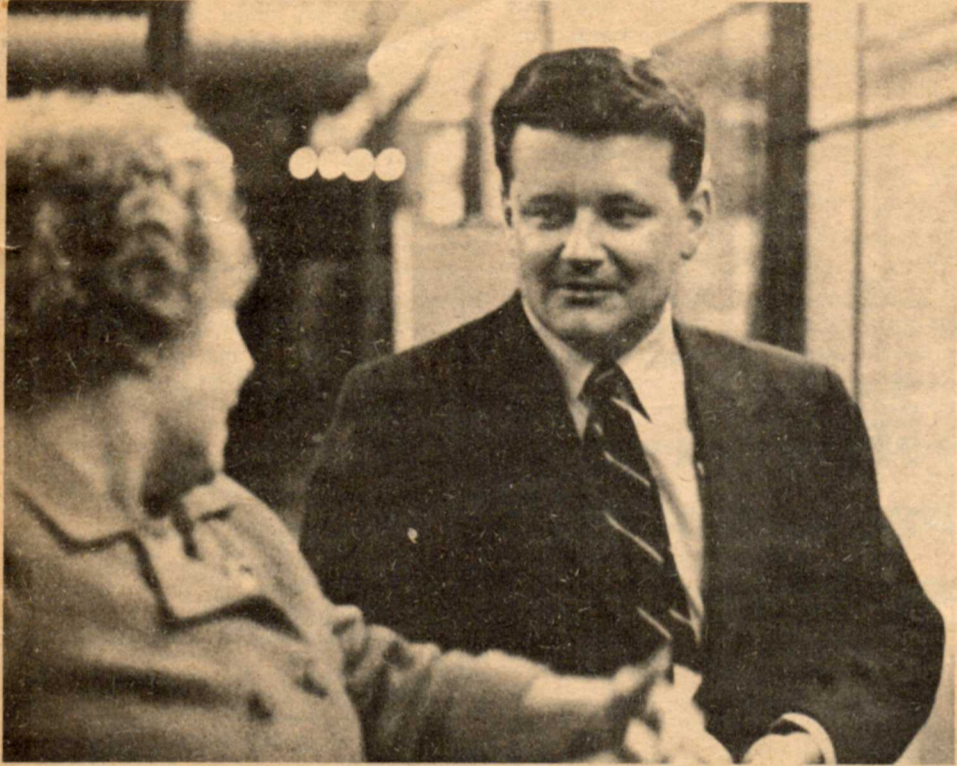


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JAMES RAMSEY, right in top photo, from the Ontario Department of Trade and Development, was supposed to have appeared before the May 6 Citizens' Forum on the proposed waterfront airport. After informing the organizers of the meeting that he would be unable to attend that evening, Mr. Ramsey was discovered in the lobby of St. Lawrence Centre Town Hall. Although Metro Comptroller Margaret Campbell, left in the top photo, tried to talk him into sitting in the seat reserved for him on the panel, Mr. Ramsey refused and, after seeing the Seven News photographer snapping his picture, beat a hurried retreat. In the bottom photo, some of the several hundred persons who came to hear the discussion wait for admittance outside the doors. Seven News Photos (By Bob Fisher).

OFFICIALS BOYCOTT PUBLIC HEARING

by Vern Burnett

At the Town Hall in the St. Lawrence Centre, on May the sixth, the public discussion on the Waterfront, organized by the Citizens' Forum, drew an overflow crowd of critically concerned citizens.

Conspicuously absent from the panel was Mr. J. Ramsey, from the Province of Ontario Department of Trade and Development.

Referring to the empty chair, Jeremy Carver in his opening remarks, said, "Mr. Ramsey, accepted my invitation to be a member of the panel two weeks ago. It took some persuasion, but on the understanding that we would not be asking for the details of the Harbour City concept, (which he claimed was not ready), but would confine ourselves to the more general question of whether there should be a Harbour City at all, he agreed to participate. I sent him a confirming letter.

Last Friday, he had a subordinate phone me to say he was going to be in Ottawa tonight and therefore could not participate.

When I attempted to phone him he would not speak to me or return my call.

I then sent a telegram to Mr. Randall asking that Mr. Ramsey attend, warning that there would be a prominent empty chair. I had no conversations with Mr. Randall."

