

\$2 MILLION SOUGHT FROM LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM

Rosedale Riding, which takes in most of Ward Seven, is seeking \$2 million from the Local Initiatives Program (LIP) this time around. The new program, which featured a strong advertising campaign to elicit new applications, has received approximately 120 applications from organizations, agen-

cies, groups and individuals in the Riding of Rosedale.

The 120 applicants are competing for \$510,000, which is available to Rosedale Riding as its allotment this year. The total amount earmarked for LIP across the country and the amount available to Rosedale Riding have both been

increased over the last LIP program.

However, much of this increase has been taken up by an extended period for LIP (30 weeks instead of 26 weeks), and a higher base pay for workers under LIP (\$125 a week as against \$100)

A Constituency Advisory Group

(CAG) has been picked to screen and pass judgment on all applications at the community level. The CAG committee consists of John Piper who is chairman, Janet Dean, Felies Einhorn, Gloria Grant, Ginger Gibbons, Dan Havens, Barry Kearns, Adam Lenskyj, Dolores Montgomery, Sassy

Waddell, Doug Wallace and Liza Hill who represents the Department of Manpower, which administers the grants.

The deadline for applications for LIP was September 12 and word is expected to reach successful applicants late in October. Some projects may start Nov. 3.

NEXT ISSUE

Space permitting, next issue will feature: a history of the Don Jail, an analysis of the recent election, a Trefann and South St. Jamestown update plus the usual columns and informative articles.



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DEADLINE

The next issue will be out over the week end of October 18 and the deadline for news and advertising copy is Friday, October 10. If you can't make that deadline, check with the editor who will give you a later deadline over that week end.

Gittens wins court case

Tenants of the Barbara Apartments in St. Jamestown met at St. Simon's Church last Wednesday to celebrate with fellow tenant Margaret Bittens, the winner in the eviction case brought against her by her landlord, a Meridian company.

Meridian had asked the court to enforce an eviction notice issued when Margaret refused to pay a rent increase she thought unjustified. She has been paying her rent, at the old rate, into the court since June.

In a reserved judgement, County Court Judge J. Cornish ruled that Margaret can remain in her apartment, the landlord must pay her court costs, and apparently she does not have to pay the rent increase.

Thirty tenants from the two Ontario St. buildings listened to a report on the trial. Margaret had felt after the day's hearing that she had lost the case and would have to move out of her apartment. The judge had been very short-tempered with defense lawyer Charles Roach, she said, but had treated Meridian's lawyer and witnesses quite gently.

Encouraged by the victory in court, the tenants moved to strengthen their association, choosing a number of new committee members to assist with the work.

The new spirit was demonstrated in a decision to write the landlord demanding that he comply with a provision of the Landlord and Tenant Act which requires an apartment owner to post his name and address, along with certain sections of the law, in the building lobby. The tenants say that if he does not comply within five days they will take him to court.

The meeting also heard a report from a representative of the Federation of Limited Dividend Tenants, of which the Barbara Association is a member. This is a metro-wide coalition of tenants in privately owned buildings financed with loans from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Rents cannot be raised by owners of these buildings without approval from CMHC. The Federation is meeting on Oct. 4 with the Federal Housing Minister Barney Danson to work out the details of a system which will involve tenants in the process of approving rent increases in future.

The meeting adjourned to Margaret Gittens' apartment to celebrate the court victory. Meridian has appealed the county court decision.



Above is Gail Roth, wife of one of the partners in the law firm of Pomer, Orbach, Katzman and Roth. She was one of the attractions at the Parliament Fall Festival held last Friday and Saturday. For more photos see page six.

Photo by Steven Evans

Tenants ask City Hall to lease houses

by BOB OLSEN

Meridian tenants living in the South of St. Jamestown area, frightened by the fact that Meridian has boarded up two of their homes this summer, and are threatening to board up more, have asked the City to lease 19 of them to give tenants some security.

The City has completed its negotiations with Meridian to purchase 27 houses, eight of them boarded up, from Meridian. The Commissioner of Housing, Michael Dennis, reports that the agreed price is \$21.25 per square foot of land area.

However, there are a number of conditions before the purchase can be finalized:

- The City must approve the final rezoning of the South St. Jamestown area.
- The cost of repairing the houses up to City standards must be paid for by the City.
- The City must make lane and street closings and convey the land to Meridian necessary for its Bleecker-Ontario block development.
- Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) must agree to provide the necessary financing.

When the South of St. Jamestown Meridian Tenants Association sent another deputation to City Hall last month, Mayor Crombie expressed surprise that they were not completely satisfied by the fact that purchase negotiations had been completed.

"Meridian continues to board up our homes," protested David Tipe of 45 Rose Avenue. "Soon, there will be no one left."

Earlier this summer, the Hydro turned off the electricity at 30 Prospect when the landlord failed to pay the bill. Mrs. Carol Edwards and her two children, living on Mother's Allowance, were forced to live for two weeks without electricity. Then Andy Gyongyosi, Meridian property manager came and told her that she had 24 hours

to get out because Meridian was going to board up the house.

Mrs. Edwards said "He told me he was afraid that he would lose his job if I didn't move!" Anne Hariman of Tenant Hotline called Mr. Merkur at Meridian, the Hydro was turned on, Mrs. Edwards was not evicted and Mr. Gyongyosi did not lose his job.

"I live in this house, 281 Wellesley St. E.," reported Bob Olsen to the City Executive Committee, as he held up a picture. "As you can see, the houses on either side of me were boarded up this summer. The house is full of cockroaches. The landlord, Mr. Nefsky, has promised for months to fumigate the three houses together."

