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St. Jamestown tenants get results on Meridian beefs

Because tenants in St. Jamestown have organized, their corporate landlord has agreed to their demands regarding security, visitor parking, laundries, saunas and maintenance.

At a meeting on Sunday night, May 6, attended by about 75 St. Jamestown tenants, representatives of Meridian Property Management agreed to put guards in the lobbies of the four biggest private buildings and in the underground garages, on Friday, and Saturday nights until 3 a.m. and Sunday nights until 1 a.m.

Meridian also agreed to put extra security patrols above ground between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., seven days a week.

The hours of above-ground visitor parking without ticketing have been extended to 4 a.m. during the week and around the clock at the weekends.

SAUNAS

Other immediate concessions to the tenants include extending the hours of the laundry rooms from 11 p.m. to midnight and providing tables to fold laundry; also extending the hours of the saunas from 10 p.m. until midnight.

The tenants expect to hold a formal general meeting within a month to officially form the St. Jamestown Residents' Improvement Association, according to spokesman Jimmy Smith. They will register as a non-profit organization and have membership cards printed.

Meanwhile, the organizers are going ahead as though the association is already a legal entity, and Meridian has already recognized its right to bargain on behalf of the St. Jamestown tenants.

"It's amazing, really, what they came up with," Jimmy Smith said this week. "For a first attempt at bargaining it was very fruitful."

LETTER

At a meeting held about a month earlier, tenants agreed to send a letter to Meridian outlining their most significant beefs. At the

meeting on May 6, Meridian representatives acknowledged the complaints and said they would act on almost every one.

Apart from dealing with complaints on security, parking, saunas and laundries, Meridian responded to a complaint about slow and poor maintenance by promising that the head property manager will tour the buildings each day and receive complaints directly.

"Everybody at the meeting really was very happy," Jimmy said. "We expected Meridian to come back fighting. We feel they realise now that they have to start listening to the people who live in their buildings and acting on it. They have never done that for any other group."

"I don't know of any other apartment complex which will have as much security as we will have."

The new association will send a petition around in the next few days, asking for police patrols within the complex and then a delegation will go to the Police Commission. "We don't get any now," Jimmy Smith said. "If we were a single family neighbourhood, we'd need a lot of protection and all we're asking is our rights."

At last Sunday's meeting, the tenants voted 72-2 in favour of a request by Meridian that the S.R.I.A. approach City Hall and ask that Meridian be allowed to operate a temporary commercial parking lot.

This would enable Meridian to charge visitors up to \$1 for a 24-hour period by filling up about 300 unused underground parking spaces. Meridian promised that if this happened, it will grass over some of the surface parking lots and allow them to be used for whatever purpose decided on by tenants in adjacent buildings.

sparked the need for the meeting.

Alderman John Sewell, Community Relations officer Ernie Baker of 51 Division, and Gerald Tooke (assistant to Federal M.P. Donald Macdonald) were also on hand to support the tenants in their demands.

A tenant's committee was established to negotiate with Meridian and CMHC representatives. One of the issues raised at the meeting was the opening up of Meridian's books by



Mrs. Ellen Vinnells, looking pink and spry, was honoured at the annual Mothers' Day concert at Woodgreen United Church on Sunday, May

6. She is 100 years old. Flowers were presented by 11-year-old Terry Worrall, background, of Beaches Lions Club Majorettes.

..... but others not so lucky

by JIM HOUSTON

Two hundred tenants of the Barbara apartments, 700 and 730 Ontario street, crowded into their recreation room recently to confront representatives of Meridian and the federal Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) with the need for security guards for their St. Jamestown apartments.

Two recent incidents of little girls being accosted in the stairwells of the building by exhibitionists

We will get Yonge hand-me-downs

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

The street "furniture" — trees, flowers, benches, etc — used to decorate the Yonge Street Mall during the summer will be moved over to Parliament Street for a month following the closing of the Yonge Mall.

CMHC to show how the operating budget for the buildings is being spent.

Many tenants at the meeting felt that the money available wasn't being spent on maintenance.

The committee will report back to a general meeting later this month. The meeting accepted John Sewell's suggestion that a security guard be provided for the apartments during the interval. CMHC approved the idea and Meridian agreed to pay the expense of the guard.

The decoration of Parliament street from mid-September to Mid-October will be used to show the merchants and shoppers on that street what could be done if the street became a Business Improvement Area.

The Ward 7 Businessmen's Association have made a formal request to City Hall that Parliament street be designated as such and they hope approval will come in the fall so that work can start next spring.

At a recent meeting of the Association, John Kimble of the Toronto Parks Department, explained what could be done. "The idea is to separate the pedestrians from the cars and put some green, growing things on the street to break up the monotony of drab sidewalks and streets," he said.

"Trees could be planted down Parliament street," he stated, "and if underground services are too

close to the surface, tree containers could be put in." Where the sidewalk is too narrow for too much street "furniture", he suggested that it was possible to hang flower planters from the existing utility poles.

The possibility of widening the sidewalks down Parliament street to accommodate all this extra decoration was brought up at the meeting. Alderman Karl Jaffary, who was also in attendance, stated that widening of the sidewalks could only be done if parking was prohibited, the street was made one-way, or the streetcars were taken off — none of which was presently feasible.

He suggested the best way to widen the sidewalk was to draw the parked cars off the street through the creation of more off-street parking lots adjacent to Parliament street.

Your paper needs donations to carry on

by SEVEN NEWS Staff

On June 1, SEVEN NEWS will start its fourth annual fund raising drive.

The first fund raising drive, conducted by the community in the spring of 1970 netted over \$2,000 and this was used to start up SEVEN NEWS.

During the summer of 1971 and again in 1972, further drives were held to raise money and both were quite successful, even though

the paper was in no financial bind as it was receiving help through government grants.

This year's fund raising drive has to be more than successful as SEVEN NEWS is facing a double-barrelled financial crisis. The first problem is that grants that pay the salaries of the three staff who co-ordinate the affairs of the paper will end on the 31st of May and there is insufficient funds available to keep on three full-time staff.

The second problem is that advertising revenue, which pays for the basic cost of publication for each issue, has fallen off drastically in the past month. The loss on this issue, for example, is over \$300 and we will soon have to cut back to four pages rather than sustain such losses.

If you like your paper, think it is doing a worthwhile job and serving a need in the community, please show your appreciation.

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Gerrard St. hazard

To the Editor of 7 NEWS:
Gerrard Street between Parliament and Jarvis is one of the most dangerous stretches in the city. Often a male pedestrian cannot walk it safely. I'd hate to think of the consequences for a woman. It is becoming progressively worse as the weather improves and if this is any indication of what's in store for the summer ahead, then it appears as though the majority of people who use the street will be forced to surrender it to the drunks and prostitutes.

