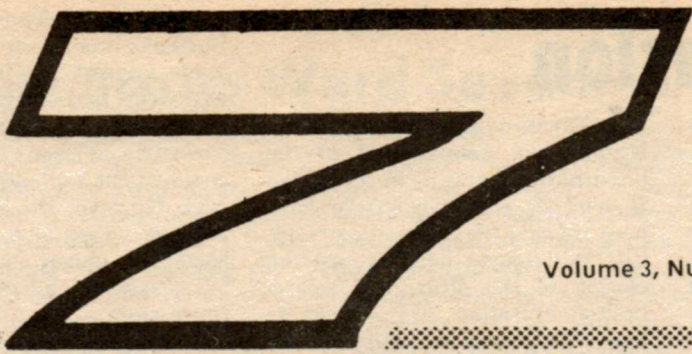


#### WE'RE SORRY

Sorry about the heavy advertising in this issue. The coming election just overwhelmed us. We even debated heavily about going to 12 pages but then we'd lose money. . . .

Deadline for next issue is Monday Noon October 23rd. Our next editorial meeting will be Oct. 18 at the 7 NEWS Office, 80 Winchester Street.



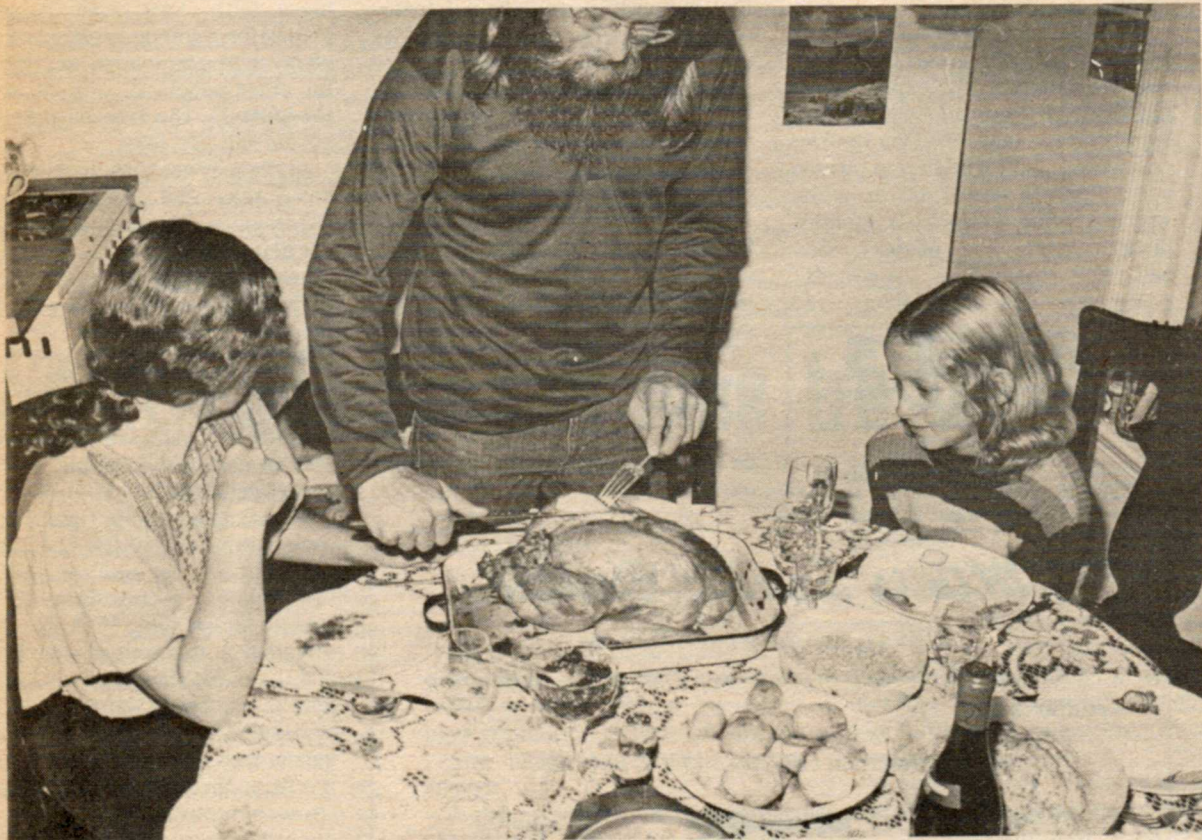
# NEWS

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Alma, David and Allan Lee of Don Vale prepare to dig into a modest Thanksgiving dinner and it is hoped that

everyone in Ward Seven enjoyed a similar meal last week-end. (Photo by Bill Reno).

## EMERGENCY MEETINGS

# Teacher transfers - a devastating blow to Ward 7 Schools

By GORD CRESSY  
WARD 7 SCHOOL TRUSTEE

School enrolment in the elementary schools has dropped about 1,500 students this fall. The chief reason has been the switch from public to separate schools by many students, especially in our ethnic communities. This has caused the Toronto School Board to have 40 surplus teachers according to the Metro School Board guidelines.

The senior administration stated in directives on Thursday October 5th that these teachers must be transferred out of their schools by 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 10th. (And Monday was a Holiday - Happy Thanksgiving).

### NO NOTICE

In our Ward, this directive was a most devastating blow as over a quarter of these teachers were to come from our schools. No school was harder hit than Park School Senior where four must leave almost without notice. In fact, the Ward Trustees and parents would have no notice at all had not the principals, Al Price and Al Robb, decided, much to their credit to notify us on Friday. A notice went home to all parents and I received a number of phone calls.

A special meeting of school staff and parent aides was called Friday afternoon to discuss the situation. At the meeting, a number of points became clear.

The budget guidelines imposed by the Department of Education is deeply hurting our programs—just as we are beginning to turn the corner for the better in downtown education.

The Metro School Board has failed to set up new criteria for

inner city schools which would provide our schools in Ward Seven with extra resources.

The senior administration, while trying to maintain a balanced budget was introducing edicts to local schools in a most inappropriate way. The effect of this timing must be viewed as going against everything we have done in the past few years to improve communications and share decision making.

### FIGHT EDICT

The decision that came out of the meeting Friday afternoon was to fight this administration edict at the Board meeting on October 12th. Ed Harcourt, chairman of the Park School Community Council called an emergency meeting of the Council for October 10th and a group of parents were busy planning for the meeting on Friday night.

Similar planning also took place at Winchester School and senior school students were involved at both schools. (Note Letters to the Editor column.)

At press time, these meetings had not occurred. However, I predict the Park School Community Council will prove that it is alive and well. I am hopeful that the Board of Education will reverse its stand (that is part of my job) and let the teachers stay not only at Park School and Winchester School but throughout the city as well.