During the meeting it was announced that Mr. Ramsey was in the building: he was asked to come to the platform. He left the Town Hall immediately, but not before the "7 News" photographer got a

picture of him talking to Margaret Campbell.

One wonders, since this waterfront development is supposed to be built on reclaimed land, why this seeming evasion of public discussion. Is it good for Toronto? Why not let the public in on the ground floor?

Mr. Wronski, Chief Planner, Metropolitan Planning Board, asked the hundreds of citizens attending the meeting, where they were in the years 1911-12; why they hadn't said or done something then to stop the ugliness that developed on the waterfront.

A citizen, informed Mr. Wronski that the majority of those present at the meeting were either too young at that time or had not been born yet. They were at this discussion to ensure that present plans for the Waterfront would not cause ugliness for future generations. Judging from the applause, those attending agreed.

Most people came to the Waterfront discussion hoping it would be frank. Most left the meeting feeling that though questions were asked, adequate answers were not given.

The overall plan for the Waterfront was little discussed or questioned, partly due to the fact there was no representative from the Province on the panel.

The possibility of an airport offshore, which would greatly affect the whole east end of the city, drew a large delegation from the Beaches, making the airport issue the focal point of the meeting.

No discussion was held on the impact the Waterfront Plan might have on present neighbourhoods. According to the City of Toronto Planning Board map 5, Official Plan Part 1, the biggest impact could very well be in the area between Parliament and Coxwell Avenues.

On the assumption that anything good can bear the 'light-of-day' this meeting should be the fore-runner of more meaningful meetings of the public with officials who can and will, feed us the facts.

City trying to destroy area - Trefann Assoc.

The Trefann Court Residents Association has accused the city government of "Trying to destroy the area by making it so dangerous and uncomfortable that the owners will be forced to sell."

The charges were sent in a letter to the Urban Renewal Committee of the City Council.

Both Mrs. Edna Dixon of the Trefann Court Residents Association and Mrs. Margaret LeMay of the Trefann Neighbours & Tenants Association appeared before the Urban Renewal Committee during its April 30 meeting, where they commented on the Trefann situation.

The residents association has asked for more guards for empty houses and more police protection for the area.

After hearing the requests, the Urban Renewal Committee asked the development commissioner for a report on the status of guards, boarding and the situation in regard to the parkette in the area.

The committee also referred the residents association letter to the Trefann Pro-Tem Working Committee for comment and disposition.

Housing by-law enforcement tabled by URC

A proposal to enforce the minimum housing standards by-law by a process of "phased enforcement" was tabled by the Urban Renewal Committee of the City Council at its April 30 meeting.

The motion, made by Ward Seven Alderman Karl Jaffary, will be held pending a report by the building commissioner on the whole question of phased by-law enforcement.

The original motion discussed at the meeting, put forward by Ward Seven Alderman John Sewell, called for the immediate enforcement of the minimum housing standards by-law for absentee landlords.

City Solicitor Fram objected to this (Please turn to page 3)

Seven News is different

This paper is your paper

This newspaper is different. It may not seem terribly unsimilar to others that you've read, but behind the white and black of the printed page, a new kind of community enterprise is trying out its wings.

We are printing a community paper. Who are "We?" We are the Ward Seven Co-operative, a group of residents of Ward Seven and their supporters outside the ward who have pooled their time, money and prayerful efforts into putting together a newspaper that will be the community's newspaper.

In order to be a community newspaper, SEVEN NEWS must be relevant. Not relevant to the viewpoint of a small group of people trying to make a fast buck while mouthing the dog-eared language of so-called "community service." What SEVEN NEWS must do is be a part of our lives here in Ward Seven.

What is life like here in Ward Seven? It is wide-ranging and varied. It is bumming on Parliament and Queen Streets. It is apartment-perching in a thirty-floor high-rise. It is holding out in your second-floor flat on Sackville or Seaton Streets while bulldozers level the houses all around. It is sniffing glue behind the Lord Dufferin School. It is confronting the Ontario Housing Corporation. It is trying to make small business pay in an era of mega-corporations and tight money. It is drying out in the tank. It is waiting for the slow elevator in Regent Park. It is lounging in the basement of the Parliament Street Library House and reading the handwriting on the wall.

