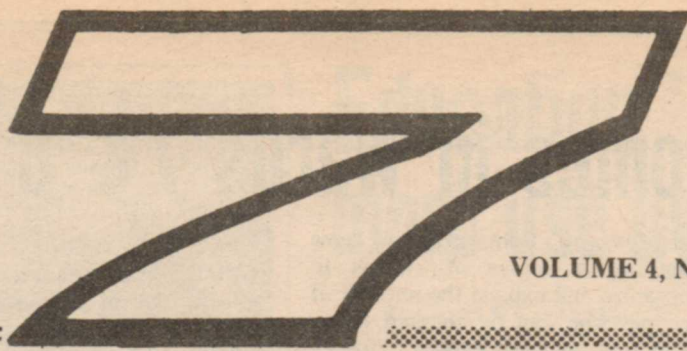


NEXT ISSUE
The Next issue of SEVEN NEWS will be published over the week end of Sept. 7. Copy must be in to the SEVEN NEWS office by noon, Sept. 3. Deliver copy to 80 Winchester street if possible. An editorial meeting will be held Aug. 26 and also on Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at 80 Winchester. Everyone is welcome.



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TREFANN UNDER SECRET INVESTIGATION

Ottawa holds up funds pending CMHC report

by MARGARET SCRIVENER, MPP
Riding of St. David

On August 15, I discovered that the Honourable Ronald Basford, Minister of State for Urban Affairs, had ordered a secret investigation of the Trefann Court Renewal Scheme, and that this investigation is being conducted by officials of the local Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation office.

The effect that this investigation is having upon Trefann Court is negative in the extreme. It is my understanding that until the investigation is completed and the report forwarded to Ottawa, Federal approval of Phase II of the scheme will not be given, nor Federal funds made available. Indeed, Mr. Basford has been publicly quoted as stating that there would be no Federal loans made available for the Trefann Court Urban Renewal Scheme until Ottawa is satisfied that "the taxpayers' interest is protected".

Trefann has been subjected to so many crises, that readers of Seven News may not realize that its struggles have been ongoing since 1965, when the neighbourhood was first designated an area for redevelopment. It was in 1968 when the original proposal was withdrawn and a second scheme initiated. Five successive Toronto City Councils and Trefann Court residents have worked very hard to resolve the problems affecting the area.

As the plan for redevelopment of the area emerged, it was drawn in two phases, with the work to be ongoing for a period of about five years.

In June, 1972, the Minister of State for Urban Affairs, the Honourable Ronald Basford, signed the Phase I implementation agreement in Toronto committing \$1,077,401 in federal funds for the scheme. He declared that the Trefann Court urban renewal process was serving "as an example and illustration of what we hope will be good housing and urban renewal policy". He also stated that the Trefann plan would be a model for the proposed urban renewal legislation, and commended members of the Trefann Court Working Committee for "having the courage and intestinal fortitude" to say "No" to the original plan which was withdrawn in 1968.

On October 27, 1972 the Honourable Charles Macnaughton, then Minister of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs, approved the scheme on behalf of the Province of Ontario and forwarded the plan to Ottawa.

It is interesting to note that according to the Minutes of the Trefann Court Working Committee of October 5, 1972, the Honourable Donald S. Macdonald, Federal Member for the area, had informed representatives of the group that once the province has given its approval, Federal officials would give "a quick approval" to Phase II.

Although local Central Mortgage and Housing officials have examined the plan in great detail,

are in agreement with Phase II of the Scheme, and have informed City Council that they are prepared to recommend the further allocation of the remaining \$2,462,599. in the total Federal commitment of \$3,540,000, the needed approval from Federal authorities has not been forthcoming.

This delay is unwarranted and unreasonable, and is resulting in very serious consequences for the area. Apart from the fact that non-release of Federal funds means that 16 sorely-needed houses cannot be built in the north-west sector of Trefann, the delay is also jeopardizing the scheme through escalating land and building prices and unforeseen "white-painting", also, private rehabilitation of houses now in sub-standard condition becomes increasingly difficult.

Because of this I have written Mr. Basford as follows:

"Dear Mr. Minister:
"According to statements attributed to you in an article published in the Toronto Star on August 13th, 1973, you announced that there would be no Federal loans made available for the Trefann Court Urban Renewal Scheme until Ottawa is satisfied that "the taxpayer's interest is protected".

"You may not realize that it has taken a number of years to bring this project to its present state of development, and approvals and financial commitments for Phase I were given by all three governmental levels more than a year ago, with approvals for Phase II of the development forthcoming from the City and Province many months ago. In face of this, your decision to delay this project is tantamount to a disaster for those who have worked so long and diligently to improve the area and provide much-needed housing for families.

"Therefore, as the Provincial Member representing the people of Trefann, I would implore you to give your speedy approval to this project. If, unhappily, your government is having second thoughts about its commitment and wishes to withdraw, then I think it is only fair that you make this position clear. Otherwise, it would be extremely unfortunate to add to the future housing problems of the people concerned.