If the Board does this the short term problem will be solved—however, the larger, long-term battles will be with the Metro School Board and the Ministry of Education.

For further information on education in the Ward, phone Gord Cressy at 921-3720 or Graham Scott at 465-4569.

## Adult drop-in planned for Don Area

By DON WEITZ

At a public meeting held last Thursday, Oct. 5th at Central Neighborhood House, some Don residents got together and unanimously agreed to start working to get a 24 Drop-in for adult residents going somewhere in the Don—perhaps in the South of Carlton area. Elsie Norton, a South of Carlton resident active in both SOCCA and the Neighborhood Information Post, has been a major force in supporting the Drop-in and called the meeting. Unfortunately, she was too ill to attend the meeting. However, in her absence Mike McCarthy, head of the Adult Programmes at CNH, ably chaired this lively, action-oriented meeting.

The following conclusions and decisions came out of the meeting:

1. There is a definite need for a

place in the community where people who are lonely or burdened with a problem can drop in anytime, day or night, and find some sympathetic person who will talk with and listen to them:

2. Eventually, the Drop-in will be open 24 hours, 7 days a week; for a start, it should be open on weekends:

3. The Central Neighborhood House seems like a good place for the Drop-in, but other places may also be considered:

4. Local resident-volunteers in the community should run the Drop-in:

5. A few professional health workers should also be involved in the Drop-in; they can help out with any crises or emergencies which

may arise and which the volunteers can't handle. These professionals should be available and easy to contact whenever necessary; they can back up the Drop-In, and

6. A Working Committee, consisting chiefly of local residents, should be formed immediately. This Committee will be responsible for making all the necessary plans and working out the details for setting up the Drop-In.

Near the end of the meeting, 8 or 9 people volunteered to serve on the Working Committee. They agreed to hold their first meeting Thursday, October 12th at Central Neighborhood House.

If you are interested, and want more information or want to help getting the Drop-In started, call Mike McCarthy, 925-4363.

## Area Hearing being held in Riverdale to find issues for community convention

On September 12 over 500 people from 83 organizations within the Riverdale area met at a Mass Meeting where a decision was made to hold a Community Convention on November 12. The purpose of this convention will be to unite the community around common problems and to plan a year of action. Therefore Area Hearings are being held throughout Riverdale where people can present their resolutions to these problems. The following is the News Release that came out of the second Area Hearing:

"We Don't Need Another Royal Commission, We Need Action"

Education was a major issue at the second area hearing for the Riverdale Community Convention to be held on November 12th. The meeting, held Thursday, October 5 at the Broadview YMCA, brought together over 80 people from the area bounded by the Don River to the CNR tracks and from Victor Ave. to the Lakeshore, to discuss neighbourhood issues and form delegations for the Convention.

"We don't need another Royal Commission, we need action", said Anna Janovsky of Simpson Avenue. "Schools in our area stress vocational training not academic programmes. If your father is a mechanic you are expected to be a mechanic—if your mother is a

restaurant worker, you are expected to be a restaurant worker."

"It is assumed by the Board of Education that lack of money and lack of brains go together," added Bill Solomon of First Avenue Baptist Church. "We who have less than X number of dollars are assumed to have X number of brains and we get the left-overs."

The need for Senior Citizen Housing for the Chinese Community was stressed by Ting Luk. "The younger generation has picked up the Canadian way of life, but the older people cannot change and there is no special programme for these with a language problem. "The Chinese Senior Citizen organization has no funding and little manpower. What we need is an apartment where we can live and be together."

Over half the people present at last night's meeting were representatives of the Chinese Community.

Other needs of the community stressed at the meeting were the lack of library facilities and Day Care Centers, inadequate street lighting and the need for reduced speed limits. After discussion of the issues, the meeting split into groups to form delegations for the Riverdale Convention where all of these resolutions will be put for discussion and debate and final ratification from the delegates.

## Meridian tenants appeal against eviction orders

By JOHN WHITELAW

In the south of St. Jamestown area, seven of the Bleecker-Ontario street houses are now before the Court of Appeal in appeals against the Meridian orders of possession.

In four cases, Meridian is charging that they can evict all the tenants in a house on the basis of an order against a middleman or a chief tenant without giving notice to the other tenants.

In three of the cases, the appeal is based on an Meridian failure to fulfill their agreement to meet with the Crombie Committee to discuss evictions before taking action.

There will be a hearing on these appeals at Courtroom 20, New Court House, on Oct. 17th at 10 a.m.

Meanwhile, Meridian's management policy for its houses on Prospect, Rose, Wellesley, Winchester and Aberdeen has not changed since the old days before the Sewell Agreement. Meridian's houses are still rented through middlemen. Some of the personnel has changed: Joe Shori has a full-time rent collector to replace Mary Holly. Joe Kosy has given up a few of the better money-making houses to be replaced by McEwen and Bergen.

Same as the old days—the rent money that should be going to fix the houses is going to middle-men and into middle-men's pockets.

The big question is: when will Meridian be starting their push to clear out and wreck their houses in the Prospect-Winchester area?

# CRUNCH receives extension

By ROBERT D. KATZ

After four months of lobbying, organizing, writing reports, and sending letters the CRUNCH Employment Service has received sufficient money to keep it operating until 15 December.

The CRUNCH Employment Service was started as the result of a partnership between the Canada Manpower Centre (who provided the money) and the Social Planning Council (who provided the "expertise") as an attempt to

develop new ways of solving the problem of youth unemployment. The Canada Manpower Centre saw the service as a research project and not as an opportunity for the community to assume responsibility for its own employment service. The result was that when the nine months the Canada Manpower Centre had allotted for research were over they began making plans to close the project.

These plans were made in an expensive office on the 23rd floor of

the Toronto Dominion Centre without the involvement of the unemployed youth in the Don District or the people who have been running the office. As a result CRUNCH fought hard against the closing of the office and won a limited extension. For a time at least the people of Cabbagetown will not be guinea pigs in yet another experiment.

Although CRUNCH was started by employment experts it soon became apparent that experts were not what the people of Cabbagetown wanted. As a result the Don District community got together and formed a community board of directors which has, for the past six months, been running the project. The project has two aspects: community business loans and

employment. The Community Business loans are small loans made interest free to local youth who feel that they can start a permanent business which will provide themselves with employment and allow them to pay back the loan. Persons who were too high a risk for bank loans have been given money and have created businesses which have proved very successful.

The unique feature of loans from CRUNCH Community Board is the fact that people are judged in terms of their identity with the community and the need of the community for their business as well as on the chances of the loan being repaid. Loans are made only by the community board and only to community people. Since the \$12,000 originally planned for community business loans has now all been loaned out loans are now being made from the money which has been repaid.

