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Unconfirmed reports have it that the above pictured West St Jamestown site, owned by Meridian, is up for sale. The reason given is that Meridian can't get financing to go ahead with construction. Although construction seems to be going on, some people in the area believe the activity on the site is to it being used as a park until construction money is available. Photo by David Ruppel

## Committee opposes Esplanade extension

The King-Parliament Planning Area Housing Sub-Committee has taken a strong stand against the proposed Esplanade extension roadway.

At a public meeting held by the Planning Board in September, David Lindsay of Berkeley Street presented a brief on behalf of the Sub-Committee objecting to another major east-west roadway being constructed through the area. The brief stated:

The proposed Expressway will cut right across the City's 'St. Lawrence' land-banking site, reducing the area available for much needed housing from 50 acres to 17 acres.

Noise and air pollution from vehicular traffic will increase along the whole corridor, thus further reducing the suitability of the entire surrounding area for housing.

A major physical barrier to north-south pedestrian and vehicular movement will be introduced into an area close to downtown which is already cut up by six major east-west roads — Queen Street, Richmond Street, Adelaide Street, King Street, Front Street, Eastern Avenue, and the Gardiner Expressway — and by the CNR railway tracks.

The desirability of Metro Centre bringing a further 50,000 office

workers into this part of downtown Toronto (that is, six times the current population of Commerce Court) is questionable. This will serve to overload existing facilities for parking, public transit, eating, etc.

The addition of a six-lane highway funneling traffic onto the Don Valley Parkway will only serve to overload that thruway — which is already clogged at current levels of usage, especially at peak hours.

Later that month, Mr. Lindsay and Rik Williams of King Street, met with Mayor Crombie and presented essentially the same brief to him. The Mayor was reported to have listened very sympathetically to the delegation and in his reply, he assured them that, as representing the City of Toronto, he had a vested interest in retaining the Esplanade exactly as it is.

## Reinhardt to run as alderman

Peggy Reinhardt, a resident of Don Mount Court, a public housing project in lower Riverdale, has announced she will be a candidate in the upcoming municipal elections for the seat in Ward Seven being vacated by Alderman Karl Jaffary.

The announcement was made today at the Lord Simcoe Hotel during a political education conference being held there by the Ontario Anti-Poverty Coalition. Ms. Reinhardt recently accepted an appointment to the OAPO Council where she will be involved in creating policy for that provincially based organization.



A recipient of Family Benefits and mother of four children, Ms. Reinhardt will focus her campaign on the need for more money for the poor, better housing for the poor, better education for the poor and a greater share in the decision-making process by them.

## Industry in ward being surveyed

All 250 industrial firms in the King-Parliament area were asked during the summer to co-operate in a survey of business activities in the area. The survey was initiated by the King-Parliament Industrial Sub-Committee.

Response from firms in the area has been good and it is hoped, on the basis of the results, to establish clearly how much land in the area will be needed for industry in the future.

Another project initiated by the Industrial Sub-Committee involves an investigation of the economic viability of modern multi-storey industrial construction in certain parts of the area.

The Industrial Sub-Committee was appointed by an area-wide public meeting last February. Its next task will be to develop possible zoning categories to protect the position of industrial firms in the area in the future.

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## Regional library plan gets cool reception

Branch Libraries in the east end of Toronto generally seem unhappy over the idea of the Library Board to build a district library on Danforth to serve that area.

The general theme of the statements by branch libraries, presented to a recent meeting of the East End Library Advisory Group, was 'the need for more space, for book storage, work areas for the staff and for community use.'

'A district library would accommodate the needs for space but it was pointed out that many people in the area walk to their neighbourhood branch and hesitate to go further afield.'

The fear was expressed that, while a new building is being planned and constructed, the pressing

need of branches for renovation and expansion would be ignored. With only a limited amount of capital available, the fear was that it would all go into the District Library to the detriment of the neighbourhood branch libraries.

Another fear was that existing branch libraries might be closed if a new district library were built. Most branch libraries act as a community centre and home-away-from-home to people in their areas. This relationship with the local community would be destroyed by the building of a new district library.

Two of the branch libraries that are concerned with the issue, serve the east half of Ward Seven.

Danforth Library is a popular small branch with no way of expand-

ing unless nearby property were expropriated. People in the area are requesting books in Greek, Urdu, Hindustani and Punjabi. There is a need for room for children to study and for older people to read.

The Riverdale Library, on the other hand, has plenty of space but a small circulation. The main expansion at that library has been in the Chinese Collection which circulates over a hundred per cent every month. There are also no meeting rooms for community use in the library.

The East End Library Advisory Group, which is made up of Library staff, Library Board members and interested community people, will meet again at the end of October to consider further information on the issue.



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## Neighbourhood legal services still alive in community

Dear Mr. Browne:

In an article "Meridian Middlemen Checked by City" (Sept. 21, 1974, *Seven News*) Neighbourhood Legal Services was described as "a group of law students working in the area for the summer". In fact, of the two dozen people involved in NLS and its incorporated body, Don District Training Program Inc., only one is a law student. Our members cover a full range of occupations and most are involved in other community groups, two factors which make their input more valuable. All of our members live and/or work in the Don District. And NLS has been around since the summer of 1973 and we intend to become more and more active as the year goes on.

Last year, NLS sponsored a "street law" course at Oak Street Community School, four community law forums at local hotels and schools and the formation of a legal information-sharing workshop. NLS delivered a major brief to the Task Force on Legal Aid and assisted other legal groups — People and Law, Toronto Community Law School and Students Legal Aid Society — in the development and execution of their community legal

education programs.

In the planning stage is a course for inner city church workers. Our ultimate goal is the establishment of a storefront law office, offering free legal assistance to individuals and groups. The plan calls for the training of local people to act as legal assistants under the direction of a lawyer. A Board of Directors composed of people from the community will ensure that the office is responsive to community needs.

This summer, assisted by a joint grant from the Christian Resource Center and the Department of the Secretary of State, NLS hired two community workers to carry out a project to provide input into a proposed rooming house bylaw. While working with roomers in South St. Jamestown, they uncovered a number of flagrant violations of the Memorandum of Understanding between Meridian and the City Executive Committee.

Now that their report has been made and the salary money has run out, the workers, Audrey Campbell and Dwight Maloney have indeed gone back to school. But NLS intends to stay in close contact with the roomers. While we are pleased that

the City now realizes it is necessary to police the Memorandum we want to continue to provide advocacy to roomers. After all, Meridian isn't the only threat they face.

The members of NLS believe that everyone should have access to legal counsel. We are continuing our search for funds to help us implement programs to further that belief. But, funded or not, we have large volunteer resources. You'll be hearing from us.

David Reville  
Chairman

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I hope so. Although some columns were forthcoming during the summer, I haven't been able to pin your group down to doing a regular LEGAL COLUMN for *Seven News*. . . NGB).

## LETTERS

Dear Editor:

As many of you readers may know, Winchester Public School will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in October of this year. Being graduates of Winchester "Senior", we'd like to express our feelings towards the school and tell you a bit about what we did in the years we were there.

Some people may remember Winchester for its performance of the operetta "H.M.S. Pinafore" in April of '72. Under the direction of Mr. Pauli (teacher at Winchester and former Stratford star), it was an outstanding critical success, as observed by Mr. Gordon Cressy (ward 7 trustee) and other such important personalities. The operetta was an exciting experience for us all, as well as being great for school spirit. The whole of Winchester took part in it; if they weren't acting in it, they were either selling tickets, helping out backstage, ushering or publicizing.

Other people may remember coming to our Christmas Concerts and "Spring Sings" held at Winchester every year. Our choirs were expertly conducted by Mrs. Thelma Crysdale who unfortunately no longer teaches at Winchester. She has made us to be much more interested in an appreciation of music; both vocal and listening-wise.

Sportsfans will probably remember us because of our high-calibre teams such as the girls' volleyball finalists of '72 and basketball semi-finalists of '73. Or how about the boys' championship softball team of '72? But no one can forget the year the Winchester boys won us 4 pennants; 3 championships for track & field, basketball, and softball, and one semi-finalist pennant for hockey. All of this wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the superb instruction and coaching

of Mes Les and Mr. Carter. Their encouragement provided us with excellent results.

You might recall the month when millions of kids came knocking on your door asking if you wanted peppermint patties or delicious almond chocolate bars. This money was spent on the grade 8 camping trip, a favourite pastime of Winchester, every year during the last week of school. That camping trip was memorable for the tipping of canoes, the breaking of the curfew, throwing people into the water with their clothes on, and the raiding of cabins. For some people it was the first time out in the country for more than just a picnic.

But what we will remember most as ex-Winchesterites are of course, the teachers: Mrs. Crysdale for music, Mis Les and Mr. Carter for sports, Mr. Pauli for his directing and teaching, Mrs. Anderson for her fool-proof identification of the aroma of gum, Mr. George (the science teacher) for his corny jokes, Mr. Negrazis for his pet bo-constrictor (who was forever escaping), Mrs. Chandler for her stylish clothes, teaching ability and tsk-tsking, Mr. Rocks and Mrs. Haines for an interesting art course, Mr. Crawford for his rewarding guidance, Mr. Staples for his freedom-filled classroom (yay!), Miss Saljnas for her teaching and for coaching Winchester's first girls 3-pitch team, and last but not least, our vice principal Mr. Barker and our principals Mr. Price Mr. Choma who jointly managed Winchester from '71-'72 to '72-'73.

