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NEXT ISSUE

Next issue will be out over the week end of Sept. 20. Deadline for editorial material and advertising is the week end of Sept. 12. We need usable, printable letters-to-the-editor, so write us today...!



This happy resident of Bain Avenue Apartment proudly displays her cat which won a prize in the pet show that was held as part of the Bain Avenue street festival last month. See story & pictures on page 4.

Photo by J. J. Forrestal

CMHC veto may kill Trefann project

by J. OLIN

Citing his concern for protecting public funds and guarding against rip-offs in the housing market, William Teron, President of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has vetoed the sale of the still vacant new homes built on Trefann Street in the Trefann Court area.

In spite of several months of meetings and negotiations between Trefann Homes, City representatives, Metro, the Province and local CMHC representatives which resulted in a formula acceptable to all parties, Teron has recently stated his unwillingness to approve the agreement.

Of the seventeen units, nine are to be sold and eight rented. In all cases the land is to be leased to the purchasers for the sale units and to Trefann Homes Inc. for the rental units.

A key provision is the agreement drawn up by all parties and then overruled by Teron is the re-sale formula. It has been proposed that upon re-sale (to a qualified, CMHC-approved low-income family), the owner would receive the purchase price adjusted according to the fluctuations in the cost-of-living index between date of purchasing and date of sale.

Out of this amount, of course, the owner would have to pay off the outstanding portion of his mortgage. This formula would merely be able to keep the owner's dollar input into his house at par value with the cost of living.

It does not even keep pace with the escalation of prices in the housing market. Yet Teron is concerned about the possibility of rip-offs!

He proposed that only the equity payments, that is a 5% down payment and minimal principle payments be applied against the cost-of-living index upon re-sale.

This would leave the family who sells a house with very little cash with which to secure future accommodation.

Under Teron's terms it makes little sense for a person to "buy" a house considering the value of his money upon re-sale and in consideration of the fact that he will be

responsible for the costly repairs which are always involved in upkeep.

In the rental situation, no down payment is required and repair costs are borne by the landlord. As the rental units are non-profit, the rents will rise very little.

Not only has Teron seriously jeopardized a September occupancy of the houses and in fact, clouded the future of the entire renewal scheme, but his performance on the issue has been illustrative of his contempt for the actual provision of low income accommodation in Canada.

It was not until Alderman John Sewell flew to Ottawa to meet Teron on Aug. 15, that there was any news of Teron's displeasure. In fact Sewell went to talk about CMHC's contribution towards a \$35,000 cost (due to long delays) which had been incurred for the empty houses.

The City and Metro had already decided to pay their share. The Hon. Donald Macdonald, MP, had assured Trefann representatives that, after speaking to the minister responsible for CMHC, Barney Danson, the Federal Government would also pay its share.

Despite all this, Teron informed Sewell that there was no way CMHC would contribute to a modest cost incurred largely due to the delays caused by CMHC. Teron, at that meeting, informed the surprised Alderman of the other problems.

At press time, Seven News was informed that a meeting would be held between Teron and the Trefann Court Working Committee in Toronto on Sept. 3. Resolution of the dispute or the seriousness of Teron's threat to step in and take over the houses will likely be determined at the meeting.

Seven News will report on the results in the next issue.

ALL-CANDIDATE MEETINGS

ST. GEORGE

Sept. 9, 9:00 p.m. — Church Street school, 83 Alexander St.

Sept. 9, Noon at Nathan Phillips Square (City Hall) Televised over Rogers Cable TV and re-broadcast again that night at 7 p.m.

ST. DAVID

Sept. 10, 2 p.m. — Ryerson

Polytechnical Institute (Jorganson Hall) 380 Victoria Street.

Sept. 10, 8:30 p.m. — Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street.

Sept. 11, 8:30 p.m. — Eastminster United Church, Danforth and Jackman. (Chester subway stop).

Sept. 12, 8:30 p.m. — Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St.

RIVERDALE

Sept. 10, 1:30 p.m. — Nathan Phillips Square (City Hall) Televised over Rogers Cable TV and re-broadcast that night at 8 p.m.

(A full background report of the candidates, the issues and the ridings, complete with pictures is to be found on pages six and seven of this issue.)

Big festival planned by Parliament merchants

The merchants of the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area are preparing a big Fall Festival. It will take place on Fri. and Saturday, Sept. 26 and 27. The festival is a celebration to launch the beginning of the Old Cabbagetown clean-up, paint-up, renewal project.

The stores in the area (running from Winchester to just south of Gerrard) will offer special sale items. Some owners and their staffs will be dressed in turn-of-the-century costume.

There will be free balloons for the kids and bargains galore. One of the ladies-wear stores is planning a fashion show and restaurants and shops will offer "Old Cabbagetown specials".

What makes this festival unique is the involvement of the residential community around Parliament Street. Ever since the

Old Cabbagetown Planning Office opened on Parliament just south of Winchester, Mrs. Pat Fillmore, the co-ordinator of the project reports she has been inundated with inquiries from residents of the area.

They are excited and enthusiastic about the project and many have offered their assistance.

Allen Cupples of Allen Cupples and Associates (the firm in charge of co-ordination and promotion of the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area) said at a meeting of merchants of the area last week, "In twenty years in the advertising and promotion business, I have never seen a community rally around, and actively support what is essentially a business venture. It's an incredible indication of how badly this renewal project is needed and wanted.

"The residential community sympathizes with the grass roots effort of the small store owners."

Because of this great enthusiasm, the merchants have decided to turn their festival into a real community affair. They have invited groups and individuals to take part with displays of the different activities available in the Old Cabbagetown area.

The local junior schools will take part, the Parliament library will have puppet shows. Also, organized groups such as the YMCA, the Don Vale Community Centre, the Cabbagetown Boxing Club, the Second-Mile Club and many, many more will have an opportunity to tell people about their programs.

There will be music, lots of music — from strolling musicians to rock bands. The

CBC (with offices and a studio in the area) will both promote the festival and broadcast news and interviews during the two days it is on.

Although time is running short, Mrs. Fillmore is still looking for ideas from the community. She will place as many displays from community groups as space will allow, and is especially interested in hearing from musicians and artists in the area.

"We have space in the parkettes for a mini art show and we need more strolling musicians," Mrs. Fillmore said. "One store-owner on our committee is determined to hear the sound of the piper — are there any bagpipers in the area?"

Anyone with suggestions can call Mrs. Pat Fillmore at the Old Cabbagetown Planning Office, 535 Parliament or phone 929-0744.



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Changes at Don Vale Centre

Dear Norman:

The staff and Board of the Don Vale Community Centre, along with interested community members, are meeting regularly on Tuesday nights to discuss Fall programming and future direction of the Centre.

The discussions so far have already indicated some changes. First, the community workers at the Don Vale Centre will be spending considerably more of

their time in the community rather than running programs inside the building. We shall also attempt better cooperation and communication with other community groups who are involved in similar activities.

Our summer Secretary of State grant money was used to survey the community and the survey clearly proved that there is a need for the community centre, and that a majority of

the more than 500 homeowners and tenants visited want the Don Vale centre to stay open. This was the most complete survey done in many years in the Don Vale.

We believe that in order to become more relevant to our community we need to develop a consistent philosophy, a direction to be followed by our staff and Board in their dealings with our neighbors. If you have suggestions and or criticisms about the Don Vale Centre, you are urged to let us know by phone or mail, or better yet, come to one of our Tuesday sessions, beginning at 7:30.

As far as programmes in the Fall, we shall certainly continue our Teens and Childrens activities, drop-ins, outings, and our woodshop will soon be operational. The next major project will then be our photography darkroom. Our kitchen has been re-equipped and Hot Lunch will be continued, perhaps expanding into Social Afternoons after the meal. Pub nights will certainly continue, and we are looking into beginning Film Nights again. More information about programmes can be obtained at our upcoming open house, September 17, or by dropping by. Plans are also underway to sandblast the exterior and repaint the interior of our Building. We hope that these physical as well as philosophical changes will make the Don Vale Centre a more meaningful place to our community in the future.

Mike Yale, Co-ordinator.

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Denied interview with local MPP, says resident

Dear Editor,

Dachl is the kind of live issue that I wanted for some time to study in greater depth with some of the tools I had learnt in a Canadian Urban Training course this summer.

To get as balanced an understanding of Dachl, I interviewed both the opponents and supporters of the project. In the course of this study I discovered a painful eye-opener: I could not get past the secretary to talk with the Conservative MPP for our riding, Margaret Scrivener, about her opposition to the project. Why could not a constituent be given reasonable access to his representative? Why keep dodging an elector who has a right to a sympathetic hearing from his MPP?

