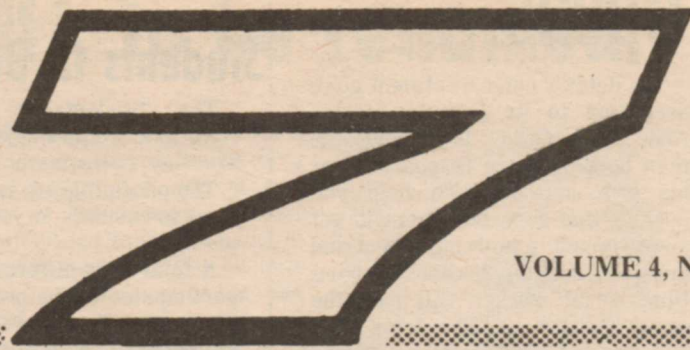


A SEVEN NEWS editorial Meeting is being held this Sunday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St. Everyone welcome to attend. DEADLINE for the next issue is Monday, NOON!, July 23. Drop copy at 80 Winchester St., 265 Gerrard St. E. or the Broadview YMCA.



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The temperature hit 90 last week but these youngsters found a way to cool off. The Jodi Phillips Pool opened two weeks ago in Regent

Park and so far has proved itself under constant testing.

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Gov't stalling on FODARA grant

by MICHAEL STUART

The Federation of Don Area Residents' Associations, (F.O.D.A.R.A.) went to Queen's Park again, Thursday, July 5th, forty-strong, in an effort to speak with Premier William Davis about its grant.

Premier Davis' Government had delayed for six months any answer to F.O.D.A.R.A.'s application for the second year of funding for the Community Secretariat, when F.O.D.A.R.A. decided to send a further delegation to Queen's Park at its regular Board meeting, Wednesday, July 4th.

Despite a moral commitment on the part of the provincial government, despite deputations to Rene Brunelle and the Honorable Robert Welch, and despite countless assurances by numerous "aides" and Ministers, F.O.D.A.R.A. still had no official communication from the province about its funding.

So the Board decided to go to Queen's Park to straighten things out.

The first person F.O.D.A.R.A. saw was a man called Ferdinand, an "aide" to Premier Davis. This fellow spent a great deal of time talking but finally produced a letter from the Honorable Mr. Brunelle offering F.O.D.A.R.A. \$3,500, instead of the \$10,000 due, (more than three months after the beginning of the fiscal year!)

Then the group went to the Honorable Robert Welch's office, to remind him of a promise he had made to check into the problem and call back. He didn't call back.

Mr. Welch had also promised to provide reasons for any reduction of the grant. Mr. Welch is Mr. Brunelle's superior and Mr. Brunelle's letter provided no reasons.

At Mr. Welch's office the group met with Mr. Nywening, Mr. Welch's "aide", who claimed the decision to lower F.O.D.A.R.A.'s grant was a "cabinet decision" and so, Nywening said, F.O.D.A.R.A. should appeal to Premier Davis.

So the group returned to Davis' personal conference room where they'd been led before. And they talked with a "Mr. Rowan", another "aide" to Premier Davis. He said that Mr. Nywening was wrong! That this was Mr. Brunelle's affair. That Mr. Davis was not responsible!

And this is exactly why F.O.D.A.R.A. went to see Premier Davis: Because so many "aides" have produced so many conflicting stories, and even appealing to two different Cabinet Ministers produced nothing until a third visit was forced!

So Mr. Rowan said he would look

into the affair and set a tentative appointment for F.O.D.A.R.A., at 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 13th, with Premier Davis, if the matter were not settled by then.

Finally, the group decided to go and see Mrs. Margaret Scrivener, M.P.&P., St. David's to ask that she send a letter of support to Premier Davis, asking him to meet and discuss this affair with F.O.D.A.R.A., as well as supporting the full \$10,000 grant. Mrs. Scrivener said she would be glad to do that.

Phone 923-9869 for the latest on this matter.

City to fund two local housing repair groups

by KARL JAFFARY

The City Council activities seem to be slowing down for the summer, but I can make progress reports on a mixed bag of items. One is that Metro Council is trying to get the development on top of the Bloor-Broadview subway station and on that corner property north of Danforth between Cambridge and Broadview. It is a little hard to know what to expect because what happens is that Metro Council advertises for long-term lease proposals for the land and when it gets proposals in it then has a chance to look at them and see what they are going to be. It is essentially the air rights over the subway station that are being offered on the east side of Broadview. On the west side the proposals will be for the whole of the corner property although it is proposed that the buildings be set back far enough from Danforth as to leave some open space in front of it. We do not have any details on any of these proposals at the moment because of course nothing has come in and it is possible no proposals will be received. If and when they are received, I will report to you.

