



## Janet Howard running-mate with Sewell

At a press conference held last Wednesday at City Hall, Don Vale resident Janet Howard announced formally that she would be running for the post of Alderman in Ward Seven in the December municipal elections.

Mrs. Howard has been active in Don Vale affairs for many years and at present is President of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents. As well as local involvement, she is also a member of Time and Place, the Toronto Historical Board and the Massey Hall Task Force.

At her press conference, she announced that she and incumbent Alderman John Sewell would be running a partially combined campaign.

Each will have separate election committees that will frequently meet jointly; separate fund raising; joint election office and joint canvassers.

Their tentative plan is to have the first two pieces of literature separate though distributed by the same canvassers at the same time, followed by a third joint piece.

Mrs. Howard will be campaigning principally on housing and the squeeze on people who have been knocked out of the possible home ownership category. She is also concerned about the state of City Hall, where a supposedly reform council was elected in 1972, yet didn't see fit to fight for important issues such as South of St. Jamestown and downtown development.

Mrs. Howard states she does not want, not expect, to be elected to Metro.

## SEVEN NEWS to hold lottery

Despite the fact that SEVEN NEWS faces a projected deficit of around \$14,000 for the coming twelve months, the SEVEN NEWS Board of Directors have decided against holding an autumn fund-raising drive.

It will be the first time in four years that such a drive for funds has not been held.

The fund-raising drive has not been cancelled, only postponed until next spring. Fund-raising co-chairman, John Piper gave lack of volunteers as the main reason for the postponement.

The drive was to be a limited one this year: only those who had responded in some way to the fund-raising drive last year were to be canvassed. But even a limited canvass of 1,200 people required 50 volunteers and these were found to be unavailable.

Mr. Piper blamed the United Community Fund drive in October and the coming Municipal elections as the main reasons given by people unwilling to help out in a fall canvass for the paper.

To help tide the paper over until fund-drive in the Spring, the

SEVEN NEWS Board of directors have decided to hold a lottery with sales to start around mid-October. Tickets will be priced at 50c each and \$4,000 in tickets are being ordered. Expenses are estimated at around \$1,500 including a \$500 first prize, \$50 second and \$25 third.

Anyone who would like to help out with this lottery by taking two or three books to sell is asked to phone the SEVEN NEWS office at 920-8632. Your name will be put on a list and the books you have

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# NEWS

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Pictured above are some of the staff of the Don District Community Health Clinic enjoying themselves at the very successful Health Fair held last Saturday outside Moss Park Apartments. From left to right: Lorraine Carr, Buffy Amay, Cynthia Carver, Ken Johnson, Mrs. Betty Paul, Mary Jane Lazare, and Audrey Smolin.

— photo by Randy Jones

### NEWS ROUND-UP

## Woodgreen Community Centre to hold open-house

The Don Vale Community Centre Food Co-op has started up again for the fall and winter season. Orders are being taken and new members are being sought. If interested, phone Suzanne Nobel at 921-2426. The Food Co-op is also looking for the donation of a used but usable typewriter. If you can help them out, call Jim Neff at 921-2426.

Don Vale resident Dallard Runge will not be running for Alderman in Ward Seven but will try again in Ward Eight where he has been working since his unsuccessful bid two years ago. Dallard is already gearing up for the coming campaign and anyone wanting to help out should contact him at 461-7044.

The Christian Resource Centre, 297 Carlton Street, is again offering free sewing classes on Monday nights. Materials are provided. Call 922-8322 for details.

During the month of September, the Danforth Library is featuring a display on "Toronto and Amsterdam — Twin Cities".

Don West Neighbours Group, a housing co-op based on south of Carlton street has formed a non-profit housing-repair company and successfully bid to repair some of the units in the City owned Spruce Court apartment complex in Don Vale.

New part-time production manager at SEVEN NEWS is Joyce Gariepy. Joyce lives east of the Don in Ward Seven and will be in charge of the mock-up, lay out and paste-up of each issue.

Two active Ward Seven residents, Vern

Burnett and Pat Moses are Board members of Friends of Old City Hall. To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Old City Hall, the group is holding a dedication ceremony there on Wednesday at 7:30 and a Champagne Ball next Saturday.

Wen-do lessons for women aged 15 and up are starting again at the Don Vale Community Centre. Four 2-hour lessons will be given Oct. 10, 17, 24, and 31. Fee is \$2 — contact Suzanne Noble at 921-6710.

The Sherbourne One Five Five Tenants association reports 117 members in the building and is organizing a drive for new members. Fee is \$1 to join. They have also raised \$150 toward the cost of a \$300 used piano.

The hours of the Don District Health Centre at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Thursday and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays only.

CORRECTION: The course, "Creating Together for Parents and Preschool Children" was advertised in our last issue as being available at the Don Vale Community Centre for a fee of \$45. The actual fee is \$25.00.

SATIRE Continued: Readers who responded favorably to the satire last issue about a marathon swim across the Don River have been told that the next major story will be about a motorcycle jump across the Don River by a Ward Seven resident named Orval Knorval.

