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Deadline for the next issue is NOON, February 18 for publication on Feb. 23rd. Articles and letters are still urgently needed and can be dropped off or mailed to 80 Winchester or 265 Gerrard St. East. And make a note to attend our GENERAL MEETING, Feb. 25 at 7:30 at 80 Winchester.

Businessmen want federal building here

By a close vote, Bart Davis defeated Edith Justin for the office of President of the Ward Seven Businessmen's Association at their recent annual meeting.

This will be the second term of one year for Mr. Davis. Owner of Davis Cleaners, Mr. Davis took over as President following the death of Sam Rotenberg last year.

Following the defeat of Mrs. Justin for the office of President, she was then acclaimed 1st vice-president on the executive of the association. Others elected to the executive were:

Second Vice-President: Bill Dunlop, defeating Saul Wayne and Brian Mitchel. Third Vice-president: Jim Renieris, defeating Saul Wayne, Brian Mitchel, Budd McCormick and Wallace Ford. Wallace Ford was elected Recording Secretary, Budd McCormick was elected Corresponding Secretary, Betty Dawson was named Treasurer and Auditors are Jim Hall and Bob Wilson.

In their recommendations to the new executive, the meeting suggested that the association hire an organizer to work improving the business districts of Ward Seven with special emphasis on Parliament Street.

Another suggestion was that an effort be made to have a Federal Government building built in the Parliament-Carlton area. As well as a Post Office, the building could contain some local Federal offices.

Other suggestions were that Edith Justin be named as a Businessmen's Association representa-



Bart Davis begins a second term.

tive on the South of Carlton Working Committee and that a member of the Association sit as a member on the Board of Directors of SEVEN NEWS.

Expressway would destroy 71 homes in Riverdale

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

After two months of intensive work, the City of Toronto planners located at the Riverdale Planning office have released a report on the impact that the proposed Scarborough expressway will have on Ward Seven.

The section of the proposed expressway through Ward Seven calls for a 133 foot right-of-way starting at the Gardiner expressway and the Don River and running north-east parallel to the CNR tracks to Pape and Gerrard.

Only a partial interchange would be located in Ward Seven but it would reduce the Consumer's Gas site from 19.3 acres to 10.3 acres

Other effects the expressway will have on Ward Seven are as follows: and would "probably preclude residential use of the remainder of the site".

The report also notes that noises, air and visual pollution would be increased with the upper floors of McCleary Towers being the most affected.

Homes adjacent to the expressway would have the level of noise doubled while near-by homes would have a 50 per cent increase in noise level. There would also be a general rise in air pollution adjacent to the open-cut portions of the expressway.

The Scarborough expressway will destroy 71 houses containing 84 living units as well as 14 apartments over stores. Destroyed will be 9 detached houses, 38 semi-detached and 24 row houses.

The expressway will displace 63 families containing 275 people. Of these, 83 are school children.

The expressway will destroy 12 industrial plants that provide employment to 690 people. Out of these 690 employees, 225 of them live within walking distance and the advantage of living close to work would be lost to them.

The expressway would result in the destruction of twelve stores and the possible loss of jobs for their 30 employees.

Some parks would be destroyed and some parks would be relocated - and there would be a net gain to the community of Ward Seven of one acre of parkland.

The impact study is now being distributed to affected industry, business and citizen groups for comment. The comments will be made up into an addendum, and that together with the report will go to the City of Toronto Planning Board.

Pat Murphy, co-author of the study states that there will be no public meetings on it as there have been too many meetings on the Scarborough Expressway already in the area.

However, it is known that Ward Seven Alderman John Sewell favors having meetings to study the report's findings and such meetings may be held when the report reaches City Council.

Local planner gets hostile reception

Steve Nicholls, planner for the South of Carlton area, got a largely hostile reception from the Ward Seven Businessmen's Association when he spoke to them for the second time at their annual meeting last week.

Mr. Nicholls was there to explain how the draft recommendations of the South of Carlton Working Committee, if implemented, would effect the business district south of Carlton.

Instead, members at the meeting took issue with the whole plan and planning process. Al Allen of Allen Real Estate on Carlton street objected to the

fact that attendance at the South of Carlton Working Committee meetings had dropped to such a point that five people were now designated as a quorum.

"No group should have that small a number representing the community," he said.

