

CABINET APPROVES WINCHESTER SQUARE

By ULLI DIEMER

Residents opposing the massive South St. Jamestown Winchester Square development have lost the last round.

The Ontario Cabinet has given its approval to the building of the project, and now there is no way of appealing it further within the legal or political system. Previously, Winchester Square had received approval from City Council and from the Ontario Municipal Board.

Demolition of remaining houses and construction work can now start immediately. The developer, Meridian, had earlier indicated that work would start within two weeks of approval being received.

There are still a few remaining houses on Ontario Street near Wellesley which will be demolished, although four other

houses on the west side of Ontario near Winchester will remain. Several of the stores on Wellesley at Bleecker will be demolished, as will the old drycleaning store.

The project was heavily criticised by local residents and Ward 7 aldermen Janet Howard and John Sewell because it will put another very densely populated collection of apartment buildings in an already overcrowded area. The new project will have a density that is actually greater than even St. Jamestown, which stands directly to the north of it on Wellesley Street, and which is one of the densest highrise developments in the world. The St. Jamestown highrises have been criticised as creating and encouraging a whole range of social problems, and residents are furious that the experience is now to be repeated in South St. Jamestown.

At this point, the project could not be stopped by City Council even if John Sewell is elected mayor and if reform aldermen take over City Council. The project has now been approved by bodies with more authority than the City of Toronto, so the city has no power to act even if it wanted to.

John Sewell's entire political career has been tied up with South St. Jamestown and its residents' fight to stop Meridian. Sewell became involved in organizing against Meridian in the area even before he first ran for alderman in 1969 and has continued up until his present campaign for the morality. Interestingly, both of his opponents for the mayor's job, David Smith and Tony O'Donohue, voted in favour of Meridian and its plans at City Council.

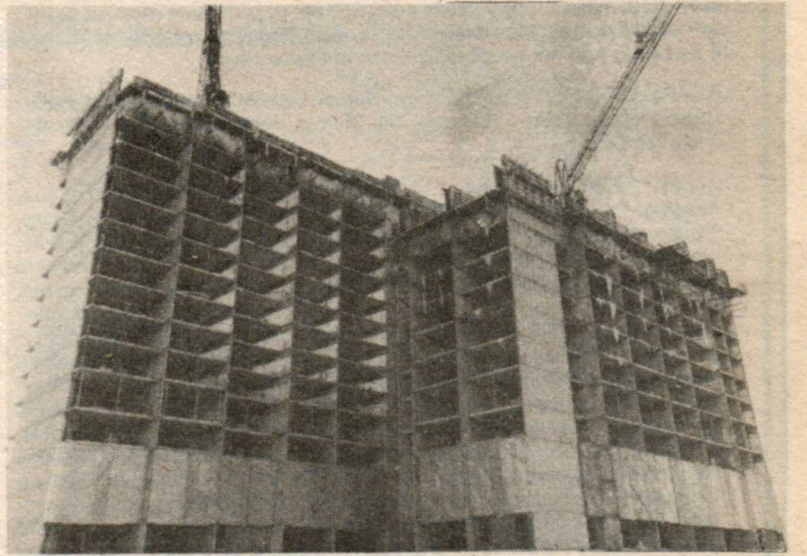


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More of the same: St. Jamestown and West St. Jamestown are finished, and now it's the turn of South St. Jamestown. The Winchester Square highrise complex will be going up soon now that the Ontario Cabinet has approved it.



Photo by Cherry Hassard

If you've ever walked down Dermott Place you'll have noticed the elaborate treehouse and crow's nest behind number four. The treehouse, two years old, was built with scrap lumber by Mike Dance, Fabian Fourier, and Ronnie Ouellette. Plans for the future include the addition of a new roof, shutters and carpeting as well as the installation of a circular table around the central tree. Left to right above are neighbours Jimmy Ouellette, Brian, Ronnie Ouellette and Ted Franklin.

Advocates wage for students

By MARIO CUTAJAR

The flyer promised a lot: "Come to a forum of teens, mothers, and youth counsellors, who support our right to money of our own so we can decide how to run our own lives."

But the "Money for Teens" forum held at the Regent Park United Church on August 24 settled for much less.

The discussion on "how to run our own lives" finally reduced to an agreement to organize high school students to demand something they are already entitled to if they persist long enough in trying to get it: a \$20 a month subsidy from the Social Services Department.

The reasoning behind this demand is the argument that schoolwork is work like any other and should be paid. None of the 20 or so people attending (half of them panelists) disagreed. What was missing, however, was any discussion of the role of education,

and whether it is even possible to run one's own life in a system set up to profit a few.

The main speaker at the forum was Giorgio Giandomenici from PAYDAY-ITALY, a group which like all the groups represented at the forum is connected to Wages for Housework. Giandomenici spoke about the wages for schoolwork campaign in Italy where he used to teach.

According to Giandomenici the demand for money for teens had its beginnings in the student movement as far back as 1968, but became a big issue only recently. School leaving age in Italy is 14 but most kids start helping their family's finances when they are 12. Because of this economic situation the truancy rate is as high as 50 per cent in Italy, a main cause being students being forced to miss school because of their jobs. Naturally, many of them wind up failing their exams and falling into

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OHC cancels tenant program following dispute with employees

By ULLI DIEMER

The "tenant management" program in Regent Park, once seen as a model for Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) projects, has come to an end.

The unit representatives who carried out a variety of functions under the program went on strike against OHC earlier this summer to back up their demand for an increase in pay. Their pay rates over the past few years had fallen further and further behind the cost of living.

OHC's response to the reps' demands was a blanket refusal. OHC refused to consider any kind of a raise or to discuss any contract issues at all until it could "study" the situation sometime

later this year or next year.