Although most of the above mentioned teachers are now gone from Winchester, they have made W.S.P.S. truly something to remember for the rest of our lives.  
some ex-Winchesterites

SEVEN NEWS welcomes correspondence from its readers. Where possible, letters should be typed, double-spaced and not too lengthy. No letter will be printed unless accompanied by the name and address of the author but these can be withheld from publication at the writer's request.

## NIP likes trivia

Dear Norman:

Neighbourhood Information Post would formally like to thank you and the staff at SEVEN NEWS for the various information resource material which you from time to time donate to us.

Your most recent gift, "Guide to Unleaded Gas in Canada" published by General Motors Canada, Ltd. will surely prove useful to all ecologically minded citizens.

Again we thank you for assisting us in answering our inquiries, no matter how obscure.

Dploros Montgomery  
Co-ordinator, N.I.P.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: But I should thank you. Disposing of the vast mass of junk mail that arrives daily for SEVEN NEWS is quite a problem. Recently I offered a batch of photographs of new car

models to the director of a local youth drop-in, thinking she could decorate the walls with them. But when I gave them to her and asked if any of the kids in the drop-in were interested in cars, she replied, "Only to steal." . . . NGB)

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and  
Don Vale Community Centre

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For further information or to obtain an application form contact George Brown College at 967-1212 ext. 204 or Don Vale Community Centre at 921-2426.

## Bazaar and Millionaires Night

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## Residents approve buying assembly

At a meeting held last month in the South of Carlton area, residents approved the purchase by the City of a Meridian property assembly in the Pembroke-Dundas area.

The meeting approved a density of 249 units, containing 115 children for the 1.46 acre site. The unit mix would include 129 rooms, 32 bachelor apartments, 29 one-bedroom apartments, 30 two-bedroom apartments, 24 three-bedroom units and five of four bed-

rooms.

A suggested height limit of six stories was placed on the project.

Should City Council decide to acquire the property, consultants would be hired to draw up alternative plans for the site, and these plans would then be presented to future public meetings in the area. At the same time as these plans are being presented, area representatives would be chosen to be on a 'project team' which would oversee the project.

## Bob Russell new president

The right-wing conservative element in Don Vale put forward a full slate of 20 candidates for the executive posts of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents at their nomination meeting on Monday night.

With no one opposing them, Bob Russell, a Spruce Street resident, historian and teacher was acclaimed President and Scott Aspinall, a homeowner on Carlton St. was named Vice-President.

Still to be decided at an election to be held October 21st are three other executive positions and 15 members-at-large.

Nominated were: for the post of Treasurer; Fran Chadwick, Marg Halliburton and Bob Ford. For recording secretary; Gerald Smith and David Scott. For corresponding secretary; Gerald Smith and Michael Lloyd.

Nominations for Members-at-large were: Rollo Meyers, Polly Evans, Bunny Moore, Doug Phibs, Carolyn McIntyre, Don Davis, Wayne Roseman, Doug Hughes, Frank Bugala, David Attis, Kate Stevens, Harley Walker, Tom Wicket, Bob Stacey, Gerry Grant, John Davey, David Weenen, George Rust-D'Eye, Terry Heinemann, Bob Saunders, Peter Akehurst, Janet Howard, Tom Keeling, Stewart Brown and Valerie Brown.



— Photo by Peter Patterson

## Cinema exhibit at Danforth Library

During the months of October and November, the Danforth Branch of the Toronto Public Libraries at 701 Pape Avenue, is featuring a display on Canadian Cinema.

Canadian Cinema includes, not only feature films that can be seen at local theatres, but also a vast array of short films — many of which are produced by the National Film Board. For the most part they aren't shown commercially, which is regrettable since they are very often small gems in their own right. Of particular interest here is the work of Norman McLaren, an innovator and early leader in the field of animation. More than any other filmmaker, he has helped to shape Canada's film reputation abroad.

Many of the prominent Canadian-made feature films such as *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* and *Kamouraska* have been based on novels. Also, *Rachel, Rachel* was based on Canadian novelist Margaret Laurence's *Jest of God*. The exhibit features glossy still photographs showing scenes from these movies, film reviews, and large posters advertising the films. Among these posters, the *Drylanders* is of importance as one of the very first feature films released by the National Film Board. It also shows photos from three exciting new films that will be released in Toronto later this fall: *The Hard Part Begins*, *Montreal Main*, and *Don't Rock the Boat*. Finally, the exhibit shows the repertoire of Canada's recent entries in the Cannes Film Festival.

This display hopes to acquaint the

viewer with much that is worthy in Canadian Cinema. The familiarity of the settings in these films is quite refreshing for the viewers.

For those interested in Canadian Films and Film Industry, at 7:30 p.m. on October 22nd, the library will show *Oh ... Camera*, a behind-the-scenes look at the Quebec film industry, including scenes from *Kamouraska* and interviews with

Claude Jutra and Genevieve Bujold as well as some excellent examples of Canadian 'shorts': a Norman McLaren film, *Two Bagatelles* and *Phoebe* (about a teen-aged girl's pregnancy).

A display of Canadian novels also accompanies the exhibit. It will probably be only a matter of time before some of these too will be transferred onto the screen.

## Letter

### Room registry seeks listing

Dear Mr. Browne:

The Open Door Centre and Room Registry Service at All Saint's Church (Dundas and Sherbourne) is still going strong, thanks to funding from the City, Metro, the United Way and the Provincial Government.

We think that many Ward Seven area residents have taken advantage of what the Centre has to offer, but there must be many more lonely people who could make use of this comfortable, pleasant, Drop-In Centre.

Please do not confuse the Open Door Centre with the Friendship Centre. Both are at All Saint's Church, but they are really quite different. The Friendship Centre is widely known and appreciated by many, but the Open Door Centre is somewhat different, because it caters more to the ladies. Men are not excluded, of course — but no drunks, please!

Ladies, if you would like to come in and see what the place is like, we would be most happy to see you. You can sit and chat over coffee, watch television, play cards or ask for whatever help we can give to you.

Legal Aid students come in Friday afternoons at 1:30 to help with any legal problems you may have.

Tuesday afternoon is given over to a few tables of Euchre if you feel like playing, and Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. a friendly Bingo game is in progress. Prizes are small but useful and the folks who play are friendly, so come in and join us.

We also have a used clothing shop with very cheap prices.

We would appreciate any of your ideas or suggestions as to how we could serve the community in any other ways than we are now doing.

#### Room Registry Service

To all landlords in the area (or anywhere else for that matter), please let our Rooms Registry Service (here at the Centre) know if you have any vacant rooms, flats or apartments. It is much easier for

people to come to us, instead of roaming the streets looking for signs.

Our phone numbers are 366-4319 and 366-2664, and it will only take you a couple of minutes to call us. We will try to find you the kind of tenants you want, but we can't always promise.

The housing situation is pretty bad. Too many people are coming to our City looking for jobs and a better way of life, only to find that they can't get a place to live.

A SPECIAL PLEA to all the Landlords who read this article: if you can possibly take children, you are a God-send to us and their parents, and you will get your reward in Heaven (if the rent isn't too high!)

There are many landlords who are fair and honest and do not take advantage of a bad situation. But there are also many others who are trying to squeeze everything they can get out of other people's need for adequate housing.

We at the Rooms Registry know that you landlords have your problems, and we sympathize, but we also see many desperate people who need a place to live.

Let's get together, folks. TENANTS: please try to be the kind of people that your landlord wants to have. LANDLORDS: please see that your rooms are clean and decent so that your tenants won't want to leave.

Let's face it: it works both ways, doesn't it?

Hey, I think it is just great that they are finally getting around to having a one year's residency requirement to get into Ontario Housing, because charity should begin at home. When long-time residents of Ontario have to be on a waiting list for years, while newcomer's get priority, it just isn't fair.

See you at the Open Door Centre, folks.

Grace H. Morris  
Co-ordinator

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# Police clamp down on violence

The Gerrard Tavern, on Gerrard Street just east of Parliament is reported to be under 'heavy investigation' by plainclothes Police as the result of a high number of crimes of violence and theft being reported from in and around that building.

Community Relations Officer Ernie Baker reports that 'a fire has been lit' under local police to keep order in the area of the hotel.

The latest incident reported was the brutal beating and robbery of a Regent Park tenant inside the hotel in full view of a regular Saturday night crowd.

Five men, identified as members of a motorcycle gang, jumped the tenant in the main beverage room where he had just sat down with his wife and two relatives for a quick beer.

His cries for help and pleas to call the police were ignored by the Tavern's waiters who busied themselves on the far side of the room serving beer. At the outbreak of violence, the owner reportedly ran into his office and locked the door.

The victim, who doesn't want his name mentioned for fear of retaliation, was then dragged out to the hallway where the beating continued and he was relieved of \$110 he had saved out of his welfare allowance to pay his rent.

