

## Garden plots planned in Don Valley for welfare recipients

Maybe you've read in the papers about a program started last year in the suburbs that makes garden plots in nearby vacant land available to high-rise apartment dwellers.

And maybe you have heard about the trend by homeowners to put their back yards into vegetable gardens to save on the cost of food and thus combat the effects of inflation.

Gord Taylor of Sword Street in Don Vale has taken both ideas, combined them and brought them down into the inner city for direct application to Ward Seven.

He has applied to the City of Toronto, Metro and the two railways for the right to use vacant land in the Don Valley for garden plots. The plots of land would be rented, at a

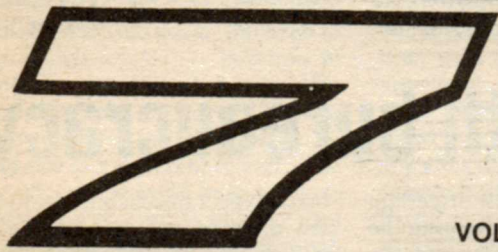
nominal cost, to welfare recipients, pensioners, the disabled and generally people on a fixed income.

Mr. Taylor has received a general commitment from all concerned who own the land, although sorting out who owns what is still a bit of a problem.

Mr. Taylor's concern now is getting gen-

eral acceptance of his idea from the community and finding people who would be interested in putting in a garden on one of the plots when they are available.

If you like the idea and are interested in gardening a plot, give Mr. Taylor a phone call at 961-0222.



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### NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be published over the Easter Weekend. If the Easter Bunny is good to us, it may be 12 pages! Deadline for features and such is March 21. Final deadline for everything is Monday, March 24.

## P.C.'s nominate first candidate

Richard Perdue, 33, a resident of Cambridge Avenue in Riverdale, has the distinction of being the first Conservative candidate to be nominated in the province for the next provincial election.

President of the Broadview-Riverdale P.C. Association, Mr. Perdue was elected last week to represent that riding at a nominating meeting attended by over 100 people.

Mr. Perdue is well known to many Riverdale residents as he grew up in that area while his father was the Rector of St. Matthew's Church on First Avenue. He also attended Withrow Public School as well as Riverdale Collegiate.

At present Mr. Perdue is a lawyer with a private law practice.

Attending the nominating meeting were the Hon. James Auld, and the Hon. Arthur Mein, MPP Margaret Scrivener and Aldermen Tom Wardle and Tom Clifford.

Chairman of the Tory meeting was John Tory.

## Parkview school holds successful open house

by JOHN L. FRENKE

On Friday 28th February Parkview Secondary School held its Annual Open House and Exhibition. The school was crowded with visitors, parents, former students and members of the community. Many of the students demonstrated their practical skills alongside displays of their year's work. Many of the shops had products for sale. To demonstrate the quality of the products all items were sold by the end of the evening. Buyers were lined up all evening for items ranging from bake goods to concrete garden ornaments. With some twenty different shop programmes the students are given excellent opportunities to learn a wide range of skills.

A visit to Parkview on an Open House night is an eye opener to many members of our community. The boys and girls of this special program high school demonstrate that given the right environment and encouragement their capacity to succeed is as great as any young people in our community.

There were several other attractions in addition to the shop and classroom displays. A Theatre Arts production saw some thirty five students taking part in a series of short, dramatic and comic skits. The Parkview senior band entertained with the musical pieces they



Stephen Jones and Jerry Emond demonstrate their hairdressing skills on two of the many area residents who attended the recent Open House held at Parkview Secondary School on Danforth near Broadview.

are preparing for Superhew; a production put on by the musical departments of all the special high schools in the city on Tuesday, March 11. In the area of athletics the students competed in a volleyball game with the Toronto Board of Education Trustees;

naturally the students were the winners.

The staff and students would like to thank the visitors for their support on this special evening. A great deal of hard work and effort must be put forward by everyone involved to make it a success. The

support and encouragement of the community at large is a vital part in the success of a school programme. If any members of the community would like to see the school during its daily operation, do not hesitate to call and a tour can be arranged.

### NEWS ROUND-UP

## Don District planning office to be set up

The Ward Seven Businessmen's Association will hold their **Annual Meeting** and election of officers on March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Club Harmonie on Sherbourne Street. A **BUFFET DINNER WILL BE SERVED FOR \$3.50** and **Mrs. Margaret Scrivener** will be guest speaker.....

The YWCA is reportedly **seeking a storefront** in the ward to set up an office and resource centre....The monthly newsletter distributed in **St. Jamestown** has had its name changed from the St. Jamestown Crier to the **YMCA Programmer**.

The Social Planning Council will be calling on a few selected **elderly people in Ward Seven** to find out how they cope with rising prices. It's part of a Metro-wide survey.....

The Spruce Court Tenant's Association has been accepted as a member of the **Federation of Don Area Residents Associations**. The South of Carlton Working Committee has made application to join.....

The classic film "**Caine Mutiny**", starring Humphrey Bogart will be shown at the Parlia-

ment Library House, 265 Gerrard East on Wed. March 26. Two performances: at 1:30 and 7:30. Admission free.....

A **demonstration on lead pollution** will be held at 2 p.m. on Tues. March 18 at Queen's Park....The Cabbagetown Boxing and Boys Club is preparing a brief to present to the City asking for **around \$8,000** in grants to help it remain active in the community.....

An **afternoon for older people** will start Wed. March 25 at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester. It will run from 3 to 6 p.m. and feature discussion, games, reading, relaxing and refreshments.....

On Wed. March 19, at 1:30 p.m., the Parliament Library House will present an **armchair voyage to Scandinavia**, as part of its regular Senior Citizen's Program.....

Nellie's Sister's House Project is organizing a **co-op house for women** with or without children. The cost is roughly \$80 a month for five women sharing. Call 463-7291 for more information.....

A brain-storming session to **raise funds** for the Don Vale Community Centre will be held at

the Centre, 80 Winchester Street at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 20. Everyone is welcome to attend.....

A Spring Dance will be held at the **Don Vale Community Centre**, 80 Winchester Street at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 22. Admission is \$1.00 with beer, buffet and live music.....

The Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard East will present poets **Gerry Shikatani** and **Tony Hanik** reading their work at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27. Admission is free.....

The office on Dundas street operated by the City for planners working in the South of Carlton area is expanding. It will be known as the **Don District Planning Office** and will house planners working in Don Vale, South St. Jamestown, South of Carlton and Trefann Court.....

The Danforth Library, 701 Pape Avenue, will present a program for children every day of the **school break**, at 2 p.m. The programs run from March 22 to March 29.....

