

Riverdale Clinic gets tentative approval

South Riverdale Health Centre has moved a step closer to opening with tentative approval from the provincial Ministry of Health. The Ministry says it wants assurances that there will be an active board of directors drawn from the community to run the health centre effectively, and it will have to inspect whatever building is made available for it.

The Broadview Clinic, operated by St. Michael's Hospital in the former Loblaw store on Queen St. beside the railway tracks, is no longer seen as a threat, since the Ministry admits there is abundant need for more medical services and the two clinics will not be in competition.

Site office opens on Parliament Street

Work on the conversion of Parliament street to a high class shopping district continues unabated with a number of announcements and actions taking place.

The public relations firm of Allan Cupples Ltd. have been hired to "sell" the newly drawn up plans to the various merchants and stores that will be effected.

A new planning office will be opened at 535 Parliament Street where merchants and the public will be able to view the plans that have been developed and talk over the concept of Old Cabbagetown.

Manning the office and charged with the job of explaining the plans to the affected merchants will be Mrs. Pat Philmore.

Meanwhile, Bart Davis, a member of the Old Cabbagetown Planning Committee has announced the first two conversions that will take place under the plans. Wayne Furniture on Parliament street will be the first store to redesign its store front. At the same time, Carlin Unpainted Furniture at 233 Carlton will completely demolish his building and rebuild it to conform to the Old Cabbagetown design.



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NEXT ISSUE

Next issue will be our pre-Labour Day, back-to-school issue and will be out over the week end of August 23. Deadline for that issue is the week end of August 15. Seven News will go back to its regular two week schedule after next issue.



Photo by George Rust-D'Eye

Fence sought for wildlife preserve

Citizens using the Riverdale Park portion of the Don Valley have noted with distress the abuse of wildlife in the duck pond which was protected by a chain link fence until this spring. Conditions have become so bad that a committee of park users has requested the city's Parks Department to put the fence back, partly dredge the pond and protect the remaining underbrush in the hope that the ducks will return and the fish can be replenished. The fence was taken down in the first place so that the public could enjoy the wildlife at closer range. No one counted on the savage treatment meted out to the birds by children throwing stones, breaking eggs, and generally destroying the environment.

Trefann Court homes finally near occupancy

Written confirmation is expected momentarily that will solve one of the last major hurdles preventing the release of the homes in Trefann Court.

A meeting was held last week at the Trefann Site Office on Queen Street that included Rosedale MP Donald Macdonald, his riding assistant Ethel Titlebaum, site office planners and members of the Trefann Working Committee.

At the meeting, Mr. Macdonald stated he had talked to Housing Minister Barney Danson and that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation would absorb their share of an accumulated debt on the houses caused by mounting interest charges and lawyer's fees.

The City of Toronto, Metro and the province are expected to pay

their share of this accumulated debt as they are also partners in the Urban Renewal scheme. The Trefann Working Committee had previously refused to have the debt charges added to the cost of the homes as the debt was caused by inter-governmental squabbling and not by anything done by the Trefann group.

The 17 homes in Part One of the Urban Renewal scheme should now be occupied by early September and Part Two of the scheme should be on its way toward implementation by that date as well.

Developers fight to preserve no children ban

by JANET HOWARD
Ward 7 Alderman

Apartment building landlords who belong to the Urban Development Institute, a sort of developers' union, have sent letters to their tenants informing them that city council is working on a policy to make the banning of children from apartment buildings illegal. The tenants have been urged to write to Dennis Barker, the Commissioner of Planning, and write or phone their aldermen to object to this policy.

Since most people prefer not to raise children in apartments, and the space occupied for the amount of rent paid is minimal in high rise buildings, it might seem unnecessary to develop such a policy.

However, for the past 15 years houses have been swallowed up by apartment sites and the shortage of

housing for families is now desperate. Developers make more money on a lot of small apartments rather than a few big ones, so that is what they have built. The new apartments have gone up without facilities for children, not because the landlords are concerned about the comfort of their adult tenants but because it is cheaper to do so. Few of the units are large enough for a family, so the impact on any given building would be small if children were allowed and given a decent standard of management the adult tenants would not suffer.

What UDI is doing is enlisting the sympathy of their tenants against other people in need of housing in order to protect their profits. Having created the shortage of family housing, the developers are now blaming those who are trying to deal with the crisis.

News Round-up

Central Neighbourhood House to hold street festival

Born, early in July, to Leslie Hahn, community worker at Central Neighbourhood House, a 10 pound, 4 ounce bouncing baby boy, a brother for Nicki . . .

The Dixon Hall pre-teens are having a bottle drive to raise money for summer programs. Anyone in the River-Parliament area with returnable pop and beer bottles are asked to bring them to Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach street. . .

A poetry workshop featuring author P. K. Page will be held at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard East at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 9. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. . .

Nellie's Hostel for women, at 275 Broadview Ave., will hold an Open House on Sunday, August 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. All welcome. . .

Dance Wheel, a Toronto Modern Dance group, funded under an OFY grant is scheduled to give a free performance at the Parliament Street Library, Gerrard and Parliament, at 1:30 p.m. on August 7. . .

Seven News editor Norman Browne is back at work after a month's vacation during which he visited the west coast of the USA and Spain . . .

Irene Kyle has left her job at Central Neighbourhood House after five years on staff there. . . CNH is holding a neighbourhood festival and street dance on August 29 from 8 to 11 p.m. . .

Dixon Hall is now accepting applications from pre-teens and teens who would like to go camping for a week during the month of August. The camps will be held at a farm in Northern Ontario and will feature canoeing, archery, swimming, ball games, etc. Fee is only \$10 per camper. Apply at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach or call 863-0499. . .

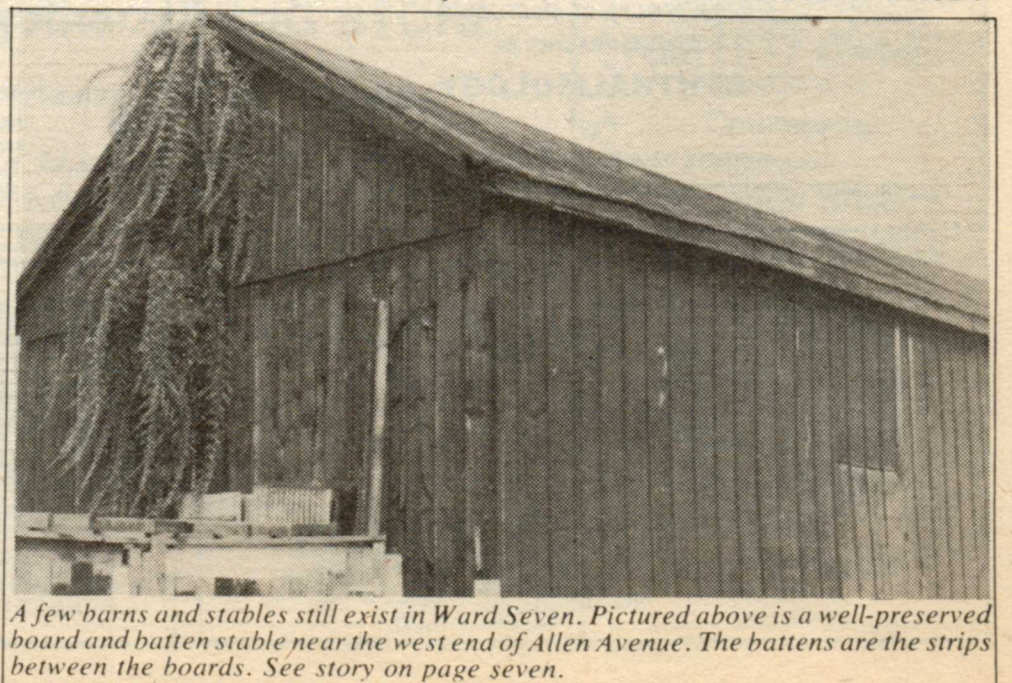
A Community Journalism Workshop is being planned for this all at the Parliament Library House. The first session, on September 9 will feature Seven News editor Norman Browne as guest speaker. . .

