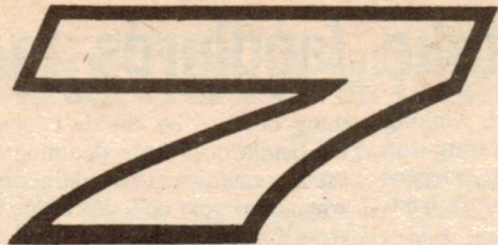


PUB NIGHT

Seven News invites the whole Ward 7 community to its June 26 pub night, open house, salute to our volunteers and general meeting all rolled into one fun-filled evening. It all happens at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street at 8:00 p.m. **PS** — don't forget your dancing sneakers.



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This issue is the last in our two-week schedule. During the summer, we will publish every three weeks. In the meantime, we need copy as well as someone interested in writing sports. If you would like to write, or have outstanding assignments, drop a line to the editor or phone the staff.

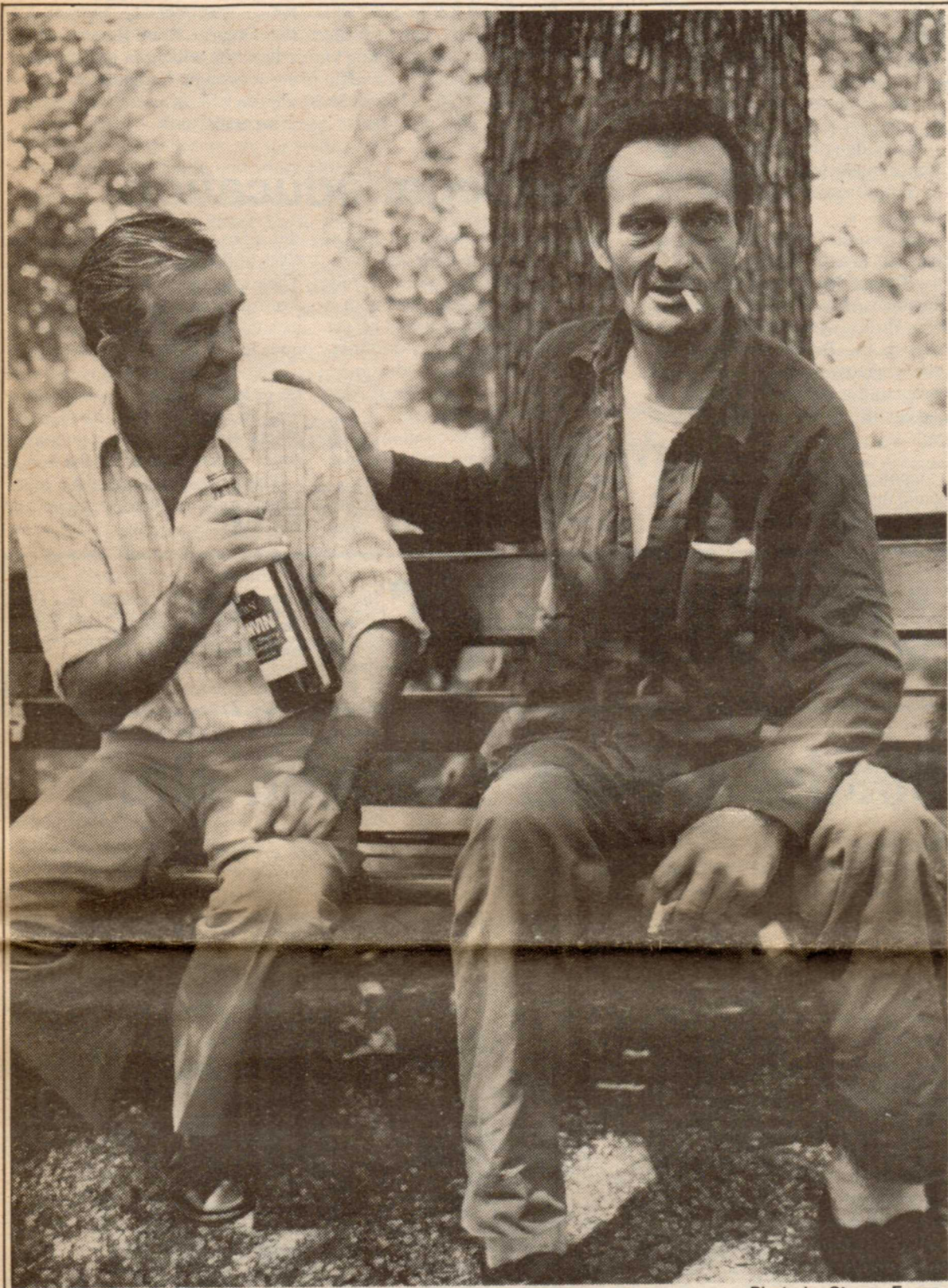


Photo by Steven Evans

Two men enjoy the warmth of summer on a Sunday afternoon in Allan Gardens.

Winchester plan proceeds despite many objections

By TOM CORBETT

St. Jamestown, and the high-density living that goes with it, is crawling southward.

This was Alderman John Sewell's warning at a June 21 meeting of Toronto's Building and Development Committee. According to Sewell, approval of the proposed Winchester Square development will mean a spread of St. Jamestown type superstructures.

(The proposed Winchester Square project would encompass the block bounded by Wellesley, Bleecker, Ontario and Carlton Street. It would include two 14-storey buildings, an 18-storey and a 28-storey building, as well as tightly packed three, four, six and eight storey townhouses and condominiums.)

A motion by committee member Sewell to cut the density of the development in half, to make it more "livable", was soundly defeated by all the other members.

While committee members interrupted Sewell's presentation several times, an attack by Alderman George Ben against opponents of the project was greeted with smiles by the same people.

Alderman Ben labelled the project's opponents a "bunch of agitators," and said some residents who lived around the proposed development approved it, although none of these people came forward to support him. The 100 or so people attending the meeting held in the City Hall council chamber, shouted down Alderman

Ben continuously and agreed with one audience member who termed Ben's speech a "comedy hour."

In answer to Ben's assertion that Ward 7 residents looked forward to Winchester Square's building, Alderman Sewell said he knew of only one person in the area who spoke in favour of the project.

"That happened to be the developer," stated Sewell.

Alderman Ben scorned Sewell's assertion and told the committee, "lets get on with this (development)". He said the developers agreed with plans for Winchester Square, so, "lets trust them." He felt the density, which is just slightly lower than St. Jamestown, should remain as it was and not be cut in half as Sewell proposed.

