

# More problems for South St. Jamestown tenants

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

The problems in the South St. Jamestown area were supposedly solved as the result of the recent City-Meridian agreement on the redevelopment of the area.

In reality, the situation of the Meridian tenants in the area has grown almost hopeless.

Under the City-Meridian agreement, Meridian would build high-

rises on its vacant property, sell off some of its houses for private redevelopment and sell the remainder of its tenant-occupied houses to the city.

The present tenants and roomers in South St. Jamestown would be relocated by the City and Meridian offered some property it owned at Pembroke and Dundas to the City to house the displaced tenants from South St. Jamestown.

However, at a recent meeting held in the South of Carlton area,

the idea of housing displaced tenants from South St. Jamestown in the Pembroke-Dundas area was rejected. In fact the meeting even rejected its own guidelines as outlined in the Part Two Study for the area and the Skid Row study done on the area.

The following facts and decisions emerged from the meeting:

- The Meridian assembly at Pembroke and Sherbourne cannot be used for massive redevelopment unless some private properties are

expropriated.

- There should be no expropriation of private properties.

- The area should be mainly used to house families.

- There should be a degree of home ownership in any plan for that area.

The original City-Meridian plan called for housing 200 roomers and 70 low income families on the site. A more detailed planning report, presented to the meeting, suggested building 155 rooms and 120 apartments.

Both were rejected by the meeting.

Alderman John Sewell, who was present suggested that the City could buy large houses or hotels in the area to house roomers. However, he later admitted that the City had no further plans to purchase any more property in the South of

Carlton area. The suggestion also overlooks the fact that large houses and hotels in the area already house roomers and would be of no help in housing the displaced tenants from South St. Jamestown.

The second problem to hit South St. Jamestown tenants is a sudden, massive rent increase. Roomers living in Joe Shori managed Meridian houses have been notified to pay up to \$25 more a month.

Under the City-Meridian agreement, tenants in South St. Jamestown are to receive 90 days notice. But there is no rent freeze in the agreement and nothing to prevent immediately an impossible rent increase.

Meetings and further action is expected to take place on both problems.

## 7 NEWS

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One of the possibilities for the rejuvenation of Parliament Street is the corner of Parliament and Carlton (above) which is now used only for car parking, litter, and some funky, out-dated signs. A

paint job, some hanging flower boxes, planters and a few benches would provide a pleasant spot of greenery and a welcome contrast to the dust and noise of that busy intersection. - 7 News Photo

## Seven News needs help

SEVEN NEWS is a community owned newspaper and depends to a large extent on volunteer help from the community for its continued survival.

The paid staff of three people can't do everything. Their job is largely direction, oversight and co-ordination of the many volunteers who make the paper what it is.

As the fall approaches and the funding for staff runs out, even more jobs will have to be done by volunteers if the paper is to continue.

If you would like to see the paper continue and can help out in some way, please let us know. Here are some specific jobs available:

**MORGUE CLIPPING:** The "morgue" is an indexed and cross-indexed file of clippings from every issue of SEVEN NEWS and other sources. The job is simply clipping each story out of an issue and gluing it to a separate file sheet. It can be done at home.

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Anyone who can help out on any of the above is asked to call the SEVEN NEWS office at 920-8632.

## Will Submarines torpedo Parliament Street plan

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

Some wags are suggesting that instead of calling the Parliament business district "Old Cabbagetown" it might be better to call it "Torpedo Alley".

The irony is sweet. First there is the announcement of a plan to redevelop Parliament street. Second, as part of the announcement, a spokesman for the businessmen pushing the plan said that a number of "name" retailers would locate on Parliament street once the plan was carried out.

And hard on the heels of this talk a submarine store opens a block away from an existing one and immediately starts a price war while a third one is under construction a short block away and across the street.

Torpedo Alley, indeed . . . !

The first question is how do you reconcile the "pop" art and garish 20th century "plastic" decor of a submarine store with the Victorian styling envisioned under the Cabbagetown Redevelopment Plan?

Second is the fact that a lot of people must like submarines or there wouldn't be so many stores opening. Will the mass consumer desire for submarines be taken into account and satisfied under the projected Cabbagetown Redevelopment plan?

Submarines are not only food - They're also food for thought. . . .

### newsroundup

## Local Community Action Project closes

The Bloor-Sherbourne Community Action Project has closed down and Rev. Jim Houston is no longer employed as a community worker in that area. Lack of funds is blamed. . . .

Elizabeth (Angel) DeBruin, Don Vale resident and former area youth worker is the proud mother of an eight pound baby boy, born July 23 at Doctor's Hospital. . . .

A rash of dog-biting in the South of Carlton area has forced postmen to use anti-dog spray and at one time had the police out looking for the culprit with a tranquilizer gun.

Parliament St. Library House is planning a festival of the arts to take place on Friday, August 23. Any area residents wishing to exhibit their paintings, drawings or other handicrafts, should contact Nancy Craig at 921-8674. . . .

St. Luke's Church (Sherbourne & Carlton) needs volunteer drivers for its Meal-on-Wheels Program. Contact Marcia Sherwood at 924-9619 if you can help out. . . .

There is a new schedule for co-ed swimming at Broadview YMCA: Mon. and Thursday from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. and Tuesday from 7 to 7:45 p.m. Co-ed learn-to-swim classes are held on Thurs. from 7 to 7:45. For more info contact Ralph at 461-8123. . . .

Women in Transition, a temporary residence for women and their children, is badly in need of donations of furniture, clothing, dishes and household items. Call 967-5227. . . .

The Danforth Library, 701 Pape, is featuring an exhibit of posters and post cards entitled: "Let's Travel around the World" during the month of August. . . .

Neighbourhood Information Post needs volunteers who live in the community. For more information, call Dolores at 924-2543. . . .

A volleyball team, headed by Marg Taggart, won the Grand Championship in the recent Woodland Park Tournament. The losing team was headed by Sam Taggart, her son. . . .

### NEXT ISSUE

Still sticking to our three week summer schedule, the next issue will be published over the week end of August 30 with the deadline for that issue August 26. With that issue we will then go back to 12 pages on our regular every two week schedule.

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## "Roomers voices must be heard"

Dear Editor:

For over 300 years, roomers have been viewed with suspicion by society and the law. They don't own land, few bother to vote and even fewer object when landlords mistreat them. As a result, politicians rarely try to speak to roomers, landlords continue to mistreat them, and everyone is content to ignore the real problems of roomers, content to the point of believing that all roomers fall into the category of alcoholic, dirty and inconsiderate - not worth worrying about. (Viz-à-viz, Letter to the Editor, "Roomers are Dirty", Ward 7 News, July 20, 1974).

The Battle of South St. Jamestown was perhaps the first time in Toronto's history that roomers became involved in a struggle to keep their rooms and their neighbourhood safe from the ravages of high-rise development. And what happened? Some buildings came down, forcing the occupants to move; some buildings remained, forcing occupants to put up with varying states of decay and non-repair. In the end, most people felt that the Battle had been lost.

Not exactly. Decay and non-repair led to the tragic death of 5 people on Maitland Place. The fire prompted a public outcry over the appalling physical condition of rooming houses; prompted a City inspection programme of buildings in the area and, prompted the hiring of a Consultants' firm to

study the possibility of licensing rooming houses in the City of Toronto.

What effect will licensing rooming houses have on the supply of rooms for people? Will forcing landlords to bring their buildings up to the standards required by the City mean that roomers will not be able to afford the rent? Will a licensing by-law encourage property owners to sell off their properties for conversion to townhouses? Townhousing is well underway in this area. Will rooming houses disappear anyway? What should be done to ensure that roomers will have a place to live?

Should the City get into the housing market for roomers as well as families? Karl Jaffary, at a Citizens' Forum meeting, June 25, 1974, advised that the City had attempted to have accommodation for roomers included in the South St. Jamestown proposal but that Meridian refused. "It would have been nice to have something for roomers", he said.

Now the City is entertaining a proposal to build housing on Meridian-owned property in the Dundas-Shuter-Pembroke-Sherbourne area. At this point in time there is no commitment to provide rooming units, even though this area was claimed by the City Executive and Mayor Crombie as being a pick-up and alternative place for roomers forced out from South St. Jamestown.

