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Charlene Briggs is shown above accepting the congratulations of Neil Tanner on behalf of her father, Al Briggs who was the grand prize winner of \$1,000 in the recently held Regent Park Lottery. Other prize winners and the amount of their winnings are as follows: Mr. F. Stevenson (\$200), Barbara, ticket No. 25670 (\$500), Conrad Dube (\$100), Mr. C. A. Armstrong (\$250), Mrs. Helen Hew (\$75), Mrs. Sarah Sisson (\$100), Doreen Norris (\$50), Mrs. M. Rorabeck (\$50), Steve Laberge (\$50). Six of the eight winners were from Regent Park and although the full total hasn't been determined, over \$4,000 was grossed by the lottery.

Photo by Frank Elsasser

Ass'n to repair houses

Low income housing disappearing fast in South of Queen area

by NOREEN DUNPHY

On Friday, January 18, four men were hired to carry out a house repair program started for the residents in the south of Queen area by SCCIA. (South Cabbagetown Community Improvement Association) SCCIA now has an office donated by a local firm at 362 King St. E. (the old Trinity Restaurant).

Any resident in the King-Parliament area interested in getting a house repaired free or for a small donation towards materials should contact Noreen Dunphy at 368-9403 or leave their name and address.

Any homeowner of fixed income or a low wage earner can take advantage of this program. But many SCCIA members feel that once again it will be the tenants most needing the assistance who will be left out. Low cost housing available for rent south of Queen is fast disappearing; unless something can be done quickly to halt this trend there will soon be few (if any) working class families left.

This project is the first major constructive action taken by SCCIA for its members. In fact, SCCIA was started two years ago by some of the evicted tenants and upset homeowners when George Herczeg evicted 22 families from Wilkins Ave. and King St.

A housing committee was forced to try to develop some concrete steps that could be taken to help both homeowners and tenants. Some of the members are Dorothy and Pat Travis from St. Paul St. and Pat Rice from King St. The committee has already received a start-up grant from the federal government to set up a non-profit housing co-op in the area.

"We are still hoping to buy existing housing in the area and renovate them, but there are so few suitable ones left that this may not be very practical. For sure we'd like to use the City's landbanking program to build new houses," explained Pat Rice.

But this will take time, and it will be necessary to wait for the

Part Two Study to be completed. It came as a shock to many of the residents that their land was not zoned for residential use but for industrial and commercial use. This means that no new housing can be built until the proper zoning changes are made by the City.

One homeowner who has lived and worked in the area for many years is upset at how difficult it is for those on the old age pension to hold on to the houses that they have worked so hard all their lives for.

"I've been slowly painting and wallpapering the house myself whenever I can afford to buy a little more material. If I didn't have a son who comes in to help me do the repairs I don't know what I'd do? It's impossible to keep up a house on just the old age pension."

But still the ones who are the worst hit by the housing crisis are the tenants who must face rising rents and the possibility of eviction at any time. One tenant confided that his landlady was going to raise the rent in the spring but said she wasn't going to put one more cent into much needed repairs. What can be done in this kind of a case?

SCCIA hopes to work out an agreement with some landlords so that repairs could be made with some assurance that rents would not be raised for a certain period of time. A small group of tenants and homeowners met last week to discuss this. Present were Pat Hirsch of Sumach St., Noni Barton, Rita Corkum and Gladys Gimpel of Bright St., Pat Rice from King St. and a tenant evicted from the area and now living on Parliament St., Joanne Gillespie.

It was suggested by Joanne Gillespie that a form letter be sent out to all absentee landlords asking if they would be interested in taking part in this repair project and be willing not to raise rents for a while.

What kind of repairs will be done? Right now only light repair work such as minor plumbing, carpentry, patch work, painting and wallpapering and cleaning out basements etc. can be undertaken. This is because the house repair group is so far only being funded by LIP which does not allow for materials or tools. It is hoped that the City will give a grant to SCCIA to increase the house repair project and if this happens hopefully more serious repair work can be done.

Community seeks limit on group homes

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

At a meeting held Tuesday night, 100 members of the Don Vale community voted to ask Ward Seven alderpersons John Sewell and Karl Jaffary to propose a by-law at City Council limiting therapeutic group homes to two per city block anywhere in the city.

The meeting also decided to notify all concerned departments of the government — both municipal and provincial — of their concern over the concentrating of group homes in an assembly, as against

the scattering of them throughout a community.

The meeting was called to hear information from representatives of Browndale Homes regarding their proposal to establish a complex of homes for disturbed children at the corner of Winchester and Sackville streets in Don Vale.

The seven homes in the complex and three others in the community are owned by a group of investors who call themselves Clifton Heights Corporation and Dr. Daniel Perlitz, a medical practitioner on Parlia-

ment street is a principal in the investment corporation.

Dr. Perlitz was called a "filthy real estate speculator" by one member of the largely hostile audience because he was working behind the backs of the community after having set up a so-called "community medical clinic" on Parliament street.

When pinned down, Dr. Perlitz refused to disclose the terms of the leasing arrangements between Clifton Heights Corporation and Browndale Homes. Although he admitted that he had been and was once again on the staff at Browndale, he denied there had been anything underhanded in his dealings.

He refused however to disclose who else was connected with Clifton Heights Corporation or whether any of them were also connected with Browndale Homes.

The meeting then decided to ask the Ward Alderpersons to investigate the financial and leasing arrangements between the two companies.

one or the other.

The recommendations from the meeting for changes in the zoning by-laws for the King-Parliament area will now go to City Council for discussion and action.

Planners-residents discuss temporary planning controls

At a meeting held last Wednesday at the Enoch Turner School-house, the planners working out of the King-Parliament Site office recommended a number of temporary planning controls for that area prior to doing a detailed planning study.

