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Our 16-page 4th Anniversary issue will be out over the week-end of June 1st. Deadline is NOON on May 27 but we would like copy as early as possible as it will take more time to work on an issue that size.



The Paradise Riders Motorcycle Gang rented this house at 83 Langley Avenue for the last two and a half months. They were given their eviction notice to be out by the end of May and they moved out last weekend. Police suspect that they burned the house down after they left — for being evicted.

The damage to house and contents is estimated at over \$10,000. It wasn't insured. The owner, who had

lived in the house for over 20 years, recently moved out and forgot to pay up his policy.

The police warned the near-by residents to report any problems or incidents directly to them and not provoke the gang. One resident, still badly frightened, (she refused to give her name to SEVEN NEWS) says that after seeing their method of operation, she is glad no one did approach them.

Local group wins victory at City Hall

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

A small, little-known group of community people, working quietly away in the South of Carlton area, came up with a number of far-reaching and significant victories last week.

If prizes were awarded for wins in the cut-and-thrust of City politics they would have got a gold medal.

The group is called the Skid Row Sub-committee and its parent body is the South of Carlton Working Committee; a group of representative neighbourhood people who have been meeting regularly to re-plan that area.

The sub-committee got involved through their recently published Skid-Row Report which overlapped into the field of roomers and rooming houses.

Then the City commissioned a group of consultants to do a study of the rooming house situation toward bringing in a by-law that would regulate them.

Both were rather rushed, hurried jobs. Both were equal in size and scope, both arrived at City Hall at the same time, and both got about equal media coverage.

The sub-committee planned it that way.

There were a lot of embarrassed people around the city that day.

City Aldermen were embarrassed because they had spent thousands of dollars of the taxpayers money on a consultant's report and some group calling itself the "Skid-row Sub-committee" had come up with a report containing graphs, diagrams, pictures and 40 recommendations.

City officials were embarrassed because if a group in the South of Carlton area could put together that kind of a report, they could have put together one equal or better and saved the city the cost of hiring outside consultants.

And of course the consultants were embarrassed.

They had spent most of their time talking to City Hall officials and looking into the legal aspects of everything.

They spent about an hour talking to one roomer.

The City saved the situation by putting off any decision for eight days so they could have a "public hearing" on the matter.

During those eight days, the consultants changed and up-dated their report in the light of the Skid-row Sub-committee report. And the City had second thoughts on everything.

The so-called "public hearing" held last Friday became an almost nothing meeting. The Aldermen concerned had already decided what to do.

But just to make sure, the Skid-row Sub-committee brought down the largest delegation, took 20 minutes for their presentation, had two speakers (they planned to have three) and put on a slide show.

The Housing Committee of City Council decided to take no action on changing or drawing up new legislation until they could see what social and economic impact it would have on the Roomer Community.

They also decided to set up an Advisory Committee of roomers and rooming house operators. (This idea was suggested by the Skid-row Sub-committee back in March.)

The South of Carlton Skid-row Sub-committee consists of Ron Jenkins, Jim Coltart, Gerry Martin, Darlene McDougall, Ethel Proulx and Ingrid Smith.

Resource people and consultants to the Sub-committee are Norman Browne, Leslie Hahn, Adam Lensky, Mike McCarthy, Dorothy McIntosh and Jennifer Silcox.

Workshop-meeting sparks revival of GRO

by JIM WEBB

About fifty people gathered at Riverdale Collegiate Saturday afternoon, May 11th, to discuss some of the issues that face residents of the Riverdale area. The workshop, sponsored by the Greater Riverdale Organization, sought to spark new interest in the community, and establish a better base for the community to face the issues together.

The afternoon began with reports on housing, with a review of existing resources. The operations of Neighbourhood Renewal, 1011 Queen St. E. were explained, including its program to provide rehabilitation for homes owned by residents whose income is less than \$11,000 per year.

The second topic was pollution, the focus being the heavy concentration of lead in the area of the Canada Metal plant on Eastern Ave. The residents organization, BREMM, indicated the extent of the damage already done, and explained the necessity of their taking their case to the courts in the near future.

Three law suits will be filed against the company, and the BREMM residents explained their need for further financial support from the community at large — they will be responsible for some of the legal expenses, and taking a large corporation to court is expensive business. (Financial aid can be sent to BREMM, 90 Larchmount

Ave., Toronto.)

A lively discussion on commercial development in the Riverdale area followed. It was revealed that a large commercial developer, Abbey Glen, has acquired the old Consumers Gas site on Eastern Ave., and that they hope to have luxury high-rise on the 22.9 acre tract. Further, there seemed to be some indication that they had long range plans to extend their development north to Queen St., so as to make the whole area suitable to the tenants they hope to attract.

Finally, there was some discussion on the type of organization that Riverdale needs at the present time to cope with these and other issues that are waiting for a com-

munity response. It was felt by some that GRO had lost the people (that there were only about 50 attending, and many of them professional people working in the area, substantiated this); by others, that even though GRO has been dissipated of late, that its impact is still operative. It was agreed by all that a return to the grassroots, and the emergence of local street groups would be beneficial for the whole community.

A follow-up meeting of anyone interested in these and other issues in the Riverdale area will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 7:30 pm. at the Queen St. E. Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Queen and Carlaw.

newsroundup

New tenant group formed at 155 Sherbourne

SEVEN NEWS wishes to thank Dorothy Bushy, Myna Baldwin of Injured Workmen's Consultants, and Pat Rice of the Cabbagetown Coffee Centre for the donation of desks to furnish the new SEVEN NEWS office. Also thanks to Mrs. Josephine Crawford and the Community Secretariat for donations of office supplies. We still need desks and chairs. If anyone can help out call SEVEN NEWS at 920-8632.

