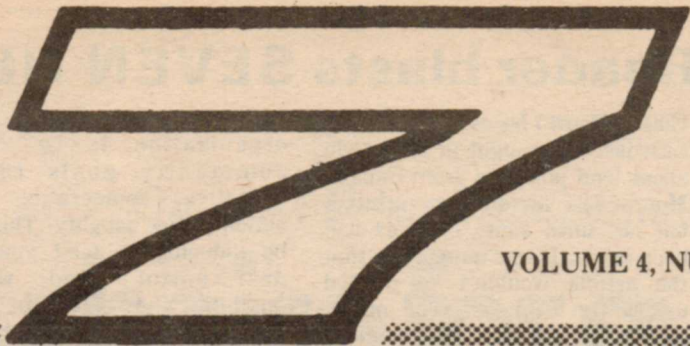


XMAS ISSUE

Next issue will be our Christmas issue and our last one this year. It will be published over the weekend of Dec. 15 and the deadline is NOON, Monday December 10 at 80 Winchester St. or 265 Gerrard E. Both this and next issue will be heavy on advertising but the extra revenue is needed due to the poor state of our finances.

**NEWS**

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Representatives from the Trefann Neighbours and Tenants Association, The Trefann Court Resident's Association and the Trefann Businessmen's Association turned out last Saturday to take part in the Ground Breaking ceremonies that marked the start of Phase I of the Trefann Urban Renewal Scheme.

The ground breaking was done simultaneously by all

present on a lot on Trefann street where the first of 17 new houses will be constructed. Actual excavation and construction will begin next week and completion is set for early summer.

Also taking part in the event were Mayor David Crombie, Alderman John Sewell, Alderman Karl Jaffary and Alderman Archie Chisolm.

Photo by Frank Eisasser

MORE MONEY SOUGHT**Twenty-eight projects to receive LIP funding**

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

A total of 81 projects originally sought funding under the Local Initiatives Program for Rosedale Riding. This was pared down to 71 and of these 28 have been funded.

The original 81 projects sought almost \$2 million in funds but only \$529,000 was available. Almost every project was cut — some drastically — to allow more money to be spent on more projects.

Under a new procedure this year, a nine-man Riding Advisory Group, made up of local people, made the final selection of projects.

John Metson, Chairman of the Rosedale Group stated that the three criteria used in selection were: the community base of the projects, did they create jobs for high employment categories and were they directly related to the area.

Mr. Metson stated that many good projects had to be turned down — not because they didn't meet these criteria — but because insufficient money was available.

Recent statements by Opposition members in the House of Commons singled out Rosedale Riding as having the highest allotment of money under the current Local Initiatives Program. However, one of the recommendations that the Riding Advisory Group will make to Ottawa is that more money be allotted to the program.

The Rosedale Riding Group plan to make a number of recommendations to Robert Andras the Manpower Minister and to Cam Makie the regional Director of LIP.

Besides asking for more money they will suggest that a better system be set up to deal with city-wide, province-wide and country-wide projects that are based in one constituency.

A number of such projects, such as Injured Workman's Consultants and Downtown Action Project are based in Ward Seven but serve all of Metro. Funding these means less money is available for purely local projects affecting local people.

Another recommendation to be made to the Federal Government is that LIP be extended for a year rather than being done in six month programs as has been done in the past.

Mr. Metson decried the administrative waste and inefficiency that results in short term projects. It means the hiring and training of staff and rental of office space for a short term followed by an almost total lay-off. Then a few months later a new process is done all over again.

Sitting on a LIP Advisory Group was evidently an experience for its members. Mr. Metson had harsh things to say about a system that turns out trained, educated people and then doesn't provide any jobs for them.

He also said that his Group was

"appalled" at the fact that the Provincial Government in Ontario was willing to support LIP projects but not fund them — even when they clearly fell under provincial jurisdiction.

Mr. Metson predicted that growing pressure would come from both individuals and groups to make more money available to communities from both the Federal and Provincial governments.

Following is a list of the projects approved in Rosedale Riding. It is not known at present how much money was allotted to each or how many people they will employ. Funding should begin around the middle to the end of December and last through until May.

