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SEASON'S GREETINGS

This is the last issue of 1976. The next issue of the paper will appear on January 15, 1977. Deadline for copy and advertising for that issue will be Monday, January 10 — but if possible, we would like your submissions in by Friday, January 7: it gives us more time to plan the issue. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Seven-year-old Sam holds up two of his craft projects from the Saturday afternoon children's craft program at the Danforth Library.

Photo by Cubby Contsworth

Goings on at the Danforth Library for kids were never better than in December! The fibrary is running Saturday afternoon film and craft programmes for kids, and a Tuesday morning story hour for pre-schoolers. Saturday December 18 at 2 p.m. Moms and Dads are invited to bring their children to the library for a programme of stories and carols.

Photo by Cubby Contsworth



Young artisans display their crafts at the Danforth Library's "Holiday Crafts from Other Lands" programme.

# Sewell and Howard re-elected; Barr and Holmes for education

In Ward Seven, as in much of the city, there seems to be more doubt about what will happen after the civic elections than there was about the outcome of the elections themselves.

The faces aren't very different, but there are some big issues on the horizon at Metro, in the city, and in the education system, issues like housing, taxation, and school curriculum. And individual careers are at stake too, with John Sewell bidding for a seat on the Toronto and Metro Executives, and Doug Barr making a move for the chairmanship of the Toronto School Board.

By comparison, the December 6 civic elections themselves were only a relatively predictable prologue to the battles that are to follow. Ward Seven returned all the incumbents who were running for office again. The only new representative from the Ward is trustee-elect Sheila Holmes, who won the seat vacated by Gord Cressy, who is leaving education politics. And Holmes received the endorsement of Doug Barr, the other incumbent trustee, as well as Cressy's blessing.

In the Ward Seven aldermanic race, the only battle was for last place, with Ron Taylor and Charlie Rolfe slugging it out right down to the wire. Rolfe finally lost (or won, depending on how you look at it) the contest: he finished with three votes less than Taylor, 767 to 770.

At the other end of the spectrum, Garry Stamm's rematch with the team of John Sewell and Janet Howard was strictly no contest. When the shouting was over and the votes counted, Stamm found himself with a vote total that was closer to Rolfe's and Taylor's than it was to Sewell's. Sewell topped the polls with 8,286, about 2,000 more than he got in 1974. Janet Howard also upped her total by some 2,000 votes over 1974, finishing this time around with 6,460. Stamm, who gave Howard a run for her money last time, was well back this time with 4,419, only a few hundred more than he picked up in 1974 with its lower

For Sewell, it was his fourth victory at the polls, while Howard



was returned for her second term.

In the public school trustee contest, the incumbent, Doug Barr, finished well ahead of the pack with 5,039 votes to win re-election for a third term handily. His running mate, Sheila Holmes, was also elected riding in largely on Barr's coattails with 3,847 votes. The other team in the race, of Edna Dixon and Noreen Gaudette,

finished out of the money, with 2,757 and 1,946 votes respectively.

In the election for Separate School representative to the Board of Education, incumbent Frank Nagle won re-election to a second term.

And Charles Arsenault won reelection to the Separate School

# Barr to be Board Chairman

Ward Seven school trustee Doug Barr seems certain to become the next chairman of the Toronto School Board.

Although the official naming of the new chairman will not take place until the first meeting of the new Board on January 5th, informal discussions among trustees have established that Barr is a virtual shoo-in for the position.

The voting at the Board meeting for a chairman tends to be a mere formality, because trustees meet beforehand to make the decision. Trustees are scheduled to meet privately on December 17 to make their choice.

Of the possible contenders for the job, only Barr and Ward 8 trustee Dennis Colby have indicated that they are still interested in running for the chairmanship. Colby is given little or no chance of getting any votes other than his own.

The vice-chairmanship seems likely to go to trustee Dan Leckie of Ward 6.

These selections mark the continuation of a recent trend on the Board to have senior positions filled by inner-city trustees.

# Federal Government establishes new job creation programmes

LYNN BISSELL

New federal job creation programmes were explained to residents and community groups at a meeting held at Dixon Hall on December 3.

The programmes had been announced shortly before by Bud Cullen, the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

At the meeting, sponsored by the Youth Services Network, representatives from Canada Manpower and the Ministry of Finance introduced the procedures and criteria for the new programmes as well as changes in the Local Initiatives Programme (LIP) budget for the present year.

The government has allocated \$350 million to three major programmes: Canada Works, Young Canada Works, and Summer Youth

Corps.

The Canada Works Program, a "job creation" programme, replaces LIP, and will fund jobs for 52 weeks at a time, at the minimum wage.

Young Canada Works, with a budget of \$30 million, is essentially the Son of OFY, funding unemployed students during the summer for a 14-week project, also paying the minimum wage (which is still a raise from OFY).

And the Summer Youth Corps with a budget of \$10 million seems to have been created to complement existing programmes of the federal government allowing young people to explore career opportunities. Federal agencies will run these projects.

A Manpower spokesman said that Man-

power wanted to especially try to do something for hard-core unemployed youth who have consistent trouble in the job market. The number of youth who are unemployed in Canada is twice that of the national unemp-

loyment average.

He mentioned the existence of a Manpower Youth Office in Oakville, a pilot project which may be extended elsewhere. In the question period, the audience strongly questioned how a Youth Office in Oakville could possibly give a true picture of the problems of hard-core unemployed youth. People advocated testing one office out in a high risk area, like Regent Park.

Other problems were also raised in the question period such as the split nature of the riding which creates misleading unemploy-

ment figures. But it seems unlikely that the relevant formula will be changed.

Janet Ross, past president of the Regent Park Community Improvement Association, voiced her strong criticism of the lack of federal funding for Regent Park. She was backed up by David Millette, of Regent Park Youth Project, which he said desperately needs materials and funds in order to work effectively with the youth unemployment problem.

A number of people voiced the view that inner-city high-poverty areas are not getting adequate funds, and that it was time to straighten out priorities and match them with the needs of people.

The meeting was told that \$98 million has been added to this year's LIP budget. This

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### Transportation for disabled available

Physically disabled persons living in the Metro Toronto area will soon be able to use a new type of transit system.

Special vans will provide a curb-to-curb service for those citizens who are unable to use regular TTC vehicles.

Since registration forms for the new service became available earlier this month, masses of applications have been sent out.

Marilyn Collins, President of the Coalition for Usable Transportation, urges all potential users to register with the TTC early. "The handicapped have been waiting for this service for a long time. It is up to us to show our support."

The Monday to Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. service will provide transportation for work, med-

ical, and post-secondary education at the standard TTC fare. Other users, who may wish to use the service for shopping, visiting, or social outings, etc. will pay double fare.

Registration forms are available by calling the TTC at 481-5141 or by writing Wheel-Trans, Toronto Transit Commission, 1900 Yonge St., Toronto.

# Bury me in Cabbagetown: a final farewell to two old friends

By DON WEITZ

Two poor, old Cabbagetown roomes whom I knew for almost a year died recently — within two weeks of each other. Their names were Pat Deeham and Ralph Lomax. I can't and won't forget them.