Alderman Sewell said the developer, Meridian, was building such a high density because, "he's after as much dough as he can get." He said the mayor and the Building and Development Committee was being used by the developer to suit his purposes.

Such a relationship led to Ward 7 being host to St. Jamestown and West St. Jamestown and now high density living is moving south in the ward, said Sewell.

He added that no other area of the city had as much high density living as these two developments and now the Committee was in the process of approving a companion project disguised as Winchester Square.

Sewell scorned the committee's sympathy with the project, and said they would approve it because they figured area residents wouldn't object too strongly.

If the Building and Development Committee members didn't expect objections by residents, they were disappointed by presentations made by the audience.

Although several were interrupted by Chairman Fred Beavis, who said they could make presentations but, "you can't ask ques-

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People vs expressways battle is on again

By ULLI DIEMER

The battle against expressways is on again.

This was Alderman John Sewell's message to the Don District Interagency Group on June 10. The plan for a grid of expressways that would rip into the city, supposedly buried by the Davis government in 1971, has been re-

surrected, according to Sewell. After being beaten back five years ago, the expressway proponents are crawling out of the woodwork with their old plans, with only the tactics and the terminology changed.

What is now being proposed is a system of restricted-access, four-lane, "arterial roads" which differ from expressways in name only.

"The 401 was a four-lane arterial road 15 years ago," Sewell points out.

The most immediate threat to this area is the Scarborough expressway, which was dropped in 1971 and which the province's 1975 Soberman report also argued against at great length. Blithely ignoring all this, Metro is now proposing an "arterial road" along the

Scarborough expressway corridor, which is now being called the "Scarborough transportation corridor". Allegedly, the road is to stop at Victoria Park in the east. But, as Sewell points out, "once you start a roadway, it's really hard to stop it."

A road of this kind develops a life of its own. As soon as it is

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Entire ward invited to Seven News annual meeting and party

7 News is a community newspaper, owned and controlled by the community, responsible to the community, dependent on community support for its existence.

Although the paper employs a small paid staff, it continues to exist only because a large number of volunteers, friends, and contracts throughout Ward 7 support and work for the paper in a great number of different ways.

The people of Ward 7 support their newspaper by distributing it door to door, writing for it, taking photographs, telling the staff

about events that are happening, donating money, or just reading it with interest.

Most of this activity has to be its own reward — the paper can't afford to pay. But all this participation does deserve some kind of recognition.

Which is why we have organized a pub night — fun night for Saturday, June 26 at 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre at 80 Winchester St. There will be drinks, entertainment, food and fun. It's also an opportunity to meet your fellow volunteers and Ward 7 residents, talk to them, discuss the

paper, the ward, and the world.

And just before the pub night begins there will be a 7 News general meeting which will hear reports from the Board and the staff and generally discuss the affairs of the paper. Everyone living or working in the Ward 7 area is invited and urged to come and participate in the meeting, to raise questions, and make suggestions.

And everyone in Ward 7 is also invited to attend the pub night, whether you're a volunteer, the friend of a volunteer, a past or

potential volunteer, a friend of the paper, or simply someone who reads and enjoys it. The paper tries to bring the people of Ward 7 together through its pages — now we would also like to bring you together in person.

The pub night, the social part of the evening, begins immediately after the general meeting — we estimate, sometime between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. Admission to both is free.

So... come one, come all. Participate in the decision-making, and participate in the fun. It's your newspaper.



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Space for free clothing store

Dear Sir:

I was interested to read your recent article about the closing of four of the five Rehabilitation Clothing Stores, because our church

directs masses of people to their services. We mustn't blame the Fred Victor Mission: they don't make any money out of this. Quite the opposite: the operation was subsidized by them and other groups, such as the United and Anglican Church up to nearly a \$60,000 deficit.

I'm glad that a petition is going about trying to keep open a local store, and signed it myself. As a younger brother, who for many years wore big brother's cast-offs, I got into the used clothing business quite early in life, and am still quite happy to get something out of the clothing box.

So I want to say that All Saints' Church is willing to give some space for a clothing store, and we would like to challenge the petitioners to come in and help us run some sort of a clothing depot right here. We haven't any money, but we have some room left and one or two friends, and together with others from the community would like to put on this extra service.

Norman Ellis (Rev.)
Director of All Saints' Church
Community Centre

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Applications are now being taken with interviews scheduled for mid-summer.

Application forms are available at the 7 News office, 80 Winchester St. For information, phone 920-8632.

Tenants take landlords to court

Two tenant activists, working in Ward Seven, have recently won significant court cases in independent actions taken against landlords.

Don Weitz, a resident of DACHI and a community worker at the Christian Resource Centre, took a previous landlord to court — with the help of Neighbourhood Legal Services — in order to obtain the 6% interest due him on the rent deposit held by the landlord.

The judge rules in favour of Mr. Weitz and he was awarded the sum of \$10.80 owed him by his landlord.

An award of \$500 was made by the court in a different case involving Tenant Hotline worker Anne Harriman. She and fellow worker Bob Hollis were called out to a case in the Broadview-Hamilton area where two elderly ladies were complaining because the landlord had cut off all vital services to their unit.

Upon arrival at the scene, they found that the Health Inspector had been called in but couldn't do any-

thing because he couldn't locate the landlord. A little sleuthing by the two uncovered his address but when they went up to his house he wasn't at home.

Upon returning to the tenant's house, they found the landlord and two men physically evicting the two elderly ladies. In attempting to intervene on their behalf, a scuffle broke out and both Miss Harriman and Mr. Hollis were assaulted.

The following day, Miss Harriman consulted a lawyer and he advised taking civil action rather than criminal action. Miss Harriman sued and the courts awarded her \$500 damages.

As a touch of irony, Miss Harriman was recently appointed to the Ontario Rent Review Board where she will sit in judgement on cases brought by landlords or tenants on what is an equitable rent for a particular unit.

Free legal education

A program of free legal education is being set up in Regent Park. Slated to begin the week of July 19, the program will deal with a number of different areas of the law including family, criminal, landlord and tenant, consumer, juvenile courts, Children's Aid, immigration, welfare, UIC, Workmen's Compensation, and the Ombudsman and legal services that are available.

Organizers are the Toronto Community Law Program, who

did a program for unit representatives at Regent Park in the spring. They say they'll try to stay away from a lecture format, and try to use mock trials and similar techniques to bring out their points.

