

\$1 Million to be spent in South Riverdale

by GEORGE NAYSMITH

The South Riverdale area has been allotted a million dollars to spend on that area and a series of four meetings will be held over the next few weeks at which residents can decide how it is to be spent.

South Riverdale has been designated a Neighbourhood Improvement Area and the million dollars is their allotment under the Neighbourhood Improvement Project (NIP) plan.

NIP replaces the old Urban Renewal plans which fell into disrepute because of their tendency to bulldoze without any community planning or involvement.

Under the NIP program, the costs are shared by the Federal, Provincial and City governments after a plan is drawn up by the people in the community as to how the money is to be spent.

As the name implies, the funds are for neighbourhood improvement only and can be used for such items as day care centres, playgrounds, planting trees, community centres, parkettes, lane improvements and paving and recreational facilities, etc.

NIP money cannot be used for housing, but once the capital program has been approved, money will be available for loans and grants to repair houses in the NIP area. Loans will also be available to improve business properties.

The four meetings to discuss the spending of the money are as follows:

- Sept. 25 — 8 p.m.
The Fire Academy,
895 Eastern Avenue.
- Sept. 29 — 8 p.m.
Dundas Public school,
935 Dundas East.
- Oct. 2 — 8 p.m.
WoodGreen Centre,
835 Queen St. East
- Oct. 6 — 8 p.m.
Bruce Public school,
51 Larchmount Avenue.

A Steering Committee has been formed to work with planners on the details of the plan and steering committee meetings are open to anyone from the area. Scheduled working meetings are held at 731 Queen East on Sept. 22, Oct. 26, Nov. 3 and 17 and Dec. 1 — all at 8 p.m.

For further information call Margaret Bryce, Community Development Officer at 463-5914.

HOUSES FOR PROBLEM ROOMERS

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

In the near future a specialized rooming house will open in the Don District for problem drinkers with severe health problems. An innovative idea with considerable community backing, it is seen as the forerunner for what could be a series of such houses, each specializing in a different type of problem roomer.

Beginning in 1970 with a report by the Christian Resource Centre, roomers have been studied, surveyed, written about and talked about but little has been done for them. Various levels of government say it's either not their problem or they want more "study" done on the problem.

But Jerome Murray and Dwight

Maloney, the two community workers responsible for the project, felt there was no need for further research and study. They went directly into the action stage and began to do something.

The project is also unique in that it short-circuits the usual process for such projects. Normally someone gets an idea, writes up a brief, sends it to a government body and when approved and the funds come through, they hire staff, set up a Board of Directors and start the project.

In this case, it is a pure grassroots project with no government money or involvement.


The concept is quite simple. Scattered around in various rooming houses throughout Ward Seven

are individual roomers with problems that put them at odds with other roomers or with existing services and agencies.

In this case, it is problem drinkers who have severe medical problems but who hate the institutionalized regimentation of hospitals. So put them all together in a 10 to 15 room rooming-house with a nurse possibly living in the house and doctors who call and are on call on a 24-hour basis.

The agencies like the idea: A VON nurse or a doctor can make one house call and see all his patients at once. Welfare and pension case-workers like the idea also for the leg work it would save. And the

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Deadline for next issue is the week end of Sept. 26. Final deadline is Noon, Sept. 29. We still need letters-to-the-editor and other articles as the last two 12-page issues have used up almost everything in our copy bank. Keep it coming in!

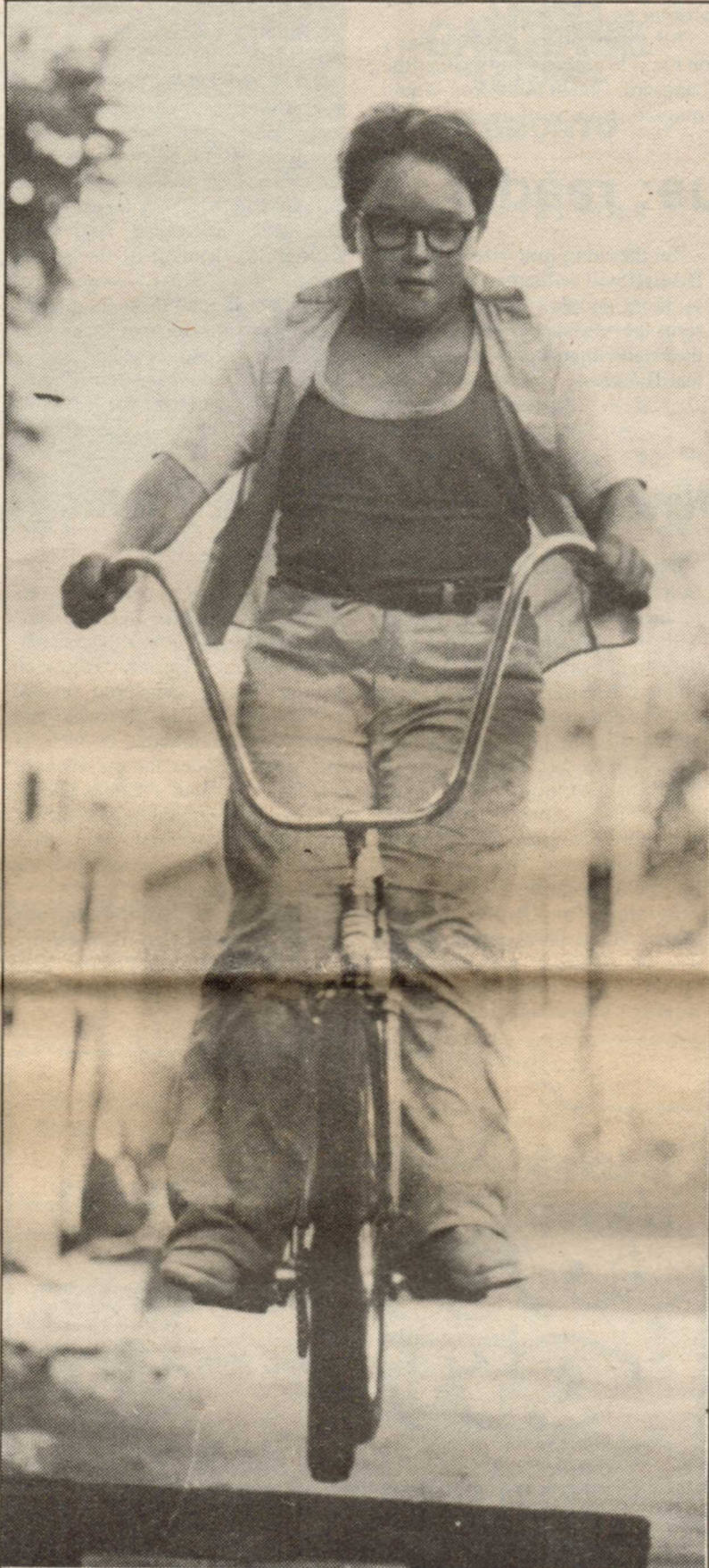


Photo by Steven Evans

Ronnie French of Berkeley street is an obvious admirer of Evel Knievel. Only instead of cars he is flying over the bodies of three of his chums, lying on the ground in front of the ramp.

Local tenant fights for precedent in court case

The judge has reserved his decision on a precedent-setting, mass-action case taken before him by a tenant in Ward Seven. Basically a test case, the tenant was supported and backed by a number of local community organizations.

One such, Neighbourhood Legal Services, spent about 30 hours of time in paperwork and discussion with the Ontario Legal Aid Plan to get them to accept the case. It was then turned over to the local law firm of Roach and Glick who took it to court.

The tenant, Margaret Gittens of 730 Ontario Street, appeared in court on Sept. 9 to fight the attempted eviction by her landlord, Barbara Apartments Ltd., an affiliate of Meridian.

Last fall the tenants at the Barbara Apartments, 700 and 730 Ontario Street protested a \$17.00 rental increase on the grounds that the rents at those Limited Dividend Housing Projects were excessive.

Under the Limited Dividend Housing Act, the landlord is entitled only to a profit of five percent on paid-up share capital.

A tenants association was formed to fight the increase and to determine, if possible, Meridian's actual costs. However, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), who held the mortgage on the two buildings, agreed with Meridian and local politicians to a \$10 a month rent increase starting December 1974, and a further \$7 rent increase in June of 1975.

This agreement was made without the involvement or approval of the tenants in the buildings.

