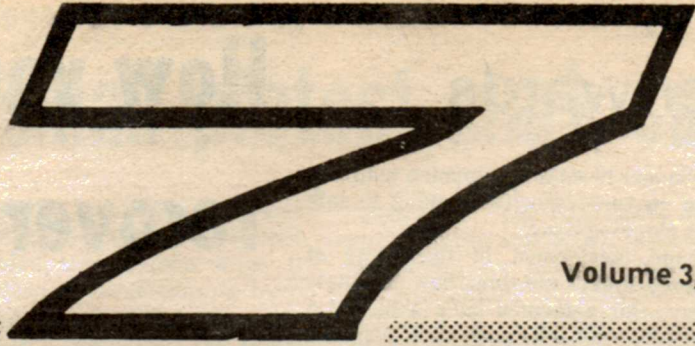


Our next issue, out over the weekend of the 9th, will be our Xmas issue and our first try at color. It will also be the last one until Jan. 13 of next year. Deadline for copy is Noon, Dec. 4 at 80 Winchester St. An editorial meeting will be held Dec. 29 at 8 p.m. at the 7 News office, 80 Winchester street. All are welcome.



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## FODARA support sought in bid for extras at new Oak St. school

Janet Ross, chairman of the Oak Street Citizen's Committee appeared before the last meeting of the Federation of Don Area Resident's Associations to seek support for the Oak Street Community School.

She stated that the new school, being built on a site in the Oak-River-Cornwall area was brand new concept in education. He explained that local citizens and representatives from the Board of Education had gotten together to discuss the concept and then followed through on an opinion sharing and decision making basis.

Funds for building the school had been approved in principle, she added, and once final architectural drawings were approved, building would begin.

Mrs. Ross stated that the citizens felt that because the school was a new concept in the community it should appeal to all factions in the community. Thus her group was requesting "extras" to the proposed plans and her group was seeking letters of support from every community group for these extras. Mrs. Ross added that floor plans were available to be shown to any community group or they could be

viewed at the site office at 203 Oak street.

### EXTRA FACILITIES

The additional facilities being requested for the new Oak Street school are as follows:

- An enlarged general purpose room with additional dressing room space to allow for adult recreational and sports activity.
- An enlarged indoor swimming pool to 25 meter olympic size to allow competition swimming, some diving, water polo, etc. The funds necessary for this expansion would be \$250,000.

- An enlarged Arts Centre to provide adult activity space for art, industrial art and home economics.

- An additional office for the use of community service agencies (500 sq. ft.).

- An enlarged community room for the use of senior citizens, pre-school mothers and children, citizen meetings and for an Early Years Development School group.

- A greenhouse of undetermined size to provide nature study for those children and adults deprived of this opportunity. It is hoped that such a greenhouse will be operated in conjunction with a nature program in an outdoor courtyard.

Mrs. Ross concluded by stating, "We are working towards an agreement to ensure that the school will be open and available to the community all year and extended well beyond the normal school day, including weekends."

It was decided in discussion at the meeting that the issue of "Extras" should be brought to the attention of each member group of Fodara for their decision on the matter.

## Tenants launch new "postcard" tactic

by CHARLOTTE HILL

The South of St. Jamestown Defense Fund and the South St. Jamestown Tenants Association have launched a new attack against the giant Meridian Corporation.

In an effort to put pressure on a new City Council to be responsive to local citizen's demands, a series of postcards called, "Our Toronto, South of St. Jamestown" have been printed.

The postcards show pictures of blockbusting on Bleecker and Ontario streets and were taken by Marilyn Cox and Charlotte Sykes. They are on sale for 19 cents each at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street.

The Defense Fund and the Tenants Association are asking people to send a card to the municipal

candidates asking them to support the Tenants' Association in their struggle to pressure family housing in the area.

The Meridian Development Corporation could be said to be Ward Seven's own private City Council at the moment as they have the resources and power to ruin a neighbourhood, tear it down, and then replace it.

Only a strong pressure from Toronto's voters is going to reverse the trend of private developers getting whatever they want through strong arm tactics or oily influence.

Hopefully the postcards will indicate to politicians that the issue south of St. Jamestown is not dead and that no one is willing to turn planning over to private developers

## City elections: candidates, meetings and how to get on the voters list

The City of Toronto election will be held on Monday, December 4th. Polls will be open from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Voters lists have been posted in every neighbourhood in the ward and if your name is on the voters list you have the right and duty to vote for one candidate for Mayor, two candidates for Alderman and two candidates for School Trustee. If you are a separate school supporter you also have the option of voting for separate school board trustees.

If your name does not appear on the voter's list and you feel you have a right to vote, you may go down to City Hall anytime between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. up to election day and talk to the City Clerk or deputy Clerk. They will give you a certificate entitling you to vote.

You may also register on election day at the polling station serving your poll by showing proper identification or having someone on the voter's list vouch for you.

Following is a list of known Ward Seven candidates, the address of their campaign offices and phone numbers.

### ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES

- Karl Jaffary — Campaign Office, 611A Gerrard St. East, phone 465-3575.
- Richard Kirkup — Campaign Office is 282 Danforth Ave., phone 461-3553.
- Charles Rolfe — No information.
- Sam Rotenberg — Offices at 591 Parliament 358 Broadview, phone 923-4501.
- John Sewell — 320 Parliament St., phone 923-9869.
- Karl H. Von Harten — No office known, phone 766-2762

### PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES

- Doug Barr — 70 Pashler Ave., phone 863-1144.
- Joan Barrie — 49 Salisbury, phone 923-7031 after 2 p.m.
- Gord Cressy — 36 Amelia Street (open nights and weekends), phone 921-3720
- Armand Siksna — No office, phone 425-3322
- Zalki Press - 455B Sackville St. (Home).

### ALL CANDIDATES MEETINGS

All candidate meetings are arranged to bring together candidates and electors in personal contact. Questions and answers tend to stimulate the individual supporter to base his vote on his own judgment rather than public relations material.

Nov. 28 — Withrow Public School, 30 Withrow Ave., 8 p.m.

Nov. 27 — 7:45 p.m. at Park School - All trustee meeting.

Dec. 3 - 2:30 p.m. St. Luke United Church 353 Sherbourne St. (Aldermanic candidates only) A meeting in St. Jamestown is also being arranged. Phone any candidate office for time and place.

## INJUNCTION OBTAINED

Seven News has obtained a Temporary injunction ordering Aldermanic Candidate Richard Kirkup, or anyone with his knowledge and consent, to restrain from distributing a facsimile of "7 News" in the Ward.

On November 27, 1972 a motion for a permanent injunction will be argued before the Supreme Court of Ontario.

We want to emphasize our policy that Seven News Incorporated does not endorse any candidate for political office.

## New Withrow Ave. school opened

by GRAHAM SCOTT

Withrow school first opened with a large number of the community in attendance.

Two years later, the Wright brothers flew their first heavier than air machine at Kitty Hawk. The year was 1902.

On Thursday, Nov. 16, 1972, seventy years later, the community assembled again to celebrate the official opening a new Withrow Avenue Junior Public school and it was an event enjoyed by all present.

It seemed fitting that now with men flying to the moon that a new school should once again be providing for a new age.

Trustee Gordon Cressey delivered the opening address and spoke of this new age in terms of the affection and love that all people must have for their neighbours if this is to be a happy community and a productive school.

The primary Division Singalong Group and the Boys and Girls choirs entertained the audience of 300 and thoroughly delighted all present. Trustee Graham Scott, chairman of the opening, said that the choir had improved considerably since he was in it 30 years ago.

It was a happy event and augured well for the future of this school community and its children.

## New board of directors elected at community centre

Leith Piper was unanimously elected to the position of Chairwomen of the Board of Directors of the Don Vale Community Centre at their annual general meeting held recently.

Under the changes in their constitution, the Board of Directors now consists of 8 members elected at large from the community and 8 members appointed by each of the groups using space in the building.

Elected to the board from the Don Area community were; Bob Katz, John Barber, George Hill, Barry Morris, David Mercer, Hugh Taggart, Don Smith and Marjorie Malony.

Appointees to the board and the groups they represent are; Jim McCarthy, Alcoholics Anonymous; Mary Agnew, Community Sheltered Workshop; Ross Murphy, Crunch Employment Service; Al Baldwin,

Injured Workmen's Consultants; Glen O'Brecht, Don Vale Youth Project; Tom Casson, Community Parole; Cathy Jones, Day Nursery and Kieran Breaks, Seven News.

Bob Katz has been elected to the post of Vice-Chairman and Don Smith has taken on the post of Treasurer.

The Community Centre is seeking further participation from the community in the three working committees set up under their recently changed constitution. The three working committees are: building and maintenance, finance, and building and use-of-space.

Anyone who would like to sit in as a voting member of any of these committees is asked to call 921-6710 for information.



## Participatory planning called a charade as practised in other wards

by CRAIG DOWLER

Last month I went to six planning meetings in the Bloor-Dufferin district. It is the area of the ill-fated Lionstar development.

These meetings were held to discuss tentative planning proposals towards a Part II Plan for the 58,000 residents of the area. The background studies, which preceded the proposals, were mostly based on existing information; the planners attended little more than seven residents' meetings to find out the problems that exist in the area.

The tentative proposals were held out as possible solutions to the problems discovered in the background studies.

For the purpose of the planning study, the Bloor-Dufferin district was divided into six sections. The people in each of the six sections sat politely in school auditoriums in groups of one to three hundred while the planners revealed to them, through slides and assertions of planning principles, planners' solutions to the problems planners discovered in the area.