The long darkened restaurant at the corner of Prospect and Parliament streets will open soon under new management. New owner is John Ryan and he plans to compete directly for the turn-away crowds at Bumpkins across the street.

Set for fall publication by Green Tree Publishing is The Trouble With Co-ops... a study by Janice Dineen of the Toronto Star based on the DACHI experience.

Volunteers are needed by Woodgreen United Church to work with children aged 7 to 12, one evening a week. Anyone interested should call Carol Brown at 461-1105.

The Parliament Street Library is featuring two displays during the month of September: a display of French Canadian books in the Adult Library, and a display of animal banners by Michel Feary in the Boys and Girls department.

Starting on Monday, the Neighbourhood Information Post will resume evening hours: Monday to Thursday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. NIP has all the directories for continuing education, evening classes and re-training programs. They're at 265 Gerrard East or phone 924-2543.

An open house is being held at Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. East on Tuesday, September 24 from 7 to 10 p.m. Featured at the event will be Monte Carlo, Penny Carnival, an Information Booth, displays, a bicycle raffle, coffee house and other attractions. All welcome.

Regent Park Services Unit, 70 Pashler St., will be holding a big sale of household articles, furniture, clothing and baked goods on Friday Sept. 27 from 1 to 7 p.m.

The Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents will hold a General Meeting to consider changes to their constitution and accept nominations to their executive. The meeting will be held Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre and a flyer, containing proposed amendments to the Constitution will be distributed in the community prior to the meeting. Elections will be held at a meeting on Oct. 21st.

Metro Toronto and the City are still at odds over the former Riverdale Zoo site. Metro has promised to turn over the site to the City but won't set a firm date. The City, meanwhile, is anxious to go ahead with plans to convert it into a small scale farm.

Browndale Homes has been stalled completely in its efforts to open up a number of Group Homes in Don Vale. Permits to open such homes have to go through three levels of the Provincial Government including the Cabinet and none have been forthcoming. In the meantime, Browndale is renting out its properties to families at market rates on a month-to-month tenancy.

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# 7 NEWS

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## 1984 OR SOONER?

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in houses?"*

— Jack Heighton

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Adam and Eve  
and the disadvantaged  
to prolong  
the economic usefulness  
of day-old  
bread.*

— NORM CRAVEN

## JUSTICE

A legal Column

by NEIGHBOURHOOD LEGAL SERVICES

### "DISCHARGE — NON-CONVICTION?"

Many Seven News readers are probably aware that a person who obtains a criminal record can later receive a pardon and obtain a clean slate. Unfortunately not many people are aware that a specific application must be made in accordance with the Criminal Records Act. In response to a request from the Neighbourhood Information Post, a member of Neighbourhood Legal Services attempted by telephone to learn the proper procedure for wiping out a criminal record.

By phoning the Federal Department of Justice, it was learned that the authority in charge is the National Parole Board.

According to the duty officer at the Parole Board, a person convicted of an indictable (serious) offence must wait five years after conviction to apply for a pardon and two years in the case of a summary conviction offence. An application form is then obtained, filled out and submitted.

There are about a thousand applications per month in Toronto. The Parole Board does not like to send applications to lawyers but preferably to the individual person. The Parole Board turns the application forms over to the RCMP for investigation of the person who applies for a pardon.

One of the things a person must obtain is five references. Naturally the references are among those people questioned by the Mounties. Supposedly, the Mounties are discreet in their questioning and if asked why they are investigating the person state that it is in regard to a government job rather than revealing that the person is looking for a pardon because of a criminal record. There is of course no guarantee that this is what the RCMP will do.

If the RCMP approve the application, it is passed on to the National Parole Board for a decision. Supposedly the applications not approved of are also passed on. Basically the Parole Board makes its decisions on the basis of what the RCMP recommends.

The next stage in the proceedings is Cabinet approval of the pardon. Generally the Cabinet appears to rubber-stamp whatever the Parole Board has decided.

The National Parole Board is a travelling group and it is sometimes difficult to get all of them together in Toronto at the same time. Decisions in cases such as any crime of violence five members must make a decision as to whether a pardon will be granted. For less serious offences two members are necessary.

The National Parole Board is basically made up of political appointees. They are generally "tame" about making risky decisions and have perhaps been a little more tame during the recent instability caused by the pending election.

An application could take up to 14 months to be processed, although the average appears to be 6 to 8 months. The application may not be submitted until the full time period is up.

One major source of confusion, especially to young people who receive this type of sentence for simple possession of marijuana is the "conditional or absolute discharge". This is a type of punishment which is not in fact a conviction resulting in a criminal record. The fact of the discharge is recorded somewhere, however, and for the sake of convenience it appears that the record of this ends up in the same book as the criminal record. Although one might expect that a person with this type of sentence would be automatically pardoned at the end of the time, it appears that people receiving discharges must also apply for a pardon, and this is never made clear to them when they are standing in court at the time of sentencing. In the case of a discharge, a person must wait three years for an indictable offence and one year for summary conviction offence. Realistically then, a person may not be any better off with a so-called discharge than with a criminal record when it comes to wiping out the record of the court proceeding.

