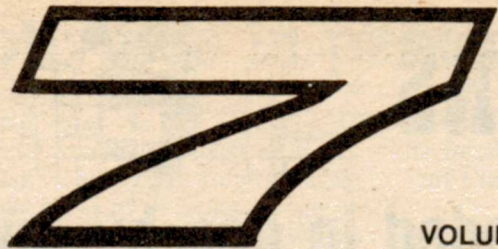


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EARLY DEADLINE

Because of the upcoming holiday weekend, the deadline for both ad material and news features is Friday, May 16 at 5 p.m. Please have all material into the Seven News office, 80 Winchester St. by then. And keep the material coming — the next two issues are going to be big!

Community spirit saves Forsythia Festival

by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

The forsythia couldn't have enjoyed the weather more. It was their day, and they were out in force all over Don Vale, lifting up their yellow petals to catch the drops of falling rain.

But for Tony Brady and the other bedraggled people and dogs who turned out last Sunday for the annual Forsythia Festival at Wellesley Park, the elements were less than kind.

It had been sunny and warm the day before, and the members of the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Association, sponsors of the event, hoped for more of the same.

But by noon, the ground was quite wet from the rain which had fallen most of the morning. The opening of the Festival was greeted by cloudy skies, biting winds and a fresh downpour, apparently saved for the occasion.

The guitarist's fingers froze, a basset-hound sneezed and "Freebee", an entrant in the "Most Unusual Dog" category, looked suspiciously feline as it shivered on Michael Gundy's shoulder.

But in the best tradition of show business, Tony Brady pressed on, regardless of the weather.

Someone must have given Paul Rimstead a street map of Don Vale, since he and the very welcomed O'Keefe Caravan arrived on time. By 1:30, about 40 dogs had led their owners to the park. There, Hannon Bell, accompanied by Barry Carmichael on the guitar, sang



Poor "Patches". He gets dragged out in the rain last Sunday and paraded around with 40 other dogs in the Mutt Show program of the Don Vale Forsythia Festival. After both he, and his owner, John Martin are thoroughly wet and bedraggled, he's awarded the dubious honor of being named "dog who looks most like his master".

Photo by George Rust-D'Eye

through gritted teeth a song about the sunny days of summer. Things seemed to dry out a little.

The dog show was an artistic — but wet — success. The judges were Alderman Janet Howard, local veterinarian Mary O'Riordan, entertainer Gil Christie and journalist Paul Rimstead. Theirs was the task of scrutinizing and comparing the soggy dogs paraded by them, and they performed admirably.

Their choices were well made, though not without some difficulty. Janet Howard remarked that it was almost impossible to measure a dog's tail with a rigid yardstick. And several of the entrants in the "Smartest Dog" category sat down long before being ordered to by their masters.

All of the entrants received prizes donated by the Menagerie Pet Shop. "Best Mutt in Show" award went to "Blue", who had been found

abandoned in Wellesley Park by his owner Deidre Murphy. "Shadowfox" was chosen "Smartest Dog" for being able to sniff out stones in his master's hand.

After the dog show, most of the people and dogs splashed off down Wellesley Street, looking forward to regaining the warmth of their homes. Those who remained ended up in the O'Keefe van or in nearby

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Regent has 142 Toronto champs

by LIAM McEVOY

On May 1, some 250 Regent Park residents gathered in the old gym at 415 Gerrard East for Regent Park's annual Banquet of Champions.

And champions they were: the pee wee, minor bantam, bantam and junior hockey teams, the girl's rounder team, the track and field team, the bantam flag football team and the Regent boxing team. Regent had 142 Toronto champions.

Eleven presentations were also made to Regent Park kids for excellence in arts and crafts.

Highlights of the evening was the selection of Sportsperson of the Year, Boy of the Year and Girl of the Year.

Ten year old Bernice Mercury became Regent's Sportsperson of the year. Bernice won three events in the Winter Indoor Track Meet and was designated Most Outstanding Athlete of the tournament. Benice has taken part in all girl's sports events in Regent: basketball, volleyball, ringette and gymnastics.

Antoinette Mercury, age 15, was named Regent's Girl of the Year. Antoinette has been an all-round participant, taking part in dancing, drama, arts and crafts, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, ringette and track and field. She has been particularly helpful as an assistant to leader Pauline Mueller.

Twelve-year-old Kevin Rice was voted Regent's Boy of the Year. Kevin has participated in many Regent activities and is a member of the bantam hockey team, track and field team, bantam floor hockey team. He is also active in gymnastics, arts and crafts and pool.

The mood of the evening was best described by Stan Train, District Supervisor of the Toronto Parks and Recreation Department: "Only a Regent Parker knows what it means to be a Regent Parker. You can travel anywhere and meet anybody and look them in the eye and say with pride, 'I'm a Regent Parker'."

The banquet was presented by the City of Toronto Department of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with the Regent Park North Old Boys Association.

Special guest in attendance was Margaret Scrivener, M.L.A.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was also extended to Ray Baker and his staff and volunteers, to the Old Boys Association and to the many sponsors of the teams and kids in Regent Park.

News Round-up

United Way refuses funding to local groups

The free film being shown at the Parliament Street Library House on Friday, May 16 at 8 p.m. will be "Of Human Bondage"...On May 21 at 1:30 p.m. the Senior Citizen's program will present a Journey through Africa, via film....

Winchester school in South St. Jamestown will present a variety night on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. Admission free and all welcome....

The People and Places film series presented free each Tuesday evening at the Danforth Library will feature Sir Francis Chichester's Atlantic Voyage on May 13 and Germany on May 20. Starting time is 7:30 p.m....

Neighbourhood Legal Services is holding a general meeting in the Board Room at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario on Tues. May 13 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and all welcome....

