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## R.C.O. - T.T.C. CONFRONTATION

by Velda Cyr

On Tuesday, November 17, members of the Riverdale Community Organization (RCO), along with four Toronto school children, Alderman Karl Jaffary, and Trustee Gordon Cressy, paid a visit to the office of the Toronto Transit Commission.

The object of the delegation was to get the TTC officials to agree to attend an RCO meeting.

The background behind the confrontation is as follows:

On October 28 RCO's Education Committee met. The issues that came out at the meeting were (1) the 56-inch height restriction governing children's fares, and (2) the 4:30 time limit, after which students must pay adult fares (thus penalizing those who participate in after-school activities such as drama, sports, and choir, or who take special classes on weekends). The school principals at the meeting said that they had been trying to get these restrictions changed for some time, but with no success. Letters had been written to the Chairman of the TTC, Ralph Day, to the Associate Director of Education, N.A. Sweetman, and to Mayor Dennison by C.A. Ratchiff, who is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Toronto Public School Principals' Association, but had produced no results.

The Education Committee planned a meeting for November 10 to deal with these issues, and sent letters to all TTC Commissioners and to David Lacey, Chairman of the Metro Transportation Committee, requesting their presence at this meeting. None of them attended.

So a delegation was selected to go to the TTC offices and invite them personally to attend another meeting.

The TTC claims that because it is not a publicly elected body, it is under no obligation to meet with citizens or hear their complaints. So while the initial goal of Tuesday's delegation was to get the TTC to recognize the fact that RCO is a legitimate representative of the people, underlying the confrontation is also the more general issue of whether or not the TTC will accept the principle of meeting with citizens and discussing their point of view.

The meeting lasted about half an hour. Mr. Day, the TTC Chairman, said that he had never faced a similar situation in the past eight years.

In the course of the meeting, he asked why the delegation was not presenting a proposal, and why the presence of the TTC at an RCO meeting would be productive, since he was uncertain about what the goals of this proposed meeting would be.

Mrs. Cyr, Chairman of the Education Committee, replied, "You are all here; we are not all here. We are not authorized to speak for the whole body, but to invite you to a meeting of the whole group. Mr. Day answered that the invitation would be considered, but that he had "no desire to attend, or to be harassed

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Members of the R.C.O. delegation, including Education Committee Chairman Velda Cyr and Trustee Gordon Cressy, converse with Mr. Day at the TTC offices Tuesday.

### Waterfront Plans

## WHAT FATE FOR CHERRY BEACH?

by Leslie Forrester

Cherry Beach lies at the south end of Cherry Street, between Parliament Street and the Don River. Despite its reputation as the place where there used to be gang fights, where "the cops beat you up", and where "people go to make out", still, to the teens of the Trefann-Bright area (bounded by Parliament, Shuter, Queen and River Sts.), it is something more. It is the place they had their Saturday night beach parties last summer. Around a campfire, they roasted hot dogs, toasted marshmallows, and dried their clothes after swimming.

What will be the future of Cherry Beach? People still enjoy swimming there and it is presently cleaner than and certainly doesn't smell as bad as some other beaches in Southern Ontario. Amongst the pot-holes and industrial pock-marks, there remains on the northern edge of the beach, a small grove of old trees, probably the only remaining

sign of nature in several square miles. Ugly as the entrance to the beach is, it is given some charm by the old lift-bridge rising to let the occasional sailboat through. Even in autumn the beach is still heavily used.

According to a legal report requested by the Committee on Parks and Recreation, the city only has the "use and enjoyment of the lands", (about 38 acres), "on a yearly basis subject to one year's notice of the Commissioner's requirement of the lands for port development purposes". In other words, most of the land is owned by the Harbour Commission and they appear to be able to take it over at any time.

Their plans for the beach area? Well, the Planning Board admits their staff are presently studying the area, "but none of our information can be given to the public, you understand; it's confidential". The existing plans which can be seen by the public include the Metropolitan

Waterfront Plan and the Bold Concept for the Development of the Toronto Waterfront.

Both "plans" show the area all the way from Yonge St. to Coxwell along the Lakefront, as "industrial". Moreover, they suggest that, "There are industries essential to the community that require large stockpiles of unattractive looking cargo. The policy is to encourage the concentration of such industries along the Ship Channel and create a surrounding buffer zone of light port-oriented industries." According to these plans, Cherry Beach would become the north-west edge of the "Outer Harbour", and the Eastern Channel would become the main entrance to the Inner Harbour, presently along the western edge of the beach.

At the present time the plan is running true to form. There are certainly "large stockpiles of unattractive looking cargo" around the Ship Channel. The "buffer zone of light port-oriented industries" is presently creeping steadily south, encroaching on the beach area.

Neither of the plans even mention Cherry Beach at all. They assume that the whole area is industrial.

What is the city doing about this? Well, at the meeting of the Committee on Parks and Recreation last week, the general feeling seemed to be that they had all winter to worry about it. But they finally agreed that the Ward 7 aldermen should meet with the Harbour Commissioners and the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation to see if the beach could be cleaned up a little this winter, and to find out if the Harbour Commissioners would like to tell them their long-term plans for the area.



Seven News Photo by Charlotte Sykes

## How Howard St. Went One Way

by Jim Houston

After seven months effort, St. Jamestown Tenants groups were rewarded by seeing the one-way signs go up on Howard Street November 9. The sequence of the events behind the change is as follows:

April 15: At a meeting of Ontario St. Tenants Assoc., a group of mothers concerned for the safety of their children, formed the "Howard St. Traffic Committee" to present a brief to John Sewell.

April 20: At a public meeting for all St. Jamestown parking and related problems, the Committee presented its proposals to Sewell who suggested they would be more successful if they presented the brief themselves to the Public Works Committee at City Hall.

May 25: Presentation to Public Works Committee by Peter Roberts, Chairman of 77 Howard St. Association, Joe Penthes of 700-730 Ont. St. Association and Jim Houston, Community worker. The proposals were: to make Howard St. one way, have 24-hour parking on south side, have a cross-walk on Glenn Road and reduce speed limit. Though the matter was considered urgent, the Commissioner failed to make a report by the time the Public Works Committee recessed for the summer.

Sept.: Commissioner Bremmer reported against the residents' wishes. After listening to the residents' representatives, David McFadden and Peter Roberts, Committee voted in favour of making Howard St. one-way.

Sept. 31: City Council passes committee's recommendations.

Oct.: By-law amendment goes to Department of Transport for approval.

Nov. 9.: Success at last!

## Firehall Drama

by Carole Gault

What do you do with an old firehall that hasn't got any more fire engines or firemen in it?

You could tear it down and build a parking lot.

Or you could preserve it for an historic site.

But if you are a dramatic group in search of a home, you decide to turn it into a theatre. That's what the fifty-two year old University Alumnae Dramatic Club is going to do with the stately old firehall at Berkeley and Adelaide Streets. They're going to put in a stage and theatre seats where the fire engines used to sit. Armed with blueprints and the help of architects, they plan to start the renovation on April 15th and have a theatre by August 15, 1971.