Roomers voices must be heard. Neighbourhood Legal Services is concerned about the impact any licensing by-law will have on what happens to roomers. We are concerned that providing better kept buildings may mean that roomers will find fewer places to rent, that rents will be unbearably high, that landlords may take advantage of roomers' ignorance of their legal rights.

We are interested in talking to roomers about their experiences living in rooming houses and hear what advice they would like to give that would help change the bad image that roomers have in the eyes of the rest of society. What are some solutions to the problems for these roomers who aren't acceptable to a lot of people?

Phone or drop by.

Audrey Campbell  
Dwight Maloney  
Neighbourhood Legal Services  
257 Seaton Street  
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## Clarification on Parliament St. redevelopment plan

Sir,

If I were a Parliament Street area merchant and had read the announcement regarding proposed redevelopment of Cabbagetown - (July 20th issue of "7 News") - I would have been a little dismayed by certain paragraphs, to say the least.

The opening paragraph of your story described the plan as a "chic, trendy, tourist attraction." Our plan calls for a remodelling of the street, a removal of ugly signs and facades to expose the original brick of old Cabbagetown, for new store fronts and trees and the revitalizing of a local attitude. It has to be that way or the decline will continue. But, that does not mean "chic"! Yorkville is chic, so is Hazelton.

But Gastown in Vancouver isn't - neither is it intended to have a "chic" Cabbagetown. If a sound, contemporary, co-operative, down-to-earth improvement is "trendy" - then we're being trendy! If it also happens to be a good enough improvement that tourists are attracted to come, look and buy - this might just appeal to local merchants too. (Look at St. Lawrence Market and Kensington Market from a people activity aspect.)

What then is the environment visualized by Charles Slater, Allen Cupples, the Parliament Street Improvement Board of Management and an increasing number of small local merchants?

First of all, the improvement is for the benefit of all people - all residents, of all income levels and all who care to visit this interesting place that carries the name of "Old Cabbagetown". If it is to succeed, the Old Cabbagetown as we see it, must be for all people. With effort and ambition, existing merchants can bring their businesses back to life - and they will be given direction by sales promotion and public relations specialists and, hopefully, municipal, provincial and federal assistance will be granted to transform general area facilities and services - in amounts of money that will make the quoted \$12,000 a mere drop in the bucket!

The most important factor to be kept in mind is that the Old Cabbagetown Plan is primarily designed to develop and cultivate improved business conditions for the merchants of Parliament Street - if, in doing so the area itself re-emerges as a real place in Toronto instead of

sinking further as a forgotten segment, isn't that a good thing to accomplish?

If some merchants believe that survival perils exist in the plan - it should also be recognized that when areas decline they are playing right into the hands of major developers who can eventually buy up property at land value prices and then change the environment totally.

It goes without saying that only the basic details have been released to date - however, as we move along "Old Cabbagetown Newsletters" will be periodically distributed - describing progress and offering promotional suggestions.

Naturally, there will be an incidence of businesses moving into Old Cabbagetown. Nevertheless, we must emphasize the objectives of the plan - which are primarily to regenerate business for existing merchants and improve the area for everyone.

Our Old Cabbagetown programme will, we hope, create an overall stimulus that will lead to a clean-up, paint-up enthusiasm in local citizens at all levels - because Cabbagetown is a place to be proud of. An alternative is to leave everything as it is... lagging business, limited shopping opportunity, lack of shoppers with dollars, and a dull, lacklustre and somewhat unimpressive Parliament Street.

The re-emergence of historical, picturesque Old Cabbagetown as a true people-place can be a good, fine thing for everyone - the clothiers, fish shops, restaurants, the barbers and butchers, as well as the co-operating corporate branches and everyone who lives in it and goes to it.

With some effort and ingenuity, the new Old Cabbagetown can work. The Board of Management has made every effort to notify merchants of coming open meetings, but inevitably some don't get the word! Future meetings will be announced in the "Gazette" supplement. Get to the meetings - give that "five-man-group" your thoughts, support or objections. Make the new Old Cabbagetown work.

Allen Cupples  
Charles Slater

## Put flower boxes on the Danforth St.?

Dear Editor,

After a two year absence from the city I was pleased to return and find the Danforth flourishing as ever. And from the number of trees planted along the sidewalks one can see that the merchants in the area realize the value of making the district an attractive one.

However, it occurred to me that there might be a less expensive and more effective way of doing this. If there were flower boxes at every second and third story window, the Danforth would take on a truly charming and even European atmosphere. The initial expense would be slight - perhaps thirty to forty dollars for a strong, well-anchored box which could be filled with cascading fuschia, petunias, etc., for a few dollars each year. An example of how beautiful this looks can be found at Carstens Art and Gifts, 2217 Danforth. The advantage of flower boxes is their visibility from the street as opposed to the trees which are often hidden by parked cars. And what at first glance is merely old becomes, with the addition of flowers, charming and nostalgic.

I hope that at least a few of the local merchants, owners, and tenants will keep this suggestion in mind, perhaps for next year.

Anita Dermer  
3 Plyater Blvd.

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## Information Post is alive and well

Dear Mr. Browne,

I wish to take exception to the implication of a notice which appeared in last issue's "Newsround-up", "NIP is re-evaluating its position in the community in light of a recent turndown by the UCF for a grant". All of the board and staff members as well as three people who stopped in, who read it, felt that it implied that we were breathing our last few gasps. Two days later someone called exclaiming, "I'm glad you're still open, I read you were folding in the Ward Seven News!"

As I'm sure you are aware, funding is a perennial problem for many of us. I wish to assure the com-

munity that the Information Post has operation funds to carry us into early 1975. We have reapplied to the UCF on the basis that we did not feel that there had been sufficient dialogue for the Fund to make an equitable assessment of NIP.

During the interview with the assessment committee, we presented new information about our work, and our continuing role in the community. On the basis of that information, we are being re-considered for funding. In addition, the province has recently announced a funding program for information and referral centres to which we have applied and feel most encouraged.

## Why not a mew for Parliament

Gentlemen,

Two years ago I composed a letter but never posted it; suggesting an improvement to Parliament street, so imagine how joyed I was to read your most recent article in 7 News.

To repeat one suggestion, a similar project to Lothian Mews would hold much originality to the area. An inconspicuous doorway on Parliament leading to a quaint courtyard, a fountain, surrounded by curiosities with the main feature a delightful restaurant such as is at Lothian Mews. With such elements of surprise the district grows on you, and isn't that what it's all about?

Also an arcade would serve a purpose in the cold weather. Would be lovely to have our own Local Pub, something with a warm friendly atmosphere, not a dive, and not too stereo.

M. E. Garratt  
St. Jamestown

The notice contains another implication which I find equally distressing; that NIP would only undergo the process of self-evaluation based on meeting the criteria of funders. Self-evaluation by the Post is a continual process as it must be in order to fulfill our responsibilities to the community. It happens by necessity whether we function with paid staff or volunteer staff.

On another point, I take personal exception to your reply to Mr. Simon Rook's letter about roomers. Obviously, his personal experience as a landlord has been extremely negative and he has based his opinion on his experience as most of us do.

I felt you were quite callous in your reply to him, leaving no room for an opinion other than your own, which is as biased as Mr. Rook's. I felt you were irresponsible in your reply to a legitimate complaint. There are indeed good and bad tenants and good and bad landlords. I believe you owe your readers a fair reply, as free from personal bias as is possible.

I hope you will give both of these concerns a fair consideration.

Dolores Montgomery,  
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# Chester Village: A model home for the aged

by DR. ETHEL CHAPMAN

Following the union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches in Canada in 1925, the North Broadview Presbyterian Church in Toronto became North Broadview United and in 1967 joined with Eastminster United Church on Danforth Avenue, leaving the North Broadview church building untenanted and idle. The congregation wanted the property to be used for the benefit of the community and the idea of establishing a retirement home for senior citizens was generally approved.

To ensure a broad and sound base for the project, a Broadview Foundation was set up, representative of the whole community, but with at least two-thirds of its Directors members of Eastminster Church. Also an auxiliary was formed, through which both men and women of the community have been most helpful, first in raising funds, later in various other fields of service.

The old North Broadview church was demolished and in June, 1972, Chester Village, a retirement home for senior citizens regardless of religious affiliation, was opened on the site of the old Broadview church.

