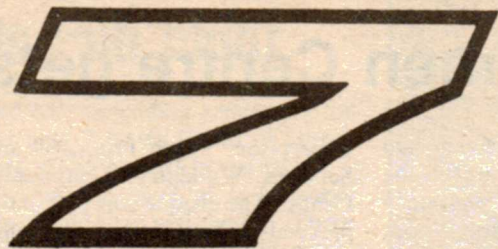


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Above Betts Malcolm from Black Creek Pioneer Village shows how raw wool was spun into yarn in last century. Her demonstration was part of

salute to senior citizens held during the month of May at the Parliament Street Library.

Photo by Tom Moss

## Library salutes senior citizens

by TOM MOSS

Regent Park Senior Citizens' Go Go Band wound up Parliament Street Library's Salute to Seniors two weeks ago with comedy and music.

The Salute was a month-long program presented by the library

and its Local Initiatives Program funded Outreach Program. It featured films, talks and displays geared to the older generation.

It began the first of May with the first event on May 5 — a talk and slide show by George Rust-D'Eye, a local historian, who presented Toronto the way it was 50 and

more years ago. This was followed by the film on Regent Park, "Farewell to Oak Street", presented O.H.C.'s Robert Bradley.

On May 12, was screened "Dreamland", a history of Canadian movies from 1895 to 1939. The following Wednesday, the lib-

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## Stamm seeks City Council seat

Garry Stamm has announced that he will again seek the City and Metro Council seat for Toronto's Ward 7.

It will be the second try at civic office for Stamm who is a consulting economist. "The public mood in Toronto is changing rapidly," he said. "The confrontation politics of the so-called 'reform caucus' is making it more difficult to solve the growing list of problems facing the City. The time has come for a more responsible and moderate approach to the City's business."

Stamm feels that one issue of great concern to the residents of Toronto, and particularly those who live in Ward 7 is the drain of industrial jobs from the City. In his view, the industrial job drain over the past 25 years has created a state of permanent depression for many of the people of Ward 7 and is the cause of much of the poverty found in the Ward.

"I intend to work hard to reverse the drain of industrial jobs to the suburbs," Stamm said. "The City can and must do more to make job opportunities available to our people. Better housing, better education for our children, improved health, and a better quality of life can best be achieved by seeing to it that job opportunities are available to the work force. The City should hire an industrial commissioner with a broad mandate and adequate



resources."

The City is headed into some difficult times he said. The growth of assessment is slowing down while costs of necessary civic services continue to rise rapidly. Financially the City and Metro will be less able to meet the growing need for social services.

Municipal taxes are pushing up rents so tenants as well as property owners will find themselves paying more. "We must take stock of our situation, stop fighting the phony ideological wars and chart a course for sound economic and social development for the City and Metro. The future quality of urban life in Toronto depends on it."

## Developer turns down housing co-ops proposal

by TOM CORBETT

Riverdale Housing Co-op has run into a brick wall in its latest attempt to secure housing for its members.

Since early April the co-op has been negotiating with K and K Investments in an effort to secure four townhouses in a development planned by the company.

The proposed construction will include, if present plans are followed, 33 townhouses selling in the \$65,000 to \$70,000 range. They will be built on an old industrial site bounded by DeGrassi and Dundas Streets and West Avenue.

Jack Kirzner, one of the partners of K and K, has met with Riverdale Co-op staff in two private meetings but both parties are still thousands of dollars apart on agreement.

The co-op gets all its funding from Central Mortgage and Housing (CMHC) which will not allow them any more than \$40,000 to purchase a house. This figure has been offered to K and K but they have flatly rejected it.

Mr. Kirzner, in an interview said, "We can't sell to them at the figure they're throwing around, it's nonsense. It's economically impossible. It would be a loss to us."

Vince McGrath, who works for

South Riverdale Co-op, disagrees with Mr. Kirzner's point. He said, "Their profit margin would be cut down but it's not financially impossible."

He felt the four townhouses the co-op wanted to purchase could be built cheaper, "more streamlined". Also any profit loss on the four townhouses might be passed on to the other buildings, McGrath said. He thought anybody paying around \$70,000 for a house wouldn't balk at paying a few thousand more.

Mr. Kirzner disagreed with this argument. "We have to build something we can sell. We could build a lot of houses and end up not selling them," he pointed out.

He expressed sympathy with the co-op in its quest for low income housing but said the company is presently negotiating with CHMC to build a few units under the Assisted Home Ownership Program (AHOP).

(The company's plan to build AHOP housing is a change from earlier plans. At a public meeting on March 18, the developer ruled out any assisted housing by saying it was financially impossible for them to sell units at \$47,000, the maximum allowed by AHOP.)

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## Health Centre closes two clinics

The Don District Community Health Centre, which operates three clinics in the lower Don District, will close one temporarily for renovations and two permanently in early July.

Closed temporarily for renovations will be their clinic operating out of Apt. 102 at 295 Shuter Street. The period of the shutdown will run from Monday June 28 to

Friday, July 9.

When the 295 Shuter office re-opens on July 10 the hours will be extended with full doctor coverage from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and until 2 p.m. on Saturdays. During the shutdown period, patients from the 295 Shuter office will be handled at the 209 Gerrard East office.

When the renovated office at

295 Shuter re-opens, the health clinic offices at 425 Queen East and 209 Gerrard East will be closed permanently.

The Don District Health Centre is operated by a community elected Board of Directors and new Board members are being sought by that group from both the Queen and Gerrard areas. For information, phone them at 364-1361.





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## LETTERS



### Post plans directory

Dear Editor:

Once again summer has arrived at the Neighbourhood Information Post. This summer, we are hoping to compile a directory of existing services in the Ward 7 area, with the help of our new summer students, Heather Jennings and Jane Gowdy.

This directory will contain short descriptions of services and community groups located throughout the ward. We intend to include Recreational Centres, Legal Aid Clinics, Residents Groups, Nursery Schools, Church Groups, etc.

Due to the numerous groups in the ward this is indeed a difficult job to accomplish. We would appreciate any suggestions regarding the type of information you would like to see included in the directory. Hopefully this directory will be used by both the people living in the area and those working for the different agencies.

