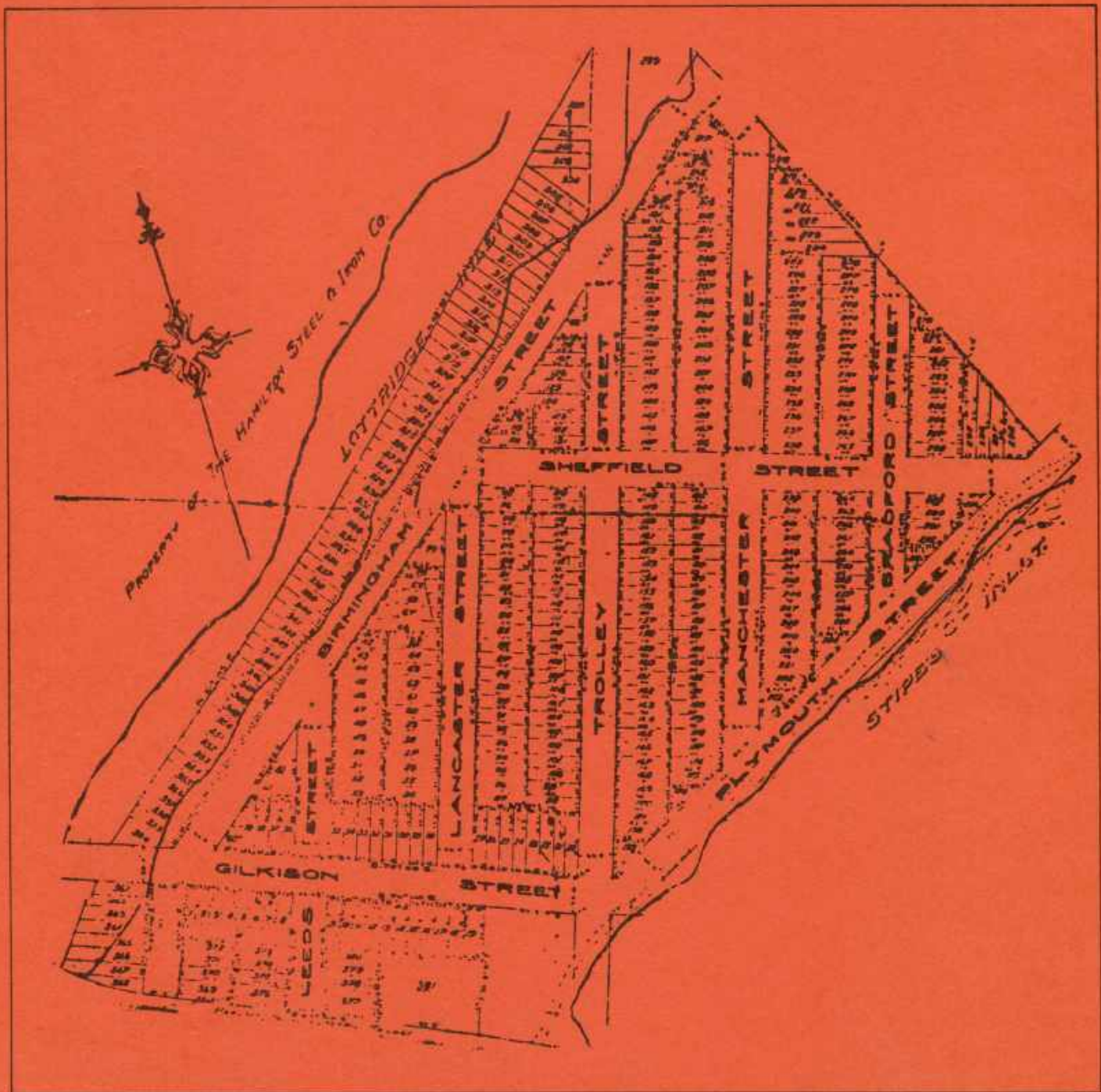


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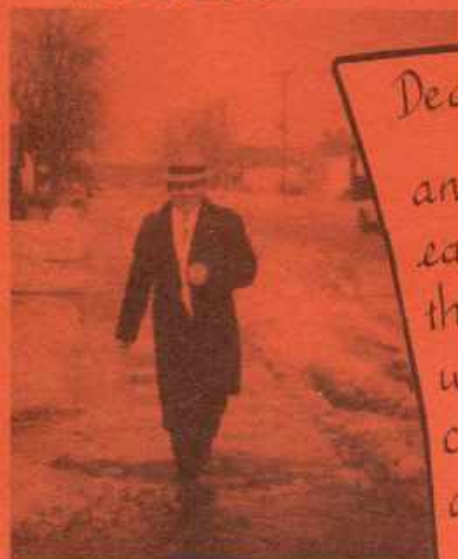
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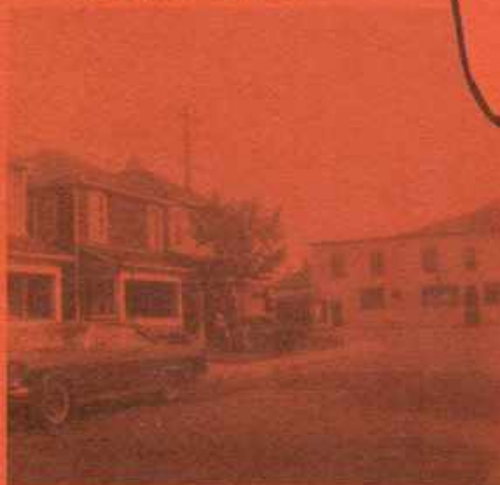
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SOME NEIGHBOURHOOD!

