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ANNIVERSARY ISSUE
Keep Kopy Koming. Next issue should be 12 pages and we're hoping for 16 pages for our fourth Anniversary Issue on June 1. Next deadline is May 13 and items should be left or mailed to 80 Winchester or 265 Gerrard St. east.

GRO holds workshop at Annual Meeting

by JIM WEBB

The Greater Riverdale Organization (GRO) will hold its Annual Meeting and sponsor a Workshop on Community Interests on Saturday, May 11, starting at 1 p.m. at the Riverdale Collegiate Institute.

The Annual Meeting will be shortened to provide maximum time for the workshop, which will receive the bulk of the emphasis at the afternoon gathering. Tentative plans include such workshop topics as: **Pollution**, with some attention to lead pollution; **Commercial Development**: the junk shops, the Consumers Gas property, the Pape Gerrard plaza; **Youth**: questions about education, recreation, crime, police; **Housing**: rehabilitation, speculation, co-ops; **Communications**: how can people come together, face common problems, organize for community betterment?

The Workshop will be structured so that each person will have a choice of topics, and the possibility of participation in discussion on more than one area. The afternoon will end with a summary open to all participants.



Over 150 area residents turned out last Sunday to witness the second annual Forsythia festival. Organizers of the event plan an even bigger one next year. Pictured above is Tony Brady presenting one of the "mutt" trophies to "Patches". See story on page 7.

Health Centres funded for Don District

by ALAN DUDECK

The Ontario Ministry of Health has recently made a commitment for funding community health services in an area of Ward 7. The target area is South of Carlton between the Don River and Jarvis. This includes the Trefann Court, South Cabbagetown and Moss Park neighbourhoods as much as the area often identified as South of Carlton.

Documentation of need together with specific proposals were submitted to the ministry several months ago. The submission was a result of much co-operation between the community associations representing the mentioned neighbourhoods. Surveys, meetings and the drafting of briefs were part of the process in developing a comprehensive assessment of the health problems and needs of the area.

The current proposal calls for a central office location in the Moss Park Apartments and two smaller units, one located at Queen and Sackville and the other in Central Neighbourhood House on Ontario St. The initial staffing will be limited in relation to the overall health needs of the area; however, it should be sufficient to provide the accessibility and hours of service required by area residents.

Office hours in the three locations will be co-ordinated such that care will be available in at least one location on weekdays from approximately 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. with

as many scheduled weekend hours as possible. Through a central answering service, 24 hour on-call assistance will be made available.

In attempting to provide integrated health care involving all the agencies and organizations currently providing bits and pieces of treatment and advice, the Centre, through its main location, will co-ordinate scheduling of appointments, visits outside of office hours and the services of such agencies as public health nursing, V.O.N., homemakers, etc.

Long-term goals include the provision of dental care, a community pharmacy, a transportation service and non-professional staff such as community health workers or paramedics to assist in ensuring follow-up and extended care.

Physicians that will be hired shall be put on contract and made accountable to and under the direction of the Community Board. Rather than the physician billing O.H.I.P. for individual service, the Centre will receive a budget to cover all services provided by physicians and other staff.

This entire venture marks a new direction in the provision of health care. From the government's point of view, it will reduce the cost of medical care by relating cost to primary care being provided in a community, rather than merely leaving the O.H.I.P. pot open to fee for service claims by physicians. For the community it provides health care, which is being shaped by the people who use it, not only the people who provide it. However, a community health program can only succeed if people use and view it as a vital part of their own well-being. If the initial set-up of the Centre is well utilized, much more money, which means more services, will be available to the community. We are talking of permanent funding not just a pilot or experimental project.

In order to discuss the Health Centre more fully, neighbourhood meetings will be held over the next couple of months. Your community association will notify you of the particulars. Prior to September 1, 1974, by which time the Centre should be open, a general community meeting will be held to elect an expanded Board of Directors and review all matters to date.

A further note is that physicians, a nurse practitioner and receptionists are needed to staff the Centre's three locations on a full-time or part-time basis. If you are interested in and qualified for these positions and would like more information please call Alan Dudeck at 367-7605 or Leslie Hahn at 925-4363. A committee of the Community Board has been formed to meet with interested individuals.

newsroundup

Don Vale Health Clinic Closes

A dance, sponsored by the Don Vale Neighbourhood Action Committee, is being held tonight at the Don Vale Community Centre. A member of the group has informed SEVEN NEWS that proceeds from the dance will not be used to fight the DACHI proposal at the Ontario Municipal Board. . . .

A new Board of Directors has been named to run the Green Summer Day Camp program in Regent Park. Elected to the Board were four teens: Bruce Hallett, Darlene Smith, Sandy Issacs, and Dennis Cunningham. Two adult members are Mrs. Pat Foley and Mrs. Pam Ritchie. . . .