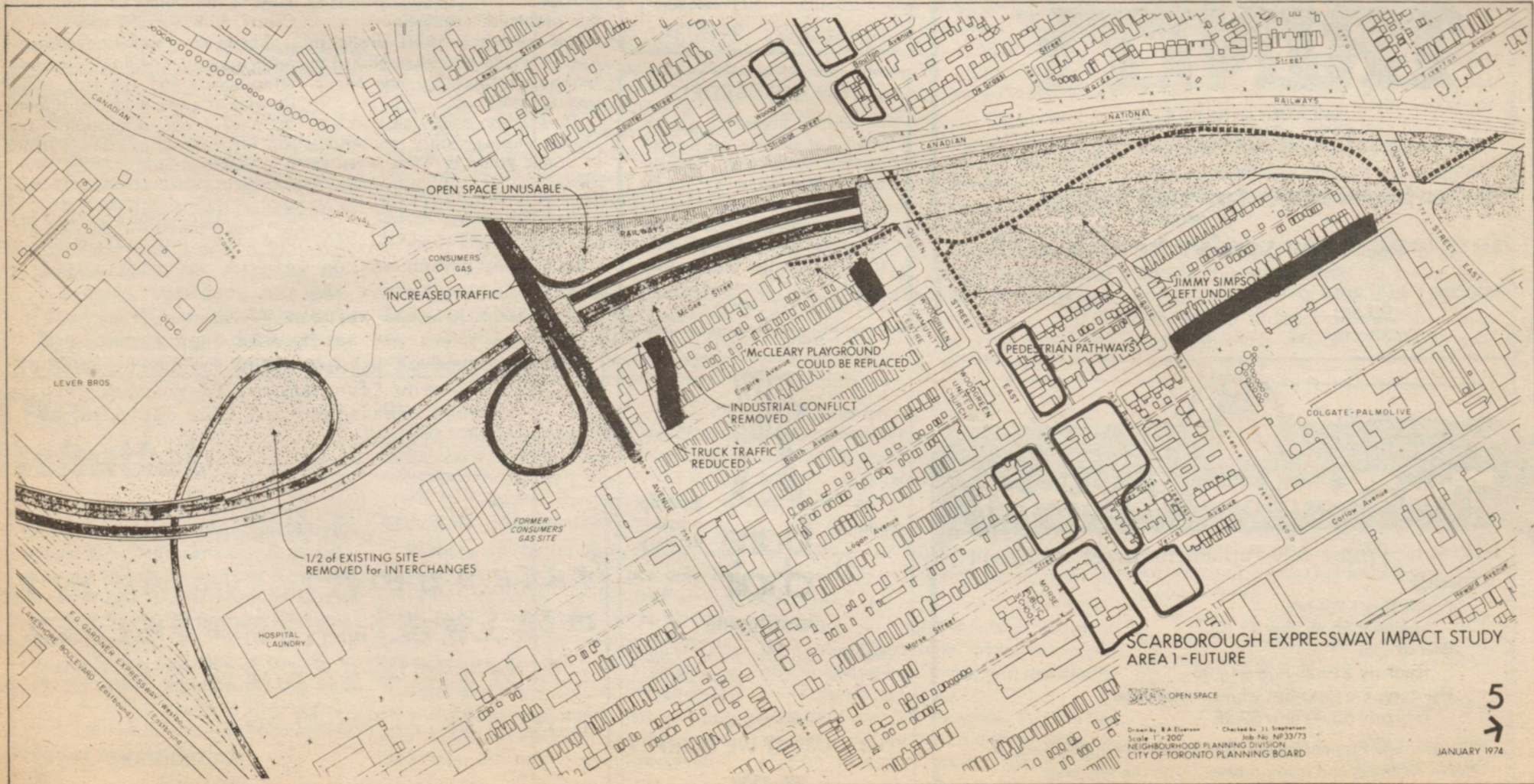
Karl Orbach, a lawyer on Parliament street, also took objection to the whole planning process. He stated that a study done of the Don District some years ago showed the area to be degenerating. Yet, he stated, the Part II recommendations suggested preserving the area as it is now.

"The City should be upgrading the area," he declared.

Mr. Nicholls told the audience that the recommendations were for discussion purpose only and that there was still lots of room and time for input from anyone with serious reservations about them.

He suggested that someone from the Businessmen's Association should attend South of Carlton Working Committee meetings and any other meetings being held to deal with the recommendations.

After Mr. Nicholls had finished his presentation, the group appointed Edith Justin of Justin and Justin on Gerrard street to act in that capacity.





Don Vale is alive!

Dear Editor;

I am proud to state that I have been educated and lived in the Don Vale area for over 40 years. Also I am extremely pleased to say that now the present residents are more fully aware and actively involved in revitalizing and stabilising this valuable, historic, Victorian neighbourhood than ever before.

I quote from the SEVEN NEWS - Jan. 26 1974 issue, "Don Vale now has a Residents Association, a Property Owners Association, a Neighbourhood Action Group, a Cowley Tenant Association and at least four or five working committees."

As first a tenant and recently a homeowner, I have always been a silent member of the first two associations. Since I gained pertinent knowledge only on Dec. 27 about the DACHI development at a poorly attended Cowley Tenant Meet-

ing, I have become an outspoken, dedicated member of the Don Vale Neighbourhood Action Committee.

From the concerned people (many of whom are elderly, indisposed or reluctant to attend meetings at the decrepit, neglected Don Vale Community Centre) in the immediate block and a half on Carlton street, I began from the grass roots (the people) to discover and ask if the DACHI development proposal met their approval.

There were 70 negative replies. This number is sufficient to reverse the vote of the Don Vale Resident's Association meeting of Jan. 15, 1974.

I have therefore become a responsible liaison advocate of 70 silent majority voters of the Carlton street area. This group can rest assured that now there will be regular attendance at all neighbourhood meetings to gather issues and necessary information presented.

What better time for sincere, meaningful, neighbourhood involvement now that civic and possibly federal elections loom in the immediate future!

Indeed, Don Vale is alive and thriving, thank you!

Maureen Penno
Carlton St.

Battle is brewing for next election

A battle is underway in Rosedale Riding for the Progressive Conservative nomination. Contenders are Warren Beamish and Hal Jackman and the winner will take on Donald Macdonald in the next Federal election.

The Nominating Convention is set for March 12 at St. Lawrence Hall but both candidates are campaigning hard now as delegates have to be signed up by Feb. 23 at the latest.

Warren Beamish was the nominee for the Conservatives in the last Federal election, he ran a strong and sophisticated campaign and was narrowly defeated.

Since then he has appeared throughout the riding at numerous functions of citizen groups and has built a restaurant on the edge of Ward Seven.

Hal Jackman is 41 years of age, a graduate of business and law schools, a director of the south Rosedale Ratepayers Association and is Chairman of the Board of the Regent Park Community Health Centre.

Mr. Jackman was the Conservative candidate in both the 1963 and 1965 federal elections in Rosedale Riding and was defeated both times by Donald Macdonald. Both candidates live in Rosedale.

