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Colgate strike finally settled

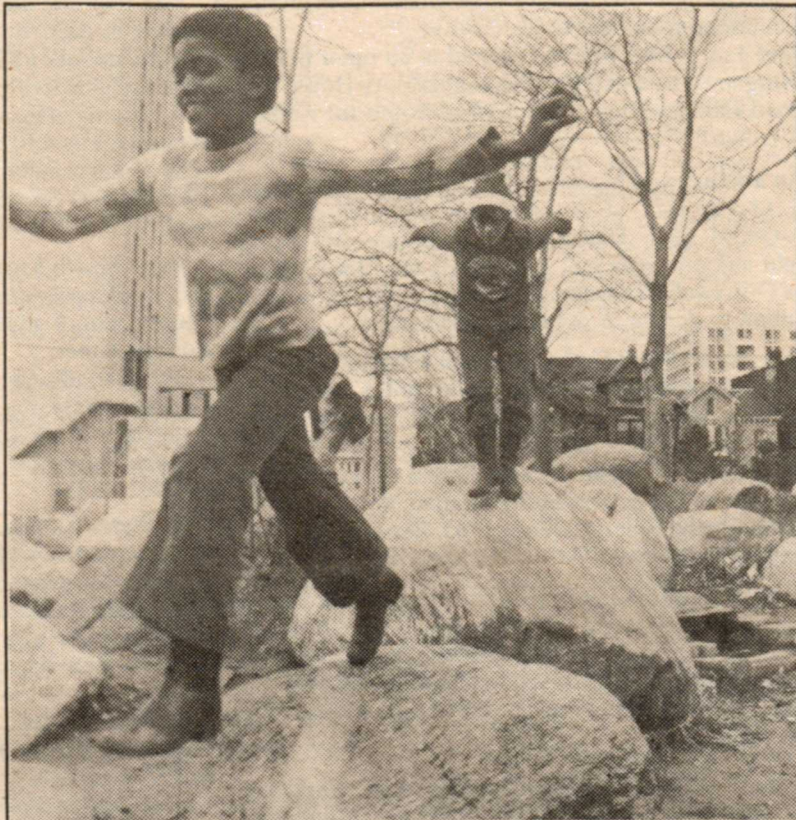
Union workers at the Colgate plant near Logan and Queen Streets voted Monday to end their ten week old strike.

The ratification vote was 78.6 per cent for the new contract which was a compromise of the union's earlier demands.

Management has given the Colgate workers the Rand formula. This means that all workers must pay union dues whether they belong to the union or not.

The new contract is for a 27 month period, and will expire in June 1977. It will give an over-all 33.6 per cent increase in wages, and will bring the Colgate factory workers to basic parity with Lever Brothers.

At the date of signing there will be an immediate increase of 10.6 per cent. In September 1975 there will be an increase of 11 per cent and in September, 1976, there will be another 12 per cent increase in wages.



SIGNS OF SPRING? The activity of children can always tell you when spring is here. Above, two children delight in the warm weather by romping through the adventure playground at Dundas and George Streets. photo by Chris McKie

Health Centre proposed for South Riverdale

by MARK INGLIS

Residents of the South Riverdale area hope to spend a million dollars of Neighbourhood Improvement Program funds on a community health center.

At a public meeting on March 20th members of the area bounded by the Don River on the west, Gerrard on the north, Leslie on the east and Lakeshore Blvd. on the south, listed their spending priorities. After the choice of a health center the residents want a day care center or the repair of Nellie's, a half way house for women.

A brief prepared by the health care working group made some very concrete proposals for the type of center the community would like to have. These proposals are now under negotiation with the minister of health.

The committee recognizes the need for initial and continued health care of high quality to be done by qualified doctors and nurses. This would insure and maintain a high standard of both mental and physical health care.

The center would be aimed at

serving as many aspects of the patient's health as possible. This would necessitate a large staff of three doctors, two nurses, two dentists, two dental hygienists, and two office workers.

The health center is to have six major features that will make it a public oriented center.

The report suggests easy access for all members of the community. Therefore the residents want to take over the old post office building at 765 Queen Street East because of its central location. The report also stresses flexible hours of operation, possibly 24-hours a day.

Comprehensive and continuing care would be stressed. The working group wants dental care, nutritional advice, treatment of alcoholism and drug dependency, psychological treatment and counselling, a V.D. clinic, family planning advisors, services for the aged, and access to low cost prescriptions, dentures, glasses, and hearing aids.

There is a strong stress for preventive care. There would be health education programs avail-

able.

The working group saw the need for a center with an accepting, open, atmosphere. Therefore it is stressed that the center should be controlled by the community. This would ensure that the residents would have a channel through which to give feed-back to the staff. It would also prevent the centre from becoming a cold edifice like many Metro hospitals.

The services provided at the center would be free or of minimal cost. This would remove the aura of prohibitiveness to those who cannot afford some types of care. The yearly budget would be \$243,000. This figure is low, considering the current remuneration professionals are receiving.

The public meeting set up a steering committee in order to organize "a commitment of interest."

It was realized by the people at the meeting that a million dollars is really not enough money, but that it does enable a start towards fulfilling the needs of the community.

Federal Housing Minister pressured by local group

The South of Carlton Working Committee has initiated a telegram campaign in an effort to pressure Urban Affairs Minister Barney Danson into ruling favorably on the use of Neighbourhood Improvement funds for that area.

The Neighbourhood Improvement Program was announced by the Federal Government in July 1973. During April and May of 1974, residents in the South of Carlton area, at general meetings, voted that the available funds be used to acquire and write down the cost of housing for non-profit housing groups.

Since then, however, the continuous word from the Federal Government was that the South of Carlton proposal was not acceptable.

A number of tactics were suggested to try and change the minds of the government. One suggestion was that Mr. Danson be invited to a public meeting in the South of Carlton area to explain why he was vetoing the funds. But Mr. Danson refused to attend any such meeting.

Another suggestion was to send a group of residents from the area to Ottawa to confront Mr. Danson there.

Finally, it was learned that Mr. Danson would be in Toronto to talk to City officials and local ward aldermen arranged for a delegation from South of Carlton to attend the meeting and present their case.

That meeting was held March 1. At it, Mr. Danson agreed with the Working Committee's objectives and indicated that in his opinion the proposal seemed to fall within the legislation. But he was still not pleased with using N.I.P. funds for that purpose.

He said he would look into the matter and get back to the group in a couple of weeks.

The fear in the South of Carlton area was that if nothing more was done, Mr. Danson's reply would

be unfavourable. And if the proposal is turned down, nothing else can be done to protect the low income people in the area who have struggled for three years to plan their neighbourhood.

So the Working Committee sent out over 300 letters to individuals and groups across the Ward and the City asking them to send a telegram to Barney Danson indicating their support of the proposal.

Organizers of the campaign say that the response had been good and that Barney Danson is getting a lot of telegrams.

However, at the time of writing, there has been no reply.

Answer in mail

SEVEN NEWS phoned Ottawa to ask the Hon. Barney Danson if he had made a decision on the South of Carlton's application for use of Neighbourhood Improvement Program (NIP) funds.

Mr. Danson was unavailable for comment but his housing assistant, Mr. Eric Acker said a letter was in the mail giving his decision. Mr. Acker refused to divulge the contents of the letter but hinted that it would be a negative one.

He stated that Mr. Danson has no discretion in the matter and had to follow the legislation of the act setting up the NIP program. Based on the legislation, he said, Mr. Danson can't allow South of Carlton to use NIP funds as they hope to.

He made no comment on the "telegram" campaign being waged by Toronto residents to affect Mr. Danson's decision.

Tenant "Hot-line" group prevents illegal eviction

Two elderly women in the Ward Seven area who could not obtain inexpensive moving services were illegally evicted by their landlord last Friday evening.

In order to get them to move, the landlord withheld their supply of

water, heat and electricity for one month. Although City Health Inspectors were aware of the situation and aware that it was illegal, their hands were tied by unenforceable City Bylaw regulations.

The Tenant Hotline, a city-wide service working out of the Don Vale Community Centre learned of the situation when they were asked to find a means of transporting the women's possessions.

When the staff of the Hotline went over to see the women, they were met by an angry landlord who reportedly assaulted two of the Hotline staff.

The Hotline staff, however, stopped the illegal "candlelight" eviction and made both parties to the dispute aware of their legal rights.

Under various statutes, the landlord is liable to fine of up to \$1000 for failing to maintain proper services to his tenants and for not getting a court order to evict them.

It is understood that the elderly women, now aware of their rights as tenants, plan to take legal action against the landlord.

The staff of the Tenant Hotline are also considering legal action. Of a different sort.

Report exposes poor library services

According to a recent report, Ward Seven residents are paying the same per capita amount of taxes as the rest of the city for library services but are getting a far lower library service.

According to the report, prepared by the East End Library Advisory Group, the east end district has an expenditure in 1974 for books of \$94,100 while the northern library district spent over \$230,000 for books.

Capital expenditure on a per capita basis for library facilities was \$3.70 for the east end district and \$54 for the northern district. Floor space of libraries in the east end district is 24,000 sq. feet while over double that amount is available in libraries in the north district. The number of books per person available in the east end district is 1.46, contrasting with 2.18 in the north and 2.73 in the central districts.

The report says that based on the 1971 census, 22.6 percent of Toronto's population live in the east end district as against 18 percent who live in

the north district.

The Danforth and Riverdale libraries are two of the six libraries located in the east end district. Both are in the Ward Seven area.

