

# NEWS

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**NEXT ISSUE**  
Next issue will feature our wrap-up series on all the candidates running for election in the Ward. Deadline for features and columns is Fri. Nov. 15th and the news deadline is Noon on Monday, Nov. 18.

## Acid spill angers local residents

by JUNE NOBLE

At 8 a.m. on Monday October 28th, 250-300 gallons of nitric acid was spilled out onto the driveway at the rear of Engelhard Industries, 512 King Street East.

The fire department arrived and flushed the area with water and offered hospital care to the residents living on Queen Street whose backyards butt against Engelhard's driveway.

One of the households is a non-English speaking family with a baby. They did not go to the hospital because they didn't understand the danger.

This incident is an example of the hazards our neighbourhood faces. This accident should never have happened. It was caused by an employee accidentally pressurizing a 1000 gallon storage tank, which is outside on top of a one-storey part of the building.

We must have laws to prohibit the storage of dangerous chemicals without stricter safety controls.

The Special Hazards Branch of City Hall has no bylaws to control industries using gases or acids. It comes under the jurisdiction of the Industrial Safety Branch of the

Labor Department of the Ontario government, whose prime concern is for the safety of the employees.

Cabbagetown Housing Organization United (C.H.O.U.) is concerned about the seeming lack of controls over polluting industries adjacent to residences.

C.H.O.U. is a group of residents in the King-Parliament area who live

side by side with heavy industry. Since the area is zoned C2V2, residential use is non-conforming and gives us few rights.

C.H.O.U. is holding a meeting on Wednesday November 13th at Dixon Hall 8:00 p.m. to formulate a course of action in regard to polluting industries. All interested people are invited.

## Three more candidates



Sandra Fox, 26, is an office worker in Toronto. She became involved in the feminist movement in 1970 and was a founder of the Canadian Women's Coalition to Repeal the Abortion Law. She has remained active in the struggle for women's right to abortion and is a member of the Coordinating Committee of the Toronto Committee to Defend Dr. Morgentaler. Through her involvement in the women's movement, Fox joined the League for Socialist Action in 1972. A resident of Ward 7, Fox has been active in the Don Vale community and the St. David's riding association of the New Democratic Party.

Socialist Action. She has been active in the student, labor and socialist movements for 10 years in Ottawa, Vancouver and Toronto. Alderdice has participated in the anti-Vietnam-war movement and the women's liberation movement. She has been active as a member of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and was a shop steward for the United Electrical Workers in Toronto. In 1970, she ran as an LSA candidate for alderwoman in Vancouver. Alderdice was also the LSA candidate in the Toronto riding of Eglinton in the July 1974 federal election.



John Bizzell is currently the Chairman of the Metro Toronto Committee of the Communist Party of Canada. He is trained as an architect and urban planner. In 1970 he co-authored a CMHC study that showed low rise housing to be more economical and socially beneficial than high rise development.

He has been active in Ward Seven where he lives. Last spring he helped found the Committee to Stop the TTC Fare Hike and was active with that group in preventing a rise in transit fares.



Kate Alderdice, 28, is the Toronto Organizer of the League for

Night late last month. A dinner, served in two sittings was followed by a film program and display of African crafts....

Central Hospital Volunteer Association will hold a Bazaar and Bake sale on Fri. Nov. 22, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Hospital, 333 Sherbourne street. Crafts and plants will be on sale as well as food from 17 different countries. An international luncheon will be held at the same time....

The Parliament Library House poetry workshop being held at 2 p.m. on Sat. Nov. 23 at 265 Gerrard St. E. will feature guest poet John Bentley Mays. Admission is free....

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Brian Williams and Todd Richards, two students at Winchester School, shovel dirt on the roots of a Maple tree during the ceremonial tree planting held last week in conjunction with the Centennial celebrations of that school. Photo by J. J. Forrestal

### News Round-up

## 56 LIP applications seek \$281,000

Seeking election as a Separate School Trustee in the coming elections is Michael Fenn, 25. The area he seeks to represent covers Wards 6, 7, 8 and 9. Now a resident of Ward Nine, Mr. Fenn was active for many years on the east side of Ward Seven....

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Broadview and Simpson Avenues, will celebrate its 86th Anniversary on Sunday Nov. 24th with two special services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m....

Tenants at 41 Oak Street in Regent Park enjoyed a successful trip to Grand Island, Buffalo, last week end. Special thanks go to John Sanlon for organizing it. A good time was had by all....

The tenants at 155 Sherbourne street have obtained a Bingo license and will be holding Bingo games every Thursday and Saturday evenings from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.... Bingo games are also being held every Saturday evening at St. Paul's Parish Hall, Queen and Parliament at 8 p.m....

The Regent Park Salvation Army Centre is holding sewing classes every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 and typing classes are being given every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:30. Further information can be obtained from Connie Wilson at 864-9364....

St. Bart's church in Regent Park held a highly successful Nigerian

## Plans announced for City housing in South St. Jamestown

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

The City of Toronto will begin the phased purchase of 25 Meridian owned houses in South St. Jamestown at the end of this month. The closing dates for the purchase by the City are Nov. 29, Dec. 31 and Jan. 31. The purchase of the houses is being phased over a 3-month period to allow the City Legal Department time to do the legal work involved in such a large scale purchase.

The houses being purchased by the City are Numbers 9, 13, 15, 17, 19, 37, 39 and 41 on Winchester St; Numbers 502, 504, 506, 508, 536, 536-1/2 and 544 on Parliament St;

Numbers 11-1/2, 33, 39, 26 and 30 on Aberdeen; Number nine Rose Avenue; and 220, 222, 230 and 232 Carlton Street.