Pat was 51 when he died of cancer on October 18th in the Riverdale Hospital, next door to the Don Jail. I last saw Pat two days before he died and I was shocked seeing the dramatic changes from the cancer which was ravaging his body. He looked like a living skeleton - gaunt, hollow and emaciated like a Nazi concentration camp survivor. He still couldn't talk (the cancer had destroyed his larnyx many months ago) and he'd been forced to communicate by nodding yes or no to questions and scrawling illegible messages on scraps of paper. When I sat Pat in Riverdale, he could barely scrawl a message to an Irish-Catholic priest who'd just given him his last rites. Neither the priest nor I could read it.

### Dying fast

At one point, Pat struck me with a haunting, wide-eyed stare I'll never forget — it went through me like a knife. Right then I knew Pat was dying fast; I felt he also knew. Pat was just lying in bed helpless and lifeless, totally at the mercy of his inner killer. Death ringed his head and bed like an ominous halo. I felt depressed, said good-bye to Pat and left; he died two days later.

About two months ago when I visited Pat in Wellesley Hospital; he was going through a lot of X-rays and lab tests. At least he showed some colour, alertness and energy then but all that was fading fast.

And just two to three months before, in early summer or late spring, Pat was riding his old second-hand bicycle to and from the house on Berkeley Street where he lived with eight other roomers.

Sometimes I'd see him drop into the Christian Resource Centre at 297 Carlton or 20 Spruce; he'd scrawl a barely legible message and then give it to one of the staff on the Roomers Project to decipher. A few days before he died, Pat wanted to get in touch with his mother and/or sister in England. A woman who was visiting her sick husband in Riverdale kindly wrote to Pat's mother informing her of his condition a few weeks before his death.

Pat's body is buried in his native Ireland. I want to remember Pat riding his old bicycle along Gerrard or Parliament Street with a worker's cap topping his black hair and searching dark eyes, and as I'm writing this tears come to my eyes. Ride on, Pat, wherever you're going ...

Ralph was another old-timer — 65 when he died on October 6th, a few weeks after his old-age pension cheques started coming. He lived alone in a small room on the second floor in a rooming house on

Seaton St. For many years (perhaps since his wife died in hospital twelve to fifteen years ago in St. John's, New Brunswick) Ralph had been killing himself. During the six or seven months I knew Ralph, he drank heavily almost every day, rarely ate and stubbornly refused medical treatment for his alcoholism, malnutrition, and chronic bronchitis on top of his old TB which was still "active".

John, a friend and fellow roomer, saw Ralph do it - saw him swallow about 30 pills (phenobarbs) right in front of him and Harold, who were all drinking and playing cards at the time in John's room. John tried to stop Ralph but it was too late. The next time John saw Ralph he was in bed unconscious, breathing hard but barely. When Ralph didn't wake up, John rushed out of the house and hailed a police car. He told the policeman, "I think a guy I know is dying." The policeman rushed to the house, then the ambulance, then death.

Ralph didn't make it to Wellesley's Emergency Department—he died in the ambulance.

An ugly scene happened the day after Ralph died. According to Earl, a close friend of Ralph for 15 years who also lives in the house, four people, including Ralph's daughter, trooped through the house and Ralph's room. They were looking for money," Earl told me in anger.

But they didn't find any. And in all the 15 years Earl had known Ralph, not once did any of his family send him money or write him. "They didn't even send him a Christmas card," Earl bitterly recalled

As if this weren't enough, the family also didn't bother to identify or claim Ralph's body. Earl identified his friend's body in the City Morgue: he won't forget that horrendous experience. Since Ralph was a veteran, the Last Post took charge, paid the burial expenses, buried him and marked his

### "Shut up!"

I admired Ralph's righteous anger and I can still hear him barking out orders or shouting "Shut up!" to some roomers who'd barge into his room or interrupt while we were talking. Yeah, Ralph was stubborn as hell. He knew he needed to see a doctor or go into hospital but he'd flatly refuse to go, even when some local G.P.s from the Community Health Centre would drop in, check him out and urge him to go into hospital. He rarely left his room, except to buy some food at a small grocery store on Dundas Street East. Even when it was warm and sunny, Ralph would refuse my offers to go for a ride in the car or walk through Moss Park. A classic "shut in" But Ralph loved his cats and kittens; he's given away a few kittens but his cats - never. He took better care of his cats and kittens than

Ralph was his own boss-man al-

right. Even in death, he was boss; he fooled everybody overdosing on "downers", dying in the ambulance and not leaving one bloody cent for his family.

On Friday, October 22nd, Reverend Norman Ellis (Director of All Saints' Church) performed a short, simple and dignified service for Ralph Lomax and also Robert Pearson, a 60-year old veteran like Ralph whom I didn't know. Nobody came to the Funeral Parlour that day to pay their "last respects" to Ralph and Mr. Pearson. Doug Wallace and I were the only ones there, besides Rev. Ellis and a funeral director standing in for invisible, uncaring family and friends. It felt so damn lonely nd desolate sitting and staring at two coffins, two dead veterans who deserved more, a helluva lot more ... in life and death.

### Lonely lives

I'll miss Pat, Ralph and a lot of other vets and roomers on "the skids" who'll be dying soon, especially this winter. Right now I'm feeling down and angry about their wasted and lonely lives and all the oppressive struggles and suffering they had to endure.

Nobody gives a damn about old roomers, poor vets, "winos", "drunks", or "bums". But Dylan Thomas did, or would have if he

were alive; he'd understand and like guys like Ralph and Pat. Thomas was a great Welsh poet and balladeer, a people's poet who also drank himself to death in the early 50's. I don't think he'd mind if I dedicate and quote one of his poems to the memory of Ralph Lomax, Pat Deehan, Robert Pearson, and all the other men "on the row" who've lived and died hard, poor, alone, forgotten. The poem is titled "And death shall have no dominion" and I can still see and hear Thomas roar out the words as he once did many years ago:

And death shall have no domin-

Dead men naked they shall be one With the man in the wind and the west moon;

When their bones are picked clean and the clean bones gone,

They shall have stars at elbow and foot

Though they go mad they shall be sane,

Though they sink through the sea they shall rise again;

Though lovers be lost love shall not:

And death shall have no dominion

And death shall have no dominion

Under the windings of the sea

They lying long shall not die windily:

Twisting on racks when sinews

give way, Strapped to a wheel, yet they shall

not break; Faith in their hands shall snap in

two,
And the unicorn evils run them

through;

Split all ends up they shan't crack; And death shall have no dominion

And death shall have no dominion

No more may gulls cry at their ears Or waves break loud on the seashores:

Where blew a flower may a flower no more

Lift its head to the blows of the rain;

Though they be mad and dead as nails,

Heads of the characters hammer through daises;

Break in the sun til the sun breaks

down,
And death shall have no dominion

### CORRECTION

The number of the Chiropractic Clinic described in the last issue of Seven News is 964-9344. The number was reported incorrectly in the last issue of Seven News.