Chester Village has room for 182 residents, some in private, some in shared accommodation. (As in all such Homes there is a long list waiting for private rooms.) The total cost was \$2,600,000.00 funded by grants from the Governments of Ontario and Metropolitan Toronto, a loan from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and by private subscription.

This retirement home is generally acknowledged to be a beautiful building. It has an air of simple elegance but is furnished for utility and comfort. Colours vary from floor to floor; wall-to-wall broadloom is kind to old feet, hand-rails and lights are where they're needed; the craftsman furniture is steady on its feet and built for use.

There are three lounges in the building where residents meet to watch television or just "visit", a servery on each floor with refrigerator and facilities for making tea or a snack between meals. There is a room that doubles as a board room and private dining room, where a resident may arrange with the kitchen staff to entertain a luncheon or dinner party.

The Home has a library, a games room, a billiard table, a laundry for residents' personal use, an act-

ivities room used for shuffleboard, physical exercises, dances and auditorium, two craft rooms, one of them fitted with wood-working equipment. The auxiliary operates a gift shop and general variety store, the profit going to Chester Village.

In the philosophy directing Chester Village, special importance is attached to encouraging the residents to keep active physically, mentally and socially; and there is a full-time Program Director working to this end. Volunteer singers, choirs, orchestras, and others have given excellent entertainments. A couple from the auxiliary provide a weekly film night.

Service clubs have underwritten the cost of excursions, theatres, sight-seeing tours. Chester Village has financed such events, too, with the result that our residents have seen the Niagara orchards in blossom, the McMichael's Art Gallery, Black Creek Village, a play at the Shaw Festival, musical events at O'Keefe's and the St. Lawrence Centre. Occasionally a group comes in to lead a square dance party. On Robert Burns' Night the auxiliary put on a party complete with bagpipes, haggis, Scottish songs and dances.

The residents carry on some live interests of their own too. With the help of a volunteer leader, last winter we had a weekly Show Night, the residents organizing their own singing, dancing and variety program. We have a drama group and a discussion group, and on Sunday afternoon a hymn sing, led by a resident or a leader provided by the auxiliary.

When Chester Village was opened a neighbour presented us with his personal library, and with this nucleus an able residents' committee has developed, and continues to develop, a library so well chosen that the circulation is very active. Just now the committee is building up a stock of large print books for readers who need them.

Chester Village is not a Nursing Home but a limited staff of nurses and visiting doctors take care of minor illnesses. "There is a small

infirmary in the building but cases of more serious illness are usually transferred to a hospital for treatment.

At present the Chester Village Board of Directors are examining the ways and means of building an extended care wing for residents who need more nursing than is currently offered.

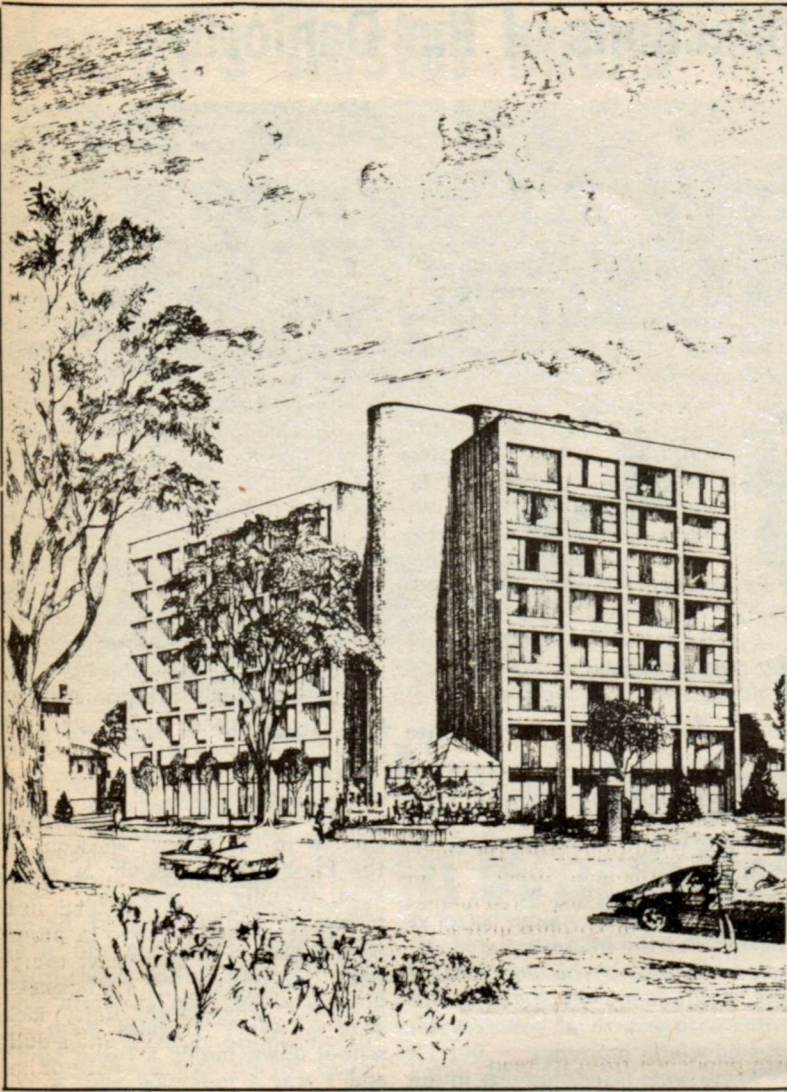
Meals-on-wheels is another community service Chester Village is anxious to start, but owing to lack of volunteers this is not presently feasible.

Also being studied is a day care program for senior citizens of the neighbouring community. Such a program, an outreach for those who prefer to live at home, would include meals, recreational and educational activities.

Mrs. Sussman, program director, has emphasized the need for volunteers in a variety of areas. She can be reached at 466-2173.

As in all Homes for the Aged, the Government requires that the residents elect a Residents' Council through which they, (the residents) can play a part in the daily life of the Home and its activities. The Constitution states that one purpose of the Council shall be "to work in partnership with the local and provincial administrations to maintain in the Home those social and cultural values which older persons by tradition cherish" and "... to help each and every resident to reach his or her potential for creative living in the later years." Already there is evidence of this directive at work and the future looks good for Chester Village. here is evidence of this directive at work and the future looks good for Chester Village.

Miss Chapman, a resident of Chester Village, was born and raised near Campbellville, in Halton County, Ont. She is the author of three novels and two collections of short stories and essays. She has also written a number of serials for Sunday school papers and a column called "From A Roadside Window," for the Winnipeg Free Press Weekly.



## Bingo license refused

by DOUG WALLACE

The Sherbourne One-Five-Five Recreation Association has recently received a letter from City Hall advising them that their application to operate a non profit bingo two nights a week is being denied. The reason given is that the Zoning Enforcement Officer advises that the property is located in an area designated as R2 by zoning By-law 20263 in which district such use is prohibited.

The building located at the corner of Sherbourne and Shuter Sts. is an Ontario Housing Corporation apartment complex for Senior Citizens, disabled persons and people in generally poor health. Immediately to the east on Shuter St. are three more Ontario Housing Corporation apartments for which a license has been granted.

The association was formed early in May of this year, and their prime purpose is to provide recreation and entertainment to the residents, many of whom are unable to leave the building due to their disabilities. A new program for fall and winter activities was recently approved by the executive in which bingo games were an important part.

The President Doug Wallace, Vice-President Mrs. Myrtle Hagerman, and Herb Graham the Chairman of the Recreation Committee will not accept this decision and have solicited the help of Alderman John Sewell to see that a license is issued.

The reaction of the residents is one of disappointment and disbelief that such a simple form of enjoyment should be denied them.

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# Mementos of Yesteryear



by MRS. GEORGE CURTIS  
My family, consisting of my father, mother, Bertha and me, arrived in Toronto from England, April 5th, 1906, just sixty-eight years ago this April.

We stayed with friends for a few days, then rented a house on Cambridge Avenue, at that time called Sarah Street, just a few doors below Pretoria, and it was named John Street.

A year or so later, my father bought a house on Whitney Avenue and it was re-named Arundel. We lived there until 1924, when Dad built a house on Ellerbeck and mother and dad lived there until they died in the mid fifties.