Despite OHC's completely unco-operative attitude, unit reps eventually voted to go back to work under the old contract for the time being. When they informed OHC of this two weeks ago, however, OHC stalled and then finally refused to take them back on any terms, thus unilaterally ending the tenant management program.

OHC now states that it will do a survey and then get back in touch with the unit reps and the Regent Park Community Improvement Association (RPCIA) sometime in the future: "Don't call us, we'll call you".

Nevertheless, members of the tenant management committee at

Regent Park feel there is a bright side to it all, despite the economic loss to those residents who were working part-time under the contract.

According to committee member Myrna Marsden, the existence of the "tenant-management" program prevented the RPCIA from acting as a proper tenants' association because it was contractually tied to OHC and working for OHC. Many tenants, in fact, tended to see the unit reps and the RPCIA as OHC's agents in their midst, rather than as their own representatives.

Now, Marsden feels, it will be possible to form a strong tenants' association which can "freely advocate for tenants".

Talk to the animals at Riverdale farm opening

Saturday September 9. It may be your last chance to celebrate summer, and if you come to the grand opening of the Riverdale Farm, you'll really be able to celebrate in style.

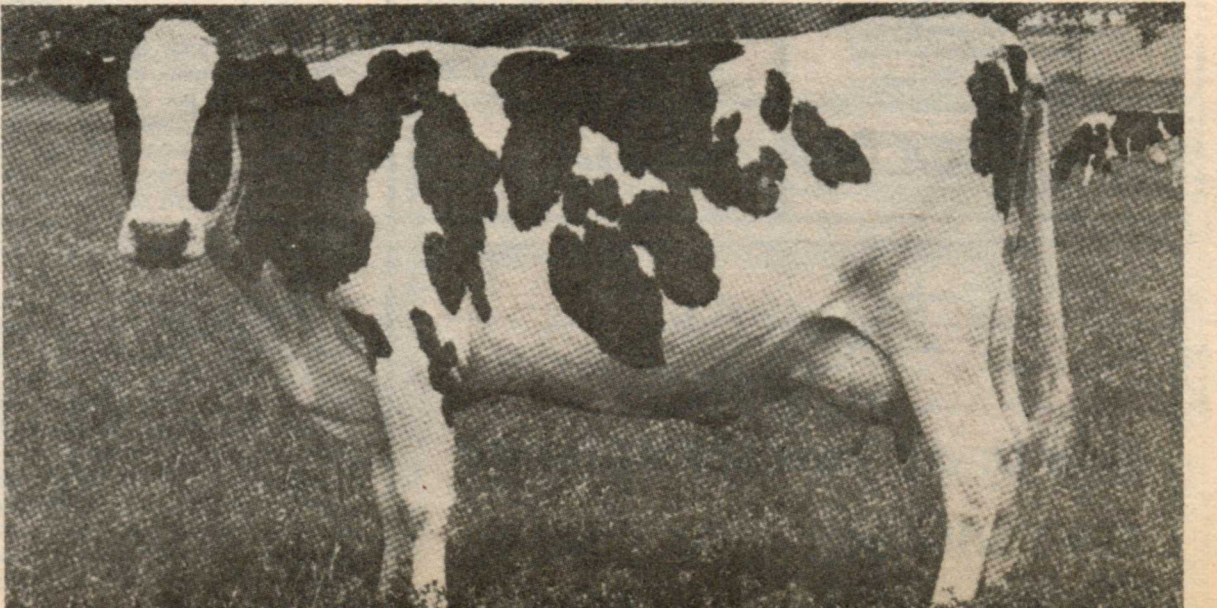
The new farm, on the site of the old Riverdale Zoo (Toronto Zoo until the new one in Scarborough was built) is opening its doors today with opening

ceremonies at 4 p.m., followed by a tour of the farm, a mixed bazaar of home cooked foods at reasonable prices, local entertainment, and street dancing.

The farm is a pleasant and faithful reconstruction of a mid-1800's Ontario farm, complete with farmhouse, barn, and animals.

The farm is located right in the

middle of Ward 7, on the hill east of the Don River, at the end of Winchester St. From the east, you can reach it by crossing Riverdale Park and the footbridge; from the west, walk three blocks east from Parliament along Winchester or Carlton; from the south, walk up Sumach from Gerrard. Pick your own route, but come! The festivities will be going on all evening.



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Regent tenants must unite

OHC wins again! Recently the Regent Park Community Improvement Association workers walked out for a 6% cost of living raise. They got the raise from OHC ok, right out the door, 56 workers all poor people of course.

What else can they do to

Regent Park Tenants? OHC evicts us, and now takes away our Unit Reps who were our friends and communication for the Park.

We have no one fighting for us now. The Laundry Rooms have done down the drain, each laundry room has only a couple of washers working and no dryers.

We read your article on poverty, last issue, to get rid of Social Workers, OHC Staff and Community Guardians which is another rip off to Regent Park.

Instead of talking, start taking action!

**Concern Tenants
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Get out your sneakers for jogging on Spit

"The Loneliness of the Long-distance runner." Since Allan Sillitoe coined the phrase it has unfortunately come to be identified with the jogger's experience. Certainly one of the advantages of running over other sports is that it can be done alone, fitted into busy schedules without the need to arrange partners, times or locations. But running is not necessarily an anti-social act; those who have participated in marathons will know the exhilaration that comes simply from running in the rhythm of a large group.

