

# NEWS

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Above is a view of Toronto General Hospital as it appeared between 1854 and 1921. The view is from Gerrard Street. The style is French Provincial. The central tower with a mansard roof

was 100 feet high. The photo is from: Toronto Old and New, 1891. For story and more photos SEE PAGE SIX.

## Berkeley residents get heated up...

by CHARLOTTE HILL

On Tuesday, October 21, an invitation was extended to all homeowners and tenants on Berkeley Street to attend a meeting to discuss "problems of mutual interest".

The "problems" turned out to be the tenants at 340 Berkeley Street, a house leased and presently operated by Dwight Maloney, a public school teacher who has lived and worked in the Ward Seven area for several years.

Nine or ten angry homeowners attacked Maloney for his intentions to rent out rooms in the house to "hard-to-house" roomers: alcoholics, disabled, and the elderly.

Maloney defended the project, saying that it has rooms for only nine people which is just a "drop in the bucket" considering the need for such specialized housing which exists in the area.

People seemed willing to agree that a need for such housing existed but, "why Berkeley Street?" One man said he owned eight rooming houses on Pembroke Street and they should all go there. It was suggested to him that it seemed all right to make money out of the less fortunate but not have them for neighbours.

Another faction at the meeting said that they had lived on Berkeley all their lives and problems with rooming houses were not an especial irritant to them: that roomers and bums were two different things and should not be equated.

This was followed by a sugges-

tion that Berkeley Street residents should investigate zoning regulations in order to prohibit rooming houses on the street.

Mike Easterbrook, Chairman of SOCCA, the area residents association, explained that along with city planners in a local site office, area residents had been involved for over two years creating new zoning and planning criteria for the area.

Easterbrook accused the Berkeley homeowners of "bitching" after the fact and said if they were really interested, they should come out to meetings and make their concerns known to the community at large.

When SOCCA was accused of being primarily a tenant-oriented organization, Easterbrook cried, "We need more homeowners. Come and take us over if you can, but come out to the meeting."

There was some confusion at the end of the meeting as to whether homeowners would form their own association or try to work within the framework of the present residents' association.

There was general agreement that since the lease at 340 Berkeley had been signed there was nothing to be done except to give it a chance to work out.

## Glaucoma to be tested for at Dixon Hall

by M. BROCKHOUSE

Sponsored by the Don District Community Health Centre in co-operation with Dixon Hall, the Public Health Department and the Canadian National Institute For the Blind, "The Peeper Show" is a lighthearted introduction to a serious subject.

Glaucoma develops from a defect in the circulatory system of the eye causing abnormal pressure which slowly damages the optic nerve and retina. Although it may appear at any age, it is seen most frequently in the 30 to 35 and over age group.

Glaucoma is a sneaky little devil

and there is rarely pain and only a very gradual loss of vision. Early diagnosis and treatment means that glaucoma can be controlled easily with medication. Later stages can be controlled by a simple drainage procedure. Symptoms may be:  
1) Difficulty seeing in the dark  
2) Coloured rings around lights together with headaches, eye aches, and blurred vision  
3) Loss of side vision.

Of course, something else may be causing the above symptoms, but it can be checked by means of a simple painless free test at Dixon Hall (58 Sumach Street) below Queen, on Friday, November 28th. A film and information program is at 1:30 p.m. with testing and results from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Even if you have noted no changes in vision or unusual symptoms, come and be tested. "Prevention is better than cure." Visual testing is also available, time permitting. Refreshments will be provided with the compliments of a number of friendly neighbourhood grocery stores.

### Education report

## High schools remain open despite strike

by GORD CRESSY and DOUG BARR

Much of the news in the media recently has concerned the status of elementary and secondary school teacher contract negotiations. The purpose of this article is to clarify the situation at the time of writing. However, the situation is extremely fluid and may well have changed by the time you read this.

because the agreement was reached by both parties prior to October 13.

Under the terms of this contract, classes will become smaller, teachers will have better salaries, and their working conditions will improve. In addition, parents will have a greater say in decision making in their local school. All in all, it's a good settlement.

### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

A strike in our secondary schools may well have started by the time you read this. The main disputes are in the areas of salary and cost-of-living allowance.

At this time, both sides believe deeply in their respective positions. We are saddened by a strike — but it is both legitimate and legal when all other methods of solution have failed.

The schools will be open on a very limited scale but little if any teaching will be going on. Our secondary school students should do the best they can on their own and with their peers. Volunteers will not be used in our schools because we believe long term bitterness would result.

We hope the strike will not be long. We ask for your patience during this trying time. We want our teachers back in the schools. We know our teachers do their best work when they feel good about what they are doing.

In the meantime if you have questions or suggestions — and you may well have — call us.

### OVERVIEW

Negotiations between Boards of Education and Teacher Federations are governed by Bill 100 — the Collective Bargaining Act passed by the Provincial legislature in July of this year.

Toronto acts in concert with the other boroughs through a form of joint negotiations. In effect this means the Toronto Board and Toronto teachers are not able to negotiate by themselves — although in future this may well happen.

The announcement by Prime Minister Trudeau on October 13 of limited wage and price controls has hampered negotiations because until they are passed into law and regulations are formulated, no definite answers are available.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

There will be no strike by teachers in elementary schools. A two-year agreement, signed recently by both teacher and Board representatives is a valid contract. It is not subject to any form of Federal Government intervention

## Christmas carolers needed

The Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Committee is planning a festival of Christmas Carols on Parliament Street over the 5th and 6th of December.

The tentative plan is that some of the groups will carol on the street and some will sing carols in the CBC studio on Parliament where their singing will be taped for later broadcast.

Santa Claus is expected to visit Parliament Street that same week end and hand out balloons to shoppers and their kiddies.

Pat Fillmore, co-ordinator of the project hopes to have school children as well as senior citizen groups taking part in the carolling. She is looking for individuals, groups and full choirs who would like to take part in the carol singing. Contact her at 535 Parliament Street or phone 929-0744.

## ...and then cool off

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

At the official SOCCA meeting held the following week, the expected confrontation and "take-over" bid by Berkeley Street homeowners failed to materialize.

Although out in force, the number of residents taking a stand against winos, roomers, and rooming houses gradually dwindled throughout the course of the meeting as past history and action were explained to them and common sense and common decency prevailed.

Area planner John Gladki struck the first blow by explaining that it was both politically and legally impossible to legislate against rooming houses on a specific street or area of the city.

Darlene McDougal, a member of the South of Carlton Skid Row Committee said the area was aware of the problem and their committee had been working on it for the past three years. She said the commit-

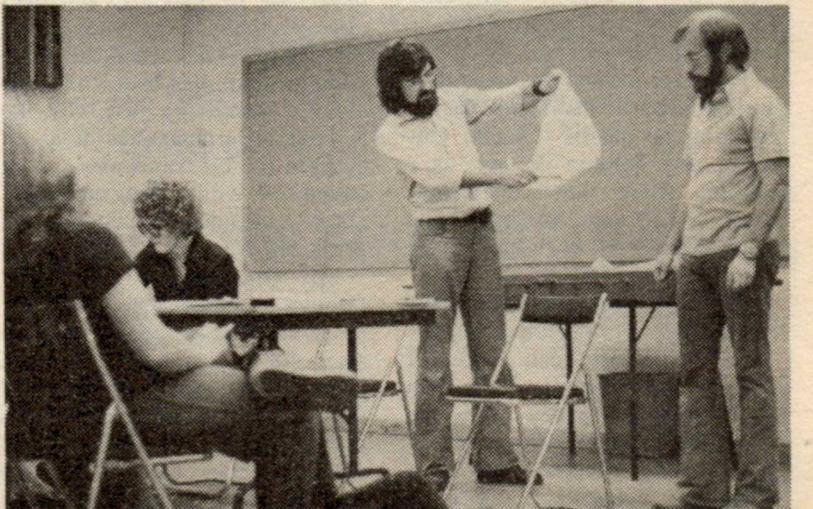
tee was open to anyone in the community to belong and invited anyone interested in skid row people and their problems to join.