As a result of pressure from their tenants, Meridian released a

number of documents which outlined alleged costs of upkeep of the buildings. Tenants immediately disputed a number of the expenditures.

Meridian claimed expenditures which tenants knew had not been made and as a result, Margaret Gittens began an action in the Supreme Court of Ontario for an accounting and for a ruling that the \$17.00 rent increase was unjustified.

In June 1975, Miss Gittens paid her regular rent without the increase and although Meridian accepted cheques for similar amounts from other tenants, they refused her cheque and thus forced her into arrears. The rent was then paid into Court.

In July she was served with a Notice of Motion to appear in Court regarding her eviction for non-payment of rent.

In Court, the presiding judge would not accept any arguments regarding the justification for the rent increase, ruling that Miss Gittens was not a party to the agreement between Meridian and CMHC which set the profit margin at five percent.

However, her lawyers then argued the case on the grounds that various points in the Landlord-Tenant Act had been violated.

The Federation of Limited Dividend Tenants of Metro Toronto are supporting the case and regard it as a test of the right of the tenant to inspect the books and expenses of Limited Dividend landlords to satisfy themselves as to the justification of rental increases.

Miss Gittens intends to fight the case through to the Supreme Court of Canada if necessary.

Sewell seeks boundary change

Ward Seven Alderman John Sewell is spearheading a drive to have the Federal Riding Boundaries of Rosedale and Spadina changed. In a letter that has gone out to community groups, he states, "I think we should be making a big push to change around Spadina and Rosedale ridings. Perhaps have one riding south of Bloor and one north of Bloor, rather than splitting the ridings down Yonge Street."

In an accompanying copy of a letter sent to the Federal Election Boundaries Commission, Mr. Sewell states, "Rosedale riding combines some of the highest in-

come people people in the City with some of the lowest income people.

"North of Bloor the riding does not include any public housing; south of Bloor the riding includes some 4,000 units of public housing.

"In my opinion, it is virtually impossible for one politician to adequately represent the views of people as divergent in economic and social status."

Alderman Sewell goes on to point out that the area north of Bloor outvotes the area south of Bloor and as a result the people south of Bloor are not being adequately represented in the House of Commons in Ottawa.

Sewell plans to hold a meeting next week of those people interested in his proposal and then set up a committee that will meet with the Riding Boundary Commission at their hearings on Oct. 6.

A similar attempt last year to alter the Provincial Riding boundaries from a strip to a block basis, met with failure. The Provincial Riding Boundaries Commission stated they were not interested in hearing any representation from the community on the question.

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Landlord-Tenant Act favours tenants

Dear Sir:

As superintendent, with my husband, of a twin high-rise, I think it's about time I wrote in reply to the letters I have seen printed in Seven News and elsewhere. And especially the one published in the last issue that was written by Paul Nahirney.

All these letters weigh heavily on the side of the tenant as does the Landlord-Tenant Act. You would imagine, from reading them, that

all tenants are perfect models of behaviour and the landlords are blood-sucking vampires.

Take a look at the other side of the coin for a change.

Mr. Nahirney is patting himself on the back because Cadillac-Fairview backed down from charging for his subletting. Does he really think the charge of \$50 was only 15 minutes work? In the first place he decided to break his lease and in renting apartments or anything else, you pay for that privilege. It takes a great deal longer than 15 minutes to process an application which takes office time and paperwork. And then there's the cleaning of the apartment.

I would like all these people on the side of the tenants to have a look at a recently vacated apartment. They would see new dimensions of dirt! Ninety per cent are absolutely filthy; stoves never

cleaned from one year end to the next, fridges in the same condition and toilets as well.

Also, in many instances the damage to floors and other areas cost hundreds of dollars to repair.

In no instance of a sublet has the new tenant been happy with the state of the apartment and the management has had to do a number of repairs as well as thoroughly cleaning it. That is where the majority of that \$50 goes.

Subletting has nothing to do with the landlord, why should it? He's not asking the tenant to leave. If the tenant wishes to break his lease, it is up to him to find a suitable new tenant.

If Mr. Nahirney had to pay \$30 for an advertisement in the Toronto Star, that's his bad luck for choosing an expensive ad. There are many other ways of finding a tenant.

We have the most understanding and the friendliest of owners. They have spent millions of dollars on extras for the benefit and pleasure of their tenants, none of which is appreciated.

We have had numerous tenants do a moonlight flit owing months of rent and leaving nothing in their apartments but an accumulation of filth. There is no way to trace these jokers to reclaim the money they owe.

If the people who forever cry "down with the landlord" were to be in the superintendent business or invest money in a high-rise, they would soon change their tune.

In my opinion, the Landlord-Tenant Act should be drastically changed to give the landlord a little support in the face of bad tenants who are more numerous than good ones. Goodness knows, supers have enough to cope with — what with all the other rules and regulations that go with being a landlord.

P. Bennett
Address withheld

Seniors paid for bus trips: reader

Dear Editor,

I read with interest your story in a recent issue of Seven News regarding a trip taken by residents of 41 Oak Street in Regent Park to the 1000 Islands. However, I would like to point out an error in the story.

The story says that the bus trip was paid for by proceeds from the weekly Bingos held at 41 Oak Street. In fact, Bingo players paid \$7.50 for the trip and non-Bingo players paid \$8.50 for the trip.

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Scrivener reply avoids issue: reader

Dear Mr. Browne:

Mrs. Scrivener's reply to Carmel Hili in the last issue of Seven News, avoids the question: he was turned away because, as we are painfully aware, Mrs. S. is adamantly opposed to DACHI, and — presumably to judge from this report — to being questioned about it.

This is hardly responsible or responsive behaviour, much less charitable. (I dare say Carmel — as his life and works prove — could also tell Mrs. S. a good deal about charity, too.)

Articles, speeches, broadcasts

and "reports" are hardly input from the electorate, or answer to queries. Nor are questionnaires (one per four-year term of office, forsooth!) whose questions are made up by one's office staff.

What the electorate has heard from Mrs. S. is vilification of the unfortunate and helpless — and this is why the Tory party line, her standard output as token "Queen Bee" in Cabinet, is refuted by so many of us voters and citizens — who pay Mrs. Scrivener's wages. (At a price she and her party set at their pleasure, without reference to us.)

In the long run, the CRC and DACHI will influence — for good — more people, and go far to set right the selfishness and follies of the establishment and its paid political flunkies.

Norman McKinney
Bain Avenue

New circulation manager at 7 News

Phil Jalsevac is the new Circulation Manager for Seven News. He replaces Mark Inglis who, together with his wife Holly, have moved back to Ottawa. Phil, age 26, lives on the western edge of Ward Seven and has had extensive previous experience in the newspaper field.

He has worked for various publications including The Ajax Guardian, Oshawa's This Week, and the Chatham Daily News, along with some free-lance work for the now-defunct CBC Radio program, The Bruno Gerussi Show. For a short period he was also the publisher and editor of a small downtown community weekly newsmagazine entitled

The Aquarian.

Phil's interest in community involvement has also been demonstrated in his previous roles as president of the Toronto Aquarian Centre, which sponsored several community music festivals and educational seminars, as well as being the founder and president of the Chatham Junior Civics Clubs, an organization that gained the esteem and endorsement of the city's Chamber of Commerce and the Hon. Paul Martin.

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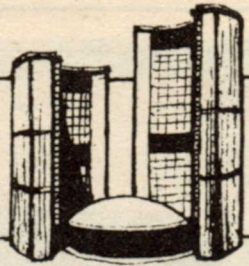
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city hall report



COUNCIL WAFFLES ON DEVELOPMENT

by JANET HOWARD
Ward 7 Alderman

City Council and its committees are back from the summer break. It will be an important year for Ward 7 as some very important decisions are taken, and the one that will have the greatest effect on the ward concerns the new rules for downtown development.

When the now famous 45-foot holding bylaw was passed, the idea was to limit all new construction in the core of the city for a two-year period while some new rules were drawn up to ensure that downtown Toronto keeps its better qualities. The planners set to work feverishly, and in 1974 City Council voted that the Mayor should call together community groups and other interests concerned with downtown Toronto to make their recommendations. The only advisory committee he set up was the one for the other interests — the major developers, real estate executives, architects and a representative of the construction industry. Alderman David Smith, who speaks for the developers on City Council, looks after this group which is called the Smitty Committee in his honour.