Operation Springboard, a program of the Christian Resource Centre, 297 Carlton Street, has been given until June 7 to sever its ties and become autonomous. The Board of Directors of the CRC issued this ultimatum after six months of internal dissension between the two groups. . . .

No-More-Health-Columns-For-SEVEN NEWS: The Don Vale Health Clinic has had its Local Initiative Program funds cancelled and the project no longer exists. A split between the Clinic's staff and Board of Directors over the direction to be taken by the clinic resulted in a motion to close down and turn their funds over to another local health clinic. LIP said no. . . .

Opening of the Community Bank at 930 Queen East has been delayed for a while as City Inspectors have stated that the furnace and heating system will have to be repaired or replaced first. . . .

CONGRATULATIONS to Barbara Gosney, 68, and Floyd Hall, 82, who were married last week at the Chester Village senior citizen centre on Broadview. Both are residents of the home and it was the first marriage there since the place opened in 1972. . . .

Petitions and letters by the community to have the Parliament Library House open on

Saturdays have been turned down by the Library Board.

The Senior Citizens of Regent Park have formed an Association called the "Busy Bee Club" and applied for a New Horizons grant from the Federal Government to carry on a recreational program in their quarters over the OHC offices at 417 Gerrard E. Harold West has been named President of the new group. . . .

Volume Two of "2 O'CLOCK RAP", an 80-page mimeoed book of poetry, has just been published by the Parliament Library House and copies are available there. The poems are all written by local people who attend the poetry workshop held every Saturday at that library branch. Some of the poetry published in SEVEN NEWS is reprinted with permission from the booklet. . . .

Two Don Vale residents, Albert Chapman and Maurine Penno, appeared before Toronto City Council last week to ask that Don Vale be declared an historical area. No action was taken on the request. . . .

A successful open house was held last Saturday at the Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre at 605 Whiteside Place. The Centre provides a number of services and programs for adults in Regent Park. . . .

Tenders have been let for the pavement of Ashby Place in the King-Sumach area and construction is expected to start this summer. . . .

Awards for "outstanding achievement in the community" were presented at the last meeting of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association. Receiving the beautifully engraved plaques for 1974 were Neal Tanner, Jim Dobson, Sheila Holmes and Richard Boundy. . . .

Club Harmonie on Sherbourne street, in financial trouble for the last year, has leased the top two floors of the building to a singles club called Club Genesis. . . .

Norma Penner, community worker in Regent Park for a number of years, is leaving that position in June. Her salary for the last year has been paid for by the YMCA and that organization is expected to fund and take part in the hiring of a new worker to replace her. Salary for the position, which should be advertised soon, is between \$8,000 and \$10,000, and there will be a paid four to six week training course. . . .

Danforth Library, Pape and Danforth, is featuring an exhibit, "History of the Danforth Area" throughout the month of May. . . .

Neighbourhood Information Post is in need of volunteers to visit with people just out of hospital. Phone them at 924-2543. . . .

The Don Vale Community Centre is interested in running a Saturday afternoon film show once or twice a month on a regular basis. Anyone knowing where good films could be rented cheaply is asked to call Frank or Suzanne at 921-6710. . . .

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Edith Macdonald of Moss Park Apartments who fell and fractured her foot recently. Mrs. Macdonald, who will be 74 this August, had just become a new distributor of SEVEN NEWS at the time. . . .

A pre-Mothers Day concert will be held May 5 at 2 p.m. at Woodgreen Church, Queen and Logan to celebrate the 102nd birthday of Mrs. Helen Vinnell and Mrs. Esther Robb. Various political, radio and TV personalities will be present and a scroll will be presented to the ladies. . . .

The Ward Seven Community Sports Council may have two openings for students to help organize softball, soccer, hockey, do some research, and other recreational items. The salary will be about \$100/wk. For further information, call Jake Smythe at the Broadview Y - 461-8123. . . .



LETTERS

City buys Sprucecourt apartments

by DAVE CLARK

Last week, at the request of the Spruce Court Tenants' Association, Toronto City Council voted to purchase Spruce Court Apartments from the present owner, Lou Fruitman, for 1.6 million dollars. The residents of Spruce Court had been facing evictions and major rent increases as Fruitman was intending to sell Spruce Court to another developer to be renovated into luxury townhouses.

Spruce Court, originally built in 1913 as low cost housing, was purchased by City Council in an effort to provide housing for low and moderate income tenants at a time when housing costs are soaring.