To criticism that the skid-row committee had accomplished very little, she replied that lack of interest and lack of money at the local and provincial level was holding up action.

Dwight Maloney wanted to know what the fuss was all about. The Berkeley Street house wasn't a treatment centre or half-way house but just another rooming house — in better condition and with better management than most.

Then, in hushed tones, he reported that the first resident of the house had died that night of terminal cancer. "But he didn't die in lonely isolation as he might have in a standard rooming house."

The meeting ended with many of these formerly in opposition to roomers and rooming houses joining committees to study the physical and social needs of the area.



Chairman Mike Easterbrook and planner John Gladki talk to the recent SOCCA meeting that dealt with roomers and rooming houses. Photo by Steven Evans



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# LETTERS



## 7 News has sexist photos, says reader

Dear Editor,

I would like to inform you that the picture and caption on the front page of the October 4, 1975 issue offended me personally. This type of photograph would seem more appropriate on the "Sunshine Girl" page. And to label a woman as one of the "attractions" with no further explanation seems mildly sexist to me. As does identifying her only by her husband's accomplishments. Usually when Seven News feels the need to dress up the front page, it finds more justification than in this issue. (See Sept. 6, 1975 issue i.e. she is holding a cat.)

Working in this area and being harassed by whistles, catcalls and horn honking I would like to think that my community newspaper, the newspaper which I am an owner of, is helping me in the struggle to be considered an individual, a person, rather than fair game or an attraction.

Marty Crowder  
Gerrard St. East



Photo by Steven Evans

(Staff Note: I can hardly agree with your comparison between the photo in question and the "Sunshine Girl". The former conveys to me a natural, spontaneous expression, while the latter looks posed and sometimes provocative.

The original photo from which I cropped the girl in question appears above. It was our intention originally to place the caption, "Why is this girl so happy? See page 6", under the front page photo, with the complete photo showing both people inside the paper, in a photo-essay type of article.

However, we ended up with over thirty photos taken by 2 photographers and about 1/3 of the expected space for the article. It was therefore my decision to exclude the photo above.

However, I do agree that the comments in the caption are sexist in tone. Also my selection of the girl as a subject was itself sexist, not because it exploits her, but because my selection is discriminatory. I will try to remedy this situation in a future issue by giving equal exposure to a suitable male.

David Ruppel  
Production Manager

## Don Incinerator an eyesore

Dear Mr. Browne:

May I use the pages of your paper to draw attention to an ugly, unhistorical building in our ward?

This dangerous eyesore is the old Don incinerator, which crouches beside the Dundas access to the Don Valley Parkway. Part of its construction includes two high trestles — one off Dundas Street and one off Mount Stephen.

These trestles are fenced only with an iron pipe railing, which doesn't prevent young children from scampering along the outer edge, or older children from throwing glass, tires, furniture and other assorted debris over this ledge.

It goes without saying that the property underneath is an unsightly mess, compounded by great rusting hulks of disposable containers.

Towering over this scene is a great chimney, which, with monotonous frequency, tempts kids to climb its ladder. The fact that no one has been hurt so far is due more to good luck than good management.

I have been told that this edifice will not ever be used as an active incinerator. At present, I understand, it houses a carpenter shop, plus space for storage.

Would there be any reason, therefore, why the trestles and chimney could not be dismantled?

In any case, is there any reason why the entire property cannot be maintained in a clean and decent manner? At present the site is a garbage dump, and any inquiries bring forth evasive answers and lame excuses.

The property is owned and neglected by both the City and Metro, which could be part of the reason for both endeavouring to avoid any responsibility.

This land would make a valuable park and/or playground, and wouldn't necessarily interfere with the present use of the building itself. In the meantime, it should be cleaned up and put under tighter surveillance to ensure the safety of the youngsters who frequent this area.

Nita Linton  
Munro Street

## Better parking sought on Carlton St.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to complain of two things concerning parking on Carlton Street between Parliament and Metcalfe. I live across the street from the Don Area Co-op Homes (DACHI) project and tenants of these houses have ample free parking in the rear of their buildings but don't seem to use it.

Also the Sparta Garage at 252-1/2 Carlton uses up a great deal of the space on the street, during the day and sometimes overnight, and leaves no space for the people who live on the north side of Carlton to park.

When I get home from work I

am tired and I do not relish the thought of circling the block over and over looking for a place to park.

I believe that the people in DACHI, who have free parking, should certainly use it, and that the Sparta Garage which needs eight to ten parking spaces should try and rent spaces or park elsewhere.

Maybe if these two groups will consider these suggestions and act upon them, there would be less hostility and more friendship on Carlton Street.

Russell Fordyce  
Carlton St.

## BEWARE OF OIL RIP-OFFS

Dear Mr. Browne:

Mr. Gillespie (Federal Minister of Resources) and his cabinet colleagues may be convinced that the oil industry is a "special case" when implementation of the wage and price freeze, as proposed, is being considered.

However, he and they would be well advised to understand that the working people of Canada, Ontario, and Toronto do not, as a whole, share that conviction. There is, in fact, a considerable extent and depth of resentment in the working populace.

The oil companies have for years had a "depletion allowance"; they also can write off equipment expenses at more than 100% of its cost to them. Thus, the oil companies are being subsidized by working — and retired — individual taxpayers.

The oil companies have had increases in profits of 38% upwards (to 125%, if memory serves me correctly) in the last two years, and

they have a uniformly dismal record of delay in payment of corporation taxes.

In sum, they are already milking us for all they can get.

We consumer-producer-taxpayers are, by both taxes and retail prices, already overpaying the oil companies. A not inconsiderable number of us has been for some months wondering just why the Federal Government has so far not charged the oil companies, under extant law, with making an illegal, not to say unethical, amount of profit.

Mr. Gillespie and his fellow Cabinet members and "liberals" are going to have to do a great deal more convincing than they seem presently to consider necessary, if they hope to convince most of us that we should let them give the oil companies yet another loophole through which to gouge us of yet more money for a resource which is ours to begin with!

Norman McKinney  
100 Bain Ave.

## Resident lauds Don Area Co-operative

Dear Editor,

Housing at equitable rents is difficult to come by for the low income majority. In our system, we do not look kindly on people who wait for the government to solve their problem. We applaud private initiative. In the housing sector, the man who owns or builds his own house has become a rarity that we all admire.

The Don Area Cooperative Homes Incorporated (DACHI) without waiting for the government to build new housing projects, applied for and received a CMHC long term loan to renovate existing dilapidated buildings and construct new infill houses for the low to moderate income people. They asked neither for charity nor for a pat solution. They cooperatively tackled their basic human problem of shelter by working side by side with the private and government sectors.

There is no need to sing the praises of a housing cooperative. In time of soaring rents, it stabilizes rents and would finally make the residents the joint owners of their own project. It gives the residents a security of tenure they probably never knew of before as well as a sense of belonging. The low income people in it would be a steadying factor in the community, a very important element in the improving of any neighbourhood.

Dachi has proved to be a good financial venture in spite of the foreboding of its enemies. The price paid for the land and some 36 houses proved to be very favorable compared to the market price at the present time. Moneys had been spent properly and problems caused by the contractor and management were dealt with firmly and immediately. Inflation and rising costs of material affected the operations as well as the rents within Dachi. However, renovations continued to progress and have now come to the final stage. Rents, on the other hand, were kept well below the market rates: Dachi is a non-profit organization and unlike other housing projects in the private sector, does not require a percent of the profit. Low

income people still face hardships in meeting these rents, which hardships could be well alleviated if the provincial government gives to Dachi what it has already given to the other non-profit housing cooperatives in the city: the 10% capital grant and rents supplement.

It has been falsely argued that Dachi does not have the backing of the community. Time and time again this assertion has been refuted from the meeting in St. Martin's School in January 1974, when the community voted in favour of the Dachi project, right through the last election, when the candidate who favoured Dachi defeated its opponent by a margin of 2 to 1.

It seems to be outright immoral for the provincial government to heed a small but vocal number of homeowners in the Don Vale in the face of the bigger question of whether or not these people are entitled to the rent supplement under the present legislation.