All ideas would be happily received by Heather or Jane by calling 924-2543 at the Neighbourhood Information Post.

Heather Jennings

### Correction on Coady House article

Dear Norm:

Tom Corbett's article about Coady House and myself was much appreciated. However there are a few points that deserve to be clarified.

Coady House has hosted the Riverdale Care Centre for the past few months but the forums and many of the local activities have quite clearly been the work of the Care Centre. The local residents who keep it going deserve credit for that.

The article might have also

given the impression that my reasons for supporting myself financially are due to some disagreement between myself and the Church. This is not so and I am on excellent terms with the bishop, my superiors and the local pastor.

Tom, I know, spent considerable time preparing that article and I appreciate the effort. However, I would not want any misunderstandings to cloud our work over the last three years.

Dick Renshaw  
Coady House

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## Woodgreen Centre gets gift of \$250

Steve Frazee, Advertising and Sales Promotion Officer for the Royal Bank of Canada, presents a cheque for \$250.00 to Bob Wood,

Supervisor, Youth Programs and Services, Woodgreen Community Centre. The cheque was part of the proceeds resulting from a winning

lottery ticket being sold by the Royal Bank and the money is being used to purchase sports equipment for the Woodgreen Community



## Specialized rooming house planned

The third and largest of a series of specialized rooming house projects in the Don District is coming closer to reality. This one, located at 179 Gerrard St. East contains 34 rooms and is owned by the City of Toronto.

The other two are on Berkeley Street, an 8 room house rented by a community group; and Ontario Street, an 8-room house being converted by Fred Victor Mission.

The City bought 179 Gerrard St. East last September as part of their general acquisition of housing for low income people. At the time of purchase, there were no plans to turn it into anything but what it was

— a rooming house.

However, as the City bought more and more rooming houses, it discovered the phenomena known as the "hard-to-house" or "problem" roomer and was at an initial loss as to how to cope with them. The idea for the house was born about that time.

An advisory committee was set up containing representatives from the City housing department, Metro, Fred Victor Mission, Seaton House, Central Neighbourhood House, The Alcohol Research Foundation, and the South of Carlton Skid Row Committee.

The committee has been meeting regularly to plan the programs for the house, the services it will offer, who will live there, and obtain financing to put the plan into

effect.

Metro has allocated funds to hire a worker who will live in the house and run it. The Province has given the project a \$43,352 grant toward the purchase of the house. This in turn will cut down the amount to be charged each tenant in order to pay off the mortgage.

In addition the Province will provide a rent supplement for nine of the rooms in the house. The supplement amounts to \$2,025 a year.

It is expected that tenants will be able to live in the house for six months or longer, depending upon when they are able to cope with living in a regular rooming house. A wide variety of services and agencies are expected to be made available to help the roomers cope.

## Cabbagetown boxers win again

Cabbagetown Boxing Club continues its unbroken streak of winning supremacy taking four bouts and losing only one in the card they held in May.

The first bout was a tremendous opener with 65 pound Tony Edwards of Neil Wycik winning a close decision over Cabbagetown's Milt Thompson in his first time in the ring.

Terry Begley of Cabbagetown won his second bout in three starts with an unanimous win over Lloyd Longman of Neil Wycik. Both were in the 75 pound class. Terry was carrying his hands too high but his trainer will see to that problem.

In his second time in the ring, Mike Dix, 95 pounds, from Cabbagetown took his second win over Kevin Eshins.

In the 115 pound class, Marco

Savoie of Cabbagetown bombed Chris Elliot of Oshawa in 158 seconds of the first round. The referee stopped the contest after Savoie decked Elliot with two thunderous rights.

In the main event, 120 pound intermediate class, Don Marshall of Cabbagetown hit too hard and often for Buffalo's Frank Williams. Donny swung into high gear in the third round and decked Williams with a three punch combination for an eight count. Williams went the distance but it was through raw courage and conditioning that he lasted. Much of the credit for Don's boxing ability go to his trainer Mike O'Rielly and sparring partner Jeff Lewis.

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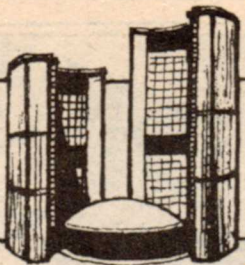
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Riverdale residents  
distrust city plans

by JANET HOWARD  
Ward 7 Alderman

Neighbourhood Improvement sounds a lot better than urban renewal. It probably is.

But people in Ward 7 have good reasons to distrust the intentions of governments who offer to spend money on doing them good. After all, that's how a lot of owner-occupiers on the site of Don Mount Court came to spend the rest of their lives as tenants, and that's why both owners and tenants in Trefann Court held out against seemingly unbeatable pressures for expropriation and redevelopment.

Redevelopment is the rub that goes along with neighbourhood improvement. Although the federal and provincial governments have long since stopped allocating money to big programmes of expropriation and redevelopment for public housing, the neighbourhood improvement programme (NIP) that replaced urban renewal requires the area to be labelled a redevelopment area.

Could Don Mount happen again? That's what people who attended a recent meeting at WoodGreen Community Centre wondered aloud. The meeting, called by the local NIP steering committee and planning and development department staff from the South Riverdale Site Office at Queen and Broadview, was held to see whether the community would accept that designation in exchange for \$1.9 million from three levels of government to spend on various projects.

Some of the people who attended the meeting had lost homes in Don Mount when that area had been labelled a redevelopment area. In those days, less than 10 years ago, people could get stuck with an expropriation settlement that didn't even pay off the mortgage on the home being taken away from them, let alone have anything left for a down payment on another one. Since then the expropriation law has been changed to recognize what the Trefann people called for repeatedly: a home for a home. Even so, anyone prefers the right to choose whether to stay or sell, so redevelopment is not a matter to take lightly.