They hope that free daycare will be available. They are also planning to develop a series of pamphlets, six to ten pages in length, to cover different areas of the law.

The person to contact for more information is Wendy Geyer at 967-5183.

LETTERS



Letters-to-the-editor are more than welcome. Letters should be short, topical and contain your name and address. However, your name and address will be withheld from publication at your request.

Reader criticizes Stamm story

Dear Sir:

Has Seven News become a publicity rag for right-wing politicians?

If not, then what is the explanation for the amount of free P.R. given in the last issue to Gary Stamm's latest attempt to foist himself on the electorate of Ward Seven? I can understand, of course, that a newspaper has to report the fact he is running. That is your job.

But why is it necessary to put the story on the top of the front page, complete with picture and with the biggest headline given to any story in the whole paper?

And why is the story written like an advertisement for Stamm? In fact, it sounds very much as if Stamm himself wrote the story, or Seven News had just copied down a press release word for word.

Surely the job of a newspaper, especially one that claims to be responsible to the community like Seven News does, is to be critical, not to make itself the mouthpiece of a crank (a wealthy crank, to be sure) whose politics are somewhere to the right of Godzilla.

Obviously, Stamm's tactic, after his defeat in the last election, is to play down his right-wing ties and try to make himself appear "respectable" and "responsible".

Seven News is going right along only printing what he wants people to know about him. This is the height of irresponsible journalism? The paper hasn't hesitated to criticize reform politicians like Sewell. Why does Stamm merit handling with kid gloves?

And why was there no examination of the validity of his comments about industrial jobs? Stamm claims that the drain of jobs from the inner city has to do with City Council. Nonsense.

In fact, council has always gone out of its way to give business everything it wants. The drain of jobs from the inner city is a phenomenon that has occurred in every city in North America, no matter whether the government has been left, right, centre, or whatever.

It has to do with the capitalist economic system, not with the "confrontation politics" of the reform caucus, who in any case have

no effect on city policies since they are the "official opposition".

Stamm's "thoughts", if that is the word, on unemployment, are equally foolish. Does he think Ward 7 people can only work in Ward 7 industries? If there are jobs available in Ward 9 or Scarborough, people would go there. But there's aren't.

Unemployment is a problem throughout the city (in fact, all across Canada). It's a problem of our economic system, not of Ward 7. It's true that Ward 7 residents are often especially hard hit because they're the last hired, the first fired, but that's true no matter where the jobs happen to be located.

Stamm's phony "concern" about the issue is just a nasty little opportunistic manoeuvre to get elected by exploiting other people's misery. It's too bad that Seven News is going out of its way to help him.

Peter Parker
Staff note: Mr. Parker guessed correctly. Seven News in fact reprinted Mr. Stamm's press release verbatim. This was probably not good journalism.

Foster homes needed in Ward Seven

Dear Editor:

At this moment there are children from Ward 7 who desperately need foster homes!

In 1975 alone, 116 children from this community were admitted to the care of the Children's Aid Society.

Unfortunately, we have less than 20 foster families in the ward, resulting in the majority of the children having to move to the suburbs.

Not only does this cause difficulties arranging visits between a child and his parents, but he leaves his friends, his school, and his community.

For their sake, we are asking the residents of Ward 7 to seriously

think of becoming foster parents to one or more children.

The Children's Aid Society will pay for a child's daily care, clo-

thing, medical and dental costs.

Please call 924-4646 and ask for Homefinding.

W.L. Helmer

Out a few thousand dollars

Dear Editor:

Thanks for bringing the community's attention to K and K Investment's housing project at West-Degrassi-Dundas east. But there is one correction I would like to make in the article. I am quoted as saying, "Anyone paying around \$70,000 for a house wouldn't balk at paying a few thousand more." It should read, "a few hundred more."

There are 33 houses in the project of which the Riverdale Housing Co-op is proposing to buy 4 at \$40,000 build a house for that price; we disagree. However, even if we go on the premise that the developer loses \$5,000 per house for a total of \$20,000, that would mean less than \$1,000 on the remaining 29 houses that would be selling for \$70,000.

Vince McGrath
Riverdale Housing Co-op

OPINION!

Lets do more for industry

by GARRY STAMM

The sign reads "Plant Closing, Moving to Bramalea" and a feeling of fear strikes the stomach of the men and women who work there. In recent years, the panic of loosing a job with little hope of finding another has come many times to people in Ward 7.

Over the past 25 years, 90,000 industrial jobs have left the City of Toronto. Today, only about 65,000 remain. We aren't doing much better with construction where unemployment has climbed to 35% in many construction unions.

Behind the cold statistics lies far deeper human tragedy. Now stop and think! Ward 7 has been hardest hit by the loss of industrial jobs. How many families have lost their incomes? How many couldn't make their mortgage payments and lost their homes? How many have lost hope or have become wards of the government? How many breadwinners have lost respect in the eyes of their families and themselves? How many families have been broken up? Think about it!

Much of the City of Toronto and almost all of the boroughs have enjoyed the growth of middle class affluence. While glittering office towers attest to the commercial and financial splendor of Toronto, much of Ward 7 slowly sank into a permanent depression resembling the 1930's. What's been done about it? Nothing!

Is it any surprise that so many people of this ward have lost faith in the system and have "dropped out" or left the area entirely. Who are we to blame for this chronic under-employment of our human resources?

Toronto City Council must bear a large share of the blame. While every other major municipality in Canada has aggressively sought to acquire or retain industry, the City of Toronto has been happy to see ugly, grimy industry with all its pollution leave the city.

— Where is Toronto's Industrial Commissioner? We don't have one!

— Over the past 25 years what industrial rehabilitation programs have been implemented to bring more industry back into the city? None!

The heavy social and economic cost for this attitude is the broken dreams and misery of the permanently unemployed manufacturing worker. While our political representatives fought the development industry, the jobs of our people were slipping out from under their feet.

— There were no angry City Hall confrontations on behalf of doing more to keep our manufacturing jobs in the Ward! Nor were there angry marches!

Now that most of the damage has been done, the City has been taking a second look. Suddenly the planners recommend more restrictive zoning for industry. Suddenly a new committee is formed — chaired by the most anti-business alderman on Council. Suddenly a staff person is assigned. With rapidly rising municipal taxes pushing up rents, the City apparently has rediscovered the need for industrial assessment.