The Annual Meeting of WoodGreen Community Centre will be held at the Centre, 835 Queen East on May 13 at 8:30 p.m....

Bumpkins take note: An exclusive French restaurant is now being constructed at 226 Carlton Street. Opening is expected in three to four months....

Central Neighbourhood House has received a \$9,129.00 grant from Ontario Housing Corporation to help in the continuation of its Home Visiting Program....

The pre-school nursery, operating morn-

ings out of WoodGreen Community Centre, 835 Queen East needs volunteers to work with the children one morning a week. For information call Mary Cowan at 466-7058....

The next rehearsal of the Don Vale Choral Society will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13 at 363 Wellesley Street....

UNSUNG HEROES: The Neighbourhood Information Post free income-tax clinic which ended after four months of service to the community, did over 1,500 returns for people in the area...Little-known fact: April 30 is the deadline for paying income tax. You have four years to file for a rebate — which most people do....

The Children's Circle of St. Barnabas church will hold a rummage sale on May 10 at 1 P.M. AT THE CHURCH, 175 Hampton Avenue....

SHEET MUSIC NEEDED: Mrs. Hazel McAuley, a senior citizen and member of the Regent Park Busy Bee Club, says she can play the piano at its meetings if she could have some old song books with music or popular sheet music. Anyone who can help her out is asked to call her at 364-2937 afternoons....

A Meet-Your-MP Night will be held at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street on Wed. May 14 at 8 p.m. Rosedale MP Donald Macdonald will be on hand and a pub night will follow....

"Portraits of Old Cabbagetown", a slideshow and commentary by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Acheson, will be presented at the Parliament Library House at 1:30 p.m. on Wed. May 14. All welcome....

The next regular Board of Directors meeting of the Neighbourhood Information Post will be held at Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard East on Thurs. May 15, at 7 p.m. All welcome....

The next Seven News Board Meeting will be held at the 7 News office, 80 Winchester Street on Mon. May 12 at 7:30 p.m....

Poetry readings by Kent Bowman and David Brenner will be

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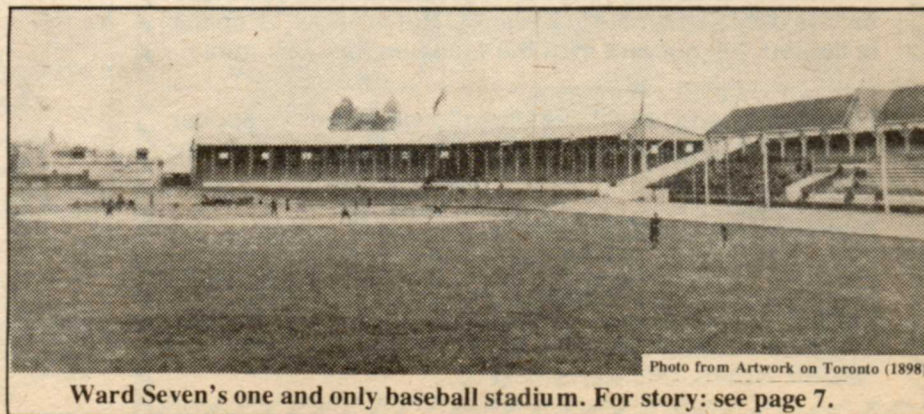


Photo from Artwork on Toronto (1898)

Ward Seven's one and only baseball stadium. For story: see page 7.

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LETTERS



Teeth needed in dog by-law

Dear Mr. Browne:

May I add a few comments to Gail Beglia's excellent letter re: pet control in the April 26 edition of your paper?

Just for the record, I have three pure-bred dogs which I show, and occasionally breed. Spaying and neutering is the sensible, humane and, ultimate solution to the pet explosion, and I for one, have no objection to my inflated dog license fees being used towards this end.

In the meantime, dogs continue to scatter garbage, defile property and create traffic hazards. We need animal control now, or I, along with other concerned and responsible pet owners, am going to be legislated out of existence. It has been done elsewhere.

I would suggest enforcement of an existing by-law which states that dogs may not run at large — there's nothing like a whack in the

wallet to make one aware of one's obligations.

Many people are under the impression that the purchase of a dog license entitles them to turn the animal loose on the street. This is dangerous ignorance, and leads to a form of Russian Roulette, canine style, with the odds stacked heavily against the dog.

A trip to the kennels at an animal shelter is a saddening experience...a multitude of really nice dogs who do not deserve such an end. Nice dogs, incarcerated because a selfish owner doesn't care enough to supervise his pet's outside activities.

Let's put some teeth into this by-law, and punish such laziness with a fine. The results will be happier motorists, cheerful garbage collectors, cleaner-shod pedestrians, and proud dog owners.

Nita Liaton
Munro St.

Raise your consciousness

The Editor, Seven News

Maybe Scott Willows in his column *Drama In The Ward* thought that was a pretty zippy way to end a story: "And last but not least for all those drama fans who are short on cash, remember to watch out for some terrific street theatre, as your local winos thaw out, and celebrate the rites of spring." Never mind the labeling involved (the easiest way for one person to take their distance from another), what that "applaud as they fall on their faces" scenario suggests to me is that people at Seven News need their consciousness raised several notches, — or failing that, lowered a few, preferably with a hammer.

Peter Zorzi Langley Ave.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I don't mind having my "consciousness raised" but not at the expense of my sense of humor! Have you heard this one: All the local winos are now buying Paarl Sherry — "so that nobody will laugh at them..." — NGB).

Native people programs planned

Dear Mr. Browne:

Ward Seven is one of three areas in Toronto that has a fairly high concentration of native people. As yet, two to three hundred families have not been plugged into either the native or non-native community for a number of reasons.