I was told at 51st division that there is a policeman walking that beat on Friday night only. This hardly seems to be adequate protection against the problem-ridden members of our society. If they can't be cured, then at least place them where they will not threaten the rest of the population.

Duncan Fremlin
Seaton St.

Dundas Day Centre

Dear Editor:
We would like to invite everyone to an open house at the Dundas Day Centre, located at 349 Ontario Street in Central Neighbourhood House, on May 30, 1973 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This will give you an opportunity to meet us and learn more about the work we are doing in the community. At the same time we will have the pleasure of meeting our neighbours and perhaps sharing some new ideas and suggestions.

The Centre recognizes the fact that people with emotional and social problems belong, not to a hospital, but to the community itself. We also feel that there are advantages in having rehabilitative and preventive programs near their homes. Having the Dundas Day Centre located in the community and being aware of all the agencies, resources, and social and recreational programs, we are often able to identify and help with these problems before they require hospitalization. Another advantage is that we are able to work more closely with other helping agencies and health workers.

As a part of our effort to remain in this area we would like to have more citizens take an active part in assisting us to make effective plans for helping the people who live here.

Elsie Morosnick
Dundas Day Centre



Fire Academy Open House

Dear Norman:
There is going to be an Open House at the Fire Department Training Academy on Friday, May 25th at 7:30 p.m. It is located at 895 Eastern Avenue.

I saw the demonstration when they opened the Training College and it was extremely impressive. They have an indestructible house that they start burning down and then put

out and they scale up walls with scaling ladders and wheel around furiously in fire trucks. I am intending to take my kids. I thought other people in the Ward would want to know it was on. I am enclosing a brochure about the Fire Academy which has some pictures in it that you might be able to use.

Karl D. Jaffary,
Alderman — Ward 7.

St. Jamestown Theatre group plans production

by IRIS ELLIOTT

Noel Coward's sophisticated comedy "A Family Album" and Stanley Houghton's hilarious "The Dear Departed" are two of the plays on the program of one-acters to be performed by the St. Jamestown Theatre Society on Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2 in the auditorium of the Vancouver building at 240 Wellesley street in St. Jamestown.

The Society was founded in 1970 and began with 12 members. Now the membership has more than sixty names. New talents constantly come to light as new people move into St. Jamestown and find out about the Society, or "old" residents see advertising for plays and come along to get involved, either in acting, directing or backstage work.

The Theatre Society puts on an evening of theatre approximately every three months, except in the summer when long weekends and

vacations make it difficult for actors to get together for rehearsals.

Since its inception, the Society has performed one-act plays by such writers as Albee, Syuge, Cohen, Struberg and Milne, as well as three sketches by Thurber and two full-length productions: "Ten Little Indians" by Agatha Christie and William Inge's "Come Back Little Sheba".

The plays are performed on a specially constructed stage which is built in the auditorium about a month before the plays are due to be performed. This allows the cast plenty of time for rehearsals "on stage" before the opening night.

The St. Jamestown Theatre Society welcomes all SEVEN NEWS readers to their upcoming evening of theatre. Tickets are \$1.25 or 50¢ for senior citizens and are available at the door or from the Society's President, Phil English (961-3725), or from the YMCA (964-8775).

Scrivener's article incorrect

Dear Norman:

In response to Margaret Scrivener's column in the last issue of SEVEN NEWS I would like to point out some errors in her article and some areas of concern.

The statement that the Federal Census is only taken every ten years is incorrect. Although a decennial census is taken every ten years there is also a census taken every five years.

Her suggestion that additional information is needed about the highly complex society we live in is accurate. There is, however, a good reason why this information is not asked for during a census. Statistics Canada, formerly the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, as well as conducting censuses, conducts a great number of regular surveys to find out the very information that Mrs. Scrivener seeks. Some examples are: the Labour Force Survey, the Job Vacancy Survey, the Canadian Travel Survey, the Business Reports Survey, etc., etc.

The purpose of these surveys is to give government, business and the public, up-to-date information on the social and economic situation in the country at any given time. One of the purposes of the Census is to give us a bench mark on which to base these other surveys.

There is room to criticise these surveys on the basis that perhaps

they don't always get the specific information needed in all areas. However, it would seem to me that rather than set up a parallel provincial structure, it would be more economical for the provincial government to negotiate with the federal government for additional or different kinds of information. This has already been done in the case of several national surveys.

There are two main points of disagreement I have with Mrs. Scrivener: — one being the cost to the taxpayer and the other is the possible inundation of the Canadian public by more and more beauracrats seeking information.

The cost of Mrs. Scrivener's proposed Ontario Census with appropriate material and personnel would be roughly \$10 millions +. However, by modifying existing Statistics Canada surveys, and using the existing structure the cost would be around \$3 million. Also, you would not double or triple the number of citizens who are being asked on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis for information.

I would recommend to Mrs. Scrivener that she contact the Statistics Canada provincial liason department to discuss this matter. I would also recommend that other concerned citizens who do not want to see the constant expansion of government beauracracy and the possible additional, unnecessary intrusion into their private lives should indicate this to Mrs. Scrivener.

Bill Lee,
Don Vale.

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Forsythia Festival

Simple idea "Blossoms" in park

by JOANNA SCHMIDA

The young police officer who turned up to investigate a somewhat raucous disturbance at Wellesley Park last Sunday afternoon looked bewildered. Little did he know that he was investigating an historic event: the first annual Don District Forsythia Festival.

The idea originated a couple of weeks ago when Tony Brady, a local resident, decided that what Toronto, and more specifically, what Ward 7 needed was an annual spring festival associated with shrub planting, along the lines of the cherry blossom festival in Washington, D.C.

What decided him on forsythia was its cheerful color against the late spring landscape and the fact that it is so hardy and easy to grow in this area.

Brady told his neighbors about his idea and before long, this very hip, spirited, community-minded group rallied around and gave the project their full support.

May 6 was chosen as Don District Forsythia Festival Day, and the event, which took place at the end of Wellesley Street, at the edge of the park, had the gay atmosphere of a carnival. A rock band of five terrific musicians from over 'ome, Cyres Erey, Phil Enright, Rich Murzin, Paul Benn and Ray Colosimo, were what first alerted the young police officer to the fact

that this was not just a usual Sunday. He heard them as he was making his rounds on Sackville Street!

Delicious, spicy, hot-from-the-oven beans, bread and coffee were served from a table decked with forsythia in front of Brady's Wellesley Street town-house, compliments of Heritage Restaurants.

Tony Balestrieri, the assistant manager of the restaurant and a long time friend, was on hand to look after the food, and like so many other people, really pitched in to make the day a success.

There were kids, cats, dogs, popcorn men, and the ice-cream man. Local residents Sylvia Hughes, Claudia Dixon, Bill Zahneiser, and the well-known actress Jean Templeton busily pinned small sprigs of forsythia on T-shirts and lapels as people gathered near the park.