### **LETTERS**

# Regent should help people help selves

Dear Editor:

I am writing about Regent Park.
There is one sure way of helping the low income people: help them to help themselves. And that is to give them the incentive of helping themselves, to work out solutions.

Give them the right to bargain collectively on leases, rents, recreation, maintenance, and other matters, with the full co-operation of municipal, provincial, and federal governments.

In regards to the funding of Regent Park, an allotment of \$10.00 per suite out of the rental income collected by OHC could be used for financing the association, the newspaper, and recreation programmes, training and educational programmes, etc.

The tenants should be encouraged to participate in their own affairs without fear of eviction. A community cannot act normally under fears. An effective landlord such as OHC doesn't need a club to deal with its tenants. Programmes should be bursting at the seams. This in turn would lead to vandalism diminishing.

The apartments and houses in the area could use a good paint job in pastel colours to suit the tenants' needs. True, the project has come a long way since the outdated wading pool. But a lot of work both on the landlord's and tenants' part is needed to have a happy community. It can be done with the co-

operation of OHC, its tenants, social agencies, churches, and others, as well as from the politicians.

The low income people are aware of their problems. They need the knights in shining armour to come to their aid. The low income people have paid long enough for being poor, in so many ways, and by being subjected to many harsh treatments. This problem can no longer be ignored.

As to racism in Regent Park. That kind of garbage sickens me. I can recall at dances where we had the league of nations and no problems whatsoever with the young teenagers. If they thought you were fair with them, they would treat you with respect.

As to the educational standards

As to the educational standards in the schools in the area, I would be ashamed to accept my paycheque if I were a teacher.

There are concerned parents.

Let's give them the chance and dispense with the excuses. And give the young the opportunity in Regent Park to be just as well educated as those in Rosedale, Forest Hill, etc. We should be putting our money where our mouth is. There is no need for politicians to fear a low voter turnout, if they live up to the aspirations of the people. The people might turn out in droves if they feel their elected member is doing his job.

Tenants in housing such as Regent Park can lead the way. Voice your opinions, speak up, and be heard. Those elected can do nothing for you if you say nothing. Impress them with your guts. You have what it takes. Speak your mind.

I have heard the saying 'let's stop blaming each other and get to work. By all means, let's do it and get on the ball.

Fred Sheridan

# Charlie Rolfe says thanks

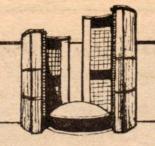
Dear 7 News:

At this time I would like to thank both Bill Marshall and the staff for your fine coverage of me in your or should I say our paper. As you probably know I had very little money for my campaign, but thanks to my many friends I feel that I did quite well and hope to succeed in the next election. Could

you please write an article in your next issue of the paper both thanking the staff of 7 News and all of my friends for their support and also wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Thank you, Charlie Rolfe

# city hall report



# The next 2 years at City Hall

By JANET HOWARD

The biggest job that faced the 1975-76 Toronto City Council was to pass an official plan for downtown Toronto. The plan had to replace the 45-foot holding by-law which had been enacted by the Council before it.

The holding by-law reflected widespread discontent with the mindless growth allowed by the old official paln, the blockbusting, the high rise towers popping up everywhere, the explosive increase in office construction.

Most people thought the new official plan would continue to reflect those concerns, but it didn't. Since the 1972 election, the style — not the politics — of City Council has changed. Reformers fall three or four votes short of a majority on major decisions, and the group known as moderates talk reform while voting development.

Therefore, we have an official plan for a large area of Toronto which not only permits but encourages drastically higher densities than those the holding by-law was meant to stop.

During the next two years the effects of this complicated plan will be coming home to roost. If the financial situation improves to the point where developers can raise the money to build according to their proposal, Toronto people who took Council at its word will be shocked to see developments even larger than those churned out during the 1960s. Into the bargain, most people will not be able to afford to live in them even if they wanted to.

Ward 6 and areas of Wards 7 and 5 will get the worst of it, but increased traffic and congestion on the TTC are bound to irritate residents outside the central area itself.

Meanwhile, the housing situation is worsening for a variety of reasons.

One, which I discussed at length in my election literature, is massive land speculation by a few large corporations on the outskirts of Toronto where land profits keep the prices of new houses sky high. This means there is no longer any place cheap to move to, while the housing proposed so far under the new downtown plan is mostly high priced condominium with some senior citizen apartment buildings (for which there is no government funding available.)

That will leave the City's Non-Profit Housing Corporation as still the only significant producer of family housing for people of average income, and that role will become more difficult to carry out as developers continue to bid up the price of building land. Unless the new Council is more prepared than the last one to lobby senior governments for better terms, even the City's programme will lose ground.

### Housing crisis

Ther are some encouraging signs. The last Provincial election clearly showed that tenants wanted rent control, and they got it. Now that the housing crisis is hurting people usually thought to be comfortably off — and who are in the habit of voting — the Federal and Provincial governments are more likely to respond with the kind of measures some of us at City Hall have been telling them are necessary: cutting back on funding for profit-making developments that don't fill the most pressing needs, in favour of programmes that make our housing policy work better.

The next two years will also bring some major changes to Metro Toronto as a unit of government. The Robarts Commission will be recommending changes that may alter boundaries, such as enlarging the boroughs of York and East York by adding in parts of the City. (The area of Ward 7 north of the Danforth could possibly go to East York.)

A more major effect will probably be an increase in the power of the Metro level of government, and possibly a change in how people are elected to Metro council.

Since Metro already controls a budget larger than that of some provinces, and its council attracts little attention from residents, that power can make or break the City before the public knows what is happening.

The over-all official plan for Metro — Metroplan — will take precedence over the individual official plans for member municipalities. Just as the new plan for downtown met with the approval of a majority pro-developer City Council, the Metroplan can be expected to please borough politicians who are even less sensitive to the needs of city neighbourhoods.

These gloomy prospects make my job fairly clear for the next term of Council. Only substantial public pressure results in changes for the better, so therefore I will be helping Ward 7 people focus their attention on some of the most urgent problems: housing for low and moderate income people will only be built if all levels of government understand that this priority doesn't fit in with allowing the development industry to strengthen its monopoly. I will continue to fight expensive developments and work with community groups and other members of Council to achieve better terms for non-profit housing, controls on land speculation, and increased powers for tenant organizations.

Problems of health, day care and housing for low-income single people — especially skid row inhabitants and women — are becoming more acute because of the kind of budget-cutting which is taking place. Those issues, too, will require organized pressure from groups of people prepared to lobby governments with clear statements of their needs and strong insistence that they be met. These are issues I have been working on already, and come January will be resuming with that extra shot of energy that a successful re-election brings.

# Is Don Vale Association going to the Dogs?

Despite the fact that the perennial controvery of "stoop and scoop" was on the agenda, the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents was unable to get a quorum of members out to its annual nomination meeting.

In the past, people had turned out in numbers to debate the pros and cons of controls on dogs in the parks and on the streets. This time, however, only 18 people appeared for the meeting, making it necessary to call it off due to lack of quorum, and making it impossible to elect a new council for the association. A new meeting is to be called for January.