Recently the Toronto Warrior Society, a native people's traditional association, has been reactivated in the Don District to help fill this need for a focal point for local native people.

The Warrior Society is functioning out of the Don Vale Community Centre and hopes to develop

those traditional native programs which so far have been lacking in this area.

Another important role of the Warrior Society will be to provide a focal point which will encourage local native people to come together to participate in traditional cultural activities.

In this way, we hope to develop a resource centre which will put people in touch with other local services and provide them with useful information.

For this reason we would like to set up a library of native literature and political education material but its success will depend on the support of community people. Material from this library would be useful reference for our political awareness groups.

Periodically we also hope to have native film presentations. Other traditional native programs that would evolve as part of cultural awareness would be drumming practices in preparation for pow-wows in the near future and the serving of traditional meals.

At the moment there is a core group which is trying to get established in the community. These people are native Toronto residents, born in Cabbagetown and also some from other provinces who have relocated in Toronto.

We would like other local native people to contact us here at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street, and help to strengthen our group.

Vern Harper
Don Vale

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NEWS ROUND-UP

Local community cops return to their jobs

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the feature of the poetry night to be held Thursday, **May 15** at 7 p.m. at the Parliament Library House. Admission free, bring a poem...

PEOPLE: **Barbara Doulis** has been hired by Seven News as Advertising Manager. She replaces **Scott Willows** who leaves to take up employment as the Chef at Windermere House in Muskoka.

Seven News still needs volunteers to do the Drama Column and Eating Out column. Phone **Norman Browne** at 920-8632 if you are interested in trying your hand at either of these...

Jim Williams is the new probation and after-care officer (juvenile) at 615A Gerrard East which serves the 51 Police Division. He replaces **Gerry Marks** who recently transferred to St. Catherines. Assisting Jim in the office are **Morty Fine, Ian Grant, Shirley Howard** and **Sheran Johnston**....

William Hambly is holidaying in Barbados...**Mrs. Elsie Morton** is home after two weeks in Wellesley hospital...**John Granger** is seriously ill in Mt. Sinai Hospital....

Bonnie Blakney of Don Mount Court has been hired as a part-time teacher at Dundas Public school...**Jack Heighton**, who works at the Parliament Library House was given an intimate surprise party by the other staff on the occasion of his birthday last Monday....

That **Walking Tour** of the St. Lawrence neighbourhood will be held Saturday, **May 24** at 1 p.m. Meet at the south entrance of the Old Market if you want to participate....

There will be a **bake sale and flea market** at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street on Sunday, May 25 at 1 p.m. Item are still needed for the white elephant table. Phone **Marg Ganton** at 921-4412 if you have anything to donate...

Anyone interested in playing, coaching or sponsoring a team in the **Don Valley Softball League** should contact the Don Vale Community Centre at **921-2426**...

The **Forum at the St. James-town Community Night** being held next Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 at Rose Avenue school will be on the topic, "Let's talk about Sex"On May 21, same time and place, there will be a panel

discussion titled, "A Family Helper in Your Community."...

The Don District Community Secretariat has been given a **\$23,000 grant** from the Federal Department of Health and Welfare. However, both it and the Neighbourhood Information Post and the Don Vale Community Centre have been **turned down** for funding by the United Way....

Thanks to some fast shuffling by **Inspector Jack Marks** of 51 Division, all the Community Relations Officers and Youth Bureau workers have been returned to their jobs. For awhile, they were absent in order to double man patrol cars at night....

Winchester Public School at 15 Prospect St. is having a variety **Spring Concert** on Wednesday May 14 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.



Regent senior plays OHC manager

Mrs. Pat Barrett, a senior citizen living in Regent Park, had a very interesting day last month when she participated, along with seven other seniors, in a panel discussion entitled, "What I would do if I were General Manager of O.H.C."

The idea was the brainchild of Robert Bradley, Director of the OHC Community Relations Branch, who saw it as a good way for Metro community relations workers to learn what senior citizens in OHC considered important.

Mrs. Barrett, who lives at 41 Oak Street in North Regent Park, and is very active as secretary of the Busy Bee Club, was delighted to take part. Some of the other participating seniors were from OHC projects at Sherbourne/Shuter, Weston/Bellevue, Dunn Avenue and Teasdale/Pharmacy.

Some of the actions that the seniors would take if they were Mr. Barry Rose (General Manager of OHC) included:

- Building more balconies.
- Equipping all senior citizen apartments with special bathroom grab-bars and non-skid tubs.
- Have mail delivered to individual apartments rather than

to a main floor apartment box system.

- Forbid pets in senior citizen buildings.
- Have a building representative in all seniors' buildings.
- Provide a central information centre and phone number for seniors to call.
- Set up a tuck shop in each building where simple supplies could be bought in case of necessity.
- Provide small garden plots for seniors to work.
- Call regular fire drills.
- Meet with senior citizen groups occasionally to discuss their problems and needs.

When it came time for lunch, the problems of handicapped citizens took precedence, and the panelists attempted to answer the question "How would you feel if you were handicapped?" They sat in wheelchairs, walked with crutches, held utensils in bandaged stiff fingers (simulating arthritis) and otherwise handicapped themselves.

"It certainly made us think about other people's problems," says Pat, pictured above with Mrs. Margaret Lewis, of Jane-Mylo Project, and Robert Bradley, of O.H.C. (note bandaged left hand).