Anyone wishing to be a delegate to the Nominating Convention can do so by paying a \$2 fee before Feb. 23. Accreditation can be had by contacting Lilian Seymour at 68 Crescent Rd. or by phoning Warren Beamish at 868-0035 or Hal Jackman at 967-4430.



St. Jamestown Songsters

Regent Park has its Go-Go Band and now St. Jamestown has its Songsters. Both are groups of elderly men and women who perform free for functions in the Ward Seven community.

The St. Jamestown Songsters consist of 21 women and 3 men ranging in age upward from 55. Conductor is Mrs. E. Barrett and piano player is Mrs. C. Bennett.

The group started three years ago as an informal group interested in singing together. Gradually they formed a choir, became formalized and in liaison with the St. Jamestown YMCA they secured a New Horizons Grant from the Federal Government to purchase material for dresses.

The group is independent now, and although they are in need of money for transportation, they are willing to perform free at social events in the area.

All are from the various buildings in St. Jamestown and besides practising, they meet once a month to socialize.

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SEVEN NEWS will open its pages to articles in languages other than English as a result of a policy decision made by the SEVEN NEWS Board of Directors at their last meeting.

The decision to go multilingual - on a three month trial basis - came as a result of a growing awareness on the part of the Board that Ward Seven contained a substantial and ever-growing ethnic population.

The SEVEN NEWS Board felt that SEVEN NEWS had a responsibility to provide information to all elements of the community even if it meant printing in their native language.

The motion by the SEVEN NEWS Board calls for a three month trial period in which other language news would be published provided it met the same criteria as that of English language news. Also, where possible, a short précis in English would also be published in accompaniment with any ethnic-language story.

It was also suggested that any English-language story concerning an ethnic group in Ward Seven be

accompanied by a précis of the story in the appropriate language.

Arguing against the move, SEVEN NEWS editor, Norman Browne stated that it was impossible for SEVEN NEWS to be all things to all people. For the paper to go multi-lingual, he said, might alienate the English-speaking readers while only providing a token concern for the ethnic population.

He suggested instead that SEVEN NEWS should investigate the feasibility of publishing special editions in the language spoken most predominately by the ethnic people in the Ward.

This new policy decision of the SEVEN NEWS Board will be up for review and discussion at the SEVEN NEWS General Meeting to be held Monday, February 25, at 7:30 at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street.

The meeting will also feature the ratification of new Board Members, refreshments and the first public showing of a film made last summer on Ward Seven. Admission is free and every reader of SEVEN NEWS is invited to attend.

"η εφημερίδα " Σέβεν Νιούς ", τής Έβδομης Έκλογικής Περιφέρειας, διά προσφάτης απόφασέως τής απεφάσισε νά δημοσιεύη κείμενα καί στίς κυριώτερες ξένες γλώσσες τής περιφέρειας. Τά είδησεογραφικά κείμενα θά προσκομίζονται στά Άγγλικά πρώτα καί κατόπιν θά δημοσιεύονται, άφοϋ προηγουμένως μεταφρασθοϋν καί μονταρισθοϋν, εις τήν ανάλογην ξένη γλώσσα. Τά κείμενα στίς ξένες γλώσσες ύποκίπτουν στά ίδια κριτήρια μέ εκείνα τής Άγγλικής.

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The Assignment

27 January, 1974

Dear Mrs. Scrivener;

In your last two columns for SEVEN NEWS you dealt with the Ontario Advisory Task Force on Housing Policy report. A report co-authored and signed by you as a member of that Task Force.

You ended your Nov. 3 column by stating: "In subsequent columns, I will analyse and report to you on some of the findings and the recommendations of the Task Force."

To help you with your next column, I have excerpted a number of findings and recommendations from the Task Force Report and am listing them for your comment.

These excerpts, however, all run counter to your present position regarding Don Vale Co-op Homes, Inc. (DACHI) and its efforts to create a moderately priced co-operative housing project with some of the former Cowley Houses in Don Vale.

Could you explain in your column why you supported and recommended these points in the Task Force Report but now oppose them in your own riding?

Para The Province should experiment, encourage, and test medium-density residential developments.

Is not the DACHI proposal for Don Vale a medium-density residential development?

Para Non-profit and co-operative organizations demonstrate a strong commitment to the housing needs of low and moderate income groups. For that reason, their activities are compatible with Provincial housing objectives and deserve Government support.

You are a member of the Provincial Government, so why are you opposing DACHI?

Para Government direction of regional and community development (should be) undertaken in order to assist housing production, rather than to raise standards or otherwise impose uniformity or inhibit the satisfaction of housing needs.

So why do you recommend that your government do one thing while you do the exact opposite?

Para Provincial housing activities should relate to the following objectives: To enable low and moderate income families and persons to live in adequate conditions, at a price they can afford.

Clearly the aims of your Government and the aims of DACHI are compatible. So why do you oppose DACHI?

Para (Provincial policy should be) to achieve the dispersion and integration of low and moderate income housing throughout communities generally.

At present there is a dispersal of low and moderate income housing in Don Vale. The DACHI proposal is an effort to preserve that dispersal. So why, again, are you opposing your own recommendations?

Para While local residents should continue to be involved in determining the use of lands in their community, they should not be in a position to determine who will be living in their neighbourhoods and communities . . .

Please explain that recommendation in light of your support of those opposing the DACHI proposal for Don Vale.

Para At current costs, it is not possible to house the people of Ontario in single-family houses at today's standards and expect a majority to be able to pay the full price. Other forms of housing, at different and more realistic development standards than currently demanded, will be needed.

DACHI recognises that not everyone can or wants to own their own home. Yet it offers high standard accommodation in a different form but you still oppose it. Why?