Says Alderman John Sewell "The people of the area are fortunate both in having a chance to preserve an architectural gem and at the same time have a community use for it. Maybe enough people in the Ward will get involved so that the theatre will see its main duty as serving the dramatic needs of this community."

## HOUSES TO FALL FLAT FOR APARTMENTS?



Seven News Photo by Charlotte Sykes

The people on the north east corner of Sherbourne and Dundas had better get ready for the crunch. About a year ago, Fred Braida, the owner of all the buildings on Sherbourne between Dundas and the Police College, (nos. 225-285), and on Dundas from Sherbourne east to the lane half-way to Seaton, (nos. 314-324), released plans to build three eighteen-storey towers on the site. Three or four public meetings were held in the area, but a lasting group was not set up.

But now there is need for a strong group. It seems the plans

have been changed: only two apartment buildings will be built, if the City will allow it. But the first crunch coming is the demolition of the houses which exist there. Application has been made to demolish the above-mentioned houses on Dundas and Sherbourne. What will happen to the tenants? Should this step in the development go unchallenged?

If nothing stops these demolitions, we can expect to lose some of the most beautiful old houses in the area — those on Sherbourne Street. And of course

after the houses are gone, and the people have all scurried somewhere else, up will go the apartments which few will be able to afford. Maybe tenants in the Dundas-Sherbourne area might look at what tenants in South of St. Jamestown have done — take over and manage the houses themselves, and try and stop demolition — at least until the bulldozer is coming down the street. Wouldn't it be a pity if, after the houses on Dundas were demolished, the land remained vacant for a few years?

## THE CONFERENCE GAME

by Barry Morris

(A Note on the Nov. 13-15 Conference "The Urban Struggle" at Glendon College.)

Several people from this ward made it to the Glendon College conference, "The Urban Struggle," this past weekend. Dave Phillips of 143 Winchester was one of the organizers, and wisely invited us in Ward 7 to come (see Seven News, Vol. 1, No. 11, p. 7). Other 7'ers were Ed LaBoucane, who was a seminar leader representing his Springboard Volunteers program, Bill Teskey, Jim Lorimer, who was one of the keynote panelists on community development, Don Keating of the Riverdale Community Organization, Ald. John Sewell, and myself, representing the Christian Resource Centre.

Some 250 participants saw: Mayor Dennison continue vague and unfounded scoldings of community organizers; some unexpected and fresh pointers from Metro policeman Sid Brown who speaks of himself and his men on the street as being in need of good police training to do good community relations work; warnings from live-wire architect Colin Vaughan that our leaders must consult with people before even giving us choices on where (or whether at all) airports or expressways should be built; ex-Controller Margaret Campbell speak of why Rosedale has found more political favor with City Hall in the past, compared to areas south of Bloor, because of strength of voting and effective communication among organized groups; young Andy Wernick, formerly of the Don Vale community, speak of a "rigged system of rules and laws we live under... where it matters from where you judge violence, be it from the point of view of the established authorities protecting the status quo, or from the point of view of the have-nots, who react to being already violated (or, as Mrs. Frank formerly of 298

Carlton St. concluded in the NFB film *Up Against the System*, "what we need is a revolution for us old folks, violated as we are by dog food pensions!")

The several serious and despair-inspiring issues covered were housing, pollution, transportation, urban violence, and community organization. All issues received full attention, but alas, few specific answers and workable, practical solutions. Thus, most would leave the weekend, aroused and conscience-stricken (perhaps, like myself, also depressed) but frustrated. At a minimum, though, we were stimulated to face ourselves as mutual sinners in the urban mess. (Even now, incidentally, some young St. Martin's School students are researching the Don Vale area to deal with garbage disposal and other pollution injustices: see Joan McCarthy at 277 Carlton if interested).

A concluding note in one of the panel discussions was struck when Keating fired back to a wise-guy questioner, "Students have been one of the first to get the poverty issue to be discussed... and what you do is to have a forum to discuss it some more". Maybe so. And even *Seven News* can be caught in this trap... talking and writing, writing and talking. As this Ward and her people continue to be resources for the many conferences and discussions and lectures and seminars and essays and research projects that go on and on, let us try to be specific and honest; let us try to act on problems when we can, and emphasize action, rather than talk.

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## "Oh! How the Money Goes"

by Norm Craven

The Toronto School Board purchased 17 homes on Grant St. and on the west side of Howie Avenue. These streets are parallel and lie next to each other. They are in the Queen St. East — Broadview Ave. area of Ward 7.

During the past summer the Toronto School Board built a new wing to the Queen Alexandra Junior High School and used part of the schoolyard for this purpose. The homes now purchased are required to enlarge the shrunken schoolyard and recreation area.

At this time the Toronto Separate School Board acquired a number of homes on the east side of Howie Avenue to enlarge the very cramped St. Ann's Separate School complex.

The type, condition and ages of all these houses are approximately the same. The lot sizes are roughly identical. Some of these homes reflect the care lavished on them by their owners or long term tenants. Other homes are or were in a general rundown condition and housed a mainly floating population. Some were

operated by absentee landlords who charged all the traffic would bear while providing the minimum of service.

Now it is an inescapable fact that the Separate School Board either through good luck or good management paid an average \$7774 less per house than the Toronto School Board for the acquisitions on Howie Avenue.

The question of speculators profiteering has been raised by Mr. George McCleary, the Metro School Board Trustee from North York. He has claimed in published reports that the Toronto School Board wasted \$109,000 when they bought the houses for the Queen Alexandra Schoolyard.

At the very least it would appear the Toronto School Board is playing Santa Claus with your tax dollar. It is also apparent there was a serious leakage of the Board's intent reflected in the substantially higher prices paid. Further: 16% of all families in Toronto share their homes with others. The national average is 7% — yet your tax dollar is being squandered and thrown away.

Somebody should save us from these bungling bureaucrats.

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## VIEWS OF THE ZOO - OLD AND NEW

by Norm Craven

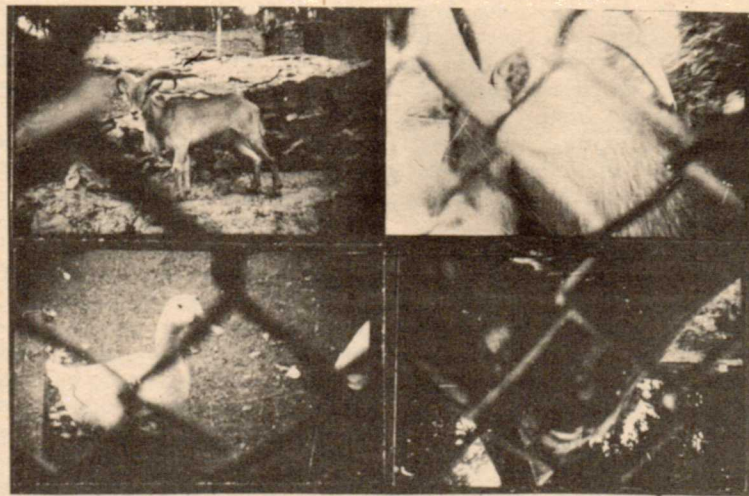
German born Dr. Gunther Voss has been appointed director of Metro's new zoo. This will be developed in the Valley of The Rouge in the north east corner of Scarborough.