It was the second general meeting in a row without a quorum. The previous one had been scheduled to discuss Winchester Square, generally considered to be a big

issue in the area.

Association president George Rust-D'Eye isn't quite sure what to attribute the lack of interest to but notes that similar problems have been plaguing citizen's groups across the city. Nevertheless, he says, the association remains ready to act in an emergency.



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## Jeanne Rowles leaves CNH

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The Board of Directors of C.N.H. has accepted the resignation "with regret" at its meeting on December 6.

The executive committee has assumed direction of the house, and is to hire an acting executive director at the earliest possible date to act until a permanent executive

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Thanks to the officers of 51 Division for their outstanding work.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Old Cabbagetown is still the best place to shop and live.



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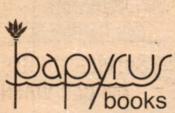
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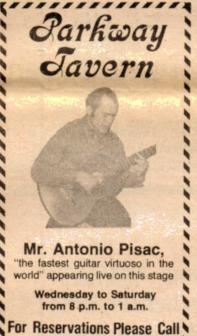
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**Election comment** 

# Sewell, Howard returned, Stamm loses decisively

The difference between the campaigns of John Sewell and Janet Howard, on the one hand, and Garry Stamm, on the other, was apparent as soon as you walked across the street from the one headquarters to the other on election night.

Halfway through the evening, the Sewell-Howard election-night centre was filled with a noisy crowd celebrating their candidates' decisive victory

Across the street, the Stamm headquarters was quieter, with far few people present. But the strike point was that the Stamm people had not realized yet that they had lost. The reason was poorer communications, which in turn reflected a considerably smaller base of campaign workers.

Results came in rapidly to Sewell-Howard, phoned in by the organization's scrutineers in each individual poll. The Stamm organization only had scrutineers in a fraction of the polls — the polls where Stamm was strongest — so the results that came in earliest gave the impression that Stamm was doing much better than he actually was. While the Sewell-Howard workers were celebrating their unbeatable lead in the Parkway Tavern, the Stamm organizers thought their man was only a few hundred votes behind Howard. In consequence, the later results were all the more devastating.

It was the story of Stamm's campaign. He organized hard, and did fairly well, in a number of areas, notably in the highrises, especially in St. Jamestown, and in the more affluent parts of Don Vale. In other areas of the ward, such as Regent Park and most of Riverdale, he was never really in the race at all.

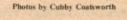
Stamm's campaign itself seemed to blow hot and cold. He charged into the fray early, announcing his candidacy in early June, probably the first contender to do so. He produced his first pamphlet in August, and then his campaign organization seemed to fall asleep for a while. No more literature appeared until November, and the campaign office stood empty until the last few weeks of the campaign. It picked up again in the stretch, but couldn't match the resources of the much broader base of active support that Sewell and Howard were able to throw into the battle.

The Sewell-Howard campaign was an impressive and highly organized operation. They produced several major pieces of literature, and their organizers knocked on almost every door in the Ward two or three times.

Stamm's literature also dealt with the issues, although at times he went so far in trying to cover what he consideres his undeserved right-wing image with a more moderate cloak that there seemed to be little that he disagreed with the incumbents on other than their style and personality. For example, Stamm stressed housing, tenants' rights, the problems with market value reassessment, his opposition to Winchester Square as presently conceived. All of them were issues with which Sewell and Howard have identified themselves.

For Sewell and Howard, the election was just the beginning of the challenges they must meet over the next two years. They warned on election night that more high rise development, road widenings, tax jumps, and erosion of tenants' rights are all on the agenda for the next two years unless enough support can be mobilized to stop them.

Sewell especially is convinced that most of the key decisions are being made on the Metro level, and he proposes to spend much more time dealing with Metro issues. His priorities are symbolized by his decision to seek a seat on the Toronto City Executive and the Metro Executive Committee. They indicate the change in perspective he has undergone in his seven years as an alderman, which began with an almost total commitment to local issues, local power, and local solutions.





Howard



Stamm

#### How the Vote Went;

| John Sewell<br>Janet Howard | 8,286<br>6,460 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Garry Stamm                 | 4,419          |
| Ronald Taylor               | 770            |
| Charlie Rolfe               | 767            |

Public School Trustee (Two Elected)

| Doug Barr       | 5,039 |
|-----------------|-------|
| Sheila Holmes   | 3,847 |
| Edna Dixon      | 2,757 |
| Noreen Gaudette | 1,946 |

Separate Representative to Public School Board (One Elected)

| Frank Nagle       | 2,348 |
|-------------------|-------|
| Maureen Godsoe    | 1,871 |
| Kevin Fitzgibbons | 1,314 |
| Mike Lofranco     | 861   |
| Michael Mushet    | 385   |

Separate School Trustee (One Elected)

| Charles Arsenault | 1,348 |
|-------------------|-------|
| Lorenzo Colle     | 1,043 |
| Jim Carson        | 824   |





For Sewell and Howard, a brief celebration, then back to the wars on Council.

# What to do over the holidays

News Round-up in this issue carries notices of non-Christmas events. Christmas events are listed in a special section on pages 6 and 7, although a few Christmas events had to be included in News Round-up because of deadlines

Saturday December 18

It's Open House at the Parliament Street Library, 406 Parliament St. at Gerrard. There'll be coffee and cake and carols in the afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday December 19 There will be a Christmas concert at Riverdale Collegiate today at 2:00 p.m. There will be singers, dignitaries, people from homes for the aged, and more in this big pre-Christmas happening.

St. Luke's United Church, 353 Sherbourne St. will be holding a White Gift Family Service at 10:30 a.m. and a Candlelight Carol Service at 7:30 p.m.

St. Barnabus Church, 361 Danforth (at Hampton) is holding a service of Christmas carols today with everyone singing. The time is 7 p.m.

Tuesday December 21

Today until Thursday the Riverdale Care Centre at 60 Grant St. has lots of children's clothes available to be given away free. It's open from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30

Wednesday December 22

A meeting of the members of the Neighbourhood Information Post will be held today at 7:30 at the Parliament Street Library House, 265 Gerrard St. E. Anyone who lives or works in Ward 7 is invited to come and vote on proposed constitutional changes.

Friday December 24

There will be a coffee hour at St. Luke's United Church from 10:00 to 11:00 p.m. today, followed by communion at 11:00.

St. Barnabus will hold communion at 11:30 p.m.

Woodgreen United Church is holding a Christmas Eve Service at 11 p.m. The church is at 875 Queen St. E.

A special Christmas Service will be held at 11 a.m. at Regent Park United Church. And at 7 p.m. there will be a candlelight service, followed by a "fireside" programme and social gathering.

Wednesday December 29

Don't stay cooped up during the vacation. Come to a free film at the Paliament Street Library and watch 16-year-old Robin Graham sail around the world in Dove. Today and tomorrow, at 3:30 and

Friday December 31

A Watchnight Service will be held at Regent Park United

Church, 40 Oak St., at 11 p.m., followed by a social gathering. This will be held in co-operation with Rev. Harold Jackman of the British Methodist Episcopal Church.