The South of Carlton Planning Office has moved from the Library House at Gerrard and Berkeley where they have been located for over a year to a store-front at 381 Dundas St. East. Their new phone number is 367-7596.

The new co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Information Post is Doloras Montgomery. She replaces Marilyn Smith who has left that position to do volunteer work in the community.

Tenants in the new OHC building at 155 Sherbourne have formed a Recreation Association. Executive of the new group are: President, D. Wallace; Vice President, Ernie Herrell; Secretary, Mrs. L. Harvey; Press secretary, I. Toncev; and Treasurer, Mrs. Jean Manuel.

Three Ward Seven co-op housing and rehab-

ilitation groups have received recent grants from the City: Neighbourhood Renewal (\$44,519); Don West Neighbours (\$28,942); and South Cabbagetown Housing Co-op (\$12,585). The City has also made an operating grant of \$5,000 to the Don Vale Community Centre and \$4,500 to Neighbourhood Information Post.

A high quality art, antique and craft show will be held at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street on June 15, the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street on June 15. Anyone wanting to participate should contact Leith Piper for more information at 921-7798.

SEVEN NEWS has been awarded a grant of \$5,248 from the Federal Department of the Secretary of State. The money will be used to hire three staff people during the summer months of June, July and August.

Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario, is looking for volunteers to help tutor public school children in the area. Anyone who can help out should contact Ed Orr at 925-4363.

Sam Taggart and Brett Ledger have been hired as co-ordinators by the newly formed Ward Seven Sports Council under a Federal

Government grant. They are presently working out of the Broadview YMCA and can be reached by phoning 461-8123.

Congratulations to Gail Cook and Brendan Beglim who are being married this afternoon at Woodgreen Community Centre by the Rev. Barry Morris. Gail works for the Don District Community Secretariat on Gerrard Street.

The program hours for the Tiny Tot Program at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street have been changed from 4 to 5 pm. to 3:30 to 4:30. An exhibition from the Art Gallery of Ontario "Craft Directions" will be on display at the Parliament St. Library from May 21 to June 15.

Over 100 line drawings, the work of Margo and Alex Samchuk, will be on display and for sale at the Pub night being held at the Don Vale Community Centre on May 23rd.

Anyone interested in having a French public school established in the downtown area by September is asked to contact Joan Doiron at 929-5483 or Denise Gosnell at 487-2387. The Toronto Board of Education will support the school if sufficient number of parents are interested.



LETTERS

Local school philosophy

Dear Sir:

Over the past months, Winchester Public School has been designing a school philosophy. We are not publishing this to invite comparison, but simply to state what we are doing and what we hope to do in the future.

This philosophy is not something new or revolutionary for Winchester Public School. However, it is appropriate at this time to state this, as the school has a new principal and is on the eve of celebrating its one hundredth anniversary.

NAME

The name, Winchester Public School, signifies one school composed of students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. Each and every student in Winchester Public School is a respected individual, and a part of the Winchester family. The name also suggests that the teachers and pupils at Winchester Public School are part of, and have a responsibility to the whole school, and to a particular grade, class or subject.

STUDENTS

We understand the need to recognize that individual differences do exist. In order to meet individual needs, Winchester Public School utilizes the facilities and resources of a variety of agencies.

Our goal is to endeavour to prepare our students to cope with life academically, socially and emotionally, and physically.

• **Academically:** This means that our goal will be to develop skill building facts and tools that will facilitate the solving of problems and the development of concepts and creativity which a student will need.

• **Socially and Emotionally:** The social aspect of Winchester Public School will concentrate on developing in the students a sense of belonging to the community, the school, the class and the peer group in which he or she functions. Winchester Public School will attempt to expose the students to a variety of adult and student interaction situations, in order to enable them to acquire the social skills needed to cope in the world.

The goal of Winchester Public School will be to instill in the students a sense of responsibility. Other goals of this area will be to develop the idea of mutual respect and trust, as well as a sense of self discipline, self worth and citizenship.

• **Physically:** Winchester Public School will endeavour to meet the physical needs of the child.

COMMUNITY

An important aim of Winchester Public School is to have and maintain a feeling of trust between the community and the school. Parents are encouraged to be involved in the educational development of their child. The parents and Winchester Public School will strive to work with a child, not in isolation, but as a team.

Our school recognizes the valuable contributions which citizen (parents and non parents), can make to the school, and encourages such participation and involvement. The community should be able to use the school for functions whenever possible.

TEACHERS

Every effort will be made to allow and encourage the teachers to develop and grow professionally in ways complementary to the other Winchester goals.

It is with this philosophy in mind that we greet your child each morning.

Any comments would be appreciated.

Jim Wilkinson,
Principal

'Demands on downtown intolerable'

Dear Mr. Browne:

As Toronto gets larger and larger, the demands made upon the people of the downtown wards, like Ward 7, are becoming intolerable. More and more expressways and throughways have to be fought, speculators drive the cost of land sky-high because they know there is a huge market, parking becomes so much of a problem it just isn't practical to have a car anymore downtown, the simple social services you could once get through your local church or through city hall, now become a mind-boggling array of agencies that require hundreds of pages just to list.

The neighbourhood or community school is now a thing of the past and we must deal with school boards and teachers' federations that are far beyond the power of a parent to do anything about. At every turn the sheer size of the city and its structure seem to be pressing in on the individuals and families who struggle to survive in the centre of a city that threatens to include about a quarter to a third of the population of Canada. Everything seems to have gotten out of control, beyond our grasp.

I am suggesting that part of the reason we can't control housing, parking, transportation, social services, and schools (among other things) is the sheer size of our city. Not only that but I don't think the growth of Toronto is any accident - it was long planned and we have let ourselves be taken in by a policy

advocated by those influential in both government and business. This policy encouraged and even pressured people to move into Toronto so that the city could become the major business and industrial centre of Canada - in fact its control centre.