**Incredible as it may seem to residents of Ward 7, who are familiar with the kind of planning that was done in Trefann Court or is being done South of Carlton where people of the area sit around a table with politicians and planners to discover and solve the problems that exist, this was considered planning with the people.**

The people were consulted somewhat before the tentative proposals; they were encouraged to drop suggestions into a box provided for that purpose in a local library; and after, they could ask the planners questions about the planners' solutions and perhaps have their questions and objections taken into account while the final Part II is being prepared for submission to the Planning Board.

From now until the deadline of December 1, they can ask more questions and submit written briefs to the planning staff at City Hall. They can even get to see the planners again if enough of them get together and

petition the Chief Planner to send the planning team out to a specific place on some specific evening to talk about some specific planning issue.

**This little charade, performed in the name of participatory planning, makes me think how fortunate we in this ward are. Our aldermen have achieved a situation where City Hall consults with us in planning our area — the results may not always be what we'd hope, witness South of St. Jamestown, but at least an effort is made to have real citizen involvement.**

The difference it makes having aldermen like Sewell and Jaffary representing us at City Hall came through to me when I looked for the area aldermen's contributions to their Bloor-Dufferin constituents' problems.

The planning in the area involved four wards: Ward 2, represented by Archie Chisholm and Allan Lamport; Ward 3, Hugh Bruce and Joseph Piccininni; Ward 4, Arthur Eggleton and Tony O'Donohue; and Ward 5, Ying Hope and William Archer.

The first two meetings were in Ward 3 — neither alderman was at the first, Hugh Bruce came to the second, but contributed nothing.

In Ward 5, Ying Hope did a detailed survey of his constituents in the area and reported on his findings; Archer was not there.

The last two planning meetings were in Ward 4; Eggleton spoke at both meetings, mostly in favour of what the planners were doing; O'Donohue sent his apologies to both.

This adds up to a pretty spotty performance on the part of the representatives of the people in these four wards in issues that were of fundamental importance to their constituents.

We, in this ward, are fortunate to be able to expect, and get, much better service from the men who represent us at City Hall.

## How your creditors recover their money

This week's column will deal with what happens when you break a contract or you owe someone money. First, and most important, you cannot be thrown in jail for owing somebody money (unless it's the government and you owe them taxes or a fine or something like that). The worst that can happen to you is that they will be legally able to recover the money from you by seizing your possessions. Later in this article I will attempt to deal with how they can get them and what they can get. However, the basic rule, is that you can not be thrown in jail for owing somebody money.

We are dealing only with the case when you do, indeed, owe them the money, and not with the cases when you can legally claim you do not.

### JUSTICE

A LEGAL COLUMN  
BY PHILIP ZYLBERBERG

This second category includes cases when the contract was not entered into freely, when the subject matter is illegal, when the goods supplied are defective or the person selling them doesn't have the right to sell them, and others. However, we are dealing with cases when they do have a legal right to the money, either on a debt or on a contract.

### Small Claims Court

Legally speaking, you have to pay it back. However, the only way the person you owe it to (the creditor) can get it is by going through the correct procedure. They have to sue you for the sum in court. Which court they go through depends on the sum in question. If it is under \$400, they go to the Small Claims Court. If between \$400 and \$7500, County Court; over \$7500, Supreme Court of Ontario. In Small Claims Court cases, you receive a copy of their claim and a chance to reply to it before appearing in court on a set date. This whole process takes some 8 months on the average in Toronto at this time.

If the claim is in one of the higher courts, there are two ways they can proceed. The usual way is by "specially endorsed" writ. This means that if you don't file an answer within 15 days, they can have automatic judgment against you. Your answer has to include an affidavit (which is a sworn written

statement) stating that you do have a defence to the action and setting out what it is. At this point, they can apply to a judge to have automatic judgment against you anyway as your defence is inadequate. If they fail in this, or if they don't bother, it becomes treated as if it were a "generally endorsed" writ. As for this kind, you have a right to put in an "appearance" within 10 days after you get it, thereby contesting the claim. Then the creditor sends you a statement of claim, and you send back a statement of defence. These are detailed explanations of the claims on both sides. Then a hearing comes up, usually a long time later. The reason most creditors sue by specially endorsed writ is that, if you don't have a defence, the whole process is shortened from over a year to 15 days. Most debts are, of course, done in Small Claims Court, which is used mostly by companies to recover debts from consumers.

### Goodbye, bank balance

At this point, if you lose, the debt becomes a "judgment debt", and, as such, takes priority over other debts if you become bankrupt or die. However, the money is still not in the creditor's hands. They still have to have the court enforce the judgment. They can have your goods seized in satisfaction of their judgment: all of them except the ones exempted by the Executions Act. These exemptions are \$2000 in furniture, \$1000 in other personal and household possessions, and the tools of your trade. They are, however, entitled to your bank account.

You may want to avoid that by giving your account of other things to someone else. This is not allowed, and the creditor may apply to the court to have that transaction declared void under the Fraudulent Conveyances Act. However, this is

rarely done. They are entitled to put a "lis pendens" on your house. This means that a note is put on the copy of your deed in the Registry office, to let any purchasers of mortgages know of the judgment. After a year, if you still owe the money, they can sell your house and take out their money before giving you the proceeds.

They can also, and for people in this area this is the most crucial, "garnishee" your wages, up to 70 per cent. You can apply to a judge to lower the percentage that is garnisheed if it is too high. This causes difficulty for many workers as many employers, rather than put up with the inconvenience of the proceedings, will fire the workers. However, garnishee proceedings do not apply to welfare, unemployment, or government pensions.

### Don't be bluffed

So you see that collecting a debt is not all that simple. They must first start court proceedings, get a judgment, and then apply to the court for them to enforce their judgment. Until that time, they can simply not force you to hand the money over. This fact does, not, however, prevent many collection agencies from trying to get you to pay up. They may try to give you the impression that you will be placed in jail or other terrible things will happen to you for non-

payment.  
They may try to tell you they will seize your goods themselves. Do not be frightened - they don't have the power to enforce these things. If they try to seize your possessions (except through a clause in the contract), that is theft. They may also try to harass you by calling you at all hours or threatening you. If they do try to threaten, this is illegal and charges can be placed at the Justice of the Peace against them.

HEY, MOM!

## Let's make cookies!

"Mom, let's make cookies!" I'm busy. I don't feel like making cookies. But here's something we can do together. So . . . Hands washed.

He carries the egg carton, ever so carefully (a challenge to him . . . he can learn to control his jiggling energy.) Let's count the spaces . . . 12 is a dozen . . . how many eggs are in the carton now? . . . how many have been used? Take out 2 . . . he can break them himself, because I've shown him how . . . if he messes one, that's a small price for the thrill of learning to do something special, all by himself. We talk about shell and yolk and white . . . (remember what happens when we boil them?) He can beat them . . . the old hand-beater gives him more to do, (Anyway, the electric beater broke long ago, and we manage fine without it.) Which is harder, the egg or the beater? . . . why?

He can help cut the margarine (cheapest variety) . . . see what happens when it's put in a pan over low heat . . . "solid turns to liquid". He can stir together eggs, sugar, molasses, melted marg. That's fun, to see the colours blend!

Whole wheat flour is so much better. He can level the cupfuls,

counting as he plops them into the sifter. I let him smell the spices as I drop them in. I pour hot water into the cup, still browned with molasses. He watches, fascinated, as the soda bubbles rise. Quick, pour some into the batter, before it overflows! Some flour, some liquid. He stirs valiantly, until he can stir no more. In go the raisins . . . some into batter . . . some into mouth.

He can grease the pans with empty marg. wrappers . . . then scoop blobs of batter . . . and drop . . . leaving space between . . . Why? Oven 375 . . . bound to demolish any germs. 10 minutes later, lovely soft cookies to share . . . perfect with milk (even powdered skim) . . . and WE MADE THEM.

#### SOFT MOLASSES COOKIES

2 eggs  
3/4 cup white sugar  
1 cup molasses  
1 cup melted marg., or vegetable oil  
2 tsp. instant coffee dissolved in:  
3/4 cup hot water  
4 tsp. baking SODA, dissolved in water  
4 cups whole wheat flour (or 4 1/2 cups all-purpose enriched flour)  
2 tsp. ginger  
2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp salt

### Letters

#### Pollution caused by Meridian dump

Dear Sirs:

Meridian now has a dump in the middle of the City. It is located between Blecker and Ontario streets in South of St. Jamestown and is causing pollution and sickness. Kids have been taken out of school for illness. There are no fences or anything to keep the kids out, or anything to eliminate the germs.

The children are playing among old mattresses, old rugs and old furniture. Meridian's dump is causing all kinds of problems to the residents of the area.

And what about the loads of dirt and rocks that have been dumped there? Some people think it's to bury the last of the tenants alive, because apparently Meridian's done everything else to them.

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## Greater Riverdale Organization founding convention

## Close vote and small protest mark successful start for G.R.O.

by LINDA TORNEY

Monarch Park High School was the scene of Canada's first Community Convention of its kind on Sunday November 12th when approximately 900 people who live, work, worship or go to school in Riverdale were called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Rev. John Robson, delegate from Queen Street East Presbyterian Church and temporary Chairman of the meeting.

In the midst of an array of signs and slogans in English, Chinese, East Indian, Greek and Italian, the multi-cultural Community Convention got off to an impressive start complete with instantaneous translations in Chinese, Greek and Italian.