It's easy to be very cynical about the City's action. Zoning alone won't draw industry, and it's hard to believe that industrial plant operators will negotiate with anti-business politicians. The City's latest actions are a cruel hoax.

The time has come to take stock of our situation and develop a bold, realistic program. I would recommend the following steps:

1. The City should establish an effective program to work with existing industries to ensure that they remain healthy and viable in the City.
2. The City must develop an industrial strategy to attract new, suitable industries into our vacated industrial areas.
3. An Industrial Development Commissioner should be appointed as quickly as possible. This person must be respected by industry in order to have industry's confidence.
4. The City should discuss the programs with the Provincial and Federal governments in the hope of gaining financial and other assistance.
5. Industrial growth to develop jobs should have a priority equal to housing and social services. People need jobs and income first.

If we are ever to help many people of this Ward out of their depressed conditions, then we must begin with employment. I realize that such action isn't as fashionable as fighting phony ideological wars, but I believe it is in the best interest of the people of this ward.

That is my opinion!

A park is born on Allen Avenue

by JANET HOWARD

Thorogood Gardens opened on June 20. Allen Avenue residents and relatives from all over Toronto and even Niagara Falls celebrated the event with one of the most enthusiastic open air parties Ward 7 has ever seen.

Guest of honour was Mrs. Doris Thorogood, who officially opened the little street park which was named in honour of her husband who died last winter at the age of 83.

Thorogood Gardens originated with a bright idea on the part of Joe Petitpas of 44 Allen Avenue, last summer. The vacant city-owned lot in the middle of the south side of the street has irritated residents for some years.

Various shady activities took place at night in the weed-grown, rubble-strewn area between Allen Avenue and a dark lane to the south of it. Joe Petitpas called a meeting of local residents to sound out the idea of using the land as a local park.

Residents and I sat under a tree in folding chairs, drinking coffee and Thorogood Gardens was born. No one knew what it would look like or what it would be called, but after officials of the Parks Department had reported enthusiastically on the idea, a small committee consisting of Joe, Jean Bunn, Mrs. Kobaleski and Roberta Franck drew up a plan.

The plan set out small allotments at the rear of the lot to be gardened by residents of the street, with a flower garden along one side of the front as well as a couple of park benches, and a low fence to discourage dogs, between the street and park.

Very simple and different, the combination of Parks Department and local involvement is unique.

This spring the city trucks rolled up, under the watchful eye of the committee. Top soil and sod were laid, an attractive wrought iron fence was installed, lilacs were planted and the rear of the lot was prepared for cultivation.

Since then, Allen Avenue people have transformed the park. Flowers and vegetables are shooting up without a weed in sight, while local children (who have their own pumpkin patch in the allotment area) treat the park as a special place that they help maintain.

At Sunday's opening, Mrs. Thorogood was flanked by children, grandchildren and great-



Photo by Steven Evans

Mrs. Doris Thorogood (on the left) with Alderman Janet Howard during the opening of Thorogood Gardens.

grandchildren. She has lived in her cottage on the street since 1921 and neighbours remember, with affection, how the Thorogoods, during the Depression, treated families who were not so fortunate.

Mr. Thorogood, who had both a job and a car, unlike most of his neighbours, would ferry carloads of children over to swim at the bottom of Leslie Street, buying them ice cream sundaes on hot summer days.

The Thorogood children fondly remember growing up on the street and how their father would cheerfully repair broken windows created by their baseball games, as long as he was invited to play. Things were a little more difficult if he was not.

The surprise to name the park after her husband, was kept from Mrs. Thorogood until the very last minute, when she cut the ribbon across the gate. Until then, she thought her suggested name of Friendship Gardens had been selected.

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food and cold drinks were laid out in the best tradition of neighbourhood festivities and over 100 people congratulated each other on the success of their local project.

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Robert Jekyll with one of his works.

Windows used as canvas by artist

by MARY ROSEN

Stained glass, an ancient art form dating back to before the 12th century, is definitely back in.

More people today are buying stained glass windows, doors, or as art objects to enhance walls than ever before. Friends, colleagues and sweethearts are buying them to give as gifts. Moreover, they are good investments and the price is right.

A framed stained glass piece can be portable and in today's highly mobile society this is an important consideration when buying a piece of stained glass. Besides they are durable, lasting a good hundred years.

Robert Jekyll, in his studio at 69 Sherbourne Street, is impressive when he describes how each piece he crafts is individualistic. He studies the home, room, the lighting and the character of the person who has commissioned him. The result of these observations he makes, the total harmony and blending between the person, the background and the stained glass is achieved. In other words the glass reflects the person and becomes an integral part of him.

Mr. Jekyll gave up a twenty year career as an aeronautical engineer to pursue a latent artistic calling which led him to stained glass.

After he had exhausted all the available books in Canada on stai-

ned glass and learned all he could here, he travelled to Europe. He studied every church and cathedral of importance in France and England for five weeks. During his tour he read a book by Patrick Reyntiens, one of the most famous stained glass experts in the world. He was introduced to Mr. Reyntiens who perceived the intensity of Mr. Jekyll's interests and apprenticed him and they worked together in Buckinghamshire, England.

In 1971, Mr. Reyntiens and Mr. Jekyll were commissioned to do stained glass windows for the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. One of the windows is a memorial to Sir Winston Churchill and the other of Bishop Pike.

The cathedral, a Neogothic structure lends itself as the perfect aesthetic answer to stained glass windows, according to Mr. Jekyll.

Mr. Jekyll explained that every handcrafted piece he makes is "a vocabulary of images." Every sensory impression and concept comes out from time to time in his works of art.

When Mr. Jekyll has satisfied himself with the initial examination of the person, homes, etc., he goes to his drawing board. He waits for "the creative juices to start flowing." He draws, then paints a miniature picture that he later incorporates into an enlarged cartoon, a sketch of the design for further painting. This is done in agreement with the person who has commissioned the stained glass.

The glass is imported from Germany because of its special silicon quality.

The lead milling machine he uses to break down and cut the steel ingots for the divisions in the patterns between the pieces of glass, is the only one of its kind in Canada. To do his soldering, Mr. Jekyll uses a propane gas container which he considers to produce a finer, more polished end. This, too, seems to be unique in Canada. Seven ingredients are used to cement the soldering together.

Mr. Jekyll teaches students from the Sheridan College School of Design, the art of stained glass. They come once a week for instruction.

