



## Former staff doctor critical of Regent Park Health Centre board

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

The Regent Park Community Health Centre is in trouble.

The latest in a long series of staff resignations comes from Dr. Howard Krieger who has appended to his letter of resignation a strongly worded background statement which attacks the Centre's Board for its policies and poor management.

The strongest point Dr. Krieger makes is on the question of community control of the Health Centre.

'Of the 18 members of the board of directors, only six are from Regent Park. One of these has since moved away. The participation of one other has not been fully welcomed. Only some of these people use the centre regularly for their medical care. Not one single person, except perhaps for the representative of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RPCIA), who is an ex-officio member of the board, can say they speak for the larger community.'

Dr. Krieger notes that almost from its inception in 1973, the RPCIA have been asking for greater control of the Centre but have continually been put off or denied any discussion of the matter.

He adds that early this year the RPCIA asked for changes in the By-laws that would allow elections from the community to the Board of the Health Centre.

'No response was made. Further requests were made in April and May. In March the medical-dental staff of the centre asked for such changes.'

In April, the Doctor states, draft by-laws were passed by the Board that allowed for no election to the Board from the community.

'The result,' he says, 'no elections, no change in the composition of the board, no 'unwelcome' input, no increase in the number of residents on the board, no provision for correcting this in the future.'

Dr. Krieger also takes issue with the apparent disdain shown by the board of directors for the staff of the health centre. 'Since March 1975, the staff has

petitioned the board to open up board meetings and the business of the Centre in general to all interested staff members.'

The doctor also, in effect, charges mismanagement by the Board by noting that no Board meeting has been held since April. 'Since then all the very important negotiations with the Ministry of Health regarding funding have been going on. Important decisions regarding the hours of the centre and the number of doctors and nurses have been made. A new doctor has been hired.

'Who had been doing all this?' he asks.

'In no instance has the board as a whole made these decisions but rather a small group of board members who have decided that they can act for the whole board and speak for the whole of Regent Park.'

Dr. Krieger feels that the failure of the board to deal with these and other problems has resulted in 'in very poor staff morale.' He notes a very high turn-over in staff in the past six months and further staff cuts may be imminent because of budget cutbacks.

As the situation now exists, one cannot be too optimistic about the future of the Regent Park Community Health Centre.'

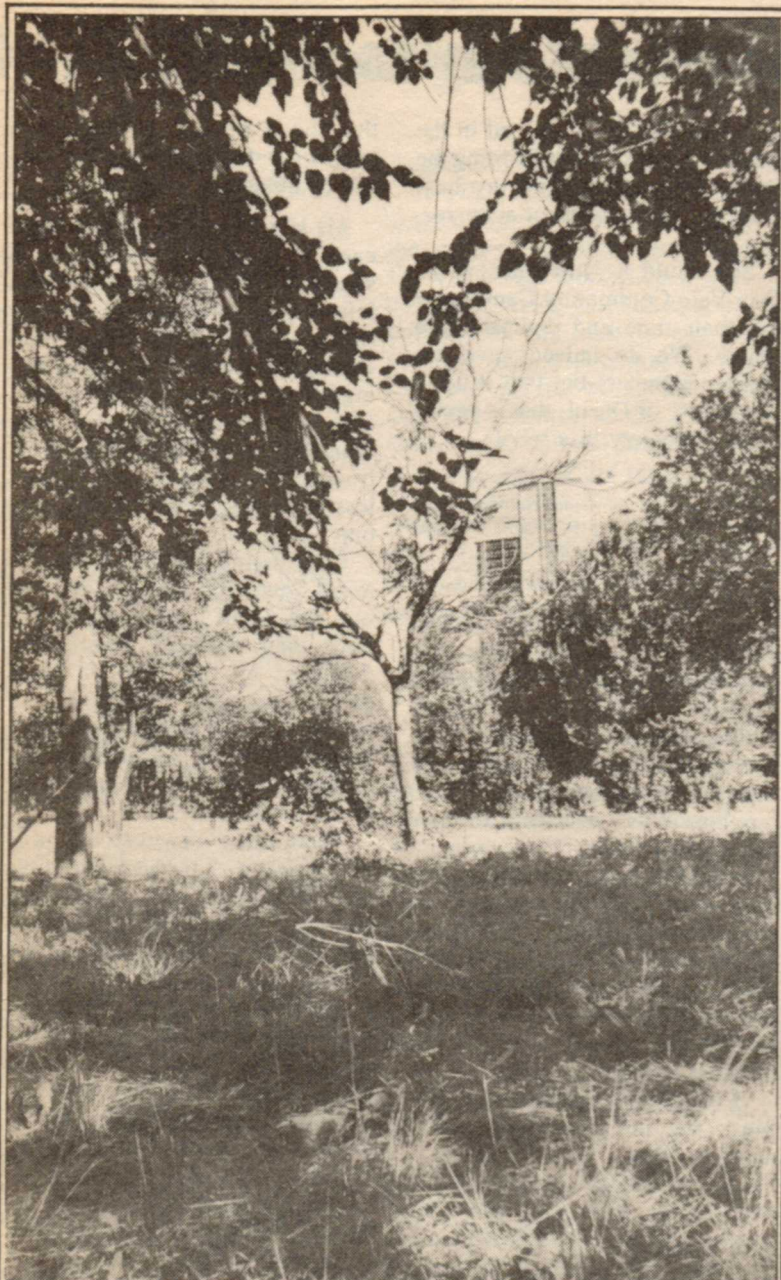
Other critics of the Health Centre suggest that its creation was as much a political ploy as it was to meet a need in the community. Hal Jackman, Chairman of the Board of the Centre made much use of his 'involvement' in Regent Park in his campaign literature when he unsuccessfully opposed Donald Macdonald in the last federal election.

MPP Margaret Scrivener also gained considerable political mileage out of the fact that her efforts had helped make the Centre a reality.

Of the four existing 'community' health centres in Ward Seven, only one is actually community controlled. The St. Jamestown Health Centre is controlled by Wellesley Hospital, the Broadview Community Health Clinic is controlled by St. Michael's Hospital and Regent is controlled by a board not representative of the staff or the community.

The Don District Community Health Centre, with three offices, is the only 'community' clinic actually controlled by the community.

Ironically, Dr. Krieger was immediately hired by the Don District centre as soon as his resignation from the Regent clinic became known.



The plan for South St. Jamestown calls for the preservation of this wilderness area as part of a park at the head of Winchester St.

Photo by Audrey Kitson

## High density planned for S. St. Jamestown project

### city hall report



by JANET HOWARD  
Ward 7 Alderman

Just over a year ago Mayor Crombie and Meridian president Philip Roth signed what was supposed to be a peace treaty for South of St. James Town. The Battle of Blecker Street was long over, and Roth had completely devastated the Blecker-Ontario block. That peace treaty, known as the Memorandum of Understanding, contained guidelines for developing the vacant land. Since it gave Meridian all the law allows anyway, the development now under discussion shows how complete was the City's surrender.

Winchester Square, as it is

called, is to have a 15 and a 24-storey building on Wellesley Street, each with stores on the ground floor, and a five-storey office building at the corner of Wellesley and Ontario Streets. Behind St. Peter's Church on Blecker Street a 14-storey building is planned, and a 12-storey building on Sherbourne Street on the site of the City-owned parking lot that runs through the block from Blecker Street. The rest of the development consists of tightly packed three, four, six and eight-storey town houses, stacked town houses and apartments, with a park adjacent to Winchester School (Ontario Street is to be closed in the middle, over the Fire Chief's strenuous objections) and two smaller parks.

In all there are to be 1,240 units on the 11.5 acre site. Meridian is to turn over 5%, or

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## Street dances mark end of summer

The end of summer and the beginning of fall is being celebrated across the Ward by a series of neighbourhood and community festivals and street dances.

Bain Avenue Apartments starts the series going with a giant festival running today (Saturday) right through until 1 a.m. in the morning.

There will be a roll-a-penny game, Bingo, portraits-on-the-spot, a treasure hunt, a craft table and display, a bake sale, book and magazine sale, the

presentation of a children's play and a live band providing music for an evening dance.

That's at Bain Avenue between Broadview and Logan.