I phoned no less than five or six times to ask for a half hour interview about a project in Mrs. Scrivener's riding. The first few messages I left went unanswered. Then Mrs. Scrivener was going

away, so would I please call in August. Fine. I called in early August and left a message, and still, no answer. I called a second time and then I was told that Mrs. Scrivener was going to be very busy, presumably with the elections, and so would not be able to see me for the half hour I asked for.

Mrs. Scrivener will be going around trying to persuade us that she is a sensitive representative for our riding, quite aware of the needs and ready to move towards a solution for them. Yet, my only experience with her tells me

otherwise. Really, an interested citizen deserves better than a polite brush-off from his MPP!

Carmel Hili
16 Spruce St.

Dear Sir:

7-News has provided this opportunity (80 words) for me to reply to Mr. Hili. My secretary reports that he wanted to see me towards the end of July when I was attempting to take a few days' holiday.

In my first three years as an M.P.P., I wrote numerous articles, made speeches, taped television broadcasts, answered 8,000 letters, and communicated with my constituents through a series of Queen's Park Reports. Last fall, 200 volunteers circulated a questionnaire to every household, and picked up the replies for collation.

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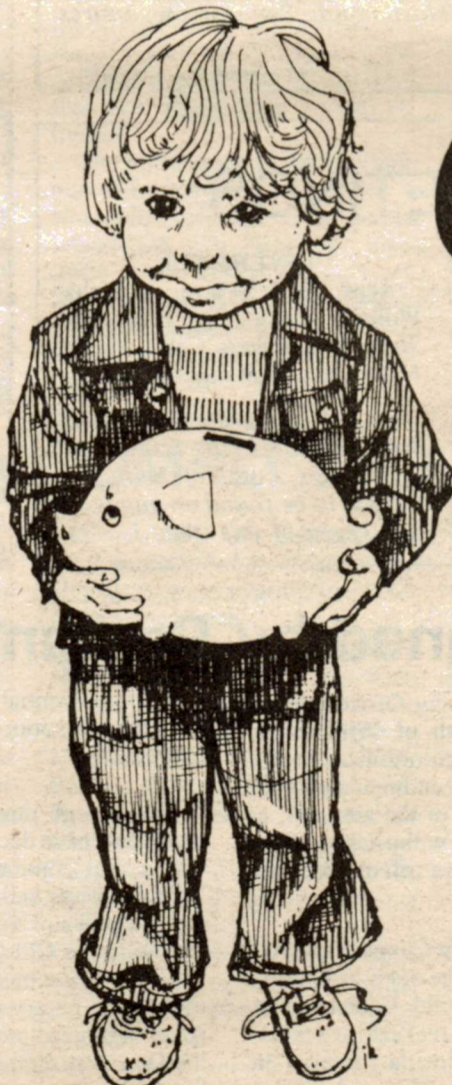
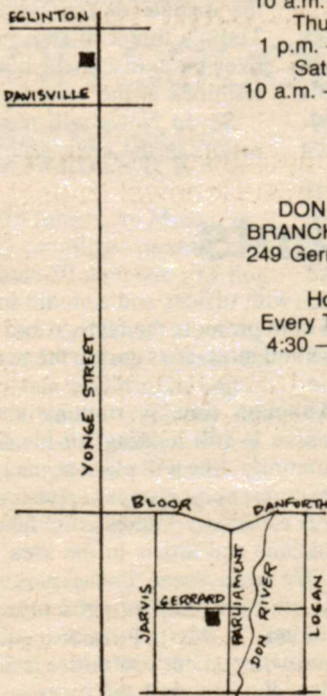
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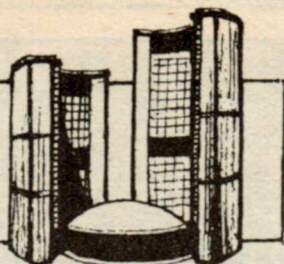
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city hall report



Sprucecourt apartment units available

by JANET HOWARD
Ward 7 Alderman

Around the time of the First World War, a group of philanthropists known as the Toronto Housing Company built Spruce Court Apartments at Spruce and Sumach Streets. The old-English style buildings around courtyards housed working people of modest income in so pleasant a manner that, when public housing came along, no project in Canada, however modern, improved on the Spruce Court design.

The philanthropists sold Spruce Court to a group of private investors who kept the Toronto Housing Company name, and over the years it was treated much like any other absentee-owned development. Rents were generally not bad, but little money went into maintenance.

At the request of Spruce Court tenants, the City of Toronto bought out the private owners in 1974. Like its sister project east of the River, Bain Avenue Apartments, Spruce Court was threatened by conversion to "luxury" condominium units which residents would be unable to afford. Since then, a programme of complete renovation has been under way, and now Spruce Court is better than ever.

Although the houses and apartments tend to be small, every unit has its own front door; there is not a corridor in the place. Many units have screened-in balconies and back porches; some apartments have an upstairs and a downstairs; and altogether, with every unit at or near ground level, the effect is more like living in a house than an apartment building.

The most attractive feature of Spruce Court Apartments is something new: the people who live there make the decisions. While the City's Non-Profit Housing Corporation owns the project, the Tenants' Association sets the rent and rules and keeps a watchful eye on the place as any owner-occupant. The tenants know that their efforts keep the rent down and their interest creates a noticeable sense of community. People who have gone over to take a look have remarked to me on the friendly atmosphere.

Half the units are covered by the rent supplement programme, which makes up the difference be-

tween what residents can pay and what must be collected to cover the mortgage held by the Federal Government. Occupants of rent supplemented units are accepted from the City Housing Department's list of applicants after an interview with the Spruce Court Tenant Selection Committee to see that they meet such guidelines as a good record of past tenancies, priorities of need and having lived in the area, family size to suit availability of different sized units, and so forth.

Units not covered by the supplement programme are offered to people willing and able to pay the economic rent, that is, what must be charged to keep the project economically sound. There are at the moment nine one-bedroom apartment available at rents of \$167 to \$172 plus hydro and gas (heating is included in all rents) and cable, if desired; five two-bedroom apartments at \$195 to \$220 plus the same utilities.

The different rents go by a point system of extra features, like balconies and second storeys. This is still cheaper than comparable rents in Toronto, and I doubt that anything quite like the Spruce Court community exists in private housing at all.

Anyone interested in renting these economic-rent units should call Anne Baxter or Barbara Trahern at 924-2039.

Pape Centre: Serving the community

Pape Recreation Centre at 953 Gerrard Street East (Pape & Gerrard) has been a civic gathering place since 1929.

The old building was torn down in 1961 to make way for the new building erected in 1962.

Pape Centre is owned and operated by the City of Toronto Department of Parks and Recreation. There are seven permanent staff members with casual help being called in when needed. In charge of Pape Centre is Bob Gore, 52, a hard working, considerate man who is very capable of running the Pape complex. Among his staff are Carmen Cogliano, Recreational Instructor; Beverly Reilly, Outdoor Instructor; George Williams, Arts & Crafts (Male); Wanda Lingard, Arts & Crafts (female); Chris Bowman, Swimming Instructor; and Barry Sherwood, General Instructor. Combined, these people along with the casual help make Pape Centre a "Well Equipped Machine".

Pape Centre has a well-rounded number of services such as swimming, almost all gymnasium sports, arts & crafts, social gatherings for senior citizens, adult bridge nights as well as the many outdoor activities.

Pape Centre caters to people from nursery to senior citizen and to all races, colours and creeds.

"I think the majority of participants of Pape's Programmes are pleased with them," says Leonard Beebe, 19, a casual employee.

The majority of people who use

Pape Centre are from Ward 8, however, there are a considerable number of people from Ward 7 and beyond.

"I think Pape contributes fairly well in keeping kids off the streets in conjunction with other organizations," says Bob Gore. "If Pape wasn't here I would be playing on the street," adds Stan Mujan, 12.

Although Pape is an important facility there are, as in everything, its shortcomings. Such drawbacks as the Gymnasium being closed in the summer after the conclusion of the Pape Summer Basketball Mens League. The reason for the Gymnasium's closing is the lack of staff. The gym does open though in times of inclement weather and is operated by the

outdoor instructors. Mike Brazeau, 12, says, "I'd rather have Pape without girls, they make too much noise." "I like Pape Centre with boys," says Cathy McCune, 9, surprisingly.

So as one can see Pape cannot please everyone all the time, although it is respected very much by its patrons.

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Voter: Tomorrow? That's what you said yesterday.
Doorkeeper: That's not my problem, I'm just the doorkeeper.
Voter: How long do I have to wait?
Doorkeeper: Waiting's the name of the game. What's your hurry anyway?
Voter: They promised me a house I could afford. I'm still waiting for it. Maybe if they even did something about the rents I wouldn't have to pay through the nose to keep a roof over my family's head. And what about food prices? When are they going to do something?
Doorkeeper: Your problem's not serious enough. It'll have to wait until tomorrow.
Voter: But that's the answer I always get.
Doorkeeper: Sorry fella, that's the only answer I'm allowed to give.

