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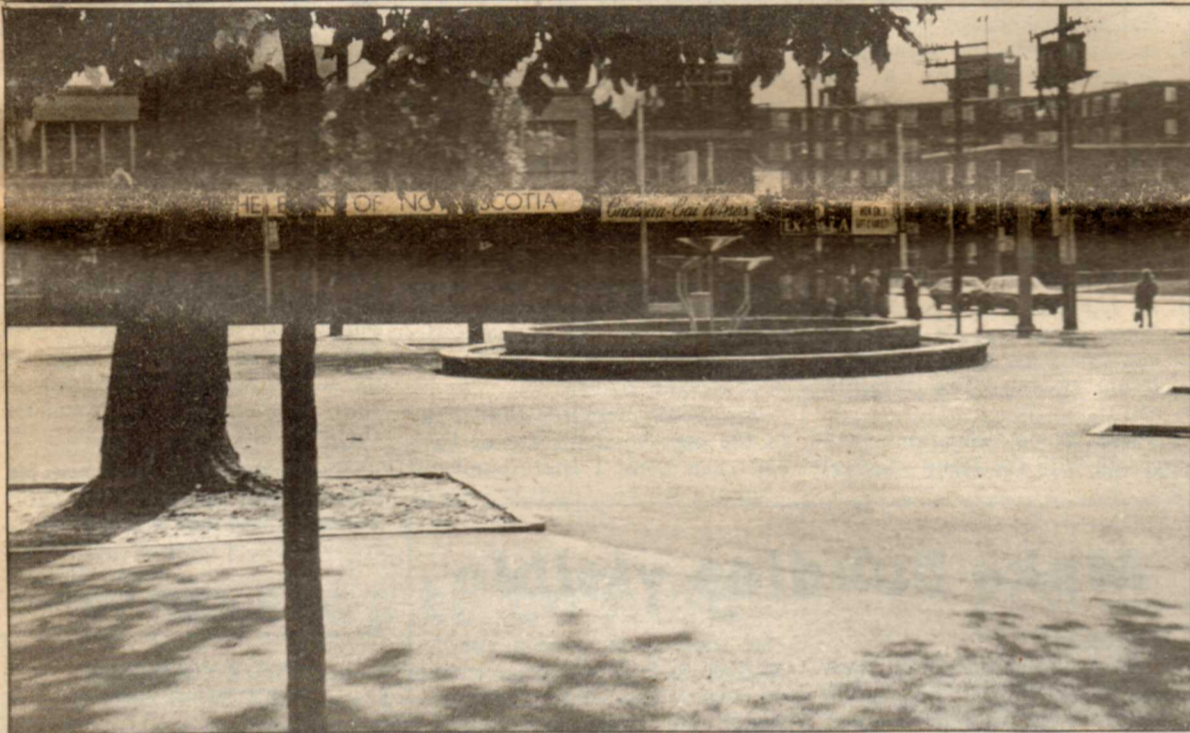
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NOW FOR AN ENCORE...
How do you top a 16-page issue? We still need copy as we used most of it up on this issue. And we will probably have to bring out 12-page issues through the summer — at least until the election. DEADLINE is Noon June 10th.



FINALLY WE GET OUR PARK BACK. For two years, Anniversaries Park, at the corner of Gerrard and Parliament was surrounded by ugly hoarding. Then they took the hoarding down (top) only to fill the space with ugly construction equipment. Now, at last, it's starting to look like a park again.

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newsroundup

Second Mile Club receives federal grant

Patrick Power, a student at George Brown College and a resident of Metcalfe street, has been hired by SEVEN NEWS as part-time business manager. He replaces Glen Blouin who has moved to a farm in New Brunswick...

The Friendship Centre at Dundas and Sherbourne has received a \$4,367 New Horizons grant to provide arts, crafts and recreational activities to the elderly in the area...

Twenty people turned up at the home of Bob Russell recently to elect David Weenan as President of the Don Vale Property Owners Association. He replaces retiring president, Albert Chapman...

Some members of the Second Mile Club on Carlton street have received a \$2,254 grant from the Federal government to establish a summer lawn bowling program at St. Mathew Lawn Bowling Club...

Thanks to Miss T. Pinter, 74, of Moss Park Apartments, Miss W. Boddington of Bain Ave. apartments and Wallace Kerr of Gerrard street for poems submitted for this issue which couldn't be included due to lack of space...

Chester Village, a retirement home for the elderly on Broadview is having an Open House today (Saturday) from 2 to 4 p.m. The event

will include tours of the building plus displays of arts and crafts done by the residents...

Dixon Hall is looking for a rug or carpet 15' by 15' or larger for their Summer Nursery School program. Call Janet at 863-0499 if you have one to donate...

Anyone interested in attending classes on singing lessons at the Don Vale Community Centre, call them at 921-2426...

Meeting space is available on two days notice at the Christian Resource Centre, 297 Carlton street. Call Mary McMaster at 922-8322 for information...

Woodgreen Community Centre needs volunteers for friendly visiting to shut-ins. Call Carol Kincaid or Jim Sutt at 461-1168... The Toronto Free Theatre will be closed for the summer...

Mrs. Betty Gerrard is the new director of the Senior Citizen's room rental service at the Second Mile Club on Carlton street. If you have a room you would like to rent to an older person, call her at 923-5859...

Law students at the Campus Legal Assistance Centre are interested in talking to groups of people concerning their legal problems. For more info call N.I.P. at 924-2543...

Meeting June 25th

Residents to confront industry on housing issue

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

A bitter, three-way fight seems to be shaping up over the future of the King-Parliament area. A public meeting, to be held on June 25th may feature confrontations to match that of recent meetings in Don Vale.

The three groups involved are: low income tenants who for years have occupied pockets of housing in the area; middle-class professionals who are buying up and town-housing those same near slum dwellings; and the industrialists who want the area to remain zoned for industry.

The situation has become so critical that Norman Feltes, a vice-chairman of the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayers Association and an observer at the planning meetings that have been held for the area, has asked that city-wide support be mustered and City Hall be pressured.

The actual issue is a fairly simple one. The detailed planning of an area takes up to two years. In order for the planning to be effective, the area has to be "frozen" or the information obtained by the planners fast goes out of date.

At the January King-Parliament meeting, 90 people, mostly local residents agreed to freezing the area through a "no new development" by-law.

At the February meeting, the motion was brought back because it was too vaguely worded to be made into a by-law. A sub-committee was set up to study the matter.

By the March meeting, the property owners and industrialists in the area had been alerted and they turned out in full force. At the same time, far fewer residents attended. The January motion was revoked along with two alternatives presented by the sub-committee. Further clarification was asked on a third alternative.

At the April meeting, few, if any residents turned out and the third alternative, on design controls, had

to be put on the floor by the CORRA delegate, an outsider and observer at the meeting.

That alternative, for freezing the area, was also thrown out. And one property owner at the meeting agreed that his public position was that "only property owners in the King-Parliament area, wherever they themselves lived, should have any say in the future of the area."

SEVEN NEWS has also received the following statement, issued by residents in that area:

"We the residents of South Cabbagetown, the area bounded by Queen on the north, Jarvis on the West, the Gardiner Expressway on the south, and the Don River on the east are becoming involved in the Part II study of the King Parliament area.

"We want to keep this area not only as a place to live, but a good place to live. We co-exist side by side with industry and commerce and feel that is a healthy mixture but consideration must be given to the residents as well as industry.

"This means there must be strong pollution controls enforced, and safe traffic controls not only for vehicles but also for pedestrians, especially children.

"There are 291 residential dwellings in this area lived in by people who care enough to fight to have Sackville School kept open, who care enough to have trees planted on King Street, and who are going to fight for the right to live here.

"Currently the area is zoned industrial, which means that residential use is non-conforming and can be reverted to industrial. We feel strongly that the areas which are now residential should be kept residential and this can only be accomplished by changing the zoning.

"We are presenting a recommendation to the Planning Study that the area roughly bounded by Queen, Ontario, Eastern and River Streets be zoned residential. This encompasses most of the existing residential area and little industry.

"It is expected that the industrialists will vote against this recommendation. We feel that they must realize that we also have our rights. They can manufacture down here and we can live down here, but there has to be mutual respect.

"This proposal is going to be presented on Tuesday June 25, 8:00 p.m. in Enoch Turner School-house, at the Planning Meeting. We request that all individuals who support this resolution attend to vote in it's favour."

Women's Place has moved to 137 George St. Copies of the planner's report on housing in the King-Parliament area are available free from their site office, 367-7609...

Volunteer coaches are needed by the Broadview YMCA for its summer sports program. Phone Ralph Gauthier, 461-8123... An exhibit of painting by Nick Pilatos is at the Danforth Library, 701 Pape and their exhibit on the History of the Danforth, continues until the end of June...

Registration is now being accepted for Regent Park area children age 6 to 12 for a summer day camp program. No fee. Co-ed. Phone Regent Community Centre, 864-9364.

Dixon Hall has law students available at a legal aid clinic on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m...

The overnight drop-in at All Saints Church, 315 Sherbourne Street will be closed temporarily for the summer. Ralph Gauthier has been hired as the new Sports Director at the Broadview YMCA. He replaces Bill Walker... SEVEN NEWS editor, Norman Browne will be gone for the month of June on holidays...



LETTERS

To be Gay in Ward Seven

Dear Friends:

Gay people probably constitute the largest minority in Canada. Although there are no figures available which relate to Canada specifically, the application to the Canadian population of statistics gathered in similar societies abroad suggests that Canadian gays number about two million.

These millions have voted for and paid taxes to successive governments which until August of 1969, virtually ignored their existence. At that time the government legalized what had always taken place anyway, that is, certain sexual acts between consenting adults in private. However, laws still remain on the books which permit or authorize discrimination against homosexuals in the areas of housing, employment and immigration.

Thus the government in effect stated that gay people have the right to express their sexual orientation, as long as they remain hidden or "in the closet". The end result of this is that although one in ten people you know are gay, it is highly unlikely that you know of any gay people.

And this despite the fact that Ward Seven probably has a higher concentration of gay people than any other area in Toronto. St. Jamestown and Don Vale with their single-unit dwellings are often referred to as the "gay ghetto" of Toronto.

Thus to be gay in Ward Seven is, for most homosexuals, to play a role, to pretend to be straight, to hide their sexual orientation. Why, you might ask, would homosexuals want others to know they are gay? Why? Because we ask to have the same human and civil rights as other citizens.

You might also ask how these rights are denied us. That I am more than able to tell you, since I have lived as an openly gay person in Ward Seven for the past year.

And I can assure you that to be gay in Ward Seven is a not particularly pleasant experience for me. For to be verbally and physically abused, to be an object of ridicule, to be openly discriminated against on a daily basis is not particularly pleasant.

