

# NEWS

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Publication date for next issue is November 9. Deadline for news is November 4 and for columns and features, deadline is Nov. 1st. We are always short of material so if you can write something, do so — even Letters-to-the-Editor are important.

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## City Denies Hearing

# Riverdale Group Opposes Parking Permits

by ART MOSES

Parking Permits were imposed on Ward Seven on October 17 after City Council reneged on a promise that a group of concerned Riverdale residents would be allowed to hear the debate on the issue.

The group had been organising opposition to permit parking in the Riverdale area the previous week. More than 40 residents turned up at City Hall at 9 p.m. for the debate, which was to finalize the scheme in Wards 3, 7, 8, and nine.

Council had earlier agreed with Ward Seven alderman John Sewell that the discussion should be de-

layed until the evening session so that the residents, mostly working people, could attend.

The permit scheme will make people pay \$24 a year to park their cars on their own streets.

But the plan will not guarantee a place to park. It will only ensure permit holders will not be ticketed on their streets. Several Riverdale residents have termed the plan "a legalized protection racket", not a solution to their parking problems.

The Council motion to delay debate was opposed by Ward Eight aldermen Fred Beavis and Tom Clifford, both strong supporters of permit parking. When Council was

scheduled to adjourn for supper, only the permit issue remained on the agenda. Many aldermen said they would not return at night.

Council almost always meets at night. But claiming they would not have a quorum by 9 p.m., council members voted 11-5 to hold the debate at 6:30 instead. Sewell told them that the Riverdale residents were arriving at 9 p.m.

**The debate proceeded anyway, before an empty gallery.**

City Council approved the permit scheme 14-1 with only Sewell opposed. Even Ward Seven's retiring alderman Karl Jaffary voted for permits, despite his previous opposi-

tion.

An angry group of residents, feeling deceived and cheated after hearing this news, met in the City Hall lobby at 9 p.m. and vowed to continue the fight against permit parking. They were scheduled to meet again on October 23rd.

The group at the Council meeting organized itself the night before at a well-attended public meeting at WoodGreen Community Centre. Residents at the meeting voted unanimously against permit parking.

"In some places you pay money to the Mafia so your car isn't damaged," Munro Street resident Jackie Kellar told the meeting. "In this case you're paying money to the City so your car won't be ticketed by the police. That amounts to a legalized protection racket."

Jean Bunn of Allen Avenue said, "We own our own home, we pay enough taxes to be able to park on our own street."

A Mr. Gauthier of Withrow Avenue pointed out the fact that the scheme would prevent visitors from parking on their host's streets.

A spokesman for the Dearbourne-Fairview Residents Association said a door-to-door poll he helped conduct revealed 136 residents preferred the existing parking situation, with only 22 favoring permits.

Alderman Sewell told the meeting that few residents had returned a city-sponsored poll to gauge opposition to the scheme. But he agreed the city poll was unfair.

All ballots not returned were considered "yes" votes. A two-thirds majority opposed was required to stop the scheme on any street. Ballots were sent to people who moved, or died, or who didn't own cars. They were all considered "yes" votes. The alternative to permits, the city poll said, would be prohibited parking between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m.!

Two residents at the public meeting favored permit parking. They said it would encourage people with garages to use them, instead of parking on the street. They did not stay for the vote.

Others pointed out that the Riverdale area has few garages or driveways relative to population.

In 1972, City Council agreed to allow free overnight parking on most Riverdale streets because of the lack of driveway situation. The new permit policy changes that.

Some residents said they had successfully fought permit parking several years ago.

At City Council, Beavis and Clifford, who represent the eastern part of the Riverdale area, claimed their voters wanted permit parking.

Most residents at the public meeting favored free parking for area residents on their streets, with selective action against business vehicles parking there. They also agreed that school parking lots should be opened to area residents after school hours.

When the city sent its "poll" on

parking permits to residents of Wards 3, 7, 8, and nine last spring, reaction was so hostile that aldermen asked that the polling be delayed in the remaining wards so the ballot could be re-worded.

New ballots have reportedly gone out to at least some of the other wards, and residents on some streets are apparently organizing their neighbours to return the negative ballots before it is too late. **For Riverdale residents, it may well be.**

## Stamm to Run as Alderman

Garry Stamm, an economic consultant in the fields of urban affairs, housing and resource management, today announced his candidacy as alderman in Ward 7 for Toronto's December civic election.

Stamm, 30, said he is running the downtown ward both to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Alderman Karl Jaffrey from civic politics and to attempt to instill in the ward a man of moderate political strain.

Stamm, a graduate in economics from the University of Toronto, has worked in the past for both the federal and provincial governments. A resident of Ward 7 for the past three years, he is particularly concerned with housing problems in Metropolitan Toronto, especially those of low-income families and roomers in his ward.



He also feels strongly that the St. Jamestown complex can be improved.

"It's there and we have to live with it," he said of the massive high-rise development. "I'd like to see a square, much like Nathan Phillips Square -- a people place -- established in the heart of that complex. The city receives revenue from the thousands of residents there. They should have something to show for their dollars."



Left to right are Rev. Norm Thomas, Pastor of WoodGreen United Church, long distance swimmer Cindy Nichols, Alderman Fred Beavis, Mayor David Crombie and Alderman Tom Clifford. The occasion was the start of the Centennial Year celebrations at WoodGreen Church, held last Sunday at the Church on Queen East. Missing from the picture is 102-year-old Bill Corby who was to be presented with a bouquet of flowers by Cindy Nichols. But Mr. Corby regrettably 'didn't make it to the church on time'. Photo Vic Clark

## Grants for Neighbourhood Improvement

City Council (on October 16, 1974) approved two new improvement programmes in Ward 7, that were worked out by neighbourhood groups. In South of Carlton, the City has agreed that about \$132,000 should go towards buying up houses in the area, and making them available to non-profit groups. Using N.I.P. funds this way is necessary because prices for houses in South of Carlton are so high that even non-profit corporations cannot provide housing at reasonable rents. It is anticipated that around 10-12 houses will be purchased under this plan.