The planners recommended that such activities as parking lots, parking stations, garbage dumps, salvage yards, scrap yards, garbage transfer stations, lumber yards and coal and cement yards be no longer allowed in the area while the part II planning study takes place.

Also discussed was the idea of introducing a temporary height restriction by-law to control any major new developments which might be proposed for the area before the Part II study is completed.

The present zoning for the area allows it to be both residential and commercial and industrial. Discussion ranged over whether this mixed usage was a good idea or should the area be zoned only for

Group helps to contact inmates

by LYNN LEWIS

Ward Seven has a unique Wives and Families Centre, the only one of its kind in Ontario. It is a non-profit, volunteer citizen's group that is trying to reach the families and friends of inmates at the Toronto Jail.

The group started one and a half years ago when the Ministry of Corrections, in conjunction with the Toronto Jail, saw there was a real need for a volunteer group to help with the many hardships and problems that can

trouble the family of an inmate.

The Centre consists of concerned people from across Toronto who are ready to listen and attempt to solve the many problems that arise.

These volunteers are able to provide information about such things as welfare, jail visiting hours, parole, temporary absence and bail. When necessary they will make referrals to the appropriate persons and agencies and perhaps assist with the initial contact.

They are also willing to just talk or listen — perhaps over a cup of coffee.

A Wives and Family Centre volunteer is present in the waiting room at the Toronto Jail during most visiting hours. Volunteers also man an office in St. John's church at 415 Broadview, across from the jail.

Anyone wishing to contact the Toronto Jail service can come to the side door of the church and ring the bell or phone 466-3852.



"Don Vale is doomed"

Dear Editor:

The DACHI proposals and subsequent arguments have almost become a national issue. The newspapers, radio and television have given the controversy coverage from all points of view.

However, there is one very sad thing; and probably no matter what the outcome of the DACHI co-operative, the result I am referring to will be the most unfortunate.

Don Vale as a functioning community is dead! Neighbour is against neighbour, friend against friend, homeowner against tenant, the "haves" against the "have nots" and this is all because politicians from the three levels of government have locked into a duel for their own benefit - not that of Don Vale.

The theory on which DACHI have proposed their co-operative is not without merit, and because of its uniqueness in Canadian housing, the issue has been seized by John Sewell, our local Alderman to help substantiate his "White Knight" image.

Donald Macdonald, the local Federal MP is hoping to reduce votes for his opposition in the next election by funding a shaky (even though conceptionally good) project.

Local MPP Margaret Scrivener has capitalized upon the disorganization of residents, who resent being "ram-rodged" by Sewell, to get political revenge on Sewell and to increase her support and popularity among the "solid" middle class.

Her strategy has been to send in her "slick political machine" to organize an opposition to DACHI.

There have also been individuals who are benefitting because of the situation. The President of the Don Vale Homeowners and Residents Association is one example. From her office as president, Janet Howard has supported DACHI publicly which is definitely not in keeping with her post as the executive representative of the whole community.

Then come the action groups. People being led by various lines of propaganda to get involved in issues they haven't even taken the time to understand. And these types of groups are on both sides of the argument.

Now the nonsense, the political activities, the grandstanding by individuals and the interest of the media has led to the use of terms like, "white painters", "sandblasters", "middle class professionals", "the neglected poor", "the persecuted working class", "communist", "socialist", and even "capitalist"!

What happened to that good old term, "neighbour"?

There doesn't seem to be any solution either, because Sewell won't quit; Macdonald can't afford to, and Scrivener is in the enviable position of politically benefitting the most and staying out of the line of fire!

So no matter who wins, no matter what happens to the Cowley Houses, we the community have lost. The community of Don Vale is doomed.

Eric Conroy
Metcalfe St.

Riverdale Community fights for life

Dear Editor:

The Riverdale Community, to which Queen East Presbyterian Church belongs, is fighting for its life. Melodramatic? Perhaps. But I believe it to be the sober truth.

A few years ago this district seemed to be on the skids, but now there are many signs that folks find this a good place to live, put down roots, raise a family and spend their years of retirement.

Old buildings are getting painted and spruced up, indicating hope and community pride. Here is a residential, working-class neighbourhood, consisting mainly of low-density, low-income housing - mighty scarce these days.

Riverdale has a great deal going for it, but it will be destroyed unless we organize and work to keep it alive. The enormous pressures on every great city neighbourhood are especially threatening here.

Land and housing are scarce; prices are escalating. Homeowners are tempted to sell for what seems to be a fat price - until the cost of relocating elsewhere hits them.

Speculators and developers try to buy into a depressed area, hoping to make a fast buck by rebuilding for a "better" (that is richer) class of people.

As I write this the latest and deadliest threat comes from a proposal to build the Scarboro Expressway through the district. This would demolish at least 500 homes, many of them providing shelter for two or more families.

For families on streets like Logan, Boston or McGee it would be tragic, and the long range effects on the district could be fatal. If these families are turfed out, many of them will have nowhere to go.

They will not simply be put out of a house, they will be uprooted from their homes, from the neighbourhood where they belong, and transplanted to something like a sterile O.H.C. subsidized housing project in a suburb that resents and isolates them, where they will become alienated drifters.

What is more, a project like this, bulling its way through a district, sets off a chain reaction.

Local people lose confidence in their future here and outside interests move in for the kill. Neighbourhoods, like people, can take only so much surgery before becoming terminal cases. In fact, neighbourhoods are people - your neighbours and mine.

How can we help our neighbours to maintain a viable community and resist destruction from such things as expressways!

First we can and must organize.

Expressways, airports, industrial and commercial developments, are backed by highly organized pressure groups that plan, tear down and build up entire regions according to well-defined economic and social objectives.

Members of these groups are not "bad guys". They are simply the builders of the system that provides the jobs, goods and services that we demand.