The Smitty Committee hired a professor in London, Ontario to write a long report saying that it is impossible to limit office growth in central Toronto and even if it were possible it would be a bad thing. The people who live in areas likely to be swallowed up by those offices the Smitty Committee wishes to build have not been called upon to give their views, although they have volunteered them whenever possible. Last March the planners produced a document called "Central Area Plan Review Principles" which suggested how Council could set about achieving its objectives, and even though community groups complained of its wishy-washy recommendations, the Planning Board passed it on to Council unchanged.

There have been two major fights at City Council over this document. The six of us in the Reform Caucus made a series of motions intended to strengthen and clarify the principles that will determine the future of Toronto for many years to come. They were intended to promote decentralization of core area office employment through working with other governments; protect the central area as a place of residence and protect housing from conversion to other uses; encourage major institutions to develop or expand in other areas of the region, province and nation; increase parkland and recreational space; spread educational, research and cultural facilities over a wider region; provide housing for persons of low income in the central city; and encourage a regional transportation system which helps to strengthen other urban centres in the region rather than a system which would focus on the central area.

All of this sounds like the subject of some of David Crombie's pretty speeches, but when it came to the crunch he, the Executive (except Kilbourn) and the Old Guard argued and voted against them. All but one (protection against conversion of housing to commercial use) lost.

During October and November there will be public debate on the Plan Review Principles. If the people of Toronto do not succeed in toughening up these Principles, we will be back where we were before the 45-foot bylaw, if not worse off: the new rules will be another hunting license for developers, all but corporations and the very well off will be forced out of downtown Toronto and we will become a concrete jungle with ever-increasing traffic and overloaded public transportation. If you would like further information on the subject, write to me or phone me at 367-7916 and I will send you out a summary of what has been debated so far and what is to come.

New plaza opens and merchants fight back

Next Wednesday, September 24, will mark the official opening of Gerrard Square, a new 55-store plaza at Pape and Gerrard just beyond the boundaries of Ward Seven.

The shopping complex, which took about a year to construct at a cost of \$14 million will contain around 350,000 square feet of gross retail floor area.

Built on two levels, its major tenants are Sears, Horizon and Miracle Food Mart. Many smaller chains will also have stores there.

Although on a main TTC bus and streetcar route, the plaza will have parking for 650 cars on surface, underground and multi-level lots.

Situated on almost ten acres of land, the shopping complex will employ around 1,000 full and part-time staff and be open from 9:30 to 9:30 Monday to Saturday. Community facilities include a babysitting service and a meeting room expected to open at a later date.

Meanwhile, partially to counter the threat of the plaza, the Queen-Broadview Businessmen's Association is applying to the city to have that area designated a Business Improvement District.

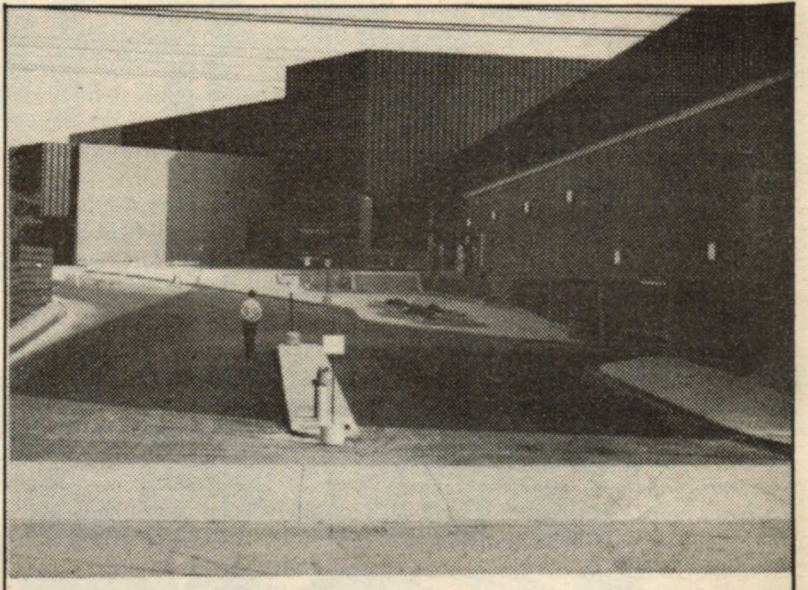
Under such a plan, similar to the

one being used on Parliament Street, the city would take a poll of all businesses in the area and if a majority approve, the plan would go into effect.

Each business in the area from the Don River bridge to the railway overpass at Grant street would be taxed a little extra and that special tax money would go into a fund to be used by a Board of Manage-

ment. The Board would consist of five businessmen from the area plus a local alderman.

Ed Saligman, President of the Association says that they are forming such a Board at present in anticipation of approval by the merchants concerned. "The street needs a face-lifting," said Mr. Saligman. "We hope that business will come back."



Gerrard Square plaza opens next week.

CNH gets home visitor grant

Central Neighbourhood House has received a \$9,197 grant from the Ontario Housing Corporation to operate a home visiting service for senior citizens in Moss Park Apartments.

Most of the senior citizens involved receive one visit a week. Some receive two or three depending upon their needs.

If required the home visitor will do house cleaning, food shopping, laundry and will escort the senior to such things as doctor's appointments.

This service by CNH was originally started under a LIP grant and now continues under the grant from OHC. The new funding from OHC is expected to keep the program running until the end of March of next year.

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News Round-up

Second Mile Club remains on Carlton St.

WoodGreen Community Centre has received a grant of \$10,000 from the Ontario Housing Corporation to provide activities for teenage children in the Greenwood apartments at 1615 Dundas East.

Central Neighbourhood House will hold a Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 23 at 349 Ontario Street.

Ms Gail Kenney, a resident of Bain Avenue Co-op Apartments has had a successful major showing of her photography at the Scarborough Civic Centre since Sept. 8.

The Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, At 106 Trinity Street, had a successful exhibition and sale of Indo-Tibetan jewelry, tapestries, batiks and ancient ceremonial tribal items last week. Items in the exhibition ranged in price from \$20 to \$1,000 but were offered below market value. Proceeds of the sale went to Tibetan refugee relief and the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse Foundation.

The Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre had a \$50 lucky draw with the winning ticket being drawn Aug. 10 at their annual picnic held at Bruce's Mills. Winner was Mrs. Carol McDonald.

The Wednesday program for seniors at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard East will be a travel film on Sept. 24 and "A Salute to Charlie Chaplin" on Oct. 1. Show time is 1:30 p.m.

FOLLOW-UP: A spokesman for the Second Mile Club on Carlton Street states that facility hopes to remain open. At present the property is owned by the City and they are asking the city to retain the property. It will be two months before plans are finalized.

The puppet show: "Winnie the Pooh goes visiting" will be presented on Sat. Sept. 27 in Boys and Girls Department of the Parliament Library at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

At the Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre Festival held Sept. 6, a raffle was held on two quilts made by the women of the Centre. The winners of quilts were Edna McCoy, assistant to MP Donald S. Macdonald, and Mrs. Winnie Boudy of 220 Oak Street.

On Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m., an evening of poetry will be held at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East. Feature poets will be Norm Craven and Philip Giglio.

CORRECTION: Our apologies to Carmel Hili for the typos that appeared in his letter in the last issue. Also our apologies to Dick Perdue for mis-spelling his name in his advertisement in the last issue.

The Cabbagetown Boxing and Boys Club is in urgent need of the volunteer services of a lawyer and an accountant. The accountant is needed to do budget estimates for various capital and on-going grant applications. The lawyer is needed

to help them get a charitable status and rearrange their corporate structure. Phone John Wylie at 961-2912.

Saturday Poetry and Rap, at 2:30 at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard Street East will feature Phyllis Gotlieb on Sept. 27, and Liz Cromwell on Oct. 4. Admission is free and all welcome.

The Sherbourne 155 Resident's Association will hold a wine and cheese party on Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. in the recreation room.

The Tuesday night teen drop-in will start Oct. 7 at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario street. Their teen club groups begin on Oct. 8.

"From the Hearth" — a series of Fireside tales for adults debuts on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 8 p.m. at the Parliament Library House. Jack Heighton will be reading selections from Mark Twain and The Hunting of the Snark.

The King-Parliament Site Office has moved to 26 Berkeley street. Their old office at Sackville school was required by the Board of Education for the Toronto French school.

Rev. Norm Ellis, Minister at All Saints' Church, Dundas and Sherbourne, will celebrate his 40th year as a minister this Sunday. After the 11 a.m. service there will be a special lunch at the church to celebrate the event.

