

Strike continues at Colgate Palmolive Limited

by MARK INGLIS

The union and management at Colgate Palmolive Limited at Logan, south of Dundas, are no closer to settlement than when they first went out on strike six weeks ago.

Negotiations were broken off by local 809 of the International Chemical Workers Union, February 19th, because management had failed to bargain in good faith, union leaders said. They reopened February 28th, after a week in which the union showed its strength and morale.

The union is trying to bargain with the company on five major points. First they want wage parity with Lever Brothers',

where workers earn on the average of 75 cents an hour more for doing exactly the same work. Bottom finishers at Lever Brothers make \$1.04 an hour more. The union leaders do not think that this is right that two companies not more than a mile apart should work at such different rates.

The union wants a better formula in the pension plan in this contract because several members will be retiring this year. They would like their pension plan to be the same as the one given to the Colgate workers in the United States.

The union also wants a cost of living adjustment clause and a union shop. They want a two year contract, while the company wants a three year contract.

Bill Varley, President of the union, says that the morale of his union is good. Of 330 members, 95 per cent support the strike, an increase of almost ten per cent since the beginning of the strike.

Supervisors and office workers have tried to keep the factory going, but Mr. Varley said that production has slowed to a trickle. Budget and Five Wheels trucks cross the picket lines, and rail cars are brought in, indicating that the company has managed to maintain some degree of activity.

The strikers on the picket line are not happy. The police are "helping the strike breakers," but the drivers do not belong to any union or they do not have to honour the picket line.



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Ward Seven given three months to modify permit parking plan

by ART MOSES

Ward 7 residents will get a chance to improve the controversial permit parking scheme during the next two months.

Meanwhile free overnight parking will continue in Ward 7 east of the Don, south of Danforth until June 15, but not a day longer.

Those were the decisions reached by City Council Feb. 20, after Ward 7 aldermen Janet Howard and John Sewell helped forge an alliance between their Reform Caucus and several middle-of-the-road aldermen for a compromise resolution.

The alliance solidly outvoted Mayor David Crombie who — along with Council's right wing, — wanted permit parking imposed on Ward 7 immediately. The scheme would have charged people \$24 a year to park on their streets.

About 100 residents watched the debate begin Feb. 19, a much larger group than the usual night-time audiences for Council meetings. The debate continued the next day, and climaxed four months of vocal opposition to the permit scheme in Ward 7.

Howard and Sewell fought for the right of residents to choose free overnight parking, rather than permits or the old ticketing system, but could not muster enough support.

So they switched ground to fight for a further delay in implementing the permit scheme to allow residents to devise improvements and

eliminate some of the more obvious problems.

A series of public meetings will be held before April 30. Then the ward will be re-polled to see whether people prefer the improvements in the permit scheme, or want to return to old parking regulations — tickets after three hours' parking. The poll will likely be based on a simple majority of people responding, not the two-thirds of people polled as required in the controversial ballot held last year.

Free overnight parking will definitely end June 15.

"Free overnight parking doesn't cost the city a cent," Sewell had earlier argued to no avail.

"As an option it basically only affects the local community. I can't understand how some politi-

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The drawing above, done in Allan Gardens, is a fine example of the talent of local artist Bill Stapleton. Story - page six.

Provincial government okays \$132,000 for NIP program

by JANIS PRINCE

The Provincial Government has recently approved the expenditure of \$132,000 for non-profit housing in the South of Carlton area.

In a letter dated February 5th, 1975, Donald Irvine the Ontario Minister of Housing wrote to Michael Dennis, the City of Toronto Housing Commissioner: "I hereby grant Ministerial approval...for a contribution, not to exceed \$131,625. for the purpose of reducing the capital cost of at least ten housing units in the South of Carlton area."

The money was budgeted by the

City of Toronto for the Federal/Provincial/Municipal Neighbourhood Improvement Programme (N.I.P.) last year. Because of problems with the senior governments the City decided to spend the money on its own.

The South of Carlton community decided last April to use its Neighbourhood Improvement Programme money to buy non-profit housing, NOT to fix up the exterior of private homes as reported in the last issue of Ward 7 News ("South of Carlton Continues Fight").

In a related matter, Barney Danson, the Federal Minister of State for Urban Affairs has consented to meet with a delegation from South of Carlton and with a group of A.I.P. funds for the acquisition of non-profit housing. Area residents have previously been informed that Federal and Provincial money could not be used in this manner.

Members of the South of Carlton Working Committee hope that by meeting with Mr. Danson the need for low cost housing in South of Carlton will be made clear and Federal/Provincial N.I.P. funds will be released for non-profit housing acquisitions. If the money is not released more and more people will continue to be displaced from the South of Carlton community.

The meeting is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 1st, at City Hall.

NEWS ROUND-UP

Repair workshop opens in Regent Park

The **Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre** at Apt. 101, 605 Whiteside Place has now established a repair workshop. Hours are 1-4 and 7-10 p.m. Repairing is done for a nominal fee plus the cost of parts. For more info, phone **364-4915**....

Located just over the edge of Ward Seven at 201 Church Street, the **Hassle Free Clinic** provides many services available free to Ward residents. They offer free doctors, medical advice, birth control information, basic first aid and crisis intervention. Their number is **363-6103** and they're open from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m.

The Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard East will present **Thomas Whyte** in a one-man performance of his play "That time of Month" on Thursday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free....

Anyone in Ward Seven who went to **Earl Beatty public school** is asked to call 461-7333 as they are holding their 50th Anniversary in April and want to contact all **former students**....

Mrs. Allen's Art Group, Danforth and Jackman Avenue, have been given a \$1,250 New Horizons grant to continue and advance the study of oil painting....

A **Rummage Sale**, sponsored by the Regent Park North Old Boy's Association, will be held Sat. March 8 at 10 a.m. at the Regent Park North

gym. Admission is free....

The **Salvation Army Community Centre** has a wide range of activities available to children 7 to 12 years of age. These include drama, arts and crafts, sewing, swim and gym and a TV recreation room. Phone them at **864-9364** or drop in at 470 Dundas Street East....

The Board of Directors of the **Neighbourhood Information Post** will meet on Wed. March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard East. The meeting is open to all residents of Ward 7....

CORRECTION of a correction: The organization that provides free moving service to needy people is called **Need-a-Van** and not rent-a-van....

Don Watterson has been named project manager for the ten houses on Carlton street being renovated by DACHI...**Alan Dudick**, planner and community worker in the Don District is spending a much-needed three week holiday in Mexico....

ELECTION SIGNS? The residents of 155 Sherbourne street held a coffee party last week. Guest was **Margaret Campbell**, MPP for that provincial riding....