Professor John Greer of the Botany Department of U of T was there, as was Professor Ron Singer of York University. Dr. Mary O'Riordan, the area's beloved veterinarian came by, as well as D. Ramesey, who for many years planted the forsythia in the Toronto Necropolis a few blocks from the park.

Alan Carson of the Toronto Parks Department attended, and promised that his foremen would

drop around in a few days to plant one hundred forsythia shrubs in Wellesley Park, in co-operation with the local residents who are nearly all planting a few in their front yards, at their own expense. To celebrate this, alderman Karl Jaffary was on hand to plant a forsythia shrub in Brady's front yard.

Norman Browne, Bruce Lawson and I were there for Ward 7 news and the CBC was there for pictures as well. Channel 79 also took an interest in the event, and Tony Brady and neighbor Jean Templeton appeared on William Ronald's Free for All show on Sunday evening to talk about it. Brady, a well-known young bird breeder and hair-stylist who has been living in the area for two years, gives full credit to his neighbors for the project's success. "It was really a fun thing" he says.

All in all, it was a pretty exciting day — exciting because it showed how community spirit can pervade and light up a whole neighborhood. Tony Brady's idea was a simple one, so simple you'd wonder why no one ever thought of it before.

The policeman? Well, no one had complained (after all, most of the neighbors were there!) so after satisfying himself that nothing was amiss, he drove off, wearing a smile — and a sprig of forsythia on his lapel!



Tony Brady, (left) Forsythia Festival organizer, watches as neighbours including Alderman Karl Jaffary, plant one of the shrubs.

West St. Jamestown

Tenants to take fight to cabinet

by JIM HOUSTON

The St. Jamestown Community Action Project, the group that has been fighting the West St. Jamestown proposal for more than two years, voted last week to carry the fight to the Provincial Cabinet.

When the Ontario Municipal Board decided last month to approve the By-law permitting Meridian to build three more 29-storey apartment towers between Bleecker and Sherbourne streets, to the west of the present St. Jamestown, two choices were open to opponents of the development. One course is to appeal the decision to the courts.

The other course is to appeal to the Cabinet. Since the hearing at OMB lasted more than four weeks, legal costs are already quite high. The group has no real choice but to go to Premier Davis and his Cabinet.

There is no question that the development approved by the OMB is a considerable improvement over the original proposal Meridian submitted to City Hall three years ago. The long, long struggle by area residents has won some concessions.

There is now a small park at the

north end of site. Bleecker street will eventually be deadended in the middle, rather than a two way through street. There will be access to the landscaped "podium" at several places. Some of the stores will be a little closer to more of the people now living on the east side of Bleecker and a gymnasium in the project will be made available to tenants in existing St. Jamestown.

But in essentials, nothing has changed. There will be three 29 storey towers which will make Bleecker street into a long, narrow, windy canyon, filled with shadows most of the day. All the cars from three levels of parking (1150 spaces), and all the trucks serving stores, picking up garbage and moving tenants in and out will use Bleecker street.

The project, built at the highest density permitted by the Official Plan, will add more than 2,000 people to the ten or eleven thousand who already live in St. Jamestown. And it's all planned in a way that ignores the effects on the surrounding area, an area already sadly deficient in useable public parks.

The Community Action Project, backed by CORRA, can make the

formal appeal to the Cabinet, but if the appeal is to be successful, Premier Davis has to be convinced that this proposal should be stopped. City Council and the residents of the area have to be involved in coming up with a more acceptable way of developing that 4.7 acres.

Everyone who cares about the future shape of the Ward and of the city itself should write personally to Premier Davis requesting he send the By-law back to City Council. People living on Bleecker street especially should be concerned.

This is the last chance to stop West St. Jamestown. The Municipal Board said that not many people in St. Jamestown seemed to care. We have to show Premier Davis that lots of us do care.

Financial help is needed to pay for the legal costs of the OMB hearing. Cheques should be sent to the St. Jamestown Community Action Project, 40 Howard St. Toronto 5.

The South St. Jamestown Homeowners Association are having a public meeting on West St. Jamestown on Wed. May 16 at 7:45 p.m. at Rose Ave. public school MPP Margaret Campbell will be guest speaker.



Last summer shade trees and improvised swing formed a temporary park on West St.

Jamestown. Meridian wants high-density high rise; residents oppose more towers.

News Across the Ward

SSJT plan still frozen

The South of St. Jamestown tenants association have been working for the past few months on a plan to take to the city regarding the Meridian owned property in that area. Development on that property is presently frozen pending an agreement by Meridian and the City of Toronto.

One possibility is for the tenants to lease the remaining Meridian-owned houses and run them as a non-profit co-operative venture. However, it is known that Meridian does not want tenant-controlled management of its properties.

Another approach would be to buy the property in question and put up a non-profit development that people could afford to live in. There seems to be two methods of doing this.

One way is to have Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) provide 100 per cent of the financing for new construction and 90 per cent of the financing for acquisition of the land. The problem would be to find the remaining 10 per cent needed to buy the land.

The second method would be to seek an Ontario Housing Corporation subsidy for a development that would not strictly be an OHC project.

It was suggested at a recent South St. Jamestown tenants meeting that CMHC be asked to supply a consultant who would plan, with the tenants, the most economical use of the property.

The Tenants Association hope to meet with City Council Executive Committee in the near future and present a proposal for the area.

GRO pressures Library Board

A collection of over 200 Chinese language books will be installed as soon as possible in one of the Riverdale branch libraries as the result of a recent action by the Greater Riverdale Organization.

Late last month, over 50 Chinese residents of the Riverdale area who were concerned with the absence of Chinese books in the local libraries, met with Mr. H. C. Campbell, Chief Librarian of the Toronto Public Library Board.

Mr. Campbell's explanations for not having installed Chinese language books in the Riverdale libraries did not satisfy the delegation and it took 45 minutes of argument before he finally acceded to their demands.

Mr. Campbell also agreed that he and his staff would consult with representatives of the local Chinese community early in May to ensure that this collection would meet the needs of the local Chinese community.

The Riverdale Branch Library will be the first one in Toronto to have a collection of Chinese language books catered to the requirements of local residents.

Fire Insurance, Rip-off

The Trefann Court Working Committee plans to expose the fact that fire insurance is difficult if not impossible to get on homes and businesses in that area.

A survey is being taken by the Working Committee on fire insurance costs and availability and once the facts are in, the situation will be exposed and pressure will be applied where necessary.

A newsletter put out by that group states: "Fire insurance is a must and the residents of Trefann Court should not be ripped-off because the area is designated as one of urban renewal."

Health is another area of concern being surveyed in the Trefann Court area. A joint Trefann Court-South Cabbagetown Health Committee has been recently formed and they feel that there are basic health needs yet to be met in the area.

The Committee has put together a short questionnaire and a local LIP project is conducting the survey. The results of the survey will determine if a community health centre should be sought for the area.