The report states, "Cramped floor space probably accounts for the low book expenditure and small quantity of books per capita. Circulation is low. We cannot circulate material which we do not have."

The report then raises a fundamental question. "We pay for public library service. Why the discrepancy between dollar per capita in north and central and east and west districts?"

One action being taken is that the Toronto Public Library has acquired a site at the corner of Caithness and Danforth for the purpose of building a district library.

This library would serve as a central, larger collection and would provide back-up service to the six neighbourhood branch libraries.

But the report asks, "Is this the answer?"

It adds, "Some residents of this area feel that expanding and renovating existing buildings and enlarging the collections already housed in the six branch libraries would be a better way of improving library service."

The East End Advisory Group consists of representatives of ratepayer and community groups, library staff and Board members. It is the function of this group to examine alternative plans for improving library service in the east end.

They recently asked the Long-Term Planning and Priorities Committee of the Library Board for \$5 million toward this purpose. Whether they get the money and how it will be used depends upon a library-user survey now underway.

In the meantime, a public meeting for Ward Seven residents concerned with the library problem will be held in the near future. And if you are really concerned and can't wait for a public meeting in your area, phone or write Linda Oliver at the Riverdale Branch, 370 Broadview Avenue, phone 466-0163.

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St. Jamestown gets community services

by MARK INGLIS

After six months of hard work it appears as though community services may finally reach into St. Jamestown.

On a weekly basis from April 2nd to June 25th, at which time the project will be evaluated, Rose Avenue School on Ontario Street will have a community night. It will be held every Wednesday night from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00.

It will include a whole range of social, legal, and medical services to be presented under one roof. It will have an open forum atmosphere in which people will be able to move freely from area to area without being inhibited by office or social structures.

The aim of community night will be to cut red tape. Information and referrals will be immediate. There will be an attempt to humanize the social services by having people there to answer questions.

Community forums will be presented at every meeting. There will be speeches, resident association meetings, cultural presentations, and tax clinics.

The first community night will highlight Margaret Campbell, opposition critic of the social services. There will also be a tax clinic by the Neighbourhood Information Post. For more information please contact Susan Seaby at 924-2543 or Duncan Matheson, the co-ordinator, at 924-1457.

NEWS ROUND-UP

Free Film feature is "Reefer Madness"

The St. Matthews Lawn Bowling Club on Gerrard Street East has received a \$7,085 New Horizons grant from the federal government. The money will be used to renovate facilities and involve both senior citizen groups and children in the sport....

Poet Jan White will be featured at an open poetry reading to be held at the Parliament Library House 265 Gerrard East on Thurs., April 10 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free....

An auction and bazaar will be held April 9 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at WoodGreen Community Centre, 835 Queen East. Donations of items are still being sought and proceeds will go towards the Elderly Persons Outreach Program. Phone 461-1168 if you have anything to donate or for more information....

St. Luke's United Church, Carlton at Sherbourne will hold an Opportunity Sale on Sat. April 5, at 2 p.m. There will be a snack tea and sale of hats, jewellery and accessories....

A poetry workshop with guest poet Robert Flanagan will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East. Admission is free....

A light classical concert will be presented as part of the WoodGreen United Church centennial celebrations on Fri., April 11 at 8 p.m. at the church. Featured will be Stephen Chenette on trumpet and Anita Rundans on organ. Tickets are \$2.50 phone for them at 690-2814 or 461-1105....

About 20 Senior Citizens attended a St. Patrick's Day party held last week at the Don Vale Community Centre. The Centre has also set Tuesdays between 3 and 6 p.m. as Older People's Afternoon....

The Sunday Bingo program has resumed at Moss Park. It's held from 1 to 4 p.m. every Sunday in the penthouse at 285 Shuter St. Everyone is welcome....

Senior Consultants, a Ward Seven organization is sponsoring an Over 50's show and sell at the St. Lawrence Market on April 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, phone Marilyn Bolton at 921-2073....

An Easter Dinner for all senior citizens living at 155 Sherbourne Street will be held March 30 at 6 p.m. in the Recreation Hall of that building....

A free income tax clinic will be held at Rose Avenue School, 675 Ontario Street, on April 2 and April 9 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. By appointment only, phone 924-2543....

The Residents at Fudger Home for the Aged on

Sherbourne Street and Riverdale Hospital were entertained recently by student singers from Roden Junior School....

The Ray McCleary Senior Citizens Social Club, located in McCleary Towers on Logan Avenue were recently granted a \$7,745 New Horizons grant to expand their social activities....

A meeting of residents of the King-Parliament area, to consider a draft proposal on housing in the area, will be held at 8 p.m. on Wed. April 16 at Sackville School, 19 Sackville Street. All interested are invited to attend....

From March 5 to the end of the month, there will be a display of masks and pottery done by Queen Alexandra Senior school students at the Education Centre, 155 College Street....

The Broadview YMCA starts a series of Spring Courses beginning March 28. Courses include Co-ed Yoga, life saving, canoeing, swimming, women fitness, tiny-tots, aquatics, and much more. For information, call 461-8123.

St. Peter's Church, Carlton and Bleeker offers free badminton from 7 to 11 p.m. every Thursday evening. Doubles are playing with tips and instructions from Alfie Statham....

The Income Tax Clinic at the Don Vale Community Centre is now being held on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m....

Starting on Tues. April 1, a new course in Hatha Yoga begins at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East under instructor Matthew Greer. Starting time is 7:30 and it is free....

The Annual Meeting of the Greater Toronto Business and Professional Federation will be held April 9 at 7:45 p.m. at the Old Spain Restaurant, Bloor at Sherbourne. Tickets are \$3 a person....

FOR FILM BUFFS: The free Friday feature film at the Parliament Library House, April 11 at 8 p.m. will be "Reefer Madness", a 1930's flick about the evils of marijuana (sic)....

A rummage and Bake Sale will be held Saturday, April 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Recreation Room at 275 Bleeker Street....

On Wed. April 9, at 7 p.m., there will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Neighbourhood Information Post. It will be held at the Parliament Library House and everyone is welcome....


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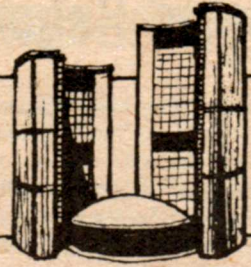
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City favours rent controls

by JANET HOWARD
Alderman Ward 7

Tenants in Ward 7 have been hit particularly hard by rent increases in the past year. This is because many houses that used to provide rental accommodation have returned to single-family, owner-occupier use, and because many of the apartment buildings in the ward are owned by large developers.

The developers have been taking advantage of the fact that many people want to live near the downtown business district. They are seldom short of tenants, and now, with mortgage rates making new construction uneconomical, they are pulling in large profits from older, cheaper buildings, just by upping the rent any amount they feel like.

City Council has been concerned about this for a long time, and last June passed a motion calling for a rent freeze and rent control. The Province, who are responsible for that kind of legislation, went only so far as to issue a mild warning to the developers that if they didn't watch out, they might find the Provincial Government thinking about rent control.

On March 19th City Council voted for a specific form of rent control. It would involve a Rental Administrator to do various things: advise landlords and tenants in tenancy matters; receive complaints and try to mediate disputes between landlords and tenants; give out information for the purpose of educating landlords and tenants concerning their rights and duties; and upon written application from a tenant or landlord, determine the rent for a particular dwelling unit based on principles which include actual costs, like heat, light and taxes as well as what a fair profit is.

When all the costs have been calculated, the rent increase is not to exceed 5% of the rent charged in the previous year.

People who own and occupy 25% or more of a house will be exempt.

Landlord-Tenant Tribunal of at least five members, including some tenants, would be set up by the City. The Tribunal would hear and decide on appeals of decisions made by the Rental Administrator.

Fines could be charged for disobeying the terms of the legislation. Smaller landlords would be subject to fines of \$100 to \$300 for each dwelling unit, or six months' imprisonment, or both, and for corporations the minimum penalty would be \$500 for each dwelling unit, the maximum \$10,000 for each dwelling unit and the officers of the corporation could be sent to jail for up to six months, or both.

It sounds serious because it is serious. Even aldermen who usually side with the development industry voted for the rent control. It is impossible to represent a ward in the City of Toronto without realizing how bad the squeeze is.

What we have to see now is whether the Province will give us the power to set up this rent control programme. Our legislation was drawn up by the City Solicitor's department and is certainly workable, but Queen's Park will have to make the political decision as to whether they are willing to upset their friends in the development industry or whether the needs of the majority of Toronto taxpayers count more.

I would be happy to send a copy of Council's proposed rent control legislation to anyone who wants to read it. Call me at 367-7916.

Houses sit vacant in Trefann

About 1,000 people have moved away from Trefann Court while that area fought to retain its character and implement a workable Urban Renewal Scheme.

Estimates are that there are only about 400 people living there now — and a lot of them are newcomers who have bought some of the old homes in the area to renovate into townhouses.

As a result of this mass exodus from the area over the years, there aren't enough low income people in the area to take advantage of the housing becoming available under the Urban Renewal Scheme.

Seventeen houses are now vacant in Trefann Court, nine of them

are for sale and eight of them for rent. And nobody in Trefann wants them.

While they sit vacant, they need maintenance, services and security and this all adds to the eventual cost of them.

In desperation, the newly re-created Working Committee in Trefann has widened the boundaries to allow a larger population of eligible people apply for the homes.

The new boundaries are now Jarvis, Carlton, the Don River and Lake Ontario. Anyone living in that area with a steady income but not making more than \$16,000 a year can now either rent or purchase one of the available Trefann houses.