He has been director of Assiniboine Park Zoo in Winnipeg from 1959 until June of this year. He attended the universities of Hamburg and Kiel, is very knowledgeable and has a wealth of experience going back some twenty-eight years.

Dr. Voss is president-elect of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums. His wife, Dr. Anita Brinckman, is also a zoologist from Basle university. They have two sons and two daughters.

In a recent interview Dr. Voss stated "Immeasurable qualities such as enthusiasm, goodwill, creative drive, and the spirit of public minded volunteers encourage us in our conviction that our zoo will become superb."

Now these are admirable



Seven News Photo by Sam Hill  
An egret, a gnu, an orangutan too. Hippopotami, lions. A zoo! A zoo!

sentiments from a very admirable man. The trouble is the zoo is being located in the boondocks and it will be a major expedition for children to undertake. It will be impossible for any needy families to even consider such a trip.

It would seem there is no shortage of cash to install this

beautiful zoological complex in the wilds of Rouge Valley. Will the zoological society or the "welfare dept" provide "a free bus service" for our citizens who are in dire need? If not, I can foresee a whole generation of inner city kids deprived of visual education and the pleasures of visiting "a rich man's zoo."

by Douglas Hill

On Tuesday October 27, my 4th grade class from the Jesse Ketchum School went to the Riverdale Zoo. All of us thought it was great.

I liked the monkey section best. It has the most comical monkeys. Oh how funny it is to see them climbing around on the bars. I liked the little white monkeys best because once one of them tried to get in the squashed line at the top of the cage, but got pushed off from the skinny little board. Another time a boy in the class had the zoo-keeper show him a trick. This is how it went. The zoo-keeper gave him some coffee and told him to climb the little fence and give it to the monkey. So he climbed the fence and put it in and the monkey opened the top and started to drink it. So that is why I like the monkeys.

I think the llama a feature attraction too. At least I liked it and some other people did too. At least four or five kindergarten children were at the cage. One little boy stuck his nose inside the cage and the llama licked it.

## Don Vale Tenants Beware

by Gerry Hudson

On August 26, 1970, City Council at its meeting adopted recommendations in Report No. 14 of the Committee on Urban Renewal, Housing & Fire Legislation pertaining to the Don Vale area. Two of these adopted recommendations are especially important to tenants.

1. The City will, and has, started to enforce Housing By-law no. 73-68 in the Don Vale area (which is more than a minimum by-law on housing standards);
2. The City will make low cost loans to home owners who qualify for these loans, with the repayment being spread over a ten year period.

First, it is good that Housing By-law No. 73-68 is being put in effect in the Don Vale. It is how it is being implemented that is a very serious concern of, and threat to, tenants. The City has stated that the By-law applies equally to absentee landlords and owner-occupiers, while ignoring all recommendations by the 3 associations in the Don Vale, that absentee landlords haven't the same interests that owner-occupiers have, and that the Housing By-law should apply to absentee-owners first.

Tenants must ask themselves, who is going to pay for the repairs to bringing houses in the Don Vale up to standards? What will these repairs come to mean to tenants? especially the repairs to buildings owned by the absentee landlords?

Tenants: remember that the owners who qualify can receive low-cost loans, to be paid back over a period of time.

But where is the money going to come from for this? Won't it mean an increase in rent for people who are already paying more than they should? Will it force tenants to move because of increased rents? If a tenant is forced to move because of this by-law, who is going to help him find a place to live? Who is going to pay the moving costs? Will the City provide tenants with some kind of re-location bureau, pay moving costs, or pay the increase in rent that this by-law enforcement is going to bring?

Another question tenants should start asking themselves, is how long are we going to be second-class? In the Don Vale, tenants are in the majority. Tenants pay, and pay well for all the services they receive. Could it be they also pay for services they don't receive?

For more information call Gerry or Barry at 922-7391.

## True Confessions

### AN ALDERMAN'S LIFE

by John Sewell

It has often occurred to me that people don't know much about their alderman and how he spends most of his time. Some people can't remember their alderman's name, or the ward they are in. Hopefully, this series of articles will give people some idea of what an alderman's life is all about.

Firstly, there are two aldermen for Ward 7: Karl Jaffary and John Sewell. Their telephones at City Hall are 367-7911, (for Karl) and 367-7910 (for John). Both Karl and myself were elected in December 1969, and the next election is in December 1972. The Ward runs from Sherbourne on the west to Logan in the east, from the Lakefront on the south, to a wiggly boundary on the north which is difficult to describe - from west to east it runs along Bloor, up the Don River to Fulton, along Fulton to Jackman, down Jackman to Danforth, and along Danforth to Logan.

How do I spend my time? Approximately five hours of every day are spent dealing with problems that people in the ward have. They either call or write,

and naturally enough, turn to the aldermen for help when they run up against a blank wall. Speaking for myself, most problems seem to deal with housing matters: people want to get into OHC, or they are in OHC and they want a transfer because their unit isn't suitable, or their landlord is being unfair with them, or their house hasn't been properly repaired. As an alderman you get an idea about ten times a day just how bad the housing crisis is. You realize that the various levels of government have just not made sure that there is enough housing to go around. Sometimes there is little that the alderman can do: he can get in touch with OHC, but he realizes that there are 22,000 families on the waiting list for housing. It is the most frustrating problem to solve.

Other problem areas concern people who are trying to get government payments which are guaranteed to them by law - whether it is Unemployment Insurance, Workmen's Compensation, Family Benefits, Welfare or Old Age Pensions. With all of these areas, there seems to be a certain amount of

bureaucratic error - in some cases you begin to think that it is intentional, but in most cases it is an obvious slip-up by either the government or the person asking for help. These problems usually can be solved, although it may take five or ten phone calls to do it. And of course, places like the Coxwell Street Welfare Office or Unemployment Insurance always seem to be busy, and it is a matter of time before you can get through.

And there are other problems: people who can't find work (and in this case there is not much that one can do to help), people who have various complaints about how they have been treated by somebody or other. In any case, about five hours out of every day are spent with such matters as these. The phone seems to ring incessantly, either at City Hall, or at home during supper.

Almost every weekday evening is taken up with a meeting of some sort. At least half the evenings are spent with various groups in the ward - being available to give some answers, being criticized for something done or not done, being there to give support or advice to the group. Speaking for myself, these meetings are probably the best part of the day. It is good to see that people are concerned enough about their community to get involved in what is going on.

The rest of the day is spent in a variety of ways. Since all the Committees and City Council meet during every second week, most of the time in that week is spent at those meetings. This means of course, that people's problems don't get dealt with as speedily as possible during that week, but it is a matter of choosing whether one is going to try to influence the political process by being involved in it, and voting the appropriate way, or whether one is just going to try to solve people's problems.

