the F.O.D.A.R.A. Health Committee by calling the Community Secretariat, 923-9860 9.**

SHAKEUP AT DCTV

Citizen TV producers get their chance

by BRUCE LAWSON

There has been a major shake-up in the Downtown Community Television Committee, resulting in the election of a new slate of officers.

DCTV is a non-profit open-access community group which is responsible for an hour of community TV program time each week on Channel 10 (for those people in Ward 7 who subscribe to cable TV.)

The DCTV program is seen each Thursday night at 8 o'clock by cable subscribers in wards 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the City of Toronto, plus subscribers in East York east of the Don River Valley.

Former co-ordinator of DCTV, Jeanne Wells, has begun a regular program of her own on cable. After a series of open meetings, DCTV decided to elect a chairman, a secretary-treasurer, an executive-producer and a delegate to Metro Community Media. The four-person executive will be replaced every three months, a move designed to keep decision-making open and executive responsibility available to more people in the community.

At soul-searching meetings of DCTV recently, there had been many complaints that the group had become inward-looking and unresponsive to the needs of people living downtown. It was becoming less and less identified with the community.

New faces have brought new vitality to the group. The executive elected on February 7 is: Chairman, John Biggs; secretary-treasurer, Jeanette Keenan; MCM delegate, Cheryl Freedman; executive-producer, Charles Kerebbs.

DCTV now has a new address, the FODARA Community Secretariat office at 320 Parliament Street, just north of Dundas, and a new phone number, 961-6924.

Any person or non-profit group in the viewing area, including all of Ward 7, is entitled to as much as 15 minutes of free program time on a program. Anyone can become a member of DCTV by attending the regular production meetings held every Wednesday night at the Library House, 265 Gerrard Street

Science Fiction club formed

The first meeting of a newly formed Ward Seven Science Fiction Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street.

Formation of the club is due to the rising interest being shown in Science Fiction literature and films which will culminate over the Labour Day weekend this year when the Annual World Science Fiction Convention will be held in Toronto.

The Ward Seven Club organizers have set down no immediate aims for their organization. "It will be up to those who come to the meetings to decide," they stated.

However, other science fiction clubs throughout the world form discussion groups, have guest speakers, attend science and science fiction events in a group, bring out publications and trade, buy and sell science fiction amongst each other.

The four day World Convention will be held at the Royal York Hotel and guest of honor will be Robert Bloch, author of the movie "Psycho". Attending membership is \$7 to Torcon 2, P.O. Box 4, Station "K", Toronto.

East, near Parliament.

The program is planned some weeks ahead at the production meetings and weekly producers are elected at those meetings. DCTV has its own portable videotape camera and recorder (portapak) which at present is undergoing repairs, but the committee has access to several other portapak units which can be made available to any community group in order to make a videotape.

FODARA recently asked DCTV to make a videotape record of its presentation to the city's public works committee, opposing the widening of Dundas Street. Part of the tape was shown, at FODARA's request, on the DCTV program several days later.

DCTV has a written agreement with the cable company, guaranteeing it a regular time spot and that it won't be censored. In two years, more than 100 community groups have used the time to

present a point of view without harassment or pressure from the cable company.

A week ago, a crew of people, most of them trained through DCTV, made a videotape of the anti-poverty convention for the Ontario Anti-Poverty Organization. Their salaries for the weekend, and their equipment, were provided by the government.

DCTV is one of the founding member groups in Metro Community Media, a federation of community groups with an interest in television. MCM has been running TV workshops and a group of seven members from DCTV are just finishing a free seven-week TV production course, run by MCM volunteers in a TV studio provided by another member organization in MCM.

Members of DCTV are also planning to take part in a "video festival" being planned at Holy Trinity church in the spring.

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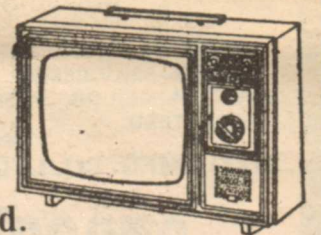
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Committee to look into boarded-up houses

The Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents, at their general meeting held last week, set up a committee to meet with Canada Trust regarding the properties they manage in Don Vale.

The Committee will show particular interest in the 31-property block at Carlton-Dermott Spruce, 11 of which are boarded up.

Residents at the meeting denied reports from the area housing inspectors that the houses were being worked on. One resident, who lived across the street from them stated he had yet to see a workman around the houses — except to board them up.

Biggest fear expressed at the

meeting was that a fire could easily start in one of the houses and spread right down the street as all the houses were joined.