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

## A new column in SEVEN NEWS

In this issue, SEVEN NEWS starts a new column which it is hoped will become a regular, on-going feature of every issue of the paper.

The emphasis of the column will be on people and we couldn't think of a better title for the column than to call it simply: **PEOPLE**.

It is not intended to be a hard-core gossip column nor simply a "social note" column. It is definitely not intended to deal only with the comings and goings of well known people.

The column is open to listing information about anyone who lives in or works in the ward — as long as the information is accurate and of a positive nature.

We expect problems in getting accurate information and in getting names spelled right — so bear with us.

In the meantime, we need contributions to the column. Drop them off at 265 Gerrard East or 80 Winchester or phone them in to SEVEN NEWS at 920-8632.

We also need someone who can co-ordinate the gathering of information and items for the column. If you have a phone, spend a lot of time at home and can write or print legibly, maybe you'd like to volunteer for the job. Phone 920-8632 if you're interested.

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## Article insults local teens, replies reader

Dear Editor:

I have no fault with the Children's Aid Society. I'm sure they are doing good work and that there is a great unfilled need for foster homes in Ward Seven.

However, in recent issues of your paper you printed both an advertisement and an article which are patronizing in their portrayal of teen-agers in general and teens in this area in particular.

According to the Children's Aid Society, the teens around here are semi-literate, don't know the proper use of grammar or how to put sentences together, and use all kinds of outlandish or out-dated jargon in their speech.

I have been in contact with many teens in this area and all of them speak clear, normal, precise and understandable English. Some of them speak with arrogance and some use a lot of swear words, but

that's about all. In my experience, a lot of teens speak better English than many adults.

The schools in this area may be bad but at least they teach our children how to speak the English Language!

Nor can I understand how a broken home or a poor family relationship will drastically effect a child's speech patterns and use of language.

George Namron,  
Don Vale.

## An experience with bureaucracy

by MARGARET CAMPBELL,  
M.P.P. for St. George

Recently I learned of the fact that a number of people were left off the computer programme for GAINS cheques in the month of December. This certainly could not have been a much crueller thing if one had deliberately set out to hurt a number of people.

When I found out the situation and checked with the Government, nobody was remotely concerned as to whether the error was a human error or whether the error was a computer error; no one cared. But, in the meantime, a number of people did not receive their GAINS cheques in the month of December.

Now, in all of this time, notwithstanding that they had been in touch with the GAINS department, nothing happened. The cheques were not forthcoming, nobody cared. However, when I was ad-

vised on February 25th of certain people who had been fighting the red tape and bureaucracy of the provincial Government for a matter of months, I decided that something had to be done.

### Queen's Park Report

On Tuesday, February 26th, I made an effort to see what I could do to straighten out this situation. I said that I wanted the cheque, a specific cheque, that day, and I was told that nothing could be done about it. It is the sort of thing that irritates most of us; the fact that those who make the mistakes are never required to be accountable for them or to make good on those mistakes. They simply sit in splendid isolation and say "Sorry about that".

In any event, it was found that yes, a cheque had been approved. But how in the world could any-

body expect the cheque not to take ten days to process; how could anyone be so insensitive to the needs of the bureaucracy at Queen's Park? Of course, if I could prove that the person in question were in dire straits, then perhaps something could be done. When I pointed out that the money was owing to the person in question, that no one was going to go begging for the cheque but that the cheque would be ready and available for pick-up on Tuesday, it was as though I were asking the civil servants to walk on the moon.

After going through several persons and discussing the matter with different people; after spending an entire morning trying to straighten out the error of the Government, the cheque was ready and I was able to take the gentleman to pick up his cheque which should have been paid in December.

One wonders why an M.P.P. has to take a whole morning to straighten out a mistake which the M.P.P. didn't make, which the recipient of the cheque didn't make, which no one else could be held accountable for making. Well, so it goes.

If you're having problems as a result of not having received your cheques, please advise me because it seems to me that we now have at least established a method by which we can expedite the cheques for people. It may take a morning each, and probably will, or it may be that as a result of this experience, somebody will smarten up and try to assure that people who are entitled to cheques receive them in time for Easter, although the cheques were to be available in time for Christmas — but then, who cares in this Government, who really cares?

George Rust-D'Eye

## Typos in last history column

Dear Sir:

In the interests of accuracy, I would like to correct a few typographical errors which appeared in my article on Sherbourne Street in the Feb. 15 edition of your newspaper.

"Moss Park", the home of the Allan family, was built in 1830, not 1803; and number 282 Sher-

bourne Street was built in 1878, not 1876. Finally, Taddle Creek flowed past Holy Trinity Church, not Trinity, which is an older building on Trinity Street in Ward Seven. And Sherbourne Street commenced with the town of York in 1793 and not in 1973.

I would also like to point out that Alderman Janet Howard is still a member of the Toronto Historical Board, having been appointed to that position by City Council as one of its two representatives on that Board. I have been appointed to the Board for the balance of Mrs. Howard's previous term.

## LETTERS



### Problems with proofreading

YE GODS! Mr. Willows, Sir....

Of ALL the times and places to have a misspelled word....in the word "Proofreading"!

It's a hyphenated (or compound word) and **must** be spelled "PROOF-READING"...if any one is to think I know what I'm doing.

PU-LEEZE print an apology and corrected version of my advertisement before I'm laughed out of business. (I refer to my ad. in your February 15 issue.)

Louise Boyd  
47 Hannaford Street

(Scott Willows replies:

EGAD! Ms. Boyd, Madam.....

METHINKS thou doth protest too much! According to the Modern Language Association Style Sheet, Canadian Press Guide to Caps and Spelling as well as a quorum of English Professors at the University of Toronto the WORD in question is correctly spelled as one word. Sometimes being a graduate English student and an Advertising Manager can be morally dangerous. However, as I look at the chart on the wall which records the sweep of advertising revenue, I have no hesitation in declaring that you may spell PROOFREADING, PROOF-READING, PROOF READING any way you want.)

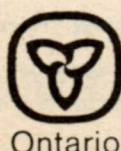
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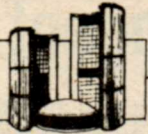
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Report

 by JANET HOWARD  
Ward 7 Alderman

This is a year when governments are cutting their budgets and taxes are going up anyway.

For the past three years, the City of Toronto has managed to hold the line. In 1973 City taxes even went down. Increased costs, the need to pay higher wages — inflation in general — have finally hit, and this time property taxes will go up about 10% for the City's share.