APPROVED PROJECTS: Sea Hawks Boys Sailing Project, Kitchen Table Hydroponics, Don West Neighbours Group, Operation Springboard, Employment Research Project, Downtown Action Project, Cultural Animation in Drama and Art, South Cabbagetown Housing Rehabilitation, Don Area Co-operative Homes, Don Vale Community Centre.

Regent Park Combined Projects, Ward Seven Media Association, Don Vale Community Health Centre, Injured Workmans Consultants, Gym Drop-in Centre, Next Stop Information, HELP, Cabbagetown Boys Club, Trefann Court Community Centre, Toronto Free Theatre, Unshackled.

Duke of York Community Program, Open Door Rooms Registry, Women in Transition, Looking Glass Dance Theatre, Crossroads, Community Meals and Project Oak.

NEWS ROUND-UP**Regent Park Tenants fear vandalism**

The Riverdale Youth Project II is seeking five Riverdale area youth as tutors for younger students at a salary of \$2 an hour. Phone Harry MacKay at 465-8106.

BUSINESS NOTES: A local businessman is reported to have spent \$3,000 fixing up a store on Parliament Street that he could open as a delicatessen only to discover that a clause in his lease prevented him from selling hot, take-out items across the counter. He reportedly took the loss and is trying to locate elsewhere.

James Lorimer, a Don Vale resident, has had a new book published titled, *A Picture History of the Canadian National Exhibition*. A copy of the book, sent to SEVEN NEWS for review, has been donated to the Parliament Street Library.

The Don Vale Community Centre, located at 80 Winchester is holding a Community BINGO every Tuesday night at the Centre at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. This is a new date for the BINGO which was formerly held on Monday nights.

Tenants at 41 Oak Street in Regent Park are angry over plans to replace the steel-link fence that surrounds their building with a much shorter wooden one. They fear an increase in vandalism as a result and are planning to protest the fence change.

A house has just been demolished on the corner of Sherbourne and Gerrard streets to make way for an office and professional building with a bank and a store on the bottom floor.

Fraser Howard has been recently hired by the Don Vale

Community Centre as a Community Program Organizer. His job is good until Dec. 31 at which time he could be re-hired if LIP funding is forthcoming.

A drop-in has opened in the basement of the Don Vale Community Centre for teens aged 15 to 17. It's open evenings from 7:30 to 10:30 under the direction of Irene Lee.

Contact is an alternate school for downtown students who are potential drop-outs. Because of their economic circumstances, many of the students are looking for part-time jobs in the area. The boys and girls range in age from 15 to 20 and can be hired through Harry Smaller at 863-1469 or 759-5250.

A discussion group for parents of teenagers is being held every Monday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. in Regent Park. Topics include communicating with the teenager, the responsibilities of a teenager, etc. For information phone Mary Nicol at 863-1229.

A development company has bought the house at 81 Pembroke street and redeveloped it into luxury apartments with extremely high rents.

Ward Six is investigating the possibility of bringing out a ward-wide, community owned newspaper. A trial issue is expected to be out before Christmas.

The English Classes for New Canadians that is being held regularly at 415 Gerrard St. East in Regent Park had a successful open house last Thursday.

SEVEN NEWS is still looking for a book-keeper-business

manager, full or part-time and salary is open. Phone 920-8632 for more information.

A letter is being circulated in the community by Senator David J. Walker on behalf of the Ward 7 Businessmen's Association seeking money for a restoration fund for St. Peter's Church. The church, located on Carlton Street was partially gutted by fire in the fall of this year.

Operation Family Rights has set up a "family rights of children" project and are working on a handbook called, *In a Child's Best Interest*. For info, call them at 461-0321.

Trefann Court community worker, Allan Dudick, has been off work the last two weeks undergoing a bone transplant to his hand.

The Honourable Robert Welch, new Ontario Minister of Housing was guest speaker at the monthly Regent Park Community Improvement Association meeting held last Tuesday.

Don Area Co-op Homes Incorporated is hiring a Project Co-ordinator with money given them by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation as a start-up grant. Applications are being accepted by Michael Stuart at 923-9869.

St. Luke's United Church at the corner of Carlton and Sherbourne has a Forum every Sunday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The meetings feature speakers, travelogues, discussion and a social time. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Skid Row Avenue?

Alderman John Sewell has suggested that section of Dundas Street between Jarvis and Sherbourne have its name changed to Skid Row.