It is hard to imagine the Danforth back in 1906. It was a muddy country road with a three-plank walk on the south side, and a ditch

nearly always filled with water on the north side. I shall never forget my first glimpse of the Danforth. In the middle of the road was a van piled high with furniture. It was up to the hubs in mud. The horses had been removed and the shafts were pointing to the sky. It remained there for several days.

There was a gaslight swinging in the air at Danforth and Broadview, one at Logan and another at Pape. Darkness from there on.

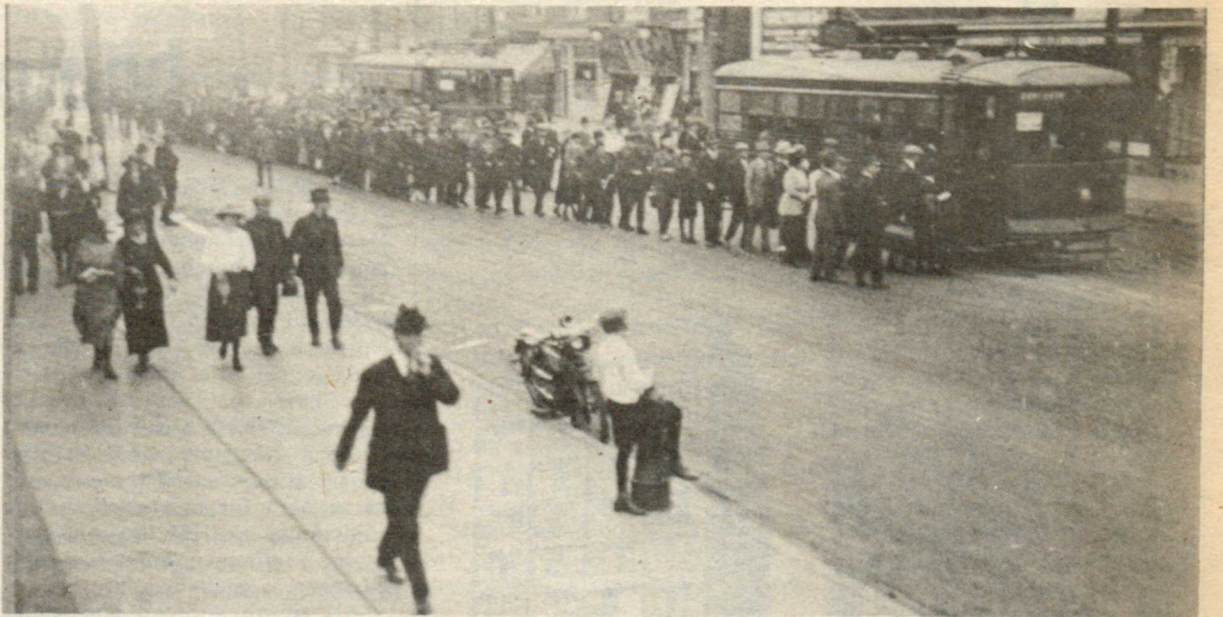
Broadview Avenue ended at Danforth and north of Danforth it was called Don Mills Road. It was rather a lovely country road with beautiful chestnut trees on the west side. The last one was cut down just a few years ago.

The street cars Y'd at the corner of Broadview and Danforth just as they do now. On the north-east corner where the Bank of Commerce stands, was a large blacksmith shop. The other three corners were vacant. The first house on the south side of Danforth was owned by Mr. James Young who some years later built Playter Hall. This house was moved to the south-east corner of Ellerbeck and Hurndale and is now owned by our own Mr. & Mrs. Charles Fursman. In the next house lived Rev. Mr. McFadgen. He was the minister of Chester Presbyterian Church and an uncle of my brother-in-law, Mel White.

On the north-west corner of Ellerbeck and Danforth where the gasoline station and the Day Funeral Home now stands was a large skating rink, where on Saturday nights, for five cents, you could change into your skates in the wooden hall (which later became the first Danforth Methodist Church) and skate to a real band. As Bertha and I were too young to do this, we would lie in bed and listen to the band play "Under the shade of the old apple tree" and "I wonder who's kissing her now" and long for the day when we too could skate to a band.

From Ellerbeck to Chester Avenue on the north side was the

## Early recollections of the Danforth



Transfer of passengers between Toronto Railway Co. and Toronto Civic Railways on Danforth at Broadview, Sept. 23, 1920.

Playter Farm where one could go and pick raspberries for them for 1 1/2 ¢ a quart box, but I'm afraid we ate more than we picked.

Everything north of the Danforth to about where Mortimer is now was called the Village of Chester, and north of this was Todmorden. A lot of the men, especially in Todmorden, worked in the Don Valley Brick Works, and on pay day some of their wives would line up at the top of Pottery Road to snatch their husbands' pay envelopes before they could cross over to the Todmorden Hotel.

We had no Browning, Fulton, Nealon or Mortimer Avenues in those days. Browning and Fulton Avenues from Don Mills Road to Pape Avenue were called "The Big Field". Nealon and Mortimer Avenues were market gardens. Cosburn Avenue was called Bee Street.

It was a cold walk across this big field to Chester School. Sometimes during the winter we were able to skate all the way - but in the spring when the ice melted we would have to take the long way round by Danforth and up Don Mills. The school was heated by hot air and when an east wind blew across this big field and the temperature in those front class rooms dropped to around 58 or 59 degrees we would be sent home. A pump in the school yard, with a white enamel cup attached to a long chain, was our only outside drinking water supply.

We had no postal service, no gas, water or sewers. Our nearest post

office was called the Doncaster Post Office which is still standing on Don Mills Road.

Nearly every house had its picket fence and gate, a large barrel at the back of the house to catch the rain water, and if you were lucky a well with a pump which you had to prime with a kettle of boiling water on cold winter mornings.

There were three churches in the district. The Presbyterian Church on Don Mills Road, just north of the Danforth, the Baptist at Pretoria and Don Mills and St. Barnabas Anglican on Ellerbeck. This church had a small cemetery adjoining. The minister's name was Mr. Vipond, father of Jim Vipond, the Globe Sports Editor. A year or two later St. Barnabas purchased their present site, at Danforth and Hampton and proceeded to move their church to the rear of this location. They placed it on rollers and pushed or pulled it down Ellerbeck and along Danforth, which was still an unpaved road. They got almost to their destination when it started to rain, and it rained and rained for several days. There it was stuck. However the congregation was bound they would hold their Sunday services in their own church - so they jacked it up - put in temporary steps and held their morning service in the middle of Danforth Avenue, and the first hymn they sang that Sunday morning was "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord". I had heard this as a very young girl, so a few years ago, I checked with Vic Waters, a warden at St. Barnabas and he said "Yes, it is true and it is recorded in the archives of the Church".

There being no Methodist Church in the district we went to the Presbyterian Church. It was a kind, friendly congregation. I well remember our first concert. Bertha was a little green frog and along with nineteen other little frogs, hopped across the platform and sang "Twenty froggies went to school down beside a rushy pool" and I was a milkmaid with a pail and three-legged stool.

Then in October 1907 Danforth Methodist Church was started in the wooden hall adjoining the skating rink and the next month, November, the Sunday School came into being.

How Bertha and I hated to go that first Sunday. We were very happy in the Presbyterian Sunday School, but our father insisted "We are Methodists and to the Methodist Sunday School you have to go". It was a dark afternoon with a drizzling rain. I can even remember what we wore - navy blue reefer coats with brass anchor buttons, white toque, white scarves with a large tassel at each end and long white gloves. I cannot recall how many children were there that first Sunday, but I do remember Bertha and I seated in a small dark room with three boys and another girl named Velma Carwood. The three boys were brothers, Harold, Melville and Jimmy Muir. Their father owned the grocery store at the corner of Danforth and Logan and Mr. Muir was our Sunday School secretary for many, many years. In winter the hall was frightfully cold. It was heated by a big stove with pipes running from one end of the hall to the other and at each joint, to catch the drips, hung a tomato can.

We soon had a good sized choir and one of the baritones was a dark, good-looking chap named Charlie Taylor. Our first two picnics were held at Bond Lake and what a thrill it was to ride up Yonge Street on those open Radial cars. These cars went as far as Jackson's Point.