The Committee hopes to find out what is being planned for the houses; when they will be available for rental or purchase; the possibility of tenant control of the houses and if a 24-hour guard will be put on to watch the empty ones.

Named to the Committee to meet with Canada Trust were two tenants of the houses, Bill Lee and Charles Dobie as well as Natalie Elies, Peter Verboom, Pat Walker, Marg Haliburton and John Conroy.

The Committee will report back to the Don Vale Association executive at their March 4th meeting.



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Dear Mr. Browne;
Thank you for mentioning "A New Deal for Ontario Housing Tenants" in your article but we wish to enlighten you on some facts. The South Cabbagetown-York organization has endorsed our brief with three exceptions and we thank them sincerely for their support.

We have received endorsements from many, including some from the Don District, and we hope that many organizations will add their support (in spite of the strong negative reaction you reported in January 27th, 7 News.)

The Government responsibility is to get into the public housing field to alleviate the problem of alienation of one group to another and to give proper accomodation to the people.

The housing crisis affects everyone of low income.

There are 20-thousand on the waiting list trying to get into Ontario Housing. We realize that we are more fortunate than they are and many of us are paying lower rents. What we want to point out in our brief is that many people here simply cannot afford the rents.

In order to achieve a fairer rent system we need support of all the people in the private sector as well as those in public housing. Only by working together can we hope to achieve a fairer policy that will provide homes at reasonable rents for everyone.

It is time that some misconceptions were cleared up about low income housing. It's not a

bed of roses as some may think. If a working man living in the private sector pays \$130 a month for rent for his accomodations, whether his wife or family works — he only pays \$130.

If a working man living in public housing has rent of \$130 a month based on his gross income — his wife or children working — he has to pay more than this amount. A wife is exempt only for the first \$900 she may earn, and each child being a student working part time or not he is exempt for the first \$75 a month. So where is the cheaper rent?

A rent geared-to-income is great and we appreciate all blessings granted, but it just is not geared properly to low income and it is time for it to be revised.

As we are suggesting 20 per cent maximum for rent for all, it would be of great assistance to those on Welfare and other Social Benefits. As it is now those on Family Assistance Benefits are paying 30-35 per cent of total income on rent and some as high as 50 per cent. In the private sector we realize rents are even higher.

We have just as much right as anyone anywhere to own our homes. Just because we've been engulfed in O.H.C., does not mean that we cannot try to improve our living standars.

But there is one drawback. Once in O.H.C., one gets trapped with the rent scale as they are and they cannot save. If raises come due, higher paying jobs or the family goes out to work, the rent jumps and there goes the savings.


Therefore we propose to the government to allow us to buy our houses or apartments and take pride in being part of the real community. As Mr. Basford stated in parts of his throne speech debate: "A \$100 a week man may get to buy a house for \$90 a month."

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PROFILE: a day in the life ... Elsie Norton

by RICK ASTLEY

"Well, times were hard . . . but, they weren't that hard . . . you know what I mean?"

She takes another sip of coffee and gestures towards her dog barking in the backyard.

"I mean, we never starved, we always had . . . you know . . . food on the table, warm clothes . . ."

"I remember, I used to, uh . . . send my two oldest to the store. On the way they'd stop and pick up an old dog off the street and go to the meat store and ask for a bone for their dog. When they got outside, they'd let the dog go and bring the bone home to me to make some soup."

"We got by . . ."

The phone rings and Elsie gets up to answer it. It's someone from the Drop-In. My mind wanders to the country music playing gently in the background . . . 'Easy Livin' . . . it's great.

A landlady to some, board member to others, and just good old Elsie to most, this fascinating woman has displayed an openness and compassion to others that has made her one of the more respected people in the community . . . certainly to those she comes in contact with.

She hangs up and sits back down at the table.

"That was the Drop-In (Adult Drop-In). You know, we finally got our LIP grant . . . I've been hoping for something like this since . . . oh . . . 1948.

"People are always putting the guys on skid row down — saying they're dirty, drunk all the time. But as far as I'm concerned there's no such thing as skid row — it's the people who live above them who make the others feel like skid row — it's society. They don't give people a chance to make anything of themselves. They're always putting them down."

"They've taken away all their pride. A guy's got to hold on to something. They shove them in hostels — I call it 'row sleeping' and make 'em go through all kinds of things just to get a meal."

"Even a drunk has pride. In my houses I try and take care of their places . . . keep them clean . . . paint them. And they appreciate it. You know . . . someone's trying to help them and not shoving religion down their throats at the same time."

"We need more places where people can go and have got something to do. Something they want to do — not forced to. Places like AA and the Sally Ann don't help. You can't push religion down their necks — you shouldn't make them sit through a service before eating."