Metro is a different matter. The largest part of your property tax, which you pay either directly as a homeowner, or indirectly through your rent if you are a tenant, goes to Metro, and Metro has some strange spending priorities. For example, it is spending over \$30 million on a new reference library building at Yonge and Bloor Streets. That equals more than 80 years of its budget to buy the books that go into the library. Metro is also busily making up engineering drawings for the Spadina Expressway, although the City has made it clear it intends to sue if it is built. The Spadina would be a very expensive road, but Metro councillors seem to feel the money for it can be raised.

And yet it is likely that we will be paying a 33% increase in TTC fares. When it comes to public transit, neither the Province nor Metro is willing to pay in the money for increased costs. You and I are supposed to do that directly.

A committee of Metro Council held a public meeting at noon on March 4. Although Metro did not advertise it, a group called Stop the TTC Fare Increase Committee did. Nineteen people spoke on the subject, urging the Metro Councillors to take a strong line with the provincial government to pay what they refer to as a deficit. (No one talks about parks or schools or roads or hospitals losing money. They cost money, but we expect them to be there and functioning. Public transit is certainly no less important.)

By one vote the Metro committee voted to endorse the fare increase. It went to Metro Council on March 11.

If the increase goes through, people on low incomes will be badly hurt. Anyone who can't lay out \$3 at a time for

tickets or tokens will pay a 40 cent cash fare, and when you think that people on welfare get a dollar a day per person for food, it becomes clear that lots of people will be paying the more expensive cash fares.

Mothers who can't afford babysitters have to take small children with them if they want to go anywhere. Children's fares are going up 33% as well. Gord Cressy, Ward Seven school trustee and chairman of the Board of Education, pointed out that the School Board already subsidizes fares for students whose families can't afford the travelling expense. The School Board is pretty broke this year too, and for students who worry about not contributing to the family income the extra fare money could make the difference between finishing high school or deciding to quit.

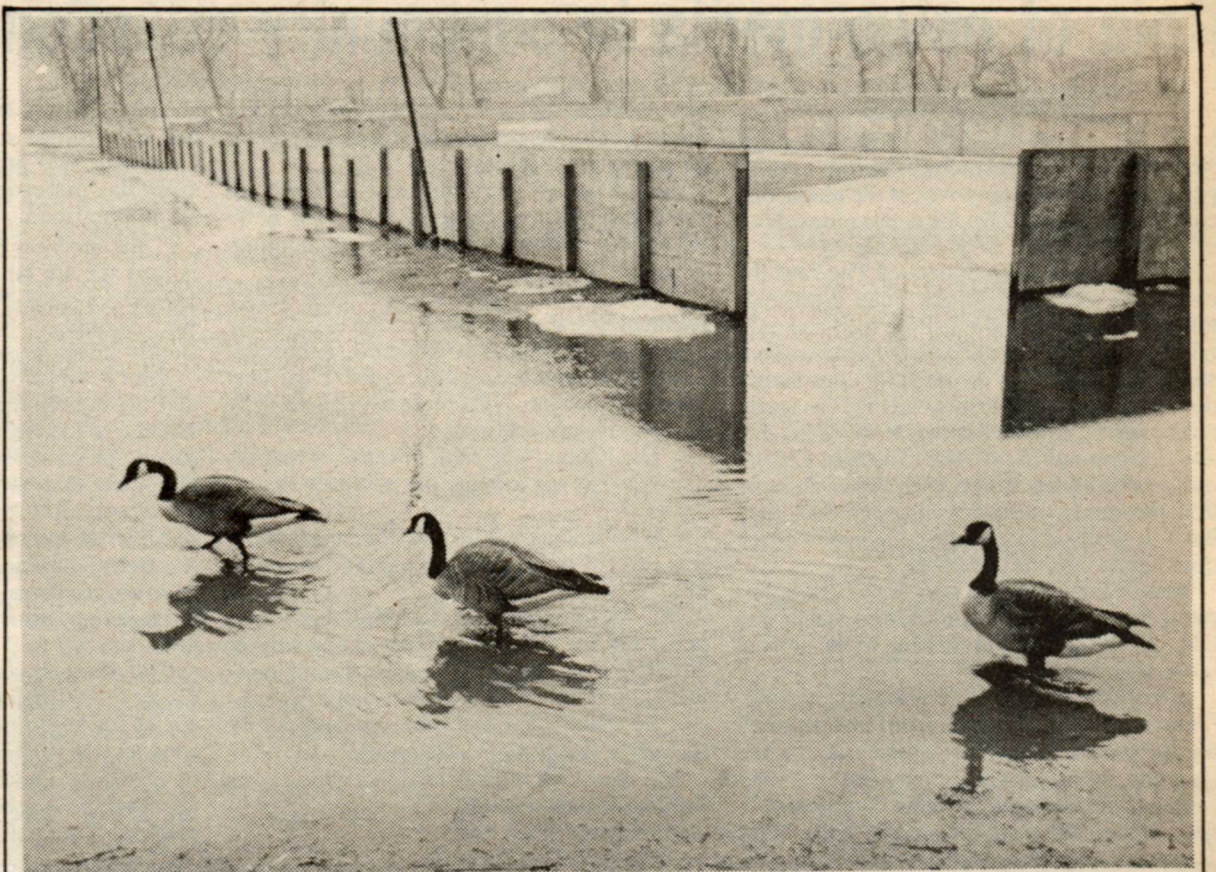
Most of the City politicians on Metro Council seem to be in favour of holding the line on fares. It is the Metro Chairman, Paul Godfrey, and the suburban politicians who are planning to vote for the increase. If they do, the Province will certainly not step in and offer the money it previously said it won't pay.

If they don't — if Metro makes a strong case — perhaps Metro money would be matched by the Province. Since income tax is based on ability to pay, and property tax hits everybody the same, the fairest solution is for the Province to pay it all. Otherwise, areas like Ward 7 where many people earn below the medium income will be paying more than Etobicoke people, where most people make more money.

## Group moves to jail house

The Families and Friends Centre has moved to 558 Gerrard Street East to occupy the first floor of the former home of the Deputy Superintendent of the Toronto (Don) Jail.

This organization is a volunteer group who provide help and information to families and friends of inmates of the jail. The service is provided both at the Centre and in the visitor's room of the Don



One reason for the lack of hockey news in SEVEN NEWS? The intermittent mild weather this winter has made the hockey rink in Riverdale Park good only for ducks.  
photo by Susan Emond

## Sherbourne supermarket to stay closed

by LITA HARVEY

During the Coffee Party visit of MPP Margaret Campbell to 155 Sherbourne Street last week, the ever sore problem of the empty supermarket attached to the building was again discussed. About 40 residents of the building sat around in a circle to air their views and disappointment.