Preserving neighbourhoods

I told the meeting there are two safeguards, neither of them fool-proof. One is that it is politically very difficult to take people's homes away, especially when the urban renewal battles of the 1960s taught community groups to fight effectively if their backs are put against the wall. On the other hand, it is impossible to speak for future City Councils; this one pays lip service, at least, to preserving neighbourhoods, but that could change.

That is why the other safeguard is more reliable: it simply costs too much to go through all the legal procedures of expropriation, pay the price of land settlements, and build new at today's costs. Houses in Ward 7 now have a very high value as houses rather than just for the land under them. It is therefore cheaper to keep people where they are and build on vacant land or obsolete industrial land than to tear down and redevelop South Riverdale.

There was lively discussion before people decided to take the risk. They did so on the understanding that any major change in the area, like zoning or development proposals, will have to be okayed by the NIP committee elected by the neighbourhood at large, and the neighbourhood will be kept in touch with what is going on.

The meeting also improved boundary changes to the NIP area to make it more realistic, given that facilities provided under the programme are completely public but are funded on the basis of a dollars-per-person figure calculated on the population living within the boundaries. For example, if the NIP area were cut off at Queen Street, people living on the north side would use a community building on the south side, but their use would not count when the money was dished out. The 1976 boundaries were made roughly square, with a square of similar size to be added next year as a second NIP area extending north to Gerrard Street, east to Coxwell Avenue.

Finally, the meeting approved the estimated budget which includes getting the South Riverdale Community Health Centre started. Sums of money will probably change within the budget as people find out which projects come easily and which have to wait.

If the level of public interest remains as high as it was at the WoodGreen meeting, NIP will be a good thing for South Riverdale.

PROPOSED WORKING BUDGET  
SOUTH RIVERDALE NIP AREA

	Total	Municipal	Provincial	Federal
Public Works (— termite control, street lighting, street design modifications, bus shelters, garbage containers)	150,000	75,000	37,500	37,500
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Park Improvements (— bandstand, sauna, lights, landscaping, park equipment)	85,000	21,250	21,250	42,500
Community Cultural Centre	200,000	50,000	50,000	100,000
Multi-service Centre	200,000	50,000	50,000	100,000
Health Facilities	200,000	50,000	50,000	100,000
Child Care Facilities	600,000	150,000	150,000	300,000
Administration	200,000	50,000	50,000	100,000
Contingency	196,668	49,167	49,167	98,334
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Federal-Provincial Contributions				1,400,001

Residents approve NIP program

by TOM CORBETT

A crowd of over 100 boisterous South Riverdale residents attended a recent Neighbourhood Improvement Program (NIP) public meeting to voice their general feelings on the plan's future.

The meeting, held May 26 at the Woodgreen Community Centre, was called by the NIP Steering Committee and the City of Toronto Development Department. (NIP is a program carried out by all levels of government to involve residents of designated areas in the future development and planning of their community. South Riverdale was designated an NIP area in 1974.)

The NIP Steering Committee, made up of area residents, has been meeting weekly for the past year and the public meeting was held to inform area residents of progress made and to discuss ideas that have evolved.

The first motion put forth by the Steering Committee, to change the boundaries of the NIP area, to facilitate better planning, passed without much difficulty. Several other proposals, however, ran into heated opposition.

Fear that Urban Renewal and its "neighbourhood destruction" philosophy were coming to South Riverdale, was expressed by several area residents at the meeting.

One of the motions put forth by the Steering Committee, to designate the locality a Redevelopment Area, prompted several citizens to charge that it was just another word for Urban Renewal. They felt if South Riverdale was designated a Redevelopment Area, the city could step in and start tearing down houses.

One angry speaker summed the feeling up by saying, "People have been burnt before and they don't want to be burnt again."

Bob Yamashita, a city planner, disagreed, while citing councils present policy of liaison with citizens before any redevelopment is carried out.

He said redevelopment would, "give citizens of the area more control", over their community's future.

Ward 7 Alderman Janet Howard allayed many fears by saying redevelopment would not become like the old Urban Renewal plan because of the public outcry that program incurred.

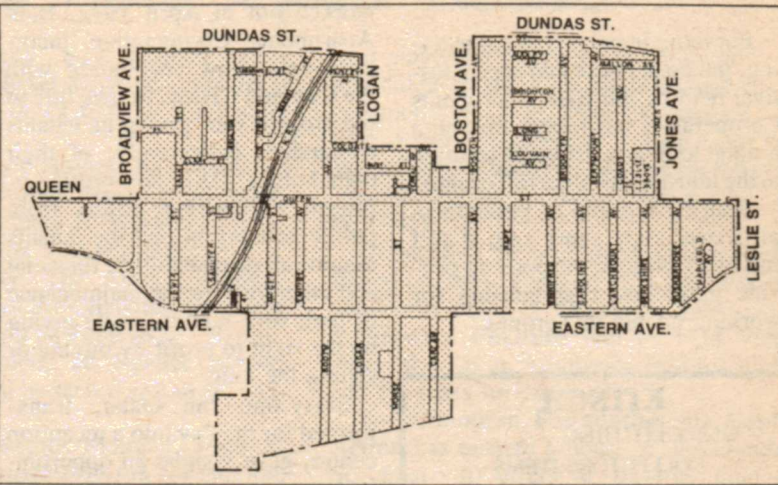
She said "financial reasons" would also stop government from sliding back into Urban Renewal mentality. As well, redevelopment would deal with the recreational, cultural and social needs of the NIP area, concerns that Urban Renewal neglected, she pointed out.

A motion to designate the NIP area a Redevelopment Area was passed by the majority of the residents present, with only a few dissenting votes.

Later in the meeting, Doctor Harvey Pasternak called the proposed community run Health Clinic an "unnecessary expenditure."

During discussion of the \$2 million proposed NIP working budget, the Queen Street East physician voiced strong disagreement with the \$200,000 set aside for the clinic. (See Seven News, May 15, 1976 for article on Health Clinic.)

"I don't approve of the community paying for another doc-



tor," he said.

Mike Fletcher, who is involved in setting up the clinic, pointed out there were not enough doctors in the area and said a Health Clinic was necessary to serve those not presently receiving adequate medical care.