Given the kind of climate we have, the high cost of fuel to counter it, the capabilities of our economic structure, the kind of

apparently insurmountable life problems low income people are in and the basic need for shelter, many people's efforts at providing a home for themselves should be supplemented. It was probably this ethic that the provincial government was responding to when it created the Community Sponsored Housing Programme which assured housing self-help non-profit ventures like Dachi of incentives in the form of rent and capital assistance.

Political considerations of course should not be put before human needs. Rather than being used as a political football, Dachi deserves to be granted the benefits the government's programmes promised to all non-profit housing co-ops.

Carmel Hili  
Spruce St.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: What we need is less "singing the praises of housing co-operatives" and more hard facts about what is going on internally in such co-ops as Don West Neighbours Group, DACHI, Riverdale Co-op Homes and the Bain Co-op.....NGB)

## Resident complains about DACHI

Letter-to-the Editor:

For the short period that I have been a resident of DACHI (Don Area Co-op housing project in Don Vale), many things which concern the residents of the Don Vale community have come to my attention.

Despite my best efforts, DACHI management seems unwilling to provide answers to serious problems such as money management, occupancy agreements, tenant selections in regard to low-income which this co-op was started for originally.

So far the tenants who supposedly control this project have not had any say at all. There are evictions in process, some tenants say they are paying their rent to their lawyers until this mess is cleared up. Residents are fighting against residents. The mortgage

payment which was supposed to have started this past summer has not been paid.

Janet Howard and John Sewell also were unwilling to help. Many residents of DACHI feel betrayed by the management and some of the board members. DACHI has released confidential information such as income, etc. to others of the project. (Mine was one of these.)

I am very worried about what will happen to the many residents who are in the dark and being misled by the management, etc. to goodness knows where.

What happened to the original idea of homes for low-income people and other promises that have been shelved — and for what reason?

Fran Rukevina  
Carlton St.

## Beware of Christmas charity rackets

As Christmas time approaches, there is often a stepped-up telephone campaign from so-called charities for donations to Christmas parties, outings, etc.

Most community leaders agree that the correct approach to such phone solicitations is a polite "no". No reputable charity solicits money directly by phone.

If you want to donate money or goods to a charitable cause, there is no end of such groups — all reputable, right here in the community

of Ward Seven. Information on local groups needing donations can be obtained from Neighbourhood Information Post, phone 924-2544.

A second aspect of the charity business is invitations through you to your children or directly to your children to attend a Christmas Party being given by one of these "charities".

The advice here is to check carefully as to who is giving the Xmas party. Every community group and organization has a local Xmas

party in its community or neighbourhood. These are well-known and reputable groups and any strange group offering a party is often suspect.

Again, if in doubt as to who and what group in your community are offering legitimate Christmas parties for children, consult the Neighbourhood Information Post at 924-2544.

Seven News will also publish a list of all neighbourhood and community Christmas parties in its December 13th Christmas Issue.

## Seven News to increase ad rates

As of December 1, 1975, SEVEN NEWS will raise its basic display advertising rate to \$5 a column inch. At present it is \$4 a column inch.

The increase in price, the first in three years, will be guaranteed for the next two years. Thus the price increase will not be so massive when viewed over a five year time period.

Although the new base price will be \$5 a column inch (one col-

umn wide by one inch deep) there will be a 10% discount on purchases of 40 column inches (half a page) or more and a 20% discount on the purchase of a full page or more.

On a contract for the purchase of half a page or a full page of space over a period of time, the discount will be made at the expiry of the contract.

A general increase in the cost of newsprint, printing, labour, and

overhead has necessitated the rate increase.

Even at the new rate, almost 50% of the cost of producing the paper will still have to be subsidized by the local and general community through grants and fund drives.

### The smile of a crossing guard

by Rev. NORMAN ELLIS

We could always be sure of a good smile from the crossing guard at the corner of Shuter and Sherbourne. Lloyd had a smile for everyone, especially for the school kids who loved him, but also for chaps like me, who often drive round the corner from All Saints' Church to Moss Park.

I don't know Lloyd's philosophy of life, or where he came from: I just visited him once in his apartment, but he must have been a happy man and naturally gave people happiness and I wish there were more like him. We used to take for granted his ready smile, his cheerful wave, his joviality.

Now we will miss him for he left his life and his job as a crossing guard almost at the same time. But many of us, as we pass by the corner of Shuter and Sherbourne will still see Lloyd's smile and our day will be better for it.

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The above building in Regent Park is being transformed into a community controlled Community Centre by residents of Regent Park.

Photo by Steven Evans

## Regent Park forms new centre

A new community centre is in the process of being created at 203 Sackville Green in south Regent Park. The new centre is being created and organized from scratch by the tenants in Regent Park and will be available for use by any and all tenants in Regent Park and their children.

Tenants in Regent Park, concerned about the lack of community controlled recreational facilities in the project were the initiators and driving force behind the idea.

Their first step has been the securing of the building for use as a recreational centre. Their next step was the formation of a nine-member Board of Directors to run the new Centre.

Named to the new Board are Mrs. P. Wiggins, Mrs. P. Archer, Mrs. B. McQuoid, Mrs. Clare Little, Ozzie Smith, Ray Chevelier, Audrey McPherson, Jim Barker and Mrs. Mildred Headley. There will also be a teen co-ordinator

who has as yet not been chosen.

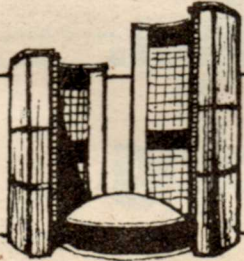
The Centre, still in the organizational stage, will have its grand opening in the early part of January.

To get the project going, volunteer help and donations of all sorts are needed. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help out at the Centre is asked to call the Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RPCIA) at 364-2909.

Also needed to supply the needs of the various programs are donations of stationery supplies, machinery, tools, furniture and arts and crafts supplies.

When underway, the Centre hopes to carry such programs as arts and crafts, physical education and fitness, ceramics classes, english classes, puppet shows, cooking and wood working classes, dances, bingos, movies and good housekeeping and budgeting classes.

## city hall report



### RESIDENTS STOP APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

by JANET HOWARD

Winchester Square — Meridian's huge development in the Blecker-Ontario block — stubbed its toe on the way over the first hurdle in the path of rezoning.

Many people who attended the special meeting of Buildings and Development Committee held on October 27th at St. Peter's Church left with the impression that nothing had been accomplished.

On the contrary: the number of unmistakably genuine concerns raised at that meeting persuaded committee members not to rubberstamp the development.

The committee is heavily weighted with members who care more about getting development, any development, however bad, than meeting the needs of the community. People were startled at Alderman George Ben's angry reaction to their questions and comments about what is, after all, their own neighbourhood.

It became clear that the planners had no magic answers about social services and recreation for the future residents of Winchester Square, let alone the rest of South of St. James Town. The local businessmen were obviously not going to sit back quietly while a lot of new stores are built to run their competition up on Wellesley Street, and the Elizabeth Fry Society has put the matter of a 24-storey building planned to go in beside them in the hands of their lawyer. Local residents showed how the new street arrangement would squeeze them even worse for parking space. With all of that going on, even the most pro-development members of the committee realized they could not pass such a mess along to City Council.

When they voted for John Sewell's motion, they cleared the way for the community to work out some better terms from Meridian and from the City.

Had people not showed up and spoken, they would have got just exactly what was tacked up on the bulletin board in all its horror, all approved and under construction within a few months.

The South of Carlton meeting held on November 6th began with noticeable tension between a group of homeowners relatively new to the neighbourhood and long-timers who have been working on local problems. The issue was roomers, especially the ones on skid row.

The newcomers heard the older residents warmly defending the roomers as neighbours with a right not only to remain in the community, but to better living conditions. By the end of the meeting virtually nobody was still demanding that South of Carlton be rezoned to kick out rooming houses and their occupants. The Skid Row Committee will probably flourish with an injection of new energy as more people realize that the way to improve the neighbourhood for themselves is to improve it for everybody.