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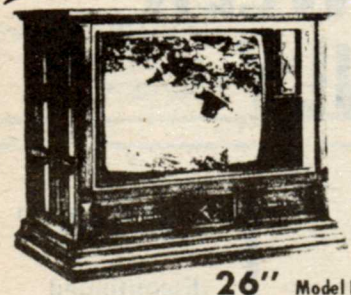


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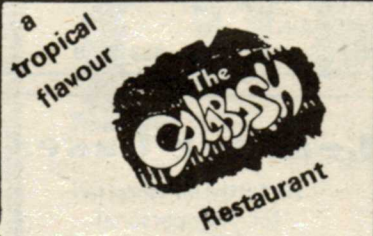
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# Women's Hostel opens in Ward Seven

By Judy Forrestal

Canadian suffragette, Nellie McClung, probably never envisioned the time when women throughout Canada would make her name legion. Women's rap groups, study collectives and even a Canadian postage stamp have been dedicated to her.

Now we have Nellie's, a hostel for women, just north of and behind the Broadview YMCA, between Gerrard and Dundas Sts.

As the very first venture of the Toronto-based Women's Hostels Inc., Nellie's was opened on June 7 after not a little difficulty. Plans for locating at Woodgreen United Church fell through because the \$25,000 needed for renovations could not be raised.

The initiators, a group of women concerned with Toronto's lack of cheap, temporary accommodations for women, found a close-to-ideal spot in the rambling home they currently rent from the "Y".

The house is quite large - three floors with 14 bedrooms that can very comfortably accommodate 34 women at present. The third floor has not been used as yet, and the \$9,000 worth of city-required renovations is still in progress.

Rich, dark wood doors, arches and staircases frame sun-lit, clean and cheerful hallways and rooms enhanced with graphics, wall hangings and plants.

But more important is the feeling of concern, acceptance and camaraderie that pervades each room.

Nellie's provides temporary shelter for a wide variety of women from run-aways to alcoholics to those just passing through Toronto.

Since the Mariposa Folk Festival in June the hostel has been filled almost nightly. Approximately one half of the lodgers are travellers, the other half, women in stress situations. Because the maximum stay is 7 days (at a 50¢ per day donation with two meals included!), the staff tries to help find more permanent housing for the latter.

Six staffers maintaining rotating shifts insure that things run smoothly - from grocery shopping to laundry. Occupants are required to keep the premises tidy and clean

and to help with daily chores.

Counselling is informal - over coffee or while doing the dishes - and only when sought after. Says staff member Alexa DeWiel: "I guess we're den mothers, in a way."

Nellie's is funded primarily by Metro Social Services with additional grants from such organizations as the Atkinson Foundation and the United Church. The hostel is not run by the YMCA. It merely rents the home from the "Y", which has been very helpful, as have the local police who have even referred women to the lodgings.

Although it would appear that Nellie's is off to a prosperous beginning, the hostel still needs a host of household and recreational items. If you can provide any of the follow-

ing, in good, working condition, please call 461-1084:

- A TV and/or stereo
- Carpets, throw rugs
- Alarm clocks
- Blankets
- Posters, graphics, wall hangings
- Sturdy, wood dining room chairs
- Lamps

Nellie's seems to be taking hold in the community. Neighbourhood women are beginning to drop in. And where else could an Irish woman, whose family is involved with the IRA, cultivate a friendship with a traditional political enemy, a woman from England?

## New school principals in Ward Seven

by DOUG BARR and GORD CRESSY

Every year there are staff appointments to our Ward Seven schools. Our two new Principal appointments are worth special mention.

Bob Beardsley has been named Principal-Teacher of the new Eastdale Secondary school. Already he is at the school and would welcome parents, students, or other interested individuals to get in touch with him any morning at Eastdale. The number is 461-0835.

Bob is uniquely qualified for top job at this challenging inner city high school. An engineer and mathematician, he has taught and worked in such diverse settings as Central America, The North West Ter-

ritories, the West Indies and Quebec.

Bob's commitment to the inner-city is well known. He and his wife Barbara and four children have worked and lived downtown since 1964. As a previous Federal election candidate, he knows and understands much about politics.

We welcome Bob Beardsley to our community. We believe his background and experience are well suited to our area.

Chris Dorevich has been named Principal of Regent Park Public School. A product of the inner-city, Chris attended Kent Public school, Bloor Collegiate and the University of Toronto.

Chris brings to Regent Park a solid background as a teacher and vice-principal in downtown schools. His commitment to the Regent Park community will be real.

Chris will be at Regent Park School during the last week of August. He encourages parents, students and community people alike to drop in and say hello.

We look forward to the continuation of a strong program at Regent Park.



Bob Beardsley



Chris Dorevich



Pictured above is a scene from the film "Bleecker" which recently was awarded Grand Prize in the first annual Canadian National Exhibition Film Festival. The film was locally produced, runs 26 minutes and deals with the evictions in the South St. Jamestown area two years ago.

As Grand Prize Winner, the film beat out 40 other films in four prize categories. It will be shown daily throughout the CNE at the Music Building and will also be aired on CITY-TV on Saturday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The film is available free of charge to non-profit groups in the Toronto area and can be booked through Seven News.

## History exhibit well received

An exhibit on the history of the Danforth area that was on display for the past two months at the Danforth Library was also used as part of the display in Nathan Phillips Square for the Simcoe Day celebrations held over the recent holiday weekend.

Hundreds of adults and children viewed the exhibit at both places and came away amazed at the changes that have taken place in the Danforth area over the past hundred years.

Especially interesting in the library exhibit were photographs of the horse and buggy delivery wagons, the corner of Danforth and Pape when it was virtually all farmland, and the building of the Bloor Viaduct.

Many items in the library exhibit were donated or loaned by local residents and schools, including a list of former Franklin School pupils (among whom

are author Morley Callaghan and radio commentator Gordon Sinclair).

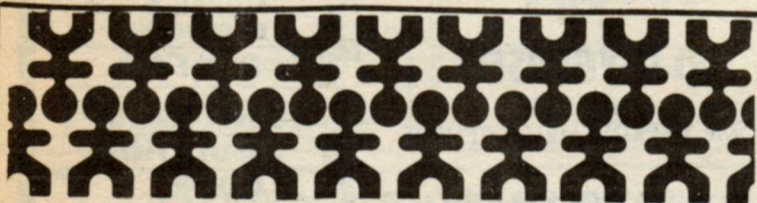
"Old Timers" of the neighbourhood who presently live at Nisbet Lodge were interviewed, and they recalled the times of the gas street lights and when they made their own skis and hockey equipment from tree branches.

Although the displays have now been taken down, the contents are being kept in the library files. As the Danforth Library wishes to collect more material on the history of the Riverdale area, any materials that residents have would be greatly appreciated. The Parliament Street Library is also collecting material on the Don District. If you have historical material from either side of the river, please take it to your nearest library.

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# Nature trail revealed

By NORMAN G. BROWNE  
PHOTOS by Bill Reno

At first there was just animals and they established game trails through the ravines and valleys as they travelled in search of food and water.

But not completely. Enough people happened on them and used them to keep them open: kids playing, nature lovers, escapists and winos looking for a quiet place to finish off a bottle.

## MARKED PATH

And then, in the year 1972, they were discovered by the Parks Department and they will never again become overgrown and

And then Indians used the trails as they looked for easy passage through the heavy brush and broken lands that lay between the Humber and Don Rivers.

Then a city sprang up and civilization came to the area. But the ravine and valley land remained for the most part untouched and the trails they contained became overgrown, disused and all but forgotten.

forgotten. Now the trail has become a wide, graded path covered with wood chips for easy walking.

Of course a man-made graded path takes away much of the mystique, excitement and sense of adventure. But it has the advantage of being more easily travelled and thus open to all.

Here's a description of the trail that runs along the edge and into Ward Seven.

Howard Street runs between Parliament and Sherbourne just south of Bloor. One east of Sherbourne running North off Howard is Glen Road, a short street that dead ends at Bloor. It leads into the back entrance of the Sherbourne

Subway station and into a tunnel under Bloor street to a footbridge spanning the Rosedale Valley Ravine.

## TUNNEL UNDER BLOOR

I went though the tunnel and climbed between the fence on the east side to get into the ravine and onto a trail.