The businessmen and the government officials really weren't that concerned about what would happen to life in the city once all these people got here, or, for that matter, with what would happen to the places all these people left behind. It is profitable to have a large labour market and to have business and industry centralized here in Toronto. And after all, making profits will lead to a better life, won't it? Well, did it? It's true there are very few people starving in Toronto (in comparison with some other places in Canada).

Still, let's look at what is happening in the neighbourhoods, to the families, to our kids. The pace is extremely fast, the pressures great, and life has become very complex. Toronto might have money, but it has little peace.

Most of the people who live in Ward 7 were not born here (or at least their parents were not born here). This in itself is an interesting fact. It means that most of us are not city people, and, based on what I've heard from asking around, most of us non-city people came here because there were not decent jobs anywhere else.

In effect we were forced to take on city living in order to survive. In a country as large as Canada, and with as many natural resources as we have, this seems strange. Yet today it is true. If we can define someone unwillingly uprooted from the homeland which gave him his language, culture and way of life as an "exile", then most of us are exiles. We came here not because we rejected the pace of life where we were born but because we needed work and a way to support our families.

In effect it means that in order to have a larger labour market available to feed the business and factory needs of Toronto, hundreds of thousands of people have been forced away from their homelands; they have been denied the right to stay in the land of their birth, to educate and raise their children in the way of life they wished, denied the right to own their own homes, maintain their own language and culture. We think of course of those who have come from other countries: Italy, Portugal, the Philip-

pine, the Caribbean islands. But what about the 100,000 people from the Maritimes who are living in Toronto? Here the facts are especially tragic.

In the eighteenth century the Acadians were driven from their land by the British and sent off into Louisiana and Maine. Many of them found their way slowly back into Acadia to recover that precious land upon which they had built themselves a life. It is a pathetic double tragedy that today once more, and for generations, Acadians are being driven from their land to search for jobs in the larger cities where alone they can survive, and Ward 7 has an especially large concentration. Because business and government did not choose to give priority to the development of the Maritimes, because they preferred to locate the economic control-centre in Toronto, jobs have been scarce in the Atlantic provinces since the time of Confederation and for generations Maritimers have been forced to leave home and trek across their own country as exiles.

We try to make the city of our exile as liveable as possible, but most of us cannot count it our homeland, and when we realize that immense financial giants have literally forged a policy to enlarge Toronto to even twice its present size, I think the time comes for the exiles and the natives alike to begin asking themselves if there is not some more humane alternative.

Father Richard Renshaw
Holy Cross Fathers

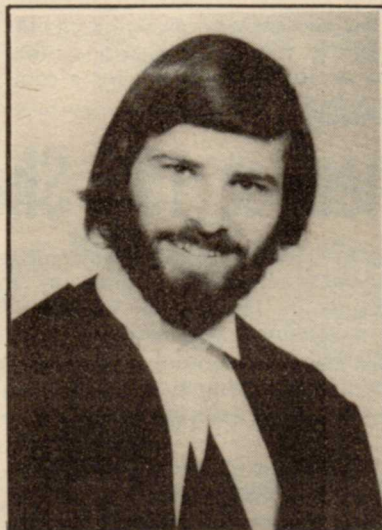
Recent item 'untrue'

Dear Norm:

The statement issued by John Metson in the Volume 2 Number 22 May 4/74, that Operation Springboard was given an ultimatum to become autonomous was and is untrue. This can be verified by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Bill Storey.

The facts are that Mr. Storey has removed John Metson as signing officer on all Springboard bank accounts and he in effect admitted that he had fired John Metson as the Financial Administrator for Operation Springboard.

H. Thomas Doran,
Douglas MacLaurin,
Co-Directors;
Operation Springboard



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announce that Mr. Jan Weir has joined the firm as partner in the practice of law. JAFFARY AND SHEPPARD will continue their practice at 727-A Queen St. East, near the corner of Queen and Broadview.

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Traffic Maze Plan for Don Vale is ready

by POLLY EVANS

For several months, the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents has been working on plans to control traffic in the Don Vale neighbourhood.

Concern has been expressed by many of the area's residents about the increased flow of traffic through this area, especially the use of narrow streets to by-pass the Parliament-Gerrard St. traffic lights.

There is concern, too, with the noise of squealing tires and the night driving of heavy trucks. These and other factors have created a situation which alarms the residents. They see danger for children and pets on the streets.

As a result of their concern, a traffic plan was drafted and presented to a general meeting of the community on September 27th, 1973. Improvements were suggested and some were incorporated in

the plan presented again on October 25th.

The plan for the one-way street maze is that, while providing access to the Zoo - an important consideration for the city - it would discourage use of the Don Vale streets as shortcuts across town. It was submitted to the local representative of the City Planning Dept. for consideration of its workability.

Speed bumps, barricade systems and the narrowing of street entrances were also discussed with City planners. Some of these ideas have already been used in Toronto, as well as other Canadian cities.

But speed bumps, while inhibiting speedsters, often result in squealing tires. Barricades have made short-cut taking impossible, but Fire Depts. call them dangerous restrictions. Only narrowed street entrances, in conjunction with a maze system, have succeeded in an

Ottawa neighbourhood.

Don Vale's residential streets could be spared trucks driven through them at night, it has been suggested, if the city removed the ban on their night-use of Parliament St.

Any system of traffic control approved by the City Public Works Dept. would be implemented on a trial basis to determine its effectiveness in meeting the neighbourhood's needs. The traffic maze plan will be presented again to the community at the general meeting of the Don Vale Assoc. of Homeowners and Residents in June.

Openings at Eastdale

by GORD CRESSY and DOUG BARR

Although applications are still coming in, there are several openings for Grade 9 students in the new Eastdale, a downtown academic high school scheduled to open in September, 1974.