One of the King-Parliament planners, Bob Overy, has quit the planning Board and no longer works at the King-Parliament site office. He has been replaced by Dan Burns.

Elsie and Don Pyke will again do the cooking for the Tuesday AGAPE suppers at All Saints Church, 315 Dundas East. Meal time is 6 p.m. starting Sept. 30 with a minimum charge of 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.



Above are Joyce Taylor, Len Mellow, Muriel Belford and Maria McCauliffe at the opening of the new Don District Credit Union.

Photo by Steven Evens

Street Haven has \$ crisis

Street Haven is a downtown crisis centre designed to meet the needs of the female offender, drug addict, alcoholic, lesbian and prostitute. It opened originally just over ten years ago on Terauley street and for the past six and a half years has been located at 87 Pembroke in the Don District.

Since it opened, it has been, as its name implies, a real haven for over 3,000 homeless, lonely or troubled women. About 125 women pass through the house every week and an average of 25 to 40 drop in each day.

Besides being a crisis centre, it also provides limited, short-term accommodation for troubled women. Most of its work, however, is directed help or referral for women 16 or older — help for problems related to welfare, law, the courts, housing, alcohol or drugs and the many personal problems that arise in our modern complex society.

Executive Director Peggy Ann Walpole, the nurse that founded the house, states that at present they are undergoing a financial crisis of their own.

"Street Haven is currently planning its yearly campaign for funds,

but until this is launched, our financial needs are real, they are heavy and they are now!"

She asks that if anyone can help the organization to call her at 967-6060 or 921-6506. "Please help us keep our doors open with all the necessary help available to the women of our community."

The yearly budget for Street Haven is in excess of \$75,000 and this is obtained from both government and private funds. Street Haven is not a member of the United Way.

On a more optimistic note, Miss Walpole reports that they hope to expand their facilities by the end of the year to include an 18 bed residential, therapeutic centre in Beaverton, Ont.

"This is a long dreamed of and natural extension of our facilities here in Toronto," says Miss Walpole. "Through the financial assistance of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation as well as the provincial department of Community and Social Service, we will only have to fund a yearly deficit of 20% ourselves. The new facility should make available more meaningful help for the women who desire it."

Rogers offers free TV course

Rogers Cable TV, which serves the Ward Seven area, has announced that it will provide a free series of evening courses available to the public titled, "An Introduction to Basic Television Production Techniques."

There will be two, two-hour courses lasting six weeks. Classes

will be held Wednesday nights starting October 1 and ending November 5. The first class will run from 7 to 9 and the second class from 9 p.m. to 11. All courses will be held at 25 Adelaide Street East on the third floor.

The six-week course will cover the following areas: studio and control room layout, cable history, camerawork, floor direction, lighting, set assembly, graphics, audio techniques, technical direction, basic theory and operation of video tape, the style and terminology of simple direction and basic telecine operation.

It will be a cram course. Rogers TV says it "is designed in a 'hands on', high intensity style that has proven effective in the past. It will certainly not qualify you for a position at a television station, but it will affect your viewing habits with a basic understanding of "how it's done" and more importantly, "why".

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Tenants walk out on meeting

by JAMES OLIN

An apparent attempt by a large developer to use Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) tenants as pawns in a fight against a City planning report backfired last Monday night when the committee who had helped plan a public meeting in St. Jamestown got up and walked out in protest.

Committee Chairwoman, Eunice Keddy, interrupted the meeting to read aloud a letter she had written to Mayor David Crombie who had been invited to attend.

The letter charged Meridian officials and meeting chairwoman Elena Shand, a tenant, with manipulating OHC tenants for purposes of their own.

The 70 people present sat in stunned silence as Mrs. Keddy, obviously very nervous, said that she was disassociating herself from the affair. She said that an unknown person had come to her apartment a few days earlier to warn her that she and others on the committee were allowing themselves to be "Meridian dupes," and that tenant interests could be harmed.

When she had finished reading the letter, Mrs. Keddy handed a copy to Mrs. Shand, who had sat through it all looking stunned and staring around her.

Mrs. Keddy then marched out of the Vancouver building auditorium, followed by five of the eight members of the so-called "OHC St. Jamestown Tenants' Committee."

It was a dramatic moment. The meeting that followed, although enlivened by a few exchanges between angry property owners and Ward Seven Alderman Janet Howard, was confusing, disjointed and anticlimactic.

The meeting had been called to give St. Jamestown tenants an opportunity to hear Professor Norman Pearson, a consultant, discuss planning proposals for the wedge of land known as the North of Howard Neighbourhood.

Tenants were not informed, either on the meeting notices, or in the introductory remarks made by Mrs. Shand, that City Council had already passed an Official Plan report for the block.

Nor were they told that Professor Pearson had been hired by Meridian and the North of Howard Property Owners Association to develop an alternative to the City's plan.

It was left to Alderman Howard to point these things out during the meeting.

Meridian doesn't like the City plan because it recommends holding the density at levels that would prevent high profit redevelopment. Some property owners don't like it because it means that Meridian will not be interested in paying the exorbitant prices that holdouts are used to getting when a developer finished up an assembly.

Meridian development and management officials had given unprecedented assistance to the committee to prepare for the meeting:

- The committee was formed at a meeting held in the management office at 325 Bleecker Street. (Some tenants say they smelled a rat

from the start, and never came to another meeting.)

- Walter Manthorpe, Meridian's chief planner, had conducted a subsequent meeting of the Committee, and had even drafted a letter the Committee sent to the Mayor.
- All St. Jamestown residents had been notified about the meeting by huge, professionally lettered posters paid for by Meridian and pasted up in every lobby by management staff.
- The auditorium in 240 Wellesley was offered free of charge.
- Sound equipment was rented for the evening.
- Meridian had typed and printed the form letters, addressed to the Mayor and members of Council, which tenants were asked to sign as they came into the meeting.
- Jack Bains, the senior property manager in St. Jamestown, dressed in faded jeans and plaid workshirt, set up the chairs and long head-table for the invited dignitaries.
- Meridian also supplied the neatly lettered name cards that were set out on the table.



Photo by Steven Evans

No it's not a swimming pool being readied for the Olympic Games. One of the biggest excavations in the City, its between Bleecker and Sherbourne streets north of Wellesley and will contain the massive apartment block being built by Meridian as a further addition to St. Jamestown.

SEVEN NEWS WRITERS

Two new volunteer writers for Seven News, both student residents of the Ward, wrote articles that appeared in the last issue. In both cases, through an oversight on the part of our typesetters, their bylines were omitted.

LAUREL FRANKLIN wrote "Kiwani's 'K' Club provides fun with a purpose" that appeared on page 11. Laurel is 19, lives on Winchester street in Don Vale and has been working part-time in a neighbourhood ice cream store. She is presently taking a "crash" course in a few Grade 13 subjects at West Toronto Secondary School as a preparation to attend University next year. In between school and work and homework, she hopes to write further articles for Seven

News.

MARK HEMPHILL wrote "Pape Centre: Serving the community" on page three of last issue. Mark, a bright 16, lives on Withrow street in Riverdale and is a full-time student at Riverdale Collegiate. Active in sports, Mark is expected to contribute items in that area as well as do further feature articles on organizations and institutions in the Riverdale area.

Seven News has more writing assignments than writers and welcomes anyone from the community who would like to volunteer to take on the odd writing assignment. You'll be given lots of time and lots of help. Phone the editor, Norman Browne at 920-8632.

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Parliament Street Then...and...now

by GEORGE RUST D'EYE

Originally, 'Parliament Street' applied to what we now know as Berkeley Street south of Adelaide, shortly after the Town of York was established in 1793. This resulted from the fact that the first Parliament Buildings of the Province of Upper Canada were built between the two streets, south of King.

Parliament Street started out as a path to Castle Frank, the summer home of Lt.-Gov. Simcoe built on a hill overlooking the Don just south of Bloor. Although the Simcoes generally travelled to Castle Frank by river, invited visitors often came by carriage, turning right off Parliament near the present St. James Cemetery site. Until the 1890's Parliament went only as far north as Howard Street.

In the days of the Simcoes' residency and until the 1850s the area around Parliament Street was covered with massive pine trees. In those early days the howling of wolves was often heard in the vicinity of King and Parliament.