Dominion Stores, who have an option on the empty space, say they would not make enough money by opening a store to cover

its cost of operation. Dominion Stores also say there is no loading ramps, no parking space for access vehicles and no public parking space.

Another drawback, which tactfully has been ignored, is the feeling by some that the temporary residents of the nearby Salvation Army Men's Hostel might find the store a suitable warm spot to pass the time.

This opinion was voiced by one resident who added that besides using the store to keep warm, they might also shoplift a few articles.

Another resident stated she had

written to Miracle Mart but they too were not interested in the property because of its lack of loading and parking facilities.

Many of the residents in 155 Sherbourne use a wheel chair or crutches, or are blind or partially blind, or very elderly or disabled. They moved to 155 Sherbourne because shopping was a distance from where they formerly lived and they were promised a store right in the building.

Mrs. Campbell joins Aldermen Sewell and Howard who have also been appraised of the problem and are working on some solution.

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# Role of news media in community questioned at Regent Park

by MARK INGLIS

At the recent SEVEN NEWS General Meeting, held at Regent Park church, over 75 people heard representatives of the media discuss whether they serve the needs of residents of the community.

Except for Borden Spears of The Star the consensus was that it did not. Peter Worthington of The Sun thought that the media should not. John King of The Globe and Mail was not sure, but pointed out the need for community newspapers to fill the void left by the larger newspapers. Arnold Amber of the CBC-TV and former editor of The Toronto Citizen along with Seven's own John Piper thought that the media should try harder than they have in the past in covering the needs of the community and its residents.

Arnold Amber spoke very well from a prepared text on the issue and showed that he had considered the topic in relation to his present work with the CBC.

Reporters do very little research, he said. "The media covers news from institutions" trying to create tensions: a black and white situation, by definition a distortion.

Reporters are needed in the community to get to know the people by being with them,

Mr. Amber said. This would change the media's attitude because it would give more insight and better coverage.

John King of The Globe and Mail did not think that it was the role of the larger news networks to comprehensively cover community news.

It was more a question of "local verses regional" media. The Globe tried to cover the community as best as possible Mr. King said. The Globe was trying "to squeeze the best into a newspaper." This was being done with the use of split editions.

"The Globe," he said, "Relies on papers like Ward Seven to bring out all the community news."

"Who counts? Who are the residents?" was Peter Worthington's reaction to the question.

Mr. Worthington did not think that it was necessary for the papers to serve residents at all. "Newspapers do not serve the majority and should not." Newspapers need customers, he stated, and this does not necessarily include a community conscience.

Mr. Spears of the Star said that newspapers do not serve the needs of the community or residents and need not.

"Newspapers are an information service that makes one's life more comfortable." There are two and one half million stories every day in Toronto, he said. How can they all be published.

"The media is a great mix of voices...that is how we are being informed." The crowd reacted unfavourably to this comment reflecting the sentiment that all newspapers constantly misrepresent the people.

John Piper of Seven News stressed the fact that the community newspaper felt the conscience of the residents more than the larger papers or news services. Therefore it was important that community newspapers continue to exist.

After the representatives had stated their positions, they answered questions directed from the residents. The people at the meeting in large expressed their distrust of the larger newspapers.

This distrust surfaced time and again. A Castle Frank area man brought up the example of his next door neighbours. One of the sons was the high school boy initially accused of attacking a teacher at school. He had not attacked the teacher, but had reacted in self defense. The man talked of the shadow cast

over the family, because the press had failed to investigate.

It was pointed out that public housing was a continuing issue with the press and been sensationalized in the media. Crime, a resident said, was covered more in The Regent Park area than in the other areas of town, even though Regent Park had a lower crime incidence than almost all the other areas of town.

Arnold Amber reacted favourably to this criticism pointing out that news campaigns by papers were very common. Borden Spears was the most defensive and very consistent. He is of the old school and appeared to enjoy "a good debate."

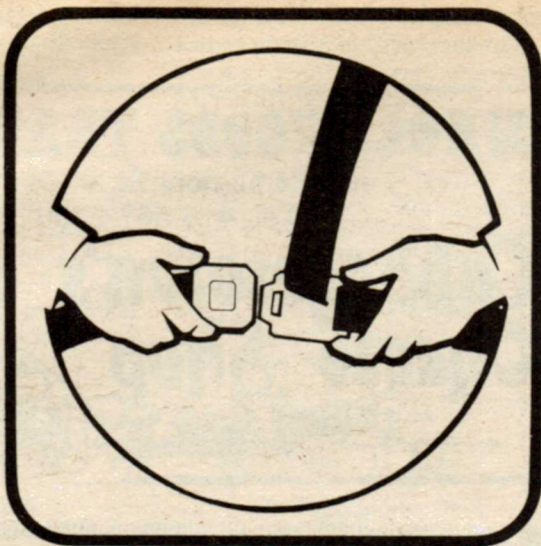
M.P.P. Margaret Scrivener was at the meeting. "The media has a lot of problems," she said, "and a lot of the things we are talking about here are dead right."

She went on to say that the press needed leadership and should change. She noted the patronage of the press, but said that the CBC was very receptive and progressive.

Mrs. Scrivener also discussed her assistant ministry: housing. She said that more people will need assistance from the government for housing. The press she noted had needlessly tainted public housing.

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**Ministry of Transportation  
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## Hotline a success

The Tenant Hotline has been a hotline.

Working out of an office in the Don Vale Community Centre, the four-member staff report receiving over 190 calls during a recent two-week period.

Many of these calls dealt with exorbitant rent increases. The average increase for city apartment dwellers ranged from 27% to 45% for a one-year lease only.

Maintenance problems also proved to be a major headache to tenants. Callers received advice and referral assistance as a means of securing their rights.

Tenants should be aware that under Section 96 of the Landlord and Tenant Act, a landlord is responsible for maintaining the premises in a good state of repair.

February has seen a steady flow of calls as the result of a pamphlet which was recently sent out to various community agencies and organizations.

In future issues of Seven News, the Tenant Hotline group plans to present articles dealing with sections of the Landlord-Tenant Act. It is hoped the articles will enable tenants to become familiar with their rights.

In the meantime, anyone with questions or problems is asked to call the Tenant Hotline at 922-6544 or 922-6716. Their offices are located in the basement of the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street and they are open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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## Frankland Council four years old

by HELEN LENSKEY

Frankland Community Council is currently working towards getting direct community representation on the committee that will select a new principal for Frankland school. This parent/teacher/community group has been operating for nearly four years, with two major aims:

- to promote the educational growth of the community centered at Frankland Public School
- to promote effective communication between home, school and community

Every parent, teacher and community person concerned with Frankland School has the right to call him/herself a member of F.C.C., and any groups operating in the school and the community may make use of the supporting services of the F.C.C. without losing their individual identity — the After Four Program is one such group.