The other big time-wasting factor in City meetings is that one must be well prepared for them. This means reading what is on the agendas, and getting any extra information that might be needed. For Council, for instance, one is given a book of about 95 pages to read - and that happens every two weeks. For regular committee meetings, there is not quite that

much reading, but it is still quite substantial.

Put in its simplest terms, what is the function of an alderman? Should he be an ombudsman and spend most of his time helping people with individual problems? Should he spend most of his time being a politician, trying to make changes via the political process so that the political system changes enough to ensure adequate housing, and enough money to live, and enough jobs for all? Should he spend his time trying to do both? Trying to combine the jobs, and be good at both is difficult. I find, for instance, that about twelve hours out of every day (not including time for meals) is spent doing the things I am expected to do. Usually either Saturday or Sunday is spent being human. What this means is that as a politician I have little chance to travel around the ward and talk to people, or maybe try to get something going where there is a problem not being handled.

But it is an important question, what I, as a politician, should be doing and how I get time to do it. Remember, at City Hall I share a typist with two other aldermen; a secretary, to do odd jobs, just isn't available. I would like to get some ideas from people in the ward as to how I should be spending my time.

Next issue: What happens at City Hall.

## Regent Park Remembers

by Ruby Davidson

On November 10, with the help of the "Green Pixie Pals" and a large group of young people from Regent Park, we spread the word that there would be a small service to commemorate Armistice Day in front of 415 Gerrard Street, under the Canadian flag. We all set to work - the older kids wrote flyers, the younger Pixie Pals formed teams of two and knocked on doors in all the buildings. Regent Park South had a map showing how to get to the service at the field in front of the flag. The older "Green Men Pen Pals" went to John Innes' Centre for two huge flags, a smaller flag came from Dixon Hall, and a fog horn was borrowed from Woodgreen Centre.

On November 11, the Canadian

flag was unfurled. Linda Ross, age 12, recited "In Flanders Fields". A platoon of Air Force Veterans, carrying their own regimental colours, marched over and took their positions in front of the Canadian flag with the "Green Pixie Pen Pals" falling behind them carrying the three borrowed flags. People streamed onto the field from all directions. It was a moving experience, especially when you think of the time of morning and the short notice.

A few words were spoken by one of the Brothers from St. Basil's Seminary. We sang two verses from "O God Our Help in Ages Past" and one verse of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Most of the children received a poppy from the Air Force Veterans. It was an inspiring and satisfying experience.

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# The Chemical Society

by A.E. Kadry, M.D.

This is the last in a series of three articles by Dr. Kadry on the Chemical Society.

Many parents and friends of a drug user are at a loss as to what to do when they first learn that he or she is on drugs. Here is a list of centres in downtown Toronto capable of handling most cases of drug problems. It is to be emphasized that the treatment of an acute withdrawal reaction is urgent and primarily medical and therefore should be referred to a hospital. However, those with chronic problems should be referred to a centre where they can receive more long-term, on-going psychological treatment.

## A. Hospitals

- (1) **St. Michael's Hospital:** Under the direction of Dr. Prokopohuk, has an excellent unit for treatment of acute withdrawal cases especially those of heroin, speed and alcohol. 30 Bond Street - 366-4000.
- (2) **Toronto Western Hospital:** The programme there is more research-oriented, but is a good one under the direction of Dr. Solrush. 399 Bathurst St. - 368-2581.
- (3) **Toronto General Hospital:** It is best to go through the Emergency Department for acute cases. 101 College St. - 366-8211.
- (4) **Mount Sinai Hospital:** Has a youth clinic under the auspices of the Dept. of Psychiatry. It is good for long-term management of personality disorders connected with drug abuse. 350 University Ave. - 366-7361.
- (5) **Hospital for Sick Children:** This hospital is good for adolescent drug users up to 19 years of age. Dr. David Loyd is a good person to contact. 355 University Ave. - 366-7242.

## B. Organizations and Agencies

(1) **Addiction Research Foundation:** The name of this government agency is misleading for as well as research it provides for several good centres for treatment. For a 24-hour information service on drugs, crises intervention and available community services, call 595-6100.

(2) **C.O.D.A. (Council on Drug Abuse):** An organization supported by pharmaceutical companies, distributors and retail pharmacists. Primarily it supplies printed information on drug abuse. Although it has no meaningful and credible communication with youth it serves an important function in the area of familiarizing adults with drug problems. Ask your neighbourhood pharmacist.

**C. Youth Oriented Centres:** These centres are independently run, with an emphasis on counselling not preaching, and are much more trusted by the young than the doctrinaire establishment organizations. They are all available 24 hours daily, 7 days weekly, and will give assistance and referral advice by phone and in person:

(1) **12 Madison Ave:** This is a project supported conjointly by the Addiction Research Foundation and the Y.M.C.A. It has an outpatient medical clinic and an excellent counselling service. 365-7061.

(2) **Odyssey:** This is a mobile trailer service for assisting drug users with immediate problems and provides a mobile drop-in centre in a very informal setting, usually parked on Yorkville - 929-3581. It is supported primarily by the United Appeal.

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# READERS' OPINIONS

Dear Sir,

The comments on the War Measures Act by John Sewell (Seven News, Nov. 6) are filled with contradictions and exaggerations: irresponsible when they come from an elected representative; especially disturbing when they concern a very tragic and serious crisis in our nation.

Alderman Sewell suggests that the use of the War Measures Act was emotional and hysterical, and brought about a witch-hunt, martial law, and suppression of information. He contends that it is a threat to the era of relaxation, freedom of political thought, legitimate political parties, free election, civil rights and democracy. (It is easy to see where the emotion and hysteria lie.)

Yet, Mr. Sewell concedes that most people support the government. He does not mention the fact that the government's political foes - of every party - also gave their support in parliament. Canadians cherish

their freedom and the vast majority endorsed strong action against terrorism, which threatens the freedom of all. Those who live by the law, who respect our democratic processes, have lost no liberties.

Apparently Mr. Sewell believes in a new kind of democracy: rule by minority. He implies that a minority should be able to force its view on our nation. Did not the FLQ act on that very premise?

Canadians remain a reserved, but determined people. Our democratic system may need improvement. But we do have an elected government, and it is accountable to the people. We know what freedom is - as do few nations in this world. We are not about to lose it. The only "option" that has been closed off is terrorism.

Sincerely,  
Doug Loney

Dear Editor:

Many, many times, through the communications media of "newspapers, radio, and T.V.", we hear of some aspect of problems with youth; and how "youth" act,

or react to their environment and circumstances.

"We as older persons" like to make it appear that we are very knowledgeable about what is going on in our community. But are we?"

I think it is about time, we took a good look at our own selves, and started to answer a few questions instead of asking them all the time! One leading question we might answer "is" have we been doing the job that was and is our responsibility????

We now have a greater means to be able to communicate with youth, and much better tools to be able to educate all coming generations than we ever have had in the past; but we still try to use the "horse and buggy" methods of the past to impart our vast storehouse of knowledge! "Is this why we fail"?