After the beating and theft, he reports he stopped a plainclothes cruiser going the other way on Gerrard Street but it failed to turn and come back. Despite all the witnesses to the crime and all the phones in the Gerrard Tavern, the police weren't officially notified until the victim staggered home and used the phone in a neighbour's apartment.

After the police responded, he was taken to Wellesley Hospital where he was treated for a fractured jaw, a fractured cheek bone, two black eyes and a cut and bleeding mouth. Twenty X-rays were taken to make sure there were no other internal injuries.

To add to his troubles, both the Ontario Housing Corporation and the Welfare Department are indifferent to his loss of the \$110. He says Welfare will give him some money but take it off future welfare payments. He had to go direct to the OHC head office to ask for a one month extension on his rent payment.

He says he can make up his back rent by using all of his next two welfare payments. But that won't leave him much to live on.

On thing: it will be a long time before he drops into the Gerrard Tavern for a 'quick beer'.

# Poets inspired by change in area

by ALFRED RUSHTON

Pockets of poetry activity spring up just about anywhere and usually result in the germination of poets who write and exchange ideas indigenous to the craft.

Montreal had its period back in the fifties when Layton, Purdy and Acorn were in the vanguard of new poetry. The West Coast, home of the Tish poets, is usually regarded as an unofficial poetry headquarters visited by the country's poets.

At present, Toronto's Cabbagetown district is the germination ground for a group of young poets who congregate and read at the Parliament Street Library House.

For a number of years both the Library and later the Library house have fostered the reading of poets, major and unknown in this unlikely neighbourhood better known for its existential activities than the making of poetry.

Now the fruition period has come.

Cabbagetown, the largest Anglo Saxon slum in North America, according to some sources, has reason to be proud of a poetry renaissance right on its own doorstep.

It is unlikely many people in the district will be aware of what is going down in poetry but who can blame them? Economic hardship is a way of life in this district which is also undergoing another change as young professionals move in and sandblast houses in order to occupy chic townhouses.

Some of this turmoil and sudden change is reflected in Cabbagetown poetry, notably by Ted Plantos and Hans Jewinski.

If you don't know what hard-core realism is before you come to Cabbagetown then you learn quickly. Osmosis has decreed that poetry about this district will show things as they are — without the meta-physics

sugercoating so indigenous to academic poetry.

Any ivory towers which might have been in the neighbourhood have long since been sold for survival.

(Alfred Rushton is a local poet and reviewer. The above article is excerpted from a longer review printed in his locally published magazine GUT.)

# Dance marks centennial

The year-long WoodGreen United Church Centennial Year festival of activities begins next weekend with a Centennial dinner and dance followed by a Senior Citizen Concert.

From 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 19, there will be a buffet supper prepared by the women of the church followed by a dance. The dance will feature Frank Evans, whose father was bandleader of the Manhattan Blue Blowers, well-known in the WoodGreen of the thirties. He will play music reminiscent of the forties — the Big Apple, the Jitterbug, the Lambeth Walk.

On Sunday, at 11 a.m. the WoodGreen Centennial Church Service will feature Dr. Harold Vaughan, whose uncle was Sunday School Superintendent as speaker. Social music will be provided by the Church Choir.

At 2:15 p.m. there will be a Senior Citizen's Concert featuring Margaret Booth and the Metropolitan Silver Band. Mayor David Crombie is guest of honor and Cindy Nichols, who swam Lake Ontario recently, will present a gift to the oldest senior citizen.

# Now: a new minimum wage in Ontario

Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1974

Ontario's new minimum wage covers people employed in general industry, construction work, domestic service, ambulance service, funeral service, including students and learners.

If you or your employees fall into these categories, it is important for you to know what the law now requires.

People employed by agencies as domestics, and people working as funeral directors or embalmers must now be paid not less than \$2.25 an hour. Learners in General industry must be paid at least \$2.15 an hour during their first month of employment and at least \$2.25 per hour thereafter. People employed in construction work or as construction site guards are now entitled to at least \$2.50 an hour. There is no learner rate for the construction industry. Ambulance drivers, helpers, and first-aid attendants must now receive at least \$108.00 per week or, if they work fewer than 48 hours a week, \$2.25 an hour. Students under 18 who work 28 hours a week or less, or during school holidays, must receive at least \$1.90 per hour.

When employees occupy a room or eat meals supplied by their employer, \$9.00 per week for the room and \$1.00 for each meal or \$21.00 per week for meals or \$30.00 a week for room and meals may be included when calculating the minimum wage.

As for overtime pay, until December 31, 1974, it will be 1 1/2 times the regular pay after 48 hours a week. From January 1, 1975 on, the time-and-one-half rate will apply after 44 hours a week. And from January 1, 1975 on, there will be three more holidays with pay—New Year's Day, Victoria Day, and Thanksgiving Day—added to the current statutory holidays: Good Friday, Dominion Day, Labour Day, and Christmas.

If you have any question or would like more information, write or phone your nearest Employment Standards Branch at any of the following addresses:

**Hamilton**  
1 West Avenue South  
Postal Zone L8N 2R9  
Telephone: 527-4501

**Kenora**  
808 Robertson St.  
Postal Zone P9N 1X9  
Telephone: 468-3128

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But in the end they lost the fight and one chilly day in the spring of 1915, Mayor Tommy Church stood in a sea of mud and jokingly turned the first 'sod' for the Prince Edward Viaduct.

Three and a half years later, less than a month after the shooting stopped in Europe, it was complete: a magnificent ribbon of concrete and curving steel whose five spans reached from Bloor and Sherbourne Sts. to Broadview and Danforth Aves. — 1,620 feet away across the Don River valley.

On the sophisticated, long-settled west side of the valley, the joint creation of city engineer Thomas Taylor and architect Edmund Burke was an interesting curiosity.

But on the east side of the valley, in the community that ran east from Broadview Ave. to the muddy ruts in the bush beyond Pape Ave., the viaduct hit like pure adrenalin.

Called 'the Danforth' after its main drag, the settlement had dawdled through the first dozen years of its existence in wistful semi-isolation from the great city far away across the Don. To call it 'nowhere' might have been cruel but it wasn't far off the mark.

Then came the viaduct and down its broad, gleaming expanse came prosperity. All that had gone before, it developed, was prologue to the

story of the Danforth.

Prosperity pushed Danforth Ave. all the way to Kingston Rd., 81 blocks east of Broadview Ave.

Prosperity turned it into a six-mile-long carnival bathed in the flickering, flashing glare of a thousand neon signs, some a whole stupendous block long.

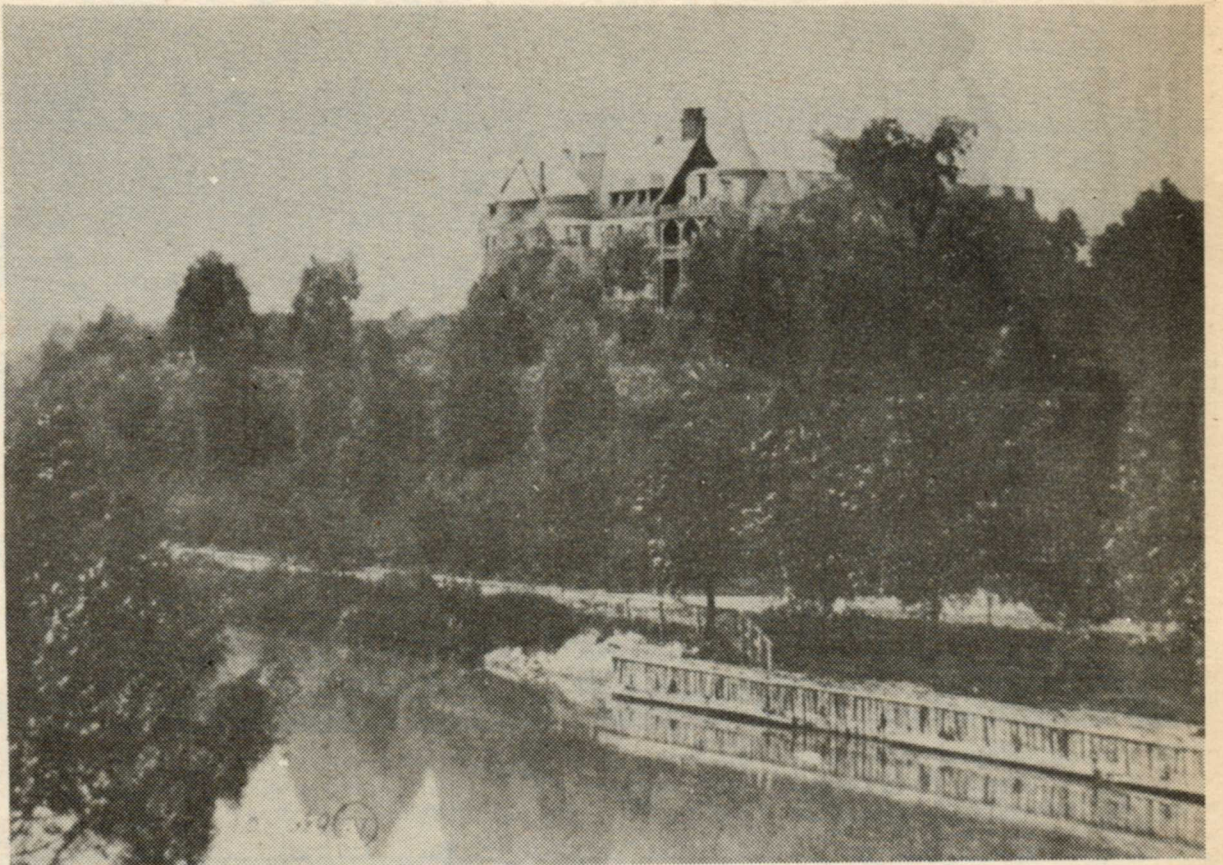
## The Danforth revisited

It was, in the main, a perspiring, huckstering, ulcer-making prosperity that came down the viaduct that day in 1918 but it lavished its blessings on all — even the conservatives who disdained to give away free sweatshirts and balloons with every purchase over \$3.98.