Mr. Sewell made this suggestion at a recent meeting of the South of Carlton Working Committee and asked that the Committee consider applying to the City of Toronto for the name change.

Mr. Sewell felt that such a move might be an effective way of encouraging the City to become concerned about the Skid-Row situation.

The meeting took no action on the suggestion.



LETTERS

Inmate requests help

Dear Editor;

I am an inmate of the Joyceville Penitentiary Farm Annex at present, and I want to ask you and the others residents of Ward Seven a favour.

The problem is that a voluntary organization that helps the inmates of this penitentiary and all the other complexes in the region is in financial difficulties.

Being a Cabbagetowner myself, I thought maybe SEVEN NEWS might be able to do something.

The organization in trouble is located in Ward Seven at 297 Carlton Street and is called Operation Springboard. One of their main functions has been offering transportation to wives and girlfriends of inmates at a cost of \$3 which is better than paying \$13 to come up here by bus.

This service has recently been halted because of mechanical

trouble with the vehicle they use and they lack the financial resources to have it repaired.

My proposal is this. In Ward Seven there are a lot of people related or friends of inmates past and present. If each of them donated a dollar, we could have a start towards a bus which is a much needed necessity.

I am also asking each inmate and the members of their families to each donate a dollar towards the purchase of a new vehicle.

I have lived in Ward Seven for 24 years and I know a lot of people who live there now have had from time to time some contact with Operation Springboard. I'm very proud that the organization is located in Ward Seven.

Let me assure you that if Operation Springboard folds up, there will be a lot of cons doing rough time, and maybe with a little effort that can be avoided.

It's bad enough just being in the pen, never mind not being able to see the ones you love because of a few dollars. I hope you can help, and help will be appreciated.

The person to contact is Molly Smart at Operation Springboard, 297 Carlton Street. I have written to her concerning this matter.

They've helped us for quite awhile, I hope we can help them.

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Reader blasts SEVEN NEWS editor

Editor, Ward 7 News:

Last issue I brought in an article about lead pollution from Canada Metal. The article was printed, but not until some changes had been made. It was quite clear that the article wouldn't be printed unless the changes were made, and this brings up some questions about the editorial policy of 7 News.

In the article I wanted to say that "a government and an economy controlled by the working class would make short work of pollution, because it is not in our interests to produce lead or anything else at the expense of our health and our environment". But this "dogma", as you put it, did not come from the public meeting that I mentioned in my article, and "did not come from the community". Later in the discussion you said that this and other parts of the article were my "opinion", not part of "objective reporting", and that to put opinion in a news story was a "communist writing technique".

In fact, because they were "opinion" and not fact, several sections had to be edited out, and the whole last section, where I was suggesting answers to the problem, you insisted on rewriting. Since I wanted the information to get in the paper, there was little choice but to compromise.

But a quick look at your editorial policy statement and we see these two quotes: "SEVEN NEWS does not support any political party or individual, and invites members of the community of all persuasions to write." "The opinions expressed in SEVEN NEWS are the opinions of the individual writers and do not represent the views of the editorial staff or publishing organization." In the case of my article, you obviously didn't think this applied, because it contained my "opinions".

A look at the last two issues of the paper shows that you don't exactly apply this editing of opinion to other writers. In the November 3 issue, the article on Trefann Court says that "The Province has recently taken what is a big step for them (my underlining) by announcing that they will subsidize the interest rates on loans." Seems to me like opinion. A little further on, Margaret Scrivener, MPP for the riding of St. David, produces this objective fact when talking about the successes of the Ontario Housing Corporation: "Yet as good as this record is, it is still obviously not enough and much more must be done.-- Since the community agrees that the record of OHC is good, (does it?), this is presumably not opinion but factual reporting."

In the last issue the writer of the education report "tends to agree" with the teachers. OH, oh, oohhh! Another opinion! And the president of GRO, in her article,

says that the purpose of the organization is to "attain community goals through collective, democratic, unified action". How naughty! This might be "ideology", don't you think, dear editor? And, without meaning the criticism in an unfriendly way, after she runs down the successes of GRO, she seems to leave out the campaign against my landlord Sam Tobis, which was started without consultation with me or any of his other tenants, and was anything but "collective, democratic, and unified". Enough said. There are opinions in the articles.