"I earnestly hope that you will reconsider your decision and will issue instructions to permit the Trefann Court Urban Renewal Scheme to go full speed ahead.

"May I have your comments on this matter."

It is my earnest hope that Mr. Basford will respond favourably to this appeal.



The St. Jamestown medical centre officially opened early last week. Located in two adjacent apartments on the ground floor at 200 Wellesley East, the Centre will have doctor's offices, examining rooms and will

be staffed by one doctor, two nurses, a social worker and two receptionists. It will serve the 8,300 people in St. Jamestown as well as the people living in South St. Jamestown.

Photo by emil kolompár

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

7 NEWS to canvass ward Seven door to door to raise \$14,000

For the first time in the history of Ward Seven, a community organization based within the Ward will conduct a ward-wide, door to door canvass to raise funds.

The Board of Directors of Seven News, Inc., made the decision to conduct a canvass early in August after a number of meetings with community leaders and after evaluating the results of a questionnaire on the subject printed in the last issue of SEVEN NEWS.

The target figure for the SEVEN NEWS Fund Raising Campaign is \$19,000 of which \$14,000 will be raised through door-to-door canvassing within the ward. All funds raised, over and above campaign expenses will be used to pay staff salaries and any losses the paper might incur during the year of publication starting in September.

The SEVEN NEWS Fund Raising Campaign will be a highly sophisticated, professional operation based on the model of an election campaign.

Ward Seven is divided up into around 150 polling subdivisions, each of which contains approximately 200 households. Canvassers are being recruited and each canvasser will canvass one poll. Every 10 or 12 polls will be grouped into a zone with a Zone Captain to oversee and co-ordinate the work being done by the canvassers in that zone. The actual canvass itself will take place during the week of September 22.

The canvass of the ward will be co-ordinated by Jeff Gottschalk, a

local resident who has had previous organizing experience. He will be working full time through to the end of the campaign early in October from a special office set up in the basement of the Don Vale Community Centre.

Besides the door-to-door canvass, which is expected to raise the bulk of the \$19,000 target, a number of smaller, specialized campaigns will be conducted as part of the larger main fund-raising campaign.

- Foundations and Corporations across Canada will be sent a brief requesting grants.

- Private individuals, "Friends of 7 News", living outside the ward will be sent a letter and phoned for donations.

- A campaign is being conducted to solicit subscriptions from individuals, organizations and

agencies outside the ward.

- A special campaign is being conducted to raise money from teachers working in schools within the ward.

- A request for a donation of some sort will be made to every industry in Ward Seven.

These smaller campaigns are expected to raise an additional \$5,000. Each of the smaller campaigns is being run by a separate committee and volunteers are being recruited to help out. The total number of people to be involved in the whole Fund Raising campaign will be close to 250 and a budget of \$1,000 has been set to make sure it is a success.

Anyone who would like to help out in some small way; be it phoning, stuffing envelopes, canvassing, etc. is asked to phone the SEVEN NEWS Campaign Office at 920-8633.

Meridian fights cockroach problem in St. Jamestown

Meridian is making an all-out effort to rid its buildings in St. Jamestown of cockroaches. A professional firm of fumigators has been called in, tenants have been notified and an apartment by apartment fumigating campaign is underway.

One problem reported was that of Polynesian tenants who view cockroaches as a fertility symbol and think they are a "good thing to have around." Some of these tenants were reportedly resisting efforts by Meridian to fumigate their apartments. However, Meridian has the backing of the Department of Health and sees no problem.

Meridian is taking a hard line with its tenants in order to fumigate all the apartments in each building. If a tenant won't move his furniture away from the walls and empty his pantry and closets, Meridian will do it for him and charge him \$10. Also if an apartment door is chain locked and Meridian hasn't been given a key, they promise to cut the lock off.

MEETING AUG. 29

Expressway to level 400 homes in wards 7 & 8

by LINDA TORNEY

Members of the Greater Riverdale Organization have been working throughout the summer to inform the community of a mass meeting to oppose the Scarborough Expressway. The meeting will be held at Monarch Park school on August 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Charlotte Stuart, Chairman of the GRO Expressway Committee, says that members of Metro Council will be invited to add the residents' opinions to their planning data on the proposed expressway.

"We know that the decision makers on Metro Council have read numerous reports, but we feel that those reports are incomplete without their having heard the specialized information of the people who will be most affected," says Charlotte. "We know best how the expressway will affect us."

Area meetings were held by GRO throughout the community during July and August. These meetings gave the local residents the opportunity to say "for" or "against". The Greater Riverdale Organization reports that the result of the meeting was an overwhelming "NO EXPRESSWAY"

On August 14, the proposed new route of the Scarborough Expressway was presented to the public and Metro Council Executive by the Deleuw Cather Consulting Firm. The study, prepared at a reported cost of \$50,000, recommends a 6-lane route along the south side of the CNR tracks to

Construction would be partly the "cut and cover" method used in the construction of the Yonge Street subway and partly an open, depressed highway.