If the frontages average no more than 15 feet, you can cram a lot of stores into 12 miles. On Danforth Ave., prosperity didn't waste an inch.

Today, no street in Metropolitan Toronto can come close to matching the commercial concentration of Danforth Ave.

On the streets immediately north and south of the avenue live the truck drivers, mechanics, bus drivers, welders, warehousemen, carpenters, store clerks and policemen



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who make the biggest single contribution to the present-day prosperity by investing each year in a great mountain of merchandise — everything from living-room furniture, tropical fish, tennis balls and costume jewelry to family Bibles, oil, television sets and home baked bread.

Around 1910, 90 percent of them were Scots, Irish and English immigrants or the sons and daughters of immigrants. Many of them went straight from the boat trains to Wolfrey and Logan Aves. where they moved into spanking new homes that exhibited a common shortcoming — they stood starkly on lots barren of landscaping.

Up from the east end Beaches came Percy Waters, bent on providing the finishing touches to the homes of Jackman and Logan Aves. He bought a store at 445 Danforth Ave., near Logan, moved his wife Lulu and their three children in upstairs, and pitched in.

He was the first florist-nursery man on the Danforth and he shot the works in outfitting his premises. Admirably, passerby noted the parallel electric light wires snaking neatly across the ceiling between porcelain insulators.

By 1913, Danforth Ave. had been hard-surfaced as far as Pape Ave. where the macadam gave



Early photo of Danforth Civic Car Line

way to a dirt road. A thin sprinkling of stores occupied the three-quarters of a mile from Pape east to Greenwood where the Danforth deteriorated into a two-rut trail that ran all the way to Kingston Rd. through scrub and bushland.

Ken Waters, Percy's son and the present owner of the store, remembers the Danforth in those World War I days where people worked hard, prayed hard and played hard.

Nearly every store between Broadview and Logan Aves. was open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and until midnight on Saturday. The final act of the week was to sweep the sidewalk so it would be presentable for the early churchgoers at St. Barnabas on Sunday morning.

In winter, the bobsled runs at Riverdale park drew thousands of youngsters who happily scared themselves silly by whistling down

the half-mile-long South Hill on old ironing boards that rode on a couple of small sleds slung fore and aft underneath.

With a fast track and a good man at the helm, one of these contraptions could be coaxed all the way to Winchester St. several hundred feet beyond the foot of the hill.

At night, for a dime, you could skate until you collapsed from exhaustion at the huge outdoor rink behind the Broadview YMCA or at the equally big Maple Leaf rink at Pape and Gerrard where muffled and mittened bandmen wheezed through 'The 'Skaters' Waltz' and tried to keep their lips from freezing fast to the metal mouthpieces of trumpets and trombones.

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The proposed Esplanade extension has met with strong opposition from members of the King-Parliament Planning Area Housing Sub-Committee. The Committee claims the proposed expressway will reduce land available for "much needed housing" from 50 to 17 acres

## New 7-News board faces many problems

by **NORMAN G. BROWNE**  
7 News Editor

It is traditional at SEVEN NEWS Annual Meetings for the Editor to make a report on the status of the paper for the preceeding year. This time, the report is being made in advance of the Annual Meeting so that people attending it will have some of their questions answered beforehand — and maybe more questions to ask.

Back in the dawn of history, the founders of SEVEN NEWS were split over whether the paper should be controlled by the resident groups in the Ward or co-operatively by all the residents in the Ward.

The co-operative idea won out but it was found out later, when the founding group had largely disappeared, that it was impossible to legally incorporate SEVEN NEWS as a true co-operative.

Instead, SEVEN NEWS was left with a token, appointed, almost non-functioning governing board and an almost autonomous editorial committee.

**Both of these groups almost totally withered away during the first year of publication and almost all decisions were made by the small band of dedicated volunteers who kept the paper alive.**

Then, in May of 1971, the paper was legally incorporated as a non-profit corporation with a three-man Board of Directors. The incorporation of the Paper as a Corporation was for legal purposes only, so no conflict was seen in putting two of the staff on as members of that Board.

For the next year, the staff largely ran the paper with the guidance of the occasional General Meeting. But the continued growth of the paper necessitated changes. With grants being available to hire paid staff the problem was how do paid staff — who are in essence running the paper — hire and fire itself?

The second problem was the inability of the staff to work independently and relate only to itself. There was a desire on the part of staff for a governing group that it could take direction from and relate to.

The third problem was even more deeper and fundamental. Up to that point (the Spring of 1972), the people running the paper were part of the group that originally founded the paper. Thus the original intent, policies and functions of the paper were still being carried out.

But those policies and functions and traditions of the paper had never been codified. And newcomers, unaware of that body of tradition that governed the paper, were coming on

staff and getting involved in it.

To solve these three problems, a General Meeting was called. Out of the General Meeting came a 'Search Committee' which was charged with drawing up a proper constitution and nominating a functioning nine-person Board of Directors.

Five months later they presented another General Meeting with a new, model, constitution and a nine-person slate who were elected as the new Board of Directors.

And that brings us up-to-date, because the term of office of that Board ends on October 23 when the next annual meeting will be held.

**Now the question is: Did that Board solve the problems that brought about its inception? Or do those problems still remain to be solved by the new Board?**

The answer is yes and no. Mostly no.

The problem of hiring and firing is covered in the new Constitution which sets out three committees of the Board: a Personnel Committee, a Fund Raising Committee and an Editorial Committee. Each Committee is to have on at least one member of the Board and any number of people from the community.

In reality, however, the Committee system has never really worked and the standing committees of the Board exist more in name than in fact. The Board of Directors which is down to six members (out of nine called for by the Constitution) has trouble filling its own vacancies, let alone adding more people to committees from the community.

What has happened is that the Board itself acts as a committee (in the case of fund-raising) or sets up a Committee of one (in the case of personnel) or has no committee at all (in the case of the Editorial Committee).

Of late, hiring and firings have been done by the Editor with only a token check with odd members of the Board.

The problem of the staff having someone to relate to or be accountable to has been only partially resolved. In theory, the non-existent Personnel Committee should be the liaison between the Board and the Staff.

**The situation is even more intensified by the tendency of the Board to leave almost all problems and decisions up to the Staff so that the Board can handle major problems, major policy decisions and the various crisis that regularly crop up.**

The third problem, that of codifying the functions and policies of the paper has never been dealt with by the Board. In theory, that would be

the job for the Editorial Committee but that group has never met as a cohesive, organized group long enough to come to grips with the problem.

And if anything, with the passage of more time, the problem has become even more acute.

The editor is the last surviving member of the original founding group who is still actively involved in the paper. He pretty well carries in his head the original ideals and philosophy of the paper and tries to stick to them as they are only rules he has to go by.

However, because of this situation, he is continually being put in the position of having to argue and explain these rules to individual staff, Board and community people, each of whom has his own idea of how the paper should be run.

**In all fairness, present Board of Directors can't be totally blamed for not resolving the problems that it was created to solve. It has been very, very busy and has kept the paper going for the last 17 months.**

Also, the make-up and functions of the Board are set out by the Constitution, so if anything, the Constitution should be changed.

That can be done by resolution to the new Board at its upcoming Annual Meeting or direct changes in the Constitution can be made at that meeting.

Copies of the present SEVEN NEWS, INC Constitution are available from the Seven News Office, 80 Winchester Street. Or ophone 920-8632 and a copy will be mailed to you.

The SEVEN NEWS Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 23 starting at 8 p.m. at Eastminster Church, corner of Jackman and Danforth.

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2) Beads (for 2,3,4's) The child can string the spools onto a shoelace. The hard threading end can be lengthened by dipping in melted wax.

3) Spool-board. Onto piece of wood (at least seven-eighths of an inch thick, and whatever shape you can find), hammer nails (small head) into rows. Far enough apart for spools to fit side by side. Child can arrange spools on nail-pegs.

**TIN CANS** various sizes to fit inside each other (at least 5 widths are in common use). Smooth edge with a good can-opener. Paint with enamel paint. (If you make the cans all the same colour, the child has to really pay attention to the different sizes,

without using colour clues, to nest or pile the cans.) Clothespins (painted the same colours as tins), can be clipped onto the edges. Spools (or bottle caps) can be dropped inside.