We seem to have been able to take some effective action in providing funds for the house repair groups.

LATE FLASH:

As of late Thursday FODARA received word from Premier Davis that it would receive \$8,000 and no more. Apparently the Provincial Gov't is phasing out this type of program.

The two groups of greatest interest to Ward 7 are Neighbourhood Renewal which operates on the east end of the river and Don West Neighbours who operate out of Central Neighbourhood House. Both of these groups had LIP funding up until the end of May and that was paying for their employees. The City was making a contribution so that the cost of materials could be paid for. All of the houses fixed up by both groups are referred by the Housing Standards Division and they tend to be cases where the house had to be fixed but the people who own it do not have any money. The crisis really came when the LIP programme stopped.

The City did everything it could to get the programmes extended. It finally got word that that had happened. We have therefore granted an additional \$25,637.75 to Neighbourhood Renewal and an additional \$22,151.50 to Don West Neighbours. That should permit both groups to operate at the same level as they are now operating until the further LIP grant runs out. We have also put money in the City Accounts so that if the LIP programme is not extended further we will be able to keep them going until the end of the calendar year. There seems to be a general feeling around City Hall that groups of this sort are very useful and they are a necessary part of any programme of fixing up houses. The Chinese community conference runs a similar programme in the east central part of the city. We have provided some further funds as a start up amount in the hope that we can get other groups started out in the west end.

Low income housing corporation formed

NEWS ROUNDUP

Laneway School is now accepting applications for the fall term. Located at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach street, it is a community school with an individualized, structured setting and emphasis on reading and writing. For info, phone 363-4767. . . Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach street, is holding a self-defense class every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. at a \$1 a lesson. . . Mrs. E. Fournier, active in Seven News and in the South St. Jamestown struggle, is seeking a 3 bedroom house for not more than \$250 a month in the Don District. Phone her at 962-1975. . .

Bob Naysmith, 29, a resident of St. Jamestown, has been taken on staff at SEVEN NEWS to handle distribution of the paper. Any problems or complaints about distribution should be directed to him at 920-8632. . .

A Don Area Housing Corporation has been formed to provide low income housing for the Don District. Experts in the fields of architecture, structural engineering, building maintenance and plain interested citizens are being sought to serve on the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Their next meeting is Thursday, July 19, at 8 p.m. at 249 Gerrard East or phone Michael Stuart at 923-9869. . .

JUST PUBLISHED: 2 O'Clock Rap is 70 mimeographed pages of poetry and short stories written by local residents who attend the Saturday Poet's Workshop at the Parliament Library House. Edited by Flo Murray, a limited edition of 500 copies are available free from the Parliament Library

or Library House at 265 Gerrard East. . .

The SEVEN NEWS Board of Directors has set a budget of \$19,000 to keep the paper publishing with its present staff compliment through to the fall of 1974. The Board is looking into the best ways to raise this amount to keep the paper going. . .

Graham Scott has verbally tendered his resignation as President of the St. David NDP Riding Association. Liz Valleau is acting President until an election meeting can be held. . .

The St. Jamestown Nursery School is holding up new registration pending word from the Metro Department of Social Services on funding. Credited with keeping the nursery school concept alive are Joyce Jardine, Pat Kennedy, Rita Albert, Sharon Eng, Helen Melanson and Jane Moran. . .

SEVEN NEWS is moving to larger offices on the main floor of the Don Vale Community Centre. Donations of bricks are being sought for the building of a set of large, open shelves for the new office. If you have any suitable around to donate, phone 920-8632 for a pick-up. . .

Backdoor Theatre Workshop, 474 Ontario St., is taking a short comedy and musical package on a free tour to nursing homes institutions and community groups this summer. The tour is running from July 9 to August 31 and bookings can be arranged by calling 961-1505 or 964-1513. . .

The newly formed Scarborough Expressway Coalition which is seeking to stop the construction of the Scarborough Expressway is dominated by Ward Seven groups. Active in the Coalition are GRO and resident associations in Trefann, South Cabbagetown, South of Carlton, South-east Parliament and Don Vale. . . Spokesman for the Coalition is Dallard Runge, a Don Vale resident and recent Aldermanic candidate in Ward Eight. . .

Project Landlord is still looking for interested people who are willing to rent rooms to recently discharged patients of the Queen Street Mental Health Centre. Anyone with rooms available is asked to contact Mary Ann Archer at 533-8501, Ext. 466. . .