The report states that 469 homes would be lost along the new route, and in response to a question from Alderman Fred Beavis, the spokesman for the consulting firm said that 409 of these homes are located in Wards 7 and 8.

In addition to the homes, the new route would destroy 13 industries and 40 commercial outlets, for a total loss of 1600 jobs.

"So now we know that Metro Council is looking at an expressway that begins in the city core and ends at Birchmount," says Norm Thomas, GRO Planning and Development Committee Chairman. "We know that land and people in Wards 7 and 8 are going to be the means by which thousands of automobiles and trucks are moved daily along a 6-lane ditch."

"The question is, is the combustion engine the last word in transportation? Do we have to have a city that tries to copy every major American city to move people and goods from one place to another? And if the majority of our Metro politicians are committed to social values, what values are inherent in an expressway which offers the people of Wards 7 and 8 no tangible benefits?"

Having determined public opinion on the expressway issue, the GRO

Expressway Committee is now holding a series of rallies to organize and expand the number of people who can be counted on as opposing an expressway through Riverdale. Translators for Greek, Italian and Chinese speaking residents are available at all the rallies, and volunteers are distributing multi-lingual leaflets in

the community.

All of those who attended area rallies, and others interested in stopping the expressway are asked to meet at Monarch Park School on August 29. Hopefully, this Mass Meeting will be the beginning of the end of the Scarborough Expressway.

NEWS ROUND UP

Local residents guests at Ottawa reception

BORN to school trustee Gord Cressy and his wife Marsha, on Saturday, August 11, a bouncing baby girl, Jillian, a sister for Jennifer. Both parents are doing well.

Dixon Hall will be closed August 24 to September 5 for maintenance reasons as well as staff holidays. The annual Cabbagetown Ball is tentatively scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 13.

A height limitation is now in effect for the South of Carlton area. If a builder wants to build higher than 45 feet, he will have to present his plans to a meeting of the South of Carlton Working Committee for comments from the community. If the Working Committee doesn't like the plans they can refuse to support him. If they like the building, a site plan by-law can be drawn up to allow him to build.

BUSINESS NOTES: The head office for CBC Radio Noon is moving into the second floor at 517 Parliament Street. It was formerly a pool room. A Pet Store is opening at 539 Parliament and a Barbershop has opened next door at 541 Parliament. With so many competing Barber shops on Parliament street, a mild price war is in effect and you can still

get a good haircut for \$1. . . . Those red squares marked on the sidewalk up and down Parliament Street are where trees will be placed. They will be moved over on the night of September 12 from the Yonge Street Mall when it closes down. Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street needs skilled volunteers for its fall youth program. Phone 863-0499. Riverdale Hospital at Gerrard and Broadview needs volunteers. Phone 461-8251, local 225. Lou Elias at the Don Vale Crisis Centre, 80 Winchester street needs volunteers to man their office. Call him at 962-1200.

NOTED IN PASSING: The fire alarm bells in the OHC buildings in St. Jamestown do not ring through to the fire department. If there's a fire, the fire department has to be phoned direct by someone in the building. . . . **SOCIAL NOTES:** Al and Mina Baldwin of Injured Workmen's Consultants and Pat Rice of the Cabbagetown Coffee Shop were recent guests of Pierre and Margaret Trudeau at a reception held by them for the Queen and Prince Philip in Ottawa to mark the opening of the Commonwealth Conference.

Board adopts free weekend use of schools

by DOUG BARR and GORD CRESSY
Ward 7 School Trustees

As we approach the time to go back to school, we thought it important to bring you up to date on events at the School Board during the summer.

SACKVILLE SCHOOL

The future of Sackville School is again in doubt. Sackville school is the oldest public school in Toronto. A year ago when it was rumoured that Sackville school would close, parents, school personnel and area residents combined forces and persuaded the Board of Education to keep the school open.

However, enrollment has continued to drop so that this fall there could be as few as 60 students. Many of us hope that the Part II Planning Study being done of the area by the City will recommend long-term, low cost, family housing. In the meantime, the future of this historical school hangs in the balance.

We will be meeting with local parents and school personnel early in the Fall to try and come up with a solid solution to this problem. Your ideas would be helpful.

TUTORING

Many young people want very much to improve their basic school subjects. Most teachers are willing to give extra time to help their students. However, at least two local agencies are willing to conduct free tutoring in the evenings on either an individual or group basis.

We believe they are performing a valuable service. If you wish to have a tutor, please call Harry McKay of the Riverdale Youth Project at 465-8106 or Ed Orr at Central Neighbourhood House at 925-4363.