Seven News needs strong board to continue running

If it is to continue publication, SEVEN NEWS needs a strong, active and representative Board of Directors to oversee its affairs.

It is hoped that such a Board of Directors will be elected at the Seven News General Meeting being held May 16 at 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street.

If you live in or work in Ward Seven, then you are an owner of SEVEN NEWS and it is vital that you come to the meeting to see that the proper Board of Directors is elected to run the paper.

Normally, Boards of Directors run large corporations, Institutions and agencies. They have a large and competent staff to carry out their orders. Traditionally, a Board of Directors gives direction, ideas and sets policy which is implemented by their staff.

However, a Board of Directors for a community owned corporation like SEVEN NEWS is a different kettle of fish. SEVEN NEWS will not have sufficient paid staff to carry out each and every order and policy directive of its Board of Directors.

The SEVEN NEWS Board will have to either raise funds to hire more staff or implement its own policy decisions or both. The SEVEN NEWS Board can not just

talk — or it will be talking into a vacuum. It must be willing to take action or be capable of organizing others to take action.

A SEVEN NEWS Nominating Committee has come up with a slate of candidates which it will present at the SEVEN NEWS General Meeting. The general criteria established in selecting nominees was "a nominee shall have no active, long-term involvement or commitment to any other group or organization in the Ward."

The purpose behind this criteria is to establish a Board of Directors who will have SEVEN NEWS as their sole or major interest and who will be able to provide the 15 to 20 hours a month that the job may require.

Nominees were also sought with qualifications in the following areas: Experience in business, experience in journalism or newspapers, and or experience in community organizing. Representation was also sought from all areas of the ward.

But nominations are still open! If you, yourself would like to take an active part in running SEVEN NEWS or know of someone who does, phone the information into the SEVEN NEWS office at 920-8632. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

Springboard receives first LEAP grant

Former Mayor William Dennison will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Ward 7 Businessmen's Association being held Monday, May 28 at the Club Harmonie. Senator D. J. Walker, Honorary President of the Association will introduce him. For tickets and information phone Betty Dawson, 929-0123 . . .

The first Local Employment Assistance Program (LEAP) grant in Canada has been given to Operation Springboard on Carlton street in Ward Seven. It will be used to set up an on-the-job training workshop for ex-inmates of federal prisons. LEAP plans to make grants to only 150 projects across Canada under its present funding . . .

Doug Richardson, a professor of architectural history at the University of Toronto recently toured the Sleepmaster Factory on Spruce street along with the new owner. Their feeling was that the building has considerable historic value but couldn't be rehabilitated for residential use unless it was gutted . . .

HOLIDAYS: James Lorimer and family are leaving for a two month trip to Europe. John Sewell and wife are taking a two week holiday to Italy in the middle of May. SEVEN NEWS editor Norm Browne will spend the month of June holidaying in Spain. Glen Blouin, owner of the Cabbagetown Cobbler Shop is leaving in mid-May for a three month trip through Canada . . .

The Don District Community Secretariat will have to vacate its premises at 320 Parliament street by mid-June. A committee is looking into the availability of new quarters in the area . . .

New staff at the Trefann Court Site Office are Richard Griffiths, an architectural consultant; Gord MacDonald, who is Implementation Co-ordinator and Alan Dudeck, new Community Worker . . .



Marg LeMay welcomes young visitor to Trefann Court open house last week.

At a recent Ward 7 Businessmen's Association, Alderman Karl Jaffary suggested that that group petition Wellesley Hospital to set up a detox unit to help solve the problem of drunks in the area. Inspector Sam Bogle, head of Metro Police 51 Division stated that detox units don't solve the problem as they don't have enough beds available and are selective as to the type of people they will treat. He stated that 125 people from the area were arrested and charged with being drunk on a recent week-end . . .

The Parks and Recreation Committee of Toronto City Council have recommended to the Executive Committee that a grant of \$6,420 be made to the Don Vale Community Centre to cover their recreation program from June to December. The Community Centre also has applied to Metro for a social service grant of \$25,000 . . .

Marg LeMay and Edna Dixon served coffee and sandwiches at a successful Open House held last week at the Trefann Court Community Centre on Queen street. Gerald Tooke was one of many community people who dropped in for the event . . .

The Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents is investigating the possibility of setting up a non-profit, co-operative housing corporation for that area. A proposal to that effect will be brought up at the next general meeting of Don Vale residents to be held May 22 at 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street . . .

Residents in Don Vale want a post office located in the corner store at Winchester and Sumach streets. A letter is going in from the local association and a petition is being circulated. The Post Office Department wants to locate a Post Office on Parliament street . . .



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City Hall Report

Developers push housing prices beyond the means of average family

by JOHN SEWELL
Ward 7 Alderman

It seems that Council has now settled into a quagmire as politicians wait around to see what happens. Unlike the last Council, where one had little time to do much else than fight off the developers, this time around things are slower.

Policy initiatives are rare — and when they are brought forward, they seem to take ages to get going. For instance, some of us have been urging for some months that the City get involved in the housing field.

A motion passed through Council stating that City owned land would be made available for next to nothing to non-profit community groups. Unfortunately, there seems to be very little unused City-owned land which can be used for housing. Two projects are in the thinking stage: one at Angus Place, in Ward 6, and one (where one pair of semi-detached housing might be built) at 17-19 Tiverton Avenue, in Ward 7. But it will be some time before either project gets off the ground.

Dundas-Sherbourne is a more spectacular way of getting community housing. There, however, we find ourselves still dickering about the cost of the land (that probably will only be settled at the end of May), and who will do the plans for the new project (and that won't be settled until at least mid-June, perhaps later). Our plans to begin construction by November 1, 1973, will probably go awry, and building might not start until the Spring of 1974.

Housing in Trefann is having better luck. There, complicated problems of land conveyance and mortgage arrangements are almost completed with the Federal Government. Contractors have been lined up, and building of the 16 houses in the first phase should be underway by the end of June. That will be no less than seven years since the Trefann Court fight began, in 1966.

Private developers have changed their tack. There are a number of schemes underway in the ward which call for the building of houses: six houses will be built on Seaton, just north of Dundas, 14 houses will be built at Broadview and Langley, two houses will be built on Prospect Street, (in the heart of South of St. Jamestown) and proposals are being considered for houses on Spruce Street, and north of Wellesley, both in Don Vale.

Clearly it is good to see that houses — rather than apartment buildings

— are being built. They help strengthen the existing neighbourhood, and they are available for families. The problem is with the cost. As we have learned in Trefann, it costs just over \$20,000 to build an unfriendly six room house. Add to that the cost of the land — usually \$10,000 a lot — and the cost is then \$30,000. Once the developers profit is tacked on, then you are up to \$35,000 or \$38,000 (developers, remember, like to make a healthy profit no matter what they build). Hardly anyone in the ward can afford those kinds of prices. Even if the land is written down to nothing, and no profit is made, there aren't too many working people who can afford the mortgage payments needed on \$20,000 which it takes to build the house.