Dixon Hall, at Sumach and Queen is next with a street dance and festival on the evening of August 28. A popular annual event, there will be refreshments, display tables and of course dancing in the street until the wee hours.

The next night, the festivities move to in front of 349 Ontario Street, just south of Carlton as Central Neighbourhood House

ends their summer of activity with a street dance and festival. Again, there will be lots of refreshments and lots of music.

The final neighbourhood extravaganza will be held in the Ball Diamond, behind the swimming pool in North Regent Park on Saturday, Sept. 6. Every group and agency in Regent Park is being asked to set up a booth for games-of-chance, sales or refreshments. In the afternoon, there will be a field day with a concert or dancing in the evening.



The ribbon-cutting ceremony that marked the opening of the Regent Park Health Centre. Board Chairman Hal Jackman is at right.

## Older women's cries go unheeded

A 70-year-old woman, partially blind and crippled, was twice attacked and beaten by an unknown assailant in the Carlton-Sherbourne area last week. Both attacks occurred in the middle of the day and yet the woman's cries for help went unheeded.

Mrs. J. Taylor, an elderly pensioner living in an apartment on North Sherbourne stated that she was taking a bundle buggy of clothes down to All-Saint's church when she was attacked for no apparent reason near the corner of Sherbourne and Carlton.

She says she did nothing to provoke the attack, was not sure if her assailant was a male or female and could do nothing to defend herself as she had her cane in one hand and the bundle buggy in the other.

Her cries for the police and for

help went unanswered and she finally took refuge in St. Luke's United church at the South-east corner. When she left the church after recovering slightly, she was again set upon by the same person.

She finally managed to get away from her attacker and get a taxi to take her home. There, she told the apartment building superintendent who in turn phoned the police.

The police could do nothing for Mrs. Taylor as she couldn't identify her assailant and no witnesses would step forth to help her. Mrs. Taylor says that there should be more police surveillance in that area because of the types of people who frequent that corner.

It is theorized that Mrs. Taylor's attack was either the result of mistaken identity or the person was under the heavy influence of drugs or alcohol.



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# LETTERS



## Law group helps tenant win case

Dear Norman;

With your permission I would like to convey my appreciation and thanks through Seven News to an agency in Ward Seven who recently helped me with a legal problem that I encountered.

Also, because we were successful in this particular case, I think some of the tenants who read Seven News might be interested in the results of our legal action.

My previous landlord, Cadillac-Fairview, have a policy, as do most Toronto landlords, of charging a fee, usually \$50, to anyone wishing to sublet their apartment. For this money the landlord agrees to process an application from the proposed sub-tenant, a procedure which takes about 15 minutes, as well as do a credit on the applicant.

The sum of \$5 might be a more realistic fee for such a procedure.

The landlord also makes it very clear that the responsibility of securing a sub-tenant is solely with the tenant. After paying \$30 for an ad in the Toronto Star, I was upset to be greeted by the outstretched hand of the landlord insisting on \$50 more.

I knew enough about my rights as a tenant to insist that the landlord justify his expenses as required by the Landlord-Tenant Act. The landlord refused to do so. "You're not my employer," he said.

He wouldn't even look at my sub-tenant until I paid him the money.

This was his second mistake as the law required the landlord to show reasonable grounds for withholding permission to sublet. Paying a fee that the landlord wouldn't, and probably couldn't justify before interviewing my sub-tenant sounded like blackmail to me.

Enter Allan McChesney and the assistance provided through Neighbourhood Legal Services.

N.L.S. has a very simple way of operating. The client, in this case me, is given an opportunity to learn as much about the particular law that brings he or she to N.L.S., while at the same time being directly involved in attempting to solve the legal problem.

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Although there may be certain actions that only a lawyer can handle, at no time is a client left uninformed as to just what is happening and why.

And the service is free to those who live in the Don District and can't afford to hire their own lawyer.

In my case, Cadillac-Fairview backed down two days before we were to appear in court. There was no fee for subletting my apartment. I told many of my fellow tenants about this decision and I hope others will challenge their landlord on this and other tenant complaints.

As far as I am concerned, Cadillac-Fairview did set a precedent, a precedent others should follow.

Thank you for your help, Al and Company, it was much appreciated.

Paul Nahirney

## Students suggest improvements

To Cabbagetown Businessmen:

As interested members of the community we were happy to read about your desire to make renovations to the Parliament shopping area. We feel that the following changes would make the district a more pleasant place to shop and visit.

First, the addition of a Pizza Place at the Gerrard end of the district and a Fish and Chip Shop at the Winchester end would provide greater convenience for shoppers.

Entertainment facilities seem to be lacking and we were wondering if room could be made for a Bowling Alley and a Karate Club and also if a movie theatre might be included.

# "Who is the real parasite in society?"

Dear Sir,

As a resident of Dachi, I feel constrained to reply to Ms Horne's diatribe about some of our less fortunate citizens.

The question that arises when I read her letter is who is the real parasite in society? Is it really those who have been too sensitive to survive successfully in a system whose God has become the almighty dollar, or is it those who arrive as Johnny-come-lately's and see their chance to make a quick buck by buying up houses and renting them?

Considering Ms Horne's complaint, I assume she was not asked to purchase a house in the Ward. There are doubtless areas in Toronto where she could live without being reminded of the tragedies that the system she espouses leaves in its wake. We all know that property values do not rise until the neighbourhood has been properly sterilized and sanitized, and it is obvious that Ms Horne is more interested in her pocket-book than in the welfare of her fellow human beings, that is, if she classifies fat people and those on the skids as human beings.

I should point out that although she may not approve of the way other people spend their money, it is their tax money that has given her property what value it has by providing the wherewithal for roads, sewers, water, sidewalks, etc. Without these amenities Ms Horne's one and a half houses might as well be in the boondocks for all they would be worth. The small amount that the skid row people receive to provide them with their mere survival is negligible in comparison with the benefits she receives with the taxes they paid before they hit the skids and long before she arrived with her hygienic, sterile values.

Ms Horne's aesthetic sensibilities may well be offended by the way the Dachi residents live their private lives, but aside from the fact that it is none of her business, it is a fallacious assumption that most or all of them do not work. If she would take a closer look, she would see some of them busily employed on the site itself, she would not see others because they would be at work, she would

see some like me, engaged in the care of my daughter and editing the Dachi Newsletter while my husband is either at work or at university.

She would see still others at the Don Vale Community Centre giving their time and dedication to others. We do indeed have our weaker members but that is not a peculiarity of Dachi, that is peculiarity of society as a whole.

*Letter-to-the-Editor must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, although this will be withheld at the author's request.*

The basic philosophy behind Dachi is that housing is a right not a privilege, and while Ms Horne's aesthetic sensibilities may be offended, my moral sensibilities are outraged at the avarice and greed displayed by people of her ilk who buy houses and rent them at exorbitant rates.

It is indeed quite possible to buy a house on \$8,500 per year if one rents rooms (which Ms Horne does), because in that case it is other people's savings providing the mortgage money, and the tenants who are paying it off. All one needs is a deposit.

If Ms Horne ever took the trouble to find out the background of some of these "skid-row bums", she would find that their road to the skids began with some deep and personal misfortune that they were unable to cope with. One hopes that Ms Horne never has such a misfortune, and that if she does,

that she is never confronted with her own callous, compassionless, mirror image.

Ms Horne's politically sophisticated solution to the problem is somewhat ironic — an extreme left-wing government would most likely take her one and a half houses from her, doubtless supplying her with one and a half rooms, and an extreme right-wing government would probably billet troops in her houses, again doubtless supplying her with one and one half rooms.

Considering that the majority of Ward Seven residents do not own one and a half houses and do not have their aesthetic sensibilities disturbed by the sight of obese people enjoying themselves, or skid-row people sadly not enjoying themselves at all, the residents' tax money is being well spent on the Ward Seven News.

There are a lot worse things in this society than the stench of urine and the sound of verbal obscenities. If Ms Horne's spleen is not already ruptured, perhaps she could better vent it on the money-grabbers who dot the landscape with obscenities such as freeways and open-pit mines. She might smell sometime the stench of dead and dying birds, caused by the oil-slicks of the tankers bringing oil to heat her one and a half houses.

Leave the old winos alone Ms Horne, they are not the real threat to your survival.