**CLOTH SCRAPS**  
1) Felt Board. Cover one side of board (thin wood or heavy cardboard) with plain flannelette (fasten with tape or glue on back). Cut interesting shapes from felt scraps (best) or cloth, such as strips, circles, triangles, squares, capital letters ... use your ingenuity. Child can arrange his own designs.

2) Collage Box. Gather variety of cloth, or paper with interesting 'feel' (texture), such as velvet, snappaper. Cut into various shapes. Child can glue these onto cardboard (cut from several boxes) with paste (powdered wallpaper paste: mix only a little at a time).

One Christmas holiday, we had eight solid days of rain. But our three young children were happy and busy — and learning — the whole time. Playing with their fancy presents? No indeed! They were cutting up old catalogues, arranging the people and furniture in pretend homes all over the floor. All they needed was blunt scissors, old catalogues, a few boxes, a wastebasket — and freedom to make a mess. And then ... we tidied up, together.

Let's give them a bit of ourselves.

(Catherine Verrall is the wife of Rev. Art Verrall, Minister at Regent Park United Church. She is a former nursery and public school teacher and a mother of four).

## Women electors seek elderly volunteers

The Association of Women Electors of Metropolitan Toronto is extending a special invitation to men and women in Ward 7 — especially retired people with a healthy curiosity about how City and Metro policies are affecting this ward — to join them in watching Councils, Committees and Boards of Education on behalf of all citizens.

Operating this year under a **New Horizons** grant, A.W.E. is prepared to lift horizons for all senior citizens who would like to view current events on the local scene.

Experienced members will show new volunteers the ropes at City Hall in return for a few hours of their time each month as an Observer or alternate. Accompanied by an A.W.E. member, recruits will attend City and Metro meetings, listen, make notes, then phone their objective, factual reports to the A.W.E. office.

The Association publishes a Newsletter containing Council's latest doings in Social Services,

Transportation, Housing, Urban Renewal, Taxes, etc. Ward 7 residents — tenants as well as property owners — have a direct interest in all this. Working with A.W.E. they'll find out how it all happens.

The Association is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit making. 'We take a stand on current issues after examining all the facts,' says Mary Anne Miller, President. 'We need help in collecting those facts. We hope Senior Citizens will come out and enjoy the Best Show in Town — running continuously at City Hall.'

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# Wood Green United Church A hundred years of existence

by NILOUFER BAWA

A hundred years ago, Rev. John D. Carroll, prominent Methodist historian and minister, undertook his last project in a long and prolific career: building a small church at Don Mount ... the beginning of WoodGreen's history.

When he was appointed to the Leslieville circuit in 1873, Rev. Carroll found the existing congregation rather small — seven members to be exact. There was no organizational system, 'one classbook with five names thereon' being the extent of the written records. His 'careless though not hostile' congregation collected \$200 in his first year of ministry there. Hardly enough to make the new beginnings he had in mind.

Determined, however, to replace our miserable chapel at the Don by a decent brick church, Rev. Carroll set out to raise the funds. In 1875 he succeeded, and the new WoodGreen Church at Don Mount was erected. Named after two prominent contemporary Methodist leaders, Drs. Enoch Wood and Anson Green, the first church cost \$4,500. A small structure with a white picket fence, Rev. Carroll described it as 'considerably wooded, and the recent rains have made our lot as green as grass can be out of Ireland.'

Soon the church began to make an important contribution to the area. A Sunday school was organized and the congregation, 'a noble band of men and women ... laid truly and well the foundation of the structure which has ... radiated its influence far and wide.'

In 1876, Rev. Charles Langford replaced the aging Rev. John Carroll. Under Langford's guidance, WoodGreen began to grow and expand until it became necessary to add to the original church building. On December 27, 1887, at a 'very successful' social evening, the newly renovated church was reopened. Prominent government and community members were present, and the Mayor gave an address.

When Rev. W.F. Wilson took over, however, the congregation grew so quickly that it became

necessary to build another church. After a great deal of controversy, the church was built on Strange Street and was ready for occupancy in 1890. Though the congregation was now forced to carry a heavy mortgage and the deficit was aggravated by the erection of a new Sunday school, the fact that the membership had increased from 189 to 386 was proof enough of its necessity. The financial problem was eventually solved when the Methodist Social Union came to the rescue.

After a long period of steady growth, the WoodGreen picnickers went off the track at Queenston Heights and was completely demolished. More than 12 people were killed; 80 were injured.

However, on the whole, WoodGreen story continued to be one with an upward trend.

During 1927-32, Rev. C.M. Marshall organized the first 'Go to Church Band' for young people. This was the beginning of a most successful youth movement. The Sunday school had more than 1,000 students; teachers alone were 80. Community activities, with an emphasis on youth, took an upsurge.

In 1936, WoodGreen received a new minister who was to change the church from a small community congregation into one of the largest and most effective in Canada.

Rev. Ray McCleary, a dynamic Irishman, spent thirty years in WoodGreen, making it his life's mission. Under his guidance, the congregation became truly community-oriented. He was a minister of the people. Living in a small house on Boulton Avenue, where the door was never locked, he often found drunks and derelicts taking shelter in his living room.

From these humble beginnings of community service, Rev. McCleary built the WoodGreen Community Centre and inspired the building of McCleary Towers, an apartment building for senior citizens.

During the war he enlisted as Chaplain and went overseas but re-

turned to continue his mission in the WoodGreen community.

With the prosperity and population explosion of the post-war years, Rev. McCleary discovered that the present church building was quite inadequate for his congregation. So this 'human dynamo who seemed to have sparks jumping right out from under his sombre ecclesiastical robes,' set out to raise funds for a new building.

In 1959, the 80th anniversary of WoodGreen United Church, the \$1 million building was completed. With its impressive sanctuary and many facilities for community activities, WoodGreen took on a new dimension in community service.

The sixties ushered in a new era in the life of the church. Community organization became a predominant theme and with it came the need for many new services.

The congregation, under the leadership of Rev. Norman S. Thomas, launched into a community program which covered many essential areas: Hot lunch programs, day care centres, food co-operatives, meals

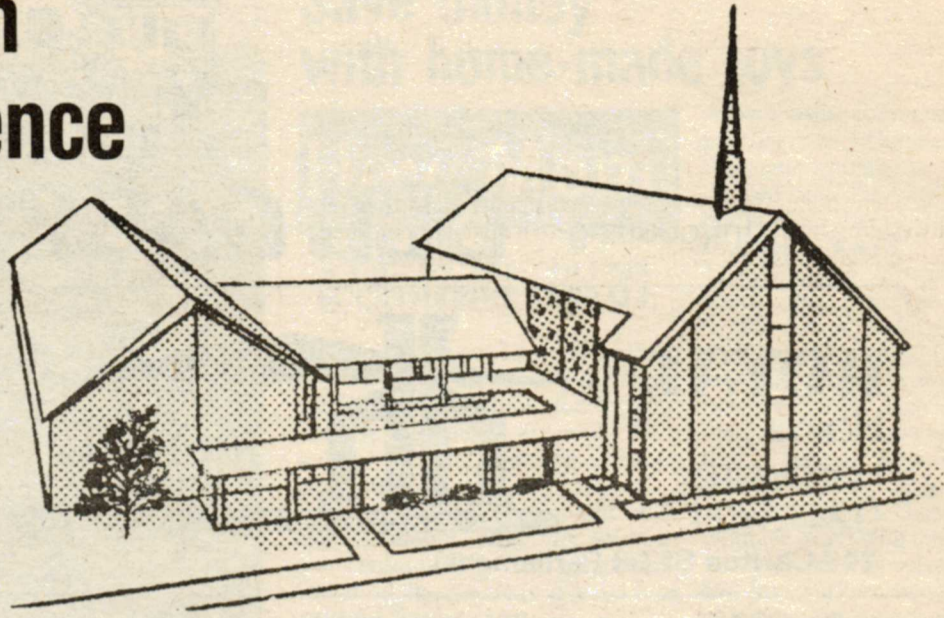
for shut-ins, ethnic integration, are just a few. With the Centennial, WoodGreen hopes to expand and increase its present services.

However, at the same time, WoodGreen United Church continues to be a living, growing church. With a membership of 350, the church has held 763 marriages and 410 baptisms in the past five years.

Sunday school, pastoral care, the Women's Group, Chinese church programs, the Men's Club, Senior Citizen projects, social assistance,

are all part of WoodGreen's daily activities. Special Sunday speakers and services highlight the Christian calendar, and the WoodGreen Church Choir provides music at services.

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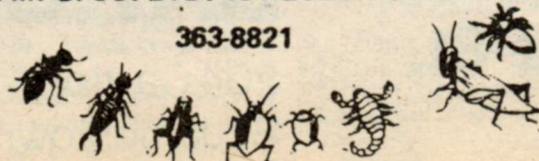
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## CON-DO workers available free

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

Gary Huntly is a tall, good-looking, quiet-spoken 20-year-old youth. For the past three weeks, he has been working as a paid volunteer for Neighbourhood Information Post on Gerrard Street in the Don District of Ward Seven.

Gary is called a 'Paid volunteer' because his services are volunteered to NIP on a full-time basis but he is paid by and actually works for a little-known community service organization called CON-DO.