The only advantage would be that on an application form for a job or a passport a person could legitimately say that they had no criminal record if they have received a discharge.

According to the staff person (who shall remain nameless) there appears to be no priority attached to pardons for those under conditional and absolute discharges as opposed to those actually convicted of a crime or those applying for parole. In fact the National Parole Board seems to handle the parole applications first and the RCMP appear to take them simply in chronological order.

It may be that some of the information contained in this article is not accurate, but until the internal procedures involved are made more public there is no way of knowing for certain.

## LETTER

Dear Norman:

As you are well aware, every two weeks, the Neighbourhood Information Post compiles a list of events, programs, meetings and announcements, lumps them all together under the appropriate times and dates, entitles it all COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD and gives it to your for publication.

But from reading the column, and not knowing any better, one could assume that the only events of the community transpire at the Parliament Street Library and Library House.

I hasten to assure SEVEN NEWS readers that there are indeed more events than those listed in that column — probably

meetings and events in each neighbourhood in the Ward. Only we aren't informed about them (or told too late) and can't list them.

Since a number of community workers read SEVEN NEWS, perhaps they would be kind enough to advise Neighbourhood Information Post of the meetings or events they are planning so that we can list them in the Bulletin Board. So far, the Libraries have been the only organization to consistently do so.

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Dolores Montgomery  
Co-ordinator, NIP.

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Love Minnie

# Co-op avoids confrontation . . . co-ordinator

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

What could have been a serious confrontation between residents of Albermarle Street and Riverdale Co-op Homes has been averted, says Riverdale Co-op co-ordinator Daldard Runge.

The issue was raised during the summer when residents of Albermarle received notice that Number 46 had been purchased by Riverdale Co-op and that group was seeking permission from the Committee of Adjustment of the City to put in a basement apartment unit.

Because of summer holidays, no public meeting was called by the Co-op and as a result the neighbours of the house in question raised a storm of protest.

At the Committee of Adjustment meeting, the protesters lodged their objections but the Committee ruled in favour of the Riverdale Co-op.

The Co-op then sent notices around and called a public meeting to explain their problem and why they had to have permission to put in

a basement unit in the house.

At the meeting, the neighbours objected because basement units were illegal and to put one in was in essence changing the zoning for the area. They felt it set a bad precedent, because if everyone did it, it would

will explain

## Drug Benefit Program

The Provincial Government Drug Benefit Program will be explained in detail to anyone interested at a meeting being held Wednesday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Penthouse at 285 Shuter Street in Moss Park Apartments.

The meeting came about as a result of the successful Community Health Fair sponsored by the Don District Community Health Centre and held last Saturday at Moss Park.

One of the people who turned up at the Health Fair was from the Provincial Health Department and once his identity became known, he was inundated with questions concern-

drastically alter the density of the area.

The Co-op explained that under the National Housing Act, no "deep subsidies" were available to co-op housing projects. As a result, in order to meet mortgage require-

ments, they had to bring projects in at a very low cost. And in order to do that, they had to add more rentable units.

The Co-op explained that they were not pleased with having to increase the density of the house by

adding a unit in the basement. But they were caught in the middle.

After hearing this explanation and realizing that it was the legislation that was bad and not the Co-op, the residents agreed to help the Co-op to try and change the legislation.

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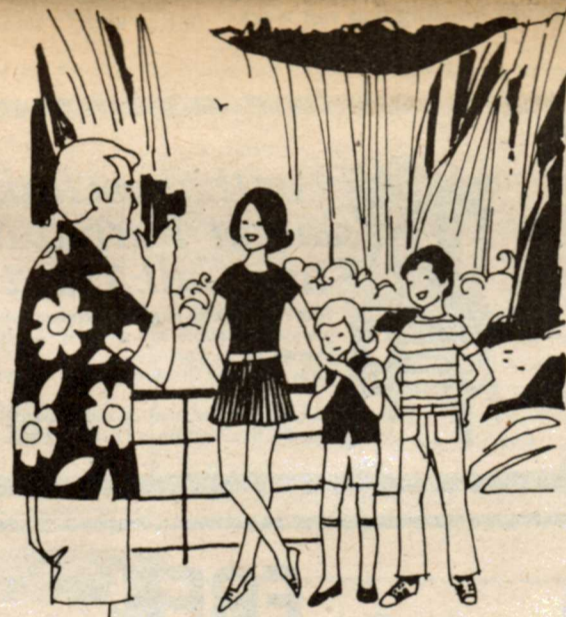
The workshops will be led by lawyers, educators and community workers with varied backgrounds in the subject under discussion.

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# Neighbourhood Program stymied

Recent directives from the Provincial Government seem to indicate that the much vaunted Neighbourhood Improvement Program (NIP) is nothing more than a modified version of the old Urban Renewal Program.

On the basis of information available, it appears that a program, designed to serve the needs of communities, will in fact not serve their needs because of its rigid, bureaucratic nature.

NIP was created by the Federal Government last summer by an amendment to the National Housing Act. It was conceived as a program to distribute financial assistance for community initiated local improvements.

