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Deadline is the weekend of June 14.
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from the other staff. Financial affairs
will be looked after by Barbara
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GENERAL MEETING
On the evening of June 20, at Dixon
Hall, 58 Sumach there will be a lot-
tery drawing, pub night, food and
dancing. AND sandwiches into the
festivities will be a general meeting of
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Widening of Dundas Prevented

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

Ward Seven inadvertently became involved last week in the on-going political struggle between the City of Toronto and Metro. The issue was over the widening of Dundas Street.

Although the issue of widening Dundas Street was supposedly dead, the City decided to take no chances and made the first move in what was to become a political chess game.

The city's move was to consider granting a building permit to a medium-rise building on Dundas Street west. If they granted the permit, it would allow the construction of a 13-storey building flush against the street. There would be no setback to allow for any future widening of the street.

Planners at the Metro level got wind of this ploy on the part of the city and immediately rushed through a memo, directed to the Metro Transportation Committee, recommending a bylaw be passed immediately to widen Dundas street and thus prevent the City's move.

The cute thing done by the Metro planners was to not put their "memo" on the regular agenda of that Committee but to put it in at the last minute as a "supplemen-

tary agenda".

But Ward Seven alderman John Sewell, who sits on Metro Council, spotted the item at almost the 11th hour. He alerted the Don District by utilizing the "telephone alert" system (see separate story) and 30 people appeared at 8:30 in the morning to speak in regard to the item.

Unused to this inner-city, people-power tactic, and in many cases unaware of what the agenda item was that the delegation was up in arms about, the Metro Transportation Committee backed off.

They didn't allow any speakers on the subject but they were cowed enough to put the matter off another week.

A week was enough.

Regent Park organizers and tenants picked up some colored stakes with the intention of planting them in the grass along Dundas street where it bisects Regent Park to show how wide the proposed street would be.

They also chartered a bus (donated by the Salvation Army) and

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Unruly youth problem discussed

by JANET HOWARD

People living near the Broadview YMCA have long been troubled by gangs of young people hanging around Boulton, First, Allen and Broadview Avenues. In the summer the air is so blue with four-letter words that residents tend not to use back yards adjacent to the Y property, or front yards near the First Avenue Baptist Church, whose steps are a favourite gathering place.

On May 27 the YMCA called a meeting of residents, two policemen from 55 Division, a worker from the Addiction Research Foundation, the principal of Eastdale High School, YMCA staff, a representative of the Baptist Church and the ward aldermen.

The discussion brought out two kinds of problems: the kids who play baseball, and the really troublesome ones who don't. Everybody agreed that the ball players break windows and damage cars but are not the same kids who sniff glue and drink in the Y grounds. John Sewell suggested a tactic for the ball-players; rouse four of five neighbours, approach

the kids in a group, ask for the ball and take it home with you. Game over. Another thing you can do is go with some neighbours to the parents of the ball-players and point out to them that baseball is for school yards and playing fields, not narrow city streets. Most people would rather get after their kids than be unpopular with a whole group of neighbours.

But the big problem is the crowd that drinks, sniffs glue and generally scares passers-by. The meeting decided on a short-term solution and a longer-term one. Starting now, if the young people are causing a disturbance, you should call 55 Division Police. They know about the problem, and are trying to keep an eye on the area, but with the shortage of community police they can't have someone there all the time. If you call, they will arrive when something is happening.

The long-term solution is the one most likely to have permanent results. That is to provide something better for the youths to do, under the leadership of people close to their own age. A small committee of local residents, Jake Smythe of the YMCA and some older teenagers in the area will soon be meeting to plan programmes that they hope will attract all but the most troublesome of the problem kids. It is, after all, pretty boring to hang around boozing in playing fields night after night; drop-in programmes planned by teenagers are bound to be at least as interesting.

Another possibility is for the ARF to provide a full-time street worker. That is a person, generally fairly young, trained in getting along with the kind of youth who hang around street corners. Residents say some of the young people in the area clearly have serious drug problems, and the ARF worker would deal with those people in particular.

There will be another meeting at the Broadview Y on June 17. By that time, the committee will have met to plan some activities, and if local residents have been calling the police when things get bad, there could already be some noticeable changes.

If the situation has been bothering you, be sure to come to the meeting. Results are always best when people get together.



This unidentified child looks on, bemused, while her mother plants a flower or tree in the park-making festival held last month in the middle of the block east of Dermott in Don Vale.
Photo by Steve Hooper

Telephone alert system gets action

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

When a sudden and immediate threat to the community occurs, did you ever wonder how so many people can turn up so fast on the scene? Or when something suddenly pops up at the Metro or City Council level, how do so many people find out about it so fast and show up to protest?

In both cases, a little-known "telephone alert" system is used to do the job.

The normal procedure, when there is a threat to the community, and time permits, is to run a story in Seven News or put out flyers in the community concerned — or both.

But when the crisis is due in a matter of hours, the telephone alert system goes into effect — with telling results.

Throughout Ward Seven there exists a network or infrastructure of community activists, community workers and politically concerned people. The network is so linked that items of general interest are usually passed around it — by word-of-mouth — in a week.

But when a crisis occurs, the network is alerted by phone in a matter of hours. The alert comes from someone in the network who phones five to ten others. Each of those in turn phones five to ten others and each of those passes the word on down.

The best example of the system in operation occurred when someone got wind that a demolition firm was about to start tearing down some houses on the east side of Sherbourne just north of Dundas.

Within a matter of an hour there was a couple of hundred people on the scene. Their presence and activity stopped the demolition and forced the province and the city to intervene, buy the property from

the developer and preserve the neighbourhood.

Another example was the fight to preserve the houses on Blecker street in south St. Jamestown from demolition. In one instance, it was reported that around 100 people were alerted in the space of half an hour to prevent the eviction of residents in some of the threatened houses.

The community lost that fight, but the city eventually gained the power to prevent demolition unless the developer had a building permit to start new construction.

The most recent example of the telephone alert system being used was when Metro planners sneaked an item on the Metro Transporta-

tion Committee agenda concerning the widening of Dundas street.

A resident of the south of Carlton area started the alert and enough people showed up at the Committee meeting to force the item to be held over a week.

During that week, more people were alerted and enough people showed up at the following meeting to influence the Committee into not following through with the planner's recommendations.

If you want to be alerted when the next crisis occurs, keep in touch with the community workers in your area or the executive of your local resident's association. They're undoubtedly in the network and can pass the "alert" on to you.

News Round-up

Businessmen to hold outing on ferry

New **Drama Column** writer for Seven News is **Joe Simmons**. Joe is interested in any dramatic events around the ward and can be contacted at 923-1923, evenings.

The **Riverdale Library**, 370 Broadview, will be closed during the month of August. Students from **Danforth Tech** will be exhibiting their arts and crafts at the **Danforth Library**, 701 Pape during the month of June.

A meeting to view the latest plans for the **Parliament Street Business Improvement District** will be held at the Club Harmonie on Sherbourne Street at 8 p.m. on June 18.

Don't forget the **Pancake Brunch** at noon tomorrow (June 8) at the Don Vale Community Centre. Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children at the door.

On Thursday, June 12, at 8 p.m. The **Parliament Library House** will present chants, poems and

yarns by **Marc Mercer**. Admission free.

BUSINESS NOTES: The submarine price-war on Parliament street still continues but **One-Way Submarine** has successfully fought off efforts by the two adjacent **Mr. Submarine** stores to put him out of business. In fact, One-Way Submarine has remodelled the shop and now has a complete take-out ice-cream service.

A branch of the **Royal Bank** will soon open on the ground floor of the newly built **Don Vale Medical Centre** on Parliament, just south of Wellesley.

The Ward Seven Businessmen's Association annual outing on the **Maraposa Bell** is scheduled for 8 p.m. on June 23. The Maraposa Bell is a **Ferry Boat** and it will leave from the foot of York street for a **four hour cruise**. There will be refreshments and a bar. Tickets

are \$5 per person from Davis Cleaners on Parliament St.

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Annie Nullin and Daniel Lamb — see story on page 11.

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LETTERS



Smokers also a cause of pollution, says reader

Dear Mr. Browne:

One can't help but be impressed with the concern area citizens have for the effects of pollution. That C.H.O.U. cares enough to create blood tests is highly commendable. That no committee anywhere, here is Ward 7, or elsewhere, is at all concerned with the levels of carbon monoxide, and the six other KNOWN CANCER CAUSING CHEMICALS in each, and every cigarette smoked by a human being, is one of the most appalling facts imaginable.