Doctor Pasternak said he wasn't against more doctors in the area, although he felt there were plenty, he just didn't think the community should bring another one in.

"I have to make a living too," he said.

Few at the meeting expressed sympathy with the doctor's point and applause greeted one member of the audience who said the proposed clinic will stress preventive medicine, and hopefully, "drive the doctor out of business."

Another entry in the budget which raised objections, was the \$200,000 set aside for refurbishing a Consumers Gas site building into a Community Cultural Centre.

The idea of a Cultural Centre was developed over the past nine months by Synagon, a community arts organization, in conjunction with the South Riverdale NIP Steering Committee and staff of Ontario's Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

Its main aim would be creation

of a centre which would appeal to the various ethnic groups in Ward 7 and 8. It would involve the community as much as possible in the operation by offering workshops and classes to those interested in acquiring necessary skills.

Several members of the audience expressed disapproval of such a centre and Alex Collins of Marigold Avenue proposed a motion to delete the proposal from the budget.

He said, "There are a lot better things than putting up a cultural centre."

His motion was defeated while another one, to leave the budget intact was passed, after another resident said, "If you are going to rehabilitate the area, you must also rehabilitate the people."

All motions passed by the meeting will now go to various government departments to obtain approval. Future public meetings on specific issues discussed at the May 26 meeting, will be held before any plans are implemented.

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## Bain Co-operative holds open house

by SUSAN LAIDLAW

For those interested in co-op living, the open house and spring festival held by the Bain Apartments Co-operative last month offered a unique look at a different solution to the housing problem in Toronto.

Built by a group of philanthropists over sixty years ago, it still fulfils its original purpose: to provide good low cost housing for working people in Toronto.

Through an arrangement worked out in April 1972, Bain Apartments Co-operative Incorporated is now negotiating with the City and CHMC to take title to the project, thus giving its tenants ownership, collectively, of their own homes. This non-profit approach to housing differs from public housing in that the tenants assume all responsibility, financial and otherwise for the maintenance of their own homes, while giving up the right to profit by buying or selling the units.

Sixty-one the Oaks, transformed for the day into a reception centre, gave visitors an opportunity to meet representatives from the Bain Avenue Co-op and talk with other Co-op Federation members from Spruce Court Provincial

Community Sponsored Housing Branch, ForWard 9 Co-op, Chadwick Towers Co-op, Taddle Creek Co-op, and the Innex Community Corporation. Guided tours and information sheets were available to those unfamiliar with the co-op.

For the rest there were refreshments and a Spring Festival in full swing outside. The Community Centre and adjacent courtyard were used for the sale and exhibit of baked goods, crafts, Bain Avenue T-shirts, and second hand items. Tickets were also available for a dance held later that evening and the raffle of two silver brooches designed by a co-op member, Mimi Shulman. These were won by Caroline Logan and Gord Keith. The proceeds of the raffle are to be used for various co-op projects.

Entertainment throughout the afternoon was provided by Ned Endridge, Ken Williams, Cris Evering, Steve Daw, Julian Snedkur, Michel B., Bruce Warick, and a group called the Juggler Brothers who delighted adults and children alike.

Over one hundred people, including M.P. James Renwick and Alderman John Sewell, participated in the festivities enjoying a day that was a co-operative success.



Photo by Tom Moss

## Library

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rary hosted a talk on women's fashions from 1860 to 1960 coupled with a spinning demonstration. Alan Suddon, head of the Fine Arts Department of Metro Central Library, showed through slides and costumes—dummies, how crinolines became hoops, hoops became bustles, and hemlines crept from ankles upward. Betts Malcolm from Black Creek Pioneer Village, showed how many Cabbagetowners spun raw wool into yarn in the last century.

On May 26, Go Go Band members kicked the Can Can and dropped their dresses to open the musicale show. They played children's instruments, sang, danced, and laughed with about 80 local residents who came to see them.

Pictured left is one of the members of the Regent Park Senior Citizens' Go Go Band

## Developer turns down proposal

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Under pressure from city planners, who pointed out that city council

likes at least 20 per cent low income housing in residential developments, K and K has experienced a change of heart.)

McGrath feels the AHOP proposal does not go far enough. Under this plan, buyers of homes could sell this assisted housing after five years. If this turned out to be the case, the homes would probably go to the highest bidder, which would rule out any low income groups, he pointed out.

On the other hand, if the co-op owned the houses, they would always remain in the hands of low-income people McGrath said.

He looked on the whole project as, "serving the needs of people from the suburbs. People in the area, their housing needs are not being met in this development."

His feeling was supported by residents at the March 18 public meeting when they asked the developer to build some housing for people in the community who could not afford \$65,000 houses.

Mr. Kirzner expressed concern with low income housing needs because, "I was born down in that area."

It remains to be seen if people now living in "that area" will be able to afford living in his houses.

## Surprise planned for Cressy

School Trustee Gord Cressy doesn't know it but he will be given a surprise gift of appreciation from the staff and students at Winchester school when he turns up there on June 22 to take part in the graduation ceremonies of that school's grade eight classes.

The gift on behalf of the school is to thank Gord for his efforts in preserving the school after a bad fire partially destroyed it some years ago. It could have been torn down, but Gord prevailed upon the School Board to repair the damage instead.

Another highlight of the evening at the school will be the presentation of the Sam Rotenberg Memorial Scholarship to the best male and female students in the grade eight graduating class. The awards, sponsored by the Ward Seven Businessmen's Association, are for \$50 to each of the students.

The award winning students are Gus Pappas and Helen Chang.

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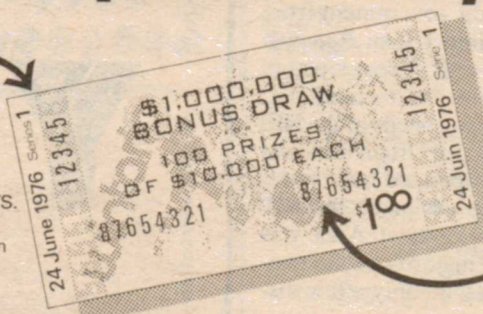
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## NEWS ROUND-UP

# Regent Park Community Association to hold Open House

The Don Vale Community Centre is looking for **donations** of goods, comfortable lounge **furniture**, sofas, easy chairs, etc. They're at 80 Winchester St. or phone **921-2426** for a pick-up.