Wednesday January 12

A meeting on break-ins is being planned for St. Ann's Church, 120 First Ave., at 8:00 p.m. Community Service Officer Copeland of 55 Division, Metro Police, will present a film and a live demonstration of security systems and methods. Afterwards, there will be an open discussion with Officer Copeland and Ward Seven Alderman Janet Howard and John Sewell.

Thursday January 13

The Don District Interagency Group will be meeting at All-Saints Church, 315 Dundas St. E. today at 10:00 a.m. For more information call 924-2543.

Saturday January 15 The next issue of Seven News appears ...

#### KIDS

Tuesday, December 28

Parliament Street Library, 406 Parliament St., is holding a New Year's party at 2:00 p.m. featuring games, hats, balloons, and traditional customs.

Wednesday December 29

The Parliament Street Library is featuring Christmas stories today, at 2:00 p.m.

### GENERAL

Copies of the Ward Seven Di-rectory, listing all the community groups and services in the Ward, are available at the Neighbourhood Information Post. You can get one by calling 924-2543 or dropping in at 265 Gerrard St. E. Cost is \$1.50

The Canadian Red Cross Society is in line for a grant of up to \$14,712 to assist in the purchase of a mini-bus capable of carrying handicapped patients from Toronto medical institutes to social, sporting, and recreational events.

The next issue of Seven News will appear Saturday, January 15. Deadline for the issue is Monday, January 10.



The turnout wasn't overwhelming, but those who came to the Regent Park evening round of Christmas carolling on December 10th had a good time. That's the group above, singing away lustily.

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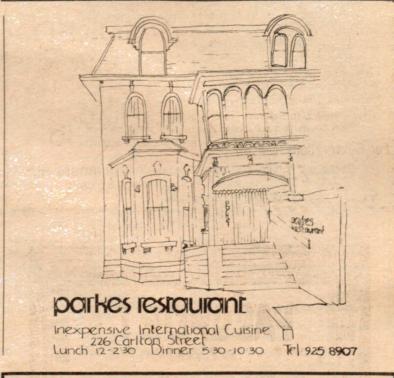


# SEASONS GREETINGS

BEST WISHES IN THE NEW YEAR

from the Staff at the

Parliament Medical Clinic 322 Parliament St. 960-0661



# Frankland public school called a fire hazard

at 816 Logan Avenue south of the Danforth is a potential fire hazard. three architects said after a study of the 72-year-old building.

Architect Paul Barnard said that he wouldn't want his daughter to take classes on the school's third

Frankland Junior Public School floor because "I'm not sure she would get out in time if there was a fire on the ground floor." The school has 750 pupils, approximately 240 of whom would be in the nine third floor classrooms at any given time. Mr. Barnard explained that the fire hazard stems

from the fact that the school has wooden floors, inadequate fire exits, and large gaps between the doors. Barnard claims that the school board doesn't want to put money for improvements into the present school which is soon to be torn down to make way for a new

Harry Facey, the Toronto Board of Education's comptroller of buildings denies that the school is a fire hazard. He says that while the floors are wooden it is a slowburning timber, and stresses that although parts of the school wouldn't meet today's safety standards, if fire should break out, the children are well disciplined and could get out of the building in three minutes. He explains that a new school on the present site slated for occupancy in September 1978 is being built not merely because the present school is too old, but because the students need more classroom space, more play area, and a better library.

# Talking books available

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# Enjoying winter out of doors in the Tol



Turkey Shooting on the Don; from Canadian Illustrated News, January 8, 1876 — reprinted in 'Toronto — A Pictorial Record', by Charles de Volpi, (1965),

#### By GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

In the early days of Toronto, long before the invention of the television set and the automobile, Torontonians spent much of their leisure time out-of-doors, even during the winter.

Elizabeth Simcoe, writing in January, 1794, talked of walking miles on the frozen surface of the Don River, and of seeing the tracks of wolves and deer in the snow near Castle Frank. The next day, the Simcoes rode on horseback to the bay, crossed the frozen Don, and rode out on the 'peninsula' (later known as the Toronto Island). Later, on January 26th, 1794, Mrs. Simcoe mentions going out to see Mr. Talbot, Lt.-Gov. Simcoe's personal secretary, skating on the Don.

The next day she walked to the bay, where she saw Indians fishing for pike, pickerel and muskellunge. The fish would be atracted to the hole in the ice by an artificial fish of white wood with leaden eyes and tin fins, hung on a line in the water. When the fish approached the hole, the Indians would spear them with great dexterity.

As the population of the area grew, and the Town of York became the City of Toronto, the number and variety of wintertime activities increased. Sleighs, the principal means of winter transportation, served both practical and recreational purposes. Anna Jameson, in her "Sketches in Canada and Rambles Among the Red Men," written in 1839, described winter sleighing in Toronto:

"I stood at my window today, watching the

sleighs as the and sizes. well-appoint sleighs are gether in for straw and a of flour and space. Oth cutters are sleigh phase men and of inconsidera that they over quarter of a sensues."

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"In this sleighs, and their bells." elegant in fo very expens occupants, Mr. Russ

# Many ways to pass the Christmas season

Sunday, Dec. 19

Christmas Concepts, a variety show of skits and singing at Dixon Hall starts at 1:30.

A Christmas Dinner will be served at the Adult Drop-in Program at Central Neighbourhood House between 6:30 and 11 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 20

Film Day at Dixon Hall. Call 863-0499 for more details.

Christmas Follies at Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre will provide fun and games galore for people of all ages. Starts at 7:30 p.m. Children will enjoy Pintas at the Parliament Street Library at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

A free Christmas Concert will be presented by the children at Pape Recreation Centre from 7 to 9 p.m. "Disneyland Christmas" is a gym and dance

"Disneyland Christmas" is a gym and dance show at Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Christmas Carousel at John Innes Community Centre starts at 7 p.m. with Santa's Presentation taking place at 8:30 p.m.

Children may make their own Christmas Tree Decorations at the Parliament Street Library at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22

Cartoon Marathon at John Innes Community Centre from 1 to 5 p.m. This will be followed by a Community Fun Night in the evening from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The evening will reflect a casino-carnival atmosphere. Other community groups are invited to participate and set up carnival games themselves. For more information call 366-0767. Christmas Open House at the Parliament Street Library House from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Children 12 years and under are invited to a Christmas Party at Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre from 7:30 to 9 n m

At 415 Gerrard St. E. the Regent Park Community Centre hosts a Gymnastics - Basketball Com-

petition from 7 to 9:45 p.m. and a Talent Show from 7 to 9:30. Movies will be the entertainment in the afternoon starting at 3:45

Friday, Dec. 24

Festive Cookery is featured at Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre from 1 to 3:15 and Scoop-Ball Activities at Regent Recreation Centre from 9 to

# from the post

Neighbourhood Information Post 265 Gerrard E. 924-2544

### Saturday, Dec. 25

There will be plenty of good meals this day for those who need them. A Christmas Brunch for members of the Good Neighbour's Club is at 11:30. At the same time, the Sherbourne St. Hostel of the Salvation Army will be serving its Christmas Day feast for men. Then at 12:30 p.m. Christmas dining gets started at Woodgreen United Church Hall. Men interested in attending should contact either Fred Victor Mission or the Church for tickets. St. Paul's Anglican Church's famous Christmas Day Dinner for people who will be alone on Christmas Day will take place at 2 p.m. Call early to let them know you are coming, at 961-8116.