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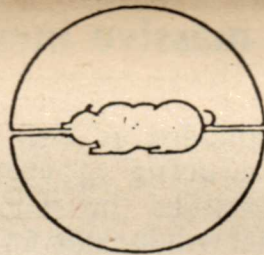


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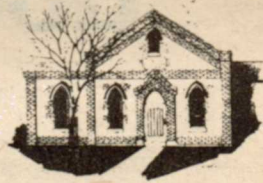
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Senior citizens active at Dixon Hall

The Busy-Bee Club, a senior citizen's group which is organized by Dixon Hall, is planning a lot of activities this summer.

The ladies group will be meeting every Monday afternoon at 1:30 for such activities as discussions, films, crafts, bingos, and entertainment etc.

The men's club will continue to

meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 and will be travelling through the city, as well as meeting to play cards, pool, bingo, etc.

Every Wednesday, throughout the summer, there will be a trip in and out of the city for club members.

As well, a program which is an outreach effort to help shut-in

seniors will continue this summer. It will help the elderly in the area with cleaning, lawn-mowing, shopping, transportation, etc.

Dixon Hall is still looking for more volunteers to help make all these programs for the elderly a summer success. Anyone who would like to help out as a volunteer with the Busy Bee club of Dixon Hall is asked to call Josie Berlin at 863-0499.

Neighbourhood to build own park

Fourteen enthusiastic Don Vale residents attended the first organizing meeting for the east of Dermott park on Wednesday, April 30th. Plans were made to hold a spring festival in the park site and to begin planting flowers and shrubs on part of the park.

The group decided to meet regularly as a committee. Meetings will be held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the lounge of the Don Vale Community Centre. Anyone who

would like to help with the festival or work on other aspects of the park is invited to attend.

The spring festival will be held at the park site on Saturday, May 24th, from noon until 6 p.m. Jazz, folk, and classical music will be provided, and a Name-the-Park contest will be held. Children's activities and refreshments will also be available, and other activities are being planned.

Summer reading and language program

There will definitely be another summer language and reading program this July in more schools and therefore available to more students. The classes are free, will run from July 2 to July 31, for half days and will be located at the following schools in or around Ward 7: Earl Grey, Park, Lord Dufferin, Queen Alexandra, and Winchester.

Last summer, classes were available only to those students who had completed grades 6 or 7 and the same will probably apply this year. Parents of children in these grades will receive a notice sent home with the students towards the end of May. Watch carefully and sign your children up quickly for the benefits of a program which proved very successful last summer.

Dundas-Sherbourne project gets grant

A provincial grant, which over 15 years will provide \$1,212,800 under the Community Sponsored Housing Program, has been approved for the City of Toronto housing project in the Sherbourne-Dundas area.

The project is in a block bounded by Sherbourne, Gerrard, Seaton and Dundas Streets, and was originally to have been developed in 1971 as an Ontario Housing Corporation project.

When neighbourhood opposition arose to the original high-rise project, Mayor David Crombie acted as an intermediary and a "memorandum of understanding" was worked out under which the developer, Fred Braida, sold his property to the city.

The project will consist of 300 units of newly-built accommodation in three low-rise buildings. A further 75 units will be created through renovations to existing buildings. A large proportion of the finished suites will be eligible under the provincial rent supplement program.



Mrs. Vinell, age 102 years is assisted by Rev. Noble Atton as she arrived last Sunday to attend a Concert for Senior Citizens held at WoodGreen United Church. Music, ranging from classical to contemporary was performed by the Mobile Command Band Squadron 411. Also attending the concert were Mayor Crombie, Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon, and Aldermen Tom Clifford and Fred Beavis. All seniors over 100 years of age were presented with bouquets of roses.

Photo by Steve Hooper

Bill Davis doesn't want your child to go to university

And here's what he's doing about it:

1 Planning a massive increase in tuition.

The Ontario government is considering guidelines for reducing government spending on universities by increasing tuition to a range that will include \$1300 for an Arts student and \$2500 for an Engineering student per year.

2 Converting the Ontario Student Assistance Programme to the "Ontario Student Debt Programme".

The government allocation for student assistance in 1975-76 will be down 10 percent from what it was in 1972 when it supported 1/3 fewer students. Meanwhile

the Ontario government is considering guidelines that would convert the present grant/loan scheme to an all loan programme. Could your child afford to repay a \$6,000 to \$25,000 loan (9-1/4 percent interest) upon graduation?

3 Making the classroom situation so bad that students won't be able to learn.

First year classes often have up to 300 students in them. Meanwhile, the Ontario government is telling universities to increase class sizes. And, many Science students find themselves using outdated and insufficient laboratory equipment and supplies.

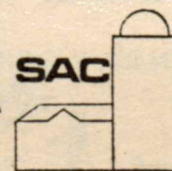
So at election time when Bill Davis talks about universities being open to everyone regardless of financial background remind him of the above facts.

For more information on how the Ontario Government is destroying post-secondary education write: Student's Administrative Council, 12 Hart House Circle, University of Toronto.

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School play a highlight of Pinocchio Week

by SUSAN SEABY

The highlight of recent "Pinocchio Week" activities was the musical production of Pinocchio presented by the students at Rose Ave. School. The kids performed before capacity crowds of Metro school children during the daytime and proud parents and friends at night.

Pinocchio, played by Dawn Roach, won the hearts of all present in the struggle to earn the right to be a "real boy". Audiences cheered as Jiminy Cricket (Susan Driver) and the Blue Fairy (Ronnie Hutchison) endeavored to save Pinocchio from the evil influences of the Cat and the Fox (James Bushby & Peter Mangold) and The Boys of Pleasure Island. The Disney songs were never more charming than when sung by Connie Budden and the other members of the cast.

Kay Donaldson, a grade five teacher at the school, and many parents volunteered time and energy to design costumes and sets.

The energetic lady who originated the whole Pinocchio Week concept is Ruth Johnson, a teacher at Rose Ave. School. She with others who share her dream have spent over a year developing the Pinocchio idea.