These are some of the experiences that I have undergone: Walking home one evening arm in arm with a friend and being mocked by a policeman in a passing car and having obscenities and threats of violence hurled at you by people on the street; getting into a car hand in hand with a friend and being surrounded by a gang of ten kids, kicking the car and screaming insults; and now that I am known as a homosexual, being called a "queer", a "cocksucker", etc. every time I walk down the street or being kicked in the back by kids on bicycles; or when trying to rent office space on Parliament Street for the gay liberation newspaper for which I work, *The Body Politic*, being told that they don't want anything to do with that kind of thing and having the phone hung up on me. Are these things that happen to you as heterosexuals?

And what is worse, there is little we can do to counteract this blatant discrimination. We are denied most access to the media and to speak to citizens' groups and high schools, so that we are not permitted to try and change the anti-gay attitudes which are so predominant.

Legally we have no recourse. "Sexual orientation" is not a protected factor in the Ontario Human Rights Code so that we cannot take our cases of discrimination in the areas of housing, employment and access to public services to court, as can other minority groups. In the particular case of the office space refused me, I have filed an informal complaint with the Ontario Human Rights Commission, but all they can do is to investigate and try to mediate.

Nonetheless, to be gay in Ward Seven, for me, is to be proud to be gay, to let others know that I am gay and to demand the same right to live my particular life-style as others. And to be straight in Ward Seven, should be to come to a realization that it is the community's responsibility to ensure that gay people are treated with the same dignity and respect as other citizens and are offered the same civil and human rights as other individuals in this province.

Ron Dayman

'Incorrect impression conveyed'

Dear Mr. Browne:
Re: "Recent Item 'Untrue'"

The letter in your issue of May 18th under the above heading conveys an incorrect impression. Operation Springboard was started in 1970 as a program of the Christian Resource Centre. As such, it fell under the general direction of John Metson, who is Executive Director of CRC. During the following four years, it had a number of staff members, all of whom reported to Mr. Metson, who was responsible for the financial affairs of both CRC and Springboard.

Towards the end of 1973, it became apparent that the increasing scope of Springboard required that it be set up as a separate legal entity. To help facilitate this, CRC created a sub-committee of three of its members to work with a group of persons interested in expanding Springboard and effecting a smooth transition to independent status. Amongst the recommendations prepared by this sub-committee were the following:

1. Springboard should become a legal entity with its own Board of Directors.
2. Banking arrangements should be set up to receive LIP Grants and outside donations effective June 7, 1974, when the current LIP program expires.
3. Future fund-raising would be the sole responsibility of Springboard which would have to acquire its own charities registration number.
4. In the intervening period until Springboard became a legal entity, donations received for it, in order to qualify for charitable deduction status, had to be recorded in CBC books and identified accordingly.
5. A decision would have to be taken regarding the housing of the Springboard operation.
6. A decision would have to be taken regarding the ownership and operation of a bus and an inventory of office furniture, etc.

These recommendations were discussed with the group of people

representing Springboard. In the course of these discussions, it became apparent that a personality conflict had arisen between Mr. Metson and two of the staff members of Operation Springboard which made it difficult for them to function effectively together. Accordingly, a transfer of signing authority for funds identified with the Springboard operation was made, with Messrs. Storey and Cameron replacing Mr. Metson in this capacity. This change of signing procedure was at the specific request of the Springboard representatives, and was also requested by Mr. Metson.

This did not mean that Mr. Metson had been "fired" by the CRC from any position he holds in that organization. It did mean that for the brief transitional period involved, Springboard cheques would be signed by other authorized signing officers of CRC.

Operation Springboard is currently soliciting funds from the general community, on a letterhead which carries the name of John Metson as "Executive Director". The Charities Registration Number quoted by this literature is the one assigned to the Christian Resource Centre by the Federal Government, which seems to indicate that the co-directors of Springboard recognize that there is still a connection.

This letter is written not to reproach the signers of the letter which you carried in your recent issue but simply to put on the record the facts regarding Mr. Metson's status. He has given devoted service both to the Christian Resource Centre and to Operation Springboard over a lengthy period of time, and it is most unfair that because of some conflict of personalities with a couple of his staff members, he be identified to your readers as having been "fired".

Keith Whitney, Chairman
H.E. Neal, Member
N.T. Sheppard, Member

CABBAGETOWN CHRONICLES

The following is an excerpt from the diary of Mrs. Simcoe, wife of the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada.

"Sunday, Aug. 11th. 1793. This evening we went to see a creek which is to be called the Don River. It falls into the bay near the peninsula. After we entered, we rowed some distance among the low lands, covered with rushes, abounding with wild ducks and swamp blackbirds with red wings.

Show concern for kids

Dear Ward Seven News:

I am writing to you about something that really concerns me. I recently attended the Banquet of Champions for the children in Regent Park North on May 12th.

I was there with my two children, aged seven and 11 who won awards for baseball and hockey. There were two young men there named Joe Scott and Matt Baker who graciously donated a memorial trophy in honour of Gordon McNeil who was killed last October in an elevator mishap.

Mr. Scott presented the trophy to the captain of the Junior Fastball champions. I later found out

that Mr. Baker had sponsored a bantam floor hockey team from Regent Park called the "Counts" who played their games at Broadview YMCA. In their first year as a team, they were finalists, losing a 3-game series two games to one.

I also found out that they were coached by Steve Biggs and Mr. Scott was assistant coach. I think this information is newsworthy and shows that there are people who care about children. More people in the community, including businessmen, should show an equal concern about our children.

By-the-way, Mr. Scott and Mr. Baker jointly sponsored an entire league of "Tee Ball" for children 12 and under - a total of eight teams.
Name Withheld
Regent Park

Make bundles visible

Gentlemen:

Most concerned people know that papers, bundled up, and left out on the street on Tuesday night will be picked up for recycling on Wednesday morning. However, there is one item of information about this procedure that I would like to pass on.

For a good many weeks I put out my bundled, tied papers for the pick-up and found that although they were out in plenty of time, they were never picked up and as a result ended up in the garbage.

One day I decided to await

the paper pick-up men and I learned that they only pick up what they can see from driving down the street. Because of parked cars and trucks on my street, they couldn't see my papers and therefore didn't pick them up.

The solution became simple. I put my bundled papers on the boulevard across the street (with my neighbours permission). Now my papers are duly picked up and I am once again contributing to the City of Toronto recycle effort.

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by 5 p.m., June 6th, 1974

Local project serves Indian children

One of the newest groups to move into Ward Seven is called Ahbenoojeyug. That's pronounced Ben-oh-jee-uk and in the Ojibway language means "children". Naturally, their concern is for native children throughout Toronto.

Located at All-Saint's Church, Sherbourne and Dundas, the group started in 1973 as an outgrowth of a project begun a year earlier for Native People in Toronto.

The project serves 250 Native children in Toronto and provides a wide variety of services and activities:

- A Native Big Brother/Big Sister program benefits children who live in single parent families.
- An after school program and hot meal program for Native children.
- A gym and sports program.
- Instruction and training in Indian dancing, costume design, native languages, arts and crafts and drama and

films.

- Summer day camps and "pow-wows".

- Out-trips to places-of interest and weekend trips to near-by Indian reserves.

- A tutoring system with older children helping out younger ones.

With funds from the Local Initiatives Program, the Canadian Save-the-Children fund, Toronto City Council and the Indian Department of the Province, the project employees 11 people — all Native Indians — most of them youth workers.

With some bitter irony, the Federal Department of Indian Affairs has turned down the group's repeated request for funds. A statement by the group says, "The Department of Indian Affairs has been unable to handle the challenge of assisting Native People in coping with an urban environment".

Despite this set-back, the group plans to continue and expand their programs for Native

children. As one method of fund-raising, they are holding a walkathon today (Saturday, June 1). Called Moccasin Miles, it starts in Riverdale Park and runs 15 miles through Toronto's east end.

The group is serious about their work for Indian Children. This comes through strongly in the "Indian Prayer" included in the literature of their walkathon:

*We think of our children now,
Just as our ancestors
thought of us.
It is for them,
And their children,
That we now defend our land
and life.
It is the creator who has
entrusted
the young ones to us
for a short time.
They do not belong to us,
so we must take our trust
seriously.*

News Across the Ward

Tenant's group formed

by DOUG WALLACE

Tenants of 155 Sherbourne Street, an O.H.C. apartment block, launched an active association last month.

Already they've held several dances and plan a regular Sunday event. The dances are open to all in the Moss Park area.

The aim is to provide entertainment and recreation for residents, predominantly Senior Citizens and disabled people.

The first meeting, on May 8, raised \$31 in donations. Membership will be \$1 a year.

Rummage sales, tea and bake sales are on the schedule and, when the Association have the equipment, they'll put on dinners. Some events are going to be free but, at others, there will be a small charge to cover refreshments.

Anyone wishing to donate articles such as playing cards, cribbage boards, games and the like, can leave them at the first floor recreation room, C/O Doug Wallace.

Mr. Wallace is president of the interim executive of the Association, until election of officers to be held June 1975.

Workshop to be held

The Parliament St. Library House, in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Information Post and the Don Vale Community Centre, is sponsoring an information workshop for youth workers serving or operating in the Ward Seven area.

The workshop is designed to bring all youth workers together so they can meet, share ideas and insights and find ways of helping each other serve the youth of the area better.

The Workshop will be held on Thursday, June 13 and run from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. It will be held at the Parliament St. Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East.

Deadline for registration is June 7 and those who can't make the workshop are being asked to send as much information as possible about the project or activities so that it can be shared with those who do attend.

For more information, phone 924-2543 or 924-2544.

Awards presented

by RALPH GAUTHIER

The Annual Awards Banquet was held Friday for the Intermediate and Senior Toronto Floor Hockey Players.

Senior awards were given to the Bombers as the league and playoff winners, Ken Kooch as Most Valuable Player, Doug Park as best goalkeeper, John Feeney as best defenceman, and Dave Ferton as the scoring champion.

The Most Valuable Players of the playoffs were both Gord Bower and Stover (tie). The rookie of the year award went to George Eldridge.

The Intermediate Division awarded Steve Bandura, Best Defensive Player; Larry De Patie, Sportsmanship Award; and Louie Carter, Most Valuable Player.

Also acknowledged were the two sponsors of R&R Roofing, Bob Harding and Bob Muller.

Singled out for his contribution to the Minor Floor Hockey Program was the coach, John Feeney.

Plans are already under way for the expansion of the entire Toronto Floor Hockey Association Leagues, peewee through to adult.

New project to help outcasts

by CRAIG JERRIS

The outcasts of the "Pepsi Generation" will be the concern of a new Don Vale project. Called Project Harness, it will employ five students through the summer months on a \$6,800 Opportunities For Youth (OFY) grant.