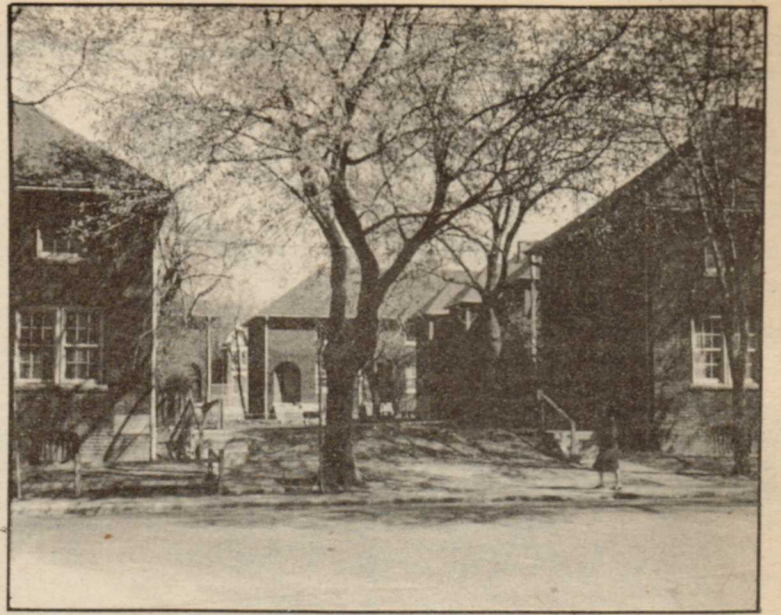
The projected rents, although initially higher than what tenants have been paying, will remain relatively stable over the period of the 50 year mortgage. The only changes in rent will reflect increases in taxes and in the cost of maintenance. The portion of rent that is used to repay the mortgage will remain constant.

OHC UNITS

CMHC funding for the purchase was arranged with the condition that 25 per cent of the units will be subsidized by OHC for low income families. On this condition, 10 per cent of the total purchase price will be paid by the provincial government. An additional \$4,000 per unit grant will be provided by CMHC for the initial renovation of the complex.

The actual relationship between the Spruce Court Tenants' Association and the City has not yet been determined. Initially, when the City takes possession on June 1, it will be acting in the role of a landlord, but it will do so in consultation with the Tenants' Association.

The options that remain open are for a joint management of the property by the City and the Tenants' Association, or for the Tenants' Association to assume total ownership as a co-operative. The initiative in this case rests upon the tenants. The City has indicated that it is open to handing over as much responsibility as the Tenants' Association requests as long as the Association can prove its credibility to the City.



Unlike Bain Avenue, which City Council has also purchased and whose tenants will be assuming ownership in the near future, Spruce Court does not yet have a well organized Tenants' Association. The Spruce Court Tenants' Association was formed about two months ago and began by concerning itself with issues such as the lack of repairs, projected rent increases, and the fact that interest has not been paid on rent deposits.

RENT INCREASE

One of the problems that was of the greatest concern was the projected increase when the city takes over. Rents will increase by at least 15 per cent resulting in a monthly rent of \$175 for a 2-bedroom apartment. It was felt that certain tenants would not be able to afford the new rents and would leave, resulting in a weaker Tenants' Association. It was also noted that at Bain Avenue the projected rent is approximately \$153 for a two bedroom apartment. The possibility was raised that rents be frozen until repairs are completed.

But the question that is ultimately unanswered is just will the future of Spruce Court be.

Spruce Court was built in 1913 by a group of wealthy Toronto philanthropists who were alarmed by the shortage of low income housing and by "the abnormal increase in rents" in working-class neighbourhoods. The Toronto

Housing Company described itself in its first annual report as "this is not a company; it is a Cause" with the object of providing "better housing of the working people".

SLUM LANDLORDS

Yet for all these good intentions, Spruce Court was eventually sold with the approval of City Council and was owned by a succession of slum landlords. The property became run down and over the past ten years could hardly be described as "better housing".

The latest in the succession of owners is a company called Pamlimar Investments, 75 per cent owned by Lou Fruitman who is a director of several large development corporations. His most notable position is as Senior Officer of Pinetree Development Ltd., a major Metro developer with large land holdings in the suburbs.

So much for a Cause.

The question now at stake is if Spruce Court is owned and run by the City there is little guarantee that a future City Council will continue to hold the same housing policy as the present Council. The history of City run housing is anything but progressive.

It appears that in light of previously owned city housing, the only guarantee that the tenants of Spruce Court have that their interests will be served is for them to have some real control in the management of their own apartments.

It's time to stop nonsense

The Editor:

Much to the dismay and disapproval of some people in the Don Valley area, residents have been sympathetic to those developers who would carve out their names in renovations and projects.

It's time to stop this nonsense! This community must strive to seek an effective way of uniting all community factors - to bring about a quality of community of which eventually we all are proud.

A rash of power tactics, arrogance, smear tactics against those who disagree, is offensive to most thoughtful citizens of this rather unique area in the centre of a bustling metropolis. If the means of achieving goals or ambitions are dirty - the final result will be tainted too.

It's time to stop this nonsense!

The unrest, anxiety and disbelief must be diminished so neighbours,

one and all, can enjoy benefits that such a community as Don Vale allows each and every one. The upcoming plans for the Forsythia Festival, the on-going study of historical aspects of our community are attempts at union; these activities deserve a high level of participation.