The second program approved was for the South Riverdale area. Here residents had requested that

\$62,000 be given the Neighbourhood Renewal Corp. so that it can make basic repairs to houses in the area. Neighbourhood Renewal has been repairing houses in the Wards for about two years and this new money will help people who have not been helped in the past. South Riverdale people want the money spent on crucial repairs and in this way, about 50 houses can be worked upon. People who want work done should drop into the South Riverdale office at Queen and Louis Streets.

These new programmes in South of Carlton and South Riverdale are the result of Council having given up on Ottawa and Queen's Park. The two senior levels of government

have been promising Neighbourhood Improvement money for two years and when it became obvious that money was not coming through, the City decided to go on its own. All Aldermen in Wards 7 & 8 supported the move.

**MEET PAUL RIMSTEAD at the Party and Pub-Night being held Wednesday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street. The winning tickets in the SEVEN NEWS Lottery will be drawn during the evening as well.**



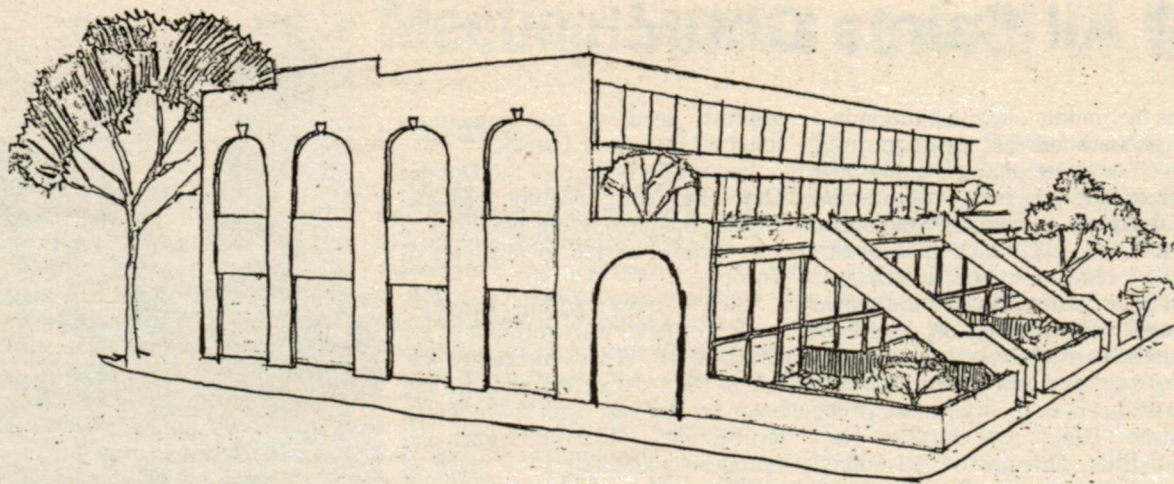
## NIP to hold annual meeting

On Wednesday, October 30 at 7 p.m., in the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East, the Neighbourhood Information Post (NIP) will hold its Annual Meeting.

One purpose of the meeting will be to elect a new Board of Directors who will be responsible for the interaction and response between NIP and the community. It will also be the time for NIP to take a look at what it has been doing for the past year.

The job of NIP, as an information centre, is to supply people with information which they can use as a tool to solve their problem. NIP requires feed-back from the community as to whether they are doing that job and doing it well. The meeting is open to all residents of Ward Seven (who own and control NIP) and anyone with definite concerns should come to the meeting.

Nominations for the Board of Directors are now being accepted. If you would like to serve, contact them at 924-2544.



## New Development Planned for Seaton St.

An application has been received by the City of Toronto to rezone the area running from 264 to 272 Seaton Street in the South of Carlton area. The rezoning application has been passed on to the South of Carlton planning office and they will hold a public meeting on the application.

The idea of the developer is to tear down three houses that lie between a warehouse and the lane. On that property, he suggests building a row of stacked townhouses—ten houses on top of ten houses—facing onto the lane.

The top row of townhouses will be set back from the row below and back into the adjacent warehouse. The remainder of the warehouse will be converted for parking, a suggested day-care centre and six rooming units.

It is planned that six of the units in

the complex would have tenants subsidised under the Ontario Housing Corporation rent subsidy program.

Although one of the South of

Carlton planners called the idea "imaginative", it may come under fire from the community because of its density and the fact it faces onto a lane.



To kick-off the United Way Fund-raising campaign in the South of Carlton area, Central Neighbourhood House (a United Way agency) held a street parade to lend support to a house-to-house canvass held at the same time. photo by Randy Jones

## Lottery Looks Successful

From all reports, the SEVEN NEWS lottery will be an overwhelming success. Within a week of their being printed, all 1,000 books of lottery tickets had been distributed to volunteer salespeople across the ward. New orders for books to sell, as they are received, are being filled by getting books of tickets back from people who are experiencing difficulty selling theirs.

If all tickets are sold, a possible \$4,000 could be realized. The money will be used to pay off current and projected debts of SEVEN NEWS.

To meet its current debts, SEVEN NEWS recently took a bank loan of \$1,200. The loan was made on the basis of the money coming in from the lottery and the loan is due three days after the end of the lottery. Printed elsewhere in this issue is a coupon for ordering lottery tickets. If you haven't bought any yet, do so now — while the supply lasts.

And if you are curious as to how your money will be spent to support SEVEN NEWS, a financial breakdown of the costs of publishing last issue is listed below.