Every smoker in Ward 7 should have a compulsory tour of Branson

Hospital. There, they will find the victims of emphysema living out their last hours in oxygen tents, some of them so addicted to that drug, nicotine, that they have to smoke through the holes in their necks, created for the purpose of breathing, since their mouth no longer service their lungs. 100% of them were, and are smokers!

There, too, they will be treated to the final death struggle with lung cancer; shattering in its painful reminder that 98% of them were cigarette smokers. The doctors will point out that tongue, gum, and other mouth cancers are spur-

red by tobacco smoking. Addicts will also be enlightened as to what the lungs of 5 and 6 year olds contain when they are brought up in a household of smokers. Surgeons find very definite deposits of blackened tissue, and it's that same drug — nicotine.

The question of what a smoker does to himself, or to his children growing up in the atmosphere he creates, is one which should concern the smoker. However, the result of the smoker's pollution on the environment, and on all of those he exposes should, and must be, of major concern to everyone in every community.

It's up to the small, community newspaper, such as yourselves, to spread the word. If you hesitate, then all is indeed lost. Those of us who were smokers, but spent so many agonizing months and years kicking the habit and, as a side effect, became educated to the facts, and the rest of the non-smoking majority, are counting on publications like yours, (ours?) to educate the public; to make them understand that if they can't help themselves because they are addicts, then, a least they must try to help the innocent, who are the youngsters, unaware of the years of addiction, and ultimate disease they are instituting, and, even more important, the havoc they are causing non-smokers.

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Objection raised to government ads

Letter-to-the-editor:

As a distributor of Seven News, it disturbed me very much to find you accepted two large ads from the Conservative government for the last issue.

Not only were these ads full of misleading propaganda and empty promises, but the immense cost of producing and placing them in newspapers across Ontario was borne by our tax dollars.

Mr. Davis has managed again and again to promote his Party and turn large sums of our money to his own advantage under the guise of offering information or aid.

While the poor people of this province, many of whom live in Ward Seven, struggle to make ends meet, Mr. Davis pretends to promote "family unity" while ignoring the social and financial reforms necessary for their survival.

I am disappointed to find that Seven News did not have the

editorial scruples to decline this kind of advertising. If this policy does not change, there will be one less distributor for your paper.

Gail McClurg
Withrow Ave.

(EDITOR'S NOTE:

1) Seven News is owned by all the people in Ward Seven and since all those people have different political interests, Seven News must of necessity be politically neutral. Declining advertising from any one Government would not be a politi-

cally neutral act.

2) The income from government ads helps to keep Seven News alive. Were Seven News to decline the ads, it would not bring down the Davis Government, change its policies or save the taxpayer any money. It might, however, kill Seven News.

3) Or look at it this way: by running the ads, enough people might get angry enough to vote the Davis Government out of power in the coming election ...NGB)

Aldermen shouldn't support junta

Dear Sir:

I was disappointed and disgusted to see the names of our two representatives at City Hall on a recent letter supporting the Military Junta in Portugal.

I am sure that Ms. Howard and Mr. Sewell can, in their own eloquent way, describe intellectual justification for their position. However, I suspect their eloquence will be lost on the Portuguese who are living in the shadow of the bayonet.

For the poor devil in Portugal, freedom deferred is freedom denied.

Alex C. Doulis
Laurier Ave.

The military in Portugal has seen the candidates of their choice rejected in an election rigged by themselves. This is almost a repeat of events we have seen in Asia and Eastern Europe. In those instances the military was used, as it always is, to suppress popular thought.

It seems absurd that I must take this occasion to remind our alderman and alderwoman that the objectives of a group of people with tanks, cannons and guns is to kill other people should they fail to believe the "truth".

Mental health group serves ward

Dear Mr. Browne:

SPECTRUM is a group of mental health professionals: nurses, an occupational therapist, social workers and a part-time psychiatrist who provide programs focusing on mental health for residents of Ward Eight and the Riverdale area of Ward Seven.

These programs range from social groups, films and informal activities, to more intensive individual and group counselling sessions.

SPECTRUM staff are available for home visits and mental health

assessment by appointment. They also conduct regular programs at WoodGreen Community Centre, Corpus Christi Church, Community Centre No. 55, and St. John's Norway Parish Hall.

Last night we held an Open House at our offices at 1913 Queen Street East and we were glad to see a number of Ward Seven residents were in attendance. Anyone else interested in our activities is cordially invited to drop in anytime and see our operation.

Audrey Abbott
for SPECTRUM

Staff members are asset to CRC

Dear Norm,

I would like to express my appreciation for your very fine article on the Christian Resource Centre in the May 23rd Issue of Ward 7 News. You have highlighted well the objectives and goals of the Centre as they attempt to express a ministry in this community.

members have a primary responsibility for particular projects but every member of the staff is involved in the development of the CRC's projects. It is only fair to note the very fine contributions of the whole staff including Fred Booker, Ann Walshaw, Ed Laboucane, Rick Carter, Ron Rosborough, Mary McMaster, Don Bailey, Dave Bowman, John Baker, Jeanette Keenan, Paul Nahirney, our present staff and a host of others not to mention the efforts of Norm Browne who was once a staff member here.

Again our appreciation for your article and the many friends we have in this community and throughout the city.

John M. Metson

Need housing, not flowers

Dear Editor:

R the letter in your last issue, "MPP planted forsythia". I would like to state that if MPP Margaret Scrivener is interested in Don

Vale, she should be trying to help DACHI (Don Area Co-op Homes Inc.) get a housing program grant and supplement and thus allow the people of low and fixed incomes to be able to live in Don Vale where they want to live.

That should be her first concern. Flowers are very nice to look at but if low and fixed income people can't live in the area to enjoy them then what the hell good are they?

Dorothy Bushey
DACHI resident

CORRECTION: The letter appearing in the last issue under Garry Stamm's name was not written by Mr. Stamm.

Rowlands wins Liberal nomination for St. David's riding

by MARK INGLIS

After the Liberal party's nomination meeting at St. Cyril and Melody Parish Hall prospects look even better for a Liberal victory in the up-coming election in St. David riding.

Seven hundred and fifty six voting delegates turned out to nominate June Rowlands as their representative in the St. David riding and to hear the Liberal party leader, Robert Nixon. This is a very impressive number of people to turn out for a nomination meeting by any party's standards. But it is most impressive considering that the Grits ran a miserable third the last time around.

After a short gutsy speech by Robert Nixon the convention got going. Nominations and speeches by the three delegates outlined positions and revealed some of the candidates character. June Rowlands over-ran her time and had to be stopped in her speech.

June Rowlands projected herself as a very concerned Liberal. Her

credentials illustrate this. She has been the Liberal party's research director at Queen's Park. This accounts for her well documented speech which was reinforced with facts and statistics.

Ms Rowlands also has an impressive public service record. She has been president of the Family Service Association of Metro Toronto, a director of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, president of the Association of Women Electors, and a member of housing committees, ratepayers groups, and involved in numerous other community services.

In her speech she backed the Liberal leader, Robert Nixon, giving her support to the standard Liberal issues of control of the community by the community, fiscal responsibility, and the importance of the individual in contrast to interest groups.

Throughout her speech, Ms. Rowlands illustrated a genuine concern for the separation of power groups. If power groups are not separated, she said, the gov-



June Rowlands

Photo by Steve Hooper

ernment will become distant from the people as it has in Ontario. This in turn leads to a lack of sensitivity to the needs of the people.

Her concerns ranges from education to the elderly. With education she has a personal commitment in her children and is therefore very aware of the school system. She wants to re-impose a standard in the education field to ensure that today's school children are not being cheated of an education.

She noted the "housing mess" with strong reference to Trefann, where renovated houses have remained vacant after completion.

Ms. Rowlands spoke of women's rights. She is a firm advocate of equal rights of the individual, whether that person is young, old, male, or female. She believes that working women (40 percent of whom are supporting families) deserve and should get pay equal to a male for the same work.

June Rowlands wants Toronto to be a safe and humane city. To work at this goal from the legislature she must beat Margaret Scrivener and as as yet unannounced NDP candidate.

New law lowers school age

by DOUG BARR and GORD CRESSY

This past November the Education Act was changed to allow 14 and 15 year old youths to leave school early. The school will continue to be responsible for providing a suitable learning experience with supervision for children until age 16 — but not necessarily within the present formula structure. A parent or guardian can now legally make application to have their child excused from regular school attendance.

For some students the dissatisfaction may be cleared up with a change in courses or discussion about a constantly troublesome area. For others, Harry Smaller, a teacher at Contact School, stressed the importance of keeping students in school, if possible, by acquainting them with existing alternatives within the Education System.