We cannot either accept or continue to live in such conditions. There must be something we can do together. I have no new prescription to offer. All these outcries, from the far left and from the far right, over a period of months, left us almost unable to chart a fair course for any resident.

We must seek independence from creatures with vested interests. We must plan together for our community in the present and future struggles. We have power, as a united community, to take an even stronger role in city planning and provincial affairs.

We must seek a renewed democracy to change the nature of our community; a democracy which will impel us to "vote" not only in elections or on committees, but every day on the job, as homeowners, tenants, affluent or poor.

We have good reason for pessimism but not for despair. When all seems dead, there are still new possibilities in the minds of men for renewal and co-operation.

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Area lacks natural beauty

Dear Sir:

With reference to your article "The Bloor-Sherbourne Site" in the March 23 issue:

We have a glaring lack of natural nature in this area. The beauty which could be amplified by such things as a floral clock display which I suggested in my letter would easily fill the gap. We need something the residents of this area can be proud of - something other than concrete buildings. The property at Sherbourne and Bloor or at Parliament and Bloor are ideally located for the many elderly and others who cannot venture far

from home without assistance.

Many new Canadians in our area are accustomed, as we sometimes are, to symbolic meeting places. Here is a spot to place a fountain, a welcome symbol you find in so many countries many new Canadians are from.

I heartily endorse the Trinity Lutheran Church suggestion for a park. The suggestion which I amplified in my letter to the TTC. We need that little bit of nature - the one thing few citizens will criticize.

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Property owners want say in King-Parliament

Development control for the King-Parliament planning area was rejected by an area planning meeting on April 17th. This was the third area meeting to explore planning controls for King-Parliament. Previous meetings in January and March this year rejected other forms of control such as height and area limitations, an existing use by-law and deletion of "obnoxious uses".

The April 17th meeting was attended by 25 members of the public - a far cry from the 90 who attended in March. Most of those present were local businessmen and

industrialists, with only a handful of area residents. The businessmen objected to the imposition of any additional by-law fearing more stringent control over their property by the City. They objected to the fact that development limitations would be written against the title to their land, making design control anything but temporary in nature. They feared expensive delays while waiting for specific projects to be approved. One industrialist stated that property owners in the area should be the only ones to have any say about what happens there. He was resoundingly supported by other

property owners present.

Area residents were understandably concerned about the outcome of the meeting - as it means no additional control over development in the King-Parliament area while the Part II planning study is in progress. Since the area is zoned to permit industrial and commercial but not residential uses, homeowners feel their present position in the area to be precarious.

As a result, a small handful of residents are meeting in an attempt to organize themselves around the housing issue in King-Parliament. The residents plan to meet regularly and are awaiting the June area planning meeting when the site office planners will present their next issue report on "Housing in King-Parliament".

News Across the Ward

Sewell Lorimer buy Citizen

Ward Seven Alderman John Sewell and Dr. James Lorimer, a Don Vale resident have bought a mid-town community newspaper called the Toronto Citizen.

Purchase price was \$4,000 plus the acceptance of some back debts.

This will be the third paper that Alderman Sewell has been involved in since the beginning of his political career. Mr. Sewell was instrumental in setting up SEVEN NEWS over four years ago and also set up the now defunct City Hall paper which covered Toronto political events for a number of years.

Mr. Sewell sees the paper serving five main interest areas not now serviced by existing daily and community papers. Those groups are: people interested in city politics, tenants, unions, teachers and office workers.

Mr. Sewell hopes the paper will be able to go weekly in September and sees no change in the present staff.

NIP in funding crisis

Neighbourhood Information Post, an information and referral service serving all of Ward Seven, has until May 11 to justify its existence.

For the past three months, NIP has been under trusteeship to Central Neighbourhood House as a result of interim funding it had received from the United Community Fund.

On May 11, the Allocation Committee of UCF will decide if funding for NIP should continue.

As a condition to getting the interim grant they have been working with, NIP was told by UCF to:

- Document the advisability of NIP remaining independent or becoming an outpost or service centre for another larger organization in the immediate area.
- Increase significantly the volume of information and referral services above the 150 calls per month it reported in November of 1973.
- Develop a significant involvement of volunteers in both the work of the Board of Directors and the activities of the organization.

Summer camp for kids

The Salvation Army Community Centre in Regent Park has two summer camps available this year, one for children and one for teenagers.

The co-ed teen camp involves a lodge and several cabins on Lake of Bays near Huntsville. Teens may attend for a five day period any time in July or August. A full range of activities is available.

Applications for the camp are available at the Salvation Army Centre in the basement of 470 Dundas St. East. Total cost for accommodation, transportation, use of equipment is \$10. Canteen money is extra.