FREE USE OF SCHOOLS

The schools belong to us. For some years now, we have pushed for free use of schools for

community groups. We have succeeded during the weekdays and the use of schools has increased threefold over the last two years.

We have now got the Board of Education to adopt the principle of free weekend use, with the City and the Board sharing the cost. If we find extra money - and we think we will - then this program could start in September. For further information, call the Permit Department of the Board of Education at 362-4931.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

More than the name has been changed at our Vocational Schools. (e.g. Parkway Vocational School is now Parkview Secondary school.) Programs are being upgraded, a special reading consultant has been hired and girls will be attending Parkview for the first time.

Public hearings will take place at the Board on September 24 and October 1 at 7:30 p.m. Copies of the report are available from the Publication Department of the Board of Education, phone 362-4931.

NEW DIRECTOR

Dr. Ronald Jones recently retired as Director of Education after working for the Board for 42 years. He has been replaced by Duncan Green a former principal of Monarch Park Secondary School. Mr. Green claims to be a progressive educator, strongly committed to seeking out community interests and concerns.

We will know very shortly if the rhetoric is for real.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Some students may have difficulty getting into the school or class of their choice in the fall. Other former students may want to return to school. If anyone is having difficulty in this regard, call us on the Education Hot-Line, 920-4404 and we will try to help.

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Photo by Mel Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Bodanis of Hamilton Street received a surprise 54th Wedding Anniversary present recently. They bought a 50-50 draw ticket from the Greater Riverdale Organization (GRO) and with it attended a party at St. Ann's Church. The party was the same night as their Anniversary and at intermission they were entertained by Greek dancers. When the 50-50 draw was held, they turned out to be the lucky winners of \$397.

The most recent GRO party was reported to be even better with intermission entertainment supplied by Pamela Lamb. She did a sword dance, a chop stick dance and finally a ribbon dance.

At the conclusion of her dance, Pamela drew the GRO 50-50 draw ticket for that week and the lucky winner was Gordon Gin of Hamilton Street.

The next GRO party will be held at 8 p.m. on September 8 at St. Ann's Church with surprise intermission entertainment. Tickets are available at the GRO office, phone 466-2148.

Education 'Hot Line' looks for more use by community in fall

by SHIRLEY WALMSLEY

If you dial 921-4404 the recorded voice you hear requesting that you leave your name and phone number is one of the Ward Seven "Hot Line" volunteers. During the election campaign of 1972 while running for Toronto Board of Education School Trustee, Doug Barr spoke frequently of his plan for a phone system that would aid in putting the residents and parents of the Ward in closer contact with their representatives. Since early spring the "Hot Line" has been in operation and helps to give service to the public for both Doug Barr and Gord Cressy.

A recording machine telephone attachment is used on a twenty-four hour, seven day week schedule recording every call received on the "Hot Line" number. Each weekday afternoon a volunteer listens to the tape and assists the callers herself if possible, or relays the messages to either of the trustees. Either way every call is confidential.

SUCCESS TO DATE

Although the plan to date has been successful one, the real purpose of the service has yet to be realized. Most of our meetings have been reminders of meetings the trustees are expected to attend or requests for meetings to be set up. We would like to hear more from the parents of the Ward whose children are encountering difficulties in the

classroom or have a question they would like answered and haven't known where to ask.

Secondly, we would like your ideas. The "Hot Line" offers an opportunity to share your views of all school activities and programs.

Unfortunately, a recorded voice asking you to leave your message at the sound of the beep tends to leave a caller speechless. We have received phone numbers to call without names, and names to call without phone numbers. Messages, on occasion, have been too indistinct or garbled to enable us to hear exactly what is being requested. If you have not had your call returned we apologize and can only say the reason has probably been listed above. Writing your information request on a piece of paper and remembering to give your name and phone number clearly before reading your message onto the tape should ensure your call being returned within twenty four hours on week days.

NEED VOLUNTEERS

With a new school season about to begin we have a need for a few more volunteer helpers. Our education office phone is located at 297 Carlton Street, easily reached by anyone living in Don Vale or the surrounding area. If you have one-half to one hour to spare, one to assist our school, and would like to attend each week, and would work more closely with the residents of the Ward, we would like to have your help. A morning could be necessary if afternoons are not suitable. A few minutes spent with the recording machine is all that is necessary to learn its operation. You will also learn something yourself about the Board, its structure and its various services.

Please call Shirley Walmsley at the Ward Seven Education "Hot Line". We want to hear from you - to volunteer, to question, or to comment. 921-4404.

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Traffic may be routed off Cambridge Avenue

by KARL JAFFARY

It looks as if we may be able to get traffic off Cambridge Avenue, the street everyone uses to take a short cut from Danforth, at the viaduct, up to Broadview at Chesterhill.