Injured workman gets compensation

Money may not lessen Rudolfo Cuzzetto's physical disability but it certainly makes life easier for an injured workman.

Mr. Cuzzetto sustained a neck injury on April 12, 1972. Now, after two years, Mr. Cuzzetto has been given a 15% permanent disability award by the Workmen's Compensation Board.

The award, retroactive to 1972, makes him the happy recipient of a cheque for \$1,600.00.

He won this entitlement with the assistance of Injured Workmen's Consultants who recently moved from the Don Vale Community Centre to a storefront location at 432 Dundas East near Parliament.

In the accompanying picture, Mr. Cuzzetto and Adeline McDermott from I.W.C. proudly display his cheque.



Bain apartments get \$600,000 Provincial grant

The largest provincial grant to date under the Community Sponsored Housing Program has been approved for a 260-unit family housing project in the Riverdale district of Ward Seven. The announcement of the \$600,000 grant was made last Monday.

The development, known as the Bain Avenue Apartments, was built in 1914 and was the first planned low-income housing project in Canada.

The apartments were built by the Toronto Housing Corporation, comprising a group of local philanthropists. They erected the three-storey structures in an open-square arrangement, with private entrances for each apartment suite.

The original backers described themselves as "not a company, but a cause...a solution of a problem that vitally concerns both the community and the nation: better housing for the working people."

Over the years it fulfilled its goal of providing low-rent housing for the working poor of Toronto. The city became involved during its 60-year history by guaranteeing the corporation's debentures.

Later on the development was purchased by other private interests and, in an informal way, they maintained the original aims of the founders.

But, on February 11, 1974, the owner began to issue eviction notices to tenants as their leases expired — with the idea of turning the development into a condominium. Eventually, due to their low incomes, many of the 260 householders living there would have had to seek other accommodation.

But the tenants object to the changeover and appealed to the City of Toronto and to Ontario Housing Corporation. They, in turn, contacted Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation which agreed to provide the City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corporation with the financing to purchase the project. On April 22, 1974, the city approved the purchase of the Bain Avenue Apartments for

\$6 million, and, since then, renovations have been under way.

In addition to the \$6 million loan, of which \$600,000 will be forgiven, CMHC also gave a rehabilitation grant of \$650,000.

The \$600,000 provincial grant, under the Community Sponsored Housing Program, will be paid over 15 years, and will help to reduce rents. When amortized at 8 per cent over this period, the Ontario grant will amount to some \$900,000.

Half of the suites will become eligible for the Ministry of Housing's rent supplement program.

Under this program, tenants pay rents based on their income, with the difference between that and the rent asked being made up by the municipality (7-1/2 per cent), the Ontario government (41-1/2 per cent) and the federal government

(50 per cent).

Under the Community Sponsored Housing guidelines, the Ontario housing ministry makes grants of 10 per cent towards the total building and land costs of such projects, provided the non-profit housing corporation agrees to make a portion of the project's rental units available to the rent supplement program.

These corporations can be created and operated by municipalities and by such community organizations as churches, credit unions, service clubs, co-operatives, trade unions, and by neighbourhood groups formed for the sole purpose of operating a non-profit housing project. They must agree to manage their housing units at cost, thereby providing reasonably-priced housing for families, senior citizens and persons with physical disabilities.

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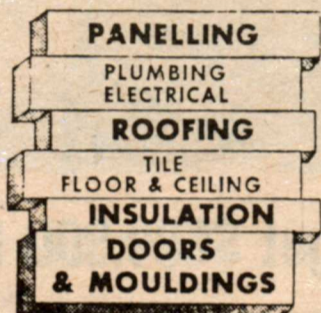
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1 BLOCK EAST OF PARLIAMENT**366-8097****Crisis centre helps Regent Park residents**

by SCOTT WILLOWS

REACH, a new LIP funded program, makes its home on the ground floor of a centrally located apartment complex in Regent Park. REACH provides an accessible referral service for residents with emotional problems. It offers short-term help, a place where tenants can come and "rap", and — a sympathetic, confidential ear.

There are four permanent staff-members who man the centre, concurrently from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., 6 days a week. They meet three times a week to review their experiences and talk about problems that they may have faced along the way. Part of the purpose of the project is to research the possible need for a mental health clinic in that vicinity.

The coordinator and the guiding light of the project is a young woman who brings a well-seasoned and a pragmatic approach to her duties. Corry Wyngarden, originally from Holland, and more recently from Vancouver, directed a LIP project last year on the West Coast called Explore 74. The aim of the project was to create unusual jobs for women who had been recently released from a penitentiary. The occupations offered included typically male dominated professions such as mechanics, plumbing, truck

driving and race-track duties. The aim was to remove the women from the stereotyped roles and means of support which had put them in jail in the first place — and in all probability would land them back there again.

Most of the problems which Corry and her staff deal with now in Regent Park are related to family conflicts, and to the anxieties which teenagers face as they come of age.

Regent Park adolescents learn at an early age about the stigmas and the limitations which are imposed upon their morale and upon their financial potential for the future. Corry finds that from the sporadic phone calls and the drop-ins, alcohol rears its ugly influence in a high proportion of cases. "Lowering the drinking age has essentially lowered the 'average age of the average alcoholic.' Teenagers begin to drink earlier. Instead of 21 year olds buying beer for 18 year olds, we are now faced with 18 year olds buying it for 16 year olds. Alcohol continues to be a much greater hassle than drugs."

Corry also tends to agree with Janet Ross's recent comment in a Toronto Star article: "Somebody up there has a structured plan to keep the poor poor." Corry adds: "There is a discernable cycle of poverty which rarely lets the vic-



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tim out. When a person comes off welfare or mother's allowance she is immediately one month behind in rent. Similarly it is not profitable for a man with five children to give up welfare and start at the bottom, making a minimum wage. He can accumulate more cash by staying at home.

Many residents of Regent Park agree with Corry's feeling that too much free money with too little discretion has poor effects on incentive and that is an unfortunate substitute for a higher minimum wage.

Undaunted by the roadblocks along the way, Corry Wyngarden is tremendously impressed by the community spirit and the self-determination shown by the residents of Regent Park. Consequently her prevailing opinion of both the project which she is running and of the community which she helps support is one of optimism and a trend towards an increasing self-sufficiency.

Hopefully REACH will become an oasis of low-key advice and support in that no-man's land between the rigors of an imperfect domestic environment and a visit to the Clarke Institute.

New board elected at Dixon Hall

About 70 people, consisting of members of the community, staff, volunteers, directors and local politicians, turned out for the Dixon Hall annual general meeting held March 15 at the Hall.

Major item of business was the election of a new 25-member Board of Directors to a one year term of office.

Elected to the executive were: Past President, Arthur Wayling; President, Dr. Alan Bruce-Robertson; Vice-president, Pat Travis; Secretary, Nancy Hardy; Treasurer, Cecil Fleming.

Elected as members-at-large were: Ronald Auckland, Harry Bateman, Mrs. Georgie Blay, Joe Boland, Mrs. Marie Bradshaw, David Burt, Brock Curley, Mrs. Mary Deschamps, Mrs. Francis Dolan, Dr. Marvin Klotz, Mr. Carrol Meisner, Mrs. Adeline McDermott, Father McKenna, Howard Phillips, Mrs. Joan Reynolds, Mrs. Phyllis Tomlinson, Ms. Sessie Waddell, Ken Williams, Mrs. Eileen Wylie and Mrs. Gladys Gimple.

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Trefann sets up new working committee

by ALFRED FRIEND

A new Working Committee has been established to plan Phase Two of the Trefann Court Urban Renewal Scheme. The previous Working Committee, which helped to plan Phase One, foundered and all but died some time ago. Although sporadic meetings have been held since, they have been all but impotent as their decisions were not binding on any of the levels of government who are funding the scheme.

The new Working committee has been expanded to allow for more community input. It will now consist of 20 members, comprising tenants, residents and businessmen. The structure of the new Committee calls for a number of Alternative members as well. If a voting member is absent from a meeting his place can be filled by an alternate member.

Named as non-voting chairman of the Working Committee was the Rev. Art Verrall, Minister at Regent Park United Church.

Businessmen named to the Committee were Mr. Brown, Morton Montgomery and Miss M. Shaw. Tenant members of the Committee are Marg LeMay, Noreen Gaudette and George Brewer. Homeowner representatives are Edna Dixon, Noel Guerin and John Wawrin.

Named as members-at-large to the Committee were Larry Brodeur, Shirley Brodeur, Angus

Dixon, George Morrison, John Malinouski and Mr. L. Litowitz.

The two ward aldermen will au-

tomatically sit on the Committee and the City will be asked to appoint three other Aldermen as well.

Irish evening a success

by LITA HARVEY

The Sherbourne One Five Five Resident's Association put on a very successful Irish Evening on March 17. About 55 people attended and heartily applauded a group of seven dancing children from the 275 Shuter building in Moss Park.

The children taking part were

Brenda MacNeil, Jackaline Lin-teau, Seana Roth, Maureen Roth, Karen MacNeil and Pat Winders; all pupils of the Paul Tynan Dance School of Fort Erie.

For dancing, there was recorded Irish music and as befitting the occasion, Association President Doug Wallace sported a smart green tie and straw boater complete with a green ribbon band.

Pinocchio for all people

Mayor David Crombie has declared the week of April 14-20, 1975 to be PINOCCHIO WEEK, and Ward Seven will be celebrating it in a number of ways.

The Rose Avenue Public School, 675 Ontario Street, will be presenting a musical version of PINOCCHIO, a lavish production with sets, costumes, kids and songs. Performances for the public will be at 7:30 PM on Thursday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 23. Admission will be 50 cents.