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Bain holds successful street festival

by J. J. FORRESTAL

The positive spirits floating around the Bain Apartments Co-op 2nd Annual street festival on Saturday, August 23, managed to stave off the rain that threatened all day — until near the very end of the fair.

A few, small, intermittent showers couldn't keep the Bain

Co-op residents, their friends and neighbours from enjoying the games, contests, crafts booths, barbecue and entertainment that continued throughout the day and into the evening.

The women's hockey team earned \$100 from its white elephant sale that temporarily transformed Bain Ave. into the bargain basement of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Goodies from the bake table were sold so quickly, that if you had turned to talk to a neighbour, the fruit cake you had your eye on

would have been sold right under your nose. The bake sale alone netted the co-op approximately \$60.

Biggest attractions seemed to be the pet show, specially made Bain Ave. T-shirts, a raffle for a diamond ring and after dark music and dancing.

The pet show saw the usual number of dogs and cats, but one youngster entered her goldfish and another his pet worm.

Bain artisan John Pinto designed and printed white silk-screened T-shirts with a brown drawing of the apartments surrounded by the words "Bain Ave."

Mrs. Adeline LaCroix won the diamond ring designed and made by her own neighbour, Bain's resident jewelry maker, Mimi Shulman.

Bain Ave. is also brimming with musicians who got the chance to impress their neighbours. Full Cruise, partly a Bain effort, played two sets in the afternoon, as did a loosely organized female group of Bain musicians.

Between sets, Bain's Ripple Jackson and friend, Jay, professional jugglers, amazed kids and adults by juggling different kinds of fruit at the same time, and a few



Ripple Jackson, a Bain Apartment resident, entertains the crowd with feats of juggling at the Street Festival held last month.

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News Round-up

Organizer needed to run a dog-food co-operative

During the month of September, the **Danforth Library**, 701 Pape Avenue will feature a display of sketches of old buildings in the Toronto Beaches area done by Mrs. **Joan Oppertshauer** . . .

The **Don Vale Community Centre**, 80 Winchester St. will hold a combined **Open House** and Pub Night on Wednesday, **Sept. 17** starting at 8 p.m. All tenants in the building will also stay open that night to meet people . . .

Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario, has openings in its fall **nursery school** for children aged from two to four. The school runs from 9 to 12 a.m. weekdays with a snack and a hot lunch included. For information phone CNH at 925-4363. . . .

The 20-30 Club of St. Paul's Anglican Church are holding their **Annual Bazaar** for the physically handicapped of McLeod

House, on Saturday, **Oct. 18** from 1 to 5 p.m. at the **Cody Hall**, 277 Bloor St. East at Jarvis . . .

Seven News Editor **Norman Browne** will lead a Community Journalism Workshop and Discussion as part of an on-going series of **Tuesday Literary Workshops** being organized and held by the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East. Mr. Browne will be featured on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. The following Tuesday night will see a poetry workshop held by Japanese poet **Gerry Shikatani**. Admission is free and all are welcome . . .

The Don District Community Health Centre is trying to recruit new **Board members** from the community. Their annual meeting and election of officers will be **Sept. 17** at 7:30 p.m. at 155 Sherbourne St.

FODARA Council will meet at 8 p.m. on

Wed. Sept. 10 at 249 Gerrard Street East to discuss the current funding crisis of the **Community Secretariat**. The possibility of applying for a LIP grant will be discussed. . . .

The first fresh idea in a long time — a **dog and cat food co-op**. People interested in buying pet food economically would form a co-op, buy wholesale in bulk and divvy it up among members for a great saving. It needs an organizer. If you're interested, **phone 7 News** and we'll keep the idea alive in these pages. . . .

There will be a **Rummage and Bake Sale** tomorrow, Sunday, Sept. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St. . . .

IN CASE YOU'RE INTERESTED: As of Sept. 1, 1975, Seven News had accounts receivable (money owed by advertisers) of

\$3,248.20. In turn, Seven News owed **\$720.69** but had **\$3,217.44** in its general bank account. The money raised by the lottery (\$3,784.00) is in a special savings account earning 6-3/4% interest. . . .

The **Broadview YMCA**, 275 Broadview Avenue, needs volunteers to help out in its expanded **fall sports program**. Needed are convenors, organizers, coaches and referees for soccer, floor hockey, flag football, basketball, swimming, ball hockey and volleyball. If you've got time to spare and can help out contact **Ralph Gauthier** or **Fred Buick** at 461-8123. . . .

The Don Area Branch of the Davisville Credit Union will **officially open** at 249 Gerrard St. East on Thursday, Sept. 11. To mark the opening, coffee and donuts will be available from 4:30 on. . . .

Thanks to **Mrs. J. Taylor** for her recent \$5 cash donation to Seven News. . . .

Pottery display by Regent mother

On display during the month of September in the Parliament Street Library are some samples of the

pottery done by Edith Beck. Mrs. Beck, a mother with four children, lives in Regent Park South and has

been heavily involved in forming pottery for a hobby for the past six months.

Although a non-professional and still taking lessons, Mrs. Beck is not content to just learn but she also likes to teach. As fast as she masters a new technique or area of knowledge she passes it on wherever and whenever she can.

Up to now, she has been teaching teens that hang around the streets, using her basement as a workshop. She hopes to get use of the kiln and materials at Park School and extend her lessons to mothers in the area. She also hopes to get funded under the next LIP program so that she can teach and organize pottery-making on a full-time basis.