One of Mr. Jekyll's notable achievements is a stained glass picture of a painting by Picasso which is hanging in the Modern Art Museum in New York. Unfortunately Picasso died before Mr. Jekyll could send him the piece he had created.

Recently, he designed and donated a panel for the Ontario Crafts Council building at 364 Dundas St. W. opposite the Art Gallery. The art centre is opened on Sunday and the admission is free.

The stained glass represents a totem which is an amalgam of the native and modern art existing in Canada at the present time. Lighting was an important feature to be weighed in order to give an airy, free feeling to the room. Various shades of yellows predominate the panel so that the result to the room is to give it more light by its presence.

Mr. Jekyll states that "stained glass is one of the oldest architectural art forms." He believes that "artists and architects must work together to produce symmetry between the glass and the building." He also feels "stained glass cannot reach its full potential unless it is in an architectural setting to complete its harmony."

Sometime in 1977, Mr. Jekyll plans to have an exhibition of his stained glass works and is presently working on some.



Ontario



IMPORTANT CHANGES TO

RENT

REVIEW

LEGISLATION

EFFECTIVE MAY 21ST, 1976

Residential premises: Where the rent for residential premises has been increased by up to eight per cent since January 1, 1976 and rent review proceedings have not been initiated, no further increase in rent for the premises can be made for a period of 12 months from the date of the last previous rent increase.

Mobile homes: Sites in a mobile home park or mobile homes not previously rented for residential purposes prior to January 1, 1976 are exempt from the Residential Premises Rent Review Act.

Periodic tenancies: It is confirmed that the Act applies to periodic tenancies (for example, rental units which are leased for weekly or monthly periods), regardless of whether the lease is written, oral or implied.

Public hospitals and religious institutions: Rental premises owned or operated by a religious institution for a charitable use on a non-profit basis are exempt from rent review. Public hospitals are also exempt.

Federal, Provincial and Municipal Government rental premises: Rental premises owned or operated by federal, provincial or municipal governments, or their agencies, on a rent geared-to-income or limited dividend basis are exempt from rent review. However, privately-owned and operated limited dividend premises remain subject to rent review.

Educational institutions: Also exempt are non-profit educational institutions which provide accommodation for students or staff. However, where there exists a recognized student council or staff association, the institution must consult with them before a notice of a rent increase is given, otherwise this exemption does not apply. A statement certifying that there has been consultation must be filed with the local rent review officer by the institution.

If a landlord has failed to refund to a tenant a rent rebate ordered by a rent review officer or the Residential Premises Rent Review Board, the tenant is entitled to deduct, from as many rent payments as are required, the amount required to recover the rebate order.

Please note a new Application for Rent Review (Form 5A) is now in use for applications for rent review for tenancy agreements which take effect or are renewed at any time during the period from August 1, 1976 to July 31, 1977.

For copies of the new form, or further information about these new changes, contact your local Ontario rent review office. Or dial the operator and ask for Zenith 9-6000. You will be connected to the office, free of charge.



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NEWS ROUND-UP

Bingo, Macrame, Post-natal classes: Take your pick

The YWCA has announced its **summer programs**. They are offering courses in self-defence, auto mechanics, marriage and personal change, macrame, drawing, painting, and pottery, among others. Child care is available for some courses. For information, call 925-3137 or write to Women's Development Centre, 15 Birch Ave., Toronto.

The Don Vale Community Centre will be hosting a **Blood Donor Clinic** on Friday, July 2 starting at 2:30 p.m. and lasting until 8 p.m. **Admission is free.**

An exhibit by Riverdale resident **Tony Barclay** on "Tarots in History and Today," will be held at the Danforth Library from July 1-31.

The library is on 701 Pape Avenue.

Dundas Day Centre is holding a "do" on Thursday, **July 8**, at All Saints Church (on the corner of Sherbourne and Dundas Street) beginning at **7:00 p.m.** The theme of the evening will be "International Night". Refreshments will be served along with music. Admission for the entire evening is **only 50 cents.**

The East End Volunteer Workers are having their **2nd Annual Softball Tournament** for kids 13 years of age and under at the cost of minium fee to cover expenses. Any organizations or groups who are interested are asked to contact Patrick McDermott at **690-7783** any day after 6:00 p.m. Please **inquire before July 7.**

A **single fathers action group** has been formed in this area. The group meets regularly to discuss and thrash out problems. If you're interested, call Richard Wilson at **463-0262** or write to 56 Highcroft Road, Toronto.

Would you like your children to **learn**

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For several months now, provincial governments in all provinces, as well as the Federal government, have been implementing **massive cutbacks** in the areas of social services, health and education.

To **fight these cutbacks**, an organization made up of unions and concerned groups of citizens has been formed. If you would like to **help this group**, known as the **Coalition Against The Cutbacks**, contact them at 15 Birch Street or **phone 925-3137.**

All Saints' Church has a hot lunch programme for school children which could be of use to elderly or handicapped persons at a cost of \$1.25 per meal. Those who think such a programme is needed and would be of benefit can contact Rev. Ellis at All Saints at 315 Dundas Street East or by phoning 368-7977.

A forum entitled, "**Wills and Estates**" will be held at the Woodgreen Community Centre, 825 Queen Street East, on Tuesday **June 29** beginning at **7:00 p.m.**

St. John's Presbyterian Church is holding a **Sunday School programme** this summer, for boys and girls **age 5 to 15.** Classes will be from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., from **June 27 to August 8.** The church is located at 415 Broadview Ave. (at Simpson).

Suicide is not the answer to your problems. If you think it is you had better call the Distress Centres first at 366-1121 or 486-1456. If you notice that someone is distressed, try to be patient. Show him you care by listening. Or, you might also give them the two above numbers. Also, if you want to take training in crisis intervention and work with the distress centres, call or drop them a line at Box 393, Postal Station K, Toronto, M4P 2G7.

All **euchre** and **bingo** fans should be pleased with activities coming up at **Dixon Hall**. On Tuesday, **June 29** and Tuesday, **July 13**, bingo will be played at the hall, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is 50 cents. On Wednesday, **June 30**, also at 7 p.m., progressive euchre fans will be assembling. Prices for this event will be \$1.00 for adults except senior citizens who pay only 50 cents.

