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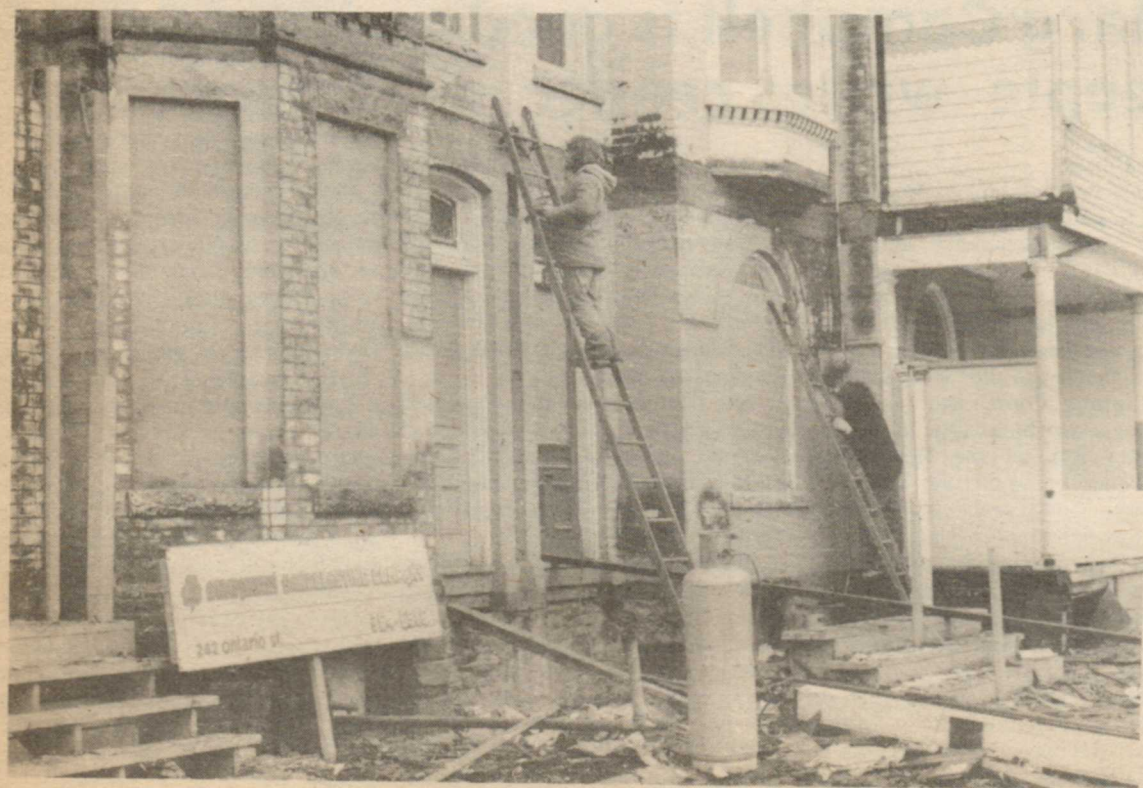
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#### NEXT ISSUE

We are skipping an issue between Christmas and New Years and as a result, our next issue won't be out until the week end of January 12. Deadline for the next issue is NOON on Monday, January 7 at 80 Winchester Street or 265 Gerrard St. East. We still need copy so make a New Year's Resolution to write something for SEVEN NEWS



Sand-blasting is underway on four houses on Carlton Street which are part of the Cowley Assembly in Don Vale. Such work will continue if DACHI has its \$1.6 million offer to purchase approved by Central Mortgage and Housing

Corporation. DACHI will turn part of the assembly into a non-profit co-op if the deal goes through. See page 10 for latest development on the project.

Photo by Frank Elsasser

## Housing Co-op takes option on \$1.6 million Don Vale property

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

Don Area Co-op Homes, Inc. (DACHI) has taken an option to purchase 39 homes that have come up for sale in Don Vale. At the same time, they have submitted a tentative proposal with Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC) to obtain the \$1.6 million needed to purchase the property.

The property under option is called the Cowley Assembly and consists of the houses in the block bounded by Carlton, Dermott and Spruce plus scattered houses east of Dermott and on Sackville Street.

The property was originally assembled some 15 years ago by Alex Cowley Real Estate and then sold off to a subsidiary of George Weston Ltd. At that time, Don Vale was slated for massive urban renewal and the property was intended as the site for a large shopping centre.

When urban renewal plans fell through, little if anything was done with the property until a couple of

months ago when it was sold as a block to a private developer for a reported \$1.2 million.

The identity of the new owner is unknown but his tentative plans call for rehabilitating most of the houses and selling them off and demolishing and constructing new units for the others. As part of this plan, the reconstruction and sandblasting of four houses of Carlton Street is already underway.

DACHI got wind of the change of ownership last month and made a counter offer which give the new owners a clear \$150,000 profit. The new owners would also be saved the trouble of rehabilitating and constructing and selling off the units individually.

## CNH moves towards community control?

After 62 years as a Settlement House serving the Don District, Central Neighbourhood House on Ontario Street is now taking some tentative steps that will give it a measure of community control.

In the past few years, Central Neighbourhood House has been often criticised for its top-down structure, patronizing attitude and lack of accountability to those it purports to serve. As more and more organizations in its area came under community ownership or community control, CNH seemed in danger of becoming totally isolated and alienated from the neighbourhood.

Now it is offering voting rights to anyone in the community who has taken part in any direct or indirect CNH activity.

To qualify for voting rights, an individual must be over 16, been involved in a CNH activity for over six months and fill out an application form by December 31.

Participation in any of the following qualify a person to

vote: Teen Club groups, Teen Drop-in, Women's group, Nursery school parent's group, Parent's group, Sunday Family Program, Saturday evening Drop-in, Sunday Evening Drop-in, Senior Citizens, Mother's and babies group, Boards and Committees of CNH, SOCCA, South of Carlton Working Committee, Donwest Neighbours Group, Dundas Day Centre.

Also eligible to vote are any recipients of counselling or advocacy help, students being tutored, people being home visited and neighbourhood volunteers.

A statement released by CNH does not make it clear whether voting rights is in reality membership in the Corporation that controls CNH. However, mention is made of voting in June - presumably at the CNH Annual Meeting.

Applications for voting rights are available from CNH or from any of its staff members. They must be registered with CNH by Dec. 31

## Split over co-op housing plan

A lot of developers have faced Don Vale audiences during the past year but none met as much hostility as did DACHI when it presented its preliminary plans to a meeting of Don Vale residents last week.

The meeting, at times, turned into a bitter 3-way confrontation and saw a number of people give vent to anger and hostility that had been building up for years.

The meeting, attended by about 80 people, saw three factions emerge:

- The poor who resent being displaced by the upper income professionals that have bought up and taken over a large part of Don Vale.
- An upper-middle class faction who want to preserve a social and economic mix in Don Vale. (Or who feel guilty at displacing the poor.)
- A minority of upper-middle class newcomers who want the poor and their attendant problems out of the Don Vale area.

The latter group, mostly from lower Metcalfe Street, were the most vocal and attempts were made early in the meeting to scuttle the whole DACHI project. Their major argument was that the proximity of a large number of low-income tenants would lower

property values and create many other problems.

When put to a vote, the meeting voted 65 to 15 in favor of having co-op housing in Don Vale.

With that issue supposedly settled, a motion was then presented to strike a committee to meet with DACHI and come up with detailed plans for the project. The committee to report back to another general meeting by January 15.

But then an amendment was made to the motion asking the committee to look into alternate plans for the project and report back. This amendment carried.

Finally, 14 people volunteered to sit on a 7-man committee to deal with the Cowley Assembly. A vote was taken on each person and as they stood up they were asked if they favored low-income co-op housing.

The majority of those who were elected to the committee indicated they favored such a proposal, although none live in the houses in the Cowley Assembly.

Elected to the Cowley Assembly committee were: Robert Bevin, Douglas Hughes, Polly Evens, Jim Lorimer, Garry Stan, Eric Conroy and John Davy.

Under the DACHI proposal, the total cost of purchase, rehabilitation of existing units and construction of infill units would be borne by CMHC. The present tenants in the project would have first priority to live in them and they would then form a co-operative which would own, manage and control the whole assembly.

The rent to be charged to a member of the co-op would be based on the total outstanding loan to CMHC plus maintenance and taxes. The rent would not reflect market values, nor would any profit be made.