And group running need not be competitive. Many communities in North America now hold regular "fun runs", where people get

together just to run, swap dog stories, or compare knee problems. With so many people running in Lakeshore area these days it's surprising that nothing like this has happened here. Are runners here really isolationists? To find out, some of us who've been running around the city for years, have decided to organize a fun run on Sunday, September 17, at 11:00 a.m. As a location we've chosen the Leslie St. Headland, which, if you don't happen to know it, is a runner's paradise - almost three miles of land projecting into Lake Ontario, a good running surface, no traffic, wild birds, wild flowers, and beautiful panoramic views of the city and the bluffs.

We plan to run out to the

lighthouse and back, a total distance of approximately 10,000 metres (6.2 miles). Whether you are a seasoned marathoner or a basic jogger come along and run. There will be a pace to suit everyone. The emphasis is on participation and enjoyment, not competition. If you can't make the full distance, there's a bus that will bring you back. Those who would like to join the run should assemble by 11:00 a.m. in the parking lot at the foot of Leslie St. on Sunday, September 17. If the weather is very bad we will run on the following Sunday at the same time.

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MD knocks cutbacks

A doctor from the Wellesley hospital, located at Sherbourne and Wellesley, has told an Ontario Legislature committee that doctors are being forced to take chances with the health of their patients because of severe financial cutbacks being imposed by the provincial government.

Dr. Charles Godfrey told the legislature's health committee that people are being "turfed out of hospital" or refused admission because financial restraints are

coming ahead of sound medical decision-making.

Godfrey gave one example of a man who underwent a limb amputation and was made to leave the hospital when "it really was too soon" to discharge him. He was sent home even though he had no one to take care of him and although he was not strong enough to properly take care of himself.

He gave other examples of patients who had to wait for days for a hospital bed which they

needed immediately, and of people being treated only as outpatients when they should have been given a hospital bed.

Godfrey, another doctor, and the administrator of Wellesley Hospital are preparing a report on medical care at the hospital that is to document the problems caused by government-imposed budget constraints and bed closures.

Said Godfrey: "We feel very strongly that the quality of care has deteriorated. Quite frankly, you get very discouraged."

Dog owners agree poop scooping is a must

A survey carried out by four students for the Humane Society this summer has found significant public support for a "stoop and scoop" program which would require dog owners to clean up after their pets.

Interestingly, support for such a program was even higher among pet owners than among people who don't own pets. Of pet owners, 75.5 per cent "strongly supported" stoop and scoop, while 71.3 per cent of non-pet owners were strongly in favour. Only 9.5 per cent of pet owners, and 8.5 per cent of non-pet owners, were against stoop and scoop.

People also complained of other people's dogs running loose, ripping garbage, and barking and howling, and about cats howling.

In general, according to the survey, "pet owners are generally more impatient with animal-related problems than are non-pet owners", which seems to indicate that the majority of pet owners are responsible people who are concerned about the irresponsibility of a small minority.



A few decide where we live

By ULLI DIEMER

After one of the longest citizens-vs-developers battles in memory, Meridian's South St. Jamestown project has received final approval.

The Ontario Cabinet, the final court of appeal, has given the go-ahead, and now construction can start at any time.

Before that, the developer's plans had been OK's by City Council and the Ontario Municipal Board, so all levels of decision-making bodies have had their say. But the fact remains that the decision is a real disaster for the neighbourhood and for the future residents of the Winchester Square project. So you have to come to the conclusion that there is something very wrong with the way decisions are made about things like housing developments.

Why is it that a massive highrise complex like Winchester Square can be built, in an area that is already overcrowded? Why are we putting more highrises hard up against St. Jamestown, the biggest highrise development in the city? Why are we going to repeat the St. Jamestown experience, when anyone living there can tell you several dozen things wrong with it? Isn't it clear by now that highrises breed crime, loneliness, alienation, and cockroaches? Is there any doubt that no parent would want to raise a child in a highrise if he or she had a choice? So why are we planning to cram even more kids into South St. Jamestown than there are in Regent Park? Why do we keep doing things that are going to turn out so badly?

The answer, of course, is that we aren't doing it. They are.

The fact is that local residents fought for years and years to keep Meridian from destroying the South St. Jamestown neighbourhood. Even after most of the residents had been harassed, evicted, and sometimes beaten up and arrested, the remainder kept fighting. The battle continued for a full decade, with the neighbourhood almost unanimously united. And yet they lost.

Why?

Because in our society money talks. What ordinary people want doesn't matter a damn to those with economic or political power.

If we are going to prevent more South St. Jamestowns and more St. Jamestowns (and I imagine the people living in St. Jamestown would be very much interested in doing that) then we have to work to change the whole system.

We have to abolish a system whereby a tiny handful with a lot of money can decide how thousands of other people are going to live, how thin their walls are going to be, how much sunshine they'll be able to get, where their children will play, how much crime and vandalism they'll be subject to. Because all those things are determined by how housing and the city generally is planned. And as of now, that is determined mainly by the developers that own the land, and by the politicians who always see things the way the developers do.

But that isn't the way things **should** be. How we live is everybody's business, so everybody should have a say in it. A **real** say, a direct say, not the right to elect one slimy politician rather than another every few years.

Nobody should be able to dictate to other people how they should live, and that means that no one should be able to buy and sell holdings of land to make a profit. Housing is a need, not a commodity.

Until people take control of decisions about how they live away from developers and start making them themselves, talk about democracy is pretty much of a joke.



Tom McLaughlin 12/5/78

Queen Street butcher jailed for weak meat

The owners of a Ward 7 butcher shop have been convicted in court of selling substandard sausage.

Albert Treibitsch, of the Sherbourne Meat Market Ltd. on Queen St. East was jailed for five days and in addition was fined \$1,000. His partners in the shop, Joseph Shedletzky and Samuel Bromberg, were each fined \$250.