Prior to 1971, Frankland's Home and School Association operated along traditional lines, with its activities revolving around fund-raising and parent education programs, generally presented by professionals. In 1971, the H. & S. changed radically. A parent volunteer program began early in the year, on a small scale, and by June, several teachers had indicated their willingness to have volunteer parents helping in the classroom.

At a public meeting in September, 1971, the proposed new role for parents was presented and names of prospective volunteers were collected. Parents could help on a regular basis in the classroom, or accompany classes on field trips, or do work such as sewing or typing at home. By November, nine teachers were participating — each had a mother who was referred to as a "liaison parent". In addition to helping in the classroom, this parent co-ordinated other volunteers working with the same teacher.

At a meeting in January, 1972, it was agreed that this organization would be called Frankland Community Council, and the offices of chairman, secretary and treasurer were filled. Meetings were held every month to discuss progress, but it was apparent that parent involvement was still limited. Many parents who had been involved with the school for several years were resigned to the fact that decision-making, in important areas, would never be shared with parents.

The focus of attention of the F.C.C. was changed towards the end of 1972 when it was discovered that Frankland was scheduled to be replaced by a new building in the near future. One of the community's chief concerns for some time had been Frankland's inadequate physical education facilities, and in December, 1972, a building committee of F.C.C. was formed. Discussion about new facilities for Frankland proved, initially, to be a topic of great interest and concern to the community, as attendance at public meetings demonstrated.

Residents' views were investigated through public meetings and a door-to-door survey over 300 households — most residents agreed that facilities such as a pool, gymnasium/auditorium and craft room should be shared by school and community. A community meeting room was also considered necessary, by both teachers and residents. Currently, Frankland has high priority among the schools scheduled for replacement in 1975.

Another issue arose in October, 1973, when it was discovered that budget cuts threatened to reduce the number of educational assistants at Frankland to three (to be shared among the four kindergartens.) Kindergarten staff began a course of action to fight this proposed cut, and a meeting of F.C.C. later endorsed their action, which proved successful. This sequence of events illustrated the need for regular meetings and close liaison with the Board of Education, to allow time for issues to be debated at a public meeting and the F.C.C. position presented to the Board.

From these beginnings has emerged a group of parents and teachers who are deeply committed to the goal of direct participation in the selection of Frankland's new principal

## City Council acts on park issue

by DAVE FINNEY

At the request of concerned Don Vale residents, the city has agreed to take limited action towards creating a park in the city land east of Dermott Place.

At the March 6 meeting of the Parks and Recreation committee, city aldermen moved to lease the strip of land bordering numbers 13 through 21 Dermott Place to the homeowners for a nominal sum, while legal arrangements are made to sell them the land. The committee also moved to clean up and sod the land being considered for a park, and to curb the lane surrounding it.

A deputation of 12 Don Vale residents and workers attended the meeting to present a brief in support of the park proposal. Following their presentation, the motions, made by Alderman Sewell, were carried unanimously. The meeting decided to ask the Parks Department, the Public Works Department, and the city solicitor to report on how to implement the motions. It was decided to postpone considering a detailed park proposal until these matters were taken care of.

In a conversation following the meeting, Alderman Janet Howard said she thought that the Parks Department and the Public Works Department would report within a month, and that the sodding and curbing would be done soon thereafter. She indicated that the city, although not willing to act on a detailed park proposal, would be happy to see area residents take the initiative in planning and carrying out improvements to the land once it was sodded. She said that the city would probably provide trees and lighting, as well as other materials, on request.

A committee of Don Vale residents will be formed in the near future to begin working on the park. Much of the necessary or-

ganizing and planning has already been done by Anne McDonald of the CRC and architecture student Mike Moffat. Anyone interested in

working on the park should call Anne McDonald (922-7391), Suzanne Noble (922-2531), or Dave Finney (925-6981).

## Second library suggested for area

by NANCY CRAIG

A public meeting held at the Parliament Street Library recently, to discuss the library board's priorities in long-range capital spending in the central area of the city, gave ample time for the librarians of the various branches in the city centre to air their complaints about over-lit buildings and static electricity in the children's rooms, but all too little time for the public to present their ideas about library service in the future.

One person who did get a chance to air his views was Mr. Len Mellow, of the Moss Park Tenants Association. Mr. Mellow spoke strongly about the need for film lending services at the Parliament Street Branch, and clearly supported the proposal by the head of

that branch, Miss Eva Martin, that Parliament Street become a Downtown Learning Resources Centre.

The North Jarvis Residents Association proposed that the library consider the purchase of the old 48th Highlanders hall on Church Street, and locate another neighbourhood library at that site.

Library service to the St. Jamestown area was also a point raised, as discussion of the library's mobile branch was introduced. A suggestion was made that one of the two stops this branch makes in Rosedale might be dropped, and a stop at St. Jamestown be instituted.

The Library Board will be making its decision in the near future, and would welcome any further suggestions from the public.

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# Mementos of Yesteryear



by GEORGE H. RUST-D'EYE

This is the story of Doncaster, the area around the intersection of Broadview and Danforth Avenues in Ward Seven. It is also the story of one of the most notable buildings in the area — the old house that stands at the northwest corner of Hogarth and Bowden.

There is no doubt that number 58 Hogarth is quite a bit older than most of its neighbours. When it was built in the middle 1870's by Thomas Hogarth, it was one of only three houses on its street.

In fact, as late as 1890, there were only thirteen houses in the whole area bounded by Broadview, Danforth, Logan and Withrow, yet Broadview had by that time been in use for three-quarters of a century.

The town of York was established in 1793 by John Graves Simcoe, the first Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Upper Canada. York occupied the ten-block area bounded by Front, Adelaide, Berkeley and George streets on the west side of the Don River.

Within a few years of the founding of the town, Asa Danforth was building a road from York to Kingston, along the route of the present Kingston Road. By 1799, Danforth and his workers had completed sixty miles of highway; connecting York, in the Home District, to Hope Township in the Midland District.

Meanwhile, in 1796, the first 200-acre township lots north of the Kingston Road on the east side of the Don were granted by the Crown to two of the early Don-area settlers. Lot 15, the river lot, was given to John Scadding. The next lot to the east, Lot 14, upon which 58 Hogarth now stands, was granted to John Cox.

Two years after the Crown grants to Scadding and Cox, Timothy Skinner and Parshall Terry also received grants, of lots further north on the east bank of the Don, in the area later known as Todmorden.