100 acre lots granted

Simcoe granted land in 100-acre Park Lots to his fellow administrators and soldiers. Parliament Street marks the boundary between Park

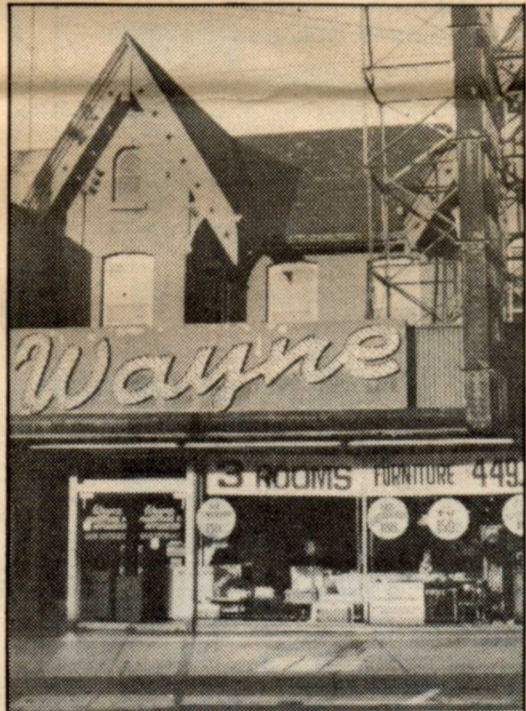


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446 and 448 Parliament Street: Wayne Furniture store. The improvement of this storefront and of the 1880's houses behind is to be one of the first projects by the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area.

Lots 2 and 3. Park Lot 3 was granted to John Small, Clerk of the Executive Council. Small, over "a matter of honour", fought a duel with John White, Attorney-General of Upper Canada, at the foot of Parliament on January 3rd, 1800. Mr. White came off second best. As was the custom after duels, Mr. Small was charged with manslaughter and acquitted.

Mementos of Yesteryear

Parliament Street formed the easterly boundary of the Town of York and later of the City of Toronto when it was incorporated in 1834. For a while the area east to the Don which included Park Lot 2, was reserved for government purposes and was known as 'The Park' or 'Common'.

One reason that Parliament appeared early on maps of the Town of York was its popularity with farmers coming into town who used it and Davenport Road as a by-pass around the toll-gate at the corner of Bloor and Yonge. This form of cheating stopped when the toll-gate was moved north to Davenport.

As population grew, the Town of York expanded west, away from the stagnant waters of the Don and its mosquitoes. Consequently the area around Parliament was slow to develop, and it was not until the 1850's that it began to be subdivided. Its progress was assisted by the opening of the St. James Cemetery (1845) and the Necropolis (1850). In 1882, Parliament was paved with cedar blocks up to Gerrard. By 1887, cedar paving and cobblestone were laid to Carlton. From the 1850's the Consumer's Gas Co. buildings were at the foot of Parliament (as was a brewery and a carriage factory). Winchester became the northerly terminus for an omnibus service and later horse-drawn street railway cars ran up Parliament and along Carlton.

Don Area undesirable

In 1848 the population of Toronto was 23,500, of which more than a third were of Irish origin. Many of these immigrants were fugitives from the potato famine which struck Ireland in the 1840's. Many settled in the 'undesirable' areas in the east end of town near the Don. Most were poor and were forced to plant vegetable gardens in their yards. This gave rise to the term 'Cabbagetown' which came to be applied to the area between Gerrard and Queen and from Parli-

ament to the Don. Cabbages were the most noticeable of the vegetables on display, and the name stuck long after the last one was picked. A short time later, the area north of Cabbagetown was settled by more affluent residents who didn't need to grow vegetables to supply the dinner table or to supplement their income.

As residential development spread, Parliament Street grew in importance as a neighbourhood shopping district, a distinction it holds to this day. In 1861 there were on Parliament north of Gerrard: four butchers, two grocers, three carpenters, a laundress and two taverns, the 'Armagh Inn' at Carlton and the 'Santa Claus' at Winchester. This is quite impressive, since subdivision had barely begun.

By the 1870's and 1880's, Parliament had filled in with houses and shops. Houses were usually built in connected rows or 'terraces'. Some remaining mostly intact are the Maple Terrace, no.'s 519 to 527 (1880), the Darling Terrace, 562-566 (1877), the Brougham Terrace, 549-563 (1875), and the Chamberlain Terrace, 568-592 (1879). Another row of beautiful houses, built in the 1870's, are the four stately Victorian mansions just south of the Liquor Store, no.'s 502-508, fine examples of architecture patterned on the French Renaissance style. Another interesting 1870's row stands on the north side of Gerrard at Parliament. When these homes were built Parliament was narrower and had more trees. Now the street is wider and the front yards shorter, and many of the old houses have stores grafted on to their lower storey. But the important thing is that they remain, and are there to be used and to be seen.

Georgian architecture

One pair of houses in the area requiring special mention are 229 and 231 Carlton, the ones with the huge chimneys. These are by far the oldest buildings in the north Parliament commercial area. Unlike their Victorian-style neighbours, these two are examples of 'Georgian' architecture. They were built in the early 1860's, and demonstrate the handsome and dignified appearance typical of buildings of that period.

Some of the old buildings on Parliament were built as commercial establishments. The Winchester Hotel was built as the 'Lakeview' in 1888, (its back part, 'Winchester Hall', was built in 1881). The attractive 'Lepper's Block', no.'s 433-443 (1885), is a typical store row from that period, as is the block south of it numbered 411-415. The block at 242-250 Carlton at Parliament is another good example of Victorian commercial/residential design. The old Barr's Dairy building (1890) at the north-east corner of Parliament and Amelia is on the Toronto Historical Board list.

Today, Parliament is the 'main street' to Ward



548-554 Parliament Street: McQueen's, the Stitching Horse, Sally's Emporium, Sun Flowers. This block demonstrates

7 west of the Don. Stores of every kind description have taken over the street level, some of them occupying quarters virtually changed from ninety years ago. You can almost everything on Parliament Street, but it is important is the experience of doing it. You can chat with neighbours and with storekeepers who call you by name. You can get liquor, lizards, books or bedroom suites, Philippian Chinese food or hamburgers, pictures of movie stars or exotic plants, politicians or fish, there are lots of hardware stores! And you do have to have a car.

I welcome the efforts of the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area members in setting up their Parliament Street stores. The street was never actually part of Cabbagetown, but that is quite beside the point. It is the appreciation of the area's character and the desire to preserve it through revitalization which is important.

Parliament diversity

May I offer some gratuitous advice to O.C.B.I.A.: whatever you do, don't allow destruction of old brick through improper sandblasting; paint looks good too. Finally, ways bear in mind that Parliament has achieved its character because of its diversity and that the neighbourhoods surrounding it. The long-term residents, be they people or buildings, part of it. Don't change it *too* much, and don't try to create a new character for it by making it neat and 'picturesque'. Those of you who member Yorkville will know what I mean.



456-460 Parliament Street: Halifax Fire and Dependable Plumbing. This is an attractive block of old houses which con-

Special rooming houses for problem roomers

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landlords like the idea because they would be getting rid of a lot of problem roomers and gaining a secure and trustworthy middleman.

Negotiations are now underway with one landlord for a house. The project doesn't as yet envisage buying a house — just renting it. And start-up funds would be minimal: the first month's rent on the house and some new furniture. A grant of \$1000 is being sought from a church organization to meet these costs.

Dwight Maloney, one of the organizers of the concept says there will be no relocation problems as there are only three roomers at present in the house they are looking

at. And the owner could easily relocate these into other houses he owns.

They also have 15 roomers ready to move into the house once it is set-up. "We hope to set up more such houses," said Mr. Maloney, "so we'll be looking for more problem roomers at a later date."

To make sure the project is properly administered, a high-powered advisory committee has been set up. Although still open to more people, the committee so far consists of: Dr. Ty Hardin of the Don Vale Medical Centre, Jennifer Silcox of the South of Carlton Skid-row Committee, Sister Ann Marie Carrey of St. Michael's

Hospital Detox Unit; Rev. Jim Houston, a community worker for the Federation of Don Area Residents Association; Mr. T. Snyder, a pharmacist at Shoppers Drug Mart, and Margaret Brockhouse, the Co-ordinator of the Don District Community Health Centre.

Both local aldermen and the local MPP have shown strong enthusiasm for the project.

Ironically, although both aldermen were aware of the project, the City Housing Department seemed unaware as it has been planning a similar pilot project on its own in a house on Gerrard street. No details are known of the City project except that the City, newly into the rooming house business is having

difficulty with some problem roomers. Its idea, evidently, is to put them all into one house with special management and services.