A Pinocchio book and kit have been prepared with the help of local volunteers. Dave Tipe wrote an English version of the story which was translated into Italian. Mrs. Imai made miniature puppets for the kit. Copies have been distributed to local schools and libraries. It is hoped that they will be translated into other languages as well. Also under preparation is a movie describing the development of the Pinocchio spirit.

Rooming house course planned

A college taught course in rooming house management may be available in the near future as the result of action being taken by Central Neighbourhood House.

All studies and surveys done by private, public and community groups have shown that many of the problems in rooming houses could be overcome by good, competent management.

CNH, aware of the need for skilled, competent, rooming house operators in the area began a series of meetings with rooming house operators and owners to get their thinking on what should be the basic skills of operators.

They then met and are still negotiating with George Brown College to design a course in Rooming House Management.

Anyone having thoughts on the subject or interested in taking such a course when it becomes available is asked to call or drop in at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario, or phone 925-4363.

This spirit is to Ms. Johnson, a reflection of the values that can be nurtured to help people share each other's cultures, breaking through all barriers between generations and nationalities.

An eight foot carving has been made by sculptor Antonio Galati and will be on display at the Sick

Children's Hospital. Ms. Johnson says that its size ensures that "everyone no matter who they are must look up to Pinocchio."

For those who still haven't seen the Pinocchio show, the children's final performance will be on May 29th at St. Peter's Church, 190 Carlton street.

THAT 50¢ LOTTERY

SEVEN NEWS lottery tickets, priced at 50 cents each will be on sale through the ward on Monday, May 12. There are 2,000 books of tickets printed with 10 tickets to the book.

The future of SEVEN NEWS depends upon them all being sold as costs outstrip advertising income and the amount of grant money available this year has fallen off.

There are nine prizes: three cash prizes of \$500, \$100 and \$50 and six merchandise prizes of \$50 each. Tickets will be on sale until June 19th and the draw will be held June 20 at Dixon Hall.

Kathy Cook has been named Lottery Co-ordinator. She will work out of an office in the Community Secretariat, 249 Gerrard St. E. Her phone number and the special Lottery Number is 923-2248. Call her if you wish to order a book or two to sell (there's

also a prize to the ticket seller of the winning tickets).

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Despite the rainy conditions, the third annual Forsythia Festival and all the celebraties involved did not have their spirits dampened. Pictured above, taking shelter in the O'Keefe Van are Tony Brady, organizer of the event; Rosie Sunrise the clown, columnist Paul Rimstead and the winner of the Charlie Farquharson "look-alike" contest, Don Harron, himself.

It rained — but the show went on

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homes sipping liquids in an attempt to remove the numbness.

It was rumoured that Charlie Farquharson was there. Certainly there were a few people around that looked like him. But the rain and wind had taken its toll and the Festival ended at this point.

Except, that is, for a pair of

gigantic pickles who emerged from the van to plant forsythia and hand out maple leaf pins.

Tony Brady must be congratulated for all the work he spent in organizing the show. The hardiness of everyone else who helped and participated is also praiseworthy.

It is hoped that the bad weather of this year will not discourage the planning of future Festivals.

French school locates at Sackville school

Thursday, April 17, the Toronto Board of Education almost unanimously passed a motion directing, "That the Director of Education and the Trustees of Ward 7 arrange discussions with the Sackville Community to facilitate the opening of the French Elementary School at Sackville Public School, effective September 1975."

A meeting with the Sackville community to determine their interest was influenced by an unexpected report of four French speak-

ing parents regarding industrial and noise pollution in the area. A subsequent meeting at Sackville of that original group and official resource people from City Hall eliminated any fear of possible health hazards to children. Unfortunately, the Sackville community was forced to defend its neighbourhood as that most liveable place they called home. They went even further and stated a reluctance to share with any group that did not genuinely want to locate in their

area. This time the receiving community was agreeable, with reservation, but the locating community was at least partly opposed.

Discussions continued, possibilities came and went. A decision had to be made so enrollment for September could be determined, teachers could be hired and detailed curriculum plans begun.

Maybe this school will start small but, no doubt, in time, it will grow in size, relocate in a suitable permanent location and possibly rejuvenate the French community around this new focus. Some day this school may become the Education Centre for all French programs in the city as it established its place in our Public School System. We both believe that an Elementary French School for Toronto is an important and exciting step. We also believe that at Sackville this school will have a good beginning.

Don Vale Centre to take survey

Staff of the Don Vale Community Centre, plan to do a complete survey of the area this summer in order to find out from the people of Don Vale if they feel the Centre is still relevant and if so how it can meet the needs of the changing community.

It is the assumption of the survey that the Centre cannot survive without the ideas, support and physical presence at the Centre of the people in the community.

As well as the survey, an active summer of programs is planned by the Don Vale Centre. Kicking off the summer activities will be the publication of the Don Vale Almanac, a booklet of summer information, art work and poetry.

On June 20, 21 and 22, there will be a Summer Festival with

dancing, folk and country music, a street carnival and the semi-annual Antique and Craft show and sale.

An Opportunities for Youth project will work with area children, 6 to 18 years of age, to provide them with arts and crafts, nature studies, sports and a daily hot lunch.

Free literacy program

The Parliament Street Library, aware that many adults in the area have poor literacy skills, will begin a free, ten-week learning program for adults starting June 2.