*"I WAS BORN IN
BRIGHTSIDE, ONTARIO"*

— DOMINIC GALLO —



MUD FLATS

In 1905, it could be found just east of the Deering Works and the Hamilton Steel and Iron Company. Mind you, it wasn't much to look at, just a **mud flat** where the bay used to be; lines on some surveyor's plan. The street names - Manchester, Birmingham, Bradford, Sheffield, Leeds, Lancaster and Plymouth - left little doubt as to the official intentions of the place. They called it Brightside. It was to be a model survey, as W.D. Flatt put it, home for a "desirable class of working men.... a pleasant district in which to reside." The working men would make 20 cents an hour, the lots would cost \$150 to \$250 each.

Brightside. It was the perfect port of call for all those in search of the gilded roads and golden opportunities promised by this new land. Behind each immigrant was the overcrowded British Isles or the slums of Krakow or the poverty of an Italian village or the Czarist terror of the Ukraine.

Anywhere held the promise of betterment, but nothing more than a Brightside.

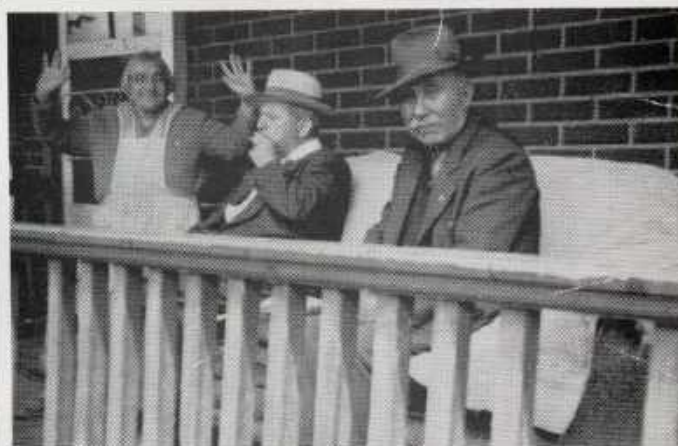
An isolated hamlet, miles from the city, Brightside would be the starting gate in the race for success. But unlike other races, it was one where all the horses would make sure that the others made it around the course. Survival would always be the uppermost consideration in Brightside. "We were all in this thing together. No matter how poor everyone was, we wouldn't allow one person to starve," Big John Strachan once said.

It was this selfless philosophy that shaped Brightside. It was a neighborhood that seemed to feed on adversity, where immigrants learned the ropes while ducking language problems, two wars and a depression. After each bout, the community emerged with just a little more strength of character.

In the beginning - in the 1920's and 1930's - there were no frivolities such as education. Almost any family could rightfully claim destitution and get a child out of school by age 16; the authorities almost



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always co-operated. Many of the boys and girls ended up in nearby factories.

In this milieu the entire family worked as a unit, paying for the food and contributing to the eventual purchase of the family home. Paychecks were the proprietary right of parents - no questions asked. One respected one's elders. Families took boarders into their crowded homes and it wasn't unusual for some of the boarders to become neighborhood fixtures - going through a couple of families on their own.

It was during these "bad times" that the spirit of Brightside was forged. It was an age for resilience and imagination when members of a community were compelled to act as one. As John Michaluk put it: "It didn't matter what nationality you were. Everyone was too busy trying to stay alive and keep a roof over their heads. They were all hard workers."

In the bad, there was always some good, like the community garden at the Manchester gate during the Depression that Stelco set aside for its employees.

There was the ritual of fall. Remember when someone would yell, "grape load" and everyone would head for the stop light near Proctor and Gamble to lay in wait for the delivery truck. The truck would be attacked by a squad of commandos who would stuff grapes down sweater fronts. Grapes never tasted so good.

Remember rigging old screen doors to catch blackbirds and starlings, 10, 20, 30 at a time. There were blackbird pies fit for a king that would indeed take four and twenty to feed a modest-sized family. Some connoisseurs might turn up their noses at starling sauce, but there are reports that it was a true local delicacy. Like escargot a la forestiere in some quarters, one suspects. Brightside was a place where playgrounds were where you made them, like at the dump or incinerator at the foot of Plymouth Street. Or swimming out to "Cooney Island" down by Ottawa Street or searching for polywogs at Old Joes.

Every gang of boys built a bunk out of railroad ties and earth and do you remember how nobody ever dared go into someone else's bunk. It just wasn't done. And who didn't have a jigger made out of an orange crate, or a caddie or pocketsful of chestnuts, marbles and agates?

