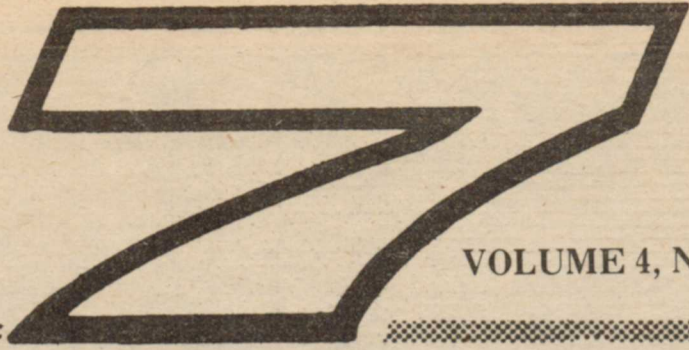


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Despite the bad weather, witches, goblins and elves were out in full force, knocking on doors in Ward Seven on Halloween night. Besides all the street activity, most of the local schools had Halloween parties of some sort or another. One school went a little further and involved the children in grades two, three and four in a Halloween play. Pictured above, in a scene from the play are; left to right: John Couto, Louis Ferreira, Linda Courtemanche and Manuel Botelho.

Photo by Chris McKie

## Trefann Court renewal bogs down in red tape

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TREFANN COURT?  
by ALAN DUDECK

That is certainly what many people are asking about the Trefann Court Urban Renewal Scheme. The daily papers have mentioned Trefann frequently over the summer and in recent days.

Two of the main components of the Scheme, that is, the new houses for Trefann Street and the rehabilitation of privately owned homes have been the focus of attention. Details for both these matters are yet to be finalized.

### NEW HOUSES

After months of tendering, negotiations, meetings and a visit of residents to the Hon. Ron Basford in Ottawa, there is still no construction of houses on Trefann St., the site of first phase new housing. Trefann Homes Corporation, the non-profit housing corporation which will build and manage the new houses is hopeful of signing an agreement with a general contractor.

However, the confidence and hope of Trefann people continues to be tested against recurring obstacles. Basford, the federal minister responsible for CMHC mortgage financing has repeatedly assured Trefann Homes Corporation that the mortgage money is available subject only to the normal regulations.

As such, it was assumed that at the CMHC executive meeting on Thursday, October 25, the mortgage application would finally be approved. However, the application did not even receive consideration at that meeting, if in fact it was on the agenda!

Mr. Basford and CMHG have been fully aware that a general contractor has signed an agreement subject to mortgage funds being available within a

short period of time. Yet for all their assurances and avowed commitment to the objectives of the urban renewal scheme, the application is again stalled for CMHC's further consideration for an undisclosed length of time.

### Rehabilitation

Negotiations with the various government levels for a rehabilitation scheme of loans and grants appear to be coming to an end. However, the results to date do not satisfy the proposal made by the Working Committee. The federal government has firmly stated that the Rehabilitation provisions of the new National Housing Act (Bill C-33) is the only assistance they can supply.

The Province has recently taken what is a big step for them by announcing that they will subsidize the interest rates on loans.

The question remains however, whether a family in Trefann could take out a loan to improve their homes even to minimum standards and afford to pay it off considering the very high costs of building supplies and skilled labour. The actual interest rate of the loan may be far from the more important concern of being able to pay off the loan even if it was interest-free.

The objectives of the urban renewal scheme, agreed to by the City, Metro, the Province and the Government of Canada clearly call for the provisions of resources, especially cash in the way of grants and loans which would make it possible for homeowners in Trefann to rehabilitate their homes.

### SECOND PHASE APPROVAL

A more positive item is that the federal government has recently approved the funds necessary for Phase Two of the scheme. Phase Two includes implementation of the scheme in the area between Trefann and River Streets. Much of the money goes for acquiring land and property in this area. The government partners of the scheme are now ratifying the agreements necessary to implement Phase Two.

In general then, the objectives of the Urban Renewal Scheme agreed to by the levels of government are far from being successfully implemented. What is materializing is a continuing struggle to speed up the process and to make provisions for components such as rehabilitation generous enough to satisfy the objectives already agreed to in principle.

The Trefann Court Working Committee has taken all possible initiatives and to date is seeing limited government action necessary to satisfactorily make the Scheme a reality.

## RCMP buys up land at George-Shuter

There are 150 angry tenants living in the George-Shuter area on the western edge of Ward Seven. They are angry because all the property on the north side of Shuter street and the west side of George street has just been bought by the R.C.M.P. and they have received their notice to move.

Two neighbourhood meetings

have been held since the notices were handed out, the tenants involved are taking action to protest their sudden eviction.

A delegation of tenants has approached their Member of Parliament, Donald Macdonald, and he is reportedly investigating the matter.

Another delegation of tenants

has approached the Federal Public Works Department to seek some answers from them.

Reportedly, the land to be bought will be eventually used for expansion of the R.C.M.P. Headquarters which is just north of the site. In the interim, the site, when cleared, will probably be used for a parking lot.

### NEWS ROUND-UP

## NIP to start food relay service

The Broadview Liberal Association is holding a fund-raising dance for defeated federal candidate Peter Murphy. It will be held Sat., Nov. 17, at Woodgreen Community Centre starting at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$3 a person with a bar, door and dance prizes . . .