Raised during the depression on a farm near where the Golden Mile now stands — Elsie learned these values early.

"My father was a Christian man and my mother a Christian woman — not religious — Christian . . . and they lived up to it. They never turned away anybody who needed a meal — nobody . . . and we were living on

welfare ourselves . . . \$7.50 a week to feed seven people!"

Elsie talks about the life on the farm, and her love of animals. She remembers the time when she had two dogs, a cat, three ducks, six pigs and two ponies all living in her backyard on Ontario street.

"It was funny," she recalled. "I remember one day I was standing out front of my house and I had one of the ponies with me. And this guy . . . he must of have been drunk, came staggering through the laneway. And he comes in front of my house and I'm standing there looking at him with this horse beside me . . . it was a Pinto. And he sort of stares . . . and I said, 'Well, how do you like my dog?' . . . he couldn't believe it."

Today Elsie is one of the more active members of the community. She's chairman of the Adult Drop-In and SOCCA. Yet two years ago Elsie had very little to do with community groups.

"I don't know . . . I'm so busy now that I don't have much time to myself . . . but I'm doing what I want . . . you know, when I'm not involved in something life seems like a lost cause . . . useless."

Two years ago Elsie attended a meeting at NIP. It had to do with erecting a stoplight at the corner of Gerrard and Ontario. Two weeks before a man was killed by a car while trying to cross Gerrard Street — he was one of Elsie's tenants.

She became a volunteer at NIP and started to become more active in the daily problems of the community. Elsie worked getting petitions together, talking to officials at City Hall and the Provincial government, until about two months ago, they finally installed the light.

Today, as chairman of SOCCA, Elsie's involved in a unique plan for re-development of the South of Carlton area.

"We need more low income housing. People should be able to own their own homes or rooms. They'd be better off . . . they'd take better care of it. People should have a right to plan housing in the area."

"It's the same for roomers . . . if they owned their own place, then it wouldn't matter if they had booze in it or whatever — it'd be their room."

SOCCA, she says, should enlarge its group . . . handle all different kinds of problems.

"We could be doing a lot more if we could get together with the other side of the river and groups all across the city. You don't have to be a resident. Low income people are the same across the city . . . and we need more houses for low income people."

The phone rings again and Elsie's up. This time it's someone from SOCCA wanting to know about the working committee meeting.

But it's time to go anyway. So, I finish my third cup of coffee and leave. Outside the sun is shining and the temperature is really mild . . . almost spring. It's a nice day.



picture by Bruce Lawson

Queen's Park Report

by MARGARET SCRIVENER,
MPP

Riding of St. David

Over a period of years I have been deeply interested in the control of air pollution and its related irritant, noise. Public reaction to air pollution has been strong, and has been responded to by government.

Three years ago the province introduced air pollution index and alert systems in the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor and Sudbury, and these have helped to markedly reduce atmospheric contamination in our large urban centres. Air pollution index readings are seldom "news" nowadays.

In addition, atmospheric pollution levels are now monitored in 44 Ontario communities. Of significance is the fact that Ontario industries have spent, or are committed to spend, \$810 million in their air pollution control programs.

REACT TO NOISE

However, public awareness of noise as an environmental pollution is less widespread. Through speeches, public statements, and my work as Chairman of the Noise Control Group in the Institute of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, I have discovered a strong antagonism in many Ontario citizens through their reaction to noise, but this reaction has never been focused on a unified attitude to any degree.

Judging by the volume of letters

and telephone calls received in my office, many people are irritated by noise, but seldom complain to public officials because of the frustration they experience in obtaining enforcement or in describing a noise which is annoying but possibly transitory. People will report about constant stationary noise, that is, noise emanating from industrial plants, construction jobs, air conditioners, and so on, but are less likely to report noise from motorcycles, barking dogs and other sources of a more intermittent nature.

This week I received a proposal for the control of noise in urban areas which I thought had considerable merit, and which I forwarded to Dr. K.E. Tempelmeyer, Chief of Special Studies, Air Management Branch in the Ministry of the Environment.

"SOUND" ZONING

This proposal discussed the need for noise regulations, which will be relatively easy to understand and to enforce. It recommended a simple approach to the problem through the use of a type of "sound" zoning, that is, specifying permissible sound levels by regulating land use areas throughout the province.

For example, various sound levels could be specified for downtown residential streets, suburban streets, collector roads, two-lane highways and expressways, thus relating the permissible levels of sound associated with traffic and other community noises to the use

of the surrounding properties adjacent to these transportation arteries. It would also be necessary to describe general levels permitted at property lines of industrial and residential areas, including apartments.