Just as survival was a ritual, so was entertainment. Remember the minstrel shows at St. Anthony's or the Orphan's Festival that everybody went to, or the Christmas Concert at Holy Rosary? Then there were the rides on the Belt Line, picnics at Gage Park, rollerskating or dancing at the Alexandra and Wondergrove. How about listening to the fights on the radio until Labenskis got the first television set in Brightside.

Remember what it was like to walk along the

streets without ever realizing how self-contained a little community it was.

Count how many businesses there were in those few blocks. It was a three-barber-shop neighborhood. Marko's, Hanaka's and Ralph's. Everyone had his favorite. And who could forget the scent of hot bread from Your Bakery? Eventually there would be: Americo's Garage, the Brightside Machine Shop, American Store Fixtures, Bay Block, Mendiuk Auto Body, Brightside Printing and Venetian Salami. How about Tonelli's pop shop behind the Rainbow Lunch or Veroche, the knife sharpener.

Some will never forget Rocco Tamberelli's car wash where many Brightside kids put in a few hours work. It cost an unbelievable \$5 in the 1940's and 1950's for a wash and simonize at Rocco's. But did he do a job!

Remember the stores and restaurants. Camiletti's, Paneks, Uzar's, Markoski's, Fardellas, Peggy's Variety Store and Labenski's - home of the original one-cent grab-bag, complete with a black ball, honey moon, jelly beans, a couple of hard-shell peanuts and a surprise! Remember Rubick's and how Mrs. Rubick would pay a nickel for four-leaf clovers. Some people had a hell of a time gluing them together.

Remember playing cards at the back of the Rainbow Lunch and pinball at the front. Or what about the confectionary at Plymouth and Gage that doubled as a social club and illegal refreshment stand?

But the two focal points of the neighborhood had to be the Blue Danube and the Brightside Hotel both on the street that was once called Gilkison.

Boys started out pitching pennies at the front of the Blue Danube before working their way inside to order a hot hamburg and french fries. You could even get a shot of whisky in your coffee, if you were polite. It was the local hangout.

Brightside girls were their own separate unique group. They taught the boys the finer points of life, dancing, how to dress and be polite. First dates and first kisses were often shared between Brightside kids and although a few married their neighbours... most were treated as sisters.

As for the Brightside Hotel, no one said it better than Arnold Martini. "The Brightside was a heck of a hotel. It was a real neighborhood pub. Three and four generations of the same family would come in at the same time." The Brightside was the kind of tavern for which some men could never stop showing their affection. It even got some wives jealous. "I smell the Brightside on you," more than one said after a husband slunk into bed at some gawdawful hour.

Before it had a chance to grow up, Brightside's death warrant was signed. With success the steel company expanded gradually biting off mouthfuls of the neighborhood at a time. Time was running out against Brightside. Nature was also having its



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way, like the time the wax paper company burned down - "the most beautiful fire you'd ever want to see," as Nello Giavedoni remembers it. With the war came both hardship and prosperity. There were the black days of the Great Strike of '46 that people still don't want to talk about. But with progress came a change in attitude.

By the late 1940's and early 1950's, families had become more financially secure. No longer was everyone just survival oriented, but rather the time had come for the second generation Brightsiders to improve themselves. Schooling became important.

"I bet more people came out of Brightside to be doctors, lawyers or successes at their chosen professions than out of any other area of Canada," Roger Yachetti once told the *Spectator*.

By the early 60's only the diehards were left. The families who had come to Brightside in search of the golden roads of the New World had begun to start out on them. In those few decades, families pulled themselves out of abject poverty and were able to move to a nice house in a nice neighborhood away from the cinder and ash, the clanging and the sirens of the steel mills. Shunting trains would rock their houses no more. The Brightside Bowling League was formed almost as a defense mechanism to keep Brightsiders together because things were changing fast. The community was beginning to splinter, as it must, as Brightsiders truly arrived in Canada.

Today, as one stands along Industrial Drive at the heart of where Brightside once stood, you can almost sense what it was all about. If you close your eyes, you can remember the sweet smell of the ripening gardens and the sounds of the kids playing baseball on postage stamp lots. You can still see the men playing bocce on a hot, summery afternoon and the old men making their rounds of the neighborhood, tipping their hats at every porch as they pass. You could still see the men going from house to house on Birmingham Street scooping out four feet of water in basements that flooded regularly. The same people laugh today when they think about how they complain about a little dampness on the walls of their suburban homes. While many today worry about wall to wall carpeting, Arnold Palango recalls, "heck we were lucky to have wall to wall floors."

Brightside isn't on the maps anymore. It has gone full circle. In 1905 it was a mudflat, in 1945 it was a flourishing community, and now the victory gardens are covered in gravel. The buildings of Brightside can only be found in chewed up, faded out old pictures that have been stored in hundreds of attics.

But Brightside isn't gone; it is forever etched in the minds of those who were touched by it.

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Giavedoni Relieved When
Losers Stage Rally*

In the early 1920's and 30's the establishment and settlement of the people in the Brightside area brought with them children who like most children looked for things to do i.e. games, sports and activities.