Their concern is to make sure that neighbourhoods are good for business. It is only common sense to realize that politicians and planners must march to their tune, unless we rise up to show them that business is useless unless it is good for neighbourhoods.

Second, we must act responsibly. We must listen to those who oppose us in the painful conflicts of interest that tear cities apart. We must learn how to negotiate honourably and in a spirit of reconciliation the issues that divide us.

But above all, we must act responsibly by giving priority consideration to the needs of neighbours who have the least and hurt the most.

Neighbourhoods are people. And who is my neighbour? As every Christian knows, it is anyone in need. Today, a family about to be trampled and turfed out. Tomorrow, you or I.

Christians believe that God meets us at the place of deepest human need: that's the Good News. And how we respond to our neighbourhood, will show if we belong to Him or not.

Rev. John C. Robson
Queen East Church

Children's Play at theatre

A new children's participation play titled, *The Space Ranger in Search of the Jumping Bean*, will begin an extended run this Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Backdoor Theatre.

Located at 474 Ontario street, the theatre will present the play at 2 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$1 for children and \$1.50 for adults and special group rates are available.

The play is written and directed by Gino Marrocco and cast includes, Richard Fawks, Evelyn Gelfond, Eileen Duerkop and Huguette St. Martin.

Hospital thanks donors

Dear Editor:

Once again the Volunteer Department at Riverdale Hospital was kept busy over the Christmas period distributing many lovely gifts from people in the surrounding area.

Many of the donors did not identify themselves and we wish to take this opportunity to thank them all for sharing their kind thoughts with those con-

vinced. Their gifts were very much appreciated.

Various choirs and groups came in from churches and other organizations around the city and the sound of Christmas music was enjoyed by patients, staff and visitors. We thank them too.

Staff,
Riverdale Hospital

Medical Centre proposed

Four houses and a store on Parliament near Wellesley will be demolished in the near future to make way for a large medical centre complex.

The medical centre is being developed by Dr. Daniel Perlitz who presently owns a recently built

smaller medical office building at 591 Parliament. The new medical centre will be immediately beside it running north.

Present plans call for a two storey building with basement containing 15,000 square feet of floor space and measuring 43 by 150 feet.

The upper floor will contain offices for 10 to 12 doctors, ranging from general practitioners to specialists to dentists. The ground floor would contain a pharmacy and other stores.

At a recent Don Vale meeting where he discussed his plans, Dr.

Perlitz said there was no way he could use or rehabilitate the existing houses on the site. Because of the need for special power and gas lines to serve the offices, he would have to demolish and put up a new building.

Local residents at the meeting expressed concern over the loss of housing stock. Alderman John Sewell, who was present at the meeting suggested that Dr. Perlitz investigate the idea of putting a third storey of apartments over his clinic.

Dr. Perlitz said he would look into the idea.



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Plainclothes policemen patrol DACHI meeting

The presence of six plainclothes policemen is credited with preventing a serious disturbance at the Don Vale general meeting held on January 15th.

Representatives of the extreme right wing Western Guard were identified in the audience as were members of the extreme left Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist). SEVEN NEWS, just prior to the meeting, received a phone call from a man asking directions to the meeting. Upon questioning, he identified himself as being a member of the CPC-ML.

The two groups are thought to have been attracted to the meeting because the daily press had written it up in advance with references to it being a "class struggle".

Ironically, it was Alderman John Sewell who declared it was a "class struggle" in an interview in the daily papers and it was also he that asked that the six plainclothes police attend the meeting.

Earlier, the executive of the Don Vale resident's Association, sponsors of the meeting, had considered and rejected the idea of stationing a uniformed policeman at the door at the meeting.

Also credited with preventing any incidents was the crowd, estimated at close to 500 people, which completely packed the auditorium. The density of the crowd, plus an early motion limiting debate only to Don Vale residents helped keep the meeting cooled down.

Also noted at the meeting:

- One Cowley Assembly tenant, after arriving at the meeting and spotting the "heavies" in the crowd, phoned down to the Gerrard Hotel and asked the bouncer, Baldy Chard to come up and act as



Photo by Emil Kolompar

her bodyguard. However, Baldy didn't stay long and the tenant then kept close to the plainclothes police she had spotted in the crowd.

- Politicians present at the meeting were Aldermen John Sewell and Karl Jaffary, school trustee Gord Cressy and MPP Margaret Scrivener. MPP Margaret Campbell also put in an appearance, saw that she couldn't get in for the crowd and left after tendering her apologies.

- South of Carlton Community Action, meeting that same night, cut their meeting short and came up to the Don Vale meeting.

- A number of records were broken. It was the largest meeting in Don Vale history. It was the first meeting that took a secret ballot on

a purely community issue. And it was the first meeting to make an identity check of those voting (the name and address of each voter was taken by a scrutineer prior to his receiving a ballot).

- After the meeting, much of the crowd swamped the nearby Winchester Hotel, much to the delight and consternation of its manager. The Upstairs Lounge at the Winchester was unofficially declared "neutral territory" and all factions clustered there in apparent harmony.

- Don Vale now has a Resident's Association, a Property Owner's Association, a Neighbourhood Action Group, a Cowley Tenant Association and at least four or five "working committees".

Licensing recommended of rooming house owners in South of Carlton plan

Rooming houses in South of Carlton was one of several topics considered by a group of residents attending a recent community meeting on January 17/74 called by the South of Carlton Working Committee to discuss the new Part II Plan for the area. Some rooming house operators at the meeting felt that undue pressure was applied to people who kept their houses in good condition while many run-down places were left alone.

A number of roomers complained that rents were often so high they could not afford the other necessities of life and even at the high rents, many of the rooms were unclean and unsafe. It was agreed that some owners were only interested in making quick profits not looking after their houses.