The one advantage to such a system is that once fixed, the rents for the units would stay static and would in fact decline over the years as outstanding principle and interest was paid off.

The disadvantage is that a member of the co-op. A new member entering the co-op at that time has the advantage of paying a declining rate of "rent" as the major loan is paid off.

The DACHI option on the property ends on Feb. 5 and in the meantime it is working hard with CMHC inspectors to convince them of the validity of their proposal.

# Merry Christmas

## WARD SEVEN



# Health Centre to open in Don Vale

by DON WEITZ

On January 2, the Don Vale Community Health Centre will start setting up operation in the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street. The Health Centre will be located in the two main rooms on the first floor.

The Health Centre recently received a \$9,360 LIP grant to hire three staff and negotiations are underway with the Province to obtain a lump-sum OHIP grant to pay salaries of doctors and other medical staff.

A local family doctor has committed himself to working full-time and another family doctor has volunteered to help set up and conduct a VD Birth Control Clinic.

A registered dietician has volunteered to provide nutrition information and counselling and some doctors have agreed to make emergency house calls.

Negotiations are also in progress to make use of the dental clinic at Winchester school one night a week.

Since it was established two months ago, the Health Centre Board of Directors has held eight weekly meetings. Four of the meetings were initiated by Howard (Baldy) Chard and Irene Lee and have been held in the Gerrard Tavern.

As a result of these meetings at least six people have expressed interest in serving as volunteers in the Health Centre.

Anyone interested in applying for staff positions or serving as volunteers in the Health Centre should phone Don Weitz at 922-7441.

A general meeting of the Health Centre is being held on Wed. December 19 at 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre. All interested in good health should attend.



## Marg Campbell is good people writes reader

Dear Editor.

There couldn't be a better time of year to give thanks and praise to a very conscientious and dedicated politician - Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Q.C., MPP St. George's Riding, which overlaps Ward Seven.

She served a few years ago on City Council and then as a Judge in the Family Court, and was then elected overwhelmingly to fill the vacancy left by the Hon. Allan Lawrence's departure for the Federal Government. Since then she has spent the majority of her time investigating and attempting to improve the injustices which the disabled under 65, (many single or widowed as I am) are forced to endure.

The disabled under 65 on Provincial assistance under Family Benefits receive a monthly sum so small that one lives from hand to mouth and can barely exist without the help of friends and the many charitable outlets in Toronto.

It is humiliating and degrading to accept charity, though given with kind and loving hearts. All other necessities requested by doctors, are followed by an investigation from someone in Metro Social Services at City Hall before being provided by Metro. Basically speaking, the monthly allotment for disabled runs from approximately \$121.00 to \$150.00 per month.

The Toronto Star is always quoting one only basic amount of \$157.50 per month, which they consider to be completely inadequate. I don't know who qualifies for the top allowance as

many of my acquaintances permanently confined to wheelchairs do not receive it.

In the past four years I have been hospitalized in the Wellesley nine times (ten days, three weeks, nine weeks, etc.) for various illnesses, one being a rare meningitis in the lining of my brain.

The doctors told the dedicated priest on hand from Our Lady of Lourdes Church they didn't think they could possibly keep me alive, but here I am, having been left with some disability though.

I have a chronic urology problem, also an orthopaedic one and am being treated as a preventive measure from more surgery in the base of my spine, where the discs are degenerating further since previous surgery some years ago.

I used to have taxi coverage to and from the doctors' offices and at times my legs seize on the street forcing me to take a taxi home - but there is no more taxi coverage on my behalf. I used to have a dental card when I was on Metro Welfare, and had to report twice a month, with a steel brace on my back and a cast on my arm.

After seven doctors' certificates and many letters I wrote to politicians I was finally put on Provincial Assistance. (I no longer have dental coverage.) That was over two years ago and at that time the doctors had made a strong appeal for a hard, firm mattress, not necessarily an orthopaedic one - refused.

Mrs Campbell wrote to Hon. Rene Brunelle, with a copy to Mr. John Anderson, Commissioner for Metro Social Services and, following an immediate investigation from a concerned and sympathetic representative from City Hall, a mattress was received. I have also been reimbursed for a \$20.00 dental bill and have forwarded receipts for a further \$30.00.

However, there is no assurance it will be forthcoming as there is no dental program for Disability Pensioners. That \$30.00 really matters at this time of year particularly.

Mrs. Campbell has perpetually brought out discrepancies and inadequate income such as this and so many, many more to the attention of the Legislature. She has flooded Rene Brunelle's office with letters because of the many phone calls she receives at Queen's Park and her Riding office at 314 Jarvis St.. She has met with disabled persons in Moss Park and in St James Town, and subsequently contacted each one individually either by phone or letter and, when warranted, appealed for assistance.

When the budget estimate for Social Assistance was before the House, she spoke out loud and clear. When the gift for \$50.00 for Senior Citizens was so heavily attacked, she had plenty to say but still fought for her disabled constituents.

She attacked the Dominion Store in St. James Town for changing prices, having been deluged with letters from people living in that area. We, on disability, aren't even going to receive the paltry Christmas gift going to Metro Welfare recipients!

I could certainly have used the \$50.00 given to Senior Citizens, many of whom are very able-bodied people and have personally expressed to me their satisfaction with their way of living and what they feel is an adequate income.

Ontario Housing Corporation officials claim through the newspapers and T.V. interviews that none of their residents pay more than 25% of their income - or rent. What a lot of hogwash! I, Personally pay 32.8% and with a phone, which is a necessity, it comes to 35.2%.

Mrs. Campbell has requested on numerous occasions that she be given a copy of the supposed re-gear-to-income scale for Ontario Housing residents. However at this point no official of that Corporation has complied with her requests.

Senior Citizens do not have the added expenses of the disabled, but travel half-fare, and get half price admission to movies, etc. Even the St. James Town Theatre Society have an Admission price of \$1.00 for students and Senior Citizens but \$1.50 for all others, including the disabled.

I sincerely hope that Mrs. Campbell will take a well-deserved and much-needed rest during the Christmas recess, though I doubt it. Mr. Brunelle has publicly promised to reorganize the whole Social Service program at the beginning of the new year and Mrs. Campbell won't let him forget it, you can be sure of that. He has promised us a decent income - well, we'll see! She truly cares about all of us and I hope and pray that she succeeds in her endeavours.

A happy and holy Christmas to Mrs. Campbell 7-News Staff and all its readers.

### Christmas

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Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

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### Xmas light tour

by MARION DEVINE

Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Q.C., MPP, and the St. George Liberal Association are sponsoring a Christmas Lights Tour and Party on Friday, December 21st.

The event is being held for the Shut-Ins, Disabled and Senior Citizens in Moss Park and St. James Town, though all residents are welcome to the party. Due to limited transportation facilities the bus tour will be restricted to those residents in Moss Park, and St. James Town (200 Wellesley St., 275, 325 and 375 Blecker Sts.)

Buses will pick up the residents of Moss Park and St. James Town at 7:00 P.M., then on with a tour of the city to end at St. Luke's United Church, 353 Sherbourne St., where

entertainment and a social gathering will take place, and of course lots of good refreshments.

This is a very unique type of party for a politician to give and the response by the public has been tremendous. Buses and ramps are being provided by the Toronto Fire Dept., McDonald's Restaurants, Julie's Restaurant, Ben Bonzer, Hi Hamen, David Saunders, as far as is known now - free of charge.

The Church Hall is being given free and members of the Association are providing the refreshments. Some members and former members of St. Michael's Choir School will be singing Christmas Carols.

There will be medical staff, mostly from Wellesley Hospital in case of any unfortunate incident.



## EDUCATION REPORT

## Threat of mass resignations averted

BY DOUG BARR and GORD CRESSY

On Nov. 22, the threat of mass high school teacher resignations dissolved. On that day, a majority of secondary school teachers in Metro voted to ratify the contract arrived at between the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation negotiators and the Committee of Board Chairmen, negotiating for the five area Boards in Metro.

More than half of our own teachers in Toronto voted against the settlement, but because it was the overall Metro vote that counted, the contract was ratified by a 52.6% vote.

Depending upon who you talk to and how much the cost of living increases over the next two years, the teachers won an overall salary increase for 1973-74-75 of between 15 to 19%.

The Metro Board also promised to re-hire next year about 250 teachers whose positions were not filled this year because of the Provincial ceilings. Class sizes should improve just slightly because of this.