The Silverleaf Jazzmen are playing every Thursday evening through August at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street. Their sessions start at 8:30 with an admission charge of \$2. . .

The WoodGreen Community Youth Centre Youth and Children's Department is planning a supplementary day care program for children six to ten years old (grades

1 to 3). Scheduled to start in September, the program's hours will be 12 to 1:30 and from 3:15 to 5:30 on week days. The cost per

child has been tentatively set at 04 a week. For information phone 461-1168 and ask for Bob. . . CONTINUED ON PAGE 5



A few barns and stables still exist in Ward Seven. Pictured above is a well-preserved board and batten stable near the west end of Allen Avenue. The battens are the strips between the boards. See story on page seven.



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Reader may petition against Seven News

Dear Editor,

I am seriously considering taking up a petition to cease the support of the Ward 7 News by taxpayers' money. I am heartily sick of the tone and attitude of your paper that seems to take it for granted that some people can do nothing to help themselves, but must be supported by people like myself who are prepared to work hard and be self-reliant. I wonder why my tax money should go towards more social action to help ski row when I see the unhygienic and destructive behaviour of skid row people as a threat to my survival. I am sick of the stench of their urine, their bottles left lying around to be broken by children who think it clever, of calling the city to come and clean up their garbage, and their obscene language.

I think it is time for this city to become less permissive of such behaviour. If such people do not know how to live in a city in a way that is at least non-threatening to the health and welfare of its other inhabitants then they should be restricted from doing so. I for one shall applaud the day when this city, if ever, is free of its skid row and other types who have apparently been told so often and for so long that they can do little to help themselves.

Not too long ago there was an article in the Ward 7 News that even those earning \$23,000 could now not afford to buy a home. I am one of those nasty landlords who, however, managed to get into this situation by buying one and a half houses whilst earning \$8,500 last year. I had of course some hard earned savings. Perhaps your paper could do a lot more for people if you tried to get the message

across that it is possible to improve one's own position in life, but that it usually takes hard work and thrift, (if that word still exists in the English language). I don't buy pop, candy, colour television, unnecessary consumer goods, and nutritionally empty food, nor do I smoke or go to the movies.

As the community newspaper you could be doing a lot more for the people in this ward by re-educating them. I become angrier and angrier when I see the fat slob in Dachi, (take a look, most of them are too fat), sitting in front of their 26" colour television on Saturday morning, and the other idiots in this area who sit on their porches all day and night drinking their beer and smoking their

cigarettes. I can only assume that the people who are associated with the Ward 7 News are as stupid as those they appear to be writing for. I look forward to the day when either the extreme Right or Left gain political power in this city or Country. In either case we will have the introduction of discipline into social life again.

Come on Ward 7 News most people do have the wherewithal to fulfill their own needs and a brain to think for themselves if forced to do so.

Heather Horne
Berkeley Street

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Would any readers care to reply...?)

LETTERS



Working people have rights too

Dear Sir:

I am sick and tired of hearing people like Dorothy Bushey cry about the poor, the illiterate, the bums, and the great unwashed. Everything should be FREE to only a few chosen parasites? Come on — why doesn't she and her roommates at Dachi try to work out some way that they could earn some money for a change. That's what everybody else has to do. Live in the area... indeed — I can't live in the area I really want to live in because I simply can't afford to, but as long as I live in the

Ward I'll complain about people like the South of Carlton Working Committee who refused thousands of dollars from the Federal Government to fix up lanes, put in flowers, better lighting, etc. because the 'Bums' complained that if the area looked too nice, working people might want to live in the area. Don't us working people have rights too?

It may come as a surprise to Ms Bushey but the flowers that MPP Margaret Scrivener planted weren't just for the people in this area with low and fixed incomes... it was for the pleasure of all residents of this ward. Percentage wise, there are less poor than ever in Ward 7. Good riddance if you can't even appreciate flowers.

George Harrison

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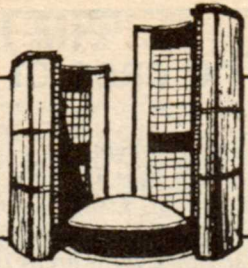
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Tenants seek better deal

by JANET HOWARD
Ward 7 Alderman

Tenants of the limited dividend apartment building at 230 Oak Street have made it very clear that they are unhappy about conditions in their building. Two meetings Alderman Sewell and I held with tenants in the building in early Spring brought out complaints of more than the \$19 a month rent increase everyone was to get. The trouble is, tenants are subjected to so much abuse they are often afraid to speak up, and management bluntly told them that since tenants who phone them with complaints about the treatment they receive from the superintendent usually will not leave their names, no action will be taken.

However, a questionnaire distributed throughout the building brought a tremendous response, since replies were mailed directly to me and, as stated on the questionnaire and in the accompanying letter, no individual's name will be revealed to anyone without his or her personal consent.

With this safeguard, we were able to get a pretty good idea of how strong feeling is running: reply after reply mentioned instances of rudeness by the superintendent. Many went into detail, others said, "superintendent incompetent and sarcastic;" "superintendent extremely rude, unfair and unsuitable for the job;" "walks into apartments at will, is arrogant and rude;" "treats tenants like trash;" and so on.

Tenants were also dissatisfied with maintenance standards in the building. We gave a list of the complaints, with no names, to management. Rents have recently gone up, so, as each lease expires, the rent will be as follows: junior 1-bedroom, \$168; regular 1-bedroom, \$185; junior 2-bedroom, \$201; regular 2, \$222. Bearing in mind that the owners, Bellabo Investments Ltd. of 25 St. Mary Street, have a mortgage from the federal government at a fairly cheap interest rate, the tenants are buying the building for the owners not only through their rent but through their taxes as well. Fifteen years after construction, the building belongs free and clear to the developer, who can then charge whatever he wants although now he needs — and gets — approval from the government for increases.

In the meantime, rents are not low and standards are not high. That is often the way it goes with these limited dividend buildings for which the provincial and federal governments are planning to put out millions of dollars as their answer to housing needs.