"Finally on Monday, August 4, the exterminator came from Air Guard. He 'did' the three houses in 15 minutes. The cockroaches were not impressed. I called the Health inspector and on Tuesday, August 26 the exterminator from Air Guard came and did his thing again. The cockroaches were still not impressed. We came to the conclusion that Air Guard was owned by Meridian and that Meridian did not want to get rid of the cockroaches, but wanted to get rid of the tenants instead. Mrs. Edwards at 30 Prospect has the same problem."

Alderman John Sewell then urged the City to lease the houses from Meridian in order to protect the tenants until the City buys the houses. He explained, "It will take at least a year for the South of St. Jamestown — Winchester Square rezoning to go through. First there will be a public meeting at St. Peter's Church 8:00 p.m. on October 27, then a draft by-law must be prepared, then it goes to council, then to the O.M.B. and then back to council."

The Executive Committee directed the Commissioner of Housing to find out if it were possible to lease the houses from Meridian.

SEE photo on Page five.

NEWS ROUND-UP

St. Paul's 20-30 Club to hold Annual bazaar

The 20-30 Club of St. Paul's Anglican Church will hold their **annual bazaar** on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Cody Hall, **227 Bloor St. East**, at Jarvis. . . .

The **St. Michael's Choir School Parents' Auxiliary** will hold their **annual bazaar** and fall fair on November 9 from 10 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. in St. Michael's Parish Hall, 56 Bond Street. . . .

Dorothy McIntosh, a planner working out of the South of Carlton Planning Office has finished up her work in the Don District and moved back to City Hall to work on planning projects in the west end. . . .

A **Sunday Afternoon Bingo**, starting at 2 p.m. is being held every week at **St. Paul's church**, 83 Power Street at Queen. . . .

CORRECTION: Bill Deeley is not a senior citizen or resident at 41 Oak Street as reported in error in a recent issue of 7 News. Also, the trip taken to Ganonoque last summer by residents of **41 Oak street** cost Bingo-player residents \$8.50 and non-Bingo players \$9.50. Seven News

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Meetings called on uses for library

by EVA MARTIN

Recent studies conducted in Canada and the United States show that although public libraries profess to serve all the people in the community, in actual fact only approximately 30% of all possible users use library services. Is the public library still seen as a middle class institution in which people on low incomes, handicapped people, people who have not attended higher learning institutions and people in trouble can find nothing to satisfy their needs and interests?

On Tuesday, October 7th, a meeting will be held at the Parliament Street Library at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the goals and objectives for which a public library in this community should strive. This is the prelude to a large meeting of community groups for the whole central area on October 27th at the Sanderson Branch. Some of the questions to be considered are:

- Does the public library have any responsibility for the literacy of the community? In a community where many people have had few educational opportunities should the public library sponsor programmes to upgrade reading and writing skills.
- Is there a need for a personalized home visiting service — delivery of books and

information on an informal basis to senior citizens and disabled people?

- Should the public library include among its resources such Audio Visual material as video tapes, audio cassettes, films, television? Traditionally, libraries house books but information is now available through many kinds of media.
- What kinds of information do the people of this area expect to find in the public library?
- Should the staff of the Parliament Street Library plan its programmes and budgetary allocations in co-operation with a group or "board" of local citizens?
- Should the library provide space for counsellors and social workers?
- What kind of books does this community want to find on the library shelves — classics, comic books, expensive books which the individual may not be able to afford, or all kinds of paperbacks even those readily available in drug stores and tobacco shops?

How does this community see the Parliament Street Library — as a community centre or as a unique specialized service? Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting on

October 7th. We hope both community groups and individuals will come and voice their opinion. The opportunity to change and renew our goals for service is in the hands of this community. **ACT NOW.**



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LETTERS



2500 names on St. James Town petition

Dear Mr. Browne:

This is in reply to the article by Mr. James Olin in your last issue, dated Sept. 20.

The OHC Tenants of St. Jamestown meeting, held on Sept. 8, was delayed for 15 minutes by the late

arrival of Mrs. Eunice Keddy, Chairwoman; her mother, Mrs. J. Deans; Mrs. F. Tate; Mrs. J. Thompson, and Mrs. E. Barrett.

I at first proceeded to introduce the committee members to the meeting whereupon Mrs. Keddy took over the microphone and read out a copy of a letter (one sentence of which was erased) which she had sent to the Mayor.

She then handed me a copy and walked out followed by the four above-mentioned ladies.

Of course I was shocked, as were the other committee members present, as up until the very hour of the meeting we had not the slightest suspicion that the above-mentioned ladies felt themselves to be "dupes."

Perhaps they are, of the "reliable person" mentioned in Mrs. Keddy's letter — the "unknown person who had come to her apartment a few days earlier." They are certainly not dupes of the developers who had done exactly what they had agreed to and that was to give the OHC tenants of St. Jamestown every facility they needed to find out the opinions of the tenants of St. Jamestown as to what they felt was needed in the empty spaces along Howard Street.

The committee was formed at a meeting held July 24 in the management office at 260 Wellesley Street East which was the only room available at the time. It was addressed by Mr. Walter Manthorpe, our first guest speaker. Mr. Manthorpe, a planning consultant for Howard Investments Limited explained that the Building and Development Committee will be holding a public meeting at which time the residents of St. Jamestown will be able to express their views on possible uses for the North St. Jamestown area.