A **street festival** will be held on **Grant and Kintyre streets** in the lower Riverdale area on **July 1**, beginning around 1 p.m. There will be craft demonstrations and sales, games for the kids and puppet shows and music. Around 5:30 there will be a pot luck dinner for 50 cents. Anyone wishing to take part in the festival or willing to donate food or crafts for the festival should **contact Coady House** at 60 Grant Street or **phone 466-6612.**

Post-natal exercise classes and discussions on child care will be held by the Riverdale public health nurses every Friday **beginning July 9.** Classes will last from 2 p.m. until about 3:30 p.m. and are held at the health centre on **430 Broadview Avenue**, just north of Gerrard Street. Free babysitting will be provided during the classes, which

are held for **all new mothers** wishing to tone up muscles and ligaments that were stretched during pregnancy. If it has been at least six weeks since delivery and you have the verbal consent of your doctor (written consent for Caesarian section) to attend the classes, you are very welcome to attend.

The Broadview Child Health Centre provides a doctor and public health nurse for **counselling and medical advice for mothers and their children** who are five-years-old and younger. This service is offered every second and fourth Friday of the month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. **For further details** call, Tish Willekes at **465-2496.**

A **day-camp** for children from 3 to 12-years-old will be carried out by **Dixon Hall** on 58 Sumach Street. The camp **begins on July 5** and all interested must register at Dixon Hall.

Dixon Hall is also looking for a full-time van driver and maintenance person. Interested parties should contact Josie at 863-0499.

Under the chairmanship of **Mrs. Elsie Gibbs**, the tenants association of 200 Wellesley Street East held their last meeting of the year on June 17. During the evening, Dr. E. Puodziukas was presented with a wheelchair donated by the association for use in the Wellesley Street Health Clinic.

The **Community Secretariat** is on the move. By Friday, June 25, the group will be **moving** from its old office on 249 Gerrard East to temporary offices at **203 Oak Street**, on the second floor. Moving with them is the Toronto Federation of Food Co-ops and Clubs. In the meantime the Secretariat is negotiating with the Toronto Public Library Board for space in the Parliament Library House at 265 Gerrard East.

Winchester Square proceeds despite objections

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tions," the project was attacked by all members of the audience.

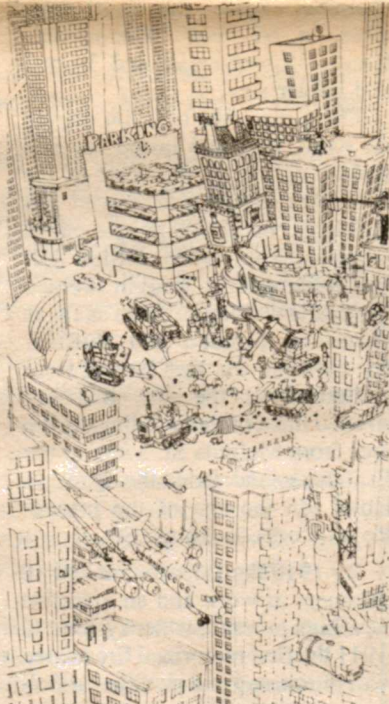
The first speaker, Helen Valli asked that, "residents of the area be able to present an alternate plan." She expressed concern as did other speakers, that the development would not be in character with the rest of the neighbourhood where the highest building was three-storeys.

She hoped the committee wouldn't approve the proposed project by shrugging it off as, "a bad thing that has been done well."

Garry Stamm also addressed the committee and voiced concern that "a good deal of information (on the project) has not been made public."

Although he did not disapprove of the project as a whole, he felt some "improvements" should be made. Under questioning from Alderman Sewell, Stamm said he was "not happy" with the development, "but there are things you have to live with." He was referring to the 1974 agreement between Mayor Crombie and Meridian to build Winchester Square, an agreement he felt should be honoured.

The development was also questioned by a legal representative of the Elizabeth Fry Society. Susan



Is this Ward 7 in the future?

Zwickel noted that the society's three-storey building on Wellesley Street would be dwarfed by two large high rises, which would block light from their building.

She also drew attention to the close proximity of the driveway for the underground garage holding 1000 cars. This amount of traffic would put the Elizabeth Fry Soci-

ety in the midst of a large amount of noise and as a result stated that the Society, "is still not satisfied" with the development's present plans to counter this problem.

Speaking on behalf of Parliament businessmen, Alderman Sewell made a motion that commercial space in Winchester Square be cut in half, to 7,000 feet. He said it was ironic that the Parliament Street business area had been designated a business improvement area yet the development's massive commercial complex would be "taking their business away from them."

However, the Building and Development Committee squashed Sewell's motion to cut the commercial space, along with the majority of his other motions, and, with only Sewell objecting, approved the plan.

Residents of Ward 7 can now look forward to the project going before City Council on July 14, where aldermen opposing the project will most likely be in the minority.

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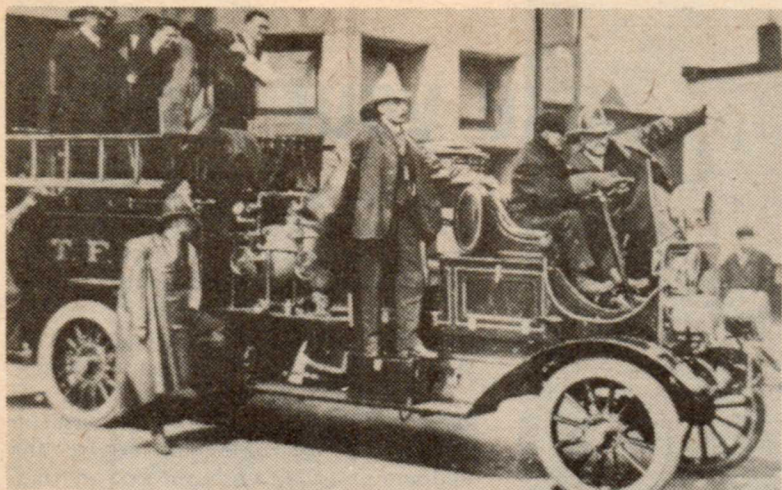
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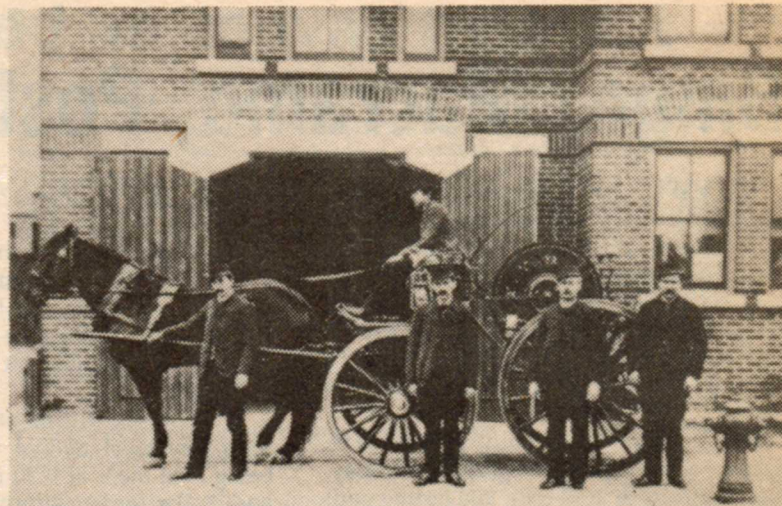


A crew on the way to a fire from No. 4 Station, Berkeley and Adelaide, in 1923. This is the site of the first Ward 7 firehall, built in the 1850's. The present building, built in 1905 (shown in this picture) is now being used as a theatre.