Fr L.G. Smythe, delegate from Holy Name Roman Catholic Parish offered a prayer to open the meeting. Then a procession of flag bearers and Steering Committee Co-Chairmen marched down the aisle to the music of the bag pipes and carrying a gavel on a blue velvet cushion. The singing of O CANADA followed.

## SEATING OF DELEGATIONS

A significant moment was the seating of the delegations. Delegations consisted of about 10 people each. As Mr. Mel Brown, Chairman of the Membership and Credentials Committee called out the names of the 88 delegations present each delegation answered in unison. When the motion that the delegations be seated was made and the vote taken, 900 buoyant "yeas" filled the auditorium. The temporary Chairman pounded the gavel and said, "I declare the first Annual Community Convention of Greater Riverdale is thus

constituted". The organization had given birth to itself, an event that has added significance when it takes place at the local level from which all authority ultimately derives in a democracy. All levels of government are created by other bodies; but here at the local level the people forming an organization were involved in an act of self-creation.

With the Agenda and Rules of the Day quickly adopted, the Convention approved the Steering Committee's choice of a Chairman of the day, Dr. Roy DeMarsh, the Division of Ministry of The United Church of Canada. Dr. DeMarsh was presented with the Convention gavel as a symbol of authority granted to him by the Convention. He assumed this authority as he outlined the procedures that would be followed to expedite the agenda. He declared his neutrality on the issues as an outsider, but his bias for what the day was all about. He called the Convention unique because people present already were involved in a process of "shaking power loose and passing it around in a most generous and impressive way".

He went on to say that, "The legislation of City Hall, of Queen's Park, or of Ottawa, no matter how enlightened, is powerless to deal with community problems in the face of powerless communities. . . . You have developed a new way of getting together and getting things done."

## NEW NAME

Following the approval of a brief Budget and Finance Committee report by its Chairman, Mr. Yoke Chan, the Constitution Committee Chairman, Mrs. Jessie Lightwood gave a summary of the

Constitution. This document had been labored over by the Committee for many weeks and made available to most of the delegates for their study almost a week before Convention. With the approval of Article I, "The name of this Organization shall be the Greater Riverdale Organization, hereinafter referred to as GRO", the Chairman declared, "You now have a name!" and the Convention applauded heartily.

Conferences that are long on talk and short on action like to spend a lot of time on a Constitution but before long the Greater Riverdale Convention approved the Constitution as a whole and got on with the Action Program. Talk Conferences also usually prefer the silent vote by a show of hands, but at this Convention delegates responded like people eager for opportunities to have a voice. Even though there was not time for everyone to speak, everyone could voice their votes and get a feeling for one another.

## ONE VOTE SPREAD

For all that, time was running out and soon after the voting on the Action Program for the coming months got under way, a motion to table was carried in favor of getting on with today's action — the Elections. The race for President was in the air. Mrs. Gloria Gallant, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the nominees for President and the voting began. There was a one vote spread between Yoke Chan and Linda Torney. One delegate protested that there were Observers among the Delegates. After some discussion the Chairman asked the Observers to stand. There were about seven. The ruling of the Chair was to take a

second vote. The Presidency went to Linda Torney. Some delegates moved to the exits in protest but when the two contenders said they would support each other the delegates moved back to their seats.

The Elections continued by taking standing votes for the 24 Vice Presidents (3 Executive, 4 Area, 12 Interest, and 5 Cultural) plus a Treasurer, an Administrative and a Recording Secretary. When the Elections were completed the Resolutions were taken from the table and referred to the first monthly meeting of the Delegates Assembly where Mrs. Consuelo Leslie, Chairman of the Action Program Committee will conclude her report. At this point Officers were sworn in and the President was presented with the Gavel. She made a brief statement, announced the date and place of the first Executive Council meeting and adjourned the Convention.

## "JUST THE DELEGATES!"

The Greater Riverdale Community Convention was a first — first in the depth of Cultural mix; first as a Convention in which delegates from neighborhood groups, agencies, schools, churches, cultural groups, business and industry forged themselves into an instrument by which they will take action on community problems decided on in the Convention; and first in size, 900 from an area of only 76,000 people, a fact underlined by Inspector Surplis when he observed, "Gee there are a lot of people here" and by Ralph Thornton when he replied, "and remember, these are just the delegates!"

Something did happen in Riverdale. Delegates could feel it. Politicians could feel it and all Riverdale felt it as they heard about the promise of a new day for citizen participation in GRO — the Greater Riverdale Organization.

## South of Carlton

## Interest shown in health centre

by ANDREE SHORTER

On November 6th South of Carlton Community Action (SOCCA) held its Annual General Meeting, most of which was spent on discussion of the health problems of the area from Carlton to Shuter and Sherbourne to Parliament. Everyone in the area as far as possible was contacted on a door-to-door basis before the meeting. Many people who had originally expressed interest were unable to come, partly because they couldn't get baby-sitters, but sufficient people were there for a good discussion.

Dr. Cathcart from St. Michaels Hospital was there and briefly told the meeting that the infant death rate in the area, the highest in the city, was a strong indication that "Your health care is at a very low ebb . . . which indicates you need better health care coverage."

A film, "Citizens Medicine," was shown of the St. Jacques community Health Centre in Montreal, and people at the SOCCA meeting were able to see how citizens organised to set up a health centre.

Andree Shorter from a L.I.P. group — Wayland Workshops explained the need for a community health centre and the kinds of services e.g. medical, dental, nursing information, that it could provide.

Howard Leslie from Riverdale Community Health and Care Foundation, Inc. described how Riverdale has at last been granted \$278,000 from the Provincial Health Department to set up a community health centre.

The meeting then broke up into small discussion groups and a recorder from each group then reported to the group as a whole.

People clearly favoured the idea of a community health centre: they want doctors who can make house calls, cheaper (or free) drugs, a dentist, assistance for drinking and glue sniffing problems, preventive programmes (e.g. diet watching, child care, birth control advice, general health information). They want something nearby, where they can get to know the staff and they want to be able to say what they need right from the start.

Ellen Fergusson from Regent Park Community Health Centre, due to open early next year, joined the meeting at this point and said Regent Park has just been granted money by OHIP and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and two apartment buildings.

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## Vocational Schools Criticized

by GORDON CRESSY

Vocational schools have been with us for a long time but it was not until the early '60's, when the federal government made money available for new buildings, that the Toronto Board of Education got into the act seriously.

The new vocational schools were hailed far and wide as valid alternatives to the traditional academic, technical, and commercial schools for slow-learners. Now, ten years later, the vocational schools are being seriously re-assessed.

There is no doubt that the vocational schools have successfully filled a gap in our educational services. Recent criticism, though, is important to consider.

Some sections of our poorer and ethnic communities see a disproportionate number of their children in vocational schools. They blame the streaming in elementary schools and school locations as reasons for this situation.

Other critics see the segregating of boys and girls into separate vocational schools as a means of negative sex-stereotyping. Social workers in vocational schools have raised some hard questions and one of them, Marilyn Miller, wrote a 40-page report last spring which

schools officials have refused to make public because of possible libel.

In addition, it appears that across the City, vocational schools are only 75 percent full. Consequently, students who are qualified to be in technical or commercial schools are being placed in vocational schools.

School officials point out that these students are taking equivalent subject material to commercial or technical schools, but some school psychologists disagree.

Although I do not have complete information, I understand that the absenteeism rate in vocational schools is abnormally high and averages as much as 25 percent daily.

Despite these points some small changes are beginning to occur. For example, vocational schools will become co-educational in 1973.

Clearly, however, vocational schools are at a crossroads in their history. School Trustees are awaiting a report from the Board on vocational schools. This should give some further indication in which direction vocational schools are going.

Seven News will print the major findings of the report as soon as it has been published.

## All Sidewalks Shovelled By City Next Year?

by KARL JAFFARY  
WARD 7 ALDERMAN

The snow we have been having the past few weeks has given rise to a lot of telephone calls by people asking what the City is going to do about it this winter. There has been some improvement but we are still a long way from being out of the woods.

This winter the City will shovel the snow free for old age pensioners and will also shovel the snow where the people are disabled. You have to make an application in person at City Hall unless there is some good reason why you cannot come down. For information the number to call is 367-7742.

Even the Streets Department staff is finally beginning to realize how silly it is to go up and down streets to shovel a house here and a house there. The City has been willing to shovel anybody's snow for the last few years and charge the amount on the tax bill but the charge has been very high — generally a lot more than you would pay to have somebody in the neighbourhood shovel it. With the adoption of the council policy of shovelling snow for pensioners and the disabled, it is clear that the City will have to get into a program of shovelling all the snow on the sidewalks. That probably won't cost any more than the hit and miss efforts that are going on now.

Full sidewalk snow shovelling likely cannot start this year — the City will want to get a lot of small, sidewalk size, snow plows but it looks as if it can start next winter.

The biggest problem about snow is snow on the streets. The City policy in the past has been to remove the snow from the major arteries but to just pile it off to the side of residential streets. This works very well in the north Toronto areas where there are boulevards on to which the snow can be plowed and where people have driveways that are wide enough to get their cars off the street. In most of the downtown area, and certainly in most of Ward 7, there are no boulevards and if people are to get their cars off the street it has to be by using the back lanes. The City does not do anything about snow in back lanes. The policy of plowing the snow on the streets makes an interesting game that people play with the snow plows all winter. The

snow plow comes along at night and piles all the snow up on top of the parked cars. In the morning the people come out and shovel snow off the cars back on to the snow of the street. With a heavy snow fall they sometimes can play this game of changing the snow two or three times. People get pretty mad about it and I don't blame them.