Three of these houses are now vacant and boarded up as being unfit for human habitation. These are 506 and 544 Parliament and 11-1/2 Aberdeen. These will be among the first lot purchased by the city so that immediate work can be started on rehabilitating them.

Once fixed up, they can then be used for the temporary relocation of tenants in other houses as they are brought up to full fire, safety and housing standards.

Alan Dudeck, City Planner for the

South of St. Jamestown area stated that there would be no major gutting of any of the houses. "Wherever possible, tenants will be kept in place while the rehab work is being done," he said. "Most of the houses are sound."

While the rehabilitation work to the houses is being done, efforts will be made to develop a management committee of tenants and city officials to oversee the 25 houses. This management committee will take over from the Meridian middle-men who are now running the houses. The ideal will be to have a tenant operator in each house.

All of these houses are rooming

houses and are presently furnished. The better furniture contained in the rooms will be bought and kept by the City and new furniture will also be bought by the city to provide a minimum of furnishings to all accommodations.

The rents now being paid by tenants in these houses will be frozen by the city after it takes over control of the houses. The rent freeze will remain in effect during the period of renovating the houses — possibly six months. At that time, an estimated 5 or 10 percent rent increase will be put into effect.

This still leaves 45 houses and two community buildings in the

hands of Meridian and their fate is unknown. Six of the houses are presently boarded up and the community buildings are the Backdoor Theatre, which occupies a small church building at 474 Ontario and the Cabbagetown Boy's club at 2-4 Lancaster.

Quite a number of the houses will be torn down to make way for the massive residential-commercial complex planned by Meridian for the Ontario-Bleecker block. It is presently reported that Meridian is experiencing difficulty in getting financing for this project.

It is thought that the remaining Meridian-owned houses will be sold on the private market as soon as possible.

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# LETTERS

## Library article a misrepresentation

Mr. Editor:

Representatives of the branch libraries attending the recent meeting of the East End Library Advisory Group object to the title and contents of the article, "Regional library plan gets cool reception," published October 12, 1974 in the Ward 7 News, issue Volume 5 Number 9 page 1.

Both the title and the contents of the article misrepresent the general opinion expressed during the course of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the responses of the staff of the east end branch libraries to a questionnaire circulated by the advisory group. The article in question has presented selected individual responses out of

context.

The concern for preserving and developing services on the neighbourhood branches was strongly supported by all present. The majority stated that a definite benefit would be gained by the East End branches with a building of the District Library to serve this area. No information has been related by the Toronto Public Libraries Board to indicate that any of the existing branches would be closed should the District Library be built.

Those present at the meeting supporting this letter are Miss Helen Cram, Eastern Br.; Mrs. M. Czerniakowski, Danforth Br.; Mrs. Mary Kilner, Jones Br.; Miss Jane

Kirkpatrick, Gerrard Br.; Mrs Alma Kopmanis, Danforth Br.; Mrs. Darlene McKee, Gerrard Br.; Miss Margaret Swartz, Riverdale Br.; and Mrs. Michele Topa, Gerrard Br.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Almost all the information in the story was taken word-for-word from the "Summary Record" of that meeting. I can only conclude that you can't keep proper records of a meeting or you are afraid of having your statements made public for fear of losing your jobs....Norman G. Browne.)

## Centennial co-op seeks members

Dear Seven News Worker,

We really appreciate the great coverage that you have been giving our Centennial.

At present, our food co-op is in need of new members. Many of those who originally joined no longer participate, so we are looking for additional people to work with the "hard-core" who continually order and work.

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terested, please call WoodGreen Church, 461-1105.

Valerie Lawson  
Centennial Worker

## THE 1974 CIVIC ELECTION

A cadre of his disciples claim to have found here in Ward Seven The Manger Where John Sewell was born.

Janet Howard of course, wants it declared An Historic Site.

Garry Stamm, Views With Alarm, any thought of it being turned into Co-operative Housing.

Peggy Reinhardt doesn't care — as long as The Poor can get in free.

While Kate Alderdice and Sandra Fox, see it as A Capitalist Plot to further oppress the freedom-loving people of Ward Seven.

Only the voters will decide.

he thought the best time to organize against the scheme would be after people had paid their money and found the plan didn't work.

Ward Seven aldermanic candidate Janet Howard told the meeting she opposed permit parking, and if elected would work to repeal the relevant by-law.

No other candidates attended the GRO meeting. Several aldermanic candidates in other parts of the city are already making opposition to permit parking one of their election planks.

In other business GRO supported the recommendations of its committee on human rights to "oppose and expose the members and racist actions of the Western Guard."

The Western Guard has been distributing literature in the Riverdale area against Blacks, Asians and other immigrant groups. It is running candidates in the municipal elections.

Riverdale MPP Jim Renwick offered his assistance when he attended the GRO human rights committee meeting held the previous night. He has since raised the matter in the Ontario Legislature, read some of their literature to the Legislature and asked the Attorney-General to investigate.

GRO meanwhile, also decided to "research the laws or absence of laws concerning hate literature," to impress on school trustees and the Board of Education the priority that should be given to teaching about prejudice and the importance of racial equality, and to demand that governments enforce existing laws against racist behavior.

GRO's committee on lead pollution will continue to discuss cleaning up the Canada Metals plant on Eastern Avenue. The group wants the city to enforce the clean-up order against the controversial smelter.