Youth want to face the challenges of life, but they also want some help and direction from us, and be able to discuss and communicate with us: But are we prepared to help them? "Or" are we prepared, just to find fault

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"Put On"

## Watch Your Language!

A Satire Column  
by Norman Browne

In Toronto's Ward Seven, life is fast and dynamic. The ward has problems and a life-style of its own and even develops a language of its own . . .

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The policeman looked huge in the doorway of the run-down old house. His mighty bulk dwarfed the small boy at his side and he seemed embarrassed by the whole thing. He wasn't used to hassling kids, or at least not ones this young.

"I'm sorry, m'am," he said to the woman who stood in the hallway before him. "I was asked to bring him home from school. Use of loud, obscene and abusive language. Here's a note from his principal."

The boy's mother had seen too many cops in her time to be awed by them. "Thank you, officer. I'll look after him now." She motioned the boy inside, took the letter from the policeman's hand and quietly closed the door behind him.

Leaning against the door, she fumbled with the envelope in her hand while looking accusingly at the boy. "Now what have you done?" she asked. She got no answer as the boy only sunk his chin deeper into his chest in mute apathy.

The woman's fumbling fingers finally extracted the letter from the envelope and she began scanning the contents. Her eyes travelled half the page before she shuddered and slumped slightly against the door. However, she quickly recovered and when she finished reading the letter, her eyes sparkled with anger and her face mirrored the horror she felt.

"Well I never," she said. "Where did you ever pick up language like that! Did you really call your teacher a . . . a" She stopped, bit off the word, swallowed and tried again. "A 'social worker' . . . ?"

With an almost imperceptible nod of his head, the boy indicated that yes, he had used that bad word in reference to his teacher.

For one of the few times in her life the boy's mother was at a loss as to how to handle the situation. Finally, reluctantly, she invoked the ultimate authority. "You go to your room and stay there until your father gets home. I'll let him handle this!"

When the father came home from looking for work, the mother told him the whole story. He was even more angry and horrified than she was.

"Let me get this straight," he thundered, trying to control his temper. "His teacher called him down about something and he called her a 'social worker'. She took him to the principal's office and he called the principal a . . . a 'politician' and um . . . a 'developer'?" Even he found it hard to use these words in front of his wife.

He saw the answer in her eyes and without another word took a large ruler out of his drawer and mounted the stairs to his son's room.

Later when it was all over, the father came downstairs and put the ruler away. "Well," he said contentedly, "I think I cured him of using those dirty words!"

He had. The boy lay on his bed, sobbing quietly into his pillow. But between sobs he muttered, obscenely, "Urban Renewer! High-Rise Lover! . . ."

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## BUSINESSMEN HELP COMMUNITY

by Maggie Siggins

In its fight to keep the shopkeepers and small businesses healthy in this community, the Ward Seven Business Men's Association has played an active part in the changing life style and physical appearance of this neighborhood.

Since its inception 38 years ago, the Association has spent \$75,000 in community activities. These ranged from supplying hockey sticks and hot dogs for Regent Park kids to convincing the City's Works Committee to install proper lighting on Parliament.

And the Association has been responsible for some beautifying of the ward. When Ward Seven was Ward Two, the city had slated the widened road area in front of Parliament St. library at Parliament and Gerrard for a 40-car parking lot.

An executive member of the Association, Margaret Campbell, then alderman for the area, convinced Council a park would be more appropriate.

The Business Men's Association raised funds for a fountain making the corner a pleasant meeting place for many people in the area.

"The small businessman is the backbone of this community," says the Association's executive chairman, W.B. Hambly.

"We are the sturdy citizens and we feel that the more you put into a community the more you get out of it."

Mr. Hambly, of Hambly Brothers Printing, a company in its 75th year, joined the Association 30 years ago and has served as president five times. He is also presently president of the Greater Toronto Business and Professional Federation.

"We feel that we do our share in the Ward. For example, each Christmas we give \$25 to each church in the community that will accept it for children's parties," he says.

But he also agrees that Ward

Seven Businessmen's Association is not entirely altruistic. One of the Association's main purpose remains to help small businesses thrive.

One of the biggest struggles the Association underwent was persuading City Council to prohibit St. James Town from building a plaza as big as any found in metro's suburbs.

St. James Town planned a parking lot for 200 cars to accommodate the customers.

"If we had allowed the plaza all the businesses along Parliament St. would have died."

Meridian, developers of St. James Town, were allowed to build a huge Dominion store and a few other smaller stores and even these, said Mr. Hambly, have hurt businesses.

The Ward Seven Businessmen's Association has about 250 members and many of these include professionals such as lawyers and dentists.

The Association's roll call is most impressive. Among the members are Mayor William Dennison, who owned a speech correction school in the neighborhood; Donald MacDonald, the Liberal MP for the area, Minister of Defence and a lawyer, Fred Beavis, Alderman for Ward 8 and owner of Beavis Brothers Ltd. Roofing; and Karl Jaffary, a lawyer and Ward 7 Alderman.

There's a variety of businesses belonging to the Association including the Toronto Crematorium; Worcester Royal Canadian Co. (crystal and china); the Tahiti Room (a banquet hall); and Trillium House antiques.

The Association also supports some rather diverse projects. For example, they have bought \$500 worth of musical instruments for the local Salvation Army band, clothed and fed a family which were burnt out of their house, and supplied, at least for a while, hot meals at Duke of York Public School.

The Association's latest project is a square dance for senior citizens in the area some time in February. They have obtained the bottom portion of St. Lawrence Hall, hired a band, and are planning to serve refreshments.

Although conservative in nature, Ward Seven Business Men's Association has done more community work than almost any other similar organization in the city.

The Association will hold elections for officers November 26. Officers now include president, Michael J. Mitchell, a lawyer; vice-presidents Edith Justin, a real estate broker; Sam Rotenberg, a well-known variety store operator, and W.F. Warner, owner of a photography studio.

Recording secretary is A.J. Fisher, a bank manager, and corresponding secretary is Budd McCormick, a recreation centre employee. Treasurer is Beulah Dobrosky, a post office operator.

Many of the Association's members agreed that the only way a small business can exist, in this day of chain stores and large corporations, is to develop a sense of community spirit and responsibility.

"We feel that most people would rather shop regularly at a meat market or hardware store where they know the staff and know they will be treated with consideration."

"If the customer also knows that the shop owner is helping to make his community a better place to live, he'll be even more willing to buy there," said one Association member.

The Association looks to the community for support in such things as curbing Sunday openings, and limiting night



Photo Courtesy of Ward 7 Businessmen's Assoc.

The Ward 7 Businessmen's Association raised funds for the fountain in the parkette at Gerrard and Parliament. The City had planned a 40-car parking lot, but the corner is now a pleasant meeting place for local residents.

## Youth Centre Reactivated

The Youth Centre at the Parliament Library House is being re-activated. Tutoring and interest groups will be available. Also, there will be space for drop-ins and casual conversation as well as counselling. "But we're still very open for ideas. We're anxious to get youth involved from the start — in the planning stages," declares Valerie Johnson, youth worker at the Library House.