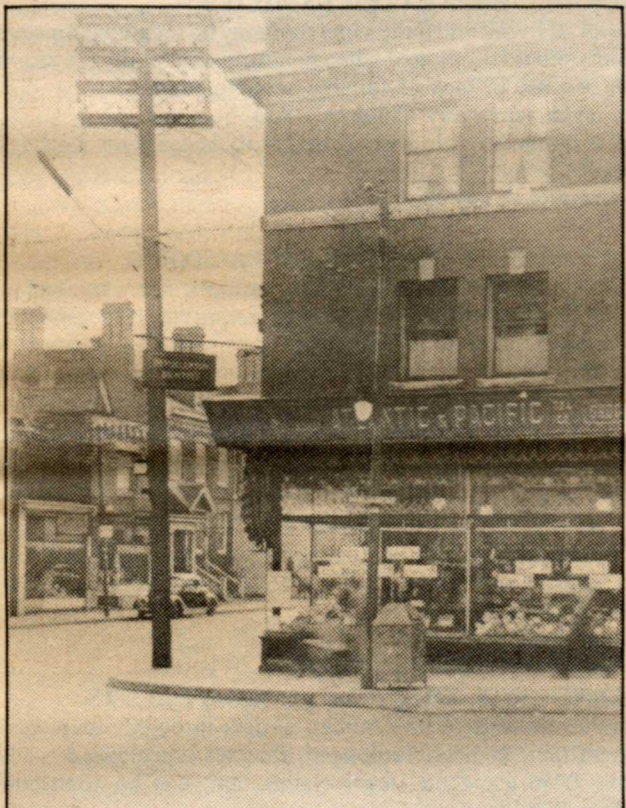
A second type of specialized rooming house would be non-alcoholics. At present, they are mixed into ordinary rooming houses and are under constant pressure by their fellow roomers to "have a drink". Even if they don't give in to the pressure, the non-drinker finds himself ostracised because drinking is so prevalent and so much a part of the rooming house social life.

But whatever the future, at last one group of tenants are being treated as people — and not just as tenants.



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The corner of Parliament and Carlton in 1935 showing the Atlantic and Pacific grocery where the Bi-Rite store is now. In the background are the chimneys of 229 and 231 Carlton, the only Georgian style buildings in the Parliament commercial area. They were built in the 1860's.

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Housing applicants form union

A union of OHC applicants has been formed over the past few weeks in Ward Seven and has met with considerable initial success. The idea for getting the group together was due to Neighbour-

hood Legal Services who has been getting a number of individual enquiries by people about their applications to OHC. Meeting little success on an individual basis and having so many similar ones to

process, it was decided that more could be gained and time could be saved by working on a group basis. Flyers were put out in the community calling meetings and all the OHC applicants listed with Neighbourhood Legal Services were contacted.

As a result of the meetings, a group was formed with an ad-hoc steering committee made up of OHC applicants. Two trips by the group to the OHC head office on Bloor street resulted in OHC assigning a special liaison officer just to deal with the group.

The group continues to expand and organize itself, with Neighbourhood Legal Services providing support and expert advice. The group has organized two workshops for OHC applicants and has set up a complaint centre office open Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 257 Seaton street.

The major problem it has been found is a lack of understanding by applicants for OHC housing of the OHC point system. The length of time to get accommodation, the length of the waiting list and the lack of communication between OHC and the applicant are also common complaints that the group deals with.

Any OHC applicant needing information or help or wanting to help the group out should phone 924-4866 on Tuesday or Friday.

Groups to hold fund-raising dance

by DON WEITZ

The Committee for the Abolition of Training Schools (C.A.T.S.), Prisoners' Rights and Toronto Warriors' Society are co-sponsoring a fund-raising dance-party which will be held Saturday, October 4, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street. A special attraction will be country-western singer Roy Paine. Also, refreshments — food, beer and liquor — will be available. The admission price is \$1.50; all proceeds will go toward meeting operating costs of the groups. **Everyone is welcome.** Both C.A.T.S. and Prisoners' Rights are committed to radical changes in the correctional system to correct the abuses, mistreatments and injustices which numerous inmates have suffered in training schools and prisons. The Toronto chapter of C.A.T.S. (there are several in Ontario including the founding one in Ottawa) began last May.

C.A.T.S. holds its public meet-

ings every second or third Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at the Youth Services Network located at 357 College Street on the second floor. Everyone interested in closing training schools and working on developing alternatives is welcome to come and participate in the meetings.

Prisoners' Rights is a Ward Seven based group which started about ten months ago. Two of three of its founding members and organizers are a native ex-prisoner and a native woman lawyer. Prisoners' Rights is a coalition of people consisting of ex-prisoners and other people working for fundamental reforms in the prison system. In addition, Prisoners' Rights has a number of committees which allow people to participate on various levels.

People wanting further information on Prisoners' Rights should call: **Gail Jones at 961-5978 or Bill Lewis at 461-3104.** For further information on C.A.T.S., call **Rick Carnegie at 921-0007.**

OHC POINT SYSTEM

Legend has it that John Sewell, while still a freshman alderman, some five years ago, brazenly walked into the OHC head office and just as quickly out again carrying a copy of the then secret point rating system.

In the months following, it was reproduced in leaflet form and passed around as well as appearing in many community and underground newspapers.

Now it is public knowledge and although it has been changed slightly over the years it is still basically the same. For those who wonder how people get into public housing or why they can't, here is the answer:

The point rating system is used to establish the need of those families who apply for rental accommodation under the administration of the Ontario Housing Corporation, or the Rent Supplement Programme.

The applicant's present situation is assessed and the degree of need is established by a personal interview conducted by a staff member once the application has been processed.

The conditions of need to apply for housing and the categories for points are as follows:

RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Points are awarded for the length of time the applicant has been a resident of Metropolitan Toronto up to ten years. (0-10 points)

OVERCROWDING

It may be assumed that two persons to a bedroom, i.e., husband and wife, two children of the same sex over five years of age, is the norm. When an applicant who is a householder has caused overcrowding by taking in lodgers, it is not reasonable to award overcrowding points. (5 points) In cases of gross overcrowding where the family is 2 or more bedrooms short, 15 points are awarded as a health factor.

SEPARATED FAMILIES

A family not all living under the same roof may be separated for several reasons. Points should be allotted when members of a family are required to live apart because of lack of suitable accommodation:

- Children under temporary Children's Aid
- Husband is obliged to live away from family because his work is too far from present home
- Accommodation is too small (15 points)

HEALTH OR MEDICAL FACTORS

It is desirable to give some consideration to applicants who need to be housed for medical reasons. A doctor's letter is required. It is reasonable to distinguish between illnesses that are affected by housing conditions and the illnesses that may be distressing but are unrelated to housing. (15 points)

NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS

This is self-explanatory. Points are given for the number of dependent children who are living with the applicant until such time as these children either commence work and leave school or home. (0-10 points)

PERCENTAGE OF INCOME TO RENT

This should include day care or nursery school costs as part of the total rent cost for working one parent families. A statement from the school is submitted in all cases.

0-25% — 0 points; 26-29% — 3 points; 30-34% — 5 points; 35-39% — 10 points; 40-49% — 15 points; 50 plus — 20 points;

ABNORMAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Some families incur excessive burden of debt through circumstances largely beyond their control. Prolonged illnesses, specialized medical care resulting from accidents, legal claims, etc. can be contributory factors. (15 points)

WAITING PERIOD — WITHOUT OFFER

People with reasonable needs can frequently be passed in the selection process by the continuing reception of new applicants with higher points. This is recognized by the awarding of points in this category. Where an applicant has been offered suitable accommodation and has refused for personal reasons, the points for waiting shall count from the date of such refusal, not from the date of application.