Sunday, Dec. 26
Rather a quiet day ... time to rest.
Monday, Dec. 27

The Toboganning Party at Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre starts at 1 p.m.

Lots to do at Regent Park Centre on Gerrard with a Scavenger Hunt 1 to 3 p.m. Stunt time 3:30 to 5:30, and Teen Co-ed Volleyball 6:45 to 9:30.

Those 12 years and under may attend the *Dress Up* or *Dress Down Dance-a-thon* at John Innes Community Centre. Time: 1 to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Bowling Outing for all ages starts at 1:30 at John Innes Community Centre. This will be followed by a Father & Son Table Games Tournament in the evening.

Bingo starting at 3 p.m. at the Regent Park Community Centre.

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre will soon have Outdoor Broomball from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. and Indoor Bowling from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Then in the evening, a Talent Show (7 p.m.) will reveal the stars in the area. This will be followed by a Sock Hop at 8:30 p.m.

Regent Park Community Centre has organized an *Outing* for kids 9 to 15 years. Call 363-2955 for more info.

Thursday, Dec. 30

All those Christmas calories can be worn off at the Year End Badminton Round-up at John Innes Community Centre. It starts at 1 p.m. and people of any age are welcome to compete. That morning a Kids V.S. Staff Cosom Hockey Tournament will be held. Regent Park Community Centre hosts a Movie Afternoon. Time: 1:00 to 5:30.

Events at Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre for this day include a *Mini Bingo* from 9:30 to 11:45, *Snow Volleyball* from 1:30 to 5:30 and a *Swimming Pool Special* 12 to 3:15 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve Party at 519 Church St. Community Centre includes dancing to a live band and a buffet. Tickets are \$8 per person and \$5 for seniors. Call 923-2778 for tickets.

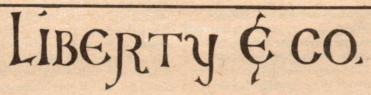
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# ronto of long ago

ney glided past. They are of all shapes A few of the carriage sleighs are need and handsome. The market often two or three boards nailed torm of a wooden box on runners; some buffalo skin serve for the seat; barrels d baskets of eggs fill up the empty ers are like cars, and others called mounted upon high runners like tons. These are sported by the young ficers of the garrison, and require no ble skill in driving, as I am assured erturn in the snow not above once in a n hour, and no harm and much mirth





Russell, in 1865, described the Tothis way:

winter time the streets are filled with the air is gay with the carolling of Some of the vehicles are exceedingly orm and finish, and are provided with sive furs, not only for the use of the but for mere display."

ell also talked about the 'muffin', the

# CHRISTMAS EXTRAS

By LIISA BUNDOCK

Christmas "extras" are available to people receiving Welfare or Family Benefits, and also to anyone in need

If you are receiving Welfare Benefits, you will automatically receive an extra cheque apart from your regular benefits; \$6.00 for single people and for the head of a family, and \$4.00 for each dependent. Any special needs should be discussed with your welfare worker.

For people receiving Family Benefits, check with your worker for any additional assistance.

Whether on Benefits or not you may contact the following centres for food or toy vouchers, 148 Jarvis St. (Queen/Shuter) from Nov. 8 to Dec. 24/76, 8:30-4:00, or, 312 Broadview Ave. (1/2 block south of Gerrard St.) from Nov. 15 to Dec. 22/76, 9:00-12. Toy vouchers given at these two centres will tell you the day and time to pick up the toys at 295 Gerrard St. E. (Parliament St.).

For handicapped people, just call the centres at 366-9941 ext. 55 or 35 (Jarvis) or 466-4750 (Broadview). It is important that you call before Dec. 15/76 so that they may mail food vouchers to you.



An 1873 watercolour showing a Canadian outdoor winter scene — men wooing muffins on toboggans. From Canadian Christmas Book, by Caroline Carver.

name used to describe 'the lady who sits beside the male occupant of a sleigh'. The name probably relates to the fur muff carried by women to warm their hands. The typical winter wear for both men and women was the 'blanket-suit', consisting of knickerbockers and long coats, with brightly coloured stockings, sash, and knitted tuque, or fur hat. Passengers in a sleigh would cover themselves with at least two robes, the top one being usually a buffalo or bear skin for extra warmth. Quite often a sleigh would tip, throwing driver and muffin into the soft snow.

Another popular pastime was skating. One learned to skate by pushing a chair about on a frozen pond. 'Social' skating, to the music of a military band, was an enjoyable form of winter entertainment. Mr. Russell described a typical Canadian skating scene in 1865:

"The room, which was like a large public bath-room, was crowded with women, young and old, skating or preparing to skate, for husbands, and spread in maiden rays over the glistening area of ice, gliding, swooping, revolving on legs of every description, which were generally revealed to mortal gaze in proportion to their goodness, and therefore were displayed on a principle so far unobjectionable.

"It was a mighty pretty sight. The spectators sat or stood on the raised ledge around the ice parallelogram like swallows on a cliff, and now and then dashed off and swept away as if on the wing, over the surface, in couples or alone executing quadrilles, mazurkas, waltzes and tours de force, that made one conceive that the laws of gravitation must be suspended in the Rink, and that the outside edge is the most stable place for the human foot and figure.

"And if a fellow should fall — and be saved by a lady? Well! It may end in an introduction, and by a condition of muffinage."

By the 1870's there were skating rinks throughout Ontario, many of them covered. One that wasn't was the Victoria Skating Rink, built in 1862 at the south-west corner of Gerrard and Sherbourne Streets.

Other popular activities on ice included lacrosse on skates, skating masquerade parties, ice velocipedes (tricycles with blades instead of wheels), ice-boating, curling and hockey (or 'shinny').

Ice-boating was cold, dangerous and exciting. Under favourable ice and weather conditions the boats were capable of sailing along at 50 to 60 miles an hour on the smooth ice of the Toronto bay. In 1853, it was written in the 'Illustrated News' that 'Some of these boats are got up with greater pretensions to comfort, having seats for the accommodation of three or four persons; and in these boats ladies frequently enjoy a sail, free from the terrors of sea-sickness.'

As early as 1829, Torontonians of Scottish descent were playing the game of curling on the Don River. The Toronto Curling Club was organized in 1836-7, and thereafter bonspiels were held each year on cleared-off sections of the Bay, Grenadier Pond, and the Humber River. The most famous team was the Toronto Red Jackets, who won 75 successive matches during the 1860's and '70's.

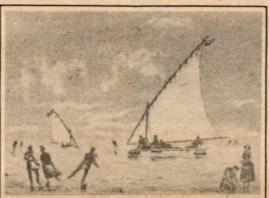
Toronto's heavy annual snowfall provided

further opportunities for wintertime fun. Then, as now, children built snow forts and snowmen, and threw snowballs at one another and at passing adults in high hats.