Mr. Manthorpe then answered questions put to him by the committee and left. After that the committee drafted a letter to be

sent to all tenants of St. Jamestown for signatures. This letter to be presented to City Hall.

This draft was sent to all interested parties for comment and suggestions and Mr. Manthorpe telephoned to suggest the addition of one sentence.

Mr. Olin's statement that Mr. Manthorpe conducted a meeting or drafted a letter are entirely without basis. As for the letter itself, over 2,500 have already been collected and signatures are still being obtained, so if you are interested in what facilities you would like to see on Howard Street, sign a copy of the letter and come to the meeting on October 14.

Elena Shand
St. Jamestown

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you are so concerned about the commercial uses to be allowed in North St. Jamestown, why didn't you express those concerns to the planners at the time they were drawing up their plans for that area? Why aren't you equally concerned about the commercial uses being planned for West St. Jamestown? That project, under construction just across the street from you, will have two small shopping plazas. Why aren't you concerned about what stores go into those places? Again, on the south side of Wellesley, just across the street from St. Jamestown there will be built a huge retail plaza with many, many stores. Why aren't you equally concerned about the commercial uses of that area? And why do you want a bowling alley and movie theatre on the north side of Howard Street when Meridian has said they will build them on the south side of Wellesley Street? . . . NGB)

NDP wins in school election

Dear Editor,

Regent Park Public School has had an election held by the grade fives. This election was an election I will never forget.

We had different people for a party and the person that got picked first for a party got to pick some people to help them make hats, badges and signs.

Our class went down to our gym with our funny hats on. Then the Junior classes came down and our Vice-Principal, Mr. Auckland said a few words. Then my teacher gave out the ballots and everybody picked one party.

Then we went home for lunch and then came back and counted the ballots. The teacher checked them over and the score was Progressive Conservatives, 5; Liberals, 65; and NDP, 82.

Doris Fairney,
Regent Park school

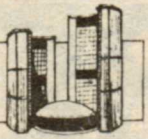
(EDITOR'S NOTE: And I bet you got a 100% turnout at the polls! Maybe the answer is compulsory voting along with a lowered voting age. . . . NGB)

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Electoral boundaries require changing

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by JANET HOWARD
Ward 7 Alderman

Ward 7 is a strange place politically. It is represented by two Liberals, a Conservative and two New Democrats federally and provincially, plus two non-partisan aldermen municipally.

A bit more than half of Ward 7 falls in the federal riding of Rosedale, which for many years sent Conservatives to Ottawa until Donald MacDonald won the seat for the Liberals and kept it by comfortable majorities in succeeding elections.

The other half of the ward lies in the riding of Riverdale where an equally popular New Democrat, John Gilbert, is elected with a very heavy NDP vote.

Provincially, Ward 7 falls into three ridings: St. George, held by Margaret Campbell for the Liberals; St. David, a traditionally Conservative seat to which Margaret Scrivener was just re-elected; and Riverdale, where James Renwick of the NDP recently increased his majority a great deal.

It is not the voters of Ward 7 who are mixed up with this odd pattern of representation. The federal and provincial boundaries are deliberately designed to cancel out the vote south of Bloor St. by cutting Ward 7 neighbourhoods into narrow strips running north through Rosedale, the home of many rich people who have no reason to change anything. They have the money and the influence to look after themselves. South of Bloor St., however, ordinary working people, tenants, pensioners, unemployed and disabled people might well want to see some changes, but even if the vote were heavier in the south than it is, the northern end of the ridings would still determine the outcome of these elections, especially provincially. St. David riding is so strange a shape the only explanation possible is that the Ward 7 portion of it must, in the view of the provincial government, be thoroughly squashed electorally.

In the recent election every poll in Rosedale pulled the Conservatives ahead by 90 to 100 votes. There are a lot of polls in Rosedale. The NDP took a few polls in the far north end of the riding where there are many apartment tenants, and, as always, did well in the south. It is interesting to note that east of the Don River, where the result is not weighted by large, rich neighbourhoods, the federal and provincial representatives are NDP. It used to be the same story municipally until Ward 7 was created from the old strip wards which did the same thing. Until then, an entirely different kind of alderman got elected.

In the confusion of riding boundaries many voters find it hard to figure out the nature of the fight. Federally, west of the Don, it is between the Liberals and the Conservatives. Provincially, in St. David, it is between the Conservatives and the NDP. In the recent election, a number of St. David voters remarked that they wanted to vote against the Tory government and were therefore going to vote Liberal, unaware that in the past few elections the Liberals have come third, behind the NDP, as they did this time. In any event, the Conservative majority fell by 57% but a much large Liberal vote, at the expense of the NDP in much of the riding, meant that Rosedale continued to call the tune.

It is time that riding boundaries reflected the common interests of the people in them. If, time after time, a large portion of a riding votes one way and the rest another, it shows that a sizeable number of people are not in a position to choose their representation fairly. Voters with a lot in common tend, over the years, to follow a pattern. Our area is a crazy quilt. We aren't crazy; it's the boundary people.

COLOURING CONTEST WINNERS

As part of the Parliament Street Fall Festival held last week end, children in six neighbouring schools were given large line-drawn posters containing the Old Cabbagetown logo and asked to colour and to design them.

Many of the entries decorated store windows up and down Parliament Street and the judges, Mrs. Patricia Cupples and Mrs. Ann Mandlsohn had quite a time picking winners.