There is also a co-ed camp for children aged 8 to 12 that is run from June 29 to Aug. 30. There will be seven camps with each camp lasting seven days. The cost is \$5 per child and \$1 for tuck shop allowance. Applications and more information is available at the Salvation Army office at 148 Jarvis street. Phone 366-9941.

Cabbagetown Boxing

Cabbagetown Boxing Club's Mike Doyle, formerly of Antigonish, N.S., faces the Irish light-heavyweight champ when he represents Ontario in a team contest against visiting Irish boxers at the George Bell arena, 8 p.m., May 13th.

Twice Eastern Canadian runner-up, Doyle's a hard punching southpaw. He has travelled to Germany and Bermuda. He is now trained by Police Constable Peter Wylie at the local club.

On May 9th at Cabbagetown Boys' Club, local featherweight Mike "Killer" Scott will box Ralph Racine of St. Catharines. Ontario's lightweight champ, Joe Jabelka, of Oshawa, will be taken on by Cabbagetown's Jimmy Bland, as part of a 10-bout card.

Teenage light-flyweight, Rick Bender, could represent Canada in Europe this summer. He beat Montreal's Quebec champ, Daniel Tremblay, in the hard-fought final of the Sudbury Eastern Canadian Championships. On May 26th, in Ottawa, he'll meet the champ from West Canada in the National decider. Bender trained five nights a week with Mike O'Reilly at the Cabbagetown Boxing Club.

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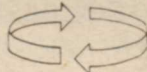
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Beat Patrol for Ward

by HUGH FERGUSON

During the past few years, the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department has been concerned with re-establishing the uniformed police officer back into the community. To this end, Community Service Programs and Crime Prevention Programs have been initiated.

A number of community groups in Ward 7 have expressed the need for police to be more aware of community problems and have suggested a beat patrol system be adopted within this area. Highly successful beat patrol units are operating in different areas of Toronto such as the downtown area, Parkdale and three areas of Ward 9.

Eight uniform police officers will be involved in beat patrol duties through eight areas of 52 Division commencing April 16, 1974. Boundaries of 51 Division are Nesbitt Drive on the north to Lakeshore on the south, from the west side of the Don River to the east side of Jarvis street.

These officers are volunteers and have had considerable experience in policing. They have been chosen for their ability to relate to people. They are free to use their own discretion to deciding which areas need the most attention. Their duties will be foot patrol of neighbourhood areas including side streets and lanes.

The beat patrol unit will be headed by Sergeant Hugh Ferguson and officers will work two basic shifts which will be flexible, to ensure coverage of odd hour complaints.

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Already, 2 out of 5 students at Ontario universities and community colleges receive some form of financial assistance from OSAP.

If you would like to know what assistance is available, how to apply for it, and how much you may be qualified to receive, contact the Student Awards Officer at the institution of your choice.

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Openings at Seven News

SEVEN NEWS has found new office space. Over the next month, SEVEN NEWS will move into the two offices on the second floor of the Don Vale Community Centre formerly occupied by the Don Vale Health Centre. Rent for the space has been set at \$100 a month.

Plans call for the smaller front office to be occupied by the editor and the distribution manager, each with their own desk. The larger, back room will contain two large drafting tables set back-to-back, a flat table and a desk to be used by those doing lay-out and paste-up. Another desk will be provided for the use of the business manager and back issue file copies of the paper will be housed in shelf units along the wall.

This will be the fourth office to be occupied by SEVEN NEWS since its beginning and it hopes that no further expansion will be needed for the foreseeable future.

To get the office going properly, a quantity and variety of office equipment is urgently needed. Needed are office desks and chairs and a filing cabinet as well as minor office equipment.

Anyone having such items to donate or who know where they can be bought cheaply or in trade for advertising space is asked to call the SEVEN NEWS office immediately.

Also needed is people who can take measurements, design and construct various specialized items of furniture needed to facilitate the production of the newspaper. SEVEN NEWS can supply the material but it needs someone to do the actual wood-working.

If you can help out in any way, phone the SEVEN NEWS office at 920-8632.