The employment aspect of the project has involved finding jobs for local youth. People are shown a list of jobs available and given advice on how to get it (if they want advice).

In the five months from 1 April to 31 August the CRUNCH staff placed 121 people on jobs. Dollar for dollar (and considering there are only two staff) the cost per placement was less than half the cost per placement at the Canada Manpower Centre on Dundas and Jarvis.

Despite very successful placement results the CRUNCH office is not completely satisfied with placements and last Tuesday new phones were installed and more staff was hired to help find still more jobs. Now when a person comes for a job he is often asked to sit down at a telephone and find jobs for other people as well as to look for himself. The hope is that more people will find jobs.

At the present time six businesses have received loans from the Community Board and two more are being considered.

These six businesses have provided 19 full time jobs and 15 part time jobs for local persons. The real importance of these figures is that these are jobs that were not there before!!! The people who start community businesses do not take a job away from someone else but create new jobs.

In the four month fight for an extension CRUNCH accepted responsibility for both the staff and the project. A representative of Donald Macdonald (M.P. Rosedale) attended a meeting of the Board, and indicated that the minister was very interested in seeing the project continue. It now appears that if permanent funding is to ever come it will be through political pressure from persons who hope to see unemployment in Cabbagetown reduced.

Since the government has indicated CRUNCH has succeeded in reducing unemployment at a very low cost it is now up to the government to decide if they want to reduce unemployment if people are merely research tools.

The CRUNCH office is in the basement of the Don Vale Community Centre at 80 Winchester St. The number is 920-2539.

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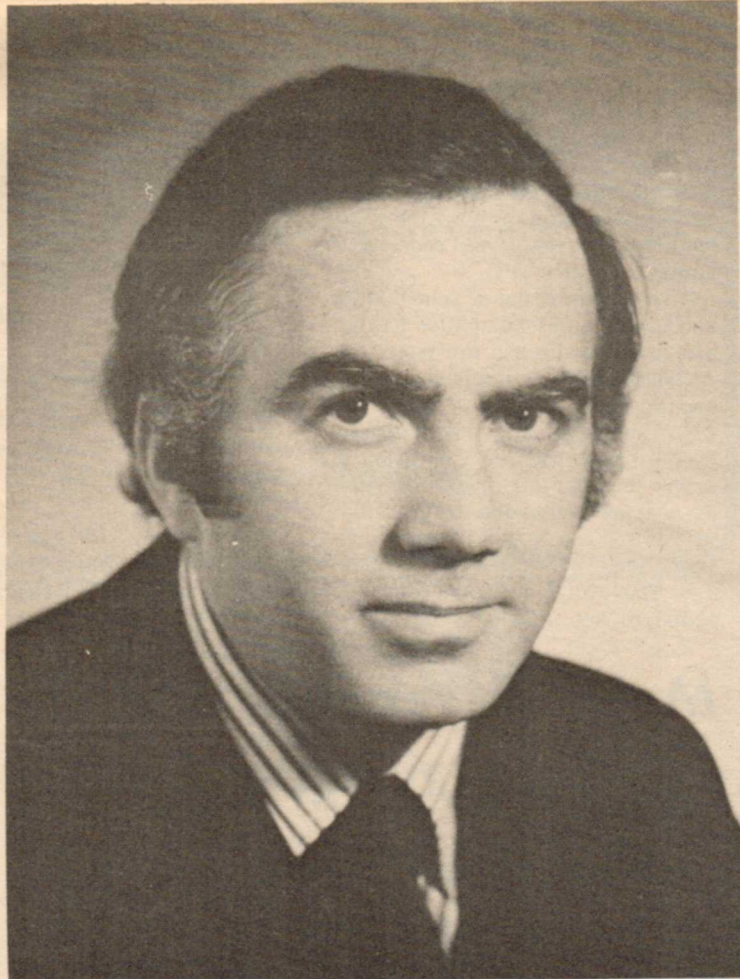
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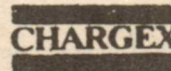
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## News Round-up from across Ward Seven

The Riverdale Income Security Committee has dropped out of RCO. They claim lack of co-operation and conflicting meeting dates. Their next meeting is Oct. 19th, at 7:30 p.m. at Woodgreen United Church . . . Neighbourhood Information Post has a health file containing a full list of Doctors and Dentists available in Ward Seven. Phone 924-2544 for info . . . The 3 staff members of the Don Vale Woodworking Shop have resigned. The Don Vale Community Centre is looking for three more competent men to replace them . . . A beer and sausage party is being held for Ron Sabourin, the Rosedale NDP candidate on Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. at 49 Salisbury. Admission is \$1.50 . . .

Dancing lessons for boys and girls are being given every Saturday

morning at Regent Park United Church, 40 Oak Street . . . Bruce Arnold, known to many people in Ward Seven, is running for Board of Education in Ward Eight . . . A free legal aid clinic is being run every Monday and Thursday evenings between 7 and 9 at All Saints Church, Dundas and Sherbourne . . . Hockey teams are needed for a Community Hockey League in Ward 7. Boys 10 to 14 and Girls 13 to 16. Call Mike Britton at 863-0499 . . . Ted Plantos is no longer working full-time for the Parliament Library House. He will be working part-time only in order to devote more time to his writing. Jack Heighton is taking his place . . . Roberta Sankey has been replaced at the Neighbourhood Information Post by Anna Boihay

and Larry Sobol . . . COMMUNITY CONTROLLED PUB? - A petition is being circulated in the Gerrard Tavern to have the musical group known as Rhyde brought back. Patrons feel that the present music policy is not in keeping with the newly redecorated decor of the place . . . An auction sale of old and new items is being held at Eastminster United Church on the Danforth on Sat. Oct. 28 at 10 a.m. . . . That 41 block of houses in Don Vale managed by Alex Cowley Ltd. has been sold. Rents are expected to be raised by the new managers. Canada Trust Company . . . The free store in St. Jamestown has new hours. It's open Mon., Wed. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and Tues. and Thurs. from 8 to 10 p.m. or phone 921-4788.

Dick Nellis of the Parliament Library House is taking two weeks vacation and then relocating to east end branches to do community organizing . . . A creative writing workshop is being held every Tuesday evening at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard E. . . Neighbourhood Information Post is holding a tentative public general meeting on Mon. Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. at the Parliament Library House to

elect a new board of directors . . . Sandra Furlotte a social work student at Seneca College is doing field placement service at the Don Vale Community Centre . . . HOW COME DEPT: Tony O'Donohue, candidate for mayor, mailed out his announcement speech in City of Toronto envelopes using the City of Toronto mailing system. Hopefully he paid for his own postage . . .

## Scott calls for full time trustees

By GRAHAM SCOTT  
WARD 7 SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Typically, a school board trustee has held two jobs: in this way I have been typical—a part-time trustee. In other ways, I have not been typical. I have not sat back and given rubber-stamp approval to the recommendations of the civil servants who try to run the board.