**CORRECTION:** The last paragraph of the letter by Ted Plantos which appeared last issue should have read as follows: "The history of Cabbagetown is a history of struggle for working and poor people, and the smug indifference and outright exploitation of its residents by those who lived in the architectural beauty of houses they never set a brick to."

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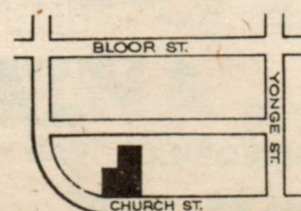
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## Local developer: once a villain — now a saviour

by JANICE PRINCE

A small-time local developer has, by a strange twist of fate, altered his role in the South of Carlton neighbourhood. Where he was once considered a villain, he now comes across as a saviour.

Fred Braida, a good-humoured, distinguished-looking, bearded gentleman, owns a number of high-rise rooming houses in the vicinity of Dundas and Sherbourne Streets.

His holdings are modest when compared to giants like Meridian, Fairview-Cadillac, Bramalea, etc. His self-proclaimed motives for involvement in the development industry stem from a desire to provide decent, low-priced accommodation for single persons.

Mr. Braida was once a member of the South of Carlton Working Committee, a body composed of residents and businessmen in the South of Carlton area, whose pur-

pose it was to prepare a detailed plan for the neighbourhood. It was recently disbanded because the planning process had been completed.

Fred Braida stopped coming to meetings long before the process was completed, however. About three years ago Mr. Braida owned 18 large, Victorian houses on Sherbourne Street.

Despite his good humour and comradeship with members of the South of Carlton Working Committee, his pecuniary interests brought him into conflict with his colleagues on the Committee. He proposed to tear down the houses and build two high-rise towers on the site.

Members of the Committee felt betrayed. For many, saving the houses was precisely what the planning process was all about. To some, the houses represented architectural gems — not to be destroyed.

To others, the houses represented accommodation for low income persons, many of whom had been kicked out of their homes before Braida declared his intention to demolish.

What had once seemed like a harmonious relationship within the Working Committee was now shattered. Residents of South of Carlton and City politicians went so far as to tear down the hoardings in an effort to save the houses. In the end they were successful.

Mayor Crombie, under severe pressure from the local community and its supporters to do something about the situation, finally agreed on behalf of City Council to buy the property from Fred Braida.

Everything turned out fine in the end: Braida got a good price for his property, the houses were saved, and the City found itself in the housing business.

The houses have now been renovated and new construction will

take place at the rear of the properties. The project is called Dundas-Sherbourne, and upon completion will house low and moderate income people.

Ironically, Braida's reversal of roles concerns some property directly on the opposite side of the street from the Dundas-Sherbourne project.

Five houses on the west side of Sherbourne (numbers 272-282) have been owned for a number of years by a development firm known as Metrovest Investments. In the summer of 1974, architects for the firm filed plans with the City for the construction of a 78-unit apartment complex on the site.

City officials, upon seeing the plans, were aghast. Not only did the plans call for the demolition of all the buildings, the proposed apartment complex in the words of one official "was so simple-



FRED BRAIDA

mindful and ugly that it seemed like these guys were deliberately attempting to illustrate just how awful a development could be."

Both City officials and politicians embarked on an all-out effort to stop the development. First City Council, at the urging of Alderman John Sewell, agreed to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board, a Committee of Adjustment decision permitting the development to go ahead.

Before the appeal was heard, the developers countered with a different proposal, very much along the lines of the previous one with the difference that it did not require approval from the Committee of Adjustment.

The City, however, required the developer to enter into a "Development Agreement" even though the project conformed with the zoning by-law. This time the developer hired what is considered a development-oriented firm to initiate proceedings in the courts and at the Ontario Municipal Board against the City.

Meanwhile, City staff drafted conditions for a Development Agreement that would have substantially modified the form of the proposed building to conform more readily with the streetscape along Sherbourne Street.

At this point, with their bluff called, Metrovest caved in. Rather than incur the costs of lengthy court proceedings and non-development on the site, they put the property up for sale.

Enter Fred Braida. Before he decided to buy the property, Mr. Braida met with area aldermen and City planning staff to determine what his options were.

He and his architect, Ferdinand Wagner, developed a proposal that calls for the retention of the end buildings on either side of the site and the construction of new townhouse units between these buildings and the rear of the lots.

The resulting project is an infill proposal that utilizes the land intensively without constructing high-rise. Only three buildings will be demolished in the process.

All concerned parties felt that this was an acceptable solution to the problem of what to do with the site. The general feeling among politicians and city officials was that at least the alternative proposed by Fred Braida conserved the nature of the streetscape as compared to the ghastly proposal presented by Metrovest.

The cost of the newly constructed units will be in the luxury range. When asked about this, a member of the city planning staff could only say that the nature of the private land market was such that on this particular site the cost of land had been driven up to such extent that low-income housing was impossible.

So, in the end, Fred Braida has somewhat redeemed himself in the eyes of some South of Carlton residents. He has saved the City some potential embarrassment; presented a proposal that will not significantly alter the Sherbourne streetscape, and assured himself a healthy rate of return on his investment.

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NEWS ROUND-UP

# Poet Milton Acorn to speak at Parliament Library House

The City of Toronto Planning Board will hold a meeting to discuss the **Central Plan Review** proposals on Wednesday, November 19, at 8 p.m. at **Dixon Hall**, 58 Sumach Street.

On the same day, Nov. 19, **Robert Bradley**, Director of Community Relations for OHC, will be guest speaker at the meeting of the Regent Park Busy Bees Club. The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in the downstairs lounge at **41 Oak Street**.

**Central Hospital**, 333 Sherbourne Street will hold their annual **International Bake Sale and Bazaar** at the hospital on Fri., November 21 starting at 11 a.m. Sixteen tables will offer the baked goods of many European, Asian and South American countries and a General Store will sell Canadian and Caribbean foods, jams and jellies as well as handicrafts and plants. Admission is free.

The Ward Seven area Federation of Food Co-ops has received a LIP grant and is seeking a person to work under that grant on the project. They prefer someone with food cooperative experience. Phone **Neil Rothenberg** at 766-8543.

Free Friday Feature Films at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard East are "The Heat Wave Lasted Four Days" on **Nov. 21**; and "A Star is Lost" on **Nov. 28**. Show time is 8 p.m.

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, will hold an **adult dance** on Sat. December 6 at 8 p.m. There will be a disc jockey, cash bar and buffet. Tickets are **\$2.50** each from Fred at 863-0499.

A **buffet luncheon**, featuring food from a variety of countries, will be available in the cafeteria at Central Hospital, 333 Sherbourne Street on **Friday noon, Nov. 21**. Price is **\$2.25**.

The **Lamplighters Drum and Bugle Corp**, practising out of Regent Park United Church, is seeking more members. Age limits are over ten and under 21. Fee is \$3 a month with uniforms and instruments supplied. For more information or to join call **Mr. E. Gould** at 465-4264.

The Tuesday writers workshop at the Library House, 265 Gerrard East will feature Liz Cromwell and W. Roy Wright speaking on **trans-racial sexual relationship in third world writing** on Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

On Nov. 25, a film study on **Henry David Thoreau** will be presented.

The Crime Prevention Bureau of the Metro Police Department will present a talk and film show on **apartment security** on Mon. Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. on floor B2 at 155 Sherbourne Street.

Volunteers are urgently needed to assist Monday and Wednesday afternoons with the **Right to Read** program at the Parliament Street Library. No teaching experience necessary. For more info, call **Nancy Craig** at 921-8674.

Dundas Day Centre, located at 349 Ontario Street is looking for families in the area willing to house **former mental patients**. The fee for housing such people is **\$8.50 a day** per person. Call **923-1112** if interested.

Because of the **mail strike**, Seven News can't deliver its bills or get payments for its accounts. Needed are one or two people with **car available** a morning or afternoon a week to do some courier work. Payment will be made on a mileage rate. Call 920-8632 if you can help out.