The whole problem is made even worse on the streets that have alternate side parking. There the cars stay parked on one side of the street all winter and the snow there is never moved. It often seems to work out that that is on the south side, which does not get any sun, so the snow is long in melting.

The Streets Department thinks that the only way of removing the snow from the streets is to get all the cars off them first, and then come along and remove the snow. They have not made any suggestions as to where the cars should go. When you ask about it you find that even if City Council asked that that be done there really would not be enough equipment to do it. It is not very sensible for the City to own all the trucks and front-end blowers that would be needed and they usually rent these from construction companies that are using them for excavation work in the summer time.

ALLAN AVE. EXPERIMENT

I think that what is needed is a program of snow removal on narrow residential streets and lanes, and while some machinery will be needed a lot of the work will have to be done by men with snow shovels. That is the only way you can really get in around the inevitable parked cars and up the narrow lanes. We were able to

persuade City Council to put \$50,000 into the budget for a "pilot program of full snow removal on residential streets". My idea was to see how much it would really cost to do the job properly on a few selected streets. I believe that Allan Avenue, one of the narrowest and worst streets for snow will be one of the streets experimented with.

The streets Commissioner thinks it would cost about \$4 million extra to remove all the snow, and that sounds like a lot of money. However, the total City budget is about \$100 million and if we cannot manage to keep the streets passable I think citizens have a right to ask what we are doing with their money. The amount being spent to pay the interest on the City debt is almost six times as much as it would cost to clear the snow properly and if we were to start paying for roads and services out of our current taxes we would save the money pretty soon.

I suppose the conclusion is to be that City Council is moving in the right direction but has not got there yet. I expect to see full sidewalk clearing by next winter along with a big improvement in removing snow from residential streets. I think it will probably take about four years before all the snow will be taken away from the lanes as well as the streets.

Since this is my last column during this term of Council may I take the opportunity of thanking all of those in the Ward who have been active in community groups during the last term of Council. Had it not been for them we would not have seen any improvements. I also would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## D.D.C. Secretariat Still Looking For Office Space

The Don District Community Secretariat has still not found a permanent storefront office. Reasons cited for the failure are the high rents being asked and that candidates for the various elections are utilizing most of the available space.

One suggestion being investigated is to rent the office presently being used as John Sewell's campaign headquarters. However, that space won't be available until the 15th of December.

Until a permanent storefront office is found, the Secretariat will continue to operate out of donated office space at the Fred Victor Mission, 147 Queen St. East.

Calls to the secretariat can be made by phoning 364-8228 and asking directly for Elizabeth Radian or Michael Stuart the two Secretariat staff people. Their office is open from 9 to 5 every day and they welcome personal visits as well as phone calls.

Elizabeth Radian reports that they are now equipped to offer secretarial services to any group in the Don Area such as duplicating flyers, letters, etc.

She adds that when a permanent office is found, they will be better equipped to offer a wider range of services as well as a meeting place for groups, etc.

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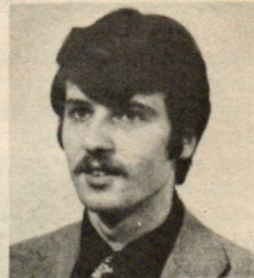
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Sat. Dec. 2 — Sponsored by the Riverdale Care Institute, and held at Woodgreen United Church, 875 Queen St. E. 461-1105. Starts at 1 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 2 — Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St. Sponsored by the Don Vale Co-op Nursery School. Homemade toys, clothes, Christmas decorations, baking. Luncheon — hot homemade soup, fresh homemade bread, desserts. Hours — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 2 — Salvation Army Bldg., 304 Parliament St. — from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. a smorgasbord dinner and bazaar. Special guest MPP Margaret Scrivener to open the luncheon. Adults \$1.25. Children 75c.

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Dec. 2 Art Show, Saturday 8-11 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m.

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Sat. Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m. Stories for children; 3 p.m. Dr. Zimmerman presents "Critters and Things", a craft show for kids of all ages.

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**YOUTH DROP-INS**

**This List will be updated as information is received.**

Teens — Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St., Phone 925-4363 — Program for the entire family on Sat. & Sun., babysitters provided.

Teen Challenge — 650 Broadview, 463-4900 — open at 8 p.m. every day except Sunday and Monday.

203 Sackville St., Regent Park — open 6 days a week 6-11 p.m.

Regent Park Community Centre, 470 Dundas E. at Parliament — Effective

Dec. 4th, drop-in will open 3:30 to 10:30 p.m. Games, music, TV, trips.

Christian Youth Centre, 270 Gerrard E., open Tues. 7-10 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes, 512 Sherbourne St., 924-6257, Tues. & Thurs. night from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Arts & crafts, dancing, music, pool etc. (in basement of church)

Gerrard K Club, 101 Spruce St. — open 6 days a week.

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Salvation Army, 540 Dundas St. — TV, games, billiards, ping pong. Open 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

Parliament Street Library House — Gerrard & Parliament. Phone 921-8674

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Central Neighbourhood House 349 Ontario St. — Sat. and Sun. from 6:30 to 11 p.m.

Friendship Centre, 315 Dundas St., 368-7977 — open every day for coffee, cards, and games from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Regent Park United Church, 363-4234 — Wed. at 1:30 for crafts, sewing and a variety of activities.

603 Whiteside Pl. — open 7 days a week from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. Phone 364-2909.

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# WARD SEVEN CANDIDATES FOR ALDERMAN

## Charlie Rolfe



Charlie Rolfe is 44 years old and is running as alderman for the second time in Ward 7. He was born in Toronto and has lived and worked all of his life in the ward. He is a member of Downtown Community Television, has worked on projects at Central Neighbourhood House and The Christian Resource Centre, and was instrumental in helping to form the Ontario Landlord and Tenant Committee.

Charlie Rolfe says that unemployment and lack of housing are the biggest issues in the city. "Therefore," he says, "I would support the completion of Harbour City and the Eaton Centre development because it will provide jobs for the people."

"I am running for alderman in Ward 7," he says, "because I have lived and worked with community groups in this area all my life and I know what the problems are here."

"People must learn how to use their aldermen. Some aldermen like Rotenberg, don't seem to give a damn for anyone, but I would like very much to work with John Sewell who gets into a lot of hassles in Council."

Charlie says City Council can be more effective in solving people's problems "if they would stop bickering and get down to the job." Charlie is in favour of reinstating the old Board of Control "which was elected by the people. The present Executive Committee is appointed, not elected," he said.

The real power, says Charlie, lies in the hands of people who work together to get something done. "This," he says, "is what politics is all about."

## Sam Rotenberg



Sam Rotenberg is a 53 year-old businessman who owns a store on Parliament Street, and a home at

349 Hillhurst Blvd. He is married with two sons and a daughter. Like father, one of his sons is running for alderman, but in North York. Sam has owned a business in the ward for 16 years and was elected President of the Ward 7 Businessmen's Association in 1970. He is on the Board of Directors at Central Neighbourhood House and has been active in Regent Park. Sam also ran for alderman in Ward 7 in the last municipal elections.

Sam Rotenberg feels the present aldermen "have not taken part to properly look after the ward. The ward has gone to pot and needs cleaning up."

If Sam is elected, he says he will hold public meetings from time to time when there are plans concerning the area. "I feel that the public should be involved in planning when the plans involve public housing built by public funds."

Sam promises to do all he can to resolve conflicts in the ward. "I would try to bring these different interest groups together," he says.

"However, I would like to point out that we had a committee before in Ward 7 which was made up of businessmen, property owners, tenants, developers and representatives from the city authorities. We were just on the verge of solving some problems when a few people in the group started to complain that the developers weren't doing their job — like fixing leaks and little things like that. Then the group broke up."

Sam maintains this group could have worked, "but with a few people always complaining about little things, there wasn't much time to discuss big, important things."

"One of the big issues in the city," says Sam, "is the problem of 18,000 families waiting to get into subsidized housing. He would like to see two or three buildings for single men and women, where they could live in self-contained single rooms."

Other items on Sam's list of priorities are better street lighting in the area, more and better medical services to residents (including home visits by doctors), more buses with shorter waiting periods between buses, and one T.T.C. fare across Metro.

Sam favours development in the South of St. Jamestown area. "According to the City Plan, it was zoned for high density. This doesn't mean 35 story high-rise. If we sit down with the Planning Board, the developers and citizens groups we could plan for something around 18 to 25 stories high."

Many of the houses in this area he says are unsuitable to live in and they should be torn down and more suitable housing should be built.

"However," he says, "I feel that no more wholesale demolition should take place until there is a joint approved plan by the concerned owner, the people in the area and the Planning Board as to what will be built in its place after demolition."

## John Sewell

John Sewell advocates the setting up of Little City Halls, close to the people, in each ward.

"We should decentralize some of the responsibilities of City Hall to centres in the ward where such services as public health, garbage collection, housing inspection and planning are more accessible to the people," Sewell says.

He believes that it would be "mere tokenism" for him to set up an office in the ward unless it were part of a proper city service centre. "People can reach me just as easily at home or at my City Hall office."

Sewell is well known for

encouraging citizens to form strong neighbourhood groups to fight for the things they want and to plan the future of their own areas. "I think the city should give money to representative groups of people to hire their own community organizers," John says. "People act well in a group situation and can solve their own problems if they are presented with the true facts."

John says his job as alderman is to do what people in the ward want him to do and to be available to people at any time. He handles thousands of calls for help each year.

He is in favour of housing controlled by the people who live in it. "I would like to see this principle apply to tenants in OHC buildings in St. Jamestown, and for all of St. Jamestown for that matter. I think Trefann is a good example of what tenant-controlled housing can do."