GRO participants also approved a letter to the Federal Government indicating interest in acquiring the post office on Queen Street for community facilities. The post office is scheduled to close in December.

Suggested uses include space for an Addiction Research Foundation drop-in centre, a day-care centre, senior citizen meeting place, and a possible health clinic. A GRO committee is meeting officials of WoodGreen Community Centre and the Broadview YMCA to determine needed services that could not be housed in their facilities. The committee was scheduled to have more detailed plans ready by Nov. 6th.

The next GRO meeting is scheduled for Wed. Nov. 20 at WoodGreen Community Centre starting at 8 p.m. All interested Riverdale residents are asked to attend.

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## Library Board seeks input

The Toronto Public Library Board wishes to enlist the support of community groups in Ward Seven in providing suggestions for major capital development projects in the Toronto Public Library system. In the years to come such projects would involve substantial additions to Branch premises rather than merely re-modelling existing premises which is normally carried out from current revenues.

Community groups which have comments and suggestions for improvements in facilities and services are asked to contact their neighbourhood branch librarian by November 14th in order that a report can be presented from the community to a meeting of the Library Board in late November. The Library Board will then consider capital budget priorities for inclusion in the 1975 budgetary presentation to the City Council.

### NEWS ROUND UP

#### CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

St. Paul's church is having a **mini-millionaire's night** on Friday, November 15, in the Parish Hall at **Queen and Parliament**. There will be games and refreshments and everyone is welcome....

Don Vale resident **Bea Broughton** was recently honored for her part in helping to found the Universities and Colleges Credit Union. Started in 1949, its assets have risen from a little over \$1000 to \$5 million....

The Gerrard St. **FREE STORE** has moved from 725 Gerrard E. to a new location on the second floor at **793 Gerrard E.** Furniture, clothing, footwear, winter coats and toys are available **FREE**....

**Margo McLean** on the autoharp and mouth organ and the **Second Mile Club Rhythm Band** entertained the residents at 155 Sherbourne on two afternoons recently. Both were well enjoyed....

**ALL-CANDIDATE MEETINGS:** Nov. 19, 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre; Nov. 25 at 8 p.m. at WoodGreen Community Centre; Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Eastminster United Church....

The Local Initiative Program (LIP) **Community Advisory Group** for Rosedale Riding consists of Edna Dixon, Ginger Gibbons, Sheila Holmes, Dolores Montgomery, John Piper, Ethyl Proux, Pat Rice, Jean Rowles, Paul Unterman and Martin Weiner. They decide, at the local level, which of **56 applications for one and a half million dollars** will get funded. **Only \$281,000 is available** in grants this year for Rosedale Riding....

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Pictured above getting Hallowe'en treats from a homeowner on Langley Avenue are: Susie Boyles, 7, and her sister Ginger, 6, from Riverdale Ave; Justine Harrod, 6, from Langley. In front are left to right; Jana Paterson, 3; Jessica Harrod, 4; and Jens Paterson, 6, from Withrow Ave.

Photo by Peter Patterson

## Chatelaine Magazine buys HEY, MOM!

HEY, MOM!, the popular childcare column that has been appearing on and off in SEVEN NEWS for the last two years has been brought by Chatelaine Magazine.

Catherine Verrall, the author, was contacted very recently by the editor of Chatelaine, taken out to lunch and a deal was arrived at. The first column, based on material previously published in SEVEN NEWS, will appear in the February issue of that

magazine.

Mrs. Verrall stated that the series was sold on the fact that her personality and style came through so strongly in the SEVEN NEWS columns. "They were un-edited and no one was standing over my shoulder as I wrote them," she said.

Mrs. Verrall, the wife of Regent Park United Church minister Art Verrall, sees no conflict between writing a column for SEVEN NEWS

and a similar one for Chatelaine. In fact the money she will get from the Chatelaine sale will allow her to cut

back on her regular job and thus devote more time to writing for SEVEN NEWS.

## New tenant group formed

by DOUG WALLACE

The Sherbourne One Five Five Recreation Association held a public meeting recently to discuss the formation of a tenant's group which would amalgamate with the present Association.

The aims and objectives of such a group would be the same as similar groups who are working to represent the rights of all tenants living in apartment buildings and other types of rental units.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Harold Jackman who is co-ordinator

of the Unit Representatives in the Regent Park Community Improvement Association. After his speech there was a question and answer period followed by an unanimous decision to accept the proposal.

Later, a special executive meeting of the Recreation Association was held to draw up a new constitution and a new name. Also discussed were the goals and purposes of the new group and purposes of the new group. The Association is already handling complaints and grievances of its members.

## Old Cabbagetown to expand north

The Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement District plans to extend its boundaries north on Parliament street to just above Wellesley. Its present boundaries are from just below Gerrard on Parliament to Winchester street.

One reason for the expansion north is the growing number of boutiques, art and craft shops that have been opening up there in the past few years. In almost all cases, the interior and exterior design of these shops are examples of the type

that it is hoped will be built or rebuilt south of Winchester on Parliament.

Latest shop in that area is The Stitching Horse which had a gala party and celebration last week to mark its official opening at 552 Parliament street.

Nathaniel Glass, the proprietor of The Stitching Horse has been designing and crafting leather for 15 years. Now living in Don Vale, he is a native of New York City, where he was a partner in the New York Stitching Horse which still flourishes at 64th and Lexington.