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NOTICE TO VACATE

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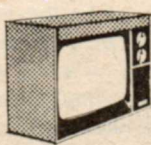
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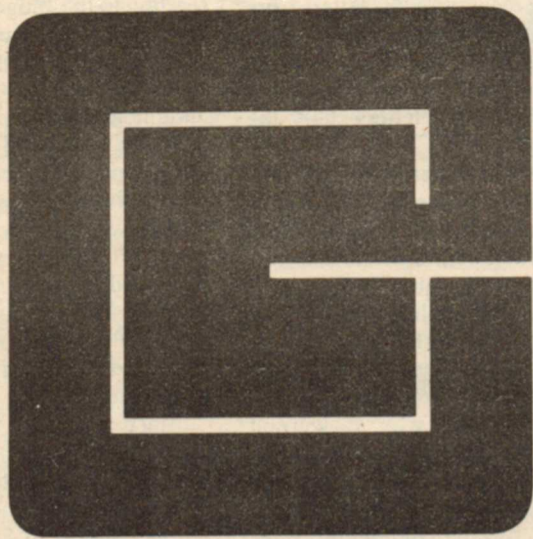
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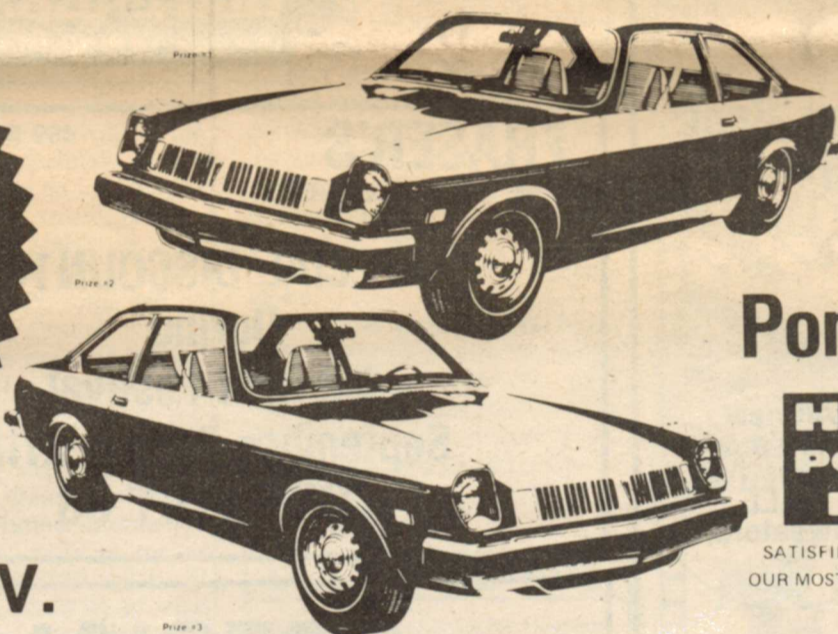
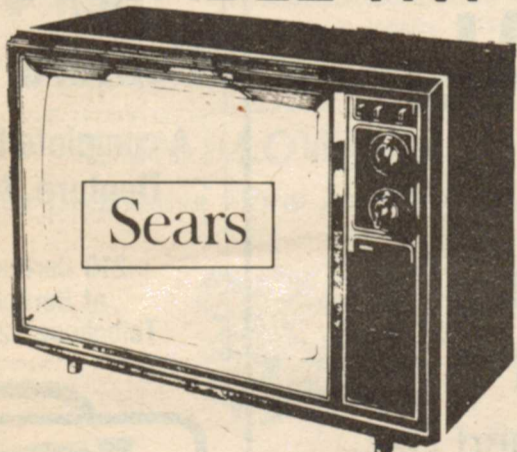
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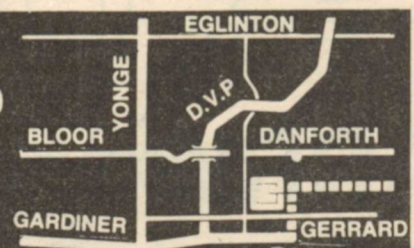
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A case history in Small Claims Court

by Neighbourhood
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Sometime or another, most people find themselves threatened with or actually involved in legal proceedings. The vast majority of such threatened or actual proceedings are actions in the Small Claims Courts which have jurisdiction to try debt actions and damage actions for amounts not exceeding \$400.00.

Lawyers rarely represent the parties to a dispute in the Small Claims Courts for the obvious reason that even the spoils of victory do not justify the fees lawyers customarily bill their clients for their time preparing or appearing on a case.

The parties normally appear in person or by agent. Individuals sometimes are represented by law students or para-legal persons acting as their agents; corporations and businesses frequently by professional "collection" agents. Individuals often appear on their own behalf.

Following is the first of a series of series of fictional case histories

designed to familiarize the reader with Small Claims Court.

Mary Steven is thirty-three, has three dependent children and is in poor health. She is separated from her husband, has not been able to work for the last several years and receives Family Benefit payments. She has no other income of any kind and the only things she owns are her household furnishings.

Last year Mary rented a TV for a few months after her old TV broke down, but she found that she was not able to afford the monthly rental payments. The nice men came one day and took the TV back to the shop and a few months later Mary started receiving letters from Catharsis Collections demanding payment of \$48.00.

Since she could not afford to pay any of the \$48.00, Mary ignored the letters which became increasingly more insistent and threatened immediate legal action. One day, after six or eight weeks, a man came to the door of her flat asking for Mary Stevens. He identified himself as the Bailiff of the First Small Claims Court and handed Mary copies of two documents, a

Summons and a Claim. The summons commanded Mary to make a written Dispute to Catharsis Collections' claim at the office of the First Small Claims Court within ten days if she wished to dispute her alleged debt to Catharsis and warned her that if she failed to make a written Dispute, Default Judgment might be entered against her.

Mary knew that she had agreed to pay for the TV rental, but also knew that she couldn't afford to pay anything, so she ignored the documents the Bailiff had brought.

Ten days elapsed and the Clerk of the Court entered Judgment against Mary for the \$48.00 Catharsis claimed, plus \$6.75 for Court costs. By doing only a minimal amount of paperwork, by paying \$6.75 to the Court, and without any Court appearances, Catharsis had obtained Default Judgment against Mary for \$54.75. A few days later the Court mailed Mary a notice informing her of these events.

Barely two weeks had passed before the Bailiff called at Mary's flat again to hand her another document, a Judgment Summons. This Summons commanded Mary to appear at the First Small Claims Court on a date about six weeks later to answer questions concerning her income, assets, and ability to pay the Judgment against her. The Small Claims Court Act permits a judgment creditor like Catharsis to cause Mary to be summonsed to Court for this pur-

pose as frequently as every six months, and to add the Court costs of approximately \$6.00 for each such Judgment Summons to the outstanding Judgment.

In the meantime, the letters from Catharsis continued and Mary began wishing she could find the money to pay Catharsis just to put an end to the letters and the Bailiff's visits.

Mary had never been to Court before and, fearing the experience, did not attend on the day appointed by the Judgment Summons.

A few weeks later, at Catharsis' request, the Bailiff called once more at Mary's flat, this time to present a Summons requiring her to attend on a "Warrant Hearing" to show cause why a warrant should not be issued committing her to jail for failing to attend the Court on the day previously appointed by the Judgment Summons. The bailiff attempted to advise Mary about these proceedings, but Mary became very distraught at the prospect of going to jail over a rented TV.

A friend put Mary in touch with a community worker who in turn referred her to a student-operated Legal Aid Clinic. A law student advised Mary. She explained to Mary that it is not against the law for a person either not to pay or not to be able to pay his debts. She said that people are not put in jail for not paying debts, but that they can be put in jail for contempt in not appearing in Court when a Summons requires them to do so.

The student advised Mary that she must go to the First Small

Claims Court for the Warrant Hearing or risk the consequence of a Warrant committing her to jail for a few days. She advised Mary to explain the reasons for not attending to the Judge and told Mary that the probable outcome would be that the Judge would simply order Mary to attend Court on new Judgment Summons date.

Mary wondered if they could come and take her furniture because she just couldn't pay the Judge which now amounted to some \$70.00. The student assured her that they could not, that household furnishings and effects to a value of \$2,000 cannot be seized and sold to satisfy a creditor's Judgment.

Mary attended Court for her Warrant Hearing and the Judge ordered her to reattend the next month on a Judgment Summons. On the Judgment Summons Mary explained that her only income was Family Benefits and that she couldn't afford to pay any money from the family's cheques to Catharsis. The Judge made no order for Mary to make installment payments and Mary has not received a single letter from Catharsis Collections since.

Mary has learned that her family Benefits cheque, unlike wages, cannot be seized to satisfy her creditors and she has resolved that if she finds herself in a similar situation in the future, she will do herself, and incidentally, the collection agency, a favor by contacting them when she gets their first letter to explain her sources of income and her inability to pay.

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Fire gutted the interior of the store and destroyed much of the stock in the Cabbagetown Cobbler Shop on Parliament street last week. Water damage was also extensive. The owner says he was only partially covered by insurance but hopes to still take part in the Parliament Street Festival — with a fire sale.