In passing sentence, Provincial Court Judge Charles Purvis called the crime a ripoff of consumers in a poorer area.

Treibitsch has had three similar convictions in the last 20 years, and had received a warning letter about his meat products before the latest charge was laid.

According to William Hobbs,

district manager of the federal consumer fraud protection branch, it was the first time he could recall anyone being sent to jail for such an offence. Judge Purvis suggested Treibitsch seemed to be pursuing a consistent course of conduct, and said that he considered the offence more serious because it took place in a low-income area.

During the trial federal prosecutor Patricia Hurley testified that a sample of sausage taken from the shop in November 1976 was low in protein and high in fat, and that in September 1977 another sample of sausage was found to contain only 8 per cent protein, whereas federal law requires at least 9 per cent protein in meat sold as sausage.

Help

Well, 7 News has settled into its new office, and now we need some help.

First off, we are looking for a number of volunteers.

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the Community Calendar. This would involve perhaps a couple of hours once every two weeks readying the material and typing it up, and could also involve some phoning to check up on events that are happening. A person with some familiarity with community groups and activities would be best. The Community Calendar is done in the office, and has to be done Monday afternoons.

Is there anyone out there who is good at painting or drawing signs, and who would like to make a couple for 7 News' next office?

As always, we are looking for more distributors. If you are interested in spending from 10 minutes to half an hour every two weeks delivering 7 News on your street or in your building, please give us a call.

As our production schedule becomes more predictable again, we are also in need of a proof-reader again. Proof-reading involves an hour or so every second Wednesday afternoon.

Finally, we would welcome donations of office equipment and supplies, should anyone have something of the sort which they want to get rid of. Second-hand typewriters and filing cabinets in particular would move us to ecstasy.

If any of the above interests you, call 7 News at 363-9650.

NEWS BRIEFS

Disabled Workshop

A workshop to increase awareness of the problems facing the disabled individual was held last month at the Woodgreen Community Centre on Queen St. The workshop featured a slide show on accessibility, a discussion of transportation problems, and general discussion. A number of possible solutions were discussed. There was also discussion of what has been done at Woodgreen itself, where a ramp has been installed and where an elevator is being planned. Forty-three people attended the workshop.

Merrens stays on

Roy Merrens has been reappointed to the Toronto Board of Harbour Commissioners. Merrens has been a spokesman for the general public on the board, which tends to be dominated by business and government interests, but it appeared that Toronto City Council intended to replace him with an

employee of Canadian National Railways. A public outcry seems to have saved Merrens' post.

Park named after Crombie

A park in the new St. Lawrence neighbourhood, between Jarvis and Parliament Streets in the south has been named after David Crombie, who just left the mayoralty to run for federal office. The 8½-acre David Crombie Park, on the south side of the Esplanade, will be serving the St. Lawrence area, which will have a population of 10,000 when it is completed. The St. Lawrence project is to be built in three phases over the next five to ten years, and is to include three schools, day-care and health-care facilities, and a library, as well as residences ranging from bachelor apartments to three- and four-bedroom townhouses.

OHIP assistance

Thousands of Ontario residents are not taking advantage of a provincial program to

help them pay their insurance premiums, according to officials in the Ministry of Treasury. The Ministry estimates that some 220,000 people fail to take advantage of their eligibility for total or partial premium assistance. Under the program, individuals with taxable incomes below \$2,500 and families with taxable incomes below \$3,000 pay no premiums, and individuals earning less than \$4,000 before taxes and families earning less than \$5,000 before taxes are eligible for some assistance in paying for OHIP. Criteria for the program are explained in pamphlets found in such places as banks and liquor stores, but generally the government has failed to publicize the program, so that many eligible people probably don't know about it.

Grant for CRC

The Christian Resource Centre of 20 Spruce St. has been awarded a grant of \$69,994 to help pay for its Rooming House Tenant Project. The money comes in the form of a National Welfare Grant from the federal government.

Take a peak at government files on you

By VALERIE VEINOTTE

When the Canadian Human Rights Act became effective on March 1, 1978, it was greeted with subdued interest. In Ontario we had had human rights legislation since 1962 and on the surface, both the Canadian and Ontario legislation covered similar areas of discrimination.

Both prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, and access to public services and facilities on the basis of race, creed, colour, sex, marital status, origin, and age (40-55 years of age in Ontario's legislation).

Under the Canadian Human Rights Act persons who have been pardoned of a crime can not be discriminated against in employment, housing, access to services and facilities under the jurisdiction

of the federal government. This applies to federal departments, crown corporations, and business and industry under federal jurisdiction. Physically handicapped persons can not be discriminated against in employment if the employer is under federal jurisdiction. Persons who do work of equal value must receive equal pay if the employer is under federal jurisdiction.

What is unusual about the Canadian Human Rights Act is the inclusion of 'part IV' which provides for the individual to have access to any information a federal department or agency has on file about him or her, to request corrections, and to know what use has been made of the information. For instance, the information on file might concern an unemploy-

ment insurance claim or the use made of the fact that a person is nearing retirement age.

Most post offices have an Index to the federal government Information Banks; about 20 of the 1,500 banks are not accessible to the public. The Index explains the Access Request procedure. Once information is requested, the department or agency sends a copy of the information or instructions on where to go in Toronto to examine the records. There is no charge for the initial search of any Information Bank. If the information is lengthy, the individual may be informed of a photocopying charge.

If an individual's rights are denied at any stage in the request for information or request for corrections, a complaint can be made

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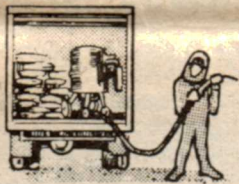
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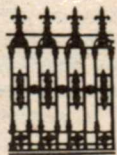
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Parkview School opens doors to parents

On Wednesday, September 13th, at 7:30 p.m., the parents of the first year students at Parkview Secondary School are invited to an informal get-together at the school, located at the corner of Danforth and Broadview Avenue.