The Regent Park Community Improvement Association will hold a **St. Patrick's Day dance** at St. Cyril's Hall on Saturday, March 8 at 8

p.m. Admission is \$2.25 for members of the RPCIA and \$2.50 for non-members....

The Toronto Brass Quintet will present a program entitled "**Bach to Rock**" at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 14 at WoodGreen Community Centre. Admission is free and all are welcome. Phone **Gary Gordon** at 461-1168 for further information....

The Don Vale Community Centre netted a clear **profit of \$100** from their recent rummage and bake sale. Thanks go to **Bert Manduck** and the other volunteers and customers who made it a success....Left-overs from the sale are available at the Community Centre, 80 Winchester, **for free** — but only three items per customer....

A **free income tax clinic** is available Monday evenings at Dixon Hall, **58 Sumach** street. It's by appointment only, phone 863-0499....A free income tax clinic is also being held at the Neighbourhood Information Post, **265 Gerrard** on Monday and Thursday evenings. By appointment only, phone 924-2543....

The popular **Hot Lunch Program** held at noon on Fridays at the Don Vale Community Centre will be forced to close down unless a volunteer or two can be found to help organize it and run it. Anyone interested in helping out should call **Cathy Boyle** at 923-1368....

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Tenants fight rent increase

Tenants in the Limited Dividend high-rise apartment building on Oak street just east of River street are angry and upset over a recent unilateral \$19 rent increase. The increase was imposed by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CHMC) who control the rents in the building.

Some 300 apartments are affected by the increase.

The tenants, most of whom are on moderate income, claim that CMHC failed to consult them on the rent increase or give them any justification for it.

The tenants met Thursday at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, across the street from their building to discuss what action could be taken on the matter.

LETTERS



All Saints reply to Morris review

Dear Sir:

We appreciate the careful and kind comments by the Rev. Barry Morris on the little book by Norman Ellis, **My Parish is Revolting**, which tells the story of the revolution and of the ministry at All Saints' Church.

Perhaps, as Barry Morris suggests, this ministry is largely of a 'first-aid' nature, because of our immediate locality and its immediate needs, and because of the large numbers of people coming in each day. We do however trust that some lasting benefits, both materially and spiritually, take place in the lives and Christian experience of a number of people.

Nor have we been entirely lacking in the more 'activist' ministry of getting to the roots of poverty, and thinking of such things as urban development. Norman Ellis and members of his congregation have made themselves heard at City Hall and also at O.M.B. meetings, though not always on the same side as the Don District groups. For some time also the church was represented on S.O.C.C.A. and on the Planning Board. Frequent community meetings have been held in All Saints' buildings. And our ministry is complemented by other groups within the Anglican Church whose sphere is specifically in such matters.

However, Barry Morris raises a good point and it is possible that our ministry has not been as 'active' as it might be in this respect. For two reasons: the fact is that we do not have enough people with the 'know-how' or the ability. The other reason is that we can hardly do everything: for Norman Ellis his job may be largely one of relating to people in various needs and to individuals; to Barry Morris it may be the philosophy and activist attitude that goes down to the causes of poverty and other evils. Is it not a possibility that both forms of Christian ministry are vital and in fact that each complements the other?

**Chairman, Board of Directors
All Saints' Church-Community Centre.**

Eastdale is Toronto's success story

by DOUG BARR and GORD CRESSY

Once again students from Ward Seven will have the opportunity to enroll in a unique high school located in this ward — the new Eastdale. First opened in September of 1974, the New Eastdale was created for those students wanting a small academic high school where stress is laid upon fundamental skills and a close personal relationship with staff.

The school appears to have got off to a great start with both staff and students enthusiastically endorsing the program. Contrary to some stories, Eastdale offers five academic courses which lead to, among other places, Community Colleges.

In keeping with the focus on basic skills, two remedial teachers, one in reading and one in math,

each spend five half days at the school working with students.

Although only in its first year, Eastdale has already initiated many activities. The entire school has been on field trips to the new Metro Zoo, the Toronto Board school at the Boyne Conservation Area, local plays, a French movie, and one of the steel plants in Hamilton.

The students have formed their own Student's Council, established regular after Tea Dances every two weeks and published the first edition of their own newspaper, "The Eastdale Flash". Local parents as well have become an integral part of things at Eastdale. The beginnings of a school-community council have emerged and interest has been expressed in holding night school courses at Eastdale in September.

Other matters up for discussion

in the near future are the request for a lounge for students and the formation of an "Eastdale Users Committee" to deal with allocating vacant space in the school to community groups and service providers.

Perhaps two of the most important things Eastdale has going for it are its small size and its enthusiastic staff. The two seem to go well together.

Eastdale's size allows the staff to work as a team and gives one the feeling that staff and students are part of a large family. Its size also allows the staff considerable flexibility and the opportunity to innovate and change things relatively easily if programs aren't meeting students' needs.

It allows staff to handle discipline in a fairer manner too. Whenever a student's behaviour gets to the point where it appears a change is needed, the student and the teacher involved sit down with the principal and another teacher to work it out. This way, everyone, including the student, gets a full hearing and this sometimes changes the outcome considerably.

When one gets a chance to talk to principal Bob Beardsley or one of the staff, it isn't hard to understand why the school was featured recently on Channel 19. The staff are competent and confident about what they are doing at Eastdale and their excitement shows.

Their commitment to making the school a place where graduates can function proudly and with distinction in our community is illustrated by the fact they spent an entire Professional Development Day recently on the topic, "The New Eastdale — past, present, and future."

Parents and grade eight students from Winchester, Park, Lord Dufferin, Queen Alexandra and Earl Grey public schools who are interested in learning more about Eastdale and who are considering enrolling in the school in September are invited to drop in for a chat and tour.

The New Eastdale is located at 701 Gerrard Street East. Call Bob Beardsley first at 461-0835 to make sure someone is there when you visit.

Film "Parliament Street" to be shown

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The Parliament St. Library will present an evening with **Clay Boris**, our local film-maker, on Monday, March 17. Clay's three films, **Parliament Street, Paper Boy and One Hand Clapping** will be

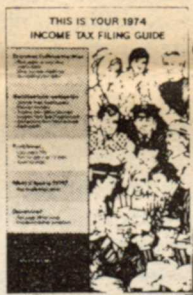
shown, and Clay will discuss these and other films in which he is involved. It starts at 8:30 at the Library and admission is free....

The **Annual Meeting** of Dixon Hall will be held March 15 at 11 a.m. at the Hall, 58 Sumach street. Everyone is welcome to attend. To vote, residents should be a member. The fee is \$1. paid prior to the meeting....