Monday, November 23 at 4:30 is scheduled as the first planning meeting. All local youth (approximately 13-18 years old) are invited to attend. Adults interested in sharing their talents through interest groups or tutoring are asked to call Mrs. Johnson at 921-8674.

Interest groups now being considered are guitar, creative writing, engineering, magic, film, batik. "The idea is to get away from the high school atmosphere and still learn something," notes Mrs. Johnson. "We'll take full advantage of our greater flexibility in time and format."

Tutoring will concentrate on such notoriously sticky subjects as mathematics, physics, chemistry, English grammar, foreign languages. However, the subjects will depend totally on the needs of the students; they are encouraged to sign up this week at The House.

"Perhaps the most important aspects of the centre," says Mrs. Johnson, "will be the counselling and the opportunity for young people to have a place of their own. We'll be open in the afternoons and evenings. But this too depends on the needs expressed at the planning meeting. "Young people," it sounds strange for me to say," remarks Mrs. Johnson, age 23. "I suppose my own youth will be one of my biggest advantages here. Also the teaching experience I've had during undergraduate and postgraduate years at University. But the final success of the program," concludes Mrs. Johnson, "will depend on the people participating."

## Drugs

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(3) Toronto Free Youth Clinic: under the direction of Dr. David Collins, primarily a medical clinic but has good referral services. Several M.D.'s with vast experience in drug work assist in the running of the project. 252 Dupont Street — 925-6223.

There are many other good community resources available. Only the most familiar ones have been chosen for mention here. In most cases it is necessary to contact only one such facility, and any appropriate referrals can be made through it.

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## Youth

### TEEN ASKS TO BE HEARD

by Michael John Comerford

The following is something that I think needs to be voiced in this area very badly. In fact, in most areas across the world, it needs to be voiced. Just as Aldermen need to voice their opinions, so do the teens that will someday lead this world. An Alderman's job is to voice the opinions of the ward which he represents. Somehow, very conveniently, this leaves out the teens or adolescents. Anything that comes from the teens becomes jumbled, distorted and unmeaningful.

The same thing applies to the "Ward Seven News." The idea of this newspaper is to allow the opinions of the people constituting the area to be heard throughout that area. Teens need to be heard and understood, not by heresy or rumour, but directly and specifically by the teens themselves.

Constantly, we are hearing of people having more and more say

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in how they live, where they live, and even how they go about living, coming closer and closer to a democratic society. John Sewell and Karl Jaffary represent the ward. Throughout this ward there are people representing even smaller communities in this area, but all are at least of voting age. There are representatives from every nook and cranny in this area except for the teens. I ask you the people of Ward Seven, WHY? I am not asking for the teens to run the ward, but simply to allow the people the right they have to hear the truth and to be able to understand those who are so misunderstood, and classified. I only hope we can reveal what is really going on on the teen scene, how they can help — and how the teens can help themselves!

A good start for something as unique as this would be a teen column in the Ward Seven News. I would offer to start this off and I'm sure it would be followed up by other teens who have a definite desire to be heard. ALLOW THEM TO BE HEARD!!

Seven News would like to make a teen column a regular feature. Those interested are invited to contribute.

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## Ward 7

## Sports

## Round-up

By Joe Ganny  
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**AT THE ALLEYS:** The Friday Neters Bowling League is off and running again, with what shapes up as one of their most successful years ever in the making. The League consists of 10 teams with 70 bowlers and a waiting list of 10 more ready to step in. Manager Jim Evens has the alleys in pretty good shape and the bowlers have responded with some pretty fancy scores. Jack Watson and Serge Tucci have both topped 300 and lead the men's high average with 229 and 221 respectively. Don Bayda is keeping them both honest with a neat 225. The ladies are showing pretty good form with Sue Binstead and Mary Murdock leading the high average with 180 and 179. Dot Shanahan is right on their heels with a neat 176. The Roadrunners and the Alley Cats lead the pack at the present time but are being hard pressed by the Dusters and the Mod Squad. The Mod Squad by reports should be renamed the Loud Squad, as there is a great team effort by them all and a great job is being done by Captain Al French. The junior miss of the League, Carol Benn, leads the women's high triple handicap with a 739.

Regent Park North Hockey practices begin Monday Nov. 23 at Moss Park Ice Rink, Queen and Sherbourne St. The ages and times

are as follows: 9 years and under, 3:45 p.m.; 10 years, 4:15 p.m.; 11 years, 5 p.m.; 12 and 13 year old boys, 7 p.m.; 14 and 15 year old boys, 8 p.m.; and at 9 p.m. the 16 to 18-year-old, take to the ice. Any boys wishing to try out please report to coaches D. Lounds and H. Lounds or phone 363-2955. As I mentioned in an early edition - the Moss Park Parents Novice Hockey House League is almost under way and to be eligible a boy must be a novice and reside within the area of the Don River to Yonge St., south of Bloor St. Everybody will be given equal ice times regardless of his ability. You must be signed up by Nov. 28 and because of the heavy registration it is necessary to rule that first come first served. So hurry over to the John Innes Recreation Centre, 150 Sherbourne St. or phone Mr. Barry Sherwood at 366-0767. Ages are from 6 to 13.

See you at the next hockey roundup.

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## News From City Hall

(1) The City's Public Works Committee has recommended that the cross-walk at Winchester and Parliament Streets be replaced by street lights.

(2) The Works Committee also recommends that the lane west of Logan running south from Colgate is to be made public. This will mean that the demand of local residents for lighting in the lane should soon be met.

(3) People have been watching the digging going on in the lot on the south-east corner of Gerrard and River. The one apartment now standing there will be complemented by two more buildings. It has been learned that one of the buildings to be built will be rented as Ontario Housing units (rents geared to income) and the other apartment building to go up will be limited dividend (profits will be limited). The General Steelwares building - that old derelict - will be refurbished and used as a parking garage.

(4) City Council has passed a resolution to install parking meters on both sides of Queen St. E. between Power and River Sts. This item proved to be a bone of contention on Queen Street, as opinion on the street was equally divided. After more information from the Commissioner of Works, a decision was made (in the first instance by the Ward aldermen) to have the meters installed, and most businessmen and residents went along with the installation.

(5) City Council passed a bill Thursday allowing parking on the south side of Shuter St. between Sackville St. and Sumach St., between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends and holidays.

## RCO-TTC

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by a group of people."

Mrs. Cyr suggested that the delegation speak for itself, adding, "are you being harassed by the people here?"

Mr. Day emphatically denied that this had been his meaning. He said that while individual Commissioners sometimes attended meetings, the TTC in general had never considered it a duty to attend public meetings, though they are "interested in receiving the backing of the public for our projects." He admitted that one way of finding out whether the TTC had this desired backing was "the way we are doing it today."

As for the members of the delegation, they felt that the meeting was a success simply by virtue of the fact that it had taken place.