This fireman's face was carved in the keystone over the main door of Hose Station No. 7, which stood at the north-east corner of Dundas and Parliament from 1878 to 1954.

Photo: Toronto-No Mean City, 1964



A horse-drawn hose reel and its crew outside No. 11 Station at Howard St. and Rose Avenue.

Photo: A Toronto Album, Mike Filey, 1970.

Toronto's early Firemen used horse-power

by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

Many of us in Ward 7 live in frame or "rough-cast" houses. This makes us particularly aware of the danger of fire, and especially appreciative of the work of the Toronto Fire Department. Visitors from out-of-town are amazed to hear the sirens of the No. 7 Station ring so often. To residents, these familiar sounds bring moments of fear but also of comfort, for we are well aware that we have one of the most professional and efficient fire departments in the world.

In 1820 the Town of York passed a law that every householder must keep two leather buckets in front of his house. On an alarm, sounded by shouting and ringing the bell of St. James' Church, citizens would form up in lines passing buckets of water from the Bay or nearest cistern to the fire.

In 1826 the first volunteer fire department was formed by the tradesmen and merchants of the Town. They used a goose-neck (named so because of the shape of the projecting pump part) hand pumper named "York", which was operated by 16 men. By this time, water was carried to the fire in large barrels, called "punches", on privately-owned carts.

In 1831 the first hook and ladder company was formed, with 60 members. A folding "piano" (because it was shaped like a piano box) break engine ("break" was the name given to the bars on each side by which the pump was operated) was acquired, called "Rescue". Handdrawn reels carried 500-750 feet of leather hose.

The next acquisition was the "British America", another

hand-operated pumper. In 1837 it was called out to repel a force of 700 of William Lyon Mackenzie's rebels reported to be setting fires near the bridge over the Don at the Kingston Road. The rebels fired the bridge, but hearing the rumbling wheels of the approaching fire

Mementos of Yesteryear



engine and thinking that heavy cannons were being brought to bear, they fled the scene. The British America arrived and the firemen put out the fire. The British America still exists and is displayed at City Hall on special occasions.

In 1845 a fourth fire company, "Victoria" was formed and in 1849 a hose company, "Niagara No. 1". That was the year of a major fire which swept the area bounded by Church, Adelaide, George and King Streets, destroying St. James Cathedral and the first Municipal Offices.

In 1859 the first fire hall in what is now Ward 7 was built at the south-west corner of Adelaide and Berkeley Streets. It housed No. 5 Engine Co., "Deluge".

The firemen, still volunteers, continued to pull their engines to fires until 1861 when the City acquired two horse-drawn steam fire engines. Two more were obtained, in 1866 and 1871. The arrival of the "steamers" heralded the start of firefighting's most romantic and exciting era. As the gongs rang the horses ran from their stalls to the suspended harness, which was dropped over them. The fire in the boiler was stoked up, the doors were thrown open, and out galloped the horses with hoofs clattering on the cobblestones and clouds of smoke belching from the engine.

In 1888 the steamers were taken out of service because it was thought that the improved water system could supply enough pressure. It did, until four-storey buildings began to be built. After the Globe fire, in 1895, where water pressure was insufficient, the steamers returned to the scene. By 1910 there were 10 of them in Toronto.

In 1874 the Toronto Fire Department was organized as a corps of paid firemen. In 1878 a new station was opened at the north-west corner of Dundas and Parliament Sts. It had the high hose-drying tower typical of the stations of its day, and provided offices for

No. 4 Police Station. A memorable characteristic of the building was the carved caricature of a fireman in the keystone over the main door. It closed in 1954 and a new No. 7 Station across the street was officially opened by Mayor Nathan Phillips in 1955.

In 1884 stations were opened at the corner of Rose Avenue and Howard St. (No. 11), and at Boulton Ave. near Allen Ave. (No. 12). Both have since been demolished.

The first aerial turn-table truck was acquired in 1888. Its main ladder was 85 feet long. The truck was smashed by a falling wall in the Globe fire, but was repaired and remained in service long enough to be used in the Great Fire of Toronto in 1904. By that date, the City had a force of 196 firemen, working with 63 horses, 19 hose wagons, 4 steam engines, a chemical engine, the aerial turntable, a 65 foot "Champion" tower, 75 foot aerial and 7 hook and ladder rigs.

The Great Fire of 1904 started on April 19th and lasted for two weeks, eating up the heart of the business district. It destroyed 104 buildings, put 5,000 people out of work and caused ten million dollars in damage. It brought firemen by boat and by train, from as far as Hamilton, London and Buffalo. By the time the last flames were extinguished, the fire had destroyed most of the buildings in the area from Melinda St. south to the Esplanade and from the Queen's Hotel (on the site of the present Royal York) to Yonge Street.

By 1910 the Department had 10 steamers at work and an effective new high pressure water system. In 1911 the first motorized fire engine was purchased and installed at Bellevue station. This was the beginning of the end for the steamers, and for the horses. The last steam engine was replaced by a motor pumper in 1921, and by 1931 all stations in the City had become fully motorized.

Over the years, Ward 7 has seen its share of major fires. The first one of note was the burning of the first Parliament Buildings at Berkeley and Front Sts. during the American invasion of York during the War of 1812. The replacement building was destroyed by an accidental fire in 1824. In 1829 Lt.-Gov. Simcoe's long-deserted cottage "Castle Frank" was destroyed by a fire set by careless fishermen. In 1856, buildings in the block bounded by King, Front, Princess (then Princes), and Sherbourne Sts. were destroyed.

