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ST. DAVID'S CANDIDATES



Giles Endicott, NDP candidate for St. David, lives at 42 Chesterhill Road on the east side of the Don River just north of Danforth. Mr. Endicott was born in 1936 and attended Brown school, Jarvis Collegiate and received an honors B.A. in philosophy from the University of Toronto. In 1961 he enrolled in the London School of Economics where he received a diploma in Economic and Social Administration.

Mr. Endicott has also been a carpenter's helper, a forest ranger, a laborer in a brewery and a surveyor for a mining exploration crew. At present he is employed as research director for the Canadian Food and Allied workers.

Mr. Endicott has been politically active since 1955 and has been nominated twice before to represent the NDP in St. David Riding.



Margaret Scrivener, the Progressive Conservative candidate for St. David, lives at 119 Glen Road in Rosedale. She is married and has four children, Paul, Charles, Louise and John. Her husband, Richard is a consulting engineer.

Although Mrs. Scrivener has had no prior political experience, she has been active in many community causes. She is vice-chairman of the Metro Toronto Planning Board, past chairman on the "Save-the-Ravines" committee and an active member in the Conservation Council of Ontario, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, the Metro Toronto Civic Conference, the Community Planning Association of Canada.



Gerald Tooke, the Liberal candidate for St. David, lives at 94 Asquith Rd. in Rosedale. Mr. Tooke was born and educated in England where he graduated in design from Canterbury College of Art and spent five years in the studio of Canterbury Cathedral, working to restore the ancient stained glass. In 1951 he served for two years in the Royal Air Force as a Pilot Officer in radar.

Mr. Tooke came to Canada in 1954 and quickly won himself a national reputation as one of Canada's foremost creators of stained glass. He became involved in politics in 1964 and in 1968 took on the part-time job as Donald Macdonald's riding representative. He quit that job at the beginning of this year to take the Liberal nomination for St. David's Riding.

ELECTN MEETING

Voters in the St. George riding will have an opportunity to meet the candidates at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario Street, on Thursday, October 14, at 7:45 p.m., the week before the provincial elections on October 21.

The Hon. Allan Lawrence, Conservative candidate who is Minister of Justice and Attorney General has indicated he will be present, as will Peter Maloney, Liberal candidate, and David Middleton who is running for the N.D.P.

The meeting will be chaired by June Rowlands. Mrs. Rowlands is the past president of the Association of Women Electors, the chairman of the Metro Community Housing Committee, and a member of the National Council of Welfare.

NEW V.D. CLINIC

A new clinic has been opened at Wellesley Hospital. It is a special treatment clinic for venereal disease.

Clinic hours are between 5 and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, and between 12 and 1 p.m. on Fridays. No appointments are necessary, but patients are advised to arrive at the start of the clinic. The clinic is free. There is no charge made for diagnosis, investigation or treatment. People who have been exposed to V.D. or who suspect they have been exposed are also invited to attend.

NIGHT COURSE

The University of Toronto is giving a night school course this fall and winter titled "Citizens' Action and Citizens' Issues." The course covers 12 sessions at 2 hours a session every Monday evening with a fee of \$50 for the complete course.

The course examines the development of citizens' action groups, the reason for their emergence, the issues with which they are attempting to deal, and some of the techniques and resources for citizen involvement in community problems.

The course will feature a number of guest speakers who are active in various citizen's efforts in Toronto. Several situations - both current and recent - which have stimulated citizens' concern and activity will be analysed.

TENANTS UNION DANCE

The South of St. Jamestown Tenant's Union are holding a festival, wedding and street dance on Bleecker street between Carlton and Wellesley this coming Sunday, October 10th.

The festival is planned to draw attention to the recent Toronto Planning Board staff report on the south of St. Jamestown area. A number of political candidates and public officials have been invited and if they attend will be taken on a tour of the area.

APOLOGIES!

by Norm Craven

Representatives from 56 Divn. Police Dept. and a citizens group met at Broadview "Y" on Sept. 21st. The meeting was loosely chaired, and a self-confessed minister (who didn't act like one) conducted a bizarre interrogation.

A flyer advertising this meeting put out by a group calling themselves the Citizens Police Probe Committee was described as inflammatory, and even the name of the committee seemed to give offense. After an apology was tendered it was explained that this flyer was mailed to a select group with the sole intention of drawing in those who feel the most alienated.

Concern was expressed with reputed allegations of police brutality. This led to a distinct polarization between people who felt the police were doing a difficult job in a very commendable manner and others who conceded the job is indeed difficult but the police turn off people by being overzealous when apprehending drunks and high flying kids.