Family drama classes are tentatively starting at the Don Vale Community Centre in mid-March. They will be free. If interested, phone 921-2426....

(The cost of this column is partially offset by a grant from the Office of Community Consultation, Ontario.)

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Following the Blue Section there is a detailed explanation of different types of income, as well as a section on allowable deductions. Be sure to read these sections carefully.

Your Tax Guide also includes an area of general information, a page or two of answers to some common questions, and solutions to problems you could encounter while working on your return.

If you decide you do need more help, you'll find District Taxation Office addresses and phone numbers listed on the back cover of the Guide. There you'll find all the assistance you'll need.

So, you see, your Tax Guide will probably be your best friend come income tax time. Read it thoroughly and follow it carefully. You'll find it will make your job a lot easier.

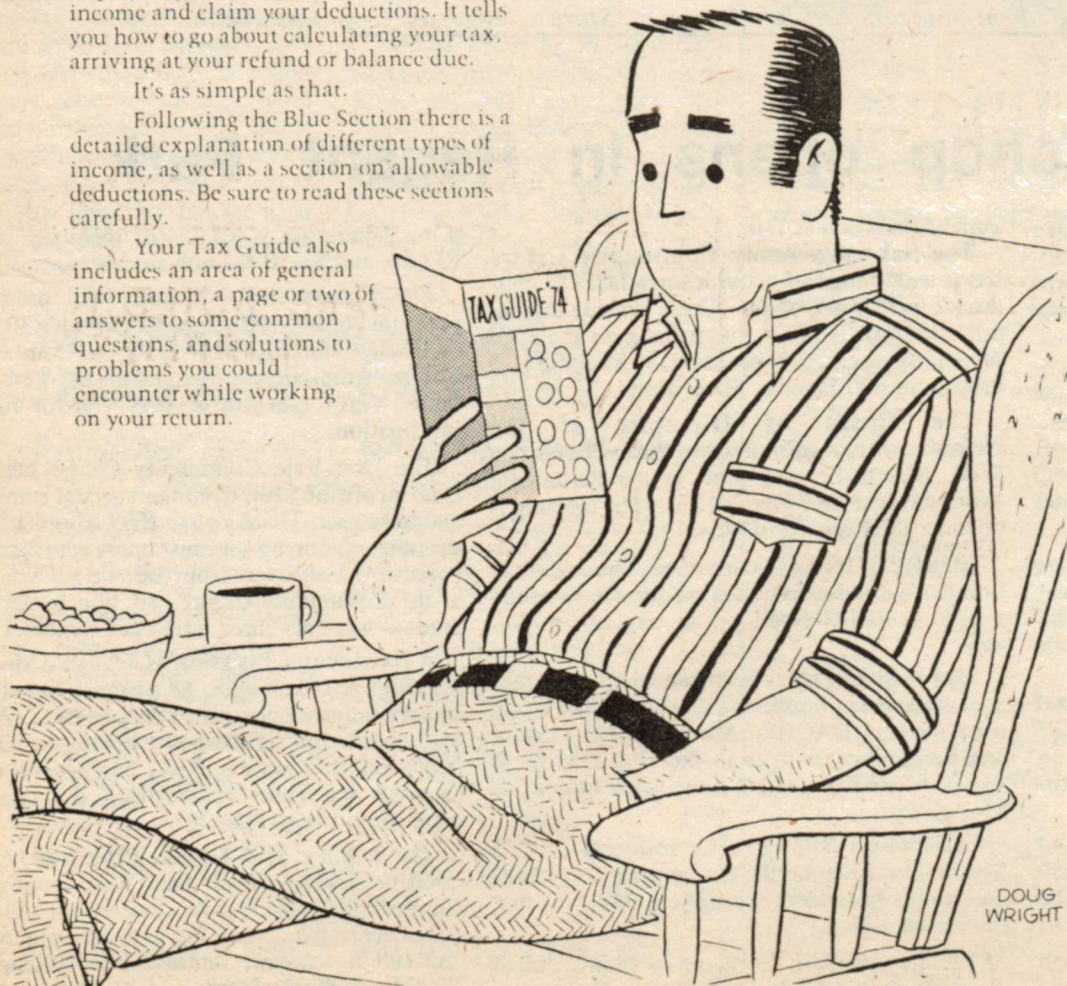
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The election of the board of directors will take place at this time.

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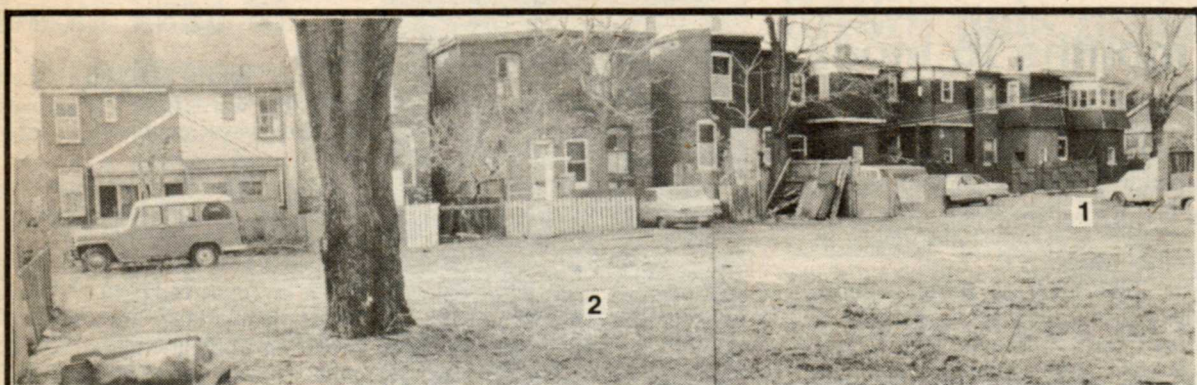
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Park use sought for vacant city land

by DAVE FINNEY

For the last month, a group of Don Vale residents, with the assistance of area social workers and an architecture student, have been working to get a piece of city-owned land turned into a park. The land, which lies in the block bounded by Carleton St., Sackville St., Spruce St., and Dermott Pl., has been vacant for over 35 years.

Residents of the block surrounding the land were polled to determine how they felt about the idea of a park there. Thirty six residents favored the idea, and 6 opposed it. At meetings held with local residents, it was also found that the residents of the houses 13 through 21 Dermott Pl. have been asking the city for 20 years to sell them part of this land for back yards. Many area residents expressed the feeling that the part of the land bordering these houses should be sold to the homeowners.