The Parliament Street Public Library will also participate by

presenting a Pinocchio Puppet Show (dates to be announced) and The Shadow Cabinet Book Store, 600 Parliament Street, is selling Pinocchio Week buttons



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Some guidelines on the proper use of medicine

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Beware!

Have you taken any non-prescription drugs or medicines in the past year? Has your family?

The answer to both questions is probably yes. Over-the-counter drugs are helpful for short-term use and relief of symptoms. However, like prescription drugs, if used improperly or excessively, many of these medications can be harmful.

In 1972, Canadians bought enough ASA (the most common ingredient in headache tablets) to supply each man, woman and child with 125 tablets. Cold and cough remedies, laxatives and vitamins are other big sellers. Most people don't realize that some of these drugs can be mentally or physically habit-forming — and that they may react violently when taken with other pills or alcohol.

The Government of Canada checks drug labels to ensure that claims made by the manufacturer are true and that recommended doses of the product are safe. These instructions should be read carefully. You endanger your health by exceeding the doses indicated, thinking that it will be more effective.

When buying over-the-counter drugs, it's a good idea to ask your pharmacist's advice. If pain, dizziness and other symptoms persist, you should consult your doctor.

Pain-killers

ASA, the main ingredient in most non-prescription pain-killers, irritates the lining of the stomach and should not be taken for stomach pain or by people with ulcers.

Over-use of analgesics for a long period may produce kidney damage and blood disorders.

Some of these preparations contain a narcotic, codeine, and may produce physical dependency.

Don't mix pain-killers containing codeine with alcohol, tranquilizers and other pills.

Headache tablets should not be used as tonics or sleeping aids — this may become a habit which is hard to break.

Coughs and Colds

Cough syrups and nose drops may become less effective with over or prolonged use and may actually make you feel worse.

Cold pills taken with tranquilizers, alcohol and similar drugs may dangerously increase

their effect.

Laxatives

Used daily, these can interfere with normal bowel movements and may lead to chronic constipation.

Continued use of mineral oil laxatives may stop the body from absorbing essential vitamins.

Plenty of exercise and eating raw vegetables, bran cereal and fruit such as prunes help to prevent constipation.

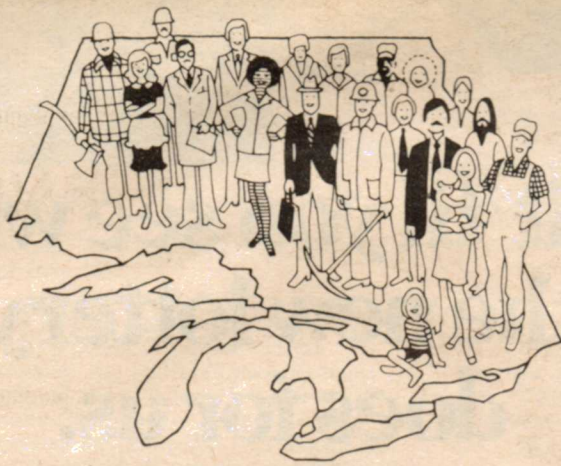
Older people may want their doctor to recommend a milk laxative to be used occasionally.

Important

Immunization procedures are the most effective way to prevent many diseases, e.g. diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio and measles. There are recent indications that many children, ages 1 to 4, have not been vaccinated against the crippling disease, polio. Parents are urged to protect their children by having them vaccinated immediately. Vaccinations are free — contact your local health department or your doctor. Remember, polio can kill or cripple your child.

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More importantly, we hope to share with others the riches and insights that come from active involvement in community life. A culture must be shared with other people if it is to stay alive. It is by living our culture that we can really share this gift with other peoples and promote greater understanding among Canadians.

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City refuses to subsidize park

by DAVE FINNEY

The City Parks and Recreation Committee has refused to grant funds for the proposed park in the city land east of Dermott Pl. This action, a reversal of the apparent commitment made by the committee at their previous meeting, is a heavy blow to residents hoping for quick resolution of the park issue.

As reported in the last issue, the Parks and Recreation Committee agreed at their March 6 meeting that improvements should be made to the property, and asked the Parks Department and the Public Works Department to report on implementing the improvements. At the March 20 Committee meeting, the Parks Department reported that the proposed improvements would cost about \$2000. It was decided that, because of the current budget squeeze, this much money could not be allocated for the park.

Alderman John Sewell, member of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Parks Budget Committee, said that, considering the number of inexpensive items that had already been struck from the park budget, there was "no way" that this much money could be budgeted for the park. Alderman Janet Howard, who had previously stated her conviction that the Parks and Recreation Committee would approve money for the park (see last issue), said that she made that statement without realizing how much money would be involved.

Residents who support the park proposal have not decided how to proceed on the issue. Some feel that the park should be built without the city's assistance. However, others feel that residents should ask the city for at least part of the necessary funding. Many people, including several aldermen, have expressed the feeling that the city should be responsible for improving its own property.

However the issue is resolved, many people remain unsatisfied with the Committee's reason for refusing funds. As one disgruntled park supporter said, "How can the city spend \$1500 on Alderman Piccininni's air ticket to Milan and then claim it can't spend \$2000 for a neighbourhood park?"

Withrow School children paint mural

Every Monday, all day, since September of last year, a number of pupils at Withrow School have been painting a four foot by sixteen mural depicting historic Canadian personalities under the guidance of Avrom Yanovsky, a Ward Seven resident and past president of the Canadian Society of Graphic Art.

The project is the result of a \$1,200 special grant by the Ontario Arts Council, and a 15%, plus materials contribution by the Withrow Home and School Association.

The theme of the mural, says Mr. Yanovsky is our own Cana-

dian historical heroes and heroines. As the result of a small, personal survey, Mr. Yanovsky discovered that because of the influence of United States movies and TV, Canadian kids only know about U.S. historical heroes.

So he named the mural "Good-bye Davy Crockett" and sees it as a method to counter that influence.

Working from photographs and early historical drawings for reference, the children portray-in-their own child-like manner these historical figures. The children do all the drawing and painting themselves.

Mr. Yanovsky guides them only as to composition as there is a problem, in a mural with many different scenes and figures, of relating them to each other in a visual harmony. Thus the children also learn a little about mural technique.

The mural will be complete around Easter. Sometime after Easter there will be a formal, public installation ceremony — when the 16 foot mural will be put on the wall in the hallway.

Historical figures in Mural

Jean Mance — established first hospital in Canada.

Paul Kane — Painter of Indians.

Gabriel Dumont — Metis Leader — Buffalo Hunter.

Rev. Evans — creator of the Cree Indians alphabet.

David Thompson — early Canadian map maker.

Pauline Johnson — Indian poetess.

Chinese Worker — helping to build the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Laura Secord — warning of American invasion in 1813.

Madame Papineau — (1820) first woman to vote in British Empire.

William Lyon MacKenzie — first mayor of Toronto.

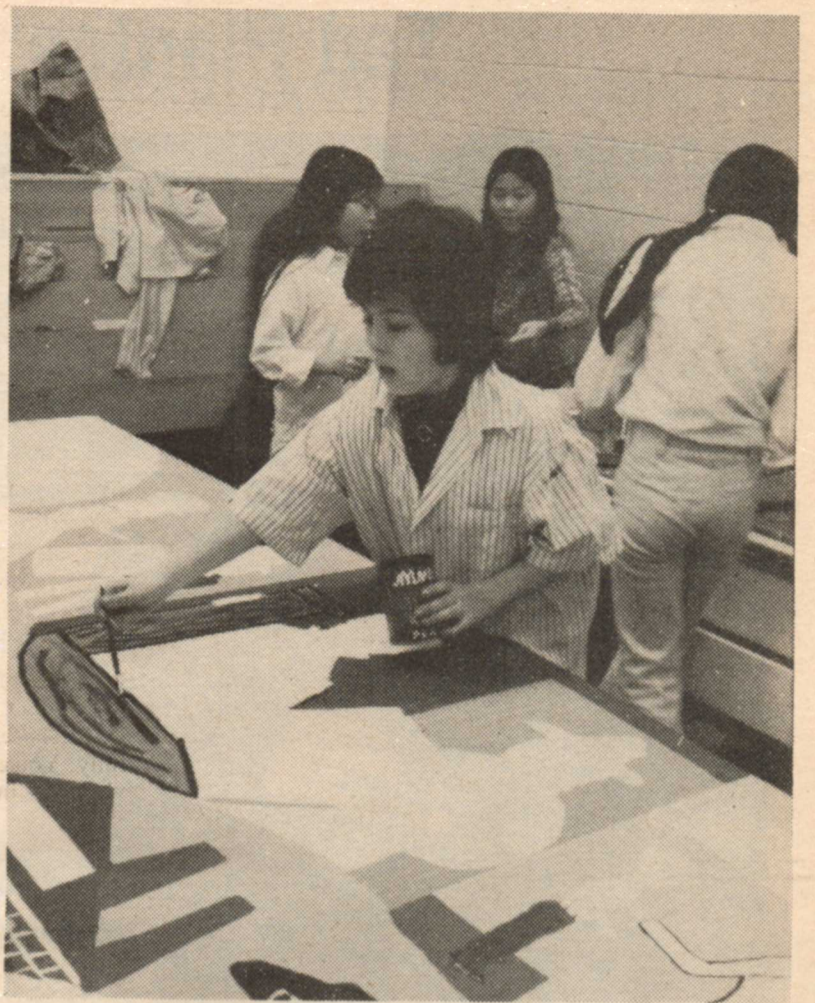
Dr. Emily Howard-Stowe — first woman Doctor in Canada.