What that means to me is that the City had better get into buying chunks of land as quickly as it can. That will mean that the developers won't control it, but it will also mean that the cost of the land can be written down so that two components of house prices — land and developer's profit — aren't things people have to pay for.

Quick notes:

1) The expropriation of Meridian owned land at 238 Carlton Street for a City owned parking lot is going well: all that remains is for an agreement to be worked out on price or, failing that, an arbitration on price. Maybe the Parking Authority can get the lot operating by this Fall — it will be on Aberdeen, by re-arranging the present vacant land on the south side of Aberdeen, just west of Parliament. The Parking lot won't involve the demolition of any buildings.

2) Did you know that it is not an offense for a heavy truck to park on a street which heavy trucks can't run on? It is a loop-hole we have just discovered at City Hall, and we are trying to plug it. Don't give up hope.

3) The Parks Department is just finishing off some draft plans for Riverdale Zoo. Once the ink is dry, meetings will be held hither and yon so that people can make their feelings known.

4) City Council has declared its intention to pass a height control bylaw for the area of Carlton, between Parliament and Jarvis, running south to Shuter. The allowable heights (with a few exceptions) will be 35 feet in residential areas, and 45 feet in commercial areas). That should help stop the apartment builders.

"AGES AND STAGES" with Joan Kershaw

Third Workshop sponsored by the Park School
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Sheltered Workshop moves to new home

After being located over 14 years at 80 Winchester street, the Community Sheltered Workshop moved on May 1st into St. Peter's Anglican Church at Carlton and Ontario.

However, they were only there three days before a fire in the east wing of the building forced them to move to the main quarters of the organization on Isabella street.

Although the fire at St. Peter's caused considerable fire, smoke and water damage, no one was injured. Little damage was reported to the Workshop's material and facilities. A man has been charged with arson.

Mrs. Mary Agnew, director of the Workshop told SEVEN NEWS that the move to St. Peter's Church was dictated by a need to expand, upgrade and enlarge the project. "We have to grow", she stated prior to the fire, "and there wasn't the room or services available for expansion at the Don Vale Community Centre."

The Community Sheltered Workshop serves the elderly and disabled in the immediate area by giving them a chance to participate, interact and work with people their own age and others in the community.

"We try to get these people out of their small rooms and apartments where they tend to vegetate and into the larger community," said Mrs. Agnew. "We try to give them a feeling of self-worth."

Besides the companionship and work aspect of the project it also offers its participants a nutritious hot meal at noon. "A



Fire wrecked the altar area of St. Peter's Church, Carlton at Bleecker Street, last week. No one was hurt.

good hot meal is something they can't always prepare for themselves and it helps them through the day," said Mrs. Agnew.

The Workshop is funded by the

United Appeal and through private grants. It presently has 24 people participating on a 4-day a week basis but plans to expand to five days a week and serve 35 people.

Oak Citizens Group hope for maximum involvement in Community School

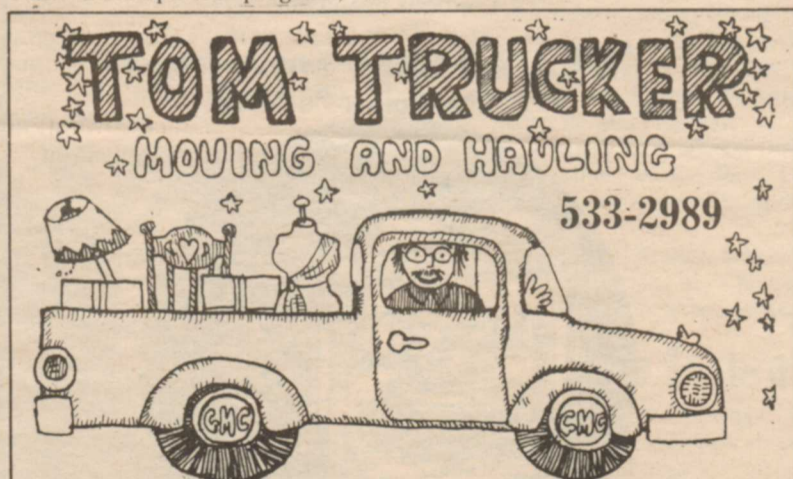
The members of the Oak Community Citizens' Group have been engaged in planning Oak Community School for a number of years. At present the school has been approved at the Ministry level for detailed plans of an 18-room school containing grades J.K. to 8. In addition the approval includes a Day Care Centre to be funded by Metro Social Services and the Ministry of Social Services but incorporated into the actual school plant. Shared funding has also been obtained for a 25 metre swimming pool, a double gymnasium, a community meeting room and an Integrated Arts Room for use of the school and community.

At the site the group is involved in the carrying out of a LIP Project which provides a Mother-Toddler Child Development program, an

arts and crafts experience for teens and pre-teens, and a drop-in centre for teens. This project will have difficulty in continuing if LIP is discontinued on May 31st but the group intends to attempt to carry on.

For the summer on OFY grant will provide staff and funds for an on-going program involving inter-age groups. Through this the group hopes to help in bridging the gap between youth and adults by involving them in shared programs. Some of the activities will include taking adults and senior citizens on trips, helping them with their shopping and medical needs, arranging sports and other recreational activities on site and finding out what the needs of the people are by sharing experiences with them.

Each Thursday night interested citizens meet in the Portable on site to attend a planning program in which they determine what sorts of programs can be offered and are required, and at the same time call upon assistance from a volunteer in providing training in planning, organization skills and strategies to plan the future. From this has come a plan to continue the Mother-Toddler process through the summer with the personnel coming from the group itself. The program will include playground activities on the site for young children. Parks and Rec have provided play equipment and the Citizens' Group is preparing a garden and a picnic area. This program will be open to any mothers and tots who wish to come out of their apartments and share the site. It is hoped that Fathers too will come, and horseshoe pits, ball equipment are being made available for them.



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the Educational Scene

Provincial Budget ceiling seriously affects our schools

by GORD CRESSY and DOUG BARR

WARD 7 SCHOOL TRUSTEES

On May 3, the School Board's budget was finally settled. It has been a very painful process these past few months. The implication of the budget cuts will not be felt or seen until the fall. We can say with certainty that no teachers who have been with us a year or more will be laid off. However, it is also clear that there will be an increase in the size of classes.

In the final analysis, the ceilings imposed by the Provincial Government will negatively affect our inner city schools. Next year we must regain our autonomy as a local board — otherwise we will learn, all too soon that we are little more than puppets being manipulated by the Provincial Ministry of Education.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

The Vocational School Report has been passed by the Board of Education. We believe that the changes recommended in this report will fundamentally improve our schools. Copies of the report are available for \$1 from the Publications Department of the Toronto Board of Education at 362-4931. Board officials are now charged with implementing the first set of proposals. We invite

public reaction to the long-term recommendations.