The Parliament Library House will present the poetry event of the year on Nov. 27 at 7:30

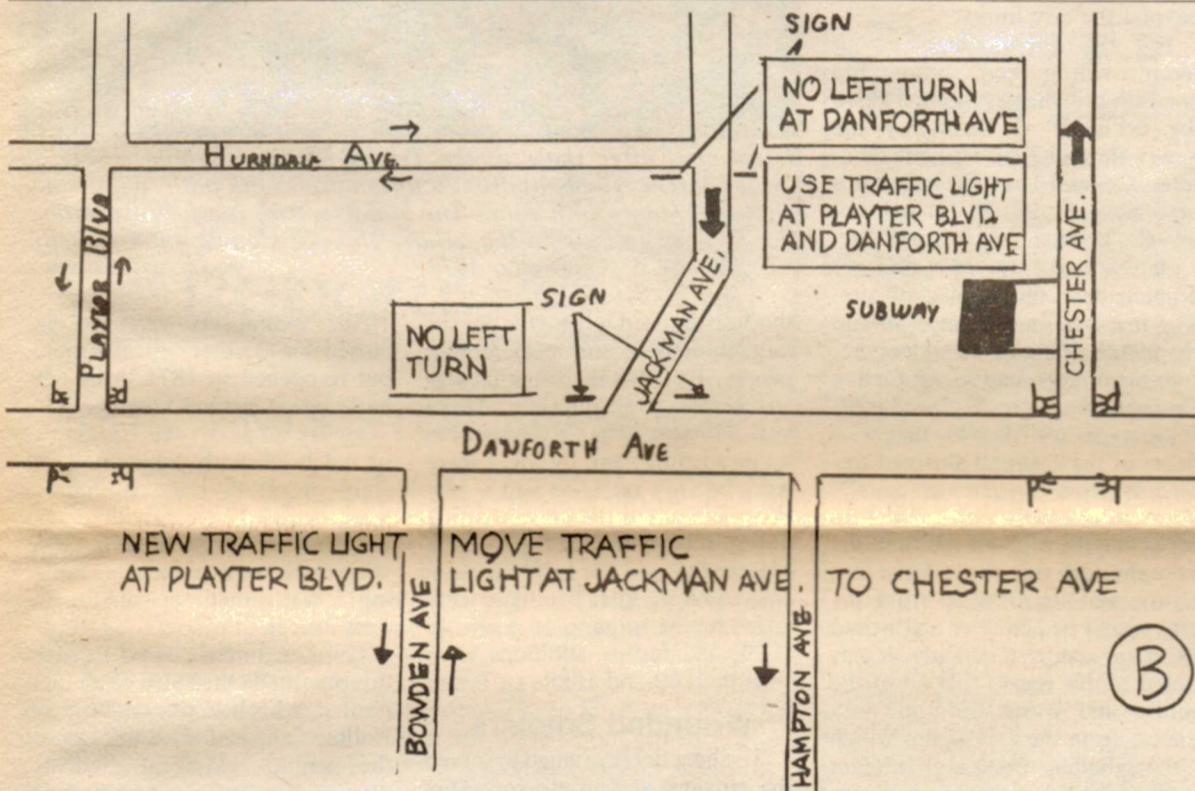
p.m. when poet **Milton Acorn** will appear to launch his latest collection, "**The Island means Minago**".

Volunteers are needed to give one or two hours a week in teaching **remedial reading** in a one-to-one situation to **inmates at the Don Jail**. Anyone interested in helping out call **Gwen Heffernan** at 466-7323.

The Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents will hold their **nomination meeting** on Nov. 26 and **election meeting** on December 10. Both meetings will be held at the Don Vale Community Centre starting at 8 p.m.

The **puppet show**, "Winnie-the-Pooh — Piglet meets the Heffalump" will be presented in the Boys and Girls Department of the Parliament Library at 2 p.m. on November 29.

**CORRECTION:** New executive of the **Regent Park Busy Bee Club** are: President, Harold West; Vice-president, George Flanagan; Secretary, Mrs. Pat Barrett; Membership secretary, Mrs. Hazel McAulay; Treasurer, Alfred Axworthy; Social convenor, Mrs. Florence Stea; and Entertainment convenor, Mrs. Betty Waddington.



A variation of this plan is being presented to Metro Council as a solution to the crosswalk problem at Danforth and Chester.

## Residents solve problems of Chester crosswalk

by CHARLES HILDER

Approximately two years ago the Metro Roads Department created a crosswalk on Danforth Avenue at Chester. At the time, citizens working through the Greater Riverdale Organization suggested the crosswalk as a method of eliminating accidents caused by pedestrians who were crossing through Danforth traffic at Chester.

According to recent reports, there have been more accidents at the crosswalk than before it was created, both to cars and people. The reason given by the Metro Roads Department — who want to eliminate the crosswalk — is that it is too close to the traffic light at Jackman Avenue.

According to their surveys, cars speed up after going through the light and thus enter the adjoining crosswalk area at a speed that causes accidents.

However, studies show the crosswalk is needed. More people use the subway station than previous and estimates are that more than a thousand people use the crosswalk daily. Even if the crosswalk is eliminated, people will continue to cross through the traffic on Danforth at Chester because it is more convenient than

walking down to Jackman to cross at the traffic light.

Part of the problem, not foreseen when the crosswalk was established is a result of the Chester subway station. Its entrance should have been facing Jackman Avenue where the traffic light is. Few other subway stations in Toronto can boast that their main entrance is a block away from the traffic light.

As originally planned, people were supposed to walk 400 feet out of their way to the Jackman traffic light. However, no one asked the people if they were willing to walk this distance out of their way. Simple observation at any intersection will show that a lot of people won't walk even 15 or 20 feet out of their way to cross at a light.

A local resident, involved in the planning of the original crosswalk, has come up with three different suggestions to the problem. These, in diagram form were sent on to Alderman John Sewell for study.

Sewell first got Metro to postpone a decision on the elimination of the crosswalk. Then, after studying the possible alternatives and receiving a number of phone calls on the subject, he has asked Metro to move the traffic lights at Jackman to the Chester crosswalk.

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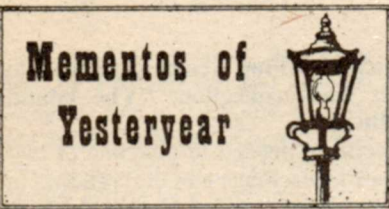
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# The Toronto General Hospital on Gerrard



by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

If you walk along Gerrard Street east of Sackville and look north, you will see two streets, Gifford Street and Nasmith Avenue, running north to Spruce. Each bears neat rows of houses built in the 1920s, — thirty to forty years later than most of their neighbours in Don Vale. The houses cover up all trace of the complex of buildings which once occupied this block, — until 1921, the site of the Toronto General Hospital.

The first hospital in the Town of York served the garrison at Fort York early in the 19th century. The first civilian hospital occupied for a time the original St. James Cathedral after the War of 1812.

Soon after the war, the Loyal and Patriotic Society of Upper Canada was formed to assist the families of soldiers and to provide

recognition for distinguished service and bravery. Medals were struck bearing the legend "Upper Canada Preserved", but so great was the dispute over who should receive them, that they were never presented. Instead they were melted down, and the proceeds from the sale of the metal, plus an earlier contribution of 4,000, was used for the building of York's first general hospital. In 1817, the Government of Upper Canada granted 400 acres of land for this purpose in the block bounded by King, John, Adelaide and Peter Streets.

The new building was ready to open in 1824, when York's second Parliament Buildings, situated on the site of the previous ones south of King between Berkeley and Parliament, burnt down. The Legislature immediately chose the new hospital building as its seat of government, and occupied it for five years. For those without resources and in need of medical services, and especially for the many ailing immigrants, the situation grew desperate. Finally, in 1829, the York Hospital opened its doors to patients.

1832 brought a tremendous influx of immigrants to York, and with them came the first of a series of disastrous epidemics of cholera. The City of Toronto was incorporated in 1834, but the public works and health measures instituted by its first mayor, William Lyon Mackenzie, failed to prevent the spread of this disease. Toronto also suffered major epidemics of typhus in 1847 and 1848, after the arrival of thousands of Irish immigrants forced to flee by the great potato famine in that country.