The winners were: From Winchester school, Tony Chong, Kevin Lush, and Lynette Orr. From Park school — Paul Coffey and Susan McKibbin. From Lord Dufferin school — Margie Brooks and Ceng-huan Wang. From Spruce Court school — Sandra Wright and Lloyd Daniels. From St. Martin's Catholic school — John Mageau and Evelyn Chakasim. From Regent Park school — Wayne Stone, Il Moon Min and Denise Moore.

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A crowd of eager watchers waits patiently for that alternate to TV — the Puppet Show. The show, held at the Parliament Library last Saturday morning was well received by its uncritical audience.

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Local Credit Union officially opens

by JIM HOUSTON

The grand opening of the Don Area Branch of the Davisville Community Credit Union late last month at the Community Secretariat on Gerrard St. E. marked the culmination of several months of meetings and discussions. The event was celebrated by a small party for the committee.

In spite of heavy rain, more than two dozen Don Area residents, from both sides of the River were able to come in to do Credit Union business. Many filled out application forms and paid their 25 cent membership fee. Several people who are already members of Davisville came to have their numbers switched to Don Area numbers. Others made payments on low-interest credit union loans. And some just dropped by to help celebrate the event.

Volunteer cashier Len Mellow, from Moss Park, and the two dedicated Davisville staff who had come down from the main office to help get the branch functioning, were kept very busy for the whole three and a half hours. They answered questions, filled out forms, made careful records.

Members of the Branch Committee, Pat Travis of Regent Park, Chairwoman Mary Anne Shaw from Don Vale, and Bob Olsen from South of St. Jamestown, served coffee and donuts and chatted with visitors.

At eight o'clock, after the doors were closed for the night on regular credit union business, committee

members and their guests stepped up the celebrations with a case of beer, a spread of food prepared by Sassy Waddell from South Cabbagetown, and a special credit union cake baked and decorated by Merylie Houston of the Withrow area.

Special guests were Davisville manager Marie McAuliffe and Board liaison member Henry Menegon. John Piper of Don Vale played the accordion and led a rousing sing-song.

The opening marked the beginning of a four month trial for the

Don Area Branch, which will open every Thursday from 4:30 to 8 p.m. until the end of December. Activity in the office will be evaluated at that time to determine if a permanent Don Area Branch is justified.

The boundaries set for the Branch have been drawn to cover Ward 7. However committee spokesmen stress that these are not to be taken as hard and fast. After all, they say, the whole idea of establishing a branch office is to provide encouragement for downtown folk to join the credit union.

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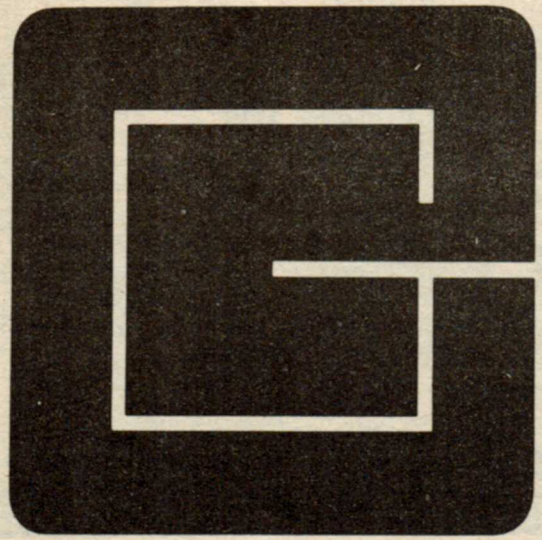
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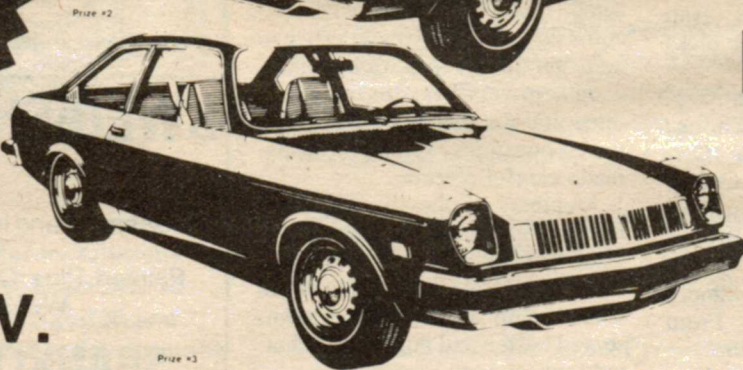
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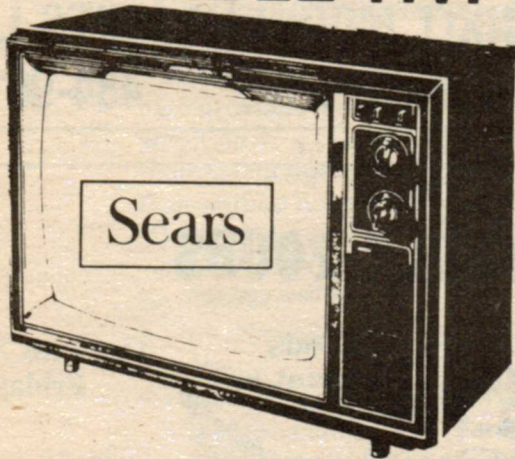


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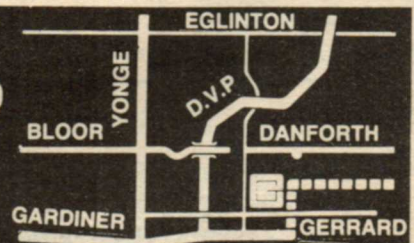
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SALE TOMORROW

Residents of Geneva Avenue have found a way to get rid of their household clutter for fun and profit. On Sunday, October 5, they will turn their street into Don Vale's answer to Petticoat Lane. Working refrigerators, chairs with all their legs, books, potted plants, bricks, paint, home baking, assorted junkie, clothing, good used

lumber will be on sale with each neighbour flogging his own goods. There will be music, too; and a booth for kids, run by kids.