The trick that SEVEN NEWS is going to have to perform is getting into all these facets of Ward 7 life. The only way to do this is to rely on the people living in the

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A growing service

Hot "Meals on Wheels"

Growing old can mean, in many instances, living alone in one room without cooking facilities, having a physical handicap, or illness; to be unable to cook meals; to suffer from inadequate nutrition.

In East Toronto, groups of volunteer men and women have banded together to serve hot meals to elderly citizens in need of such service.

"Meals Here and There" is a community service in which churches of all denominations have become involved.

In the Fall of 1966 at St. Luke's United Church, Miss James, the deaconess, started the first project with Wellesley Hospital preparing the meals. Meals are served at the church to the eligible elderly who live within walking distance. Those unable to come to the centre have their hot meals delivered to their homes.

A second centre was opened at the Eastminster United Church in October 1967, with the Toronto East General Hospital providing the food. Four days each week volunteers drive over to the hospital where the prepared food is packed piping hot into insulated containers, then driven back to the church kitchen, where another group of volunteers has been setting up dishes for

individual servings.

Each meal consists of hot soup, meat, potatoes, a vegetable, a roll with butter and dessert. The meals are packed in the containers and rushed out to the cars by the volunteer driver and "runner," then delivered to the scattered addresses.

The cost per meal to the elderly is charged according to the individual's ability to pay. The top price at present is 65 cents, the cost of the food.

Demand has been such that a third centre has been set up at the Kew Beach United Church in order to serve the far east end of the city.

Persons receiving meals at Kew Beach are usually referred by public health nurses, the VON, doctors, ministers or a member of the family.

Applications go to Mrs. F.W. Pooley, wife of the rector at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, 153 First Ave. No valid applications are refused, though it is sometimes necessary to place one's name on the waiting list or receive a limited number of meals per week.

Open Board to residents, CNH told

Central Neighbourhood House will be asked to include more representation from the local community on its board of directors. The decision to make this request was made at the May 11 meeting of the Ward Seven Council held in Regent Park United Church.

CNH is a multi-purposed social agency funded largely by the United Appeal. It is located at Sherbourne and Carlton Streets.

At an earlier Ward Seven Council meeting, with several members of the CNH present, the house came under heavy criticism for its lack of local resident representation and participation in its

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Circulation is based on the premise that one copy of the paper should go to every living unit in Ward 7. There are an estimated 80,000 people in ward 7 and 20,000 homes or apartments. Therefore our press run is 20,000 and we try to circulate that number. We cannot guarantee, however that you will always get a copy or that everyone in Ward 7 will get a copy. But we'll try.

If you want to be sure of receiving every issue of the paper you can have it mailed to you for the price of postage and handling. There is a coupon elsewhere in this issue for that purpose.

policy-making.

Those representing the CNH at the earlier Council meeting answered the charges by stating that although provisions in CNH's charter left room for local residents to become members of the directorate, no local persons had stepped forward.

People from Ward Seven at that meeting accused CNH of bad publicity work, stating that they had never heard of such a provision.

At the May 11 Council meeting, Ward Seven Alderman Karl Jaffary informed the Council that CNH has applied for a grant from Metro Toronto.

Mr. Jaffary, who sits on the committee that considers such requests, asked the Council if he should veto any application from CNH.

Alderman John Sewell, also present, said he thought it would be "amusing" if CNH moved into the new structure they are building on Ontario St., but, due to lack of funds, had no staff to man it.

It was finally decided to send CNH a letter, pointing out that their request for a grant is under review and asking them to put local people on their board of directors.

Trefann area improvement considered

On May 21 the City Hall Urban Renewal Committee will deal with a fifteen point proposal which the Trefann Court Pro-tem Working Committee has recommended for proceeding with an urban renewal scheme in Trefann.

Under these proposals, Trefann Court will remain an area of mixed commercial, industrial and residential uses and an improvement program of public works will be carried out.

Homeowners who wish to bring their houses up to the city's housing standards by-law and businessmen who wish to bring their business operations up to a standard compatible with the surrounding area will not be expropriated. Nuisance industries, such as junk yards will be given adequate compensation to relocate out of the area.

Housing will be built that can be bought or rented and priority will be given to persons living in the area, provided they were here before September 15, 1969. Those who moved into the area after this date will be given OHC units in the area of their choice in Metro if they have to be relocated because of the scheme.