Janice O'Connor  
Carlton Street

## 'Ms Horne displays assinine attitude'

Rebuttal to Heather Horne:

The letter you wrote to Seven News, projecting unwarranted and unjustified critical slander, was not only despicable but also a reflection of your limited knowledge of humanistic feelings.

I find it inconceivable that anyone in this day and age would adopt such an assinine attitude.

Admittedly, skid row does exist and hard working members of the labour force do indulge in their occasional bottle of beer on their front door-step "noticeable only to those who have nothing better to do than to pry and criticize."

You further state that you don't indulge in pop, candy, color TV, cigarettes or movies. You certainly are not sending too many of our merchants off on a Bermuda holiday!

## Reader suggests using card tables

Dear Sir;

In the last issue of Seven News there is a news item that residents at 155 Sherbourne have been denied permission to place picnic tables in the garden behind their building.

I have lived in this area several years — even before the building of Moss Park Apartments where I presently reside. We do not have picnic tables and the reason is obvious.

Why don't the few who desire outside eating with the company of flies, etc., take out one or two card tables. Then, after eating their lunch or supper, they could take them back in the building.

That way there is no debris, nor invitation for people to hang-out or lounge around, etc.

Ethel Hechter  
295 Shuter St.

Now we come to your choice of political parties. It always disappoints me that so many of you people who favour the leftist party, never exert too much of an effort taking up residence in the Soviet Union.

Finally, before advocating cancellation of Seven News, and hurling insults at the unfortunate poor, please try to find compassion and understanding.

D. L. Pennington  
Wellesley St. E.

## "Why take shots at DACHI?"

Dear Editor;

I was shocked to read the letter in our newspaper signed "Heather Horne". The fat slob, 26" color television watchers, beer drinkers and cigarette smokers of Dachi would like to thank Miss Horne for her kind words. I am sure most of the other people in this category in the community feel the same way.

However, if Miss Horne is so concerned about all the bad people in the community, why doesn't she try to solve some of their problems instead of just running off at the mouth.

And why take shots at the Dachi residents? Why not everybody else? Maybe we should change their name to the "Community Punching Bag". It seems that if anyone else has nothing to do they take a shot at Dachi.

For once it would be nice if just once, people in opposition to Dachi would help with suggestions instead of put-downs. If Miss Horne is willing to offer any suggestions that might help us, I would be more than interested.

Ron Ouellete.  
Dachi Resident

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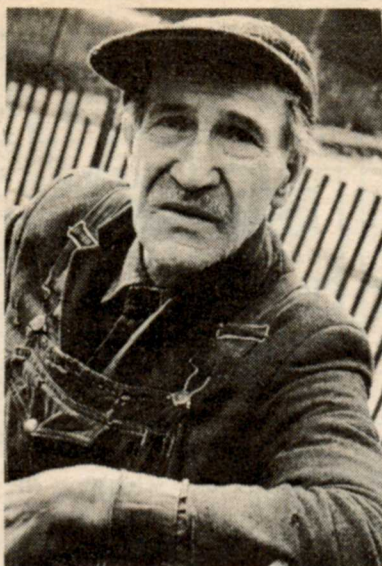
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## OBITUARY: John Wawrin

John Wawrin, a long time resident of Trefann Street and one of the most active community people in the Don District, passed away at the age of 72 on August 8, after a lengthy illness.

John Wawrin was actively in the founding of both the Ward 7 News and the COMMUNITY Secretariat, (F.O.D.A.R.A.). As a member of the Trefann Court Residents' Association, John was a key figure in the many struggles and tireless efforts of the Trefann Court Residents in initiating and executing the Trefann Court Urban Renewal Scheme. The Trefann Court Working Committee loses in John Wawrin one of its most earnest members who was committed to creating a better community for himself and others.

John will long be remembered



as a responsible and concerned member of our community. His absence will be felt by the many area residents who knew him

John Wawrin leaves his wife Annie, his brother Gregory of Winnipeg and brothers Steven and Andrew.

## Merchants fight plaza threat

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

Merchants on both sides of Ward Seven are fighting independent battles to retain a competitive edge in the face of two large shopping plazas that are soon to open.

In mid-September, a 55-store shopping plaza will open at Pape and Gerrard, just beyond the eastern fringe of Ward Seven. Although delayed in the planning stage for six months, the fight by merchants and residents in the area to have it blocked was unsuccessful. The plaza is expected to draw shoppers from as far west as Parliament street as well as drawing from south of the Danforth in Ward Eight.

Partially to counter this threatened competition, the Queen-Broadview Business Association held a meeting last month attended by 30 local merchants as well as the two ward aldermen. It was agreed by all that something should be done to improve the Queen-Broadview area.

Also attending the meeting was Ted Silverberg, co-ordinator of 'project - Saving Small Business', a Federal Government agency which has worked with business associations for the past three years.

Besides his informative talk and question period, a slide-show was presented by Don Garrett, information co-ordinator of the project, showing what other business associations had done to improve their areas.

The Queen-Broadview businessmen will meet to discuss more concrete proposals on Tues. Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at WoodGreen Community Centre.

Meanwhile, the Board of Directors of the Parliament Business Improvement Area were shocked to learn last week that the newly revealed plans for the re-development of South St. Jamestown called for a 2-level, indoor shopping mall containing 40,000 square feet of retail space - enough for 40 new stores. All this to be built just two blocks west of Parliament street.

A hastily called meeting was held at which Bart Davis and Carl Orbach represented the business district and Philip Roth and Walter Manthorp represented Meridian - the developers.

As a result of the four-hour meeting, Mr. Davis announced that Meridian had agreed to scale down their proposed shopping plans and add to it elements that would compliment rather than compete with existing shops on Parliament street.

The new plans call for only 27,000 square feet of retail space rather than 40,000 - contained in one level rather than two. Also, to use up a lot of that space, preliminary plans call for a movie theatre and possibly a bowling alley.

With that problem partially settled, the merchants of Parliament Street will meet at 8 p.m. at the Club Harmonie on Sherbourne Street on Monday, Aug. 25 to hear and see more plans for the redesign of their store fronts.

With five stores vacant on Parliament Street now and faced with competition from plazas on both sides of them, it is hoped the merchants can come up with some better way to lure business than bright decals, signs and T-shirts.

## News Round-up

# "Adventures of Dick Tracy" is Friday Film

Friday Films at the Parliament Library House will feature a 15-part serial: 'The Adventures of Dick Tracy'. Three chapters will be shown every Friday in September, starting at 8 p.m....

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Neighbourhood Information Post will be held Wed. Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard St. E. All interested residents of Ward Seven are invited to attend...

Anyone in the Don Vale-South St. Jamestown area interested in helping start or run a food co-op is asked to call Carmel Hili at 922-7391...

Prisoner's Rights, a group both within and outside the present prison system has established an office in Ward Seven. They are located at 725 Gerrard St. East which they share with Riverdale Community Action Centre. Their number is 921-0007...

A Bingo for Seniors is being held every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 in the Main Floor Lounge at 41 Oak Street in Regent Park. Proceeds are being used by the seniors for bus trips, parties, etc. Organizer of the event is John Sanlon...

Glen Ottaway will present a program of magic for teens 12-18 in the Cellar at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard St. E. on Sept. 8 at 7 p.m....

A rummage sale is being held Sunday, Aug. 24, from 11 to 5 at 203 Sackville Green in Regent Park...

The next Board of Directors meeting of Seven News will be held Mon. Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at 80 Winchester St. All interested members of the community are welcome to attend...

The pre-nursery school for retarded children that operates out of WoodGreen United Church at Logan and Queen is seeking volunteers. No experience is necessary, just love

### CORRECTION

Seven News regrets any trouble or inconvenience caused to Mrs. Eunice Keddy or the 275 Bleeker Tenants Association because of any incorrect information published in the July 12th article titled 'St. Jamestown to Hold Festival'. Our intention was to publicize for the 275 Bleeker Tenants Association their lottery to raise money for the Help Service.

and understanding. For info, phone Dorothy Vasey at 698-4825...

A new series of classes in the Right to Read program will start at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East in mid-September and registration is now in progress. Call 924-7246 or 921-8674 for more information...

SEVEN NEWS has an opening for a Circulation Manager. A car and knowledge of the Ward Seven area are essential. Salary is \$120 a week to start. Apply at 87 Winchester Street...