The sale will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until the goods run out or 5 p.m., rain or shine. Geneva Avenue is one block south of Carlton, east of Sumach.

Distributor of the Week

by PHIL JALSEVAC

This issue's Distributor of the Week is eight years old Timmy Hazelwood of 37 Grandview Ave. The grade four Franklin Public School pupil has been responsible for the last three months in delivering 7 News to all residents on Grandview and seems to enjoy his community work, even admitting that "If I could, I'd like to do a little bit more."

Though only coming into personal contact with readers and neighbours on his street occasionally, Timmy cited one example of an elderly lady giving him a dime once "for doing a good job."

At times his friends help him deliver his quota of 75 papers; these friends also constitute no doubt the membership of his special project, The Tree Club, located in his backyard.

The clubhouse, consisting of a "lot of broken branches" provides a play centre for about a dozen neighbourhood kids and has the unique distinction of having two presidents of which Timmy is one.

Asked what they do, Timmy replied "well, we fool around a lot." His other hobbies include building model cars, of which he likes the dragster types best and playing hide-and-gooseek. Though allegedly

a good student at school, he remains the reluctant academic, summing up his attitude for this year in one word — "yuk!"

Asked for his suggestions to 7 News editorial policy-makers, the young volunteer stated that he would like to see more cartoons.

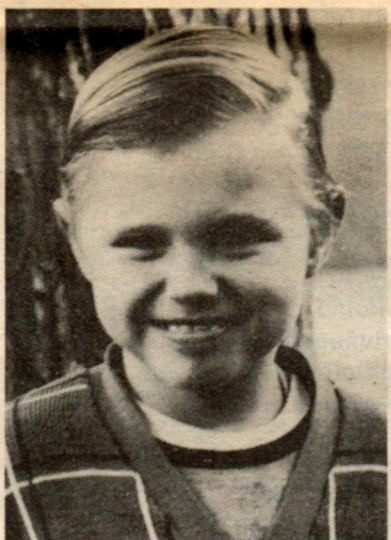


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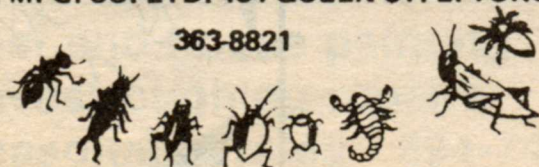
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NEWS ROUND-UP

Beryl Plumtree to speak at meeting

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regrets this error. . . .

Teens between 13 and 17 years of age are invited to a dance being held Friday night Oct. 10 at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street. Admission is only 25 cents. . . .

WoodGreen Community Centre is looking for volunteers to help out in a wide variety of programs they are planning or starting in the fall and spring. People wishing to help out are asked to call Henry Chong at 461-1168. . . .

An evening of poetry with Liz Cromwell and Vibert Cambridge will be presented at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard St. East at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs. Oct. 9. Admission is free.

A successful Open House was held in conjunction with the official opening of the Canadasia Travel Service on Parliament just below Wellesley last week. Many local businessmen attended along with consular and airline officials. . . .

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street is sponsoring a morning day-care program for pre-school children. It runs from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday to Friday. For information phone Fred at 863-0499. . . . The Right-to-Read program will start its fall term on Oct. 6, at the Parliament Street Library House. Afternoon classes will be run on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and evening classes will run Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:30. For registration or more info, call 924-7246 or 921-8674. . . .

The Federation of Don Area Residents Association (FODARA)

will hold its next meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Community Secretariat office, 249 Gerrard Street East. . . .

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, will soon be organizing hockey teams for both boys and girls interested in playing. Needed are players, coaches and referees, etc. If interested in helping out, phone Fred at 863-0499. . . .

Saturday's Poetry and Rap group continued their series of workshops on women writers, with Julie MacNeill and Marti Walker featured on October 11, and Helen Hamilton and Morag Sutton on October 18. The Program begins at 2:30 at the Parliament Library House. . . .

Residents of the DACHI project in Don Vale are gradually taking over more and more positions on the Board of Directors. Latest Board member from the community is Rudy Stocking of Spruce street. Two other vacancies exist and are in the process of being filled by Dachi residents through a general election. . . .

STOP-THE-PRESSES: Beryl Plumtree, the controversial and outspoken Chairman of the Federal Price Review Board has been confirmed as the guest speaker at the

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The Dixon Hall food co-op will be starting up again at 58 Sumach street on Tuesday, October 21. For information on its benefits and how to join, phone Fred at 863-0499. . . .

The Tuesday literary workshop at the Parliament Library House will study the oral performance of poetry with guest Mark Mercer on October 7, and a workshop on play-writing with Thomas Whyte on October 14. Programs start at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free. . . .

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Ward Seven seniors to get winter vacation in Albion Hills

Elderly people, aged 65 and over, in the Ward 7 area, will be provided with a 12-day winter vacation as the result of a new program recently announced by the Family Service Association.