Architecture student Mike Moffatt drew up a plan for the land which provides a children's park, yards for the houses on Dermott Pl., and parking. On Wednesday,

February 12th, area residents met with Hugh Clydesdale, city director of parks and recreation, and Joe Berridge, city planner, to consider proposals for use of the land. The park plan was presented at the meeting, and the meeting decided that three motions be made to the city. Mr. Clydesdale agreed to present the motions to the Parks and Recreation committee meeting the following week. This presentation was later postponed until March 6th.

The motions to be presented to the city are:

I. That the city approve in principle the park plan presented at the meeting, and that the land bordering the Dermott Pl. houses be sold to the homeowners for yards.

II. That, as an interim measure, the city clean up and grass the land being considered for a park and curb the lane surrounding it.

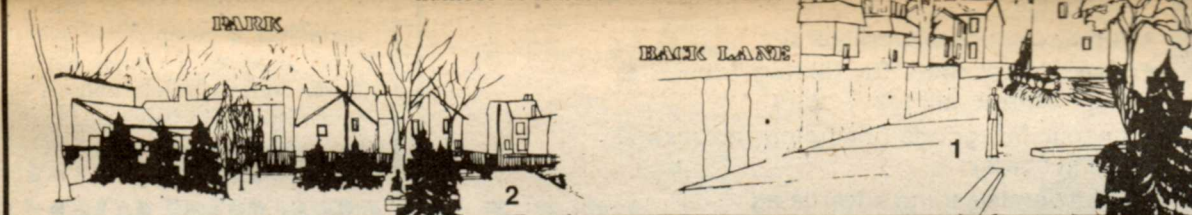
III. That the city take steps to acquire the vacant DACHI-owned land bordering on the city land, so as to increase the possible park area.

Many area residents feel that a park will be needed on this property to accommodate the large number of children who will come

into the area when the DACHI houses are occupied. However, some people have voiced the fear that such a park would become a haven for drunks and bums.

The park proposal provides for a grassed play area, with benches set along the edge and trees planted to screen off parking spaces. If the plan is implemented, the lane providing access to the land would be moved about 30 feet to provide yards for the Dermott Pl. houses and parking space. Night lighting would be installed, and police would patrol the park regularly.

The idea of a park was originally proposed last fall by area residents and DACHI members. Prior to the February 12th meeting, discussions were held with city officials and members of the Don Vale Homeowners and Residents Association. A proposal was presented to the DVHRA general meeting and was approved by the meeting. Concerned residents are now waiting to see what action the city will take.



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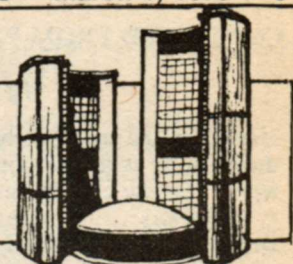
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city hall report



by JANET HOWARD

Elsewhere in this issue you will read what happened about permit parking. I'd like to tell you why it happened, and what I hope we can do now.

Ward 7 and Ward 9 people worked very hard writing letters and phoning the Mayor and certain aldermen requesting a continuation of free overnight parking where it was already in force. However, the Mayor and a majority of aldermen absolutely refused to consider that possibility. Their argument was that free overnight parking is unfair to people who pay taxes for driveways and garages. Alderman Piccinnini even said hundreds of people would tear down their garages to avoid paying tax if they could have free overnight parking. Despite the silliness of that suggestion, it is obvious to me and other members of the Reform Caucus that free overnight parking was about to come to an end, and the only question we could handle was when this would happen and what would replace it.

While the Mayor and his faithful spokesman, Alderman Art Eggleton, pressed to cancel free overnight parking that very day — and the devil with everybody who didn't have or couldn't get a permit — at least other members of City Council realized that the permit parking scheme we had fought so hard was full of holes and shouldn't be foisted on anybody overnight. I prepared a quite long motion as an alternative, which got the necessary votes, putting a date on the end of free overnight parking as June 15th. This was as far away as other aldermen would accept, although I feel that we will be

hard pressed to come up with a permit plan to fit Ward 7 by that time.

Under the terms of the motion, Aldermen Sewell and I will be calling meetings around the Ward during March and April. Since a lot of people have already done research on their own neighbourhoods and know where the problem lie, we should come up with ways of allowing people who cannot get permits for various reasons beyond their control to park somewhere near their homes. I would hope that we can come up with something a great deal better than what Commissioner Bremner proposed, and when we have fitted the various pieces together, our proposals will go to the Public Works Committee and then through City Council.

An example of working out new solutions is Don Vale. There are several small streets, such as Sackville Place and Alpha Avenue, where parking is either not permitted or severely limited. In the past residents of these streets have parked around the corner without causing any particular problem. We could look at two solutions for such streets: either issuing those residents with permits for the neighbouring streets, or going for a district plan, where residents of Don Vale would get stickers for anywhere in Don Vale.

Thank you for your calls, letters and petitions. Without them our free overnight parking would be gone already, and even though we lost out on our first choice, I'm confident that we can figure out how to hurt as few people as possible if Ward 7 residents continue to work on the problem.

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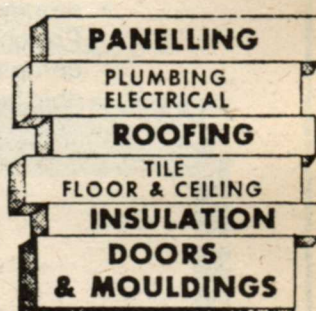
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Ward Seven given three months to modify permit parking plan

cians who like neighbourhoods say they can't have an option that won't cost the city any money."

"Works. Commissioner Bremner admits most people would opt for free parking if they had the chance," Howard pointed out. "Why would they, if it causes the problems he says it does?"

But several politicians claimed free parking discourages people from using their garages and driveways.

"People pay taxes on garages and must shovel their snow. They'll be damned if they're going to shovel snow if the next person is parking for free on the street," Ward 8 alderman Fred Beavis said. "Some driveways in my ward are even too small for Volkswagens. These people need a place to park. There is no initiative at all to use the driveway if you park for free on the street."

And Crombie said "Whether or not there's permit parking, people in one area of the city should not be

in a position where they don't have to pay parking fines while others must."

Ward 10 alderman John Bosley pointed the way to the eleventh-hour compromise by saying he opposed free parking, but he refused to remove that privilege from residents who had it without having a workable permit system as an alternative. He proposed the delay until June 15 for Wards 3, 7 and 9. Mildly reformist aldermen like Colin Vaughan, Anne Johnston and Elizabeth Eayrs agreed.

"It's clear this council is not going to allow free overnight parking," Sewell said. "That's unfortunate. So let's make sure people get something that works."

The Ward 7 aldermen asked for time to consult with residents about improving the system. They were joined by Ward 9 aldermen Reid Scott and Dorothy Thomas who had also documented numerous problems caused by the permit

system in their ward.