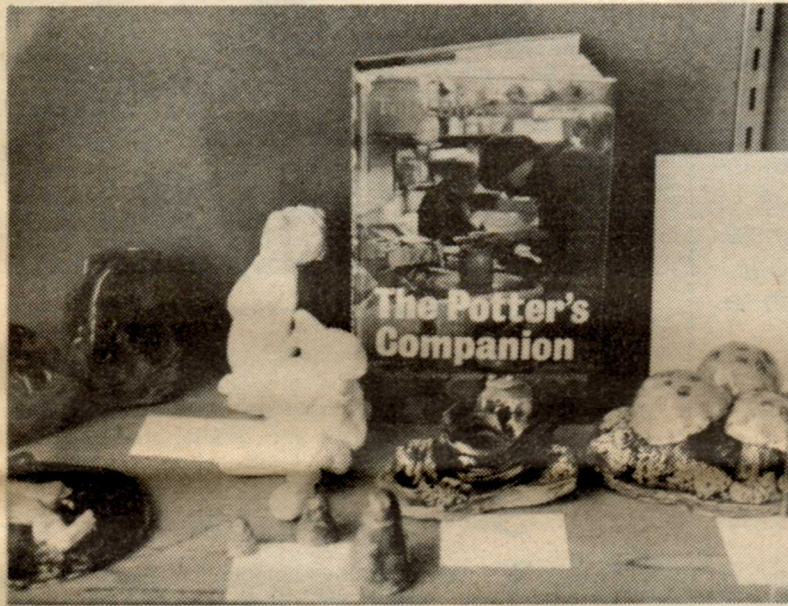


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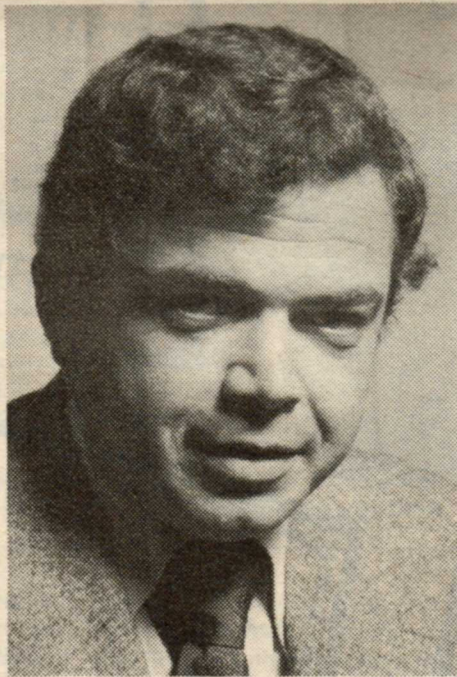
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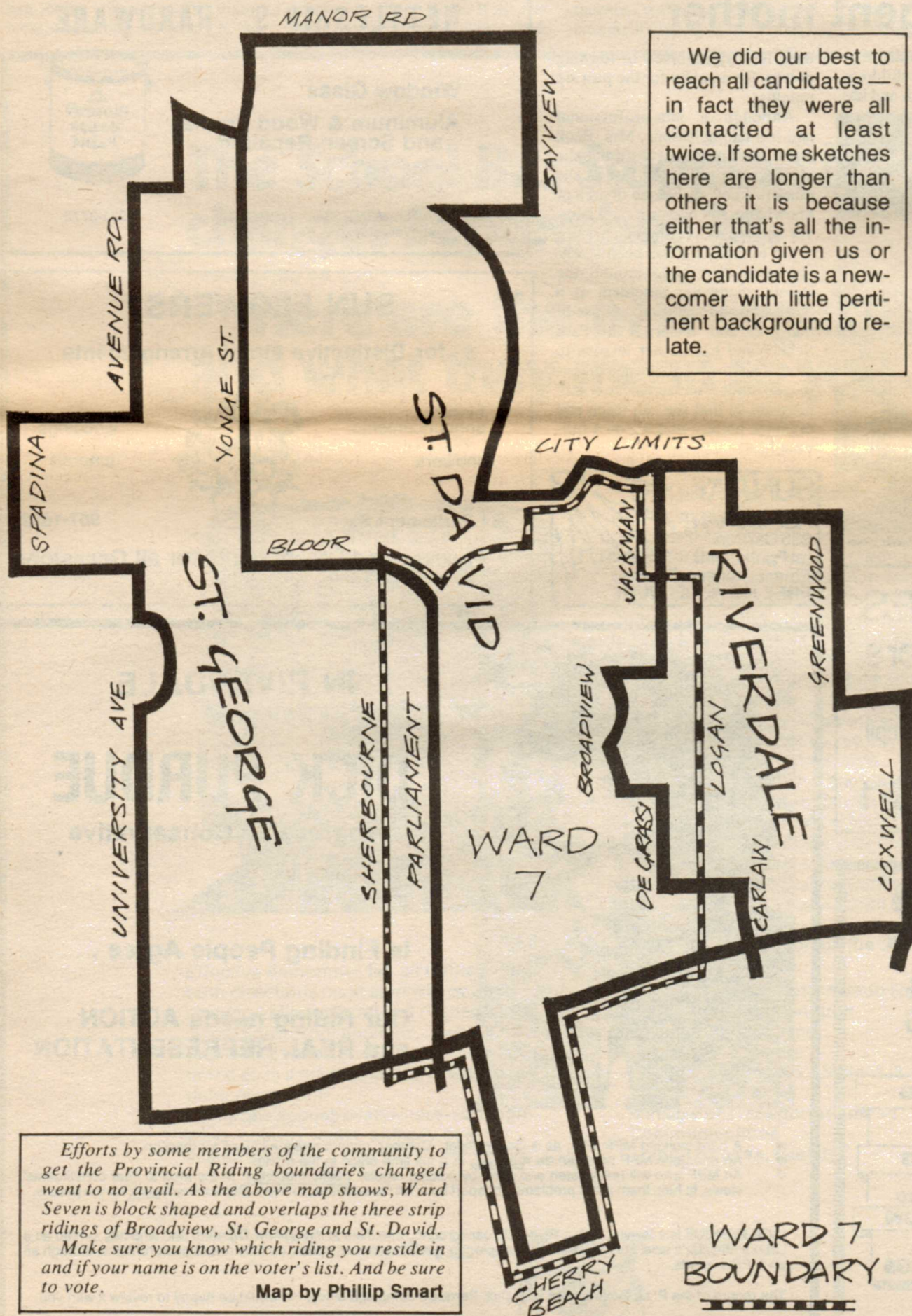
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PROVINCIAL ELECTION ROUND-UP

by J. J. FORRESTAL



Efforts by some members of the community to get the Provincial Riding boundaries changed went to no avail. As the above map shows, Ward Seven is block shaped and overlaps the three strip ridings of Broadview, St. George and St. David. Make sure you know which riding you reside in and if your name is on the voter's list. And be sure to vote.
Map by Phillip Smart

Seven News reaches readers in three ridings — St. George, St. David and Riverdale. Of the three, the most interesting race seems to be shaping up in St. David, primarily because it is a strip riding, with 47,000 eligible voters.

Running from below Eglinton south to Lake Ontario the riding encompasses the high rises near Eglinton, comfy Moore Park, cushy Rosedale and the more impoverished areas of Don Vale, Regent Park, Cabbagetown, and the industrial waterfront. Because the riding is such a complex organism with a mixture of income brackets, housing alternatives and age groups, candidates tend to offer something for everyone.

Housing and rent control are two key issues. In the north end the high cost of buying a home takes precedence while further south constituents are more concerned with rent control and absentee landlords and more provincial aid to upgrade neighbourhoods.

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Margaret Scrivener

St. George is another strip riding encompassing comfortable areas north along AVENUE Road, part of the downtown area along Yonge St., the Spadina area and parts of Don Vale and Cabbagetown. There are 40,000 eligible voters in the riding. Here, too, housing and rent controls are prime considerations.

Sitting member Margaret Campbell of the Liberal Party, says that the accommodations shortage in Ontario is reaching a state of "homelessness", especially in urban areas.

Her answer for tenants isn't rent control. "You can't freeze rents at a time when costs (taxes, fuel, building maintenance) are escalating. Last spring Mrs. Campbell introduced a Private Members' Bill to amend the Landlord and Tenant Act. The intent was to create a rent review board to protect both landlord and tenant and to have authority to decide on rent increases.

"With the exception of senior citizens, it would appear that low rental housing is being phased out. Tenants must have the right to organize and to have security when they do. They must take the initiative."

Campbell would like to see municipalities receive a share of income and possibly corporate tax revenue, to relieve the burdensome taxes on homeowners. She's worried about re-assessment at market values and advocates a land speculation tax.

Campbell says she won't be able to esti-

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A diverse cultural mixture of Anglo-Saxons, Greeks, Italians and Chinese makes the working class riding of Riverdale a hodgepodge of issues. There are 35,000 eligible voters in the riding.

NDP incumbent Jim Renwick sees this diversity as a real asset and has worked with various community groups and residents to cut through the red tape of government agencies by means of the legal aid clinic he's been running for 11 years at Woodgreen Community Centre.

He feels the Conservatives have ignored the economic needs of the individuals in deference to corporations. He feels money poured into the corporate treasuries by the provincial government could be used to build more geared-to-income housing. His housing stance is that of the NDP program which includes abolition of the property tax.

Renwick has represented Riverdale as MPP since 1964. He's the NDP critic for the Ministries of the Attorney General and Con-

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As Parliamentary secretary to Housing Minister Donald Irvine, incumbent Conservative MPP **Margaret Scrivener** is tending to rely on her previous track record. She has been active with various planning and conservation groups, most notably as a member of the Ontario Task Force and the Metro Toronto Planning Board. She was also chairperson of the Premier's Committee on the Status of Women in 1973.

Scrivener was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in the general election of Oct. 1971, when she took the riding by 5,000 votes over the NDP.

She's been highly critical of federal housing policies and says she'd like to see more non-profit housing, but she feels that Trefan Court residents were "manoeuvred and exploited by the local aldermen."

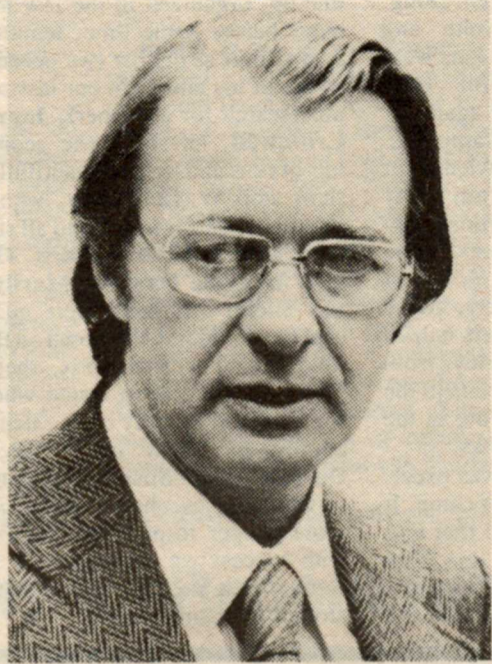
Scrivener is married to a Toronto business executive and is the mother of four children. She intends to spend about \$27,000 on her campaign.

NDP candidate **Jim Lemon** is running a city-oriented campaign. His campaign managers are aldermen John Sewell and Colin Vaughan.

Lemon feels that "we're moving into a situation where a handful of people are controlling the rental accommodations for a majority of tenants." Because he feels that a rent review board would only be cumbersome, and not enough, Lemon is advocating rent controls. "Tenants must become more powerful and demand their rights."

Concerning home ownership, Lemon would like to see an increase in the supply of new homes and proper implementation of the HOME program. To eliminate speculation he would ensure homes were sold at low prices initially. "Most people aren't interested in speculative gain."