Trails lead from there along the top, middle and bottom of the

ravine but I took one that led down the side of the ravine until I came to the foot path that had been recently laid out by the Parks Department.

I followed the foot path east until the sides of the ravine narrowed down as they approached the subway bridge. From there I cut up hill through a patch of wild raspberries and under the subway bridge to a trail that ran past more wild raspberries (two weeks ago they were red, ripe and delicious. Mmm.) and under the west arch of the Bloor viaduct.

## WILD BLACKBERRIES

From there, three trails led off. One went up hill where it comes out into a little parkette at Bloor and Parliament. Another goes down hill to run back into the main path. I took the middle trail—right into the

bush and wild blackberries!

That trail ran into a path which ends at the fence of St. James cemetery. Here a trail runs down the side of the ravine, parallel with the fence until it joins up with the main path again.

I followed the path right down and across the road and along the bottom of the ravine along the other side of the road. Eventually the path led into the ravine away from the road until it ended in a small clearing below Sandy Hill cliff.

At first glance, the "cliff" looked imposing and insurmountable. But on closer inspect, I discovered that the logs that have been jammed into the side of the hill are terraced and form steps all the way up to the top.

But it was a long climb and I had to stop half way up to rest. I also discovered that its better not to look

up or down but just at your feet as you look for the easiest step up.

At the top is the ruins of an old cottage and a trail leading south along the summit. The summit eventually narrows and there is a fantastic view of the whole Don Valley. A number of trails lead from there down the south face of Sandy Hill to the valley floor.

From there, you can cross the road and up the hill in Wellesley Park to come out at Sumach and Amelia streets in Don Vale. Or you can follow the edge of the Bayview Extension alongside Necropolis Cemetery and Riverdale Zoo where you can climb over a fence into Riverdale Park and eventually come out at Sumach and Carlton streets.

Try it—from either end. It can be fun.

# Good neighbors - good community

by Elizabeth Marsh

Little black Barby sleeps contentedly in her carriage, both arms flung above her head. Her foster mother Maria Franke takes a few minutes to rest her feet as her day at Central Neighborhood House comes to an end. Mrs. Franke works there three days a week at Polka Dot Door in the basement, where used clothing and household items are sold at low, low prices.

With Deedee Abbott she minds the store three days a week from 9:30 to 3:00 p.m. and baby Barby, better known as Snooks, comes along for the ride. It's not entirely a volunteer job as there is a small remuneration for both women, but like fostering, it's not a job anyone would take on for the money involved.

But Mrs. Franke likes people and in particular she likes little people. That's why she has been looking after foster children for the past 20 years "on and off". Barby is only the second baby Maria has fostered. She used to take older children and for a while worked with the Regent Park Unit as an emergency community home.

"Some emergency", says Mrs. Franke. "I had one child for seven-

teen months". But she says it with great good humour and vows she would take in many more foster children if her three-bedroom apartment allowed it. She would be happy to operate a group home (for six foster children) if circumstances permitted.

"All the kids get spoiled", says Mrs. Franke, and she blames this partly on her three sons, Atilla 14, Arpad 12, and George who is 10. All three like having an extra child in the home and Arpad cheerfully changes diapers and can even bathe little Barby.

Service agencies in Ward Seven appreciate the contribution Maria's family makes to community life and wish there were many more like them. Although there are two day care centres in the area, there is a great need for more so that mothers can leave small children in reliable hands while they work, or even on a casual basis while they go shopping.

Another urgent need is a place for teenagers to stay in the community when family problems make a "cooling-off" period necessary for both parents and children. The boy or girl stays at a home in the community, with the knowledge and consent of their parents.

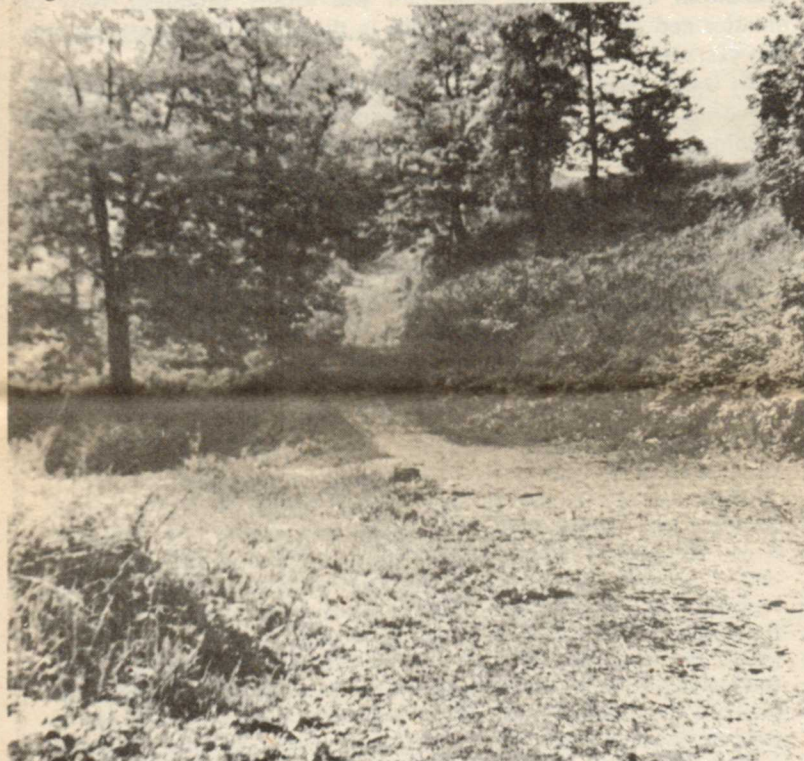
The Children's Aid Society helps the family members by hearing their problems, giving advice and sharing the financing of the cooling-off period. They will help the troubled family make up the \$3 per day rate paid to the host family if necessary.

Between January and May of this year the C.A.S. paid for 74 children in one district for brief stays with community families. Of the 74, most were able to work out their problems and return home. Fewer than 20 came into the care of the C.A.S.

Foster homes like the one provided by Mrs. Franke for Barby are also badly needed. It helps to keep children in the area they know and where they feel at home, if they must go into foster care. The Children's Aid pays a daily rate for board and personal expenses for each child.

The amount will not make anyone rich, but if you have room for an extra child and would like to help the people in your neighbourhood, it can be a worthwhile undertaking. Homes for siblings (two children from one family) are always in short supply.

Big brothers and big sisters are also needed to be friends for children who may only have one parent. Men are especially needed to give a friendly father figure to fatherless boys in the area. It takes only a few hours a week to befriend a child, and the results are valuable beyond money. If you share Maria Franke's love of people, especially people in your own community, you may want to become a foster parent, an emergency community home parent or a special friend. Call Lloyd Cooper at 863-0235 and talk it over. Leave a message if he isn't there and he'll phone you back. Or talk to Alison Rvce at 924-4646.



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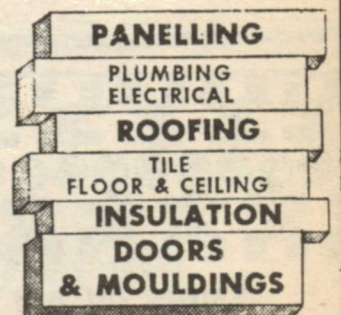
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## TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

2:00 p.m. Parliament St. Library Art classes for children. (Every Tuesday in August)  
2:00 p.m. Danforth Library Movies for a summer day. Films for children. (Every Tuesday in August)  
1:30-4:30 Woodgreen United Church Theatre for Children  
2:00 p.m. Parliament St. Library House Legal forum: Debtors' Rights, with the Student Legal Aid

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

12:00-4:00 p.m. Dixon Hall (58 Sumach St.) Penny Carnival held by the kids and staff of summer day camp. Refreshments, activities.  
7:30 p.m. Woodgreen United Church Peter, Fred and John: a comedy group.  
2:00 p.m. Parliament St. Library Puppet show about safety.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

7:30 p.m. Woodgreen United Church Free Bingo  
2:00 Parliament St. Library Films for children. (Every Thursday in August)  
2:00 p.m. Danforth Library Stories, songs or puppet shows for children. (Every Thursday in August) 4:00 p.m. Parliament St. Library House Films for teens in the Cellar. (Every Thursday in August)  
7:30 p.m. Parliament St. Library House The house on Gerrard presents an evening of poetry with P.K. Page.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