If the student does not seem suitable for any of the existing alternatives, he will enter the Leaving School Early Program and begin working out a suitable program with an Advisor.

This Advisor will be responsible for maintaining close contact with

each student, for arranging a suitable work experience if needed, for assisting with meeting recreational and social needs and for re-entering the child back into the school system if appropriate. A most important function of the Advisor will be to safeguard the student against possible exploitation or manipulation.

For too long now, the Education System has not been able to provide enough varied alternatives outside the regular system. It has also not been able to handle specific students and their particular needs. This program will provide another possibility for kids needing viable alternatives.

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Reception for retiring principal

by CATHERINE MacFARLANE

On Wednesday, June 4, from 3:30 to 5:30, a reception was held in the library of Frankland Public school to honour Mr. Cecil Martindale, principal of the school, who retires at the end of this month.

Attending the reception were present staff of the school, some former staff and pupils and members of the community who were there to wish him well.

Cec was born on a farm in Hal-dimand County, middle child in a family of ten. After secondary school in Cayuga, Ontario, he worked for four years for the Woolworth Company. Having always wanted to be a teacher, he went to Hamilton Normal School. In 1934 Cec secured a position in a rural school in Norfolk County. For a salary of \$700.00 a year he taught 48 pupils in 8 classes. In the third year there he and Dorothy set up housekeeping in a little country cottage. The good-hearted farm folk took the young couple to their hearts.

His first urban school was in Long Branch. While there two sons were born, David and Evan. 1944 was an eventful year as Cec

bought his first house in Leaside and became a member of the staff of Forest Hill Village Junior High School.

A year later he was appointed Principal of North Preparatory School, spending 22 busy, interesting years there. In 1967 Forest Hill Village was annexed to Toronto and Cec moved to Frankland School where eight happy, eventful years have been spent.

During his tenure as Principal Cec has held posts of responsibility in Men Teacher's Federation, Ontario Teachers' Federation, and in the T.P.S.P.A.

In retirement he intends to continue his interest in community organizations, to do some volunteer work in social planning, to travel, and to visit his family. He gets much interest in seeing the school through the eyes of five grandchildren; both sons are secondary school teachers who also married teachers.

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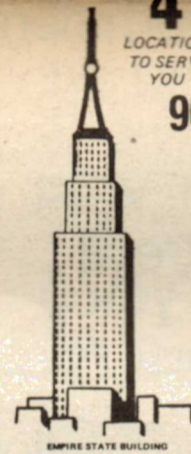
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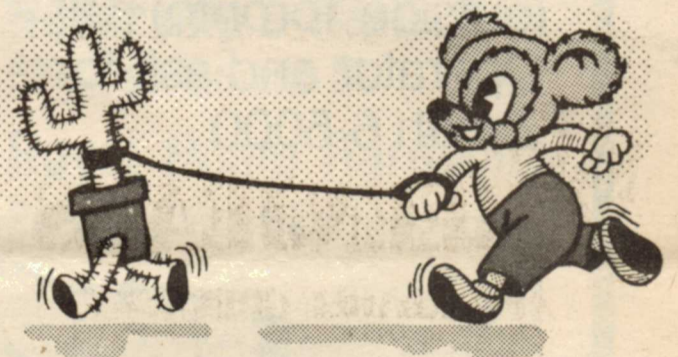


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ON THE SUN BALCONY IN GLOUCESTER MEWS

Widening of Dundas Street prevented

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drove around the complex picking up people to take to the meeting. They delayed publication of their newspaper so that it could carry the story and alert everyone.

South of Carlton, which also would be affected by any widening of Dundas went through much the same procedure. Flyers were put out in the community calling a meeting of their re-formed

Resident's Association over the issue. The Central Neighbourhood House weekly newsletter also carried the word.

When the week had passed and the Metro Transportation Committee met again (still early in the morning — they refused to hold a night session to allow people to attend) there were 200 people, mostly from Ward 7, in attendance.

They had to move the meeting from a Committee Room to the Council Chambers to accommodate the people.

And a lot of people spoke and none of them spoke in favour of the widening of Dundas Street.

It was check and check-mate. The Committee voted to re-

commend to Metro Council that Dundas Street be turned over to the City of Toronto to do with it as they pleased.

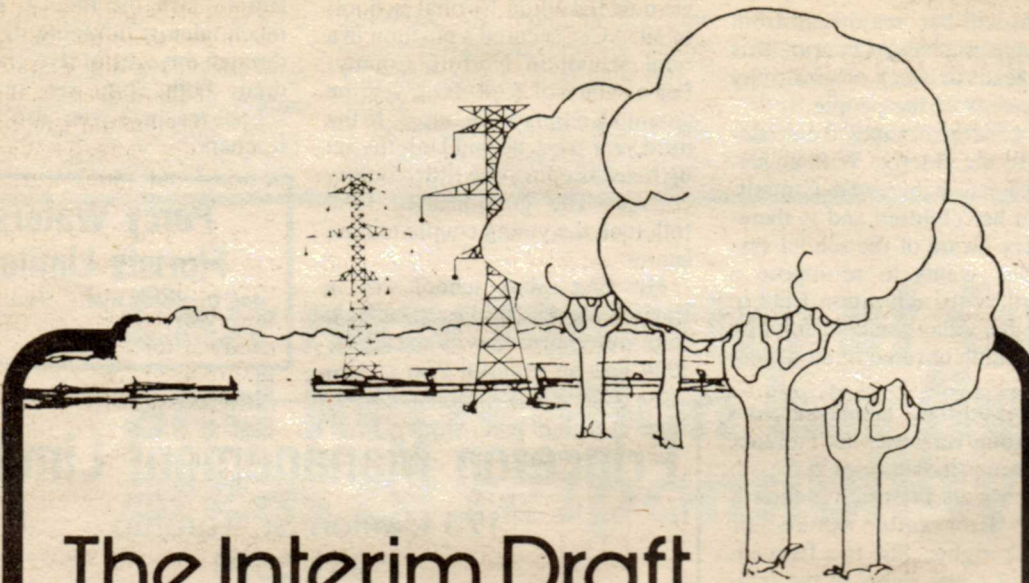
It is not expected that Metro Council will turn down the recommendation. Nor is there any opposition at the city level to the taking over of the street.

And nobody expects the City will want to widen it.

One borough member of the Committee, adamant to the end, vowed that in 10 years the people would wish they had allowed Metro to widen the street.

A local resident, upon hearing about his remark, commented, "In ten years, we'll have Dundas narrowed down to a bicycle path..."

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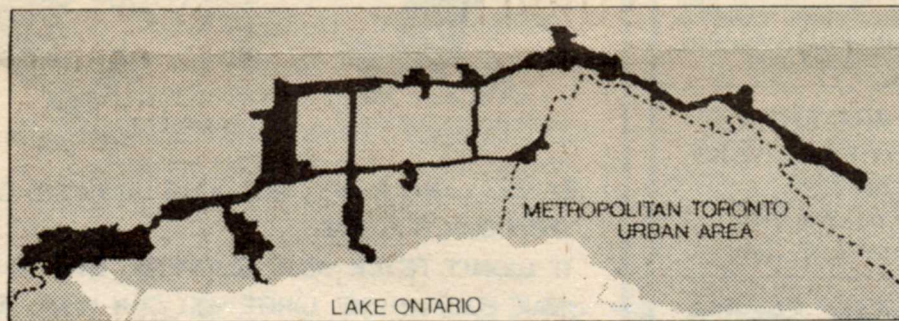
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Soo Wong, Paula LeBlanc and Jennifer Popo, three of the mice in the play, "Toad of Toad Hall".
Photos by F. Lee

275 attend "Toad of Toad Hall"

In November, "Toad of Toad Hall" was selected by Ms Ots, a teacher at Queen Alexandra school on Broadview, as the school's play for 1975.

The play was adopted from the well-known story "Wind in the Willows" and is a delightful tale about a little girl, Marigold, who has an intriguing imagination about forest animals, and especially about a character by the name of Toad.

Auditions for the cast started in early December and after the main characters were chosen, play practices began on a regular basis. Those that didn't get chosen for the main roles were given other jobs. Some played minor roles while others looked after scenery, costumes and props. Even the teachers helped out.

By the beginning of April, things started to happen. Students were running errands for the play and setting up lighting for the stage. Parents and former students contributed their time to help out with the costumes.

In mid April tickets started on sale. The cast made announcements morning and afternoon to encourage ticket sales. In addition a scene from the play was shown for this same purpose.