Hockey, baseball, soccer and rugby were the most popular sports for most of the boys. The girls did not take part at this time. The outdoor rinks for hockey were Stipes and Lottridge Inlets, Old Joe's and the Coke Ovens. Rugby, baseball and soccer were played behind Martini's (Leeds and Birmingham) and Depew and Burlington St. There were no organized sports at this time.

During the 30's and 40's more people moved into the area and sports continued as in the 20's with football being added. New playing areas were Harvester, Laidlaws, and in front of the Incinerator.

The children of the 20's were now growing up and becoming very proficient in the sports they played. These grown-up Brightsiders were now able to show their skills outside the community to get involved with organized sports in the city. At this time Brightside had two baseball teams, the Brightside Terriers and the Brightside A C's (Athletic Club). A few names that appeared in the line ups were: Jake Ceroni, Peg DiMascio, Walter Labenski, Ed and Bam Prokop, Andy Markoski, Ben Taborek, Joe Capriotti, Leo Zivolak, Enzo Giavedoni, Joe Koziol, Ed and John Dawson, Ed Barr and Guy Capriotti. Peg DiMascio started his pitching career here and went on to play on many city teams later. Peg,

despite a handicap suffered early, proceeded to make a name for himself as a pitcher of no mean ability.

According to Jake Ceroni these two Brightside teams represented the community in the city leagues and many other Brightsiders played for organized teams in the city.

During the winter months many of the boys played hockey on the various ponds in the area. From the shiny hockey played on the ponds many moved up to the local city teams. Some excelled and moved up to the professional ranks. Two exceptional standouts were Johnny "Chili" Holota and Ed "Whitey" Prokop, who furthered their skills in the American and National Hockey League.

In football, Beef Mazza started his football career in the 30's and 40's and went on to play professional football in Hamilton.

In the ensuing years between 1940 and 1960 most of the old playing areas were still being used with some new ball diamonds added. The new areas were P&G, Stelco, Red Star and many others. Knowing that the old generation of athletes were able to excel in sports meant that the generation to come felt comfortable knowing that with talent and desire anything in sports could be achieved. Consequently this era produced many good players from various sports who played in many organized leagues.

In baseball, Enzo, Nello and Nilo Giavedoni, Frank Kinder and Johnny Mielko all played professional ball in the Cardinal system. There were many others who

played softball in the senior leagues in the city. Two pitchers who stood out time and time again were Peg DiMascio and Dino Carloni. Dino turned out to be one of the best pitchers in Canada.

Since softball was such an important part of a youngster's life it produced many ballplayers in the city and surrounding areas. Most of these are mentioned below: Arn, Vince, Dave, and Ernie Palango, Bruno Giavedoni, Stan and John Kankowski, Claudio Brunetti, Bam Prokop, Stan Krawesky, Jack Cowman, Quinto Adoranti, Bill Brodnicki, Harry Savelli, Monty Marotti, Primo Marotti, Gord Paradisi, Pussy Kinder, Ang Giavedoni, Russ McGillvary, Steve Urban, Ted Kocznr, and Leo Zivolak.

The ballplayers were not all boys in this era. Many of the girls also played organized baseball in the city. Agnes and Audrey Cowman, Joan Rapsavage, Laura Palango, Clara Marotti and Dolores Delcol all played ball in the city. Many of the girls in the area were now playing sports with the boys... This did not occur in the earlier years. There were many girls who did not play in the city leagues but had their own games on the fields in the area. The girls from Birmingham and Leeds played the Manchester and Gage girls every year to see who the champs were. In pickup games many of these girls were often picked before some of the boys.

In football, many names hit the newspapers such as Beef Mazza, Bill and Shorty Murmylyk, Joe Capriotti, Leo

Blant, Ace Ugucioni, John Strachan, Dave Rozumniak, Ted Gieruszak, Pete Petkoff, John Michaluk and Ern Palango Jr. It is impossible to mention all the teams and successes of the mentioned ball-players in this brief account.

Boxing was represented by John Battaglia, Tony Corlick, Lino Savelli and Walter Camiletti.

During the late 50's and 60's the old playing areas in the community were being taken over by industry and less and less playing areas remained. People were now moving out of the area because of the industrial takeover. Sports were de-emphasized in this era for various reasons. Smaller area, less people, and younger people going to university, combined with new people moving into the area were the main reasons.

This has been a summarized account of the sporting activities throughout the years. There were many other sporting activities not mentioned that Brightsiders engaged and gained fulfillment. The environment of this upbringing produced citizens which resulted in a healthy and productive future.

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ENZO GIAVEDONI

LADIES' LOOP UNDER WAY — Ald. David Lawrence takes his stand at the plate, Ralph Adams of the Parks Board signals and Joan Rapsavage, president of the Hamilton District Ladies' Fastball League prepares to call them in ceremonies last night which officially opened the league's season. A fair crowd braved chill weather to see the opener and the novelty Press-Radio-TV contest with the All-Stars, which followed.