The vacations will be held at the Bolton Conference Centre in the Albion Hills and are designed to break up the long, cold winter months for older folks who can't get away from the city. Funding for the program is being provided by Metro Social Services and the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

An active program is planned for both in and out of doors. There will be bird-watching, nature hikes, cookouts and, weather permitting, sleigh rides and snow shoe walks.

Crafts, music, dancing, discussion groups, shuffleboard and

other games are part of the indoor program.

For many older people the prospect of winter is dreary and depressing. "Winter Break" as the program is called, is based on the belief that the chance to get out of doors and enjoy the brisk country air and the beautiful rolling scenery of the Albion Hills will have a great therapeutic value.

Special diets and health care are no problem at Bolton. A dietician is on staff to plan special meals and a nurse and doctor are at hand.

A small fee is charged which is geared to the income of senior citizens.

The first "Winter Break" starts November 10. The dates for the remainder are November 24, January 12 and January 26. For more information call Elizabeth Potts at 922-3126.



Photo by Audrey Kitson

PARLIAMENT ST. PARTY A SUCCESS

Shoppers and sight-seers from in and out of the Ward turned out in large numbers to take in the two-day Festival held on Parliament Street last Friday and Saturday. By all reports it was a success with sales up at participating stores and everyone generally having a good time. Planning is already under way for a bigger and better festival next spring.

Photos by Steven Evans

If you are 65 or older, you are probably entitled to Ontario's new Senior Citizens' Privilege Card.

These are the privileges Ontario offers you.



There's a new Ontario Senior Citizens' Privilege Card, which has been sent to 750,000 Ontario residents aged 65 and older. It replaces the monthly drug benefit card issued by the Ministry of Health.

In addition to free OHIP services, the card provides more than 1500 free prescription drugs to all seniors receiving federal Old Age Security or Ontario Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) cheques.

The new Privilege Card offers identification for:

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- Participation in community activities and centres for senior citizens.

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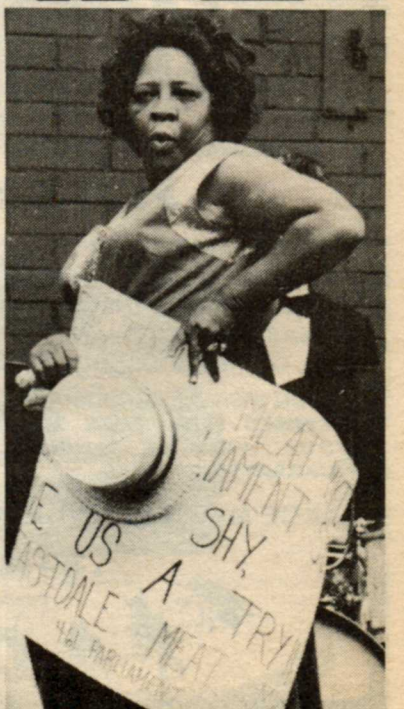
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Education Report

Eastdale gets a name change

by GORD CRESSY and DOUG BARR

EASTDALE COLLEGIATE

At our last Board meeting, Sept. 25, a strong delegation led by Mrs. Kay Love, Chairperson of the School Community Council, requested that the name of Eastdale Secondary School be changed to Eastdale Collegiate Institute.

The main reason for the requested change was the name of the school should accurately reflect its program. Since Eastdale is now an academic school, attracting over 120 pupils in grades 9 and 10 from the Ward Seven and Eight area, the request made good sense.

The Board unanimously supported the name change. So now we have our first collegiate in Ward Seven: Eastdale Collegiate Institute. In addition to Mrs. Love, a number of parents, teachers and students were present at the meeting, including Mrs. Sharma, Praba Sharma, Bruce Foreward, Mrs. MacDonald, Talon MacDonald, Mrs. Bakalar and Bob Beardsley.

WINCHESTER SCHOOL

For the first time in a number of years, Winchester is off to a solid, stable beginning — no fires, no portables on site, no changes in Principal. At a meeting of the Winchester Council held last week the spirit and enthusiasm was really fine.

Tremendous plans and programs are underway with heavy volunteer participation. A pot-luck supper and curriculum evening is planned for Thursday, October 9. Among those organizing the event are Kathy Jones, Pat Houchen and Carolyn Barber. For further information, contact Winchester School principal, Jim Wilkinson at 921-3950.

New Don Vale courses

The Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street, is offering several courses this fall in winemaking, folk guitar and creative folk music.

Folk guitar is offered for all ages every Tuesday night from now until the Christmas season with a fee of \$20 for each course. The course for children 8 to 12 is offered at 4:30 p.m.; for teens at 5:30 and two adult courses at 7 and 8 p.m. Guitars may be rented by those who don't have one, and a special course for women is being offered Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

The winemaking course is being

MULTI-CULTURALISM

The Toronto Board had produced a major report on multi-culturalism. The report lists as first priority the need for New Canadians to become proficient in English. The report also points out that New Canadians should acquire a real sense of their cultural heritage and identity and that the school has a part to play in that process.

At present the report is being discussed throughout the city. Our turn comes on Monday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Earl Grey School. Copies of the report are available at nominal cost. Call the Multi-cultural office at the Board of Education (362-4931) to get further information.

TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS

Our teacher negotiations are guided by Bill 100 passed by the Provincial Government in July of this year. At the elementary school level we have a two-year tentative agreement that has been ratified by all the Boards of Education in Metro.

We are hopeful the teachers will also ratify this contract which provides smaller class sizes, a sizeable salary increase and better working conditions.