Four of the students, Paul Nahirney, Craif Jerris, Jim Morrin and Pat Cook, have already been hired and a fifth is expected to start work next week. Working out of the Christian Resource Centre, 297 Carlton street, the project will have three main areas of concern:

The first is the Spruce Court Tenant's Association. This group first met on Feb. 11, and has had 20-25 people regularly in attendance. The group has been successful in having the city agree to purchase its property to keep as non-profit housing for low and moderate income groups. Currently the tenants and city are attempting to work out a joint management scheme.

Project Harness plans to help the tenants' association in the future, with negotiations with the city, and to work towards a tenant run co-op.

The second area of concern is the Senior Citizens' home at 230 River St. Shopping seems to be a major problem and an expressed need, so we are planning a program around this. Hopefully, we will be able to incorporate an outing day into a day of shopping where we will aid in the carrying of groceries. The project has already started working on this area and we have tentative dates set.

The seniors also expressed a desire for recreational programs leaning mostly towards outings. Last year's trip to Niagara Falls is still warmly remembered. With this in mind, trips to various places are being planned plus possibly a fishing trip or two for some of the men.

The third facet of the program is "skid row". Given the time limitation of the summer we plan to document existing services, gaps duplications in those services that either the Christian Resource Centre or the coalitions to end "skid row" can use.

The project also plans to have a small outreach program in order to keep in contact with the men on the street.

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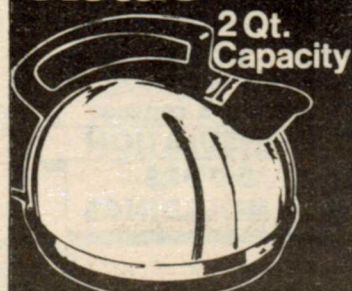
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A trip in history down the Don River

The Don River has seen many changes since the earliest days of settlement in the area that is now known as Ward Seven.

In the earliest days, it was an important transportation route for people and goods going to and from the "Don Mills". At the southern end, it spread through a marshy swamp that surrounded two dirty channels leading into the Bay.

Its lower reaches were low-lying, flats, and attempts were made to reclaim the land for agriculture pur-

poses. Parts of the high banks were cut down and used to fill in the muddy ground but the effort proved futile and was abandoned.

The first bridge built across the Don was at Winchester Street, and was known as Scadding's Bridge, although there had been a so-called Playter's Bridge at the ford further north previous to it.

The ground on either side of the river in what is now Riverdale Park, was generally covered with water. The reclamation of that land took much labour - chiefly by the prisoners of the Don Jail at the top of the hill on the east side.

Winchester Street hill and "Half Mile Hill" were natural trails leading into the valley and it is only the recent building of roads and railways that cut off that access.

The Winchester Hill owes its origin as a roadway to the fact that it was graded by Governor Simcoe, as a military road, leading to "Castle Frank" which was the name of his summer home. A modern high school now stands there and the surrounding natural beauty and view attests to its choice as a site. The Scadding Bridge at the foot of Winchester street was also the outcome of a need to have a passage across the river at that point.

In a book called, *Toronto of Old*, published in 1873, Rosedale Ravine is described as a valley with a real rivulet or creek running through it. This brook was absorbed into a brick sewer, now running under the roadway and carries waste water from the Yonge-Yorkville area.

The valley north from Winchester Bridge was, in earlier days, a truly beautiful sight, particularly in the spring of the year when wild fruit trees were in full bloom. The valley was also the haunt of wild animals; wolf, bear and deer being plentiful.

Immediately under the present Viaduct was the "Old Swimming Hole" at "Sandy Banks" or "High Bluff" where local boys learned to swim. The Don River itself was not considered a safe bathing place because of many "holes" in the bottom of the river.

At this point, on either side of the valley, were the farms of the Playters, father and son. Captain George Playter was granted the property to the west and to his son, Captain John Playter was granted the area to the east and north of what is now known as Bloor-Danforth.

An early description of the area had this to say, "Immediately beyond Castle Frank Woods, where now is the property known as Drumsnab, came the estate of Capt.



"Sugar Loaf Mountain" or "Sandy Hill" as it is today. Much of it still a natural wilderness area, with nature trails, wild strawberries and a fantastic view of the Don River valley.

George Playter, and directly across on the opposite side of the river, that of his son, Capt. John Playter, both immigrants from Pennsylvania and United Empire Loyalists.

"Just below Drumsnab, on the west side of the river, was, and set down as it were, in the midst of the valley, was, and still is, a singular mound in the shape of a glass shade over a French clock, known in the neighbourhood as The Sugar Loaf."

As late as the early 1960's, Regent Park boys, barely into their teens, still referred to that point as "Sugar Loaf Mountain" or "Sandy Hill".

And no one ever expected the high hills on both sides of the Don to be bridged. "In the shadow thrown eastward from the "Sugar Loaf", there was a "Ford" in the Don, a favourite bathing place for boys, with a clean, gravelly bottom, and a current somewhat swift.

"That ford was just in line of an allowance for a concession road, which from the precipitous character of the hills on both sides, has been of late years, closed by an Act of Parliament."

The road was closed for all time on the grounds that it was impossible to bridge and the writer of that time regretted it as it "would form a convenient means of communication between Chester and Yorkville."

Little did that early writer know

that the valley would be bridged - by the finest structure in Toronto. And it would not only link the hamlets of Chester and Yorkville but form part of Toronto's finest cross street.

The foot of Winchester street was also the end of navigation on the Don and cargoes of grain for the grist mill were off-loaded here to be taken the balance of the way up river by ox cart. Downstream cargoes were also loaded onto boats there and taken to the bay at the foot of Caroline street (now Sherbourne street).

One story tells of a man who built a wonderful pine log canoe, from two huge logs, hollowed out and dovetailed together. In this, heavy cargoes were transported down the Don to the city wharves.

It was said to be capable of carrying 22 barrels at a time and that it frequently carried such a load from Helliwell Brewery at the "Mills".

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(NOTE: Much of the information for this article came from material on display at the Danforth Library (Pape and Danforth) called, "History of the Danforth Area".)



This photo was taken from the top of "Sugar Loaf Mountain" or "Sandy Hill" and looks due west, across the Rosedale Valley Ravine and St. James Cemetery.

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Queen's Park Report

Rent review board but no rent controls

by MARGARET CAMPBELL, Q.C.
MPP for St. George

In the Riding of St. George there are many apartment dwellers and I have taken the position that there must be established a Landlord and Tenant Review Board.

It should have teeth and be able to summon before it a landlord who wishes to increase rents and that increase must be justified.

Secondly, that Board must have the ability to make an order — giving security of tenancy to the tenant. At the same time, a landlord must have the right to evict a tenant who refuses to pay rent or is guilty of willful damage to the property. There is no doubt that the present system works inequities against the landlord.

In many instances he is forced to retain for a considerable period of time people who are not prepared to co-operate. Some tenants' associations feel that a tenant should be removed by a landlord if that tenant is creating problems for the other tenants.

I have given a great deal of thought to this and I am of the opinion that this right could be seriously abused. If tenants are of the opinion that a tenant is causing serious disruption to others then the matter should go before the tribunal. Surely it is still a maxim of our system of law that a person should have the opportunity to face his or her accusers.

I do not support rent controls or a rent freeze because, in our system, it means that this would discourage the provision of new accommodation. I am of the opinion that we cannot attack the spiralling cost of housing alone. Controls have not proved effective in the United States and their inflationary rate under controls doubled.

This is an obvious result since the only time when inflation occurs is when there are more and more people making increased demands for food, clothing, housing or anything else and the market is unable to supply the demand.

If the Davis Government were to put its money into overservicing of vacant land then the cost of land would drop. The land that is serviced, however, should not be prime agricultural land.

Once again, we see a Government which has thrown up its hands in despair at trying to resolve the housing problem. Instead it is going merrily on its way by providing new schemes to catch the eyes of the public. You have to judge the priorities.

I am also convinced Ontario is reaching a stage of homelessness, with up to 400,000 people unable to finance homes that are adequate at prices they can afford to pay. We are approaching the time when it is possible that 80 per cent of the population will find it impossible to either buy or rent housing at prices they can afford. This ought to be one of the major items on the agenda of government.

In order to reflect the anxiety of the population at the speed with which land in Ontario is being purchased by foreign investors, the Government brought in a Bill to increase the land transfer tax to those who are non-residents of Canada. This Bill is full of loopholes.

The Government replies that there is a case before the Courts testing legislation in the Maritimes to give effect to this policy. However, there is no doubt that a formula can be evolved which would effectively curtail such purchases. It is my impression that the Government is not too concerned about this problem.

Secondly, they have introduced a Bill to tax heavily the speculator who purchases land, does nothing

with it and then proceeds to sell it for profit. With this philosophy I am in accord.

The difficulty, of course, is that the Government itself is one of the worst speculators in the business. Recently in Sudbury a Member of the Federal Government Caucus stated that Ontario Housing had purchased land in the Sudbury area. Alderman Murray Davidson of Sudbury, who is on their Planning Board, stated that this was the first he had heard of such a purchase.

When the Government purchases it is like any other speculator; it allows the land to lie fallow. Not only do we not achieve housing, but agricultural land is taken out of production, thus increasing the cost of food.

To make the system work we must fight inflation by increasing production. Yet the Government is

doing all in its power to nullify this proposal. In fact, it has instituted policies which underpin the skyrocketing market prices.

In the Malvern area the Government bought land some years ago. One parcel was purchased at \$800 an acre and another at something over \$1000 an acre. It costs, as far as I can ascertain, about \$25,000 to service and yet, recently, the Government sold the land at present market prices.

In any event, it could be overcome by insisting that the Government retain ownership of land and simply rent it at least until passed over to the ultimate home occupier.

The Liberal Caucus at Queen's Park have recommended the removal of both Federal and Provincial sales tax on residential building materials.



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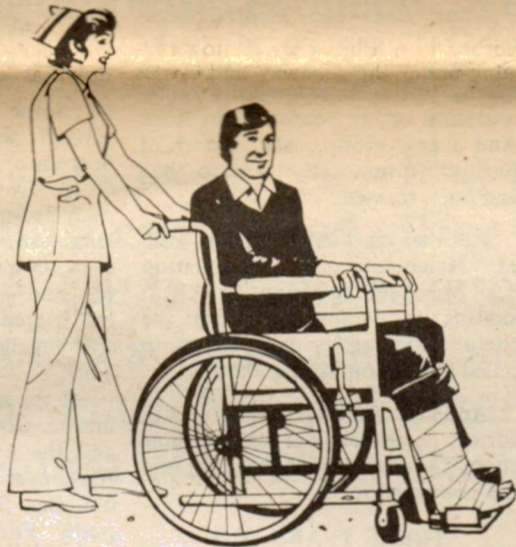
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FOUR YEARS AGO

The first issue of SEVEN NEWS was four pages, four columns to a page, two pictures on the front and two on the back, had three advertisements by businesses, contained two by-lines (Vern Burnett and John Whitelaw) and had a letter by Mayor William Dennison.