## Immigration

Aside from the overwhelming increase in population caused by immigration, health problems in Toronto were made worse by the general ignorance of the need to isolate victims and by the unsanitary conditions that prevailed. Cows and pigs roamed the streets; garbage collection was sporadic. This led to the establishment of local boards of health in 1833 and to pressure for a new hospital beyond the city limits.

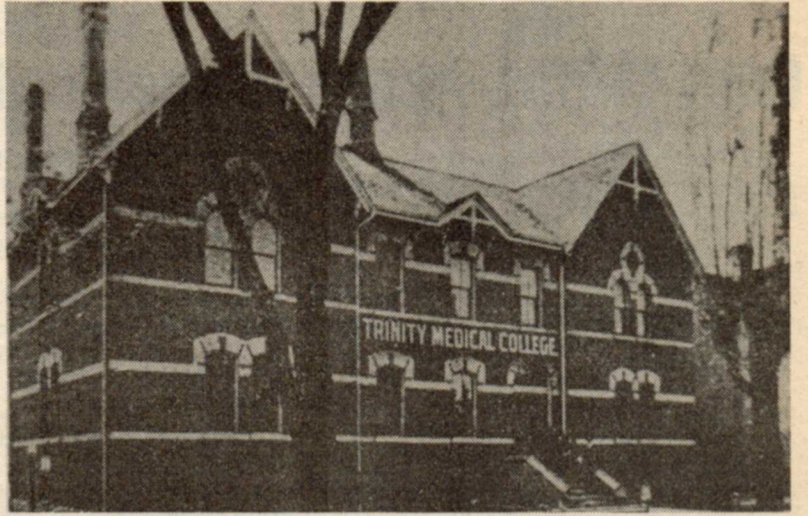
By 1853, complaints about overcrowding and unbearable conditions in the old hospital led to the decision, in 1854, by the newly-formed Trustees of the Toronto General Hospital to build a new hospital in the "Park Reserve", in what is now Don Vale.

A controversy immediately erupted over this choice of site. The marshes and swamps around the mouth of the Don had long before acquired a bad name for the "miasma" which they produced. It was also well known that residents of the east end suffered frequently from "fever and ague". However, it was pointed out in reply that the high elevation of the new site, (80 feet above Lake Ontario), and its distance from the city would be healthier and would assure a fresh water supply. It was noted in this regard that all of the refuse and waste from the city ended up in the Bay, from which "the delicious mixture of feculent matter and bay water is served up through pipes and distributed through the City to be swallowed by citizens."

It was also apparent that some of the criticism of the east end site was aimed at the many poor people who tended to inhabit this area, and that many of the health problems attributed to geographic factors were in fact due to insufficient housing and to weakness caused by miserable living conditions.

The Trustees decided to press on.

The new General Hospital was completed in 1855 and received its first patients in 1856. Soon financial problems arose — the provincial government refused to raise its annual grants and the city au-



Before and after shots of the Trinity Medical School (1871) on Spruce Street. The beautiful Victorian brickwork pattern has since been covered up with paint. The building cries out for restoration. The first photo is from the Trinity College Convocation Bulletin, Vol. 10, No. 5 — Summer 1973.

Photo by George Rust-D'Eye

thorities refused to provide for the large number of non-resident poor people. By 1868 the situation was so bad that the hospital closed for a year. However, the City assisted in its re-opening, and by 1877 there were enough funds to add a new West section. In 1878 the Burnside Lying-in Hospital and the Andrew Mercer Eye and Ear Infirmary were erected on the site. Facilities were added for the training of nurses in 1880, and further additions were built in 1882 and 1888.

## Wounded Soldiers

The hospital continued to serve the citizens of Toronto for many years. One of its last uses was to receive wounded soldiers returning home from the First World War. In 1914 the new Toronto General Hospital on College Street opened its doors. The old one was demolished in 1922.

Although the old hospital is gone from Gerrard Street, there remain two important buildings which were associated with it. On the east side of Sumach Street, just north of Gerrard stands the old Women's College Medical School. It was established in 1883 by Dr. Michael Barrett, who was its Dean from 1884 to 1887. The remaining building, the second one to house the school, was erected in 1890. The 1891 there were four women lecturers, among them Dr. Augusta Stowe Gullen, the first woman to obtain a medical degree from an Ontario university. Her mother, Emily Howard Jennings Stowe, was the first female medical practitioner in Canada. The College merged with the medical faculty of the University of Toronto in 1903.

The other remaining building is situated at 41 Spruce Street. Since known as the Sleepmaster Mattress Factory, it originally housed the Trinity College Medical School when it was built in 1871. An early rivalry between various Toronto doctors over the teaching of medicine resulted in three such faculties being set up (another, the Toronto School of Medicine) was at one time situated at the southwest corner of Sackville and Gerrard). The Trinity School began in

1850. Within six years it was closed due to a theological dispute, but re-opened in 1871 in its new building on Spruce Street.

Under its paint, the building is of red brick with contrasting designs of yellow brick around the windows. Until recently there was a dissecting room in a separate wing to the south of the main building. It was sometimes used for student dances.

Gordon Sinclair, who lived in this area, tells the story of an incident which occurred on Hallowe'en, just after the turn of the century. Medical students, after an evening in one of the local saloons, returned to the dissecting room of the Medical College and emerged carrying a long bundle. Shoppers used to seeing meat hung out over the sidewalk in front of Meech's store at Parliament and Carlton, were shocked the next morning to see a naked man suspended over the sidewalk by a meat-hook. The police and coroner arrived, but from the smell of the preservative it soon became apparent what had happened. The tall stranger was returned to his tank and the Parliament Street shoppers returned home to try to forget what they had seen. Meanwhile, heads rolled at the Medical School...

## Trinity absorbed

Trinity was also absorbed into the University of Toronto in 1903. Apparently the building is to be used as part of a townhouse development, although there appears to have been little recent activity.

Today these two old buildings are the only reminders of the days when Ward 7 was the home of the Toronto General Hospital.

For more information on the TGH see: *The Toronto General Hospital 1819-1965: A Chronicle* by W. G. Cosbie. I would like to thank Nancy Craig of the Parliament Street Library for providing me with material for this article from that Library's Local History Collection, including a manuscript: "A History of the Second Toronto General Hospital 1854-1921" by Alice M. Burton.

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## Ward Seven News elects new board

The Seven News Annual meeting, held last Monday at St. Cyril's Church in Regent Park saw the election of an almost totally new Board of Directors to run the Corporation for the next year.

Lone hold-over from the previous Board was **Jack Cooper**, a Don Vale resident and chartered accountant. He served as Treasurer on the Board last year and has done the year-end audit for the last two years.

Newly elected to the Board are:

**John Cheng**, supervisor of Chinese Services and the Adult Department at WoodGreen Community Centre; **Bev Coney**, a Don Vale resident who works as a full-time administrator for Opportunity House; **Alan Dudeck**, a resident of Riverdale and a city planner working for Trefann Court out of the South Carlton site office on Dundas Street.

**Patricia Riley** of Booth Avenue has done youth work for WoodGreen Community Centre,

WoodGreen Church, Riverdale Youth Project and is presently working for the St. Jamestown YMCA.

**Marilyn Williams**, married with five children and a resident of Regent Park. She is on the RPCIA Board of Directors and Chairman of their Recreation Committee.

**Bill Lee**, an active Don Vale resident, presently working for Statistics Canada. Bill is Chairman of the Board at the Don Vale Community Centre and a member of the Board of the Christian Resource Centre.

**Jordan Hill** of Victor Avenue is employed by the Addiction Research Foundation, helped out in the 7 News lottery and advised on recent hirings at 7 News.

**Carol Finlay**, a housewife, resident of Don Vale and a former staff member of the paper.

In his report to the community, out-going Board Chairman John Piper told the Annual Meeting that the paper had completed a two year period of consolidation which saw the writing of a constitution, the election of a community board of directors, the successful running of a number of door-to-door fundraising campaigns and the formulation of a number of major policy statements to guide 7 News in the future.

"The stage is set for a new round of development and expansion," said Mr. Piper.