But Ward 8 aldermen Tom Clifford and Fred Beavis demanded permit parking be implemented in their ward immediately. They also refused to support the delay in other wards.

"Sure there are people signing petitions against permit parking in my ward," Beavis said. "But anyone'll be against something if they know it'll cost them money."

Beavis told Bosley not to trust Sewell and Howard.

"All they want is free parking. Come June 15 they'll have more of those Sewellites down here demanding free parking again," Beavis said.

The vote to delay permit parking in Ward 7 was 14-7, with Crombie, Beavis, Clifford, Piccinnini, Ward 4 alderman Art Eggleton, Ward 10 alderman David Smith and Ward 2 alderman Ed Negridge opposed.

The same group opposed the delay for Wards 9 and 3, along

with Ward 2 alderman Tony O'Donohue. O'Donohue, who is expected to run for mayor in 1976, curiously changed his vote and cast with the affirmative when dealing with Ward 7.

Free overnight parking was instituted in Wards 7 and 8 east of the Don, south of Danforth in 1972 after pressure from the Greater Riverdale Organization.

It was later extended to Wards 9

and 3. The wards have few garages and driveways relative to population.

But the Feb. 20 council meeting shows the era of free overnight parking will clearly end June 15. Council is now forcing residents to devise an improved permit system before then or face the consequences. The only alternative will be police tickets after three-hours' parking.

Guests from China visit ward

Seven News along with some Don Vale organizations had some distinguished visitors recently when two professors from the Peoples Republic of China were in the area.

Professor Chin-chiang Hsiang of Peking Normal University and Professor Yung-hsin Chao of the Peking Foreign Languages Institute have been lecturing at univer-

sities across Canada, as part of a program of cultural exchange taking place between Canada and China. A Canadian professor visited China last fall.

During the professor's two-week stay at the University of Toronto, Kate Stevens, a Don Vale resident, was one of their interpreters and guides. Her suggestion that the visitors might be interested in a look at an inner city community (namely Don Vale) was accepted.

At the Don Vale Community Centre, its director, Mike Yale, explained the various functions of each of the rooms, and introduced the visitors to the organizations which use the space there.

Next, Jeri Martin, a member of the DACHI Residents Association, showed the guests around the DACHI offices at 297 Carlton Street and through one of the near-by newly renovated houses. An informal supper at the home of Kate Stevens, with community workers from outside the area, concluded the evening.

The visitors were impressed with the variety of activities they found going on in the area, and were interested that so many of them had a co-operative nature. They accepted a sample copy of Seven News which it is hoped will be avidly read by people in Peking.

加拿大安省多倫多市第七選區社區報館及其他頓河谷區之組織最近接待了兩位來自中華人民共和國之貴賓——北京師範大學向鶴江教授及北京外文學院趙永新教授。兩位教授係在加文化交流項目下到加各地講學。去年秋季加拿大教授曾訪問中國。

兩位教授在多倫多大學作客二週期間，頓河谷區居民史氏為兩位教授及翻譯員之一史氏邀請兩位貴賓參觀本市之舊市中心區（即頓河谷區）。兩位貴賓接受其邀請。

訪問頓河谷社區中心時，該中心之總幹事耶魯先生介紹該中心之組織及各種設備與用途。此外，頓河谷區房屋合作社社員馬田先生引領貴賓參觀該合作社之辦公處及由該社最近翻修之樓宇。晚間貴賓與該社區外之工作者在史氏家中共進一簡單之晚餐以結束該日之行程。

訪問完畢兩位貴賓對該區之各項活動印象殊深，尤以其中具有合作性質者更為感興趣。並接受第七選區社區報已份同人等並盼在北京之友人亦有社會一覽報。

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Seniors keep fit at Woodgreen

by JILL McCROSTIE

Five days a week Mr. Howl challenges his shrewd card-dealing buddies to a fast-paced game of crib. Tuesday and Thursday mornings through, he forgoes his cribbage games to work out for an hour at a fitness class.

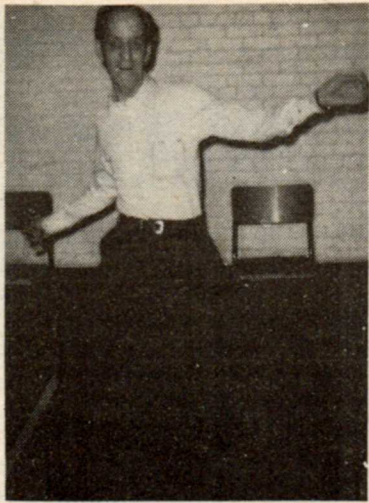
Mrs. Smith attends the same fitness class. She finishes just in time to grab a bite to eat at the lunch counter before settling down for the afternoon at the Arm Chair Travel Club.

What makes these people special? Both are senior citizens who a few months ago had one unhappy circumstance in common: lonely inactivity. In January when the new Senior Citizens' Day Service Centre opened at Woodgreen Community Centre, they were invited to join the program along with other people their own age. Being a keen card player Mr. Howl soon sought out some other men to play crib with and made himself quite at home at the Day Service Centre.

He also found that exercising with a group was less of a chore than when he was doing it at home by himself. Mr. Howl's enthusiasm for exercising extends beyond class hours. One chilly evening he exercised his way home — walking briskly, knees raised, arms swinging, stomach in — happily disregarding the surprised glances of passers-by.

Both Mrs. Smith and Mr. Howl have slight physical disabilities but are independent individuals. If weather permits they travel to Woodgreen by public transit or "hoof it", but the odd time they make use of the transportation facilities provided by the Day Service Centre.

There are many senior citizens



who would like and need to be in the company of others. Although various programs exist for them many are only half-day or once-weekly. For slightly or seriously handicapped people getting to some clubs and programs may be an expense they cannot afford.

It is for those people with physical, emotional, or social handicaps that the Day Service Centre is designed. More important than the films, fitness classes, mosaics and crafts that are provided for the seniors, is the time and care spent by staff and volunteers with each individual. The service is provided with the purpose of caring for the total person.

The Senior Citizen Day Service Centre operates Monday — Friday, 10:30 — 3:00 p.m. Transportation is available in the geographical area serviced by the Centre: Don River, Danforth Avenue, Coxwell Avenue, and Eastern Avenue. An individual's need for transportation services is determined by staff.

It is important that more senior citizens become aware of the services that are available to them through the Day Service Centre. Inquiries about the program will be most welcomed. Please phone either Jill McCrostie or Liz Pakula at 461-1168 if you would like further information.