Located at Boulton and Gerrard, the new high school is designed for downtown teenagers wishing to complete a Grade 12 or Grade 13 program. The school will be small, the staff carefully selected and the emphasis will be on basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics.

It is expected that many of our teenagers who have the ability but, for a variety of reasons, feel unable to cope with the larger collegiates, will have a much better chance of making it to University and the Community Colleges.

We find the concept of the new Eastdale very exciting and expect that many of you will, too.

Even though most Grade 8 students have already made their placement choices, it is not too late to enroll in the new Eastdale.

News Across the Ward

Dental Clinic at Regent

The Regent Park Community Health Centre now has a Dental Clinic operating and taking appointments. Most basic dental procedures are being provided at no charge to those receiving welfare and mother's allowance. Fees charged to others is greatly reduced in price.

The program is being handled by Dr. Nelson Ravka and Dr. Richard Parnes and all Regent Park and area residents are encouraged to make use of this new service.

Appointments can be made by phoning 364-2265 or drop in at the Centre at 19 Belshaw Place between 9 and 5, Monday to Friday.

Students put on show

by GARY BLACK

Students in Grades Seven and Eight at Queen Alexander school at Broadview and Dundas Streets will be presenting an art show of major proportion during the week of May 27th.

On display for the public will be work by the students in sculpture, line drawings, pottery, paper sculpture, tempera paintings, collages and wall hangings of ethnic scenes. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend.

The hours when the display will be open to viewing are: May 27 - 9 to 11:30 am. and 3 to 4:30 pm., May 28 - 9 to 11:30 am. and 3 to 4:30 pm., May 29 and 30 - 3 to 4:30 pm. and on May 31 - 12:30 until 4:00 pm.

NIP funds Housing

Most of the \$400,000 allotted to the South of Carlton area under the Neighbourhood Improvement Program will be used to provide housing in the area, a general meeting decided recently.

The idea, discussed at the meeting, would be to use most of the money as a "revolving fund" to buy houses in the area. These houses would then be sold at a discount to non-profit housing groups with a rider that they not re-sell them to make a speculative profit.

The meeting also set up two committees. The first committee would be to handle implementation of the NIP program, the second would pressure City Hall to provide neighbourhood improvements as part of their regular program of services.

The big problem will be to get agreement from the Metro, Provincial and Federal governments, each of whom has a say in the program as each contributes some of the funds for it.

The two Committees established to deal with the NIP program will present their recommendations to another General Meeting of South of Carlton residents on Monday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Central Neighbourhood House.

DACHI gets Committee

Don Vale has established a Working Committee to study and make recommendations on the Don Area Co-op Homes project being built in the Spruce-Dermott-Carlton block.

At the General Meeting last May 8th, the executive of the Don Vale Resident's Association put forward a slate of members for the Committee. The slate of nine people passed with very little comment because the Residents Association executive had previously negotiated with the Don Vale Neighbourhood Action Committee on the appointments to the Working Committee.

The DACHI Working Committee consists of Peter Akehurst, Frank Bugala, John Davy, Doug Hughes, Doug Phibbs, Leith Piper and Bob Russell. Two tenants, to be elected by the tenants in the DACHI houses will also serve on the Committee.

The Working Committee will report back to a General Meeting of the Don Vale Community some time in June.

Meanwhile, the Board of Directors of DACHI have asked their Project Manager to look for new properties that can be bought as part of an expansion program by DACHI. The funds for buying new properties would come from the sale of unsuitable houses being sold out of their present project.

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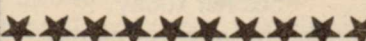
UNDER THE HOOD

at Hogan Pontiac Buick

New way to dispose of old tires: instead of being burned, they are heated in a reactor. This yields oil, gas and tar for industrial use.



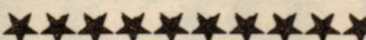
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Openings at Seven News

The SEVEN NEWS Business Manager is leaving SEVEN NEWS at the end of May and at the same time, the Government LIP grant which has been funding SEVEN NEWS employees will run out.

In order to make do with less money, SEVEN NEWS is seeking volunteer or part-time help from the community to do this very important job.

If you have any bookkeeping or business experience and could help out from two to 20 hours a week, please phone the SEVEN NEWS office at 920-8632.

SEVEN NEWS has also applied for funding through the Student Community Service program sponsored by the Federal Government. If the grant is approved, SEVEN NEWS will have paid openings on staff during the summer for one or two students.

The job of these students will be to develop a program of increased community involvement with the paper.

For more information, call Elizabeth Wilson at 924-6998 or the SEVEN NEWS office at 920-8632.

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Lost dogs find home

by POLLY EVANS

The distress of Molly and George, the two lost dogs featured in Ward 7 News' last issue, is at an end. Their owner, Mr. Frank Hoffman of Winchester Street, reclaimed them after his sister, Mrs. Gallagher, saw the report.

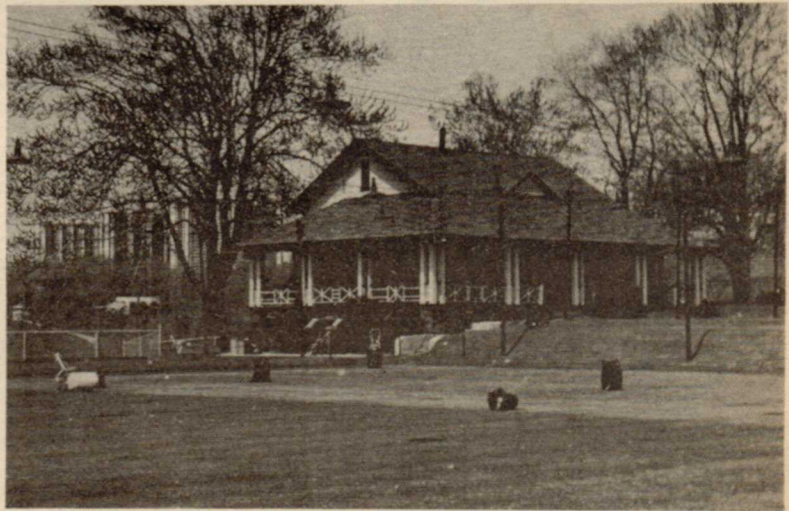
It had been assumed by Spruce-Sackville area residents that the dogs had been abandoned. But Mr. Hoffman had in fact spent two months checking with the Toronto Humane Society and searching local parks for his pets.