On opening night an audience of 275 anxiously awaited the start of the performance. The play went smoothly and was enjoyed by young and old. The second night was just as successful as 175 attended.

The play closed on a happy note as a grateful cast and crew presented Ms Kiddie and Ms Ots with a bouquet of flowers as a token of appreciation for their work on the play.

It is hoped that next year's play will be enjoyed as much as "Toad of Toad Hall".

(This article was written for Seven News by Donna Marshall, Kelly Tohana and Richelle Wilkinson, grade 8 students at Queen Alexandra School).

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Ward 7 gets 22 youth projects

The creative youth of Ward Seven have had 22 projects approved under the 1975 Opportunities For Youth (OFY) Program. The program is sponsored by the Federal Government and all projects are for the duration of the summer only.

Following is a list of local OFY projects, the name, address and phone number of their contact person, and a brief description of the project.

Single Parents — Gordon Tough, 222 Booth Ave., 465-8037. Production of a half-hour documentary film on single parent families.

About Gay People — Stephen Quagliarillo, 203 Boulton Ave., 465-1403. A videotape documentary about gay people in an urban environment.

Charlie Farley Studio — Laura Marks, 77 Winchester, 924-0317. Intensive arts courses for children and adults.

Dance Toronto — David Brown, 13 McGee St., 461-7809. Participatory dance workshops, classes and performances.

Riverdale Summer Playground — Daniel Ng, 260 Wellesley E., 924-2634. A Day Camp providing educational and recreational programs for Chinese children.

Eyeopener South — Lori Avian, 17 Blevens Place, 367-0354. Academic and recreational programs for children at Duke of York and Lord Dufferin schools.

World Food Project — Jamie Swift, 39 Amelia St., 966-3091. Slide and sound presentation to be developed for popular presentation on the world food crisis.

Population Education Project — Margot Cronis, 17 Salisbury Ave., 964-2309. Developing materials on the third world and examining a combination of problems such as population, food shortages, agriculture, etc.

Streaming: A Clarification — Peter Galus, 100 Bain Ave., 465-5272. An ex-

amination of the streaming system in Toronto Public schools.

Immigrant Women's Centre — Clara Costa, 46 Amelia St., 921-0149. Setting up a centre to investigate the needs of immigrant women.

Project Hire — Cathy Wheler, 484-0654. Counselling for men reached through Gerrard House, a half-way house.

Injured Workmen's Consultants — 432 Dundas St. Representing clients before the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Eastminster Services — 310 Danforth Ave. Frank Stamatopoulos, 923-3992. Services for Greek-speaking community in the Broadview-Danforth area.

Day-by-Day Care — Julie Doyle, 135 Hogarth St., 463-6134. Research into workplace day care.

Pre-School Day Camp — 200 Wellesley St. E. Janice Lamster, 635-5420. Day care centre for 2-4 year olds in St. Jamestown.

OFY funds welfare rights groups

Opportunities for Youth has provided funds for a group functioning out of a house on Seaton Street in the Don district to help people who may be having difficulties receiving or applying for either General Welfare or Family Benefits.

The service is free and the group will primarily act as an information agency to tell people what they may or may not be entitled to in the way of money or services and how they should go about getting these.

Besides providing information, the group will also research a case and represent people who may be appealing to the Welfare Review Board.

Plans are also underway to run training sessions of an informal nature to explain to interested people

TASC — Bill Madill, 301 Broadview Ave., 465-8057. Members of Opportunity House will repair homes of senior citizens.

St. Jamestown Summer — 240 Wellesley St. E. A YMCA project for Senior citizens in St. Jamestown.

Birth Control/VD Outreach — Heather Ramsay, 100 Bain Ave., 461-3014. Speaking engagements, group discussions, counselling, etc. on the subject of birth control and venereal diseases.

CINCH — Rick Kelly, 80 Winchester St., 466-0942. Recreational project using facilities at the Don Vale Community Centre.

Cabbagetown Boxing Youth — John Peddle, 431 Sackville St., 92-3813. Playground, drop-in centre and other activities at Cabbagetown Boxing Club.

Activities For New Canadians — Chris Beserve, 730 Ontario St., 961-2875. Recreational activities for Canadians from the Caribbean.

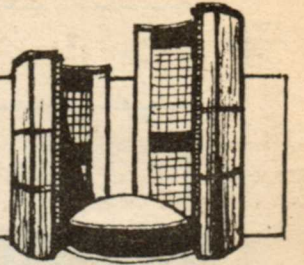
how the welfare system works. The group also hope to produce a handbook outlining some of the more common problems they've encountered together with solutions.

Although the project will only be funded for the summer months, the group hope to get volunteers to help carry it on into the fall. Neighbourhood legal Services, with whom they are sharing space, has also offered to carry on the service to some extent after the group's funding runs out.

The name of the project is Welfare Information Services and the people running it are Phoebe Graham, Christine Rinaldi, Jill Orendorff and Tim Appleby.

The project is located at 257 Seaton Street, just below Gerrard and is open week-days 10 to 5 p.m. Or phone them at 921-2325.

city hall report



Free overnight Parking Extended

by JANET HOWARD
Alderman Ward 7

As the daily newspapers recently reported, there will be an extension of free overnight parking in those areas of Ward 7 that now have it until a permit parking plan for the ward has been passed by Council and approval given by the Provincial Ministry of Transportation.

In the wake of meetings held in all areas of Ward 7 affected by permit parking, opinion expressed on the subject heavily favoured a district system rather than a street by street system. Originally, the ward was to be re-polled on that question. However, the legal technicalities, together with the unwillingness of City Council to extend free overnight parking for very much longer would mean that there would be a gap between the time free overnight parking ended and a permit system was in operation.

This would mean wholesale parking tickets.

It is apparent to everyone who has looked into the problems of permit parking in Ward 7 that the difficulties raised by limiting the validity of permits to the street on which the owner lives cannot be solved for a great many people. On the other hand, a district system cannot make parking any more difficult and therefore the immediate question is really what the boundaries of these districts should be.

In consultation with individuals and groups across the Ward, I have worked out some districts which generally respect people's present parking arrangements and these are the ones I shall be submitting to Council for its meeting on August 6th. This meeting is the absolute deadline for the plan to go in. A map of these districts will appear in the next issue of Ward 7 News and I shall elaborate further on the kinds of questions this raises.

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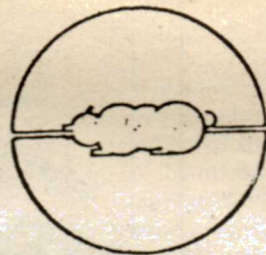
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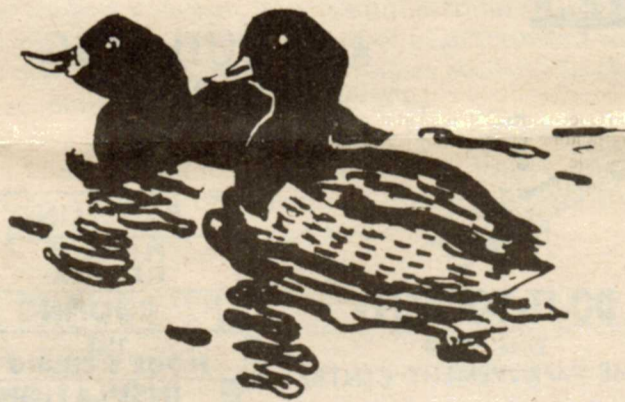
Qualifying forest land owners will receive grants equal to 50% of the 1973-74-75 municipal and school taxes levied on their forest property.

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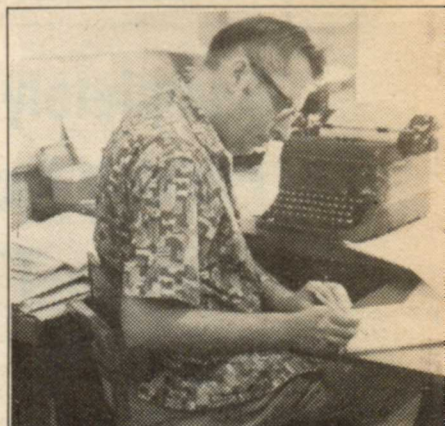
SEVEN NEWS

by GLADYS De SCHEPPER

“The history of Seven News is similar to the history of Ward Seven: they were both born about the same time and they have changed together.”