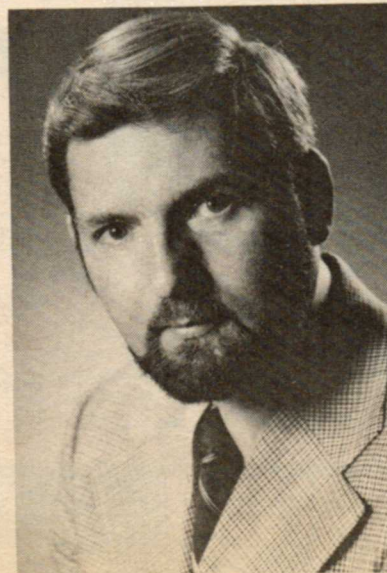
In response to a question on how city can aid inexpensive housing, he says: "The city has given a number of favours to the developers: it gave land worth \$56-million to Metro Centre; a gift of \$6-million to Eaton Centre; and sold land to the Royal Bank for \$400,000 less than it was assessed by city auditors."

"Just think how well off tenant and resident controlled groups would be if the same deals were given to them."



John Sewell, alderman for Ward 7, is a 31-year-old lawyer. He lives with his wife Diane at 218 Ontario Street. John worked for three years as a community organizer in Trefann Court, helping the residents fight off the City's plan to tear down their neighbourhood. He was elected alderman in 1969 and since then, has been involved with the Riverdale Community Organization, South of Carlton Community Action Group, South of St. James Town Residents' Association and many other community organizations, "doing what they want me to do."

## Karl Jaffary



Karl Jaffary, his wife Ann and their two children live at 29 Hillcrest Park in Ward 7. Karl was educated in Toronto and graduated in 1962 from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. In 1967 when urban renewal plans were being proposed for the ward, Karl was elected first president of the residents association set up to stop the city's plan for widespread demolition of housing in the area. In 1969, he was elected Sr. Alderman of Ward 7 and since then has devoted almost all his time to his job. Karl is a member of Metro Council as well as a board member of the Metro Children's Aid Society, WoodGreen Community Centre and the Social Planning Council.

"Toronto must be preserved and enhanced as a civilized place where people can live", says alderman Karl Jaffary. "This can be done by giving strength to groups who are trying to preserve valuable things such as historical buildings, neighbourhoods, and even our street cars."

"Citizens," he says, "should be directly involved in the early stages of neighbourhood planning and no-one from the outside will ever resolve the problems of different interest groups in the ward."

"It has been my experience that these groups will reach their own decisions providing they realize that the problem must be solved and providing the city establishment does not take sides or make under-the-table deals with any one party of that group. "Nothing," he says, "should be kept secret from the public unless there is a very good reason."

"One of my important jobs as an alderman is to find out what civil servants are planning and to make these plans available to the public. However, this is sometimes difficult as city politicians are often the last to hear of such schemes." Alderman Jaffary cites plans for the widening of Dundas Street as an example: "Metro Transportation plans, down to the littlest details, on the widening of Dundas were in the works as far back as five years ago and city politicians weren't aware of this scheme until much later."

Karl says he favours good development. "My problem concerning high-rise is not where it should be built, but whether it is suitable for people. In Ward 7, it seems we need family housing more than we need high-rise."

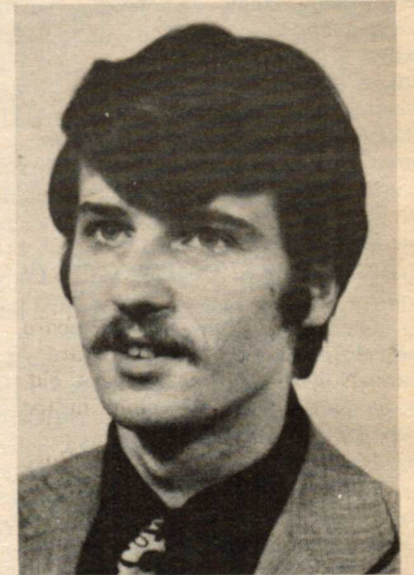
One form of development he favours is good co-op housing. "The more affluent do not need help and people in the \$6,000 - \$9,000 income category qualify for CMHC mortgages for a down payment as low as 5 per cent of the full price. This means that a down payment for people in the lower income bracket would be little more than three or four months' rent. "The city can help," he says, "by giving land at cost to non-profit, co-op developments designed for the \$6,000 - \$9,000 income group."

"I would also like to point out," Karl says, "that in the past three years Trefann got approval to build 100 new houses, but at the same time Meridian has destroyed 150 houses. At this rate Ward 7 is being destroyed faster than we can build."

## Karl Von Harten

Karl Von Harten, Leader of the Christian Nationalist Party of Canada, is a 22-year-old candidate for alderman in Ward 7, who has lived on and off in the ward for the past seven years. He was elected

leader of the new Christian Nationalist Party last month in Ottawa at their first national convention. Karl studied one semester of theology at university in Edmonton and then went on to study Political Science and Journalism at the University of Alberta. He is interested in theatre, auto rallies and music.



Karl Von Harten says he is not running to try to defeat incumbents Jaffary and Sewell in this election. He basically agrees with John and Karl on most issues. However, he says that he would have contributions of his own to make as an alderman.

Von Harten plans to run in the next Federal election in Rosedale as a candidate for the Christian Nationalist Party of Canada. He says he is running as an aldermanic candidate in Ward 7, which is part of the Rosedale riding, because the aldermen here are the best known in the city and receive a lot of press.

He hopes to attract publicity in order to become better known for the federal campaign.

Although Von Harten has been mainly involved with Provincial and Federal politics, he says he has "come to believe over the last few months that the real capacity for change is at the municipal level."

He believes that planning for all housing development "must come from the grass roots level. I think the working committee in Trefann Court has worked well and other such committees should be set up in areas of the ward where there is standard housing."

Von Harten is convinced that people in Ward 7 do not want high-rise. "I am opposed to all new zoning for higher density," he says. "There are not enough shopping services, parks, recreational services, churches, day care centres and school facilities for people who already live in Ward 7."

Transportation in the city and ward can be improved by completing the Spadina Expressway to the Gardiner Expressway, and extending the Gardiner Eastward, he says. "These should be the 1st expressways constructed in Toronto."

Von Harten says he is running his campaign on very little money and has received some help from the Christian Nationalist Party. "On November the 1st, I was offered several thousand dollars to run in this ward against the incumbents", he told me, "and I am not going into this further. I refused, since I do not want any conflict of interest."

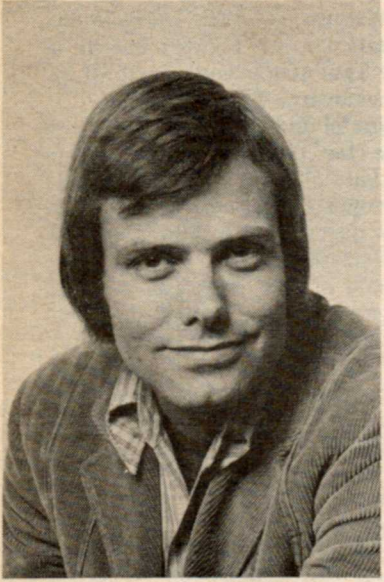
## Richard Kirkup

Richard Kirkup, aldermanic candidate for Ward Seven, refused to give his photograph or any information to SEVEN NEWS for this series of articles.



# School Board candidates

## Gord Cressy



GORD CRESSY, has been Board of Education trustee for Ward 7 since 1969. He is 29 years old, married, and has a child in the Don Vale nursery school.

He was director of the Rose Avenue After School programme in 1967, and has been Director at Opportunity House (a place where kids in trouble with the law or with their parents live and work together).

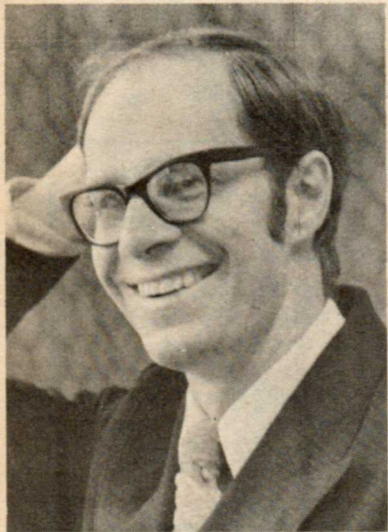
CRESSY plans to leave Opportunity House at the end of December, to devote his hours to the full-time job of trustee.

He will continue to teach two courses a week at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, on "Community Schools" and "Education and Decision-Making."

CRESSY will work towards making vocational schools co-educational, and getting more students from the ward's primary schools into academic secondary schools.

"Teachers should get more involved with the community and parents should be more involved with the schools. We've got to raise kids' expectations. . . . I'm for community schools, and to me the term means parents involved in everything from decision-making to making school facilities more accessible. Schools belong to the people and their facilities are for the people. . . . I'm running on my track record. . . ."

## Doug Barr



DOUG BARR is a thirty-one year old social worker who lives in Leaside. For the past two-and-a-half years he has been the representative of the Children's Aid Society at the Regent Park Community Services Unit, a multi-service centre run by Ward 7 residents. He was asked to run for trustee by the Residents' Board of Directors.

"The residents of Regent Park felt I was qualified to know their problems and to represent them on the school board, because my work at the Children's Aid Unit has brought me into contact with family problems daily . . . and family problems become school problems.