Calixa Lanalee — composer of "O Canada."

Dr. James Naismith — invented Basketball.

Daniel John O'Donoghue — labor member of Ontario Legislature, responsible for abolishing child labor and implementing free, compulsory education.

The following children took part in the project with Mr. Yanovsky: Mark J. McCormack, Perry Tse, Charmain Lee, David Third, Desmond Lewis, George Kralidis, Yuen Wu, Kennedy Chin, Mira Orescanin, Cyril Plummer, Tony Grossman, Gillian Hegge, Suzie Chong-Kit, Nita Patel, Kaethe Yanovsky, Sin Yi Chiu.



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Ted Plantos: Unsung poet of the ward

by DAVE FINNEY



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Ward Seven can boast a large community of unsung poets. Prominent among them is Ted Plantos, Cabbagetown native and community program organizer for the Parliament Street Library House.

Ted was born Christmas Eve, 1943, in the attic of his parents' house on Vivian St., where Regent Park now stands. His early life revolved around the street gangs of old Cabbagetown and his grandparents' house near Newmarket. He particularly remembers the Maritime and country-western songs heard at his grandparents' house and he regards the music as one factor which led to his becoming a poet.

His parents moved from Vivian St. when construction began on Regent Park, and they moved to Regent Park a few years later. Ted says of Regent Park that "spiritually, it had a numbing effect. It drove me inside myself."

Ted began writing as a result of movies. He became an avid film buff, and his first written works were rewrites of movie scripts he had read in film magazines. Eventually his interest turned to drama.

He read playwrights extensively, among them Eugene O'Neill and Bernard Shaw, and wrote small plays in dialogue form.

Ted claims it was the influence of playwrights that led him to poetry. Realizing that good playwrights were by necessity good poets, he began studying poetry, and soon writing poetry was his major interest.

Ted left school in the 11th grade and spent the following years working, writing poetry, and travelling in Canada and the U.S. He has worked in factories, stockrooms, and loading yards. At one time, he operated an apple-coring machine for a fruit processing company, and he stank of apples for a year afterward.

Ted has long been interested in socialist politics, in part because of reading Shaw, and his experience in factories strengthened this interest. He read much of Bertrand Russell's work and became a student of Marx. He visited a socialist campsite and meeting ground in New Jersey and pasted posters for the NDP when it was first formed. Much of his poetry from this period reflected his politics.

He began what he calls "a long period of introspection and self-analysis," during which he wrote most of the poems published in **The Seasons are my Sacraments**. These poems are much different from his later poetry. They are lyrical poems, more concerned with presenting a series of images than with elaborating ideas.

Ted's recent poetry tends more towards social realism. He likes to write about individuals, to deal with specific incidents and situations rather than with generalities.

Ted still considers himself a "liberal socialist" and his poetry often reflects his politics. However, while he often uses individuals as symbols, social or political statements, he tries to avoid presenting one-dimensional portraits. He believes that accurate description is a very important part of poetry, and he tries to depict individuals and situations as they are.

Ted's poetry reflects a dedicated craftsmanship. Although he may write out the rough form of a poem in a few minutes, the finished product usually reflects a large amount of trimming and revising. He constantly revises his work, and some of his poems have appeared in several different versions.

While Ted is by no means a frivolous poet, his poetry is often ironic, satirical, or just plain funny. A good example of Ted's humor is "The Wedding":

She wore a streetcar to the wedding
and almost frowned
when a cab driver entered
with forty nine roses
and tossed them at her wheels

it was a simple ceremony
a few friends
and a lot of un-co-ordinated
sentiment

Ted has published several collections of poetry, including **The Seasons are my Sacraments** (published by Old Nun Press) and **She Wore a Streetcar to the Wedding** (published by Missing Link Press). His poetry has been published in several anthologies and numerous magazines, among them Canadian Forum, Fiddlehead, and Northern Journey.

He is currently working on another collection to be called **Charitable Organization**. His dramatic poem **The Legend of Red Ryan** was performed on CBC's Anthology series.

Ted has worked at the Parliament Street Library House since 1970. His job includes organizing poetry readings and workshops, running the Friday night film evenings, and publicizing House programs.

Ted helped to generate poetic activity at the Library House when he began working there and Ted says that some people resented his early efforts to arouse interest in poetry. His efforts have paid off, however, and the readings have become popular events, drawing a wide variety of readers and listeners.

Besides the Library House readings, Ted has held readings at many coffee houses and libraries in Toronto. As a member of the League of Poets, he has held readings and workshops in schools across Ontario.

Ted's receipt of a Canada Council grant has earned him the ironic sobriquet "corporate poet" from some fellow poets. However, poet John Jessup's description of him as "the Library House resident poetry-pusher" is a more accurate title, reflecting Ted's strong interest in encouraging new poets and helping them develop their talents.

Ted has strong feelings about the place of poetry in Canadian culture. He feels poetry has failed to stimulate mass interest because, until recently, "it has been the property of an elite leisured class. Traditional poetry has represented upper-class values which are alien to working-class people."

He feels that part of his job is to counter this trend by encouraging people to write about what is meaningful to them. He believes the readings should offer a platform for all people, and that poets should be free to read whatever they please, provided it is not slanderous.

Aside from the poetry readings, Ted's major project is Old Nun Publications, set up by Ted and Shant Basmajian to publish and distribute poetry. They have published a catalogue of poetry collections, mostly privately printed by unknown poets.

The catalogue, now in its 4th edition, is sent to libraries across Canada and the U.S., and they have received very good response to it. Money received from poetry sales is used to continue the catalogue, buy poetry collections, and publish poetry.

Ted would like to spend more time writing poetry and editing what he has already written. He would also like to begin writing plays again.

Although he plans to have a major publication someday, Ted is not an ambitious person. He tries to take his life one day at a time, without worrying too much about the future.

Says poet Hans Jewinski, "Ted's problem is that he spends too much time helping other young poets and not enough time pushing his own work. He's a better poet than many of those published in major magazines, but he doesn't try to sell himself."

Ted is 31 years old and happily married. He lives in a Seaton St. house with his wife May and five year old son Edward.

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Let's take the Interest Income Deduction as an example. This year for the first time, if you received and reported on your income tax form interest income from many legitimate Canadian sources, including bank deposits, bonds, mortgages and notes, you are allowed to claim as a deduction the total of the amounts up to \$1,000.

Your Tax Guide explains it in detail. Check Item 35.

Increased Personal Exemptions is another item that has changed from last year. All it means is that the Federal Government has increased your personal exemptions to coincide with the rise in the Consumer Price Index. The new personal exemptions are printed on your income tax form. Guide Item 41 tells you more about it.

Well, those are just some of the areas where it pays to follow your Tax Guide and, of course, there are others. The Federal Political Contribution Tax Credit is new as well. Guide Item 52H will tell you all about that one. This year, Family Allowance

Payments are income and have to be declared as such. Check Item 7.

Remember to check some of the other items listed in the Tax Guide which may entitle you to claim deductions, such as Child Care Expenses. Guide Item 33 tells you all about that one. And you may be entitled to deduct your Moving Expenses if you moved during 1974 to earn income in a new location in Canada. Check Item 34B carefully for the details.

And don't forget, if you have contributed to a Registered Retirement Savings Plan, be sure to include your receipt and deduct the allowable amount. Guide Item 29 explains it in detail.

Use your Tax Guide and fill in your tax form carefully, step by step. You'll find it's not as difficult as you think.

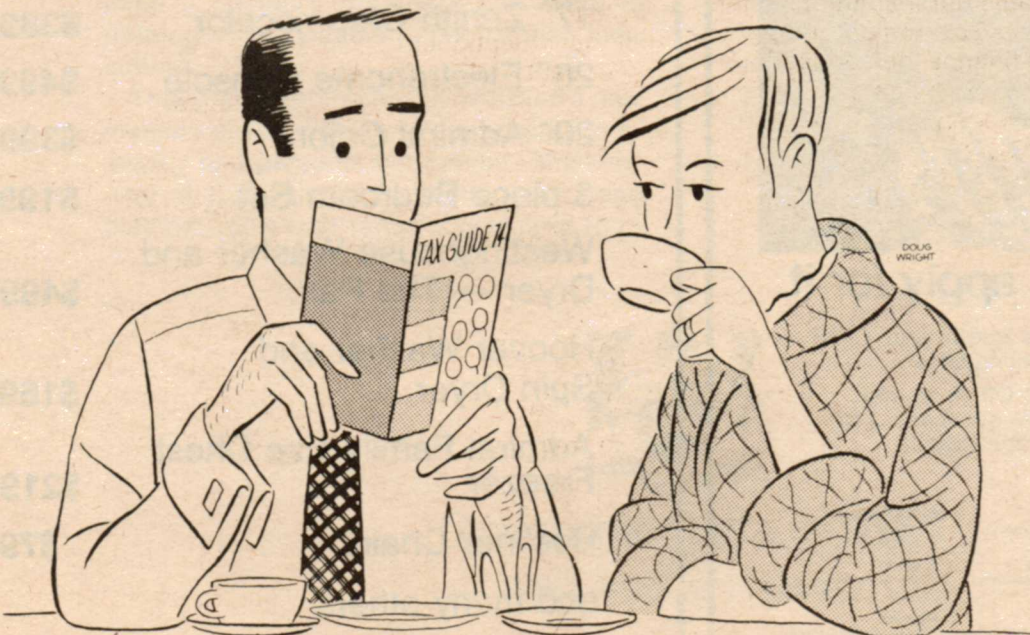
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Seaton House criticized by recent report

by MARK INGLIS

Carl is 42 years old. He lives at Seaton House, Toronto's skid row institution for men. He says it is a good place. The army was better, but Seaton House is about the best. It looks after the fellas. Gives you a bed. And medication and meals. What else do you need?