Lemon feels the city needs a strong voice at Queen's Park. "The issue is that politicians promise too much and say what they'll do for people instead of getting people to do things for themselves. I plan to open up Queen's Park for people, much like City Hall has been opened up."



Jim Lemon

Lemon, a professor of urban geography and community studies at the University of Toronto, has actively opposed the construction of the Spadina expressway.

He's married and is the father of three children. He's been chairman of the Annex Ratepayers' Association and of the Confederation of Resident and Ratepayers' Association (CORRA). He intends to spend about \$10,000 for his campaign.

June Rowlands, Liberal candidate for St. David, is no stranger to housing issues. She has a long and impressive record of both volunteer and professional work in the housing field, primarily as a Housing Consultant for Metro's Social Planning Council.

She's been a member of the Planning Council's housing committee for senior citizens and for the inner city. She's also been a member of the Housing Committees of the Association of Women Electors and the Canadian Council on Social Development, as well as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Provincial Government Task Force on Housing.

Her experience also extends to the position of the Presidency of the Family Service Association of Metro Toronto.

To allow people to buy homes more easily Rowlands advocates the development of a provincial land use plan and the opening up of more land for housing instead of hoarding it in land banks. She would attempt to relieve pressure on municipal treasuries by giving them a greater share of provincial revenues.

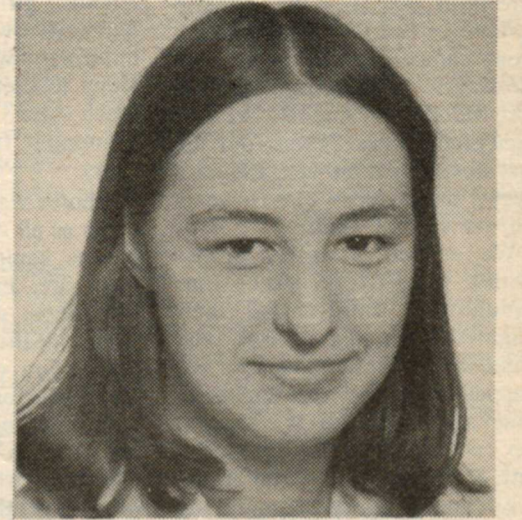
She's also calling for a powerful agency to provide stronger rent review policies.



June Rowlands

Although her stand on women's issues — equal pay for equal work, expanded day care and equality of pension benefits — is a common one, she is the only candidate to even raise the issue.

Like her NDP opponent, Rowlands would work to make Queen's Park more sensitive to public opinion by emphasizing the power of legislative committees to consider public opinion and invite participation.



Anna Larsen

Communist Party candidate **Anna Larsen** has studied at Trent University and has been active in the student fight against the provincial government's education cutbacks. Her stands on issues are those of the entire party: corporate wealth and large incomes should be taxed heavily to provide cost-free health care, education and transit. Housing would be considered a public utility. The party is also calling for the removal of profit from housing, rent controls, amendments to the Landlord and Tenant Act, and the right of tenants to organize with security of accommodations.



Margaret Campbell

mate her campaign expenses until after the election.

As Ward 2 Alderman and City Controller Campbell was active in city politics. She was a mayoralty candidate in 1969 and a Provincial Court judge from 1971 until she was elected member of the Ontario legislature in 1973.

She's married and is a mother of three and a grandmother of three.

Frank Vasilkioti, Conservative candidate, has strong community interests and is currently chairman of a United Fund committee responsible for allocation of funds for six volunteer agencies. He's a member of the local Ratepayer's Association and is Vice-President of a firm involved in assisting

Canadian companies in raising funds and meeting new challenges.

He is currently teaching a course in Canadian business at York University.

Vasilkioti is married and is the father of two children. He could not be reached for an estimate of his campaign expenditures.



Frank Vasilkioti

Tenants' rights, housing and transportation are some of NDP candidate **Lukin Robinson's** main concerns. Robinson would enact a tenant's bill of rights to guarantee security of tenure and satisfactory building maintenance. He would couple this with rent control provisions.

For homeowners, Robinson is calling for lower mortgage rates and low interest loans

for repairs and renovations.

He would also attempt to establish a prices review board and with the power to roll back prices on such commodities as food and fuel.

And in line with NDP policy he would call a halt to paving the Spadina "ditch" while strongly working for more and better public transportation.

The NDP candidate for St. George expects to spend about \$10,000 on his campaign.

Robinson's background is an international one. He was born in Toronto but as a young man, spent some time in Switzerland with his family. After World War II he served as an alternative delegate to the UN conference on world population.

Canadian politics are part of his heritage. Robinson's paternal great-grandfather was



Lukin Robinson

Sir John Beverley Robinson, a member of the Family Compact and a provincial attorney general. His maternal great-grandfather was Sir Oliver Mowat, a Premier of Ontario and Justice Minister in Laurier's cabinet.

Robinson has lived in Toronto since 1953. He has three grown children from a previous marriage and is the stepfather of three more by his second.



Elizabeth Hill

Communist Party candidate **Elizabeth Hill** is presently leader of the Young Communist League and is a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Canada. She has actively fought for free access to education and her platform is that of the Party, mentioned above.

sumer and Commercial Relations. He's chairman of the NDP caucus and has fought for improved environmental protection legislation.



Jim Renwick

Renwick expects he'll spend about \$11,000 on his campaign.

Liberal candidate **Nick Kapelos**, a young lawyer active in the Danforth area, feels his

primary responsibility is to cultivate a sense of community among the riding's ethnic groups. He also feels that absentee landlords are gouging the riding's tenants and he's advocating the establishment of rent review boards.

Kapelos' stand on education reflects the fears of the riding's cultural groups, that their children aren't being given the quality of education and training to land them jobs or entrance to university.

He expects to spend about \$20,000 on his campaign effort.

The Conservatives are being represented by **Dick Perdue**, a young lawyer and former reporter for the *St. Catharines Standard*. He is also a former executive assistant to Fern Guindon when he was Ontario Labour Minister.

In a recent *Toronto Star* article Perdue asserted that if elected, the first thing he would do is open an office, full-time, where constituents could go with their problems,

and that he would hold public meetings monthly. He feels he would get more done than the incumbent because he would be a member of the majority rather than the opposition. Perdue estimates he'll spend about \$19,000 on his campaign.



Nick Kapelos

Dick Perdue

Community Party candidate **Ed McDonald** has been active in the trade union movement both in Scotland, where he was born, and in Canada since he immigrated in 1951. He is currently the Toronto organizer



Ed McDonald

and a member of the Central Committee of the Community Party of Canada. His stand is aligned with that of the Party, mentioned above.

The Socialist Labour Party is being represented in the Riverdale campaign race by **George Shand**.

CABBAGETOWN KIDS ENJOY A SUMMER ON A FARM

by **BARRY SCHONFELD**

Dixon Hall offered a special camping programme this summer for teens and preteens. Mrs. Jean Lord, who has been a great friend of Dixon Hall for many years hosted the programme on her 120 acre farm near Brighton, Ontario (two hours east of Toronto). Each group camped for five days from Monday to Friday, beginning the first Monday in August. We had eight preteens (11-13 years old) the first week, eight preteens the third week, and 9 teens (14-16 years old) the second week.

We offered a variety of activities. Cold Creek, which runs through the Lord's and their neighbours' farmland, was well suited for a six mile canoe trip. We stopped along the way for swimming and picnicking. We made a trip each week to the provincial Park at Presqu'ile Bay, an attractive setting with a museum, hiking trails, and a long sandy beach. We

also went swimming to the nearby "Little Lake" and some campers went fishing as well.

Keith Arbeau a preteen who attended the first week, found himself very much at home at our camp in spite of his being the only boy among 7 girls. He manoeuvred a leaky old row boat about 500 yards up stream with **Marilyn Marsh** along to keep it from tipping too much. He kept himself busy, swimming, fishing and playing archery.

Chores were a large part of this camp as all the cooking was done by the campers outdoors on an open fire. Each week we would form three groups to handle the jobs at mealtime. One group had to make a fire, one had to prepare the meal, and one to clean up. The campers became more co-operative as they came to realize that they were relying on each other to get things done. If the fire wasn't started they couldn't cook

and would have no dinner — as a result things got done.

The farm proved to be a good setting with only a few minor problems. Jean and her children, Doug, Sam, Allan, Janet, John and grandchildren Julie and Pat, were very friendly and helpful. They would join in now and again for activities, meals, and campfires. They shared their knowledge of milking the cows; not too many kids made the 5 a.m. milking (except for **Sandra Cailler**). Most saw it in the afternoon. A few of the teens, **Wayne Curly**, **Mike Madden**, and **Jim Cluett** helped bring in the oats and barley, from the field, while the preteens in the next week enjoyed playing in the barn among the hay stacks.