What has happened is that Metro is again trying to find someone to build something on the vacant lot on the southwest corner of Broadview and Danforth. Metro is going to advertise for proposals and we won't know what is being proposed for some time to come. When we do know I will write further about it. In any case, I raised the whole question of Cambridge traffic with both the City and the Metro traffic people.

Metro says that if they can "improve" the corner of Broadview and Danforth so that cars can turn left off Broadview then we can do anything we want to restrict traffic on Cambridge. We do not have the details yet on what the improvement will be but I expect it will be some sort of safety island or median strip so there can be a separate lane for left turns. Metropolitan Executive has told Mr. Cass to go ahead with designing that and building it. Cass has said that once that is done we can do anything we like to restrict traffic on Cambridge.

I have asked the Commissioner of Public Works for the City for his proposals to restrict Cambridge traffic. There are a number of possibilities. Perhaps Cambridge should be closed with a little barricade at Pretoria. Perhaps it should be made a one-way street going against the normal flow of traffic. Perhaps simply saying "No Entry" off Danforth between 4:00 and 6:00 at night and "No Entry" off Broadview between 7:00 and 9:00 in the morning would do it. Anyway I have asked Mr. Bremner for an assessment of all the possibilities and when I have that assessment I will send it out to the people on Cambridge. I think we could then have a meeting of people on that street and decide what we want done, if anything.

The impression that I get from people living on the street is that they do not want access restricted any more than it has to be but they really do want the flow through traffic cut down. With the changes proposed for the Broadview intersection I am pretty sure that we can work out something satisfactory.

By gosh! The price was wrong

The Dominion Store, pictured right is located at 310 Gerrard Street East and it closed for good last Saturday. The why and whereof are still open to question.

SEVEN NEWS heard about the closing the week previous when a check-out girl in the store casually informed the Editor that the store was closing "because Consumer's Gas owned the site and weren't renewing the lease."

A check with the store manager, Joe Gwiazda, didn't help. "They tell me to close the store and I close it,"-- was his non-committal reply.

A phone call to the Real Estate department of the Dominion head office reached a Mr. Coleman who asked to be called back at the end of the week. Meanwhile, Downtown Action Project was enlisted to do a title search of the property and they reported that Dominion Stores owned the property.

Mr. Coleman was called back but he reported that no one at Dominion Stores could talk to the Media - except a Mr. Jim Williams who was their Public Relations man. Mr. Williams was called repeatedly for two days with no results. Finally, late last Monday, a man answered his



Photo by Charlie Dobie

phone and again reported Mr. Williams was unavailable. When informed who was calling and why and a deadline had to be met, he admitted that he was Mr. Williams and proceeded to dig up the report that Mr. Coleman had passed on to him earlier in the week.

Mr. Williams stated that the Dominion Store at 310 Gerrard was closed down because "its sales volume wasn't high enough to break even." SEVEN NEWS then asked him how they could justify closing down a store in the most densely populated area of the city and at the same time

open a new store at Shuter and Sherbourne (a lightly populated area and in the middle of Skid-Row). He then went into a long explanation about surveys of trading areas which resulted in opening or closing a store.

He also added that he thought the Dominion Store on Gerrard was leased and the property was owned by an insurance company.

Also interesting is the fact that the Dominion Store property is quite extensive and is right beside property being assembled by a developer for a townhouse and/or apartment project.

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Community spirit still alive

Dear Norman:

The Don Vale Community Centre likes to remain on good terms with its neighbours. But sometimes, something goes wrong as happened recently when it was discovered our eavestrough gutters were leaking onto the roofs of neighbouring houses and we were getting complaints.

A check of our financial situation showed that we were not exactly eager to spend a lot of money but there are limits to what even the most charitable neighbour (to say nothing of building inspectors) will put up with in the name of "community".

A decision was made to spend \$50 for an assessment and some patchwork. A local roofer, Stephan Barry, was called and asked to see what could be done.

Early one morning, Stephan Barry and his three sons, Carl, Peter and Daniel, climbed to the top of the roof and began ripping away rusty metal and assorted muck. By the end of the day, they had supplied \$300 worth of labour and materials and the job was finished.

We took out our cheque book, aware that we had gotten a good deal and were then told that there

would be no charge.

A lot of people had their faith in community restored after dealing with the Barry's. Since they won't accept money, the least we can do is publicly thank them and recommend their services to anyone in the area.

Leith Piper
Bob Katz

Agency exploitation?

Dear Editor:

Recently I completed work on a survey for the Social Planning Council of Metro Toronto. The survey listed the services in five neighbourhoods. One outstanding feature evident in the data was the importance of LIP funding for community services, especially those that helped people get basic resources or develop human potential. Some of the enterprises helped by LIP funding in the Ward Seven area were SEVEN NEWS, Injured Workman's Consultants, errands, shopping and homemaker services, three home renovation programs, etc.,

LIP has brought many good services to the community, there are many ways in which LIP has exploited workers. Social agencies like "Y" and Settlement Houses are especially vulnerable to these charges of exploitation. Often these agencies have highly paid workers who initiate projects and then hire people at substandard wages to perform professional roles. The people who are hired are often selected because they have special training or higher education plus experience.