The Jamestown Table Tennis Club is now officially underway. It operates out of the 240 Wellesley Auditorium from 6:30 to 11 every Monday and Wednesday evenings. To join, attend a session and ask for Cliff, Al or Robin. . .

The Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview at Gerrard has been chosen to house the Chinese language collection now being assembled to meet the needs of the over 8,000 Chinese-Canadian people now living in Toronto's east end. Formal opening of the Collection will be in late September. . .

The Family Information Centre is running a Monday afternoon Mother and Child as well as Birth Control Clinic at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St. No appointment is necessary. For info phone 967-4441. . .

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Detox Centre Opens

by DON WEITZ

After almost two months of delay, St. Michael's Hospital officially opened its detox unit on July 3. The detox is located at 314 Adelaide Street E., just a few doors west of Sherbourne; its phone no. is 360-6640.1 and its' open 24 hrs. a day, and has 20 beds.

The detox is for drunken men only who want to 'dry out' and get back on their feet again. If you're drunk and want to dry out, or feel you have a heavy drinking problem and want to get off the booze, you can drop in yourself (CALL FIRST TO SEE IF THEY HAVE A BED AVAILABLE.), or be referred by St. Mike's or any other hospital, clinic or social agency. Police at 51 Division have also agreed to take drunken men they find on the street or who come to the station to be detox. You can be admitted anytime and can stay a maximum of 7 days.

While you're a resident (the detox staff refuse to call you a 'patient') at the detox, you'll have to dry out without drugs, unless your doctor has already prescribed a drug for you. The detox has no doctor on duty and gives no medical treatment. If the staff think you need medical care or emergency treatment, (especially if you've got the DT's or suffer from seizures) they'll send you first to St. Mike's; then you can come back to the detox.

The detox's chief treatment goal, according to its Director, Sister Anne Marie Carey, is to "help the man become more responsible for his own actions." To help you achieve that goal, the staff will get you involved in both individual and group counselling sessions—a part-time social worker will lead the group discussions. The detox staff will find out whether or not you're serious about getting off the booze, if you have any other serious medical, personal or family problems which demand immediate care, and then probably refer you to another agency or clinic where you can get the necessary treatment.

Or, they might send you to Alpha House, a halfway house for men with drinking problems; it's set to open soon near the corner of Broadview Ave. and Hogarth St.

The detox has seven on staff—a Director (Sister Anne Marie), a Supervisor (Al Boyle) and five Nursing Attendants who have been specially trained for detox work. At least two staff people are on during any 8-hr. shift. Some AA members have already agreed to serve as volunteers for the detox; eventually the detox will have different AA people from different AA groups in the city there each night.

The AA volunteers will offer (not pressure) to take any man who's interested to an AA meeting. However, other volunteers to help out with the library, cleaning or just rapping with the residents are also welcome.

So far, it looks like spending some time in the detox is a lot better than being left to rot or being charged with drunkenness and taken to the "drunk tank". Perhaps, the St. Mike's Detox together with the planned halfway house is a step in the right direction toward helping men get out of the life-soul destroying problems of alcoholism and the maddening referral games known as the "revolving door" syndrome.

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NEWS ACROSS THE WARD
Students in Business program a success

The "Students In Business" pilot program initiated by the Riverdale Youth Project II has been proved a success reports Harry MacKay, co-ordinator of the Project.

The pilot program had 92 student-workers work one school day per week in business, in jobs usually related to their school courses for \$2 per hour.

A total of 24 different firms in government, business and industry participated in the program by hiring students for one day a week. The majority of the students hired were highly evaluated by their employers and 24 of the students were given summer jobs while 4 graduating students were hired full-time by their employer.

As a school drop-out prevention program, the project also proved to be a success as the student workers managed to retain their average classroom mark despite missing a day a week from school. Of the participating students, 60 per cent indicated a desire to complete their secondary schooling.

A new program for 200 Riverdale area secondary school potential dropouts will be started this fall. Co-ordinator of the new program is Don Fisher, Business and Commercial Director of the Toronto Board of Education. For information, phone him at 362-4931, ext. 609.

Co-op Day Care opens in Don Vale

by PAULINE DESJARDINS and ANITA STEINER

The Downtown Daycare Project, a co-operative daycare centre, is temporarily located at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street for the months of July and August.

A permanent location is being sought for the fall and the co-op may locate anywhere in the downtown area.

Over a six month period, in conjunction with the church of the Holy Trinity, interested parents have formed a co-op, collected basic equipment, and been awarded OFY money to staff the centre. A constitution has been ratified and the co-op intends to incorporate in the very near future.