BARR will continue to work part-time at the Children's Aid Unit if elected, because he believes it is crucial to have on-going contact with his constituents. He is running because he thinks it is important for residents and parents to have "backing" in the school system, and to have responsible representation on the board.

## Joan Barrie



JOAN BARRIE has lived in Ward 7 for nine years, and her three children attend school in the ward. "I wouldn't think of living anywhere else. I love downtown Toronto."

She has worked for 2½ years in inner city nursery schools (in Regent Park and at the Downtown Metropolitan United Church). For 4½ years she was educational assistant in downtown Toronto kindergarten schools, working with children with emotional problems. Out of her work as educational assistant in inner city schools, she founded and became president of the Toronto Educational Assistants' Association.

Her other involvements with the ward include chairing the Moss Park Tenants' Committee on Children's Safety. She is president of the St. David riding N.D.P., and is endorsed by the N.D.P.

"We must pour more resources into inner city schools so our children can learn the fundamental skills," she says. "We need more help in the classroom, more teaching assistants. I don't like the statistics I hear about our schools, for example, the low reading rates. . . . the schools need more parent aides, more parental involvement."

BARRIE, if elected, intends to be a full-time trustee.

## Zalki Press



ZALKI PRESS, aged twenty-one, has lived in the ward for six or seven months. "I don't know why I'm running for trustee . . . if I do get in, I'm serious about getting things done, and there's lots of things that come to mind. They never seem to have enough money for salaries, or for additional facilities. I don't know the problems yet. I intend to evaluate them from the taxpayers', the parents', the

teachers' and the students' viewpoints.

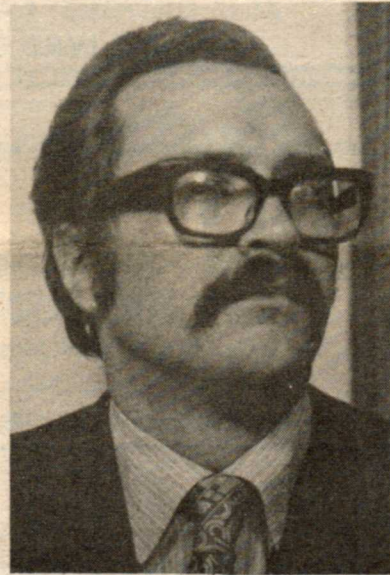
"My own school life was horribly lacking in real learning. It offered me only a mechanical process. By way of illustration, I quit high school in grade 11 with a C average and finished two years of school in a year and a half, by correspondence courses. I got an A average on my own.

"I hadn't really taken an interest in the ward until last summer when I worked with Opportunities For Youth groups here in the ward. But I think it's a great place to live."

PRESS is president of a company called "Term Papers Unlimited" which sells essays to college students. "I don't consider this wrong. I think it points out the weakness in the whole school system, namely that kids are so disinterested in doing their own work, and teachers so alienated from them, that a company like mine can be successful. Most teachers don't bother to know their students well enough to tell whether their work is original or not."

If PRESS loses the election, he hopes that the process of his campaign will at least have served to bring these issues to the public's attention.

## Armand Siksna



ARMAND SIKSNA was born in Latvia, now a part of the Soviet Union. He received his primary education in Sydney, Australia, and secondary and post secondary in Canada. He attended Ryerson Polytechnic, and studied civil engineering and computer training. He also went to Teachers' College, but says "I'm too soft-hearted to make a good teacher." He works at the Royal Bank, and will continue to work there if elected.

"The main reason I'm running is that I'm concerned with the high cost of education. I think we should cut the frills in some areas, such as expensive audio-visual aids. I see one of the main problems as educational taxes on people of low and middle incomes.

"Schools shouldn't be one-storey, luxurious affairs. If they were three storeys, for example, we could cut down on the amount of land we would be expropriating to build them.

"Another problem I would like to tackle is the use of drugs in our schools. We need to stop this situation immediately.

SIKSNA would also like to see more stress laid on the teaching of languages at the elementary level. In European schools students learn languages when they are young. SIKSNA points out that graduates at our high school level are often much less fluent in other languages than European primary school students.

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## Downtown Action Project helps in action against landlords and developers

by GARY WILLIAMS

The Downtown Action Project was brought together in its present structure during December of 1971 as a community service group designed to aid tenants, homeowners and other community groups and concerned individuals who were trying to make sure that planning and redevelopment of their neighbourhoods was done by the community and not by large corporate developers, land speculators, absentee landlords and insensitive politicians.

During the summer of 1971, Downtown Action was an Opportunities For Youth Project which was involved in trying to see that there was citizen involvement and control over the planning of the Eaton-Centre development downtown. At that time DAP was located at 51 Bond Street.

From the experiences gained during that summer, a group of people came together who realized the importance of low and middle income groups having access to the

same type of research services which are normally only available to big business, politicians and well-off special interest groups.

These services included title-searching, corporate research, historical research, knowledge of zoning laws and access to reports and publications which dealt with specific developments in the city of Toronto.

This group of people applied for and received a grant from the Local Initiatives Program to undertake the setting up of such a project. The group began work on January 3, 1972 and moved into their offices at 298-D Gerrard E. in the first week of February.

None of the DAP staff were professionals, i.e. lawyers, planners, etc., but were ordinary working people who learned skills themselves and put these skills at the service of the community.

A large amount of work has been done during the past 11 months for groups within Ward 7. Some of the groups for whom work has been

done are the South of Carlton Community Action, South St. Jamestown Tenants Association, tenants in Alex Cowley houses in Don Vale and tenants north of St. Jamestown on Howard Street.

East of the Don, work has been done for the new Bain Avenue Tenants' Association and the Riverdale Community Organization (now part of the Greater Riverdale Organization).

Some of this work has aided in successful actions against landlords and developers. Historical research was done on houses on Sherbourne St. between Gerrard and Dundas as a part of an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board against a Fred Braida development at that location. The development was turned down.

Corporate research and title-search and mortgage information helped the Cowley tenants to negotiate more favorable leases. In Bain Avenue, corporate and title-search work has helped tenants get needed repairs.

At present a large amount of work is being done in Ward 6 in aiding three residents associations in that area in preparing a map of all the major land assemblies and proposed new developments in the ward.

The continually growing files at the DAP office contain many title-searches, large and small, on land assemblies in the downtown area; files on hundreds of developers, major and minor, showing their connections, and other relevant information such as who is a middle man for whom, who buys houses for whom, and in what areas existing developers are operating.

Also on file are many publications such as city reports on different developments and copies of community newspapers and other periodicals from across the city. Some publications such as Rules of the Game, Corporate Research Guide, Municipal Handbook and Directory of Services and A Guide to the Landlord Tenant Act, are available in bulk copies at no charge.

For anyone who desires assistance from the Downtown Action, their office at 298-D Gerrard E. is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Phone requests can be made by calling 924-8887 during those hours. Anyone is invited in just to talk and exchange information at any time.

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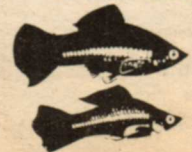
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# Independent Group to Hear Opinions From Public on Medical Profession

by DON WEITZ

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You see, that's when and where you can hear and possibly be heard by a special "independent" study group ("commissioned by the Ontario Medical Association") which is supposed "to conduct an independent study with respect to the medical profession in Ontario." You or your group can present an oral or written brief to this study group, but only within certain "terms of reference".

The two subjects they won't let you talk about at the hearings, apparently because they lie "outside the terms of reference", are: 1) "methods of health care delivery" and 2) the "administrative structure and function of the present insurance plan." So, in other words, you're not

allowed to challenge, criticize, question or say anything about the quality of health care you've been getting or not getting, and nothing about your OHIP — nothing about how your health insurance is set up, run and how it affects you and your family.

Now, if you don't mind these restrictions (I call them attempts to muzzle or stifle criticisms of our health care non-system), then you can still talk or write about your views of doctors under the following "terms of reference" of the study hearings:

"1. the role of the medical profession in present day society viewed in the light of social change and economic factors;" (Translation: Here, you can say what you think doctors are doing, not doing and should be doing for people — especially for low income people in your community.)

"2. how the relationships between the profession and government within the province may best be furthered in the public interest;" (Translation: Here, you can say how doctors and bureaucrats have

been oppressing instead of serving the people and how they can better "serve and protect" us. What about prescription drug costs? Public health care?)

"3. the relative economic position which physicians should occupy in society, taking into account their professional qualifications, the nature of their responsibilities, the extent and quality of the services they perform, and the expenses which they incur in providing them;" (Translation: Here, you can tell the committee if you think doctors are being paid too much and why. Do doctors deserve or earn their high incomes? Their income range in Ontario is about \$25,000 - \$150,000.)

"4. the method by which any modification in the physicians' fee schedule, indicated by this study, may best be effected." (Translation: By how much should doctors lower their fees? for what kinds of examinations and services? For example, how much do you think doctors should charge you for a routine check-up or complete medical examination? a house call? If there were no fees, by what other ways can you think of to pay doctors?)

If you or your group has written a brief within these "terms of reference", send 4 copies of it to:

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AND GET IT IN ONE WEEK BEFORE THE HEARINGS START — BY NOVEMBER 30th. Or, if you want to be sure you'll get a chance to speak and be heard, just write him that — your name, address, the group (if any) you represent, and the topic. But show up at the hearings: Dec. 5th & 6th, 9-5, the Education Centre, 6th Floor, at 155 College Street. Hope to see a lot of you people there (We don't want to see the hearings stacked only with professionals, do we?).