Luckily the weather was excellent for all three weeks of camp. It rained only one day and that was when the teens were up. That morning was spent in Mrs. Lord's basement playing cards or pool and

drying off.

That same week we played a baseball game with a Brighton team and won hands down. The line-up, organized in the few minutes before game time, featured **Jim Cluett** as pitcher (we became aware of his talents in our last minute search for a pitcher), **James Cromwell**, left field (he scored lots of runs and fielded beautifully) short stop **Wayne Curly**, whose first hit was a homerun, and all star first baseman **Mike Madden**. The girls **Maggie Dawson**, **Marilyn** and **Sheila McShane** were quite capable of holding their own on the field and in the batter's box. Sheila McShane's big score came when she told their mouthy back-catcher plainly to "shut up". Sisters **Darlene** and **Susan Doucette** served well as cheer leader and score keeper respectively. Drunk with success we repaired back to camp for a delicious corn roast around the campfire.

Wednesday of each week was the night we went to the drive-in. It was fortunate for myself and Laurie (The director) that there was a different movie each week. We knew the kids would enjoy this evening so we made it clear that we could only go if they were good.

Other outings included trips to the nearby fish hatchery. The preteens in the last week enjoyed this immensely as many of them had just been fishing the previous afternoon in Cold Creek. We also visited a saw mill in Stockton. The proprietor demonstrated the use of the saw and explained that it was run by the energy generated from the adjacent waterfall. He gave us a bushel of apples as we left.

The camp is indebted to a lot of people and organizations for making it a success. Though they have all been thanked personally, our major benefactors deserve mention here. Money was provided by the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church (Toronto), Mr. Fred Hennessey of Brighton, and Dixon Hall. The site was provided by Mrs. Jean Lord. The Lions Club of Brighton provided the outings to Presqu'ile Bay, the canoes, and the sports equipment.

The project was organized by the camp co-ordinator Laurie Garton, a third year recreology student from Ottawa. This experience, her first as a director proved her to be an astute and capable leader. Faced with vague promises, on the one hand, independent (stubborn?) children, on the other, and a minimum of staff, Laurie made it work. She always had the respect and admiration of the children, staff, and sponsors. It seemed her only fault was in not being able to be in two places at once!

As to the future of this project, it seems to have none — at least not in the form it took this summer. There is the problem of financing, and the need for a proper site (the government inspector was not completely happy with the farm). There is also the problem of finding enough kids from the Dixon Hall area to fill a camping program of this magnitude.

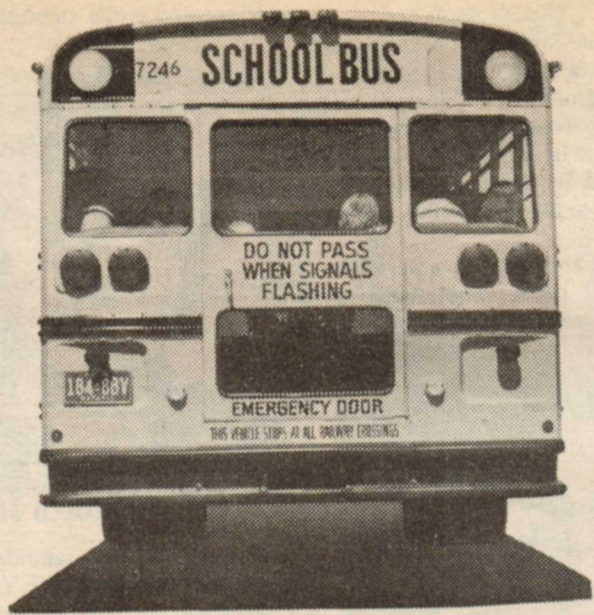
These problems can be sorted out once the community becomes aware of the value of this type of experience for their children. Once the community decides this is a priority for its children, funding and a camping site can be readily found.

But whatever the future, for some children from the Dixon Hall area, the Summer of '75 was a memorable one.

(Barry Schonfeld, 26, has a B.A. in Psychology and is presently attending U. of T. to get a B. A. in Education. During the summer he worked at Dixon Hall and plans to continue doing volunteer youth work with organization in the Fall.....)

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As a motorist, you must drive with extra care whenever you see a school bus in front of you or coming towards you, because if the school bus flashes its red lights, traffic from both directions must stop.

If all of us observe this law our children will be that much safer. Remember, school bus safety is everybody's responsibility.

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Fall programs at Dixon Hall

Fall programming will begin once again at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, starting on September 8.

For the teens there will be Friday night dances, swimming at the Broadview YMCA and a film-making course on Saturdays. Wednesday nights will be teen travel night with trips to boxing arenas, bowling alleys, plays, etc. etc. Another possibility being looked into is all-night movies, once a month.

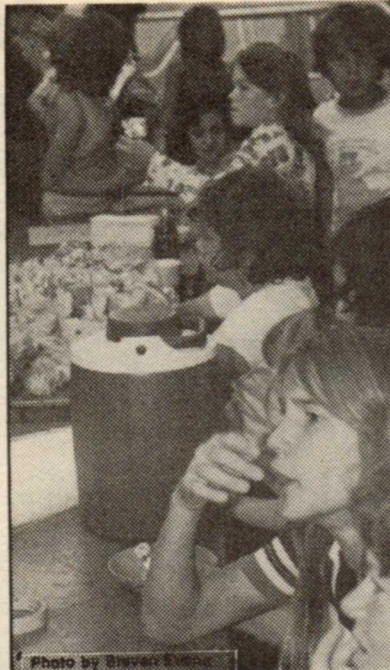
The children's programs will include activities such as arts and crafts, a cultural-ethnic cooking course, games, drama, print-making, self-defence, oil painting and puppet making.

Program times for the various age groups are as follows: 9 a.m. until noon - 3 to 5 year olds.

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. - 6 to 12 year olds.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - 8 to 17 year olds.

With the teen program extended to 10 p.m., Dixon Hall is in need of volunteers to lead and act as resource people for some of their programs. Anyone with specialized skills, talents or knowledge that would appeal to a teen age group, and wishing to



Despite the coolish weather, a good crowd turned out last week for the annual Dixon Hall street dance and festival. The street dance, one of many held in the ward during the last few weeks, marked the end of summer and the end of the summer programming at Dixon Hall.

From now until the late spring of next year, outdoor activities at the various agencies and community centres will be confined to hockey.

volunteer, should contact Gayle Sommerville, 863-0499, at Dixon Hall.

Tenant federation meets with success

by SARAH POWER and JACK de KLERK

The Federation of Limited Dividend Tenants, only four months old, is already meeting with success with the help of the experience of the Barbara Apartments in Ward Seven.

The Barbara Apartments, located at 700 and 730 Ontario Street in St. Jamestown, were the first Limited Dividend buildings to organize against a proposed rent increase.

They protested in order to investigate the books of their landlord, Meridian, to see if their rent increases was justified by increased operating costs. This brought the Federal housing program under scrutiny by tenants, and local, provincial and federal politicians.

The prime demand — of justified rent increases — made by representatives of the Barbara Apartments and nine other buildings across Metro who belong to the Federation, was made at a meeting last month with Barney Danson, Minister of Urban Affairs.

What the Federation members want is for tenants to have the right to inspect their landlord's books, as only then can true operating costs be determined and possible rent increases justified.

Mr. Danson responded by announcing that a Rent Review Committee would be set up. The Committee would include tenants, representatives from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), and landlords. However, details of the Committee and its powers have yet to be released.

The Federation is scheduled to meet with Mr. Danson again in September and if the Committee set-up is not clarified or not to their liking, the Federation will make further protests.

The other major area of concern for the Federation, which affects the Barbara Apartments and the

building at 230 Oak Street in Ward Seven, is poor maintenance.

Tenants want complete inspections by CMHC, with tenants accompanying the inspectors, before any rent increases are given the go-ahead.

The Limited Dividend program is supposed to provide housing for low and moderate income people at below market rents. The government provides cheap mortgage money to builders in return for regulated profits.

Tenants, however, are not satisfied with the program. Rents are not significantly below market rates, and maintenance in many buildings is not up to acceptable standards.

Further, tenants allege that landlords are making a profit in excess of the six per cent ceiling allowed by the program. The Federation feels that more checks should be placed on the program if it is to help low and moderate income people.

Food Co-Operative federation formed

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Distributor of the Week

by MARK INGLIS

Robby Carr was the distributor of Seven News on his street for more than six months before his parents moved out of the Ward Seven community.

His route was his own street, Carlton, between Sackville and Parliament. He did his route with the good enthusiasm of a nine year old, always getting the paper out on time.

This past summer Robby kept busy. He joined the summer school at Humber College which he found to be "such a large place, you just can't stay still." He played sports at the school and shared in some academic activities.