The lead story was a minor "scoop" about a non-event outside the Ward. At a public meeting on the Waterfront (Harbour City) at Town Hall, one of the panelists failed to appear. He was discovered and photographed by SEVEN NEWS - hiding in the audience.

Don Vale was being threatened by Housing Inspectors. Trefann was charging that the City was trying to destroy it. And South St. Jamestown was being threatened by Meridian Corporation.

Four years ago, roomers were about to be studied by the Christian Resource Centre and a California Farm Worker was urging that we continue to boycott grapes.

Four years ago, Central Neighbourhood House was under fire by elements of the community for not having sufficient community representation on its Board of Directors. And a new group, called South of Carlton Community Action had just been formed.

Another new organization, called Neighbourhood Information Post was seeking volunteers. Also looking for volunteers from the community was another new group called Operation Springboard.

And in another letter to the editor, a reader was complaining about the high postal rate (6¢) and the poor mail service.

THREE YEARS AGO

The issue of June 11, 1971 was four pages, five columns wide, had one picture, 10 business ads and two half-page ads from local agencies. There were five by-lines, including an article by Alderman Karl Jaffary outlining the effect he had sitting in "opposition" at City Hall.

The two "lead" stories were about problems with a medical centre in Riverdale and tenant problems in Don Mount. Also fea-

tured was an article about a 50-car parking lot to be built at the corner of Aberdeen and Parliament.

Joe Ganny was writing a Sports Column for SEVEN NEWS and the rest of the paper was devoted to stories about successful programs at Park school, Duke of York, the Parliament Library and Woodgreen Community Centre.

SEVEN NEWS had just obtained office space in the Don Vale Community Centre and was looking for donations of office furniture. It was also holding a fundraising drive. . . .

Of real interest was the statement: "If all the copies of one issue of SEVEN NEWS were laid end to end they would stretch 28,333 feet or five and a quarter miles!"

TWO YEARS AGO

The issue of June 9, 1972 was eight pages and in format and layout looks much like it does today. There were three pictures, two columns and an appreciable amount of advertising.

Front page stories dealt with efforts by people south of Carlton to get better lighting for their area, a try at getting a Working Committee going in South St. Jamestown and a move by Riverdale residents to get more participation by the community on the Board of Directors of Woodgreen Community Centre.

There was another story on "Operation Springboard" and a follow-

up story on the problems caused by prostitution in the area.

The South of Carlton area was just in the process of developing a Working Committee to come up with a Park II planning study. Riverdale was seeking better living standards, and a number of Ward Seven residents were planning to participate in an anti-poverty march on Queen's Park.

Feature of the issue was a nostalgic picture story about a store called Danforth Sweets. Another standout item was a law column on the Power of the Police:

ONE YEAR AGO

On June 9, 1973, the paper was four pages in size with over half of it taken up by advertising. There was one picture, only nine major stories, a poem and almost all the news was compressed into almost half a page of News Round-up.

The big story of the issue was the imposition, by the City, of a 45-foot height limit - on the south of Carlton area. And a spokesman for LIP said it was all over. . . .

Ontario Housing Corporation was under fire from both Regent Park and south of Carlton and both information centres and legal aid clinics were flourishing all over the ward and both local boxing and softball were BIG.

It wasn't a vintage issue.

New use found for paper

by CONNIE MCKAY

Ever wonder what to do with SEVEN NEWS after you have read it? Some people use it to wrap garbage, wrap gifts or put it on the bottom of a bird cage or cat's box.

However, SEVEN NEWS can be re-cycled into puppet's heads, vases, lampshades, paper weights, and even sculpture. Papier maché is simple, and safe enough to give children a free hand in creating while still challenging enough for an adult.

There are two methods of papier maché. One is used to cover a shape and the other to make the shape. Whichever method you decide to use the first step is making the paste. For this you will need a mixing bowl with the amount of cold water you need. Add the paste powder, purchased inexpensively at the local hardware store, stirring in small amounts until you have the right consistency - not too thin or thick.

Now that the paste is mixed, tear the newspaper into pieces or strips a few inches across and lay them in a flat bowl or an old cake pan to soak. If you are the kind of person liable to cover themselves with this sticky mixture, now is the

time to put on your oldest clothes, roll your sleeves up and maybe put on an apron.

Lay the pieces or strips on the area you are covering, overlapping them slightly and press them down firmly. When you have covered the whole surface, leave it until it has dried for better results, and repeat this step with each layer.

For the next layer you can use the newsprint again or shred paper towelling. Some people prefer this as the change in paper will show up any areas you may have missed.

Continue pasting until you have five or six layers, more for a large shape (an extra layer of muslin or cheese cloth will strengthen it further).

For the final layer you may wish to use tissue paper to give it a smoother finish. When the form is dry, and this may take a week, then you can decorate it with water colour or acrylic paint. A coat of varnish or shellac may be used to protect and seal the finished work.

For sculpting, tear the newspaper into small fragments and soak them in a bucket of water for a minimum of two days, or boil the paper for several hours to break it down. Make sure it is to the consistency of mush by working it with your hands, and finally, squeeze out as much water as possible.

Add this to the paste and mix it thoroughly with your hands. To make it model better you can add a little builders' plaster, and when the stuff squishing through your fingers is neither too stiff or sloppy you can make your sculpture.

If you don't finish in one day keep it covered in plastic, and you may find that you will have to add a little thin paste to get it back to the right working condition.

Most people will have the materials and necessary implements to do their papier maché. But one word of warning before you start tearing up this issue of SEVEN NEWS.

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There is a movement now referred to as building recycling, born of high costs and the energy crisis, that has far more pragmatic than sentimental base. It deals only incidentally with landmarks. Good old buildings of any kind are being looked at as an untapped resource. They often represent materials, techniques and styles that will never be seen again.

There has been the spontaneous recycling of brownstone neighborhoods in New York, for example; and a remodeled office building successfully houses the City University Graduate Centre. Nineteenth-century warehouses are now distinctive shopping complexes in Washington and San Francisco. Firehouses and armories have become churches and commercial facilities with economy and character. In the housing field, rehabilitation through urban homesteading is a noteworthy trend.

The simple, rational premise involved is that at a time of rising costs and increasing scarcities, a lot of money, trouble and material can be saved by remodeling or adapting sound old structures for new uses. Not infrequently, the savings are in money. But something is also saved of the substance and spirit of the community. With greater understanding of the environment, this is not considered the optional luxury it once was.

When nothing was in short supply except sensitivity, it was easier to bulldoze than to rehabilitate. The fault has been in the common conceit that the architect or builder should start from scratch. This proposition has produced a suprisingly second-rate landscape. Conversion as a viable alternative to new construction may be the best idea since cities.

John Fabry Jr., president

Park School project releases 'proposals'

by ALLAN POMFRET

(Note: Allan Pomfret was hired by the Park School Community Council to conduct a statistical research analysis of the Donner Project at Park School. Following is a resume of his findings. Copies of the complete report can be obtained free from Park School.)

As originally conceived, Park School's "Proposal to the Donner Canadian Foundation" represents one of the most ambitious bids yet made by school officials to navigate between the Scylla and Charybdis of inner city schools: school-community relations and student academic achievement, especially in basic skills. The basic strategy involved first reducing the psychological distance between the school and the community and then using the newly created sense of community to develop a set of school programmes, especially in the area of curriculum, which would deal effectively with the unusually low pupil performance scores. The key to the whole plan, the means by which the strategy was to be implemented, was the addition of sixteen paid, full-time, community based parent partners. Each parent would be paired and expected to work collaboratively with a classroom teacher in what was called a parent-teacher learning team.

Page 11 of the Proposal contains the following elaboration of the concept of the parent partner role.

For many years school systems have used parents and other adults as teacher aides. Toronto schools, too, employ lay assistants, and encourage volunteers in the classroom. However, there is a major difference between the use of adults in auxiliary or subordinate roles and the plan envisioned by the Park School-Community Council. Typically, parents have assisted teachers in some on-going programme which was already prescribed by the teacher and the school. At Park parents, teachers and the other community people will be working together as partners on programmes and policies that are uniquely designed to meet the needs of their particular children, school and community.

By December 1971 the Canadian Donner Foundation and the Toronto Board of Education had agreed to jointly sponsor the programme for a two year trial period.

For reasons discussed at length in the final report, the parent partner role was not implemented at Park. Instead, a parent side role developed. This role, however, did not restrict parents to clerical, technical, and house-keeping activities. Parents became heavily involved in instructional activities in the classroom. While teachers set the pace of the classroom and retained responsibility for discipline and teaching, that is, the introduction of new concepts and materials, parents devoted a considerable proportion of their time to working with individuals and groups with the intent of reinforcing the teacher's lessons.

Failure to Implement

In the report, the failure to implement the parent partner role is partially attributed to the way those who planned the role and gained financial backing for it went about trying to implement it. It appears that there was no attempt made to actually implement the role. However, there are aspects of the partner role which render plausible the argument that, had an attempt been made to implement it, not only would the attempt

have failed but it could have easily resulted in a number of developments which would have cancelled the positive aspects of the aide role which eventually emerged. These issues are addressed at length in the report and need not concern us longer here.

In failing to implement the parent partner role as planned, Park exhibited a characteristic common to most attempts at planned change in schools. It seems that one almost never ends up with what one starts out to get. At best, one usually ends up in a situation which bears a remarkable, if depressing, similarity to the situation which was supposedly left behind.

Frequently, one ends up in a situation which appears even worse than the situation the change was supposedly intended to improve. At Park, however, notwithstanding the failure to implement the partner role, most, but by no means all of the programme's participants felt that the aide programme had resulted in a distinct improvement in the living and learning conditions in the classroom, for themselves and others. The remainder of this summary deals with the consequences of the parent aide programme.

Eight parents started working in Park's classrooms early in 1972. Another eight began the following September. Generally, each parent was paired with one teacher, although sometimes a parent's time would be divided between two teachers. Not all the parents were put in classrooms. One worked in the gym, another in the library, and a third in the guidance office. The parents worked almost exclusively with teachers in the primary and junior grades JK-6.

Fourteen Women

Fourteen of the original 16 parents were women. All had children attending Park. Many had quit part and full time jobs in order to become aids. Many had some previous experiences related to being an aide, experiences which included involvement in Sunday and nursery schools and Park's pre-Donner volunteer aide programme. A few had elementary level schooling, most had some secondary level schooling, although only a few had completed high school.

After a two week training session, parents were paired with teachers who had volunteered to work with them. In some cases, the teacher and parent had known each other for some time. The parent usually spent the first few weeks in the classroom working with individual students or doing some of the clerical and housekeeping tasks. Small group work came next, with the expectation that the parent would become involved in more areas of the curriculum.