The Good Shepherd Mens Hostel will be purchased and the city will seek the other governments' help in converting this building into a community centre.

The city will seek legislation to help with improvement loans, maintenance and operational standards for commercial and industrial properties, land write-downs and easy-payment mortgages for the purchase of housing and a moratorium on taxes because of improvements, etc.

The area will be replanned by a city

CRC to study Ward 7 roomers

Roomers — people living in one or two rooms — will be the subject of a six-month study by the Christian Resource Centre, a Don Vale organization.

The research study, financed by a \$3,000 grant from the Federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration, will focus strongly on Ward Seven, with spot surveys to be taken in the rest of the city.

Norman Browne, director of the project, is a roomer himself and a resident of Don Vale.

"We want to find out where roomers are at and what is their lifestyle," Mr. Browne said.

planner and a working committee made up of businessmen, homeowners and tenants, the Ward aldermen and three aldermen from the City's Urban Renewal Committee.

If the city and other levels of government agree to these proposals, the Trefann people may see the end of a five-year battle of survival and this could be a whole new concept of urban renewal which people living in other areas of Toronto would welcome.

Poets' Corner

In future issues we will be printing a Poetry Corner for all those in our community who wish to express their deeper, darker feelings in the ancient craft of verse.

Flex your imagination muscles. Send us a poem about anything, dogs, parakeets, johnny cash, pollution, love, romance, hare krishna, important issues, confessional, conventional, abstract, weird or whatever, or about your long lost lover, or the bill collector you told a thing or two to the other day when he tried to put his foot into your pockets.

Poetry is free expression. You have to be careful what kind of poetry you write in Russia . . . but not here. Take advantage of it. Send us a poem or two. I'll kick things off with this poem.

*Little girls paint circles on sidewalks
Little boys throw stones at a funeral procession
Jesus crossed the street with 2 policemen
who are holding him up by the arms
and I in my Sunday best
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Poetry can be fun, and say things too. Sometimes obscurely. Sometimes quite clearly for everyone to pick up on. Dig? Understand?

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Seven News

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ward for material and direction.

In keeping with this notion, we have set only one stringent editorial policy, and that is to let the community decide our policy. SEVEN NEWS will reflect what you say and do. It will print what you write. It will be what you make it to be.

Now. How can you take part in directing SEVEN NEWS? You can write an article. You can buy an advertisement (the rates are extremely reasonable). You can write a letter to the paper. You can phone in a news tip (our number is 922-9175). You can join the staff. You can buy a share (any amount will get you one) in the Ward Seven Co-operative. You can tell your friends about what you read in SEVEN NEWS. You can send in ideas for features, columns, stories, etc.

Most important though, is your first step. Read the paper. If you want it delivered by mail, send us \$5 and you'll get 26 issues guaranteed, plus voting membership in the Ward Seven Co-operative.

In the meantime, we need some things from you:

- 1) letters to the paper.
- 2) recipes for low budget cooking.
- 3) poems
- 4) time, place and date of your club, group or association meetings so that we can start a regular community calendar.
- 5) let us know what's going on so we can send a reporter.
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A viewpoint**South St. Jamestown struggle unfolds**

by John Whitelaw

The section of Ward 7 bounded by Wellesley and Carlton, between Sherbourne and Parliament Streets — south of St. Jamestown — is an area which is being as hard hit by forces unsympathetic to the residents as any in the Ward. Meridian Property Management, the developer of St. Jamestown, wants to extend their hi-rise development south to Carlton St. In spite of the fact that this plan would in no way serve the interests of the present residents, the developer has received every encouragement from the City.

Meridian's first priority seems to be

the strip between Bleeker and Ontario Streets. It is on these streets that the neighbourhood has deteriorated most. They have also been assembling properties on the streets between Ontario and Parliament; owners on Aberdeen Ave. and Winchester St., for example, formerly quiet residential streets, have begun to complain about the bad character of their own streets.

The developer makes no bones about the fact that they are not prepared to spend money to repair houses which were assembled to be torn down. The city, which has not approved any hi-rise zoning for the area, nevertheless is unwilling to

sound/music." Anarchist musical expression thing.