# 7 News to Raise Funds with Christmas Lottery

by Jeff Gottschalk

In an effort to raise funds for the continuation of Seven News, a Christmas lottery is now being held. One hundred dollars in prizes of Christmas cash will be drawn on Monday, December 18, 1972 (1st prize — \$50, 2nd prize — \$25, 3rd prize — \$10, 4th prize — \$10, and 5th prize — \$5). The drawing will be held at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street, at 7 p.m.

The tickets are "Pay What You Pull" and the price of the tickets vary from Free, 10c, 20c, 30c, and 40c depending on your luck. Each ticket has an equal chance to win.

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Doug has had a lifelong interest in people, especially children. He was a camp counsellor (8 years), camp program director (2 years), Sunday school teacher (8 years) and youth group advisor (3 years).

Doug has been a Community Worker, Regent Park Community Services Unit (a multi-service centre run by Ward 7 residents) for 2-1/2 years. He works daily with area residents on issues affecting the school system. He has experienced "special education" (Opportunity classes etc) as a parent and social worker. He has worked with various resident and tenant groups.

Doug is a member of the YMCA Central Region Advisory Committee, Don District Public Housing Resource Committee and the Bloor Street United Church.

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I agree with Douglas Fullerton, Chairman of the National Capital Commission, who says: "I believe we will only achieve adequate control over land and the planning process if governments themselves become substantial landowners". . .

Once the grip of the land sharks is broken there CAN be development to serve the interests of the working people (including those who are denied work and forced on welfare). What is imperative is the full involvement of the community in the planning and decision-making process. Housing must be treated as a public utility, and there must be much more of it at prices and rents that working people can afford to pay. There must be a network of day-care centres adequate to meet the total needs of our children. There must be off-street parking, over-night parking for working-class residential areas.

Through projects for people of this kind, and with the much quicker building of rapid transit lines, there will be a great many new jobs opened up for the building trades.

Homeowners must be helped to renovate their houses, through a really effective program of long-term, low-interest loans. Their taxes could be cut in half, and apartment rents could be much reduced, if the senior governments could be compelled to take the costs of education off real estate and put it on the big corporations.

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**ELECTION TRUTHS:** One Don Vale resident is working as a full-time paid worker for **Tony O'Donohue** and at the same time doing volunteer canvassing for **Karl Jaffary** . . . Someone tipped off the CBC that buildings in St. Jamestown were discriminating against election signs of some candidates. The CBC sent out a TV crew to interview a super of a building and rather than admit that such discrimination was in force, he stated that no other candidates had asked to put up their signs. Upon seeing this on TV, election workers for Sewell, Jaffary and Cressy immediately rushed up there with signs and plastered them all over the buildings. . .

**PEOPLE:** The all-candidate spread published in SEVEN NEWS two issues ago was done by **Pam DuFresne**. Pam also did the aldermanic stories in this issue, while **Valerie Ross** wrote up the section on the school board candidates. . . **Jennifer Silcox** has been hired by the Downtown Church Workers Association to do community work with the South of Carlton working committee. Jenny is 24 and has been working on and off in the Don District for the past 4 years. . . **Cathy Dowdall**, a university student, is doing field placement with the Federation of Don Area Resident Associations. She will work through until September and be accountable to **Michael Stuart**, the FODARA

Community Worker . . . **Irene Lee** is developing plans for an all-night youth drop-in in the Don District. It would be for kids 16 to 25 and tightly supervised.

**ECOLOGICAL NOTES:** Can anyone explain why the area has been heavily infested with fleas and fruit flies over the past summer and fall? Even with winter upon us, we are still getting reports that they are a problem in the west half of the ward. . .

**HORTICULTURAL NOTES:** Last spring someone planted six marijuana seeds down by the Don River across from Riverdale Park. Through the summer and fall they flourished and grew and last month they were harvested. The towering six-foot plants yielded over two pounds of "grass" worth about \$600 at current market prices. It was all smoked locally, too, mostly by the youth sub-culture that frequents the Gerrard-Parliament area. . .

**ELECTION JOKES:** During the counting of the ballots in the last Federal Election, a polling station in Don Vale reported the following results: Gregory 2 votes, Sabourin 10 votes, Macdonald 30 votes, Beamish 20 votes, and the Warren Beamish computer, 25 votes . . . A group of voters in the lower part of

the ward are reported looking in that area for the manger in which **John Sewell** was born . . . **Karl Jaffary's** home is on the west side of the Don River and his campaign office is on the east side of the river. It has been reported that he has been seen travelling between the two places by walking across the top of the water . . . They say that **Sam Rotenberg** will stop running for Alderman when he uses up all the election signs he had printed cut-rate back in 1958 . . . **Charlie Rolfe** is angry because he wasn't offered \$15,000 by Meridian to run against Sewell and Jaffary . . . **Richard Kirkup** is reported to have all the cats in the ward out canvassing for him and it's claimed he has the pet vote all locked up. . .

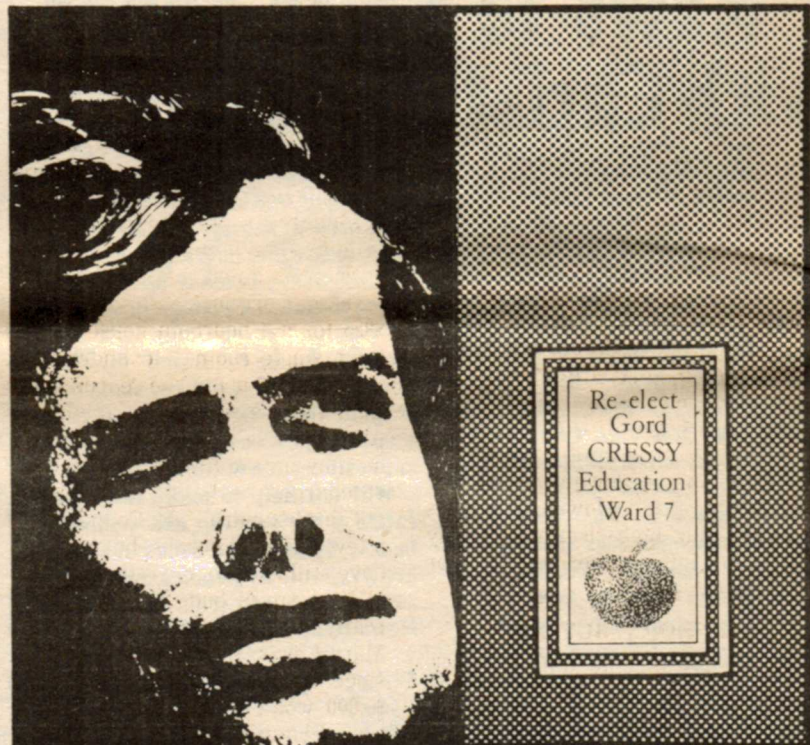
The **Wayland Workshops**, a community resource group, has recently published the first edition of **Community Health Centre Handbook**. The book provides information on procedures for setting up community health centres and general information on community health facilities available in Metro Toronto. Price to citizen groups is \$1.50 but a lower price may be negotiated if a group is without funds. For information phone 964-2418. . .

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# Co-operative housing may lower inner city shelter costs

by TORONTO COMMUNITY PRESS SERVICE  
(Special to SEVEN NEWS)

Cooperative housing is still hardly more than an idea in Toronto, but it may in the future prove one solution to the city's impossible housing problem. Astronomical rents and house prices in metro have steadily been pushing low income families into Ontario Housing Corporation projects — if they're lucky. Cooperative housing schemes could keep rents down, by eliminating the private developer's profit margin, and provide an alternative to monstrous public housing blocks.

Cooperative means joint ownership. Participating families generally put a certain amount down to join the cooperative. The major part of the financing for a coop project must, of course, come from other sources — not from banks, whose interest rates are too high for low cost projects, but from the federal government's housing agency, the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, set up under the National Housing Act. Churches and philanthropic organizations are sometimes willing to invest in low cost housing schemes. During the past few years, the United Church has been showing some interest in cooperative housing projects.

## BLANKET COMMUNITY MORTGAGE

There are at least two possible models for cooperative housing schemes. A cooperative may last just for the construction period, and each family pays off its own mortgage afterwards. In a more authentic coop, members have a lifetime lease under a blanket community mortgage. Don West neighbors, a group working on coop housing in Toronto, has decided on an arrangement which is not strictly cooperative. Its structure will be discussed more fully below.

The possibilities of large scale coop projects have not yet been explored in downtown Toronto, but the current housing crisis demands innovative solutions. Home ownership is now out of the question for low-income Toronto families. The average price of resale homes in Metro is \$33,000 and prices on new homes will rise 10 per cent this year. Houses south of Bloor-Danforth between Dufferin and Victoria Park sell for considerably less, but even there, the lowest figure is \$21,500.

Poor families simply can't own and they'll probably find it almost as hard even to rent. Toronto rents have skyrocketed since the middle sixties. In 1971, \$144 was the lowest rent for a one bedroom apartment in the area from Eglinton to the Gardiner Expressway and from Keele to Woodbine. Private developers only aggravate the problem in the downtown area by demolishing old, low-rent houses and building high rises which they slice up into expensive bachelor units.

## NO CHOICE BUT OHC

Large low-income families have no choice but to apply for a unit within an OHC project. OHC facilities, however, are overloaded and there are 8000 applicants on its current waiting list. The wait for OHC housing may extend to several years.

The housing market in Toronto desperately needs a "third force" since private development and public housing aren't meeting the needs of low-income groups. Cooperative housing may be the answer. But the coop solution can work only if CMHC and OHC will grant sufficient subsidies and low interest rates to cooperative organizations.