ACE UGUCIONI



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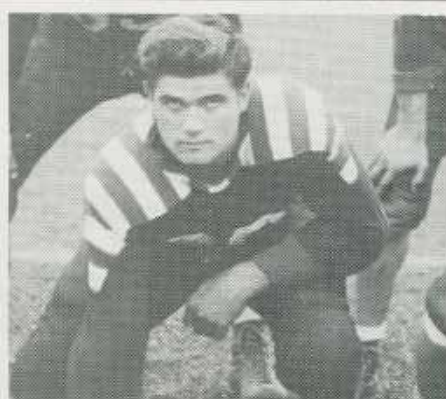
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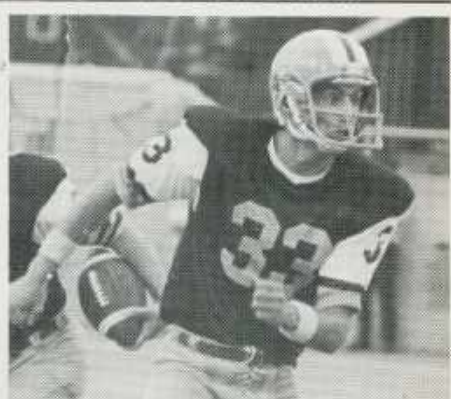
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JOHNNY MIELKO



Note: This write up was taken from the Spectator in 1958.

Quinto Martin, MP for Hamilton East, visited a part of his riding last night for which he'll always have a soft spot.

Soon after hearing news of his appointment as parliamentary secretary to the minister of transport he drove to Burlington Street East, paused to talk with wellwishers who knew him as a boy, then went into the home of his parents.

His father, Benito Martini, 87, the day before, hailed his son's appointment as his most gratifying birthday present.

First Of Race

It was at the turn of the century that the MP's father migrated to Canada from central Italy. His mother, now 83, followed soon afterwards with the children — and the fifth child, Quinto, was born in Hamilton.

Minister Phones

Prime Minister Diefenbaker, announcing the appointment in Ottawa, said that Mr. Martini was the first Canadian of Italian descent to have been named to such a position of rank and importance in Canada.

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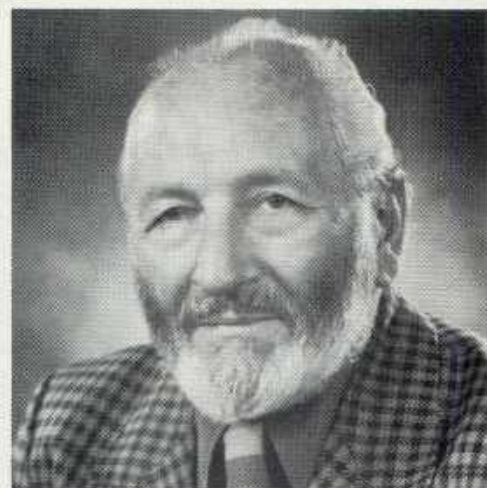
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Note: This article was taken from the Spectator when
Doc Vic was honoured by the Sons of Italy

THEY CAME to honor him as a son of Italy — the man from Arkansas fighting for the past 15 years the threat of cancer to northeast-end residents.

Dr. Victor-Cecilioni, named Italian-Canadian Citizen of the Year by the Order of Sons of Italy, Trieste and Imperia-Roma Lodges, was honored at a dinner Saturday attended by more than 250 people.

Among those there to praise him as healer and humanitarian were Mayor Bill Powell and Hamilton East MP John Munro.

But, as lawyer Roger Yachetti put it, most of the people in Visca's banquet room Saturday night were not there so much to honor a crusader as 'Doc Vic', a physician friend on Barton East for 47 years, who since age 2 has called Hamilton home, whose father sweated in the coke ovens to put him through medical school.

"Many of us in this room today were brought into the world by Dr. Cecilioni. He is best known to all of us as a family physician—healer, listening post, immigration expert," Mr. Yachetti said.

In 1905 Hamilton had a population of 75,000 and with continued industrial growth, new houses were needed. Brightside was born. It was to be home for the laborers.

The heading under a survey map filed that year by W. D. Flatt made it clear what Brightside was to be.

"This site for workingmen's homes is located in the northeast portion of the city, immediately east of the Deering Works and the Hamilton Steel and Iron Company plant and should appeal to the workingman or mechanic as a desirable spot to locate his new home."