CORRECTION: Gord Glover, mentioned in the last issue of Seven News as a new community worker in the Don District, does not have an office in the Don Vale Community Centre nor is he affiliated with that organization in any way...

Tickets at \$2.50 each are now on sale at the Adult Recreation Centre, 605 Whiteside Place in Regent Park for a dance being held Sept. 13 at 8 p.m. in St. Cyril's Hall...

The Parliament Library House 'Program for Seniors' will feature films on the beauty of old age on Sept. 3, and Classic short stories on Sept. 10 at 1:30 at the Library House...

The next training session for volunteers at the Neighbourhood Information Post will begin Sept. 2. Anyone interested in becoming involved in NIP's

volunteer Program should phone Susan at 924-2543...

The Danforth Library, 701 Pape Ave., is featuring an exhibit of weaving by Els Van Dam during the month of August...

Deadline is Sept. 12 for applications under the new Local Initiative Program. Application forms are available from any Canada Manpower Centre and help on filling them out can be obtained by phoning 484-5466. LIP funds available this year are around \$150 million, up from the \$96 million available last year...

Alderman Janet Howard is closing her book store on north Parliament street... The Parliament shopping area will have a two day festival on the 26th and 27th of September. It's being organized by the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Committee...

The Tuesday Workshop, a continuous series of workshops on various aspects of literature begins Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parliament Library House. Featured is Pier Dicicco discussing aspect of Metaphor in the poem. Admission is free, all welcome...

Thanks to Maureen Norman and J. Derome for their recent cash donations to Seven News... The Don Vale Community Centre will be holding a combination Open House and Pub night, Wed. evening Sept. 17...

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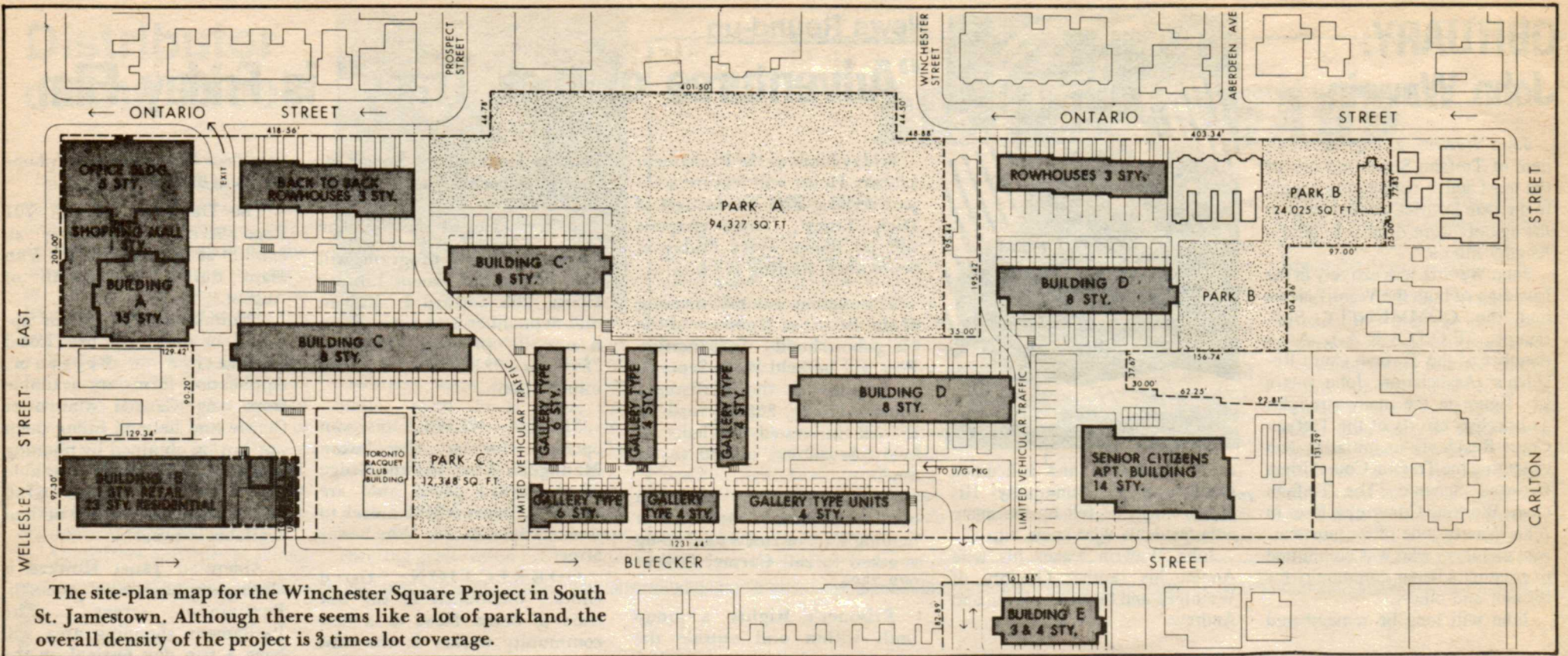
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The site-plan map for the Winchester Square Project in South St. Jamestown. Although there seems like a lot of parkland, the overall density of the project is 3 times lot coverage.

## High density is planned for S. St. Jamestown project

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 half an acre of the land for parks purposes -- the City can make any developer do that, and the parkland will make their units more marketable anyway. The City and Meridian will exchange some land to make it easier to develop the site. However, Meridian is still allowed to base its density calculations on the land it is turning over so that the gross floor area coverage comes

out at 2.24 when you count in the park as well, but really comes to 3.00 times the actual building site -- the most Meridian could have obtained under the Official Plan, since the City years ago dropped its bonus policy which gave developers extra floor space rights if they built tall and skinny like St. James Town.

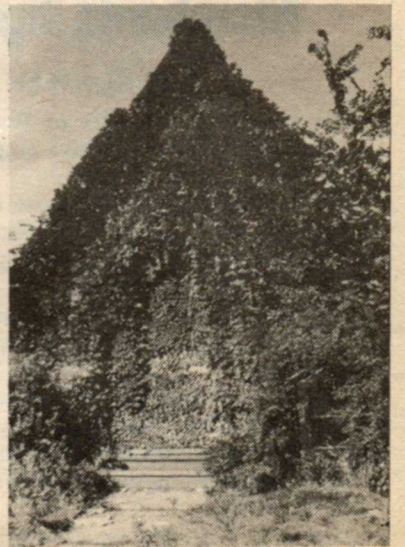
To get an idea of the size of this development, let's compare it to the DACHI co-op housing

project in Don Vale, where 18 new houses are to be built behind existing two and three-storey houses. DACHI's opponents object to the density, which, if everything were laid out one storey high over the entire site, would cover only 88% of it. Winchester Square would cover 300% of its much larger site, that is, all laid out it would be three storeys high. Current zoning for both the DACHI and Winchester Square sites allows one times coverage; DACHI will remain below that, but Winchester Square will need to be rezoned for triple what is now permitted.

Population in Winchester Square is to be around 3,147. In terms of people per acre, that comes to 273 if you count the park (and nobody permanently resides in a park) or 370 if you don't. DACHI will have just under 90; children alone will count for 88 people per acre in Winchester Square.

All but 260 senior citizen units will be condominium, and not particularly cheap. The senior citizens units are to be located near the Second Mile Club. That would be fine, except that the club is moving out into the new Laughlin Lodge building behind City Hall. With the large number of elderly people living in St. James Town who are already short of community facilities, this will mean the area will be acutely deprived unless the Second Mile Club is replaced with something similar and bigger. The question arises, at whose expense? Will Meridian pay for any of that, or do we?

The future of Parliament Street is also in question. With 40,000 square feet of retail space -- 30 to 40 stores -- opposite the Dominion Store on Wellesley Street, will the new residents plus Don Vale and St. James Town people patronize the small businesses on Parliament Street, or will they go one-stop-shopping



A park will surround this ivy-covered church on Ontario Street just north of Carlton.

Photo by Audrey Kitson

for everything they need in the new plaza? If this runs local merchants out of business, Parliament Street will be a pretty grim place in spite of efforts to upgrade it.