One of the real frustrations of the whole process is that the trustees whom you elected to be Ward Seven's "Presence" on the Board

are not involved in this crucial exercise.

All negotiations were done at the Metro level by the five Board Chairmen who were given that mandate. As a result, all the Toronto Board can do is ratify or reject the settlement negotiated.

In reality, the employees (the Toronto teachers) are not financially accountable to their employer (the Toronto Board.)

Another important decision made at the November meeting relates to the selection of principals and vice-principals of our secondary schools. This new procedure was strongly supported by your ward trustees and was battled openly in the pages of the Toronto Sun and the Toronto Star.

This is the new procedure which will be tried for a year and then re-evaluated:

Secondary school appointments above the level of department head will be selected by a committee made up of two trustees, two top administrators and two teachers.

In addition to involving trustees and teachers for the first time, the resolution states that "this Committee will obtain from the staff of the school concerned, the parents of the students at the

school, the local trustees, and the student council of the school, a list of criteria which these groups feel should be considered in the selection of a Principal.

A short list of not more than three candidates will be drawn up by the Directors, and the committee will interview the candidates and make the final selection."

The low opinion several trustees have regarding the interest and advisability of parents and students participating in this process was most alarming. Also alarming was the fear of favouritism and patronage among trustees which was mentioned in the press.

It seems ironic to us that the same trustees who feel they and their colleagues are eminently qualified to select a Director of Education for the entire City are the same ones who despair over their own ability to provide some input into the selection of local principals.

In the next issue of SEVEN NEWS, we hope to report on two items of interest to Ward Seven parents and students: the second interim report of the workgroup on Vocational Schools, and a new formula to help obtain more flexible and sizeable funds for Inner City Schools.

With the introduction of more professional development days for elementary school teachers this year it is hoped that there will be fewer "surprises" around the Christmas report card.

Many schools are using one or more of these P.D. days to schedule parent interviews to talk about a child's progress. We would urge you to take advantage of this opportunity. This was one of the main reasons why your trustees supported the need for such days.

If you have further questions about the above or other educational matters, please call us on the EDUCATION HOTLINE—921-4404.

## Lonely Hearts Club opens

by BARRY WILSON

For everyone who is interested and single, there is now a place to meet and make friends with the object of marriage or just to have a social evening.

Newly opened in the Don District is a club called the Singles Come Together club and the only qualification is that you be single and wish to meet people.

The Club meets every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the Goulding Room at All Saints Church at the corner of Dundas and Sherbourne and admission is free.

Refreshments are served at each gathering and there is dancing, music, cards and many other activities. The club is non-profit and will be community controlled by its members.

At its first meeting, held last week, those attending formed a Steering Committee consisting of the following: Vern Le Fave, Jim Ramsaak, Paula Baker, Glen Shipman, William Ford, Lawrence Yee, Barry Wilson, Ina Moore, Chester Cook, Stanley Spencer, Cathy Mroz, Debbie Falle, Jim Gregory and Jerry Moluar.

A dinner and party is planned for the Christmas meeting and the group are presently seeking donations of turkey and trimmings to make it a success. Phone Vern LaFave at 366-2664 for more details.

## news roundup

## Winchester Public School to celebrate 100th anniversary

The hoarding is coming down from around Anniversary Park at the corner of Gerrard and Parliament and the park should be turned back to the community early in the new year. Called "wino park" by the people in the immediate area, it has served as a work site for the digging of storm sewer along Gerrard street over the last 18 months.

**CORRECTION:** Fraser Howard, listed in the last issue as a new programmer at the Don Vale Community Centre has since quit that organization. His reasons for quitting were that the apathy, alienation and disinterest by the community made his job impossible to perform.

The Regent Park Teen Centre at 203 Sackville Green has reopened after a two month lay-off. New staff hired to supervise programs at the centre include, Sam Cannarella, Terry Garrison, Viki Samuels and Mary-Ellen Young.

A free nursery and adult program is available every Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Blue Portable, 203 Oak street. Phone 863-0358.

A Community BINGO is being held every Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street.

Donald S. Macdonald and his wife Ruth held an early Xmas party last week at the Club Harmonie on Sherbourne street for the members of the Rosedale Liberal Association.

The Don Vale Community Centre is negotiating with the Post Office Department to have a sub-post office in that building for the benefit of area residents.

Winchester public school, located south of St. Jamestown in Ward Seven will be celebrating its 100th anniversary next Fall. To make the celebration a success, they are trying to contact all ex-teachers

and graduates of the school. Anyone who worked there or attended it, should contact the school at 921-3950.

The Don Vale Resident's Association are sending a brief into Metro Council opposing the widening of Bayview Avenue on the grounds that it will only feed more traffic into the already congested downtown core.

The fifth annual Christmas variety show in St. Jamestown will be held Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the track room at 200 Wellesley street.

Belated thanks to Bea Broughton of Wellesley street for her generous donation to the SEVEN NEWS fund drive.

New detached youth worker in the Don District is Ken Cavaney. Ken is being sponsored by St. Peter's Anglican church with funding from the Toronto Anglican Diocese. Nick Power is a new Community Program organizer hired by the Don Vale Community Centre.

St. Bartholemew's Church celebrated its 100th anniversary last week with a thanksgiving and dedication service followed by a wine and cheese party.

A free, weekly course in "street law" is being conducted by Allan McChesney every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Oak street school, 203 Oak street.

Over 60 people were turned away from the Dominion Store in St. Jamestown last weekend by Grape Boycott pickets. Two cars were provided by the pickets to drive people to an alternate store to shop. More cars are needed for upcoming picket action. Phone Barry Morris at 922-7391 if you can help out.

A group is being organized in Ward Seven around the idea of taking a bicycle trip to the Maritimes this summer. For more information phone Munden Hollett at 923-4998.

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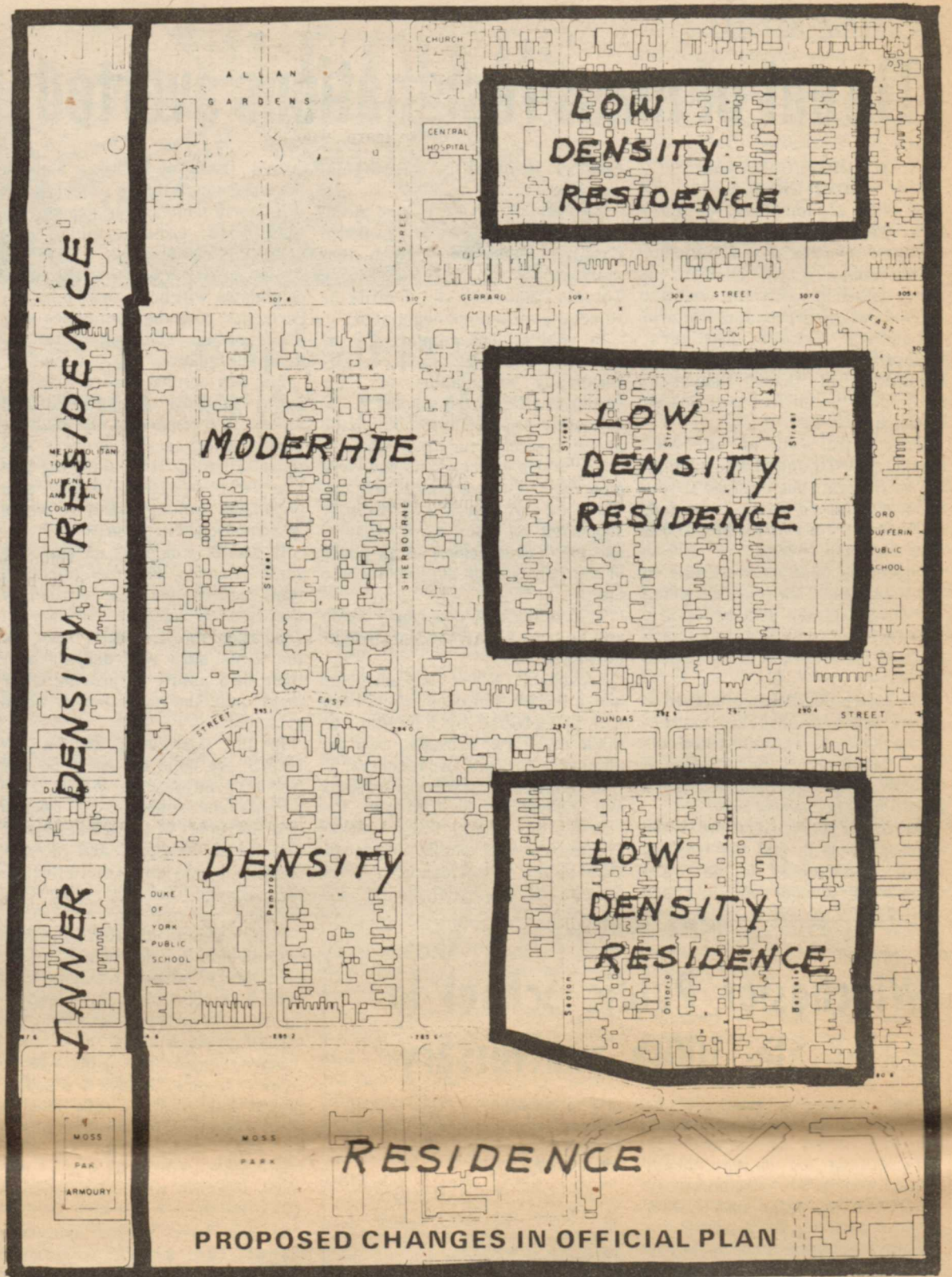
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## South of Carlton Part II Study revealed