Vladimir Kravjansky of 650 Parliament in St. Jamestown has an exhibit entered in the Canadian Guild of Crafts exhibition being held at O'Keefe Centre. Of 113 entries, his is the only one from the Ward Seven area . . .

Vera Vidinovsky has been hired by Riverdale Youth Project II to do light clerical work and phone checks of its Youth-Tutoring-Youth Program . . .

The Metro Toronto Transportation Plan Review group is holding a public meeting on Monday, November 12 at 8 p.m. at Woodgreen United Church, 875 Queen East. Purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed extension of the Scarborough Expressway through Wards Seven and Eight . . .

As of Oct. 31, Riverdale Youth Project II will have \$1600 but their budget calls for \$13,000. They have been unsuccessful so far in getting monies from the Ontario Government and private industry . . .

HELP WANTED: A salesperson is being sought by SEVEN NEWS to sell advertising in the Ward Seven area. The job can be full or part-time with pay on a salary plus commission basis. Phone Norman Browne at 920-8632 for more information . . .

MORE HELP WANTED: The Don Vale Community Centre is looking for a full-time programmer at a salary of \$125 weekly for 5 weeks. The job may be extended further if the

Community Centre gets LIP funding. Phone Don Smith at 921-6710 for details. The new programmer will join Gloria Thomson and Cheryl West who presently work half-time on after-school programs . . .

That truck rental firm on Gerrard Street just east of Sackville has been bought for redevelopment by the same firm now developing two residential sites in Don Vale . . .

Anyone in the South of Carlton area interested in getting food at wholesale prices should have their orders in to Neighbourhood Information post by Nov. 16. Phone 924-2543 for info . . .

Frank Cserepy, a community worker in the Ward Seven area for the Community Development Branch, has left them for a job with the municipal government in Calgary. He is being replaced by Dennis Morice, former director of Dixon Hall . . .

SEVEN NEWS needs the volunteer services, twice a month, of people who have cars. The use of car and driver is needed for about 2 hours for two week-ends a month. Phone 920-8632 for information or if you can help out . . .

The Traffic Maze plan for Don Vale, printed in the last issue, has gone back to committee for minor revision. Another public meeting will be held soon after revision and then it will be sent on to the City for implementation . . .

A Citizen Health Conference, sponsored by Wayland Workshops, is being held over the week end of Nov. 16 at Harbord Collegiate. Admission is free. For information phone 964-3738 . . .

Residents on Seaton Street are complaining about the rash of fires that are breaking out on their street. Most often hit by fire are fences and back garages . . .

Ethel Proux has been appointed to represent the South of Carlton Working Committee on the Dundas-Sherbourne Project Team . . . The houses on Sherbourne Street being jointly redeveloped by the City and OHC will have their heat turned on this winter even though no one will be living in them . . .

The "in" place to eat out is Bumpkins on Parliament Street north of Winchester. Formerly a health food restaurant, it recently came under new management and now serves gourmet food comparable to a high-class French restaurant at half the price . . .

CORRECTION: The Don District Overnight Drop-in, during its stay at Central Neighbourhood House, paid \$65 a month "donation" for the use of its space and not \$1 a month as reported in error in a previous issue . . .

The Don Vale Community Centre has received a \$3,600 grant from the Metro Toronto Department of Social Services. It will be used for interim operating expenses and to hire a program person . . .

Paul Nahirney, a student of Social Work at the University of Toronto has been given a field placement in the Don District. He will work two days a week under the direction of the Christian Resource Centre on Carlton Street . . .



## Complaint over police behavior

Dear Norman:

You and the readers of SEVEN NEWS may be interested in the recent complaint I lodged with the police over the behaviour of a policeman with Badge No. 3220, attached to 51 Division.

My complaint arises out of a recent incident which occurred at the corner of Parliament and Winchester Streets. At that time, I was walking along Parliament Street when I saw a man sprawled out flat on his back in front of the Winchester Hotel. I immediately stopped to examine the man and to assist him. I soon recognized him and knew he had a history of heavy drinking and epilepsy. At the time, I found him in a deeply intoxicated state, almost unconscious; he was unable to stand up and could barely speak. He told me he had been drinking heavily and had ingested a powerful barbiturate ("6 tuinols") some time ago. Another citizen stopped to assist as well.

A few minutes after I arrived on the scene, the policeman in question stopped and immediately started reacting to this man in a callous, insensitive and insulting manner. For example, this policeman proceeded to search or frisk the man without bothering to ask the man's permission or trying to explain what he was doing; took out the man's wallet and rifled through it, apparently looking for some identification (he later returned the man's wallet to a nurse at Wellesley Hospital). When I asked the policeman why he was doing this, he ignored me and started walking away. I urged him to call an ambulance for the man, but he was slow to respond.

When the man tried to resist or protest against the policeman's frisking, the policeman called him "A GOOF". If I had been less involved with the man and alarmed about his condition, I would have criticized this policeman for his obviously insulting remark.

There is no excuse or need to stigmatize citizens by labelling them, as this policeman did - particularly people who are ill and poor. As a citizen of Toronto and resident of the Don Vale community, I strongly protest against such police behavior.

The citizens of Toronto expect and pay the police to "serve and protect" them; this particular policeman did not, in my judgement, live up to the motto. I hasten to add that this particular incident is by no means an isolated or rare happening in the Don Vale community in particular and in the Don District in general.

Don Weitz.