There will be public meetings sponsored by the City's Development and Planning departments to discuss the proposal before it is given final approval. Area residents have long shown their interest in the neighbourhood, starting with their concern for the victims of Meridian's blockbusting. I hope they will continue to show an interest before the Bleeker-Ontario block is sold out altogether.

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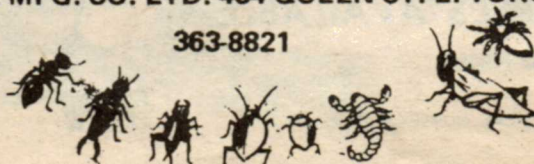
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# LANDLORD, TENANT RIGHTS SPELLED OUT

A Legal Column by Judythe Little

for NEIGHBOURHOOD LEGAL SERVICES

A Landlord and Tenant problem often occurs when either the tenant or the Landlord do not understand their rights and obligations. Today, this column will provide a brief outline of the rights of both of these people, especially the Tenant. Later, in other columns, we shall discuss situations often experienced by Tenants and possible solutions.

## Repairs to the Room or Apartment

The Landlord is responsible and must maintain the premises so that they are safe and habitable. In particular, the Landlord must:

1. Keep the stairways and halls clear to provide a safe fire exit.
2. Not turn off the heat, water or hydro except to make repairs.
3. Maintain a temperature of 21 degrees Celsius (70 F) between September 15 and June 1.
4. Not give the Tenant notice to leave because he or she has complained about the living conditions to municipal inspectors, or anyone else.
5. Not ask the Tenant to pay for repairs except when the damage was wilfully or carelessly caused by the Tenant.

## Privacy

The Tenant is entitled to privacy. A Landlord may not enter unless

1. The Tenant consents, or
2. The Landlord has given 24 hours written notice, of
3. It is an emergency, or
4. The room or apartment is being shown to a possible new tenant in day light hours to which the Tenant has agreed.

## Rent Deposit

Sometimes a Landlord will demand that the last week or month's rent be paid when a new Tenant moves in. This money can only be used for rent. The Landlord must not apply the deposit to damages caused by the Tenant.

## Locks

Both the Landlord and Tenant must get the consent of the other if the locks are to be changed by either one of them.

## Leaving by Force or Choice

Both the Tenant and the Landlord are entitled to notice. A week's notice is necessary if the Tenant pays by the week and to be good notice is due, whether given by the Tenant or the Landlord, on the day before the last rent is to be paid.

If rent is paid monthly, one month's notice must be given and to be good is due on the day before the last rent is to be paid.

If there is a lease, it may require 60 days notice if the Tenant wants to leave at the end of the lease.

The Tenant may give notice verbally.

The Landlord:

1. Must give notice in writing.
2. Must not throw you out. If the Landlord has a Court Order, the Sheriff may evict the Tenant.
3. May apply to the Court when the rent is at least 15 days late for a writ of possession, but must give the TENANT 4 days notice of this application so that the Tenant can also go to the Court.

## Rent Increases

Notice of rent increases must be given in writing by the Landlord so that the Tenant has one week or one month's notice depending on how the rent is paid. The notice is due on the day before the last rent at the old rate is to be paid.

*Editor's Note: Neighbourhood Legal Services, located at 257 Seaton Street is a Community law office specializing in problems in three areas - Housing, Welfare and Unemployment UInsurance.*

## Education Report

# It's back-to-school time again

by GORD CRESSY and DOUG BARR

As parents, teachers and students prepare for another school year we thought you might be interested to know what's been happening educationally over the summer. Here are some highlights:

## HOMEWORK

Contrary to the belief of many teachers and parents in Ward Seven, the Board of Education does **not** prohibit homework in elementary school.

To clarify this, the Board on July 10 re-affirmed its policy of Sept. 6, 1966 which still stands: "There should be no formal homework assignments in the primary division (grades 1, 2 and 3). Where homework is deemed appropriate by school staff, assignments should be such that they can be completed in not more than 30 minutes by the junior division (grades 4 and 5) and in not more than one hour in total in the intermediate division (grades 6, 7 and 8)".

We hope this clarifies the situation for all concerned.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

For the second year now, a voluntary summer school has operated during the mornings in July for students who wish additional help in language, reading and mathematics.

It is hoped that students who have developed blocks and fears about certain subjects will have these attitudes to learning changed through the small informal classes available.

This summer, close to 150 Ward youngsters in grades six and seven attended the summer program which was held in three local schools. Three classes were held at Lord Dufferin with teachers **Fred Wood**, **Zena Hughes** and **Ilga Salnajs** participating. **Don Ronson** ran the class at Park while **Cheryl Ots** and **Gary Black** carried the ball at Queen Alexandra. The co-ordinator for the entire program was **Maud Fuller**, a teacher at Lord Dufferin.

In addition to a solid concentration on fundamental skills, students at Queen Alexandra visited local factories, interviewed senior citizens and explored the reasons for road construction in their neighbourhoods.

At Park they examined local architecture and offered their suggestions regarding the improving of Parliament Street business to

Seven News.

Lord Dufferin students did an in-depth study of the Parliament Street Block and displayed their findings in the foyer at the Education Centre. They also prepared questions on education and put Trustee **Doug Barr** on the spot to attempt to answer them.

(Sample questions: "Are the schools in Ward Seven any good?", "Why don't more kids go on to University?", "What does a trustee do?", "Should teachers be paid more?")

## FRANKLAND SCHOOL

With the retirement of **Cecil Martindale**, Frankland received a new principal. And thanks to the F.C.C. Selection Committee, both parents and teachers were on the committee which selected **Bob Geddes**.

Bob has been a member of the Toronto Board staff since 1960 and has taught at Earlscourt and Osler Public Schools. In September of 1967, Bob was promoted to Vice-Principal at Withrow and Ward Seven students and parents may



Children enjoying a swim at the Regent Park pool.

Photo by Steven Evans

remember the three years he spent there.

He has also served as Vice-Principal at South Preparatory and Clinton schools, becoming the Acting Principal at Clinton in June of 1974. We are extremely happy to have Bob back in Ward Seven and we look forward to him continuing the strong and co-operative leadership that has characterized Frankland school.

As well as a new principal, Frankland will be getting a new building. **Paul Barnard** and the Frankland Community Council Building Committee have been hard at it over the summer with the result that several architects have been screened and the F.C.C.'s selection has been forwarded to the Board for approval.

## EASTDALE

There are still some openings at Eastdale, the new Ward Seven academic high school which offers a regular secondary school program in a small setting with close teacher-student relationships.

Anyone wishing to transfer to Eastdale or enquire into the program offered should call **Bob Beardsley** at the school (461-0835).

## SACKVILLE

Whether you call it "Sackville" or "Sack Ville", it looks like Ward Seven will have a school on the site in September. Plans for the French elementary school have proceeded very smoothly as a result of the terrific co-operation between **Nancy Hardy** and the Sackville parents, **Ruth Lindsay** of the French School and **Chris Dorevich**, **Jim Kline** and **Esther Wheatley** of the Sackville staff.

And interesting by-product of this merger is the fact that Sackville's future, for the first time in years, appears stable and promising.

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## Distributor of the Week

BY MARK INGLIS

Barbara Lidster first volunteered to distribute Ward Seven News two years ago. After eight months as a distributor she moved, but her family returned to the area a year ago, so Barbara volunteered to help the paper again.

Barbara was born and raised in Toronto. The Don Vale area has been her home for most of her life, but she has lived in western Toronto near Dupont Street. At present she lives on Carlton St., and she delivers the paper on her street from Parliament to Sherbourne.

Apart from activities at school

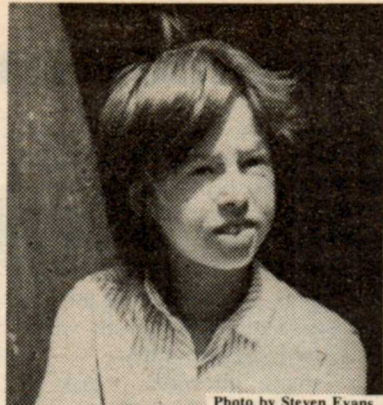


Photo by Steven Evans

Barbara is interested in arts and crafts. She is very good at colouring maps and crocheting dolls. When she is older, she would like to become a hairdresser, and move out of the city to the prairies of Saskatchewan.