But isn't this inevitable? In a community where there are different political groups and tendencies, and different social classes, there are bound to be one or another view expressed in articles written, either in subtle form, as far as what points the writer chooses to make, or directly. There is no such thing as "objective" reporting.

So since you are in the process of considering your editorial policy, we should consider what kinds of opinions and views we want in our community paper, and get the debate going. Since you have generally taken a stand against developers, because of their effect on the community, you have already started some in the right direction.

The paper should take a stand in the interests of the community, and should be against things which harm the community. This is of course also opinion, but things like indiscriminate development, Nazi ideology, and racism have no place in this community, nor in the community paper.

Who makes up the "community" where we live? There are different classes, certainly. Workers, shop owners, small businessmen, professionals all live here. But is Cominco, which owns part of Canada Metal, Or ITT, which owns Wonder Bread across the road from me, part of our community? The great majority of people who live in the

community must work for someone else to make a living - we are part of the working class.

As was made quite clear at the public meeting on Canada Metal lead pollution, we have different interests as workers and people living in this community than business, whose motive is to make as large a profit as possible. And as was also pointed out, this form of government we have is a lot more concerned about the interests of business than what we want - were we ever asked what we wanted done about Canada Metal?

So it seems to me that a community paper which edits out the suggestion that a government run by and in the interests of the working class would clean up pollution is starting at the wrong end of the spectrum of ideas.

As far as your editorial policy, I think that you should use the approach of "best interests of the community", about which of course there are different opinions, but the opinions should be heard.

Either do that, or enforce your present stated policy without using a discriminating approach which seems to me on examination to be both ideological and based on your "opinion".

Jack Kumlin
Booth Ave.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The article you wrote for the last issue was assigned by a member of the Board of Directors of SEVEN NEWS without consulting me.

Had you consulted me, I would have told you not to bother writing it. Had you submitted the article without consulting me, I would have suggested you submit it to GUERRILLA or some such paper.

I believe that there is a difference between news, opinion, columns, and fiction and that this difference should be clearly labelled and defined in the paper.

If you feel that policy should be changed, I suggest you contact the SEVEN NEWS Board of Directors through its President, Randy Boettcher, 22 First Ave. NGB).

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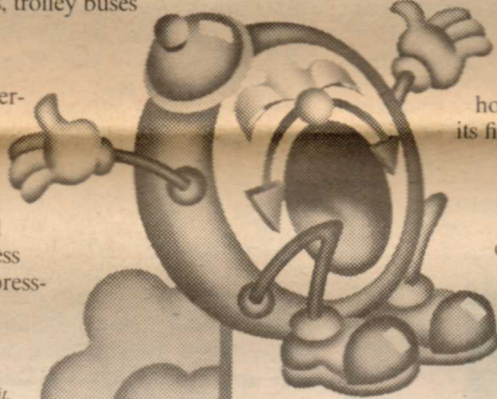
Cities will be subsidized to the extent of 75% in applying the GO URBAN system to their needs.



Staggered hours.

Another way to reduce peak-load congestion is to stagger working hours and alter daily and weekly traffic patterns. If passenger demands can be spread over longer periods, people can be moved more quickly. Feasibility studies will be subsidized up to 75%.

Staggered working hours.
One way of relieving rush hour
congestion.



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

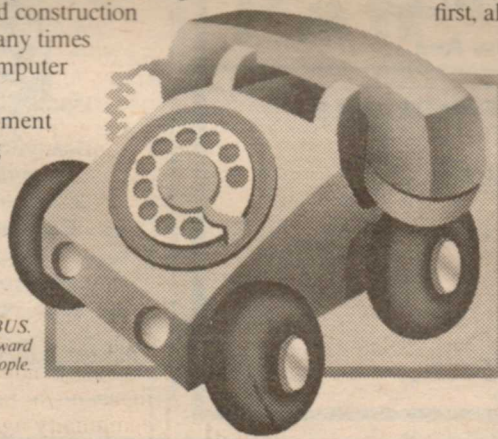
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In Metro Toronto, a computer controlled traffic system has proved that a substantial increase in road capacity can be achieved with computers. The saving in road construction costs is many times

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A suprise party for the Senior Citizens of Moss Park Apartments was held last week in the penthouse at 285 Shutter Street. A total of 48 people were invited to the party, with the selection made from each of the three

buildings in the complex. The group had a sing-song, refreshments and each participant got a small gift. The money for the party was raised by holding Bingos on Sunday afternoons throughout the previous year.