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| Typesetting        | \$209.00          |
| Printing           | 430.00            |
| Ad discounts       | 27.72             |
| Salaries           | 770.00            |
| Employee Benefits  | 56.84             |
| Rent               | 45.00             |
| Phone              | 15.00             |
| Answering Service  | 5.00              |
| Bad debts          | 5.00              |
| Postage            | 6.00              |
| Distribution costs | 16.00             |
| Bank charges       | 3.00              |
| Office Supplies    | 9.34              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>\$1,597.90</b> |
| <b>AD SALES</b>    | <b>\$1,075.50</b> |
| <b>LOSS</b>        | <b>\$522.40</b>   |

There was 930 column inches available in the last issue of which 333 column inches was taken up by advertising or 35.8%.

The period covered in the above figures is for the two weeks prior to the last issue. Salaries are \$120 a week for three full time staff and \$25 a week for one part time staff person.

If SEVEN NEWS sold 36% of the space in a 16-page paper to advertisers, it would break even.

## OLD CABBAGETOWN Closer to Reality

After a month of inaction, plans for changing a section of Parliament Street into Old Cabbagetown are now forging ahead.

Bart Davis, a member of the Board of Management for the Old Cabbagetown development announced last week that a resident on-site planner and architect had been hired to get the plan going.

The new planner is Andrew Protos, hired by the management Board with \$4,000 allotted from the City of Toronto Planning Board budget. Mr. Protos' main job will be to come up with a plan to alter the streetscape and utilities. This plan would then be presented to the various levels of government for financing and action.

The architect hired is Sheldon Rosen. His fee will be paid for out of funds allotted to the Board of Management through a tax increase on the various businesses in the Old Cabbagetown development area.

Mr. Rosen will work with individual storekeepers in the area to help them redesign their stores and store-fronts in keeping with the basic plan of Old Cabbagetown.

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## New Exec. for Don Vale

The new 20-member executive of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents will represent every diverse viewpoint of that community. It is hoped that the new executive, elected last Monday, will bring together and reconcile the various factions that have sprung up in recent times in that area.

An evident attempt at a 'take-over' of the executive, however, met with failure. David Weenan, President of the Don Vale Property Owner's Association, nominated a slate of 14 people for the 20 positions that were open. But only six of these were elected and Mr. Weenan

himself failed to get elected.

The new Don Vale Association governing Council is as follows:

President, Robert Russell; Vice-President, Scott Aspinall; Recording Secretary, David Scott; Treasurer, Fran Chadwick; Corresponding and Membership Secretary, Michael Lloyd.

Members-at-Large: Peter Akehurst, Frank Bugala, Polly Evans, G. Grant, Janet Howard, Doug Hughes, Carolyn McIntire, Eleanor Moore, Rollo Myers, Doug Phibbs, George Rust-D'Eye, Robert Stacey, Kate Stevens, Tom Wickett.



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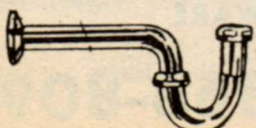
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# Open-house at All Saints Church

by REV. NORMAN ELLIS

All Saints' Church, the large yellow and red-brick building on the corner of Sherbourne and Dundas, likes to feel that it is open to the community most of the day. But on Saturday 2nd November it will be particularly OPEN. We are declaring an OPEN HOUSE from 2:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We also like to feel that the place belongs to the people of the community, but on this Saturday afternoon we are more or less giving the place to the community. This will be high-lighted by an unusual event. On this occasion the Bishop of Toronto will present to the Mayor of Toronto (or deputy) the key of the church to symbolize that the church is really there to serve the community and the people of the community.

This Open House is a part of the Centennial of All Saints', whose building will be one hundred years old at the end of the year.

For most of the century the church served the district around it, but in recent years the old congregation had moved away to the suburbs, leaving very few of the 'old brigade' still attending the church. The church became very little tied in with the surrounding people; here

was the middle-class institution in a neighbourhood of great poverty, which was becoming increasingly dilapidated and a refuge for transient people from all over the Dominion.

It was in 1971 that a mild revolution, a bloodless coup, took place. All Saints' ceased to be a traditional church concentrating on congregational life, and threw itself open to serve the local people, the parishioners in the true sense of the word. "This," says the Rev. Norman Ellis, Director of All Saints' Church-Community Centre, "is the true ministry of a Christian church: it is to follow the way of Christ, who emptied Himself of glory, abandoned comfort, forgot self-preservation, and gave Himself and all He had to the people with whom He lived. We believe the church, the true Church, is to be where people are, because that is where Jesus was and the eternal Christ is now, — not necessarily isolated within the walls of consecrated buildings."

Now All Saints' welcomes to share her ministry and buildings many other groups serving the community. The large 'Friendship Centre' daily entertains about 300 men. "Thus," says Norman Ellis, "where dowager duchesses and even Prime Ministers used to roam around, now we welcome the very

poorest, neediest, and sometimes toughest people of Canada."

For nearly two years the Dundas Day-Care Centre, dealing in Mental Health, operated in our buildings, a very needy service to this part of Toronto.

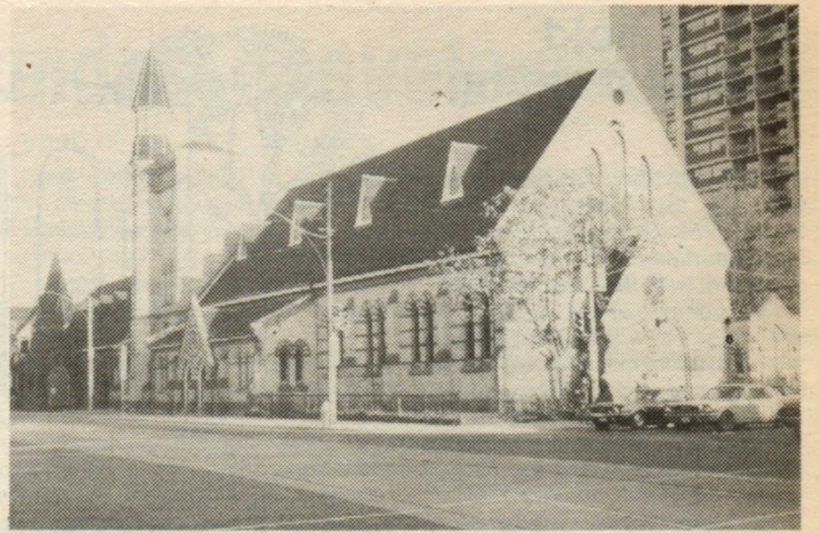
Then — most startling change — masses of pews were torn out of the church itself. A worship centre was left in the front of the church, and behind it is a vast open space which has become — like old English and European cathedrals — a place of meeting, a Community Centre, with bright colours replacing dark brown paint, for only religious people can stand dull brown!

