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This is a modern day version of Stinky's.

Stinky's name came from the *Original Cabbagetowners* not Regent, South Regent was still being built when the stories started. Kids shopped at the store on their way to and from Park School, down to Queen, up to Dundas. There was a variety store at Queen and Sumach where the pet store is now, so Stinky's had the monopoly on school kids in the area. The old store was bought by the Koverkos and they built the new store when Trefann Official Plan passed. There was a man "the Put, Put man, who lived in the garage behind the old store and collected garbage in a wagon and sold it. He slept there all year round without heat, I'm not sure if he was related to the store owner. When he died they found \$150,000 stuffed in his mattress.

The original store owner that they spoke of used to sell stale bread, had cats sleeping on the candy in the window and sold items out of the back door on Sundays because it was illegal to open. (Modern times, the Dairy Mart that was at this location before the Coffee Shop opened sold illegal cigarettes out the back door. History has a tendency to repeat itself, doesn't it?) He would walk pass our houses with fresh bread for himself, always wearing raggedy clothes and shoes. I think he was a teacher, I can find that out. I remember bringing a bag of candy home from his store (3 jubes for a penny) because I wasn't allowed to cross the street to Boris'. Anyway I came home with the candy and told my mom the candy tasted funny. She smelt the bag and said "That's cat piss!. There was a man "the Put, Put man, who lived in the garage behind the store and collected garbage in a wagon and sold it. He slept there all year round without heat. When he died they found \$150,000 stuffed in his mattress.

We all had our stories of the history, but Stinky's store became Stinky's Corner and Stinky's Park. It is a name that most Cabbagetowners would like to keep and think of better times, it was simple times, brings a chuckle to life growing up poor and not being ashamed of it.

The lady Ann that is mentioned in the article is Ann Clune. She spent alot of time in Stinky's and helped with the gardens and discouraging drug dealers.