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Candidate's meeting free for all

By Howard Huggett

Those people who think Canadian politics are dull should have been at Jackman School on the night of September 28th for the first all-candidates' night. The auditorium was jammed with a crowd estimated at 400 that came to heckle and cheer, and they did.

Large election meetings are not suited to the presenting of programs in detail or discussion in any depth. Except for the opportunities offered to the audience to talk back they are somewhat like media commercials—designed to persuade rather than inform. However, because of the number (8) and variety of candidates this gathering was to some extent educational, as well as being highly entertaining.

Anyone who has to defend federal government policies in 1982 is in for a rough ride, and the Liberal standard-bearer, David O'Connor, got plenty of heckling. His pitch was based on the well-known 6%-5% solution, and it is interesting that the sharpest attack on that policy came from one of the three independent candidates, John Turmel, who charged that it was an attempt to lay the blame for inflation on working people. Turmel was by far the most colourful contestant there.

Fortunately for O'Connor, much of the crowd was there to go

after Peter Worthington, who decided to run as an independent when he lost the Conservative nomination to Bill Fatsis. Worthington's presentation is rather hard to follow: he believes in conservatism completely - "the only thing that works" he says - and he supports the Conservative Party without reservation, but he is running against the official candidate so he can become the member for Broadview-Greenwood and then join the Tories. However, he did suggest what a fine thing it would be if this by-election returned to Ottawa a candidate who represented no political party but the people themselves. The last person to get elected that way, he said, was Louis Riel, and they hanged him! The message is, I suppose, that Worthington is a candidate for all reasons. He offered no platform or policy and is obviously depending upon the public exposure he has gained as editor of the Toronto Sun. Because of his well-publicized opposition to multiculturalism he is bound to attract votes from those who are prejudiced against non-Anglo-Saxons.

Fatsis, the official Conservative candidate, presented the official party policy, condemning the New Energy Policy of the federal government, FIRA, the huge federal debt, etc. He offered no details of conservative policy.

The New Democratic Party standard-bearer, Lynn McDonald, did supply some planks of NDP policy, urging an infusion of money into the construction industry, which because of its labour-intensive nature would create many new jobs. She also pointed out that the resource industries which form such a large part of the Canadian economy, provide few jobs, and proposed that more emphasis be placed on manufacturing. These proposals provoked neither questions nor any opposition.

The candidate who stole the show from that customary comic, the representative from the R Rhinoceros Party, was John Turmel of the Christian Credit Party. This group believes that charging interest on loans is not only illegal, but un-Christian, and they propose free credit for everyone. Now the Christian Church relaxed its ban on usury, or charging interest on loans hundreds of years ago, and as far as I know the only religious group that still condemns usury are the Moslems. So what's particularly Christian about free credit?

Nobody asked that question, because the crowd was enjoying Mr. Turmel's pitch too much. He wore a white hard hat with the words "THE ENGINEER" printed on it and a long light-coloured coat. Perfectly at ease on the platform, he had a rapid-fire delivery with plenty of gestures and he took the floor

at every opportunity. Although Turmel is promoting a medieval doctrine he is thoroughly modern and in the computer he puts his trust. Just program those electronic machines to charge no interest, he says, and we can end inflation and unemployment. The audience didn't take him seriously, and it was difficult to determine just how serious is his crusade. Turmel has taken his case to the Supreme Court, charging Gerald Bouey of the Bank of Canada with genocide and running a common gaming house. Needless to say, he lost the case.

There was another candidate there that night who introduced a religious angle into the campaign. He was Sidney Thompson of the Christian Democrat Party. This group is very conservative, and they are opposed to our new constitution, bilingualism, the metric system, the unification of the armed forces,

abortion and even personal income taxes! Since income taxation dates back to the first World War, the Christian Democrats are oriented to the past, but they are also looking ahead. For instance, they propose to allow 200,000,000 immigrants to enter Canada over a long period of time. That seems like a lot of people, but Mr. Thompson's organization has big plans for Canada. They propose to build huge industries in this country, allocating them to different provinces. For instance,

they suggest an automobile industry, "as big as General Motors", say in Manitoba or Saskatchewan. What is to become of the present auto plants that are mostly in Ontario, they don't say. Some other province will get an oil industry, but no mention is made of Alberta. There is no doubt in the world that Mr. Thompson is serious about his program.