Current Seven News staff: Norman Browne, Mark Inglis and Barbara Doulis examining the layout “flats” of the last issue in the production office at 80 Winchester St. Production Manager David Ruppel was at the typsetters checking galley proofs when the photo was taken. Photo by Gladys de Schepper



Seven News editor Norman Browne through the night into the early morning, editing articles received deadline. Photo by Gladys de S

S — Some highlights of its five year history

Five years. Some said it couldn't be done, but Seven News has managed to publish nearly every two weeks since May 29, 1970. It has been a labor of love.

Each issue, more than 200 unpaid volunteers work with the three staff members of Seven News to write, produce, and distribute the newspaper. The hub of all this activity is a sunny office on the second floor of St. Enoch's Church — better known today as the Don Vale Community Centre at the corner of Winchester and Metcalfe Streets.

The phone rings every few minutes as the newspaper's staff and a few volunteers pore over wrinkled manuscripts, ink-stained galley proofs, photograph files, headlines in bold-faced type, and page layouts ready for pasteup.

The room is littered with paper trash, cigarette butts and half-empty pop bottles — all signs of work done in the long hours of the night before. It is the frantic end of production week. In the next few days nearly 20,000 copies of the paper will once again be delivered free to each residence in Ward 7.

The grand-daddy of Toronto's community newspapers

Seven News is the oldest community-owned newspaper in the city, reporting issues and events that concern the 80,000 people who live in the four square miles of central Toronto called Ward 7. The history of the paper is, in fact, the history of Ward 7 itself: they were born about the same time and they have changed together.

Shortly before the municipal election of 1969, Ward 7 was carved out of an area of the city originally known as Ward Two. Then came the fall campaign and the appearance of Karl Jaffary and John Sewell, two new young aldermanic candidates in the ward. Sewell's major campaign promise was to help organize a community newspaper.

The founders of Seven News

With his election victory in December 1969, John Sewell began the series of meetings that at various times attracted about 200 people from Ward 7 to discuss the creation of a community newspaper. Reading their names in the minutes of those meetings is to take a nostalgic look into the colorful past and present of the Ward 7 community.

Many of those people are well-known today, in and outside of the ward: people like Satu Repo and George Martell, publishers of *This Magazine is About Schools*, and Dallard Runge, former city planner and aldermanic candidate in the civic elections of '72 and '74.

People like Karl Jaffary and Peter Akehurst and book publisher Jim Lorimer and the late Sam Rotenberg, president of the Ward Seven Businessmen's Association and owner of the corner variety store at Winchester and Parliament, a neighbourhood institution in Don Vale until his death.

People like Gord Cressy, now chairman of the Toronto school board, and Barry Morris, former field chaplain with the Christian Resource Centre, and Edna Dixon of the Trefann Court Residents Association.

People like the late John Barber and John Whitelaw, community organizer with the residents of South of St. Jamestown and Vern Burnett, an active Playter-area resident, and Norm Browne, who became editor of Seven News in 1971. And many, many more.

266 Parliament Street

The group of people who came together to organize a new community newspaper worked hard. Throughout the winter and spring of 1970 they met on Sunday afternoons in an old storefront mission at 266 Parliament St. to discuss their strategy. One thing was clear — they wanted a newspaper to cover the issues in the neighbourhood that the big dailies either overlooked or deliberately ignored. And they had plenty of issues to worry about.

The Trefann Court people were facing expropriation, St. Jamestown was looming too large for comfort with the Meridian group looking southward for further development, Don Vale was fighting the threat of urban renewal and the Spadina Expressway battle was in full swing, accompanied by rumors that Dundas St. would eventually be widened to six lanes in the ward.

The spirit of anti-development reform that was later to sweep out the old city council was just beginning to rouse community groups across Toronto to action and the people in Ward 7 were no exception. They saw Seven News as a means of communicating information on the reform issues to the people in their neighbourhood.

By 1972 the newspaper had gained enough credibility to entice aldermanic candidate Richard Kirkup to use its logo on his campaign literature. Seven News was not amused. The paper won an Ontario Supreme Court injunction against Kirkup and the candidate was forced to cease distribution of his "Seven News" pamphlet.

Who owns Seven News?

The issue which did split the founders of Seven News was over the paper's ownership. They debated whether it should be controlled by residents association in the ward or cooperatively by all the ward residents. The cooperative idea won out, but was later discovered to be legally impossible to execute. In 1971 the newspaper was incorporated as a non-profit corporation.

Today, anyone who lives or works in the Ward 7 district and is 18 years or over is an owner of Seven News. A nine-member board of directors is elected yearly by the community to carry on the business of the paper and to raise the sorely needed funds that keep it alive.

Money, money, money

Money has always been a problem for Seven News. A fund-raising drive netted nearly \$2,000 at the time the first issue was published, but these funds ran out over the next six months.

To make ends meet, interested people in the ward continued to kick in donations and the paper's editor and business manager worked for little or no wages. John Sewell started charging the media \$25 for interviews — money which he passed on to worthy causes, including Seven News. In those days Sewell was the hot new radical kid at City Hall and he had a lot of interviews, which certainly helped the paper.

Meanwhile Seven News struggled along, eking out four-page issues on a meagre budget of \$300. In the summer of 1971 it was forced to briefly suspend publication. The next year the first of a series of LIP grants came through, which together with increased advertising, enabled the paper to hire three full-time staff members.

Seven News is currently a \$45,000-a-year operation, with revenue from advertisers paying half of this expenditure. Government grants, community donations, and subscriptions make up the rest of the funds.

Norm Browne, editor-in-chief

Norman G. Browne has been editor of Seven News for four of its five years of publication. Originally a tenant organizer with the Christian Resource Centre in Don Vale and a founding member of the newspaper, he was well-known in the Don District as author of an independent brief on roomers which aroused widespread interest.

Norman took over in the spring of 1971 when Fran Gerald, who was then volunteer editor, had to quit because of her advanced pregnancy. Norman edited, produced and distributed the paper on a salary of \$1,500 a year paid for by the Christian Resource Centre. When 7 News received its first LIP grant, he was officially hired at a general meeting to be editor of the paper.

Norm Browne is philosophical about the changes he has seen in Seven News over the past five years — changes, he says, that simply mirror the shift in the mood of the ward residents themselves. "Seven News was originally an outgrowth of the reformist movement," he observes. "That time is over."

It is true that the heated spirit of the 1969-72 anti-development controversies has died down and so has the political fire in the pages of Seven News. Its articles are more general interest than activist, reflecting the attitudes of many of the paper's present readers and contributors.

The change in a community and its newspaper

In the May 29, 1970 issue of Seven News, the following editorial described life in the Don District on the west side of the ward.

What is life like here in Ward Seven? It is wide-ranging and varied. It is bumming on Parliament and Queen Streets. It is apartment-perching in a thirty-floor high-rise. It is holding out in your second-floor flat on Sackville or Seaton Streets while bulldozers level the houses all around. It is sniffing glue behind Lord Dufferin School. It is confronting the Ontario Housing Corporation. It is trying to make small business pay in an era of mega-corporations and tight money. It is drying out in the tank. It is waiting for the slow elevator in Regent Park. It is lounging in the basement of the Parliament Street Library House and reading the hand-writing on the wall.

Unfortunately, the writer failed to mention the more homogeneous working class family neighbourhoods situated across the Don River on the east side of the ward. The east or Riverdale district, with its growing Chinese and Greek communities, is often forgotten in the shadow of its outspoken neighbour to the west.

This concentration is reflected in the stories that fill the pages of Seven News, as is the fact that the more obvious social change has taken place on the west side of the ward. Middle-class professionals have invaded the Don Vale area and southward, renovating Victorian townhouses and adding their character to that of the single swingers in St. Jamestown, the public housing community of Regent Park, the



Mark Burton, one of about 150 volunteers who deliver each issue of Seven News to every business and residence in the Ward. Over 400 people a year are involved in bringing out the paper, possibly as many as 1,500 people since it started.

roomers and working-class families of South Cabbagetown, and the skid-row population in South of Carleton.

And so Seven News goes on, as do the lives of the many people who live in Ward 7, changing and evolving each month of the year. Says Browne, "One of the beauties of a community paper is that it is constantly changing. It's not like the traditional press — it isn't static, it doesn't freeze."