Photo by Frank Elsasser

Woman's Hostel to open at Woodgreen

by ALEXA DeWIEL
 Winter is creeping hard and fast into our homes again. The Christmas rush is on and everyone who has a place to sleep is making sure that the bedding is warm and that the heat vents are properly unplugged.
 However, not everyone has a place to go every night, and although Metro Toronto has provided emergency housing for

homeless or travelling men, there have been very few provisions made for women in similar circumstances.

For this reason, a number of concerned women, representing Stop 158, Women's Place, Interval House, McPahil House, individuals June Callwood, Rev. Norman Thomas, Lola Boake, and headed by Vicky Trerise, director of Stop 158, have organized and incorporated into the Women's Hostels Incorporated.

They are planning to open up a new hostel for women in the building of the Woodgreen United Church at Queen street and Logan. Financial backing has come from the YWCA, and Metro Council.


This thirty bed residence will be open from five in the afternoon until ten the following morning, seven days a week. A woman may stay up to seven nights at 50 cents a night. She will receive two hot

meals a day, medical care if she needs it, and guidance to put her in touch with appropriate community resources.

Original plans to open NELLIE'S, affectionate name for the hostel, have been delayed from mid September to early December, due to numerous unforeseen problems with the organization and financing of the project. At this point in time there are still some necessary renovations to be taken care of which will cost another \$5,000. Beyond this hurdle, all systems go. Staff have been hired to run the hostel, and they are eager to begin receiving residents.

Anyone who can make donations or who has extra bedding, furniture, lamps, rugs, pots, posters etc. is urged to bring these to 875 Queen St. E. on the second floor, or to Call Vicky at 463'5823 or Alexa at 362'0445.

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King-Parliament Part II study

About 60 people attended the fifth meeting of the King-Parliament Planners which was held at Enoch Turner Schoolhouse last Thursday night. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Nadine Nowlan on behalf of the Planning Board, and was attended by Aldermen Sewell and Jaffary.

The staff informed the meeting of their work so far:—generally, informing and educating people in the area about the Part II Study, its extent and purpose. The meeting was called, they said, to consider a number of alternatives for carrying out the planning process in the King-Parliament area and hopefully, to form some kind of committee to involve people in the Part II Study.

There was a great deal of discussion around the idea of setting up the committee. Various formats of committees were

discussed. However, it was the consensus of those present that people who live, work, hold land, or otherwise have an interest in the area, are not fully awayre of the various issues which affect the area.

The outcome of the meeting was that another meeting has been set for Tuesday, 18th December at which time, the issues concerning the King-Parliament area will be discussed by the staff. It is then hoped to set up some kind of citizens' participation group to help carry out the planning process.

Notice of the next meeting will be mailed out about a week before the meeting. Those who are interested and who wish to be kept informed about planning in this area, should contact the site office (367-7609) to be placed on the mailing list.

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Housing Report: Tenant participation recommended for Ontario Housing board

by MARGARET SCRIVENER, MPP
Riding of St. David

(Mrs. Scrivener was a member of the Ontario Advisory Task Force on Housing Policy, report of which was published in September, 1973)

Since my last column dealing with Provincial Government housing policy, Premier William Davis has appointed a Minister of Housing.

This was one of the main recommendations of the Ontario Advisory Task Force on Housing Policy, which reported to the Government in September of this year. Thus, for the first time in Ontario's history, we have a department of government solely responsible for one of the major and most important areas of social policy—housing.

The person selected to head up the new Ministry is the Honourable Robert Welch, a man whose main concern since he was elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1963 has been in the field of progressive social policy, originally as Provincial Secretary and Minister of Citizenship, and then as a "super minister", the Provincial Secretary for Social Development.

Mr. Welch comes to the housing portfolio without rigid or preconceived viewpoints, and this should prove to be a great advantage, particularly in light of the recommendations of the Advisory Task Force, and of the many new ideas developing in the housing field.