BOTH THE Provincial and Municipal Governments were to contribute financially to the program together with the Federal Government but the initiative was to come from the people in the communities themselves.

No longer were decisions to be handed down to the neighbourhoods

regarding the nature of the development. The new password to progress was "citizen participation".

**As often happens, however, before the program had even begun, roadblocks were erected to prevent its successful birth. The Provincial Government has just recently announced that in order for NIP funds to be made available to an area, a redevelopment plan must first be drawn up.**

This means that in effect, a plan to use NIP funds must fit the criteria of a planning process that is reminiscent of urban renewal legislation in the old "slum-clearance" days.

It also means that:

\*The redevelopment plan must be approved by all the appropriate departments and committees at City Hall.

\*City Council must pass the plan three times.

\*It must be approved by the Minister of Housing.

\*It must be approved by the Ontario Municipal Board.

This complex approval process, together with the possible countless modifications by people at each level, could mean a delay of two years before money is available to

the community which originally drew up the plan.

**And there's no guarantee that the final, all-approved plan, will much resemble the one originally drawn up by the community.**

On top of this, the plan by the community, with its block meetings, general meetings, investigation and research could take a year to 18 months to finalize.

The South of Carlton community which has submitted a NIP proposal through the City to the Province, is one of the areas threatened by these long delays.

But South of Carlton is faced with even greater problems.

Four months ago the South of Carlton community agreed that it wished to use its NIP funds to provide low-cost housing for the area. The feeling was that many long-time residents were being forced out of the area by rising housing costs.

In order to help preserve the working class character of the neighbourhood, NIP funds were to be used to write down the acquisition price of non-profit housing. Under such a program, houses would be bought with NIP funds in order to be sold to a community-based non-profit housing corporation at a discount.

The non-profit corporation would then apply for a CMHC mortgage, which includes a further small subsidy. The houses would then be rented out to tenants at reasonable rents.

**It was felt that such a program was necessary for South of Carlton because the existing Federal program for co-operative and non-profit housing was not working.**

But even before this proposal was passed by City Council rumours were circulating that it was unacceptable to both the Federal and Provincial governments.

At a meeting with Provincial civil servants, called to gain clarification of NIP, representatives of NIP area across the City were told that NIP funds were to be used for community facilities, not to acquire housing.

The South of Carlton proposal, however, fitted nicely into the legal definition of the legislation. The legislation states that NIP money can be used to acquire land. "Land" is interpreted legally to mean land and buildings.

With the new roadblocks, however, it appears that if legal means cannot now be used to stop South of Carlton, they be created. In bureaucratic terms, delay is more effective than rejection.

**Once again it appears that a program that is supposedly a breakthrough in participatory planning has been thwarted by**

**senseless administration procedures.**

A city-wide NIP group has been meeting to deal with these problems and to lend support for each other's proposals. All the groups are supporting South of Carlton since they foresee similar problems for themselves in the future.

In fact, the group has been successful in establishing a NIP Committee at the city-wide level, composed of aldermen, area representatives and city staff.

According to this Committee, the problem isn't with the City of Toronto but with the senior levels of government who are further removed from the communities than is the City.

A solution proposed by the Committee is to give the City more power in administering and handling NIP.

**But if something isn't done quickly, South of Carlton, as well as other NIP areas, will be "NIPed in the bud".**

## Local MPP wants rent review board

Margaret Campbell, Liberal Member of the Ontario Legislature for St. George, has expressed grave concern about impending rent increases in the Toronto area.

"I view with the gravest alarm a report in the "Toronto Star" of impending substantial increases in rent in this area," said Mrs. Campbell.

"Last Spring, I introduced in the Legislature a Private Member's Bill calling for mandatory rent review boards with teeth. It is entirely clear that the expected round of rent increases have nothing to do with increased costs to landlords, and everything to do with supply and demand. Landlords are taking advantage of the very tight rental situation with no thought at all for its victims.

"In the past, the Provincial Government has shown itself to be totally disinterested in the plight of tenants in the private market. Now the time has come when this Government must find the courage to act in a situation of increasing homelessness in the Province. Unless some Government response is forthcoming, the demand for a total rent freeze, with all its concomitant problems, will become irresistible".