This proposal really suggests the introduction of a type of "universal" zoning, to produce a uniformity of sound levels for all areas of one type in Ontario, such as residential streets. The question which comes to mind is whether one can find suitable sound levels which are practical and truly applicable to, say, residential neighbourhoods in the varying circumstances of Ontario's cities, towns, and villages.

I understand that noise regulations associated with The Environmental Act, 1971, will probably be introduced some time this year. It will be very interesting to see what approaches are made to control noise emissions in our urban centres.

Editor appointed to advise task force

SEVEN NEWS editor, Norman Browne, was named last week to sit on a newly created Advisory Committee being set up to assist the Ontario Housing Task Force.

Main purpose of this committee will be to serve as a resource and sounding board for the Task Force on the material it is dealing with and its ultimate recommendations to the Provincial Government.

Prior to his involvement in SEVEN NEWS, Mr. Browne was a tenant organizer in the Don Vale area. He was also active in the Metro and Ontario Tenant's associations. He later produced an independent brief on the problems of roomers which aroused wide-spread interest. This led to a study being done on the problem and he was hired as a consultant and field worker.

He has since produced a number of papers, studies and briefs on the subject of roomers and acted as a consultant on their problems whenever called upon.

The education scene

by GORD CRESSY
Ward 7 School Trustee
Education Forum

The first meeting of the Ward Seven Education Forum was attended by approximately 40 people and was chaired by Graham Fraser. Discussion centered on Toronto's vocational schools and their future.

Concerns ranged from inadequate job preparation to lack of academic success. Several school officials were in attendance and appeared to deal with the questions in a straightforward manner.

There was general agreement that the Education Forum should continue as a place where teachers and parents can get together to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern. It also serves as an adequate reference point for Doug Barr and myself.

The meeting set up a steering committee to create a structure, prepare agendas and publicise the meetings. Named to the committee were Janet Ross, Connie Chatton, Melba Frail, Les Birmingham, Sandi Lore and James Nolan.

Vocational Schools

A special Board of Education meeting was held recently to discuss the future of our vocational schools. Since there had been little student, staff or parent comment, the Board decided to appoint a work group of trustees to visit all the vocational schools and to make recommendations as to their future.

Doug Barr and I are both members of this work group. If you have any comments to make, we are meeting Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Toronto Board of Education office, 155 College Street. A meeting is also being held Feb. 27 at Parkview (formerly Parkway) at 7:30 p.m. We would welcome your participation at these meetings.

Hotline

The Ward Seven Education Hotline is now operating 24 hours a day at 921-4404. Call us if you think we should know something about education here in the ward.

Budget

The Provincial Government ceilings indicate that we will have to cut \$7-million from this year's budget. Some of us maintain that this is not possible unless our whole education system is curtailed. This could be the biggest issue this year. We will keep you informed as the debate rages.

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NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**A maze of Don Vale streets ?**

by BRUCE LAWSON

Don Vale residents are anxious to stop speeding and dangerous traffic on their narrow streets.

At a general meeting of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents on Thursday, February 15, nearly 100 people voted overwhelmingly in favour of looking into the possibility of turning their neighborhood into a traffic maze.

Alderman Karl Jaffary, a former president of the association, said the city will ask the provincial

government to pass a law to protect the city from being sued by drivers whose cars are damaged by going too fast over "traffic bumps." He told the meeting that until the city is protected, it is unlikely to build traffic bumps to force traffic to go slowly.

A motion to turn all the one-way streets into two-way streets in Don Vale was defeated by a large majority. It was then that Ald. Jaffary said that one neighbourhood in the city already has an experimental traffic maze in operation and it's reported to be a

great success in keeping out non-residents.

The idea of a traffic maze is to create such a confusion of one-way streets, dead ends and barriers that only local residents know how to get in and out of their area. Through-traffic is frustrated and unable to navigate.

At present, Don Vale has a problem common to many parts of Ward 7 — several of its streets, particularly Sackville and Sumach, are used as short-cuts by through traffic.

City pushed to stop Dundas widening

by MICHAEL STUART

Over fifty people turned up at the last meeting of the Public Works Committee of Toronto City Council to strongly urge that City Council bring pressure to bear on Metro Council to stop the widening of Dundas Street.

It became obvious at the meeting that most Toronto Aldermen oppose the widening of Dundas and Alderman Karl Jaffary put through a motion asking the city solicitor to investigate methods of taking

control of Dundas Street away from the Metro Government jurisdiction.