Parliament festival to involve whole community



by PAT FILLMORE

Plans are moving ahead for the Old Cabbagetown Fall Festival. The two-day festival — 26 & 27 September — promises plenty of fun, entertainment and solid bargains for visitors to Parliament Street. Merchants have made special purchases in groceries, clothing, hardware, etc., in order to offer special values to their customers during the two-day sale.

Among the community groups taking part in the festival are: Don Vale Community Centre, Neighbourhood Information Post, Toronto Warrior Society, DACHI, Central Neighbourhood House, YMCA. The Second Mile Club will display some of their members' CNE prize-winning crafts; Don District Health Clinic will take your blood pressure; the Parliament Street Library will present a puppet show at 7:00 Friday evening

and again at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Grade four students in the seven local junior schools will take part in a colouring and design contest. Winners will be displayed in the windows of the Bank of Nova Scotia. There will be displays of art from other grades in the schools.

There will be art and craft displays in the park — both professional and amateur. There is still space available for artists; anyone interested in taking part, please call Mrs. Pat Fillmore at 929-0744, between 9:30 & 12:00 noon.

There will be plenty of music to shop and stroll by — Rocky Walton and John Wylie of the Cabbagetown Boxing Club are lining up groups and individual musicians to perform on Parliament Street during both days of the festival.

With the co-operation of the Toronto Musicians Association, Mr. George Frank — a well-known orchestra leader and singer — has agreed to entertain at a free concert on Friday evening, September 26,

from 7:00 to 9:00 (weather permitting). Mr. Frank was born and brought up in Cabbagetown and is an enthusiastic supporter of the community.

The Cabbagetown Boxing Club is planning a big dance concert and pub night to wind up the festivities. It will start at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, September 27. Anyone who wishes to attend and requires transportation to the Club, call Rocky Walton or John Wylie at the Cabbagetown Boxing Club, 961-2912. They will arrange transportation.

Any strolling musicians or musical groups interested in taking part in the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area Fall Festival being held September 26 and 27 are asked to please contact Rocky Walton or John Wylie at the Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre. The address is 4 Lancaster or phone at anytime: 920-5667 or 961-2912.

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EDUCATION REPORT

Free carfare and supplies for needy students

by GORD CRESSY and DOUG BARR

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On Sept. 4, 1975, the Board of Education approved a pilot project for the fall which will significantly raise the income levels of secondary school students by providing free carfare and supplies.

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10	13,052

Parents who want their children to receive free carfare and supplies are asked to apply at either the Student Services Department, First Floor, 155 College Street, or at the

Student Services Office, Blake Street school, 21 Boulton.

MURAL AT WITHROW

After a summer of planning between Withrow Vice-Principal Jim Ramsey, art teacher Owen Masters, and two residents of 100 Bain Avenue, Fred Franzen and Dagmar Baur, it appears that the students at Withrow Public school may have the opportunity to produce the longest mural in Canada.

Fred and Dagmar came up with the idea of painting a mural on the 371 foot wall of the school that faces on Bain Avenue. The plan is to have all students in the school participate in both the design and the actual painting.

Several Withrow graduates have agreed to assist in the painting of the more difficult areas to reach. Scaffolding should be up in the next couple of weeks and it is hoped that the entire mural can be completed before the snow flies.

If you're in the neighbourhood, drop over and say hello to the students. It's a great example of co-operation between Withrow and its community.

JAFFARY REPORT

The Board of Education recently received a major report on the administration of the entire school system written by former Ward Seven alderman Karl Jaffary.

Karl, who has worked for the past nine months as a consultant to the Board, basically finds the Toronto system in good shape. But he does make some 86 recommendations. These tend to reinforce the direction the Board has taken over the past years in decentralizing more authority and decision-making to the local school level.

He states that increasingly large portions of the Board's budget should be spent at the discretion of the school; that schools should be able to purchase consulting services from other than Board departments; that the Board should develop its own "master teacher" program and that principals, when first appointed, should serve a probationary period.

The report also recommends that the Board establish a "mobility fund" that would permit greater flexibility in making staff transfers to different levels.

It suggests that each school should produce an annual report which would document, among other items, its degree of parental involvement.

The Board plans an informal discussion of the report on Wed., September 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. and then set up a process of community and school response over the next six months. The Board will take no definitive action on the report until after that process is completed.

Copies of the Jaffary Report can be obtained from the Board's Publication and Information Department (phone 362-4931) or from either of Ward Seven's trustees. All home and school and parent groups will automatically be sent copies.

ENROLLMENT UP

Enrollment is up at both of Ward Seven's new schools. Eastdale, the small but top quality academic high school has added another class because of over-enrollment. And "Sac Ville", the French elementary school at Sackville Public school has over 160 pupils in its first year of operation.



Pictured above are the Cabbagetown team, winners of the Girls Inner-City Softball League Championship for 1975. Coach is Suey Chin, assistant coach is Rocky Walton and sponsor was Nettleship's Hardware.

Photo by John Wylie

Team members are: Rosalie Marshall, Chris Taggart, Sandy Padmore, Susan Cathy, Barbara Judge, Martha Judge, Cathy Phillips, Sylvia Duckworth, Maria Duckworth, Kim Barber, Nancy York, Caroline Hurley and Doreen Hurley.

Cabbagetown girls team wins softball title

To belie their name, the Cabbagetown Boys Club entered a girls' team in the Girls' Inner City Softball League and walked away with the championship after a hard summer of play. The final league standing was Cabbagetown, first; Dixon Hall, second; Broadview Y, third; and Don Mount, fourth.

Last Saturday, the Cabbagetown club held a banquet for their winning girls' team. The girls were served a sumptuous roast beef

dinner at Bob Bo's Place on Parliament Street and then were presented with their trophies.

On hand were coach Suey Chin and the assistant coach, Duke Kikot. Guests present were Marg Taggart of Nettleship's Hardware, the sponsor as well as John Wylie and Rocky Walton representing the staff of the Cabbagetown club.

The girls are already looking forward to the 1976 season and another championship team.



Although the weather was on the cool side, there was a good turnout for the annual all festival and field day held at Regent Park last week. Above, a group of kids cheer on as the Wheel of Fortune spins on and on and on and on Photo by Steven Evans

Regent Park festival provides fun for all

by SUSAN SEABE

Egg tossing, apple bobbing, and shoe kicking contests were just a few of the events at Regent Park's Annual Fall Festival held on Saturday September 6th.

There was something to please everyone as Regent Park residents joined with their friends and neighbours for a day of games, food, crafts, contests and entertainment.

The more athletic competed in races held for kids of all ages. Nancy Anthony and Ginger Gibbons were winners of a high-spirited egg tossing contest held for the adults.

Young millionaires were made and broken at the Crown and An-

chor game of chance with any profits going towards next year's recreation programs. Darlene Wasylyk went home 1,094 pennies richer as winner of the jar of pennies in the "Penny Guess" contest sponsored by the Neighbourhood Information Post. Others tried their luck on the fish pond and the quilt raffle sponsored by the women at the adult recreation centre.

Those who preferred putting their money into a sure thing joined crowds at the food booths for such goodies as hot dogs, jelly donuts, and corn-on-the-cob.

And even by spending no money at all, there was lots to see at the display booths. Many people expressed interest in Edith Beck's pottery and the free course she hopes to start this fall for community residents.

Later in the day residents gathered around the stage as Janet Ross, president of the RPCIA and Mr. Callendar, chairman of the Festival welcomed their guests. A plaque was awarded to Mr. D'Arcy who is leaving as Area Manager, and, "because behind every great man is a fine woman," Mrs. D'Arcy was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Also on stage were June Rowlands and Jim Lemon, who had acted as judges for the day's contests.

An evening of bingo and dancing with music provided by Freeway, Overland Express, and The Way Outs, Regent Park's own musicians rounded off the Festival.

Next big event at Regent Park will be a dance to be held at St. Cyril's Hall on Saturday, October 4th at 8 p.m.



On August 31, the Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre entered two teams in a Pee Wee softball tournament being held at Riverdale Park.

The "B" team, pictured above, and coached by Steve Bandura, played very hard but were eliminated during the first day of play. The "A" team, pictured below, coached by Alfie MacClean, advanced to the finals with Blake Street and after three exciting and hard fought games lost out.

The tournament was sponsored and ably run by Pat McDermott and the East End Volunteer Workers, a great bunch of dedicated people.

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