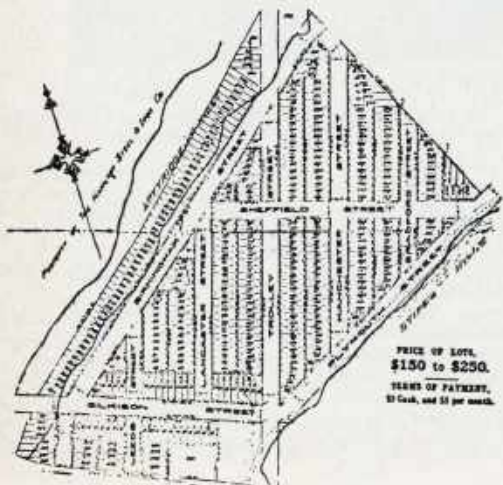
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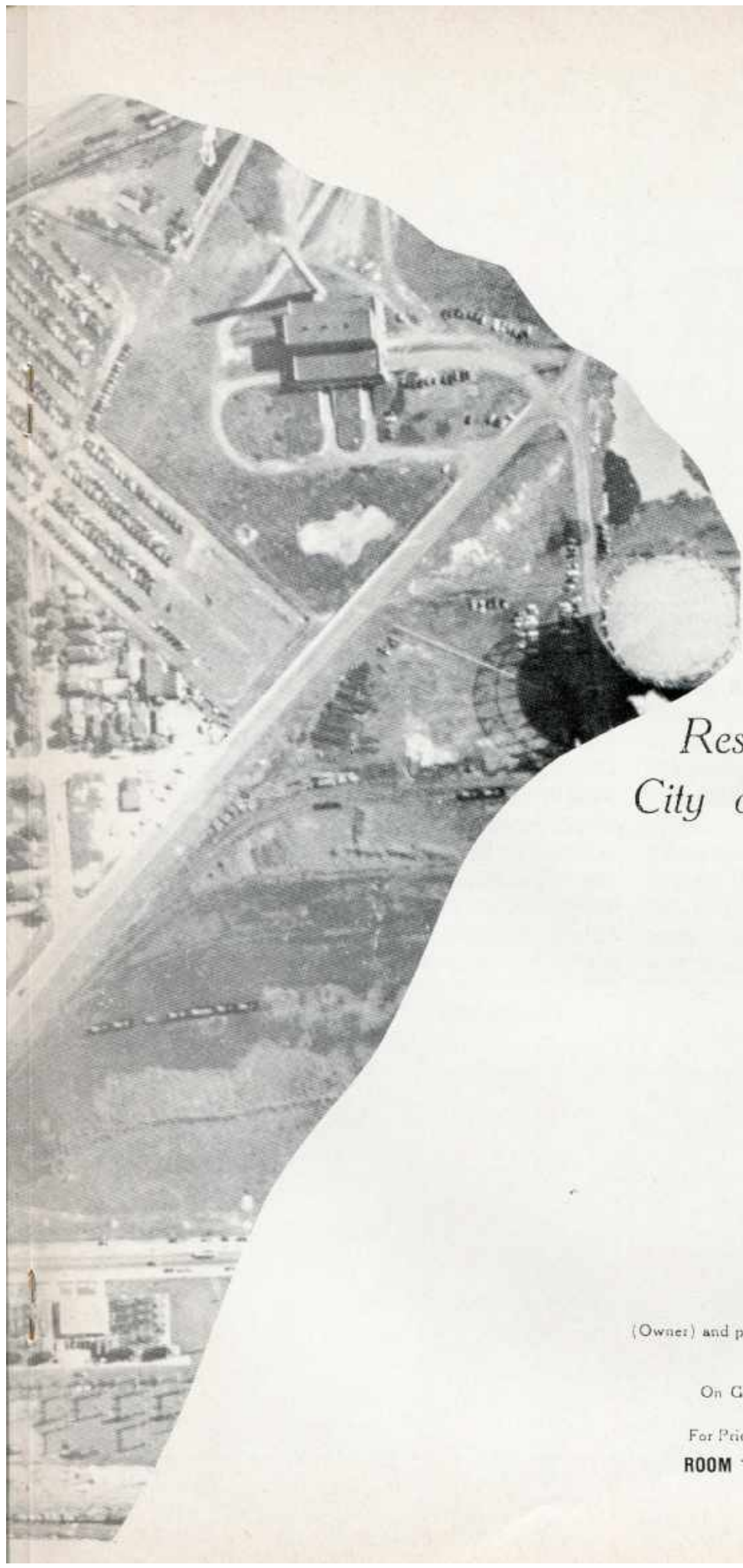
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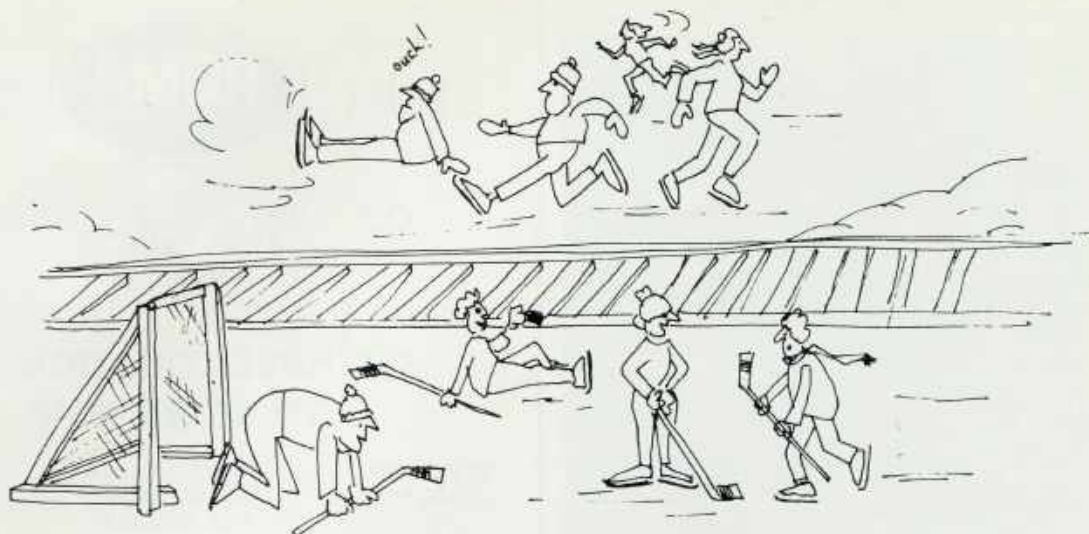
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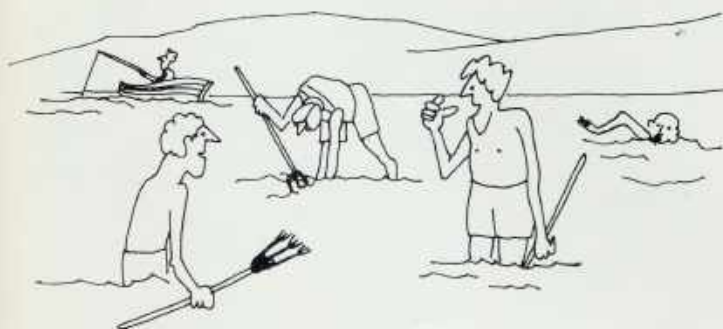
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wheel down the street at the end of a stick with a basket handle on the bottom to guide it.... Red Rover..... Roasting potatoes over a fire..... Leap Frog.... Making Igloo's and Snow Forts.... Snow Ball fights.... Roller Skating the streets of Brightside.... Pick up Sticks.... Skiing a small hill with barrel slats tied to your feet.... Shooting tin cans off a fence post with a B-B-gun... Lay-lo..... Tip Toeing along the top of a railway track, seeing who falls off first.... Skipping flat stones on Old Joe's pond.... Chinese Checkers.... Running across rubbery ice just before it froze hard enough for hockey.... Climbing on the ladder of a trains box car at Brennan's Paving and