Sackville survives latest crisis

by DOUG BARR
and GORD CRESSY

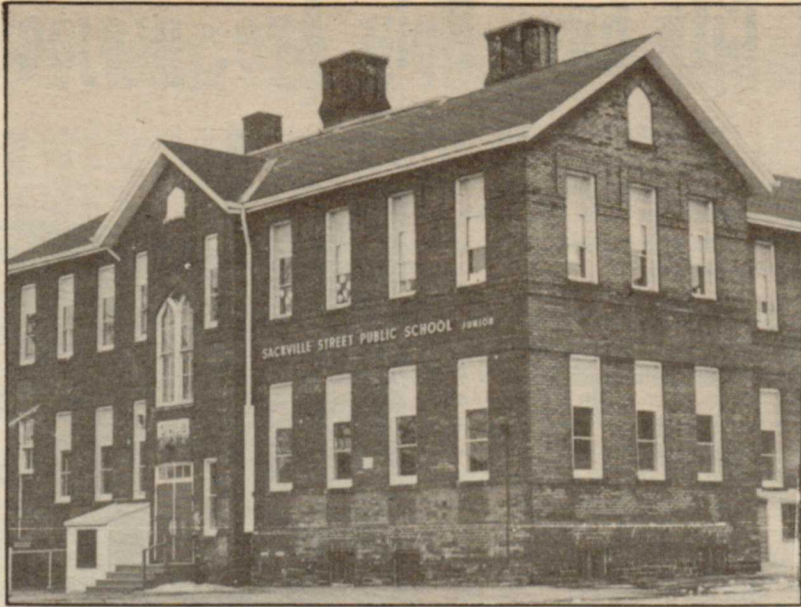
Like a cat with nine lives, Sackville Public School has weathered its latest crisis and will be operational for yet another school year.

On April 11th the Toronto School Board passed the following resolutions:

- That the Director of Education enter into negotiations with the City of Toronto Planning Board and arrange for the rental of space in Sackville Public School for the King-Parliament Planning Site Office, for the period September 1st, 1974 to August 31st, 1975, at mutually agreeable terms, subject to the approval of the Metro Toronto School Board.

- That the continued existence of Sackville Public School as a school be reviewed in the same way again in March, 1975.

The motions were the climax of a long process and much hard work on the part of Board Officials,



Jackie Taylor, Pat Travis, Garry Waddell and many others in the Sackville community as well as Anna Fraser of the King-Parliament Site Office.

Since October, 1973, the community had been wrestling with three different options:

- Close the school and provide school placement in neighbouring schools, with the possibility of transportation being provided for the Junior Kindergarten and Grade 1 children.

- Keep the school open but pro-

vide space for other Board programs, or children from neighbouring schools to spread the operating costs over a broader base.

- Keep the school open but provide space for non-Board programs which could share in the operating costs.

In considering the various options it was decided that the first alternative would mean the destruction of the Sackville community as the school serves the area as a focal and gathering point for many community activities.

The second option was eventually ruled out because neighbouring schools needed the space and the other Board programs that might have been located there (S.E.E.D. and A.L.P.H.A. and the Adult Day Program) were not felt to be appropriate for Sackville.

The third alternative was finally decided upon when it became apparent that the Sackville parents were prepared to live with the much-curtailed program that would be offered.

With a projected enrolment for September, 1974 of 41 youngsters, it meant that there would be no Principal (a Principal from a neighbouring school would supervise), only two teachers who would have both a wide age and grade range in each class, and there would be serious limitations to recreation programs and other facilities.

If the Sackville parents maintain their commitment to the school and pitch in to help, it appears that the next year could be an exciting one for all concerned and Ward 7 will again have "a little red schoolhouse".

School children to get awards

by DOUG BARR

In 1968 a nine year old boy named Jody Phillips was killed by a train while crossing the railway bridge over the Don River.

It was summer time and Jody, who lived in Regent Park, was using the railway bridge as a shortcut to get to Riverdale Pool to go swimming.

His death pointed out dramatically the need for a swimming pool on the west side of the Don River to serve the children in Regent Park and surrounding area.

A fund drive was started by a group of concerned citizens and raised \$2,843 toward the building of such a pool. Then interest died off and the money was put in a trust fund while various politicians and groups squabbled over it.

A few years later, the federal government, in conjunction with Ontario Housing Corporation, began a multi-million dollar program to construct recreational facilities in Regent Park - including a swimming pool.

With the government building a swimming pool, a new use had to be found for the Jody Phillips Fund and one idea that was investigated was to use the money to buy pool equipment and recreation equipment for Regent Park.

That idea, however, was evi-

dently found unfeasible and it has now been decided to use the money as a scholarship fund for local school children.

A committee of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association composed of Florence Strudwick, Helvi Therian, Janet Ross and V.G. Pande was chosen to work out the terms of the Scholarships. Recently the recommendations of the committee were unanimously endorsed and they included the following conditions:

- The awards are to be called The Jody Phillips Awards.

- Each June, one boy and one girl graduate will receive an award of \$50 each.

- The schools involved are Lord Dufferin - Grade 8, Park School - Grade 8, Regent Park - Grade 6, Sprucecourt - Grade 6 and St. Paul's - Grade 6.

- The award is not for the top students or the best all-around student, but, rather, for youngsters chosen for their willingness, dependability, determination, need and desire for education.

- Award winners will be recommended by the school Principal according to the rules laid down by the RPCIA.

- The Toronto Board will administer the Fund.

- The RPCIA will present the Award to the winners.