Tenants of a number of limited dividend buildings have formed a Federation of Limited Dividend Tenants Associations. This Federation recently met with the federal Minister of Housing, Barney Danson, who agreed that tenants of these buildings should be allowed to see the figures submitted by owners to the government to justify rent increases.

Tenants of another limited dividend building in Ward 7 did get to see such figures last year, and were astonished to find thousands of dollars were supposedly spent on drapes for the lobby; they don't have a lobby. The owners of 230 Oak Street have so far refused to reveal their figures either to tenants or to the ward aldermen. It looks as if they may now have to, so it is a very good time to get a tenants' association going in the building.

Any interested tenants should call the Limited Dividend Federation at 364-1486, which is the office of Downtown Action, or me, at 367-7916.

Another thing you might like to do is receive Ward Seven News regularly. Outside distributors of the paper are not allowed into 230 Oak St., although every resident of Ward 7 is entitled to a free copy. If you would be willing to pass out the paper, once every two weeks, call Ward 7 News at 920-8632. If you cannot spare the time yourself but want to receive your copies, call Mr. Harold Cohan at 962-2941. He is the property manager for your building and can instruct the superintendent to allow the tenants to receive the paper regularly. This issue is being distributed — we hope! — with the aid of the Limited Dividend Federation.

Nominating committee established

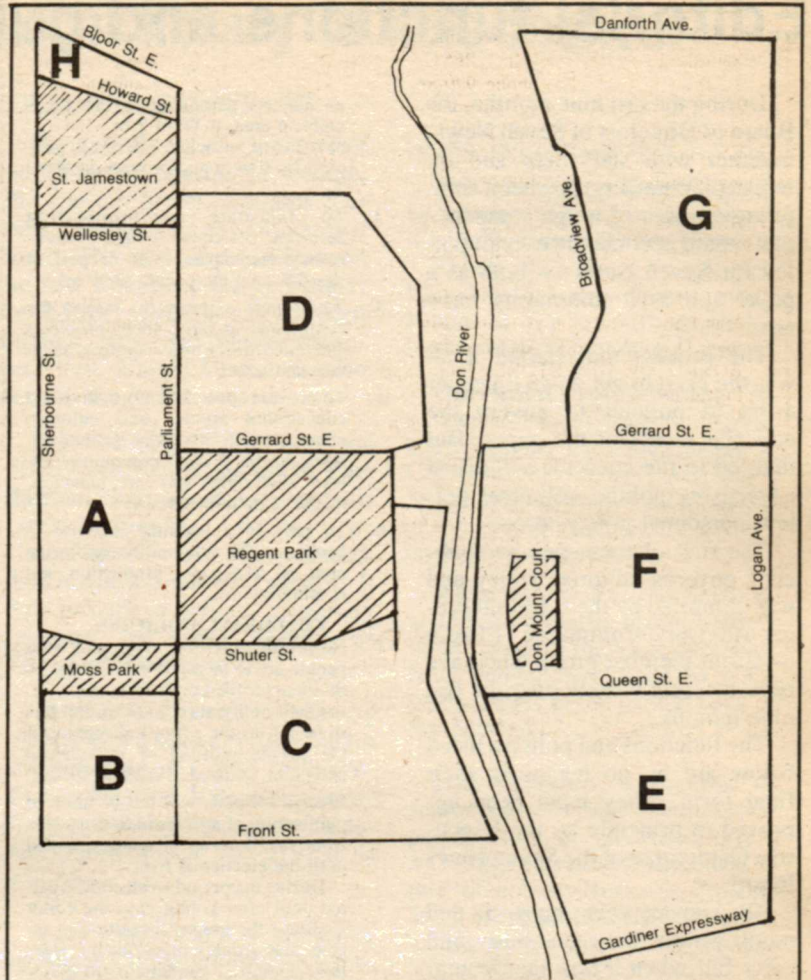
A five person nominating committee has been established to choose a new Board of Directors for SEVEN NEWS to take office in November. The nominating committee will be sifting and choosing and contacting people across the ward in order to come up with a nine-member slate that will be presented at the Seven News Annual Meeting set for late October.

The five people chosen for the nominating committee are Michael Craig, an executive member of the Playter Area Residents Association; Carolyn Barber, a Don Vale mother and former staff member of Seven News; Jim Houston, community worker for FODARA and a resident of the Riverdale area; Bob Kemp, director of WoodGreen Community Centre; and Janet Ross, president of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association.

Liason between the present Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee will be handled by Marty Crowder, Vice-President of the Board.

The nominating committee will try to establish a slate of candidates that broadly represents the geographic areas of the ward. Also sought in a potential Board member is commitment and some knowledge or expertise they can contribute to the management of the paper.

Anyone interested in being a Board Member of Seven News should contact the nominating committee through Marty Crowder at 923-9869. Nominations will also be accepted at the General Meeting, providing the nominee has five signatures of residents supporting his nomination.



Eight permit parking areas

As the map above shows, the ward has been divided into eight residential permit parking areas. A car owner living in any area can obtain a permit allowing him to park anywhere in his area — but no other area. The by-law establishing areas for permit parking in Ward Seven will be ready for the August 6 meeting of City council. After that, applications for permits will go out and those who obtained permits under the original system, which never did come into effect, will be given a new permit in exchange for the old one. The area north of the Danforth will be repolled shortly.

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Editorial functions and guidelines

During the last nine months, the Board of Directors of Seven News, together with staff help and interested volunteers, has been compiling a series of rough "papers" that would become the overall policy for Seven News — both as a paper and as a community business.

The process that started it all was the need to get down on paper a set of policies to govern the editorial aspect of the paper. But that led to the need for a codified advertising policy, volunteer policy, personnel policy, etc.

The first of these policy "papers" governs editorial policy and was compiled by the Editorial Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) — a four member group who have been meeting weekly over the last nine months.

The functions and policies listed below are by no means in their final form. They have been approved in principle by the Executive Committee of the Seven News Board.

They await your approval and modification between now and early fall when a Special General Meeting will be called to approve them in their final form.

Your suggestions for additions, deletions or changes in the following should be addressed to Marty Crowder, 249 Gerrard St. E. or phone her at 923-9869.

EDITORIAL FUNCTIONS

1. To provide space for local residents and local organizations and local business people, regardless of conflicting ideas on specific issues.
2. To provide a means of distributing accurate information and news on:

a) subjects pertaining to the geographical area of Ward 7 or
b) items of particular interest to people who live in and/or work in Ward 7.

3. To facilitate communication between officials, whose constituency encompasses all or part of Ward 7, and the people of Ward 7.
4. To provide a means to inform the community at large about problems and issues which may require its attention and action.
5. To provide space for informative and educational articles and columns about subjects of major general interest to the Ward 7 community e.g. legal, civil rights, day care, nutrition, health, entertainment etc.
6. To provide a learning response to people in the community within the area of newspaper production and community art.