THEATRE ARTS WORKSHOP — Regent Park United Church, 40 Oak St., every Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (during June only on Wednesday, same time, same place). Will include mime, drama, creative movement and acting. Vera Davis will conduct the group.

SEWING GROUP — 297 Carlton St., every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.; sewing classes for girls of all ages. Conducted by Muriel Landry.

THE WRITERS' WORKSHOP — Experimenting in different projects. Produces poetry/prose magazine "idunno" and will be working with audio-visual equipment soon. Exchange of ideas. Don Bailey in charge; call 922-7391.

YOGA — Monday at 8:30 p.m. 297 Carlton St; Friday at 8:00 p.m. Parliament St. Matthew Greer conducts the group; call 364-7859.

People requiring other information were asked to contact Ann, Don or Ted at 922-7391.

America. Since the California Grape Boycott began, Toronto's consumption of California table grapes has fallen off 30 per cent.

Mr. Brown also cautioned the council against taking too optimistically recent reports which seem to indicate that contracts between grape growers and the workers have been signed.

These reports, he said, pertain to only two per cent of the growers, and the workers still need the support of the people of Toronto in continuing the international boycott.

In order to encourage this support, Mr. Brown announced, there will be a Grape Boycott Fiesta on the Toronto Islands on May 30, a Saturday.

An automobile caravan to the docks will start the fiesta going. Among the leaders in the caravan will be Ward Seven's Aldermen, John Sewell and Karl Jaffary, and MPP James Renwick.

effectively enforce its own Housing Standards by-law in the area. The Review Board that hears appeals on housing standards infractions makes it a policy to be lenient with the developer. Consequently there is no effective enforcement.

The problem is most severe for the tenants who live on Bleeker and Ontario Streets; but it is only part of their problem. Meridian's policy is to rent houses in this strip to middle-men, well-known in the downtown area, who then rent out rooms and flats to the tenants. Their rents are such that they often make up to \$500 per month from a single house which the developer rents to them for perhaps \$150. They provide no management in exchange for these rents, no screening of tenants, no repairs. Meridian's property-manager Mr. Goldenberg, alternately claims ignorance of, and regret for, this situation. He refuses to hold himself responsible, even though he is the owner.

The low-income tenants and welfare-recipients who live on Ontario and Bleeker Streets, and elsewhere in the area, thus find themselves in a situation for which no one will accept the responsibility, least of all the City. The feeling has been growing among them that if anything is to be done it must be themselves as a group who take the initiative.

Only organized pressure from the community can force changes in the system of community-destruction as it is now being carried out. Long-time Cabbagetown residents are beginning to see this. There are tenants on Ontario St. who were some of them born in St. James Town, had their houses destroyed there, or on the upper end of Sherbourne St., who have recently had to move from the Homewood area, where the same thing is happening, only to be faced now with another forced move from Ontario St. Such people are beginning to organize.

The first step is in making their voices heard as a community. A group of tenants recently took this first step in going as a group to Meridian's offices to make some complaints. The developer was made aware that they are not dealing with people who can be ignored. The result of this meeting was an assurance from Meridian that anyone wanting to rent directly from them, rather than dealing with a middle-man, could have direct leases at the same rents now being charged to the middle-men. Secondly, the meeting resulted in some unusually swift repair work. The tenants established themselves as a group to be dealt with.

Other community needs besides decent housing are drawing the residents together. A group of families are talking about asking the City to make a vacant lot on Bleeker St. into a little playground for the children. There is no playground in the area now and there are lots of (please turn to page 4)

Proposal

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proposal, pointing out that it was discriminatory and that the practice is even now under appeal before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Alderman Jaffary then suggested that a special by-law be drawn up requiring tenant-occupied homes to be brought up to minimum standards, leaving all other premises under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health and Safety.

Mr. Fram voiced his opinion that special legislation would be required to place accommodations under different housing standards.

Alderman Jaffary then suggested that the building commissioner, working with the city solicitor, draw up a properly-worded motion that would be acceptable.

Alderman William Archer asked what the feelings of tenants in Don Vale would be if the committee endorsed immediate total enforcement of the by-law.

Alderman Sewell answered that he felt Don Vale tenants wanted repairs done now, but not at the expense of them of massive rent increases.

Alderman Jaffary then changed his motion, still asking for phased enforcement but "bearing in mind the financial ability of the occupant-landlord or tenant—depending on who would bear the cost of repairs."