I have on the other hand fought hard for policies which would give decision-making power to the school community in order that we might ensure that the school fulfils the needs of the community and its children.

### FIRST PRIORITY

I am pleased to report, as well, that my motion making the teaching of reading and language skills the number one priority of the board has been policy for two and half years.

What that means in fact is that we have been working for the last two and half years to implement that policy. There is still a long way to go.

In fact it seems to me, sometimes, that these changes which will most obviously benefit the children in the schools are the most difficult to effect. Meanwhile, those changes that make it easier to administer the school system slip in unchallenged. (An example is courses without structure or courses where the goal is teaching something that cannot be measured, like understanding,

rather than something that can be measured, and requires administrative work, like performance.)

### EFFECTIVELY TRIED

I hope that this suggests to you that even though I have been a part-time trustee, I have tried to be effective on your behalf and on behalf of your children, because I have indeed tried. However no one knows better than I that it is not enough!

If this community is to reach the educational goals it has expressed to me, it must have full-time trustees. It has one now in Mr. Gord Cressy and I was pleased to vote for his motion requesting the Minister of Education to make the job of School Trustee a full-time responsibility.

Since it is my view that Ward

Seven should have two full-time trustees, I have decided that I should not seek re-election in December.

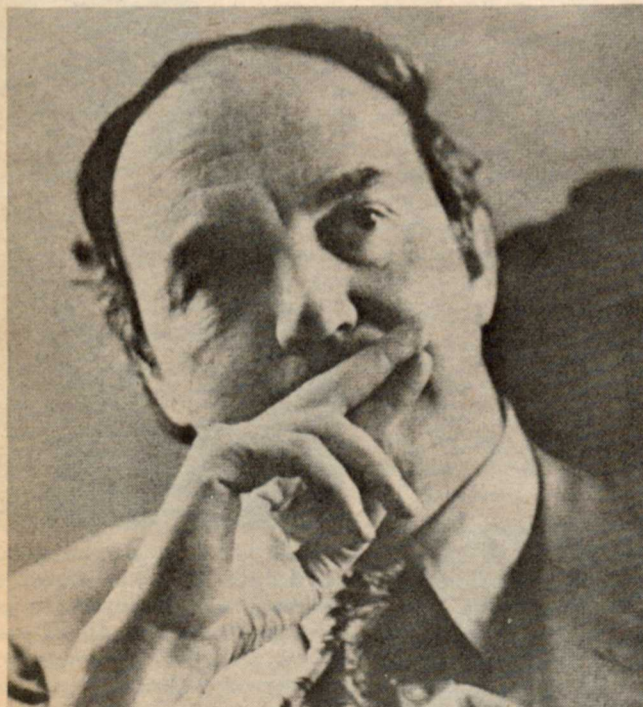
### SUPPORT CANDIDATE

But for that election I will support any local candidate who will give full-time to the task of being trustee. At the time of writing, there are two announced candidates who fulfil these requirements and I commend them to you.

They are Gord Cressy who has shared school board responsibilities with me over the past three years and Mrs. Joan Barrie who has considerable experience in early childhood education in this Ward, is an active resident of the Don Vale district and has pledged herself to working full-time as a trustee.

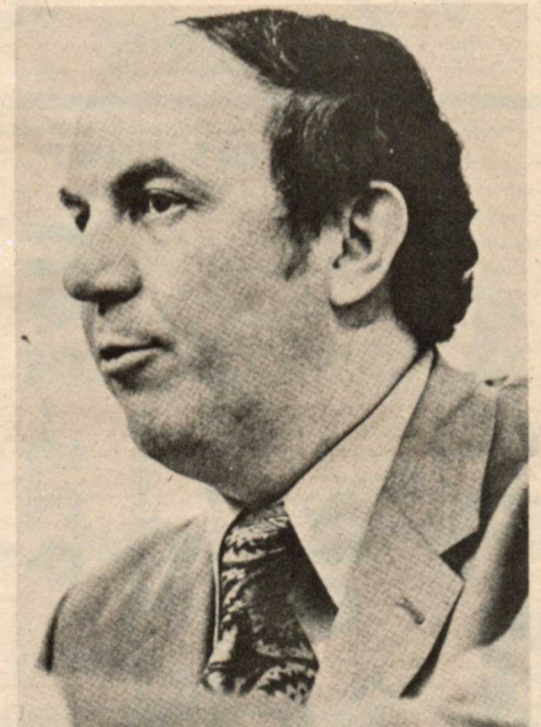
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SEVEN NEWS






# Rosedale Riding candidates

## Ron Sabourin

"Unemployment has been deliberately created by the government of this country", says Ron Sabourin. "In doing this the government has placed economic targets before the real needs of the people."

"Jobs", he said, "can be created in a number of ways: By building more housing, by creating programs to clean up pollution and by putting more of our natural resources to work."

Mr. Sabourin says we cannot blame the large corporations for taking advantage of the government's incentive programs to business or of loop-holes in the tax system. "Any businessman who is trying to make profits for himself is naturally going to want to increase the productivity of his business. This does not mean that he will necessarily do so in terms of creating more jobs for people, but by installing more efficient machinery."

"I believe", he says, "that the Local Initiative Program and Opportunities for Youth are not long-range solutions to unemployment problems, but they do provide many services to the community and allow the community to initiate their own activities."



Ron Sabourin, the NDP candidate for Rosedale, is a 31-year-old lecturer in sociology at York University. He was born and educated in Montreal and has a master's degree from the University of Montreal. He has lived in Toronto since the summer of 1969. He has done work with epileptic children and in Montreal he worked in a community self-help project in Point St. Charles, a downtown working class neighbourhood. At the University of Montreal, Ron Sabourin was a vice-president of the student body, regional president of the National Federation of Canadian University Students, and a local director of World University Service.

## Donald Macdonald

Mr. Macdonald says that Canada's unemployment figure of 6-8 per cent is unacceptable but with Canada's fast-rising work force, it is difficult and complicated to bring the figures down. He says the present unemployment insurance program is a good one and is not being abused by many people.

The Canadian economy, he says, is substantially controlled by Canada, but attempts must be made to secure Canadian ownership and control in key areas of our economy.

He lists housing, unemployment, citizen-participation and care for Senior Citizens as his list of priorities, but not necessarily in that order. As well as more housing for people in the low-income scale, Mr. Macdonald says there should be more safe, modern housing for single people or childless couples living in this area.

He defends the Local Initiative

Program. Opportunities For Youth and federal incentive programs as part of the answer to unemployment problems as well as programs to aid citizen-participation. He says federal grants to the Regent Park community have been helpful to people in that area and hopes there will be more of them.