The dogs disappeared from his backyard while he was at work and quickly became disoriented, it seems. They took refuge in an old shed behind the Sleepmaster Factory on Spruce Street.

Two local residents began to look after the dogs and were making plans for a new home for them. But Molly and George were timid, and shy of their temporary guardians' efforts to leash them and take them to shelter.

When Mr. Hoffman came to collect his dogs it was obvious how devoted they were to their master. He took them home, one at a time, after they had lavished him with affectionate licks, rejoicing that the ordeal for the three of them was over.

Mr. Hoffman has brought Molly and George back to visit those who took care of them and he wishes to express his thanks and appreciation to those who helped keep them safe while they were lost.



Bowling Club seeks members

by G. ROBERTSON

The St. Matthews Lawn Bowling Club, at St. Matthews and Gerrard streets, is celebrating its seventy-five years of existence on June 22, 1974. There is an open invitation to the public and all former members to attend.

The Club's opening day this season is this afternoon, May 18 at 2 pm. Anyone interested in coming to see their lovely club house and facilities is welcome.

The St. Matthews Lawn Bowling Club was started by the church on their grounds in 1895 and moved to their present location in 1905. The present property belongs to City of Toronto and is maintained and looked after by them through the Parks Department in the fall and spring.

The Lawn Bowling club takes care of the grounds and club house during the bowling season which covers most of the summer.

At the moment, the Lawn Bowling club is losing membership at a rapid rate. But with the increased concern by people for physical fitness, they are hopeful of attracting many new members. There are 27 women and five male members at present.

The facilities of the club are also open to community groups in the area. One example is the Second Mile Club which enjoys games there every Wednesday afternoon.

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Local Library plans public meetings

by BRIAN MORRISON

The Toronto Public Library is seeking community participation in planning future library service in the east end of Toronto. The first public meeting sponsored by the Library Board and its East End Advisory Group will take place at the Danforth Branch, 701 Pape Avenue, on June 11, 1974, at 8:00 p.m.

Community organizations in the east end of Toronto will be invited to attend this meeting to discuss with the Board the plans for an East End District Library. Further meetings will be held throughout the Fall to which all interested people in the community are invited to attend.

In 1971, after considerable discussion with residents of the area, members of the East York Library Board, the Toronto School Board, the City Council and Metropolitan Council, staff and users of branches, the Library Board agreed to acquire surplus subway land at Danforth and Caithness. The Board also agreed to acquire the remaining properties on the corner of Danforth and Caithness, in order to provide a building site of approximately 14,000 square feet, for a District Library.

The reason for the acquisition of a site on a busy thoroughfare, convenient to subway access, was to provide a collection of 150,000 volumes, which would provide the specialized reading not available in each of the smaller branches. The building would also provide space for study purposes, displays and community activities, audio-visual services, and back-up material for the existing branches.

Because many persons moving into the area are not familiar with public library services, a good deal of effort is spent by branch staff members in cultivating and developing their interest. A District Library would provide a considerable stimulus to public interest and would represent an important aspect of the cultural life of the community.

In discussion with the Toronto Board of Education, which operates nine secondary schools in the area, the complementary nature of a large public library and the library services of the secondary schools was explored. Since 1971, teachers and staff have been co-operating in planning for the utilization of the District Library as a back-up source for their students. As the Toronto Board of Education cannot expand the space and collections in each of its secondary schools, the value of having a District Library with a larger collection and additional study space was recognized by the Board.

Alternatives

Alternative schemes to add materials and space to local libraries were considered by the Board and discussed with local residents and users of branches at various times during the past 10 years. It was the feeling of residents that they would prefer to see their local branch continue to meet their immediate needs and that they would rather travel to a larger library for extra materials and facilities.

One alternative considered was the building of several large libraries, each of which would have between 50,000 and 100,000 volumes. Related to this was a scheme to have the school system take over the function of lending books to the public from the school libraries. After extensive study by both Separate and Public School and Library staffs, and discussion with users, this was rejected as less convenient to users than complementary services by school and public libraries.

Another alternative considered was the addition of five small branch libraries so that there would be one within a radius of half a mile of any person living in the area.** This would call for five more premises with book stocks ranging from 20,000 to 25,000 volumes each, as well as 35-45 extra staff. Such a scheme would not fill the needs for back-up service, reference and audio-visual materials or facilities for community activities which a District Library would provide and would cost far more.

Library Advisory Group

Early in 1974, the Toronto Public Library Board finished acquiring the site at Danforth and Caithness, having acquired approval from City Council and the O.M.B. At the same time, the Board recognized a need to hear again from the community in the East End of the city, regarding its proposed expansion of library service, before finalizing

plans for a District Library.

Therefore, it was decided to approach the aldermen, school board trustees, leaders of community groups, members of the Planning Board, and invite them to form an Advisory Group.