The program, called "Right to Read", will help adults achieve basic reading and writing skills. Classes will be small in size, take

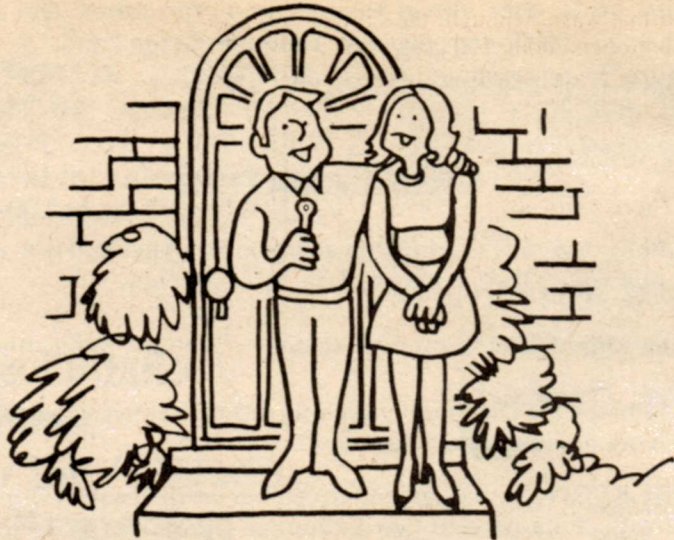
place in an informal atmosphere in the library and be held either in the afternoon or evening, with possibly two separate classes a week.

The purpose of the program is to help adults in the community learn such practical things as how to read street signs, make their own shopping lists, write letters, fill out job applications, etc. The program is designed for English speaking Canadian and not for new Canadians.

The library is looking for both people who would be willing to help out in teaching such a program as well as people who might benefit from it. Phone Nancy Craig at 921-8674, if you want information or can help either way.

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Phase Two is a project located in the Broadview YMCA that works to assimilate the exceptional adult into the community.

The program under the direction of Mrs. Kay Hughes and Mrs. Archibald started three and a half years ago, when concerned parents of mentally handicapped people got together. They decided to create a "special school," where they could get their children together into a productive understanding atmosphere.

In this atmosphere they try to teach the basic skills that are necessary to function in our society.

They teach the exceptional person to use a signature. The staff also teaches speech therapy, and work extensively towards behavior modification.

There is a concerned effort to instill a sense of worth in the individual. This is done by having the exceptional adult work at making crafts which are sold at the bazaar that Phase Two has every June.

Phase Two also tries to pick up contract work. This would usually involve assembling blackboard erasers or weighing bags of paint. However at present there is no contract work available.

Under the direction of Jack Ethier, Phase Two helps to distribute Seven News in their area. This encourages a good discipline, Jack says, and gives the exceptional person a sense of community participation and public service.

Leisure activities in past-time

by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

Among the most difficult areas of historical research is the task of finding out what people did with their spare time.

Around the middle of the last century, St. David's Ward, the predecessor to Ward Seven, was beginning to be subdivided and serviced and soon attracted a steady flow of labourers and artisans as residents.

Work commenced on several public projects, such as the new Gaol, the Toronto General Hospital, the Necropolis and the St. James Cemetery. Toronto was experiencing a building boom, and was enjoying the enrichment of its labour force by an influx of immigrants from the British Isles, many of whom settled in this part of the City.

The Gooderham and Worts Distillery, the new City Gas Works, the St. Lawrence Foundry, the Rolling Mills, the Grand Trunk Railway, and the Lamb Glue and Blacking Factory, all provided work for the expanding labour force in Ward Seven during the 1850's and early 1860's.

But this article is concerned with some of the facilities for relaxation and enjoyment that were available to the people of the ward and not with what they did at work.

It seems that most Torontonians during that period drank a lot. In 1857 there were, in Toronto, upwards of 500 licensed and unlicensed houses engaged in the sale of intoxicating drinks — roughly one for every fifteen families.

G. P. Ure, writing in 1858, stated that, "One out of every nine of our population was brought up before the police magistrate during the last year for some misdemeanour growing out of our drinking customs."

In that year, 2,031 males and 673 females were convicted for being drunk and disorderly, a statistic which the City Gaol listed in their records under the heading of "intemperate habits." Apparently one had to attain the age of twenty before becoming able to earn the designation, "drunkard by habit and repute."

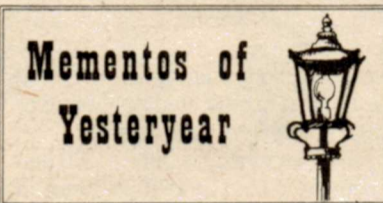
In 1861, the Consumer's Gas Company reported a significant falling off of consumers mostly because the City reduced the number of tavern licences issued, forcing many tavern-keepers out of business.

The more notorious of the early Ward Seven pubs were located near the corner of the Kingston Road (now Queen Street), and Scadding Street and the Mill Road (now Broadview Avenue below and above Queen Street).

The concentration of pubs in

that area was due partly to the ready market provided by travellers riding to and from the City, and partly by the practical consideration that the Mill Road was on the route to the City from the mills, brewery and distilleries of the upper Don River.

The northernmost of these pubs was the "Butcher's Arms" which stood on the eastern side of the Mill Road between Sparkhall and Hogarth. It was built by Thomas Smith in 1845 and was later operated by William Vine who ran the tavern until 1877.



Like most pubs in the area, the Butcher's Arms was a resort of the 'sporting fraternity', the horse racing men who frequented Jack Maitland's race track near the present intersection of Broadview and Eastern Avenues.

Another popular 'sport' of those who drank at the Butcher's Arms was cock-fighting, which was said by John Ross Robertson "not to have been illegal, or at any rate not very strictly prohibited by the authorities."

In fact, cock-fighting flourished in all the pubs in the Don area during that period.

The Butcher's Arms was also frequented by the dreaded 'Brook's Bush Gang', a group of "hardened criminals" who hung out in the woods around the Don and waylaid unsuspecting passersby.