EDITORIAL POLICIES

1. No profile articles dealing with ward people are to be reprinted nor any individual profiled or interviewed without their notification and consent. It is to be left to the editor's discretion if the person profiled or interviewed should be allowed to read the article.
2. Elected officials will not be allowed publication of articles in Seven News from the time an election is called until the election is over.
During the period an election is called until after voting day, the editor shall use the utmost discretion in seeing that articles regarding the election, a party or candidate, are as unbiased as possible.
3. At least 60% of the paper must be devoted to editorial content, averaged over a year.
4. The author is to be notified when material submitted cannot be printed due to a space problem.
5. It is the editor's discretion to correct and change grammar, tense, sentence structure and punctuation to a style more compatible to newspaper style.
6. In the event that major changes are necessary to an article the editor may suggest changes and send it back to the author, or rewrite the article and sent it back for approval.
7. It is the staff's discretion to cut articles to conform to available space. How-

ever, if a major cut is necessary the writer will be contacted.

8. Poetry will be accepted at the discretion of the editor.
9. In the interests of editorial freedom, community groups and organizations will not be allowed the right to veto or edit articles written about them. However, they may make an application to the editor or the EPAC for consideration of their individual case, as an exception to this policy.
10. Editorial discretion is to be used in regard to information/communication, news and propaganda.
11. As an integral part of our community, businesses should be covered in the paper. However, articles about business should be blatant advertising.
12. The use of bylines on stories should be encouraged, but left to the editor's discretion depending on length of article and source of information.
13. No fiction other than satire or humour of local or topical interest shall be printed.
14. Ethnic groups are encouraged to submit material to Seven News. The paper will accept articles in a language of a predominant minority group within the Ward as long as the articles are on topics relevant to the specific group in question, e.g. meeting notices, activities, etc.
15. All paid advertising resembling editorial material shall be so labelled.
16. Staff members will be available to individuals and groups in the community to explain and give information about the operation of a community owned newspaper as long as it does not interfere with staff productivity.
17. Headlines should accurately reflect the content of the item.
18. Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the author. However, the name and address will be withheld at the author's request.
19. No articles or letters for Seven News shall be written and attributed to anyone without their express knowledge and approval.
20. Articles which the editor considers to be possibly libelous or controversial must be brought before the Editorial Advisory Committee for approval prior to publication.

The case of the reluctant landlord

The following is a case history of a landlord and tenant problem that is likely to affect anyone who rents a home or apartment. Usually a tenant will not prosecute in such a case because the amount of time and money involved in getting legal assistance is so great that it outweighs the worth of the sum of money in dispute. There are also many people who simply do not know their legal rights as tenants. For both these reasons, landlords find it an easy matter to go on ignoring the letter of the law.

Community agencies that provide free or low-cost legal aid and information are invaluable in this kind of a situation. One such agency is the Neighbourhood Legal Services which opened last April and is located in Ward 7 at 257 Seaton Street.

The following case was submitted by Neighbourhood Legal Services in order to show, step-by-step, how an individual tenant might deal with a similar problem.

When Susan Adam left her apartment flat in September 1973, she expected to receive interest on the rental deposit that she had made in advance to her landlord when she first moved in. She knew that the Ontario Landlord and Tenant Act, under sections 84 and 85, requires payment of six percent interest on rental deposits which are held the duration of a tenant's lease. Some landlords choose to ignore this requirement, though they can earn as much as 10 per cent interest on the tenant's money while they have the use of it. Susan's landlord was one of these.

At first Susan's landlord ignored her request for the interest due on the deposit which was about \$25 after her nine-month tenancy in the flat. Then he made excuses for refusing to pay.

Meanwhile, Susan tried all the usual channels of communication — the telephone, letters, personal visits to the landlord's office, and finally contact with the Landlord and Tenant Advisory Bureau. Not one of these methods got results.

With the help of a local community legal agency (in this case, Neighbourhood Legal Services), Susan proceeded to have the landlord charged with violation of The Landlord and Tenant Act. Fortunately, she was just in time. The representative who had "helped" her at the Landlord and Tenant Advisory Bureau and who was suspected of being a personal friend of Susan's landlord, had not bothered to tell her that charges must be made within six months of the violation.

About three weeks before the deadline, Susan visited the office of the Justice of the Peace in the basement of the old city hall at the corner of Bay and Queen Streets. She took a copy of The Landlord and Tenant Act with her (not all J.P.s are familiar with the Act), along with copies of her correspondence with the landlord.

The Justice of the Peace was satisfied with the evidence of her attempts to settle with the landlord. He put down the history of her complaint in a form called "Laid an Information," Susan swore to the truth of the charge, and the J.P. issued a summons to be served upon the landlord.

Prior to the first day set for court, Susan checked with the police and the court office to make sure that the landlord had received the summons. This was done in order to avoid wasting an extra day at court.

As is usual, the first day in court was not the time of trial. The landlord's lawyer stated that his client was ill and asked for a remand. He then discussed the case with Susan's legal representative and agreed to pay the debt rather than have to go to court again.

Two charges were finally laid against the landlord. One was for the non-payment of interest on the rent deposited, and the other was for the landlord's failure to post his name and address in the building. Susan had been forced to have a title search done on the property in order to find out the name and address of the owner. According to sections 84(2), 104, and 108 of The Landlord and Tenant Act, a tenant should not have to do this.

Theoretically, a landlord can be ordered to pay fines up to \$1,000 on each charge of this kind, in addition to paying the interest on the rental deposit. In practice, judges are not very harsh in these matters and Susan's landlord managed to escape with legal fees of about \$100... money he could have saved by obeying the law.



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Royal Commission on Violence in the Communications Industry

By Order-in-Council 1299/75 of May 7th, 1975 a Royal Commission to study the possible harm to the public interest of the increasing exploitation of violence in the communications industry was established. The Royal Commission has opened its offices at Room 810, 151 Bloor Street West, Toronto M5S 2V5. Telephone (416) 965-4593.

The Royal Commission's Terms of Reference are:

1. To study the effects on society of the increasing exhibition of violence in the communications industry;
2. To determine if there is any connection or a cause and effect relationship between this phenomenon and the incidence of violent crime in society;
3. To hold public hearings to enable groups and organizations, individual citizens and representatives of the industry to make known their views on the subject;
4. To make appropriate recommendations, if warranted, on any measures that should be taken by the Government of Ontario, by other levels of Government, by the general public and by the industry.

The Royal Commission invites interested persons, groups and organizations to send written briefs or letters on these matters.

1. All written submissions should be sent at least three weeks in advance of the public hearing in your area and in any event no later than May 31, 1976.
2. Persons wishing to appear before the Royal Commission to present oral briefs should forward a written summary to it at least three weeks in advance of the hearing they wish to attend.

Hearings will take place from the Fall of 1975 to the Spring of 1976. A later advertisement in this newspaper will give precise dates and locations. As of August 15th, any persons wishing to communicate with the Royal Commission on pertinent matters may do so by phoning the Royal Commission's toll-free number: 1-800-261-7091.

All submissions should be addressed to The Royal Commission on Violence in the Communications Industry, 151 Bloor Street W., Room 810, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2V5.

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Committee critical of local MPP

Local MPP Margaret Scrivener was strongly attacked in a press release issued last month by an Advisory Committee on Non-Profit Housing set up by Housing Minister Donald Irvine.

The Advisory Committee was set up as a result of an announcement in March of 1974 that a Sector Support Program would be established to provide development and management expertise to non-profit housing projects.