What is interesting about the campaigns of the last two candidates I have mentioned is their use of that word "Christian". After the meeting I asked Mr. Thompson what was particularly Christian about his group. His reply was that any religious organization would approve of the policies he was supporting, and he informed me that one of the members of his executive was a Moslem. So I came back with the obvious question: why then call yourselves Christians. He had no answer.

It seems to me very interesting that these two small groups who have lately entered the political arena have already realized the importance of the label in promoting a political party. Canada is nominally a Christian country and the great majority of church-goers subscribe to some branch of that religion. So these new-comers to politics are making use of words that will attract votes. Like the sellers of soap and a thousand other products, they are trying to persuade, rather than inform.

Hot talk about property tax

by Howard Huggett

Wednesday, October 13th - there is a date to keep in mind. At 8 pm that evening there will be a panel discussion at the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front Street East, on the hot issue of property tax assessment in Toronto. Within the past year a large number of homeowners across this city have been re-assessed, and the way it was done has angered many taxpayers and caused widespread protests. Many properties that have never been renovated were assigned a sharply increased assessment, whereas many others that had been renovated were missed completely. Such an inconsistent procedure resulted in very unfair taxation, and it is no wonder that homeowners were mad.

The man who is responsible for this injustice, Minister of Revenue George Ashe, is one of the panelists. It will be very interesting to hear what he has to say for himself. When Mr. Ashe met with Mayor Eggleton, a number of aldermen and rep-

resentatives of homeowners in his office on January 29th last he refused to admit that his re-assessment operation had been a sloppy job. He ignored the criticism put forward and kept saying "everybody hates to pay taxes." Ashe also made the remark that this was an attractive issue for politicians to take up in order to win votes. When asked point blank if he thought that the re-assessments made in the last few months before the meeting represented most or even half of the renovations carried out across the city in recent years he ducked the question.

The Minister got away with a lot that day, but then it was not a public meeting. The media was not allowed in that day.

Well, on October 13th Mr. Ashe will be on a public platform, and no doubt the television cameras will be there. Here is the chance of dissatisfied homeowners to ask him some searching questions. The meeting is at 8 pm at 27 Front Street East and the admission is free.

Election Day is Oct. 12

The choice is yours

By Kim Hunt

The fight in the Broadview-Greenwood by-election is between Lynn McDonald of the NDP and Peter Worthington. In a recent poll McDonald had 22% of the vote and Worthington 18%. Bill Fatsis is trailing far behind, followed by Dave O'Connor.

The NDP has held this riding for 17 years and is a good bet to keep it. They are concerned with issues that hit home for many of us. Their aim is to create jobs and provide low-cost housing for everyone.

They would cut taxes to increase the spending power of Canadians and stimulate the economy. The more being spent on goods and services, the more people must be hired to provide them. They would also lower the interest rates to make loans more accessible to small

businesses and homebuyers.

Lynn McDonald feels she is the person to bring the constituents and the federal government together. She has a PhD in sociology from the London School of Economics and has worked as a social worker. She has had a longer political career than the other candidates and takes an active interest in women's rights. She feels this would be beneficial to her and us if she were sent to Ottawa.

Peter Worthington's political career hasn't been nearly as long, but has probably been more widely publicized. After going for a PC nomination and losing it he decided to run as an independent. He has taken a remarkable number of votes for an independent. He has a strong and loyal following.

He is running with the idea that the government as we know it today is awful. His image is that of a rolled up sleeve, average Joe with political ambitions. His aim is to change the government completely. He disapproves of fancy offices and of MPs voting themselves pay raises. He doesn't see himself as an ivory tower type and feels he can most adequately represent the needs of the average person.