Either these services are valuable and should be properly funded, or else they would be scrapped.

—MATT GVENTER.

7 NEWS seeks photos

SEVEN NEWS needs some volunteer photographers. We're planning eight and 12 page papers right through the fall and winter and we'll need lots of pictures to go with the stories. You don't have to be a professional or have an expensive camera and assignments will only be once or twice a month.

If you can help us out, phone Norman Browne at 920-8632. We are

also looking for people who have basement dark rooms and can do some developing of film.

SEVEN NEWS will be holding open editorial meetings right through from this Sunday on. They will be held every 2nd Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street. Next meeting is Aug. 26, following meeting will be Sept. 9. If you have any complaints, suggestions or ideas for the paper come out to a meeting.

Volunteer distributors are still needed for a few open routes in the ward. If you haven't been getting the paper very regularly and can spare a couple of hours every two weeks to do your street, please give us a call. Phone Bob Naysmith at 920-8632.

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Don Area Home Co-op seeks CMHC funding

Don Area Co-operative Homes, Incorporated has formally submitted a start-up grant letter to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation along with two specific project proposals.

As a background to the two submissions, the Co-op examined more than 35 houses in the Don

District. Eight of these houses were studied and analyzed thoroughly to determine the suitability of the houses for the Co-op as well as the economic viability of the houses after project renovation expenses.

In general, the two houses are considered to be good long-term investments for the Co-op in that they are solid brick construction with good brick foundations which show no sign of deterioration.

To ensure the houses were suited to CMHC expectations, a CMHC inspector examined them and considered them to be "structurally sound". As a result, the co-op is confident that their estimates reflect the steps necessary to bring the houses up to CMHC standards.

One house, located on Aberdeen Avenue in South St. Jamestown, is intended to be converted into a rooming house as the layout

suggests having two rooms, a bath and a kitchen on the first two floors and two rooms and a kitchen on the third floor.

Estimated cost of renovations is set at \$11,000 with a \$35,000 purchase price for a total cost of \$46,000. Monthly expenses, including mortgage, hydro, heat, taxes and maintenance is estimated at \$383.

Monthly rent for a room and kitchen would be \$64.00.

The second project proposal submitted by the Co-op to CMHC is a house located on lower Berkeley street in the South of Carlton area. The house has spacious rooms, a small yard and parking for one car.

The Co-op suggests, because the house has two ground-floor front entrances, that it be converted into a duplex. They estimate cost of conversion at \$5,000 and a purchase price of \$35,000 for a total of \$40,000. Monthly expenses would be \$339 for the house and rent per unit would be \$170.

The Don Area Housing Co-op is looking for tenants who would be willing to move into and live in these houses or any similar one that the Co-op would attempt to purchase.

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RPCIA holds giant lottery

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Tickets for the lottery are \$1, and a total of \$2,425 is being offered in prizes with a grand prize of \$1,000. The draw for the prizes will take place on October 13 at a dance to be held at St. Cyril's Church at Dundas and Sackville in Regent Park.

Up until the spring, Regent Park had been operating on a 3 year, \$70,000 grant from the Federal Government. That grant money ran out on March 1 and the \$25,000 expected to be raised from the Giant Lottery will be used by RPCIA until more long-range permanent funding can be

arranged. At present, grant applications are being prepared for submission to Foundations and Government departments for long range funding.

Whatever money is raised by the Giant Lottery will be divided up amongst the groups in Regent Park according to their needs. Some of the groups seeking a share of the Lottery funds are; the Regent Park Newspaper, the Teen Centre, the Services Unit, the Adult Recreation Centre, the Mothers Group and RPCIA itself which needs money for its office and office staff.

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Community Centre seeks input

The Don Vale Community Centre is presently in the process of evaluating its role in the immediate community after three years of operation.

A leaflet has gone out to every household in their service area asking for input, opinions and direction it should take in the coming years. In addition to the mass leafleting, considerable door knocking is taking place by Community Centre staff to get some response from the community.

At present, the Don Vale Centre is being used largely as a community office building and houses a number of community, ward-wide and Metro-wide organizations and services. The questions being asked is should the Centre function only as an office building, should it only allow in organizations and services that are relevant and needed by the immediate community, or should it

initiate program like those carried by traditional Community Centres and Settlement Houses?

The question is complicated because of a recent move by the City and the Metro School Board to make school available to the community in off-school hours. If this concept becomes a reality, youth and adult recreation programs and drop-ins could be held in schools and the Community Centre would not be needed for those functions. The Don Vale Community Centre would then have a new role as a "Human Resource Centre".