As a parent of a student transferring to a special high school programme, you must be wondering what levels, credits and shop programmes are all about. Come and discuss these on the 13th. Parkview wants both you and your son or daughter to feel that they are in the most suitable high school programme for their achievement level.

Parkview Secondary School is one of the seven special high schools in the city of Toronto providing courses at Levels One, Two and Three. Students spend about half of their time in shop and half in academic programmes. The school offers a four-year programme at each of the three levels, resulting in a Secondary School Graduation Diploma with 27 or more credits. It also provides a work experience programme and job placement opportunities.

During the last school year parents of students attending Parkview have met regularly with teachers and the Principal, discussing school programmes and attempting to deal with issues of

vital concern to both parents and school staff, e.g. attendance at school, student employment, etc. This particular group of parents, representatives from the staff, and other members of the community are now ready to form the Parkview School Community Council and to concern themselves

with topics related to the students' education and other school activities.

The meeting on September 13 will provide an opportunity for parents and staff to discuss any concerns and to share ideas for future activities. Come and be part of your school community!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday September 9

Today is the grand opening of the new **Riverdale Farm**. The farm is on the site of the former Riverdale Zoo and is a faithful reconstruction of a mid-1800's Ontario farm, complete with farmhouse, barn and animals. Opening ceremonies are at 4 p.m., followed by a tour of the farm, a mixed bazaar of home cooked foods at reasonable prices, local entertainment, and street dancing. The farm is located at the end of Winchester St. (east of Sumach, 3 blocks east of Parliament St.) If you're coming from east of the Don River, you can walk through Riverdale Park and cross the footbridge.

Meanwhile, the Toronto Public Library is having a gigantic sale of new and used **books** in the Brigantine Room, York Quay at Harbourfront. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and the sale continues till 5 p.m.

Sunday September 10

Rev. Malcolm Sinclair of Victoria Village United Church is the speaker today at the **St. Luke's forum**, which meets in Allen Gardens (Sherbourne and Carlton) at 2:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Monday September 11

Stay tuned to your radio tonight. CJRT-FM (91.1) is presenting a series of half-hour **programmes on the developing world**, Mondays at 7 p.m. Tonight - interviews with Janice Acton on world population control and Jan Kamarli on Guatemala.

There will be a meeting to discuss future **renovations of the Riverdale Library** at the library today at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, especially people interested in being on the building renovations committee. The library is at Gerrard and Broadview.

The Regent Park Senior Citizens Euchre Club reopens this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the downstairs lounge at 41 Oak St. There will be refreshments and prizes. For more details, call Mrs. Hazel McAuley at 364-2937.

Tuesday September 12

The Sub-Committee on Race Relations is holding a meeting to discuss their draft report tonight at 8 p.m. At Woodgreen Community Centre - 835 Queen Street East.

Wednesday September 13

Tonight at 7:30 the parents of first-year students at **Parkview Secondary School** are invited to an informal get-together at the school, located at the corner of Danforth and Broadview Ave. There will be discussion of credits, shop programmes.

South of Carlton Community Association is having a recall of the Annual General Meeting scheduled originally for June 14. Tonight at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St., at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers will take place.

Thursday September 14

Theatre Next Door "the only drama group in Canada which operates within an apartment complex", begins planning on the first production of its 9th year tonight. For everyone interested, the meeting is in the Recreation Room of the Vancouver Building, 240 Wellesley East, at 7:30 p.m. If you can't come or want more information, call 924-3868 or 483-3995.

The Board of Education's sub-committee on **race relations** is holding a public, city-wide meeting today at the Education Centre, 155 College St., at 8 p.m. to talk about how to stamp out racism and promote healthy race relations in the school system.

Friday September 15

It's **Fred's Free Films** again at the 519 Church St. Community Centre at 8 p.m. Tonight's films are Meet John Doe and Angle and Big Joe.

Tonight at 8 p.m., the **First Anniversary Dance** of the Ontario Mental Patient's Association is being held. Bring your friends to Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St. Admission free - All welcome. (Donations accepted).

Party and dance for Charlotte Stuart, aldermanic candidate, Ward 8. Featuring Ken Whitely of the Original Sloth Band. At 36th Ulster Division Memorial Club, 1047 1/2 Gerrard St. E. at 8 p.m. Tickets \$2.50 each.

Cabbagetown is holding its second **annual festival** today and tomorrow in the Parliament-Carlton areas. All welcome. Festivities will include an outdoor show, flea market, handicrafts, decorations, etc. For more information call the co-ordinators, Carol Outram, 967-7406, or Heather Aspinall, 961-7733. The festival is being sponsored by the Ward 7 Business and Professional Association and the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Association.

Saturday September 16

The **Cabbagetown Cultural Festival** continues today in the Parliament-Carlton area.

There will be a **poetry reading** today in the park at Parliament and Gerrard. From noon to 1 p.m., Ted Plantos and Milton Acorn will be reading from their works. This will be followed by a pub, park and tea crawl to launch the Writers Cross-Canada Workshop.

The Japanese Canadian community is holding the **Annex Minasama Walkathon** today, starting at 8 a.m. at the Japanese Cultural Centre. The walk will pass through Ward 7 and will finish in High Park with a barbecue for all walkers. Proceeds will go to the Annex as well as various youth and senior citizens' projects. Phone 441-2345 for more information.