The new Plan has recommended that rooming house owners be licensed as a way of ensuring that their houses are kept up to standard. Some people however, felt that new by-laws would not necessarily be effective, what was needed was to use the present laws to put more pressure on the owners of run-down houses. It was pointed out that it takes a long time to prepare a court case against an owner who won't co-operate and even then, the cost of a fine is often less than the cost of repairs.

These discussions were part of a series of meetings being held in South of Carlton to talk about the new Part II Plan. Over the last two

years, planning staff, residents, local businessmen and ward aldermen have worked on the Plan which is now in the final stages. The meetings have been organized so that people living in the community have a chance to discuss the Plan's recommendations before it is printed in final form.

Other concerns that have been discussed at the meetings to date are:

- Traffic — Residents want to be involved in a program to improve the traffic situation in the area.

- Buildings — People seem to agree with the recommendations of the Plan that buildings which are not in keeping with the neighbourhood in use (like gas stations) and size, be discouraged.

- Skid-Row — People feel that although there is no one solution to the problems of the men on skid-row, that certain steps can be taken. For instance, the hostels

should change to become more of a home rather than putting the men out on the street every morning. Also, programs, should be started for better accommodation.

Tenants — Many tenants were concerned about what would happen when private owners evicted them. The necessity of more low income housing was stressed.

The last meeting will be held on January 30/74 at 7:30 pm at Central Neighbourhood House; anyone interested is welcome.

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NEWS ROUND-UP

Three staff man new Riverdale site office

A City of Toronto Planning Office has been in operation for the last two months at 731 Queen St. East to do planning studies for the area bounded by Gerrard, Lakeshore, Don River and Coxwell. Staff includes two planners, Patrick Murphy and Jim Kennedy and a secretary, Olga Hubbard — phone 463-5914.

SEVEN NEWS is still looking for Ward Seven residents who would be willing to fill interim vacancies on its Board of Directors. A special election of such nominees will be held at the February General Meeting of SEVEN NEWS. Chairperson of the nominating committee is John Piper, phone 921-7798.

A meeting has been held of representatives of non-profit housing groups in Toronto and further meetings, to discuss forming an association will be held Wed. January 30 at Central Neighbourhood House. Phone Noreen Dunphy at 368-9403 for further information.

New staff at DACHI that have helped considerably in the drawing up of the various Cowley Assembly proposals are Michael Grunsky, architectural draftsman and Julie Martin, secretary.

Any mobile handicapped people interested in sharing a rented house in the Don District are asked to call John at 920-2554 or Mary at 922-8322.

Woodgreen Community Centre is holding a rummage auction in aid of their senior citizens program and is looking for donations of any sort. Phone 461-1168 for a pick-up or drop items off at 835 Queen St. East.

New youth worker for the Don Vale area is Elizabeth (Angel) DeBruin. She and Irene Lee will do street work as part

of the on-going program of the Don Vale Youth Project. The Library on Wheels Branch of the Toronto Public Library will now stop at Moss Park every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The stop will be made south of the project in the parking lot bounded by Queen and Berkeley streets.

The Second Mile Club on Carlton street has received an \$8,570 New Horizons grant to operate a social-recreation centre for elderly members of the community.

The Employment Research Project for the Handicapped is making a comprehensive study of employment problems of the handicapped in Metro Toronto and is seeking contact with handicapped people in Ward Seven with such problems. They are located at 1443 Bathurst St. — Phone Mike Yale at 536-3166.

Bill Deeley, a SEVEN NEWS distributor in Regent Park has been named Unit Representative of the Year by the Regent Park Community Improvement Association.

The Toronto City Council committee on Building and Development has received six letters and one petition objecting to the 45 foot height limit being placed on the South of Carlton area.

APOLOGIES — As of last issue we changed typesetters and SEVEN NEWS staff and volunteers are now doing the paste-up for the paper. Mistakes made in the last issue were due to the change-over which is resulting in a 30 per cent saving to SEVEN NEWS.

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Don Area law class question role of police and citizen rights

by JOHN POWER and
BARRY MORRIS

A law class that was both exciting and disturbing to its participants was held recently in the Don District of Ward Seven.

The class, part of a series held every Wednesday evening at Oak Street Community school, delved into the average citizen's duties to the police and under what conditions they may not have to assist the police.

Under the deft direction of instructor, Allan McChesney, some 25 people attending the class discovered several fresh pointers about the law that may make a difference to them, and to the police, someday.

Topic for the class that evening was, Citizen and Police Rights. Re-

source persons were Community Service Officer, Ernie Baker from 51 Division, Glenn Bell of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and Terrence J. O'Sullivan, a lawyer.

A good deal of the class time was taken up by several youths who asked hard and fast questions of Ernie Baker. Baker skillfully parried the questions by urging any person experiencing any form of injury, harassment or abuse by the police to immediately report the incident with badge number and details to the Police Complaint Bureau.

Baker also added, "People forget that the police are people with emotions like anyone else, and respond with suspicion to those who hold anything back when questioned." This came in response to people asking when they have a

right to be silent when questioned by Police.

Class member, John Power, rebutted Baker somewhat by asserting, "Sure we all have emotions, but I expect something different from a police officer. He's supposed to be a professional — certainly when in uniform on the job."

Glenn Bell of the Civil Liberties Association remarked on the dilemma of trusting an organization to investigate itself, by itself, and no way of knowing what methods or procedures are used in that investigation.

"It does not seem very reliable to a person to have his complaint about police misconduct investigated by the police themselves."

"What we need," said Bell, "is an independent investigatory body,

with meaningful representation by private citizens."

Going even further, O'Sullivan cautioned, "While a citizen may wish to lay a charge against a police officer who steps out of line, it could be dangerous to do so. The statement taken down against the officer could later be used against the complainant in his own criminal trial!"