Robby particularly enjoys science. He reads science fiction, and he enjoys doing science experi-

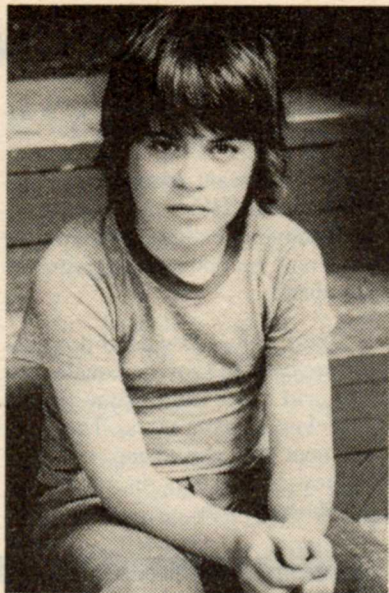


Photo by Steven Evans

ments. He has a pollution environment kit which is full of experiments, and he has a number of other books that familiarize him with technology.

This fall Robby will be entering grade five.

Sewing classes start at CRC

The girl's Sewing Class at the Toronto Christian Resource Centre, 297 Carlton is entering into its seventh season. The classes begin on Monday, September 8 and run from 7 to 9 p.m. throughout the school year. Classes are open to girls eight years of age and older.

The classes provide the girls with an opportunity to learn new skills, to gain confidence in themselves, to meet new friends, and to gain social visibility through their sewing instructor. The two-fold purpose of education and recreation go hand in hand.

Volunteers are needed to assist at this worthwhile program. They are needed for every Monday night or every other Monday night for two hours.

Some basic skills in sewing are necessary along with an interest in helping girls. A volunteer will work with three to four girls ranging in age from eight to 16 in an unstructured sewing class.



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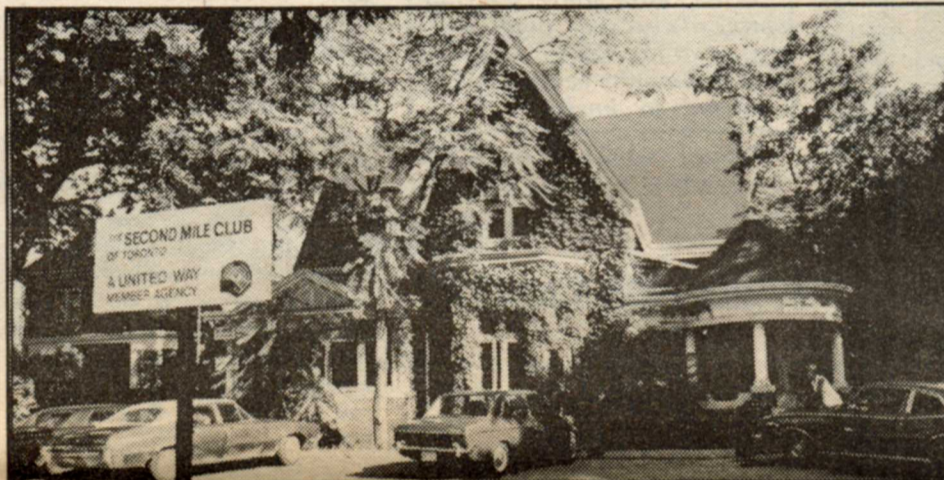
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The Second Mile Club on Carlton Street is moving to Laughlin Lodge on Elm Street just north of City Hall. Many of its elderly users live in the area and object to the move. They wonder why both facilities can't be used.

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"She will be an important member of a Liberal government" — Norman Webster, *Globe & Mail*

June Rowlands



June Rowlands has already had a career of major achievements in our community. As a volunteer and a professional, she has earned widespread respect and stature, especially in the vital areas of housing, urban policy and family services.

Here is a brief list of her accomplishments:

Housing and Urban Policy

Director: Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation
 Chairman: Senior Citizens' Housing Committee, Social Planning Council of Metro Toronto
 Hydro Block Working Committee
 Housing Committee, Association of Women Electors

Member: Housing Committee, Canadian Council on Social Development
 Alexander Park Co-op
 United Church Housing Committee
 Advisory Committee, Provincial Government Task Force on Housing
 Inner City Housing Committee, Social Planning Council

Family Services

President: Family Service Association of Metro Toronto
 Member: National Council of Welfare
 Appeals Committee, United Community Fund
 York Community Services

Volunteer Associations

President: Association of Women Electors (twice elected)
 Business & Commerce Committee, Toronto/
 Amsterdam Twin Cities Association
 Executive: North Rosedale Ratepayers' Association
 Don West Neighbours' Group
 Trefann Neighbours and Tennants Association

Employment

Research
 Director: Ontario Liberal Caucus, Queen's Park
 Housing
 Consultant: Social Planning Council of Metro Toronto

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KIWANIS "K" CLUB PROVIDES FUN WITH A PURPOSE

The Gerrard Kiwanis' Boys and Girls Club is its full name, but it is usually referred to as the "K" Club by most of its nine hundred members.

The club is located on the south-west corner of Spruce and Sumach streets, in the building that remotely resembles a church, which it once was. The Kiwanis Club moved in 1936, and in 1939 they purchased the building. From then on its quiet churchly days were over. Instead of soft organ music, the only sounds being emitted were, and still are, shouts and screams of happy children, playing learning, and having fun all at the same time.

The club's motto is "Fun with a purpose", and its main objectives are assisting youngsters in meeting the responsibilities of today and to prepare them for a future as worthwhile citizens. To do this they provide a full program of recreation, leading towards health, physical and social fitness. They take male members from the ages of seven to seventeen, and female members from the ages of eight to fourteen. They tend to specialize in more boys activities than girls so far. But they have come a long way since the first girls were admitted in 1961. Although, there were only about two hundred female members last year compared to seven hundred male members.

Million dollar grant

The club is funded by a one million dollar grant left by T. P. Loblaw, founder of the Loblaw Groceries, when he died in 1933. It receives no other financial assistance, although there is a small registration fee to join the club. This fee ranges from twenty-five cents to one dollar per year depending on the age of the person. None-the-less the "K" club has a full program

which is run by a paid staff of ten people, and a volunteer staff of about thirty.

The staff is supervised by the dynamic director of the club, George Rigg, who is directly responsible for the services of the club to the community. Among the other members of the staff are a club nurse, who looks after the health and treatment of the club members. There is also a secretary, a boys and girls club, program directors and supervisors, and an arts and crafts instructor. These are the people who work full time at the club. The volunteer staff donate one or two evenings a week to instruct various club groups.

Some of the major groups that a child at the "K" can join are:

Rifle Club which is held once a week at No. 51 Police station, under the direction of a police constable and club staff member.

Cooking Club where both girls and boys are taught how to cook along with proper nutrition.

Fun Club This club works under a volunteer leader and has a membership of eight to ten year olds, and they do everything from outings to certain places of interest to cooking, crafts and helping senior citizens groups.

Sewing Club is a group of girls from eight to fourteen, who learn to make their own clothes, and they top off the year by putting on their own fashion show.

Charm Class girls of any age learn hair setting manicure posture and general cleanliness.

Coin Club avid coin collectors get together with clubs in other area. The best collections get trophies at the end of the year.

Stamp Club here philatelists can gather weekly, and see what's

happening in the stamp world.

Arts and Crafts there are a number of classes depending on age and interest.

Drama Club works hard all year and puts plays on at Christmas parties and during drama nights.

Swimming Classes held weekly at Lord Dufferin School, and are taught by red cross instructors.

Teen Drop-in-centre takes place three nights a week.

Some of the other services offered by the "K" Club are a study room, which operates daily for homework purposes, and is helped out one day per week by a University of Toronto student. There is also student field work where students from U. of T., Ryerson, and Centennial College are assigned to the Gerrard K to carry out field training for their courses at school. A probation officer visits the club three times a week and talks to, and helps



Two of its more than 900 members enjoy shuffleboard at the Gerrard "K" Club at Spruce and Sumach in Don Vale.

Photo by Steven Evans

some of the members. There are also some staff members available for guidance on drug abuse.

The health program at the Club is quiet unique. It includes organizing medical examinations which every club member must attend, visits to the homes of members, first aid, free clothing distribution, camp medicals, and having health literature available. There is also an annual health night for parents of the members.

Throughout the year the club member can look forward to a large number of special events. Starting in October is the Halloween party then comes the Christmas party, Christmas bazaar, Valentine party, Drama festival, Chess Club Championships, Swim meet, visits by politicians and sports personalities, fashion show, skating trips and many, many more fun filled activities. The year is always topped off with the annual Kiwanis Memorial Picnic.

The "K" club continues its motto "fun with a purpose" with

its extensive sports program. The program includes such sports as, cosmo hockey, ice hockey, football, floor hockey, puck hockey, gymnastics, and tumbling.