Tonight at 9 p.m., in Holy Name Church, Danforth and Pape, there will be a **fiesta**, with music, dancing, food and drinks, sponsored by the Toronto Committee for Solidarity with Democratic Chile. Tickets at the door - all welcome.

A parade, starting at 10:30 a.m. at Bedford Rd. and Lowther Ave., kicks off this year's **Good Neighbour's Day** in the Annex. The fair, featuring craft sales, flea market, games, contests and good eats, will be held in St. Alban's Square, 100 Howland Avenue at Barton Avenue.

The **First Toronto International Bluegrass Festival** steps out at Harbourfront, today and tomorrow. Featured are top bluegrass groups in concert - Cody, Nightwatch, Station Road, Big Redd Ford, Border City Grass and Linda's Kitchen - as well as workshops, displays, gospel singing, square dancing and taffy pulling and an open bluegrass band competition. The day starts at 9 a.m. at Bathurst Quay, Bathurst St. and Lakeshore Blvd. Admission to grounds free, concerts \$1.00. Phone 364-7127 for more info.

Sunday September 17

The speaker at today's **St. Luke's Forum** in Allan Gardens (Carlton & Sherbourne) is Carmel Hill of the Christian Resource Centre. The forum is at 2:30 and everyone is welcome.

Monday September 18

The **Ward 7 Community Orchestra** rehearses tonight at 8 p.m. at Winchester Public School, 15 Prospect Street. If you're interested in playing, call 863-6475 or 921-7798.

CJRT continues its series on the developing world at 7 p.m. on 91.1 FM. Tonight - an interview on **recent developments in Zaire** with Eckhardt Sieggel and Martin Klein.

Dixon Hall's **Busy Bee Club** for Senior Citizens is holding a Membership Renewal meeting today at 1 p.m. Membership costs \$2.00 a year. The club is open to anyone over 55 years of age. There will be special entertainment and refreshments will be provided. Come out and meet old friends and find out about the new programme planned for the fall.

Also at Dixon Hall, the **Music School** starts operation this week. If you're interested in learning to play an instrument at \$1.00 a lesson, call Jane Beattie at 863-0499.

A Special Gala Evening has been planned to officially open the **1978 Toronto Dance Festival** tonight. The National Ballet, The Royal Winnipeg and Les Grands Ballets Canadiens will appear together on stage for the first time. Performances start at 7:30 p.m. at TWP Theatre, 12 Alexander St. Tickets are \$30 and include a reception at the Westbury Hotel following the performance. Call 925-8640 or 925-0526.

Tuesday September 19

The **Toronto Dance Festival** opens at TWP Theatre tonight. For information and tickets call 925-8640 or 925-0526.

Wednesday September 20

The Church Street Community Centre presents "**Women's Poetry Salon**". Tonight - Helene Hamilton and Pat Jasper 8:30 p.m. at 519 Church Street. For information, call 923-7741 or 766-8124.

Tonight through Saturday, **'Harlan County, U.S.A.'** IS BEING SHOWN AT THE Revue Repertory Cinema on Roncesvalles, 3 blocks south of Bloor and Dundas. This Oscar-winning documentary on a miner's strike was filmed during 13 months of struggle. There will be two showings a night - 7:25 and 9:30 p.m. Call 531-9959 for more info.

All interested citizens are invited to the **Kick-off rally for Irene Kitson** as School Trustee, Ward 7, at Dixon Hall (58 Sumach St.) from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission free. Refreshments.

Thursday September 21

The **Continuing Committee on Race Relations** meet the third Thursday of every month at the First Unitarian Congregation, 175 St. Clair Ave. West (at Avenue Rd.) The committee is working to promote racial

tolerance and understanding and welcomes new members.

There will be a **photographic exhibit** at Harbourfront, starting today, continuing until October 3, and featuring several of Canada's top photographers. In the community gallery at 235 Queen's Quay West, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Friday September 22

Fred's Free Films at the 519 Church Community Centre at 8 p.m. tonight. The movies are Pot of Gold and Scotland Dancers.

Meanwhile, **Milton Acorn** is reading his poetry at the Nervous Breakdown Coffee House tonight.

General

Family Day Care Services is thinking of opening a **drop-in centre for parents and young children** at 380 Sherbourne St. (corner of Carlton) on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. If you are interested call Miriam Urback Mondays through Thursdays from 9 to 5 at 922-9556.

The fall season is here and **Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre** will be offering a variety of programs for people of all ages, roller skating, both scrap and speciality crafts. Social events such as square dancing and a full complement of physical activities including gymnastics, floor hockey, ball hockey, ice hockey, to name just a few. To register for any program just drop by Jimmie Simpson any day after 1:00 p.m. during the week of September 18 through 22, pick up a program and discuss the activities with the staff. The programmes will be starting on Monday September 25. All programmes are free.

The **Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre** at 605 Whiteside Place has activities for tenants and other people in the surrounding areas, including shuffleboard, darts, bumper pool, cribbage, etc. They also have a women's arts and crafts day on Monday afternoons from 1 to 3, as well as a bowling league on Tuesday September 12 at St. Cyril's Church. Family membership in the centre costs \$2.00 per year. The centre is open 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 11 p.m. on Friday.

Registration is now open for the fall session of Harbourfront's **crafts courses**, at 235 Queen's Quay West. There are classes in ceramics, batik, quilt-making, duffle, glass blowing, etc. For more information call 364-7127 ext. 55.

The St. John Ambulance Society has published its September to December schedule of **first aid courses**. If you are interested in taking a first aid course, call St. John Ambulance at 967-4244.

The Ontario Mental Patients' Association is looking for **used articles** for fundraising. They will pick up such items as books, shoes, clocks, radios, wooden furniture, bric a brac, and most anything except clothes. Call them at 461-7994.