During the eight months members of the Task Force spent reviewing the housing situation in Ontario, we came to the conclusion that housing and community development programs must be viewed together rather than in isolation, as had applied to much of the policy in the past.

Regional and local planning, land supply and servicing, development control, community facilities and services, housing assistance, housing finance and construction should now be seen as part of a single coordinated process rather than treated as separate units.

The Task Force told the Government of the six areas of primary responsibility which the Province must assume. These are:

- To ensure the provision of housing for all households in adequate numbers, and at suitable locations to support community development in accordance with local and Provincial development policies.

- To demonstrate Government priority for housing by instituting suitable administrative procedures and providing required financial assistance.

- To assist in the provision of buildable urban land to implement development policies and to achieve stable land prices.

- To maximize the impact of available housing funds on housing production.

- To establish adequate programs and suitable administrative machinery at the provincial and municipal levels which clearly relate housing to social and welfare objectives.

- To maintain the quality of the existing housing stock.

In addition to the recommendation for a Ministry of Housing which the premier has accepted, Members of the Task Force also urged Mr. Davis to have the new department take over responsibility for the Ontario Housing Corporation and to establish a new Crown Corporation—the Ontario Housing Finance Corporation; we also suggested a broadening of the representation on the Ontario Housing Advisory Committee.

We suggested to the Government that the Ontario Housing Corporation should continue with its present activities, except that the Ministry should assume policy and priority planning responsibilities. O.H.C. should also assume additional duties in connection with new community development, implementation of regional development plans, and municipal rehabilitation activities.

It was pointed out that the Ontario Housing Corporation should be responsible for all the financial aspects of housing assistance and residential land acquisition, with the Directors of the Board of the OHC and the OHFC being appointed for six overlapping terms. And we strongly suggested that the Boards of both corporations provide direct participation from housing consumers and from the

social development fields.

As far as the Ontario Housing Advisory Committee is concerned, we wanted this Board to also reflect housing consumers and social planning interest.

In order that local government may play an integral and important role in any new housing programs, we suggested that the municipalities' responsibilities for housing should derive from arrangements established under the Provincial Housing Development Program. The delegation of Provincial housing responsibility should be linked to the delegation of Provincial planning responsibility. Local and regional housing authorities should be restricted to housing management functions.

We strongly urged that the identification of housing needs should be a municipal council responsibility, and that representation on the local and regional housing authorities should reflect responsibilities, and should therefore include municipal councils, local planning agencies, local school boards, and a Ministry of Housing, Planning, and Local Government. Where municipalities are willing and able to undertake the responsibility for planning and developing assisted housing programs, in addition to managing assisted housing, this responsibility should be delegated to them. The delegation should be based on the adoption of a joint plan for assisted housing which sets out mutual objectives, agreed targets, and financial arrangements.

In our area, we recommended that the responsibility for planning, developing and managing assisted housing programs be delegated to Metro Toronto. In addition to Provincial-Municipal housing cooperation, there should also be a Federal-Provincial housing relationship.

DON VALE MEETING
A general meeting of all residents of Don Vale has been called for Wednesday, December 5 at 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street.
The meeting will deal with the recent purchase of a block of 31 houses on Carlton, Dermott and Spruce Streets and its implications on the neighbourhood.

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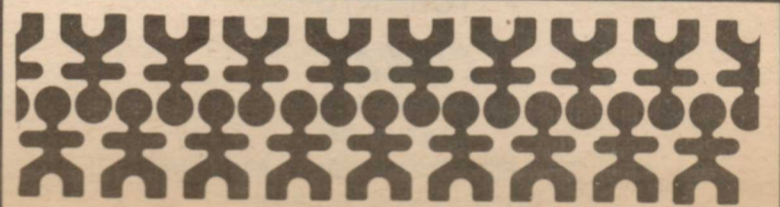
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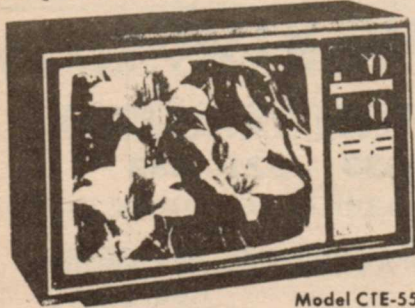
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Grape Boycott hits Ward Seven

by NOREEN DUNPHY

For the last three weeks, Ward Seven shoppers at the Dominion Store in St. Jamestown on Wellesley St. have met a picket line asking people to support the U.S. grape and lettuce boycott and not to shop at Dominion.