The Committee was informed that \$500,000 had been allocated for 1974 for this project and the Committee was to advise how the money could be applied equally and quickly throughout the province.

The Committee charges that none of the money allocated last year or this year has been spent on the Sector Support Program for non-profit housing. They further charge that Mrs. Scrivener and the Housing Minister have evaded meeting with them for the past four months.

They ask that Mrs. Scrivener and the Housing Minister either renege publicly on the non-profit program or affirm their support and distribute the funds for the program immediately.

Mrs. Scrivener is well known in her own riding for her opposition to non-profit co-operative housing projects, despite the fact that a large number of constituents in



the lower half of her riding will benefit from such projects as they are built.

Credit Union to open branch soon

by BOB OLSEN

The Davisville (Toronto) Credit Union Ltd. has decided to open a branch office in the Don Area this September.

Several months ago, a group of area residents, realizing the need for a credit union in Ward Seven began meeting under the initiative of the Federation of Don Area Residents' Association (FODARA). Their idea at first was to start a new credit union. Some of the interested people already belonged to the Davisville Credit Union. Many people had transferred their accounts to Davisville when the Woodgreen Credit Union ceased to function.

In May, Marie McAuliffe, Treasurer-Manager of the Davisville Credit Union came and explained to the group the problems involved in starting a new credit union. She suggested that the group invite the Davisville (Toronto) Credit Union Ltd. which has assets of \$1,800,000.00 to open a branch in Ward Seven. The Don Area Credit Union Committee was then formally established.

Mary Anne Shaw who has a law practice at 382 Queen Street East was elected chairperson. The committee members, all of whom are active in the community are Len Mellow of Moss Park, and Pat Travis of Regent Park both of whom have been involved in

FODARA since the beginnings. Ron Jenkins of the South of Carlton Skid Row Committee, Bob Olsen of South St. Jamestown, John Piper of Don Vale, Noreen Dunphy of Spruce Court, Kate Stevens of Don Vale, Dorothy Bushey of DACHI, Sassy Waddell of Cabbagetown Housing Organization United (CHOU) and Doug Wallace and Myrtle Hagerman of 155 Sherbourne. Jim Houston and Marty Crowder, staff of FODARA have also been indispensable to the project.

In May the committee invited the Davisville Credit Union to open a branch in Ward Seven. Encouraged by the enthusiasm of the local committee the Board of Directors of the Davisville Credit Union decided on July 8 to open the Branch.

An advertising campaign is being planned and a membership drive is being organized.

Davisville Credit Union pays

competitive interest rates on savings and chequing accounts. A credit union is quite different from a bank. A bank serves the general public. A credit union serves only its members.

Davisville Credit Union is owned and operated by its members. Interest on loans to members at the moment is 12.1% on loans under \$1,500.

Davisville Credit Union is a member of the Ontario Credit Union League which in turn is a member of the National Association of Canadian Credit Unions. Credit Unions are supervised by provincial agencies and Credit Union League auditors.

The Don Area Credit Union Committee is anxious to recruit more people who want to help establish the Davisville Credit Union in Ward Seven. If you are interested please contact Marty Crowder or Jim Houston at 923-9869.

Local library to hold festival

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The new Board of Directors of the **Christian Resource Centre**, 297 Carlton Street, contains four local people on its 14-member board. The four local residents on the new Board are **Barry Finlay, Leith Piper, Bill Lee and Carolyn Barber**. **Rev. Art Verral** of Regent Park United Church is also new on the board.

BUSINESS NOTES: Store and office construction on **north Parliament** continues briskly with the latest opening being the **Canadasia Travel Corporation** which opened late last month. It will provide a service especially tailored to the needs of **Filipino-Canadians**.

New Don District community worker **Gord Glover** is looking for the **donation of a desk** for his office in the Don Vale Community Centre. Anyone having one to donate phone him at 925-9197 or at 922-6544.

A six week course in **rooming house operating** will begin at Central Neighbourhood House on Sept. 15. The course will offer information and technical knowledge to people interested in a new career or people already working as house operators and who wish to upgrade their skills. A **certificate** will be offered by **George Brown College** to those completing the

course. For info, phone 925-4363.

The feature film **Kon-Tiki** will be presented for a free showing at the **Parliament Library House** at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 6. . . Free feature film showings also continue every Friday at 8 p.m. with comedies featured for the month of August.

Operation Springboard, an ex-convict self-help program started by the Christian Resource Centre has moved back into Ward Seven and has rented office space at Neighbourhood Legal Services on **Seaton Street**.

Although most of the residents at **155 Sherbourne Street** seem to be in favour of the idea, they have been denied permission to place picnic tables in the garden back of the building.

Last Thursday, a bus-load of senior citizens and handicapped people from **St. JAMESTOWN VISITED Harbourfront Park** as part of a New Horizons Project. **MPP Margaret Campbell** was on hand to greet them and tour the site with them.

A **Summer Festival of the Arts** will be held at the Parliament Library House starting the **week of August 11**. Planned events include theatre performances, arts and crafts demonstrations and displays, poetry readings and children's art programs.

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7 News advertising guidelines

The following suggested policies regarding the advertising content in Seven News were for the most part compiled from motions passed by previous Boards of Directors of Seven News. Others are self-evident and standard for most newspapers.

Again, as in the case of the Editorial Policy guidelines, input and suggestions are sought from the community between now and the time they will be ratified at the Annual Meeting of Seven News in late October.

Changes or additions to these guidelines should be passed on to the Seven News editor, Norman Browne at 80 Winchester St. or phone him at 920-8632.

ADVERTISING POLICY GUIDELINES

1. No advertising for Seven News shall

be sold above or below existing rates without prior consultation with the Managing Editor.

2. A 10% extra charge will be made to an advertiser, over and above his regular rate, for placing his ad in any special position on a page or on any special page. This extra is called a "position charge".
3. No ads shall be placed in a position which will adversely effect the readability of the copy if Seven News.
4. No more than two pages per issue will be accepted from any one commercial advertiser.
5. Ads in questionable taste must be modified by the advertiser to respect the rights or dignity of the consumer.
6. Where there is a conflict for space in any one issue, in-ward and dated ads will get preference over out-of-ward ads.
7. During both Federal and Provincial election campaigns, no more than one page of advertising space will be allowed a candidate per issue.
8. During Municipal election cam-

paings, no more than half a page of advertising per candidate per issue will be allowed.

9. The ratio of advertising material to editorial material will be limited to 40% advertising — 60% editorial material over a one year period.
10. Editorial material paid for by an advertiser or an advertisement that strongly resembles editorial material shall be clearly labelled advertisement.
11. Advertising rates for Seven News shall be set by the Board of Directors in consultation with the staff.
12. Advertising rates for Seven News shall be competitive with similar papers both within and outside the Ward Seven trading area.
13. No ads from businesses outside of Toronto shall be carried in Seven News unless they are paid for in advance or placed through a recognized advertising agency.
14. The cost of any enlargement or reduction in an ad or material in an ad will be passed on to the advertiser as a direct charge.