Mr. Piper paid a glowing tribute to the out-going board, the staff and the hundreds of volunteers who make the paper the thriving community enterprise that it is.

## CABBAGETOWN CLUB WINS 2

by PETER WYLIE

Cabbagetown Boxing Club won two bouts and lost two bouts in a recent card held last month at the Ramses Shriners Father and Son night.

The two Cabbagetown winners were: **Mathew Hilton**, 10 years of age, 69 pounds, who gave a thorough trouncing to Tony Wright, 70 pounds, of Buffalo. "Matty" as he is known at the club showed what good body-punching can do.

Second winner was **Dave Hilton Jr.**, 75 pounds, who went up against his arch rival Meddrick "Lansdowne" Marsh, 75 pounds of Lansdowne Athletic Club. Davey was too much for Sugar this time and took all three rounds on the

score cards of the judges.

Local loser was **Rheal Bosse**, 95 pounds of Cabbagetown who was decided by Deral Graham, 95 pounds of Buffalo. Rheal closed strongly in the third round and will return against Graham on November 18th in Buffalo.

The final bout also saw a local lose. Ron East, 190 pounds of Buffalo won a third round TKO over **Ric Petel** of Cabbagetown. This was a good action-packed bout with Ric and Ron exchanging combinations. Ric wasn't in the top form and he just simply ran out of gas. Ric is a busy businessman and this affects his training, **Rocky Walton** was unable to make the bout. It probably would have made the difference.

## Metro interested in local roomers

Wide-spread interest has been raised in the hard-to-house roomers and skid-row population of Ward Seven as a result of the opening of a specialized rooming house on Berkeley Street recently.

Jerome Murray, a street worker in the roomer community and one of the organizers of the project says that a group from Hamilton has visited to discuss the project.

Interest by Ward Six is also evident by the fact that at the last Skid-Row Committee meeting in the South Carlton area, there were observers sent by Ward Six aldermen Dan Heap and Allan Sparrow.

Metro Toronto is also interested and Jane Forse of the Metro Social Services Department has had discussions about placing more street workers in the area to deal with the

problems of roomers.

Mr. Murray says that the project, to house eight roomers with medical problems but who hate hospitals, is a success from the financial saving alone. He estimates that to keep those eight people in hospital at \$125 per person per day would cost taxpayers \$325,000.

So far it has cost taxpayers nothing for the project.

The one problem they have encountered, says Jerome, is that of keeping books and looking after the business aspect of a rooming-house operation.

The group (it's now called Rooming House Inc.) is looking for the volunteer services, part-time only, of any accountant and/or business administrator.

If you can help out, phone Carmel Hili at 922-8322.

## Don Vale elects new board

Bill Lee was elected chairman of the Board of the Don Vale Community Centre at their Annual Meeting held last week. Over 50 people turned out for the meeting to elect 17 people to the Board from 30 nominees.

Holdovers from the previous board, re-elected at the meeting were: Ann Harriman, Carmel Hili, Nancy Koster, Glen O'Brecht, Abid Raza, Donna Gorman and Dora Rust-D'Eye.

The nine new members added to the board are: Jo-Anne Balsom,

Dr. Sharon Baltman, Polly Evans, Bob Hollis, Jeanette Keenan, Suzanne Noble, John Rae, Dr. Tyrone Turner and Jerome Murray.

## Winchester orchestra

Orchestras, combos and string quartets are in the formation at Winchester School in the South St. James Town area of Ward Seven. Forty-six students from grades 7 and 8 will form the nucleus and parents, graduates and local residents are being invited to join or form smaller ones.

The opening concert by the group will be on Tuesday, December 16, as a part of a Christmas Musical Night being held at the school.

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the school and anyone wishing to take part can come out then or phone Ethel Gersman at 921-2178 or John Piper at 921-7798.

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## Distributor of the Week

Eleven year old Linda Wedge of Booth Ave. is this issue's Distributor of the Week.

The Grade 6 St. Anne's student has been faithfully delivering Seven News door to door on her street since last spring. After volunteering her help. The youngster stated her involvement in community work is a "pastime" she enjoys.

Linda's favorite subject in school is art, partly because of her flair for the subject but also admittedly because "you don't have to work that hard," and her most enjoyable hobby is swimming.

The daughter of Doris and Irving Wedge expressed some ideas during our talk on some of the topical issues facing Canada.

If she were the Prime Minister she could "try to stop all the killings. There's too much killing." Secondly, what of the postal strike? "I don't think it's fair," she replied.

And that's some of the news and views on this issue's Distributors of the Week.

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**ACCOMMODATION WANTED** — Dundas Day Centre is looking for families to house former mental patients. Payment is \$8.50 a day. Call Dundas Day Centre at 923-1112.

**COMMUNITY RESOURCES CONSULTANTS** is looking for small, private rooming and boarding homes for adults recovering from emotional problems. We can offer reasonable remuneration, a training program and support from mental health workers. Please contact: Community Resources Consultants, telephone 482-4103, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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**PART-TIME** office worker required for filing, typing etc. Hours flexible. Call Mrs. Kelly at 461-3561.

**THE YMCA** St. Jamestown Emergency Help Service requires a Homemaker to augment its staff. The Staff of the Help Service performs such tasks as: shopping, cleaning, laundry, etc. for elderly and handicapped individuals needing temporary assistance. For further information, call 964-8775.

# Senior Citizen groups in Ward Seven

by SHELLEY BIRENBAUM

Life is just beginning if you happen to be a senior citizen and live in the Ward 7 area! You can do anything from square dancing to spending twelve days in Albion Hills, hiking and snowshoeing, to playing euchre and bingo, to becoming a senior volunteer for worthwhile community projects, or even politically active in the Canadian Pensioners Concerned organization.

Life after 60 can be a very lonely time for some people; children have grown up and left home, spouses have often died and friends seem far away. However, with the more than 24 clubs for older people operating in and around Ward 7, there is no reason for any older person to be alone or to feel bored. These clubs, which are listed below, offer a variety of activities to suit every taste:

## TORONTO CENTRAL

**REGENT PARK SENIOR CITIZENS**  
North Regent Park United Church  
40 Oak Street  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Regent Park Go-Go Girls Bingo  
Mrs. Schwalm 699-5163

**REGENT PARK SENIOR CITIZENS BUSY BEE CLUB**  
41 Oak Street  
1st & 3rd Wed. 2:00 p.m.  
For Regent Park Residents: films, socials, planning to have euchre, bingo and crafts.  
Mr. West 364-6931

**SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**  
41 Oak Street, Salvation Army  
Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Drop-in, games, slides, sing-songs, counselling services, senior citizens services (writing letters, visitations, etc.).  
Captain Goddard 864-9364

**DIXON HALL SENIOR CITIZENS**  
Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street  
Monday 1:30 p.m.  
Ladies groups: bingo, films, speakers, crafts, trips, discussion groups and entertainment.  
Tuesday 1:30  
Mens group: trips, bingo, cards, checkers, pool.  
Trips for both men and women once a month.  
Special: outreach program to elderly shut-ins and dental clinic.  
Ms Josie Berlin 863-0499

**SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB 67**  
Moss Park Apartment  
275 Shuter St. (Penthouse)  
Thursday 1:00  
Cards, bingo, bus trips, special project: cancer fund.  
Mrs. Emma Hilton 364-7605

**SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MOSS PARK (SCAMPA)**  
Moss Park Apartments  
285 Shuter St. (Penthouse)  
For Residents of Moss Park: everyday except Thursday, bingo, cribbage, euchre, films, crafts, knitting, crocheting, alternations for seniors.  
Mr. & Mrs. Mellow 863-0397

**HARMONY CLUB**  
St. Luke's United Church  
353 Sherbourne Street  
Wed. 1:00  
Church-centred; cards, bingo, crafts, shuffleboard, bowling, films, speakers and discussions, outings, parties.  
Miss Addie Brown 922-2515, 924-9619

**RUCHE D'OR**  
Sacred Heart Church  
381 Sherbourne Street  
Thursday 1:00  
For French speaking seniors, euchre, 500, cribbage, outings.  
Father Marcaud 922-2177

**SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**  
Parliament St. Library  
265 Gerrard St. East  
Wed. 1:00  
Drop-in, films, discussions, music, games, story hours.  
Nancy Craig, 921-8674

**SECOND MILE CLUB**  
192 Carlton St.  
Mon. to Fri. 9:00-9:30  
Sat. 12:00-9:30  
Sun. 1:00-9:30  
Bridge, bingo, bowling, crafts, oil painting, square dancing, swimming, keep-fit, discussions, outings, travel clubs, sing-along. Special: room rental service for senior citizens.  
For further information call 923-4641

**GOOD NEIGHBOURS CLUB**  
170 Jarvis Street  
Daily 9:00-9:00  
For Men 50 and Over: drop-in, coffee, cards, games, bingo, library, T.V.