In response to David Lewis' attacks on "Corporate Welfare Bums", Mr. Macdonald says: "Mr. Lewis is far too intelligent to believe what he's saying."



Donald Macdonald, the Liberal Party candidate for Rosedale, is a 40-year-old lawyer. He was born and raised in Ottawa, but graduated in arts and law from the University of Toronto. After being called to the bar, he studied for a year at Harvard University and a year at Cambridge University. He practised law in Toronto until elected as the member for Rosedale in 1962. A back-bencher until 1968, Donald Macdonald joined the federal cabinet first as House Leader, then as Minister of Defence, and at the beginning of this year as Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. He and his wife, Ruth, have three daughters.

## Warren Beamish

Warren Beamish says he's running because he doesn't like Trudeau's economic policies and in general the way he runs the country. He wears a button on his shirt pocket which reads "Fight Arrogance."

Beamish says that many of Ottawa's poorly administered programs are a result of too many theoreticians and not enough MPs with practical job experience. If he wins, he intends to take steps to encourage people from all walks of life to run as candidates in the next Federal election.

He sees the job of MP as one of being an interpreter between the people of the riding and the government in Ottawa. "I like people", he says, "and feel my background in practical experience will enable me to cope more effectively with the bread and butter issues affecting people today."

He says he'll live in the riding three days a week if he's elected. He objects that Liberal MP, Donald Macdonald is rarely seen in the riding and boasts: "we put one of our signs in the window of Macdonald's headquarters on Parliament Street. It stayed there three days before they took it down."



Warren Beamish, the Conservative candidate for Rosedale, is a 35-year-old engineer and business consultant specializing in computers. He was born and brought up in Rosedale and is an honours graduate in engineering physics at the University of Toronto. While at the university, he was a member of the Students' Administrative Council and chairman of the University Debating Union. In 1967, he formed Computel Systems Ltd., the first publicly-owned Canadian computer company and was the youngest company president listed by the Toronto Stock Exchange. Warren Beamish became international vice-president of University Computing in 1969.

## Aline Gregory

Aline Gregory says discrimination against women is the only issue in the coming election and that the present government is "all about one group of men shuffling power with another group of men". She says because there is discrimination against women there is also discrimination against men. Her campaign literature calls her a "New Kind of Candidate... For Women... For Everyone".

Aline is running as an Independent because she says none of the existing parties have encouraged women to run for political office, nor have they attempted to involve women in the decision-making process.

She is alarmed that a government which has spent \$2-million for the Royal Commission on the Status of women has still, two years after the report was published, done nothing to change the status of the woman as a second class citizen. She says that in the field of education, girls are placed into sex roles even at primary school level and are encouraged to look forward to careers as secretaries, waitresses and housewives. She maintains that an unwritten university level-quota exists for women in the fields of law and medicine.

Aline Gregory says many federal laws discriminate against women such as in the areas of health and welfare, citizenship and labour. On the subject of abortion: "Every woman must have the right and choice over her own body."



Aline Gregory, the independent candidate for Rosedale, has refused, on principle, to give biographical details. All she would say is that she is sponsored by Women for Political Action, that she has two teenage daughters, and that she lives in Rosedale and knows the riding very well. Her election literature calls her a feminist speaker, an active member of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, the Ontario Committee on the Status of Women and the North Jarvis Community Association. The leaflet calls Aline Gregory a successful business woman with 20 years experience in finance and insurance.

# Broadview Riding candidates

## Tom Clifford

"Trudeau must be removed," says Tom Clifford, and lists this as one of his major concerns along with unemployment, lack of housing, law and order, closer ties between the three levels of government and loyalty to "our Queen and country."

He feels that his experience as a Toronto city alderman has allowed him closer contact with many people in the riding. "As an alderman," he says, "I'm the one people talk to when they want their sidewalk fixed, or little things done that affect their everyday way of life."

"Housing is one of my main concerns in the area," he states. "We must build more low-rental housing and I think the federal government should step in and build more senior citizen homes for shut-ins."

He is opposed to "highly-paid community organizers such as the case in Riverdale," but makes it clear that he is not opposed to all community grants. "I was responsible for a grant to SHARE, a young peoples' program at Riverdale Collegiate."

High on his list of priorities is the issue of law and order. He says the federal government is "making it difficult to maintain law and order and we should be backing our police force to deal with the increase in our crime rate."



**Tom Clifford, the Conservative candidate for Broadview, is a 48-year-old local retail merchant. He has lived all his life in the area and was educated at Pape Avenue Public School and Danforth Technical School. He was a school trustee for five years and was elected junior alderman in Ward 8 in 1969. He is secretary and chairman of stewards at the Simpson Avenue United Church, a director of the Riverdale Kiwanis Club, a director of the Canadian Cancer Society, and a member of the board of governors of East General Hospital. Tom Clifford is a member of the Gerrard Businessmen's Association and the Riverdale Horticultural Society.**

## Alf Dewhurst

This is a more favourable period for the Community Party in Canada, says Mr. Dewhurst. In the 1968 election, "many people closed the door on our canvassers. This time we are getting a normal reaction from people who are canvassed."

Alf says that unemployment is a crucial issue in this country. Many people tend to look at only one side when examining unemployment insurance benefits. "Why should a man work for less wages and benefits than he can draw while unemployed. The question is: The family average for unemployment insurance in this country is \$67 weekly. What is the wage being offered that people can't afford to leave unemployment insurance?"

Government ownership of industry does not destroy peoples' incentive to work, he states. Under such a system all profits would accrue to the public at large and not be taken by private individuals. "There would be no 'Corporate Welfare Bums', such as exists now," he says. "Since the war, the German Democratic Republic of East Germany, which has not nearly the resources of Canada, has come from low on the scale to 13th in trade with the world. This, he says, "is not a lack of incentive."



**Alf Dewhurst, the Communist Party candidate in Broadview, is the executive secretary of the party. He was born in England and came to Canada at the age of three. At the age of 12, he was forced to leave school and work in the logging industry in British Columbia, where he became a founding member of the International Woodworkers of America. In 1942, he became a fulltime business agent for the union, and since 1946 he has worked fulltime for the Communist Party, four of those years as Canadian representative in Czechoslovakia. Alf Dewhurst and his wife Vi have two children and five grandchildren.**

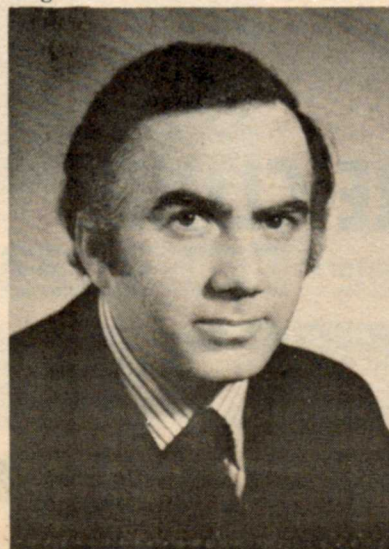
## Peter Murphy

Peter Murphy says he will fight hard for local issues in the riding if he wins on October 30th. "The riding is going downhill," he says. "Homes are deteriorating, the Don River is polluted, unemployment is too high in the area and the ethnic communities are being ignored."