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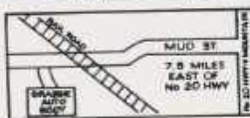
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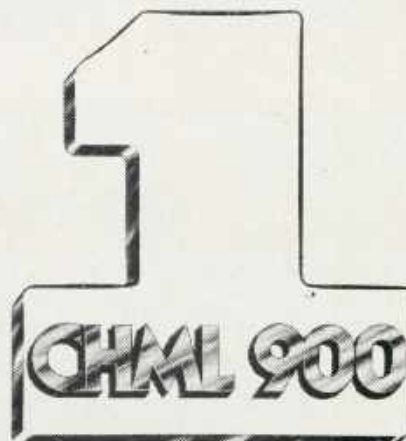
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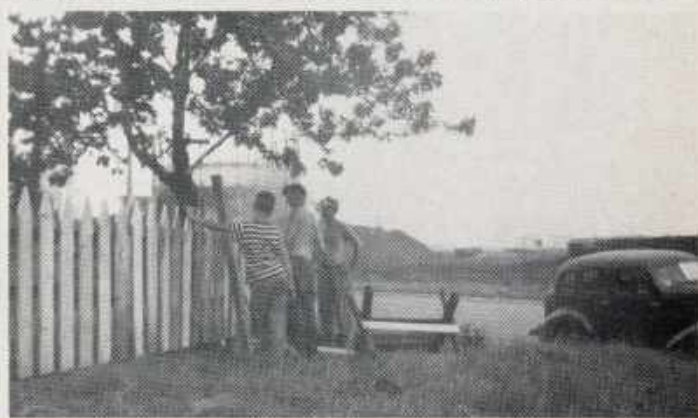
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5. What Brightsiders played in the St. Louis Cardinal organization?
6. Who were Batman and Robin?
7. Name the girls from Brightside who won the Miss Hamilton Beauty Contest?
8. Who came second?
9. Who are the oldest living Brightsiders?
10. Who owned the Rainbow Lunch?
11. Who was the largest family on Brightside?
12. Who left parts of fingers at Homer & Wilsons?
13. Who was the Bartender at the Brightside Hotel?
14. Name the Brightsiders who were Milkmen for
 - a) Borden's Milk
 - b) City Milk
 - c) Royal Oak
 - d) Silverwoods
15. Who made the best underground bunks at Old Joe's or Red Star?
16. Where was Cooney Island?
17. Who last owned the Blue Danube?
18. Who was the Marathon Runner?
19. Who was the last family to live at the end of Plymouth near the Bay?
20. What time does the gas tank show on page 1?
21. Who were the weightlifters & fresh air inspectors?
22. What are the Brightside colors and how did they originate?
23. Who sharpened Skates?
24. Where was the first Oldtimers & Youngsters Softball game played and in what year?
25. Who was the Brightside Chiropractor?
26. Who used to serenade with "Frankie and Johnnie were Lovers"?
27. What was known as the black book?
28. Where did the carriers collect the papers for delivery?
29. Where was the best place to sell Liberty and Saturday Evening post magazines?
30. Where was Boccie Longa played?
31. Where was Tre Sette played?
32. Who had the best car wash in the city?
33. Who was the arm wrestling champ?
34. What were the best after hour clubs?
35. Who had the best delivery & pick-up service?
36. Who was the Ed Feigner of Brightside?
37. How much were you paid as a lookout for a crap name?
38. What downtown restaurant did many Brightside girls frequent?
39. What three fellows went out together while in the army, when two of them were AWOL and one a MP?
40. Who was the Chicken man?
41. What did the Fish Man use to attract customers?
42. How much was a radio licence?
43. How much was it to get into the Playhouse?
44. Who made the best Grab Bag?
45. Who had the oldest and slowest printing machine?
46. Name two men who were or are in politics?
47. Who became police officers?
48. Who was the "jogger"?
49. How long has the Brightside Bowling League been in operation?
50. Who ran in the Firestone Around The Bay Race?
51. Who was disqualified for life from the same race?
52. Where did they usually play Mora?
53. Who was the first music teacher?
54. How many homes were there in Brightside in the 40's and 50's?
55. How many homes are still standing today?
56. How many people lived in Brightside in the 40's and 50's?
57. How many people live there today?
58. Who had the boathouse at the bayfront?
59. Where did everyone pick up the old Jockey Club tickets?
60. Who made it big from Brightside?