Any person who would like a small female smooth-hair **fox terrier for free**, call Linda Fell at **282-9107**.

A **rummage and bake sale** will be held at the Sivananda Yoga Centre, 418 Queen Street East on June 26, starting at 12 noon. Admission is **free**.

**CORRECTION:** The phone number of the Consumer Association of Canada is **366-3153** and not as reported in error in our last issue.

**Teens aged 16** and over interested in learning and using portapack TV equipment during July and August for film projects should call "The Cellar" at **921-8674**.

The Don Vale Community Centre will be hosting a **Blood Donor Clinic** on Friday, July 2 starting at 2:30 p.m. and lasting until 8 p.m. **Admission is free**.

Another reminder about the **family picnic** being held **June 19** at noon at Hanlon's Point. Tickets are **50 cents each** and include ice cream, beverages, races, prizes and a lucky draw. **Tickets are available** from Dan Burns, 59 Bowden or Lee Patterson, 42 Langley.

Some **55 photographs** showing the Riverdale area 50 to 75 years ago are on display thru **June 30** at the Danforth Library, 701 Pape.

**Susan Seaby**, co-ordinator of the Neighbourhood Information Post is holidaying for a month in **Greece**. Seven News editor, **Norm Browne** begins a month's holidays on June 14. He will spend part of that time vacationing in **Las Vegas**. **Tom Corbett** will be taking over Norm's duties on the paper during his absence.

Every **Monday morning** at 10 a.m. the Toronto Humane Society is holding an

**Injured Bird Workshop** and admission is **free**. Foster parents are also needed to care for injured and baby birds. For information call **922-1191**.

A **salute** to local poet **Norm Craven** will be held at the Parliament Library House at 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 15**. Admission is **free**.

So as not to conflict with the Street Dance being held by Dixon Hall at 6 p.m. on June 25, the **Seven News pub night** and **general meeting** will be held the following evening, **June 26 at 8 p.m.** at the **Don Vale Community Centre**, 80 Winchester St. **Admission to both is free**.

Before the end of the summer a **Parent-Child Drop-in Centre** should be open in the **Riverdale** area. The centre will have **toys** for use on the premises and also will provide a **toy lending service**. The project is being **funded by the City** under the Toronto Improvement Program. For information on it call Heather Barker at **463-5914**.

**Free Friday films** at the **Parliament Library House**, 265 Gerrard East are 39 Steps on **June 18**, and Glass House on **June 25**. Show time is 8 p.m. and admission is **free**.

**RUMOURS DENIED DEPT.:** **John Sewell** will not be running for Mayor of the City of Toronto. He intends to run for **alderman** in Ward 7 in the December municipal elections.

**RUMOURS DENIED PART II:** The **Colgate-Palmolive** plant at Logan and Colgate streets on the fringe of Ward 7 is **not closing**. They have no plans to close, transfer their operations or lay off a lot of their workers.

Poets **Morag Sutton** and **Heather Cadsby** will read from their own work at the Parliament Library House on Thursday, **June 24 at 7:30 p.m.** Admission is **free**.

The **Regent Park Senior Citizens** Busy Bee club will be **entertained by the Cana-**

**dian Champions Scarborough Fair Barbershop Quartet** on **Wed. June 16 at 7:30 p.m.** in the downstairs rec room at **41 Oak St.**

Don Area Co-op Homes, Inc. (DACHI) will hold its **Annual Meeting** on **Wed. June 16**. Phone them at **923-9574** for information as to the time and place.

**CORRECTION:** The Annual Meeting and Open House of the **Christian Resource Centre** will be held on **June 15 at 7:30 p.m.** at their new home, **20 Spruce Street**. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend.

**Registration** begins **Monday, June 21** for the **Day Camps** being run for children and teens by Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street. There are **three camps** for children 3 to 5, 6 to 12, and 13 to 18 years. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Phone Fred at **863-0499** for information.

**Newly formed** is the Toronto Area Psychiatric Patients Alliance (TAPPA) which meets every Wednesday evening at **7:30 p.m.** at the Church Street Community Centre, **519 Church Street**. For more information call Don Weitz at **923-2772** or Bob Olsen at **964-7960**.

**Elsie Norton** of Ontario Street was recently released from St. Michael's Hospital after receiving treatment for cancer.

The first annual **Cabbagetown Follies** will be presented Thursday, **June 17 at 7 p.m.** at Winchester School. Appearing will be students of **Winchester Dance** performing jazz, ballet and tap. Also performing will be the **Winchester Orchestra** and the Winchester school choir. Admission is **free**.

A seminar on **Matrimonial and Criminal law** will be held at **Woodgreen Community Centre**, 835 Queen St. East on **Tues. June 15 at 7 p.m.** Guest speaker is Gordon Allan. Admission and refreshments are **free**.

The **Cabbagetown Theatre Company's**

next play, **The Education of Oversoul 7**, is scheduled to **open in mid-August** for a one-month run at **St. Paul's Centre** on Avenue Road. Experienced **actors** from the Ward 7 area wanting to audition for the play should contact Diane Strickland at **961-9427**.

Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street will hold a **Bingo** on **Tues. June 15 at 7 p.m.** with an admission price of **50 cents**. Their next **Progressive Euchure** will be held **Wed. June 30 at 7 p.m.** Admission is **\$1** for adults and **50 cents** for seniors.

The **Canadian Foundation for Youth Action** has opened a house at 388 Dundas St. East. It offers a drop-in lounge, children's room, craft room and a **free clothing store** open from 1 to 5 p.m.

**Seven News**, which has been running the past few months with about \$5,000 owed to it by the business community, has signed on with the Dun and Bradstreet **Collection Service**.

**Ron Carter** of D'Arcy Street won the semi-antique carpet raffled off late last month by the Don Vale Community Centre.

A **free adult hearing test** will be held at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street on **Monday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** No appointment is necessary.