2:00 p.m. Parliament St. Library Stories, songs and games for children  
2:00 p.m. Danforth Library Hear a story, paint a picture - for children. (Every Friday in August)  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parliament St. Library House Field trips, excursions around Toronto for teens 12-18. For more information, call Judy at 921-8674.  
8:00 p.m. Parliament St. Library House Film series on Underwater exploration with Jacques Cousteau

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

9:30-4:30 p.m. The Centre The Second in a series of Awareness Workshops.  
3 p.m. Auditorium (701 Gerrard East) "A Touch of China": movies, Chinese dinner, exhibition of Chinese objects and art.  
7 p.m. Auditorium (701 Gerrard East) Multicultural variety show: Ballet, chorus, folkdances, martial arts. Admission 50¢

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00 p.m. Library House Free lecture on Transcendental Meditation  
1:00-4:00 p.m. Dixon Hall Rummage Sale

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

2:00-6:00 p.m. & 7:00 Parliament St. Library Summer Festival of the Arts. A cultural event for the whole family, featuring displays by local artists and craftsmen, open air poetry readings, music, film, song, and dance, and concluding with dancing under the stars to the music of the Banavage Band.  
7:00-11:00 p.m. Dixon Hall Street Dance.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

9:30-4:30 p.m. The Centre: Last in a series of Awareness Workshops "Movement and Dance."  
12:00 noon - 12:00 midnight Bain Ave. Street Festival For Bain Ave. Tenants  
2:00 p.m. Parliament St. Library Puppet show: "Harry by the Sea".

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# OBIT: John Barber

by JOHN PIPER

There is a marsh in Prince Edward County. It stretches for miles and miles - filled with bullrushes, muskrats, little islands, blue heron, and all kinds of things that thrive and keep on thriving. John Barber wanted to be there when he died.

On Tuesday, July 30th, 1974, John passed away suddenly and his cremated remains were spread on the marsh on Friday. About 400 people attended a community service at the Don Vale Community Centre on August 1st to remember John and to be with Carolyn, Kyle, David, Kim, and the Barber family.

John Montgomery Barber, was born of February 7th, 1938 and lived on the family farm in Prince Edward County until his late teens. He was educated down the road in a one-room school house ("S.S. No. 1 Ameliasburg") a building which still stands. In high school, he excelled in many sports and music.

At the Ontario Agricultural College, John majored in Agricultural Economics and was the President of the Students' Administrative Council. He went on to Osgoode Law School for his law degree in 1962, was called to the bar in 1963, and received his Masters from Yale in 1966. He joined the Osgoode Law School in 1968 and had been teaching law ever since.

It was in early 1969 that John and his family came to Ward Seven.

Along with many others, John and Carolyn helped form Point Blank School, an alternative outlet for kids in the Ward to get the kind of education they wanted and needed.

John's contribution to the Ward soon moved out and beyond the school. Together with others, he was instrumental in forming the Don Vale Community Centre. Who will ever forget the hundreds of meetings and how John's sense of humour and dedication helped keep it all together?

From there, peewee softball began and grew not only in Don

Vale but all across the Ward due largely to his energy and leadership.

In Karl Jaffary's campaign in 1972, he was one of the Campaign Managers who helped Karl gain his seat at Metro.

The front doorstep at 36 Metcalfe was one of the best (and least expensive) counselling services in Don Vale for kids and adults alike. John was always ready to listen, give advice, and help when someone came with a problem.

He had a great sense of humour and was quick to use it. Like the time his son Kyle was hit by a car on Metcalfe Street. He sounded off at the motorist and his son as well, forgetting something from his past. He recalled how he and his sister Jean were going to cross a well-travelled road when John said: "Jean, you look that way, and I'll look this way before we cross." They both looked the same way and were hit by a car from the other direction! There are explanations for some things,

Kyle.

John was quick to point out basic flaws in society, propose solutions, and then work to achieve them in his own way. Born and bred a farmer, John was dedicated to helping working class people and neighbourhoods get a better deal - adequate housing geared to income levels, fighting block-busting developers, creating a quality of life in urban neighbourhoods where people of all backgrounds and incomes could feel at home and belong to something bigger than themselves.

Ward Seven only knew John Barber for five years, and yet, by the end of his term his inspiration had been enormous. Like the waves of sound, John's influence will continue to echo.

There is a marsh in Prince Edward County. It stretches for miles and miles - filled with bullrushes, muskrats, little islands, blue herons, and all kinds of things that thrive and keep on thriving. And now, John Montgomery Barber is one with them.

## On Madness

by JOHN BARBER, DEC./73, FRANCE

Why is it with asylums full  
And Millions living in dark and cold  
We so dishonour men who toil  
With calloused hands and sweating brow  
To harvest food, to give us shelter  
And clean the sites that we despoil.  
Hard work well done could be a tonic  
To restore the minds adrift.

Freud and friends, where do you take us  
With expensive chats and pills?  
Your pockets bulge but like your potions  
You dull but never cure the pain.  
For most retreat from this mad world  
Because they very clearly see  
That the life abundance gives us  
Feeds and clothes but kills the soul.

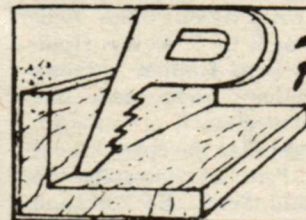
No one ends what he began  
To hold it in his hand to say  
I made it well, and come tomorrow  
Others a little better still.

(given to Carolyn, for Christmas)

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# Locals boxers win

by PETER WYLIE

The Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre held its monthly boxing show, on Monday July 22nd at 8:30 p.m. Cabbagetown had seven fighters on the eight bout card.

The results of that show are as follows: 1st bout; Gentleman James Bland, 139 lbs. Cabbagetown won a tough three round split decision over Leamington's Gerome Ferris, 147 lbs. Bland had Ferris in trouble on one occasion with a vicious right hand to the body in the third round, but Ferris fought back gamely.

2nd bout; Mark Robertson, Cabbagetown, showed real spunk in taking on Garfield Watt who out weighed Mark 70 lbs to 82 lbs. Mark who does his road work with the big boys showed that it pays off. He kept constant pressure on Watt, who hails from Bancroft, and came close to stopping his opponent in the third round.

Mathew Hilton of Cabbagetown who travels all the way from Kingston, Ont. to represent Cabbagetown lost a close split decision to Ricky Aide from Bancroft. Mathews father is none other than Canada's Jr Middleweight professional Champ, Dave Hilton.

4th bout; Allan Robertson, Cabbagetown at 76 lbs. won the second fight out of three that he has had and one that this reporter feels was the 1st of two big upsets of the evening's card. Allan defeated the

1973 Bronze medalist Jr. Olympics, Ron Aide from Bancroft. Aide who is a veteran of some fifteen bouts was counter punched into defeat by Robertson, who wasn't breathing hard after the three stiff rounds of boxing.

The fifth bout of the card was an exhibition between Bobby Bland and Don Marshall of Cabbagetown. Both lads showed that they will be ready for Sudbury, and the Ontario Jr. Olympics on Aug. 3rd.

6th bout; Bromley Armstrong, Cabbagetown, won a slick three rounder over Leamington's Rick Reeb 175 lbs. Armstrong showed a fast punishing jab that had Reeb off balance throughout the fight. Armstrong who has five fights to his credit with a four and one record is a definite prospect for the future.

7th bout; Rick Bender, Cabbagetown, 1974 Light Fly Champ of Canada, won a unanimous three rounder over his arch rival from Leamington, Clyde Hillman at 105 lbs. Hillman is determined to beat Bender but, every time he steps in the ring with Bender he is too busy slipping and ducking combinations.

8th bout; Mike Doyle, Cabbagetown, 1973 Lighthavy Champ of Nova Scotia pulled off one of the top upsets of the year when he defeated Gary Bently of Garden City, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. Bently came up for this fight with tremendous credentials boasting a 17 win 1 loss record with 13 KOs.

Bently at 6'1" 198 lbs. lost only the one fight to Duane Bonds who just recently won the Continental Championship of North America and Puerto Rico.