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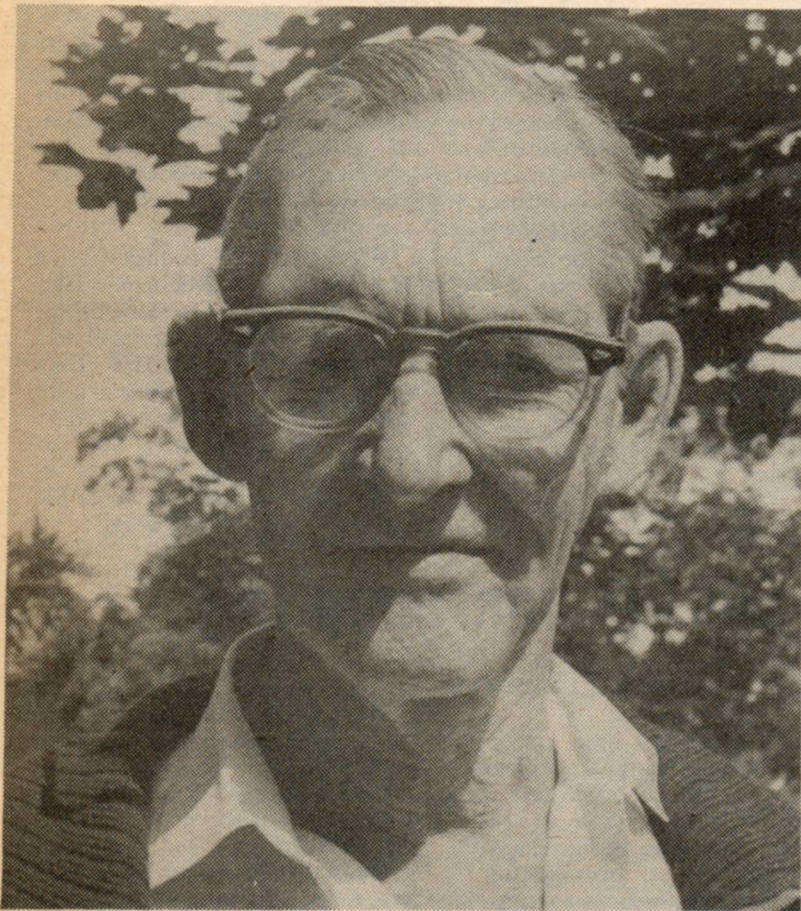
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## Distributor of the week

by J.J. FORRESTAL

One of our older but not less active distributors is local roamer, Charlie Moon.

Charlie, who will have celebrated his 61st birthday on Sept. 13, has been living in the Ward Seven area for approximately (he's rather vague on the details) 25 to 30 years.

He took over a Hamilton St. route from a friend about a year ago, although now his regular route is on Wellesley.

But besides doing his own route,

Charlie helps our distribution manager, David, to do some spot distribution where we usually don't have any, or to continue delivery where a distributor has recently given up a route.

Charlie says he does it "to pass the time. I also read a lot, detective stories, usually. And I walk a lot. Sometimes ten to fifteen miles a day."

Thus Charlie combines his penchant for long walks and exercise with an important community service.

## New executive for Broadview Liberals

Amid the usual post election apathy a surprising display of political spirit surface last month among the Broadview Liberal Association.

At an extraordinary meeting convened at St. Joseph's Hall on Leslie Street, over two hundred members gathered to discuss some internal grievances that had arisen between Lou Yankou's campaign committee and several members of the Association Executive.

The meeting was supervised and conducted by three officers of the Toronto and District Liberal Association: Mrs. E. Hammacott, Mr. S. Freeman and Mr. S. Quickert.

By midnight the members had elected a fresh slate of officers to form the new Executive of the Riding Association.

The discussion focused on a brief prepared by the campaign committee and presented to the members by Theresa Hiltz, outlining four areas in which the President and several members of the Executive had allegedly failed in their commitment to the candidate. The President, Mr. Arch Cascagnette, and his Secretary, Mrs. Mary Lansitie, made a rebuttal on their own behalf, but failed to convince enough members that their conduct warranted their reelection to the Executive.

The new Executive include: President: Mr. Edwin Maher, 224-1/2 Logan Ave. Executive Vice President: Mr. Douglas Loney Secretary: Mrs. Freda Clark Treasurer: Mr. Michael Zouridakis Co-Ordinator of Standing Committees: Mr. Michael Petkovich

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## Friendship Centre re-opens

The Friendship Centre, 315 Dundas Street East in All Saint's Church Parish Hall is using part of a recent New Horizon's grant from the Federal Government to run a Friendly Neighbourhood Club.

The Club, free to all, will be open from 2 to 4 in afternoon and from 7 to 9 in the evenings, 5 days a week. It will also be open from 8 to 9 p.m. on Sundays. The club is described by its organizers as a place to play cards, checkers, chess, billiards, watch movies, talk or read and meet new friends.

Grant money is also available to run special interest classes in the area of arts and crafts — provided a sufficient number of people want a class on a particular subject.

If you are interested, drop around to the Friendship Centre and let them know.

## Meridian middlemen checked by City

At a meeting held late last month at Winchester School, residents of South St. Jamestown rejected a preliminary plan by Meridian for the development of their property in the Ontario-Bleecker blocks of South St. Jamestown.

Another point brought up at the meeting was the discovery by Neighbourhood Legal Services (a group of law students working in the area for the summer) that rents were being raised for Meridian tenants in violation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Meridian.

The same group raised the same issue at various meetings at City Hall with the result that Meridian has agreed to freeze the rents in their properties at what they were in August and to give tenants at least 90 days notice in the case of evictions.

With the law students of Neighbourhood Legal Services having gone back to school, the policing of this agreement has been left up to the City Planning staff and they have transferred Alan Dudeck, a community worker formerly working out of the Trefann Planning Office to the South of Carlton Planning office to carry on their work.