Another problem mentioned was the fact that the Police Commission — the supervisory arm of the police — is controlled by the police themselves. Crown attorneys also came under fire as they seem to lobby in tune with the police and in the courtroom the two appear to have a husband-wife relationship.

The class ended with a question

from some youths in the audience as to what happens as a result of complaints taken to the police about the police.

It was reported that of 84 complaints about the police, 16 per cent had no basis to the complaint, 15 per cent found the officer in question to be justified, 13 per cent had the citizen complaining justified, and 53 per cent were dismissed because of insufficient evidence.

The classes are sponsored by Neighbourhood Legal Services which is also sponsoring a number of open Forums on the Law around the Don District. Watch for flyers and notices announcing times and places.

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This new earnings ceiling means that the year's basic exemption — the initial amount on which you do not pay contributions — is changed from \$600.00 in 1973 to \$700.00 for 1974.

These changes also mean that the maximum employee contributions will increase from \$90.00 a year in 1973 to \$106.20 in 1974. Your contribution is matched by your employer. In the case of self-employed persons, the maximum annual contribution is increased to \$212.40 for 1974 as against \$180.00 last year. For earnings of less than \$5,700.00, there will be no increase in contributions.

The change in the earnings ceiling means that the maximum retirement pension will rise from \$90.71 for pensions effective in December 1973 to \$134.97 for those whose pensions will begin in December 1975. As the maximum earnings levels for the years after 1975 continue to rise, so will the maximum retirement pensions in those years. There will also be increases in the maximum values each year for disability and survivors' benefits.

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by TOM HOPKINS

Toronto's oldest Public School is in trouble.

Last summer Toronto School Board indicated their intention to close Sackville Street Public School by Christmas due to the general fall in student enrollment. The Sackville students were to be moved to Regent Park Public School to the north of the area. A parents association was quickly formed to save the school. Through their efforts the Board has granted a reprieve and delayed closing the school until the summer pending a report by the parents on alternate uses for the school.

The parents feel that the closing of the school would be unnecessary if proposals are carried thru to convert at least part of the unused school space into badly needed permanent day care facilities.

The Parents Association plan would establish a day care programme running from 7:30 in the morning to 6:00 at night which

would mesh with the existing school curriculum. Youngsters of pre-school age would be cared for all day while children over five would be supervised before and after school. All children would receive hot lunches.

Parents Association member Nancy Hardy says the enrollment shortfall is presently a common occurrence in inner-city schools and is caused by the falling birthrate. She feels that the problem can be alleviated by this proposed type of parallel usage.

"The existing facilities at Sackville shouldn't be wasted, Church Street Public School on Alexandria St. established a permanent Day Care Centre in their vacant space at the beginning of this year and it has been enormously successful. There's a waiting list of working mothers wanting to get in. The need is there."

The King-Parliament area around Sackville School is presently undergoing a City of Toronto Part II

Planning Study which many residents hope will result in the re-establishment of residential zoning and a stabilizing of their community. They fear the closing of Sackville School would destroy a central fixture of their community and force a continuation of the fac-

tory and auto-body zoning that now exists.

Parents interested in information about establishing Day Care in Sackville School are asked to contact the Sackville School Parents Association at: 368-6375 or 366-2388.



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Queen's Park Report

Do-it-yourself care unsatisfactory

by MARGARET CAMPBELL,
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ST. GEORGE

There are several matters which continue to give me concern on behalf of the people of St. George and the first is, of course, the whole broad question of the delivery of health services.

When this Government announced its policy of Extended Health Care, thus removing people from hospitals if, in fact, they did not require active treatment beds and relieving the pressure on the hospitals together with the costs of the delivery of services in active treatment hospitals, I must say that I welcomed the move. However, having in mind the people whom I have seen frequently in my Riding, I am decidedly disillusioned. During the recent Estimates of the Health Ministry, I discussed these matters and Dr. Potter admitted that, in some areas, I was absolutely correct.

I believe that at this point in time we have a species of "do it yourself home care" which is not satisfactory. For example, there are people living in my Riding who, in years gone by, would indeed have been in hospital and I give one example of renal dialysis. The kidney machine was not available for home care and, consequently, patients requiring this service were, in fact, hospitalized. There is no doubt that the fact that there is available to these patients now the use of a kidney machine in the home is a very great step forward. However, when sick people are placed on Welfare and cannot provide for themselves, the diet, bed care and other things which they would get in hospitals, then it is time that we looked at the whole matter of home care.

There is also the problem that patients who have been in an institution on a voluntary basis, by reason of some emotional or mental problem, are released home without any due regard for the problems of the family. Again, this causes disruption and difficulties for the whole family. There must be adequate care for people who are ill and the total family has to be considered, otherwise we have chaos. This is not home medical care. It is, in fact, a "do it yourself" medical treatment which is totally inadequate and demeaning. Home care is a program which ought, by its very name, to be supported by medical services. However, once a patient

leaves the hospital for the so called Home Care Program that patient is put on Welfare assistance.

In one case, the patient receives \$139 per month and pays \$43 per month rent. Out of the rest, he has to supply food, special equipment to maintain the machine and, because of extensive bed rest, bedding, mattresses and so forth. That is the total commitment of the Province of Ontario, to the Home Care Program, in such an instance. It is true that the MPP for St. George can, if she is aware of the situation, arrange, through Metropolitan Toronto, for additional diet, additional transportation, additional materials for the machine and additional bedding and, this has been done in one case. If the patient is unaware of this right or if the MPP is unaware of this right and there is, apparently, no one to advise the patient, the patient struggles along in what is, in fact, a vacuum.

I have taken the position that if we are going to support the home care program through the Health Department which spends \$2,000,000,000 it ought, properly, to supply someone who would have the alternative of hospital care prior to the new empty program which caused the closing of beds to such people without providing the ancillary service.