The co-op is presently inviting new membership. Fees have been set for the summer at \$15 per week and the centre is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Anyone interested in this service is asked to contact Christa Prydatok or Pauline Desjardins at 921-7152.

Health Centre may be set up in a year

by DON WEITZ

A community health centre for people in the Don district may be set up and run by local residents within a year. At present, the FODARA Health Committee has created a sub-committee to draft a brief on all aspects of the idea. The brief should be completed and presented to the FODARA Board of Directors at its meeting on July 18. Copies of the draft brief will be distributed for discussion to community groups in the Don area at a later date.

If you live or work in the Don district and want to help out or want to improve health services in the area, come to the next Health Committee Meeting. It will be held on July 25 at 7:30 p.m. at 249 Gerrard St. E. For more info, phone the Community Secretariat at 923-9860.

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Dunlop Site Park to be renamed

by KARL JAFFARY

There was a meeting on the naming of the park on the old Dunlop Site two weeks ago and it was finally decided to name the park "Jimmie Simpson Park". Jimmie Simpson was born in Lancashire, England in 1873 and came with his parents to Canada in 1887. The family lived at the corner of Dundas and Ontario Streets. Mr. Simpson snr. was a stonemason and worked on the building of the Old City Hall. James Simpson first worked in Kemp's Tinware Factory and earned a good reputation for

fast workmanahip. He then got a job in the composing room of a Toronto newspaper and was a member of the historic printers strike which led to the founding of the Toronto Daily Star. He became a journeyman compositor. In 1895 he joined the editorial department as a municipal reporter. He was first elected to the Board of Education in 1905 and became chairman of the Board. He was elected Mayor in 1935 and was always a tireless fighter for the rights of the workers in the City, and, indeed, around the world.



JIMMIE SIMPSON

Poet's Group in its sixth year

by TED PLANTOS

The poet's Discussion Group or 2 o'clock Rap began at the Parliament Street Library in 1967. The idea was initiated by Sadie Jordan who was Head Librarian at the time, and found its impetus in a small group of poets and poem writers who were involved in other Library oriented poetry and cultural activities at the time.

Originally it began on a 'workshop' basis with the individual members bringing along a minimum of six copies of poems that they wanted opinions on. These were usually new poems that were too fresh in their minds for their own objective opinion.

These workshops took place on Saturday afternoons in the upstairs kitchen of the Library; the Library House was not in existence at the time.

The Parliament Street Library, even at that time, had sort of a reputation for its interest in poets and poetry. Several well-known

Canadian poets had read at the Library, including Irving Layton, E. J. Pratt, Joe Rosenblatt and Gwendolyn MacEwan.

Younger poets, like myself, were given the opportunity to read at the Library's 'summer festivals'.

One of the early off-springs of the group was the establishment of the New Writers' Workshop which later instigated poetry activities throughout the city. This group played a major role in establishing Toronto as the poetry centre of Canada; and its guiding philosophy of extending support and encouragement to poets had its roots in the group activities like the Saturday Poet's Workshop.

The interest in poetry and the Saturday Workshop grew to the extent that it became necessary to include people of varying interests in poetry. There were people whose main interest was in the discussion of poetry and those who write for therapy and or pleasure, and those who wanted to be poets.

Over the years the Parliament Street Library has extended its support and encouragement to these people. In the last three years, Florence Murray, a member of the Library staff, has conducted the 2 o'clock Poetry Rap and has given the group oriented direction.

Warehouse Theatre at Backdoor

Warehouse Theatre, a new repertory company in Montreal will be appearing at The Backdoor Theatre Workshop at 474 Ontario St., July 18-22 at 8:30 p.m. They will be presenting a two act play called, Green Julia by Paul Ableman. The 18th will be pay what you can night, and ticket prices for the other nights will be \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 students. For reservations call 961-1505.

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Cabbagetowners win five bouts

Cabbagetowners wins five bouts Derek Kikot, Mark Givoque, Bobby Bland and Ricky Bender, all boys from the Cabbagetown Boxing Club, will represent Ward Seven in the Canadian Boxing Championships being held this week end in Edmonton, Alberta.

In their most recent match, boys from the Cabbagetown Boxing Club were victorious in 5 of 7 bouts in which they fought. Over 325 people were in attendance and three knockouts were recorded. Bouts were: John Hood, 65 lbs. of Cabbagetown vs Allan Bostrum, 77 lbs. of Oakville. Winner: Bostrum—split decision.