## LIP advisory group set up

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

The final make-up has been decided on the Constituency Advisory Group for Rosedale Riding. The function of the group is to help in deciding which Local Initiative Program projects from Rosedale riding - which covers most of Ward Seven - should be funded.

Appointed to sit on the group are: Alex Owen, Nancy Mallett, Jerry Tooke, Charlotte Mahar, Doug Barr, Sheila Holmes, John Metson, Don Rikken and Edna Dixon.

Many of the people on the Group are well known to the ward: Alex Owen works out of the "Y" in St. Jamestown, Gerry Tooke was former riding assistant to Donald S. Macdonald, Doug Barr is a Ward Seven school trustee, Sheila Holmes is active in Regent Park, John Metson is executive director of the Christian Resource Centre in Don Vale, while Edna Dixon is a member of the Toronto Planning Board and active in Trefann Court.

While the Group was being selected, there evidently



Remember those nice, balmy, Indian Summer days we had just a week or so ago? A two person poll taken at the time got a mixed response. One person stated, "I'd like to see this weather continue until Christmas and then warm up." The other person polled said they looked forward to some crisp, snowy weather. Considering our present weather of rain, wind and overcast, it looks like both lost out. . . .

Photo by Frank Elsasser

## Flexibility missing from community centre

Dear Editor:

If a Community Centre is to be a total success as a neighbourhood facility then neighbourhood people must become involved. But just

try! The response is, "Oh, we don't operate that way", or "Well, we're all paid staff here."

The vital element that seems to be missing is flexibility. Without flexibility there is no opportunity for individual development and hence not too much community development.

Cohesive communities are a must in today's alienated society. They are the only way of allowing people sufficient control over their own environment to prevent loss of identity.

If there is anything that City of Toronto recreation centres are guilty of it is definitely their contribution to loss of identity.

A community centre should be the centre of the community, the hub from which the wheel turns and this includes those members of the community who without such a meeting place would otherwise be outcasts.

You cannot possibly run such a building with paid staff, rigid rules and strict hours. Community development depends in large part on the youth of the area and in a community centre where the kids do not have a say in the running of the operation, where authoritarianism takes the place of peer pressure, where programs are laid out for them instead of them planning their own, where rules and regulations are so

stringent as to be suffocating. As a result, these kids will never learn to promote community development as adults.

What kind of recreational centre closes its doors at 10 p.m. on a Saturday night? What kind of community centre does not have all its facilities operating and enough adults around for an uptight kid to find someone to rap with as an outlet for his tensions? What kind of community meeting place is not open to the people, to be used as such when they want it and not when some paid director is around to open the place?

Last week at the Pape Recreation Centre a pre-teen child kicked in a window. Quite frankly I silently cheered him because he had no choice and it was through not only mishandling but manhandling that it occurred.

It seems that City of Toronto recreation centres have suffered considerably from damage of this sort to property and equipment. There is precedence for the fact that in a centre where no such authoritarianism exists, this kind of malicious damage does not take place.

The attitude of the paid workers I have dealt with is an insult to both children and adults.

Peggy Welsh  
Riverdale Ave.

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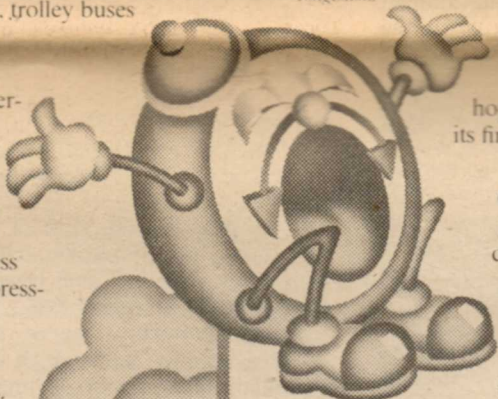


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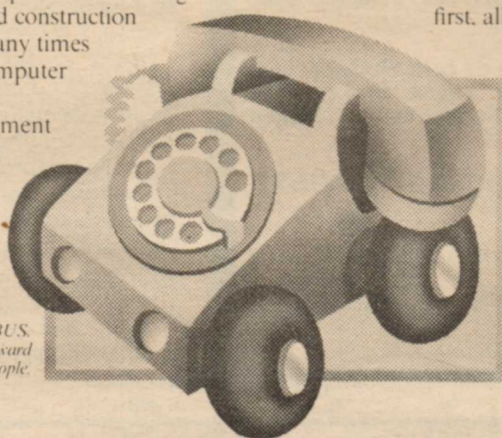
The government is implementing a staggered working hour program for its own employees and hopes others will benefit from its findings.

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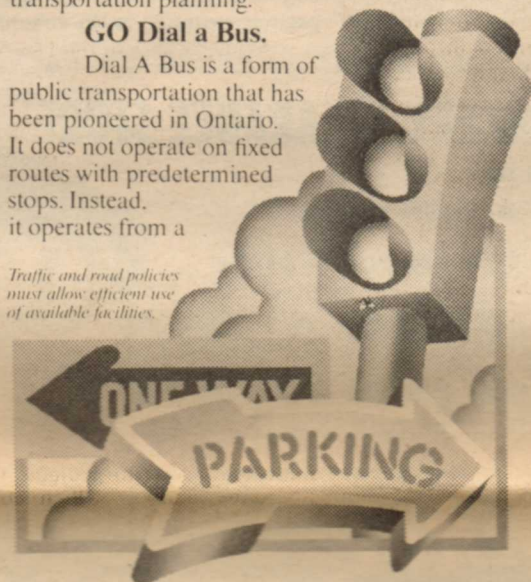
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# TB outbreak claims 21 animals at Riverdale Zoo

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by KATHY SIMS

To date, 21 animals have died due to a tuberculosis outbreak at Riverdale Zoo.