Now each day of the week this area, called the 'Open Door,' gives a home-from-home to about 100 men and women who come to relax, watch TV, make friends, or just sit in the pleasant surroundings and admire the architecture and lovely stained-glass windows.

Others come to the Room Registry, one of the biggest in the city, to find a place to live. Others come for Legal Aid advice from students of the University Law School.

In the side aisle in the church is a group of Canadian Indians who operate from here a Big Brothers' and Big Sisters' and an after-school programme.

All these groups will be represented at the Open House, will welcome visitors and explain what they do. Other groups which you may visit are the 'Friendly Neighbours' (a New Horizon programme), a Senior Citizens' Club, a 'Come Together Club' for single and lonely people, the Over-Night



Drop-In which keeps the place open all night three nights a week, — the only place like it in the city.

There is the new Children's programme which will serve breakfast and dinner and after-school care for children of Lord Dufferin School. There is an Alcoholics Anonymous group which works in a real happy hunting-ground. There is the little theatre now used by the Passe-Muraille East. Our ministry to the O.H.C. apartments, our Men's Club, and many of the more usual church activities such as Scouts and Cubs. Soon we will have a Dental Clinic, but, if you have a sore tooth now, don't wait till it is set up.

buildings, their preserves, to meet you, and for you to visit with them, from 2:15 p.m. Saturday 2nd November. Admission is of course completely free.

The Opening Ceremony will be about 2:30 p.m. A Welcome Greetings from the Bishop who will then present the keys to the Mayor. Following will be a short display of Native Dancing by Canadian Indian children. Then a tour of all the buildings and light refreshments. Quite often on a weekday and through the night the church welcomes 500 people: we hope that you who reads this will be one of a great crowd on this exciting day which will put some fun and friendliness into religion.

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stressing central movement, based on loosening, stretching and strengthening the body. There will be a free introductory class on Wednesday, November 4 at 10:30 a.m. at the Centre (80 Winchester St.), so if you are at all curious, come and find out what we're doing.

Classes will cost \$2 each or ten classes for \$15.00. Private classes will also be available at reasonable rates. Please wear a leotard so that you will be able to move. If you are interested in attending these classes but can't make the morning time, give us a call and we will try and arrange another class. Or, if you have any questions call Jane Draimin at 961-7488 or the Don Vale Community Centre at 921-2426.

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## Rent Control Meeting

'Can You Afford Another Raise In Rent?' will be the topic of a public meeting on rent control to be held in Rose Avenue School on Wednesday, November 6th at 8 p.m.

Sponsored by the Federation of Don Area Residents Associations, the meeting is aimed chiefly at St. Jamestown but could have implications for the whole of Ward Seven as over 70 per cent of the ward are tenants.

Organizers of the meeting say that now is a good time to force the issue what with Municipal elections next month and a possible Provincial election next spring or fall.

Alderman John Sewell will be present at the meeting to give advice and take direction from it.

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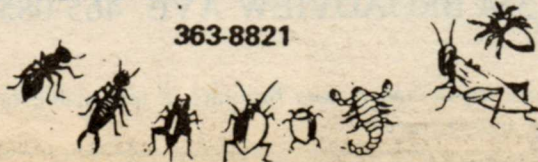
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## Distributor of the week

'There isn't any better community newspaper anywhere' says John Sanlon of Seven News.

John has been a distributor of Seven News since its first edition in 1970 and says he thoroughly enjoys the part he plays in seeing it circulated in the area.

A senior citizen, John is an active member of the community. He was a first vice-president of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association and is past chairman of a local Senior Citizens Club. He strongly supports FODARA and lauds the Community Secretariat as 'one of the best things that ever happened to Ward Seven.'

He is currently Unit Representative of 41 Oak St. where his duties include listening to complaints and organizing social events for the



seniors in the building.

Born in Ireland, John Sanlon came to Canada 45 years ago. He is the father of seven and has 16 grandchildren.

## Grape Boycott Committee Formed

by Deidre Olsen

The people of Ward 7 have now formed the first area Farm Worker support committee in Toronto. The first meeting of the committee was held last Tuesday night to discuss current projects and ways to involve the community in the farmworkers' struggle for justice in the fields. Thousands of concerned citizens, all over North America have given help and support to the Farmworker's boycott of grapes and head lettuce.

We, in Toronto, working on the Boycott feel we must not let the Farmworkers down. The key to winning the Boycott is participation of the community. The big events planned in the next month are picket lines at every major Dominion store

on Thursday 31st of October and a rally at the Dominion Headquarters at 605 Rogers Rd. (Keele and Rogers Rd) on November 2nd. Richard Chavez, the brother of Cesar Chavez will be speaking at the rally.

The people of Ward 7 are helping us with these events and with the continuing activities of the Boycott through their support committee. Some of these activities are picketing Dominion stores in the area, speaking at churches, schools, colleges and union locals, participating in food drives and fund raising events, canvassing and having house meetings. (Picket lines are on Fridays from 6-9, Saturdays 11-4 at Broadview & Danforth, Parliament & Sherbourne, and Bloor & Sherbourne.)