This is Peter Worthington's first attempt at politics, but he feels he would be effective. As editor of the Toronto Sun he feels he has a better idea of what the people want. As for being a long shot, he cites the Sun as another long shot he made work. His showings in the polls indicate that a lot of people feel as he does.

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News Round-up

Election update

The Tories are at it again. Remember their 13,500 members—over half of whom turned out to be phonies? Now they're trying to get them on the voters list! PC candidate Bill Fatsis submitted some 1,500 additions to the voter's list for the Broadview-Greenwood by-election, many of them have, surprise, turned out to be invalid.

Sandra Berry, the returning officer for the riding turned down a Tory request to re-open the list for more additions.

On the Worthington trail—the vacationing Sun editor thinks that Joe Clark is "obsessive" about him and wants Clark to calm down and accept him as the true Tory candidate for the riding. One does wonder why Worthington is running—he's already got his "place in the sun."

A publication calling itself the "Broadview-Greenwood Views" has been circulating throughout the riding in the last couple of days. The flyer is a Liberal paper chock full of pictures of Dave O'Connor. The interesting thing about it is that it looks, for all the world, like a copy of the Sun. Is O'Connor trying to tie his campaign to that of famed Sun editor Peter Worthington's? If so, why? Does he seek to cash in on Worthington's notoriety, or is he trying to split the Liberal vote by confusing constituents? At any rate, the flyer is in bad taste—as is much of its contents. O'Connor makes much of the fact that his campaign is run

mainly by his younger sisters and brothers (he is the oldest of twelve kids) perhaps an explanation for the sophomoric 'humor' is that one of his teenage brothers was responsible.

The NDP candidate Lynn MacDonald seems to be lying low while the Tories and Liberals grab the headlines—if not the votes. A recent poll show that MacDonald is leading the pack. Far from the forefront of the election scene are independent candidates Terry Roche, John Turmel, Christopher Boddy and Sydney Thompson.

... PARTICIPACT!

Meanwhile back at Queen's Park—the New Democrats are upset with the government over another flagrant misuse of tax payers money. It seems that buses were hired to carry politicians, civil servants and their guests from the legislature to the Royal Ontario Museum—some 600 metres up the road.. We could ponder the reasons that the buses were hired to carry politicians for what is, at best, a five minute walk—but some things are best accepted at face value. One does wonder though if they haven't seen any of those Participation commercials.

... WELFARE UP

Welfare applications in Metro are up 132 per cent in a year according to Alderman Gordon Chong, chairman of the Metro welfare committee. A good part of the increase is made up of people applying for welfare after their unemployment benefits have run out.

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John Turner, Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, in response to a demonstration by the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, cleared the public gallery of the House. What was the group doing? Well, the union members wore t-shirts with individual letters emblazoned on them—when the group sat together their shirts spelled out "No Controls."

... IMAGINED RAPES

According to StatsCan of the approximate 4,000 women who will report being raped this year police will believe that one third are mistaken, or lying. Contrast this to these figures; of people who report being robbed police think that only one of 33 is mistaken or lying. And of police officers who report being assaulted only one in 250 will not be believed. One wonders whose imagination is stronger—the women who, according to police 'imagine' these crimes or the police who imagine that the rapes didn't occur.

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Clandfield stepping down

by David Clandfield

It is with mixed feelings that after two intensely rewarding years as School Trustee for Ward 7 I am stepping down and not seeking re-election.

Looking back over the last two years, I think we can hold our heads up high. We have put in place a maximum class size which is now being phased in 7 Inner City schools in Ward 7. This is the first time the Board has committed itself to holding classes down to the twenty mark.

We have now established a three year plan for really progressive change in what and how are our children are taught in the classroom, with a special emphasis on language and literacy skills. This is the first time that such a plan has been put into effect.

We have undertaken a radical overhaul of what and how the children in Special Education classes are being taught, and have committed the Board to improving its methods for the effective re-integration into regular classrooms of children who it was previously thought could only be taught separately. This only be taught separately. These solid initiatives are being undertaken for the first time.

We have voted to include parent participation in the interview team for the new School Community Relations Officer. This was the first time that community members have been able to participate in the selection of a senior Board administrator.