They include: 2 Guanacos, 2 Barbary Sheep, 2 Water Buffalo, 7 Fallow Deer, one Barasingha Deer, one Llama, 4 Hamadryas Baboons and two Green Monkeys.

John Sewell, Ward Seven Alderman, stated that the general manager of the Humane Society told him "that the T.B. was brought into the Zoo by a new shipment of monkeys and that these animals were being quarantined and treated." In fact Sewell was told that as far as the general manager knew, "the Zoo was attempting to cure the animals."

There appears to be a lack of communications between the Humane Society - whose job it is to protect animals - and the officials at Riverdale Zoo.

Tommy Thompson the Metro Parks Commissioner said the 21 animals were destroyed as soon as it was known that they gave a positive reaction to the tuberculin

test. They were killed by an overdose of a tranquilizer drug.

There was absolutely no attempt to treat any of the animals, because, according to Mr. Thompson: "There is no proven complete treatment for T.B. in animals."

"The treatment of T.B. in animals is prohibited in Canada except under special licence No. 10". Presumably, the zoo did not apply for this licence.

Of special note to near-by residents, Mr. Thompson has stated that although it is rather difficult, the infection could be "spread to humans by close, constant contact" and therefore all the zoo staff would be periodically tested by the department of public health.

Although the dangers were slight, it could be spread to wild animals in the Don Valley and to neighbourhood pets by pigeons and the other birds who might carry the infection on their feet, Thompson explained.

A dog or cat living in the neighbourhood who contracted T.B. would have to be destroyed because veterinarians are prohibited by law from treating the disease in animals.

The monetary loss to the taxpayers of Toronto as a result of the destruction of the 21 infected animals is estimated at \$3,880 by Mr. Thompson. However, he said that "some of these animals will be replaced by suppliers and that others were born and raised in Riverdale Zoo."



given to antelope in European zoos. These methods apparently were not tried on the various ungulates at Riverdale Zoo.

Unfortunately, although there is a vaccine which can be used on monkeys, it is illegal to use it in Canada because a vaccinated monkey will give a positive reaction to a tuberculin test. This appears to be a very callous reason for the death of several of the Zoo's monkeys.

Likewise there are vaccines for other animals but they cannot be used except under licence in research facilities. Riverdale Zoo has not demanded the right to these licences and set up facilities for their use.

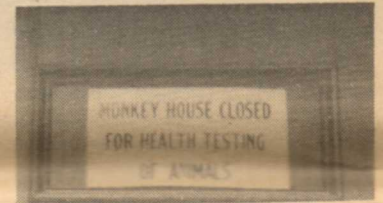
Answering an inquiry as to what measures will be taken in future to avoid an outbreak of the disease at the new zoo, Mr. Thompson said:

"It is understood that all animals going to the new zoo will be required to pass a tuberculin test by the Federal Department of Agriculture." There seems to be no indication that this procedure was followed in the case of the shipment of monkeys which Alderman Sewell claims brought the disease to Riverdale Zoo.

"Most authorities agree that due to the ease with which this organism infests man, primates and other animals, particularly under conditions of close contact, elimination rather than treatment of tuberculin positive animals is the best procedure," according to the experts Winkler and Gale.

However, these same people also point out that "exposure to infection, overcrowding and unsanitary environment are the major conditions in the transmission of the disease."

The question is not the need to destroy the diseased animals but rather how the disease got to Riverdale Zoo in the first place. Why were the new monkeys not pre-tested? Why have such appalling conditions of overcrowding and bare cement floors been allowed to exist so long?



Two of the very few humanitarian reasons for having zoos is to breed endangered species and educate children to the beauty and value of the various animals we share this planet with.

But animals with tuberculosis are not going to breed successfully. And the only lesson that can be taught children is that due to Canadian Law it is illegal to treat sick animals which we all own.

For those interested, Parks Commissioner Thompson says the monkey-house has now re-opened.

## Farm planned for Zoo site

All indications are that an old fashioned farm will be located on the site of Riverdale Zoo when it moves out next summer. At a meeting held in Don Vale last week, the people from the community seemed strongly in favor of a site plan that didn't interfere with the top part of the park. This plan is known as plan four and will probably be implemented over the next two years.

Ivan Forrest, Toronto Parks Commissioner attended the meeting along with Aldermen John Sewell and Karl Jaffary. Mr. Forrest explained that the city had been donated two barns and a farm house, all of frame construction, and these would be relocated at the zoo site.

Surrounding the farm buildings would be farm yards, paddock areas, plus picnic and nature areas. Mr. Forrest estimated the cost of the whole project at \$750,000 and alderman John Sewell saw no problem in getting that amount included in the parks budget as it would be spread over a two year period.

Biggest surprise at the meeting was the realization that the new facilities on the zoo site would not be for the exclusive use of Don Vale residents. Most residents, it was reported, were willing to accept this, though not until after considerable discussion.

## Home service at CNH

The Home Visitor service at Central Neighbourhood House is looking for people and homes it can visit.