Mr. Murphy says he is interested in the social rather than the legal elements in the riding and thinks that his experience in dealing with the handicapped, the deaf, the crippled and the aged will make him a better representative than his opponents.

"Small business men in the area are being ignored," says Mr. Murphy. "and there has been no federal initiative to make Queen Street the thriving shopping area it could be because of its central location. The industrial area below Eastern Ave. could be cleaned up too, and new clean industry could be brought in to create jobs for people living here."

Mr. Gilbert, he says, "has done things for individuals in the riding, but not for the community at large."



Peter Murphy, the Liberal Party candidate in Broadview, is a 33-year-old English teacher in Scarborough. He was born and raised in the Broadview riding and educated at Holy Name School on Carlaw Avenue and St. Michael's College. From 1956 to 1960, he studied classical languages at Ignatius College, Guelph and until 1963 studied classics and English literature at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington. He has worked as a counsellor for prisoners, for the sick, aged and mentally and physically handicapped. After three years as a teacher at Kingston, he spent three years studying theology at Regis College, Toronto.

## John Gilbert

"The unemployment figures in Canada are completely unacceptable," says John Gilbert. It is not good enough for the government to blame Canada's fast-rising work force for our unemployment situation, he said. The work must be spread around among more people. "We must seek ways to create more jobs to meet the growing work force. We must build more houses, more hospitals and more senior citizen homes and we should look into the possibility of a four-day work week."

Two-thirds of the students who enter high school in Mr. Gilbert's riding are forced to drop out because their parents can't afford to keep them there. Mr. Gilbert said. "No person should have to drop out of school because of financial hardship."

Mr. Gilbert favours more tax incentives to the small businessman and low-cost loans to help him develop his business. "Large corporations should be made to pay their fair share of taxes which they are presently not doing. And I think individuals earning up to \$5,000 per year should not be required to pay income tax."

Mr. Gilbert says that one of his main concerns is the high cost of living and the fact that "people are now buying fewer groceries and paying much more for them". "If the NDP forms the government," he says, "it will set up a prices review board to prevent chain stores from reaping too high profits as a result of juggling their prices to attract more buyers."



**John Gilbert, the NDP candidate in Broadview, is a 51-year-old lawyer. He was born in Toronto and educated at Jesse Ketchum Public School, Jarvis Collegiate, and the University of Toronto. He was a law partner with David Lewis, the Leader of the NDP, until he was elected as the member for Broadview in 1965. He is the NDP spokesman in the House of Commons on housing, justice and legal affairs. John Gilbert played a leading role in obtaining federal funds for the Riverdale Community Organization. He lives in the riding with his wife, Nora, and their two teenagers. They have a 20-year-old son studying engineering at Waterloo University.**

## EMPLOYMENT

# What to do if you really want a job

By IRWIN W. WELLS

In the last issue we discussed the general question of why people should or should not work. Some people however have no choice in this decision and are spending a great deal of time and energy looking for a job which they cannot find. If you are one of these people here are a few of the places to go to find jobs in Ward 7.

Naturally the first place to look for a job is in the 'Help Wanted' section of the Toronto Star. The Help Wanted section is often the only place you need to look if you are highly skilled. However, for unskilled jobs you will often find long lines of people ahead of you. If you have not gotten a job from the paper the next place to go is the Canada Manpower Centre (two offices serve Ward Seven; Jarvis and Dundas for Industrial, Trades, and Service jobs, Toronto Dominion Centre for Commercial, Professional, Sales, and Clerical. The phone number for both is 363-5931). Although there are hundreds of true stories about the long lines and inefficiencies at Manpower they do get jobs and they do send people on jobs so there is always a chance that you will be the lucky person who finds work from them.

If neither of these work for you there are a number of local organizations which will take a great deal of interest in finding you a job. These are all run on a tight budget with very few but highly committed staff and all have proven effective.

4-U is a temporary help agency located at 343A Dundas. They handle only short term jobs, charging a fee to the employer and paying a salary to the employee. Unlike the privately run temporary help services 4-U does not pay the minimum wage, but rather pays \$2.10 an hour (3-4 of it the first day worked). 4-U has had a lot of jobs lately and has been looking for people to take them. The only problem is that they like you to arrive at 6:00 a.m. You can phone 4-U at 363-3549.

CRUNCH Community Board is in the Don Vale Community Centre at 80 Winchester St. (see article elsewhere). While the Community Board is primarily for Don District youth no one from anywhere else in Ward Seven has ever been thrown out nor will they be. The Community Board is one of the best sources of permanent jobs in the Don District. You can phone Community Board at 920-2539.

Trigger is located at 204A Queen St. W. They also concentrate on employment for youth. As well they provide information about youth hostels, clinics, legal services and etc. Anyone is welcome in Trigger and they can be reached at 863-9967.

CRUNCH has another office (originally there were two offices of CRUNCH which were part of the same project; they are now separate but remain friends) on 26 Oxford primarily for the 'Alternate Culture'. This office is run as a cooperative and people must join the cooperative and participate in some way to be sent on a job. The CRUNCH cooperative is one of the most successful employment projects in Canada and was the first Cooperative employment service ever. They receive no money from the government or anyone else and this is why people must help out in the cooperative. The CRUNCH Cooperative can be reached at 922-1580.

The Youth Employment Service (YES) is located on 511 Richmond St. W. but don't just walk down because you can only go if you are sent by a social worker, youth worker, or other agency person who is willing to work with you after they have found you a job. The Youth Employment Service provides a one week training course (paid) to develop job skills and then finds a job where the employer will take an interest in you. If you have been unable to find a job anywhere at all get in touch with a social agency and ask them to send you to YES.

The one trouble with all of the above is the fact that 4-U is the only one that is not geared specifically for youth. True enough youth unemployment is more than twice as high as adult unemployment but older people need jobs too. The fact of the matter is that outside of the Canada Manpower Centre there are no agencies I know of that specialize in permanent jobs for local adults. Perhaps if the Communities that form Ward Seven got together a LIP project or made some effort something could be done but at present there is very little for the over thirties and nobody seems to be doing much about it.

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# Alderman's report: "People happy with new parking regulations"

By JOHN SEWELL  
WARD 7 ALDERMAN

It is difficult to tell whether or not people understand the recent Council amendments concerning free overnight parking. It is not something that applies to the whole City—only wards seven and eight are affected by it.