Dave Mercer, acting co-ordinator at the Don Vale Centre has reported that his door knocking has uncovered a strong interest amongst local residents for a Community Dental Clinic.

At present, the only Dental Clinic serving the Don District is located at Dixon Hall on Shuter St. south of

Queen. The Dixon Hall dental clinic is overloaded with work and has had to restrict the area it will serve and as a result Don Vale residents can't use the Dixon Hall clinic.

The Don Vale Community Centre is presently undergoing a change of direction as a result of changes on its Board of Directors. One result of this is the fact that the Centre is negotiating with the YMCA to share the cost and supervision of a co-ordinator for the Centre. Plans call for the hiring of a co-ordinator at a salary of \$11,000 a year on a two year contract.

Anyone wishing to comment to the Community Centre on the direction it should take or the ideas it should implement is asked to call the Centre at 921-6710 or come to their next general meeting: Thursday, Sept. 6 at 8 p.m. at 80 Winchester street.

Hey, Mom!

A CHILD CARE COLUMN
by CATHERINE VERRALL

Summer is a time for looking: at ants, busy working in their tiny world at shapes of clouds... what can you imagine in them? at a pigeon flying... where is she going? at stones, different colours and sparkles... you can make pictures or faces on them, with a felt marking pen)

at shadows shimmering... shadows of trees, or animals, or your own shadow! Can you make funny shadow-shapes? at dewdrops on the grass, early in the morning, and your foot tracks on them. at raindrop circles in puddles... see how the rings get bigger and bump together at sun, shining on a spider's web Summer is a time for listening to leaves rustling in the wing to waves lapping on the lakeshore to seagulls calling to raindrops dripping and fountains spraying to bees buzzing in a rosebush

Summer is a time for feeling rough ridges of bark on tree trunks soft springy moss tickly sprays of long grass a worm slithering on your hand... he won't bite! stones, rough and smooth sand, wet and dry... dig your fingers in, and build a sand-castle a feather... a present from a bird a moth fluttering safe in the cupped space between your hands... then let him go free... isn't that what you would like, if you were he? Let's all feel summer, with the joy and wonder of a little child.

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Local boxer in tryout for Commonwealth Games

by PETER WYLIE

Local boxing fans are keeping their eyes on Lawrence "Kid" Langille, a fast rising young boxer from the Ward Seven area. Lawrence is trying out for the Commonwealth Games to be held in New Zealand in January. His Commonwealth Trial match is against Dennis Bellair, the Canadian Champion from Edmonton.

Lawrence is pitted against Bellair at a bout to be held at the Canadian National Exhibition on September 3rd.

Lawrence is a twenty year old, 175 pound light heavyweight and is known as the Cabbagetown Kid. He has been active as a senior for only one year in the Canadian Amateur Boxing Association and has had seven fights, the last six of which he won by knockouts all within two rounds.

In his first fight, the "Kid" was stopped in the first round after suffering a severe cut under his

right eye — the result of a desperate right hand thrown by John Cagura of Oakville.

Lawrence did not become discouraged and under the expert handling of his trainer and the encouragement of the members of his boxing club, he again entered the ring some two months later.

Since that defeat, he has been undefeated. His poise, counterpunching, defence and ability to carry an effective, busy, varied attack has improved with every fight.

Langille is one of those rare boxers who has to be physically ejected from the gym after training for hours on end. A maniac gym worker, Lawrence trains three hours a day, six days a week despite the fact he holds down a hard labourer job in a factory during the day.

Although not as busy as some amateur boxers, Lawrence is a fast, accurate, correct puncher with



LAWRENCE "KID" LANGILLE

good balance. Seldom does he miss a punch and he can knock a man out with almost any punch to the body or head. He has scored KOs with left hooks, straight rights, and with two single left hooks to the body. Langille's height, six feet, has not inhibited him as a body puncher and his technique is such that he has never been warned for kidney punching.

A resident of the Don District in Ward Seven, Langille has received most of his training at the expert hands of Mike O'Rielly at the Cabbagetown Boxing Club.

Cabbagetown boxing results

by PETER WYLIE

The Cabbagetown Boxing Club held its fifth successful show July 30th at 9:00 p.m. Here are the results of that show.

1st bout—Mark Givoque (Jr. Ont. Champ), 93 lbs, Cabbagetown, won a split decision over the City Champion, Robby Clifford.

2nd bout—Ricky Bender, 93 lbs, Cabbagetown, lost a disputed close split decision to Ken Giroux, 104 lbs, Hamilton.

3rd. bout—Paul Pauze, 113 lbs, Cabbagetown, won a third round TKO over a boy who decided three months prior; John Clifford, City Champ.

4th bout—Maurice Scott, 128 lbs, Cabbagetown, lost a close split decision to Tony Thompson, 130 lbs, Can. Army, Camp Borden.