A Home Visitor is someone who lives in the community and likes to meet people. The service offers friendly visits to people who don't get out much, help in filling out forms that are hard to understand, sharing ideas and experience about stretching out Family Allowance and Welfare cheques, helping with new babies and helping people newly returned from the hospital.

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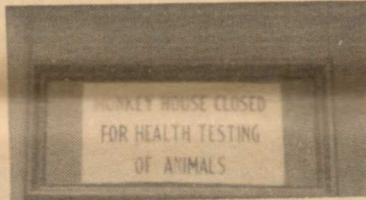
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In regards to the treatment of T.B. in monkeys, O. Jones in an article. The problem of the tuberculous monkey (Brit. Vet. J. 113-203-9, 1957), reports the use of a drug Isoniazid in treatment of primate tuberculosis in zoos, with satisfactory results in approximately half the animals treated.

Other veterinary articles indicate that certain drugs retard the development of the disease in monkeys but that relapses occur when the treatment is withdrawn.

There is no indication that Riverdale Zoo attempted to cure the monkeys which were destroyed.

According to an article by W. G. Winkler and N. B. Gale, there have been successful treatments

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## EDUCATION REPORT

# Sackville school to remain open 'till June

by DOUG BARR  
and GORD CRESSY

Sackville school will remain open at least until the end of June, 1974. At an important community meeting held at the school on Oct. 15, various options were proposed and the decision was made, that despite some very real handicaps, the school should remain open with a view to reassessing the overall situation at the end of the present school year.

Enrolment at the school has dropped from 298 pupils in September of 1961 to 59 in September of this year. Teachers have had to double and even triple up on grades and they expressed real concern that the youngsters were not receiving the same quality of education as they could get at a school like Regent Park.

But there was strong feeling at the meeting that to close Sackville school and ship the youngsters up to Regent Park school would mean the end of community life in South Cabbagetown.

Two other important factors also influence the decision to stay on. They are the recent C.M.H.C. grant for housing rehabilitation to the South Cabbagetown Community Improvement Association and the location of a Site Office in the King-Parliament area by the Toronto Planning Board as preparation for a Part II Planning Study.

Both of these factors could mean a dramatic change in the area - especially as they relate to the number of children of school age.

There is little question that things will be tough for the next year but there are already some hopeful signs. Teacher Ernie Boettchers, who is teaching some 3 grades on his own will be getting some help from a former resident and mother in the area, Barb Cotterill.

Word has also been received that Children's House, the Montessori nursery school in the basement of the school has obtained funding from Metro Social Services, Dixon Hall and

York Montessori. This means the nursery school should be financially solvent until June of 1974.

The decision to keep Sackville school has the strong support of both the ward trustees and aldermen.

## WINCHESTER SCHOOL

The Winchester Public School community has been very active lately and has made major decisions regarding its new principal and the future of its burned-out Annex (still regarded as the "real" school by many area residents).

At a public meeting last month, and previously reported in SEVEN NEWS, it was decided by a strong majority that the two school trustees of the ward should be involved in the final screening of the top 2 or three candidates for the job of principal.

It is expected that the Toronto Board will ratify the selection in which your trustees participated on Thursday but the concept of involving the community, through its trustees, in this manner has had a most stormy reception at both committee and Board levels.

At a meeting at the school in early October, parents and teachers heard the various limited options that existed and gave the trustees a very clear mandate to have the Annex restored to its pre-fire condition - provided all fire and safety regulations were met.

Work is to begin within the next few weeks and it is hoped that the children will be out of the portables as soon as possible. Unfortunately, because the renovations are in the hands of the insurance company, we cannot give a definite date for completion.

## WORK-TO-RULE

On October 22, the Toronto Branch of the Ontario Secondary School teachers federation commenced to work to rule and thus withdrawing their services from such extra-curricular

activities as sports, music, choirs, student councils, etc.

The stated objective of this tactic is to force the Metro School Board to return the pupil-teacher ratio to the level of 1972-73. This would mean that classes now averaging 32 students each would be no higher than 30 students for next year.

The teachers feel, with good justification, that they are unable to give students the individual attention they deserve with the present class size and they feel the Provincial ceilings on educational spending have not been unusually harsh.

Research hasn't shown that a change of two students more or less, makes much difference in the learning capacity of students. But there is solid evidence that it makes a serious difference in the attitude of teachers and this affects their students.

While the Toronto Board may differ over the tactics of the teachers, they are agreed upon the desire to return to the 1972 staffing arrangements and wish to unite with teachers in protesting the Provincial cut backs.

Several trustees, and we include ourselves, have felt that while they may not like the teacher's tactics, they feel that the overall end justifies such a means and have attempted to stand with the teachers.

Response from Ward Seven residents on the issue has been mixed. All agree upon the need for smaller classes and a significant minority regret the teacher's withdrawal of their voluntary services. The majority, however, seem to be reluctant supporters.

Matters may have changed drastically with the revelation on Oct. 27 that the OSSTF negotiators were attempting to link removal of the boycott to current salary negotiations in which they are reported to be asking for significant increases.

Up until now the matters of class size and salaries have not been linked and this announcement would seem to seriously weaken the teachers cause and credibility. Whether this was part of the overall game plan from the beginning has yet to be determined, but either way, the teacher's negotiators appear to be in trouble.