Para Most of the rehabilitation of older housing which has taken place has been carried out by middle and upper-income residents who have bought homes in older neighbourhoods and converted them to their own use. This practice ("white-painting") has had the effect of depleting the stock of low-income housing.

Recognising the above as a self-evident statement of fact, and recognising that the aim of DACHI is to reverse that trend, why do you oppose DACHI?

As a result of this analysis, two other important questions also come to mind:

1. In view of the contradiction between recommended Government policy and your actions in regard to DACHI, do you intend to resign from the Conservative Party?

2. In view of the contradictions between your recommendations to the Government and your subsequent actions regarding the DACHI Proposal for Don Vale, do you intend to resign your seat in the Provincial Legislature?

The deadline for your next column for SEVEN NEWS is Mon. Noon, Feb. 4th. I sincerely hope you can make the deadline.

Yours sincerely,
Norman G. Browne,
Editor: SEVEN NEWS

The Response

by MARGARET SCRIVENER, MPP
Riding of St. David

At the risk of boring readers who by now must be surfeited with comment about the recent proposal for cooperative housing in Don Vale, I would like to discuss some viewpoints I have on the scheme.

A great deal seems to have been made of my concern about the proposal, but how could I not have been concerned when I received a telegram signed with the names and addresses of 29 Don Vale constituents? How could I ignore what was happening when I received delegations from, first, the Don Area Cooperative Homes group, and then the Don Vale Neighbourhood Action Committee?

Since many persons wrote and telephoned my office following publication of my letter to the Honourable Ronald Basford in Seven News last month, I issued a public statement, and released it to the news media, as follows:

"January 22, 1974 For immediate release A personal comment about Don Vale from Margaret Scrivener"

"Nearly 1,000 Don Vale residents are opposed to the DACHI cooperative housing proposal and I share their concern, since my own experience in urban planning indicates that this is a prime example of bad planning. I have examined the project carefully, and find that it is technically deficient and below City standards," Margaret Scrivener, MPP St. David, former Vice-Chairman and longtime member of the Metro Planning Board declared today. Mrs. Scrivener was also a member of the

DACHI the story

Ontario Advisory Task Force on Housing Policy.

"Two groups of residents asked for my help, and enquired about whether they could use my Advisory Centre as a meeting place," quoted Mrs. Scrivener. "When the local people (many of whom are former Jaffary/Sewell supporters) decided to canvass the area, I opened the Centre for them last week as a small base for their operations."

"The concern of the Don Vale people is being organized and expressed by themselves for themselves on a self-help basis, and many have never before engaged in such an exercise."

"Apart from the technical faults of the DACHI plan, I consider that it is entirely appropriate that I should be identified with the viewpoint of a majority of my constituents. Frankly, I am mystified that John Sewell has assumed the developer's role and has turned his back on the people he is supposed to represent."

My concerns about the need for housing, especially for persons in the lower income bracket, are well known. So also, is my interest in good urban planning, and the provision of such neighbourhood amenities as parks and open space. Therefore, my unwillingness to support the DACHI scheme should not be surprising. Nor is this stance incompatible with the Report published by the Ontario Advisory Task Force on Housing Policy.

In my view, the DACHI proposal has a number of technical faults, and I have not seen any changes or modifications in the original scheme to correct its weaknesses. I

fault the DACHI proposal in the first instance on its sub-standard provisions. One does not provide housing for poor people which is below the minimum amenity required for others.

Densities in the area will be dramatically increased, and the impact of this increase will be further heightened by the destruction of what little open space is available now. Nor is any consideration being given to the provision of recreation facilities to handle the present needs of the community.

Even in Regent Park for instance, which admittedly has been below contemporary standards in terms of open space and recreation facilities, three levels of government are pooling resources to provide Four Million Dollars for artificial ice rinks, swimming pool, recreation centre, and landscaping, in order to increase needed amenities for its residents.

Perhaps the area of my greatest concern has been the whole question of who will be able to live there, if the DACHI proposal is completed: When he visited me in my office, Mr. Dennis Wood, a DACHI board member and solicitor for the project, informed me that a "weakness" of the plan was the rent which would have to be charged. Since this is an extremely important item, I later consulted Mr. Robert Bradley, former Toronto Housing Authority chairman and an acknowledged expert, who supported Mr. Wood's statement that the rents would be high for low-income pockets.

During the same discussion, I explored with Mr. Wood the whole matter of "if

able to pay, then who?". I am familiar with OHC admission requirements for persons applying for housing assistance. Imperfect as it is, I believe a real effort is made by OHC to sort out those "in need" from those "in desperate need", so that people in emergency situations or in extremely deprived circumstances will receive first priority for accommodation.

It was evident to me from my discussion with Mr. Wood that the extent of need and the means of providing equity to desperate people had scarcely been assessed by his group. In fact, I gained the impression that "need" would not necessarily be a criterion for admission to DACHI housing. Certainly, the DACHI Charter which he gave me says only that DACHI'S Objective is to provide housing for its membership. It does not say that low income persons will receive priority, and I consider that this is a serious omission.

Under the Charter's present provisions, all the members of the DACHI Board would be eligible for DACHI housing; however, it is unlikely that many of them would be eligible for OHC housing, since their incomes would be rated too high.

In conclusion, I wish to point out that I have written Mayor David Crombie about the need for low income family housing in the Riding of St. David, and have asked him to initiate a survey to see if certain areas could be designated by the city under the HNA Neighbourhood Improvement Program.

I expect to have an opportunity to discuss this matter with the Mayor very shortly, and it is my hope that St. David will be one of the first areas to receive attention from Mayor Crombie's new Housing Department.

The Rebuttal

(EDITOR'S NOTE: DACHI has refused to answer Mrs. Scrivener's points directly because she is a member of the Provincial Government and DACHI hopes to be asking them in future for financial assistance for further projects.)