15. The cost of printing an ad in any color other than black and white will be charged to the advertiser.
16. No classified ads will be accepted for publication in Seven News unless paid for in advance.
17. No ads will be placed on the front page of Seven News.
18. Seven News may carry commercial advertising flyers provided there is not more than one per issue and the flyer doesn't exceed a dimension of 8-1/2 x 11" in size.
19. The carrying of commercial flyers

shall be limited to those paid for and advertising local, in-ward businesses.

20. Non-commercial, community notices may be carried in Seven News provided they do not exceed one sheet in size, are 8-1/2"x11" or less in dimension and the organization or group do the inserting or pay for it to be done.
21. There will be no discrimination in rate charges for flyers or advertising space between commercial, profit-making organizations and non-commercial, non-profit organizations. The same rate shall be charged to all equally.

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Don Vale	9	3	1	19
Toronto Braves	9	3	1	19
Cabbagetown Club	5	7	1	11
Gopher Express	3	9	1	7
Myatt Hanger	0	13	0	0

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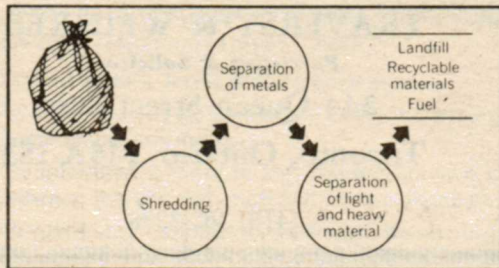
The transformation is called "Watts from Waste" and it's sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Ontario Hydro and Metro Toronto.

It's just one part of the Ministry's garbage recycling program to turn garbage into a valuable resource.

How recycling works.

As garbage is shredded and various elements separated, a waste is produced which can be burned as fuel in Toronto hydro generating stations.

The same basic process will also produce fuel for steam heating and cooling systems, fuel for cement kilns, landfill, paper, metals. A centre for

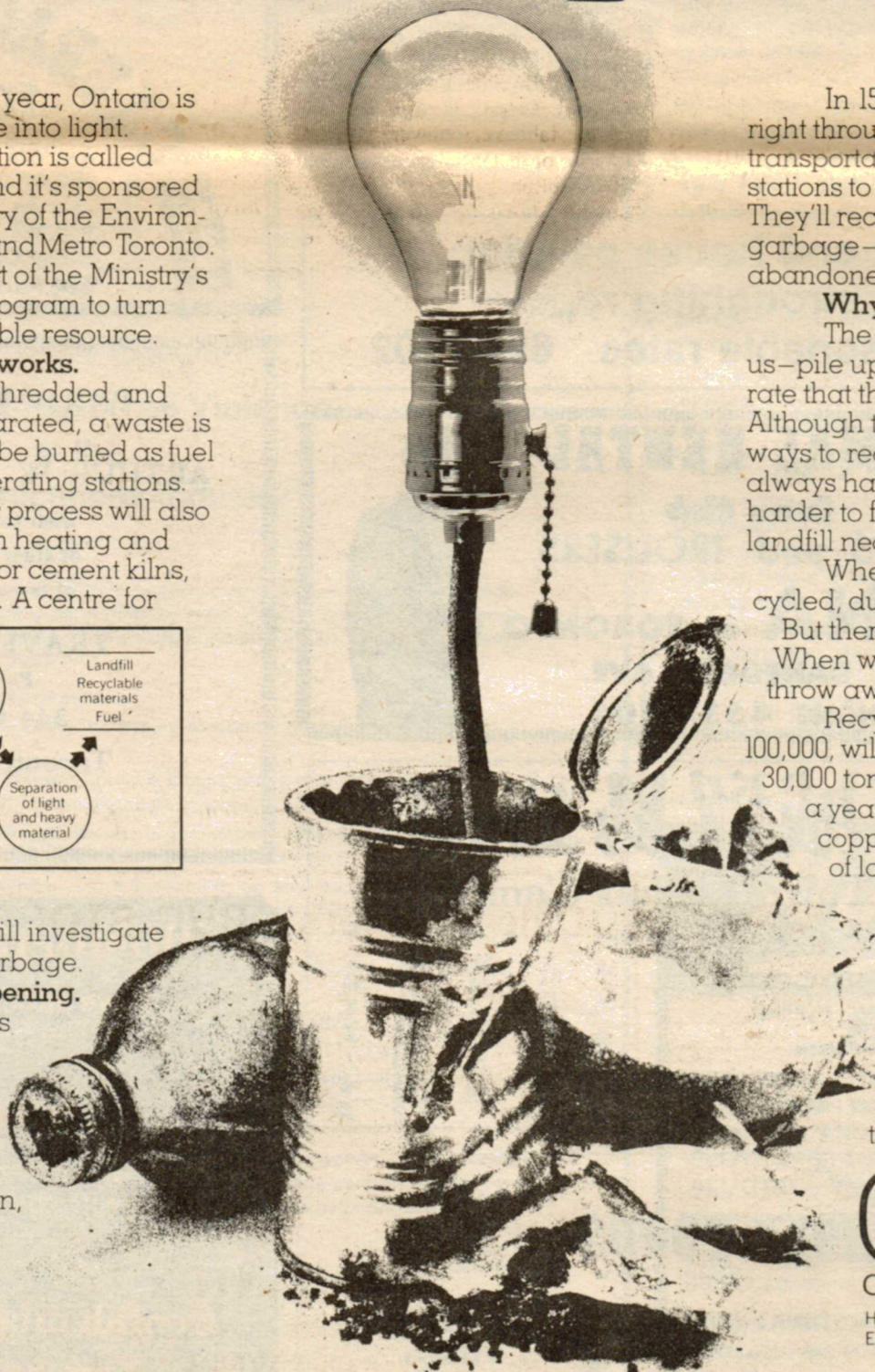


The system: step by step.

advanced research will investigate future end uses for garbage.

Where it's happening.

The Ministry has already inaugurated Ontario's first centre in North York. In the next two years, centres will be built to serve Sudbury, London, Peel, Halton, Metro Toronto and south eastern Ontario.



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Why it's happening.

The people of Ontario—all of us—pile up garbage at three times the rate that the population increases. Although the Ministry is working on ways to reduce that amount, we'll always have garbage. And it's getting harder to find dumping sites and the landfill necessary to cover those sites.

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Allen Avenue — A lane in Riverside

by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

Until 1884 the area north of Queen Street on the east side of the Don River, was known as "Riverside". To the north was the community of Doncaster, while to the south the expansion of the City eastward had swallowed up the old neighbourhood known as Don Mount. These names had referred to general areas whose boundaries were by no means certain. On March 25th, 1884, Riverside and the area as far east as Greenwood Avenue were annexed to the City of Toronto as St. Matthews Ward. By that time, Allen Avenue was nine years old.

Allen Avenue runs east from Broadview to Boulton Avenue, two blocks south of Gerrard. It was originally part of Township Lot 14, a 100-acre lot for which the Crown patent was granted to John Cox, a hatter, in 1796. By 1875, John Fee had purchased part of the lot and he subdivided it in that year. Allen Avenue started life as a dead-end street separating two sets of twenty lots each in John Fee's subdivision. Being a humble person, he called it Fee's Road.