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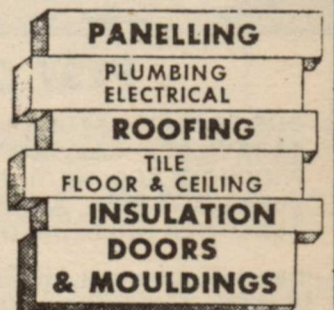
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City buys Bain Ave. project for tenants

by J.J. FORRESTAL
The Bain Apartments Tenants' Association's struggle to seek the acquisition of their complex to operate as a non-profit cooperative has succeeded.

On April 4, representatives of the Tenant's Association along with Alderpersons John Sewell and Karl Jaffary, met with Mark Tanz, owner of the Toronto Housing Company, which controls the complex, and his lawyer. The representatives urged that Mr. Tanz delay renovations and sales of condominiums, that he freeze rents and halt evictions.

Mr. Tanz refused to recognize the representatives of the Tenants' Association, choosing to deal directly only with the City.

On April 22, the Toronto Executive Committee passed a recommendation urging the City Council to sign an option to purchase on behalf of the Tenants.

Thus the City will be taking over the project on Sept. 3, 1974, on behalf of the tenants, who will be fully involved in planning and management. It is estimated that the City will completely step out in 1-2 years at which time the property will be made available to the tenants at the cost to the City.

One option is the City's application to CMHC on behalf of the

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Association for 100 per cent mortgage financing in the amount of \$6,000,000 and for the 10 per cent capital forgiveness therein, plus a grant of \$2,500 per unit for renovations.

Mr. B. Crowley, Deputy Director of OHC indicated OHC's interest, suggesting the possibility of providing grants of up to 10 per cent of the capital cost of the cooperative plus the acceptance of 25 per cent of the units under the Provincial rent supplement program.

Tenants were informed in February that leases would not be renewed and that their units were to be renovated and sold at prices between \$26,500 and \$46,500. These prices are far beyond the means of most tenants.

It would not be in the interests of the City's housing policy to allow the 260 units which have served low income people for 60 years to be changed to the much higher income occupancy of "chic" townhouses.

"Whitepainting" would displace the tenants from their homes and would put the majority on assisted housing waiting lists, thus straining

to an even greater degree the already tense housing situation in Toronto.

Strong loyalties have been built among the tenants, many of whom have lived there more than 10 years.

The Association's quiet and effective resistance to evictions by legal and political means has proven effective. Efforts were made by the tenants to discourage prospective buyers by picketing and leafletting model suites.

A victory party is being planned for sometime in the near future.

The Toronto Housing Company was incorporated in 1912 by a group of Toronto philanthropists with the stated aim of "better housing of working people." It seems that the Bain Avenue Apartments will continue in the context of this stated aim, only now as a cooperative, each tenant having a voice in determining his or her quality of daily living.

The struggle for the acquisition of the complex is now, seemingly, over. The real effort of making the co-op a reality lies ahead.

WANTED: Working Committee for Don Vale

by NORMAN G. BROWNE
Two attempts to create a Working Committee to deal with the Don Area Co-op Homes (DACHI) proposal for Don Vale have so far failed.

A third attempt is being tried. DACHI, meanwhile, has given the community until June 1st to come up with a Committee. If there is none formed or active by that time, DACHI will go ahead and plan its project on its own.

A Working Committee is normally a group of local people, representing various interest groups who feed ideas and opinions to planners working on a project or area.

In the case of the South of Carlton Working Committee, for example, people were elected to the Committee to represent absentee landlords, tenants, roomers, homeowners, developers and businessmen.

The Trefann Court Working Committee contains representatives from three organized groups in the area: the Residents Association, the Tenants Association and businessmen.

Both groups also have City Aldermen on the Committee as well as the local people.

In Don Vale, the situation is far more complicated and confused.

DACHI wants the credibility that a Working Committee will give it in case it goes to City Council or Metro or the Ontario Municipal Board. It wants to be able to say that representatives from the local

community helped plan the project.

DACHI also wants a Working Committee because of the potential volunteer manpower it represents. It wants a Working Committee that will work - for DACHI; filling the role of the Community Worker that DACHI has so far failed to hire.

Otherwise, DACHI doesn't need or want a Working Committee.

The Don Vale Neighbourhood Action Committee want a Working Committee - provided they form at least half or more of the members. They want a Working Committee with such strong power and wide terms of reference that it could take over DACHI - and do away with it.

Failing that, they want a Working Committee that can stall DACHI - thus shooting up the cost of the project and possibly making it fail altogether.

The Don Vale Resident's Association has been rendered impotent due to the widespread opinions on the matter in the community it represents.

Its executive is equally split. Their ideas range from no Working Committee to a 3-man group (one from each faction plus one acceptable to both) to a Committee made up of two representatives from each interest group in the area.

And of course, nobody cares what the Cowley House tenants themselves think.