by SEVEN NEWS STAFF

A program of "acquiring industrial properties and vacant lots" and making these available to non-profit housing corporations is just one of the many recommendations to come out of the South of Carlton Part II planning study.

The long awaited draft, labelled "for discussion purposes only" was made public last week and is the result of a two year effort on the part of the South of Carlton Working Committee.

The Committee is made up of representatives of local tenants, home owners, businessmen and local institutions. It has produced an all-encompassing view of what the area should be with recommendations to encourage the establishment of community facilities including a community health clinic, initiate discussions with local residents and businessmen about the possible creation of mini-parks throughout the area and traffic controls in the form of street narrowings, traffic "bumps" and improved laneways.

But the main body of the report comes in its recommendations for housing in the area.

Following the guidelines set last spring in establishing height limits of 35 to 45 feet for new development in South of Carlton, the report calls for the restoration of the area as low and moderate density residential. The area east of George street is now designated as Inner

Density Residence Area in the Official Plan and this allows City Council to approve rezoning which would allow about three times as many people in the area as are there now. It is also suggested that existing housing be repaired.

To do this it suggests supplying labour and materials to owner occupiers with low incomes and seeking government funding and low interest loans to help rehabilitate the housing.

In addition it calls for the "extended use of low or no-interest loans to non-profit housing groups to help in acquiring badly deteriorated buildings, industrial properties and vacant lots" for the purposes of providing "assisted housing" in the South of Carlton area.

One of the more controversial recommendations calls on the City to investigate the feasibility of requiring all persons or companies who own more than six dwelling units to possess a landlord permit in order to operate. Such permits would be issued by the City and would have to conform with the minimum housing standards and could be revoked by the City.

This is a particularly enlightening suggestion coming on the heels of government statistics released last month which revealed that 90 percent of the population of South of Carlton are tenants and living in houses operated mainly by absentee landlords.

The recommendation if adopted by the City would give much needed controls on some of the more prominent slum landlords operating in the area.

In addition to its report on housing the brief contains recommendations dealing with the Skid Row situation.

It asks that there be no further expansion of hostel facilities in the Don District and that the Provincial and Municipal authorities develop policies and programs to ensure an adequate supply of housing for low income single people - including skid-row men.

It is recommended that rooming house owners be licensed and a resident operator be required in each rooming house. The regulations for rooming houses should, according to the report, be established by a committee of Municipal Representatives, roomers, rooming house operators and rooming house owners.

The recommendations also call for the establishment of more half-way houses and detox units to serve 51 Division.

Discussion of these proposals will continue at the first meeting of the Working Committee in the New Year, on Monday, January 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Central Neighbourhood House.

Copies of the draft recommendations and further information is available from the South of Carlton Planning Office at 265 Gerrard St. E. Phone 924-4826.

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# ALPHA school tries new approach to education

by ANDRE LeROUX

On the third floor of the old red brick Y.M.C.A. building on Broadview Ave. just below Gerrard, some interesting things are happening in the educational field. This is the home of the Toronto Board of Education's alternative elementary school Alpha. Now in its second year of operation, with many of the wrinkles ironed out, Alpha is beginning to realise some of the tremendous potential inherent in its alternative approach to education.

What has emerged is a core of the more dedicated individuals, tempered with a good deal of fresh blood, which has a real live school to relate to. A day to day living and learning situation whose problems the group is well aware of and anxious to solve. What the present Alpha group is also beginning to experience is the sweet taste of success in

really making education relevant. Children who want to learn, who ask to be taught, helped and shown how, are becoming more and more common in the Alpha situation.

The evolution from the relative confusion of the first year required some basic organisation. The Alpha parent group, in lengthy discussions with the Toronto Board of education officials, thrashed out a set of operational policies:

- Parent participation in the school amounting to a half day per week per family was made a condition of enrollment and this has resulted in good parent participation in the program this year.

- The presence of a full time coordinator to organise the scheduling of the thirty or so parents and volunteers coming to

work in the school each week. No funds were available to hire such a person so Lesly Moffat, one of the parents, herself a certified teacher, agreed to take on the part time secretarial duties paid for by the Board of Education, and do the coordinating on a voluntary basis for the rest of the day. She has even managed to squeeze in a bit of teaching from time to time. The coordinators role has been a vital and necessary one in making the program work.

- Alpha needed to have a principal and Mr. C. Martindale, principal of nearby Frankland School agreed to take the responsibility with his vice principal Al Ginou providing some of the liaison with Alpha. Both have provided friendly and helpful assistance to the program with their regular visits to the school.

- Two full time qualified teachers and four volunteers, making a total of six adults were to be in the school at all times. In practice this goal has almost been achieved.

- Daily logbooks are kept recording briefly each child's activities and progress for that day in an attempt to make sure no child is missing out or hiding in the woodwork.

At the present time programs are continuing in creative writing, (The school magazine, Alpha Centauri, organised by the kids with the help of volunteer Karl Sedmina, provides an outlet for all manner of poems articles, opinions drawings and cartoons and is published monthly), math, music, ceramics, cooking, photography, weaving, geology and health sciences. Field trips are frequent and a geology excursion to Alberta is in the planning stage for the spring.

Through the institution of weekly meetings in the school, the kids find that they can be a part of the decisions which have an immediate effect on them that they can exercise a degree of control over their affairs in school and can devise solutions to



problems which affect them from time to time to time.

There are still vacancies in the school for children in each age group and any one interested in escaping from the "hidden curriculum", the "convoy system" and the high adult child ratio in the regular public schools, and willing to become involved in the educational process with their children is welcome to contact Lesly Moffat in the school at 461-4056 or at home at 533-5509 to arrange a visit to the school or attend an evening meeting.



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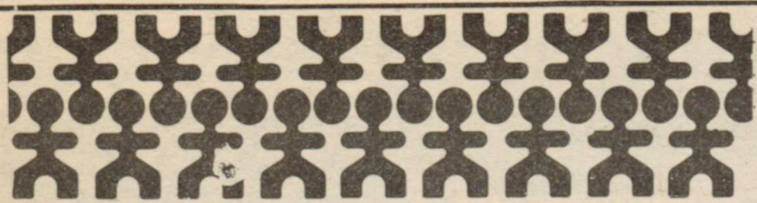
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**Bill Davis to open Regent Health Centre**

by DON WEITZ

After 4 1/2 years of organizing, planning and numerous meetings with health professionals and governmental officials, Regent Park tenants have finally succeeded in getting their own community health centre. The Health Centre will open on Dec. 18, and the groundbreaking ceremony happened about three months ago.

The Regent Park Community Health Centre will be the first real community health centre in the Don District, Ward 7 and probably in all of Toronto as well. The Health Centre will eventually be community controlled - totally controlled by the tenants, and it will be for the exclusive use of Regent Park tenants.

Regent Park's struggle to create its own health centre has largely been led by a committed and hard-working OHC tenant, Richard Boundy. Other tenants soon joined him and formed their own working committee, the Health Committee which grew directly out of the parent tenant group, R.P.C.I.A. (Regent Park Community Improvement Association).