5th bout—Steve "Indian" Bandura, Cabbagetown, won a unanimous decision over Sandy Davidson, 147 lbs, Can. Army, Camp Borden.

6th bout—Mike "Killer" Scott, Cabbagetown, won a tremendous one round KO over hard punching Kim Lake, 125 lbs, Hamilton. Mike Scott was awarded the best fighter of the evening by Mr. John Cox, Gen. Mgr. of Grand Touring Auto, who generously donated the night's trophies.

8th bout—Derek Kikot (Jr. Can. Champ), 150 lbs, Cabbagetown, won an outstanding fight over tough Rejean Bosse, Can. Army, Camp Borden.

9th bout—Peter Reche, 130 lbs, (Can. Sr. Lightweight Champ), Windsor, won a close split decision

over a busy worker "Dusty" John Rhodes, Hamilton, who said he can't wait for a return match.

10th bout—Lawrence "Kid" Langille, 178 lbs, Cabbagetown's Commonwealth Games hopeful, won a second round TKO, his sixth in a row, over a very tough nut by the name of Tony Mellor, 188 lbs, Windsor. The "kid" showed his ever growing followers another side of him as, instead of standing toe to toe as usual, he danced away from his opponent, stepping in with devastating jabs and left hooks. Mellor was dropped once in the first round and was almost out on his feet but refused to go down before the referee, Dennis Bradley, stopped the fight. (300 fans on hand)

GENERAL MEETING
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7:30 - Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkely) "Gravediggers of '42".

2:00 - Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard E.) Poetry and rap.

SUNDAY, AUG. 26

10 am - Trefann Site Office (Sackville and Queen) Buses leave for Trefann Court Picnic at Heart Lake.

2:30 - Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkely) "Gravediggers of '42".

MONDAY, AUG. 27

3:00 - Parliament Library House — Films for teens.

1:30 - Family Information Centre (80 Winchester) Mother and Child clinic.

TUESDAY, AUG. 28

7:30 - Parliament Library House — Guitar Workshop for teens.

7:30 - Parliament Library House — Creative writing workshop.

8:00 - Parliament Library House — Yoga

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

7:30 - 249 Gerrard St. E. — FODARA Health Committee Meeting.

8:00 - Improvement Association of Moss Park Apartments meeting. Call Betty Ann Roth for details at 864-9918.

7:30 - Parliament Library House — Photography Workshop for teens.

7:30 - Monarch Park School — GRO Mass Meeting on Scarborough Expressway issue.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

7:00 - Parliament Library House — Photographic darkroom classes.

2:00 - Duke of York School (14 Pembroke) Bingo in auditorium.

5:30 - Duke of York School — Four course dinner for 50

FRIDAY, AUG. 31

2:00 - Parliament Library — Friday surprise for boys and girls.

8:00 - Parliament Library House — Films en Francais.

5:30 - Royal York Hotel — Registration for World Science Fiction Convention over Labour Day weekend. \$10 admission.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

2:00 - Parliament Library — Stories and paintings for kids.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

8:00 - North Regent Ball Diamond — ATLANTIS "In Concert".

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4

10 am - Parliament Library — Pre-school program for ages 2 to 5.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5

3:30 - Parliament Library House — Writing workshop for teens.

4:00 - Parliament Library — Stories for boys and girls.

7:00 - Parliament Library House — Young People's chess.

8:00 - 249 Gerrard E. — FODARA meeting.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

8:00 - Dixon Hall (58 Sumach) Trefann Court Working Committee.

7:00 - Parliament Library House — Chess and Checkers.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7

4:00 - Parliament Library — Films for boys and girls.

8:00 - Parliament Library House — Family film night.

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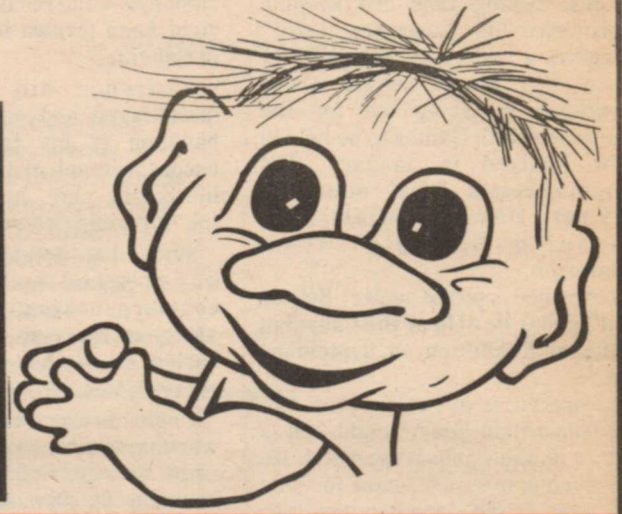
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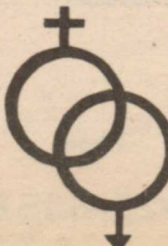
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