At the Secondary level we are resuming negotiations after a fact-finders report spelled out the areas of disagreement. We hope to reach a settlement and are working to do just that. Yet we would want you to know that this set of negotiations are not easy for teachers or Boards of Education.

Our intention is to keep you as informed as possible as negotiations proceed.

CINCH provided fun summer for kids

by MALCOLM ROBERTSON

Cinch, the Opportunites for Youth program working out of the Don Vale Community Centre, ended on September 12 after a memorable and eventful summer. The program was for smaller children and featured a daytime crafts drop-in, with outings on Tuesday and Thursday.

The staff soon learned that any place with a fountain was fine with the kids. Trudy, Brenda and Mary Harris started the practice of bathing in fountains one hot afternoon at the Ontario Science Centre and the others were not slow to follow.

After that, it was into the fountain whenever they saw one.

One outing was to High Park, where there was no fountain but there was a train. Everybody wanted to go for a ride except Jody Belanger, who changed his mind

as he saw the train pull away. He chased it over meadows and over bridges for a quarter of a mile until the sympathetic engineer slowed enough for Jody to jump on.

That same day in High Park, two of the girls in the program, Christina McQuillan and Trudy Harris, were starred in a short film being made by the CBC. The day before, the same film crew had used Jody Belanger in a film set in Regent Park involving a magician, a boy and ice cream cones.

Towards the end of August, Cinch, at the invitation of the Parks and Recreation project in Winchester school yard, entered some crafts in the Parks and Recreation Summer Show at the St. Lawrence Market.

Judy Sylvester won a first prize with a vase in glowing earth colours and the whole group won the third prize for a collective work: a plasticine zoo with popsicle stick corrals and complete with a zoo-keeper and his wife.

Another program of Cinch was the hot lunch, served three days a week in the Community Centre. Marge Ganton, the cook, produced wonderful meals but two at-

tempts by her to make cornstarch pudding for a staff member were foaming failures.

She used baking soda instead of cornstarch. They had both been side-by-side in clear plastic bags.

Cinch was also involved in the "Summer Ends Too Soon" festival held in Regent Park and organized a number of contests. The best attended was the Watermelon Eating Contest, in which a dark horse from Detroit, community worker Mark Dreger, was beaten by the local favorites, Mike Marshall and Ron Oulette.

The two local winners showed their form by then eating their prizes, ice cream cones donated by Jeremiah's Ice Cream store.

Although the day-time drop-ins ended when school began, evening drop-ins are now open at the Don Vale Community Centre. Monday and Wednesday night are for the under twelves while Tuesday and Thursday night are set aside for the teens.

And Judo instruction is part of the Thursday evening activities.

The Hot Lunch program is still being carried on, but only on Wednesdays and Fridays.

NIP to hold annual meeting

The Annual Meeting of Neighbourhood Information Post (NIP) will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 265 Gerrard Street East. NIP is a community-owned information and referral service serving Ward Seven and the Don District west to Jarvis Street.

Everyone within the above boundaries is a member of the Corporation of NIP and eligible to vote and take part at the Annual Meeting. All are invited to attend.

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They simply took the elevator to the pool level of their own building.

The event was part of the all-sports Junior Olympics program being sponsored across Canada by the Royal Bank. So far this year, the program has involved over 165,000 youngsters.

"Ours is an all-under-one-roof community," said Mrs. Ann Acton, event co-ordinator and herself a resident of St. Jamestown.

"Youngsters from ages six to nineteen took part and for many of the younger ones, the event was their first experience with organized competition."

All competitors received Junior Olympics certificates of participation while winners got ribbons for placing in each event.

Cabbagetown boxers win five bouts

by PETER WYLIE

Cabbagetown Boxing Club's first local match after a long summer break proved that the club's boxers are still in good form as they took five of the six bouts in which they competed.

The show, held last month was well attended by the community and had special guests: **Bob Secord**, Director of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation; political candidates **Margaret Scrivener** and **Lukin Robinson** and **Mr. A. Swallow**, a major supporter of the club.

The card went as follows:

First bout: **Alex Hilton**, 80 pounds, of Cabbagetown, won a good three-rounder over Toronto AC's Neil Thompson, 80 pounds.

Second bout: **Dave (Classy) Hilton**, 75 pounds, of Cabbagetown won a beautiful hard fought three-rounder from his arch rival for glory — **Metrick (Sugar) Marsh** of Lansdowne Athletic Club.

Third bout: **Edison Armstrong**, 125 pounds, of Detroit was a little too much for the local entry, **Miles Drummond**, 127 pounds. Miles is one of a group of boys at Guelph Reformatory who are trained and sponsored by the Cabbagetown club. Miles was stopped at the bell in the first round.

Fourth bout: **Mike Henry**, 110 pounds, formerly of Cabbagetown and now working out of the Mississauga Boy's Club won a fast

paced victory over tough **Dan Montrosan**, 110 pounds, of Detroit. This looks like a sure return march. Watch for it.

Fifth bout: **John Smith**, 147 pounds, of Detroit, won a very close one-point decision over game **John Dunn**, 148 pounds of the Mississauga Boy's Club. John was not quite 100% for this one and he wants a return match with this lad from the states.

Sixth bout: **Ric Papa**, with both guns firing, bombed his opponent from Detroit. Ric, at 138 pounds, threw from bell to bell, until **Melvin Williams** was forced to call it quits at 1:45 minutes of the second round.