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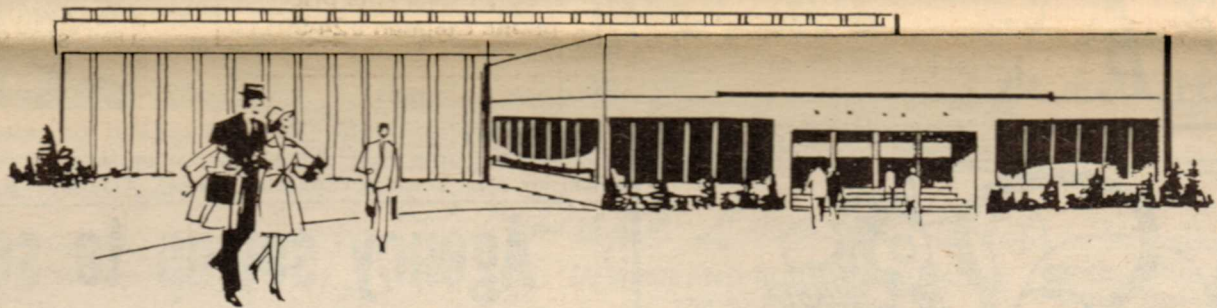


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Hey, Mom!
 by CATHERINE VERRALL

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Mix together in a large bowl:
 5 cups old-fashioned rolled oats ("instant" is not as good)

1 or 2 cups each:
 wheat germ
 milk powder

peanuts (unsalted)
 about 1 cup any of these that you have:
 sunflower seeds
 sesame seeds
 coconut
 prepared cereal flakes (unsweetened)

In another bowl, mix together:
 1 cup (or less each):
 vegetable oil
 honey

Mix well with dry stuff.

Grease 3 flat pans. Spread granola thin. Put in oven 200 to 225 degrees for about an hour. Turn granola over several times during baking. Watch carefully, to prevent burning. When browned, scrape granola off pans at once, so it won't stick. Add raisins if you like. Store

in covered containers. Find a hiding place, if you want it to last! (Cheapest nuts are shelled peanuts, in health store, about 49¢ a pound. Sunflower and sesame seeds there, too.)

Peanut Butter Candy
 1/2 cup honey
 1/2 cup peanut butter
 1 cup (or more) milk powder (nuts or coconut, optional)

Mix well. Roll in waxed paper. Put in freezer. Slice and nibble.

Thanks to Joe Cassar for suggesting the granola recipe. Joe eats wheat germ porridge every morning, and finds it very satisfying, and the most nutritious cereal going. We like a little Red River Cereal added to the wheat germ, stirred into boiling, salted water. More suggestions?



Senior Citizens in the Riverdale area came in for a special "recognition" recently at Woodgreen United Church on Queen east. Pictured above are Helen Vinnels and Esther Robb, both 102 years of age. With them are Miss Toronto (Colleen Embree), Alderman Fred Beavis and MPP Thomas Wardle.

Agency set-up to serve ethnic people

by LIA MALTAS
 The International Institute of Metropolitan Toronto has recently opened a branch office in the east end of the city, at 1985 Danforth Avenue. With funding given by the three levels of government and the United Way, the Institute has provided services for immigrants for the past seventeen years.
 The Institute was formed in 1957, with the merging of "New Canadian Services" which had helped non-English speaking immigrants

for several years, and "Friendship House", a project of the Toronto Welfare Council (forerunner of the Metro-Social Planning Council).
 The Institute's aims, briefly, are to aid immigrants by providing reception facilities, information and orientation services, individual and family counselling, language training, free legal advice, translation and interpreter services.
 The Institute also provides ethnic directories and assists and pre-

pare resumes for professionals seeking employment. Employment and language are the two primary concerns of the Immigrant. The Institute, in cooperation with George Brown College, offers free English classes Monday to Friday. The language programme is prepared in such a way, that while a student is learning English, he is also given an orientation to Canadian life. Our evening English programme is taught by a dedicated core of volunteer teachers.
 A staff of six multi-lingual counsellors is available to assist the immigrant in his adjustment. At our East End office we have Greek and Italian speaking workers. We also have a West Indian counsellor working with the Black community.

Need money for elephant

Irene Lee is quite serious about wanting a baby elephant as a pet. A Don Vale housewife and local youth worker, she's not interested in getting a baby elephant because its exotic or to outdo her neighbours.
 She just likes baby elephants.
 The one she has in mind stands about five foot, four inches tall and is for sale at a nearby rural game farm. Mrs. Lee says she could get a license to keep it as a pet in the city and she could find a stable or garage in Don Vale to keep it in.
 The big stumbling block, says Mrs. Lee is food for it. In a warm climate, it would cost \$3,000 a year to feed it. In the colder climate of Canada, the elephant would need vitamins and additives which would bring the cost of feeding it up to \$5,000 a year.
 Mrs. Lee is trying to figure out how to raise that much money.
 Her husband, Bill Lee, is bemused by the whole idea. He just recently bought a Handi-van so that they could take their huge St. Ber-

nard dog with them when they went for a drive.
 "Now I'll have to trade it in for a semi-trailer," he says.
 Bill forsees another expense as well. "As soon as we get the elephant, I'll have to go over to Children's Aid and adopt a dark skinned, nine-year-old boy named Bomba..."

Teens active in Regent

by AL STEENBURGH
 The Teen Program at the Salvation Army Regent Park Community Centre is a going concern but still looking for new members.
 The heart of the Teen Program is the two drop-ins open weekdays for kids from nine to nineteen. The first drop-in is open from 3:30 until 5 pm. for teens and pre-teens. From 5 pm. until 10:30 the drop-in is restricted to teens aged 13 to 19. Both groups have the use of a colour TV, pool table and ping pong tables.
 Also part of the Teen Program is the use of an air-conditioned wood-working shop for boys and girls aged 13 to 19. The only cost is for material and items made in the shop can be taken home or sold in the Centre's furniture shop to earn extra money.
 For more information, phone 864-9364, or drop in at the office in the Centre in the basement of 470 Dundas St. E.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MONDAY, MAY 20

7:30 Christian Resource Centre (297 Carlton Street) free sewing classes each Monday.
Dixon Hall (58 Sumach Street) will be closed for Victoria Day.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