Sliding down snow-clad hills, with or without a sleigh or toboggan, was also great fun, as was hitching up the family dog, or perhaps a goat or sheep, to a small sleigh. Adults also enjoyed the pleasures of sleighing and tobogganing on the hills in Victorian Toronto.

One unusual wintertime activity caused by a heavy snowfall in Toronto, occurred in February, 1881. The Street Railway Company, in an effort to clear the snow from its Yonge Street tracks, put snowploughs on its streetcars. This created piles of snow several feet high on each side of the tracks, making the thoroughfare impassable for other vehicles. Storeowners angrily demanded a stop to the operation. But the streetcars went on ploughing, whereupon shop hands and clerks turned out in force and shoveled the snow back onto the tracks. After a short but heated fight, the streetcar drivers had no choice but to abandon their cars and head for home.

Although it could be said that the Victorians learned how to enjoy the winter by reason of necessity, it is clear from their experience that the cold and dullness of winter can be relieved, and the effects of climate utilized, to increase the enjoyment of leisure time. It is unfortunate that for so many modern Canadians, sedentary habits and the over-use of the car and the television set, have prevented them from realizing that winter can be fun!



Ice Boats on the Bay, Toronto — From a Sketch by W. Armstrong, Canadian Illustrated News, Feb. 18, 1871, reprinted in 'Ontario of Yesterday', by Nick and Helma Mika (1971).



Lacrosse on Ice, from Canadian Illustrated News, January 27, 1883, reprinted in 'Ontario of Yesterday', by Nick and Helma Mika, (1971).



Curling and other winter activities on a frozen pond in the 1880's — from Canadian Christmas Book by Caroline Carver, 1975.









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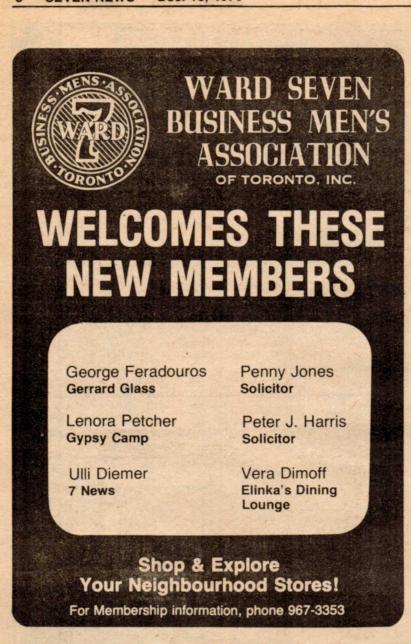
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### Correction

In last issue's article on bridges over the Don, one of the photos ran with an explanation that actually belonged to another photo. The photo on the left, which appeared with the article, is actually the 1851 covered bridge over the Don at Queen Street. It was swept away in 1878. Shown on the right is the Don Station, built beside the bridge over the Don at Queen Street in 1910. This is the station which can still be seen at Todmorden Mills, to which it was moved in 1969.

### THEATRE

# Comedians aim high, fall short

By STAN ADELMAN

The Comedians by Trevor Griffin is a play which is set during the last evening of a night school course for comics.

We are introduced to the main characters, Eddie Waters, a "former great" and his six aspiring students. Each of the students has prepared his solo for adjudication at a half hour interval at "the bingo club".

Eddie philosophizes on comedy, his students do exercises, joke, imitate and generally amuse. This contrast between philosophizing Eddie and his students keeps

the play moving while providing enough "depth" to make the audience feel something is happening.

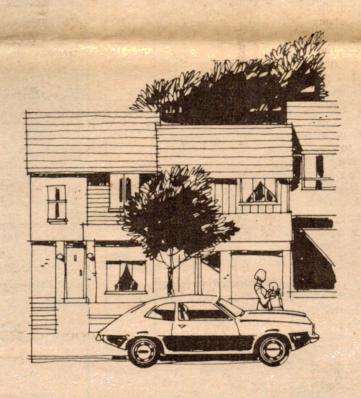
The half hour at the bingo club is lively and witty all for the wrong reasons. The attempt by Price, Eddie's hope, to reach beyond his audience's prejudices, which his fellow performers have played to for cheap laughs, his attempt "to be his own man" completely mystified me.

The last act is incomplete. There is no resolution of any of the philosophical points first introduced by Eddie nor do any of the characters grow or gain from the

night's experience. One wonders whether the audience does.

The play is lively, bright, and witty and, all in all, a good evening's entertainment. There was some difficulty in catching some of the lines because of the heavy English accents and some references to English subjects passed me by

Yet the play was disappointing. The play promised more than it was able to deliver. It was like a cow one thought was pregnant, only to learn it has swallowed a balloon . . . Lawrence Centre until December 18



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age groups, will begin again on from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and are free sons to register in person for clas-January 3 at Woodgreen Commun- of charge. Dance teacher Mrs. Wai ses at the front desk in the new ity Centre, 835 Queen St. E. Clas- Yung Kwan and co-ordinator year.

Chinese dancing classes for all ses are every Monday afternoon Winnie Wai invite interested per-Photo by Cubby Coatsworth

### 7 News Distributor of the Week

"My first thought was to ... save ... the ... papers," reveals Steve Ballantyne, an unemployed youth worker who last week became Seven News' newest (and unluckiest!) distributor.

It was an eager Steve Ballantyne who came in last Tuesday and

picked up 1800 copies of Seven News, to be delivered door-todoor to local stores. Steve thrives on fresh air and brisk walking, so this was just up his alley. And things were going marvellously until Steve ran into some car trouble: his car caught on fire in front

More L.I.P. money for Rosedale

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means that each Constituency Advisory Group (C.A.G.) will be reviewing projects turned down, and possibly recommending them for funding. Afterwards, projects that received less than what they originally applied for will get a second look which may result in them getting more money.

Criteria for the new programmes were also unveiled. For the Canada Works Program, there will be two

funding cycles for 1977. For the first, applications will be available January 2nd, the deadline will be February 4th, and projects can start as early as April 4th. The second allocation of funds will be February 4th, and projects can start as early as April 4th. The second allocation of funds will have a deadline of August 26th, 1977.

Young Canada Works applications also need a sponsoring body. For them, the deadline is February. Projects can start on May 2nd.

# Job creation programme

The sudden increase in the Local Initiatives Programme (LIP) budget announced recently by the government will mean good news for a number of groups in Rosedale federal riding.

The additional LIP funding for

### Winchester school choir entertains

By REBECCA CARVER

On Thursday, December 9th, students from Winchester School Choir, Band, and Strings, gave a Christmas concert in the Veterans Wing of Sunnybrook Hospital.

The concert came off very well. Afterwards Winchester students enjoyed meeting and chatting with the staff and patients.

Through these conversations we learned that one patient has a 60-year-old daughter who went to Winchester when she was a child, another had himself been a student here, and one of the volunteer workers was a teacher at Winchester School many years ago.

It seems everyone enjoyed themselves, for we were asked to return this spring.

Rebecca Carver is a 13-year-old Grade 8 student at Winchester School.

the area will go to a number of groups that were initially turned down and to increase the grants of some groups who got less than they asked for.