We have heard of the successes of our Inner City Project schools, especially at Dundas and Park, and are right now working to extend the projects onwards for at least two more years, and outwards to other Inner City schools. We were proud to support Lord Dufferin's proposal to put a special new emphasis on its primary grade teaching.

We have also been tireless in our concerns to improve Race Relations in our schools, and have supported all efforts to produce more meaningful and effective programs for our multi-cultural community, both in English as a Second Language and in Heritage Languages.

The one thing that I want to underline in all of the above is that almost all the things I have mentioned involve improvements to school programs - what is taught in our schools and how it is taught. It is true that in the struggle to obtain better funding and staffing for our schools, we are inevitably drawn into the battle with the Metro School Board and the Provincial Government, which between them hold nearly all the purse-strings. In this last Board, we have for the first time chosen to use all of the small local levy we can raise in teachers for our children's classrooms. Now the Minister is threatening that option even with Bill 127. But even in the fight for better funding and better staffing for schools, our major focus has

been on program and curriculum - how our children learn, and what they learn.

That is why I have been proud to be associated with the outgoing Board of Education. One thing makes it easier for me to leave: knowing that Fran Endicott is running for re-election, and that an excellent other Trustee candidate has emerged in the person of Pam McConnell, who is not only a parent with a young child just entering one of our Ward 7 schools, but who has previously spent many years teaching in Inner City classrooms

in Toronto. She knows and understands our schools and their needs. I know she will continue the Ward 7 tradition on the Toronto Board.

One last thing I must add. Although I shall no longer be sitting round the table on Board meeting nights, I have every intention of staying involved in the work of our Board of Education, both in co-operation with the Trustees and through my children's school and the Area East Parents Council (E.A.S.T.). Hope to see you involved, too. It's important and it's exciting.

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CANDIDATES

Bill Fatsis of the PC has lived in this riding for 16 years. He feels this gives him a good understanding of the wants and needs of the constituents. He has most of the Greek vote in the riding, which only makes up 8%. He has lost much of his power to Worthington with whom he competed for the PC nomination.

The PC has blasted the NDP for wanting to arbitrarily set bank rates. They feel this would diminish investment from outside the country. Their aim is to

provide jobs for our unemployed by making Canada a better place for other countries to invest.

They also intend to lower interest rates to help small businesses and homeowners. They see jobs for the unemployed and job security as being top priority, not just in Toronto, but all over the country.

They see a vote for the PC as being a protest against the present government. Being the official opposition, they say the Liberals feel a vote for the PC much harder than a vote for any other party.

Fatsis has a B.A. in political science from the University of Toronto. He has been Legislative Assistant to Robert Elgie, Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations for Ontario, and feels this background would be helpful in Ottawa.

Dave O'Connor, the Liberal candidate feels his years as a lawyer and work as a Crown Attorney would be beneficial in Ottawa. He feels he has developed "some very real skills as an advocate."

The Liberals have already embarked upon their program to bolster the economy. The 6 & 5 wage and price restraint program has been in effect for three months. This program is voluntary for workers not working for the federal government

and for businesses not controlled by the government. We are being asked to limit our salary and price increases to 6% over the next two years. This would enable businesses to put money usually given to pay raises into the hiring of more workers. Limiting price increases would increase our

This program has been put into practice regarding government employees, MPs and Cabinet Ministers, but on a volunteer basis it is impractical. It is difficult to look to the future when you are busy trying to feed yourself now.

The Liberals have taken a positive stand in this election where they feel the other parties have taken a negative stand.

They have put the solution to our economic troubles into our hands with the 6 & 5 program. They feel that the only solution is to work together instead of leaving the responsibility to the government.

On the lighter side of this by-election are the parti rhinoceros and the Christian Credit Party of Canada. The parti rhinoceros has been in existence for twenty years and seems to be a leftover from the days of hippiedom. They advocate fun in government and plan to, if elected, turn the Western Grain Belt over to hemp production.