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## Little Trinity makes canoes

by STAN ISHERWOOD

With summer over the three little red canoes at Little Trinity are lying idle again. But not for long! A new group of teen-age boys is being formed at the church and its first undertaking will be the preparation of the canoes for next season. According to leader John Harrison this is just a start and will be followed by complete construction of one or two new canoes to be used by the boys in a wilderness camping program next summer. The boys will also be undertaking training in snowshoeing, orienteering and other outdoor activities with a challenge.

Other youth groups operating out of Little Trinity are the 5-7 Club, Pioneer Girls, and the Boys' Club. These work with girls from 5-15 years old and with boys from 5-13. The biggest change in this year's program concerns the Boys' Club. It now meets on Saturday mornings at the Queen Street Mental Health Centre. The excellent Queen Street sports facilities have been made available to the boys from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

There is also a Sunday morning program for children operating in conjunction with the adult morning worship service. There are facilities for children of any age, those 8 and over taking part

in a time of Creative Worship in the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse.

For further information call the church office at 367-0272.


## New executive for Donvale group

A number of new faces were elected to the executive council of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents at their annual election meeting held in the Don Vale Community Centre last week.

Elected to the five-person executive were Janet Howard, Eleanor Moore, Peter Akehurst, Fran Chadwick and Duncan McPhee.

Elected to fill the 15 remaining posts as members-at-large were: Carolyn Gardner, David Wolmsley, Scott Aspinall, Margaret Haliburton, Polly Evens, Kate Stevens, Tom Wickett, John Wilcox, Norman Browne, Pat Walker, Cynthia Carver, Carolyn MacIntyre, Chris McKie, Richard Patarak and David Scott.

An executive meeting is expected to be called shortly to deal with a number of pressing items, including the Don Vale Community Centre and the problem of developers in the area.



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**Queen's Park Report**

**Three hundred thousand families  
require housing assistance**

by MARGARET SCRIVENER,  
MPP

**Riding of St. David**

For some time now one of the big problems facing government at all levels has been the provision of proper housing for all of our citizens.

Given the acceleration of urban growth, both in population and congestions, this problem is reaching the near-crisis stage, and is one that cannot be overcome by simple slogans or ad-hoc solutions.

Notwithstanding the current situation, the Provincial Government has been maintaining a very active housing assistance program.

Since the establishment of the Ontario Housing Corporation about a decade ago, O.H.C., with the assistance of the Federal and municipal governments, has created 70,000 dwellings for low income families, and home ownership for more than 25,000 families.

Yet as good as this record is, it is still obviously not enough and much more must be done. Members of the Ontario Advisory Task Force on Housing Policy estimated that at least 300,000 Ontario families require housing assistance in one form or another.

In St. David Riding alone, there is a lot more needed if we are to house all of our residents

adequately.

During the Task Force investigations earlier this year, we found many reasons why Ontario faces a housing shortage today:

- the shortage of serviced land in our urban centres, particularly in the Metropolitan area,
- overly strict controls on available land,
- complicated "red-tape" planning procedures and regulations,
- the rise in the cost of labour and materials, and the cost of financing.

These are just a few of the reasons why we have had a new and vigorous appraisal of the government's housing programs.

The creation of a Housing Task Force represented the first major public examination of Ontario's housing. In the past, we have had various studies of individual cities and urban areas, but there has never been a province-wide investigation. This is a very new and important departure from the past, since under the old policy, area competed against area in proving the need for more housing and financing of local objectives.

Now, with a province-wide information bank and a coherent overall policy, we can consider the housing problem in a much wider prospective and create housing policies that will be equitable and

acceptable, thereby eliminating the "me too" approach of other years.

When the Task Force reported to the Premier in September of this year, it had received 346 written submissions from individuals, organizations and municipalities; held 55 public meetings attended by more than 2,200 people. In addition, the Advisory Committee to the Task Force was composed of 30 members, representing a wide variety of backgrounds and interests.

The Task Force represented an entirely new approach to the housing crisis. Previously, housing policy was created by people in the higher echelons of government. While this approach had its own success, the establishment of the Task Force changed and enlarged the input factor. I believe that in the future this new approach will ensure that, when any new housing programs are announced, the policy will reflect "people needs" - that is, the recommendations given to the government by the Task Force which were the result of the many public meetings held during the course of the enquiry.

In subsequent columns, I will analyse and report to you on some of the findings and the recommendations of the Task Force.

**Co-operative Nursery has openings**

by MARCIA LOYNT

St. Peter's Cooperative Nursery School is alive and well and operating Monday through Friday mornings from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for ten children aged 2 - 4 years and there is still room for more.

The facilities for the nursery are donated by St. Peter's Anglican Church, corner of Carlton and Bleecker Streets (just east of Sherbourne) and are in the new addition behind the church. Included are a bright, new, light and airy room with all of the paraphernalia so dear to the hearts of children - paints, clays, puzzles, ingenious educational toys, another room which is used for messier or more independent work and the use of kitchen and lavatory. A variety of fruit juices and cookies are served mid-morning and there is an outdoor playground with swings, slides, monkey bars and sandbox for nicer days. A qualified supervisor is in charge of the program and is present at all times.

The fee per child is \$5.00 per week, but one parent of each child is also expected to help at the school one morning per week. In cases where both parents work, an additional \$3.00 is charged which

is then paid to another person who will work in the parent's place.

Application has been made for a LIP grant which would enable the nursery to operate both morning and afternoon programs beginning in February. Until that time, additional funds to cover cost of equipment, snacks and so on are raised through bake sales, rummage sales and bazaars held

in conjunction with St. Peter's.