CON-DO is funded under the Federal Government Local Employment Assistance Program (LEAP) which provides grants to community groups who can set up viable, local employment programs for the hard-core unemployed.

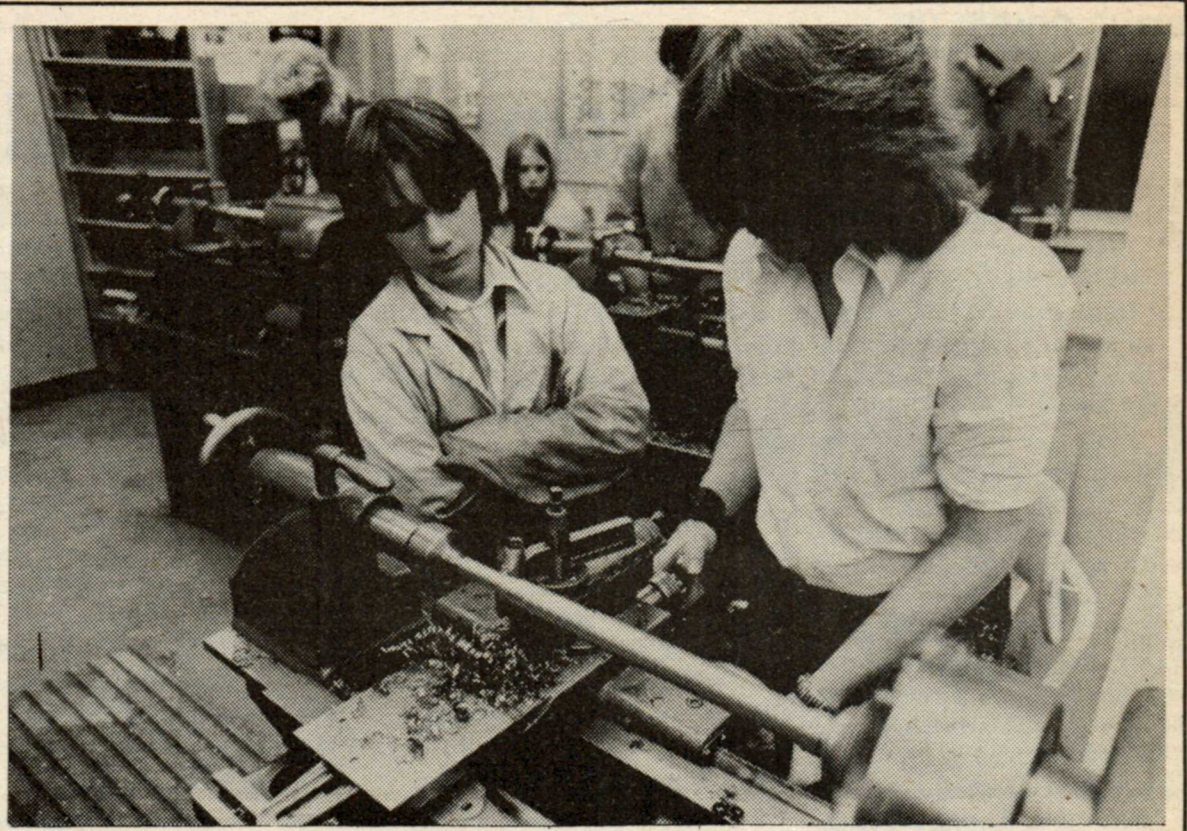
Gary fits into that category as he is an unskilled youth, has a criminal record and is presently on parole. CON-DO has ten such workers like Gary, ranging in age from 18 to 25

and with varying skills and work experience.

Most of the workers available from CON-DO can type and some have carpentry and electrical experience. CON-DO generally provides one person for one day, free of charge, to non-profit organizations. They ask only that the work be interesting and not menial labour.

Gary Huntly certainly finds his work at Neighbourhood Information Post to be interesting. It has broadened his horizons, presented a challenge which he has met and given him a new feeling of self-worth.

Doloros Montgomery, coordinator of NIP, is enthusiastic about Gary's work and the CON-DO program. She has requested that Gary and another youth from CON-DO be assigned to work full-time for NIP. She also plans to make Gary available on loan to work for other community organizations in the Ward.



Castlefrank School is one of many in the community open day and night for classes. Day students, Steve Varga and Derek Gilmour, are pictured here at work in metal shop but business men and women take over in the evenings

He might even work for SEVEN NEWS.

CON-DO is located at 1881 Queen Street East, phone 690-0266. They also maintain a second-hand store where second-hand furnishings, personal effect and old office equipment is repaired and recycled.

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## NIP has criminal injuries data

Neighbourhood Information Post, 265 Gerrard Street East, now has in its files all pertinent information and application forms on the Ontario Criminal Injuries Act.

Under the Act, anyone who is the victim of a crime of violence can receive compensation. The compensation will pay medical bills, pay for pain and suffering and pay for loss of earning power. It will not pay for money or goods lost or stolen.

Victims of crimes of violence must file a claim within a year of the crime. Application forms can be obtained at Neighbourhood Information Post and must be accompanied by all pertinent police and medical reports.

An investigation will then be undertaken and then there will be an informal hearing before one or two

members of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. The Board will decide on the validity of the claim and rule on the amount of money to be awarded as compensation.

## Wood Green open-house

On Tuesday September 24th upwards of 250 people attended the WoodGreen Community Centre Open House.

The evening was highlighted by the draw for a 10-speed bicycle won by Sharon Ealey of Fitzgibbon Avenue of Scarborough. Fred Mainville of Pape Avenue was the bigger winner at the Monte Carlo tables for the adults and Sandra Bosald of Lewis Street came the closest to guessing the number of jelly beans in the jelly bean jar and got to keep the jelly beans for her accuracy.

The Open House signalled the opening of the Fall program season and if the enthusiasm of Tuesday night is any indication it will be a busy fall for the Centre.

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**NEWS ROUND-UP**

# Stompin' Tom part of local centennial celebration

Thanks go to **Marg Taggart** and **R.V. Metcalfe** for recent donations to SEVEN NEWS ... Don Vale resident **Irene Lee** has been hired by Dixon Hall as a youth worker ...

Thanks to Alderman **John Sewell** for donating to SEVEN NEWS all his memos, notes, papers and documents pertaining to the early organizing days of SEVEN NEWS. Any other donations to the SEVEN NEWS historical archives would be most welcome ...

**STOP THE PRESSES:** At an exclusive press conference, held on the sidewalk at the corner of Gerrard and Parliament, **Charlie Rolfe** told SEVEN NEWS reporter Norman Browne (the only one present) that he **would not** be running as a candidate in Ward Seven in the upcoming elections. Of course he still might change his mind ...

Neighbourhood Information Post has received an operating grant of \$750 from the United Community Fund. Trustees for the money will be **The Distress Centre**, a UCF agency located at 20 Trinity Square ...

Open Poetry Readings with guest poet **Pier Giorgio Diccio** 265 Gerrard St. East on Thursday Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free ...

On Saturday, Oct. 19, at 2 p.m., the Danforth Library, 701 Pape, will have a **Hallowe'en Crafts Program** for boys and girls. The following Saturday, same time, there will be a **Magic Show** with Glenn Otta-

way. Admission is free to both events ...

**NEETUBGS:** Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East, there will be a **Board of Directors** meeting of the Neighbourhood Information Post. All welcome ...

At 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Parliament Library House, there will be a meeting of all **Ward Seven youth workers** ... The SEVEN NEWS **Annual Meeting** will begin at 8 p.m. on Wed. Oct. 23 and is being held at Eastminster Church, corner of Jackman and Danforth ... A meeting of all **Don Vale residents** will be held on Monday, Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre. Purpose of the meeting is to elect a new executive to govern the Don Vale Resident's Association for the coming year ...

The **Ward Six Community Organization** has finally got the first issue of their Ward newspaper published. Interestingly enough it's called **SIX NEWS** ...

Residents of **Moss Park Apartments** can now attend church services without leaving the complex. Every Sunday at 2:30 p.m. a non-denominational service is held in the 295 Shuter penthouse. Minister is **Rev. Norm Ellis** of All Saints Church. Organist is **Mr. Emery Cosmon** ...

Two hundred senior citizens, mostly from **Moss Park** and **St. Jamestown**, were guests of **Roy McMurty** on a boat cruise on Lake Ontario. Buses picked them up and took them to Pier Six where they boarded the **Marriposa Belle**. Refreshments were served during the cruise and each guest also received a red carnation ...

Every Wednesday afternoon, the Parliament Library House will have a **senior citizen's club** meeting. Time is from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and programs feature films, discussion, music, games and refreshments. Admission is free and all senior citizens are welcome ...

An increase in Provincial grants for 1974 will allow the Parliament Library to purchase **16 mm films** for loan to the community ...

The latest play put on by the CBC Cellar Society, **Mura-Scura**, was written and produced by Don Vale resident **Stephen Chambers** ...

A film series, **People and Places**, is being held every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Danforth Library, 701 Pape. Admission is free and coffee is served ...

The **Regent Park Busy Bee** club will hold a **Halloween Party** for all Senior Citizens in Regent Park on Friday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m. in the lounge at 41 Oak Street. All senior citizens are welcome, costume is optional ...