**ST. JAMESTOWN SENIOR CITIZENS**  
200 Wellesley St.  
Basically every day  
Basically for tenants of St. Jamestown: drop-in, euchre, bingo, speakers and discussion, choir, travelogues. Special: Diner's Club, library, health clinic, free store.  
Paul Unterman (Director of St. Jamestown YMCA) 964-8775

**SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**  
St. Simon's Anglican Church  
525 Bloor St. East  
Wed. 1:15  
Cards, bingo, games, euchre, keep-fit, sing-song, occasional outings.  
Mrs. Robertson 231-5058

## TORONTO EAST

**WOODGREEN DROP-IN CLUB**  
Woodgreen United Church  
875 Queen St. East  
Tuesday 10:00  
Bowling, sewing, cards, games.  
Mrs. Hagerman 757-1074

**WOODGREEN ELDERLY PERSONS CENTRE**  
Woodgreen Community Centre  
835 Queen St. East  
Mon. to Fri.: morning, afternoon and some evenings  
Drop-in, games, crafts, fitness, bowling, bridge instruction, billiards, travelogues, bingo, euchre. Special: Diner's Club, Meals-on-Wheels, Co-op grocery.  
Miss Reid 461-1168

**SECOND MILE CLUB**  
Pape Recreation Centre  
953 Gerrard St. East  
Wed. 1:30  
Cards, crafts, oil painting, choir, trips, swimming in the morning.  
For further information call 923-4641

**PAPE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**  
Pape Recreation Centre  
935 Gerrard St. East  
Tuesday 7:00  
Euchre, bingo, square dancing, modern dancing, parties.  
Miss Reilly 461-3531

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB**  
St. John's Presbyterian Church  
415 Broadview Avenue  
Each 3rd Monday 8:15  
Speakers, travelogues, games; Tuesday evening: bowling for the entire congregation.  
Mr. Fernie 425-6884

**DANFORTH OVER SIXTY CLUB**  
Danforth Salvation Army Citadel  
916 Logan Avenue  
Wednesday 2:00  
Speakers, trips, choir, entertainment, no cards.  
Mrs. Joyce 444-3561

**ST. BARNABUS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**  
St. Barnabus Anglican Church  
361 Danforth Avenue  
1st and 3rd Friday 1:30  
Cards, bingo.  
Mrs. Dowe 282-6109

**EASTMINSTER SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CLUB**  
Eastminster United Church  
310 Danforth Avenue  
2nd and 4th Tuesday 1:00  
Short service first, euchre, bingo.  
Mrs. Campbell 423-5378

**ESTONIAN SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**  
Estonian House  
958 Broadview Avenue  
Wed. 10:00-3:00  
Thursday once a month at 3:00  
Basically for Estonians  
Bridge, chess, sewing, dancing, string band.  
Mr. Areneem 757-4633

If you are 50 or over and are interested in supplementing your income or participating in various social programs, then **Senior Consultants** could be the organization for you. Senior Consultants is a Toronto based community group involved in such projects as monthly flea markets, parties, and finding mature persons to care for children of working parents.

If you are interested in earning some extra money and would like to register as a day-parent in their child-care program, call 921-0838 for an interview. There is a registration fee of \$10.00. A crafts show and sale is being scheduled for November 16th from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the St. Lawrence Market. If interested in participating in the show, or in joining the Senior Consultants, call 921-2073.

If you are 55 or older and would like to contribute some time, talent and experience to helping out in a hospital, or doing some friendly visiting to a shut-in, or helping out in a nursery or a drop-in centre, or any other community projects, you can become a Senior Volunteer in Public Service (a Senior V.I.P.) by calling 923-4477.

A long cold winter can be livened up with the "Winter Break" holiday sponsored by the Family Service Association for senior citizens (65 and over). The program offers 12 day holidays at Bolton Camp, in the Albion Hills, starting November 10, through to February 6. For more information call 922-3126.

If you have a more political bent and are concerned about the rights of pensioners, then **Canadian Pensioners Concerned** is the group for you. For further information call 368-5222.

For further information regarding senior citizens programs or any other community information, call the **NEIGHBOURHOOD INFORMATION POST** at 924-2543.

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# Noisy Neighbour problem solved

by Neighbourhood Legal Services

One of the problems faced by people in Ward 7, or by any city resident is noise. Usually, not much can be done about the crunch and squeal of street car wheels or the grumbling of mopeds, but there are ways in which you can handle noise created by your neighbour.

One Ward 7 couple faced a serious case of neighbourly noise this spring and decided to do something about it. They have lived for many months on a relatively quiet street, but a new set of neighbours did not share their love of peace and quiet. The annoyance was increased by the fact that the employment of one of the couple required many hours to be spent at home writing.

Although the couple both enjoyed all forms of modern music, they were unable to endure "excessive doses of FM Radio" at such diverse times as 10:00 week-day mornings and 5 a.m. on weekends. The boys next door were amply aware of the power of their sound system, which could vibrate the couple's floors with the correct amount of bass.

## "None of their business"

The couple was very polite at first in requesting that the radio and phonograph volumes be kept at a lower level. The response of the boys next door was to suggest that it was none of their business and that they would really turn it on.

At this stage the tenants consulted a local community legal office. On the next occasion on which there was "an incessant throbbing drone," a police constable was called in to record the instance and speak to the broadcasting neighbours. The police may not always respond in such situations, but in this case the noise was loud enough to vibrate the house on a separate property.

After this incident the owner of the house received a letter from the tenants which, after giving a description of the facts, contained paraphrased similar to the following:

*"In order to discover whether my complaints can be justifiably pursued under the law, I have sought legal counsel and my attention has been drawn to the City of Toronto By-law (44-75; amend by By-law 65-75) respecting Noises. The general thrust of the By-law is that 'No person shall make, cause or permit noise which disturbs or may disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the inhabitants.' It would appear further that I have had for almost every day of the past three weeks ground for charges under Section 3 (e) and (f) of this By-law.*

## Not more than \$1,000

*"The By-law also says that 'Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of the By-law is guilty of an offence and shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$1,000.00, for the first offence and not less than \$300.00 and not more than \$1,000.00, for the second or subsequent offence, exclusive of costs. . . ."*

*"I have made the existence of this By-law known to your tenants and so has Metro Police Constable . . . (Badge . . .) who answered my call of complaint on . . . following the threat made by. . . ."*

*"Since last Friday, I have been keeping an accurate record of the frequency, duration and degree of the annoyance emanating from your property at . . . including the names of songs I recognized and so forth. I would be happy to show you this document at any time.*

*"I regret having had to write this letter and I trust you will understand how my household is affected. I am also appealing to you to intervene as soon as you possibly can to help effect a solution."*

## Ultimatum given to tenants

Readers of this newspaper should be reminded that it may be an offence to threaten someone with prosecution. It is not wrong to make someone aware of the law, however. (It would also be no offence to threaten a civil law suit for money damages, rather than a criminal prosecution.) After receiving this letter, the landlord of the house next-door consulted his own lawyer and apparently has given an ultimatum to his tenants who have since become (relatively) quiet neighbours.

Of course, such tactics will not work for everyone and it is sometimes better to put up with a bit of noise and to be on good terms with your neighbours. One should always try the friendly approach before resorting to the law.



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