The Director of Clifton House said he had nothing but praise for the Police Dept. The men of 56 Divn. have rendered invaluable assistance to his boys for a number of years, and until very recently he had felt community relations were excellent. He said unnecessary use of force is to be condemned and departmental regulations cover this. Men who use excessive force do lose their jobs. Sometimes it is hard to know when to draw the line; then again "excessive force" is in the eyes of the beholder.

If a person claims he has been worked over by the police he suddenly becomes credible, yet the same citizens who believe his story never feel enough empathy to enquire about the state of a policeman who has been subject to a vicious beating by a gang of hoods.

At the present moment two officers from 56 Division are suffering from injuries sustained in protecting the public. One of the officers is in serious condition with a damaged gall-bladder. The doctors feel he may wind up with a diabetic condition and may never enjoy normal health.

Inspector Surplus then gave his regrets for blowing his cool at the meeting of Aug. 30th, and he apologised for his parting statements (reported last issue 7 News). Our friend "the people's policeman" Dave Turnbull who really is a nice guy, expressed the desire and is anxious to start some type of pilot-project to improve community-police relations. The meeting closed with the implied promise of closer cooperation between citizens and police. Further meetings will be set up at some mutually agreed date.

DON VALE COMM CENTRE

Nominations for the 17-man board of directors for the Don Vale Community Centre are still open. Although a nomination meeting was held last Thursday, additional nominations will be accepted in writing up until the time of the election meeting on November 4th. Nominations will also be accepted for the first half hour of the meeting which begins at 8:00 p.m. at the Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street.

According to the new constitution recently passed, general meetings of the community will be held on the first Thursday of every month. As well, open board of directors meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. The Don Vale Community Centre recently received a grant of \$5,000 and as a result will be able to stay in business until the end of December. Plans are being formulated to charge a membership fee and at the same time raise additional funds directly from the community.

DON VALE PLAYHOUSE

Audience Participation will be the feature of the next play to be presented by the Cellar Society at the Don Vale Community Playhouse.

The play to be presented is "NIGHT OF JANUARY 16TH" by Ayn Rand and because it is a murder trial, a jury of 12 people is needed. The audience participates by being the source from which the jury is selected and at every performance, 12 members are drawn from the audience and it is

they who decide if the accused is guilty or innocent.

Performances will be held at the Don Vale Playhouse, 80 Winchester Street on Oct. 21st, 22nd and 23rd and again on Oct. 28th, 29th and 30th. Show time is 8:30 p.m. and admission is \$1.00.

Anyone wishing to serve on the "jury" of the "murder trial" is asked to phone 923-9368 or leave their name at the box office when purchasing tickets.

OLDTIMERS ACTIVE



Above, a group from the Senior Citizens Programme at Dixon Hall during a summer visit to Pioneer Village. The Senior Citizens Programme has started again at Dixon Hall after a great summer of bus trips, arts and crafts, films and speakers.

Ladies Day is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Monday at Dixon Hall. For Senior Men in the area, their get-together day is Friday afternoon at the same time. A lot of exciting events are planned for the fall and everyone is welcome.

TEEN DANCES END SUMMER



Photos by Barry Zwicker

Teen-agers across the Ward ended summer with a variety of dances, both in-door and outside. Upper left, the last street dance of the season was sponsored by Central Neighborhood House for the people living south of Carlton and west of Parliament Street. There was a good turn-out of adults and children to hear and watch the Downchild Blues Band.

Top right, the teens at the Don Mount teen club drop-in centre have a swinging time every Friday night. Linda Morby, 16, and Ray Whynder, 17, are two of the many having a good time at that dance.

The bottom two pictures were taken at the 23rd and final of a series of outdoor dances held in Regent Park Community Improvement Association. The dances are conducted by postman Bob Mounce, a volunteer. Mr. Mounce is also responsible for the construction of the turntables, lights, etc.

MINI-ZOO

By PAT KING

During the last two weeks of July, a survey was conducted to try and determine what people would like to see replace Riverdale Zoo when it is moved to its new location. Visitors to Riverdale Park were canvassed, as well as residents of the Don Vale and Riverdale areas, Regent Park and St. Jamestown.

The majority of those surveyed were in favor of the retention of a small zoo and parkland and recreational facilities for children. Many voted for a recreational centre and/or a botanical garden.

Most people, it was found, were opposed to the site being used for housing or an apartment block. Also found unacceptable were a domed stadium or facilities for the Toronto Humane Society.