Seaton House is on George Street just south of the Allen Gardens, and is the subject of a report presented by the Skid Row Sub-Committee at a Metro Services Committee for Action Meeting on February 27th. The committee spent over seven months preparing their report and have proposed sweeping changes.

Seaton House was started in 1931 to deal with the increase in transient and migrant workers during the depression. Today it is a permanent residence for unemployables. During the summer, a hostel for transient workers and youth operates out of the basement. The area welfare office is next door.

The residence is a three-storey building with 77 bedrooms with 277 rooms. Recreation facilities are on the ground floor and consist of a small lounge with chairs, a radio and a library. There is a games room with a pool table, card table, and chairs, and there is an auditorium with chairs and a T.V.

In the basement is the kitchen and the dining rooms. There is a sterilization unit for delousing to serve all of Metro, a dispensary and the administrative offices.

There are two advisory staff per shift and the medical staff, a nurse, work only from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. leaving no one on duty during the other hours. This may be the cause of more than eight deaths at the institution in the last two years, because the residents are a very sickly group who arrive through referral by local hospitals.

The Skid Row Sub-Committee's recommendations are towards what Bus Lovett of the committee calls a need for the humanization of conditions.

They want more staff, especially full time medical staff and an increase in the supervisory ratio from two to three, making one available to each floor. At present the ratio of staff to men is one to 140. In a nursing home it is one to 2.4 patients. However, Alderman Green said that there is "a problem of providing too much staff...there has to be a happy median."

The committee wants to see a drive towards cleanliness. I went to Seaton House more than a week after the tabling of the report. The ground floor was filthy, and looked as though there had been no major effort to clean the area for a long time.

The upper floors, containing the sleeping accommodation, were very clean. The floors were being buffed, the walls appeared clean, and the beds were made and clean. The bathrooms, however, smelled of urine, the floors were grimy and the urinals and toilets were unclean.

Natural light is a major problem. The windows are opaque. The report suggests that the glass be replaced with unbreakable clear glass. The Social Services committee felt that it was too much of an expense.

The rooms at Seaton House sleep from two to 12 persons. The report wants the larger rooms broken up into smaller sections, giving the men a sense of dignity and privacy. Breaking up the larger rooms would also make

sleeping easier, because it would segregate the sick and the alcoholics.

The sub-committee also complained about the dropping off of drunks at Seaton House late at night. The residence is not equipped to deal with these people and want to see more detox centers where these men can sober up and the reinstatement of sentencing again.

The report wants smoke detectors because the men insist on smoking in their beds which results in occasional fires. They want to encourage the men to smoke in the halls by providing ashtrays and chairs.

The delousing center should be open in the evenings and weekend to curtail the presence of lice in the building. Also the committee wants to see a complete fumigation of the building on a regular basis in order to rid the residence of cockroaches, lice, and other bugs.

The showers that were partially installed should also be put into working order. Bedding should be changed weekly. The residents should be searched for liquor, when entering the building, and there should be recreation plans instituted.

I tried to discuss the report and its repercussions with the supervisor of Seaton House, Mr. Dennis. He refused to comment and referred me to the director, Mr. Young, who said he had just moved into his position, and was therefore not familiar with Seaton House. However, he promised that in the future there would be more accommodation, recreation and counselling.

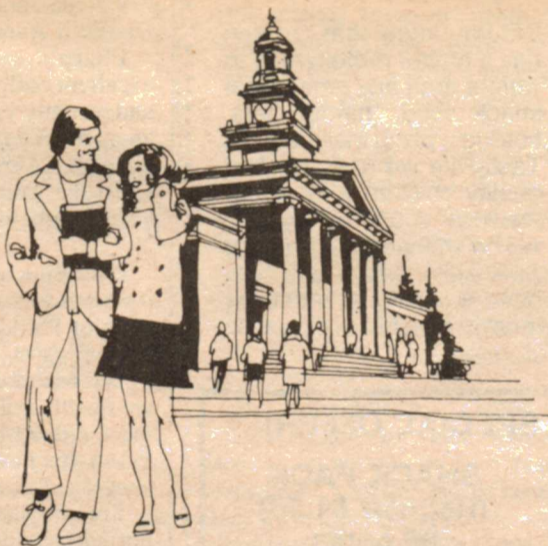
The Seaton House man is frail and sickly. He is usually an alcoholic and will claim spinal problems. He could not work even if he wanted to. He is happy to gain what little warmth there is at Seaton House. Is it enough?



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Distributor of the week

Mr. Cyril Rogers works as a volunteer at the Woodgreen Community Center in the senior citizens department.

He has been of great help setting up programs at the center and the staff appreciates that they can count on him for help, if they need it.

Mr. Rogers plays the harmonica with the music program at Woodgreen Community Center.

Mr. Rogers distributes the papers on his street, Victor Avenue. He is an excellent distributor and Ward Seven News more than appreciates his contribution to the paper.

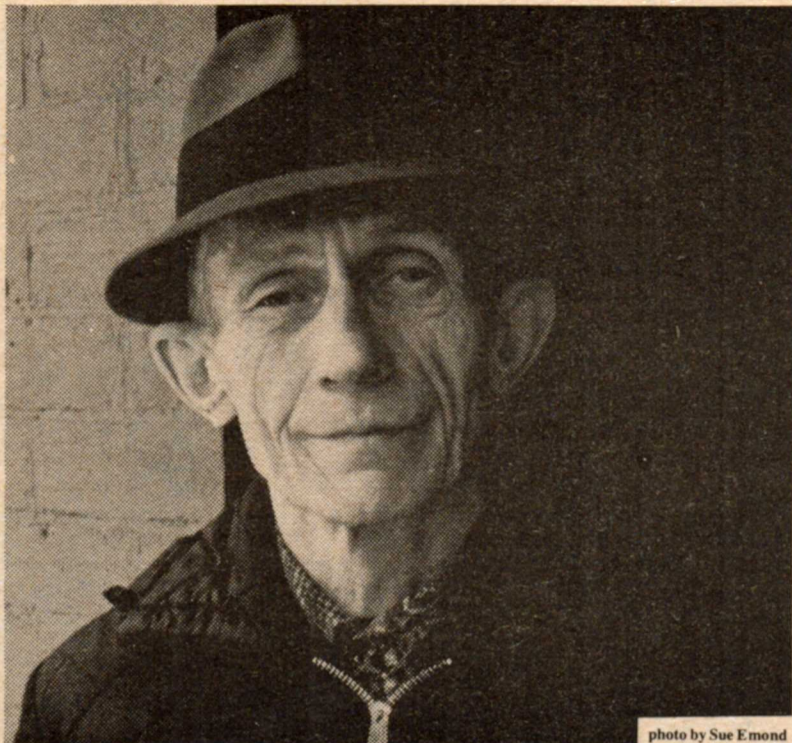


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Dining Out in Ward 7

by PAT ANDREWES

Elinka's Restaurant

Watching the preparations for the opening of a new restaurant has always affected me the same way as contemplating the mysterious contents of a gaily wrapped Christmas package. It is fair to say the community around Queen and Broadview felt this way about Elinka's Restaurant before its opening some year and a half ago. Now with the titillation of a new eatery forgotten, Elinka's is successfully serving as the premiere spot in the area for a good meal.

It has all the trappings for a quiet and pleasant dining experience. The fadish but successful sandblasted brick walls, stone floor at the entrance, the dark muted wood and carpeting all welcome you to pause. Elinka's window on the world (Queen Street) is a large smoke oval which acts as a successful barrier from the clank of the T.T.C. and the rush of the four lanes of traffic on Queen Street. Sitting on the inside one can choose to be quite detached from all this.

However, your feelings about Elinka's will depend on which meal of the day you eat there. If you eat at lunch (soup or juice and an entre, \$2.50 to \$3.25, three or four choices daily) then you may very well feel you are eating at the business restaurant in Toronto. This rendezvous is heavily patronized by all the local business people from the boss to the mail clerk. It is a good levelling experience to line up for your table at lunch.

In this review I am reflecting only my personal feelings that it is most relaxing and fun to eat at this restaurant in the evening. The evening menu contains entres from a low of \$4.00 for the 'Macedonian Special' to a high of \$8.50 for Lobster Tails. In between these prices are items such as Shrimps at \$4.50, B.B.Q'd Back Ribs at \$5.00 and Veal Parmigina at \$4.00. These entres generally include a salad (there is a good house oil and vinegar dressing) but do not include the soup, dessert or coffee. All meals come with a basket of hot, crispy garlic bread covered in parsley, butter and parmesan cheese as delicious as one could hope for. Upon a recent visit I had the nightly Macedonian Special at \$4.00.