## Regent Park seniors Halloween Party

by DOROTHY SANGSTER

Viennese waltzes, gay decorations and delicious refreshments made a great success of the Hallowe'en Party that the Regent Park Busy Bee Club tossed, on October 25, for all senior citizens in north and south Regent Park.

The party was held in the lounge of 41 Oak St. and about 80 energetic seniors turned out for the event. Fred Penn played the new piano, and additional music was furnished by stereo. There was an old-time sing-song of favourite Old Country airs, and a lot of fancy footwork on the dance floor, several seniors having at one time been demonstration and prize-winning dancers.

Harold West, president of the Busy Bee Club, and Alfred Axworthy, a member, had spent the day decorating the rooms with streamers and balloons, and a ladies committee of Mrs. Elva Carr, Mrs. Pat Barrett, Mrs. Betty Waddington, Mrs.

Jennie Avery and Mrs. Olive West was responsible for the delicious sandwiches, cookies, cake and fruit punch, and for the evening programme.

Guests included John Darcy, District "A." Manager, Ontario Housing Corporation; Marion Waterson, who does community relations work in Regent Park North; Ethel Teitlebaum, who brought greetings and good wishes from Donald MacDonald (M.P. Rosedale); Dorothy Sangster, who is presently engaged in a research project involving senior citizens living in Regent Park, and her husband, Sidney Katz of the Toronto Star.

Prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McCrerey, and to Mrs. Beatrice Fredericks and Sidney Katz (Spotlight Dances); to Mrs. Pat Barrett and Ray Fitzgerald (Elimination Dance); to Mrs. Hilda McAuley and William Cusworth (Best and Funniest Costumes) and to Mrs. Florence Saunders (Novelty Dance).

## Seaton Halloween party

The Halloween party held at 320 Seaton street was a howling success. Over 50 children from the building as well as 100 from the area participated.

Six prizes were awarded for best costume. Winners were Jim MacLeod, David MacLeod, Tammy

Knuff, Jo-Jo Knuff, Crystal Alderson and Liza Young. Judges were Mrs. S. Simpson, Mrs. Teresa Alvarez and Mrs. Marshall.

Much credit for the success of the party should go to Al Beauchamp, who donated time and money, and an anonymous ice cream company.



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## Obituary: Vera Bissett

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Vera Bissett who died recently.

Ever since Vera moved into the St. Jamestown community, she was involved in helping people. She headed the 200 Tenants' Association, organized their Bingo's, arranged children's parties and aided in many other activities.

One of her major projects was the launching of the St. Jamestown Health Clinic. This particular need was upper-most in her mind when she approached Meridian with the idea in March of 1971.

Vera and her committee were not to be deterred by the endless negotiations, and in spite of the stroke she suffered during that time, managed to keep the impetus moving and to participate in the endless meetings that took place over the next two years.

Vera always had the ability to make things happen in St. Jamestown. She, along with several other residents initiated an emergency help service a few years ago. The funds from a LIP grant enabled the committee to set up an office and pay a staff of OHC residents to care for the sick and help invalids with their housework and shopping needs.

Vera was a tireless worker and the memory of her will be kept alive in St. Jamestown in the projects and activities she helped initiate.

## 75 attend PC meeting in Riverdale

by ANN BRADBURY

The Broadview-Riverdale Progressive Conservative Riding Association held its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Oct. 28, with over 75 enthusiastic members and guests attending. Guest speaker was The Hon. René Brunelle, Minister of Community and Social Services.

Election of Officers was called and nominations were wide-open for each position on the executive. The final results were:

President, Richard Perdue; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Betty Bauder; 2nd Vice-President, Rev. D. Shea; 3rd Vice-President, Dan Strand; 4th Vice-President, Julius Heselman; 5th Vice-President, Wayne Phillips; Secretary, Mrs. Alice Strand; Treasurer, James Sintzel; Membership secretary, Mrs. Ann Bradbury; Auditors, Lloyd Bauder and Brian Clayton.



Lloyd Cooper, Metro Children's Aid worker in Regent Park doubles above as auctioneer during the Fall Festival sale held last week in St. Bart's Church yard. Proceeds from the six-hour event went to the Regent Services Unit and Recreation Centre. Photo by David Ruppel

## New director at Don Vale

by Bill Kelly

After a temporary leave of absence, we welcome back Michael Yale to the source of his Canadian roots, Don Vale, this time as co-ordinator of the Don Vale Community Centre.

Michael is quite a person to meet, whether on a casual basis or around a community issue, and his work experience can give you an inkling of just the kind of person he is.

For several years Mike was involved with public housing in St. Jamestown, Regent and Moss Parks, around tenant organizing, and he has worked with the newspaper 'The Ontario Tenant' as writer, assistant editor, public relations and distribution manager.

As co-ordinator of the Employment Research Project for the Handicapped (ERPH), Mike directed a composite study of employment opportunities for the handicapped in Metro Toronto.

Personal talents in the arts and music have created another part of Mike's work experience, ranging from being a disc-jockey with the Windsor CKWW FM station to script-writing and acting here in Toronto.

As well as his responsibilities as administrator, Michael will be directing a good deal of his energies toward the Centre's on-going need to raise funds.

Mike is also concerned with making the Community Centre more relevant to the people of Don Vale. 'Everyone should have something in the Centre to relate to,' he has said.

Vargar, Mike's Golden Retriever, can be seen smiling and befriending his way up Parliament Street these days, doing his own kind of community relations.

A meeting for all candidates for school trustee will be held on Tuesday, November 26 at 8 p.m. at Lord Dufferin School, between Berkeley and Parliament streets just north of Dundas.