Metro decided last year to widen Dundas street despite a number of protests from citizens and citizen groups along the route. The Metro Transportation committee has since confirmed that decision with Karl Mallette saying, "The City of Toronto has been pampered long enough!"

Bruce Howe, Chairman of the Federation of Don Area Resident Associations, pointed out that the whole Don District is being viewed

as a motorist's runway, with no regard for the communities along the route. What is needed, he claimed, is a moratorium on any widenings while a study is made of the whole Don District area.

Linda Hall spoke to the committee about the 5,000 children in Regent Park, whose safety is jeopardized by any widening.

If the meeting at which FODARA spoke to the Public Works Committee is any indication, a major fight between Metro and the City of Toronto is not too far off.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

7:30 - Frankland Public School: (816 Logan) Chinese Parents' Association meeting.
7 p.m. - TCSIP: (440 Queen E.) Trefann Court Social Improvement Program — teen drop-in.
7:30 - Park School: meeting of the Park School Council.
8 p.m. - Dixon Hall (58 Sumach) Meeting of the South Cabbagetown Tenants' Association.
8:30 - Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkley St) Manfrog Theatre (from Vancouver) satirical material about big city living - collection.
9 p.m. Woodgreen Community Centre: Adult Basketball Programme.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

10:30 a.m. - Broadview Y - (275 Broadview) Mothers take a break Pre Schoolers Playtime - 25 cents.
4 p.m. - Parliament St. Library: Make a puppet show.
7 p.m. Broadview Y (275 Broadview) Teen Centre open (also Thursday evenings - crafts and games.
7:30 Woodgreen United Church: GRO Day Care Committee meeting.
7:30 Woodgreen Community Centre: Income Tax Clinic (also Thursdays) Please call for appointment 461-1168.
8:30 Toronto Free Theatre: "Gabe" - free, also Wed, Thurs., Fri. and Sat.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

1:30 p.m. - St. Simons Church (40 Howard St.) Senior Citizens groups - meets every Wednesday - everyone welcome.
5:30 Woodgreen Community Centre: Adult Badminton Program.
7 p.m. - CYC (270 Gerrard E) Creative Exercising for ladies 929-9614.
7:30 - Blake St. School: GRO delegates assembly meeting — will discuss parking situation.
7:30 - Frankland Public School (816 Logan) meeting with Mr. Jones - director of education.
12 midnight - Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkeley) Special "Hickory, Dickory, Doo" by Luella Booth - free — also, Thurs, Fri and Sat.

THURSDAY MARCH 1st

7:30 - Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) Science Fiction buffs to form Science Fiction Club — everyone welcomed.

FRIDAY MARCH 2nd

2 p.m. - Library House (265 Gerrard E) Special Film showing of "David Copperfield" — free, also again at 7:30.
10 a.m. City Hall. Meeting in Council Chamber to discuss repeal of St. Jamestown West by-law.

SATURDAY MARCH 3rd

10:30 - Riverdale Library (370 Broadview) stories for children. Also again at 2 p.m. — for more info 466-0776.
12 p.m. - Broadview Y (275 Broadview) free movies call 461-8123.
2 p.m. - Parliament St. Library House (265 Gerrard St. E) "Stories of Gods and Heroes" — free.
2 p.m. - Backdoor Theatre (474 Ontario) "The Secret of the Magic Puzzle" for children — free — also again Sunday — please phone for reservation 961-1505.

SUNDAY MARCH 4th

8 p.m. - Ward Council inaugural meeting (80 Winchester, Don Vale.)
8:30 - Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkeley) Music Series "The Tuning of the World" — a series of environmental workshops — free.

MONDAY MARCH 5th

8:30 - Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkley) Poetry and People series — "The Four Horsemen" — free.

TUESDAY MARCH 6th

1:30 Dixon Hall (58 Sumach) Ladies Exercises
Dixon Hall — Food Co-op every other Tuesday, no charge to join — orders in by Monday. Phone 863-0499 for more info.
8:30 - Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkley) "Gabe" — free continuing to Saturday. Also at midnight "Hickory, Dickory, Doo" — free.

THURSDAY MARCH 8th

7:30 - GRO Executive Council meeting: Queen St. Presbyterian Church
8 p.m. - Library House: (265 Gerrard E.) An evening with six young poets.

FRIDAY MARCH 9th

4 p.m. - Library House (265 Gerrard E) — Favorite films — free.

UPCOMING

March 12th - 16th — Operation Family Rights is holding a training program in Welfare Rights. Anyone interested please phone 461-0321.
Riverdale Youth Project — "Youth Tutoring Program" needs tutors in grade 9, 10, 11 in the Riverdale area. \$2.25 an hour. Also looking for pupils in grades 1 - 11 to receive free tutoring. Call 465-8106 for more information.