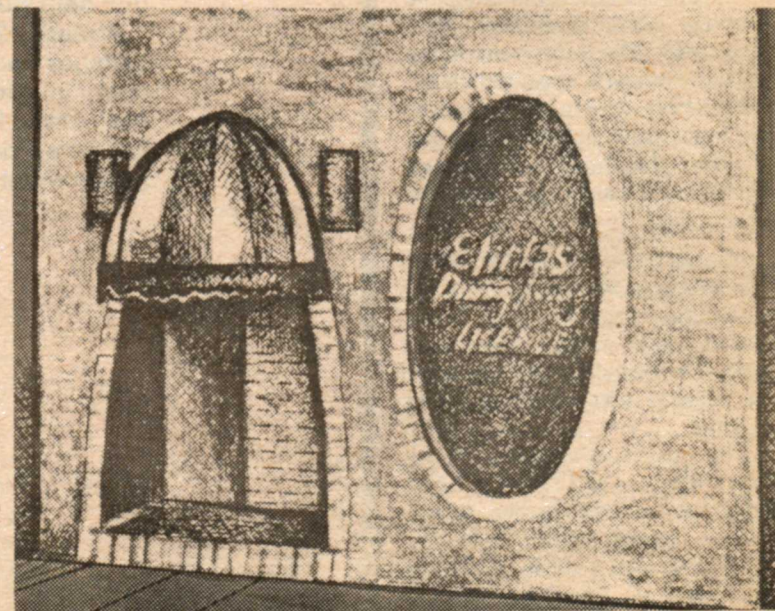
This nightly dish sometimes is made by Elinka herself from her own traditional Bulgarian and Macedonian recipes. On the night I was there it was a hardy, spicy beef stew with tender pieces of rib meat, fresh crispy green beans in the stew, tomatoes, parsley and chilies (the vegetables had not been permitted to go blah from too much simmering). Roasted potatoes were served on the side and the plate was decorated with the standard anemic winter tomato slice. The only blush restaurant tomatoes seem to have in the winter-time is one of embarrassment.

My friend had what appeared from the menu was going to be a most unique concoction described as 'devilled scallops'. These were seared scallops wrapped in bacon and served with the white sauce to which sauted mushrooms had been added. However, on the night of our visit some over-enthusiastic soul had wrapped each scallop in its own slice of bacon in excess of what was necessary for the flavour. This tended unfortunately to overpower the delicate scallop taste. This dish was accompanied with delicious baby carrots which are often served at Elinka's. Once the carrots are steamed they are then placed in the frying pan with butter and seasoning and can always be counted on to be superior. Bacon, sea food combinations can be delicious as any one who has eaten the shrimps stuffed with bacon at the Round Window on Danforth Avenue will be well aware.

Elinka's can always be counted on for good quality desserts and excellent coffee. There is generally lime cheese cake and creme caramel and recently various fresh fruits flans have appeared on the menu. This is an open faced pie in which a pastry shell is laid and then a flan custard which is covered with moist fresh fruit and a little gelatin is poured over to assist the fruit in holding its pattern. It is a very attractive dessert and always delicious at Elinka's.

Elinka has also become rightly famous for her carrot cake. Odd though it sounds it is a moist spice cake in which Elinka puts her own delightful icing of Philadelphia cream cheese and chopped walnuts. Dinner in the evenings at this location will probably take you a relaxed hour and a half. This is because food is never prepared in advance at night and many items are freshly grilled and cooked while you are enjoying the first part of your meal, either Macedonian hors d'oeuvres, shrimp cocktails, soup or salad. When you have settled in to a comfortable table you probably won't be concerned how long it takes in any event.

The restaurant is friendly and informal and in all likelihood you will not leave without having had an enquiring conversation with the concerned Elinka. Costs you ask? Well for the meals I have described which included a beer before dinner (draft available), a half a bottle of Italian wine, dessert and coffee, our total bill was \$16.00. Not cheap but far from expensive for this kind of quality, particularly noteworthy are the modest prices attached to the wine list. Dinner is served from 6:00 to 9:30. Elinka's is closed Sundays. A good spot for special meals and worthy of being tried more than once.



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PEOPLE

Newcomers to the ward are **Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grandlouis** who have moved on to Parliament Street. They formerly lived in North Bay....

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Park and their two children, newly emigrated from Korea, are staying with **Pac Park** and his family on Parliament Street.

Recent deaths: **Charlie Triumphour** of 200 Wellesley and formerly of Regent Park and **Albert Nebone** of 14 Blevins Place in Regent Park....

Bill Lee of Spruce Street celebrated his 36th birthday recently. Among those attending the small party given in his honor were **Jeff Gottschalk, Glen O'Brecht, Carmel Hill, Mike Yale, Norm Brown** and **Rev. John Metson**....

Bernice Mercury of Regent Park was the only triple winner at the recent Toronto Parks and Recreation track and field meet, Bernice won the 50-yard dash for atoms as well as the Potato race and the standing long jump....

Don Vale resident **James Lorimer** is actively involved in Toronto News, another newspaper which will soon appear on the scene. Aldermen **John Sewell** and **Janet Howard** are expected to be contributors to the new paper. Meanwhile, former alderman **Karl Jaffary's** efforts to revive the Toronto Citizen seem to be foundering....

Mr. Larry Elia and his wife **Gladys**, of 155 Sherbourne Street, are holidaying in various parts of the USA....

Rumor has it that **Jeanne Rowles**, director of Central Neighbourhood House, is expected to seek the Liberal nomination for the next Provincial election in St. David riding....

Putting in a brief appearance at the recent Dixon Hall Annual Meeting were **Donald Macdonald**, MP for Rosedale, his executive assistant, **Ethel Teitelbaum**, and Toronto school board chairman, **Gord Cressy**. Also attending were Police Inspector **Jack Marks** of 51 Division and community relations officer **Al Robertson**....

New on staff at SEVEN NEWS is **Mark Inglis**. He replaces **David Ruppel** as Distribution Manager. David, however, remains on staff as Production Manager....

Don Vale resident **Garry Stamm** says he is so far stymied in his efforts to buy the **Winchester Hotel** and restore it to its former elegance....

At the beginning of this month, **Dr. Raimund Pahapill** moved into his new offices in the new Medical Clinic on Sherbourne Street just south of Bloor. Dr. Pahapill is also on staff at Wellesley Hospital.

New on staff at the Parliament Library House is **Mary Donev**. She replaces **Judy Billett** as youth worker in The Cellar. Judy has moved to her farm in Bobcaygeon....

Local entrepreneur, **Peter Caudwell** of Spruce Street is busy these days producing a new journal about wines called The Wine Press. It's a free monthly publication with one issue so far produced....

Ernie Stanton left last week for a three week holiday in Florida.... **Fran Rukevina** just returned from a week's vacation touring Ontario's north country....

Community worker and artist **Jim Houston** reports that his book, *Jim Houston's Colouring Book*, has sold over 3,000 copies. Jim has been asked to do a similar book for the Old Cabbagetown Improvement District....

Mr. and Mrs. J. Granger and daughter **Sylvia** and **Mrs. Nellie Collins** of Wellesley Street East have returned from a three week holiday in Florida....

Co-ordinating the information for this column is Mrs. Shelley O'Callaghan of Amelia street. If you have any items for this feature, phone them into her at 967-7144 or to the Seven News office at 920-8632.

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Local artist has show in library

For Ward Seven resident Fred Roy Winterbottom, the prediction of a gypsy fortune teller has certainly come true.

When Fred was nine-years-old, the fortune teller told his mother that Fred was ambidextrous and would make quite a name for himself.

Fred is still ambidextrous — varied works of art are created by his left hand while his right hand does other chores. And he has made a name for himself as one of North America's most celebrated living artists working in the media of oil, crayon, charcoal, pencil, water color and pastel.

Fred was born in Hamilton and commenced his formal education there but his family was transferred to the United States and Fred attended 12 different schools there before returning to Canada to continue his education.

During and after his formal education, Fred trained for many years under such artists as Fred Chalmers, John Russell, Archibald Barnes and Edward R. Glen. His training included such subjects as landscape, portraits, still life and line drawings.

At last year's Canadian National Exhibition, a display of 22 of his paintings were shown at the Salvation Army booth and later donated to them. There is also an on-going show of his works at the Imperial Life Offices on St. Clair Avenue.

All during the month of April, there will be an exhibition of his work at the Danforth Library, 701 Pape Avenue.



Fred is a full-time artist, having retired from a varied business career. But besides painting, he is actively involved in the Playter Area Residents' Association, is on the Toronto City Hall arts council, is secretary-treasurer of the Ontario Society of Painters, teaches in Ontario technical schools and works with the Don Valley Art

Club. For fun he travels with his effervescent wife, Georgena, and naturally paints the sites they visit on their travels.

A long-time resident of Ward Seven, Fred has lived in the Playter area (Broadview and Danforth) since around 1929.

DRAMA in the WARD

by SCOTT WILLOWS

There are a number of play opening as this issue goes to press. TORONTO FREE THEATRE is presenting "HEAT" a new play by Texan writer William Hauptman. It concerns the celebrated California desert murders by Charles Schmidt in the fifties. Direction is by Martin Kinch. Faces that you might recognize in the cast include: Chapelle Jaffe of RED EMMA fame; Richard Donat who was last seen by Toronto audiences in Michel Tremblay's Hosannah at the Tarragon Theatre; and Jim Henshaw who very recently finished a stint in BONJOUR LA BONJOUR also at the Tarragon Theatre. Free previews begin on March 25th. Call 368-2856 for further information.

FORGET-ME-NOT-LANE, a play by Peter Nichols is currently at the Firehall Theatre on Berkley St. The preview which I attended was thoroughly entertaining with the only weaknesses in the production being attributable to a sometimes unadventurous script.

The story as partially narrated and partially viewed by Frank, a middle-aged Englishman, is an episodic review of his early years in war-time England. As we meet him, Frank is beginning to fit the pieces together to find out where he went wrong in his past. Some times whimsical, at other times passionate, Frank introduces and summarizes the dream visions that surface around him.