Messrs. Terry and Skinner, with the help of Mr. Skinner's sons Timothy and Isaiah, established a grist and saw mill, the only such facilities near York. In 1798, Timothy Skinner Sr. was directed to open a road through the pine woods between the farms of Cox and Scadding to connect Kingston road to the mills. This was done and in 1799, the Mill Road was opened.

The mills were of great importance to the growing town. In 1820, the Helliwell brothers and John Eastwood took them over and built a brewery and distillery as well, making access to the site of even more importance to the town.

These operations continued until the middle of the century, when they were taken over by the Taylors, operators of paper mills in the Don Valley.

Mill Road, which later became known as Broadview Avenue, was the approach to the Don Mills by land. As well, the waters of the Don were navigable as far north as the bridge at the foot of Winchester Street. From there, grain would be hauled to the mill by ox teams, up the half-mile hill of Don Mills Road (now Royal Drive), and continuing, as Mill Street and then Don Mills Road again.

Meanwhile, by a succession of conveyances, the parts of Lots 14 and 15 bounded by Broadview and Danforth Avenues (known collectively in the 1850's as the Don and Danforth Plank Road), Logan Avenue, and Riverdale Avenue, passed in 1853 into the hands of the Hon. William H. Boulton and the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron. In

1855, the two owners subdivided their property into 35 building lots of varying size.

The 1855 plan of subdivision shows no building at the corner of the streets now named Hogarth and Bowden. The only structures in the area were a house near Broadview and Wolfrey; William Vine's tavern, "The Buther's Arms", just north of Sparkhall; and Joseph Smith's house near Broadview and Bain.

There is also a tollgate on the south side of Danforth in the "V" formed by the intersection of Don Mills Road (Royal Drive) and the Don and Danforth Plank Road.

In 1858, most of the land in the 1185 plan north of Hogarth was acquired by John Wilson Bowden, a builder. In 1871, Bowden subdivided his property.

On this plan, Broadview is shown as "Mill Road", Danforth as "Don and Danforth Road" and the names Wilson Street and Bowden Street appear, not surprisingly, for the first time. The lot at the northwestern corner of Wilson and Bowden appears to be unbuilt upon.

In 1875, the property known as 58 Hogarth Avenue was purchased by Thomas Hogarth, a school teacher, who built the major part of the house which stands today.

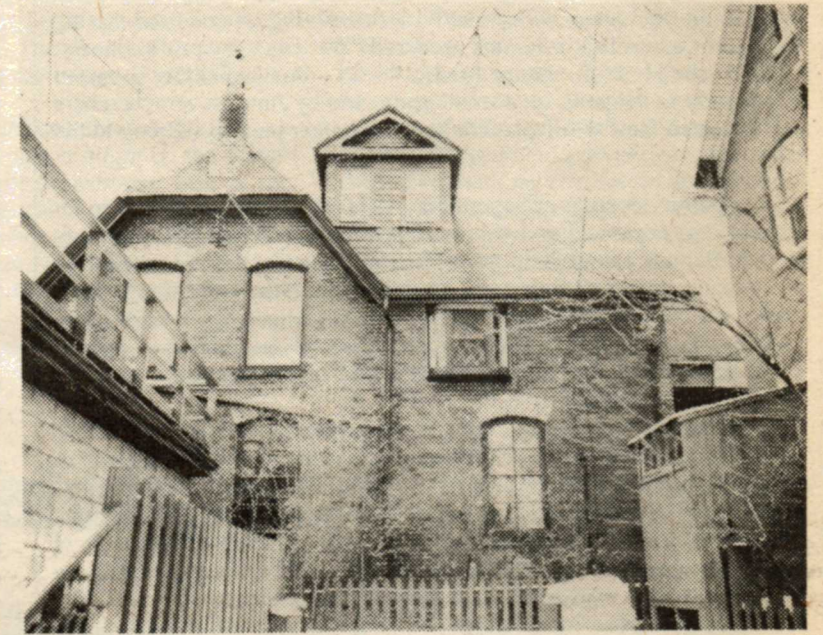
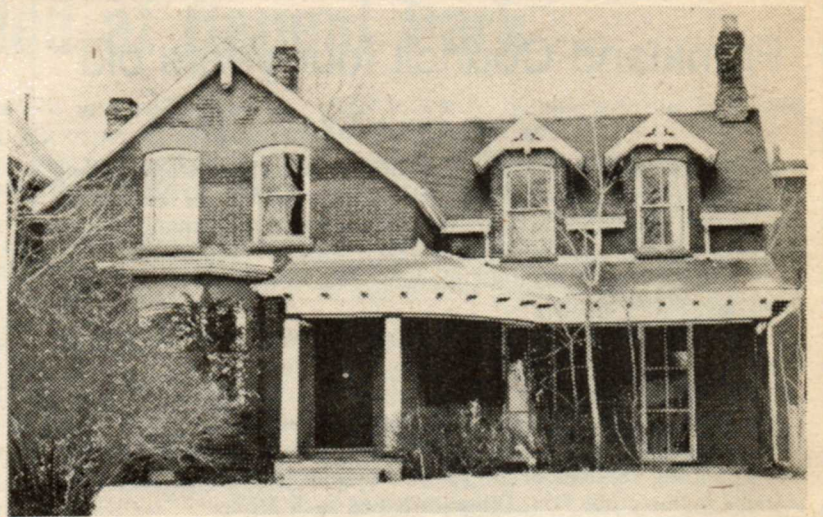
When the house was built, it was considered to be included in the area known as Doncaster, itself in turn being the portion north of Gerard of the larger area known as "Riverside".

Riverside was the area north of Queen, south of Danforth and east of the Don, which was annexed to Toronto in 1884 as St. Matthew's Ward, and later became part of Ward Seven. Doncaster was later called "Chester", and the part of it north of Danforth was annexed to the City in 1909. Other smaller areas in the north part of the Ward became included in the City in 1912 and 1924.

In 1882, Thomas Hogarth sold the Wilson Street property to Thomas Heys, who had married Elizabeth Hogarth. Mr. Heys was an analytical and consulting chemist and mineralogist, and a former professor of chemistry at the Toronto School of Medicine.

In the 1890's, he added a north wing and attached verandah to the house. In 1896, the street name was changed from Wilson Street to Hogarth Avenue.

Mr. William Heys, a grandson of Thomas, still lives on Hogarth,



Pictured in the two photographs above is number 58 Hogarth Avenue, one of the oldest houses still remaining in the Broadview-Danforth area of Ward Seven.

photos by George H. Rust-D'EYE

in a house built on the original Heys property next door to number 58. Mrs. Heys says that old Mr. Heys used to keep chickens, and that there once was a barn on the property in which he parked his carriage.