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## Local residents are Senior VIP's

by NINA HERMAN

Ward Seven seniors are participating in the Senior VIP Service, a program initiated by the Volunteer Centre of Metropolitan Toronto, with assistance from the New Horizons Program, to encourage persons of retirement age and over to make constructive use of their time, talents and lifetime of experience through volunteer activities.

Senior VIPs include Gertrude Rawlinson, 375 Bleecker, who is assisting in the library at Duke of York School, Maria Kurthy, 200 Wellesley Street, who is working as a medical receptionist at Mount Sinai Hospital, and Eileen McGinty, 155 Sherbourne Street, also at Mount Sinai.

There is a wide variety of opportunities for service which bring older men and women into social contact with people of various age groups and give them a renewed sense of satisfaction and purpose in life.

Right now the Senior VIP Service needs volunteers to help severely disabled children with crafts and hobby activities on Saturdays and Sundays. The volunteers will have the opportunity to meet in a group to share learning activities and experiences, with the guidance of professional staff. They will also be able to purchase a hot meal at a cost of fifty cents. The location of this program is at Bloorview Children's Hospital, Bloor Street at Jarvis. Those interested in joining one of the weekend groups are invited to call the Senior VIPs at 923-4477. It could be a wonderful way to occupy a lonely Sunday!

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# Hey, Mom!

by CATHERINE VERRALL

Little Albert gets in little Johnny's way. So Johnny promptly kicks Albert hard in the stomach, or bashes a block on his head, or slams a fist in little Albert's face. No time lost simply asking Albert to please move. No consideration to just riding around him. No going for adult help.

Why do so many children use violence as the first way to solve the simplest problem? The little Johnys and Marys may be "normal" children. But they have spent hours of every day watching T.V. characters solving problems the quick and easy way...BAM!

Is T.V. just pretend? To young children, it's all real. They haven't

had enough experience of real life to tell the difference. Assorted heroes shoot and bash their way, teaching kids that this is how to deal with life, conditioning them to fight first and think later. Evidence from studies is overwhelming: T.V. violence damages even normal children (and how much more, the disturbed one?)

After brief watching of a violent program like the Untouchables, children were told they could push buttons labelled "help" (to help an unseen child in another room), or "hurt" (to burn him). These children were far more willing to push the "hurt" button, than were children who had not watched the program.

Is it true that kids don't copy what they see on T.V.? How many broken bones followed Evel Knievel's stunts? How many times have your kids asked you to buy something they saw on T.V.?

"Pow! You're dead!" And you hop up to play again. On most of the T.V. programs kids watch, death is entertainment. Nothing really hurts. The eyes glued to the set aren't shown the real results of violence, in human suffering. They aren't allowed to feel sorry for the person hurt. They aren't allowed to think about the kids who've lost a daddy. They aren't shown why the Indians

fought. Many programs train children to be unfeeling and uncaring.

"The monster cut the woman up into little pieces." No child needs that kind of perverted adult fantasy branded on his brain. How can the young child sort out the confusing world the T.V. set shows? The child's fears can't be argued away. Especially if to him it seems he is followed by bad guys, and life is one terror after another.

Some studies have shown that children having nervous symptoms with no physical cause (like nightmares, stomach and head pains, anxiety, not paying attention, falling asleep in school) also watched T.V. around 5 hours a day. When T.V. was cut out entirely, or cut down to helpful programs, the symptoms soon vanished.

But turning off the T.V. is easier said than done, as every parent knows. (And there are the older children and adults to keep happy too!)

Find the best programs. In the September issue of Chatelaine, Michele Landsberg suggests Mr. Dress-Up, Polka Dot Door, Zoom, Friendly Giant, Sesame Street, Vision On, Beachcombers, Children's Cinema, Wildlife Theatre, Dr. Zonk and the Zunkins, Swiss Family Robinson, and my favourites: The

Waltons, and The Little House on the Prairie. These programs are interesting and exciting. They also help kids understand life. They show real joy and real sadness. They help us feel more human.

I watch with my kids to get them started on a program I think is "good for them," and sometimes I get hooked too. Take the T.V. guide and check the programs they can watch. Discuss why they can't see others. Negotiating helps. "You can watch either this, or that, but not both. Which do you want?" (Naturally, they get more choice as they grow older.)

I wouldn't let my child drink poison no matter how much he liked the taste. And I won't expose him to mind-poison, either, if I can help it. Even if he's mad at me, he'll get used to the fact that I'm caring for him. Isn't that what parents are for?

Encourage kids to do other things with their time, even if you have to spend some of your time getting them started. And there's nothing like a bedtime story to give a child a safe, loved feeling to carry into sleep.

(Catherine Verrall is the wife of Regent Park Minister Art Verrall and a teacher in Metro day-care centres.)

# TV can poison your child's mind

## Nursery school has openings

by JUNE NOBLE

If you are looking for a nursery school for your youngster, St. Peter's Co-operative Nursery still has some openings. St. Peter's is located at Carlton and Blecker Streets (just east of Sherbourne) and offers a morning program for children aged 2 — 5. Rates are \$25 a month for parents able or willing to participate one morning a week, or \$40 a month for non-participating families. There is also a \$2.00 registration fee.

Licensed by the provincial government St. Peter's Co-operative Nursery School has recently become incorporated as a non-profit organization. This means that it can now apply for, and hopefully receive grants to offer a better program to more pre-school children from all income levels.