Mothers form social club

We are a group of mothers who have met at Bolton Camp over the past summer.

We felt that being mothers with young children, we were sometimes concerned with only our everyday routine, and as a group we could expand ourselves and perhaps help each other, while at the same time become aware and involved in our community.

Although we have only been organized about two years, we have enjoyed social activities that we might not otherwise, had we not been a group.

We have only optimistic thoughts for our club and with continued encouragement and assistance from Family Service Association, and with a real great bunch of enthusiastic mothers, we felt that our club can only be a success.

If there are any mothers in our community that would like to join our group, please contact our president, Lenore Diaz, at 698-5717.

West Don District Neighbourhood Information Post

The West Don District Neighbourhood Information Post, with headquarters in the Parliament St. Library House, has issued a call for volunteers to help with its organization.

The post, which hopes to serve as a clearing point for information about and concerning the West Don District, has

been in the planning stage for several months.

Anyone interested in working on this community service project is urged to return the slip below to the West Don District Neighbourhood Information Post, Parliament St. Library House, c/o Community Services Librarian.

CRC activities scheduled

The Creative Resource Centre, 297 Carlton St., has announced its schedule of activities. The times and places of the various programmes are as follows:

ART WORKSHOP — 297 Carlton St., every Sunday at 2:30 p.m., open to all ages. Will include painting, drawing, etc. Pat Packer will conduct the group.

POETRY FUNK WALKS — 297 Carlton St., every Saturday at 1 p.m., open to all ages. Will include writing poems on hoardings, fences, walls, etc., and grooving alleyways. Call Ted Plantos at 922-7391 or 364-7859.

GUY FOX (Lease Breakers) — Parliament St. Library House, every Wednesday at 7 p.m. "Make your own

Worker urges grape boycott continuation

Gerry Brown, a farm worker from California, made a strong plea to the Ward Seven Council for a continuation of the California Grape Boycott.

Mr. Brown told the council, gathered for its May 11 meeting, that Toronto's grape consumption ranks third in North

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New group tackles first problem

The newly-formed South of Carlton Community Action Committee confronted three City of Toronto employees concerned with traffic and safety with their complaint that dangerous traffic conditions exist on Ontario St., particularly near the intersection with Gerrard St.

The discussion, which took place at Central Neighbourhood House on Monday May 11, was directed at Deputy Police Chief John R. Murray, director of the Traffic and Special Services Division and Inspector Koulis of the Toronto Police Department, and James Pryor, supervising traffic engineer with the Department of Public Works. The three men had responded to the SOCCAC's request for city and police representatives to hear their concerns and proposals.

The problems specifically related to Ontario St. concerned excessive speed of cars coming from Gerrard onto Ontario; excessive speed of cars leaving the Brewer's Retail Store, especially from 10 p.m. weeknights and between 7 and 8 p.m. on Saturdays, also excessive speeding on Ontario St. during rush hour periods.

Problems related to Gerrard St. included: excessive speeding by motorists at all times, and difficulty for pedestrians crossing Gerrard at Ontario.

The group had discussed some possible steps that could be taken to alleviate the problems:

They suggested a stop light on Gerrard at Ontario; they suggested restricted speed limits on Gerrard, and they suggested reducing the speed limit on Ontario or perhaps putting up a "SLOW" sign.

The three public service representatives listened to the suggestions and concerns of the group, then promised to study the situation and report back on possible solutions.

SOCCA welcomes the involvement of all area residents interested in participating in neighbourhood improvement and dealing with community problems.

Anyone with anything he wants to bring to the attention of SOCCA has been invited to contact the committee through Central Neighbourhood House.

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children.

The success of such actions as these in setting up a permanent and effective center of power in the neighbourhood itself depends on the active participation of all the residents. The question of involvement in the fate of the community has to be brought home to everyone. It has to be made visible and unavoidable.

South of St. Jamestown is not an isolated case in Ward 7; the entire area between Sherbourne and the Don has faced or will face similar issues. What power the people south of St. Jamestown can acquire will represent a success for the whole Ward.

Postal service

Dear Sir,

As a resident of Ward Seven, I'd like to protest the way the mail is being delivered. The letter carrier calls at different times, often as late as 5 p.m. If you're expecting a cheque to come in the post, how are you going to cash it at this hour of the day?