The findings of the survey were endorsed in principle by the Don Vale Residents and Homeowners Association at a meeting held in early September. At a meeting of the Riverdale Zoo Site Committee the following week it was decided to set up a meeting with the City of Toronto Parks Department and recommend to them that a mini-zoo be kept and the rest of the site be used as parkland and recreational facilities for children.

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BOOK REVIEW

(NOTE: All books reviewed in this column are obtainable from the Toronto Public Library System. The following reviews are by the Parliament Street Library.)

Little Big Man, by Thomas Berger

The supposed memoirs of Jack Crabb, one hundred and eleven year old survivor of Custer's last stand and just about every other epic event in the history of the old west. Entertaining and hilarious reading.

The Shadow of the Lynx, by Victoria Holt

A story of love and revenge set in the Australian gold country and an English mansion.

The Soft Revolution, by Neil Postman and Charles Weingartner.

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A FREE TUTORING SERVICE is being started at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, phone 863-0499.

PEOPLE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is a group of concerned people who have been meeting for the purpose of establishing an alternative educational experience for primary school children in Toronto. Meetings are held every other Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 252 Bloor St. W. Room 201. The next meeting will be held October 12.

A FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME is available at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street. Lawyers are on duty every Monday night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Emergency assistance is also available by phoning 863-0499.

BOYS AND GIRLS ART CLASSES will be given at the Parliament St. Library House starting Tuesday Oct. 19th, after school. A Movie Program for boys and girls will also be held at the Library House on Fridays after school, beginning Oct. 22nd.

OPEN POETRY AND FOLK EVENINGS will be held on the third Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. at the Parliament Street Library House, 265 Gerrard Street East. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to read poems, sing or perform.

THE WARD SEVEN BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION special meeting of Sept. 22nd was the subject of a full hour on Downtown Community TV on Thursday Sept. 30th. The whole meeting was fully video-taped and anyone interested in viewing this tape should contact Harold Deneau at 924-2543.

A RUMMAGE SALE OF CLEAN USED clothing and bric-a-brac will be held on Saturday morning, Oct. 16th, starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street. Proceeds will go to SEVEN NEWS and the Don Vale Food Co-op.

THE NEXT EDITORIAL MEETING OF SEVEN NEWS will be at 8:00 p.m. Thurs. Oct. 14th at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street.

A DANCE WILL BE HELD BY THE TEEN DROP-IN of the Don Vale Community Centre starting at 8 p.m. on Sat. Oct. 9th at the Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street. There will be a live group plus records and admission is 75c.

Ward 7 Sports Round-up

By Joe Ganny
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Regent Park Sr. League

The 1971 Softball Season came to a close last Sunday when Cross town Battery beat Chantelle Jewellers 6-3: D. Park and R. Ramsay were the big hitters for Crosstown with 3 hits each. Crosstown won the series 3 games to 1 - Gary Caruso was the winning pitcher in all 3 games. Len McKanick won the long game for Chantelle. Last year Chantelle finished 6th and last and Crosstown finished 5th. So it was a fine year for both teams. A. Johnston did a fine job as coach of Crosstown, as did Rudy Coughlin for Chantelle.

The year end Banquet and Dance was held at the Loc 43 Union Hall, Ontario and Gerrard Sts. on Friday Oct. 1st and a good time was had by all.

Baseball also came to a close at Regent after a fine season for all 3 clubs. The Tykes went to the League Finals and lost to Adam Beck, 2 games to one. Don Quinney, John Smith, Chuck Emes, Ben Green, Greg Bacon, Keven Bacon, Doug Dumas, Doug Daily, Greg Thomas, L. Szabo, Mike Court, all played fine ball for coach Harold Lounds. The Pee-Wee also in the league finals to E.R. 2 games to none. Regent lost all-star pitcher Tom Adams in the first inning of the 2nd game when he broke a bone in his pitching arm. All the boys played good ball for Harold who also coaches this club.

The boys on this team were R. Gosse, T. Adams, P. Szabo, R. Chapman, T. Busby, D. Shaw, R. McCormick, W. Francis, J. Bacon, S. Shannahan, S. McKenzie, D. Anderson. The Midget Team won the City Championship and went all the way to the Metro Finals. The team was led by the fine pitching of Ricky Bell and the good hitting of Ron Brown and Glen Bacon; and the fine play of B. McClouch, L. Chapman, R. Honniblow, J. Annis, B. Blunt, M. Smith, B. Yaschuck, D. Silk - also the great coaching of Gord Summers. So as you can see the boys as well as the men had a great year at Regent Park.

Just a few words at this time about Hockey. If you have a boy who wants to play this year at Regent Park, just call 363-2955.