Doyle who is deceiving in size 5'10 1/2" 178 lbs. showed he's not scared of any heavyweight; went out with both guns blazing in the first round. Dennis Bradley who flew back from the Continental Championships in Milwaukee for the card had to caution Doyle on hitting on the break twice in the first round.

Doyle's fire was not dampened and he kept after Bently. Doyle's southpaw style caught the American off guard on more than one occasion. The second round Doyle landed with some telling body shots and half way through the round Doyle landed with a tremendous straight left hand opening up a seven stitch cut over the left eye of Bently, stopping the fight.

Doyle who had lost just recently against the touring Irish and Germans was elated to get back on the winning route and this fight forebodes well for the future of this fighter.

A sidelight of interest is that Rick Bender and Gentleman, James Bland will travel to Halifax Nova Scotia for a National Training clinic where young Canadian boxers with Olympics potential will train under expert guidance from Aug. 3rd to 12th.

# JUSTICE

A legal Column

by NEIGHBOURHOOD LEGAL SERVICES

## DO ROOMERS HAVE ANY LEGAL RIGHTS?

There is no law in the Province of Ontario that clearly gives rights to roomers. The Landlord and Tenant Act, 1970, amended 1972, defines a "tenant" as including an "occupant" of residential premises. What is an occupant? You'll have to go to a dictionary for the meaning because the Act doesn't say. The other way to find out is to see how the Courts have treated roomers.

The Courts do not automatically separate cases involving roomers from cases involving, say, apartment renters. If you, as a roomer, take your landlord to court under the Landlord and Tenant Act, and the landlord uses as his/her defense the fact that you are not a tenant under the Act, then the judge has to decide whether you are a tenant as defined in the Act. If the Judge says you are, you get to fight your case in Court. If the Judge says you are not, the case will be dismissed right then and there. Start looking for another place to live!

Few roomers ever take their landlord to Court. The few who may have done so were not challenged by their landlords, so the Court did not have to decide.

The view that roomers may not be covered by the present Landlord and Tenant Act is based largely on articles written by commercial lawyers who represent mostly landlords, and relates to laws which existed before the present Act came into being. The view that roomers have the same rights as other tenants is supported by the fact that in practice neither judges nor lawyers have been differentiating between roomers and other "occupants" in court.

Are roomers tenants under the Landlord and Tenant Act? We believe so.

If roomers are not tenants, what are they? Licensees. A Licensee is someone who has "permission", in this case, to reside in the room of a house. He/she does not have "exclusive possession" of the room, i.e. no lock on the door, sharing a bathroom and perhaps a kitchen, bedlinen supplied by the landlord. A licensee is someone who has "no vested interest in the land".

If roomers are licensees, what does it mean? It means that the landlord can tell you to get out at any time, without any notice. It means that he/she can throw you out bodily if you refuse and you have no remedy. It means that your rent can be raised without notice. It means that the landlord can ask for money in advance to hold to pay for damages. He/she does not have to pay you interest on that money. It means that your possessions can be seized by the landlord to pay rent. Licensees have virtually no rights.

How can this be changed? One way is for a roomer to take the landlord to Court under the Landlord and Tenant Act and request the Judge to determine whether the roomer is a tenant under the Act. This is called test litigation. If the Judge decides that the roomer is a tenant, then that decision can be used to persuade Judges in other cases to decide the same thing. That first decision is called a precedent.

Test litigation has its problems, though. Even if one Judge decides that the roomer is a tenant, other Judges can and may decide differently. Not all Judges are in favour of tenants' rights.

Another way to change the roomer's legal plight is to get the Supreme Court of Ontario to make what is called a "judicial determination". In this instance, the Supreme Court would decide whether roomers are tenants. The decision of this Court would force all Judges to accept roomers as tenants under the Act. One or two persons' requesting this decision to be made would be insufficient pressure. The City of Toronto, however, could make the request and the matter would most likely be dealt with.

Finally, the Landlord and Tenant Act itself could be amended so that roomers were definitely included in the definition of "tenant". The Manitoba Landlord and Tenant Act specifically says roomers are tenants. Pressure would have to be made on Provincial politicians to have the Act amended. There is no organized group of roomers, needed to raise the issue.

Neighbourhood Legal Services shares the opinion of a lot of lawyers that the Landlord and Tenant Act includes roomers under the definition of "tenant". Until the end of August, Neighbourhood Legal Services is operating out of a house at 257 Seaton Street. NLS is prepared to help individual roomers fight for their rights as tenants. NLS is also interested in helping roomers get together to voice their problems and seek changes.

## Sports Standings

### REGENT PARK MEN'S (Final Standings)

	GPW	L	T	Pts.
Eclipse TV	16	12	3	1 25
Avion Blues	16	12	4	0 24
Devors Holdings	15	7	6	2 16
Anthony Cartage	16	7	9	0 14
CBH Cartage	15	2	12	1 5

### GIRLS STANDING (Final Standings)

	GPW	L	T	D	Pts.
*Dixon Hall	10	8	2	0	0 26
Broadview 2	9	6	0	2	1 22
Broadview 1	9	4	4	1	0 18
Cabbagetown	8	3	3	1	1 14
Regent - St. Jamestown	8	2	3	0	2 9

\* - denotes playoff winner

### PEEWEE STANDINGS (as of Aug. 5th)

	GPW	L	T	D	Pts.
Broadview Y	9	8	0	0	1 40
Don Vale	10	7	3	0	0 38
Woodgreen	9	4	4	0	1 24
Newsreel	8	3	5	0	0 20
Dixon Hall	12	2	5	0	5 15

### BANTAM STANDINGS (as of Aug. 5th)

	GPW	L	T	D	Pts.
C.T.B.C.	10	9	0	0	1 45
Dixon Hall	10	8	1	0	1 41
Broadview Y	10	3	6	0	1 21
Don Vale	8	3	5	0	0 20
Newsreel	8	0	6	0	2 6

## Eclipse wins Penant

by AL JOHNSON

Eclipse TV, managed by Rudy Conlin have for the first time in seven years won a penant race. As in the past - this year's race for first place was right down to the wire.

Avion Blues, defending champs had Eclipse TV at their mercy for six out of the seven innings in their final game, but a grand slam home run by Tom Lantz of Eclipse in the sixth was enough to win and give Avion the blues.

This year's playoffs for the championship put Eclipse TV against Devors Holdings (the Kids) in Round One and last year's champs, Avion Blues against John Lociceros' Anthony Cartage in Round Two.

The semi-finals are a best 2 out of 3 series and the finals will be 3 out of 5.

Nick the Greek (from Cabbagetown not Las Vegas) has given us the most probable odds for the playoffs. He has Eclipse TV installed as the favourite at 8 to 5 with Avion Blues right behind at 2 to 1. Devors Holdings are 9 to 1 while Anthony Cartage have been made the longshot at 10 to 1.

Interest in the playoffs at Regent Park is comparable to the World Series. So for good free entertainment be sure to come out to see the games.

## Don Valley League

by Jim Hayes

The first place position is not yet decided as the season comes to an end. Norm Ross Cartage and Edelweiss Carpet have switched 1st and 2nd place positions all through the season. Both of these teams have three games left to play. One of which is against one another.

The 3rd. and 4th place position in the playoffs is also a close decision between Don Vale Community Center and Howell Forwarding. Don Vale has the advantage of 2 games more than Howell Fwd. left to play. However, one of the remaining games for these two teams is also against one another.

The final standings for playoff positions looks at this point to be the promise of a good fight

to the finish. Playoff Games will begin August 19, 1974 at 6:30 p.m. McCleary Park.

TEAM	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Edelweiss	17	13	4	0	26
Norm Ross	17	12	4	1	25
Howell Forward	18	11	7	0	22
Don Vale	16	9	6	1	19
Toronto Braves	18	5	12	1	11
Dixon Hall	18	1	16	1	3

Aug 12 - Edelweiss vs Norman Ross, no.1 McL. r/o (re June 24)

Aug 12 - Don Vale vs Howell Forwarding, no.2 McL. r/o (re June 24)

Aug 14 - Norm Ross vs Don Vale, no.1 McL. (re game June 17/74 to be completed)

Aug 14 - Dixon vs Donvale, no.1, McL. (re June 24/74 to be played if necessary)

Aug. 14 - Toronto Braves vs Edelweiss no.2 McL. (re July 1/74 to be played if necessary)

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