Anyone relying on an earlier delivery would be sunk if it didn't come before the banks close.

The postal rate has increased, but we are getting poorer service. Soon, for 25 cents, we'll get only four stamps of six cents each and pay one cent for the book. Right now you get four six-cent stamps and one cent in change.

Another sign of inflation which ought to be prevented.

Yours,
R. Wiggan



Todmorden Mills -

A walk back into history

In the valley of the Don at the foot of Pottery Road, so near, yet so far removed from the bustling city, can be found a spot that will take you back to the year 1794.

Though the Don Valley expressway is within a stone throw and up the hill high-rise apartments tower, the pastoral quality of Todmorden Mills magically remains.

During the American Revolution, Parshall Terry, a Loyalist, was forced to flee with his wife and two small children from his home in Wyoming, Pa., to Niagara. He eventually laid claim to the land in the Don Valley in 1793, building a saw mill and his small home, still standing to-day in the Todmorden Mills Historic Site.

Mr. Terry was instrumental in having the "Mill Road" (now Broadview Ave.) built during 1799, from the Bay to his mills.

Thomas Helliwell in 1821, bought the mills and built the brewery (now the museum) as well as the family home.

The Terry and Helliwell houses have been lived in constantly until the area was declared a historic site upon the persuasion of Mayor True Davidson of East York. The buildings have been authentically restored under the supervision of Mr. Peter Stokes of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The Terry house is furnished in approximately 1837 period, the Helliwell home in the style of 1867.

True Davidson is responsible for saving another piece of the history of the Don. The old Don Station slated for demolition has been moved to Todmorden Mills.

Although of a later period in time, the old station, which has been re-shingled with cedar in the old style and will be refurbished as a station of early railway days, appears much at home in the Todmorden Mills Historic Site.

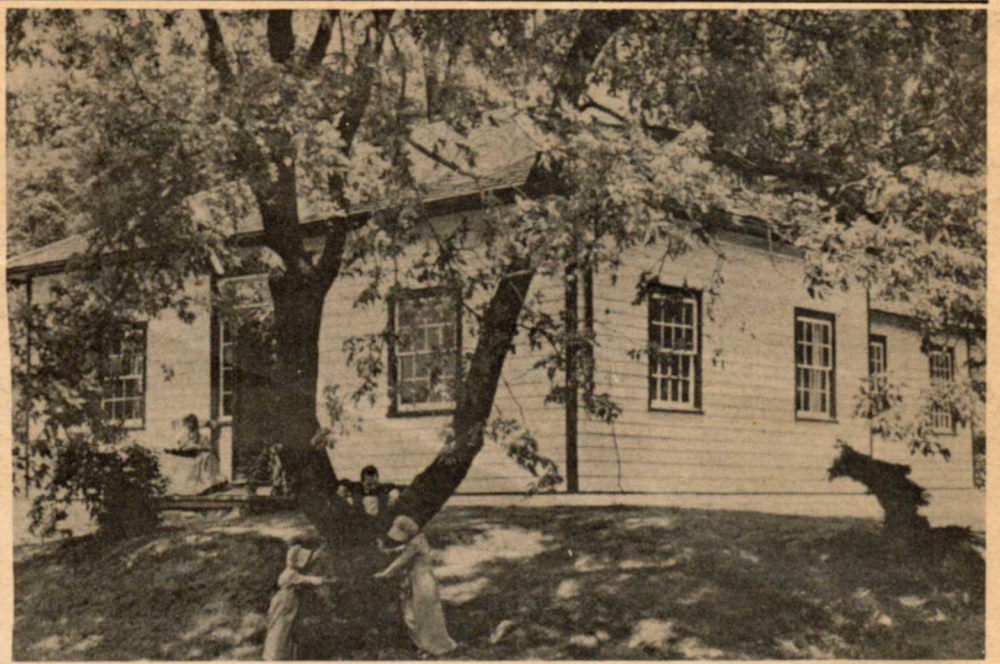
Greetings to the Readers WARD 7 CO-OPERATIVE NEWSPAPER

I was recently informed of the commencement of the Ward 7 Co-Operative Newspaper and requested to prepare an article for inclusion in an up-coming issue.