To this gang was attributed the murder, in 1859, of John Hogan, a prominent journalist and member of the Provincial Legislature, who disappeared one night while crossing the Don bridge. A member of the gang was hung out in the public square as punishment for the offence.

Another tavern in the area was the 'Rising Sun' on the south side of Queen just east of Broadview. It started up in 1844 and was kept by William Knight. It was also very close to the race course and naturally catered to the racing fraternity. In fact, when Maitland's track closed in 1857, so did the Rising Sun.

Horse racing has a long history in Toronto. The first races were held in 1811 on the Toronto Islands (then known as 'the Peninsula'). There were military races later on

the Garrison Common which led to the formation of the Upper Canada Turf Club in 1837.

Early club races were held at Scarlett's, near Dundas Street West and Weston Road, then at a track on the Boulton property north of the Grange, and then, in 1842, at Maitland's. There was also a horse racing track known as "Gates" on the Danforth Road east of Broadview. It periodically featured trotters, but never achieved any degree of prominence.

Another tavern catering to the racing crowd in the Don area was the "Don Vale" (1840's to 1870) at the foot of Winchester street near the Don River. Apparently some of the patrons of the Don Vale engaged in boxing contests, with supporting bouts between roosters.

Another pub at Queen and Broadview (south-east corner) was the "Tam O'Shanter Inn" with a sign depicting a white horse with Tam astride. A noted landmark behind the Inn was a towering elm.

Further to the east was the hotel of J. Shaw, on Queen near Woodbine. Other but earlier Ward Seven pubs were Abner Miles' Inn, the Antrim, and Jordon's York Hotel.

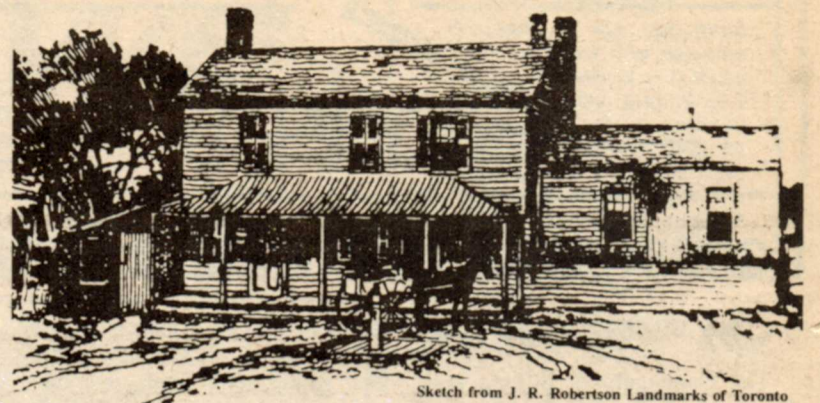
Another diversion which came to Ward Seven from time to time was the P. T. Barnum "Grand Colossal Museum and Menagerie" which was staged at the old Fair Green on Front Street near the Don.

In 1852, this travelling show featured a team of elephants hauling a huge cart, and a one-year old, three and a half foot high baby elephant. The baby elephant was ridden by General Tom Thumb, who was said to be 20 years of age, weigh 15 pounds and stand 28 inches high!

If that wasn't enough, the show also brought along 110 horses and 90 men, six beautiful lions, a monster polar bear, a sacred Burmese bull taken from an idolatrous Temple, and a baby camel.

There was also a drove of elephants, a native Ceylon Chief, and a man without arms "who executed the extraordinary feat of loading and firing a pistol with his toes!"

Last among Ward Seven past-times is the baseball park and stands which were located southwest of the Queen-Broadview intersection. Baseball developed in the United States in the 1840's and reached Canada 10 or 15 years



Sketch from J. R. Robertson Landmarks of Toronto
The Butchers' Arms Tavern — formerly at Hogarth and Broadview.

later. The first official mention of baseball in Toronto civic records appeared in 1876, when the Clipper Baseball Club applied for permission to practise in Queen's Park.

Another baseball team was the "Dauntless" club. In 1876 it was re-named the "Toronto Baseball Club" when it entered a semi-pro league of six Ontario clubs.

In 1885 the pro Canadian League was formed, with teams from Toronto, Hamilton, London and Guelph. The total amount of

salaries paid to team members in 1885 was \$4,231.42. The "Torontos" played their home games at the park at Queen and Broadview until about 1910, when they moved to Toronto Islands.

Like all the taverns mentioned in this article, the stands were eventually torn down. Now, the only memento of the first pro baseball stadium in Toronto is the little street which runs south from Queen, one block west of Broadview.

Its name is Baseball Place.



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The Don Vale House — an early Ward Seven tavern.

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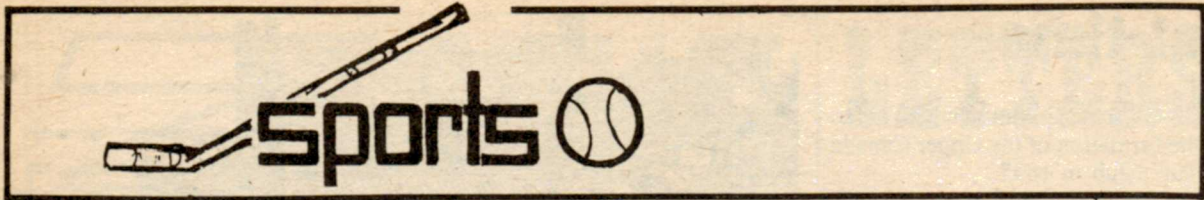
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Cabbagetown club wins 4 Ontario titles

by PETER WYLIE

The Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre participated in this year's Intermediate and Senior Boxing Championships held in Dundas, Ontario, April 12th & 13th. The club had five entrants in the championships and two junior boxers also competed. The competitors were: 112 lbs., intermediate, **Ric Bender**, 126 lbs., senior, **Mike "Killer" Scott**, 136 lbs., intermediate, **Gentleman James Bland**, 147 lbs., senior, **Bernie Guindon**, 175 lbs., senior, **Mike Doyle**. The juniors were 87 lbs. **Rheal Bosse** and 100 lbs. **Don Marshall**.