The program is run by a qualified teacher and operates from a large space in St. Peter's Church. The school is well equipped with educational toys and equipment and has the use of a large outdoor play area, and an indoor gymnasium for bad weather. The children are also taken on field trips to the library, parks, fire halls etc.

The co-operative structure allows for parental involvement in the program and provides a broader range of experience for the children.

For further information please come to the school or call Pat Hayward, 924-2290.

## Procedures

by HANS JEWINSKI

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## Lisa's Blues iv

by HANS JEWINSKI

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to hide behind sunglasses and is amazed when i find her crying behind her war-paint

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The Regent Park Community Improvement Association, in a strongly worded letter to both Aldermen John Sewell and Karl Jaffary, have asked that the above pictured parkette at Gerrard and Parliament be made into something more pleasing by having the asphalt raised and grass laid down. Planners in the South of Carleton area say

the parkette should be expanded north to the sidewalk, doing away with the 'merging' lane and definitely be sodded. The parkette may also be redesigned by the planners and architect who will be doing a face-lift to Parliament street under the Old Cabbagetown Improvement Plan.

Photo by Randy Jones

### Don Vale Centre to hold annual meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Don Vale Community Centre will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 14 at the Community Centre. At that time, elections will be held to fill the post of chairman and members of the Board of Directors of the Community Centre.

Nominated so far, as Chairman are Bill Lee and Glen O'Brecht.

Nominations for Board Members are Heather Aspinall, Nancy Koster, Abbott Ramsa, Barry Morris, Jim Neff, Gerry Martin, Nikki Carlin, John Hollett, Wayne Gartley, Eve Wilkens and Dora Rust-D'Eye.

Nominations are still open right up until election time and all Don Vale residents are asked to attend this meeting.

### Indoor gardening at Don Vale Centre

Twenty students have enrolled in a 10-week course in Indoor Gardening at the Don Vale Community Centre.

The Don Vale Centre, in cooperation with George Brown College, is offering the course on a trial basis. If it proves successful, other courses may be run in the future. Suggested topics include house renovation, family budgeting and income tax.

Indoor Gardening teaches the student how to purchase and grow

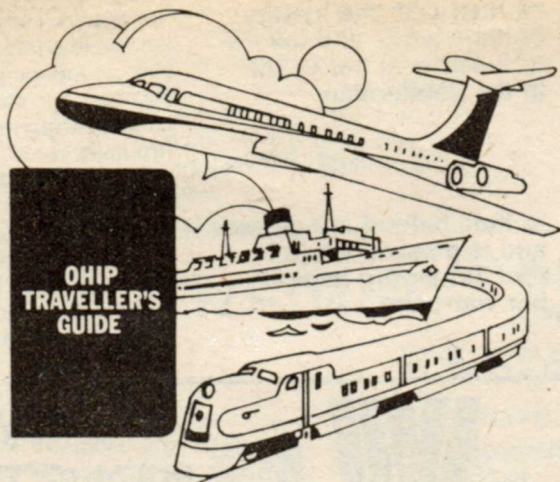
plants in the home and gives information on soils, fertilizers, propagation, insects and plant disease, cacti and succulents, terrariums and growing plants under light.

Greg Dykes of Arthur J. Frost Florists instructs the course. His family has been in the business for four generations and he has worked in greenhouses since he was seven years old.

The Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street, has become a satellite campus in accordance with the George Brown philosophy that, "The City Is Our Campus". In other words, the College comes to the community, instead of the reverse.

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Copies are available at government offices and travel agencies. Or write to:

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# Boy Scout groups in Ward Seven

by DAN PEACE

Cubs, Scouts and Venturers are off to a rousing renewal of their group programs all around the Ward. Boys from 8-17 are involved in active weekly programs which lay heavy emphasis on learning outdoor skills and, of course, putting those skills in action on the many hikes, camps, etc. Boys and their volunteer leaders are also involved in many community service projects, city visits, speakers and craft projects. At recent "School Night for Scouting" meetings at Lord Dufferin and Regent Park Schools, over fifty new members were recruited.

The cost of Scouting is not high. Boys bring a small weekly "dues" to each meeting, pay an annual registration fee, and purchase a uniform. In order to ensure that every boy who would like a uniform can get one, we have used uniforms available which are in perfect shape, at quite reasonable costs.

Listed below are the groups presently meeting in the Ward. For further information on how you can

get your boy involved, volunteer as a leader or get a new group going in your community, please call Dan Peace, at 925-3425 or Tom Beattie at 925-3009. Scouting has changed a lot in the past few years. If you don't think Scouting is worth your time, you don't know enough about Scouting.

### Cubs (boys 8-11)

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| St. Simon's Church       | Howard Avenue        |
| St. Martin's School      | Winchester Street    |
| St. Luke's Church        | Sherbourne & Carlton |
| All Saint's Church       | Sherbourne & Dundas  |
| St. Bartholomew's Church | Regent & Dundas      |
| Regent Park School       | Regent & Shuter      |
| Dixon Hall               | Sumach Street        |
| St. Barnabas Church      | Danforth Avenue      |
| Frankland School         | Logan Avenue         |
| Withrow School           | Withrow Avenue       |
| Broadview Salvation Army | Broadview Avenue     |
| St. Ann's School         | Boulton Avenue       |