Michael Stuart, Chairman of DACHI, is also in the ticklish position of being paid by a direct grant from the Provincial Government secured through the good offices of Margaret Scrivener. However . . .)

Dear Norman;

The important thing about the Cowley House Development, which a lot of its less reflective critics have either missed or ignored, is that this development will be open to the most intensive public scrutiny.

Meetings will be set up to criticise this development constructively, not only by DACHI itself, but also by the City Planning Staff. DACHI was established to give the people the chance not only to participate but to initiate their own development.

Right now, the plan DACHI has developed is preliminary; we do not see it as final! In fact, we are glad to see the kind of enthusiasm that exists: it will make for a

better development. The approvals we have already received from the City, the CMHC and the Planners, have recognised, as does DACHI, the preliminary nature of the present plans.

The community, the city, CMHC and the residents of the Cowley Houses, will continue to control this development in the future.

We sincerely hope that the "technical deficiencies" that some critics see in the development will be mentioned specifically at the meetings to come.

One of the real problems DACHI has seen as a valid criticism is that the rents are high for low-income people. We agree. But

private development of the Cowley Houses would not only kick out the people there now, but would be available to none but the rich.

However, from talking with the people there now, we find that they will be able to stay; and furthermore, OHC has already spoken to us concerning subsidies to bring the rents down.

Anyway, if people think the rents are too high, they should get in and help us — and their neighbours — to bring them down to low income levels.

Let us work together on this development.

Michael Stuart,
Chairman, DACHI



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'Bleecker film' to be shown at 7 news meeting

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A FREE INCOME TAX clinic is operating out of Morse Public School, 180 Carlaw from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from local churches in the evenings. Phone 463-3202 for an appointment.

Randy Boettcher is leaving his position as program director at the Broadview YMCA to take up a similar position with the YMCA in Halifax.

There are a few openings for children 2-5 years of age at the CNH Nursery School, 349 Ontario St. Luncheons prepared by mothers are served 4 out of 5 days a week. Fees are based on income. Phone 925-4363 for information.

Used pocket-books are still needed for the Don Vale Community Centre library free book store. Bring your donations to 80 Winchester street or phone 921-6710 for a pick-up.

The Rev. James Houston, well-known in the area for his community work in St. Jamestown is doing community organizing for DACHI.

New program staff at the Don Vale Community Centre are Bill Kelly and

Frank Ingram. They and Nick Power are working under the direction of new program director, Judith Gilliland.

THE OTHER WOMAN, a feminist newspaper is holding a party on Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at 195 Seaton St. Food, drinks, music, good talk and a chance to meet The Other Woman.

Contractor Saul Rosenberg was one of those who offered Alderman John Sewell a gift just before Xmas time and was turned down. He ended up making a donation of \$65 to Operation Family Rights on Broadview.

The Province has loaned the City of Toronto \$2 million to fix up the houses in the Dundas-Sherbourne project but has yet to pass legislation allowing the City to set up a non-profit housing corporation. The new law isn't expected until March.

Classes in Yoga are starting up at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St. For day or night classes phone Nick Power at 921-6710.

Copies of the short and long report on the recent Citizens Health Conference are now available from the Wayland Workshops, 598 Huron St. The short report is free, the long report \$1.

A serious car accident last week saw school trustee Gord Cressy badly shaken up and his wife Marsha hospitalised. Our

sincere hopes for a speedy recovery... In a speech in the ward last Sunday, MP Donald Macdonald said he was against the West St. Jamestown project and would prefer to see that much density built farther south on underused industrial land.

This Sunday at 2 p.m. there will be a free band concert at Woodgreen United Church. Featured will be the Metro Silver Band, the Sweet Adelaide Group and 11-year-old Barbara Moore as guest violinist.

UNSHACKLE, a local parole supervision project is seeking community people as volunteers to meet with parolees in group encounter sessions. For information call 961-4220.

A Task Force has been set up by the Don Vale Resident's Association to deal with the Browndale Homes project for Don Vale. Main concerns are the proper use of public funds and the density of the project. Convenor is John Davey and he welcomes ideas and suggestions. Phone him at 920-1354.

The first public showing of "Bleecker Street" a Ward Seven Film will be featured at the SEVEN NEWS General Meeting to be held Monday, Feb. 25 at the Don Vale Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. Also reports from the Board and staff.

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King-Parliament plan could restrict further development for two years

All development in King-Parliament could be restricted under an "existing use" by-law, for the next two years, if City Council endorses a resolution passed by those present at the planning meeting at Enoch Turner School house on January 23rd.

The meeting which had an attendance of 70 persons rejected a resolution proposed by the King-Parliament Site Office staff and described in a report on "Temporary Planning Controls" circulated before the meeting. Those present decided by 29 votes to 6 - a number of people had left by the time the vote was taken - that more comprehensive controls were needed than the planners had proposed.

What the new resolution means is that all existing uses - such as industrial, commercial and residential - would be confirmed on their present sites for the next two years and any proposed change of use

would require a re-zoning by-law before it would be permitted. In effect, all new development proposals would be subject to planning controls by City Council, the planners and the local community.

Acting on the direction of the January 23 meeting, the Site Office planners are hoping to take a recommendation before the City Planning Board during February. The planners are still trying to sort out how to make the resolution work. One possibility being investigated is to propose the following amendment under Section 16, subsection 2:

"No person shall, within the area bounded to the west by Jarvis Street, to the north by Queen St. E., to the east by the Don River and to the south by the Gardiner Expressway, use any building, structure or lot existing as of (the date of the amendment is passed) for the purpose of any use other than a purpose

for which any such existing building, structure or lot was used as of the aforesaid date."