Some of the major health issues around which the tenants organized were: 1) inadequate health facilities in the community; 2) total

lack of family doctors; 3) total lack of dental care, and 4) high drug costs.

In organizing, the tenants held numerous meetings with health professionals from hospitals, governmental officials and social agencies. In the early planning stage, the tenants met with St. Michael's Hospital (Dr. Peter Kopplin), Hospital for Sick Children (Dr. Ursula Anderson), the provincial Ministry of Health (Dr. Wigle) and the Social Planning Council (Cindy Nowena). In the later planning stage, the tenants consulted again with the Social Planning Council as well as OHIP and Margaret Scrivener, MPP.

During this organizing process, the tenants encountered at least two major conflicts; one involved funding from OHIP, the other involved disagreement over the basic type or structure of the health centre which the tenants wanted, as opposed to the type the Hospital for Sick Children advocated.

Also, there were two changes in the original plans for the Health Centre, setting up a community pharmacy which was later left out largely because of the Ministry's disapproval and a total tenant-controlled Board of Directors, a goal which eventually will be achieved.

During the time of organizing, the only health care facility operating in the community has been the Regent Park Community Services Unit. The Services Unit, located at 70 Pashler Ave., provides medical service (1 family doctor one day a week) and emergency care, as well as a variety of social services organized around counselling, information and referral. When the Health Centre is established, the Service Unit plans to work closely with it.

The Health Centre will be located

in South Regent Park on the ground floor of an OHC apartment building. The space provided consists of three adjoining suites. The area served is approximately one square mile; its geographical boundaries are: Gerrard St. E. on the north; Shuter St. on the south; Parliament St. on the west, and River St. on the east. The total population is approximately 10,000, the vast majority of whom are low-income, working class people from various ethnic backgrounds. Many are unemployed, on welfare, single-support mothers and old-age pensioners.

The staff of the Health Centre will consist of six health professionals: one administrator responsible for over-all co-ordination and accounting, two family doctors responsible for family practice, one nurse-practitioner (head nurse), and two nurses. Within the near future, the plans call for at least 6-8 additional staff; there will include a dentist, a dental hygienist, a dental assistant, a cleaner, a receptionist, a secretary, and one or two RNA's (Registered Nursing Assistants). A few of these additional staff - particularly the RNA's - will probably be directly recruited from the tenants themselves and trained by the health centre staff.

At first, the Health Centre will provide complete family practice, pre and post-natal care, home visits for the elderly and disabled, and 24-hr. emergency care with a doctor-on-call. The services planned include: dental care (by next January), mental health counselling and referral, nutrition-diet counselling and information.

The Health Centre will be open six days a week during the following hours: M, W & Th. 9-9, T & F, 9-5, and Sat., 9-12 a.m. Emergency house-calls will also be available on a 24-hr. basis.

The Health Centre is being funded by a short-term grant of \$80,000 from the Research and Planning Branch of the provincial Ministry of Health. This grant will cover a 6-month period, Nov. 1973 to Apr. 1974.

The control of the Health Centre is in the hands of a 13-member Board of Directors. At present, this Board is mixed and is heavily weighted toward the professional side. Specifically, the Board consists of 8 professionals (including 4 ministers, 1 lawyer, 1 doctor and 1 MPP) and 5 tenants (elected from the R.P.C.I.A.). However, the plan is for a total, tenant controlled Board; this is to be achieved by replacing present Board members with two tenants each year.

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## Moss Park writer seeks recognition

by BILL GUSEN

Many Toronto apartment-dwellers would be excited if a familiar-looking guest appearing on the Johnny Carson TV show turned out to be a tenant in their building. Residents in Moss Park Apartments in Ward Seven may be having just that startled reaction this winter.

Moss Park Apartments in a 750-apartment complex containing elderly and low-income people. Louis Kenderessy fits the latter category as he works days as a doorman at a swank, uptown luxury apartment building.

But at night he writes and writes, spending as much as ten hours a day at the small desk in his one-bedroom apartment, trying to establish in Canada the same reputation for literary genius that he once held in Europe.

Louis was christened Lajos Kenderessy in 1920 in Kolosvar, capital of Transylvania. The region then formed part of Hungary but was given to neighboring Roumania in 1945, by a Stalin grateful for Bucharet's choice of the Allies over the Axis.

Louis' desire to write surfaced early. Perhaps it was in part the result of inner questing provoked by a car accident at age four, which severed his left arm above the elbow. Perhaps it was also due to the revealing perspectives provided to the son of a long-standing mayor.

By grade nine Louis had his first poems and short stories published in Transylvanian newspapers. This brought scholarships which kept both the by now fatherless Louis and his published works going until he'd graduated from high school.

Like many creative young people, Louis felt that he had to expand his horizons, setting off for Budapest and the Theatrical Arts Academy. Unlike many, he kept his faith. He does to this day, worshipping regularly at Hungarian United Church at Spadina Queen.

The 21-year old Lajos began studying stage-directing and writing at the Academy in 1941, finishing up four years later. Thanks to his talents, and to contacts made while moonlighting as a theatre telephone operator, Louis was immediately hired as assistant director of Budapest's National Theatre.

Many successful productions followed, as well as the publication and successful Budapest production of Louis' first one act play, *The Woman's Crime*, and a novel. He married in 1947 and settled into a comfortable apartment.

The Hungarians had chosen war-partners badly however, giving the Germans the shove three years too late. The invasion of the Nazis in 1943 was followed by Stalin's more or less permanent takeover at the end of 1944.

Hungarians in positions as sensitive as theatre directors were required to join the Communist party. When Louis balked on principle he was summarily demoted to a bookkeeper's post in a textile factory at one third to one quarter the salary he'd been making. He was permitted to direct a factory amateur theatre group two nights a week. Publishing was more difficult now but Louis continued to write. His mistake came in October 1950 when he tried to send a manuscript, typically romantic in content, to Radio Free Europe. The work didn't make it any further than Budapest Post Central and the Russian Censor's eye. Incredibly, Kenderessy was charged with being an American spy and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment on December 15, 1950.

He served six of those ten years in various prisons near the capital. His wife told to divorce him in order to keep her government job. The apartment became hers and all of



Louis' possessions were seized. They've had no contact whatsoever since then. Somewhat embittered by the divorce, Louis sent his one letter per month to a friend.

The 1956 Hungarian uprising is well known to most followers of recent history and even Louis manages to talk about it in an offhand fashion.

"The patriots set all the political prisoners free in the first four days. I crossed very easily into Austria in November. The border stayed open from the end of October 'til about Christmas."

Along with 200,000 others, Louis was welcomed by a combined committee of world churches. They placed him with 10,000 fellow-refugees in Sitzenheim, a former U.S. base, three kilometers from Vienna. Louis wanted to go to the United States, and applied to their officials numerous times. They turned him down on each occasion because of his handicap. He found the Canadians more welcoming and was on his way to Toronto by August of 1957.

Mr. Kenderessy managed to survive on the then-sufficient \$60 per month welfare payment. At the same time he learned English and continued his writing, denied him for those six long years in prison.

Finally he got the seemingly impossible labourer's job he'd sought in over 100 on-site visits. The inspired employer realized that a man can paint a wall just as well with one hand as two.

As Louis began to find his way around Toronto as well as its 56,000 strong Hungarian community he came inside for an elevator operator's post at a downtown hotel. By 1960 he'd led many literary evenings for Hungarian-Canadian cultural societies and had more than 200 pieces printed in the North American ethnic press.

As his fame spread, and after directing a play for Toronto's Hungarian Theatre, Louis received demands for speaking engagements from more specific North American centres as far away as Los Angeles. National literary societies in the U.S. and Canada sponsored tours in 1960 and 1962. These tours permitted joyous reunions with colleagues from Budapest theatre and/or jail days. They also allowed Louis to sell many of his novels and plays in person. They're printed in Hungarian, in runs of 5,000, in Toronto, New York, or Los Angeles.

The success of these ventures encouraged Louis to organize a tour amongst former-refugee groups in western-European cities. They'd been requesting his participation

for some time and in 1965 he set off on a successful visit to the nine European centres most heavily settled by Hungarian emigres.

Again for five weeks this summer Louis was able to make personal visits to his brother and two sisters who've stayed in Transylvania. They live in great poverty, but somehow Louis manages to send money three or four times a year.