There is a second aspect to Home Care which has to be considered. Again, I welcome the thrust toward maintaining those with emotional or mental programs out of institutions where possible. The difficulty with the Government in this Province is that when a program is changed there appears to be no planning whatsoever for alternative care and, often, a patient is released to a home without any investigation in the home to understand the total family and whether or not, by reason of age or infirmity or other problems, the family is able to care for such a patient. This can create chaos with intolerable pressures on the family, which may be guilt ridden by reason of their inability to cope with such problems.

Again, the Province boasts of its care for children and is building a new hospital in the Ottawa area to provide beds for children who are seriously disturbed through mental or emotional stress and, yet, in the City of Toronto, by reason of the cutback in hospital beds, the beds that were lost were for this very

purpose. There seems to be no philosophy as to the efficacy of such bed care for children, in this Ministry.

It is true that there are those who feel all care is not an appropriate care for such children. However, if this were the Government's position then surely the Government would not use beds for this purpose. If it is not so then they would not close beds for this purpose. The whole problem of the delivery of Home Services is complex and terribly costly.

I am of the opinion that no one in this Province would oppose the costs of essential medical care for people but there is an uneasy feeling that there is waste in this Ministry, a lack of purpose, a lack of implementation because of a lack of philosophy and, accordingly, the people who are in the deepest need and for whom, ostensibly, we provide \$2,000,000,000 are not receiving efficiently, the service for which we purport to pay.

Health costs are muddled and confused because much of the Budget which ought to be appropriated for Health is found in Welfare Budgets at the Federal and Municipal levels. This simply has to stop. There are people in this Province who have been faced with bills as high as \$9,000 for nursing care for an elderly patient who is unable to care for himself because the extended program, which may well put a person in a Nursing Home, may be cut off by reason of the fact that in some point in time it was determined that such a patient no longer qualifies for extended care.

In fairness to the Government, it is important to realize that the portion of Homemakers' service which constitutes part of the Home Care program, is funded through the joint participation of the Federal and Provincial Governments. The Homemakers' service, which is not a part of the Home Care Program, is not similarly funded.

At this point it may be clearly seen that there is a complete chaos in the delivery of home care or extended care, to people. It is vital that extended care programs be separated from Welfare programs as, otherwise, we have a patchwork of programs, costly in their separate administrative functions and costly too, in that the delivery of services is inadequate and inefficient.

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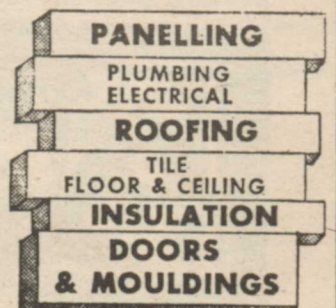
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Prison reform group offers alternatives

by BILL GREEN

Unshackle is a recently conceived organization which offers the federal inmate/parolee a viable alternative to the presently established parole supervision agencies. Unshackle differs in that it will offer comprehensive assistance to the offender from the time of his conviction, during his incarceration, while on parole, and at the time of his eventual integration into the working community.

Initially we are focusing on three areas. The first area is a unique concept in parole supervision. Groups of 5 parolees and 5 community volunteers work together in encounter sessions. In this way the parolee develops a sense of commitment to the community which is helping him. At the same time, the community becomes aware of the problems a parolee faces when released from an institution. Under this concept the community as-

sumes some of the responsibilities that the parole board has taken in the past.

The second area will be the development of work co-ops within the federal penal institutions. This program will encourage industry to sub-contract work to the prisons. The inmates will do the work and share equally in the revenue received. This will provide useful work experience for the inmate. In addition the inmate can save money for his eventual release, or assist his family on the outside.

By becoming involved in a work co-op the inmate is able to preserve his sense of usefulness and responsibility which is so often lost during incarceration.

The third area will be the maintenance of the workshop for parolees, those on temporary absences, and day parolees. Temporary living quarters will be provided for the inmates utilizing this program. Immediate temporary employment

will be provided for the inmate upon his release which will allow him to make a more gradual and stable adjustment to the community setting. The parolee will eventually be channelled into the labour force in co-operation with existing employment agencies.

Unshackle is a non-profit organization incorporated under a federal charter. We are being funded by the federal government and expect to have full funding by February of 1974.

Like any new organization, we are in need of assistance from the community. We are presently looking for community volunteers who feel they can work with the ex-inmate. This will enable the community to participate in the re-orientation of the ex-inmate. We are also in need of office equipment or donations of any kind. We are hoping the community will support this project. For further information call 961-4220.

Self defence classes for women

by ALICE MACPHERSON

It wasn't too many years ago that women were considered quite helpless and naive, to be cherished and guarded or ruthlessly taken advantage of, depending on your point of view and/or position in society.

Women were told from birth that they were a passive creature and that their brother (father, uncle, husband) was best equipped to defend them.

Times have changed and women's role in society with them. A woman now is more likely to

need some form of self-defence. Unfortunately, the way they were raised can't be changed. A woman's childhood always contained at least one adult figure, (and more likely the majority of them), who continually reminded her not to fight, "to act lady like", "now little girls don't do that sort of thing" and in general not to be aggressive.

This makes it difficult for a woman to move into an adulthood where she may have a career to follow and certainly want a mind of her own.

For a woman to defend herself she must be able to break through her negative-passive conditioning and KNOW that in an emergency situation she can defend herself.

After being told for so many years what I could not do, I took a course in Wen-do (a self-defense course designed for women) and learned what I can do. It was a refreshing change to find that I was far from helpless.

A course in Wen-do started January 22 at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street. A new course will begin in February. For further information call Suzanne Nobel at the community centre, 921-6710.

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Pottery course offered

Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. East is sponsoring a beginner's course in pottery starting in March. The course includes the preparation of clay, various techniques in hand building, decorating, firing and glazing the ware.