The Christian Credit Party advocates the abolition of interest rates. They have outlined their plan to abolish interest rates by the printing of interest-free bonds. It is an interesting idea, but one that economists who have been discussing it for years have not been able to put into practice. Neither of these parties are seriously in the running, but they do add comic relief to the election.

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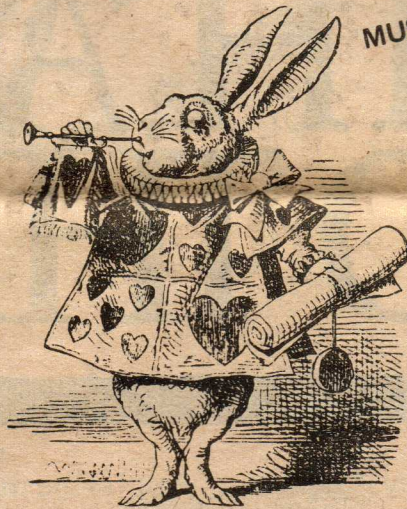
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Meanwhile, nervous property owners wonder what will happen to property taxes in the future. Will every home be reassessed, and if so, on what basis? Come and ask your questions!! The moderator will be John Downing from the Toronto Sun and there will also be four panelists. Admission is free; everyone welcome. This program is sponsored by the Forum Department of Toronto Arts Productions. For further information, please call 362-7041.

Thursday, October 14, 1982

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months job experience under their belts.

S.T.E.P. exists due to the determination of seven gutsy women the pioneers who stuck with the original Dixon Hall Job-Preparation Program despite Manpower's refusal to fund the program last March. The CEIC officially approved the new 32 week program in August 1982.

Credit for our success must also go to the media, local politicians, and the many com-

munity groups and individuals who backed our concept of cooperative education for single mothers all down the line.

Ward 7 News front page coverage in September brought in a flood of applicants. More than 55 women applied for the 16 places and we are still receiving an average of 4 inquiries a day. One third of the women, however, failed the George Brown entrance test in English (roughly equivalent to a grade 10 level).

This concerns us greatly since Manpower-sponsored upgrading courses have been dramatically cutback in the past few years. George Brown's introductory clerk-typist program, we recently learned, will also be disqualified for Manpower funding next year.

What is to become of single mothers who lack the basic prerequisites to enter the high technology courses so popular

today with Manpower?

This no-win, discriminatory situation puts single mothers in an impossible bind. The provincial government intends to transfer mothers on Family Benefits to the municipal welfare system, but the lack of jobs, daycare, and accessible training programs are insurmountable barriers to them finding decent employment.

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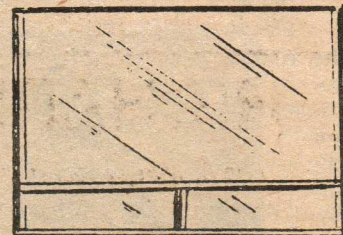
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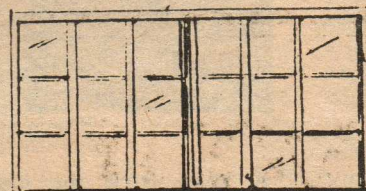
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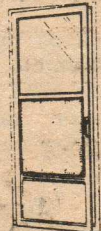
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Don't tangle with angry mom Percent and persons

Single mothers from across the province held a successful provincial planning meeting on Friday, September 24 at Dixon Hall, to organize their opposition to Frank Drea's proposed transfer of mothers on Family Benefits to the municipal welfare system.

Organized by the Sole Support parents Coalition, the conference gave more than 55 mothers a much-needed opportunity to share information and their experiences.

October 27th will be the target day for simultaneous protest events throughout the province. The mothers chose this day to highlight the issue during the municipal elections, since the proposed transfer will have a direct effect on local governments.

Nancy vander Platts, from the Regent Park Sole Support Mothers Group, chaired the conference like an old pro. She introduced delegates from as far away as Sudbury, Massey, Chelmsford, Ottawa, Mississauga, and Welland.