Mr. Dudeck is asking Meridian tenants in South St. Jamestown who

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# Local Greek community has varied history

by Lia Maltas

There is a significant and ever-growing number of people in Ward Seven who claim Greece as their country of origin. These Greek-speaking people in Ward Seven came in two waves of immigration

over the last 60 years.

The first wave of immigrants from Greece came around 1910 through to 1912. Those that settled in Toronto largely moved into the Don District, east of Yonge Street. In 1912, the first Greek Ortho-

dox Church was established in a house at 170 Jarvis Street. With the Church being the Centre for not only religious activities but also for all cultural and social functions, the community began to grow around it.

In the time between 1920 to the early 1950's, this area was the core for the Greek Community. The Jarvis Street Church was moved to 115 Bond Street in 1934.

The Community began to shift in the 1950's when a new wave of immigration began after the war. The community began to move east along the Danforth and into the suburbs. Pockets of Greeks can still be found in the Parliament, Sherbourne, Riverdale and Sumach areas. Many have left the area to live in Don Mills and Willowdale. However, many of the older Greeks have stayed in the area. The concentration of Greeks today is along Bloor, Lansdowne, to Bathurst area and the largest concentration is in the Danforth and Pape area.

Today, even with stricter Immigration laws there are still many Greeks arriving each year. Almost all of the new immigrants arriving settle in Toronto or other large urban areas.

Most of the Greek immigrants that come to Canada come from the rural and underdeveloped areas. Most are unskilled or semi-skilled with very few professionals. Greece itself is a poor country, torn and shattered by external oppression and internal conflicts almost continually throughout its history.

The Greek people have endured a great deal so its little wonder that they welcome the opportunity to make a better future. They have heard about Canada, about its great wealth and opportunity so they gather a few prized possessions, leave relatives, their homes, and everything that is familiar to

them, to carve a better future for themselves and their children.

Those Greeks who come to Canada because of political beliefs are a minority of the total Immigration.

There are tremendous difficulties and problems to overcome for the Greek Immigrant adjusting to Toronto life. The language barrier presents the greatest problem. The simplest things such as completing a form or writing out a cheque become terribly difficult. There is a general willingness to learn the language, and this is reflected in the high proportion of Greeks enrolled in Government sponsored language courses.

Another major adjustment for most is that from living in a rural to

urban environment. For a Greek who has lived in Athens, this does not present as great problem. Little things like crossing the street, using the subway, or weights and measures, which a native Torontonians takes for granted, are confusing and frustrating to a new immigrant.

Greek Immigrants have often been praised for their industriousness thrift and hard working habits. Most Greeks are aggressive and take advantage of opportunity. They appreciate this opportunity and are therefore willing to work hard to better themselves. It is not uncommon for a Greek Immigrant to work twelve to fourteen hours per day, six or seven days a week.

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## Two for one good buy

by ROSEMARY ALLERSTON

Remember the time you got a 'slip' of Aunt Martha's ivy plant. Or the guy in the next office gave you a slice of philodendron to put in water? You were all into that complicated subject, **propagation**. It means, simply, spreading the species of any given plant by creating new ones. Now, plants have their own sex lives, and manage propagation quite happily by themselves, when they live in the jungle.

But here, in our apartments — well, more or less. It's important

where and how you take a cutting from a plant. And what you do with it later determines whether you get roots or not.

We'll tell you about each, and you can check the individual plant section for the way to do **your** plant.

**Cuttings:** Probably this is the method we've all heard most about. You take a piece of a plant, put it in water, and — presto! — roots grow. Well, more or less. It's important where and how you take a cutting from a plant. And what you do with it later determines whether you get roots or not.

**Stem cuttings:** Select a strong, growing shoot, off the main stem of your plant. You'll need one at least 2' long if it's a small plant, up to 6' or 8' if a large one. Using a very sharp knife or razor blade, make an oblique cut about 1/4" below a leaf.

You can root this cutting in water, or a rooting medium — which means moist sand or peat moss. Wait until roots are 1 1/2" to 2" long, then plant in a light soil. Things root best in a humid environment, by the way, with good

light but no sun.

You can dip the cutting into rooting hormone (ask for it at your plant store) to improve root formation.

**Leaf cuttings:** You can take leaves individually off some plants and put them in water, as we described for stem cuttings. They will form roots in the same way. Or place



leaves flat in a medium of damp sand or sand and peat moss mixed. You can cover the cuttings with a sheet of glass, or some poly wrap, to keep humidity in.

**Division:** Some plants can be propagated by taking them out of the pot and cutting the root ball. Just slice the roots cleanly through with a very sharp knife, and pot up each section separately.

**Offsets:** Lots of plants send out baby versions of themselves that hang out over the sides of the pots. You can pin these 'pups' down on a patch of soil and let them root there, then snip off the runner the ties them to the mother plant.

Some offsets can be cut off first, and rooted in water, the same way you would do stem cuttings.

**Air-layering:** This is for tall plants with very fleshy stems, which have grown 'leggy'. The idea is to start a new plant from the top part, which has the most leaves. You either throw out the old plant or, in some cases, watch it grow again from the point where you have cut it back.