DACHI gets preliminary okay for rezoning

by DEBBIE SAMUELS

On Monday, February 17, the City of Toronto Committee on Buildings and Development held a special evening meeting to give its final consideration to the proposed amendment to the zoning by-law which would permit the construction of 18 new townhouses by Don Area Co-operative Homes, Inc. (DACHI).

The property on which the houses are to be built is on the west side of Dermott Place between Carlton and Spruce Streets. DACHI also owns a number of existing houses on the same site which it is in the process of renovating. All of these houses, both the new and the renovated, will be rented to people of low and moderate incomes.

DACHI is a non-profit housing co-operative which is run by a Board of Directors made up of volunteers from the community. Because it is a non-profit organization it is able to provide good quality housing at reasonable rents, which is something a private developer is unable to do.

DACHI's site plan requires an amendment to the existing zoning by-law (i.e. a rezoning) for three reasons: 1) 10 of the new townhouses will be built as infill in the backyards of the houses at 255-281 Carlton Street, backing on a public lane; 2) eight of the houses facing on Dermott Place will be built closer to the curb line than the current by-law permits. The reason for this is so that the facades of the new houses will be compatible with the existing houses on the east side of Dermott Place. 3) Only 37 parking spaces will be provided for the whole project whereas the by-law requires 75 spaces. DACHI intends to give higher priority to people who do not own cars when selecting residents for the project.

DACHI is **not** requesting the rezoning in order to increase the density of the area, as its detractors

insist on believing. In fact, the DACHI site plan involves construction at a **lower** density than the existing zoning permits.

The Buildings and Development meeting had been preceded by notification to residents of the area surrounding the development site; anyone who had comments (either in favour of or opposed to the development proposal) was invited to make a submission in writing to the City Clerk. Anyone who wished to speak before the Committee was permitted to do so.

The City Clerk received quite a few submissions, and a number of people from the Don Vale community appeared at the meeting to express their views about the project. Those who spoke in opposition to the project were the same few who have been consistently opposed to it since its inception. A variety of Don Vale residents, some of them residents of DACHI

houses, appeared to speak in support of DACHI's intent to provide low cost family housing in Don Vale.

After listening to the deputation for two hours, the Committee voted unanimously to support DACHI's request for a rezoning. This recommendation will now go forward to City Council for the last time; from there it goes to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), a provincial body set up to oversee municipal decision-making.

At the OMB hearing (which will probably take place in June) citizens will have a final opportunity to let officials know how they feel about DACHI's site plan. If the OMB gives its approval to the project, then DACHI can begin construction, thus ending what can probably be described as the largest commotion over the smallest development in the history of Toronto.

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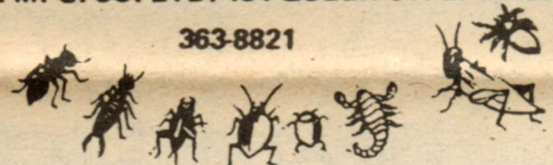
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Bill Stapleton: A people's artist



by SCOTT WILLOWS

You are most likely to find Bill Stapleton at the Winchester Hotel or at the Paramount on Spadina trading a sketch for a couple of draughts or a gutsy conversation. "Sketching is honest and immediate — you can't go back and pretty it up," he explains.

At the age of 18, Stapleton left his hometown, Stratford, to see the world and to become an artist. Since then he has been at different times an art student in New York, a World War II pilot, and the owner of a small advertising agency. A variety of people and places have left a distinct mark on his philosophy and on his art. He now resides in the Don Vale area in

Ward Seven.

Bill Stapleton paints people — the faces which he encounters on his daily jaunts. The faces tell stories, some of them tragic, some of them proud; however, one thing is certain — one need not be an effete connoisseur to be touched by the dignity of his 'humanscapes'. He rightly feels that his art serves a refreshing purpose.

"The majority of serious artists today paint for the box office, and the Canadian landscape has been painted to death. Much of the modern abstract art," he adds, "is a fraud — style has replaced content. Art becomes a social opium, a diversion from reality."

"There is no public place for People's Art," he says. Normally



a gallery will charge an artist 40% of his sales plus the cost of receptions and the cost of framing the pictures.

The solution Stapleton feels may be in the establishment of co-op galleries. Perhaps 12 artists might show their work for a month each, and share the rental fees. This might be the beginning of the end for an artist's subservience to the commercial galleries and the slings and arrows of trendy critics.

Bill Stapleton is a fifth generation Canadian and he has some strong notions about Nationalism and our native peoples. As far as he is concerned, Eskimo art is the only pure art form left in Canada. He also notes that it is disappointing to find no Native Art Exhibit down among the Henry Moores. "Canadians are somewhat like our native people in that they are in the process of subverting their own culture."

At his cottage near Parry Sound, Stapleton spends some time every summer sketching and painting the Indian population. After initial misgivings they react with generosity and pride at the attention and sincerity of the finished drawings, which are often presented to them upon completion.

Bill Stapleton's latest project is the establishment of an Inter-arts committee with Russia, which stems from a recent visit to the Soviet Union. Several of his drawings were published by the Moscow News. He returned to Canada with a high opinion of the generosity, honesty and sensitivity of the Russian people.

Remembering what it was like during the Depression in New York City, looking in bakery windows, looking at haggard lines of men, Stapleton notes: "There is nothing funny about poverty." It must be that empathy with the universal human condition that makes Bill Stapleton's interpretations come alive. The unnerving reality of those lines and figures and the visible dignity of the portraits require a skilled technique, and perhaps even more important, a lot of heart.

DRAMA in the WARD

by SCOTT WILLOWS

The Theatre Second Floor

LEAVE IT TO BEAVER IS DEAD by Des McAnuff is the first production of a new stage space at 86 Parliament St. If you are in your early twenties or older, you may recall Leave it to Beaver along with a host of similar programs: Father Knows Best, The Donna Reed Show, My Three Sons, Gidget, Ozzie and Harriet...an army of well-groomed, comfortable families who filled your screens and filled your dreams with common sense, and a wave from behind the white picket fence. It was a golden age, a crew cut oasis which capped the greasy fifties and preceded the activist sixties.

Des McAnuff's play concerns the education of Dennis J., a medical school drop-out who returns to the scene of his former altruistic existence, a clinic which he operated and founded. Dennis finds that his colleagues have disbanded the clinic and substituted a macabre set of values. Dennis must change or be consumed by the games and initiations which his comrades force-feed him at their leisure.