On Friday, August 15th, Barbara celebrated her twelfth birthday, and this fall she will be entering grade seven.



## DRAMA in the WARD

by JOE SIMMONS

The Theatre Second Floor at 86 Parliament Street at Adelaide uses space that was once occupied by a recycling workshop. After taking over the space in September 1974, the individuals involved spent the next three months cleaning the old warehouse.

It is now used as a theatre capable of holding up to 100 people. Its first production, *Leave It to Beaver is Dead*, began a successful one-month run in February of 1975.

As the theatre charges only a dollar for admission, success in its terms means the number of people who attend. Many people did and the play was also well received by the critics.

The theatre depends for most of its financial backing from grants from the three levels of government. The major ones it gets are from the provincial arts council and federally from the Canada Council.

Its most recent production was *The Robinson Crusoe Exhibit* and according to both the

reviews and attendance figures, it was a success. Both plays were produced by Bill House and directed by Paul Bettis.

Its next production will start in early fall and the play to be produced is as yet undecided.

An interesting feature about a theatre of this size is its informality. And for anyone who would like to get involved in theatre, the Theatre Second Floor is open to volunteers. Experience isn't that important, says Bill House, just commitment.

Phone him at 364-4025.

# Garbage is coming up roses.

Twenty years from now, crops growing on recycled garbage will be an everyday sight.

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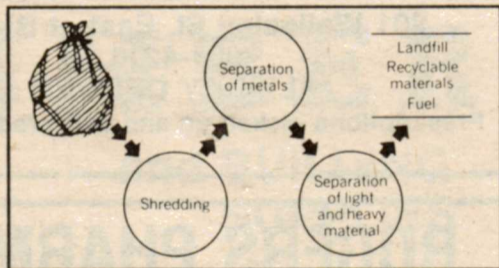
And the Ontario Ministry of the Environment is harnessing it.

### How does it happen?

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### Where is it happening?

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### Why recycle?

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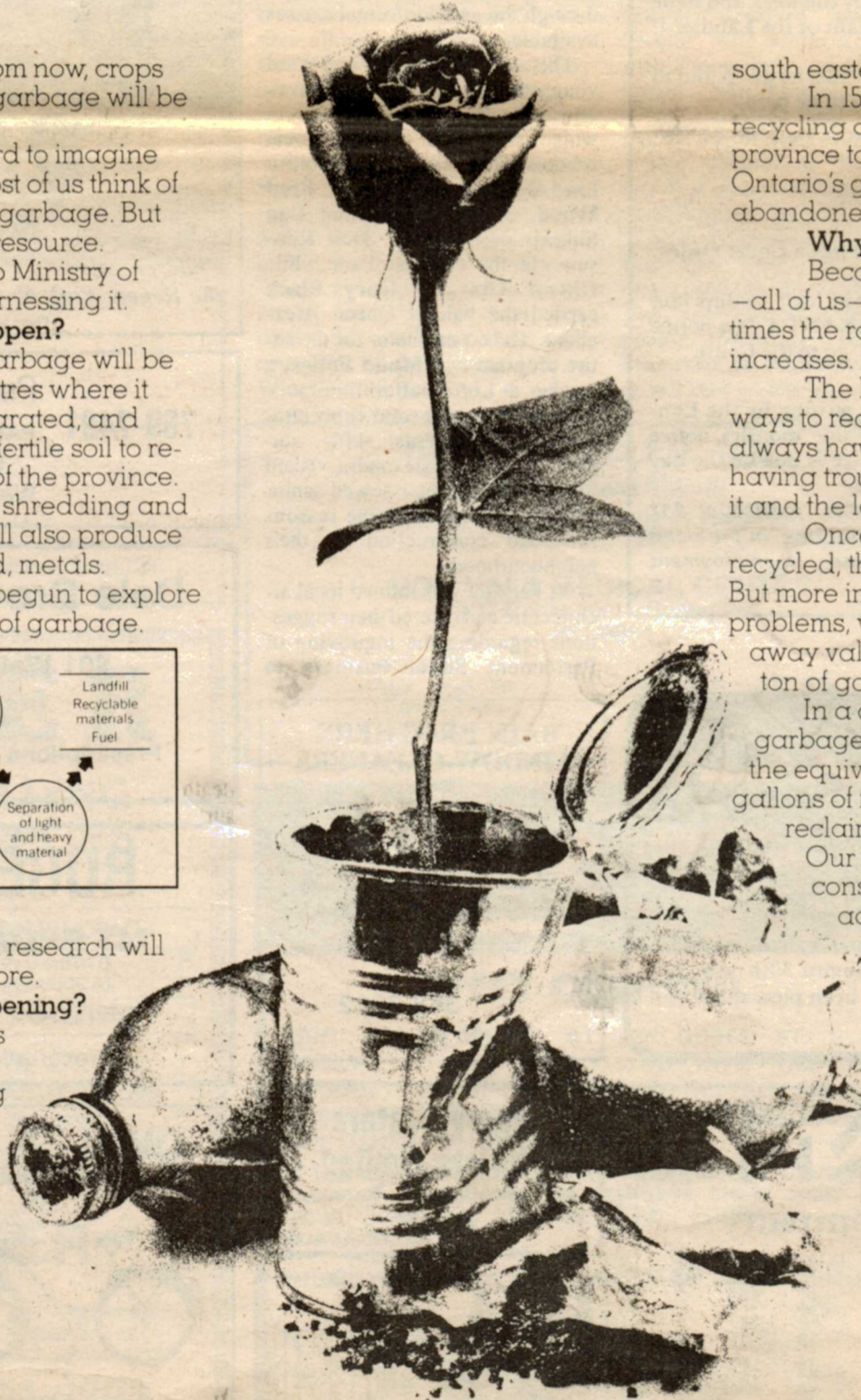
The Ministry is working on ways to reduce that amount, but we'll always have garbage. And we're having trouble finding places to put it and the landfill to cover it.

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# Don Vale: It's origins and early history

Story and photos  
by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

Don Vale is a name which has been applied for about the last ten years to the area from Parliament Street to the cemeteries of St. James and the Necropolis and Gerrard Street East. Historically, the name first appears with the Don Vale House, a tavern which stood in the 1850's and 1860's at the foot of Winchester Street near the Necropolis.

The neighbourhood we now know consists mainly of houses built in the 1870's and 1880's. I will deal with that period of Don Vale's development in a later article. At this time, however, I intend to trace Don Vale back to its earliest recorded history, to the time of the Town of York, and to John Graves Simcoe and John Scadding.

In 1791, the Province of Quebec was split into Upper and Lower Canada. John Graves Simcoe, who had established himself as a capable and popular leader of the Queen's Rangers in the American Revolutionary war, was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada.

He arrived in 1793 with his wife, Elizabeth, and two of their children at Niagara (then Newark) to assume his duties. Later, as the threat of American hostilities continued, he moved his capital to Toronto, which he re-named York on

August 27, 1793.

In 1793, the Town of York consisted of the ten blocks, bounded by the present George, Berkeley, Front and Adelaide Streets. Simcoe, recognizing the strategic importance of the harbour and the possible trading potential for the Don, built his fort west of the town near the entrance to the harbour and reserved the well-forested area north and east of the town as the Government Park Reserve. He intended to use the high stands of pine which bordered the Don for the protection of ships for the protection of York.

## Instant aristocracy created

In establishing the Town of York, Simcoe set out to create a social order patterned after the rigid class structure which he had been used to in England. He therefore divided the land north of the town between Queen and Bloor Streets into 200-acre "Park Lots" which he then distributed to members of his administration and the military, thus creating an instant aristocracy.

To further ensure that the property around the Don would not fall into the hands of speculators, he granted the lot on its east side of his personal aide, John Scadding, and the 200 acres north of Carlton Street on its west side to his son, Francis Gwillim Simcoe. When

the deed for this grant was registered in 1795, its proud new owner was four years old.

To comply with the law that required all grantees of land to erect a "good and sufficient dwelling house of at least 16 feet by 20 in the clear", Lt.-Gov. and Elizabeth Simcoe, on October 29th, 1793, went looking for a site for their new summer house.