CONTINUING

Woodworking Shop: — operating at Don Vale Community Centre. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. every day except Sun and 5 - 10 p.m. Tues-Thurs.
Springboard: — open House continuing for next few weeks — 297 Carlton St.
Any young people interested in writing for the publication: "Inspirations" please contact Ted Plantos at the Library House. Need poems, stories, news articles, drawings etc.
Overnite Drop-In (349 Ontario) open Thurs to Sun 12 midnight — 8 a.m.
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CITY HALL REPORT

City to crack down on absentee landlords

by KARL JAFFARY
WARD 7 ALDERMAN

There are a number of Ward 7 items to report on this week, and I hope that by the time this is in print another meeting about a Ward 7 Ward Council will have been held.

You may remember that in the last issue of 7 News, Norm Browne was calling for two new aldermen because he thought John Sewell and I weren't sufficiently interested in setting up a Ward Council. May I just say, in response to Norm, that I hope someone will save the Ward from any council set up by the Aldermen!

I think the last thing the people in the Ward need is politicians telling them what structure they ought to adopt for a Ward Council. I trust people in Ward 7 will be able to set up a sufficiently vigorous council to control the aldermen, not front for them.

DEVELOPMENT

The West St. James Town development is going to be reconsidered by City Council at a special meeting scheduled for March 2nd next. Since the Ontario Municipal Board is scheduled to hold its hearing on March 5th, Council is going to take one last crack at West St. James Town. It's too early to predict what will happen except to say that it will be close. Council has now repealed the re-zoning for Gothic-Quebec, in the west end, and might do the same for West St. James Town.

The results of the "in fill" study on Fred Braida's block at Dundas and Sherbourne look very encouraging. Hopefully some of the maps and sketches will be reported on elsewhere in this issue or in the next

Playcentre opens

by BILLEWING

The Indoor Playcentre is now open in the gymnasium of the All Saint's Church corner of Dundas and Sherbourne Streets. There is lots of space, and lots of toys and lots of people to look after the kids.

Anybody who wants to use the centre can come by anytime between 9:30 and 4:30 and its free because its running on a Government grant.

So someday when the kids are driving you up the walls, come by and leave the driving to us, while you use the sewing machines, kitchen, or just relax.

We're having an open house on Wednesday, Feb. 28 and we will be serving a buffet lunch at 1:30. It'll be a very relaxed atmosphere, so we hope you bring the kids. We're at 315 Dundas East and the number is 363-4833.

Hey, Mom!

A CHILD CARE COLUMN
by CATHERINE VERRALL

"Gramma, play a game with me?" Old and young, both have time to play games together, and give joy to each other. Added bonus: the child gets help in concentrating, co-ordinating, and learning.

Ball Toss: Get a large piece of corrugated cardboard. Cut out a circle, a triangle, a square. Outline the edges with colour. Prop the board against the wall. Players take turns throwing bean-bags or paper-balls, 3 shots at a time. Adult calls the score: "THROUGH the circle", etc. (thus teaching language). The holes could be numbered: 1, 2, 3, to give more challenge. Mark one dot under the 1, two dots under the 2, three dots under the 3.

Bean bags are easily made from two circles of cloth. Sew together, leaving a small opening. Turn inside out. Child can put some dry beans through the holes (not too many). Sew up the hole securely. Paper-

one. We are getting the City staff geared up so that if everyone likes the proposal a re-zoning could go through in record time.

PARKING

The Works Committee got a big report from Mr. Bremner on residential parking. He proposes permit parking on every street, with the permits selling for \$2.00 per month or \$24.00 per year. He wants to use the income from the permits to improve back lanes.

There is a lot of merit in the proposal, but I think it needs more flexibility on the question of who gets a permit. Some streets don't want permits going to anyone who has a garage or backyard parking available, or else relatively empty streets will fill up with cars.

Other streets want one permit per house. Some streets want no permits at all, and a small group want one permit per car. The point is that they may all be right — what suits one street may not suit another.

I hope to see public meetings in Ward 7 on the whole question.

HOUSING STANDARDS

We are starting to make progress in this area. The City Housing Committee has decided that enforcement ought to concentrate on absentee owners. It has also moved a long way towards letting the City go in and fix up houses where the owner won't (the costs go on the taxes).

Procedures have been adopted that will give tenants full notice of the work that is supposed to be done — and a chance to object if some items of non-repair have been missed.