Prior to working together, both parents and teachers were apprehensive about what might develop. However, very few of these fears materialized and the ones that did were easily handled. A number of unanticipated problems did arise, again causing only minor irritations. Only one parent-teacher team experienced difficulties severe enough to warrant dissolving the team and eventually dismissing the parent.

Students reacted in a variety of ways to the parents. Some students accepted the parent almost immediately, while others, at first, held back. In some classrooms, one or both team members felt that students viewed parents much differently than they did teachers. Students would tend to go to the parent when hurt, physically or emotionally. In other classrooms, the team members did not perceive students making such a distinction.

Teachers Experiment

The parents' presence encouraged teachers to experiment with different instructional formats (e.g. individual instruction, various groupings) and teaching styles. Students, teachers felt, were learning the work more effectively than before the parents came. Furthermore, teachers found they could introduce more new material. Teachers felt they finally had sufficient time to plan and organize new units of work. Although many teachers experienced an increase in their work load, they found themselves devoting an increased proportion of it to instructing students, an emphasis which they welcomed.

Concomitant with the increased emphasis upon academic work was the decrease in the amount of time teachers felt they were spending on discipline. Teachers sensed a more relaxed classroom atmosphere. Students seemed to be working harder, to be more involved in what they were doing. When disruptions did occur the class could continue, while one of the team members, usually the teacher, handled the problem. For this reason disruptions became less of a drain on the teacher as well as the class.

Parents did affect teachers' perceptions of parents. As the programme continued to operate, teachers pre-programme reservations about parental intervention in the classroom not only disappeared, but often became positive support. Teachers found they could trust parents, they could give and receive confidences. Parents were not hostile, aggressive, and full of unfair criticisms, always ready to challenge the teacher's authority. Parents seemed supportive and to share concerns similar to the teachers'.

Parents Affected

The parents were also affected by their involvement in the programme. Many felt they understood children better, their own as well as others. Certainly, their empathy for the children's difficulties at school increased. School was hard. Their children were trying. A few parents began helping their children at home.

Parents found their relationships with teachers rewarding. Although most had positive attitudes toward teachers before entering the programme, some did not. However, they quickly changed. They felt teachers were doing their best under very difficult constraints. Furthermore, teachers came to be seen as supportive of parents rather than as a hostile group who looked down in disdain upon parents. Many parents found their personal and professional relationships with teachers to be one of the most satisfying aspects of the programme.

For many parents, school became a less mystifying and alien place. Teaching practices and administrative procedures which at one time had appeared incomprehensible and wrong became, in the parents' eyes, understandable and justifiable. The sense of exclusion from schools experienced previously by parents came to be attributed by them to their own untightness rather than the attitudes and policies of school officials.

Highly Satisfying

Finally, both parents and teachers found the program to be highly satisfying. Teachers could experiment with new approaches and concentrate upon teaching tasks, factors which tended to lessen the boredom resulting from too much classroom routine. The loneliness and isolation of classroom life was also reduced for teachers as they found in parents other interested adults to share concerns with. Parents expressed their satisfaction with being able to participate in a useful and respected activity, at constantly discovering new things about themselves and others.

Notwithstanding these similarities, there were many differences and a number of problems. The distinction between teachers and parents was clear, the parent reinforced what the teacher taught. The teacher set the tone and pace of the classroom.

Some teachers and parents noted that certain types of students tended to benefit more than others from the programme. The high achievers, those already most advanced academically, seemed to gain the most, seemed to be learning the most, leaving the bottom

students even further behind. A similar inference could also be made from the data on reading scores.

Although the programme tended to reduce the psychological distance between the parent and teacher in each learning team, it also seemed to separate the aides from certain segments of the community. For example, Park's own parent volunteer programme and the volunteer programme of one other school in the area stopped functioning in part because of the paid aide programme. Other parents were not willing to do free what Park's aides were getting paid for doing.

Perhaps the most noticeable and frequent indicator of the split between the aides and certain segments of the community, in this case the community activists who were parents with an anti-school orientation, were the meetings of the Park School-Community Council. The aides almost invariably sided with the administration and against the parent activists. One teacher commented that the aides often seemed more pro-administration than the teachers who attended the Council meetings.

Visible Impact

The programme's most immediate and visible impact was upon the teachers and parents in the learning teams, and for this reason they

History of Donner Project

by GREG CABLE

(NOTE: Following is the concluding section of an account of the events that took place at Park School during the Donner Project. The complete historical recording of events was tabulated in two booklets; "Parents and Projects at Park School" and "The Donner Project". Both are written by Greg Cable and free copies are available from Park School.)

As the Donner project ended, people in the school began evaluating the success of the project in their own minds and also began wondering what the departure of the parents would mean to the school in the future.

There were two schools of thought as to how the project's success should be measured. One compared the process which took place in the school with a strict reading of the proposal's aims, and concluded that any resemblance between the two was "purely coincidental". The other looked at what actually occurred during the life of the project, compared the quality of life in the school, before and after, and concluded that the project had been very successful indeed. These two schools of thought did not have different partisans - to a great extent they co-existed, and not uncomfortably, within the same mind.

The "Strict" Interpretation

The strict school did not deny that progress was made on realizing many of the specific goals of the proposals, it simply focused on one particular statement:

There is a major difference between (the) use of adults in auxiliary or subordinate roles and the plan envisioned by the Park School-Community Council. Typically, parents have assisted teachers in some on-going programme which was already prescribed by the teacher and the school. At Park, parents, teachers, and other community people will be working together as partners on programmes and policies that are uniquely designed to meet the needs of their particular children, school and community.

and measured success by the degree to which equality was achieved in the parent-teacher relationship and by the degree to which there was an effect on curriculum.

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have been given considerable exposure in this abstract. For teachers, at least, living and learning in the classroom had improved. This observation also seems to apply to some students, although it was impossible to estimate how many. For parents, their lives took on her meaning, had become more interesting, and their view of themselves more positive. There were, of course, exceptions. Again, it was impossible to determine how many. However, some, and in many instances most, teachers and parents reacted to the programme in the manner delineated above.

During April and May 1972, through the means of a survey, information was collected on 136 community households with children attending Park. This is approximately 20 per cent of the households. The survey was by no means random, hence its representivity is highly problematic. There is reason to believe that it is biased in favour of school supporters. This very distinct possibility should be kept in mind when interpreting the results.

The survey indicated that the aides had little direct contact with other parents in the community. Most respondents indicated they were aware of the parent aides working in the classroom and that they supported the programme. However, very few respondents had talked to the parents. About one in five respondents indicated they had become more

It was recognized, however, that there were a number of factors which influenced the non-realization of the status of factors which influenced the non-realization of the status of equality and of a reshaping of the curriculum. One major factor was the manner in which the proposal was written. The author, a researcher with the Task Force, worked closely with school and community people in drafting the proposal, and, in first-draft form, it reflected the insights, expectations and assumptions of those people. After the draft had been circulated among a number of educators, a number of major changes were made not only in the concepts and procedures proposed, but also in the assumptions underlying them. (The relative influence of home and school factors on the learning process, for example). These changes were then "explained" to, and consequently approved by the people at the school.

The result was that there were different expectations about what the project's basic purpose was and about how it would work. The proposal expected both the school curriculum and the home life in the neighbourhood to be changed; academic improvement would be the pay-off. Most teachers felt the goals of the program were to improve reading levels and to break down the institutional barriers between the school and community, and saw the parent's role as being one of reinforcing the concepts taught, of assisting with housekeeping chores and of providing insights into community life.

The parents who eventually worked in the project also felt the goal of the program to be an improvement of reading skills and saw their role as "an extra pair of hands" for the teacher. They did not expect to drastically reshape the curriculum, nor did they have the confidence to attempt to do so. They also did not see themselves as delegates from the community; they were there to help the teacher. (The impetus for drastic change came from the council, and its most vocal members did not apply.)

These expectations were present as the project began. As it progressed, and both teacher and parent felt more comfortable in each other's presence, the line between the teachers' and parents' responsibilities and activities became more blurred. Another factor, then, was that of time. Many in the program felt that if the project could continue for just one more year the teacher-parent relationship would have solidified on a much more "equal" basis and both teacher and parent would have had enough confidence to become more actively involved with the community.

Another factor was that of leadership. Some felt that if a group of individuals had been selected earlier on in the project and had been given enough time to closely study the proposal's aims and enough authority to orchestrate its many aspects, greater progress would have been made toward realizing stated goals.

supportive of the school as a result of the parents being in the classrooms.

However, few could perceive any differences between Park and other schools without aides attended by their children, in terms of the amount of information they had about the school, the extent to which they felt the school welcomed their visits, and the adequacy of the schooling received by students. The parents, it seems, had a small, but positive, impact upon the community in terms of increasing the community's pro-school orientation.

Reading Improved

The results of the reading tests indicated that since the parents had started working in the school, not only had the downward trend in reading scores been stopped, it had been reversed. Given the nature of the data, it was difficult to determine the extent to which parents contributed to this development.

Further analysis of the data indicated, however, that the more advanced students, the higher achievers, tended to have greater gains than the lower achievers, thus increasing the distance between the groups. It should be noted that the Park data was very crude, thus necessitating a great deal of caution in interpreting it. This particular trend is noted, however, because it tends to conform to the findings of another study discussed in the

"Before and After"

Before the Donner project began, Park School was a powder-keg. Teachers had little contact with the community, pupil reading levels were low, the community was angry and estranged from the school. It was an explosive mixture, and most people involved in the project felt that any evaluation of its success must look at how that mixture changed.

The teachers' views of and relationships with the community certainly changed. Many reported that they were far more aware of what the community was like, that they could notice the "little things" that affected the children's attitudes, behaviour and learning. Many also reported that they were far less timid about calling parents by phone or dropping in at the home to discuss a pupil's progress, and that this had been reciprocated — that parents would telephone the teacher far more readily to discuss school work or to inform the teacher of any family incident which might upset the child. In every way, teachers' relationships with parents became more pleasant and relaxed.

In some cases, the teachers' view of themselves as teachers also changed. One reported that she felt less like a referee and more like a teacher with the parent in the room; another that since the two hours of work per night could be spent planning rather than marking, her professional expertise had been sharpened.

With a few exceptions, most of the parents who worked in the project did not have a particularly hostile attitude toward the school before becoming parent-aides. Those who did have negative feelings reported that they had come to see the school, and particularly the teachers, in a brighter light; those who had positive attitudes previously reported that those attitudes had been reinforced and even strengthened. There was still some dissatisfaction expressed with regard to aspects of the school program, but in many cases parents became even less critical of the school than some of the teachers. This positive attitude spread beyond the parent-aides. More parents felt easier about coming into the school, particularly to talk to teachers at report card time. One teacher reported a 75 per cent response where there had been little response before.