On the picket line were Barry Morris from the Christian Resource Center, Rev. Van Mather and Mr. Carmel Hili from Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and Terri Taggart. A number of other Ward Seven residents were on hand to support the picket line.

Last week, the South Cabbagetown Food Co-op agreed not to buy grapes or lettuce and to support the boycott when they go to the Food Terminal to buy their produce.

Why Boycott Dominion? Dominion is the largest chain in

Canada and imports the largest amount of U.S. grapes and lettuce. They have refused to talk with the union and will not support the boycott. Dominion has shown the same callousness to the farm workers as they have to their customers.

Their methods were uncovered by the government and last week they were fined \$10,000 for their illegal pricing activities. Many have experienced their practice of increasing prices overnight and finding two or three price tags underneath the one that shows.

Dominion at first agreed to take the grapes and lettuce off the shelves when they were approached by the farm workers and some Ward Seven supporters. But as soon as they left the store, Dominion broke their promise and put the produce back on the shelves.

There was no choice left but to picket and boycott Dominion

itself. If enough of their customers refuse to shop there, it is hoped that Dominion will lose more money by keeping the grapes and lettuce on their shelves, than if they took them off.

On Sunday, Nov. 25, 211 people from Our Lady of Lourdes Church signed a pledge that they would support the boycott and not shop at Dominion until the store takes the produce off their shelves.

SOCCA meets on rent control

by LESLIE HAHN

At the South of Carlton Community Action (SOCCA) meeting held last week, the main item of discussion was rent and the effect rent control could have on the South of Carlton area.

The main speaker at the meeting was Alex Eaglesham, a representative from the Toronto Rent Control Committee. He spoke about the Metro-wide campaign for rent control and gave some ideas that various forms of rent control could take.

Also present was Steve Nichols, city planner for the area, and he spoke on the effects that rent control would have on the South of Carlton community. Mr. Nichols cautioned that rent control would probably encourage absentee landlords to sell out and would increase the rate of townhousing that is already going on in the area.

It was decided that SOCCA should support rent control but only if it was accompanied by government action to maintain housing for low income individuals and families. Ways this could be done, it was suggested, were by government purchase of homes that came up for sale on the market and increased support of non-profit housing corporations.

The meeting also saw the election of Marion Service as Chairman of SOCCA. She replaces Elsie Norton who served in that capacity of the last year and who now takes over as chairman of the SOCCA Streets Committee.

The next SOCCA meeting will be held Tuesday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St.

Overnight Drop-in re-opens

The Overnight Drop-in, the only one of its kind in Canada, re-opened last weekend after a being closed since Aug. 17.

The Drop-in is currently open Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. at All Saints Church at Sherbourne and Dundas Streets.

Elsie Norton, a spokesman for the Drop-in, stated that despite the lack of publicity, there was a turnout of 30 for the first night with 75 turning up for the second night.

The drop-in was able to re-open

because of a \$2,000 grant from the City and an anonymous donation of \$500. With this money, 3 staff have been hired part-time. The new staff are Elizabeth DuBruin as co-ordinator, Peter Taylor as Kitchen supervisor and George Caron as a maintenance man.

Despite the fact that their application for a LIP grant was turned down, Mrs. Norton was optimistic about the Drop-in staying open. "It's serving the needs of the area," she stated, "and I feel we can carry it on."

Running the project is a Steering Committee made up of local people. On it are, Dick Dunn, Irene Lee, Elsie Norton, Lorna Rankin of the Fred Victor Mission, Joe Sylvester of the Indian Centre, Jack Savage, a Board Member of All Saints Church, Don Weitz and Peggy Walpole.

The steering committee is open ended and more people are expected to be named to it shortly.

The next meeting concerning the Drop-in will be held on Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. at All Saint's Church.

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Whatever happened to Cabbagetown ?

A Satire By Ted Plantos

Recent changes to the face of Cabbagetown by upperly mobile middle-class sandblasters, who may, if you are a low-income tenant, purchase the floor from under you any day now, has resulted in some strange phenomena.