(6) Council has recommended that a crosswalk be installed on Gerrard Street, at St. Matthews Road (just east of the River). This will enable streetcar riders to cross over to Riverdale Hospital without having to make the last part of the trip in an ambulance.

## Opinions

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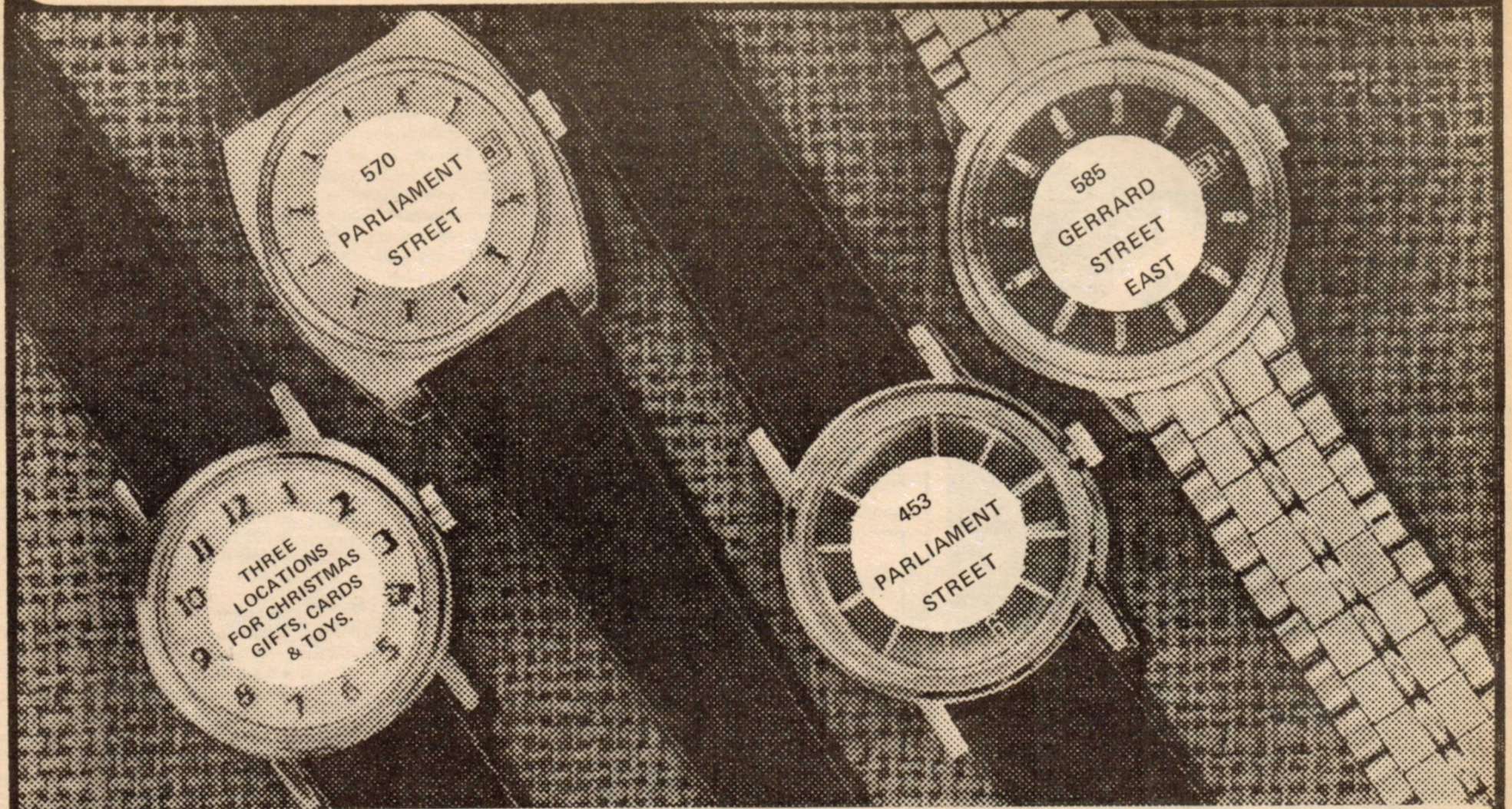
to criticize them for everything we think they are doing wrong, if they do not come up to our standards?

"Life" is not of necessity a "bed of roses", and one can get used to thorns if they are not pierced too often or too much, so let's drop our facade of respectability and our continual nattering against "youth" and let us try to make life more meaningful for all our citizens, and give "youth" an opportunity to really express themselves, and not force them to lay around in parks to rot, because no person in industry wants or needs them: Lets use them to improve our city, and country, and not be so short sighted in our false economics and say there is nothing we can do.

Yes! "Many jobs need doing": And "you" may be willing to do them, but it would cost too much to have you try to improve conditions and try to put some beauty where the ravages of poverty now exists, that is why we cannot offer "you" anything better than "token existence" by welfare.

Yours,  
HARRIS HUNTER.

# CHANTELLE



## JEWELLERS

## Noon-Hour Politics

by Pat Moses

Combine good food with good conversation and any get-together is bound to be a success. That formula worked once again when 50-65 people from all over Metro and Karl Jaffary met at lunch on Thursday, at Holy Trinity Church. Though not an intimate gathering, the atmosphere of the place brought all conversation to the personal level. The public discussion gave the people a good look at "the man" and his convictions. Alderman Jaffary's usual "straight from the shoulder" answers left no doubt as to where he stood on many issues. He pointed out that what he believed in, and what might happen at City Hall could be wildly divergent. The variety of the subjects discussed showed the wide range of interests of the people.

Asked whether the different levels of government might get together and give the cities power to govern themselves, the answer was — not likely. He said most governments have a tremendous desire to hold on to what power they have and felt the solution would be to change the politicians you must deal with at the Federal, Provincial and City level to those committed to the power of the city.

People are interested in what is happening at City Hall Jaffary said. Since Ryerson Radio has been carrying Council Meetings, people have been coming in to watch, and that's a great idea. This tied in with the question of cable T.V. at City Hall. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that T.V. coverage as one avenue of information would be to everyone's advantage.

The subjects ranging from Party Politics at City Hall, the Harbour Commission and its function, the Waterfront Committee and what it is doing, to the Airports (Malton, Barrie, waterfront), Metro Police, Rehabilitation Program and even the legal question — what recourse a citizen or a group has when slandered by a politician, extended the lunch hour almost another hour. A wonderful lively session.

## News in Brief

Editorial Staff Meeting, Seven News, Thursday, November 26, 7:30 p.m. at the Parliament St. Library House, 265 Gerrard St. E. Everyone welcome.

Central Neighborhood House is moving Monday, November 23, to 349 Ontario Street. Official opening ceremonies will be held on Saturday, December 5 between 2 and 4 p.m. There will be tours of the house and refreshments will be served. Neighbors invited.

A Bingo will be held at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street on Wednesday, December 9, between 7 and 9 p.m. There will be twelve games in all: 9 regular and 3 special. Everybody welcome; Grand Prizes. Admission.

There will be a meeting of the Riverdale N.D.P. at Ulster Hall (Gerrard and Jones) on November 22 at 8 p.m.