Answers: Page 32

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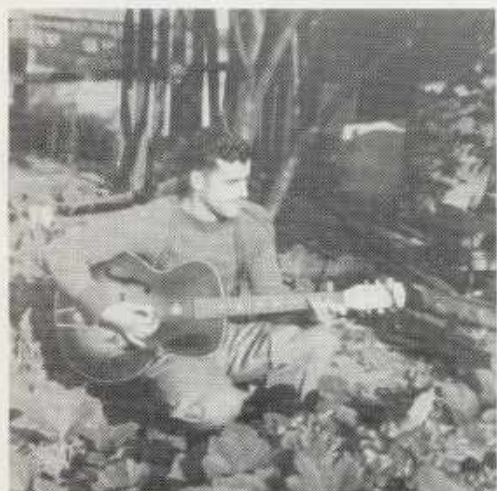
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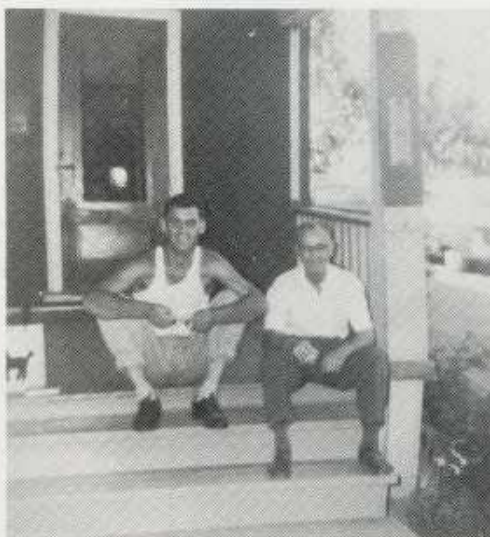
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3. Ang Savelli
4. Johnny Holota, Whitey Prokop
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6. Mario Bartolini and Walter Durka
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14. a) Fred Traini
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d) Leo Zwolak
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58. Ben Taborek
59. The Incinerator
60. Everybody



INSIDE THE BLUE DANUBE



BOCCIA'S BEHIND MARTINI'S



HAMPSON'S HOMESTEAD



HENRY PANEK



SAY "CHEESE"

"IN CLOSING"

To the hundreds of Brightsiders who will hopefully cherish this book as a lifelong remembrance of their past, the Reunion Committee has tried to transfer their thoughts and feelings through words, photographs and experiences to the best of their abilities.

Having had no previous experience in such a large undertaking, and not knowing the exact amount of time it would take to piece the many nostalgic items together, the Committee members ask the understanding of all Brightsiders for any omissions of items, photos or any other memories. We have honestly tried to produce a book that would be enjoyable for all.

Possibly in the near future, someone from our community, (hopefully one of our own children,) will have the interest and time to thoroughly research and write a book that can add to what this committee has tried to accomplish.

Except for the section on History the book was written and produced solely by the Committee members. The history section was written by Paul Palango the son of a Brightsider. (Arnold Palango.)

The design of the book, its cover, the cartoons, pictures, captions, advertisements, and research took more time than originally anticipated, but once the decision to have a book was made, we felt the effort by all concerned would be well worth the time spent.

At this time the Members of the Committee would like to express a special thanks to the Chairman of our committee John Fioravanti, who's knowledge, patience, and many after hours of research etc., gained the respect of all the committee members who have had the pleasure of working with him.

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"Sung to the Tune of Aufwiedersehn"



Brightside was when;
We were with our friends
And the times were rough and tough
Brightside is no more
But there's memories galore
Let's not forget our past.

We're much older now,
Most have moved away
But we're here to-day to say
Welcome everyone to your hour of fun
Because Brightside is here to stay.