For instance, several of the local beer parlours have been affected by the influx of these professionals. One of these, the Winchester, will be converted into a three dimensional curling rink early next spring. Plans for this will be made public as soon as the dust settles on Parliament St.

Local pool rooms have installed cocktail lounges under their tables, and all the offensive language signs have been removed for the benefit of those newcomers who are extremely interested in colourful Cabbagetown

vernacular.

The Gerrard, another of the local drinking places, is undecided. Some insist on a lecture-hall, while others prefer a private school. For those who prefer the latter, let me assure you that the Gerrard has provided an education for some of Canada's finest down and out scholars, thinkers, and authors.

Habitual visitors to the Don Jail can relax. Although current plans for a face lift, due to mounting political pressure by the Better Homes & Gardens Society Of Lower Rosedale, are in full swing, you may rest assured that your cell will still be there on your arrival. After all, there is a limit to this spirit of renovation.

Water polo matches on the Don River is only one of the exciting activities planned for next summer. Others include bicycle

races through St. James Cemetery, fox hunting in St. James Town, and pad-locking your doors on welfare day.

Local wine tasters, rumaging among town house garbage cans for the residue from bottles that were left as refuse, have been complaining in growing numbers lately about stomach ailments. The Citizen's Health Centre will investigate this, as one of their top priorities, as soon as they receive a grant from the government.

Plans for a 'pin the tail on John Sewell day' will be postponed until the next election campaign.

Cabbage rolls, long a favourite on local tables, has been replaced by Cabbage A Le Russe. The following is the recipe.

3 cups finely shredded white cabbage
23-4 teaspoons sugar
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
cayenne pepper to taste
12 prunes
1-2 green pepper
1 cup horseradish cream dressing

You may serve Cabbage A La Russe in crisp lettuce cups, or order yourself a pizza and save the trouble. (You may also order a case of beer and invite me over.)

Rumour has it that the Cabbagetown Boxing Club will be renovated into a free school where "the local toughs" will be taught finger painting therapy, and bicycle mechanics.

Signs saying PRESERVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD—SEND A POOR FAMILY TO THE SUBURBS are popping up all over Scarborough and Don Mills as the town house phenomena accelerates.

Although the romanticism of carefully restored old-world architecture is anything but to those being forced to move from their neighborhood, the trend continues.

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1:30 John Innis Recreation Centre (Queen & Sherbourne) - Nursery Swim for 2 to 6 year olds.
6:30 Ward Seven Businessmen - meeting at Harmonie Club, 410 Sherbourne St. "Jim Harvey night". Tickets \$3.50 each.
8:00 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) - Meeting of the executive of the Don Vale Residents Association.
8 p.m. Dixon Hall - Meeting of South Cabbagetown Community Improvement Association.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30 Central Neighbourhood House - Meeting of South of Carlton Community Action.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8 p.m. Federation of Don Area Residents Associations - Meeting at 249 Gerrard St. E.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30 p.m. Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard E.) Open poetry reading. Admission free, everyone welcome.
8:00 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre - (80 Winchester St.) General Meeting to elect a 16-man Board of Directors.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

8 p.m. Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St. E.) Christmas Dance. Admission is \$2.50 per person.
8:30 Auditorium Vancouver Building (240 Wellesley E.) A play entitled "Engaged" by W. S. Gilbert. Presented by St. Jamestown Theatre Society. Tickets \$1.50, students \$1.00.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 p.m. All Saint's Church (Sherbourne & Dundas) Meeting of the Overnight Drop-in steering committee.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:30 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) Meeting of the Board of Directors of SEVEN NEWS, INC.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 p.m. Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St. E.) Greater Riverdale Organization buffet and dance. For tickets call Edith at 463-738) or Connie at 465-6089.

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72 pounds - Benton McLean, Sudbury, defeated Rheel Bosse of Cabbagetown.
85 pounds - Bill McCauley, Cabbagetown, won by a TKO over Tom Hainal, of Oshawa.
90 pounds - Mark Givoque of Cabbagetown took a decision over Barry Raterty of Sudbury.
98 pounds - Ricky Bender of Cabbagetown defeated Clyde Hillman of Leamington.
145 pounds - Henry Percivelli of Leamington won by a TKO over Al Hughes of Cabbagetown.
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