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SEWELL BLOCKS SHERBOURNE DEVELOPMENT

by Ingrid Smith

On September 27th, a very important apartment project for the Sherbourne-Dundas area went to the Building and Development Committee for approval. John Sewell who is the alderman for that neighbourhood is one of the members. Planned for the North-East side of Sherbourne and Dundas are two highrise buildings, plus a day nursery and shopping plaza. Fred Braid, the developer, says that over 10 years went into the assembly of necessary properties and planning of the proposed buildings. By 1969 he owned all the houses, applied to the City Planning Board, and they called the first of several public meetings. Even at that time, John Sewell, not yet an alderman for the area, opposed any and all new development.

The existing houses on the site, built around the turn of the century, have fallen into disrepair and through many years of neglect have become decrepit and cockroach-infested. The heating, wiring and plumbing systems are no longer up to any modern standards and they have become rooming houses for single and transient men and families on the bottom of the economic ladder. It would cost a small fortune to rehabilitate these homes in order to serve for another 20 or 30 years, and then they would only have very limited space for all the hundreds of people pouring into the inner city each week.

At the unveiling of the plans by Mr. Braid, the local merchants, businessmen, families, roomers and homeowners felt the development to be a good and invigorating idea for a fresh breath of life into the area. The owners of the to be demolished houses were usually older people who made a living by renting their rooms. They wanted to sell so as to avoid the harassment by housing authorities to make major repairs which they were in no financial position to make.

Naturally, at the public meetings were people concerned about their dislocation. It was then that the developer tried to find a solution to the roomers' problem of finding cheap but good accommodation. He came up with the highrise rooming house concept, which this year became a reality on the westside of Sherbourne. Mr. Sewell at first opposed it, but kept his peace when it was put before the Ontario Municipal Board for approval. As anyone can verify, it is a huge success and has a long waiting list.

At subsequent public meetings for the new development Mr. Sewell and his men opposed it on the grounds that it would become luxury apartments for the middle class. Mr. Braid tried to explain that this was no neighbourhood for the Rosedale Set and asked for Mr. Sewell's help in planning the buildings which are desperately needed to alleviate the tremendous overcrowding and bad

conditions in the area. To allay the fears of families to be displaced, Mr. Braid offered the guaranty to the effect that everyone would be given three months notice, moving expenses and equal or better accommodation. To help in this, a second 240 unit highrise rooming house has been approved for Dundas and Pembroke Sts.

Mr. Sewell was elected on the promise he would help the PEOPLE and concern himself with the extraordinary social problems that exist. Instead, he chose to fight for the retaining of dilapidated houses and consistently opposed any kind of highrise developments. He now votes against this development which would create 600 apartments and provide a much needed day nursery and shopping centre.

He could negotiate and cooperate with the developer in the following constructive ways:

- 1) Try and get Ontario Housing financing so that low income families can have rent geared to their income.
- 2) Find definite alternative solutions for the housing needs of our people instead of trying to keep old houses just barely up to minimum standards and which do not provide more living space.
- 3) If he does not approve of the design of proposed buildings, negotiate with the Planning Authorities, which incidentally dictate to the developer exactly

what, where and how to build. The official plan calls for high density. The people cannot afford to keep grand old mansions for their aesthetic value. Also, who would foot the bills for this sort of undertaking? Certainly not the roomers or working people who are only interested in getting clean, safe housing at a reasonable price.

4) Stop trying to delay the building of more and better housing that is so desperately needed in the neighbourhood. The immigrant mother who now pays a landlord good money for 2 filthy rooms for herself and her seven children cannot afford to wait 2 or 3 more years. She needs accommodation now, before her children are warped beyond repair.

5) Maybe Mr. Sewell can convince the moneylenders, be it OHC, CHMC or private, to build a few 4 or 5 bedroom units into the lower levels of the proposed buildings.

6) Could he discuss with the developer the possibility of subsidized condominiums for low income people? All it takes is constructive discussion and cooperation between Mr. Sewell and Mr. Braid, rather than the

negative voting at City Hall and the "Build-nothing", "Leave-it-as-it-is" approach.

In the meantime Dundas-Sherbourne is getting more derelict and crime-ridden every day and all Mr. Sewell will have accomplished is to make life miserable a while longer for those least able to afford it, the children and the old. If he wants to help PEOPLE then start by helping those that need it most desperately, those too poor in spirit and mind to want to help themselves. For the rest of us he could make life easier by working together with the developers to bring better and more housing into a very neglected, maligned and depressed area which is used by him for the furthering of his own political ambitions. It is easier to cause controversy and gain notoriety and therefore newspaper coverage by attacking giants in the guise of David, than to be a gentle, quiet Good Samaritan.

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