The juniors were first to show their wares and I actually think they set the tempo for our strong team. Rheal "The French Connection" Bosse avenged a loss to Dennis Allen of Timmin on March 1st at Sherway Mall. He put continual pressure on Allen and by the third round he had Allen in trouble. Bosse by an unanimous decision.

Don Marshall also avenged a loss to Ken Stockill March 1st at Sherway Mall. Don, under a dedicated trainer, Jim Bland, has shown steady improvement, and he was just too much for rangy Stockill. It took Marshall two rounds to really get going, but he pulled away in the third round. Marshall — split decision.

The tournament was a wopping success for Cabbagetown. Ric

Bender, after a close decision over Billy Ranelli of Sudbury Valley East in the semi finals, put on a solid performance to win the championship over Clyde Hillman of Leamington, Ont.

In the 126 lb. seniors, **Mike "Killer" Scott** received a bye into the finals. He came back from what appeared to be a knockout in the first round to hard punching John Page of Ottawa, Ontario. Page had Scott hurt early in the first round and it looked like curtains for our fighter when, as Scott has done in the past, he bounced back and drove Page back with a fierce counter attack. For the next two rounds it was action a-plenty. This bout has the crowd on the edge of their seats all the way. Finally in the third round, Scott timed a beautiful short crisp right hand over Page's left hook and pow, Page was down for a full seven count. Page hung on to last the round, but he clearly lost the decision.

Gentleman James Bland, won a third round TKO over game Jimmy Eaton of Sault Ste. Marie. Bland had Eaton down twice and that was enough for the referee. In the finals Bland, who's hitting a ton these days, had Bob Wilson of Winona, Ontario down in the first round and off-balance for the remainder of the contest. Wilson, a rugged competitor, hung in there, but it was fleet-footed Bland who took it all the way.

In the 147 lb. senior class **Bernie Guindon** almost gave us a heart attack when he squeaked out a close decision over ever-improving Ivon Merchel of Oakville, Ontario. In the final, Bernie took on Hamilton steel man, Larry Llewelyn. Guindon hit Llewelyn with everything but the kitchen sink. That's not to say Llewelyn didn't do some hitting himself. Both boxers threw everything they had into this fight, and the crowd of four hundred and fifty gave them a standing ovation at the end of each round. I would venture to say it was the fight of the tournament. Well, Bernie threw too hard and often for Llewelyn in this one and he grabbed the laurels due him.

Mike Doyle, the hard luck boy of Cabbagetown looked like a sure champ the first day when he disposed of gutsy Alan Hall of Bancroft at 175 lbs. Doyle looked like a professional technician as he bobbed and weaved and banged with beautiful action. He knocked Hall out in the second round with a short right hand to put him in the finals against veteran Eric Thompson of Ottawa, Ontario. Doyle tried, but he seemed to lack the get-up and go he had in the first fight, and he dropped a split decision to good-moving and more experienced Thompson.

Well, that's the story of the 1975 Ontario Championships.

Broadview "Y" sports programs

by FRED BUICK

It's that time of year again. Winter programs have been completed and people are making plans for the coming summer. But summer would not be complete without community sports, and agencies and organizations throughout the ward will be offering much in the way of community sports and recreation this summer.

First off the mark in announcing its summer youth programs is the Broadview YMCA at 275 Broadview Avenue.

For boys, age 7 to 15, there will be the 1975 season of the Inner City Minor Soccer League. This program has expanded every summer and this, the third time around, it is expected to have over 200 youngsters participating.

The fee to join is only \$1.00 and there are currently two divisions in operation. The minor division is for boys 7 to 11 years of age, while the 12 to 15-year-olds will compete in the major division. Boys

interested can register now at the Broadview "Y" and the first game is planned to start June 2.

For kids interested in softball, there will be leagues and teams for both boys and girls. The Inner City Girl's Softball League plays its games at the Broadview "Y" diamond and is open to any team of girls 18 years of age and under.

Individual girls may register to play on the Broadview team as there are still some openings.

For boys, there is the Don Valley Softball League and Broadview YMCA will enter teams in both the bantam and peewee divisions. Enrollment has begun for both groups and interested boys are encouraged to sign-up before entries are closed.

There is still a need for team coaches and assistants in both the softball and soccer leagues. Anyone interested in helping out or wanting more information about either league should call the YMCA Physical Department at 461-8123.

Women win in broomball

by LEONA HICKEY

An all-star team composed of players from Don Vale and Sacre Coeur won a recent women's broomball tournament in Hamilton.

The first game was won by the All-Stars by a 2-0 score as they defeated a team from Woodstock. Leith Piper and Chris Taggart scored the goals for the All-Stars.

The second game went into two overtime periods before Christ Taggart scored for the All-Stars to give them a 1-0 win and a chance in

the finals against the hometown Hamilton De La Salle club.

In the finals, Chris Taggart again came through strong to give the All-Stars a 1-0 win and the championship.

The night before the tournament, the male and female players of the Toronto Broomball League attended a banquet at Sacre Coeur Hall. After the banquet, the Founder's Cup Trophy was presented to the Eager Beavers, while the Yokel's Len Long was awarded a trophy for being the most valuable player.

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