I am always glad to learn of the start of a Newspaper such as yours which will offer our citizens an opportunity to become better acquainted with the activities within their own Ward and the City generally. In this fast-moving year of 1970, when each of us is becoming involved in so many different issues, there is always the chance that we will miss some of the more interesting happenings, and a local publication such as the Ward 7 Co-operative Newspaper will ensure that those citizens who are interested in local events will be kept informed.

I extend best wishes to the publishers of the Ward 7 Co-operative Newspaper in this venture and trust it will be well received by Torontonians.

WILLIAM DENNISON MAYOR.



TODMORDEN MILLS, one of Ontario's most colourful historical sites, is near at hand for all Ward Seven residents. The free admittance to the grounds and low admittance fees to the buildings make the spot a natural for an outing in the warm weather coming up. In case you wondered, the lady on the right in the upper photo is East York Mayor True Davidson. Photos courtesy Todmorden Historical Board.

Daily (except Monday) all holidays including Mondays May 18 until late Fall.

1 P.M. to dusk: On dull days early closing is necessary due to lack of electricity.

Charge: no admittance charge to grounds. The following charges cover admittance to all buildings. Children: .25 Adults: .50. Special rates for groups and classrooms.

Todmorden Mills Historical Site: For further information 425-2250 Entrance from Broadview Ave. or Bayview Ave. Broadview bus stops at Pottery Road footpath leads into the valley.

"Springboard" to aid convicts

The Springboard Volunteer programme is an experiment. It is being conducted in conjunction with the Christian Resource Centre, 297 Carlton St., a community-based operation under the direction of the Rev. John Metson.

The purpose of Springboard is to try and actively involve the community in the rehabilitation process of the federal penitentiaries. The community's participation would be on the level of supplying transportation to incarcerated men's families so that visiting becomes a regular thing. The family would then be able to keep abreast of any progress that the man makes.

Another area of involvement is to give support to the man's wife and family. This would be done by mature couples and women volunteers making regular visits. Such visits would be conducive to having the wife articulate her frustrations and problems, which would lead to finding solutions.

The idea, of course, is to try and have as much stability in the home as possible when the man comes home.

The single man presents a special problem. He very often has little waiting for him when he gets out. He is the one most likely to become a "repeater." For him this programme would offer support while he is still in jail.

Mature volunteers would be put in contact with the man through the chaplains of the various institutions. The initial contact would be made by letter. Correspondence could continue until such time as the inmate expressed a wish to see the volunteer, at which time visiting privileges could be arranged by the chaplain.

The volunteer, because he had developed a relationship with the man while he was in jail, would then be able to help the man upon his release.

Thus, the volunteers, by giving this supportive re-inforcement to the men in facing their new-found values and ways of life, would be in an ideal position to channel the men into fields where they could feel socially accepted.

We feel that this feeling of social acceptance is very important if the man, married or single, is to make a successful transition from the institution back into the community.

Ward Seven can particularly associate itself with the problems that Springboard is dealing with because many people in the area have been touched by these problems at one time or another, whether it be a son, daughter, husband, relative, or just a friend who has been through the courts and eventually gone to jail.

To be more specific, there are a number of women in the area who, because their husbands or boyfriends are in jail, and because they are left with children, must seek welfare. They consequently graduate to the low rent area of Ward Seven, where they are also attracted by the readily accessible social agencies of all kinds that are available from the area.

What is the need on a very personal level? What can you do as a volunteer?

One way that you may be able to help is to write to a man in penitentiary. The chaplains of the institutions refer many of these men to us. They have no families on the outside, or sometimes their families have disowned them because they are convicts. These men feel completely alone and neglected. The help that you give them is immense.

There are other ways that you can help. The most needy person of all is the wife of the man in jail. You can give one hour a week of your time to visit a wife who is suffering heartbreak and loneliness because she has been separated from her husband.

She also now faces the indignity of having to accept charity in the form of welfare. If this weren't enough emotional strain for her to handle, she must also suffer for her children who are being scorned by their schoolmates, and who suffer the sorrow of not having their father around and not having him to love and protect them now that they need him the most.

Let's pull together and show these men, women and children that this community isn't as callous as it may seem, superficially, but, rather, that when we know the needs of people and know what we can do, we will pull together and help to the best of our ability.

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