The following is a list of some of the other major Ward 7 fires: Don Foundry (King St.), 1859 & 1872; Don Gaol, 1862; Agnew Foundry (Queen/Sumach), 1862; Lamb's

Factory (Amelia St.), 1863 & 1888; Gooderham & Worts, 1869; Kingston Rd. tollgate (at Broadview), 1874; Davies & Co. (Queen/River), 1874 & 1883; all of the docks from Church to Princess St., 1885; and the Small-pox Hospital, Riverdale Park, burned by order in 1894.

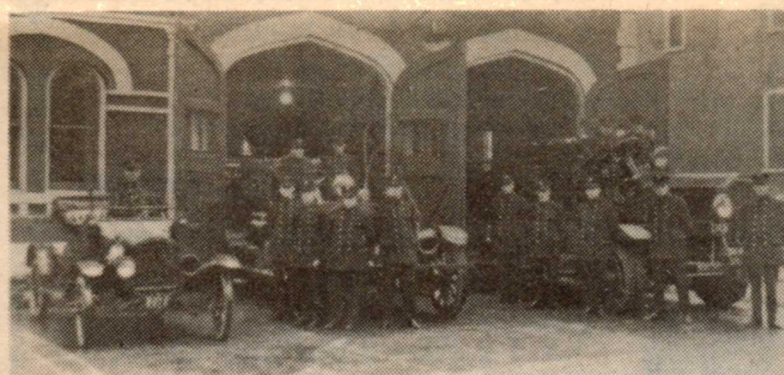
As mentioned earlier, many residents are familiar with the sound of the sirens of Pumper No. 7 and Aerial No. 7. The men of No. 7 Station must be the hardest working firemen in the city. The same was true of their predecessors who worked out of the old station at Dundas and Parliament. Then, as now, they were heroes to the local schoolchildren. "Firemen" was the game most often played at Dufferin School (now Lord Dufferin), even more than "Peelers and Robbers". All that was needed was a sleigh or wagon, the family step-ladder, some garden hose, and some friends for "horses".

The kids at Dufferin playing "Sheep-Guard-Off", "Kick-the-Stick", or "Prisoner's Base", would stop in their tracks at the sound of the big bell at No. 7. The one-horse hose reel would go off down Parliament, with the reel from Rose Ave. following close behind, and the kids in hot pursuit. If the reels went east on Gerrard to a major alarm, the boys of Dufferin would turn out to see the four-wheel reel from Berkeley St. and the hook and ladder from the Lombard St. station. This was real excitement!

Today, the Toronto Fire Department employs a force of over 1,400, equipped with 30 pumpers, 17 aerial trucks, 2 high-pressure monitors, 2 aerial towers, two rescue trucks and a fire boat. We have come a long way since the days of the hand-operated pumper, and we can all be proud of, and very thankful for, the work of our firemen.



No. 7 Station (1878-1954) which stood on the north-east corner of Parliament and Dundas.



The day-shift and their apparatus in front of No. 12 Station, which stood near the north-west corner of Boulton and Allen Avenues. It was built in 1884.

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Expressways threaten Toronto, critics argue

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opened, it is found to be jammed with cars. The demand then grows to widen it. And a road stopping at Victoria Park would not be satisfactory to those wanting to use it to go downtown. They would immediately demand to have it extended to the Gardiner.

A similar dynamic is happening

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with the other expressways being pushed: the Spadina and the 400. The Crosstown is still lurking in the background. They too are now labelled as "arterial roads" for the time being and they are being built step by step. "These are expressways being deskunked to try to make them more acceptable," comments NDP MPP Marion Bryden, whose Beaches-Woodbine constituents are fighting the expressway.

An interesting illustration of what is happening came with the release of Metroplan, the draft of

Metro Toronto's plan for the next 25 years. The original draft contained the statement that "there should be no further expressway construction in Metropolitan Toronto south of Highway 401." The copy of the report distributed three weeks later no longer contained that statement. According to Metro planning commissioner John Bower the statement was removed because no one believed it anyway, "which says something," as Toronto News points out, "about the way planning is done at the Metro level." According to Bower, the planning department isn't proposing new roads, but rather talking about "completing the network." It's a funny distinction.

Opponents of the expressway system also point out that the push for expressways is coming at a time when gas prices are rising rapidly, when there is talk of gas shortages, when the tremendous negative environmental impact of the automobile is being questioned more than ever, and when the city core has become so jammed with cars that travel is becoming more and more difficult. It is insane, they say, to send even more cars onto city streets that are already a perpetual traffic jam.

There is also the curious fact that Metro and the province are able to find some \$150 million to spend on new expressways at the same time that they are cutting back on essential services, including public transit, because of a lack of money.

Meanwhile, comments Sewell, the TTC is going broke even though fares are now up to 40 cents a shot. The main reason, says Sewell, is that the suburbs are too

sparsely populated to support public transit — the result of urban development policies that are now threatening to bring U.S.-style decay to Toronto. According to Sewell, "every downtown resident who travels TTC subsidizes each suburban rider \$75 per year." He advocates a two-fare system by which riding would be more expensive in the suburbs.

However, some people at the Interagency meeting were critical of Sewell's proposal. They contended that such an approach

would only discourage suburban residents from using TTC, with the result that they would be pushing all the harder for expressways. Others also objected to his sweeping suggestion that everyone in Scarborough is rich, while everyone in Ward 7 and the inner city is poor, and that therefore the two communities must necessarily be at odds.

But everyone seemed to accept Sewell's call to organize to fight the Scarborough expressway and the others right away, before they reach the inner city.

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The City of Toronto, through its Development Department, has allocated seed funds for initiation of a tool co-operative in the South Riverdale Area. This is an exciting project which will allow residents in the area bounded by Gerrard, Lakeshore Blvd., Coxwell and the Don River to rent tools at well below current market rates. As well as tools, the organization is working on supplying free advice from a variety of tradesmen to any member attempting home repair.

Organizer Bruce Smith reported that a large order of tools is on the way with "everything from exten-

sion ladders to garden equipment to power tools". Rental and storage space has already been acquired in the back of the South Riverdale site office at 731 Queen Street East and tools will be made available from this location as soon as they arrive. A series of meetings has indicated the interest and necessity of self-help home repair in the area plus the urgent need for tools and know-how by both homeowners and tenants alike.

All residents interested in more information or wanting to join the tool co-op are asked to call 463-5914



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