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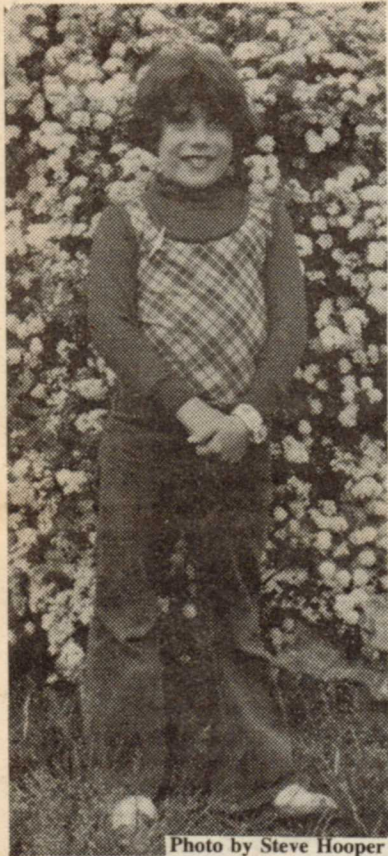


Photo by Steve Hooper

by MARK INGLIS

Indira Feller found time to leave the party next door to be interviewed. She was dressed in a long green dress that highlighted her features well and she projected an

air of confidence.

Indira has been one of Ward Seven News volunteer distributors in her area. She helps deliver part of Bain and WITHROW Avenues.

Indira is seven years old and is in grade two at Withrow Public School. She enjoys her school and says that her teacher, Mrs. Wheeland, is one of the nicest at the school.

Indira does very well with math and reading. Both are her favorite subjects. In reading she has become an avid reader of mystery novels which has helped her to progress to level three in her reading course at school.

Before Indira came to Toronto she went to boarding school at Hillsberg near Guelph. She enjoyed the school, but is now glad to be going to day school. Now she can see her family during the week.

Indira has become very good at ballet. She is taking lessons, and she will be performing with two others in her class in a concert in June.

Indira likes sports of individual achievement. She likes to jump lengths and she enjoys playing tennis.

When she grows up, Indira is interested in becoming a musician or a teacher of sign language to the deaf and dumb.



Minutes before they boarded the bus for a Blossom Tour of Beamsville orchards, Regent Park's Busy Bee Club lined up to smike for the birdie. A small train pulled by a tractor drove them through the fruit trees, and some seniors bought jars of fresh honey, made by real busy bees. members of the Club, which is one year old, agreed it was a happy and successful first tour.

Non-Profit Co-operative Housing — An Alternative

by BARBARA HURD

Non-profit co-operative housing is an alternative form of providing housing for low and moderate income people, an alternative to public housing which, while inexpensive and of reasonable quality, can rob people of their self-esteem. It is also an obvious alternative to privately produced housing, which is prohibitively expensive even for people making \$20,000 a year. Co-operative housing meets all these challenges and emerges as a viable third choice.

The way co-operatives start is

with a group of citizens concerned about housing in their community, whether the concern is with the condition, the amount or the price of housing. These people get together and decide to incorporate themselves as a non-profit corporation, which enables them to borrow money from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to buy houses, flats or small apartment buildings with the idea that they will live in them and manage them in the near future.

With the profit element absent, rents won't be raised to give the

owner (the members) a return on his investment. As well, the rules governing the co-operative corporation disallow profit-taking. Evictions will not take place without good reason, at least half his fellow members have to be in agreement on an eviction, and the member in question can appeal a decision made against him. So co-operative housing provides this security.

Riverdale Co-op, a Ward Seven example, was incorporated in March of 1974 and at around the same time received a start-up grant from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation of \$9,500., but its roots really go away back to the late '60's when community people first got organized around the Don Mount issue. The people lost that round, and houses were expropriated (with owners getting next to nothing for them), but it got people mad enough to start organizing to make sure this kind of thing could never happen again.

Ralph Thornton was one of the people who spearheaded this organization (which, of course, became the Riverdale Community Organization) and over the years Ralph kept right on fighting to help the people of Riverdale get what he felt was theirs by right. Since housing was a right, Ralph was involved in that too, and took part in the early discussions about forming a co-op.

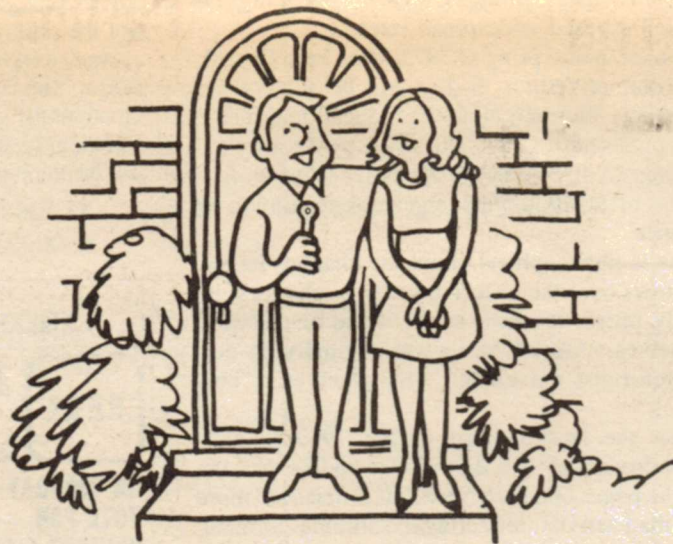
Ralph was a director of Neighbourhood Renewal, a non-profit house repair group, and was instrumental in getting them to sponsor the co-op and to provide office space and organizational assistance until it could stand on its own feet.

When incorporation took place, Ralph Thornton was unanimously elected as the Co-op's first president and though by that time his health was failing he worked harder than anyone else to get Riverdale Co-op off the ground.

The purchase of the Co-op's first apartment building was completed in September of 1974, but Ralph had died about two days before, a genuine blow to the group. His spirit lived on in the co-op, however, and even in death Ralph has made quite a tangible contribution to the Co-op in that its most recent acquisition was the house at 59 Hamilton where Ralph had lived for so many years and it seems somehow fitting that this house now belongs to the community which he served for so long.

Right now Riverdale Co-op owns 3 apartment building and one large house — the one which belonged to Ralph Thornton. Altogether about 20 units. CMHC has committed enough to buy 20 more units and the co-op hopes to get further commitments to enable it to eventually buy 120 units altogether.

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Norman and Flossie Burns would be interested in hearing from anyone in Ward Seven who would like to help form an "Olde Cabbagetowne Kennel Club". Write Box 697, 50 Charles St. E. for the dates of the first meeting....

On June 11, at 1:30 p.m. the Parliament Library program for seniors will be films and books about pets and pet care. On June 18, there will be a travelogue about South America....

Children from eight to 14 years old can join a new knitting and/or chess club that started June 6 at the Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview Avenue. Club time is 4 p.m. every Friday during June and July....

Residents in the Don Vale area interest in having their children participate in summer day-time activities such as sports, crafts, hiking and outings should contact the Don Vale Community

Contest for oldest house in Don Vale

by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

Ward Seven is fortunate in having some of the most beautiful neighbourhoods in the city, and some of the city's oldest houses. But often people don't notice things that they walk by each day, or realize how old some of these buildings really are.

The key to spotting old buildings is to look for the unusual — a house set back far from the street, ornamental brickwork on a chimney or under the eaves, a window divided into several panes, small windows around a door; — all of these may be indications that the house is unusually old.

The Don Vale area of Ward Seven (Bloor-Parliament-Gerrard-Don River) offers particularly interesting opportunities for the old-building enthusiast.

Seven News is offering a prize — a copy of Professor Eric Arthur's "Toronto—No Mean City" — to the person who identified the oldest house still standing in Don Vale. This contest is open to all residents of Ward Seven (except Bill Dendy, who already has a copy of the book) and anyone else who wants to enter.

Entries should be sent to George Rust-D'Eye (who will judge the contest) at 376 Sackville Street or to Seven News, 80 Winchester or 265 Gerrard East. Deadline for entries is midnight, July 2, 1975.

The answer will be published in a future issue of Seven News, with the name of the winner and honourable mentions. In case of more than one correct answer, the winner of the book will be decided by a draw — but the others will get prizes, too.

The objective is to enjoy the city, so get out and walk — it doesn't take an expert to appreciate the beauty of the city.

One clue: things are not always what they seem to be....!

PS.: Don't worry about identifying the date of the house — that is difficult. And by-the-way, the Lamb House, at 156 Winchester Street counts as an 1867 house because its 1830's — 1840's features are entirely covered up so as to be unrecognizable to the outside observer.

Centre at 921-2426. Their summer program for children starts June 16....

Bill Lewis has been hired on an interim two-month basis as a researcher and information counsellor at Neighbourhood Information Post....

Thanks to Keith Marr, teacher in Room Five at Queen Alexandra School and the students in the woodworking class who built two new cases to hold back-copies of Seven News. Their woodworking is of top quality and greatly appreciated....