To air layer — make a sharp upward cut partway through the stem at a 'node' (a place where there is a leaf or a joint); wrap some unshredded moss around the cut and tie it in place, using plastic to keep moisture in. In a few weeks, you'll see some roots. When they are 2" long, cut the top right off below roots and pot.

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The school aims to foster a spirit of community and co-operation, with all parents, teachers, volunteers and children participating in the educational process and integrating learning and living into a meaningful whole.

School capacity is 60 children in multi-age groupings. The staff includes two full-time certified teachers, two full-time teaching assistants, a co-ordinator and a number of parent volunteers each day. Staff-pupil ratio is in the region of one to eight.

Besides pupils, the school is also looking for people who can offer any resources which would be useful to the school and the community.

For more information contact the co-ordinator, Bonnie Good at 925-7787 or the Chairman, Andre Le Roux at 489-6567.

## Playter fair

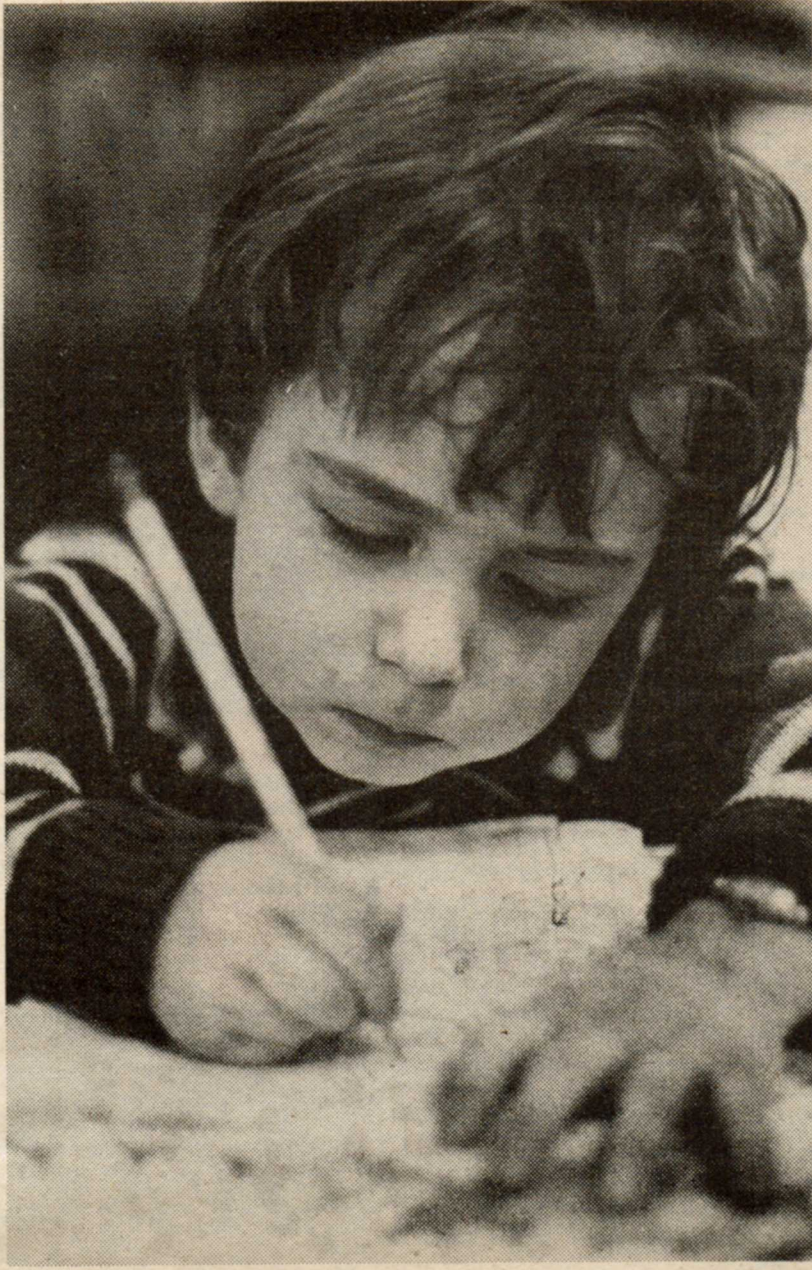
by MICHAEL CRAIG

Residents of the Playter Area near Broadview and north of the Danforth organized and thoroughly enjoyed their Fall Fair on Butternut Street on Saturday, September 7. Three hundred people smiled a lot under sunny skies and took advantage of "Bargains Galore at the Butternut Boutiques."

Under booth names like Erindale Bootery and the Ellerbeck Pink Elephant an incredible variety of merchandise was sold from paperbacks to vintage Playboys, crafts to cookies to kids clothes, with plants and antiques and 460 pairs of ladies shoes for good measure.

Although over one thousand dollars was collected, money was just a slightly embarrassing by-product of the event. The fun, dubbed "participenjoyment", that everyone had was the Fair's real purpose.