This resolution, accompanied by a planners' report, will go before the City Planning Board when it is ready and, assuming it is endorsed there, before the Buildings and Development Committee of Council. The By-law will then be fully advertised and objections heard before it goes to a full meeting of Council for approval and then to the Ontario Municipal Board.

At any of these stages, deputations may be received from representatives of the local community, whether in favour of the resolution or against. This would include the receipt of objections after Council adopts the By-law and before it goes to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If you wish to attend any of these meetings, or to make a deputation, or to receive the planners' report to the Planning Board, please contact the Site Office (367-7609) for further information.

The next meeting called by the King-Parliament Site Office will be at Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, 106 Trinity Street, at 8:00 p.m. on February 26th. The topic of this meeting will be industry in the King Parliament area.

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Besides being distributed door to door to businesses, homes and apartments in Ward Seven, extra copies of SEVEN NEWS are also available free, on request at a number of "open drops" made throughout the area.

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Group Therapy available at Dundas Day Centre

by GEORGE SNEYD

The Dundas Day Centre is an outreach mental health programme of Queen St. Mental Health Centre, Toronto at 999 Queen St. W.) established in the community in the fall of 1970. It is now located at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St.

The Centre is presently staffed by one full time physician, 7 full time and 2 part time nurses, and one part time community psychologist. These staff provide the following programmes:

- **Assessments:** Persons dropping in, or referred, are seen at the Centre, at the referring agency, or at home. Complete psychiatric assessment is available, which may result, if appropriate, in referral to other agencies or admission to one of the programmes of DDC listed here.
- **Consultation:** Persons coming with emotionally disturbed individuals or with Public Health Nurses, Children's Aid Society, Seaton House, etc., may seek consultation to assist them in maintaining their client in the community. Consultations and assessments may also be done at home or at other agencies upon request.
- **Home Care:** Where appropriate, clients are seen at home by staff and treatment developed at home — particularly where families are large or client unaccustomed to institutional settings.
- **Out Patient Care:** Clients are seen on a regular basis, usually in a group, usually for up to an hour, daily, weekly or monthly, while they continue their work or other activities. Medications are available where necessary.
- **Group Therapy** is available at the DDC for appropriate clients on a daily basis with additional activity programmes in the community to assist clients in re-developing work and social skills. Therapy is determined by the individual's needs upon assessment.

By these methods, the staff generally are working toward achieving the following goals:

- To assist in integrating the person back into their community in a meaningful way, and
- To assist the community to understand, accept, and help the client in such integration.

The Centre is presently restricting its treatment programme to the Don District, allowing for some flexibility and the continuation of care to clients referred earlier who live outside this area. It is staffed and financed mainly by Queen Street Mental Health Centre. The rent and telephone costs are paid by the Volunteer Association of Queen Street Mental Health Centre. It is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday though staff may be involved in evening community mental health work from time to time.

Community Board

Soon after establishing DDC it became apparent that responding to the mental health needs of a community, by establishing such centres as DDC, is much more likely to be successful, if individuals and groups within the community are involved in the decision making and planning the implementation of programmes like DDC.

Rather belatedly, DDC therefore, set out this past year to form a Community Management Board. Individuals in the community, rep-

resentatives of interested agencies and representatives of grassroots organizations — residents, ratepayers etc. — have been meeting regularly twice a month since last Spring, discussing and planning toward the establishment of a Board.

Already, the value of such a board has become apparent in discussions with these community persons. New perceptions of how DDC can better contribute to the mental health of the community have developed and been communicated to the staff of DDC.

Recently, a constitution has been approved by the Committee. This constitution states that the Board would be a Management Board, and that its composition would consist of seven representatives each from community groups in the area, seven citizens living in the area who are concerned about mental health and who are committed to the success of the Dundas Day Centre, plus the programme director from DDC or her representative. For the second and all succeeding terms the said members shall be elected at a general community meeting called for the purpose of electing the said members.

At present, DDC is largely financed (salaries) by the Provincial Treasury Board (our taxes) through Queen Street Mental Health Centre.

DDC needs a Community Board now to assist planning for the future when the Treasury Board money (our taxes) can be granted to the Board and this part of our health delivery system is effectively controlled by the community it serves and therefore is assured of delivering the best possible help to those within that community who need it.

The Dundas Day Centre Community Management Board Committee seeks the active participation of grassroots organizations and interested citizens living in the area to participate in maintaining and developing this necessary health care system. If you are concerned, please call: Ann Nishio — Dundas Day Centre — 923-1113 or George Sneyd — Queen Street Mental Health Centre — 533-8501 ext. 466.

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Well, now that we've had time to really look back at it and assess it honestly, it appears that most taxpayers did not seem to find it too difficult. The error rate did not accelerate greatly or change drastically from former years. Generally, most taxpayers seemed to handle their new returns fairly well.

However, Income Tax will never be the easiest or most enjoyable thing in anyone's life. And it will always present problems in some areas, for some people. That's expected and understandable.

So, what we want to do now is really work on those problem areas. And the best way to do that is to work with you, individually, on whatever part of Income Tax that causes you difficulty.

And that's what April Aid is all about. It's a help system and its primary objective is to ensure that whenever or whatever you need help with, you can get it. And know how to get it.



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Second. If you're still confused or something just doesn't seem to work, phone. The number of your own District Taxation Office is below and at the end of that number there are people whose only job is to help taxpayers with problems, by telephone. And on Mondays and Tuesdays phone lines are open 'til 6 p.m. So don't hesitate.

If you live outside the office area, call the Operator and ask for Zenith 0-4000. She will automatically connect you to your own District Taxation Office. Remember, all calls are free, all questions are answered, and if you have queries, we want you to call.



Third. Some people prefer to talk things over in person. If you're one of them and have problems, drop by for free help. Anytime. The address of your District Taxation Office is below.