DACHI's first attempt at establishing a Working Committee was the ultimate in democracy itself;

two people to be elected from each of eight block meetings in the community. But everything went wrong. First they "lost" the list of names of those elected. Then they said some meetings didn't elect anybody as they were too sparsely attended. Then the Neighbourhood Action Committee objected to the whole method so they gave that idea up.

Their second attempt was equally as crude. DACHI called a general meeting to elect a 9-man Working Committee and the Neighbourhood Action Committee immediately nominated six people to it. To get around that imbalance, they opened the Committee up and took volunteers until they had a 20-man committee equally divided between both factions and non-working.

At that point, the Committee and DACHI asked the Resident's Association to call a general meeting to give the existing Committee a mandate or elect a new one.

A general meeting was called and did neither. After taking away the mandate of the existing committee and dissolving it, it threw the whole matter back to the executive of the Resident's Association.

The Executive of the Resident's Association are reviewing the DACHI plans and will report back to another General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 8 at 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre.

And oh, yes.
The meeting will also try to elect another Working Committee. . .



Festival a success

by JOANNA SCHMIDA

As expected, the 2nd annual Don Vale Forsythia Festival was a tremendous success. It was held on Sunday, April 28, the greatest, warmest day of the year so far. The fine weather brought out a large crowd who fully participated in the featured events, to make the occasion a long to be remembered one. Tony Brady, the local resident who originally thought up and organized the festival, commented that he feels this year's festival was even more successful than the first one.

It all began at 11:00 with Metro Parks Commissioner Tommy Thompson leading one of his famous walks through Don Vale. About 200 people joined him on his delightful route through the area which ended at Wellesley Park around 1:00.

Entertainment at the Park was provided by the gracious talents of the St. Jamestown Songsters, and a Finnish singing group called "The Forever Young" led by Mr. Gustavson. Both groups charmed their audience, who gave them enthusiastic applause. Dr. Mary O'Riordan bought an organ from "The Stable" antique shop and instructed owners Donny and Joyce to deliver it first to the Park so that music could be provided. (A mysterious organist named "Ed" arrived with the instrument. Dr. O'Riordan is not certain if he's part of the deal or not!)

As expected, the "Mutt Show", organized by Peter and Michael of "The Menagerie" pet shop, was the highlight of the day. There were trophies and prizes galore, but the three top winners for best mutts were 1) Veronica Wilson with "Patches", 2) Sandy Samchuk with "Babu" and 3) Brad McLaren with "Gypsy Little Wing".

Judges of the contest were the area's famous veterinarian Dr. Mary O'Riordan, (whose hairless cat Twiggy "streaked" the show), Alderman Karl Jaffary, CBC writer

Sylvia Hughes, and the festival's popular organizer Tony Brady. All dog owners who entered the show were given tickets for free ice cream by "Jeremiah's" ice cream parlor.

In the opinion of festival organizer Brady, this co-operative participation by local businessmen in this year's festival was really gratifying, and one of the things which really made the day. "The Mutt Show", he says "is a must show in our future festivals!"

The festival was well-covered by the media - CFTO, the CBC, The Globe and Mail, and of course, reporters from 7 News.

It was altogether a really great day. Neighbours met, friendships were made, romances begun, the weatherman co-operated - and not forgetting the reason for the festival - the forsythia was in full golden bloom!

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MONDAY, MAY 6

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7:30 Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) Women's Exercise Class.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

2:00 p.m. Riverdale Hospital (Broadview and Gerrard) Guided tours will be conducted through the hospital. Refreshments. Free.

12:00 St. Simons Church (40 Howard St.) Meeting about community use of schools. Bring Lunch.

4:00 Parliament St. Library (265 Gerrard St.) Art programme for children. Making musical instruments.

7:30 Enoch Turner Schoolhouse (106 Trinity St.) Spring Evenings Tues.-Sun. evenings and Sunday matinee.

7:30 Danforth Library (701 Pape St.) Films series: South America

7:30 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre - Meeting of the Ward Seven Community Sports Council - all welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkeley St.) presents Troll by Des McAnuff.

7:30 Parliament St. Library House (265 Gerrard St.) Painting and Drawing Class. Free.

12:00 Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) Hot lunch.

7:30 Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) Leather Working Class.

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8:00 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) Meeting of residents Association to elect a working committee for DACHI.

7:30 Don Vale Community Centre - Meeting of the Board of Directors of SEVEN NEWS, INC.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

8:00 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre - Pub night: Music, beer, wine, food and TV for those who want to watch the hockey game.

7:30 p.m. Danforth Library (Pape and Danforth) Slide show and talk on "Old Toronto" by Mike Filey.

2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Riverdale Hospital (Broadview-Gerrard) Tours of the Hospital. Refreshments served. All welcome.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

8:00 p.m. Parliament Library House - Film series: Stars of the Golden Age of Comedy with Buster Keaton.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

1:00 p.m. Riverdale Collegiate - Annual Meeting of Greater Riverdale Organization (GRO) and workshops on local problems.

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