And what about appearing on the Johnny Carson TV show? Louis is not just having a pipe dream as the result of a recent appearance on a CBC talk show.

A New York socialite friend, Joly Gabor, mother of Zsa-Zsa and Eva, is working on it. So if the book he is currently writing gets printed - watch out.

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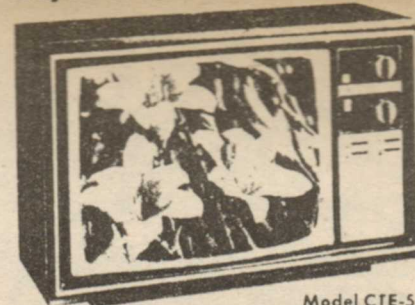
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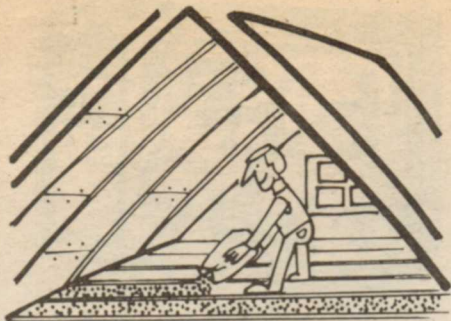
been estimated that if each person in Ontario saved just a penny's worth of energy each day, we'd save enough energy in a week to heat up to 2,500 homes for an entire year. Nobody has the right to waste any form of power. The time has come for every person to do everything possible to ensure the wisest use of energy.

Good energy habits learned now, especially by our young people, will help bring us through this winter, and pay off even more in years to come. Let's get to work.

### 47 ways you can conserve energy. A program for voluntary action!

#### 1-7 Your heating system.

Clean forced-air filters once a month  
 Bleed air from hot water radiators, fix leaks  
 Empty the flue clean-out  
 Have the system checked by an expert  
 Insulate ducts and pipes in areas that don't need heat  
 Don't use metallic paint on radiators  
 A gravity air system with a single return works best with interior doors **open**.



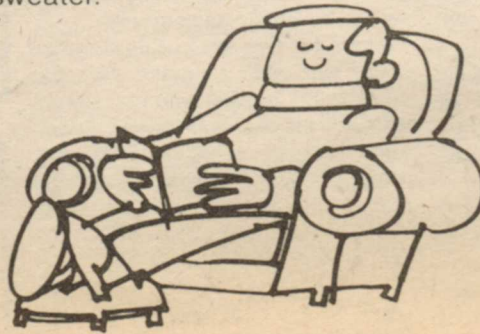
#### 8-13 Keep the heat in!

Insulation, especially in attics, pays off in the long run  
 Fit storm windows, weather-strip outside doors  
 Keep fireplace damper closed  
 Use range hood ventilators only when necessary  
 If you sleep with the window open, close the door  
 Close drapes at night.

#### 14-17 Use your thermostat.

Each degree you lower the thermostat cuts fuel consumption about 3%  
 It's possible to save by turning the

thermostat down at night  
 If you use a humidifier, you'll stay comfortable with less heat  
 If there's a Shivery Sam in the family, ask him to wear a sweater.



#### 18-22 Hot water.

Insulate exposed hot water pipes  
 If your water heater has a dial, try setting it lower  
 A dripping tap wastes up to 175 gallons of hot water a month  
 Don't use dishwashers till they're full  
 Generally, a shower uses less hot water than a bath.

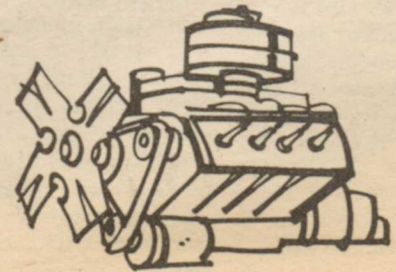
#### 23-32 Around the house.

Are the door seals on your oven, refrigerator and freezer good?  
 Don't use the oven if a toaster or fry-pan will do the job  
 If you buy an electric heater, make sure it has a thermostat  
 Use lower wattage bulbs if you can  
 Use Christmas lights from 6 pm till bedtime  
 Use pots that cover stove elements  
 Thaw frozen food before cooking  
 Defrost freezers regularly  
 A pressure cooker saves energy as well as time  
 Don't use the dryer till it's full.

#### 33-39 On the road.

A well-maintained car is an economical car  
 Check tires and alignment

Prolonged idling wastes gas  
 Can you use the bus? Or ride with someone else?  
 Does your size of car really fit your needs?  
 Over 50 mph, economy decreases  
 Jack-rabbit starts waste gas



#### 40-44 Around the farm.

A well-tuned tractor burns 10% less fuel  
 Underground or pressurized storage tanks reduce vapourization loss  
 Reduce tractor wheel slip and you save fuel  
 Prolonged idling of engines wastes gas  
 Can you turn yard lights off earlier?

#### 45-47 At work.

Can the thermostat be turned down?  
 Can you turn off any lights?  
 Has your company got an Energy Conservation Suggestion Scheme?

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# Hey, Mom!

by CATHERINE VERRALL

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## Nova Scotia Brown Bread

### Step 1.

(A.) Into a large bowl or pot, put  
3 cups rolled oats (not "instant")  
1 Tbsp. salt (or less)  
5 cups boiling water

Let sit half an hour, or more

(B.) Pour 1/2 cup lukewarm water into a medium bowl  
Stir in 1 tsp. sugar  
2 pkg. dry yeast

Let rise at least half an hour, in warm place

### Step 2.

To oats mixture, add yeast  
1 cup molasses  
1 cup mild powder (if you have it)  
8 cups whole wheat flour  
3 or 4 cups all-purpose flour

(you can use less whole-wheat and more white flour, of course) Work the flour in gradually. As dough gets thick, dump onto board or table and knead until the flour is all worked in. Put dough back into pot, cover, leave in warm place for several hours, until double in bulk.

### Step 3.

Dump dough onto floured board. (The puffiness collapses...don't worry!) Knead a little. If gooey, add a little more flour. Shape into 4 loaves. Put into greased pans. Let rise until puffy and double. (About 1 hour).

### Step 4.

Bake at 325 until the top feels crusty when you tap it. Turn out onto a towel or rack to cool.



A child can make his own little loaf at step 3; maybe poke rasins into it. Yummy!

What's for lunch?

**Martin's Cheesies** are everybody's favourite, especially 8 year-old Martin, who makes them himself, and serves us.

1 slice "Mummy's bread" (or store-made whole wheat, the only kind I buy).

Cover with hand-cut slices of cheese (mild cheddar cheese, not the "processed" kind that has its health-gifts processed out)

Bake on a cookie sheet in the oven and broil about 3 minutes until the cheese is "breathing" (bubbling). Watch carefully to prevent burning. (You could fancy it up with garlic powder or parsley bits, if you like).

This makes a perfect meal, if matched up with milk and a vegetable.

We use powder mild and 2%. The youngest drinks straight powdered, the fussier ones get half'n half. And adults need milk too. Don't you care

about your bones and teeth? Not to mention energy! But sad to say, adding chocolate kills the calcium value. Drinking through a straw (cut in half, they last longer) helps it go down, for some children.

Raw vegetables (our main supply for many vitamins and minerals) can be cut in nibble-strips: such as carrots, beets, turnip, cabbage, green pepper, tomato. (In Metro Day-Care Centres, where each dinner includes 1 raw and 1 cooked vegetable, beside potato, the children must eat a little of everything, even if it's only a taste. If not...no desert. It's amazing, the variety of nutritious foods which these little people will eat, and enjoy.)

And when we cook vegetables, as short a time as possible, let's use only enough water to prevent burning (I've murdered a few pots this way!) and save the vitamin-filled water for gravy or soup. And did you know that a sprig of parsley is just bursting with vitamins and iron? Since I learned this, I keep a bunch sitting in water, in the frig, for nibbling. It's not so bad!

## Don Vale elects new board

Bill Lee, a Carlton Street resident, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Don Vale Community Centre at their election meeting held last week.

Fourteen people stood for the 16-man Board and all were elected with two vacancies still existing on the Board. Elected for one-year terms were: Barry Morris, Bob Katz, Marjorie Maloney, Leith Pipef, Marsha Cressy, Sylvia Spring, Brian Milan, Heather Aspinall, Glen O'Brecht, Vic Drury, Maureen Morrison, John Power, Gail Mercer and Ann Landon.