A **bake sale** of home made goodies will be held at the Don Vale Community Centre, **80 Winchester Street** from 10 to 12 noon on **Saturday, June 26**. Following the Bake Sale, there will be an old fashioned **strawberry lunch** with a low admission price of **\$1.50**.

**How the Law effect Women** is the title of a workshop-forum bieng held at 7:30 p.m. on **Wed. June 16 at Central Neighbourhood House**, 349 Ontario Street. Admission is **free**.

The **Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RPCIA)** is holding an **open house** on the afternoon of **Tuesday, June 22**, at 44 Blevins Place.

## Used clothing stores closing, operating costs "too high"

by ULLI DIEMER  
and TOM CORBETT

The Fred Victor Mission is closing down its used clothing stores. All of the five retail outlets operated by the mission are falling victim to a "consolidtion" which will leave only the warehouse at 148 Ossington St. in operation.

One store, on Queen St., closed on May 31, another, at 251 Gerrard East, closes on June 15, and the rest close at the end of June.

Maureen Mayne, of mission headquarters, said that the decision was based on the "high cost" of maintaining the operation. She cited pick-up, the maintenance of the warehouse, rent, and salaries as the cost factors involved. She said that a lot of other used clothing outlets remain to serve the public, although she admitted that most of them are considerably more expensive than the stores maintained by Fred Victor. (It was the practice of the Fred Victor stores to make clothes and other household goods available at nominal charge or even free in cases of need).

According to Mayne, the mission is not concerned about those who customarily bought their

clothes in the stores, but it is concerned about those who had gotten them free in the past. The latter group, she said, would still be able to get their clothes at the warehouse on Ossington St.

However, Ossington can only be used by those who have been referred by their local church, as well as involving considerably more travelling time than a visit to a local store. She claimed that the added inconvenience and cost might be a benefit in the sense that it forces people to "plan their clothing needs" more carefully.

However, other people in the community are not happy with the decision. A petition to keep the store on Gerrard St. open, circulated by Ruth Collinson, has already gathered more than 40 names.

Edith Sinclair, who runs the store on Gerrard St., is also critical of the move. According to her, the mission is thinking too much in terms of "liabilities and assets"

and not enough about people. The purpose of the stores, she says, should be to provide a service, not to make money, and the mission should subsidize them to this end. She fears that people who used the store will not be able to afford the other, more expensive stores.

And she also pointed out that the stores are not only a place to buy, but a place where people could come in out of the cold, or for some advice, or help with their income tax, or simply for a friendly chat. "I did everything I could do for them," she says. In fact, she feels that Fred Victor which is affiliated with but not funded by the United Church should have recognized and expanded the drop-in aspects

of the stores, and kept them open for this reason alone.

Finally, one customer, a mother from the area, lamented that "I've clothed four children out of this store. How am I going to clothe them now?"

Says Maureen Mayne: "If someone wants to try to keep the stores open, they are welcome to try."

But they won't be getting any subsidy from Fred Victor or the United Church.

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## Young distributors have many talents

by TOM CORBETT

Bonnie Blakney's seven daughters, along with two friends, deliver 500 copies of every issue of Seven News in Don Mount Court.

The route was started by Bonnie about two years ago and her daughters have helped her distribute the paper since then.

The task of delivering the papers has since fallen mainly to her children and their friends, as Bonnie's job at the Royal York leaves her with little free time.

Bonnie's oldest daughter, Angel, 14, is a Grade 8 student. She is a gifted artist as well as a

promising young singer, a career she hopes to pursue. Along with her sister, Terrie, 13, she sang in a recent school play at Queen Alexandra.

Terrie, who is in Grade 7, is an accomplished gymnast and placed well in a recent school competition. She also enjoys twirling her baton and won intermediate championship in baton competition several years ago. Like her young sister, Rhonda, she also hopes to enter the medical profession.

Rhonda, age 12, is a Grade 5 student at Dundas Public. She loves animals and hopes to become

a veterinarian.

Another accomplished batonner in the family is Cathy. The 11-year-old won the junior award for batonning in 1973. She is also very sports minded and likes track and field as well as baseball.

Her 10-year-old sister, Bobbi Joe, is also quite interested in sports. She was quite disappointed when her favourite hockey team, the Toronto Maple Leafs, lost the play-offs, but knows next years will be better. The Grade 4 student hopes to teach Grade 7 students after she finishes her own schooling.

Another family member who looks to the medical profession as a career is 6-year-old Tammy, a senior kindergarden student. In the meantime she is content to skip and play house and look forward to going "shopping with Mom."

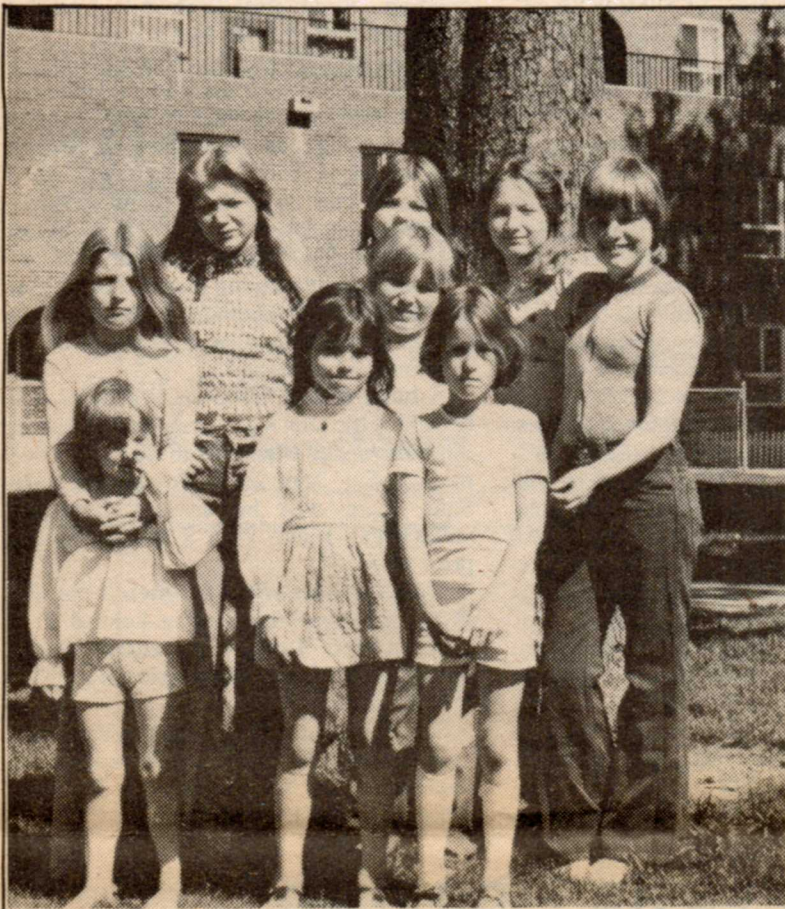
Billie Jo, age 8, intends to keep her younger sister company in the future, as she also plans to be a nurse. The Grade 2 student is another sports minded young girl and has also won an award for batonning.