The additional grants haven't been officially announced yet, but it is known that the Don Vale Community Centre, which was threatened with closing down partly because it got no grant, has been recommended for two jobs which would keep it going until the end of April. The United Church has indicated that it will put off its decision to close the building until that time.

The Regent Park Community Improvement Association has been recommended for four or five positions. They had earlier been refused any funding at all.

of the Dominion Sotre on Broadview near Danforth. But Steve was able to avert disaster - although his car was badly damaged (the motor burnt out) — Steven was able to save the remaining 900 copies of the paper which he had left to distribute, and to send them back safely to Seven News in a

"I knew what I had to do," said undaunted Steven, who then borrowed a car from one of the Seven News staff, and completed distribution of the papers without any further mishaps

It hasn't been Steve's year. Earlier this fall, he was evicted from his flat; wrecked his previous car, and lost his job when funding for the Don Vale Community Centre was cut off.

But Steve takes it all in his stride. "You have to be philosophical about these things, he says. "After all, there's a dark cloud inside every silver lining."

And Steve is as dedicated as he is philosophical. According to Seven News Distribution Manager Frances Watman, "we need more distributors like Steve, with his proven interest and dedication. In fact, we're considering increasing his route next edition.

It's quite a compliment, but Steve has earned it.

Well done, Steve!



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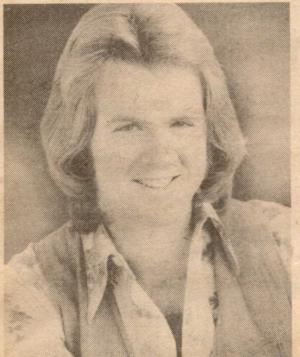
# D'Arcy offers a gentle form of rock

By SHERILYN MARSHALL

Who says that folk music is dead? — Well it's not — it's alive and kicking like a new born babe in the form of D'Arcy Wickham at Egerton's in Toronto.

D'Arcy played his earthy loving sound to a small intimate audience at Egerton's for a week. He will be making an album of soft sounds in the near future and also will be playing in some of the smaller folk type clubs soon. D'Arcy's music was soft and relaxing as he sang to the people, a change from the usual electrical blasting and mind blowing noise that some of today's groups and single singers seem to be laying on the people, and that type of music leaves one with a headache and no ears.

D'Arcy's music combined a peacefulness that only folk/rock music can do. He put human feelings of



D'Arcy Wickham offers listeners muscial variety

love, hate and jealousy into his material, as he sang of a man's jealous wife. She killed him and he felt that he was better off dead, because it was a living death having a wife accuse him of doing things that he wasn't doing. He sang "Tell all your Troubles", to the audience and they listened. He put some humour into the song because he felt that a lot of married people go through a love-hate stage in their relationship and tried to show that not all was lost, but sometimes could be. Something would give and in this case, the wife killed the husband. One person can destroy another, either by death or mentally.

From deathly humour and gloom, D'Arcy moved into a song dedicated to whiskey drinkers and happy hand clapping and foot stomping music was the result of this blend. He sang "Jack Diamond Soul No. 9 Whiskey", (also known as Nancy Whiskey). People could call it a real whiskey drinking song. Apples don't escape D'Arcy's musical thoughts either, as he does a blues-folk rendition of a song called "Bad Apple" dedicated to Ryerson students who don't want to write their exams, also possibly a folk version of Elvis' "Trouble", (from the movie King Creole). D'Arcy tried to involve the audience in some of his material as he did several simple songs guaranteed to make Mitch Miller turn green with envy. Some people sang along, others sat like bumps on logs.

D'Arcy's material, mostly written by him, seemed to be a combination of Don McLean of American Pie fame; Neil Young and Bob Dylan. He used a lot of facial expressions to put his music across, he made you feel his pain when he cried the blues, he made you laugh when he was happy, and he involved you in the music. He seemed to be having fun on stage with whatever music he did. He also seemed to enjoy his audience.

D'Arcy has been involved in several Toronto rock, folk and country and blue grass groups and writes all his own material. He comes across as a warm personality on stage, and this seems essential in a small intimate setting where you really want to hear the music and not just noise.

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# Newfoundlander a Danforth bright spot

By PAT COOK

Gander. St. Johns. Placentia Bay. These towns are called home for customers and staff of the only restaurant of its kind in Toronto, The Newfoundlander Tavern. Located at 185 Danforth The Newfoundlander's brilliant yellow and green sign invites passersby to come in. Once inside the "downeast" music and food keeps them there.

Although there is little in the decor to remind one of Newfoundland the enthusiasm of the crowd makes up for it. At the height of the evening the place is filled with over seventy hand-clapping, footstomping people. On weekends there's a lineup outside waiting to hear Eddey Coffey's rendition of Fiddler's Dream or The Isle of Newfoundland on his squeezebox.

The Newfoundlander is an authentic restaurant although one of its owners, Chris Issar, is originally from Greece. His wife, Linda, is co-owner and hails from Petite, Newfoundland. Down-east food is cooked by Iva Barrett from St. Johns and a mixture of Irish-Newfoundland songs are provided by Eddey who is from Placentia Bay.

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Chris, who had his first meal at the Salvation Army as a newly-arrived immigrant in Halifax in 1955, loves the people and the music of Newfoundland. Some evenings he will get up on stage and play along on his mouthorgan. This summer he spent two and a half months on a fishing trip in the famed Newfoundland waters and, since his marriage to Linda, has visited the province many times.

He met Linda just three days after she arrived in Toronto and together they opened the Rio Doreo steak house and tavern at the present location. Then, last March, they converted the Rio Doreo into The Newfoundlander Tavern.

Now Chris stresses the importance of good, fresh food. "Here" Chris says, "we give them (the customers) pure food. They are pure people. Nothing out of the can." His statement rang true when a platter of whole carrots, boiled potatoes, and salt cod topped with pieces of pork crust was placed in front of me. The menu includes boiled salt beef dinner, fishermen's brewis, salmon, trout, cod tongues, ocean perch, herring, smelts, and scallops served with thick slices of white home-made bread.

A drink with dinner will cost

about \$1.35 for spirits and the food prices range from \$2.75 to \$4.00.

While Chris spends over a hundred hours a week at the restaurant, Linda comes in to help out on weekends and busy days. The rest of the time is spent at home with two children, a boy of six and a little girl of four. The Issars' social life, when they have time, involves get togethers with their Newfoundland friends. "I love the Newfoundlanders," Chris says, "They are the most homesick people."

The customers tend to agree with him. A lot of them are regulars like one older fellow who left Newfoundland in 1961 and now comes three or four times a week to listen to the music and talk with his friends. "I love the music," he

Sitting across the aisle from him are two middle-aged silver-haired women, an unusual sight in a tavern as they are alone. The atmosphere's a homey one depending, according to one Irish woman who comes in for a change, "on the nationality. On Yonge Street people are from all different cultures. Here, they're all the same."

Many of the customers are on friendly terms with Chris. "I never had an argument with any of the customers," he says. "I give them good food, music and drinks.

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