A constitutional amendment was also passed at the meeting to give the Board 16 elected members. Under the previous constitution, eight members were elected to the Board and eight were appointed as representatives of the tenant groups using the building.

## Help service to continue

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# Residents object to Co-op Plan

The Editor  
Seven News.

We low income people who have by a lot of hard work and sacrifice, managed to buy our own homes feel threatened by change in our area. When a meeting is called to discuss this change, the people concerned should give much more satisfactory answers much more willingly and gracefully than they did at Wed. night's meeting. The attitude taken by those at the front, that, people who asked difficult questions were only doing so because they were middle class upper income professionals only interested in making the area a rich ghetto, is completely erroneous. This attitude is prevalent and very vocal in Don Vale. We find it becoming more and more offensive.

What is the matter with buying a house at the price one can afford and by personal hard work, upgrading it to a standard one feels proud of?

To be told we are driving-out the present residents (original residents?) in some cases, poor people, may sometimes be true, but if we didn't buy in Don Vale where would we buy? We can't afford houses any place else, therefore we would become apartment dwellers thus increasing (at least maintaining) the demand for more high rise or more multiple units, which would take out more individual homes, drive more people out ad infinitum! Maybe the effect would not show in Don Vale but it sure would in some area of Toronto. Helping your fellow citizen does not just mean a group of people developing an area for low income it means being concerned with all your neighbours, including those low income owners. When one sees what looks like a threat to the result of their life's work they are going to be disturbed, and all the shouting or

political idealology will not help.

When we say we can only afford to buy in Don Vale, we are not talking of the prices developers (both corporation and individual) ask, - we mean the really run down houses that take all of our time, physical energy and spare cash. Also included are those of us who bought years ago, lived here all the "bad" years, and weathered the depression, the post war abuses, the "urban renewal" and now thought that daylight was ahead.

The proposal of this project only being rental with no equity being offered, disturbs us especially those living immediately adjacent to the area in question. What we would like to see is a proposal whereby these houses both old and new could be offered to low income people for purchase with a token

downpayment (one month's rent?) and a long term mortgage. We feel that when a person has some equity in his home and a chance, albeit forty to fifty years hence, to own it, he will take more pride in it and work harder to keep it. All people like to upgrade themselves and leave something to their children. Rental on a never never basis does not give this to them. The problem of immediate resale for quick profit can be avoided by a proper sale contract. Refer to the Veteran's Land Act, used for low cost housing after 1945.

Taking the above into consideration we feel that the Co-op should present a plan allowing purchase by low income people.

Eleanor Moore  
Margaret W. Haliburton

## Co-op options Don Vale property for \$1.00 - Plans less density

At press time there were a number of new developments in regard to the DACHI purchase of the \$1.6 million Cowley Assembly in Don Vale:

- The actual amount of money tendered by DACHI to secure a 60-day option on the \$1.6 million property was one dollar. The present owner says he will frame the dollar. The actual option agreement is more detailed and requires a number of things from DACHI, including the takeover of contracts the present owner has with various sub-contractors.

- A further agreement in the option with the present owner of the property states that if DACHI can't buy the property it will be offered to any other non-profit, co-operative

housing corporation in Toronto. Further, if no other housing co-op can or will buy it, it will be offered for sale to the City of Toronto.

- DACHI has scaled down their original plans for the property. The new plan is that more of the property will be sold off in the private market (up to 50%) and that new construction be only townhouses and not stacked townhouses as originally proposed.

- The Hon. Robert Welch, new Housing Minister for Ontario met Wednesday evening separately with both the South Cabbagetown Housing Co-op and with DACHI. Purpose of the meeting was to see how the Province could help groups such as these.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 10:30 a.m. Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard E.) Ladies Day with refreshments and Christmas movies. Free.
- 4:30 Park School Gym (440 Shuter St.) Official opening of the Regent Park Community Health Centre.
- 6:00 Regent Park Community Health Centre (19 Belshaw Place) Open House until 9:30. Refreshments.
- 8:00 Enoch Turner School (106 Trinity St.) King-Parliament planning meeting.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 7:30 Christian Resource Centre (297 Carlton St.) Christmas Party open house with pot-luck refreshments.
- 8:00 Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) Meeting of the Don Vale Community Health Centre.
- 2:00 Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) Annual Xmas party. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 7:00 Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) Christmas party for children up to 16. Santa will be there. Free.
- 7:30 Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) Open poetry readings with a Christmas flavour.
- 10:00 Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkeley St.) Scenes from the play "Muskoka". Reservations necessary. Phone 368-2856.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 5:00 Community Secretariat (249 Gerrard St. E.) Christmas time open house until 7 p.m. Refreshments. All welcome.
- 8:00 Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) Family film night. All welcome. No charge.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 2:00 Park School Gym (440 Shuter St.) R.P.C.I.A. Christmas party for Regent Park children.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 4:00 Parliament Library (Parliament & Gerrard) Films for children in the Boys and Girls department. Free.
- 8:00 Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) Free films in the french language.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 9:00 Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) New Years dance. Sunset Show Band. Bar. Hot lunch. \$6 per person.
- (This space paid for by the Community Development Branch, Ont.)

## Businessmen fête former padre

Over forty people turned out to the December meeting of the Ward Seven Businessmen's Association to pay homage to Rev. James Harvey, former pastor of St. Peter's Anglican church on Carlton street.

Rev. Harvey, who was also the padre of the Businessmen's Association served for 18 years in the Don District and was recently transferred to St. Mathew's church in Islington.

The new rector at St. Peter's church is Rev. David Whitehouse. Rev. Whitehouse was born in Sheffield, England, where he originally trained as a metallurgist. He later trained for the Ministry and was posted to the Far East where he served for five years in Singapore and Malaya. Rev. Harvey is married to a Canadian, Arvis.

Highlight of the meeting was the presentation to Rev. Harvey of \$3,800 raised by the Businessmen's Association to be used for the refurbishing of St. Peter's church.