There will be ten classes in all, every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. starting Feb. 5th. Cost of the program is \$25 for the ten lessons and includes materials and tools. Registration should be made at the Centre by January 31 or by phoning 461-1168.

Programs at CNH

Central Neighbourhood House at 349 Ontario St. has a wide range of services, programs and facilities to offer residents living in the south of Carlton and surrounding area. Following is a list of their 1974 calendar. For more information, phone CNH at 925-4363 or call Ethel Proulx at 923-6225.

Everyday Activities - The Nursery School, 9-12 a.m., lunch served three days a week. Dundas Day Centre, 8-4 p.m. Lounge and TV rooms open from 9-5 p.m. Coffee served.

Every Monday - 3:30-5 p.m. Club groups for 8 to 10 year olds. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tweeners for 11 to 12 year olds.

Every Tuesday - 3:30-5 p.m. Club groups for 5 to 7 year olds. 7-9:30 p.m. Teen drop-in for ages 13 to 19.

Alternate Tuesdays - 9:30-11:30 a.m. Meeting of nursery school parents. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Teen drop-in. 7:30-10:30,

meetings of South of Carlton Community Action.

Wednesdays - 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Polka Dot Door thrift shop is open. 7-9 p.m. club groups for teens.

Thursday - 9:30-11:30 a.m. Women's Group. 9:30-12 noon. Health Clinic. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Polka Dot Door thrift shop. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Roller Skating for all ages. 7-9 p.m. Adult programs and programs for their kids.

Friday - 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Polka Dot Door thrift shop.

Saturday - 6:30-11 p.m. Adult drop-in.

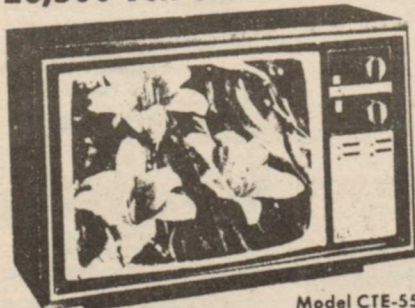
Sunday - 1:30-4 p.m. Programs for the family. 6:30-11 p.m. Adult drop-in is open.

Other programs and services - Home visiting, Tutoring, Don-west Neighbours Group (non-profit housing), South of Carlton Working Committee meetings, Metro Toronto Housing Task Force meetings.

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For those who want assistance in filling out their form at little or no cost, the following groups and organizations are offering help. Check the one nearest you and phone first to be sure.

Regent Park - The Services Unit at 70 Pashler, phone 863-1768 is offering income tax form help on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Fee is \$2 but it is free to old age

pensioners.

Dixon Hall - 58 Sumach St. The service is free, by appointment only. Phone Eve Gilour at 863-0499.

Moss Park - H.E.L.P. a LIP project is offering free help. Phone 366-6093 for information and appointment.

Neighbourhood Information Post - 265 Gerrard St. E. is offering a free, drop-in service all day every week day and also on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Phone 924-2543.

Don Vale - The Community Centre, 80 Winchester street has someone on duty to do forms every Thursday afternoon. For information or appointment, phone 921-6710 No charge.

Woodgreen Community Centre - 835 Queen St. E. Phone 461-1168 for an appointment. Woodgreen is training community people and paying them \$2 an hour to help. A charge of \$1 is being made for filling out forms but its free if you can't pay.

St. Jamestown - The St. Jamestown Help Service will again fill out forms for the elderly and disabled as they did last year. Phone 924-4401 for information.

Central Neighbourhood House - 349 Ontario offers a free service Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 9 to 5 p.m. and Monday night from 6 to 9 p.m. Phone 925-4363.

Any other organizations or agencies that were missed in this listing and who would like publicity for their work should contact 7 News at 920-8632

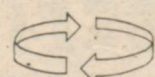
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9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Dundas Street School (953 Dundas St. E.) Free blood testing to determine lead levels in blood.
4 p.m. Parliament Library (406 Parliament St.) Creative drama for children.
7 p.m. Christian Resource Centre (297 Carlton St.) Sewing class for girls aged 8 to 12.
8 p.m. Trefann Site Office (440 Queen St. E.) Meeting of the Trefann Working Committee.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

10 a.m. Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) Ladies Day Program. Macrame instruction. Admission free. Coffee.
7:30 p.m. Central Neighbourhood House (349 Ontario) Meeting of South of Carlton Community Action. All welcome.
7:30 p.m. Parliament Library House. Creative writing workshop. 8 p.m. Parliament Library House. Free Yoga classes.
7:30 Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen East) Family film night. 25¢ admission charge.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

8 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) General Meeting of the Don Vale Community Health Centre. All Welcome.
7:30 p.m. Central Neighbourhood House (349 Ontario) Public meeting on planning study for south of Carlton area.
9:30 to 11 a.m. Broadview YMCA (275 Broadview) Fun with your child program. Mothers and children welcome. Phone 461-8123.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

11 a.m. Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St. E.) Craft class for senior citizens.
10 a.m. Central Neighbourhood House (349 Ontario) Health clinic open to all in neighbourhood. Free. Mornings only.
4 p.m. Parliament Library (406 parliament) Films for children.
7:30 p.m. Dixon Hall (58 Sumach St.) Meeting to discuss the future of the Trefann Court Community Centre. All welcome.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

4 p.m. Parliament Library (406 Parliament) Films for children.
8 p.m. Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard East) A series of films on Canada's role in World War II. Admission free.
8 p.m. Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen East) Community Dance. 50¢ in advance, \$1 at the door. Live entertainment.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

2 p.m. Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard E.) Poetry rap.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

12 Noon Seven News Office (80 Winchester St.) Deadline for material for the next issue, deadline for items for this column.
4 p.m. Parliament Library House. Creative drama for children.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

11 a.m. Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard East) Pre-school story hour for children.
7:30 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) Bingo.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:30 p.m. Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkeley St.) Preview of "Red Emma: Queen of the Anarchists". Phone 368-2856 for reservations. Regular showing Thursday through Sunday.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4 p.m. Parliament Library. Films for children.
7 p.m. Regent Park United Church (40 Oak St.) Rummage Sale.
8 p.m. Parliament Library House. "Canada at War" films.