A fashion show will be held at **Chester Village**, 171 Broadview, on Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. Tea will be served and a silver collection will be taken ...

A **Farmworker Boycott Meeting** will be held Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, corner of Sherbourne and Earl streets. Featured will be a film and a planning session to welcome the visit to Toronto of **Cesar Chavez**. All welcome ...

The Annual General Meeting of the **Don Vale Community Centre** will be held on Thursday, October 17 at 8 p.m. at the community centre, 80 Winchester Street. The meeting will feature nominations and elections of a new community board of directors to run the Centre for the coming year ...

As part of its **Centennial Year** celebration, WoodGreen United Church will present **Stompin' Tom Connors in Concert** on Friday November 8, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50, from the Church, 461-1105

Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario Street, will have a **free movie** night on Friday, Oct. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. ... The following noon, the **Syncona Steel Band Group** will lead a parade of volunteers through the neighbourhood to knock on doors and collect money for the United Way fund-raising campaign ...

**Morse Street School**, 180 Carlaw, will be celebrating its Centennial on Saturday, Oct. 19 by holding a Tea from 3 to 6 p.m. All ex-teachers and pupils of the school are especially invited. For more information, phone **Susan Buller** at 466-7135 ...

A **Hot Lunch program** has resumed at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street. It's held every **Wednesday noon** — all you can eat for 75c ... And every Tuesday night at the Don Vale Centre there is an **Adult Bingo** with free admission ...

New community worker in the area is **Morris Saldov**, a student in Social Work at the University of Toronto doing field placement two days a week out of **Spruce Court school**. His prime concern is child and school issues but he's interested in everything going on in the area ...

New community organizer in Regent Park is **Simon Mielniczuk** (pronounced Mill-ne-chuck). He was picked out of eight applicants by a hiring committee of Regent Park tenants and is funded by the YMCA

Guest speaker at a recent meeting of the **Second Mile Club** on Carlton Street was **David Ruppel**, Distribution Manager of SEVEN NEWS. He gave a talk and showed material on the process involved in putting the paper together ...

The **Firehall Theatre**, 70 Berkely Street, opens its fall season with a presentation of **Lemon Sky** by Lanford Wilson. The play opens Oct. 17 and runs to November 2. For tickets and information, phone the theatre at **364-4170** ...

Volunteers to initiate, supervise or just help out in programs are needed by the **Don Vale Community Centre**. If you have some time and skill to share with the community, phone **Bill Kelly** at 921-2426 ...

(The cost of printing this column is offset by an on-going grant from the office of Community Consultation, Province of Ontario.)

## Distributor of the week

Karina Acton-Hamill is only ten years old but is already fighting for women's rights. Karina plays hockey, a predominately male sport, and thinks all girls should play hockey. 'There's no reason why they shouldn't', she says. 'Girls should have the same opportunity as boys'.

Karina has lived in St. Jamestown for the past five years and been involved in hockey for the last two. She plays in a league set up by the UMCA which has six teams playing at Rose Avenue school.

Her team is the Hamilton Blazers and she plays defense. Last year she won a trophy for being the best defenseman in the league as well as a crest for being on the winning team. She says her only problem is checking — she doesn't try too hard because she's still not a good enough skater. 'When I want to stop I have to fall or else crash into the boards.'

Karina thinks the coming hockey season in St. Jamestown will be much better than previous. 'We have nets and sweaters, and maybe hockey sticks will be supplied!'

Karina, who has a brother one



year older named Lloyd, delivers SEVEN NEWS because except for hockey there isn't much else to do. She says she occasionally reads it — when she finds something interesting in it. — Photo by David Ruppel

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# FODARA celebrates second birthday

by FODARA STAFF

Recently, a man walked into the Community Secretariat office on Gerrard Street and said he wanted to ask only one question, 'This Fodara is that a Greek or Polish name?' If people who walk by the office regularly are still mystified by who 'Mr. Fodara' is, maybe a brief explanation is on order.

Two years ago this month, The Federation of Don Area Residents' Associations (FODARA) opened the Community Secretariat at its first storefront location on Parliament Street. Residents groups, community projects and individuals across the Don District now had a central place where flyers, meeting notices, minutes of meetings, newsletters and correspondence could be typed and printed for free, or a small charge to cover material costs for

funded non profit groups and groups outside the area. In June of 1973 the Secretariat moved to its present location at 249 Gerrard Street East, between Ontario and Berkeley Streets.

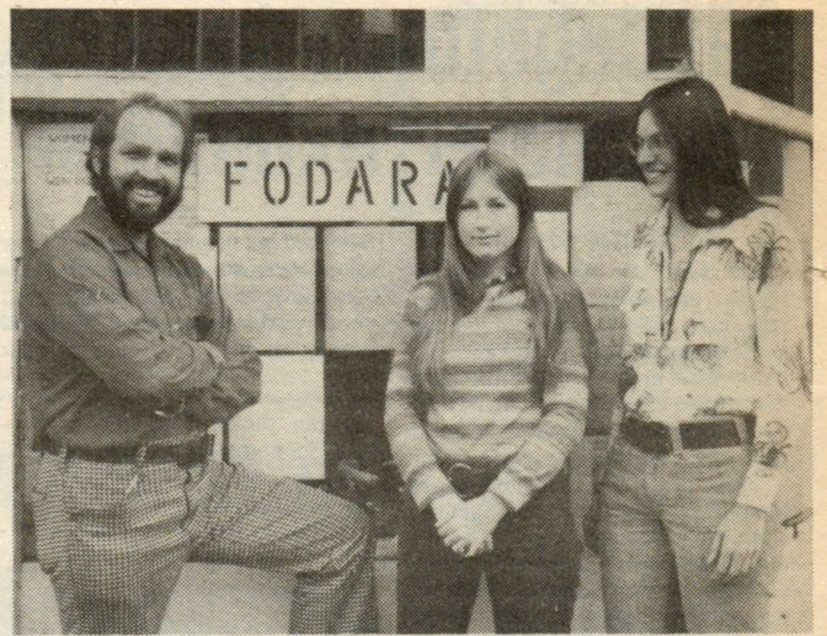
The FODARA Board is composed of representatives of seven local residents groups, with an executive of three people. Present chairman is David Scott from Don Vale; Pat Travis, who has just moved from South Cabbagetown to Regent Park, is the vice chairman; and Noel Guerin from Trefann Court is Treasurer. The Community Secretariat continues to be the major ongoing concern of FODARA which performs all the functions of a board — raising the money to keep the operation going, setting policy, hiring staff etc. But FODARA meetings serve as a forum for residents groups to share common concerns and take joint action on broad issues

no one group could tackle on its own.

When the Community Secretariat opened its doors in October of 1972, the Board hired Elizabeth Radian to organize the office, purchase equipment and get the operation rolling. Elizabeth, vivacious and energetic, was one of the main reasons for the Secretariat's quick acceptance and success.

Michael Stuart, the community worker, seconded to FODARA by the province and accountable directly to the Board, worked tirelessly to organize residents around district wide issues, (housing, health care, transportation), and to inform groups, projects and individuals of the services available at the Secretariat. Gail Beglin joined the staff team in April 1972, to share much of the typing and printing and to put her artistic talents to work on flyers and posters. With her degree in commercial and fine arts she has contributed a professional touch to the lettering on flyers and notices and shown her talent in the graphic art work she has done.

In July of this year when Elizabeth made the decision to re-



Pictured above in front of the FODARA office on Gerrard Street is the present staff, from the L to R Jim Houston, Gail Beglin, Marty Crowder, office manager — Photo by David Ruppel

turn to school, Marty Crowder was hired as the new office manager. She took over the job with such dedication and enthusiasm that it is no wonder she was so quickly accepted as a friendly and helpful representative of the Secretariat.

In September Michael decided to go into post graduate work in housing at York University, and submitted his resignation to the FODARA Board. Jim Houston, well known to many people in the Don Area after five years as minister and commun-

ity worker in St. Jamestown, and recently revealed as a frustrated artist by the publication of his 'Toronto Coloring Book', was hired as Community Resource Worker.

FODARA and the Community Secretariat will be two years old at the end of October to celebrate the event we're having a party. Friday, October 25, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., drop in and meet the Board and Gail, Jim and Marty and all the other users of the Secretariat. Refreshments will be served.

## Navy cadets wanted

In a drive for new members from the Ward Seven area, The Navy League Cadet Corp are holding a free film night, magic show and refreshments on Friday, October 25 at 7 p.m.

The event, for boys aged 11 to 13, will be held at St. Peter's Church

Hall, corner of Bleecker and Carlton Streets and everything is free.

The event is being jointly sponsored by two Cadet Corps, Temeraire and Ark Royal. A Navy League spokesman stated that both groups have only around 15 members and can handle up to 60 to 75.

He also stated that there is no cost to be a Navy League Cadet and even weekend camping trips have only a token cost of \$2. and even this can be waived if the boy is unable to pay.

## Seven elected to Health Centre

Sally Caudwell

An election of the Board of Directors, the possibility of a Homemakers Service, and the business of the three recently opened Community Health Centres were the main issues discussed at a recent general meeting held at Central Neighbourhood House on Ontario Street.