## Meeting Sparks revival of GRO

by Art Moses

The Greater Riverdale Organization (GRO) may well be on its way to a revival if the results of its Oct. 9 meeting are any indication.

About 45 enthusiastic residents met that night at WoodGreen Community Centre and formed committees to work on several important issues in the Riverdale area.

The committee forced to act quickest was the parking group.

Richard Dick of the Dearbourne-Fairview Residents Association told the meeting that City Council would debate the Parking Permit issue on Oct. 16.

A ten-member committee was able to produce a flyer and distribute 6,000 copies before and during the Thanksgiving weekend, publicising a public meeting to organize opposition to permits the night before the council meeting. The committee successfully called on other residents who had attended the GRO meeting to help. Co-operation was excellent.

The residents formed another group which had to make quick decisions about the Neighborhood Improvement Program. A meeting to allocate the city's \$61,875 NIP contribution for the year was scheduled for the following night. The GRO group attended the meeting and all present agreed to spend the money on emergency home repairs.

The residents decided to hire Neighbourhood Renewal, a non-profit house repair group which has been operating for two years on Local Initiative Program and city grants. The organization will work under the direction of a NIP Working Committee chosen by residents at the meeting.

The project will work out of the South Riverdale Site Office (732 Queen E.) and will concentrate on such repairs as faulty electrical and heating systems, dangerous stairways and weak floors, site office planner Pat Murphy said.

The allocation was approved by City Council on Oct. 16.

But during the GRO meeting, McGee street resident Wayne King had harsh words for NIP policy-makers

'Out of 11 areas in the city designated for NIP money, only one area was east of the Don,' he said. 'That area (bounded by the Don, Gerrard, Coxwell and Eastern Ave.) is too large for the small amount of money allocated. The only other area east of Yonge Street is South Carleton.'

'All the other are in West Toronto. We must demand to know how the areas were designated and why there was no citizen consultation.'

Agnes Johnston said, 'Unless people are vocal, the City will siphon NIP money for lane improvements.'

Another GRO committee was established to examine the possibility of acquiring the post office at 765 Queen East for a community facility. The post office is scheduled to close in December.

The building has already been designated an historical site by the Toronto Historical Society, but the Federal Government has not yet divulged its plans.

The GRO committee will gather information on how to acquire the building and discuss suggested uses. Ideas mentioned were an informa-

tion office, day-care centre, babysitting service, medical clinic, food co-op and a place for aldermen and other elected politicians to establish offices.

Munro street resident Velda Cyr urged that GRO get involved in the fight against crime among young people. Several residents agreed to attend a meeting of the Youth Crime Prevention Committee. The Ontario Attorney-General's Department has reportedly allocated \$40,000 for the project.

Larry Haiven, a member of the 'Canadian Liberation Movement', said GRO should work on the lead pollution issue. The Canada Metals plant is located in the Riverdale area. A small committee agreed to meet with other groups working on the issue and plan strategy.

A Simpson Avenue resident told the meeting she objected to a leaflet placed in her mail box by the Western Guard.

The leaflet complains that 'white Canadians are fed up with the deterioration of the environment thanks to Afro-Asian immigration.'

'I am a white Canadian,' the resident said. 'I am also a human being and I don't agree with this statement, which is lengthy and filthy. Pollution of the mind can be worse than lead pollution. This matter merits the attention of GRO. Our purpose is to unite people in this area and we must say 'no' to this.'

A group was formed to tackle the racism issue and will contact Riverdale MPP James Renwick, Broadview MP John Gilbert, and the Ontario Human Rights commission.

Another resident warned that the Western Guard must be taken seriously. 'They affect all of us. They not only hate blacks, but they hate people who hang around non-white people. They will continue their activities as long as there is apathy.'

Residents at the GRO meeting agreed the organization could succeed only with the determined effort of many individuals working on various issues, but coming together for mutual support.

Judging from the Oct. 9 meeting and the activity since then, that effort may be forthcoming.

GRO will meet next at WoodGreen Community Centre on Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. All concerned Riverdale residents should attend.

## Firehall Theatre Opens New Play

Firehall Theatre, 70 Berkeley Street, in co-operation with the venturesome Younge People's Theatre has specially commissioned a new play by the immensely talented young Canadian writer Carol Bolt, author of last year's runaway success **Red Emma**.

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For the first time, Mrs. Bolt's script is not based on documentary material: this is her first entirely original play.

The show opens November 21 and runs to December 7. For tickets and information phone 364-4170.

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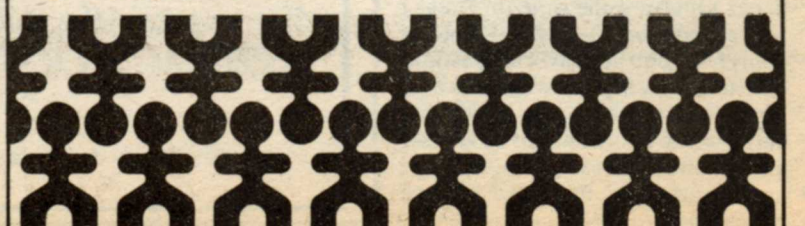
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# Mixed Opinions on Pembroke-Dundas Development

by Sally Caudwell

'This is a selling job. What are the people going to get out of it?' was Alderman John Sewell's reaction to the architects' proposal for the development of the L-shaped property on Sherbourne and Pembroke between Dundas and Shuter Streets.

'Congratulations' and a desire to 'move the plan forward with as much speed as possible' was another opinion voiced at the recent public meeting held at the Duke of York Public School to hear people's views on the project.

'I think it looks good' remarked one man of the plan that involves 4 four bedroom dwellings, 18 three bedroom dwellings, 30 two bedroom suites, 20 one bedroom suites, 30 bachelors and 90 rooms.