The set with its dull hues and bare necessities is as sparse as wartime England. The wardrobe is equally authentic — in all a convincing atmospheric grasp of the period. Gerry Crack as the boorish, pathetic father (yet another Willy Loman look-alike) is excellent as are many of the other actors in peripheral roles. Graeme Ratcliffe, as the younger Frank, is effective as a giggling, boasting schoolboy. Like-wise the actors who play his chums, Jonathan Beckwith and Martha Jocelyn are as convincing in their portrayal of goofy and clumsy adolescents. By leaving Frank on the stage in the midst of the action Nichols has perhaps undercut the potential punch of his drama. The audience is not allowed to drift too far into his mellow sometimes painful memory without being brought back down to his present mundane reality. Nevertheless the production is interesting and well worth a visit.

STRANGE GAMES by Toronto playwright Elinore Siminovitch is continuing at THEATRE DU P'TIT BONHEUR at 95 Danforth. It is produced by a woman's theatre collective which calls itself RED-LIGHT THEATRE. For information call 368-094 days, and 466-8400 evenings.

LEAVE IT TO BEAVER IS DEAD is still going strong at THE THEATRE at 86 Parliament St. Call 364-4025 for information.

Watch for a new play by Ken Gass of FACTORY LAB THEATRE by the name of BOY BISHOP. Directed by Eric Steiner it will include a large cast of fifteen. The idea for BOY BISHOP was derived from a traditional medieval story of a boy who becomes a bishop and rules for one day. The play is set in seventeenth century New France, and the boy refuses to step down when his day of rule is over. Watch this column for further information and dates.

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Regent boxers seek community help

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

As soon as I stepped into the boxing gym in the basement of 600 Dundas in Regent Park, I was aware of the contrast.

Visiting the Regent Park club for a series of training bouts was a team of about ten Mississauga boys together with a coaching and training staff. The visitors were all well dressed, clean-cut, middle-class kids from one of the wealthiest areas in Canada.

And although no judging was done, it looked like they were being wiped by the scrapper kids from Regent Park.

But the real irony was the fact that the Mississauga kids have access to fine training facilities, showers, sauna and plenty of equipment but have no boxing rings to practise or fight in.

Regent Park, by contrast has two fine boxing rings, a fair amount of training equipment but very little personal equipment for its boxers.

Liam McEvoy is employed by the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Department to work three hours a night, two nights a week as a boxing instructor for the boys.

Liam says their greatest need is for boxing shorts, singlets, mouthguards and cup protectors. The cost of all this for one boy, says Liam, is between \$8 and \$11.

His idea is to find residents and businessmen in Ward Seven who would "sponsor" a boy in the boxing club by donating enough money to purchase the personal equipment he needs.

The situation is critical because early in April, a team of 12 boxers from Regent Park will be competing in the City of Toronto Playground novice championships. And it would be nice if the Regent team was properly equipped and outfitted for their bouts.

The Regent Boxing Club has 38 boys registered and is open to any boys in the city between the ages of six and 16. Liam says that most of the Regent boys are around 12 or under and he averages 23 a night for the two nights that he trains them.

Liam admits he has a discipline problem with the kids but he solves this by sending kids who aren't serious about training to other parts of the gym complex. For the boys that are serious, he provides an incentive by grading them from one to five according to how much training they take and how well they learn the basics of boxing.

"I never let a boy enter the ring in a competitive bout unless he knows the basic boxing skills and how to defend himself," says Liam. "It's important that they know how to defend themselves first, before learning how to attack others."

Both Liam and the boys in the club are looking forward to the upcoming City Championships. The boys so far picked to take part and represent Regent are: Donald McCulloch, 13; Karl Hendry, 13; Kurt Hendry, 11; Tom Hendry, 10; Pat Turney, 13; Bobby Swartzman, 11; Jim Hendry, 15; Don Terrell, 11; Mike MacNeil, 12; Tony Edwards, 10; Mike Doucette, 11; and Bernie Gardiner, 11.

Liam McEvoy hopes that enough generous people will be found to "sponsor" a boy so that they will be properly equipped for the big fight.



Cabbagetown splits in recent bout

by PETER WYLIE

Cabbagetown boxers came out second best in the February show put on at the Cabbagetown Boxing and Boys Club.

Bobby Bland, 112 pounds, put

on a rough and tumble affair with Eric Williams, 113 pounds, from Detroit. Bland punched and slugged his way to a close split decision over his opponent. Following the bout, Bland left for Lethbridge to represent this community in the Canada Games.

Wally Papasian, 165 pounds, of Cabbagetown, put on a rousing hard-fought three rounder with Orangeville's Doug Craig. The two fellows never stopped punching and for Wally's first effort, which he won unanimously, it was a stirring show of will power.

Gentleman **James Bland**, 132 pounds, of Cabbagetown showed all his stuff and why he was chosen to tour the USA recently with Canada's Intermediate boxing team in this action packed three rounder. Bobby Wilson of Winona, Ontario, a rough and tough customer, pushed Bland all the way but Bland caught him with a sharp-breaking right that dropped Wilson in the third round for the mandatory eight count. Wilson finished the round but the steam was out of him and Bland pulled away on all score sheets.

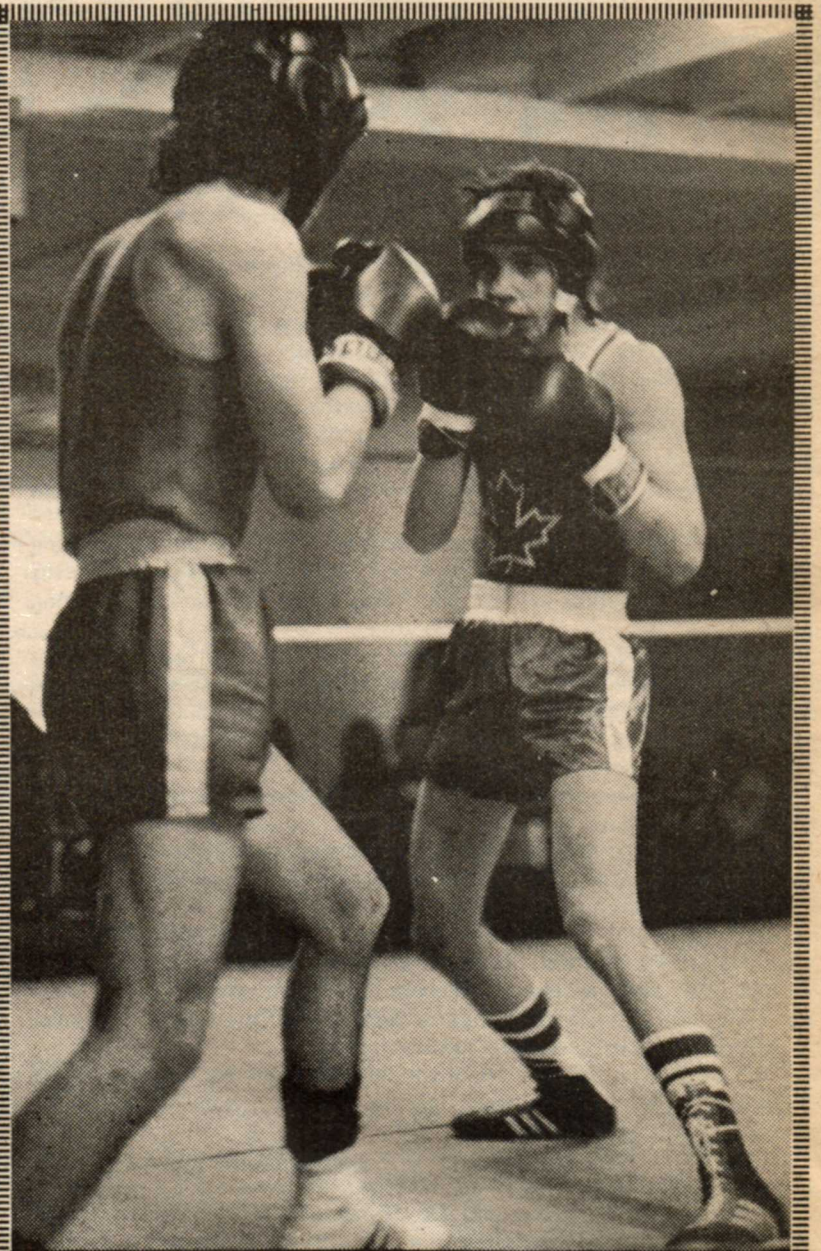
In the main event, hard luck **Mike Doyle**, 177 pounds, from Cabbagetown, put on a good three rounder with Detroit's middleweight champ, Richard Jesper at 169 pounds.

6 local boys seek Ont. championship

The Cabbagetown Boxing and Boys Club will send six of its members to compete in the Ontario Championships being held April 12 and 13 at Dundas, Ontario.

From there the winners will compete in the Eastern Canada championships and the final will be the Canadian Championship to be held in Calgary in June of this year.

The six boys picked to represent the boxing hopes of Cabbagetown are Bernie Guindon, Steve "Sugar" Grant, Mike Doyle (who is a reigning 1974 champ), Mike "Killer" Scott, "Gentleman" James Bland and Ricky Bender.



Mike O'Rielly, trainer of young Ricky Bender, above, says it was the best fight of the night. He also says that Ricky's loss to Mike Henry was a bad decision on the part of the judges. The vote was 3-2 for Mike Henry even though Ricky half closed an eye and bloodied a nose of his able opponent. Ricky is a member of the Cabbagetown Boxing Club and the action took place there last weekend. It was a 3-rounder and both boys weighed in at around 105 pounds.

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