The lots in the original subdivision measured about 30 feet by 75 feet, with the result that when the houses were built, two to a lot, during the period from 1875 to 1890, they were fairly narrow, close together, and close to the street line. It is these factors which give Allen Avenue its distinctive character.

Allen Avenue was originally blocked off at its east end by a school which faced Boulton Avenue, but over the years people were able to gain access to Boulton Avenue by turning their carriages north around the school and then east again. By 1884, the school had been torn down and Allen Avenue extended through to Boulton. Fire hose station number 12 was built on the north-west corner of Boulton and Allen in 1884. At that time, Gerrard Street was known as Josephine from the Don to Broadview, and east of that as Rambler's Road, Dundas was Crawford Street, (later Elliott), and neither First Avenue nor Kintyre had yet been laid out. There were twelve houses on Fee's Road, housing a baker, a peddler, four labourers, a teamster, a painter, a machinist and a widow ("widow" seemed to be considered an occupation in assessment rolls of the 1800's).

In 1884, City Council passed a by-law changing the name of Fee's Road to Allen Avenue, after

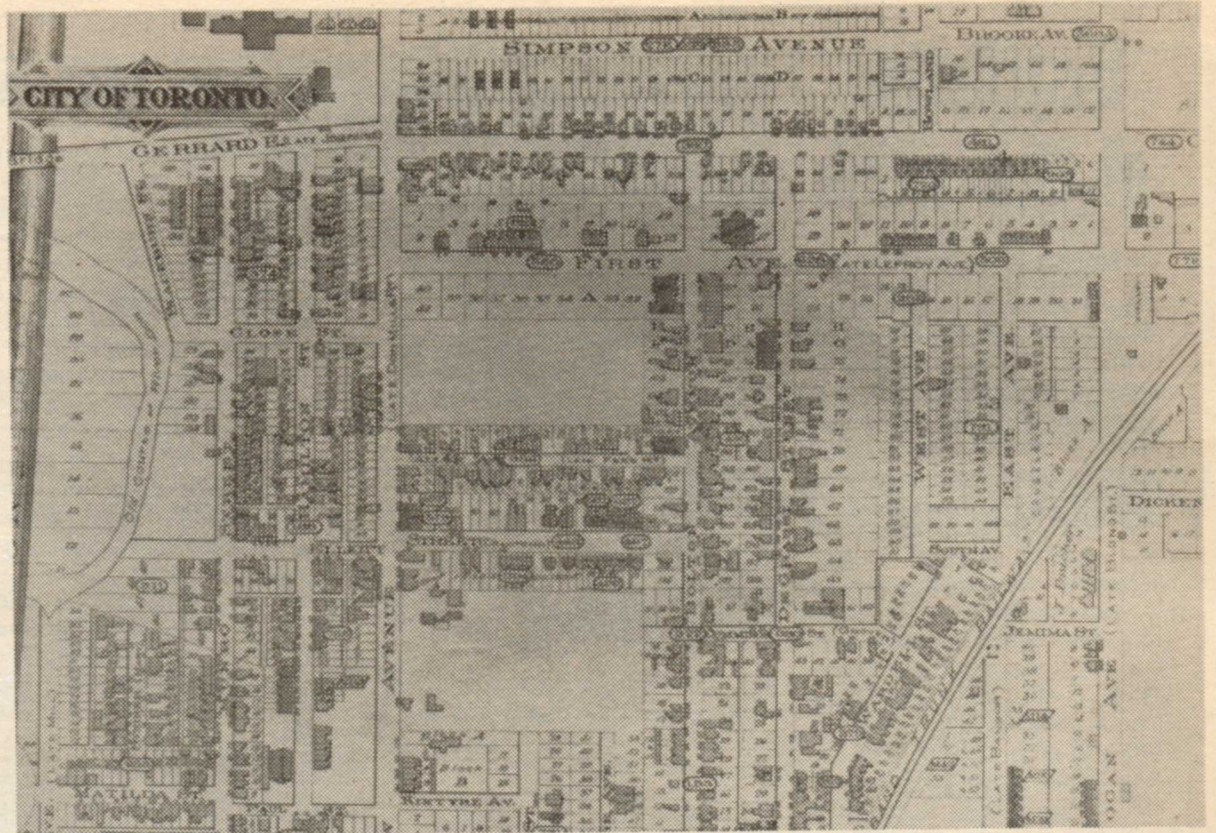
Thomas Allen. Mr. Allen had been City Tax Collector for St. Lawrence Ward, and served as Alderman for St. David's Ward, the predecessor to Ward 7, from 1877 to 1879, and in 1883, 1885-6 and 1890, and for Ward 1 from 1894 to 1897. One wonders how a tax collector could achieve such popularity! Thomas Allen never lived on Allen Avenue but did own six properties there (numbers 13, 15, 56, 58, 60 and 62). His own home was on River Street.

In 1885, sewer and watermain services were installed on Allen Avenue, and a cedar block roadway and wood curbing laid down in 1886. In 1891, 55 of the present 59 houses were built. Most were erected by individual builders in sets from three to six. Aside from Mr. Allen, some other builders of Allen Avenue were: Robert Coombes, William Dancy (no.'s 17, 19, 21, 23, built in the late 1880's), Richardson Glover (no.'s 37, 39, 41 and 43), William Hewlett (no.'s 18, 20, 22, 24, and 26, built in 1890), Robert Ingram (no.'s 44 and 46), and Benjamin Brick (no.'s 77, 79, 81 and 83).

In 1891, Allen Avenue was populated by 201 people and two horses. One of the horses belonged to Samuel Buckner, a peddler who lived at number 73 and the other to Judson Steele, a blacksmith who lived at number 34. The occupations of some of the other occupants of the street were: saddler, piano maker, three salesmen, four carpenters, a machinist, a bricklayer, ten labourers, a brass-fitter, five Post Office clerks, a driver, a foreman, an excavator, a tinsmith, a jeweller, a teamster, two more machinists, a policeman, a stove moulder, a book-binder and a painter. No more "widows"

As already mentioned, most of the houses on the street date from the period 1875 to 1890 when the area around Allen Avenue was beginning to attract commercial development and more jobs were thereby made available. Transportation facilities between the City and the suburbs were also improving greatly at the same time. The design of the houses is typical of that period, which was marked by a boom in population growth and house-building in what is now the downtown core of the City.

There are basically three types of Victorian house represented on Allen Avenue. One is the "worker's cottage", a simple one or one and one half-storey frame structure. There are six of these. There are also 23 two-storey



An 1890 map of the area around Allen Avenue, which was heavily populated by that time. Many other areas around it were just beginning to undergo subdivision.

brick-fronted "gothic revival" houses, usually with high front-facing peaks. There are also 25 brick-fronted houses which have their second storey under steep mansard roof bearing decorated dormer windows. There is also a block of five 1890 "stage-front" houses having large front windows and a brick design of Romanesque arches on the second storey. Nearly every house on the street has a transom window over the front door. Aside from that, almost all of the two-storey houses have two or three windows except for number 68, which bears five, quite unusual for a house of this style. The street also boasts a board and batten stable near its west end, and a vista, or distant view, of number 167 Boulton Avenue, which looks directly down the middle of the street. The houses on the street re-

late well to one another and provide a pleasant and interesting streetscape which has remained almost unchanged for eighty-five years.