After pooling their experiences, the mothers heard from Pat O'Connor, of Central Neighbourhood House, who reported on her recent meeting with a COMSOC representative (Ministry of Community & Social Services). She warned the conference that welfare is no longer seen as a right by many in government. Pat also stressed the inadequacy of the employment support services currently being set up in targeted cities.



"The mothers vs. Drea on stage"

A voice from the past took the floor next. In an entertaining Take-30 routine with Arlene Mantle, Doris Power put the struggle of poor people in Toronto in an historical perspective. The Just Society, a poor people's group in the 1960's, used to march right into welfare offices, armed with coffee and songs, to speed up the processing of claims. They got resultz claims. They got results. "We are women with no choice," Doris said, "and when you've been down for so long, you've got nothing to lose."

Barb Sands from the Family Benefits Work Group urged the mothers not to settle for crumbs, but to organize themselves and forge links with other groups struggling to eradicate poverty.

On a light note, the Regent Park group had us all in stitches with their drama of Frank Drea's abortive attempt to isolate single mothers and silence their protest.

Ideas poured out in the strategy session. The mothers decided to organize simultaneous events throughout the province on October 27, but each group will decide on an appropriate action for their city. Suggestions included: information meetings, public rallies, a press campaign, an organized presence at all-candidates meetings, etc. By coordinating their efforts, the mothers hope to have an impact on the municipal elections.

A banquet, with more singing and dancing, wrapped up an energizing day. The message to Frank Drea? Don't tangle with an angry mom!

For more information, contact the Sole Support Parents Coalition at 438-7206 or the Family Benefits Work Group at 960-0258. The Coalition meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Eastdale Collegiate. The Regent Park Sole Support Mothers Group meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at 44 Blevins Place (863-1768).

by Terry Dance

We're living in a 'percent society'. We talk of 9 and 5, 6 and 5; we talk of 12 percent unemployment, 12 percent inflation. We think we understand what makes society tick because 'we've got its number'.

When we reduce problems to numbers we 'objectify the human experience' i.e. we de-humanize it. But behind the percent figures there are person figures. People are much more than numbers. People feel, they suffer, they love, they hate, they hope, they despair.

12 percent unemployment removes those of us who aren't unemployed and struggling from the concrete experience of those who are. It makes it more convenient for us to block out the others' suffering. It helps us to forget that some will be without food and shelter in the coming winter and it blunts what should be our collective rage against the injustices perpetrated by a system that can afford to provide decent shelter and can afford to provide food for everybody.

-- by Jim Ward



"A happy duo at the kids' disco dance"

Fall Programmes at Dixon Hall

From adults on down to children, we are offering a wide variety of activities this fall in Group Programmes.

For adults we have exercise classes which will start soon. Ceramics classes will begin shortly, along with nutrition classes, French classes, and Parents & Tots.

For teens, we have the ever famous Teen Club starting up again after a summer break. Also, Ball-Hockey is on again - this year at Park School. A new addition to the Teen Program is the Music School Teen Group. This group is just getting underway and promises to be an exciting venture.

For Children, we have the popular Friendship Groups which provide an ideal opportunity

for boys and girls to meet each other to play and participate in various activities. The ages for this group are between 6 and 12.

Young Adult Support Group

Dixon plans to start a group for people who would like to learn more about local resources and services available to them. This group is geared towards people from 16 to 24 years old who are not in school or working. The plan is to have weekly meetings plus an informal drop-in where various resource people would come to talk about concerns and problems - for example, someone from East End Literacy may talk about how to get matched up with a tutor, if you need help with reading or writing; a lawyer

may have information about how to deal with the courts, the police, etc.

Group members will get together to exchange ideas, arrange for speakers, and get as much information as possible about services in the area that would be useful to them.

The group is geared towards those who have experienced problems since dropping out of school, who can't find work, or have had hassles in jail, etc. If you'd like information about the group, call Janice or Charles.

Musicians in the Making

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The Seniors' fall bazaar will be held on October 23rd, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Crafts and baked goods will be for sale, as well as a white elephant table, fish pond, raffle and tea room. Everyone is welcome - come and get a head-start on your Christmas shopping.