Mrs. Heys also points out that Mr. George Hogarth originally lived at number 66, which is another beautiful home still standing on the east side of Bowden. She says that the old house on the east side of Bowden just below Danforth was also a Hogarth house. Apparently the Hogarths use to own the large apple orchards for which the area was once known.

Now, 58 Hogarth is owned by John and Marion Kane. Until a year ago, the old house had been allowed to deteriorate. It was left vacant for two years and was badly vandalized during that period. Almost every wall and fixture was

broken or destroyed.

The speculators who owned the property hoped to tear down the house, but were opposed by local residents at the Committee of Adjustment and before the Ontario Municipal Board.

Happily, the house still stands on its well-treed corner lot, and in the good hands of the Kanes who appreciate its history and beauty. They are now in the early stages of the long, hard and very expensive task of repairing damage caused by neglect and vandalism over the years.

The house still has many of its original large doors and window frames which are characteristics of the period in which it was built. There are several large fireplaces, and much of the original wood floor still remains.

There is a decorative tin ceiling in the kitchen. One of the most interesting features is the pair of floor-to-ceiling windows on the south wall. The huge lower sash lifts up into the wall above the ceiling — a very unusual style of window construction.

It is fortunate that these and other examples of the craftsmanship of the early builders have endured, and with the help of the Kanes will be preserved.

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# PEOPLE

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Marty Crowder of the Community Secretariat spent last weekend visiting friends in Boston..... Polly Evans, assistant to Alderman Janet Howard, spent a week recently visiting her family in East Aurora, New York.....

The new supervisor at the Regent Park Children's Aid office is Mary Barratt, replacing Lloyd Cooper. She heads up a team of Jessie Mott, Betty Kashimak and Percy Torrens.....

David Scott of Carlton street, visited New York and Boston on a recent week end..... Eileen McGinty has been appointed to the executive of the 155 Sherbourne Tenant's Association.

Surprise guests at the recent Seven News General meeting were Yolande Byrnes, Star columnist Sidney Katz, and MPP for Rosedale Mrs. Margaret Scrivener.....

Carolyn Barber of Metcalfe street, Don Vale, will be working for the next four months under a LIP project in St. Jamestown. Her job is to involve people in the Barbara Apartments in programs of the St. Jamestown YMCA.....

Stewart Brown of Don Vale has been newly elected to the Council of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents.....

Prize-winners at a recent Don Vale Community Centre raffle were Dorothy Bushey of Sackville street, Irene Delaney of Dermott Place, and Mrs. Alma Hashey of Sumach Street. A consolation prize of \$5 went to Jane Reville, aged 5, of Hillcrest Park.....

Art Moses of Riverdale Avenue spent four days last week end in Sudbury helping the publisher of the magazine TRUE NORTH and visiting his mother.....

St. Jamestown resident, Mrs. E. Potter was admitted to Wellesley Hospital emergency intensive care last week. She is feeling somewhat better after the hospital attention and has had many visits from neighbours. She was happy that a very busy man like Rev. Canon Crane of St. Simons Church, Howard Street, took time to visit.

Mrs. E. Hammond of 200 Wellesley says there is a very good voluntary visiting committee, but the committee is not always informed when OHC residents go into hospital.

At present, there are several sick in the buildings though not in hospital. Mrs. K. Campbell, Mrs. M. Burke, Mrs. E. Finlay and Mr. Deeton are some of those ill in the confines of their own apartments.....

Among those attending a recent coffee party held at 155 Sherbourne Street in honor of Mrs. Margaret Campbell, MPP for St. George Riding were: Mr. Doug Wallace, Mr. J. Toncer, Mr. H. Graham, Mrs. E. Poeyik, Mrs. Kuplupee and Mr. O'Leary. Organizer of the party was Mrs. Jean Manuel.....

Community Guardian Des Ryan was guest singer at a recent Regent Park Busy Bee club meeting. He offered to help set up a choir and about 15 members signed up.....

Adyline MacDermott and Carmel Hili have been nominated to the Board of Directors of the Don Vale Community Centre. Barry Morris has been made an Honorary Board Member of that organization.....

Life Membership in the Ward Seven Businessmen's Association have been awarded to Staff Superintendent George Dorkin, Inspector Sam Bogle and Inspector James Henderson, retiring members of the Toronto Police force. All three started at and worked out of 51 Division which serves most of the Ward Seven area.....

Active volunteers in the revived Friday Night Program at Central Neighbourhood House are Attila Czovek, Ethel Bouser, Barbara Woolley and Marg Young..... Sheila Clulow has joined the staff of CNH as a part-time bookkeeper.....

June Noble of Sackville Street has been appointed by FODARA to represent them on the St. Lawrence Planning Committee..... New program staff hired on at the Don Vale Community Centre are Mark Dreger and Cathi Boyle.

## Neighbourhood Legal Services hires staff

by DAVID REVILLE

After what seemed like an eternity, The Cheque arrived. It was an ordinary-looking cheque — much like the monthly Famile Allowance cheques — but the sum in the right hand corner was large enough for Neighbourhood Legal Services to hire staff. The response to our ad in Seven News was encouraging and overwhelming: 37 highly qualified applicants. The hiring committee nearly lost its mind.

The salaries started Mar. 1 but the four new staff members paid no

attention to that detail, and showed up for work in mid-February. Who are these people?

Steven Oltuski, Community Legal Worker — moved to the Don Area over 3-1/2 years ago. Since then he has been active in residents' associations in the area and is currently a tenant and active member of the Bain Ave. Apts. Co-operative. He has done community work in Ward 7 with groups such as Downtown Action and Bain Tenants Action.

Nancy Peterson, Community

Legal Worker — resident of Don District for several years, currently a tenant in a house purchased by the city from Meridian. She has worked at Domum, a halfway house for rural migrants, where she helped organize a community food co-op and the Parkdale Jobs Office. Nancy has done a lot of counselling — immigration, birth control, women's rights — and spent two years as a patient advocate in a free clinic on Augusta Ave.

Joanne Stidman,

Secretary-Receptionist — mother of a 3 year-old boy. She has been a volunteer for the Friends and Family centre at the Don Jail and helped organize a babysitting co-op and nursery school. Joanne has worked in several offices, most recently for a lawyer in the Don District.

Ted Strange, Community Legal Worker — recently completed work on a hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board. He has worked with Downtown Action and with Injured Workman's Consultants in the Don area.

The new staff members along with Allan McChesney, staff lawyer, Phoebe Graham, staff and the Board of Directors have been working out the many little details of setting up an office and mapping out a training program. Watch for Open For Service announcements.