CONFIRM OR DENY: Rumour has it that OHC planners have suggested the Corporation consider buying some of the Meridian owned property in the St. Jamestown area. It's not known whether the suggested purchase is in west St. Jamestown or south St. Jamestown....

Seven News editor Norman Brown starts a one-month holiday on June 9. While he is away, much of his editorial responsibilities will be handled by Gladys De Schepper....

The Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street, will alternate Family Film Nights with Pub Nights every other Wednesday through the summer. Phone them at 921-2426 for the next film night and what is showing....

Free introductory lectures on Transcendental Meditation as taught by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi will be held at the St. Jamestown

YMCA at 7:30 on June 16 and at the Parliament Library at 7:30 on June 17....

That long fought for Dominion Store in the ground floor of 155 Sherbourne Street was scheduled to open last Wednesday. The name of its manager is Bob Hinds — if you have any complaints....

The Blind Organization of Ontario with Self-help Tactics (BOOST) has received funding and plans to soon move into office space in the Don Vale Community Centre. The group is concerned with expanding employment and social opportunities for blind people....

An OFY project will put a 40-foot trailer dispensing birth control and VD information into St. Jamestown for the next three weeks. There will also be movies and twice-weekly free check-ups for those interested....

The June 13 Friday film at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East will be Pride of the Bowery, featuring the East Side Kids. Show time 8 p.m. and admission is free....

Seven News is completely missing any file copies of Volume 5, No. 18, March 15, 1975. Anyone with any extra copies floating around please phone the 7 News office or mail them in to us....

A \$7,000 grant from the provincial ministry of health has been made to the Open Door and Room Registry Service operating out of All Saints church, Sherbourne and Dundas....



Howard Shore, Lance Von, Peter Markus, Hunter Von and Jeff McCullough play music while interested people listen or plant trees at the park-making festival held last week east of Dermott in Don Vale.
Photo by Steve Hooper

Community seeks return of bike

On Saturday, May 24, Ken Gionette, a 19-year-old Grade 11 student at Castlefrank High school, parked his brand new Mobylette motorbike in the Shoprite parking lot near Gerrard and Parliament.

He was pretty proud of that bike, he'd just bought it the day before with a \$175 down payment that he had saved up. Its total value was \$575 and he had taken a part-time job to help pay for it. It was the first major purchase of a boy growing into manhood.

When he went back some time the following morning to pick it up, it was gone. Stolen.

He had planned going down the very next day to get insurance to cover that remote possibility.

For Ken it was no longer remote, it was reality.

Crushed at the loss of a bike that

he had only owned for two days, and sick at heart at the thought of making payments on something no longer in his possession, Ken didn't know where to turn.

But somehow the people in his neighbourhood south of Carlton heard about his plight. People chipped in with money for a reward. One man offered to run off flyers asking for its return. Ken offered to distribute them far and wide in the hopes that something would turn up.

The bike is yellow in color and serial number 51868538 and engine number 2131166. It's a Mobylette, model VLC. A \$100 reward is offered — no questions asked.

Ken can be reached at 364-6944 or 962-6963.

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The ticket draw, along with a free dance and pot-luck supper will be held Friday evening, June 20, at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street. For information or to buy or sell tickets, phone

Kathy Cook at 923-2248

Three more wins for local boxers

by PETER WYLIE

Three members of the Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre were winners in a match last month with the Toronto Athletic Club.

Allan Robertson of Cabbagetown, at 87 pounds was too much for Neil Thompson at 85 pounds. Robertson countered every attack Thompson attempted and walked off with an unanimous decision.

The second boxer from Cabbagetown was Mat Hilton, weighing in at 65 pounds. Matty made no mistakes against his worthy foe, Paul Parisi, 68 pounds of Toronto Athletic Club. Hilton shut out Parisi in every round for a well-deserved win.

The third boxer and winner from Cabbagetown was Dave Hilton Jr., a veteran of 25 bouts. Dave made it 24 wins and only two losses



Above are Ricky Bender and Bernie Guindon, of the Cabbagetown Boxing Club, holding their trophies after wins in the recent Eastern Canadian Boxing championships. This weekend they are in Montreal fighting in the finals for the Canadian championships.

Photo by Jacqueline Wylie

when he defeated Meddrick "Sugar" Marsh.

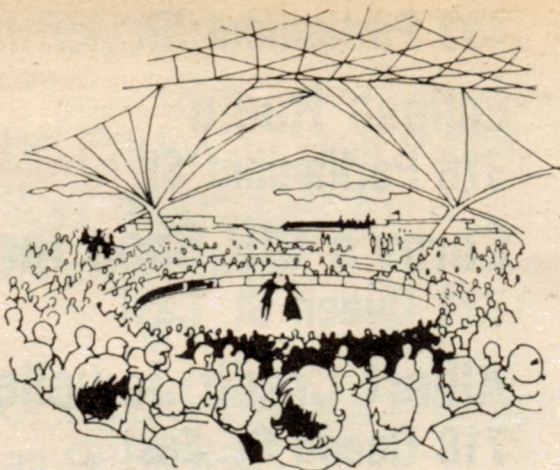
All three lads from Cabbagetown are rounding into fine shape for the up-coming Junior Championships to be held July 5 and 6.

Incidentally, Cabbagetown's Ric Bender, 112 pounds and 17 years

of age trained by Mike O'Rielly, and Bernie Guindon, 147 pounds and 32 years of age, trained by Rocky Walton, will be in Montreal this weekend fighting for the Canadian Amateur Championships. We hope that all sport fans in Ward Seven are pulling for them to win.

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If you would like more information about the new Ministry or any of its programs, write to:

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DRAMA in the WARD

by JOE SIMMONS

Underground, a play by Bryan Wade, currently at the **Factory Lab Theatre**, concerns the interweaving of three young adult lives. It starts Jim Henshaw as Al, Samathata Langevin as Claire, and Rick Mancuso as Gerry.

Without revealing too many details, a sthe plot depends somewhat on the element of surprise, it concerns itself with the conflict of mind and emotion. The mind left by itself, can quite logically destroy all motive for living. Emotion, unbalanced by reason, is all consuming. It is the conflict between these two elements that forms the basis of the play.

The emotions presented all spring from the seed of sexuality. This primal force is developed from simple passion to jealousy, cruelty, and at times extended to sadism and machoism. These latter emotions are displayed with shocking impact. It is the brutality of these scenes that prevent the play from living up to its promise of sensuality. Even the humour, often effective, fails to smooth the rough edges of shock.

Through the use of two clocks and tape recorder, the despairing mind element is developed. It's this rather overt symbolism, however, that only contributes to a building of tension that is never fully resolved. It could be compared to a continued show of thunder and lightning, the promise of rain forgotten on the prelude.

The acting carries the play well . . . Nick Mancuso, as Gerry deserves special mention. He meets the changing demands of his role with an ease that is impressive.

The play will be running to the eighth of June with performances every night between Tuesday and Sunday at 8:30. Matinees at 2:30 on Sundays.

Suffice to say this critic learned something. That alone makes it worth the 99 cents admission.

Elsewhere in the Ward: **The Firehall Theatre** is presenting **The Sea Horse** at 70 Berkeley St. Tuesday to Sunday at 8:00 p.m. Matinees Saturday and Sunday — 2:30 p.m. For more information, call them at 364-4170.

If you have anything happening in the way of Drama, and would like it reviewed or just a public notice, contact me through this paper or at home, evenings at 923-1923.

Don Vale holds summer festival

The Summer Festival marks the beginning of a variety of activities planned throughout the summer in the Don Vale. A dance will kick-off the weekend festivities on Friday, June 20, inside the Don Vale Community Center, with a variety of taped music such as country, folk, big band, and rock-and-roll of the sixties.

Starting at noon on Saturday, June 21, the Peoples Carnival will be on Metcalfe St. alongside the Center. There will be contests, games, food, refreshments, and HORSEBACK RIDING. From 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. that evening a community dinner will be served at a minimal charge. To end the evening, from 9:00 p.m. till midnight, there will be country and folk music with some square dancing out on the street.

Sunday, June 22, from noon until 6:00 p.m., last year's very successful Antique and Craft Show and Sale will offer the browser and the buyer alike a very enjoyable afternoon.

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Mementos of Yesteryear



The Lambs — An early Ward Seven family

by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

"In the early 1850's and 1860's when careless Toronto had not even a "jitney" service for its pedestrians, a young man of about 20 drove through the gathering dusk from his father's home on Sumach Street to the city mail distribution point, the post office at the head of Toronto Street.