10:30 Parliament St. Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) Ladies' Day Programme, films, free.
4 p.m. Parliament St. Library (406 Parliament St.) art programme for children, making musical instruments, free.
7:30 Danforth Library (701 Pape) film: "Greeks in Montreal" free.
7:30 Parliament St. Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) creative writing workshop, free.
8:00 Enoch Turner Schoolhouse (106 Trinity St.) Tues. lecture series: History of Education in Toronto; Prejudice and Opportunity, speaker Donald Nethery, \$2.
8 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) General Meeting of the Community Centre followed by a "Pub Night" in lounge.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

8 p.m. 48th Highlander's Hall (Church St.) St. George Liberal Association "Pub Night". Admission \$1.00.
8:00 Parliament St. Library House Film series: Stars of the Golden age of Comedy. Buster Keaton: "The General" free.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

2:00 Riverdale Library (370 Broadview Ave.) puppet show: "Little Red Riding Hood". Free.
2:00 Danforth Library (701 Pape Ave.) puppet show: "How the Devil Gets His Due". Free.
2:00 Parliament St. Library puppet show: "Cinderella". Free.
2:00 Parliament St. Library House poetry and rap. Free.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

2:00 — 5:00 St. Martin's School (55 Salisbury Ave.) retirement tea for Sister St. Maurice.
Enoch Turner Schoolhouse (106 Trinity St.) open schoolhouse 1848, tour of 19th century schoolroom, slide presentation of Toronto circa 1840, display of early Canadian artists from the R.O.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

7:00 Regent Park United Church (40 Oak St.) family night for all church school families to welcome Judy MacCullough, our summer student from Centre for Christian Studies.
*8:00 FODARA (249 Gerrard St. E.) general meeting, all welcome.
7:00 Parliament St. Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) painting and drawing classes for adults and teens, free.
2:00 Parliament St. Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) opening meeting for anyone interested in working on the collection of local history. Call Nancy Craig 921-8674 for info.
2:15 Summer Centre for Seniors (Ward's Island) the official opening and dedication of the new building on Ward's Island, Tommy Thompson will be there to represent Metro Council. For more information call Second Mile Club 923-4641.
6:30 p.m. International Institute (1985 Danforth) Free legal aid.
7:30 p.m. Queen East Church (Queen and Carlaw) General Meeting of all area residents. Sponsored by Greater Riverdale Org.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

4:00 Parliament St. Library films for children, free.
7:30 Parliament St. Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) an evening of poetry with Luella Kerr Booth, Hans Jewinski, and Ian Young.
7:30 Parliament St. Library House opening meeting for anyone interested in working on the collection of local history. For information call Nancy Craig 921-8674.

MONDAY, MAY 27

Parliament St. Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) photography workshop for adults and teens, free.
7:30 Parliament St. Library House play reading.
7:30-9:30 Enoch Turner Schoolhouse (106 Trinity St.) craft seminars: quilting; chair caning and rushing. \$3.50/seminar.
7:30 Christian Resource Centre (279 Carlton St.) sewing classes.
7:30 Don Vale Community Centre First meeting of a weight watchers and general nutrition group. Free. All welcome.
7:30 Central Neighbourhood House (349 Ontario) General Meeting of all residents in South of Carlton area on NIP Program.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

8:00 Enoch Turner Schoolhouse (106 Trinity St.) Tuesday Lecture Series: "Architecture of a New Nation", speaker John Rempel. \$2.
10:30 Parliament St. Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) Ladies Day Programme: Creative Needlework, free.
4:00 Parliament St. Library (406 Parliament St.) art programme for children: Making Musical Instruments, free.
7:30 Parliament St. Library House creative writing workshop. Free.
7:30 Danforth Library (701 Pape) Film: "Goin' Down the Road". Free.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

7:00 Parliament St. Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) painting and drawing classes for adults and teens. Free.
7:30-9:30 Enoch Turner Schoolhouse (106 Trinity St.) craft seminars; crewel; macrame, \$3.50/seminar.
7:30 Regent Park United Church (40 Oak St.) parents and teachers of church school families gather for finale before summer holidays.
11:00-12 noon Pape Ave. Recreation Centre (corner of Pape and Gerrard) swimming demonstration for senior adults. Free.
8 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) General Meeting to select Nominating Committee for SEVEN NEWS, INC.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

4:00 Parliament St. Library film series for children. Free.
7:30-9:30 Enoch Turner Schoolhouse (106 Trinity St.) craft seminars: rug hooking; decoupage \$3.50/seminar.
12:30-4:00 Second Mile Club (192 Carlton St.) garden party open to all senior citizens, craft display, home baked goods/white elephant.
(This space paid for by the Office on Community Consultation.)

Food Co-op to start in Don Vale

by DOROTHY BUSHEY

As a result of two meetings in the Don Vale Community Centre over the last month, a Food Co-op has been set up for the benefit of people in the community.

A charge of \$2 will be made for membership in the co-op for those who can afford it.

An interim steering committee has been set up to run the new Food Co-op. It consists of: Geri Martin, Chairperson; Lynda Wilson, secretary; John Sutt, Bookkeeper; Frank Elssasser and Kathy Martin are treasurers and John Hallett is an order-taker. The Committee still needs three or four more interested volunteers to take on tasks in getting the co-op going.

To raise funds to get the co-op going, a Bingo and Bake Sale will be held on the evening of May 7th at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street. Prizes and donations of baked goods are needed for the sale. And participants.

The co-op plans to make its first purchase of fresh produce direct from the Ontario Food Terminal before the next Family Allowance day which is around May 20.

Another suggestion being looked into is having the co-op buy dried beans, peas, lentils and canned goods. Anyone interested in these items should contact the co-op.