Sometimes the script pours out the images too fast and the dialogue becomes clogged with its own innuendo and cleverness. On the whole however, the cluttered stage becomes a tight battle-ground between the forces of perpetual adolescence and a grotesque kind of worldliness. The characters are well acted, the movement is imaginative and the production is on the whole a moving, thought-provoking experience. Wed. to Mon., 9 p.m., 364-4025

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Children's Aid active in Ward

by ELIZABETH MARSH

The voice on the phone was certainly that of a teen-ager, part aggressive, part fearful, with an overlay of constrained courtesy. "My name is Greg Sanders, and I'm in a kind of a hassle at home, see. One of my buddies told me you people fixed him up with a place to live and I wondered if like...maybe..."

The intake worker at the Children's Aid Society certainly did see. Greg's hassle is an all too common one. Two alcoholic parents who drank and fought but seldom worked. A younger brother and sister for whom he felt an uneasy blend of protectiveness and hostility. Dad had finally taken the easy way out and simply up and left. Greg's mother hopes she never has to see his ugly face again. She still has a fading blue-green bruise on her cheek to remind her of their last goodbye.

After the father left, things went a little better. At least there weren't the fights and shouts and cursing. Greg's mother really tried to get it together for the kids but she wasn't up to it. Lately she just stays in bed most of the time and lets little Darlene, who's nine, get the meals for the boys, when there is anything to get.

School isn't working for Greg anymore either. It's not easy to concentrate when you're wondering what's going to happen next and where can they go if the rent isn't paid. He wonders where his Dad went, and if it's better there than here. It's pretty well got to be, cause school is the pits and home is worse. What do you do? Drop out and have the attendance officer on your back? Move in with somebody? Nobody wants you when you can't pay your own way.

The social worker Greg called was able to assure him he'd find a place to live and he'd see to Darlene and Roger, too. Greg was able to come into the care of the agency as a non-ward—that is, his mother gave her consent and retained legal guardianship. The worker found a place for Greg right in Regent Park.

It wasn't that much different from the old place actually except the Morins didn't drink too much and the apartment was mostly pretty clean. The food wasn't bad either, and Greg shared a room with Bob Morin, a boy he'd known a little bit from school. When the social worker talked with Greg lately he said things were going pretty good. School was better, he kinda liked living with the Morins and Mom and the kids were getting help from a child care worker every day.

Greg was lucky to find a suitable place to live in a relatively short time. There are many youngsters in Ward Seven who need exactly the sort of help that he received. In 1974, 102 children were admitted to care from Ward Seven and 40% of these were from Regent Park.

According to projections, 430 teenagers will probably be admitted to the care of the Children's Aid Society in 1975. That's for all

of Metro but that's a lot of kids and teenagers are traditionally hard to place. There was a time when the Children's Aid philosophy was to take children out of a bad situation and place them in a "good" home. Sometimes the good home was miles away from the child's original home in a milieu he neither understood nor wanted.

Today, the objective is to place a youngster in a home where he can feel comfortable and if possible continue to attend the same school and enjoy the same friends as before. Rules about foster homes have been relaxed considerably too. A single man or woman who has a suitable home to offer will most certainly be considered as a potential foster parent as long as they are sincerely interested in the child's welfare and have an appropriate plan for caring for him or her.

Best of all, of course, would be for the Children's Aid to reach the troubled family with help before it breaks down. Failing this, workers make every effort to work with the family after a child has been taken into care, and wherever possible, patch up the family unit so it can function again. "Babysnatchers" is a label the Children's Aid Society is trying hard to leave behind. "Patch not snatch" is the unofficial motto, and this is exactly what their major concern now is.



Above is Ginger Gibbons with Debbie beside her and Chrisie and Barbie in front.

Distributor of the week

by MARK INGLIS

Ginger Gibbon's involvement with the community began long before she started helping distribute Seven News.

Six years ago she moved into the Regent Park area of Ward Seven. There she began to do volunteer work as a typist for the Regent Park Community News.

This led to her becoming a secretary for the Regent Park Community Improvement Association. Now after four years, Ginger is assistant program manager of the tenant management program.

Ginger Gibbons has her four children to help with the distribu-

tion of the newspaper. They are the backbone of the distribution operation; getting the newspaper out on time and to the door.

Barbie is the youngest. She is nine years old and in grade three. She is a good student, but right now she is more concerned with getting on a talent show with her girl friend. She belongs to the Brownies and numerous other clubs. Chrisie is 11. Right now he is playing for the Scraps and Pros. He enjoys sports and has been on a trophy hockey team and a trophy T-Ball team. He's in grade five.

Debbie is 12 and in grade six. She is "all-round sports oriented" and has won a most valuable player

award. Perry is 15 and in grade 10. He is also very interested in sports.

Ginger Gibbon's involvement in the community reaches into all areas. She is a member of the dance committee helping in ordering food and getting disc-jockeys.

She is also a unit representative for the tenant management association at her apartment building. If any tenant has a problem, it is her job to help them.

Ginger Gibbon enjoys community work. She just can't leave it although she sometimes thinks of it. She is available to those who need help, but she is more interested in getting people to help themselves.

She helped the Salvation Army with their recent distribution of free fish to needy families, and she hopes that she will be involved in the up-coming distribution of smoke-damaged, free food from McCains.

She is easy going and fun loving. She is a good listener and a good helper.

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Children's Aid moves

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Cabbagetown boxers win locally

by PETER WYLIE

Cabbagetown took a large step forward in amateur boxing circles as we moved into top competition with boxers from Detroit, one of the top boxing cities in the USA. It is our aim to improve the calibre of competition so as to bring Cabbagetown to greater heights of success in the field of sport.

Cabbagetown held a nine bout card last time and the crowd attending, some four hundred and ten, roared its approval after every round of the exciting action.

Here are the results of that most successful show.

First bout. Paul Merikin, 80 lbs., of Mississauga and Paul Halliday of Cabbagetown teed off on their first ever match. Both lads turned in a well disciplined show and Merikin won a close decision.

Second bout. Mike Lynch, 77 lbs., of Hamilton and Mark Robertson, 72 lbs., of Cabbagetown went from bell to bell and corner to corner as Robertson steamed after Lynch but to no avail. Mark dropped yet another close decision to an out-of-towner for Cabbagetown's second loss of the afternoon.

Third bout. Mike Robertson, 106 lbs., wasted little time in avenging his brother's loss to the Mississauga club by quickly disposing of Dennis Lunge of that club at 1:30 of the second round. Mike is a fast moving lad who proved in their first-ever bout that he can make it if he keeps training and working hard.

Fourth bout. Don Marshall, 107 lbs., of Cabbagetown came on with some impressive slipping and counter punching to earn a well deserved split decision over Colin Lee of Oshawa. Colin defeated Marshall one month prior and Marshall worked for this one.