Very simply, you can park free overnight (8 p.m. to 8 a.m.) on any street in Ward seven, from Sherbourne to Logan, south of Bloor-Danforth, where previously you would have received a two dollar ticket. The free overnight parking

does not apply to permit parking streets west of the Don River, and if you park on any of those streets, after 11 p.m., and you don't have a permit, you will get a \$5.00 ticket. East of the Don it is a bit different. There, you can park on all of the permit parking streets, even if you don't have a permit, and be free from the yellow tag—except on Wolfrey, where only overnight permit parking is allowed because it seems that is what people on that street want.

North of the Danforth, east of the Don River, nothing has changed: the free overnight parking does not

apply there, because the feedback Karl Jaffary and I have been getting is that people are happy with the present state of affairs. (If you aren't happy, let either of us know - telephone 367-7480.

**What remains to be done—and it won't start happening until after the election—is street by street meetings so that the parking regulations on each street can be shaped to fit the needs of that street.**

Short notes: Alternate side parking will be introduced on Boulton Avenue, between First Avenue and Dundas. Stop signs will be sprinkled around almost all corners of Degraffi and Cummings, at the request of residents. Parking will be prohibited on a 75 foot stretch on Bleecker Street opposite 275 Bleecker so cars can move in and out of the parking area a little easier.

You probably heard about the TTC wanting to take the streetcars off Dundas and Carlton, and replacing them with diesel buses. The TTC deferred a final decision

on the question, and that gives some time for people to get together and talk about the proposal. At the moment, meetings are being planned, although no dates have been set. It is hoped that one meeting will be held in each of the wards affected—7, 8, 6, and 4.

**It seems that all of the groups which got together to fight the widening of Dundas Street have won that issue, at least temporarily. City Council passed a motion which allows Dundas Street to be widened by one lane only between Bay and Yonge, and endorsed a statement that no other part of Dundas Street should be widened.**

On a personal level, the \$400,000 law suit which Meridian has against me is a strange one. In essence, they are suing me because south of St. Jamestown tenants did not get out a year ago when Meridian could have torn down those houses on Bleecker and Ontario Streets, and because those tenants did not get out, Meridian has the right to receive rent from them. The option for Meridian was either receiving rent or demolishing the houses, and of course receiving rent meant that they made money, whereas the demolition meant that they didn't. They are suing me—not for the rent—but because they really

wanted to demolish the houses rather than making a profit from renting them. Which means I am being sued because Meridian made more money on the houses than they thought they would.

The Toronto Sun, and Meridian, have tried to make the issue into whether or not I breached my contract. That is a debatable point, which I am sure the Court will make a decision on, if Meridian decides that it wants to get the matter before the court. (Remember they originally sued me in September 1971, and after serving the writ on me, they did virtually nothing for a full year—until they issued the recent statement of claim with the \$440,000 figure in it. Up to now they haven't been in a hurry to proceed.) I think the point is not the contract as much as Meridian's power in block-busting the community to the benefit of no one but themselves. As some people say it is nothing short of corporate vandalism—a company destroying something for no good reason.

Next time you see kids breaking windows and you get angry at them for the senseless damage they are causing, think of the senseless damage that Meridian is causing in South of St. Jamestown; damage that is permitted and encouraged by our present laws.

If Meridian were going to build immediately, one could understand the demolitions. But Meridian won't be building for another three or four years. Like the block north of Wellesley between Bleecker and Sherbourne (where most of the houses came down in 1969) South of St. Jamestown will be vacant for a long time.

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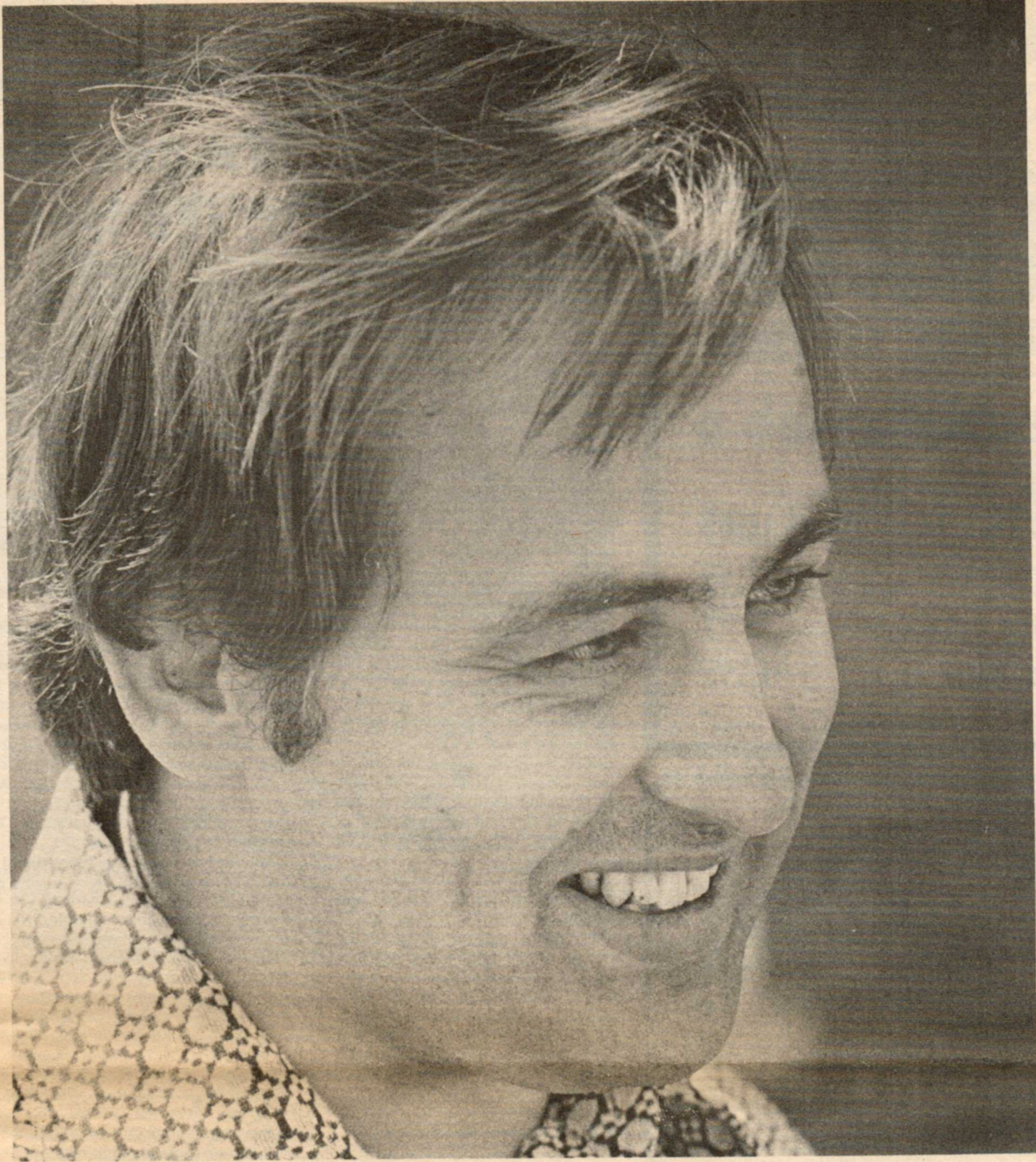
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## Students write protest letters

In an effort to forceably bring home the teacher-student ratio problem to residents of Ward Seven, 14 pupils at Winchester School have written letters to the editor of Seven News.