Price lists for fresh produce are now available at the Don Vale Com-

munity Centre and it is planned to produce a price list for dried and canned foods. Eggs can be ordered now at \$1.75 for two and a half dozen large.

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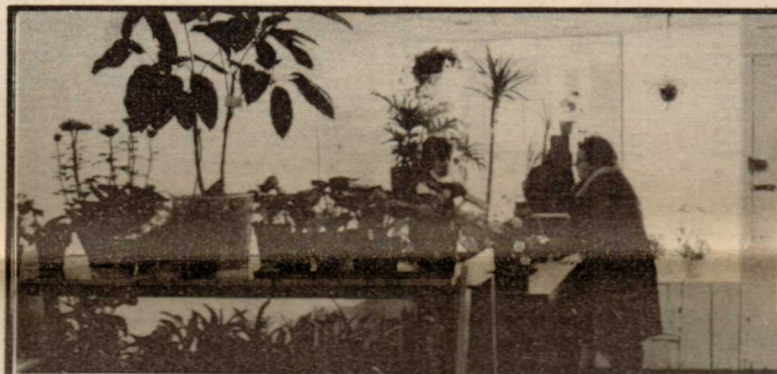
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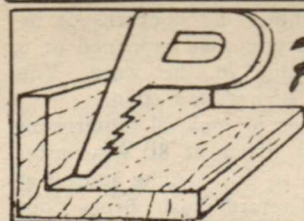
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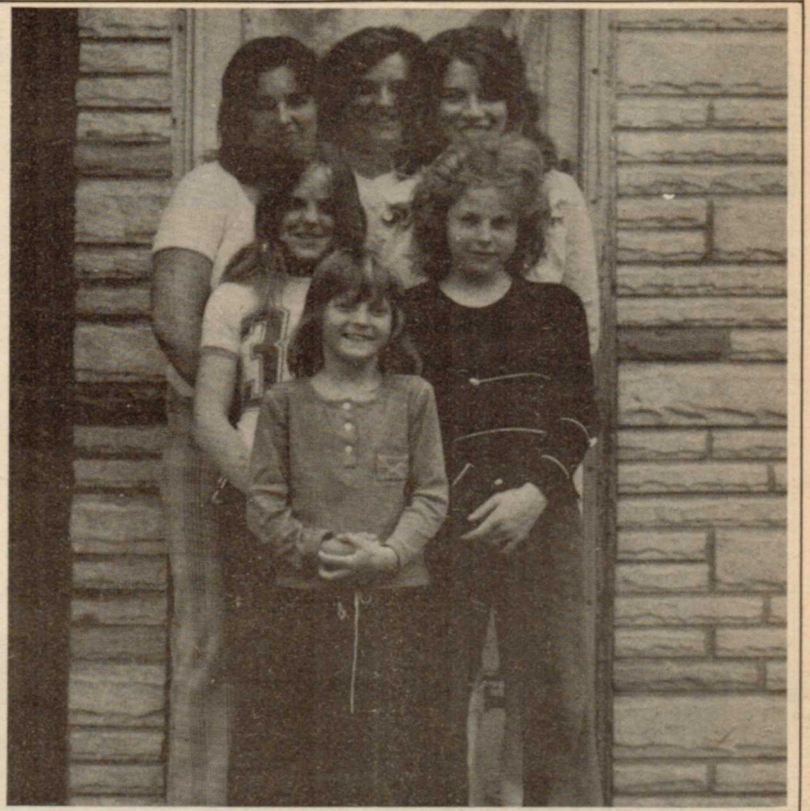
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Distributor of the week

by DAVID RUPPEL
Donna and Russell Stanley have lived on Boulton Avenue with their five daughters and invalid grandmother for the past ten years. Their family ties are really rooted to this area along Queen between Broadview and Logan. Donna was born on Empire Avenue and moved across the river at age seven, returning to her old neighbourhood after her marriage.

The Stanley girls; Mary Ann 16, Linda 15, Susan 12, Blanche 11, and Debbie 9 are friendly and outgoing. The three younger girls disappear Saturday mornings with their bundle of SEVEN NEWS shortly after it arrives. Even Mary Ann and Linda pitch in when the weather outside is uninviting.



Trophies presented in Broom Ball

by PETER LAW
On Friday evening, May 3, 1974, at Sacre-Coeur Hall, the presentation of awards was made to the

three teams playing in the Inter-city Broom Ball League.

This season's champs are the "Yokels" captained by Doug Hum-

phries with goalie, Steve Gromacki; and forwards and defencemen, Ian Law, John Catanzaro, Peter Law, Harry McLean, Corrado Sessa, Lennie Long, Michael Green, Jim West and Albert Liberty.

Rene Boudreault, who masterminded the League was Master of Ceremonies.

Besides the Championship trophy presented to coach Bill Law, each player received a trophy and the team took a Founders Cup Trophy as well.

Rocky Gauthier, coach of the Sacre-Coeur team made the presentation of trophies to his team and Andre Fortin, coach of Wheel-and-Rim presented trophies to his team.

Other trophy presentations were: Most Valuable Player, John Cotanzaro; Best Defenceman, Lennie Long; Top Scorer, Lennie Long; and Best Goalie, Steve Gromacki.

The three coaches were also presented with trophies for their time and patient work with their teams. That presentation was made by Rene Boudreault, then he in turn received a plaque from "The Yokels" in appreciation of his hard work for the League.

Following the presentations, a dance and delicious buffet dinner brought the evening to a close.

7 News tries for 16 pages

The next issue of SEVEN NEWS, to be dated June 1, 1974, will be the Fourth Anniversary Issue of SEVEN NEWS and mark the beginning of our fifth year of publication.

To celebrate the occasion, the SEVEN NEWS staff have decided to publish a big, special, 16-page issue. To do so, we need your help in two ways:

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large a paper.

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