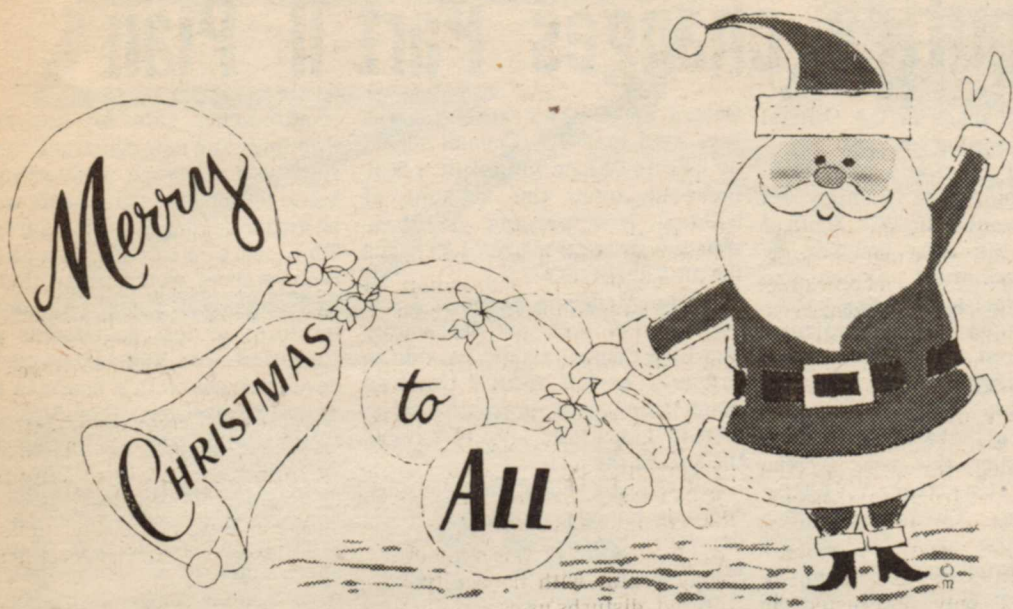
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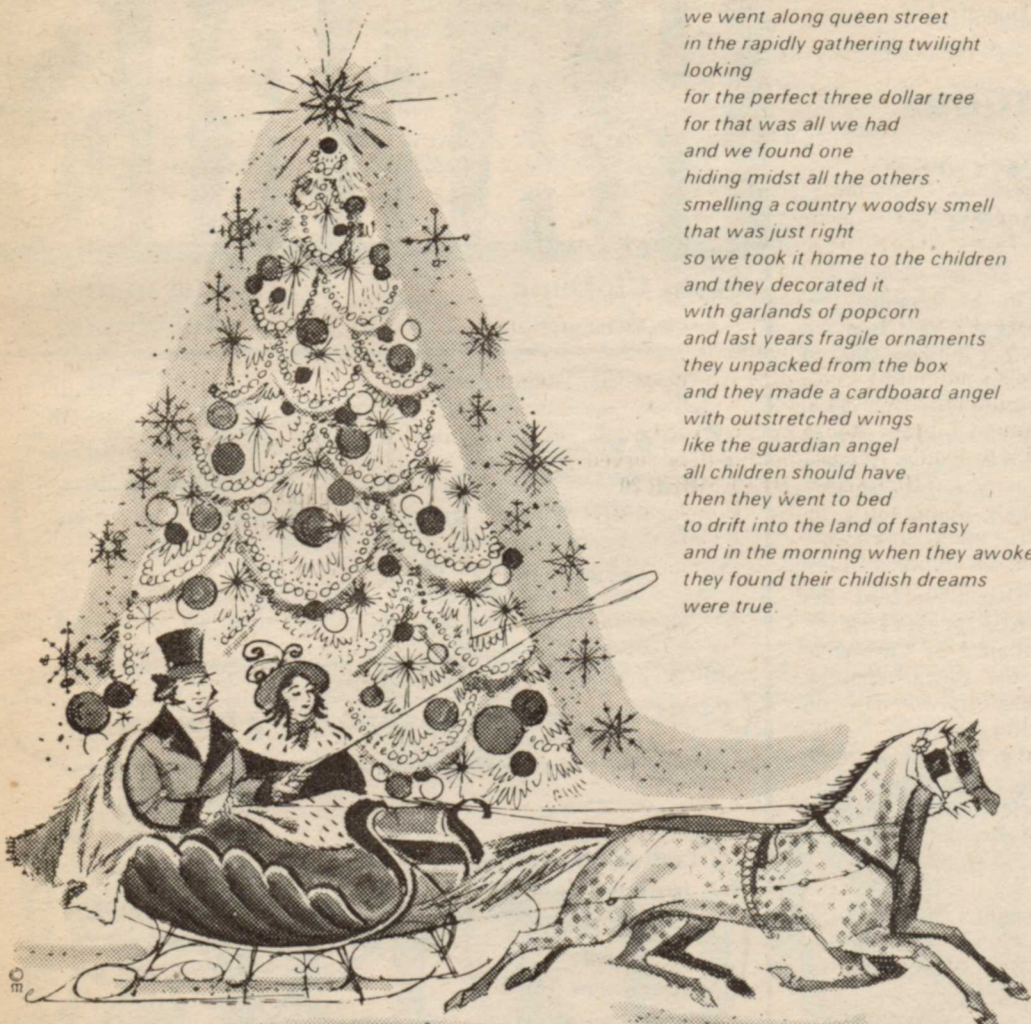
**The disadvantaged**

We look at the disadvantaged in a peculiar way not liking what we must see and we say "they are a bunch of stupid lazy bums" or we mutter "poor little people we must help them" but they are neither stupid lazy bums or poor little things we have to help. they are flesh and blood with all their hangups and their rights just like you and the guy next door. what we should do is practice true charity. charity or love call it what you will is a virtue that does not condemn rather does it seek to change attitudes so we will recognise all men are our brothers and we must be indifferent to none.

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# Committee changes Part II Plan

Possible changes in the Official Plan and zoning by-law were discussed at the South of Carlton Working Committee meeting on Monday December 10, 1973. South of Carlton is the area bounded by Carlton, Parliament, Queen and Jarvis Streets.

The proposed recommendations were based on the work over the past two years on the Part II Official Plan Study and were designed to achieve the objectives adopted earlier this year by the South of Carlton Working Committee. These included improving the area for present residents, providing housing for families with children as well as couples and singles, keeping the cost of housing down and maintaining the present low rise character of the neighborhood. Discussion at the meeting last Monday night focused on possible changes in the Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

Members of the Working Committee favoured changes in the high density policies of the Official Plan affecting South of Carlton. Right now it is possible for City Council to rezone the entire area for high density redevelopment which could result in an increase in the South of Carlton population from 10,000 to 70,000 people. It was suggested instead that South of Carlton become predominantly a low to moderate density area. On this basis properties fronting on Seaton, Ontario and Berkley Streets would be changed to low density areas and the remainder of South of Carlton east of George St. would become a moderate density area. Only along Jarvis Street would high densities be permitted.

Changes in the zoning by-law were also suggested so that it would conform to the Official Plan changes. It was proposed that all areas now zoned for residential use (most properties fronting on George, Pembroke, Sherbourne, Seaton, Ontario and Berkley Streets be zoned for low density (R4z4 - gross floor area 1 times the area of the lot). This is just slightly more than the amount of existing buildings on these streets in South of Carlton (excepting high rises). In the low Density Areas (Seaton,

Ontario and Berkley Streets) it was suggested that City Council should be able to rezone to permit a 50% increase over the amount of building now existing on these streets (gross floor area 1.35 times the area of the lot).

In the Moderate Density Areas (George, Pembroke and Sherbourne St.) City Council should be able to rezone to permit about 2 times as much building as presently exists (R4Z4 - gross floor area of 2 times the area of the lot).

But Council should only consider rezoning for larger buildings if the developer agreed to provide a mixture of housing units (i.e. bachelor apartments, 1 bedroom, 2 bedrooms, 3 bedrooms) and tried to provide some units for low income and working class people. He must also try to save existing houses that are in good condition, any big trees and design something which fits in with the neighborhood.

The working Committee generally supported these changes as having a good effect on the area for present residents.

There were also a number of recommendations concerning Carlton, Gerrard and Dundas St. It was suggested that the commercial Zoning on these streets be changed to a more restrictive commercial zone which does not allow gas stations and major institutions and which would permit about twice as much building (C1A L2 Z4) as presently exists on these streets (excepting high rise).

Several people present at the meeting felt that this proposal was unfair as property owners on Carlton, Gerrard and Dundas could at present build approximately 3 times (C1 V1) as much building as now exists along these streets.

It was suggested that a 3 times increase in the amount of building along these streets could cause problems for neighbors such as blocking the sunlight, and increasing the amount of traffic on streets throughout South of Carlton. The Working Committee will discuss this again at their next meeting.

A reduction in parking

requirements both for converted dwellings and new construction was suggested. Anyone converting a house to 3 or less apartments would no longer have to provide 3 garages. The changes in parking requirements would mean that no parking spaces would be required for three or less apartments in a converted dwelling. If a private developer converts a house to four or more dwellings then this is a major project and he would have to provide 1 parking space for each apartment. But if for example, a non-profit group converted an existing building to four or more apartments it is likely that the tenants in the non-profit project will own fewer cars and therefore this group only have to provide 1 parking space for every two apartments.

In new construction the proposal requires only one parking space for every six apartments less than 400 sq. ft. in size (i.e. self-contained rooms, bachelor apartments) and one parking space for every two apartments over 400 square feet in size if rents were lower than market value. Roomers and singles downtown don't seem to own as many cars as couples and families so it doesn't make sense to require as many parking spaces for small apartments as for larger apartments. Parking spaces cost money and this is reflected in the rent.

Some members of the Working Committee felt that these requirements were too high considering that many tenants do not have a car. For example only one of the tenants in the Donwest Houses has a car. The planners agreed to check the figures on car ownership in the Don District and the use of parking spaces in Public Housing.

Discussion of these recommendations will continue at the next Working Committee meeting Monday January 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Central Neighborhood House. If you have any questions or comments the meetings are open to anyone or call the Planning Office (924-4826) at 265 Gerrard St. E. in Library House.

**Enoch Turner School House Xmas events**

The Enoch Turner Schoolhouse Foundation will be holding two Christmas events this year to mark the 126th year that the schoolhouse has been in existence.

On Sunday December 16 there will be three performances of a 45 minute capsule of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Ernest." The play will be presented at 1:30, 2:45 and 4:00 by the Irish Garden Players.

On Sunday, December 2nd, the schoolhouse will present a 20 minute performance by Carolynne Morrison and the Dewar Scottish Dancers. These shows will be hourly, from 1 to 4 p.m.

There will also be a print, slide and photo presentation of early Canadiana and refreshments of malt cider and biscuits.

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