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Don Vale health clinic well underway

More than twenty people attended a general meeting of the Don Vale Community Health Centre on Thursday January 30 to discuss the progress of the primary medical clinic and the development of the preventative health program. The meeting also met the new full-time staff and held elections to the board of the centre.

Don Weitz, acting chairman of the board, outlined the history and development of the centre as a background to its current projects. The board has made application to and met with OHIP to establish a full medical clinic in the Don Vale centre. While the clinic is still a few months away the centre has established two half-day general practice clinics to be held every Tuesday

and Friday, from 9:30 to 12:30 beginning February 12.

The part-time clinic will be held more frequently as the patient load grows and is seen as a means to building towards a full clinic.

Also to be established is a once-weekly dental clinic providing low-cost dental care to be held at Winchester Public School.

Carol McBride, the centre's new coordinator, pointed out that a major emphasis of the centre will be placed on preventative health care. To this end a volunteer training program has been established to enable people in the community to take part in and deliver elements of practical preventative health care. The program includes sessions on child care, nutrition, birth control,

basic clinical procedures, and special health care problems, such as diabetes, epilepsy, high blood pressure, etc. The centre needs volunteers and all those interested in doing volunteer work of any sort should contact the centre.

In the discussion people raised many complaints about existing medical care. Among the most prominent were complaints about the length of time before getting an appointment with a doctor, very little information from doctors during examination, the prices and quantities of prescription drugs, general run-around from hospitals and doctors, etc. The centre said it was interested in receiving information about the difficulties people have in receiving medical care.

In addition to Carol McBride, the two other new staff members of the centre introduced to the meeting were Audrey Smolin and Barry McPeake all of whom have been hired on a LIP grant until the end of June, to establish the centre on a full operating basis.

The meeting also elected two new members to the board of the centre. They were John McMurduff and John Marshall. The board meets every Wednesday at the Don Vale centre and the meetings are open to everyone who wishes to attend. For more information on the centre and volunteers phone 961-8627

Students to aid teachers

by GINNY PETTIPAS

FROM THE OTHER SIDE is the name of an unique, new LIP funded project to provide teachers' aides for inner city elementary schools.

This program, conceived by Ruth Johnson, a grade three teacher at Rose Ave. Public school, is now operating out of Oak Community School.

The objectives of the project are:

- to aide the teacher by having a youth representing the community within the classroom.
- to enlarge upon the learning of the elementary students.
- to provide immediate employment and encouragement for job

futures of community youth.

The teachers' aides have been hired from the community of the schools, and are in most cases, youth who would like to continue their education after the six month LIP Project is completed.

The manager of the project has an office at Oak Community School, 203 Oak St., and the youths are working in five Inner City schools. From East to West they are Roden, Dundas, Regent Park, Dewson, and Pauline.

We are limited to five schools at the moment because we are doing a pilot project and hope to expand to other schools who have shown an interest in our project when we find additional funding.

Request survey on fire insurance

The South of Carlton Working Committee has joined with the Trefann Court Working Committee in requesting the Housing Committee of City Council to conduct a city-wide survey on fire insurance coverage on residential properties.

The move, initiated by Trefann, came as the result of a survey in that area which showed that since 1966, 21 per cent of the houses surveyed had their insurance cancelled and a further 28 per cent had been refused initial or additional coverage.

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Hey, Mom!

by CATHERINE VERRALL

"See my track! I made that!" Snow gives us a picture of motion after it is gone. Snow shows a child that his own body can change the earth. Remember thrilling at your own footprints trailing across a field of unbroken whiteness?

Who went by here? Notice big

footprints (yours) and little footprints (hers). Notice dog tracks and cat tracks and squirrel tracks. Where were they going? In the zoo, look for the tracks of other animals. Rabbits and mice leave their footprints in near-by ravines. (A perfect "country" walk runs in several directions from the brick-works on Bayview. Or walk in the cemetery.)

"See! They're going!" He is 3, and gazes up at the clouds, scudding across a blue winter sky. A black squirrel and a grey squirrel dart about their business in a bare

tree. Let your eyes follow them. Birds gather to eat bread crumbs, chatter and chase each other. Pigeons wheel over head. In winter, you can watch all this!

A magnifying glass costs about \$1.00. It helps grown-up and child together, see magic all around: snow crystals, their rainbow colours glistening in the sun — a winged maple seed, a Christmas tree needle, bird "poo", a tiny twig — all lying on the snow, waiting to be noticed.

Shadows, yours and mine, long and short, go leaping and waving across the snow. Notice the tree's shadow, the dog's shadow, even the shadow of billowing smoke. Sunrise and sunset — see them glowing behind bare branches and dull buildings.

On melting days, remember, puddles hold pictures. The children kept gaily stamping through a large puddle, the teacher frantically chasing and scolding. Suddenly Derrick shouted, "I see a boy in there!" They stopped still. Standing carefully outside the puddle so as not to shatter the pictures, they stared down, and then up, to see the house, the tree, the clouds, the faces... two of each! That's discovery!

In day-care centres, children play outside twice every day unless it's raining, or below 12 degrees. They feel calmer when they come inside, they eat better and sleep better, they get fewer colds. So it's really worth the trouble to bundle them up (or rather, help them bundle themselves up!) and take them out. For play, they need something to pull and push around, and pile snow in. A cardboard carton will do, or a fruit basket, or an old plastic dishpan. Tie a rope through it. Plastic shovels are safer than metal. Cut a large Javex container in half: there's a pail and scoop.

So if you're a grandmom watching from your window, or a young mom walking with your child, have a happy snow-time!

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:30 p.m. Parliament St. Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) A new photography workshop for adults commences. Free darkroom and photographic techniques instruction. Bring your own camera.