## Carmel Hili — new community worker

Carmel Hili has been hired by the Christian Resource Centre to replace Barry Morris as a community worker for the Don District in Ward Seven.

Barry left Toronto at the end of last month and after having some transmission trouble with his car, finally made it to Winnipeg where he will work for a year or more setting up a street ministry similar to the CRC.

Carmel Hili, a former Jesuit seminarian, is well known to many Ward Seven residents. His last job was that of a member of a community ministry team working out of Our Lady of Lourdes church on Sherbourne street.

John Metson, director of the Christian Resource Centre says he

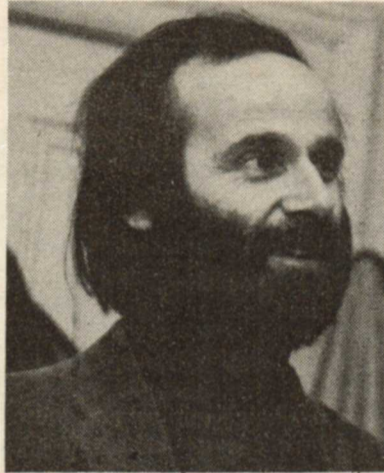


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expects Carmel to carry on the street work pioneered by Barry Morris, "but in his own style."

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# DRAMA in the WARD

by SCOTT WILLOWS

## Homemade Theatre

Factory Lab Theatre is currently the scene of Toronto's only full-time improvisational troupe. The four-member cast develops its scripts at a second's notice from the suggestions of the audience. Improvisation has long been used as a preparatory exercise for actors and directors who wish to explore the personalities of the characters which they are about to portray. Improvisation on its own however can only be as good as the audience directives. The night I attended the performance the ingenuity of split-second brainwaves got lost in the shuffle and all I witnessed was luke-warm parodies of drama and television favourites.

The evening began with three male members of the cast performing the famous opening scene from Chekov's *THREE SISTERS*. Guest directors from the audience gave the cast ridiculous instructions, to their delight; however, it came off much like a CTV afternoon game show. Homemade Theatre's strength lies more in mime than in the spoken word. The best excerpt was an exercise using some volunteers from the audience as simulated people machines. This produced poets, midgets and others with wit and precision.

The longest trial to sit through was a take-off on Kung-Fu. Kung-Fu is absurd without the help of satiric embellishments. Mention must be made of the fourth musical member of the group, Fred Mollin. His tasteful songs and musical asides were welcome relief from some of the miscalculations which surrounded him. It was an uneven night of theatre — perhaps the audience is to blame for not taxing the performers enough. However, at an over-priced \$4.00 per head, an entire night devoted to improvisation may be an impossible task.



Pictured above, from top to bottom, are Barry Flatman, Phil Sauath, Larry Mollin, and Fred Mollin, the four member cast of *Homemade Theatre*.  
photo by Nancy Harcourt

## Toronto Free Theatre

*HEAT*, a new play by Texas born playwright William Hauptman, is the next offering from TORONTO FREE THEATRE. The play concerns the celebrated California desert murders of Charles Schmidt in the mid-fifties. Direction is by Martin Kinch and previews begin Tues. March 25. For information, call 368-2856.

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## Local team makes Broomball semi-finals

by LISE MAHEU

In local broomball action, the Yokels II have defeated Wheel and

Rim in the semi-finals, two games to none. They now move on to play the Eager Beavers who beat out the Voyageurs.

This final series of games will be played Saturday nights at Ted Reeve Arena at 8 p.m. Overtime is very likely as these two teams battle it out for supremacy and the league title.

In the first game of the semi-finals, a close and exciting one, Yokels beat out Wheel and Rim by a 2 to 1 score. Wheel and Rim scored first with a hard shot by Victor Teiera which beat Yokel goalie Steve Gromaki high on his glove side.

Doug Humphries tied up the game as the power play line of Doug, Charlie Labinowitz and Ian Law put on the pressure. Doug popped in a rebound off Mike Carpe's hard shot from the point. Peter Law played the other point position on the Yokel's potent power play.

Later in the second period, Ian Law intercepted a pass and broke loose down the right wing with Vic Drury on a two-on-one break. Ian set up Vic for the game winning goal by drawing goalie Keith Weeks out of position and passing it over to Vic who shot it into the open net.

The second game, in which Yokels won 2-0, was just as exciting. Captain Len Long wisely started off the game with that strong power play line of Ian, Doug and Charlie and the Yokels grabbed a quick lead.

The Yokel's defense of Len Long and John Piper broke up a Wheel and Rim attempt and Ian Law picked up the ball at centre ice. He then sped past the Wheel and Rim defence, passed it over to Charlie waiting on the goal mouth who scored the first goal of the game.

Doug Humphries scored the Yokel's second goal which was set up by winger John White's hard work in the corners. The brilliant goal keeping of Keith Weeks couldn't stop the Yokels although Keith made some tremendous saves.

Vic Drury and Ian Law did a remarkable job of killing penalties and almost scored a couple of goals while their team was shorthanded. On one occasion they held off the opposition while their team was two men short.

Following their last game of the season, Wheel and Rim publicly thanked their sponsor, Guidos Groppini, who has supported them and the league All-Star team for the last two seasons.

## Riverdale ethnic festival a success

About 600 members of various ethnic communities in Riverdale had an enjoyable afternoon on Feb. 15 and 16 respectively when they celebrated the Spring Festival in Woodgreen Community Centre. The audience was treated to a two-hour variety show of dances and music.

Organizers of the event want to thank all the performers, the volunteers and the members of the Woodgreen Chinese Club & the Woodgreen Chinese Elderly Persons Club who showed their high-spirit in co-operation. One organizer said, "The event not only has brought the various ethnic groups together, but also has provided a chance for the old and young to work for the same goal together."

## Regent films

The training of Toronto fire fighters — including how to deal with burns, how to give artificial respiration, how to put out subway fires, even how to clean an infant's throat — was the subject of a film recently shown to the Regent Park Busy Bee Club by two senior firemen.

In their comments, the Chief of the Toronto Fire Department, Charles R. Chambers, and the District Chief of the Toronto Fire Academy, James H. Struthers, stressed the importance of team work to a firefighter in his daily encounters. The film depicted various kinds of rescue work and winter exercises with aerial ladders, necessary to fight fires in high-rise buildings.

Members of the Busy Bee Club, who now number 100, were invited to visit the Toronto Fire Academy and several are planning to do so.

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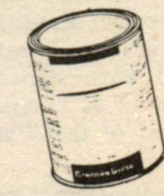
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