Fifth bout. Bernie Guindon, 149 lbs., of Cabbagetown, the former 1967 North American Champ put on an impressive display of cool boxing under sharp pressure from Ivon Merchel, 147 lbs., of Oakville, B.C. Merchel did some good footwork to avoid Guindon throughout the bout and at times had Bernie off balance with a rapier-like jab. Guindon however bided his time and landed hard enough and often enough to extract

an unanimous decision for his efforts.

Sixth bout. John Smith, 148 lbs., of Detroit and Bill "KO" Walker, 147 lbs., of Cabbagetown put on a rough and tumble affair. Walker who is still a novice in bouts gave it his all but dropped a close one to a more experienced boxer from down under. Walker however showed he can rough it up with the good ones and with time will win his share of the pie.

Seventh bout. In the 132 lb. class with two of the toughest lads in the province squaring off we were witness to a real war within the ropes. Dave Evans of Hamilton took on Leo Marsh of Lansdowne A.C. The fight was so fierce and action packed that most of the large crowd was on its feet cheering throughout the three torrid rounds. Marsh came away with a close decision, but these two are scheduled to meet again.

Eighth bout, semi final. Nick Furlano of Cabbagetown, 116 lbs., and Andrew Hill of Detroit put on one of the finest boxing matches yet hosted at our club. The well conditioned athletes showed all the moves and tactics that go into making boxing a great sport. Furlano slipped and bobbed and weaved with devastating effect as he continually caught the Detroit boxer off guard with lightning-like combinations.

Hill who is no novice was no pushover as he put on some tremendous pressure in the second round to make things close in that heat. Furlano showed good determination in the third frame as he pulled away from his foe to win an unanimous decision.

Ninth bout. Mike "Killer" Scott sporting five more pounds than he should be carrying at 133 lbs., and Larry Cole of Detroit, 135 lbs. trim and hard came together like two charging rams in the first round. Scott never taking a back step was caught early with a devastating right that shook him enough to take a standing eight count from referee Dennis Bradley.

Instead of trying to move and shake off the effects of that blow Scott as usual only goes one way—forward. Instead of retreating, he attacked and was quickly caught again with a series of hard punches. Rocky Walton, Mike's trainer, could see that his charge

was in trouble and took the initiative, as a good trainer should do at this point in the match, and called a halt to the proceedings.

Scott was livid with anger at the stoppage. The "little tank" as we affectionately call him will never say die. Scott learned one lesson that day: don't step out of your weight class when you're the king already in another.

.....And in Mississauga

Boxers from the Cabbagetown Boxing and Boy's Club were active early this month at the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre in Mississauga where they handled the semi-final and main events.

Rheal "The Junior French Connection" Boss, at 84 pounds, won a three round unanimous decision over Orangeville toughy, Greg Mitchell, 86 pounds.

In the semi-final bout of the nine-bout card, Nick Furlano, 117 pounds, won a smart three-rounder over Detroit's 115 pound champ who weighed in at 121 pounds. Furlano was forced to use all his bag of tricks as the Motown lad had the reach on his Cabbagetown foe.

In the final, Bernie Guindon, 151 pounds, of Cabbagetown, fought three of the toughest rounds that has been seen in Ontario this year. His opponent was Detroit's Wilson Bell at 155 pounds.

Both boxers landed with heavy artillery early in the bout, and continued this bombing on each other. The pace of the fight was hectic and at the bell, the decision was up in the air.

Bell was awarded the close decision but only by a 60-59 score—a one-point advantage. "Wow," what a scrap.

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Broomball team makes playoffs

by ROSA KUPA

The regular Broomball season is over and the Yokels II have finished just three points out of first place. They are now starting the playoffs against Wheel & Rim in a three out of five series.

First place winners, the Eager Beavers, begin their series with Les Voyageurs. These playoff games are always thrilling, and the possibility of sudden-death overtime looms large with every match.

The Yokels, a largely Ward Seven group, have an excellent chance at winning the Founders Cup Trophy with their strong team. Their net is guarded by Steve Gromaki, who last year had an amazing 0.6 goals against average. Steve has fast reflexes, is determined and a very good goaler.

Peter Law, assistant captain plays defense and has scored a goal and many assists. His speed is deceptive for his size and he is rarely caught out of position.

Wearing number three for the Yokels is forward Harry McLean. Harry plays a good positional game and has scored two goals and set up many more.

In left-wing is Vic Drury. His large size makes it hard to stop his rushes and he has accounted for a number of goals this season. Vic also coaches a Woman's Broomball team.

Playing either wing or defense is John Piper. John's large size is used where it is most needed and he uses it to his advantage when he starts hitting.

Len Long is the Yokel's captain and present coach. He plays defense and won the trophy last season for being best defenseman of the league.

One of the most impressive and steady defensemen is Mike Carpe. Mike is the Borje Salming of the Yokels and has a tremendously hard shot. He recently scored a hat-trick in an out-of-town game in which the Yokels blanked Simcoe 5-0. Simcoe is rated as one of the best teams in Ontario.

Doug Humphries, wearing number nine, was last year's leading scorer and this year has scored a record four goals in one game. Doug plays centre.

Charlie Labinowitz plays wing with Doug Humphries and the two make a high scoring, good back-checking duo. Charlie hits hard and often and leads the team in penalty minutes.

Playmaker of the forward line is John White with many assists to his credit. He plays wing along with Doug and Charlie.

Best player in the league in corners is right winger Brian Kitamura. Brian is exceptionally fast and hard-hitting, setting up and scoring many goals.

Last on the roster is Ian Law. He plays centre between Vic Drury and Brian and the three are the highest scoring line in the league. Ian is also assistant captain and last season was top scorer on the team and second in the league.

Other key members of the Yokels are equipment managers Ray Maheu and Frank and Ivan Deschamps. These boys handle the player's equipment and attend to the players as they come off the ice. As a cheering section, they add a lot of excitement as well as sparking on the team during a game.

A girls' game can usually be seen before or after the league games making an exciting and fun-filled three hours of broomball.

FINAL STANDING

| | G | W | L | T | F | A | Pts. |
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| Eager Beavers | 15 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 30 | 12 | 23 |
| Yokels II | 15 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 22 | 20 | 20 |
| Les Voyageurs | 15 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 19 | 21 | 16 |
| Wheel & Rim | 15 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 15 | 44 | 3 |

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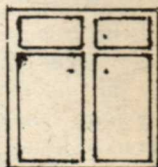
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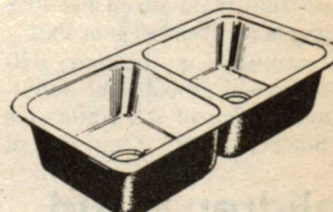
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