More Self-confidence

The parent-aides also reported that their work in the school had given them more self-confidence, both as parents and as members of the community. They also became more understanding of their own children. One, who only had one child left in school, felt that if she had had the knowledge and experience gained from the project earlier, her older children would have gone much further with their education. One other gain for the parents consisted in new career possibilities — the great majority of them expressed a desire to continue working in the education field and

final report and to the impressions which some teachers and parents had concerning the impact of the programme.

Minimally, it suggests the need for future studies to be sensitive to it as a topic of investigation. If there is any validity in the claim, then programme planners may want to reconsider how best to use aides in the classroom. Current usages of parent aides, perhaps any type of aide, may increase rather than decrease inequality within the school. Aides, as currently used, may actually be helping those most who need help least.

The programme's most immediate and noticeable impact was upon the participants, the teachers and parents in the learning teams. Its weakest impact was upon the community. It did seem to have some impact upon student reading scores.

Success or Failure?

Was the programme a success or failure? In terms of implementing the parent partner role, in terms of curricula reforms and in terms of establishing a school-community liaison, the programme was a failure. Still, when examined from the perspective of the parents and teachers in the learning teams, given their personal and professional satisfaction with the programme, the admittedly limited but none-



were registered with the Board as "educational assistants".

As the interim report of the evaluation team stated, the downward trend of reading scores was stopped and slightly reversed over the first half of the project. Although this could not be attributed scientifically to the presence of parents in the classrooms, subjectively, teachers attributed much of the increase to the parents' presence. All teachers felt that their pupils had learned more because of a number of factors which resulted directly from the parent project. In their view, the children were much more relaxed, more confident of themselves and had a much better attitude toward learning. The teachers had more time to teach and were better able to give attention to individual pupils. Lessons were reinforced and mistakes were corrected the same day they were made. Consequently, many pupils gained more than a year in reading levels.

There were other indices which reflected an improved attitude towards the school — the accrual of misdemeanors (on a card system maintained in the office) was down, the suspension rate was reduced, glass breakage decreased and there was a sharp decline in the amount of graffiti on the portables. Whether these were attributable to the project or to some other factor is debatable.

In the school as a whole, most members of staff observed a marked change of atmosphere during the project. After bubbling over with antagonism and frustration, and seemingly lurching from crisis to crisis, the school became more relaxed, even friendly.

Looking at these effects of the parents' presence, everyone in the school, both teachers and parents, declared that the project was "definitely" and "emphatically" a success.

The Future

All the above is not to say that everything became perfect, that Park was suddenly

theless innovative shifts in instructional formats and teaching styles encouraged by the programme, the even more limited but again nonetheless positive shift in the community's pre-school orientation, and the slight reversal of the downward trend in reading scores, the programme appears to have been successful.

Perhaps, however, the major criteria determining the success or failure of any programme is the extent to which it is self-renewing. Can it sustain itself? Can it keep going? Can it change to meet new demands? Park's Donner Project will soon end. The money will soon be depleted. Most of the parents will leave. A few will remain as volunteers. In all probability, many of the changes resulting from the programme will not continue. Teachers will be forced to revert to their previous ways of running classrooms. The initial early gains in student reading scores will be erased. The school will come to look more like it did before the parents came. I do not know this for sure. Only the future will tell. But I suspect I am right.

The programme did demonstrate, however, that it is possible for a group of inner-city parents who did not have a great deal of formal schooling and who had been out of school for a long time to work satisfactorily with classroom teachers on a regular basis for an extended period of time.

transformed into the blooming rose of the community. There remained dissatisfaction and concern over academic achievement within both the school and community. What the project accomplished was the merging of school and community energies into constructive channels. And as the project ended, there was concern that those energies would be dissipated.

When asked what they thought would happen when the parents left, teachers who, self-admittedly, were spoiled by the program, replied only half-jokingly "chaos", "pandemonium", "half the teachers will have nervous breakdowns" and "I'll cry a lot". They worried that when they had to go back to teaching an entire class rather than small groups and individuals, when the amount of work taught had to be cut back, when new learning couldn't be reinforced immediately, and when upset pupils had to wait before being able to talk to a caring adult, the frustrations of both teacher and pupil would increase, with academic standards the casualty. As one teacher put it, "losing sixteen hard-working people has to hurt".

And with the fear that standards would fall, there was a fear that the community would again become angry, that the school would again become a closed unit and that the whole cycle would begin again.

There was also a hope, though, that parents would still come into the school both to volunteer and to visit; that teachers would continue to telephone and visit parents in their homes; that more opportunities for teacher-parent contact would be built into the school's routine; and that, perhaps, some new mechanism for school-community interaction would be created so that the remaining barriers between the two could be swept away at last.



No other political ambitions says trustee Gord Cressy

by GORD CRESSY
 Recently the editor of SEVEN NEWS asked me to write about my forthcoming plans in the Municipal elections.

For almost five years now, I have been a Trustee, representing Ward 7. That's a fair chunk of time out of my life.

Has the experience been worth it? It's hard to get a grip on the answer.

Worth it to whom? To the students; the constituents; the educators; to my family? To all these groups?

I sense the question should and must be answered in personal terms, for all of these groups have access to and influence on me.

I first ran on a platform to improve the quality and calibre of education for our young people.

My experience in working with the young and their families led me to believe that our education system was not delivering adequate service downtown.

Certainly the gap between parental expectation and student performance was often enormous.

The gap still exists, and, although I feel there have been significant gains in this area, the problem of student achievement remains.

The negative side of the School Trustee's job is that it's often tiring and frustrating.

Board of Education meetings stretch endless hours and debate is often repetitive.

The salary of \$3,600 a year is inadequate, especially in comparison to other political offices.

I find, because of time commitments at the Board, that I'm not as

active in local schools as I'd like.

The positive side is that I see the problems more clearly, so I'm more productive. My relationship with colleague Doug Barr has been exceptionally good. His commitment and competence impress me.

Together, we've done some solid work relating to downtown schools.

We've studied our vocational schools, helped plan Eastdale and re-emphasized the importance of the fundamental skills.

At home - Marsha and I have had two children during my term as a Trustee. Young Jennifer, in fact, starts at Winchester Street kindergarten in September.

As some of you may know, we were in a serious car accident a few months ago. Because of it, we have re-assessed our priorities. Family time has become more important and I tend to guard our weekends

more carefully.

As for other work, I now lecture part-time at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, in the Sociology Department.

This gives me the opportunity to teach teachers in a very practical way.

I split my time evenly between this position and my Trusteeship, although there's an inherent overlap in their natures anyway.

For four years, prior to teaching, I ran Opportunity House, which operates two group homes for teenagers in Ward 7.

I have looked seriously at other political offices and I have thought of leaving politics altogether.

At this point in my life and, after serious consideration, I have rejected both ideas.

I do know that I have no long-term political ambitions. My thinking and life-style don't conform to that picture.

It's clear to me that my interests and skills are still based in the area of Education.

My plan, then, would be to run again for School Trustee. I would run in Ward 7 because my roots are here. I would hope to develop with Doug Barr some sort of team approach to the campaign. But that idea will need to be considered and agreed to by campaign workers.

But, at a deeper level, I do know that our Board must renegotiate the relationship with the Metro School Board and the Ministry of Education, if the urban dream's to be reality.

I believe I am equal to the task.

This article has helped me clarify my thoughts. I'd be happy to hear your reactions - whether your views square with mine or not.

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Doug Barr to run again

by Doug Barr

SEVEN NEWS has asked me to do a personal piece regarding my future as a Ward 7 politician.

Unless something unforeseen occurs, I plan to run again for School Trustee in the upcoming December elections.

Children and their futures have been the focal points of my life up until now and this is where my commitment still stands.

During my first term, I have done a lot of learning as well as doing — finding out how the system works, who are the keys and what methods bring about what kind of change.

I'm at the point now of being able to do twice as much in half the time. It seems to make real sense for me to capitalize on my increased effectiveness as a Ward 7 representative and to follow through on many important projects begun in the last year and a half.

It has been a very full term. We started off with a major report on updating our vocational schools, the effects of which are still being felt throughout the system.

Still to be implemented are the new Eastdale (which opens in September) and the experimental downtown elementary school where learning will be based on working class culture.

As chairman of the Inner City Committee, I have been involved in helping to work out a new method of allocating money and staff to run the neediest schools.

Although the process is an extremely slow one, it now looks probable that a good number of Ward 7 schools will get significant staff and money increases next year.

These additions help tremendously in tackling the basic reading problems of many of our youngsters.

I've also been involved on a committee looking at innovative uses of vacant educational space.

This should have important implications for many inner city schools, now most severely affected by declining enrolments.

Getting the community involved in deciding what types of community services should be located in our local schools is an important advance.

Other areas taking up my time and interest include a work group studying the role of the School Social Worker and attempting to utilize these workers to bring about closer school-community relations.

We've been looking into alterna-

tives to suspensions, developing an experimental, voluntary summer school for kids from Grade 6 and 7, pressing for changes to report cards to make them understandable to parents, and urging the Board to hire more education assistants from local communities.

There has been much activity related specifically to Ward 7 schools but, as we've written about most of these in previous issues of SEVEN NEWS, I won't enumerate them.

The thing I most appreciated about our local schools is that both staff and parents seem to feel comfortable in using Gordon and me to help their causes along.

A word about my relationship with Gord Cressy:

In terms of other wards in the City, it's fair to say that Ward 7 is quite unique in that its Trustees work as a team.

This teamwork seems to stem from a common philosophy, a mutual respect and compatible working styles.

It has resulted in united representation for Ward 7 and the nucleus of an inner city caucus.

People have often asked me if I am enjoying my work as a Trustee. An honest answer would be, "Sometimes yes, sometimes no."

Change in the education world is very slow, especially when it's attitudes which need to be changed.

I happen to be a fairly fast-paced individual, so I have had to learn to live with this slowness.

I also like to excel at whatever I do, and I find that leading a double life between two jobs can be quite frustrating.

I am fortunate that my job with the Social Planning Council's Storefront Office is very compatible with being a Trustee.

But the fact remains that I suffer from being unable to actualize very high personal expectations because my time and energies are split.

This, however, remains a personal problem and until Trustee salaries are raised significantly, I will have to content myself with being somewhat schizophrenic.

On the balance, I must be enjoying the job. Few people are genuinely masochistic.

It certainly meets the need that confronted me daily in Regent Park, working with one of the larger systems which significantly affect the future hopes of young people.

That's why I wanted to be a Trustee, and that hasn't changed.