(Information for this column is collected by Neighbourhood Information Post. Items for future listing should be phoned into NIP at 924-2543. There is no charge for this service.)

(This space contributed by Community Development Branch, Ont.)

Mother's group begins 2nd year

by HELEN CONNORS

The 15 of us who are in the Mother's Group at Queen East Presbyterian Church find that the biggest bond joining us together is that we are all mothers.

When Charlotte Stuart started the group over a year ago, we were all a little nervous. However, even though we were from different backgrounds, it pleased us to want the same things. We wanted to simply be open to all women, to speak frankly without being worried that it would be held against us.

Our activities range from discussion to visiting Heritage Home, a new residence for the aged on Queen St. where we go monthly.

At our meetings we enjoy card games, badminton, volleyball, bowling, exercise instruction, recipe exchanges, cooking classes and arts and crafts.

Visitors add to the program and we find that the information they offer is both enlightening and useful. A home economist, a police officer, a health nurse, members from the Cancer Society, as well as a delegation of Koreans from Japan, have all come to speak to us.

We look forward to our Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 because we can give and take as individuals, yet remain a growing group which looks forward to newcomers.

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She is a past chairman of EMBLEM, a group affiliated with GRO which formed several years ago to fight parking permits on Empire, McGee, Booth, Logan, Eastern, Morris. One of the central issues in the area today is the Scarborough Expressway.

John and Tony Demelo join in helping with the paper and the four boys share many common interests including hockey and swimming. Kerry has already developed a specialized interest as a "scrounger". He once found a 24 carat gold ring.

Lindsay MacDonald, age 3, is going to follow in his brothers footsteps in a few years as a SEVEN NEWS distributor.



Back Row - (left to right) Kerry MacDonald, age 10, Lindsay MacDonald, age 3, Barrie MacDonald, age 12.

Front Row - (left to right) John Demelo, age 12, Tony Demelo, age 9.

Picture taken by Wynne MacDonald.

Grape boycott at local Dominion store

by TERRI TAGGART

The boycott of grapes and lettuce is still continuing at the Dominion Stores across the city and will continue until all of this produce has been removed from the shelves of the supermarkets.

Residents of Ward 7 are asked to boycott Dominion stores as well as the grapes and lettuce. It is hoped, through a decrease in the volume of sales and, therefore, profits, the Dominion chain will stop selling these "scab" products.

The number of people agreeing to boycott the St. Jamestown store is increasing with every weekend. On the weekend of January 11th and 12th, 132 would-be patrons of Dominion were turned away and over the past weekend another 126 agreed to shop elsewhere.

One of the difficulties in this area is the lack of an alternative shopping centre which is reasonably

close. For this reason several picketers have volunteered their cars in order to drive people to other stores and bring them back.

Many of the shoppers spoken to appear to be sympathetic to this boycott but also have more personal ill-feelings toward Dominion regarding prices and poor service.

On one afternoon a gentleman walked up to the entrance of the store and was told that there was a picket line. He said, "My priest said not to cross the line, so I don't," and promptly walked away.

Shortly before Christmas the manager of the St. Jamestown store agreed to remove the grapes and lettuce in response to a confrontation inside the store and quick phone calls to and from the head office. This lasted until just after Christmas, when the grapes and lettuce were again out for sale.

On Saturday January 19th a picketer was arrested outside of the Dominion store at King and Dufferin for handing out leaflets to cars stopping at the lights. The charge was "obstructing police" and was laid by an off-duty Metro officer hired by Dominion to patrol the store ground while picketers were there. There were also hired policemen in at least one other Dominion store this past weekend.

All confrontations inside Dominion stores have been peaceful. When police have been called in all picketers have complied with the request to leave.

Most of the members of the picket-line are residents of Ward 7. They are Don Weitz, Sheila and Frances Trainor, Noreen Dunphy, Fr. Van Mather and Carmel Hili of Lourdes Church, Fr. Terry McKenna of St. Paul's, Hilda Giron, Mary Large and Barry Morris, Annemarie Murray, Terri Taggart and St. Paul's and Lourdes Churches have also generously allowed the use of their cars for driving shoppers to and from St. Jamestown.

Perhaps the most disheartening aspect of this boycott has to be persons who can walk through the picket-line and mutter "I'm not interested." The strength leading to the success of this boycott lies in the purchasing power of the consumer. Years of picket-lines cannot possibly equal the effect of a total consumer boycott of grapes and lettuce.

For those interested in volunteering their help, please call Noreen Dunphy at 924-4866 or Barry Morris at 922-7391.

Health Centre opens

The Don Vale Community Health Centre is opening at 80 Winchester. Funded by LIP, the Centre is starting by offering health information and counselling, assistance with referrals and preventive health care programs in cooperation with other community groups.

Three staff have been hired: Carol McBride, coordinator; Barry McPeake, fundraiser; and Audrey Smolin, community health worker. Temporary Centre hours are 10-6. Volunteers and ideas are needed. For information call 961-8627.

Floor hockey big at Broadview YMCA

by RANDY BOETTCHER

The Toronto Floor Hockey Association, operating as a part of the Broadview YMCA program, is off to a good start for the 1973-74 season.

The floor hockey program has grown considerably from last season, breaking down into the following division: Pee Wees, six teams, ages 10 to 12; Bantams, six teams, ages 13 to 16; Intermediate, four teams, ages 17 to 20; Men, five teams, no age limit.

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