'The problem with developers is

they think all about the roomers, the transients, and they forget that there are families in this district too' was one homemaker's comment at the meeting. For another resident, larger families needing five and six bedrooms should be accommodated in the new project as well. Still others felt that the new height bylaw of 45 feet should be more closely followed.

The Duke of York Public School meeting was the third on the Pembroke-Sherbourne development and the reactions to the architectural firm's proposal couldn't have been more varied.

Following the guidelines set forth by the previous public meetings and the various housing committees in the district and the specifications regarding size, space, parking, and landscaping outline by City Council, the city-hired firm of Jerome Markson and Associates presented a plan that stressed diversity and 'mixture': townhouses intermixed with apartment buildings, old houses al-

ready existing on the site with new construction, varying heights and as much garden space as possible.

To accommodate the new construction, houses 196 to 212 Sherbourne would be demolished (and the occupants would be relocated according to the means established at the second public meeting on the development). However, 218 Sherbourne (the house on the northeast corner of the site) and 35 Pembroke (the northwest corner) would remain standing and would be converted after renovations to rooming houses. Also, the privately-owned 216 and 214 Sherbourne would remain.

The proposal tried to work around the existing trees as well and only one of several needed to be removed. All the parking was underground; a children's playground and a pedestrian path from Pembroke to Sherbourne were other features of the proposal.

The family units were placed closer to Pembroke for easier access to the Duke of York Public School

and were designed as four storey walk-up townhouses with each unit being two storeys high. The largest family unit was to have four bedrooms, although it was felt at the meeting that larger units should be provided as well.

According to city specifications one fourth of the project was allotted to the large family units. The rooming facilities also totalled one fourth and the small 1 to 2 bedroom suites take up the rest of the project.

To allow for the 90 rooms and 30 bachelors the southeast corner of the site was designated for a seven storey apartment building. Much controversy was raised about the two storey extension above the recent bylaw demanding authorization of any construction over 45 feet (5 storeys). Mr. Markson defended his proposal by pointing out that the average height was within the 45 foot control. Only a small section of the plan would be 7 storeys high and varying heights would add interest to the design. Also, the extra storeys

allowed for more land space for gardens and a playground. The project would not be 'dwarfed' in comparison with the high-rise Centrepoint East across the road.

For many people attending the meeting, however, the plan's failure to follow the 45 foot limit was a definite drawback. As was pointed out by several individuals the control was imposed to prevent the smothering of a basically residential community by towering buildings and for the sake of that principle it was felt that the development should adhere to the new height regulation.

The general consensus of the meeting, consequently, was no consensus. The architects were asked to provide more than the one plan for the development and at a fourth public meeting to be announced in the near future the residents of the area will be asked to comment on and compare the new and alternative plans for the building of the Pembroke-Sherbourne development.

## New director at Dixon Hall

by Eve Gilmour

Dixon Hall has a new executive director in the person of Donna Clark, an energetic young woman whose experience in a variety of jobs will enable her to provide much needed leadership.

Donna, a graduate of the Master of Social Work programme at University of Toronto, has come directly from a teaching position at that same university. Her previous experience includes farm and factory laboring, selling in a hardware store, counselling with Family Services Association of Metro Toronto where she was involved in both short and long-term casework with a wide variety of family and individual situations.



From 1964 to 1969 Donna was employed at the Mercer Reformatory for Adult Women, undertaking the role of programme co-ordinator in 1968. At this time she also became chairman of the weekly programme planning committee for the new complex to replace Mercer, namely the Vanier Centre For Women, involving all staff and all prisoners in the formation of a programme guide for the centre. As Superintendent of the Vanier Centre from 1969 to 1973 she assumed the complete administrative responsibility of the centre.

Personally, Donna loves the outdoor life, spending the majority of her free summer time camping or sailing. After a particularly busy week there's nothing she likes better than battling with an unpredictable Lake Ontario. At other times she is quite content, curled up in a chair with an interesting book and music in the background. This winter she hopes to have some time to 'Break' into cross-country skiing — not literally! — but her favorite pastime will undoubtedly be wine-making. This is a completely new project for her, and she tells us it will be at least a year before she can give us a progress report. Does that mean a party next October ...

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# Mementos of Yesteryear



## Local Necropolis has Historic Beginning

by Bob Russell

Thomas Helliwell was a brewer and distiller in business with his



The bodies of Samuel Lount and Peter Mathews, executed in 1838 for participation in the William Lyon Mackenzie rebellion, were buried in the Potter's Field. They were among those moved to the Necropolis and this monument was raised in their memory by a later generation of Canadian Patriots.

father and other members of his family at Todmorden on the Don River. They also kept a shop in York where they brought grain and sold beer.

His interest in a properly administered burying ground, in a day when epidemics were both frequent and severe, is easily understood. Helliwell was a member of the original Trustees of York General Burying Grounds.

In 1828 William Lyon Mackenzie, in 'The Colonial Advocate' charged that several men, including Helliwell, had been given valuable waterfront lots — potential sites for wharves and storehouses — before the election of that year.

Weather true or false, Mackenzie's shotgun tactics in making highly personal and derogatory charges were by then so well-known that their shock value had little or no effect — and certainly none on the outcome of the 1828 election.

Helliwell remained active in his chosen spheres of interest until his death in 1862 at the age of 67.

Unfortunately for the Trustees, their labours were by no means settled with the opening of the 'Potter's Field' at Bloor and Yonge. The City of Toronto, following the Act of Incorporation of 1834, underwent rapid expansion and the open lands on either side of Yonge Street were built up.

And Potter's Field was no longer the required one mile beyond City Limits.

Thus it was, that in 1849 a second non-sectarian burying ground overlooking the Don River between Winchester and Gerrard streets was created. They named their cemetery 'The Necropolis', meaning City of the Dead, — the name it still bears.