NEW CANADIANS

Much has been written and said about our New Canadian population in the Toronto School system. Despite our best efforts we have failed to come to grips with the cultural differences that have been pointed out to us recently by Italian and Greek delegations.

The Board, at its May 3rd meeting, debated this issue at great length and made an historic decision. The Board recommended, in effect, that optional classes be provided for our young people for language instruction in their native language.

We believe this to be a sound policy change for much of the strength of our city lies in its differences. The preservation of native languages and culture combined with the acquisition of new ones must strengthen us all.

SPRING CAMPING

Many young people in our ward are busy raising money in all sorts of ways from raffles to bake sales to car washes so that they can go camping in June.

Each one of these programs has the students involved in planning, programming and evaluating. The idea of our staff and young people working together in our northern woods is a great one.

Learning does not occur only in the classroom. Let's hope the blackflies and mosquitoes aren't too bad this year!

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Hey, Mom!

by CATHERINE VERRALL

You little child is busy working away at the most stupendous job of his whole life . . . learning a language (or more than one, if he's lucky)! School expects him to have nearly mastered this amazingly complex task before he starts to read. So you, Mom, really are his "first and most important teacher". Here are some games to help you both have fun while he learns language by using it.

These are life-savers for times when you are waiting, like in a doctor's office, and there is nothing for a restless child to do.

I spy

"I Spy with my little eye, something that is red . . ." You chant this while the child guesses. You can answer, "The curtains are red, but that's not what I'm thinking of". When he guesses right, then it's his turn to think of something, and tell what colour it is.

Instead of colours, you could give another kind of clue, like a property: "I spy, with my little eye, something that is hot (or round, or sweet, or tells the time . . .) or a sound clue (helping him learn phonics) "I spy, with my little eye, something that starts with sssss" (or mmmmmm) (give the sound, not the letter name 'S or M)

WHAT DO YOU LIKE?

Round about and round about
Hot apple pie.
Kimmy likes ice-cream
And so do I!
You can make round-about motions for the first two lines and clapping motions for the last two lines.

Ask the child, "What does the cat like? What does Grampa like?"

HIDE-AND-REMEMBER GAMES

"Close your eyes and tell me what you are wearing."
"Close your eyes and tell me what I am wearing."

"Look at a picture, then close your eyes and tell me what you saw in the picture." When it is the adult's turn, the child will be delighted to know, what the adult cannot remember!

Lay a few objects side by side. While the child's eyes are closed, take one away. "Which one is hiding?" Start with 4, later add more.

"HIDE AND FEEL" GAMES

Put some objects in a bag, or a box, or your pocket . . . Without peeking, the child reaches in, feels, and bring out what you ask for . . . You could say "Find a spoon", or "Find something to eat with", or, "Find something that feels hard". Then you take a turn, so the child can give the orders.

NONSENSE GAMES

With nonsense games you can help the child use his imagination, learn the difference between real and pretend, and just have fun with words. Take turns making up verses.

I look through the window
and what do I see?
I see a
Smiling at me.
(could be a monkey or a dandelion or . . . Ask the child why that is funny).
I had a little cat
and I put it on the shelf
Then I played pretend
and it turned into an (elf).
I had a little (elf)
and I put it in a box
Then I played pretend
and it turned into a (fox)
(and so on and on . . .)

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Children gain from early experiences

by CATHY JONES

In the fall of 1971, a group of parents in the Don Vale area decided to have a co-op nursery school and they wanted it close to home so that the friendships that developed at school could continue at other times.

They decided to have it in the Don Vale Community Centre hoping that the location would add to the co-operative community atmosphere.

The group has already had a few graduates and about five of its members moved out of the area at the end of the first year. But new members were picked up as time went on.

In September, 1972, partly due to over-enrolment in the morning, an afternoon group was started. This year, many of the original two year olds will be going to junior kindergarten in the area, continuing with their familiar playmates.

The co-op members feel that the children have gained a lot from their early association with many other children and their parents. They have gained from the interests and skills of maybe 30 adults instead of just two or three professional teaching staff they might have had in an ordinary nursery school.

There is one full time paid teacher for each group who is responsible for the co-ordination of the school,



but is only part of the group in deciding policy.

The normal requirements are parent participation on a one day a week or one week in five basis and \$20 per child per month in fees.

However, both schools have been able to accept children whose parents couldn't put in teaching time or pay full fees. This was done when most of the other people involved were meeting requirements. This has made the school more available to people in the community.

There have been various fund-raising ventures to cover expenses, especially the purchase of toys and

they have a very well equipped nursery, a lot of things having been acquired with more ingenuity than money.

Both morning and afternoon schools have core groups that will be continuing next year. There are 20 to 25 spaces available for September. The group operates every week day in the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street.

For more information or to make arrangements to visit the school, call Cathy Jones at 929-9431 or Leslie Beckett at 921-7477. The school will recess for the summer at the end of June.

Health Centre proposed for South of Carlton area

by DON WEITZ

A community health centre or medical clinic might be set up in South of Carlton, or Moss Park — this year or next.

However, whether or not a health facility becomes a reality in these communities largely depends on what SOCCA (South of Carlton Community Action) and Moss Park Tenants Association decide to do about their health needs and problems. It also depends upon how they respond to outside builders' or developers' plans for their communities. Do they perceive these offers as challenges or threats?

Take a current example which directly affects both South of Carlton and Moss Park. A builder named Mr. M. Bem wanted to build a medical clinic at the corner of Ontario and Shuter. On March 16, he wrote a letter to Elsie Norton, SOCCA Chairman, stating this area was being "rezoned from residential to residential and commercial." In the letter, Mr. Bem made the following points:

- There's a "shortage of medical facilities in the area South of Carlton", and a "need for doctors and other health services;"

- He wants to build a "two-or-three storey building for 6-8 doctors, and would include a dispensary, medical lab and X-ray lab."

- Another possible site for the clinic might be "Moss Park apartments . . . the medical clinic would be within walking distance for over 4,000 people living in that area."

- He's "aware that SOCCA is planning a community health centre, but sees no threat of "competition" or "conflict of interest" between the proposed medical clinic and the health centre, and

- As "other medical units and doctor's offices open up in the area," the resulting competition would "improve the quality (of health care), and at the same time lower the cost of services. It is the public who would benefit . . ."

Significantly Mr. Bem left out any

mention of community involvement in the planning or control of the clinic.

SOCCA is not as confident or hopeful as Mr. Bem is. On April 5, Elsie Norton replied to Mr. Bem's proposal. In her letter, she voiced a number of SOCCA's concerns and requests about health care for the South of Carlton area.