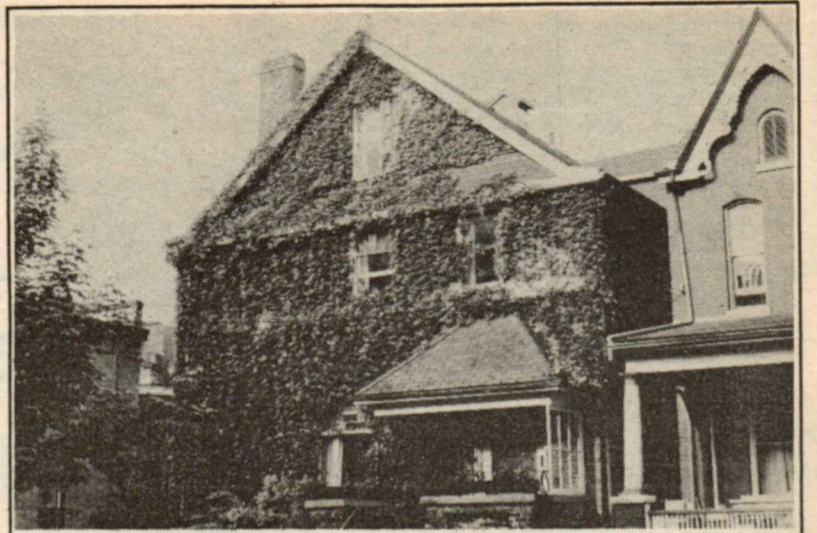
They walked up the west side of the Don River and climbed to the highest spot on a "sugar-loafed" hill just south of the present Bloor Street. There, by 1796, they completed "Castle Frank", a pine-log cabin built on the plan of a Grecian temple. The Simcoes derived great enjoyment from Castle Frank, but for only half a year. In August they left York for the last time. John Graves Simcoe died in 1806, and his son Francis was killed at the siege of Badajoz in 1812.

York never received the garrison which Simcoe knew it needed. There was therefore little resistance against the American forces which invaded and occupied the town on April 27th and July 31st, 1813.

After the departure of the Simcoes, President Peter Russell, Simcoe's successor, used Castle Frank from time to time. After Russell's death in 1808, the building was unoccupied and gradually deteriorated through the passage of time and the work of vandals. John Scadding managed the lands for Mrs. Simcoe from 1818 to 1833, when he and his wife Amelia purchased the entire property from the Simcoe estate. Castle Frank had been destroyed by a fisherman's fire in 1829.

In 1834 Toronto was incorporated as a city, and John Scadding's property in the Common between Parliament Street and the Don north of Carlton Street (then Elm) became part of the Liberties to St. David's Ward. "Liberties" were outlying areas attached to the wards which would become part of the city when population and assessment became great enough to warrant it.

In 1841, by the Act of Union, Upper and Lower Canada were united, the former becoming known as Canada West. Toronto was no



The bottom floor of 36 Metcalfe Street was built in 1852, one of the earliest Don Vale houses and certainly the oldest remaining.

longer the official capital. This honour was given to Kingston, an older city. However, by this time Toronto was well-established and was not much affected by the change. In any event, the Legislature of the United Provinces met here in 1850-52 and 1856-60.

In 1844, John and Amelia Scadding sold off 30 acres of their land to John Young Bown. In 1851, John Bown filed a plan of subdivision, surveyed by John G. Howard, of the area bounded by Parliament, Amelia, Sumach and Elm (Carlton) Streets. Up to that point, it appears that Don Vale was virtually unpopulated rural land, far from the city.

## Few land owners in 1850

In 1850, the area was still part of the "Commons", and the only residents listed were Edward Cooper, Arthur Lepper, and Matthew Percy, all dry goods merchants who had purchased land from John Bown. By 1855, landowners in Don Vale consisted of these three plus Joseph Abraham, William Hannah, Charles Lynes, William Lumbers, Alexander Leith, John Allan, and Peter R. Lamb.

Peter Lamb had by that time built a house on Sumach Street and had established his glass and blacking factory at the east end of Amelia Street. This factory, Don Vale's only industry, was responsible for a lot of its fire in 1888.

Edward Cooper and Arthur Lepper built their large identical houses on the north side of Winchester Street between Metcalfe and Sackville (then Pine Street) in 1854. Their houses no longer exist. Earlier, in 1852, William Hannah, a retired wheelwright, built a house on Winchester Street. It was a modest brick dwelling, one and one half storeys in height. He lived in this house until his death in 1858. His widow, Ann, survived him and lived in the house until her death in 1867. Later, the executors of William Hannah's estate subdivided the land.

By 1888, the house, which had been known as 62 Winchester Street, was owned by Barlow Cumberland. By that time, David Carlyle had commenced building houses south of it on Winchester Street, and it had become known as 36 Metcalfe Street. At some later time an addition was made to the top of William Hannah's old house, and to-day it is almost impossible to tell that the bottom floor was once a beautiful south-facing home built 123 years ago. This is the oldest house in Don Vale.

In 1852, John Bown sold off four of his lots on the north side of Winchester east of Sackville to Matthew Percy. In 1855 Percy sold them to John Eastwood, another

dry goods dealer. Although Percy lived in Don Vale as early as 1850, it appears likely that there was no house on the part of his land situated on the north-east corner of Winchester and Sackville until 1856.

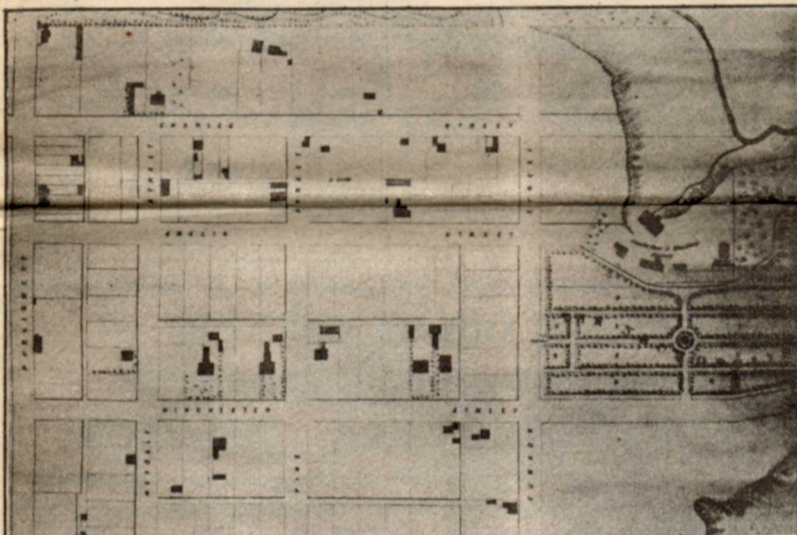
In any event, by 1856, this house was rented to George Arthurs, a merchant. Then John Eastwood moved into the house he had built. In all likelihood, he was related to the old Toronto Eastwood family who some time before had established paper mills on the Don. In 1887, he subdivided his property for the building of houses on Winchester Street.

Later, in 1913, his old house became incorporated in apartment buildings built on the east side of Sackville north of Winchester. To-day, features of this elegant Georgian-style house may still be seen incorporated into the apartment building at 435 Sackville Street.