Louie Carter, 115 lbs. of Cabbagetown vs Jim Smith, 115 lbs. of Sudbury. Winner: Carter—split decision.

Mike Scott, 131 lbs. of Cabbagetown vs Tony Thompson, 125 lbs. of Camp Borden. Winner: Scott—unanimous decision.

Ricky Bender, 95 lbs. of Cabbagetown vs Russell Bradley, 93 lbs. of Ajax. Winner: Bender—split decision.

Steve (Indian) Bandura, 147 lbs. lbs. of D'Amico. Winner: Gismonti—split decision.

Derek (Duke) Kikot, 151 lbs. of Cabbagetown vs Kim Ross, 153 lbs of Sudbury. Winner: Kikot—1st round KO.

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"This Sub-Committee sees itself as being not so much in the business of finding remedies for perceived congestion as attempting to improve the quality of life downtown for all workers, residents and visitors, especially, by making recommendations about the movement of people and goods. To this end we feel that it is essential to achieve the following:

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- (3) An increase in the facility with which goods can be delivered.
- (4) A substantial improvement in the ease of pedestrian movement."

The purpose of the meeting called for July 19 is to provide an opportunity for public discussion of the objectives in the statement, so that the recommendations of the Task Force may be as consistent as possible with the wishes of those who might be most affected by any resulting legislation.

The meeting will have an open format with the emphasis being upon public participation in full discussion of the objectives, their implications, and possible means of implementation. It will be possible to make formal presentations at the meeting but notice of these: must be given to Mr. D. Thomas, City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Toronto M5H 2N2, Telephone 367-7033 by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 17.

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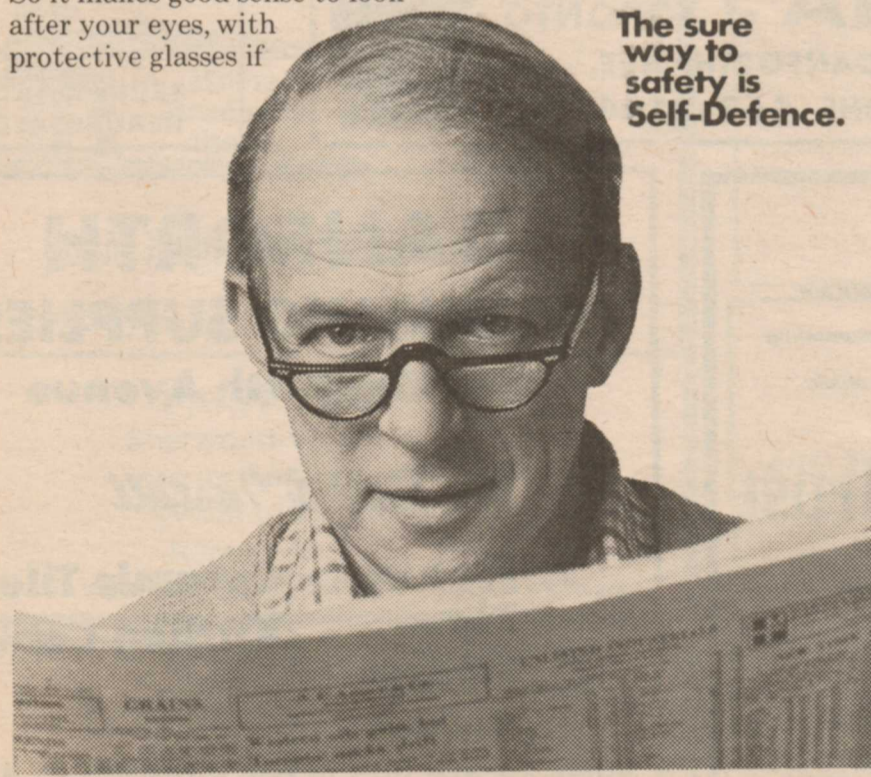
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Closing lane south of Shuter Street, easterly from the lane east of Parliament Street.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto proposes to pass a by-law to stop up and close the lane 125 feet south of Shuter Street extending easterly from the lane 100 feet east of Parliament Street.

Notice is also hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto proposes by the aforesaid by-law to authorize the leasing of the stopped up and closed public highway to Trefann Homes Corporation.

The proposed by-law and plan showing the land to be affected may be seen in my office in the City Hall.

At its meeting to be held at the City Hall on Wednesday, August 1, 1973, at 10:30 a.m., the City of Toronto Executive Committee will hear in person, or by his or her counsel, agent or solicitor, any person who claims that his or her lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

Dated this 4th day of July, 1973.
G. T. BATCHELOR, City Clerk.

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