- The medical facility should "serve this community (South of Carlton) and not serve merely as a low-rent office area for medical people with established practices and case-loads from outside the area."

- There should be "binding guarantees that your medical facility primarily serve the urgent medical needs of the existing South of Carlton community";

- SOCCA wants to take a three-year option to buy your medical facility;"

- Mr. Bem should provide "at no cost, 150 square feet for a dental clinic . . ."

- "It is essential that SOCCA participate in the selection of doctors who will be practising in your proposed facility to assure the kinds of medical services required by the community — especially the great need for general practitioners — will be provided."

On April 11, Mr. Bem wrote back and rejected SOCCA's "conditions". Instead, he approached Moss Park, specifically the Senior Citizens Association of

Moss Park Apartments (SCAMPA).

At a community meeting held on April, SCAMPA made it clear they definitely were interested in and supported Mr. Bem's proposed medical clinic and told him so. SCAMPA made the two major points:

- There's sufficient need in Moss Park to support both a community health centre and Mr. Bem's medical centre;

- There's a critical need for doctors now — near the Moss Park apartments, chiefly because of the large Senior Citizen population and their difficulties in getting around.

Len Mellow, a senior citizen in Moss Park, was nominated to report to SOCCA's Working Committee.

The FODARA Health Committee is also very interested in any health facility proposed, in the Don area. On April 27, Bill Lee, Health Committee Chairman, sent a letter to both the Moss Park Tenants' Association and SOCCA. In his letter, Mr. Lee suggested these two community groups first get together to discuss and resolve their mutual concerns and differences about the medical proposal before approaching Mr. Bem.

In a recent phone interview Mr. Lee emphasized that it is vitally important that community groups resolve their differences or conflicts first, and then stand united when dealing with "outsiders" (like Mr. Bem) who could disrupt or threaten a community.

Businessmen to hold contest

The Ward Seven Businessmen's Association, at their last meeting, approved in principle a plan to hold a "Live Better Contest", with \$1,500 in prizes, starting September 1st.

Entry forms will be available at participating member businesses and will be given away free to customers. Each week, the entry forms will be collected a weekly draw for \$50 will be made.

At the end of the contest period, all entries will be put in a large drum and a final draw will take place.

The winner of that draw will receive \$100 a month for one year.

The contest period is expected to run from September 1 to December 15 and the draw for the grand prize will take place at a dance to be held by the Businessmen's Association at St. Lawrence Hall.

Tickets for the dance will be \$2 and from the sale of these tickets it is hoped to recoup the cost of the contest. If there is any loss on the project, it will be underwritten by the Businessmen's Association.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

SUNDAY, MAY 13th

12 noon — High Park: Spring Music Festival with Horn, Downchild, Murray McLaughlin, Breathless and more — free.

MONDAY, MAY 14th

7pm — CRC (297 Carlton St) Sewing Classes — every monday night.

7:30 — Library House (265 Gerrard E) Play reading.

7:30 — CNH (349 Ontario St) SOCCA Working Committee Meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 15th

Dixon Hall (58 Sumach) Food Co-op. Orders in by Monday.

10 am — Library House (265 Gerrard E) Coffee Club — pre-school programme provided.

7pm — Library House (265 Gerrard E) Photography Workshop For teens 12-20. Learn to develop, print, use different types of cameras, video tape etc. Free — also 4pm Thursday

8pm — St. Lawrence Centre (27 Front St. E.) "Politics of Food" A panel programme discussing the various aspect of food prices from the farm to the table. Panelists include the National Farmers Union, and the Federal Food and Price Commission. Free — sponsored in co-operation with the Kraft Boycott Committee.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16th

7:30 Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) Annual General meeting of SEVEN NEWS. Everyone is invited to attend — refreshments provided.

7:30 — Library House (265 Gerrard E) Opinion "Educational Television." A sneak preview of an upcoming series on Canada and Canadians, produced by OECA. Panel discussion following the programme. Free — refreshments.

8:30 Backdoor Theatre (474 Ontario) 'The Hand that Cradles the Rock'. A comedy by Warren Graves — Wed. to Sunday. Phone 961-1505 for reservations.

THURSDAY, MAY 17th

6pm — Broadview Y (275 Broadview) Boys Soccer Club — also on Mondays.

7:30 — Parliament Library (406 Parliament) "Battleship Potemkin" — the classic Russian film of the Battle of Odessa. Free.

7:30 — Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) Self-Defence Classes — everyone welcomed.

FRIDAY, MAY 18th

10 am — Trefann Court SIP (440 Queen E) Rummage Sale — to 4:30

8pm — Library House (265 Gerrard E) Film Series "The Silent Era". Women in the early movies — "Girls in Danger" (a survey), "Story of the Serials", — free.

SATURDAY, MAY 19th

10:30 — Riverdale Library (370 Broadview) Stories for children also again at 2 pm.

2pm — Library House (265 Gerrard E) Poetry and Rap. Come and bring your writings, be prepared to criticize yours and others. Refreshments.

TUESDAY, MAY 22nd

3pm — Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) Adult Drop-In Everyone welcome — to 6 pm.

4pm — Parliament St. Library (406 Parliament) Art for children. In the boys and girls dept.

7:30 — CNH (349 Ontario) SOCCA General Meeting.

7:30 — Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) Euchre night every tuesday.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23rd

1:30 — Operation Family Rights — General meeting of all members at Eastminster United Church (310 Danforth Ave at the Chester Subway)

7:30 — Broadview Y (275 Broadview) Skin and Scuba Diving Course — \$60 for 13 weeks.

7:30 — Trefann Court SIP (440 Queen E) Adult Drop-In — Euchre, crib, rummy, checkers etc. every wednesday.

THURSDAY, MAY 24th

8pm — Library House (265 Gerrard E) House on Gerrard. An evening of poetry with Sam Johnson and Gerry Shikatani. Admission free.

SATURDAY, MAY 26th

2pm — Parliament St. Library (406 Parliament) Puppet show — "Cricor" in the Boys and Girls Dept. — free.

UPCOMING; June 4th — 8th - Welfare Rights Training Program. Anyone interested please phone Operation Family Rights for more information — 461-0321.

CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE (349 Ontario St). Spring and Summer Programs starting includes day and overnight camping plus other activities. Spring program: May 14 - June 29 (kids 5-12 yrs. old.) Summer Program July 9 — Aug. 17. Membership 75 cents. For further information contact Ann Bratton at 925-4363.

CONTINUING

OAK STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL: (203 Oak St.) Interested citizens of Oak area meet in the White Portable, to take part in planning programs. Input is provided in planning, organization, skills and strategy. The overall aim is to develop skills in determining our own future You are welcome to attend on Thursday nights — phone 864-1595 for more info.

COMMUNITY PAROLE: Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) A group looking for some alternative means of parolling inmates by integrating men and women just out of prison back into the community. Phone 924-9091.