The site was an attractive one, laying at the north-east corner of the City. An ideal site, fifteen acres on the west bank of the Don, described as a 'commanding and picturesque position'. Beautiful terraces and walkways were built and a neat gothic fence was erected to surround the grounds.

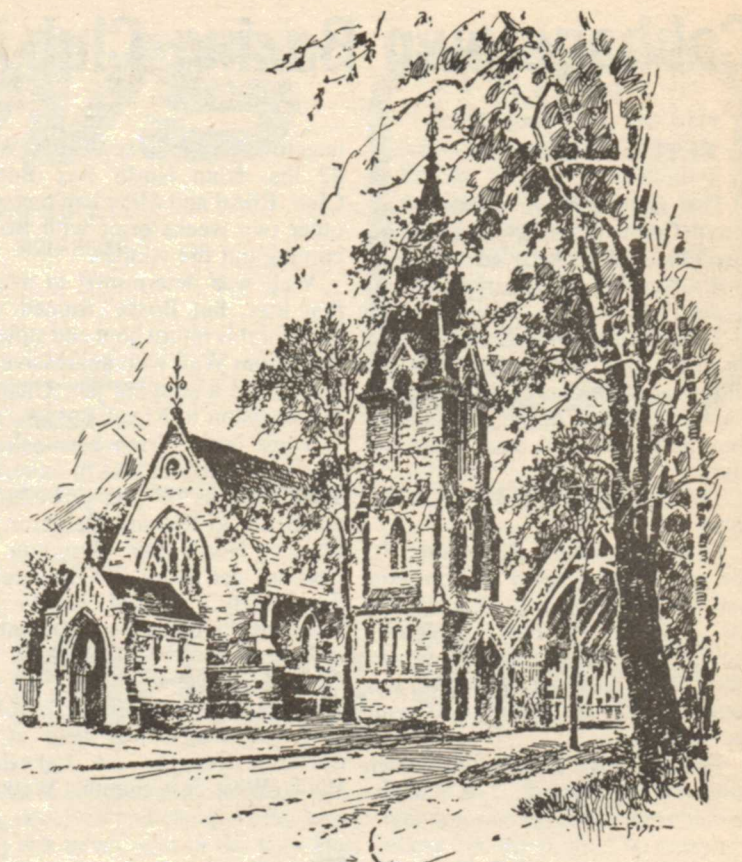
The Necropolis, also boasted near its entrance, an ornamental chapel for services and a mortuary vault.

The Necropolis was purchased on the 11th of July, 1855 for the sum of \$16,000.00. As may be imagined, the fifteen acres comprising the Necropolis were hardly adequate to serve the needs of the growing city.

The Trustees, therefore purchased several acres of adjacent land on the south side of Winchester, also overlooking the river valley in 1864. The cost of purchase was \$5,314, but a great deal of additional money and labour was expended to improve the new land. It was properly



Tombstone for William Lyon Mackenzie, 1795-1861, and his wife Isabel Baxter, 1802-1873, buried in the Necropolis.



Chapel of the Toronto Crematorium and the entrance gate to the Necropolis, built in 1872, at a cost of \$8,682.00

drained and fenced and several interments were made.

And then nearby neighbours decided to protest.

The protest was taken to City Council with a petition to have the land converted into a park. City Council agreed, and by an Act of Legislature passed in 1871, the city re-purchased the land from the Trustees.

It is now part of Riverdale Park and the former Riverdale Zoo.

In establishing the Toronto Crematorium (adjoining the Necropolis), the Trust is keeping abreast of the rising public interest in cremation — an interest that has increased significantly since World War Two.

Trees, flowering shrubs and plants — both native and exotic — will always provide a fascinating backdrop for student and interested adults alike. Examples of some of the more unusual varieties found in the 'Necropolis' include: Kentucky Coffee Tree, Mottled Red Ash, Eagle's Claw Maple, Russian Olive, Schwedler Maple, etc.

### Lount and Matthews Tombstone Inscriptions

'This monument is erected to the memory of Samuel Lount, late of Holland Landing, County of York. Born 24th Sept. 1791, died 12th April, 1838 and of Peter Matthews,

late of Pickering, County Ontario. Born 1786, died 12th April 1838.

Samuel Lount was the eldest son of the late Gabriel Lount an Englishman, who emigrated to Pennsylvania in the middle of the 18th century and of Philadelphia Hughes his wife a Quakeress.

He emigrated to Upper Canada and settled near Newmarket in the County of York in 1811. In 1834 he was elected to represent the County of Simcoe in the Upper Canada Legislature and served two years. In 1836 he became a candidate again but was defeated by corrupt practices used by his political opponents. A petition of 8,000 people asked for a reprieve which was refused. He lived a patriot and died for popular rights.

Peter Matthews was the son of Peter Matthews Senr. a U.E. loyalist who fought on the British side in the American Revolutionary War and at its close settled with his wife and family in the Township of Pickering in the (then) County of York.

Peter Matthews the son belonged to Brock Volunteers during the war of 1812 to 1815, and fought in various battles in Upper Canada of that war. He was known and respected as an honest and prosperous farmer always ready to do his duty to his adopted country and died as he lived — a Patriot.'

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# Cabbagetown Boxing Club is Triumphant in Latest Match

by PETER WYLIE

The Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre put on another rousing amateur card recently to a mainly partisan crowd of two hundred boisterous fans.

The evening featured seven action packed fights and ended with the showing of three filmed fights of Cabbagetowners in the past—shows they participated in away from the club.

The results of the show are as follows:

First bout; Mark Robertson, 70 lbs., of Cabbagetown hit too hard and too often for Tony Ranelli, 69 lbs., of Valley East, Sudbury. Robertson had Ranelli backing away from this little tiger all night, and took the decision unanimously with the judges.