The meeting to form a **tenants' association for Moss Park** which was scheduled for September 13 has been cancelled because the organizers felt there wasn't enough interest. Now it's up to someone else to try.

The **SCORE** program at Dixon Hall is providing a number of services for seniors, such as van shopping, transportation for doctor and hospital appointments, house- and window-cleaning, and friendly visiting. Give Dorothy or Darlene a call at Dixon Hall, 863-0499.

Want to **develop your own pictures** but don't have the space? If you're a St. James-town resident the YMCA may be the answer. The Y has darkroom facilities in the 240 Wellesley building at a cost of \$5.00 per year. Call 964-8775 for more information.

The Riverdale Library (Gerrard & Broadview) has **English for New Canadians** classes every Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

KIDS' STUFF

The Riverdale Library (Gerrard & Broadview) has activities for kids, such as crafts and movies, every Saturday at 2 p.m.

The Danforth Library (Pape just below Danforth) has a film club for boys and girls on Thursdays at 4 p.m., crafts on Saturdays at 2 p.m., and pre-school French at 9:30 a.m. on Monday 18 and Monday 25, and Wednesday 20 and 27 at 3 p.m.

Community Calendar is a free community service. If you have an upcoming event to announce, send the information to 7 News at 265 Gerrard St. East or call the office at 363-9650.

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Dixon Hall offers inexpensive music lessons

By JANE BEATTIE

The Dixon Hall Music School gets into full swing this September. Come out and get involved. We are offering lessons and classes on the following instruments: violin, viola, cello, bass, guitar, flute, clarinet, french horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, baritone, tenor saxophone, alto saxophone, piano.

Instruments, for those who do not have access to them through their schools, will be provided by Dixon Hall at no charge.

Each student who enrolls will be given a half-hour private lesson once a week at a dollar a lesson. There are further opportunities for each student to get involved in small and large ensemble playing with other students at his/her own level. These ensembles will work towards concerts for the community at Dixon Hall.

The organization of the music school has been in progress for over a year. We will begin our full operation this fall but, during the past year, we have involved some children in lessons and ensembles. The Dixon Hall Band, comprised of students from Park, Regent Park and Lord Dufferin schools, was formed a year ago. Several children have been studying the violin and viola but our string program will expand to include forty

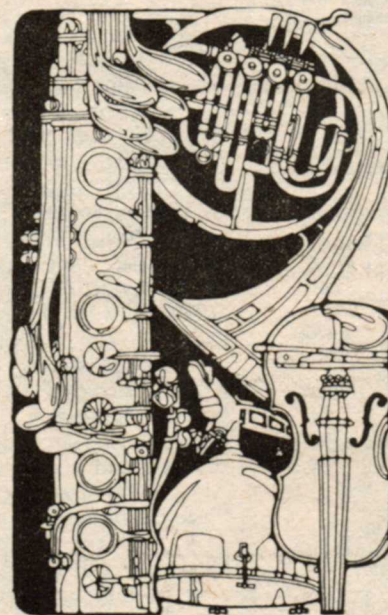
students this fall. With a Wintario grant we are purchasing brass, woodwind, percussion and string

learning about this idiom. The Senior Band has been rehearsing for a concert they will be giving this fall. They need your support! Ensembles from the University of Toronto Faculty of Music have offered to perform for us at Dixon Hall. Christmas is always a busy time for musicians and we have engagements planned for this season.

Parents, get your children involved in learning a musical instrument. We take children from grade three through high school as well as some adults. If you are already involved in music at school, come and take part in our private lessons and non-beginner groups.

Come down to Dixon Hall and pick up a registration form. If you would like more information, call Jane Beattie, the Music School Coordinator, at Dixon Hall, 863-0499. We can discuss details and help you decide on a suitable instrument.

We will be getting under way on the week of September 18th. Instruments are being distributed as they are requested. Register soon and get the instrument of your choice! We'll make beautiful music together!



instruments for our students. We will be in need of volunteer music teachers who could give us an hour or two a week at Dixon Hall.

Several exciting events are being planned for the fall term. We are working on a jazz music workshop for anyone interested in



Wages for students is an important step in society

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a vicious cycle of poverty. Those who can't find work drift toward crime and prostitution.

So now students are saying that if school doesn't pay the least it can do is give a passing grade. This argument, Giandomenici said, is behind the campaign for a guaranteed passing grade in Italy. The government complains that the guaranteed pass would devalue the high school diploma, but according to Giandomenici this threat exists only because education doesn't have a recognized monetary value.

Related student campaigns in Italy have centered on compulsory uniforms and the length of the school day. In Italian schools young women are forced to wear "horrible black things" to prevent them from "arousing the uncontrollable desires of the males." Students, however, have taken to simply ignoring the

regulations.

Giandomenici believes the issue is one of money since the students have to buy their own uniforms. But it is easy to see that the problem goes deeper. What is in question here is the authoritarianism of a school system that thinks it has the right to tell students how they should dress and what kind of relationships they may have. Giandomenici's attempt to just reduce the issue to one of money seems a very narrow approach.

The shortening of the Italian school day was hailed by Giandomenici as one of the victories of the students. Shorter school hours allow students more time for their part-time jobs while at the same time providing some relief for those women teachers who after their day of work have to go home and do housework.

On the other hand, as a member of the audience, Peggy Reinhardt, pointed out, the shortening of the school day is also a

form of cutback, a way for the government to save money by providing students with less education. The government gives with the one hand what it takes with the other, said Reinhardt.