Space does not permit the printing of all the letters but we are printing one as an example. SEVEN NEWS would like to thank the pupils for their letters, and we hope they will write again in future.

Those writing letters were: Cynthia Bell, Richard Wojewoda, Brian Hoffman, Janice Akehurst, Evangelina Pappas, Rachel Findlay, Eleanor Scullion, Peter Stojanoushe, Mark Givoque, Debbie Lethbridge, Clarence Ivany, Marilyn Lem, Anastas Naskas, Donna Elsligar.

Dear Editor:

My name is Cynthia Bell. I am a grade 7 student from Winchester School. The reason I am writing you is because I feel that everyone should know the situation that myself and other classmates are in.

First of all, at the beginning of the year, we were supplied with a male teacher. During the first few days, all the kids and the teacher got to know each other.

When we came back to school to start the next week, we found out we were getting a new teacher and we all stiffened up again. It took us around two weeks to get used to our new teacher.

Now we discover that we all might be split up, get another teacher, and an increase in pupils in each class.

This means not enough attention that each and every pupil needs. I feel that something should be done. I hate it just as much as any other pupil to be bounced around like a ball and to feel the insecurity that each of us feels.

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## JUSTICE

# Cabbagetown, the law and the function of the legal system

A LEGAL COLUMN  
 by PHILIP ZYLBERBERG

People who believe in our legal system equate it in some manner with justice, claim that it provides a fair deal to everyone. For that to be true the people of Cabbagetown, of the rest of Ward 7 and of other poor and working class parts of Toronto would have to be treated equally under it with the corporations and the rich. From my experience giving legal advice at the Neighbourhood Information Post, that is not the case.

The basis of the law in civil matters is that people in a contract, or people involved in a squabble are of equal power. As a result, any clause written into a contract by both parties is, with a few unenforced exceptions, to be enforced and upheld. As a result, leases are to be upheld. As a result, no legislative attempts have been made to increase the peoples' power against the Welfare, the Unemployment, and so on. This means that the state of the civil law, as the criminal law, is itself biased against people without property and people without education.

Twenty-two per cent of the legal problems dealt with from January to August at NIP were landlord and tenant problems. Tenancies in this area are of two kinds: with and without leases. Where there is a lease, the law says that in general its clauses will be upheld. But there is a shortage of family housing and poor peoples' housing in Toronto and people take what they can get. As a result, rents are high and there are often oppressive sections to the lease. The courts feel that leases are bargains equally entered into and will not complain.

As for tenants without leases, they have fewer rights. They generally pay rent by the week and can therefore get kicked out on one week's notice, as they often do. They have no means of appeal at all from this kind of decision.

Whether or not people have leases, there is a shortage of housing and landlords call the shots. If they want to tear down your house to build high rise, there is nothing you can do about it. If they want to raise your rent, there is nothing you can do about it. In fact, the law on part of this issue was recently contested when the South of St. Jamestown Tenants Association tried to go to the Ontario Municipal Board for them to rule that Meridian, the developer, could not demolish any houses in their area until the city's final plan on the area had been completed. Despite the fact that these demolitions may well violate sections of the City Official Plan, the Supreme Court ruled that the Ontario Municipal Board couldn't even consider the request. This proved that the law stands up for the people who own the property against the needs of the people, and that even where a statute (here the Official Plan) seems to give the people more rights, that statute will not be enforced by the courts.

Common problems that come to us involve the landlord turning off the heat or failing to make needed repairs. Although the Landlord and Tenant Act is clear that this cannot be done, it does not provide remedies that are convenient to the tenants. The remedy is to press criminal charges for violation of the Act or to sue for damages. As for criminal charges, they involve waiting months for the landlord's trial to come up, often having to prosecute the case yourself at your own expense and no guarantee that the thing will be fixed or that the same thing will not happen again. Also, you get nothing out of it except the satisfaction of seeing the landlord pay a fine.

As for suing in court, this is not an easy process. You can only claim damages actually incurred, which may be small compared to the discomfort and misery you have suffered. You also have to go through the whole legal process. In the first place, this takes a long time. Supreme and County Court cases take well over six months to come to trial. The province claims to have set up its Small Claims Courts specially so that "ordinary" people can use them without the need for lawyers. Let me give two examples of how they work in practice.

One woman had a girl friend who, in circumstances that did not amount to theft, had taken \$50 of hers. She wanted to recover it. As there was no criminal matter involved, this could only be done by way of suit in small claims court. I told her that she would certainly win; however, she would not win back any court costs as the sum involved was too low, and it would take 7 or 8 months to get in front of a Small Claims Court in Toronto. She cried and told me that she just couldn't wait that long or go through the bother.

Another woman had bought a dress that the saleslady had told her would be a certain size. It wasn't. She did not have a chance to look it over in the store. She tried to take it back for them to return it. They not only refused but threw her out of the store. What can she do? The only way to regain her money spent or the part of it that is lost after she resells the dress is to sue. The value of it is \$30. This woman needs her money back right away as she and her husband are both working and a \$30 loss is a calamity. She can't wait the time it will involve. She is an immigrant and her English may not be good enough to defend herself in court. She decided to forget the whole thing as the cost of missing a day of work to go to court would be close to the money she would gain in the lawsuit.

So it is clear that the courts set up to deal with large sums of money are beyond the capacity of the uneducated lay person to deal with, and the courts that deal with the level of money problems that Cabbagetowners face are set up to discourage people going to them. In England, a study of their county court, which are their lowest level courts and handle money claims of up to \$1200, about 82 per cent of all the actions were initiated by companies or utilities (like the Hydro) for nonpayment of bills. They concluded that these courts were basically just a form of collection agency. While I have seen no study done, I am sure that the case is the same here. The function of the courts is primarily to allow the rich to continue their rule over the working and poor people; to allow the owners of property to continue their rule over those without.