### Scouts (boys 11-14)

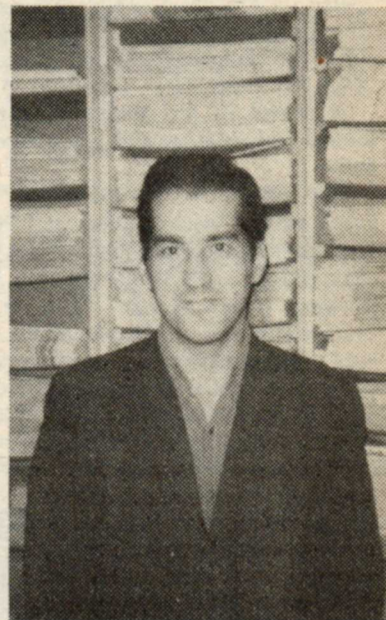
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| Broadview Salvation Army | Broadview Avenue     |
| Danforth Salvation       | Logan Avenue         |

### Venturers (boys 14-18)

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| Moss Park           | 275 Shuter      |
| Regent Park School  | Regent & Shuter |
| St. Barnabas Church | Danforth Avenue |

# Distributor of the week

John's major hang-up is that he is a Bingo freak. Every week he attends three games at various locations around the city. On Tuesday nights, he is Bingo caller at the Don Vale Community Centre and was instrumental in getting Bingo going there over a year ago.



John Hollett will tell you that one of the hazards of delivering SEVEN NEWS is dogs. John, who has been delivering SEVEN NEWS for over a year in the Don Vale area, quit his first route when an angry dog attacked him and bit a hole in his pant legs.

Most other distributors might have quit at that point, but David Ruppel, Distribution Manager, quickly found him another — and less hazardous route.

John, a native of Newfoundland, has lived in the Don Vale area since his arrival in 1970. He now lives with his parents on Sackville street and does maintenance work at the Don Vale Community Centre.

## Lottery results

Lou Overholt, a Ward Seven resident, was the winner of the \$500 first prize in the Seven News lottery draw held Wednesday. He held ticket No. 01458. The seller of the ticket, Linda Liberty won \$100.

Picking the winning ticket was Barbara Lidster, 9, with an assist from Paul Rimstead, the Master of Ceremonies. Second prize of \$50 went to Johanna Zoeller with ticket No. 01239 and the seller, Mrs. Turner receives \$10. Third prize money went to Dorothy Bushey with ticket No. 03295. She won \$30. The lottery grossed over \$3,000 and net proceeds will go to SEVEN NEWS.

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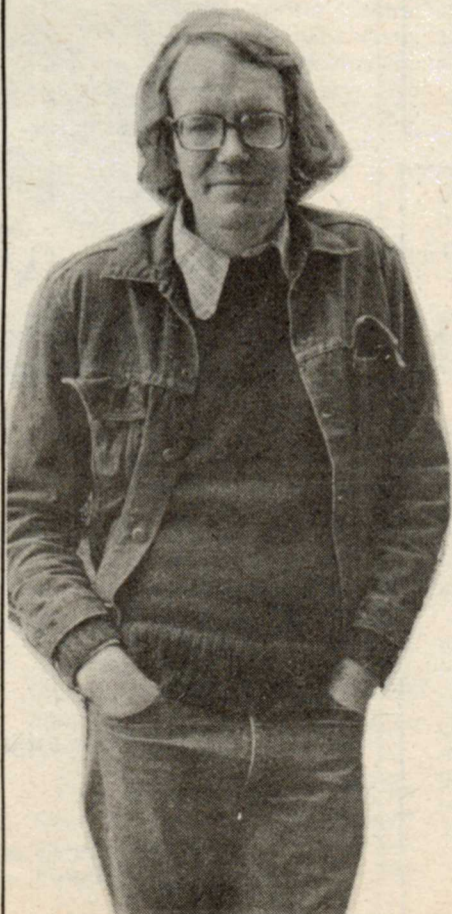
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## Local boxers put on good show

by PETER WYLIE

The Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre in cooperation with the Canadian Amateur Boxing Association, Ontario Branch ventured forth into an Inter-Provincial boxing show. The show was held on October 26 in the Moss Park Armouries.

A crowd of just under 400 attended and were treated to a stellar show.

The results were as follows:

**First bout;** Mark Robertson, 70 lbs., boxed an exhibition with Ricky Aide, 63 lbs., of Bancroft, Ont.

**Second bout;** Rheal "The Jr. French Connection" Bosse, 82 lbs., won a sharp three round unanimous decision over Ron Aide of Bancroft, Ont. Bosse had waited a long time for this bout, as he was scheduled twice to box Aide and both times Aide was unable to attend.



**MIKE (Killer) SCOTT**

**Third bout;** Ric Bender, 105 lbs., Sr. Can. Lightly champ of Canada took on his old rival in Clyde Hillman, 110 lbs., of Leamington, Ont. Ric showed his ever improving ability and the good training by his trainer, Mike O'Rielly, when he out foxed and boxed Clyde for his third win out of three meetings between the two. Ric displayed his improving power, when he dropped Hillman for a eight count in the second round. Hillman fought back, but to no avail.

**Fourth bout;** Gentleman Jim Bland of Cabbagetown, had a long awaited rematch with the lightweight champ of Ont., Joe Jakalka of Oshawa. Bland at 136 lbs. took a close decision over Jakalka last April and since then the Oshawa lad has been chomping at the bit to get a crack at Jim. Jakalka was in top condition at a slim 133 lbs. but he didn't expect the peak condition of Bland that evening. Rocky Walton, Bland's trainer had his charge in super shape, and from the first bell Bland showed lighthening foot speed and sharp crisp combinations that had Jakalka reeling late in the third round. Jim walked off with an impressive unanimous decision, and

this bout won him a berth on the Ontario team that will travel to Halifax Nova Scotia where he will take on Dave Donwey, 139 lbs., of that city.