DAP — DOWNTOWN ACTION PROJECT (293D Gerrard E.) Research services for community groups and individuals re: development in downtown area. Phone 924-8887 or drop in.

INJURED WORKMEN'S CONSULTANTS: (80 Winchester) Deal with Compensating claim problems. Phone 961-1260 or drop in. Also looking for volunteer interpreters.

NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION POST (265 Gerrard E) Referral service as well as dealing with problems around UIC, health, welfare and housing. Drop in or phone 924-2543.

OVERNIGHT DROP-IN (349 Ontario St.) Open Thurs to Sun midnight to 8 am.

LEGAL CLINICS

Tuesdays: Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) 6-8pm.

Thursdays: Neighborhood Information Post (265 Gerrard E) 7:30 - 9:30.

Mondays: Dixon Hall (58 Sumach) 6-8pm.

Don Vale dog lovers claim 'canine racism'

by NORMAN G. BROWNE
 In the face of reports that there is a "dog problem" in Don Vale, a group of local dog owners have banded together to write briefs, do research and suggest solutions to any problems that may exist.
 In a statement presented to a recent general meeting of Don Vale residents, the group branded a lot of the talk about problems with dogs as "canine racism". They define canine racism as "judging all dogs by the conduct of a few".
 "Generally speaking," said Mrs. Helen Coltrinari, a spokesman for the group, "dogs are divided into two classes: those which never leave the owner's property unless supervised, and those which are

allowed simply to run loose."
 Mrs. Coltrinari said that she and her group controlled their dogs at all times and looked with disfavour on dog owners who allowed their dogs to run loose.
 At the meeting, she outlined a number of positive aspects to controlled dog ownership:
 — All local parks are supervised 365 days a year by dog walkers. Dog walkers have a vested interest in seeing law and order maintained. Local police statistics will show that many reports of irregularities in parks are turned in by people walking their dog at night.
 — Dog owners are concerned about broken glass and will often pick up glass from the streets, sidewalks

and parks to prevent children and dogs from cutting themselves.
 — Dog owners use the neighbourhood parks every day and are not fair weather visitors or out-of-the-area visitors to local parks.
 — Dogs are a focal point for socializing, meeting people and thus learning what is going on in the area.
 — Dogs provide security and personal protection to individuals and families in their house. There are many break-ins in the area and dogs provide security in the home.

Mrs. Coltrinari stated that her group planned to present a full brief on methods of solving the dog problem at a later meeting. She stated a survey was being conducted to discover how many people in Don Vale owned dogs.

The meeting decided to have a flyer drawn up and passed out from door to door in Don Vale. The flyer would warn people that there was a problem with stray dogs in the area and that the Humane Society would be asked to come in a weeks time and pick up all stray dogs.

Don Valley Softball Schedule

BANTAM DIVISION SCHEDULE (13 to 15 year olds)

TEAMS: Dixon Hall, Kingsley-Pelham Park, Woodgreen Community Centre, Broadview YMCA, Don Vale Community Centre.

DATE	TEAMS	PARK
May 16	Dixon Hall vs Kingsley-Pelham	Riverdale
May 17	Woodgreen vs Broadview	Riverdale
May 23	Woodgreen vs Dixon Hall	Riverdale
May 24	Kingsley-Pelham vs Broadview	Riverdale
May 25	Dixon Hall vs Don Vale	Riverdale
May 29	Don Vale vs Kingsley-Pelham	Carlton
May 30	Don Vale vs Woodgreen	Riverdale
May 31	Broadview vs Dixon Hall	Riverdale
June 1	Kingsley-Pelham vs Woodgreen	Riverdale

MEN'S DIVISION SCHEDULE (16 years and up)

TEAMS: Cabbagetown Royals, M & T Tire (Woodgreen), Simpson-Sears, Don Vale Community Centre, Indian Centre, South Regent, Electric Tool and Motor, Dixon Hall, Howell Forwarding, and Wellington House (Dixon Hall).

DATE	TEAMS	PARK
May 14	Royals vs Wellington	Riverdale
May 15	M & T Tire vs Howell	Riverdale
May 16	Simpson-Sears vs Dixon Hall	McCleary
May 17	Don Vale vs Electric T & M	McCleary
May 22	Indian Ctr. vs S. Regent	Riverdale
May 22	Howell vs Royals	Riverdale
May 23	Dixon Hall vs Wellington	McCleary
May 24	Electric T & M vs M & T Tire	McCleary
May 24	Regent vs Simpson-Sears	Riverdale
May 25	Don Vale vs Indian Ctr.	Riverdale
May 28	Dixon Hall vs Royals	Riverdale
May 29	Howell vs Electric T & M	Riverdale
May 30	Wellington vs S. Regent	McCleary
May 31	M & T Tire vs Indian Ctr.	Riverdale
June 1	Simpson-Sears vs Don Vale	Riverdale

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Need players

by BARRY KEARNS

Registration for the Pee Wee and Bantam divisions in the Don Valley Softball Association is still open until May 16. The Pee Wee division takes boys from 10 to 12 years of age and the Bantam Division takes boys from 12 to 16 years.

Boys who would like to sign up for a team are asked to phone Dixon Hall and ask for myself or Chuck England. The number to call is 251-0571.

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SPEAKING OUT

Q: What do you think of the dog situation in Ward 7?

TOMMY LEMAY, 363 Shuter. A boy was chasing me in the school yard today and his dog bit me here on the arm. I fell over and bumped my head. I got a needle from a nurse. I have a dog and his name is Teddy. He only bites when somebody hits us. I like to see dogs playing together but I don't like them fighting.



WILLIAM SHANNON, 146 Hampton Ave. I think every dog should be on a leash. They're very affectionate little things, but to roam wild, I can't see it. I was attacked by dogs ten years ago on Jones Ave., but Lassie's a very good lovely dog and doesn't bite.



SUSAN RAINTHORPE, Regal Pet Store, 785 Queen E. People who come in here take extra special care of their dogs. But some people also feed dogs that don't belong to anyone and more or less live on the street. I don't have a dog because I don't have time to take care of one, especially in an apartment.



THOMAS HAMILTON, 814 Broadview. There's a lot of dog dirt around here. I just sweep it into the gutter. From my point of view it's bad. There's too many strays running around and nobody seems to be doing too much about it. They run at me sometimes, but I've never been bitten.



MRS. LORETTA PAQUIN, 256 Seaton. I don't own a dog because I've got a kitten. I'm absolutely terrified of dogs. If a person has a dog, they should be able to keep it in their own yard, not roaming the streets. I've been bitten by a dog, but it was out west.



ROBERT BIRNIE, Don Vale mail route. I like dogs. I haven't really been bothered, but I know carriers who have had a lot of trouble. One guy I know carried rocks around in his bag. If we're threatened we're supposed to bypass the house and notify our supervisor. I've noticed quite a bit of dog shit all over the lawns round here.