"He was the proud possessor of a horse and rig, then one of the city luxuries. In those drives for the "mail", he dreamed of a new Toronto. The young man was Daniel Lamb, now a venerable citizen, whose prized possessions included the titles, "Father of the Zoo" and "originator of the Rosedale Drive."

— Toronto Daily Star
April 6, 1920.

When the above article was written, Daniel Lamb was almost 78 years old and was nearing the end of his life. He still lived in the house to which he had taken his bride, Eliza, on their wedding day 53 years before.

This is the story of the Lamb family and of that house, which still stands today as number 156 Winchester Street in Don Vale.

There appears to be no exact record of when the first Lamb arrived in Toronto. Daniel Lamb's grandparents, Mathias Lamb and Ann Barrett Lamb, came to Toronto (or perhaps, York) at some time between 1825 and 1844.

Mathias died in 1844 and was buried at the "York General Burying Ground", or "Potter's Field", which consisted of six acres at the north-west corner of Bloor and Yonge streets.

He was buried there because he, like other members of the Lamb family, were Unitarians, and therefore could not be buried in any of the cemeteries operated by the established religions. Daniel Lamb's parents were also originally buried in Potter's Field for the same reason. In the 1860's, all of the graves were moved to the Necropolis.

Peter Rothwell Lamb and his wife Jane Evans Lamb came in 1835 from their native Lancashire to Toronto, one year after its in-

corporation as a city.

By 1840, his shoe store and blacking factory employed 40 shoemakers at its plant at Yonge and Temperance Streets. His son, Daniel, was born on those premises in 1842.

Eliza Lamb's parents, Willima Lumbers and Anne Dwyer Lumbers, were married at St. James Cathedral while William's regiment was in Toronto. This regiment took part in suppressing the rebellion of 1837, under Sir John Colborne.

After a brief return to England, the Lumbers in 1842 moved back to Toronto. Their property was on the south side of Winchester, east of Sackville (at that time, called Pine Street).

Peter R. Lamb was very enterprising. He founded a glue and lamp black business at the foot of Berkeley Street in 1846. In 1848, he built a new factory for this venture at the east end of Amelia Street on the site of what is now Hillcrest Park.

Until 1850 he lived at Church and Richmond Streets where he also ran a grocery store and a blacking and ink business. Then he moved to 143 Winchester Street, then to 175 King East, where he opened his fourth shoe store.

Finally, in 1854 he built a house at 372 Sumach Street where he lived until his death in 1864. During that period he continued to operate and expand the Peter R. Lamb Glue and Blacking Company at the end of Amelia Street. In the early 1860's his son Daniel began to manage the business and by 1888 there was an extensive complex of company buildings on the Amelia Street site.

The Lamb Company was one of the earliest business concerns in the Don Vale. It was known as the maker of the very popular "Lamb's Penny Blacking". It was also the largest source of employment in the immediate area, and was a major factor in the settlement of the Don Vale in 1860's and 1870's.

On May 1, 1867, two months before Confederation, Daniel Lamb married Eliza Lumbers, and the newlyweds moved into their

beautiful new home on Winchester Street.

When Daniel Lamb moved in 156 Winchester (then numbered 130), he was a handsome young man of 25, with high forehead and black mutton-chop whiskers. Eliza, with oval face and hair hanging in curls to her shoulders, was 19.

They wasted no time in setting out to raise a family; their first son, Peter Rothwell, was born Feb. 12, 1868. During the next 23 years, Eliza gave birth to 11 more children, though three died at an early age.

Like his father, Daniel was an aggressive businessman, and continued to invest in various concerns. He later became interested in political life as well, being elected Alderman for St. David's Ward in 1855-6.

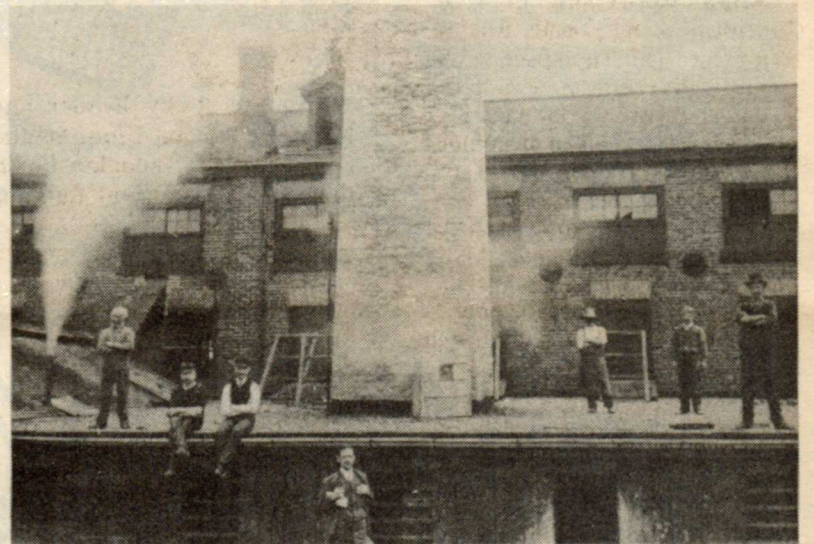
On the morning of Sunday, May 20, 1888, the Lamb and Company factory at the end of Amelia caught fire, and the central building was entirely destroyed. Undaunted, Daniel decided to devote himself to public service.

He served Ward Two from 1892 to 1902, during which time he was also elected Vice-Chairman of the newly-created Board of Control for the years 1897, 1899, and 1901. In 1903 he ran for Mayor, and came a close third to Thomas Urquhart and former mayor Oliver Howland.

On September 18, 1899, Daniel Lamb, now balding and with a snowy white beard, stood with other City dignitaries on the steps of the new Municipal Buildings (now the Old City Hall) for the official picture of the opening ceremonies.

Besides him, holding tightly to his father's hand, was his son Ralph, a lad of eight. How important he must have felt on that momentous occasion!

During the period in which he held public office, Daniel Lamb accomplished or made a major contribution to the securing of many local improvements for the city. These included the installation of the water works at the Island, the Don River Improvement



The factory of the Peter R. Lamb Glue and Blacking Company. It was built in 1848 and this photo was taken a few years later.

Scheme, the improvement of Ashbridge Bay, and the establishment of eastern railway thoroughfares into the city.

He is probably best known as the founder of the Riverdale Zoo (to which he also made one of the first contributions — two eagles), and for establishing the scenic driveway in the Rosedale ravine.

The Lambs lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary together in 1917, but Eliza died later that year. For the last eight years of his life, Daniel was an invalid, spending most of his time watching the world pass by his Winchester Street home.

He died in 1920 and was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The Lamb house at 156 Winchester has a fascinating story of its own. Inside the large Victorian brick and rough-cast building that can be seen today, are the remnants of a small one-story Regency cottage, dating from the 1830's or early 1840's.

This structure was perhaps the original homestead of the Peter Lamb family, moved to the site for Daniel Lamb in the 1860's, since no building is shown on the site until 1867. Between that year and 1878, several changes were made to the house, but it was changed little since then. Probably the spacious ballroom to the right of the main door was the last addition. It has no basement under it.

Immediately to the left inside the door was Daniel Lamb's study. Outside were huge chestnut trees on each side of the front door. There was a porch on the west front

and another on the east side. There was an ornamental railing over the main entranceway and curving rails up to the front door.

A beautiful picket fence surrounded the property, with a carved Gothic wooden gate designed by Henry Langley, the architect of the Necropolis buildings. There was a coach foot-stone out at the curb for ladies to step to from their carriages.

All of these attractive details have since disappeared, but the home will never lose its Victorian charm.

For ten years after the death of Daniel Lamb the house stood vacant and intact. More recently vacant, it was subject to extremely destructive acts of vandalism.

It was purchased last year by Rollo and Carol Myers, who share a growing interest in things old and a desire to take care of and enjoy their house, which is considered one of the most attractive and interesting Victorian homes in the City.

Daniel Lamb would have been pleased to see his house looked after so well.

(I wish to express my grateful acknowledgement to Miss Dora Lamb, granddaughter of Daniel Lamb, for providing me with pictures and much of the information used in this article, and to Rollo and Carol Myers for sharing with me their knowledge about the house as well as maps, photos and other materials in their possession .GHR)



The wedding party on the lawn of 156 Winchester Street. It was the wedding of Clara Lamb and Dr. Turner in 1912. After the wedding the Turners moved to a house on Broadview south of Danforth.



The Lamb Glue and Blacking Co. central building on the morning of May 20, 1888 after a fire had totally destroyed it. It stood on the present site of Hillcrest Park.



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