The P.A.R.A. Fair, so called after the organizing Playter Area Residents Association, opened with a colourful children's dress-up parade through the Area. It ended, three busy hours later, with the awarding of eighteen LOTO-PARA Giant Lucky Lottery prizes by Mrs. Etta Playter, 92, who represented the Playter family that farmed the area a century and a half ago.



With half of the community participating in one form or another, it is hard to identify the key organizers. But certainly Eleanor MacKenzie, Judy Phelan and Betty Whitten worked like Trojans. And Georgina Winterbottom sold hundreds of lot-

tery tickets as her artist husband, Fred, sketched the Fair in pastels. Scads of helpful kids bobbed for apples, painted pictures and, at the end, scooped the day's litter into garbage bags.

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# Don Valley Men's Baseball finishes season

by JIM HAYES

The 1974 Don Valley Softball Association Men's Baseball season turned out to be a great success with good sportsmanship on the part of all concerned.

Norm Ross Cartage ended up in first place in the league standings with only one point over the second place team, Edelweiss Carpet. Don Vale Community Centre was in third place and Howell Forwarding took fourth.

The semi-finales were a two-out-of-three games series. Series "A" was Norm Ross vs Don Vale. Norm Ross took two games straight, defeating Don Vale. Series "B" saw Edelweiss win two and tie one to defeat Howell.

The finals were a three out of five game series. Edelweiss won the first and fourth game and tied their second and third games to take the championship.

The Don Valley Softball Association annual awards banquet will be held October 5 at the Swiss Chalet Bar-B-Q, 234 Bloor Street West at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

# New book by local worker

by HOWARD RICH

Just released is a new and attractive addition to our growing file on Old Toronto. and **Jim Houston's Toronto Colouring Book** — for anyone who hasn't already recognized the name — has a special appeal for Ward Seven.

For a number of years, Jim Houston, who lives east of the river on Grandview, has been a popular community worker in the St. Jamestown area. It was a happy coincidence this spring that some leisure time allowed him to combine his lifetime interest in old buildings with his talent as a sketch artist. The Toronto Colouring Book was the result.

Supported by a few words of introduction in each case, Jim Houston offers around two dozen of his personal favorites, ranging from the Necropolis Chapel on Winchester Street to a south-of-Dundas section of the garish Yonge Street Strip.

As the book's title suggests, these sketches can be coloured and even framed. Blowups of the sketches, provided by the publishers, have already been coloured by children from Duke of York School.

The book is available for \$1.95 from bookstores and a copy has been donated to the Parliament St. Library for those who just want to browse.

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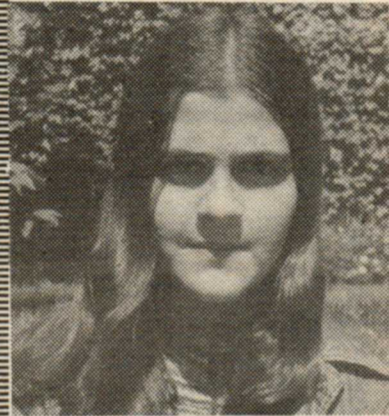
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The SEVEN NEWS Board of Directors is looking for other fund-raising projects that might also raise a bit of money. One such idea being contemplated is a fund-raising dinner. However, the Board has had no prior experience at running such an event and would like to hear from anyone in the community who has had such experience.

# Speaking Out:

Question: How do you feel about going back to school?



Helen Karela, Winchester School, Grade 7

"Awful. It's not like it used to be. The teachers are getting meaner everyday 'cause teaching gets harder every year. Some kids don't want to learn anything and they make it hard for the rest so the teacher has to be hard on us all."

Joe Leighton, Queen Alexandria School.

"I feel good about going back. I like school. I like my teachers and I like to study."



Michael McFarlane, Withrow School, Grade 1.

"Fine. Cause I like to do my work, spellin' and readin' and I like to play in the pit in the school yard."



Anna Tellen, Winchester School, Grade 7

"I'm happy but I'm sad. I'm happy because now I have something to do. I'm sad because I don't enjoy math."



Betty Schneider, Parkview Secondary School.

"I don't like it. It's quite boring. All you do is sit there and work. My favorite part is going out for lunch and the end of the day."



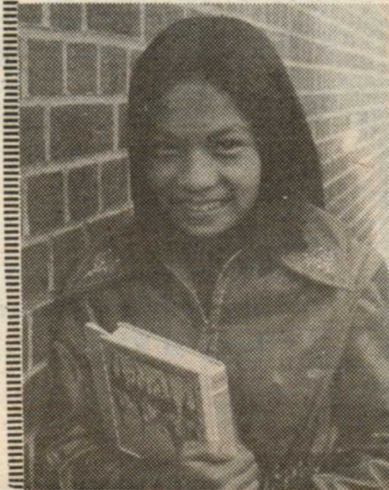
Tony Tutton, Dundas Public School, Grade 5

"I feel OK about it. I like to study history and I like my teacher and gym too."



Jean de Leon, St. Ann's School, Grade 7

"I like it, especially gym and my teacher. He doesn't give us a lot of homework."



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