Seventh bout: Cabbagetown's white bomber, **Bill Walker**, 149 pounds, showed he was in fine form when he stopped rugged **Ron Peterson** from Guelph. Ron gave it all he had, but **Rocky Walton**, who handles the lad out of Guelph, stopped the bout when he saw his charge was just not in top condition. Rocky says there's always another day. Credit also goes to Bill's trainer, **Mike O'Rielly** for his good work.

Eighth bout — Main Event: **Rick Petch**, 188 pounds, was in good shape to represent Cabbagetown and showed a lot of ring savvy. He outboxed his hard-hitting foe, **Les Gardner**, 180 pounds, from Detroit. These fellows took it from bell to bell with Petch landing right hands and Gardner sneaking in good left hooks. Petch walked off with a unanimous decision and rightly deserved.

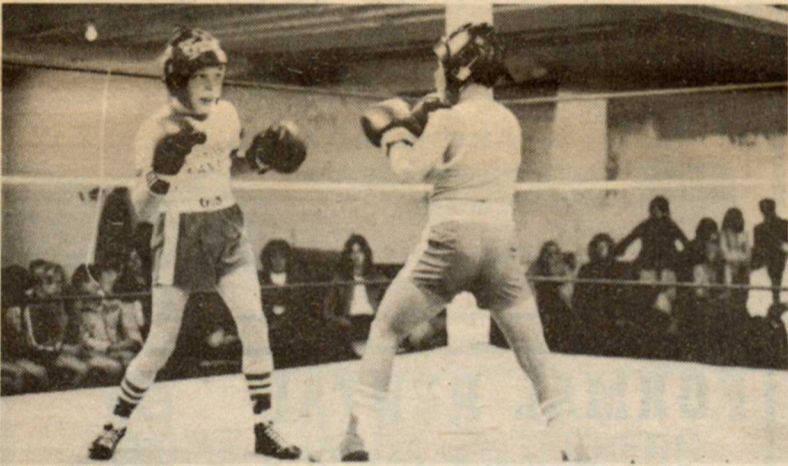


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Above, **David (Classy) Hilton**, 75 pounds, of the Cabbagetown Club takes on his arch rival, **Metrick (Sugar) Marsh** of Lansdowne Athletic Club. Below, **MPP Margaret Scrivener** awards a trophy to **David** who won the bout.

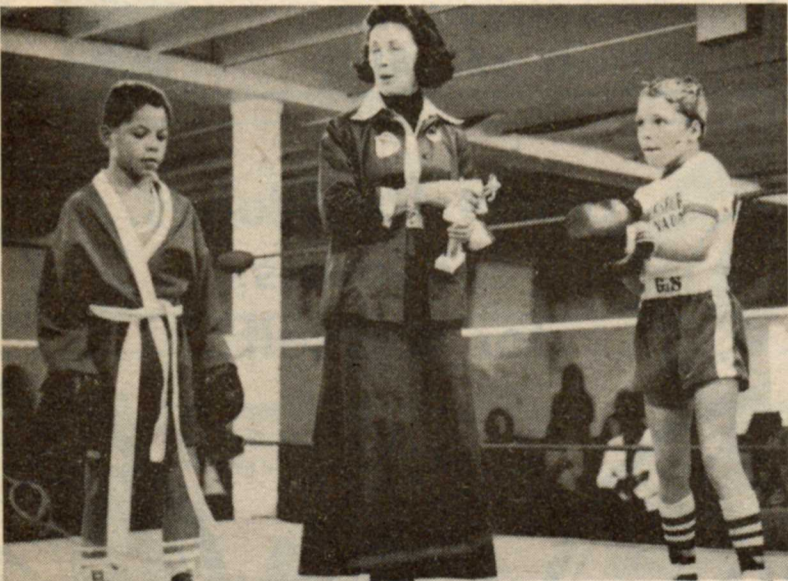


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The Don Valley Soccer League Minor Division Champions, by a 2-1 score are the team from Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Club.



The Major Division champs in the Don Valley Soccer League, by a 3-2 score are the Broadview Y-Colgate ABC team.

Local broomball team looks a winner

by JOHN FONZIE

This year the Yokels, Ward Seven's Men's broomball team, are back in their blue and white uniforms and in top form and ready for action. **Doug Humphries**, one of the regulars on the team is sponsoring them this year.

The Yokels have four exhibition games before the season officially starts on Sept. 27 when they meet the Voyageurs at 9 p.m. at Ted Reeve Arena.

Back in the nets for the Yokels is **Steve Gromachi** who played outstandingly last season. **Len Long**, **Peter Law** and **Mike Carpe** are also back with newcomer **Danny Cross** to fill out the rugged defense the Yokels are known for.

Chuck Labinowicz who scored eight goals in one tournament, **Doug Humphries**, **Harry McLean**, **John White** and **Ian Law** are the returning regular forwards. Joining the squad this year

are new forwards **Rick Maheu** and **Don Chaput**. The addition of these newcomers should make for a very fast and rough offensive team.

Trainer **Ray Maheu** is also returning again this season to help out the Yokels.

The team will feel the loss of both **Vic Drury**, who had to return to Montreal and **John Piper** who as yet does not have enough time for the team. Hopefully **John Piper** will return later in the season.

The Yokels were also seeking the services of **John Catanzaro**, but he has decided to referee this year.

This season, the Yokels will be representing Ward Seven, the League and Toronto in outside tournaments. League President **Rene Boudreault** chose the Yokels for this honor because of their great team spirit, good playing ability and good sportsman-like conduct in recent years.

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