The Canadian Indian Centre 317 Dundas St. E., is offering the following activities: Ladies' Auxiliary, Youth Group, Hockey, Bowling, Films, Lounge, Library, Counselling. For further information come to All Saints' Church at the above address, between 9:30 and 12:30 p.m., and talk to George or Bob.

A mother-baby program will start at Central Neighborhood House in January. Mothers of babies born between January 1970 and June 1970 who would like to join are asked to call Irene Kyle at 925-4363.

The Ward Council will meet Mondays, November 23 and December 7 at Regent Park United Church on Oak Street.

The next Citizens' Forum meetings will be at 8 p.m. in the New City Hall, November 24 and December 8.

Wednesday, December 2, the St. David's Liberal Association will hold a policy meeting at the Old Spain Restaurant, Bloor & Sherbourne.

Saturday, December 5, between 2 and 5 p.m. A Christmas Bazaar will be held at St. John's Presbyterian Church (Broadview and Simpson). Homebaking, Christmas Gifts, "White Elephant" table, Book table, and C.G.I.T. Novelties. Admission 50c includes Afternoon Tea. Sunday, December 13, 3:30 p.m. Presbytery Rally at St. John's. The speaker will be Rev. D.T. Evans, D.D., the Moderator of the 96th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Don't wait till spring! Clean out your basements and attics now. Furniture is needed for the Drop-in Centre at 265 Parliament. Couches, chairs, record players, radio, t.v., book shelves, filing cabinets, desks, musical instruments, etc. Please call Valerie Johnson or Bruce Geddes 921-8674.

Do you have maternity clothes that you no longer need? Street Haven (a home for girls in trouble — all kinds of trouble) would gratefully receive your donations: please send or bring them to 87 Pembroke St., Toronto.

There will be a Salvation Army field Service every Sunday at 10:45. The Rallying Place under the Canadian Flag at regional offices, 415 Gerrard Street East. This Service will be fifteen minutes only. Rain or Shine, Ice or Snow.

The House on Gerrard: Be part of the action. Folk and Poetry Series: Nov. 29, Sol Mandlsohn and Rolf Harvey, poets, and Ken Stephenson, folksinger; Dec. 13, Bill Wilson and John Douglas, poets, and Ken Stephenson, folksinger; Dec. 27, Don Bailey and Jane White, poets, and Ron Komsky, folksinger. 265 Gerrard St. E., 8 p.m. \$1.00 admission. For further information, call 221-3890.

November 23 there will be a meeting of the Degrassi-West-Tiverton Neighborhood Improvement Organization, St. Matthew's Anglican Church, 7:30 p.m.



Senior Citizens from Dixon Hall paid a visit to the Provincial Parliament Buildings in October. The gentleman in the front-centre is Henry Price MPP of St. David's, who gave the group tea afterwards.

## Dixon Hall Schedule

### FALL & WINTER PROGRAM

58 Sumach

Monday—	9:00 — 12:00 1:00 — 3:00 6:00 — 9:00 7:00 — 9:00	Dental Care Senior Citizens Legal Aid Counselling
Tuesday—	1:30 — 3:30 1:30 — 3:30 3:45 — 4:45 4:00 — 5:00  7:00 — 9:00 7:00 — 8:00 7:30 —	Mothers' Group First Aid Gym — Boys 6-9 yrs. Arts and Crafts Girls 6-12 yrs. Knitting Girls 10-12 yrs. Floor Hockey Boys 10 & 12 yrs. Drama Boys & Girls Girls Teen Group
Wednesday—	9:00 — 12:00 1:30 — 3:30 4:00 — 5:00 4:00 — 5:00 6:00 — 7:00 6:00 — 7:00 7:00 — 9:00 7:00 —	Dental Care Senior Citizens Ballet TINYTOTS 5 and under Shuffleboard Boys 6-8 Cubs Floor Hockey Boys 10-12 Adult Drop-in
Thursday—	3:30 — 5:00 3:45 — 4:45 6:00 — 7:00 7:00 — 9:00 7:00 — 8:30 7:00 — 9:00 7:00 — 9:00 8:30 —	Arts and Crafts Boys 10-12 Gym Boys 6-9 Cubs Cooking Girls 10-12 Arts and Crafts Girls 10-12 Creative Dance Girls 10-12 Floor Hockey Teen Movies
Friday—	1:30 — 3:30	Mothers' Group
Saturday—	9:30 — 10:30 10:00 10:00 11:00 1:00	Swimming 6-10 Boys and Girls Tap Dancing Girls Bowling Boys 9-16 Movies — All kids Judo — all ages.

Phone: Sandy and Jamie  
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November 24: The Riverdale Community Organization Dinner, sponsored by friends of RCO, will be held. Woodgreen United Church (Carroll Hall), 6:30 p.m.

At its November 8th meeting in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, the Riverdale Community Organization voted in favor of a motion to consider filing a \$78,000 libel suit against Mayor William Dennison. The motion was in reference to various charges made by the Mayor against RCO in which he said that they were like "Mao's Red Guard", used "Communist tactics", and were an example of "Kindergarten Leninism"; he repeatedly accused the organization of threatening "violence". The figure of \$78,000 is the amount of the proposed grant to RCO that the Mayor would like to block.

The meeting also sent a delegation to find June Marks the following day to get her to clarify her charge that RCO is about "to march on City Hall with machine guns". The delegation met with her two days later. She said she made the charge because someone told her it was true. She admitted that she does not think RCO is made up of that kind of people. The delegation then suggested that she might sign a retraction to the effect that her remarks about machine guns and paid agitators were hasty, and based on inaccurate information. She asked for a week to consider the possibility, but to date Mrs. Marks has made no retraction.

November 25: there will be a meeting of the Rushbrooke-Berkshire-Marigold Association, 7:30 p.m. at the Queen East Presbyterian Church.

November 26: the Blackburn-Broadview Neighborhood Organization will meet, 7:30 at the Broadview Y.

A meeting entitled "Who needs Citizen Participation?" will be held in the Town Hall, St. Lawrence Centre (beside the O'Keefe Centre) on Tuesday, November 24th, from 12.15 to 1.15. The meeting is sponsored by the Confederation of Residents and Ratepayers Associations, and Mayor Dennison and Aldermen O'Donohue and Marks will be speaking. Everyone is invited to both attend and argue or agree with the speakers.

Citizens' Forum Meetings, New City Hall, 8 p.m. Nov. 24 and December 1. A special committee on electoral procedure chaired by Allan Lamport will be bringing in its report soon: so the topic for the next Forum will be "New Election Laws in the Making?" If you have any beefs about electoral procedures in Toronto, bring them to the meeting on Nov. 24.

Anyone interested in setting up a Wednesday night Bingo at St. Enoch's (Winchester and Metcalfe Sts.) should contact Ann Winchester or Barry Morris at 922-8322.

If your organization is holding a meeting or other event that you would like to announce in Seven News, please phone 922-9175 by Monday, November 30 (next publication date is December 4).

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