Second bout; Rheal-the French Connection-Bosse' of Cab-

bagetown, 80 lbs., beat Mike Wall, 82 lbs., from North Bay Boxing Club. Rheal and Mike had met each other two weeks prior with Bosse' coming out the winner.

Wall was determined to avenge that loss, but Bosse' trained very hard for this return bout and stole the fight from Wall with aggressive left hooks and a stinging jab. Unanimous decision to Rheal Bosse'.

Third bout; Grieg Marshall, 86 lbs., of West Hill was in extremely good form as he over-powered his game foe in Richard Bergeron, 80 lbs., of North Bay. Bergeron just couldn't get going and the referee, Tom Daly, stepped wisely and awarded the contest to Marshall.

Fourth bout; Bill Walker, 148 lbs., of Cabbagetown made his second appearance a reproduction of his first one which was held at the Shriners Temple on Lakeshore Blvd. West last month. Walker's

opponent, Dan Marson, 147 lbs., of North Bay, a strong well-built welterweight came out in the first round



**RICK B. BENDER**

with both fists blazing. Walker who is trained by John Wylie was in good shape and in high gear. The round was not half over and Walker and his foe staggered with rights and lefts.

The second round was young when Walker caught Marson with a volley of well-placed punches that had Marson hanging onto the ropes. The referee, Mr Dennis Bradley, stepped in and gave the bout, rightly so, to Walker. That's two out of two KO's for Walker at present, keep up the good work John and Bill.

Fifth bout; Dean Ferguson of Leamington, Ontario, 127 lbs., a late replacement took on the hard-pressing Jeff Lewis out of Lansdowne A.C. Lewis, 120 lbs., who is short for this weight class gave it all he had, banging away at Ferguson's mid-section, but the "Leamington Lad" Ferguson made it ten in a row

with long left, right combinations that just caught Lewis too often for the score cards. Both fighters must be commended on their dedication to their sport, it shows in the ring. I think you'll be hearing more later from these boys.

Sixth bout; this was a classic bout, in that it pitted a boxer against a puncher. Ric Bender of Cabbagetown who is the Light Flyweight Champion of Canada took on that rough and tough, up and coming Billy Ranelli of Valley East, Sudbury.

Ranelli who is trained by Leo Bertuzzi, and Bender who is trained by Michael (I'll spare with anyone) O'Reilly had both boys in the peak of form as they went at it hammer and tongs. Ranelli trying to land that big right hand, and Bender had a variety of combinations landing as Ranelli missed. The hectic pace went on for two rounds but, in the third, Bender had Ranelli shaking his head in dismay at the fleet footedness Bender displayed in the fight.

Bender instead of slowing due to the pace just to used a famous phrase, "floated like a butterfly and stung like a bee."

When the third round bell had tolled, Ranelli, although game for more was a unanimously defeated boxer. Ranelli left the ring swearing that he would return, to avenge his defeat.

Seventh bout; Main Event - Mike "Killer" Scott is back knocking



**RHEAL BOSSE**

them out again. Rocky Walton has the midget tank firing with high velocity ammo. His opponent for the card was the classy fighter and ex-Bantamweight Champ from Nova Scotia, Emmerson Rose of Mississauga Boxing Club.

Scott knew that he couldn't give Rose much room to operate in and kept close to him throughout the fight. Scott hurt Rose with a short left hook in the first round and it was apparent that if he repeated this move it forboded ill for Rose.

At the start of the second round Scott with instructions from his corner, came out blazing. He landed with a leaping right hand that buckled Rose's knees and he sunk to the canvas, just beating the count at nine. The referee, Dennis Bradley, could see that Rose was on wobbly pins, and he stopped the bout at 43 seconds of the second round.

## Lensky Wins Tournament

by Henry Chow

During September and the first half of October, the Parliament Library House held its second closed chess tournament with Leo Penny the defending champion.

In the early part of the tourney, Jim Wiberg and Penny seemed sure bets to win while Ted Plantos, Adam Lensky and Henry Chow were slow starters.

In the latter part of the tournament, however, Lensky took the lead and held onto it to emerge as victor and new House Champion. Wiberg placed second, only a half point behind Lensky while Penny placed third, losing out on a tie-break.

Both Penny and Wiberg played very strong, forcing Lensky to edge the tourney by the very narrow margin of half a point. Chow and Plantos placed fourth and fifth respectively. Neither player seemed to be able to 'get it together' during the tournament.

Anyone interested in joining the chess club is asked to contact Jim Wiberg at the Library House, 265 Gerrard Street East. The House is open Monday to Friday between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.

## Programs for women sought by YMCA

by RALPH GAUTHIER

An attempt is being made to offer women full membership and a full range of activities at the Broadview YMCA. The experiment began in September when the Broadview Y held an Open House for women.

Although attendance was very sparse, the conversation that emanated from those present was quite enlightening.

As a result of the Open House, it was decided to hold a trial night for women every Thursday between 8 and 10 p.m. with programs of fitness, volleyball, badminton and swimming. Women who are interested in these or related activities are invited to come out and attend on Thursday nights.

If the Thursday night program for women is successful, the YMCA plans to expand it in the new year to a full program, Monday to Friday. The full program would include fitness classes, tiny-tot or pre-school classes for children, swimming classes and fitness appraisal tests.

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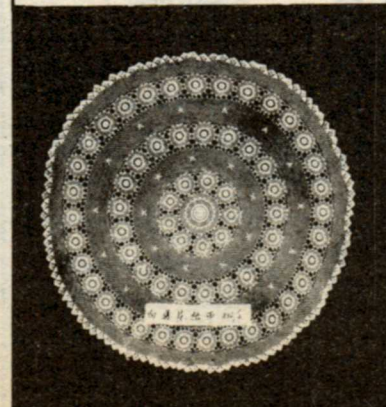
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