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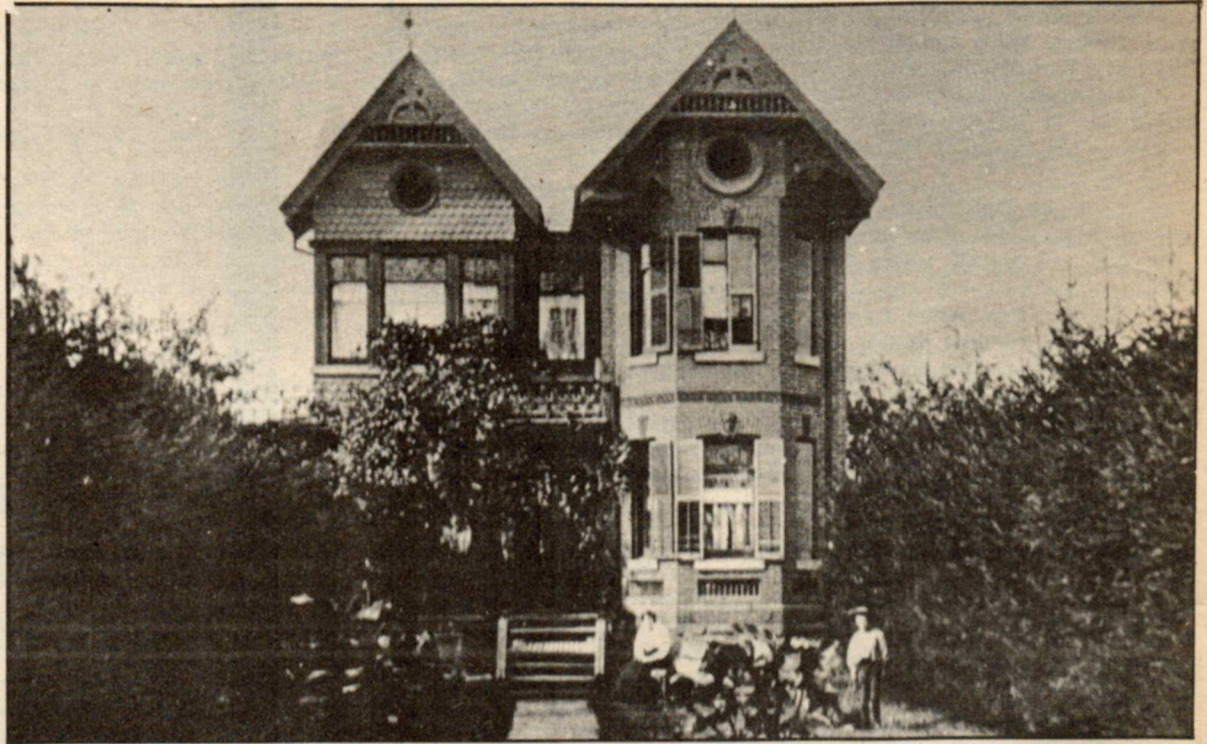
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Origin of local street names



PLAYTER FARM HOUSE, 28 Playter Crescent. Many of the streets in the Playter and North River-dale areas were named after members of the Playter Family who lived in the area in the early 1800's.

In 1796, Captain John Playter received a grant from the Government consisting of 220 acres north of the area which later became known as The Danforth.

The Playter family was very influential in the development of this area and as a result, five streets were named after the family or its members.

Ellerbeck — The Maiden name of Mrs. Richard Playter, of the same family that lived in homes on the present Playter Crescent and Jackman Avenue.

Hurndale — A name connected with the Playter family.

Jackman — This was the maiden name of Mrs. John Playter, whose home was on the corner of Danforth and Jackman.

Playter Cres. and Blvd. — Named after the Playter family who owned land and houses in the area.

Almost every other street in Ward Seven derives its name from some significant event or historical background. Following is a list of some of the streets and how they got their name.

Bain — Named after the family that owned the house at 14 Dingwall (east of Withrow Park) in 1869.

obtained from it. It was originally called Mill Lane up until 1884 when it was a wagon trail from Queen street to the Don Mills.

Browning — Named in honour of the poet: Elizabeth Barret Browning.

Butternut — Streets named after trees are quite common (Oak, Spruce, Elm, etc.) but this street was cut through an actual grove of Butternut trees that stood for many years at the rear of the Playter Farm.

Chester — This street was named after the district north of the Danforth, which many years ago was called Chester.

Bowden — This was named after J. B. Bowden, a contractor who lived in the area.

Broadview — This was named because of the broad view that was

Withrow — Named after John J. Withrow, of Withrow and Hillock, lumber dealers. He was an alderman from 1873 to 1878, a founder of the Canadian Nation Exhibition and its president from 1879 to 1900.

Danforth — Named after Asa Danforth, contractor for the construction of this road between York and the Bay of Quinte in the year 1799.

Gerrard — Named after a personal friend of Captain John McGill who was the Receiver-General for the area in the years 1813 to 1822.

Hogarth — Named after George Hogarth who resided at what is now number 66, and who owned considerable property in the area.

Ingham — Named after Joshua Ingham, alderman in 1887.

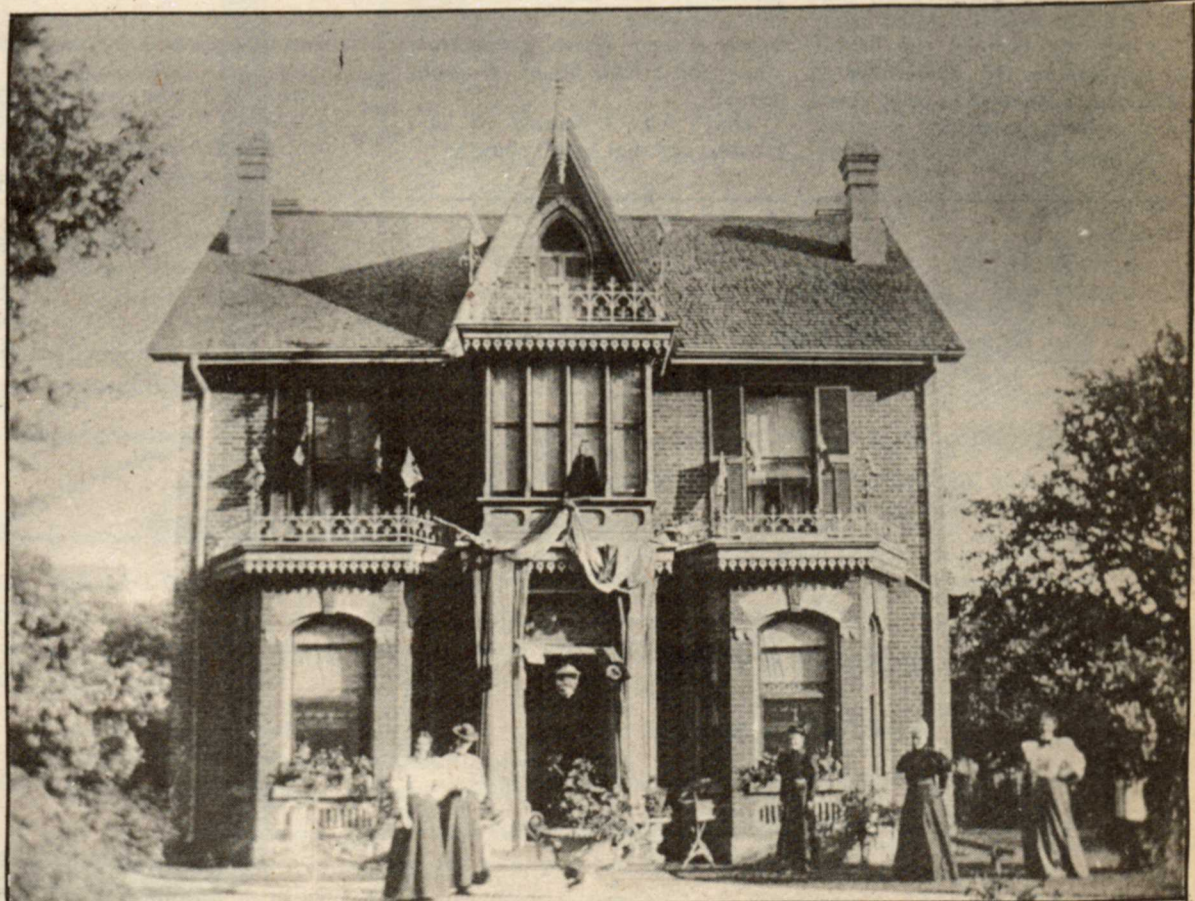
Langley — Named after Henry Langley, born 1836, an architect. It was previously called Guelph Avenue.

Logan — Named after the Logan family who were market gardeners in the area in the 1850's.

Riverdale named after the Don River.

Sparkhall — Named after C. Sparkhall who opened a butcher shop in the area in 1839.

(This material was collected from an exhibit at the Danforth Library (Pape and Danforth) called, "History of the Danforth Area".)



JUNE 22, 1897 — Jubilee Day at the Blong residence on the corner of Logan and Queen. Blong a local butcher. Also pictured is Mrs. N.K. Bain of 14 Dingwall, wearing a black dress and bonnet. Bain Avenue was named after this family.

HIGH-RISE LIVING
by K.P. Walsh

*The Halls are nicely lighted
There's carpets on the floor
But the only thing that drives me nuts
Is the Fire-bell near my door!*

*The elevators drive me mad
(Because they are so slow)
But the Fire Alarm is something else
'Cause the din just seems to grow!*

*It makes a blatant shrilly noise
Whenever it goes off
Its consistency is limitless
And shucks I've had enough!*

*It blocks my television sound
And sometimes radio
Now I can't hear what Mannix says
When Peggy calls out "Joel!"*

*Until they move it, but they won't
Perhaps I'll have a fit
If some drunk pinches it one night
I will not mind a bit!*

*It's really true!
and God created
Adam and Eve
and the disadvantaged
to prolong
the economic usefulness
of day-old
bread.*

— NORM CRAVEN

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*From my fourteenth floor
split-level three bedroom,
with two and a half bathrooms,
I watch the rain:
and the children ask
for a story:
"Daddy, tell us again
about when people lived
in houses?"*

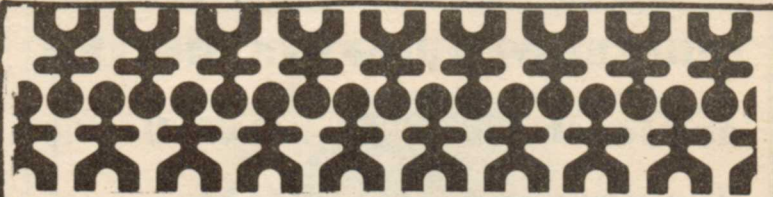
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Community Centre to hold festival

by BILL KELLY

Go for a Saturday stroll down Winchester Street in Don Vale on June 15.

At the corner of Metcalfe street, there will be tables garnished with warm weather salads, meats, and refreshing cold drinks while music floats above. There will also be tables scattered around displaying macrame and leather work and it can be just looked at or bought.

And you can also pick your favourite turtle in the Don Vale Stakes, or play Bingo with the family.

If you let yourself be attracted inside the Don Vale Community Centre, you will find that the whole building has been taken over by an exhibition of art, pottery and antiques.