Any parent interested in a lively, well-run nursery playschool which is licensed by the Day Nursery Branch is invited to call one of the members of the new executive committee, president Mrs. Claire Bellinger at 921-1744; secretary Mrs. Donna Howe at 966-5084; or treasurer Mrs. Marsha Buie at 924-3536.



**Neighbourhood Legal Service elects board**

Neighbourhood Legal Services, a community group set up to train para-legal help for the community, elected their first Board of Directors at a general meeting in Don Vale last week.

Elected to a nine-man board were: Jerry Feasby of Injured Workman's Consultants, Phoebe Graham of Operation Family Rights, Carol Mildon who works for Springboard, Lillian Owen who

is with Don West Neighbours, and Don Smith who works for the Don Vale Community Centre.

Also elected to the new Board were John Power, a student; Bob Edward, a pensioner; John Schnarr, a retired lawyer; and David Reville, a plumber.

All nine members of the new Board is set for Nov. 8 at which

time they will elect an executive from amongst themselves.

Also on the agenda is the problem of funding. Applications have currently been made for funding from LIP, LEAP, and Canada Manpower on-the-job Training Program. Discussions have also been held with Department of Justice and the United Church regarding start-up funds.

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

**FRIDAY NOV. 2**  
 7:00-Christian Youth Centre (270 Gerrard St.) Slides of summer activities (everyone welcome)

**SATURDAY NOV. 3**  
 12:00-Toronto Grape Boycott Rally (Queens Park)  
 1:30-4:00-Regent Park Church (40 Oak St.) Annual Bazaar  
 2:00-Riverdale Library (370 Broadview Ave.) King Arthur Story and crafts  
 8:00-Toronto Grape Boycott (St. Michaels College) Brennan Hall Dance \$1.50-\$2.00

**SUNDAY NOV. 4**  
 7:00-Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkely St.) Poetry & People

**MONDAY NOV. 5**  
 1:30-4:00-Regent Park Church (40 Oak St.) Adult Drop-in  
 7:30-Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkely St.) Open Space Workshop (Street Sign)

**TUESDAY NOV. 6**  
 10:00 a.m.-Broadview Y.M.C.A. (275 Broadview Ave.) Every Tues. and Thurs. a Ladies Aquatics Course for fifty cents  
 4:00-Parliament Library (Parliament & Gerrard) Art for children with instructor Barbara Sauerbrei.  
 8:00-King-Parliament Site Office (402 King St.) Meeting at Dixon Hall. They cover the area from the Gardiner to Queen, Jarvis to Don River. Call any time for information (367-7609)

**WEDNESDAY NOV. 7**  
 8:00-F.O.D.A.R.A. (249 Gerrard St.) General Meeting  
 2:00 - New City Hall (Committee Room) Hearing on Norm's Open Kitchen.

**THURSDAY NOV. 8**  
 7:00 - Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard E.) Poetry night with Norm Craven and Alfred Rushton.

**SATURDAY NOV. 10**  
 2:00-Chester Village (17 Broadview Ave.) Bazaar, Tea and Bake Sale  
 2:00-Riverdale Library (370 Broadview Ave.) Films for Children

**MONDAY NOV. 12**  
 7:30-Riverdale Library (370 Broadview Ave.) Adults Films

**TUESDAY NOV. 13**  
 4:00 - Parliament Library (Parliament & Gerrard) Art for children under the instruction of Barbara Sauerbrei.

**WEDNESDAY NOV. 14**  
 7:00 - Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard E.) Current events discussion program. Topic: Censorship and censure.

**THURSDAY NOV. 15**  
 2:00-Riverdale Library (370 Broadview Ave.) Fairy Tales

**FRIDAY NOV. 16**  
 8:00-12:30-Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St.) Weekly dance for adults. Advance Tickets 75c and \$1.25 at the door plus LIVE entertainment

**TUESDAY NOV. 20**  
 2:00-4:00-Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St.) at Belvidier Bowling plus Evening League 9-11 for more information call Carol at the centre (461-1168)

**WEDNESDAY NOV. 21**  
 7:00-St. Bart's Service Unit (70 Pashler Pl.) Fouth Open House (Everyone Welcome)  
 7:30-Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkely St.) Preview of the movie Vallieres.

## Salvation Army workshop in operation for two years

by RALPH K. HUGHES

An interesting program has been going on at the Salvation Army Workshop at 2 Matilda Street in the lower Riverdale section of Ward Seven. For the last two years a new workshop has been in operation and is an offshoot of a workshop begun by the Salvation Army in 1969.

The people who attend the workshop have an option of working full time, or taking almost any elementary or high school course, or both.

The building is three storeys high with the two lower floors devoted to workshop space while the third floor houses administration offices, classrooms and a coffee shop.

The Salvation Army opened this shop to deal with the emotionally disturbed and the pay consists of a small wage earned by the members and paid at the end of each week.

Work is done on a variety of orders farmed out by business corporations and the making of Christmas cards is a major project.

The schooling aspect, in classrooms on the third floor, is given by teachers provided by the Board of Education. All of the 200 people attending the workshop have the option of taking

classroom work as well and about 50 avail themselves of this service. Upon the completion of any course or grade, diplomas are issued, the same as a regular school.

Many of the people attending the workshop have other trades and skills and these people are encouraged after a time to leave the workshop and enter private industry when jobs are available.