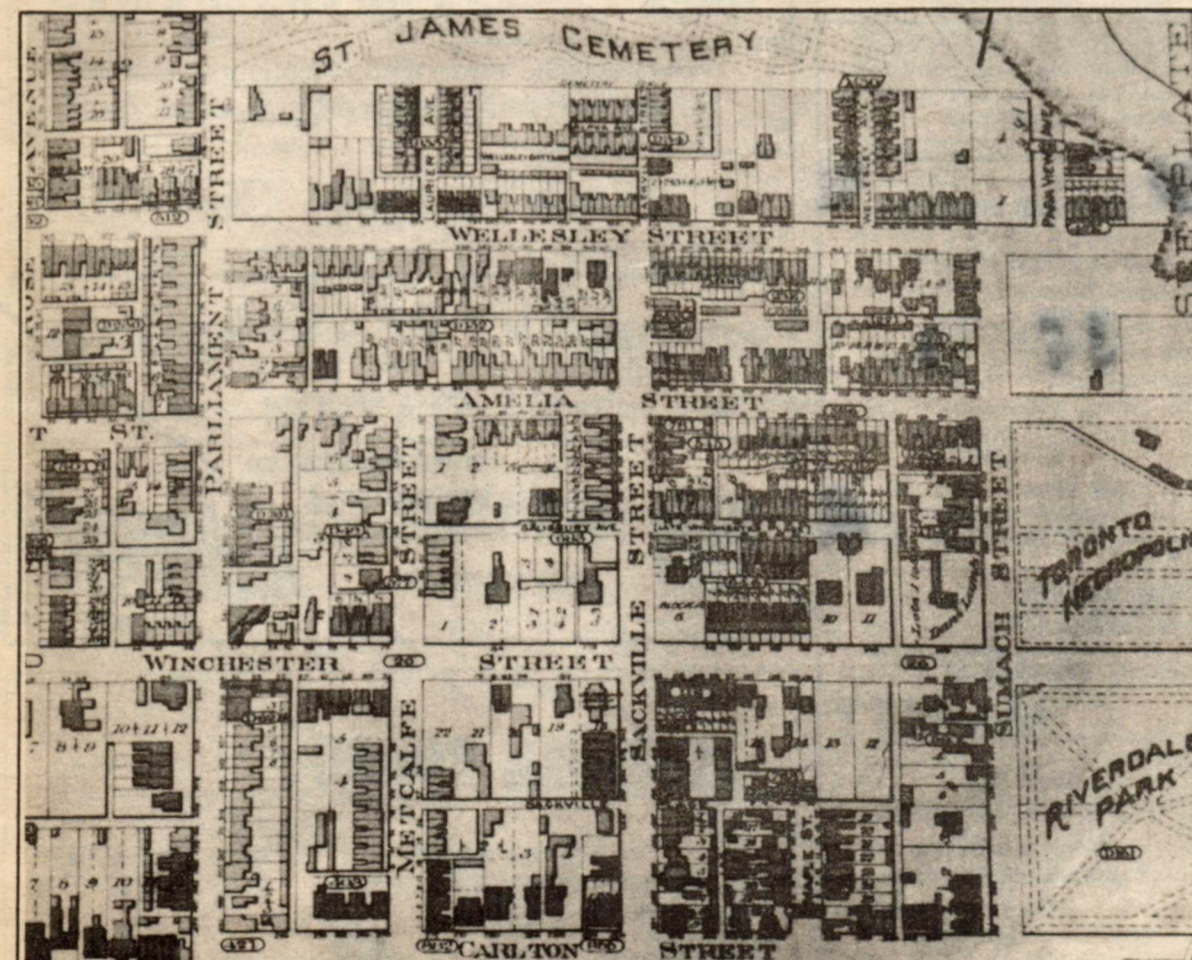
In 1853, Matthew Percy (already mentioned), bought up land on the south side of Winchester between Metcalfe and Sackville. In 1855, he sold it to Samuel G. Lynn, who in 1857 built on it a handsome brick and frame house, which he sold in 1858 to Charles Parsons, a leather merchant.

Mr. Parsons lived in this house (originally no. 71) until 1873, when he sold it to George Hughes. Since that time the ground around the house has been paved and it is now surrounded by newer houses, but otherwise number 85 Winchester Street has changed little since it was first built 118 years ago.

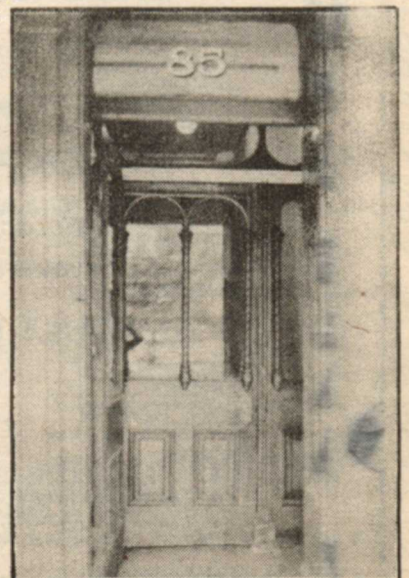
By 1859, there were about 75 houses in Don Vale. Of these, only the three mentioned remain more or less intact. The St. James Cemetery had been laid out and the beautiful chapel of St. James - the Less had been built. The Necropolis was established, the Peter R. Lamb factory was in full production, and the Toronto General Hospital on Gerrard Street was in operation. The first phase in Don Vale's story was complete.



A map from Boulton's Atlas of 1859. On this map can be seen 36 Metcalfe, 85 Winchester and 435 Sackville, the oldest houses in Don Vale.



Don Vale north of Carlton St. in 1890. At that time many of the houses shown on the Boulton Map still stood.



The doorway to 85 Winchester. This house was built in 1857.



The Cabbagetown Boy's Club team in the Don Valley Softball Men's League are partially pictured above. Team members are: Spiros Papathanasakis, Albert van Strehpen, Simon McLaine, Tom Wightman, Mike Campbell, Rick Gallant, Joe Gonyea, Terry Phillips, Tommy Phillips, George Patsos, Rick Clark, Gary Walsh, Donny Tonks, Ken Gangising, John Salaoras, George Skinner and Wayne Skinner. Bat Boy is David Gonyea and sponsor is Lawson & Associates.

## Softball ends season play

by JOHN PIPER

### DON VALLEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

#### Final Men's Standings

In league play, Wellington House dominated the diamonds under the able leadership of Bert Estwick and the hitting of Norm Esterbrook. These fellows have been around for years and are hard to beat.

The Toronto Braves, led by Captain Bob Payette as catcher, had their best season ever and finished in second spot. Don Vale faltered at the end of the season but managed to hold on to third place through the fine hitting of players such as Mike Carpe.

Surprise upstarts of the season were the Cabbagetown Boxing

Club who fielded a team with an average age of less than 20 years. Led by the Phillips brothers, Terry and Tommy and coach John Salaoras, these whiz kids finished a strong fourth and advanced into the play-offs.

Gopher Express had veteran Tony Obenoff back at second base but couldn't quite make the last playoff spot. And Myatt Hanger, another league newcomer, is looking for an improved record next season under the inspired play of Mike Malone.

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Toronto Braves	12	7	1	25
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Gopher Express	7	11	1	15
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## Inner-city soccer playoffs begin

by DINAH BECHMANIS

The playoffs have begun in the Inner-City Minor Soccer League. And while every team is involved at the start, once they lose a game, they are out of the running.

When three teams are left in both the Major and Minor leagues, a round-robin tournament will take place. In the

Minor League, the three teams involved are St. Stephens, Cabbagetown and YMCA-Ultrabright. The major league teams involved in the play-offs are YMCA-ABC, St. Stephens no.2, and YMCA-Palmolive.

One team will be eliminated from each of the round-robin tournaments. The two remaining teams in both leagues

will play-off at the Broadview YMCA, on Wed. Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Spectators are very welcome to come and watch these two very exciting games.

## Outings by Regent Seniors

Senior Citizens at 41 Oak street in Regent Park took two very enjoyable outings during the summer. Both trips were paid for out of the proceeds from the Bingo that the senior citizens themselves attend and hold every week in the lounge in the building.

The first outing was by bus to Old Fort York. The second one, also by bus in mid-summer, was a trip to Gananoque where they boarded a sight-seeing boat for a four-hour tour of the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence River.

On returning, the busses took a trip around the city of Kingston with its places of interest and massive monuments.

Both the tours and the Bingos that pay for them are organized and co-ordinated by John Sanlon and Bill Deeley, themselves senior citizens and residents of 41 Oak Street.

Next issue will be our big election round-up issue. Because of the Labour Day weekend, deadline is Friday, August 29. Phone the editor, Norm Browne at 920-8632 to make arrangements to bring copy in later.

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of citizen participation  
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the whole gambit  
of tenants' rights  
(they never have any)  
the evictions  
the scuffles  
the packed meetings  
at city hall  
and the crass  
monumental stupidity  
of phillip roth trying  
to seduce a 7 news reporter  
with his bland  
urbaneness*

*today  
the only thing left  
(you're right)  
is the rusting street-sign  
and the trees  
no ghost's stroll  
thru' the weeds  
while honest john whitelaw  
like his wellworn jeans  
has now faded  
into obscurity  
john "the jewel" sewell  
first-rate human being  
is now mellowing  
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*and i suppose somewhere  
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