Following Giandomenici a couple of students from the Regent Park Teen Association gave their views on the need for paid schoolwork. Poverty among students makes for drop-outs, one said. Tanya Langille gave her opinion that the government doesn't pay students because it wants to prevent them from getting an education that might allow them to recognize the inadequacy of the present social system. One student described how she suffered malnutrition after she was unable to support herself.

Apart from the campaign for the \$20 a month from the Social Services (an item that was brought to the forum's attention by Reinhardt) the Money for Teens group will be holding more public meetings.

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Local boys win in Edmonton

By PETER WYLIE

A local sports club, the Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Club, sent four boxers to the Commonwealth Games held in Edmonton last month.

The four were Guy Boutin, a featherweight on the A team, and John Raftery, a light-welterweight on the A team, and Mike Henry, a flyweight on the B team, and Pat Fennell, a light-heavyweight on the B team.

The A team members were actual competitors in the games. Guy Boutin won two bouts and lost in the semi finals to a boxer from Guyana, Modest Nelson, the African Games 1978 Champion. Before losing Guy defeated Ken Webb, ranked No. 5 in the world, knocking him out late in the third round. He then defeated on a decision the third-ranked boxer in the world in the featherweights,

Asuma Napunyi of Kenya. Boutin won a bronze medal.

John Raftery won one bout and then was eliminated on an injury (cut) in his second fight. John defeated Lucas Msomba and appeared ahead in his second bout when he got hit with a well-directed elbow thrown by James Douglas of Scotland, which caused the cut near his left eye and thus the eventual stoppage of the bout. John was also awarded the bronze medal.

Mike Henry and Pat Fennell attended the training camp at Wainright Alberta during the three weeks prior to the games so as to assist the nine A team members to better prepare them for the Commonwealth Championship. Cabbagetown can be very proud of how these fine athletes performed in representing their country, city, and club.

Promising boxers

By KEN HAMILTON

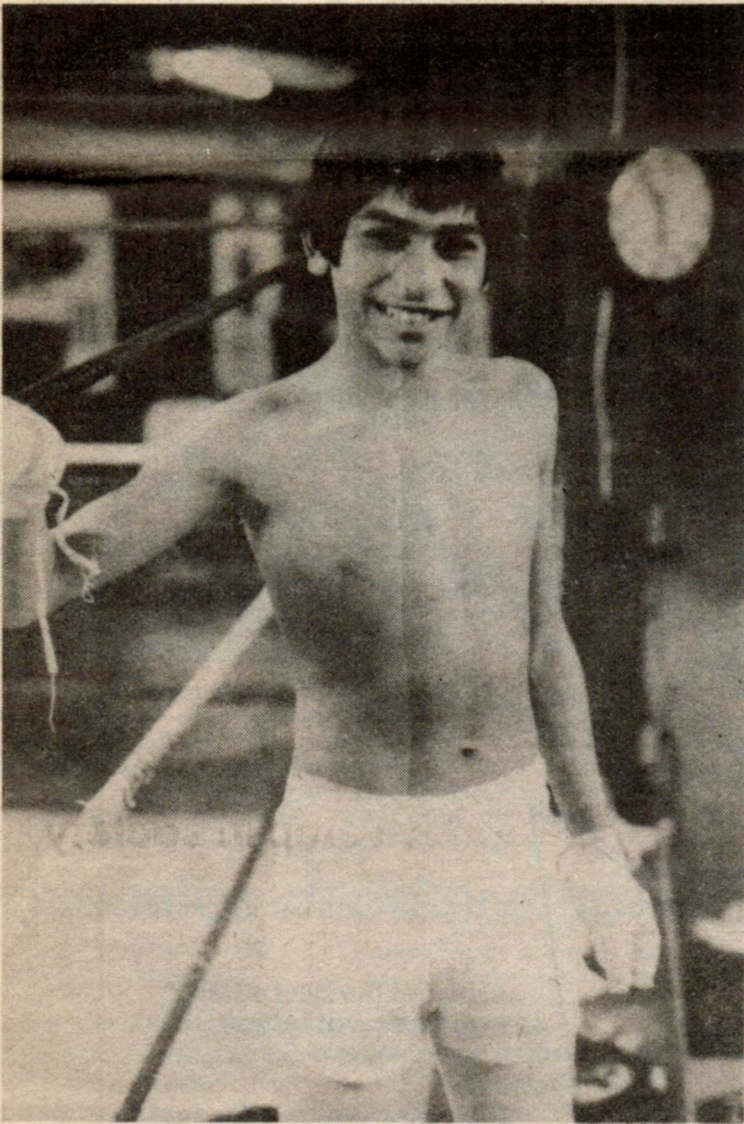
Two young boxers from the Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Centre took part in their first bouts under Canadian Amateur Boxing Association (CARA) rules on Sunday August 27 at the Northwest Rexdale Boxing Club.

Donnie Dill, age 11, 85 pounds, won his bout in exactly 30 seconds, defeating Issam Sawah of Rexdale. Donnie won the City Parks and

Recreation Championship last April.

Robin Safraj, age 16, 110 pounds, was a bit slower than Donnie. It took him all of 33 seconds to finish off Philip-Santo-Donato of Rexdale.

Asif Dar, 13, 104 pounds, put on a classy exhibition of boxing with Phil Cerronne of the Toronto Athletic Club. Asif continues to be one of Cabbagetown's most promising prospects.



Asif Dar (above) is one of the promising young athletes at the Cabbagetown Boxing and Youth Club.

7 NEWS MOVES

7 News has moved and is now happily settled into its new office in All Saints Church. All Saints is on the south-east corner of Dundas and Sherbourne, and the entrance to the 7 News office is at the extreme eastern end of the church off Dundas. The street address of All Saints is 315 Dundas E., but please note that 7

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