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## Cabbagetown guide

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Included in the booklet will be information on:

- Sights to see in Cabbagetown.
- Places to eat.
- Places to shop.
- Accomodation for visitors.
- Local entertainment.
- Sports activities.
- Cultural activities
- Recreation in the area
- Places of historical interest

Ted is presently compiling this information and needs ideas, suggestions and information to be included in any of the above categories. Ted can be contacted days at the Parliament street Library House, 265 Gerrard E. or phone him at 921-8674.

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In *The General*, by Steve Petch, one of a band of soldiers on a rebel

round-up questions the existence of the enemy after being abandoned by his comrades at a country inn. Is there any truth in the rumor that the officers are systematically picking off their own men?

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Following is a list of the contributors to the fund-drive to date. Our thanks go to all of you wonderful people.

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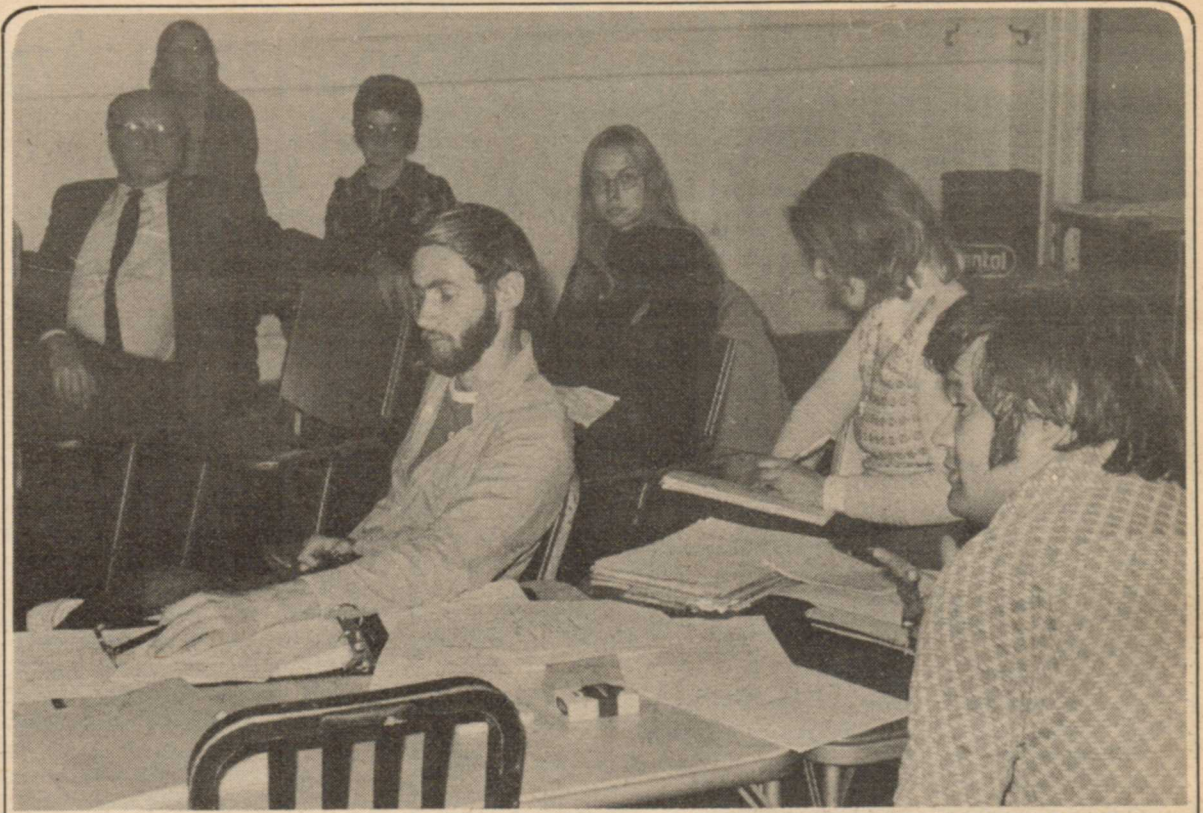
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About 30 people braved the wind and rain Tuesday night to attended the Seven News Annual Meeting held at the Don Vale Community Centre.

Following the regular reports etc a lively discussion took place concerning the major problems of the paper, distribution, funding,

and lack of news from the east side of the Don. People in attendance generally liked the paper and the work that has been done.

The board of directors of Seven News plans to concentrate their efforts on the problems raised at the meeting.

## Thanks from Barb and Jeff

To the Editor and Board of 7 News:

Thank you for thanking us so prominently in the last issue. We, in turn, would like to thank all those who made our job easier. Maybe the fund-raising drive didn't reach its goal, but it was a wonderful experience.

Thanks go to: **Oliver Bosence** and **Carol Winter**, two OISE students of Gord Cressy's who were a great help in the office; **Margot Kempton**, a field placement student from Seneca who helped in office; **Marsha Cressy** who helped phone; **Gail Ashby** who helped with school poster campaign; **Bessana Ashby** who made a poster and **Leith Piper** who chauffeured us around when we badly needed it.

Also there was **Wayne Crowther**, who helped in the office; **Ernie Mills**, who volunteered to help as soon as he moved into the neighbourhood; **Lise Mahev**, who numbed her fingers numbering receipt books; **Liz Wilson**, a Board member with a new baby who did a lot of phoning between feedings!

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