4:00 p.m. Parliament St. Library (406 Parliament St.) Creative drama for children.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:00 a.m. Parliament St. Library House Ladies' Day Programme. Mixed media (techniques for walls, windows, light fixtures, etc.) Coffee served.

11:00 a.m. Parliament St. Library Pre-school story hour.

7:30 p.m. Danforth Library. Film series: People and Places. England.

7:30 p.m. Parliament St. Library House. Creative writing workshop.

7:30 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) Bingo.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:30 p.m. Parliament St. Library House. A new photography workshop for teens (12-18) commences. Bring your own camera. Free. For more information phone 921-8674.

7:30 p.m. Parliament St. Library House. OPINION: A monthly programme of current affairs. This month: "Housing. The concept of co-operative housing."

7:00 p.m. D.C.T.V. (265 Gerrard St.) Meeting at Parliament St. Library House.

9:30 a.m. Broadview Y.M.C.A. (275 Broadview Ave.) 461-8123. Fun with your Child Program. Every Wednesday.

7:30 Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkeley St.) "Red Emma Queen of The Anarchists" Phone 368-2856 for reservations.

1:30 p.m. Oak St. Community (203 Oak St.) Bingo Every Wed.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:30 a.m. C.N.H. (349 Ontario St.) Health Clinic open to all in the neighbourhood. Every Thurs. morning till 12 noon. Free.

8:00 p.m. Trefann Court Site Office (440 Queen St.) Working Committee meeting at Dixon Hall.

12:00 noon Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) Free income tax service. Closes at 3 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Parliament St. Library House. House on Gerrard Poetry Evening: Readings by June White, Gerry Shikatani, and John Jessop.

4:00 p.m. Parliament St. Library. Poetry for children.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

1:30 p.m. Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St.) Senior Citizens auction. Donations welcomed.

1:30 p.m. Regent Park Community Centre (470 Dundas St.) Womens Drop-In Every Friday. Informal.

8:00 p.m. Oak St. Community (203 Oak St.) Teens Dances Every Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

8:30 Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) Valentine Teen Dance. Local Band (Toke). Admission \$1 at the door.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

2:00 p.m. Back Door Theatre (474 Ontario St.) Children's Play "Space Ranger in Search of The Jumping Bean" for indefinite run.

2:00 p.m. Parliament St. Library House. Poetry and rap.

8:00 p.m. Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St.) Valentines Dance 18 & over. Buffet, Live Band. \$2.50 per person.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 p.m. Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkeley St.) Poetry Reading Stephanie Nynych. Free.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:00 a.m. Parliament St. Library House. Ladies Day Programme. Films. Coffee served.

11:00 a.m. Parliament St. Library. Pre-school story hour.

7:30 p.m. Danforth Library. Film series: People and places. Pompeii and Jerusalem.

8:00 p.m. Parliament St. Library House. Yoga. Free.

7:30 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) Bingo.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00 p.m. D.C.T.V. (265 Gerrard St.) Meeting at the Parliament St. Library House.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:30 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) General Meeting of SEVEN NEWS. Film showing, reports from Board and staff. Light refreshments. All please come.

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Students help in Youth Program

by HARRY MacKAY
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 Eight of the tutors are students at Eastern High School of Commerce, and five from Danforth Tech. Most of the tutors are in a four-year program, could do with some financial assistance, and are but fair students themselves.
 Ten of the pupils are from St. Ann's Separate School and six are from Dundas Public school. Other participating schools are Queen Alexandra, Leslie, Woodfield Road, Morse, Eastern, Corpus Christi and Gateway.
 Half of the families have agreed to pay one-half of the tutor's \$2 per hour salary which will allow the program to be expanded somewhat as our budget is small.
 Elementary schools are encouraged to recommend pupils who might profit from the program; secondary schools are asked to recommend the program to students who are looking for part-time jobs and are suitable candidates.
 We can accept a few more pupils, and a few more tutors. Phone 465-8016 for more information on this program.



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Floor Hockey
Close battles in all divisions

by RANDY BOETTCHER
 As the Toronto Floor Hockey Association passed the half-way point in the season, all four divisions are still fiercely competitive. The Pee Wee Division has Pape and Ultrabright fighting for first place, while the YMCA and ABC are struggling for top honors in the Bantam division.
 Louie Carter and Carmen Tardio, first and second place scorers in the Intermediate Division are leading the YMCA to a five point lead at present, with a strong challenge coming from Regent Park in recent weeks.
 Phase two of the Senior Division is very close with the Whalers on top with eight, followed closely by the Bombers and Raiders with six points apiece.
 Standings as of Feb. 2nd are as follows:

PEE WEES	
ULTRABRIGHT	22 pts
FAB	22 pts
UN. SETTLEMENT	8 pts

BANTAMS	
YWCA	20 pts.
ABC	17 pts.
IRISH SPRING	17 pts.
AJAX	14 pts.
REGENT PARK	12 pts.
UN. SETTLEMENT	4 pts.

LEADING SCORERS	
Tony Dicomillo	33 pts.
David Dankin	32 pts.
Glen Stagg	24 pts.
Harold Gallant	23 pts.
Howard Levy	22 pts.

LEADING SCORERS	
Henry Takatsch	54 pts.
Odina Cyr	51 pts.
Terry Bell	35 pts.
John Stevens	32 pts.
Peter Walker	31 pts.

INTERMEDIATES	
YMCA	13 pts.
REGENT PARK	8 pts.
ST. JAMESTOWN	6 pts.
WOODGREEN	5 pts.

SENIORS	
WHALERS	8 pts.
BOMBERS	6 pts.
RAIDERS	6 pts.
UNITED	2 pts.
KINGS	2 pts.

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