Both Bender and Bland who have worked hard the last year were rewarded by being named to a team of high Canadian ranked Intermediate boxers that will travel to Miami, U.S.A. and Trinidad and Tobago for contests in December of this year.

**Fifth bout;** Miles Fisher, 114 lbs., of Halifax, N.S., won a close three round decision over hard pressing John Rafferty of Elliot Lake, Ont. Fisher who has extensive experience showed it in this bout.

**Sixth bout;** Al Clarke, 130 lbs., won a second round TKO over Cabbagetown's hard punching Mike "Killer" Scott. Scott gave it all he had and when it looked as if Scott was tagging Clarke, he ran into a well placed left right combination that had Scott down for a nine count early in the second round. Referee Dennis Bradley stopped the proceedings at 153 seconds of the second round. Mike will be back—never fear.

**Seventh bout;** Chris Clarke of Halifax had David Jamrozic of Sudbury all befuddled in their 126 lb. contest. Clarke who is a southpaw had David who had no experience with a southpaw before, completely confused. David was forced to call it quits in the second round.

**Eighth bout;** Peter Resche of Windsor, Ont. at 141 lbs. had too much on the ball for Dave Downey, 139 lbs., of Halifax, N.S. Resche in the peak of condition as usual, displayed a good left hook when he dropped Downey in the second round of their three rounder.

**Ninth bout;** Kevin Downey, 180 lbs., of Halifax won a gruelling three rounder over Cabbagetown's Mike Doyle. Doyle, just coming off four wins in a row with three of those by knockout, seemed stale and couldn't get things going against the fast moving Downey. Doyle gave no excuses but he can't wait for the rematch in Halifax.

**Tenth bout;** Brian Nero, 200 lbs., of Mississauga, won an action packed unanimous decision over Halifax's heavyweight Calvin Lawrence, 195 lbs.. Nero showed



**GENTLEMAN JIMMY BLAND**

good speed for a heavyweight and just out punched Lawrence all the way.

The next local bout will be held at the Cabbagetown Club, Lancaster Avenue, on Sunday, November 24, at 4 in the afternoon. Be there.

## Hockey league starts up

by DAVID FRIEDMAN

Saturday, November 16 will mark the beginning of another season of the South Don Valley Hockey League. This year there are five teams entered in the league in both the Bantam and Pee Wee divisions.

All games will be played Saturday mornings and Monday evenings at the Regent Park South rink, and players are still needed. Anyone who would like to coach, referee or manage a team should contact one of the conveners. If you're the right age and want to play, contact the coach in your area.

Convener for the Bantam Division (aged 13 to 15 as of June 1) is Guy Conway of Dixon Hall, phone 863-0499. Convener for the Pee Wee Division (aged 10 to 13 as of June 1) is Paul Bergasse, phone 967-6892. League co-ordinator is Dave Friedman, phone 964-1405.

Following are the people to call to get on either a Bantam or Pee Wee team: Don Vale — Paul Bergasse, phone 967-6892 after 4; Newsreel

## Drama in the Ward

The Toronto Free Theatre continues to attract and spawn some of Canada's most exciting theatrical personnel.

Currently in the production of 'The Collected Works of Billy the Kid,' Michael Ondaatje, winner of the Governor-General's award for poetry teams with Martin Kinch and Des McAnuff to produce another striking theatrical experience.

Des McAnuff who wrote the beautiful music for this production, was recently displaying his playwriting skills in the Toronto Centre for the Arts with his work, 'A Lime in the Morning.'

Another T.F.T. alumnus, Carol Bolt, will be opening her new play 'Shelter' on Nov. 21. Music is by Jane Vasey, the remarkable keyboards player of Toronto's popular Downchild Blues Band.

Coming in the future to Toronto

Free Theatre is a new play by George Walker, a recent recipient of a Canada Council grant. The work is entitled 'The Night the Delaney Family Brought Back Vaudeville' and it will open some time in January.

**Le Theatre du p'tit bonheur**, in its third season as Toronto's only French-Canadian theatre, will be presenting the Toronto premiere of one of Ionesco's most recent plays, 'Macbett.'

As the name suggests, the characters of this new play are based loosely on the Shakespearean classic. Ionesco's interpretation takes on an even more macabre view of war, power and mankind than the original.

This is an extremely ambitious undertaking for this young group. Although there is an english translation of Ionesco's Macbett, a real acquaintance with Shakespeare's original should be adequate preparation for this french production.

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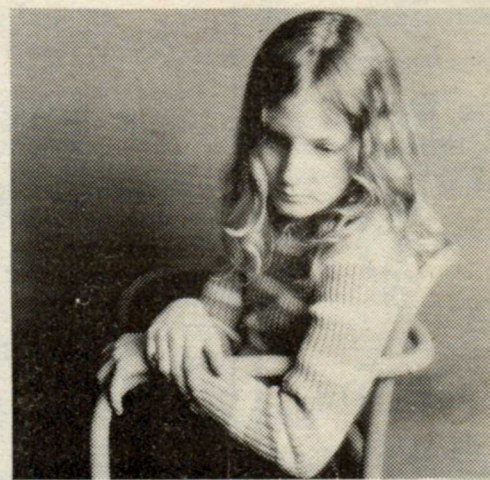
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