The pictures accompanying this article show some Allen Avenue houses and illustrate some of the architectural terms used in describing them.

In a previous issue a contest was announced to find the oldest house in Don Vale. No one came up with the right answer. In a future issue of 7 News I intend to describe the three oldest houses in Don Vale. Until then, here are a few more clues. All of them originally had Winchester Street Addresses; now only one of them does, and it hasn't changed very much since it was built in the 1850's.



Photo by George Rust-D'Eye

Number 68 Allen Avenue — a recently renovated two and a half storey house with an unusual number and pattern of windows. A pretty Victorian home built in the 1880's.



Numbers 18 to 26 Allen Avenue — a set of 1890 brick-fronted houses bearing Romanesque arches in the brick pattern in the second storey. In 1890, this treatment of brick fronts was just beginning to come into fashion.

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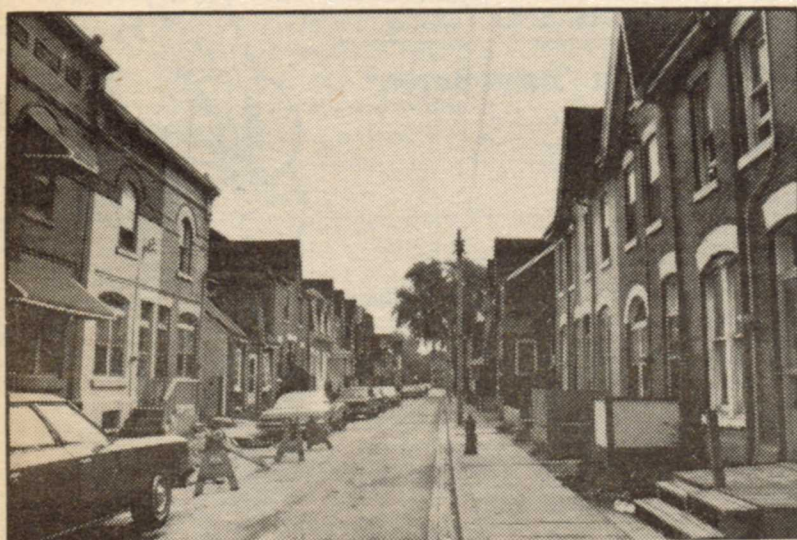
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A view down Allen Avenue from near its west end. At the other end of the street is Boulton Avenue, with the decorated number 167 Boulton forming a vista visible all the way down the street from Broadview.

Photo by George Rust-D'Eye

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Distributor of the week

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

Bea Thompson has helped distribute Seven News in her high-rise building at 14 Blevins Place for more than nine months.

Bea is also the Unit Representative for the building and this part time job requires that the operation of the building goes smoothly.

As Unit Representative, she must knock on the doors of other apartments in the building to see if tenants have any complaints or require anything in their apartment to be fixed. It was a job that Bea at first did not like to do but now she doesn't mind as it gives her a chance to meet and talk with the other tenants in the building.

If, in the course of her door knocking, she runs up against a problem, she either handles it herself or passes it on to the Regent Park Community Improvement Association for action.

Bea must also deal with the minor problems associated with



high-rise living. These include making sure the garbage is put down the chute and instituting the Regent Park policy on pets.

On top of her duties in the building, she is also a full-time housewife and mother to three boys; Conrad, 9, Cedric, 7, and Charles, aged six.

But Bea enjoys her work and is one of the more dedicated distributors of Seven News.

Seven News needs more volunteers

Despite the fact that it has three and a half paid staff members, SEVEN NEWS is and always will be largely a volunteer effort. The operating philosophy of SEVEN NEWS is that it is owned by the community and the community is also the staff of the paper.

Every issue, roughly 200 people volunteer their time and energy in some aspect of the paper's production or distribution. The job of the paid staff, for the most part, is to co-ordinate, facilitate and oversee the work being done by these various volunteers.

There is also a considerable turnover in volunteers with the paper. And this is a good thing as it brings fresh blood, fresh ideas and

fresh concepts into the production of the paper.

It may be a very visible thing like a new column that someone has volunteered to write. It may be that you get your paper earlier because someone has volunteered the use of their van or truck to pick up and deliver the papers from the printers. It may mean a monthly statement to an advertiser because someone has volunteered to write them up and mail them out.

Right now, SEVEN NEWS needs a variety of volunteers for a number of minor jobs that have come open in the paper. If you have some time or energy to spare and would like to get involved, phone SEVEN NEWS at 920-8632

and let us know what your interests are.

Here's some volunteer jobs that are available:

WRITING — We need people to take on specific assignments to write items for the paper. They could be interviews, profiles, features or whatever. The editor will sit down with you and thrash out ideas until one comes up that suits your talents and interests. You'll be given the names of contact people, suggestions as to style and lots of time and help in working on the assignment.

PHOTOGRAPHY — Seven News as yet does not own a camera, has no darkroom facilities and no pro photographers on the staff. Every photo appearing in Seven News is taken by a volunteer and developed and printed by volunteers. If you would like to take some pictures for Seven News on the occasional assignment, let us know. If you have darkroom facilities and can develop pictures that too is a prime need by Seven News.

BILLING AND INVOICING — This can be done by a mother or housewife in the privacy of her own home. It's about three or four hours work once or twice a month. And it's a key operation because if the paper doesn't collect the money owed it, it can't continue in operation.

TRUCKING — Seven News needs the use of a small truck or station wagon for about an hour every two weeks to pick up the paper from the printers and deliver them to 80 Winchester where they are labelled and bundled for individual drops. If you are a commercial operation, we'll even give you free advertising in return for the use of you and your vehicle.

ART — We need trained, professional commercial artists who will take the occasional assignment to design or re-design an advertisement or do a graphic illustration for an article.

DISTRIBUTION — This involves taking about 100 papers (delivered to your home) and sticking them in mail slots of houses on a street near you. It takes about an hour, every two weeks and is good exercise.

MISC — We'd like to run cartoons in the paper — if we can find someone who can draw them. . . . Or how about a Ward Seven crossword puzzle? But again, who can design and draw one up. . . ? Give us a call if you can or know someone who might.

Thanks to lottery helpers

Seven News would like to thank the following organizations, institutions, merchants and groups for their help in making the 1975 Lottery the success it was.

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Regent Park South Nursery school, Regent Park Boxing Club, Regent Park Busy Bee club, Regent Park North Old Boys Association, Dixon Hall, Dixon Hall Food Co-op, Dixon Hall Busy Bee club, Dixon Hall Tiny Tots, St. Jamestown YMCA, 275 Bleecker Tenant's Association.

FODARA's Community Secretariat, 200 Wellesley Tenant's Association, Barbara Apartment's Residents Association, Sherbourne 155 Residents Association, Don Vale Residents Association, Cabbagetown Housing Organization United, DACHI Residents Association, Moss Park Apartments Improvement Association.

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