Once a year a sportsorama is held in which the tumbling and gymnastics are displayed. The ice hockey finals are held on Jamboree Night at the Ted Reeve Arena. There is also a Track and Field meet held once yearly at Central Tech.

A year at the "K" club always ends happily with a trip to camp. Camp Kiwanis is located eighteen miles north-east of Huntsville, not too far from Algonquin Park. The camp was originally used as a rest camp by the Royal Norwegian Air Force. The Kiwanis Club bought it in 1945 and has since used it to help thousands of kids learn to live in the country for a couple of weeks a year.

So that old building at Sumach and Spruce streets is by no means quiet or empty, it is filled with fun but always for a purpose.

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The issues that count in St. David

The St. David riding brings together many different people with many different needs. The people of St. David must have an active representative in Queen's Park.

- Tenants are getting hit with outrageous rent increases while the Davis government offers them no real protection.
- Many people long to own their own homes and find that prices are now so high only speculators can afford to buy a house.
- Parents worry about their children being crammed into overcrowded classrooms with teachers on the verge of striking. Yet the Davis government does nothing to reduce class size and baits the teachers.
- Neighbourhood homeowners live with suburban drivers zooming through their streets to reach downtown while the Davis government encourages more suburban sprawl.
- City dwellers worry about what the mushrooming office towers downtown and uptown will do to their neighbourhoods yet the Davis government squelched the 45-foot holding by-law.
- Residents struggling for community health centres get lots of talk and little action from the Davis government.
- Workers suffer from industrial pollution yet the Davis government does nothing except call for more "inquiries."
- Bill Davis broke his promise on Spadina. He promised us a city for people and gave us instead mini-expressways on the Spadina and 400 routes. They will dump more cars in the heart of the city and build up the pressure for a Crosstown Expressway knifing through Rosedale.



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NDP St. David

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“Okay Margaret Scrivener... Where do you stand on decency, education, taxes, and housing?”



We sat down with Margaret Scrivener and asked her the tough questions people in St. David are thinking about during this election campaign. We tape recorded her answers. Here they are in black and white:

Q: A lot of people in the other parties are saying that “decency” or “law and order” are phoney issues.

A: Anybody who calls “decency” a phoney issue should come down and talk to the people in St. David. When I talk with them . . . they’re glad we’re planning gun control legislation. They’re glad we’re looking into violence in the media: who wants their children watching five people murder each other on a T.V. show? We’ve increased aid to municipal police forces. We’re helping the city clamp down on body rub parlours. Call it what you like. Call it “law and order” or “decency” or whatever. It is not a phoney issue. Not here.

Q: People keep bringing up the education issue. Give us your views on that.

A: People have been complaining about our education system here in Ontario. But they’re people with political axes to grind.

To get the facts, ask people *without* axes to grind. Outside educators tell us that Ontario’s system is one of the best education systems on the continent. Your children can’t get a better public school education

anywhere in North America. We have a great variety of education here, to equip the young for the great variety of careers this province offers.

Any system can stand improvement. I think the next step is to see that we get parents more involved with their school boards.

Q: People are worried about tax increases.

A: People *should* be worried about tax increases. But not about provincial increases. It’s the federal taxes that are sky-rocketing. Ottawa’s spending is going up faster than the price of food.

Here in Ontario, we’ve been a . . . lot more sensible. We’ve frozen tax levels. Ottawa hasn’t. Ontario has frozen the civil service. Ottawa hasn’t. Ontario has frozen gasoline prices. Ottawa hasn’t. Ontario has lowered sales taxes. Ontario has removed sales taxes on all cars purchased in the province. Ottawa’s spending is — frankly — crazy. They’re spending \$3.5 billion on Unemployment Insurance alone. That’s over \$600 for every household in Canada. In Ontario, I think we’ve tried to keep taxes sensible . . .

Q: Housing is a big issue. Are we doing enough in Ontario?

A: Well . . . let me tell you the facts.

One out of every three houses built in Canada in the last three years was built in Ontario.

Over the past three years, Ontario has directed well over a billion dollars into housing. That’s created a lot of houses . . . and a lot of jobs. Ottawa offered first-time buyers (of new houses only) a \$500 grant. Ontario offers first-time home buyers a \$1500 grant.

And most of the money Ontario is spending on housing is going to build houses for people who couldn’t afford houses before.

Q: But what have you done for St. David?

A: We were adding it up the other day. In my first three years at Queen’s Park, I answered over nine thousand letters from people here. I’ve helped get the Regent Park Community Health Centre running. I’ve helped with homes for senior citizens. I’ve helped obtain housing for people in need. I’ve helped groups here fight the civil service in Ottawa. I headed the committee that saved CJRT. I’ve helped senior citizens’ groups, Eastminster Community Services, worked with businessmen to help improve Parliament St., and helped put daycare centres in this area. When people write me a letter, they get action. Anything St. David wanted to get done, I tried hard to achieve.

In closing may I remind St. David residents to check the voters’ list to see that they have been properly enumerated.

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Boys club hopes to buy building

The Cabbagetown Boxing and Boys Club, located at 2-4 Lancaster street in South St. Jamestown are moving toward becoming a regional sports centre. To achieve this goal, they are investigating the possibility of buying the building that now houses their present activities.

The initial price of the building, quoted by Meridian, the owner, is \$144,000 although it is hoped negotiation will bring this price down. Once a price has been agreed on, the Cabbagetown Club plan to approach WinOntario for a capital grant to both buy the building and pay for renovations.

At the instigation of Alderman Janet Howard, the city is now doing a survey of the building to determine the exact cost of the renovations needed.

The building was formerly a warehouse and was acquired many years ago by Meridian in their land assembly in

South St. Jamestown. It sat vacant for many years until being rented at a nominal fee to the Cabbagetown club.

The club presently occupies only the top half of the building but if they can purchase it they plan to renovate the bottom into a variety of club, game and drop-in rooms.



MINOR SOCCER SEASON COMPLETED

by DINAH BECHMANIS and FRED BUICK

The 1975 Inner City Minor Soccer League completed its season on Wed. August 27 with two exciting final matches.

In the Minor Division, Cabbagetown and Colgate - UltraBrite fought to a one-all tie at the end of regulation time on goals by M. Mohamid and Danny Wong. Two five-minute overtime periods failed to produce a winner and the game was forced to go into penalty kicks.

A low corner shot eventually won the championship for Cabbagetown with a score of 2-1.

The Colgate-ABC and St. Stephens match, in the Major Division, was a continuous see-saw battle. ABC pulled into an early 1-0 lead on a goal by Bill Vassiliadis only to have it equalled several minutes later by Paul

Tschesnokow of St. Stephens.

Then Roger Dey put ABC in front again after receiving a perfect pass from Paul Paolini. The score was now 2-1 but a goal by Peter Firkola again tied it up and forced the game into overtime.

In overtime, both teams had several good opportunities to score but the final tally was 3-2 in favour of ABC after a winning shot by Peter Macchione.

This year marked the largest player registration the young league has ever experienced. In 1973 there were 80 players. That figure increased to 120 in 1974. This summer, however, there were over 300 players making up 14 teams, nine in the Minor Division (age 7 to 11), and five in the Major Division (ages 12 to 15).

On Friday, Aug. 29, the Broadview YMCA wrapped up the league activities with the traditional soccer banquet. The playoff

winners, ABC and Cabbagetown were presented their trophies and all players were awarded crests for their participation.

The league would not have been able to operate successfully without the time and effort of all the coaches: Earl Simmons, Barney Macken, Mike O’Brien, Andy Bodrog, Terence Martindale, Otto Iuppenstein, Roman Trutiak, Joe Lacorte, Frank Jewson, George Richards, Bill Turner and all the people involved with St. Stephens and Cabbagetown.

Colgate-Palmolive Ltd. sponsored the league and provided sweaters, trophies, crests and the banquet.

THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED ON THIS ISSUE.

Local teams seek broomball players

The Yokels will be back again playing broomball at Ted Reeve Arena. This team of Ward Seven men are again touted as the favourites to win at this demanding sport. The stickhandling and running on ice demand the utmost in balance and muscular control.

The Yokels will take on five other teams during the regular season that starts Sept. 13. Also, they will represent Toronto in tournaments held all over Ontario.

The regulars of last year will be back with help from some

choice newcomers to make out a well-balanced team. Every Saturday night, six teams will play for the Founder’s Cup Trophy presented by Rene Boudreault, league president.

The women’s team is also starting up and last year, the Ward Seven group did a tremendous job. They won the trophy in their league and a tournament as well and are trying for more of the same this year.

Anyone interested in trying out for either team is asked to contact Ian Law at 923-8795 or Peter Law at 920-6134.