The by-law for commercial standards is also being processed as fast as possible. This will mean that if you live above a store, the store will have to meet minimum standards as well. We still need a lot more money to help people fix up houses, but we have a chance of getting that if the Federal Government passes the current amendments to the National Housing Act.

The City is negotiating with Bob Yamashita (who was working with Neighbourhood Renewal in the east part of Riverdale) in order to get him on City staff working on the program of fixing up houses in the west end. That is a program we hope to see expanded into Ward 7 as we get more money.

The City has had a program of lending out money at 6½ percent for fixing houses. It turns out that very few loans have been made, and the

average income of those getting the money has been over \$11,000, with some earning \$19,000!

We have turned that around too, with an interest rate geared to income for current loans and a request for changed legislation so that the City can lend out at a fairly high rate to those who can afford it and a low rate to those who can't.

TRAFFIC

The City has re-affirmed its stand on not widening Dundas Street, but WATCH OUT! The people in Moore Park are also worried about through traffic, and one of Mr. Bremner's suggestions for reducing their traffic is going to be a connecting ramp between the Bayview extension and Dundas.

The FODARA people are going to have to start negotiations with the Moore Park people. I don't believe that even Moore Park wants its traffic diverted in such a way as will require Dundas to be widened where it goes through Regent Park, but the Moore Park people may not appreciate the problem.

Some meetings are probably in order. FODARA ought to get in touch with a group called the "Resident Ratepayer and School Constituent Associations of the Yonge-St. Clair Area Task Force."

Igor vs. the Singing Cowboy

Because of the tremendous success it achieved during its first run, *The Secret of the Magic Puzzle* has re-opened at the Backdoor Theatre Workshop, 474 Ontario Street, for an indefinite run.

The play, written and directed by Gino Marrocco, will be performed Saturdays and Sundays only at 2 p.m. There will also be performances March 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23.

The play has the right ingredients for a fun show: A wicked witch looking to get married; two captive young maidens waiting to be rescued; Johnny-Do-Good, a singing cowboy who rides around on his horse Pinky, doing good; Igor, a horrible monster (who was once a people) who packs his victims a lunch and gives them a map to get safely out of the woods; and a magic puzzle that will solve everyone's problems if its pieces are found and put together.

Admission is \$1 for children and \$1.50 for adults. For information and reservations call 961-1505 or 964-1513.

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SOCCER COACHES TO BE TRAINED:

Broadview Y receives grant for sports

by **RANDY BOETTCHER**
Have you heard of the Toronto Metros? Or read about the new indoor sport at Maple Leaf Gardens? These are but two examples showing the growth of Soccer in Toronto in recent years.

Soccer is a sport enjoyed by millions all over the world, yet the soccer played in the Riverdale area of Ward Seven is limited mostly to informal play and a number of Senior Men's clubs.

The Broadview YMCA recently received a grant from the Federal Government solely for the purpose of developing a leadership training program in a specific sports field. Because of the low numbers playing soccer in the Riverdale area, and

because soccer is an excellent sport for boys of all ages, it has been proposed that the YMCA use the grant to develop a program to train soccer coaches.

There are a number of playing fields in the community where soccer can be played. Perhaps with the co-operation of the Toronto Parks and Recreation Department, they can be utilized to their fullest extent.

The Broadview YMCA has a full-size soccer pitch in back of its building which is available for play. Soccer may also be played at the new Dunlop park at Queen and Logan as well as at McLeary Park which has a great deal of space and facilities.

All that soccer really needs to get going in Ward Seven is some coaches.

This is where community involvement becomes a factor as the Broadview YMCA wants to put its federal grant money to use in developing soccer coaches for the Ward Seven community. But that's only the beginning. The whole program will include the following aspects:

1. Adults who are interested in volunteering their time to coach a boy's soccer team will be recruited.
2. The adult volunteers will be trained in the art of coaching at four once-a-week sessions during the month of March.
3. Once a pool of trained coaches is

established, soccer will be promoted amongst boys in the Riverdale area. This should start in early April.

4. By late April a minor soccer league should be established. Its size will only be limited by the number of trained coaches that are available.

To get this simple process going, the Broadview YMCA is looking for former soccer coaches, former soccer players or anyone over the age of 17 who is interested in the game and willing to devote the time and energy necessary to coaching a boys soccer team.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this program is asked to call the Broadview YMCA at 461-8123, or drop around and ask for Randy.

Woodgreen to hold tournament

by **MORRY MACLEOD**
Woodgreen Community Centre is holding its annual Invitational Floor Hockey Tournament in March of this year. The first tournament will involve five Bantam and five Intermediate teams from the area and will be held March 8, 9 and 10.