The seven Blakney girls get lots of help carting around copies of Seven News from their two friends, Carla Campbell and Dawn MacGillvary.

Carla, 12, who is a Grade 6 student at Queen Alexandra, was also in a school play, Bop Shu Bop, with Angel and Terrie Blakney. She enjoys all sports and hopes to become an airline stewardess in the future.

One of Dawn MacGillvary's favourite past times is watching television. The 8 year old's favourite program is Sesame Street and she likes the character, Oscar The Grouch, most of all. The Grade 2 student hopes to become a school teacher when she finishes school.

The next time you see nine smiling girls carrying a bunch of newspapers around Don Mount Court, you can be sure Seven News is in good hands.



Pictured above from left to right are: Backrow — Angel Terrie, Carla Campbell and Rhonda; Middle row — Cathy and Bobbi Joe; Front row — Tammy, Dawn MacGillvary and Billie Jo.

## SURVIVAL!

### Preventive measures aid good hearing

by LORRAINE CASS  
Public Health Nurse

Hello There. Here are a few facts and hints for you about hearing, a very vital sense which allows us to communicate with the outside world. Not many of us are aware that approximately 1,200,000 Canadians are hard of hearing and 40,000 totally deaf. Of children in their fifth year, nearly 4% are affected by some form of hearing impairment. 80% of this is preventable! The remaining 20% can be greatly helped by early identification of the problem, adequate treatment and educational assistance. (So much for statistics! Now to move on ...).

This makes prevention of hearing loss a terribly important aspect of health care, particularly in the young when speech, thought development, learning and social relationship all depend on hearing. Also children are more prone to ear infections than adults, due to immature development of structures surrounding the ear. The following are preventive measures for you to consider:

#### Immunize children

— During infancy have your children completely immunized, including protection against measles, rubella and mumps.

— Use a damp washcloth to clean the outer ear rather than a cotton swab stick, and teach young children not to put anything in the ear. (Nature provides its own cleansing mechanism — tiny hairs which move out foreign substances.) Hardened wax should be removed by a doctor.

— Plan regular medical supervision, with extra trips to your doctor for frequent colds and sore throats, swollen glands, or persistent earache. (A bad earache can be dangerous and untreated, may result in permanent hearing loss. A running ear is a symptom of definite ear disease and may cause destruction of the hearing.)

— Diseased adenoids or tonsils may affect the ears, as might some forms of allergies, an often overlooked but underlying problem. Hats should be worn in cold weather especially by the children with ear problems.

Needless to say, **Early Treatment** is very important with ear disease, to prevent loss of hearing. In Toronto a child's hearing is tested every two years during the elementary school period.

#### Permanent hearing loss

Noise pollution in industry is of great concern at present as the urban noise is continuing to increase. Sound is measured in decibels and prolonged exposure to 85 decibels can cause permanent hearing loss. Here are some examples of noise levels: a nearby power mower — 100 decibels, heavy traffic — 84 decibels, subway train — 90 decibels, construction noises — 109 decibels, discotheque — 114 decibels, and a riveting gun — 130 decibels. Disconcerting isn't it? If you work in a noisy place and have to raise your voice to be heard, it is advisable to have your hearing tested and if necessary request hearing protection.

The hearing impaired who have hearing aids, frequently experience difficulty. Ear moulds shrink or become ill-fitting (which causes whistling or feedback noise). Or other malfunctions occur due to a variety of causes. This results in frustration and sometimes non-use of the hearing aid. Improvements in technology in recent years have also improved hearing aids. It is certainly worth reinvestigating the possibilities. Financial assistance and lower costs are available when necessary.

After this big pitch on hearing health, I would like to invite all interested adults to our Free Hearing Survey, Monday June 14 at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St. just south of Queen. Audiologists from the Canadian Hearing Society will do the testing which is for adults only. Bring your hearing aid if you have one. The survey is sponsored by the above agencies and the Don District Community Health Centre.

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Seven News holds Pub night

The 7 News/Don Vale Community Centre combined pub night and general meeting will be held on Saturday, June 26 from 8:00 p.m. on.

The first part of the evening will be a 7 News general meeting, at which there will be reports from the staff and the Board of Directors, as well as discussion of the paper by members of the community. The meeting will also elect a nominating committee which is charged with finding, screening,

and recommending candidates for the new 7 News Board of Directors, to be elected in the fall.

After the meeting is finished, the festivities will begin. There will be drinks, food, and entertainment in the form of local musical groups. This part of the evening is being jointly sponsored by 7 News and the Don Vale Community Centre, who will split the proceeds (should there be any).

Everyone in the community is invited to attend and participate in the fun.