There will be wine and cheese available to further sharpen your senses as you view the most ambitious community art show ever put

on in Ward Seven.

All the items on display are by top craftsmen, most of them local people and if you like an item you can probably buy it — knowing that a percentage of the price is going to the Community Centre Fund Drive.

If you're around at 4 p.m. you can sit in, and maybe bid at the antique auction which will mark the end of the Art Show.

Later in the evening, there will be a street concert and dance but if the noise gets to be too much for you, move inside to the community pub for a taste of cold beer and

cameraderie.

The Spring Festival starts at 10 a.m. on June 15 and runs until Midnight. Programs for all events and activities can be picked up at the Community Centre that day.

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Distributor of the week

by DAVID RUPPEL
Four months ago, Seven News was approached by five members of a local Venturer Company. They offered to assist the distribution of the paper in the Broadview-Danforth area.

It was only after reading a Toronto Star article on the Canadian Boy Scout movement, some weeks later, that I began to understand what they were all about.

I discovered that there's five groups in the Scouts, not two, as I had assumed.

There's the Beavers, aged five to seven; Wolf Cubs, aged eight to ten; Scouts, aged 11 to 14; Venture Scouts, aged 14 to 17; and Rovers, aged 17 to 23.

The five Venturers featured this week form the 187th Venturer Company, located in Riverdale. They are part of a Canada-wide organisation with over 10,000 members.

The 187th is a small company facing the same membership problems which plague the movement everywhere.

They can't recruit a full 15 membership, despite an exciting programme which includes



Pictured above from left to right are Jim McGee, David Frank, Steven Goring, Jim Geogeff, four of the five members of the 187th Venturer Company, and Seven News distributors on Dearbourne, Garnock, and Hogarth Avenues. Not shown - Larry Davis. photo: p. paterson

camping, hiking, cycling, wood-work and most team sports.

Recently the 187th won the Action Toronto Award, given to Greater Toronto area Scouting groups who complete a cross section of activities in one year.

One criterion for the award is community service.

The 187th are distributing

Seven News, delivering groceries in St. James Town, and doing odd jobs at St. Barnabas.

Any boys, aged 14 to 17, interested in joining the famous five of the 187th should contact Steven at 461-2212.

The Company meets every Monday at St. Barnabas Church, Danforth and Hampton.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 2

2 p.m. Central Neighbourhood House Parent's and Children Program roller skating, cooking, arts & crafts. Free
 2 p.m. Enoch Turner Schoolhouse (106 Trinity Street) open schoolhouse 1848, tour of 19th century schoolroom, slide presentation of Toronto circa 1840, display of early Canadian artists from the ROM. 50c
 6 p.m. Central Neighbourhood House adult drop-in every Sunday evening.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

4-5 p.m. Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St. E.) Sesame St. program for children 3-5 yrs. each Monday and Wednesday.
 7-9 p.m. Woodgreen Community Centre club groups meet Monday through Thursday, children 8-12.
 7-9:30 Woodgreen Community Centre Teen Drop-in Mon. through Thursday.
 7:30 Parliament St. Library House photography workshop. Free.
 7:30 Enoch Turner Schoolhouse (106 Trinity St.) craft seminars: spinning and macreme. \$3.50/seminar.
 7 p.m. Christian Resource Centre (297 Carlton St.) free sewing classes.
 7 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre - Diet Clinic.
 8 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre - Women's Exercise Class.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

4 p.m. Woodgreen Community Centre "fidgets", activities for 5-7 yr. olds.
 7-9:30 Central Neighbourhood House teep drop-in every Tuesday.
 7:30 Parliament Library House creative writing workshop. Free.
 8-10 p.m. Enoch Turner Schoolhouse lecture series: "Art of the Almanac Generation". Speaker: Helen Ignatieff, \$2.00.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

12:30 Don Vale Community Centre - Hot lunch - pay what you can!
 6:30 Woodgreen Community Centre registration for free legal assistance.
 7:30-9:30 Enoch Turner Schoolhouse craft seminars: quilting, rug hooking \$3.50/seminar.
 7:30 Neighbourhood Information Post free legal assistance.
 8 p.m. FODARA (249 Gerrard St. E.) general meeting, all welcome.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

4 p.m. Parliament St. Library films for children, free.
 7:30 Enoch Turner Schoolhouse craft seminars: spinning, chair caning. \$3.50/seminar.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

8 p.m. Parliament Library House Film Series: W.C. Fields free.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

2 p.m. Parliament Library House stories for children, free.
 2 p.m. Parliament Library House poetry and rap, free.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

11 a.m. Enoch Turner Schoolhouse antique show and sale, 50 cents admission.
 2 p.m. Enoch Turner Schoolhouse open schoolhouse 1848, tour, demonstration of Canadian handicrafts, slide presentation. 50 cents.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

7 p.m. Christian Resource Centre (297 Carlton St.) free sewing classes.
 7:30 Parliament St. Library House photography workshop.
 7:30 Enoch Turner Schoolhouse craft seminars; quilting, rug hooking. \$3.50/seminar.
 7:30 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre - Course on landlord and tenant law sponsored by the Toronto Community Law School. Runs every nite till Thurs. June 13th - for more info phone 928-6494.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

4 p.m. Parliament St. Library House art for children, free.
 7:30 Parliament St. Library House creative writing workshop, free.
 8 p.m. Enoch Turner Schoolhouse Tuesday lecture series: "Medicine circa 1848" Dr. John Scott, \$2.00.
 2:30 Seaton House (325 George St.) meeting for people working with new migrants to Toronto.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

6:30 Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St. E.) free legal clinic.
 7:30 Neighbourhood Information Post (265 Gerrard St. E.) free legal clinic. Students from U. of T. law school.
 7:30 Enoch Turner Schoolhouse craft seminars: spinning, decoupage \$3.50/seminar.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

11 a.m. Parliament Library House Youth Workers workshop.
 4 p.m. Parliament St. Library films for children, free.
 6:30 - Recreational Softball for anyone over 14 yrs. Meet at the bottom of hill at Riverdale Park West.
 8 p.m. Enoch Turner Schoolhouse craft seminars: quilting, crewel \$3.50.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

8 p.m.-1 a.m. Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St. E.) Father's Day Dance, live entertainment, cash bar. 75 cents advance, \$1.00 at the door.
 8 p.m. Parliament St. Library House Film series: Laurel & Hardy, free.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

All Day, Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) Spring Festival.
 10 a.m. Regent Park United Church (40 Oak St.) congregational picnic, buses & cars leave the church at 10 a.m. for Friendly Acres in the Caledonian Hills. Tickets \$2.00, 75 cents for children.

(This space paid for by the Office on Community Consultation, Ont.)

Cabbagetown boxers take on Irish team

by PETER WYLIE

Cabbagetown boxers have just recently participated in their first international affair involving fighters from outside North America.

The Irish National team visited Toronto on May 13 at the George Bell Arena. Cabbagetown was proud to have three fighters, the most from any club in Ontario there to represent Ontario.

Although all three fighters lost out they showed tremendous promise and in the words of Mr. Willie Berne the Irish coach, they gave us the toughest time in any of the bouts.

The three fighters involved were; Mike killer Scott 126 lbs who fought a seasoned international performer in Kenny Bruce from Enniskillen Ireland. Scott forced the fight all the way and won the battle on the inside but lost the war in the boxing on the outside and at long range. Scott came out unmarked and said he learned a lot against this kind of competition.

Gentleman Jim Bland at 132 lbs lost a close split decision to Bob Redmond from Clonmel Ireland. Bland seemed a bit off and it was felt due to his fight with the Ontario Champ some three days prior.

The third Cabbagetowner was lightweight Mike Doyle (175 lbs) who on all score cards was miles ahead of Greg Heraty of Tourmakeadyn, Ireland. Doyle was disqualified by referee Al Tummon for a rabbit punch in the last stages of the third round. Off this fight Doyle has already been chosen to fight the Lightweight member of the touring German National team at the George Bell Arena, St. Clair Ave. W. and Runnymede St. on June 1st at 8:00 p.m.

The three above boxers from

Cabbagetown will likely represent the club and Ontario at this event. Come out and support them. Tickets are only three dollars and five at the door.

On the under card to the May 13th show at George Bell, Bobby Bland, 100 lbs, Cabbagetown, won a stunning win over Alex McNeil of Landsdowne A.C. Eddie Richard, Cabbagetown, 75 lbs, lost a very close split decision to Dan McNeil of Landsdowne.

CABBAGETOWNS NEXT CARD WILL BE ON MON. JUNE 10 at 8:30 p.m. at the gym which is located at Parliament and Winchester behind the brewers retail. Come out and support your favourite fighters.

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OFFICIALS BOYCOTT PUBLIC HEARING
by Vera Burnett
At the Town Hall in the St. Lawrence Centre, on May the sixth, the public discussion on the Waterfront, organized by the Ward Seven Cooperative, was boycotted by the officials of the Metropolitan Council. One wonders, since this waterfront development is supposed to be built on reclaimed land why this boycott occurred.

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The Don Mount Village Association wants to be a

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Watch for details of our solid Second Anniversary Bash in the next edition. Next deadline is June 23rd. You're invited to our open editorial meeting at 80 Winchester June 13th at 8 p.m.

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WE MADE IT
Happy birthday!
It's our second anniversary edition
by STAFF
They said it couldn't be done. But we made it. This is the Second Anniversary Edition of SEVEN NEWS. For two years now the Ward Seven area has had its own newspaper.

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Local folk spurned by O.H.C.
The Ontario Housing Corporation has flatly turned down a request by the South of Carlton Working Committee to give local residents first choice as tenants for the new O.H.C. building at Sherbourne and Shuter streets.
In a letter dated May 24, 1973, Mr. Riggs, Acting Managing Director for O.H.C. said: "we would first of all want to hear from Metro and if they believe we should change our policy, then we would like to contact other groups, including persons on the waiting list regarding their views."
At a recent meeting of South of Carlton Community Action, Vera Ellsworth claimed that some people in the area are afraid to apply for low-cost O.H.C. accommodations for fear they'll be forced to move out of their neighbourhood.
At its last meeting, the Working Committee passed a motion asking O.H.C. to open a local rental office

Our paper begins its 4th year
With this issue SEVEN NEWS goes into its fourth year of publication and maintains its place as the oldest community-run newspaper in Toronto.
The paper is almost as old as Ward 7. The ward was created late in 1968 just before the municipal election; the paper began six months later, on May 29, 1970.
SEVEN NEWS is truly a community newspaper, a non-profit organization owned and operated by the residents of the ward. The columns of the paper are open to anyone who lives, works or worships in the ward.
SEVEN NEWS has largely done away with the role of the reporter. Every member of the ward is a "reporter" on his or her own experience. In this way, SEVEN NEWS has become an alternate kind of journalism to the third-person journalism of the commercial media.
Community involvement in the paper has grown steadily during the past three years. At present about