The second tournament will bring five or six Pee Wee teams to Woodgreen Centre during the spring school holidays on March 21 and 22. An Officiating Clinic will be held at Woodgreen Centre on Thursday, March 1 from 7 to 10 p.m. for all participating coaches, officials and interested community people.

Anyone interested in helping out at the tournaments or in participating in the clinic, please contact Morry Macleod at Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen east or phone 461-1168.

BADMINTON

All adult members of the community are invited to play Badminton at Woodgreen Community Centre on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Racquets are supplied but there is a nominal charge of 25c per person to cover the cost of shuttlecocks.

FLOOR HOCKEY

YMCA team increases lead

In the Inner City Floor Hockey League, the team standings have not changed a great deal. Some of the hi-lites of the last two weeks saw Woodgreen making a strong bid for third place in the Pee Wee Division.

Pee Wee Division (10-12 years)*

TEAM	W	L	T	PTS
YMCA 1	13	0	2	28
YMCA 2	8	5	2	18
ST. CLEMENT'S 1	4	8	2	10
WOODGREEN	3	1	2	8
UNIV. SETTLEMENT	4	10	0	8
ST. CLEMENT'S 2	1	5	0	2

PEE WEE LEADING SCORERS

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
FRANK ROCCI	YMCA 1	87
REAL CYR	YMCA 2	79

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
STEVE SIKEMOUS	YMCA 1	36
SELWYN HARRIS	ST. CLEM 1	23
TONY DICAMILLO	YMCA 1	20
BARRY ARBEAU	UNIV. SETTLEMENT	6

BANTAM DIVISION (13 to 15 yrs)

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
YMCA	19	0	0	186	35	38
YWCA	7	11	1	75	150	15
REGENT PARK	4	14	1	70	124	9

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION (16 yrs and up)

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
REGENT PARK	13	1	1	139	58	27
EAST YORK	8	3	1	157	48	17
YMCA	8	5	1	96	100	17
WOODGREEN	6	8	0	66	80	12
EASTMINSTER	5	9	1	68	51	11
DIXON HALL	1	12	0	57	266	2

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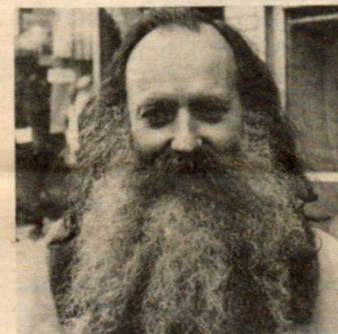
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Speaking Out

Q: Do you think there are enough sports facilities in your area?

Angie Vasiliou, 359 Berkeley St. No. There doesn't seem to be anything around here. Everybody round here's been roller skating at the Terrace. I never played hockey at school because my skates were no good and I had no equipment. There's no place to swim — the Lord Dufferin School pool is packed. Last summer we just lazed around and had no place to go — you need money to go to the Island. An indoor ice arena would be great.



Douglas Kerr, 661 Gerrard St. E. I would think so. Probably. I live close to Riverdale Park, but I don't play sport now. There are no facilities for kids in our immediate area. In built up residential areas, maybe certain blocks should be reserved for nothing but sports, because kids who don't have anything to do get into mischief.

Veronica Adair, 184 River St. Yes, there definitely is. There are all kinds of drop-in centres, the K Club, ice rinks, a summer pool in Regent Park and all year swimming at Lord Dufferin School. I hear they'll have a pool in the new Oak St. School. I was thinking of moving away from Regent Park, but I wouldn't want to take my kids away from the sports facilities here.



Janet Taylor, 392 Carlton St. No. There should be an indoor pool around here somewhere. I do synchronized swimming and I have to go way over to Pape Av. to practice and it's during a free splash when there are a whole horde of other kids and you can't really get anything done. There are not enough skating rinks and I think there should be an indoor arena, especially in Regent Park.

Benjie Green, 479 Gerrard St. E. In summer, we have quite a few sports — baseball, football, in Riverdale Park and swimming at Lord Dufferin. I play pee-wee hockey in the MTHL for Goulding Park Rangers. We play our home games at Doublerink (near Woodbridge on Highway 7) I'd prefer to play in a team round here, but we don't have an indoor arena.



Norman Clifford Emond, 246 Bain Av. I came here from Windsor seven months ago. I like to play hockey, but there's no place to go skating in this area because on a nice day the ice gets watery. I'd like to see more facilities built. All they're doing is building big buildings and they're wrecking the neighbourhood for sports. I'd like to see an indoor ice rink and a baseball diamond.