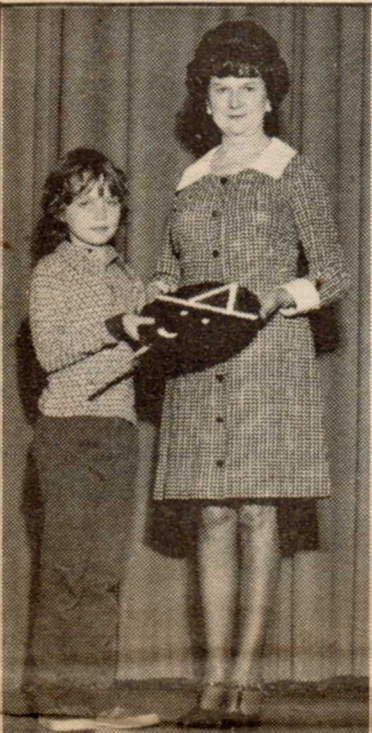
Street festival on Grant-Kintyre

Grant and Kintyre streets in the lower Riverdale area will be holding a street festival on July 1, start-

ing around 1 p.m.

Planned for the afternoon are craft demonstrations and sales, games for the kids and puppet show and music. Around 5:30 there will be a pot luck dinner priced at 50 cents. After dinner there will be a street dance and a movie for the children. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Anyone wishing to take part in the festival or willing to donate food, white elephants or crafts for the festival should contact Coody House at 60 Grant street or phone 466-6612.



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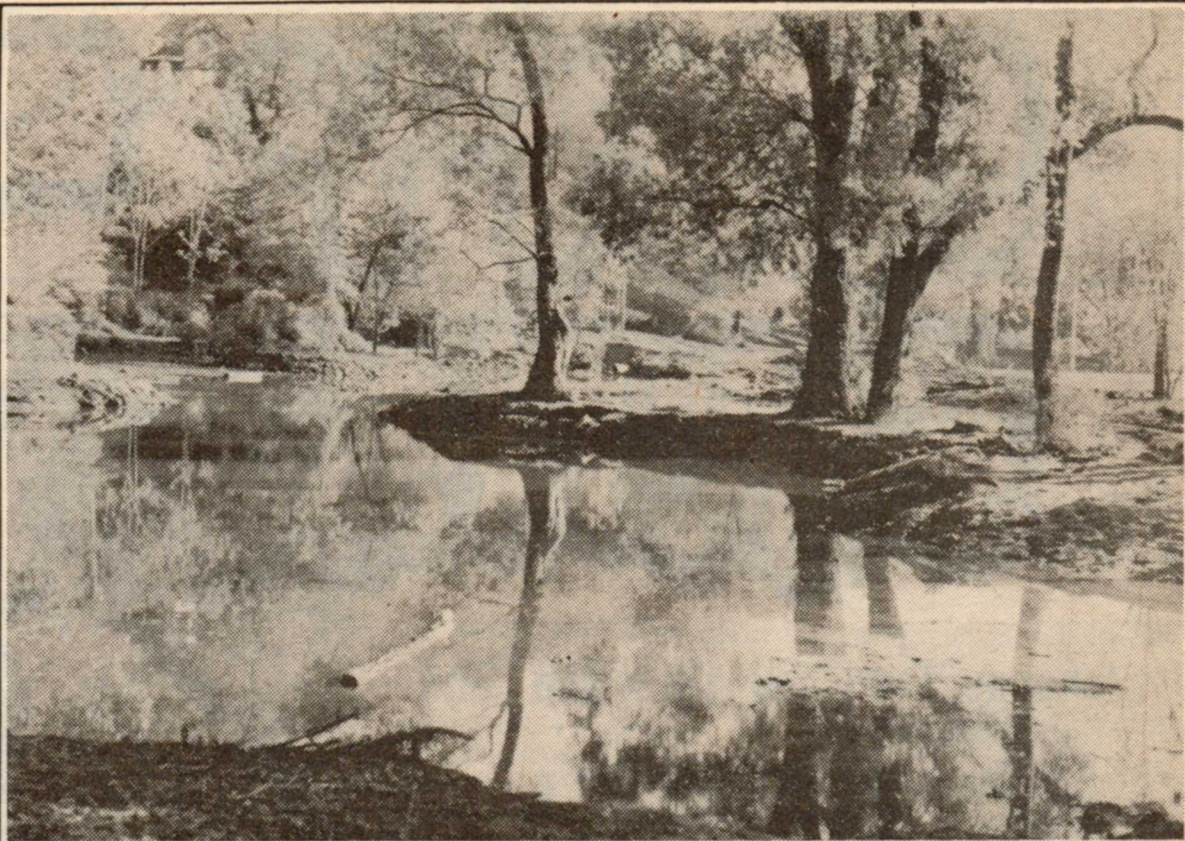
Above, Vi Dobson, administrative assistant at Rose Avenue School hands student Douglas Heath a giant lollipop which he won with the winning ticket in a raffle held at the school recently. The raffle was held in support of "Lollipop Time", a city-wide sale of lollipops held by the Inner City Angels, a community group working with children in the arts.

Free TM and yoga classes

The Canada Hindu Organization at its resource centre at Eastdale Collegiate, 701 Gerrard Street East are holding free classes in Transdental Meditation and yoga every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 3 p.m.

The classes will be taught by Shri Rajkumar Mathur Ji who has had extensive experience teaching these arts in a number of Ontario cities. Roop Sharma, President of the Hindu Organization states that the classes are being started as a result of numerous requests from the public. He emphasizes that there is no age restriction on them and they are free to anyone.

For further information, contact the Canada Hindu Organization at 465-2214.



One of the two lower ponds in Riverdale Park. Plans call for dredging and deepening them, improving the water flow in and out and maybe stocking them with fish for local youngsters to catch on a hot summer day.

Photo by George Rust-D'Eye

Community Secretariat cuts back

Budget cutbacks have forced the Don District Community Secretariat to cut back on staff, services and seek less expensive office space. As of last Friday, two staff members were laid off: Leslie Smith and Martha Lipov. The Secretariat, which provides typing, printing and secretarial services for non-profit community groups and organizations, is also in the midst

of negotiating free space in the Parliament Library House at 265 Gerrard East. It presently operates out of a storefront at 249 Gerrard East.

With only two people on staff, there will be a cutback in services

provided. As well, a number of alternatives are being looked at for raising additional money — one being a surcharge or higher price on work done for local community groups.

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