For the South of Carlton area seven directors were chosen to help direct the operations and policies of the Health Centres. The three main locales of the Health Centres, 349 Ontario Street, Moss Park Apartments, and 425 Queen Street East, were all represented by the new directors. They are Leonard Mellow, Ed Fleming, Marlene Burns, Edna Dixon, Noreen Gaudette, Marg Young, and Julia Brown.

There are to be 10 directors and so, three directors from the interim period will carry on until three new persons express interest in the remaining positions. If you are interested in the health care of this district and want to be involved in the decision making of the C.H.C. you are asked to call one of the Centres and will be referred to the directors:

Central Neighbourhood House 922-1901

Moss Park 364-1361-1362  
425 Queen St. E. 364-3982

The report on the state of affairs of the Centres after only one month of operations is most promising. After

a slow first week people are definitely dropping into the Centres and are using the facilities of three doctors and a nurse practitioner. The Central Neighbourhood House reported 108 visits to date (ten in its first week and 60 in its fourth week). The Moss Park Centre was showing similar signs of improvement and use, and the Queen Street Centre was also reported to be well on its way and to have a substantial clientele.

The Central Neighbourhood House Health Centre is already considering extending its hours of operations. As it stands now it is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday evening 6-9 p.m.; the Moss Park Centre's hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday evening 5-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 425 Queen St. E.: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday evening 5-8 p.m.

The Health Centres also report that an active referral system is

being established between their services and other services in the district, namely the Community Health Nurses.

In the near future the Health Centres hope to set up a Homemaker Service. Several problems involving the hours of operation, how to best utilize existing services etc. must first be worked out. They also hope to offer nutrition programmes and possibly a drug service that will allow for cheaper prescriptions.

The C.H.C. personnel would like to remind people that the centres are for anyone living in the South of Carlton area between Jarvis and the Don River (except the Regent Park area which already has a clinic) and people outside the district are welcome as well (although house calls beyond the immediate boundaries cannot be guaranteed).

A Community Health Centre relies on response from the community. Consequently, all meetings are open to the public and your opinions and inquiries are welcomed.

## St Ann's to hold bazaar

Members of St. Ann's Church Ladies Guild and Social Club are holding a Bazaar and Millionaires night next Saturday, October 19 in the St. Ann's church Parish Hall at the corner of Gerrard and DeGrassi streets.

Proceeds from this all-day, dual affair, will go into a fund to help

renovate the church.

Games for the children and the Bazaar will take place during the afternoon between 12 noon and 4:30 p.m. Games of chance and adult refreshments will be available in the evening from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Highlight of the day will be the drawing of a lottery ticket to determine the lucky winner of a color television set. The draw is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m.

Organizers of the event anticipate a full day of fun and activity for both young and old alike and a good turnout is expected. For further information on the event call 463-3834.

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# Cabbagetown boxers win three in summer exhibition match

by PETER WYLIE

Members of the Cabbagetown Boxing and Boys Club won three, split three and lost one bout in a late summer match held at the Teamsters Union Hall at 95 Trinity Street. The seven bout card drew a capacity audience from boxing fans in the South Cabbagetown area.

In the first bout, 70 pound **Mark Robertson** from the Cabbagetown Club lost a close decision to a southpaw from North Bay named Richard Bergeon. It was Mark's first ever bout with a righthander and he almost pulled it out of the bag in the third round.

The second bout saw **Allan Robertson**, Mark's brother, get revenge for his brother's loss by handing a resounding defeat to Roger Filiantrault of North Bay who weighed in at 75 pounds. Allan put Roger down in the third round and was a unanimous winner on all score cards.

In the third bout, **Rheal Bosse**, 79 pounds, of Cabbagetown, returned to the ring after a month lay-off and showed that he had lost little form.

He boxed his way to a neat win over Mike Wall, also from North Bay. Rheal showed his stuff in the third round by taking the fight to Wall and stinging his with left-right combinations.

In the fourth bout, **Don Marshall**, 95 pounds, of Cabbagetown, had to spot his opponent ten pounds and four inches. It was these two factors that resulted in a split decision loss for Don.

The fifth bout was an exceptional one to watch as **Bobby Bland**, 106 pounds, from Cabbagetown, put on a power house battle and just overpowered his opponent, Tom Hoskins of North Bay. Bland got to his rival from the north by leaping left hooks followed by right crosses.

Bland had Hoskins, who is a tough cookie, down once and finally referee Dennis Bradley stopped the assault in the third round when Hoskins was helpless on the ropes. Full marks go to **Rocky Walton**, Bland's trainer, who had Bland in excellent shape for the encounter.

I think all who attended will agree that the sixth bout had a poor decision registered. **Paul Burger**, 150 pounds, from Cabbagetown Club, had his pockets picked when the judges gave a split decision to Roger Landrault of North Bay. Burger's trainer, **John Wylie**, almost tore the ring posts down, not believing the decision.

In the seventh bout, **Riek Bender**, who weights in at 105 pounds and is senior champ of Canada, boxed a beautiful fight against the hard pressing Mike Henry of Irillia.

The first two rounds, in this reporter's book, were Bender's all the way, but the third was Henry's by a close margin. However, the judges gave Henry a close split decision.

This brings Bender and Henry to a future third and rubber match with both boxers holding decisions over each other. Hopefully the judges will have both eyes open and their pencils sharp.

# Local boxers fight in USA

By Peter Wylie

Michael Doyle, a member of the Cabbagetown Boxing and Boys Club, wants to fight in the 1976 Olympics. And although he only weighs 177 pounds and is classed as a light-heavyweight, he doesn't care if he has to fight heavyweights to do it.

His most recent fight in the quest for the Olympics took him and fellow Cabbagetown Club boxer Rick Bland to a Bout in Syracuse, New York.

Bland, at 120 lbs, fought a fierce five-rounder with the host club's Jack Scolla who weighed in at 121 lbs. Bland stood toe to toe with Scolla on many occasions, and both fighters showed the vicious infighting with welts on the mid-drift area. Scolla won a close split decision but Bland won the hearts of the partisan crowd of four hundred.

Mike Doyle, Cabbagetown's answer to Jack the giant killer handed out a systemized thrashing to New York States hopeful in Joe Laforte. Laforte came in at 6'1" 220 lbs to Doyle's 5' 10" 173 lbs. Goyle has been unable to get much competition with lighthheavy weights and has had to step up to the big boys. He makes up for the difference with speed and power, along with a southpaw style that throws his opponents into fits.

Laforte's trainer is non other than the former heavyweight Champion of the world, FLOYD PATTERSON, Patterson had nothing but praise for Cabbagetown's Doyle and said he was quite a prospect for the future.

The fighters were accompanied by their trainers, Rocky Walton, with Bland and, myself for Doyle. A small crowd of ten fans followed the fighters from Toronto and were boisterous in their support of their athletes. Next stop for these boys will probably be in Sudbury, Ont. on Oct. 20th.

In his most recent local bout, held last month, Mike took on Sudbury's

top heavyweight Florent Jeanveau, who weighs in at 199 pounds. Jeanveau came out with both heavy guns blazing in the first round, but Doyle, who is trained by Peter Wylie, remained composed and picked his openings. He managed to drop the tough guy from the northland for a mandatory eight count in the first round.

The second round saw Doyle taking the initiative against Jeanveau and Doyle caught his rival with a series of eight punches that deposited Jeanveau in Doyle's own corner.

The referee, Tom Daly, quickly moved in and put a stop to the proceedings as Doyle was beginning to deal out unnecessary punishment to the game boxer.

In another bout on the same card, Cabbagetown boxer Bobby Bland at 108 pounds put on a gutsy display against Sudbury's Arvo Punnkinen, who, at 109 pounds is 1973 Junior Canadian Champ and 1974 Junior Ontario Champ.

Bland, who lost a split decision to Punnkinen in Sudbury's 1974 Ontario Junior Olympics attacked Punnkinen with everything he had and many thought he hit hard and often enough to win the fight. But it was not to be.

Bland, with Rocky Walton, his trainer standing by his side, stood open mouthed as the announcer, Tony Unitas, tolled the losing notice. Bland has vowed that he will work until he beats Punnkinen, even if has to knock him out to do it.

In the final bout, Bill Walker, 150 pounds, from Cabbagetown Club and Bancroft's Wayne Scott at 155 pounds put in a spirited first round. Both are first-timers to the ring.

Walker, who is extremely fit under the training of John Wylie, showed ringmanship in picking his shots and stopping his game opponent in the first round. Walker will prove to be a good one to watch in the future. He seems to be able to hit with either hand and works both the body and head in his attack.

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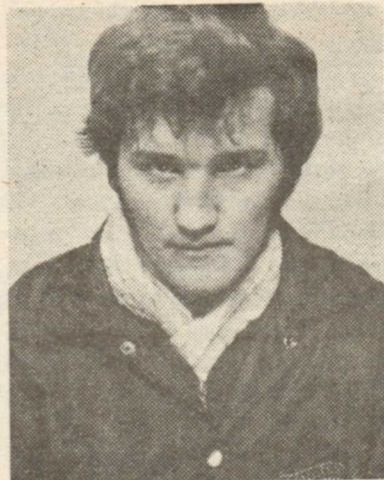
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