The Alexandra Park Coop at Bathurst and Queen will be ready for occupancy next summer. The Alexandra Park Cooperative has been sponsored by the Citizens' Housing Committee, a group formed in 1968 to develop low cost housing. Some of the planning staff has been supplied by the Robert Owen Development Cooperative, a company that provides services to groups interested in organizing cooperative housing ventures. The Housing Committee will own the buildings until they are completed, when they will be turned over to the coop.

Every adult resident in Alexandra Park will be a Coop member with one vote. Coop members will elect a Board of Directors to supervise the operation of the project, subject to member approval.

Alexandra Park will include 5 and 4 bedroom townhouses, 3, 2, and 1 bedroom apartments, and several single rooms. The total number of

units will be 103. Rents range from \$187 a month for a four bedroom house to \$70 a month for a single room with a shared kitchen, lounge, and bathroom. Since the Coop is a non-profit organization, monthly charges will cover only the member's share of expenses — mortgage payments, taxes, utilities, maintenance and management costs.

## REFUNDABLE

When a member joins the Coop, he contributes an initial lump sum, refundable when he leaves the project. The member loans, which amount to about 5 per cent of the building's original cost, range from \$825 for a 4 bedroom house to \$250 for a single room. Alexandra Park is designed for families earning less than \$8000 a year. If a member's earnings rise above the maximum, he may be required to pay a slight surcharge.

The Alexandra Park Coop has had a few financial breaks, but planners have still had trouble tailoring costs to fit a small budget. The Coop is really "moderate income", says Mary Lewis, the project's director, since a family earning less than \$5,000 won't be able to afford the rent. Planners simply weren't able to go any lower and still cover their expenses.

Alexandra Park's initial advantage was that its developers were not forced to buy land on the open market. The Coop is being built on a joint federal, provincial and municipal land assembly which was originally part of the Alexandra Park urban renewal scheme. Because of a hiatus in urban renewal, the city was eager to lease the land to the Coop at a low rate.

## DON WEST NEIGHBOURS

The Don West Neighbors, a group attempting to provide low-cost housing in the central city, on Ontario Street, has also run into problems. The Ontario Street situation is different again from Alexandra Park. The Don West project, first of all, is not a coop the way that Alexandra Park will be a coop. The project is run by a Board of Directors which includes several influential businessmen. Don West tenants have become Board members and will have a say in decisions affecting the project.

The Don West scheme so far has involved only three existing houses on Ontario Street, both of which need fairly extensive rehabilitation. Three families were able to move into the houses during the summer. Albert Zehr, construction supervisor, has found that rehabilitation has added enormously to the costs and frustrations of the project.

The Don West group secured a CMHC loan at a beneficial interest



Pictured above are two of the three houses co-operatively owned by Don West Neighbours Group. The houses, located on Ontario street are in the final stages of repair and rehabilitation. The South of Carlton Co-op is hoping to buy five more houses. (Photo by Charlie Dobie)

rate, yet still found that it could not provide truly low cost housing. A three bedroom unit rents for \$170, a two bedroom unit for \$150. One house includes a \$75 bachelor unit which was added to help cover expenses.

"We wanted low-income housing," says Zehr, "but we're frustrated that we can't make it as low as we want. The by-product is a middle-income rent." Three single parent families are currently living in the houses and Zehr thinks they are paying as much as half of their income for rent. The project is simply "not a solution for the really poor."

## RENT TOO HIGH

"We were afraid we had priced ourselves out of the neighbourhood", says Zehr, but he found that families were "beside themselves with excitement and joy at the prospect of moving into the Don West houses. No one else in the area is renting at this calibre of accommodation for a comparable rent - It's just that the rent isn't low enough."

When Don West realized that it couldn't get the rent as low as \$125, some project members "wanted to stop right there and make further demands on the government." The group finally decided to proceed, if only to prove that it's not possible for interested citizens to provide decent low rent houses. After the initial three houses are completely finished, "we can say to the government, 'what can you do to make this a viable operation?'" says Zehr.

The Don West scheme, then, is really only a pilot project. The group is currently trying to acquire 5 more houses, and "CMHC is encouraging us to proceed." CMHC has in fact suggested that Don West take on 20 to 25 houses, but it has not yet taken steps to guarantee that they will be truly low cost living units.

The biggest blow to Don West was the initial cost of the buildings and the land, and "it's primarily land prices that messed up the operation," says Zehr. "The value of the buildings is only about half of what we paid for them."

Project planners, moreover, had to figure rehabilitation costs into the total price. Basford's proposed Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program, which allows for grants of up to \$4,000 for home improvements, may, in the future, solve similar problems.

The Don West houses must conform to housing standard regulations and the area's zoning by-laws. Zehr has found these requirements especially

frustrating, because "houses in this area don't meet them, but we have to meet them."

## REQUIRE GARAGES

Many of these regulations don't pertain to essentials, but to niceties like garages. Every house in the area is supposed to have a garage, even if the occupants don't drive, which is probably in the Ontario Street neighbourhood. "The garages have been one of our biggest problems", says Zehr. They have added substantially to costs and created problems with the greenspace law, which the houses must also comply with. "The biggest frustration is the various requirements laid on us by the various levels of government, and continued support depends on meeting these requirements."

Don West has not had to worry

about labour costs for rehabilitation, but only because money for labour has been supplied by the federal Local Improvements Program. After LIP is lost to us, says Zehr, the labour situation will be desperate.

After an enormous amount of planning and effort, Don West has managed to come up with some moderately priced living units. "We've had to shatter some peoples' dreams", says Zehr, when they asked us about low cost coop housing.

Coop housing could be a powerful third force in the housing market - a welcome alternative to private development and public housing. Its potential won't be realized, however, until the government agrees to subsidize coops a good deal more heavily than it does now.

## ANTI-IMPERIALIST DAY 1972

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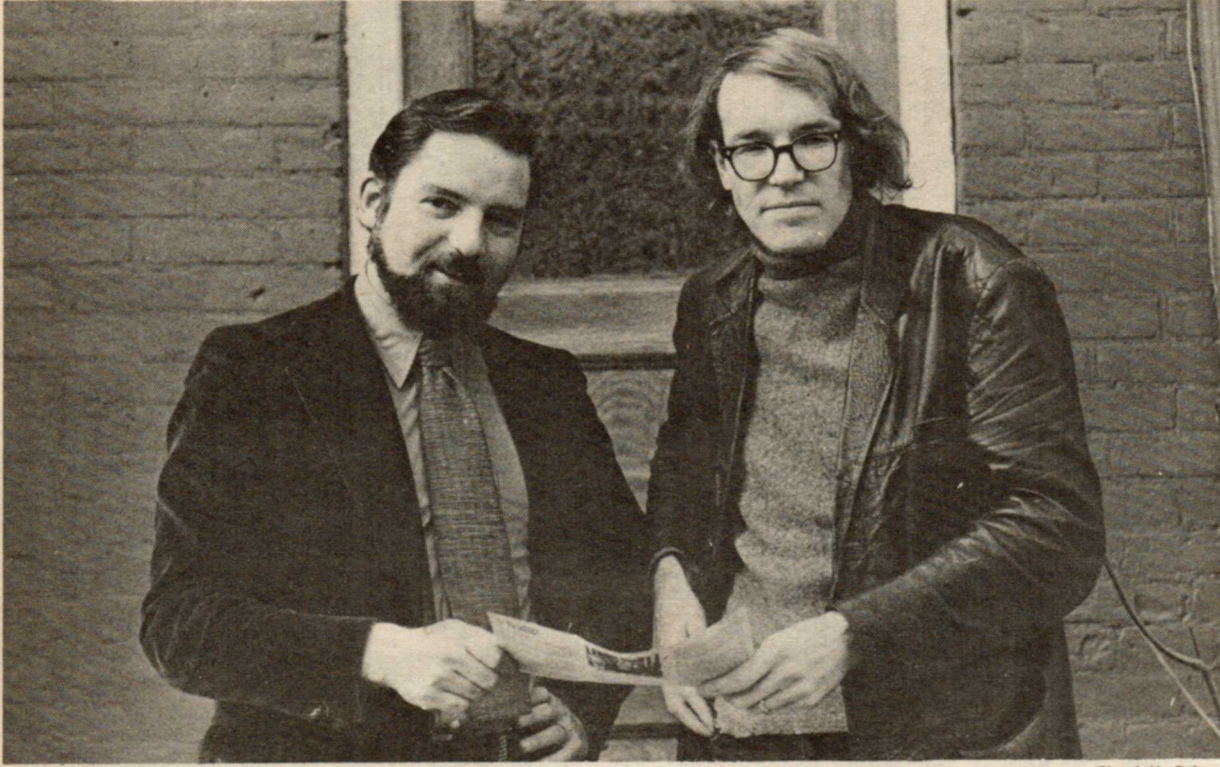
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**“Show City Hall that Ward 7 means business”**

# SEWELL, JAFFARY WIDEN LEAD



**Our Aldermen vow to carry on positive policies**

— Charlotte Sykes

## Wanted: the right kind of development

Ward 7's fight for good development is slowly gaining acceptance among progressive aldermen and civil servants at City Hall.

The old-style idea of development has been shown to be destructive and negative. It has meant demolishing good old homes, displacing long-time residents, threatening people with jail and law suits, tearing up trees and grass, turning quiet neighbourhood streets into smelly, noisy throughways, increasing taxes and rents.

Out of Ward 7 came a new approach: Development should be aimed at making neighbourhoods better, not worse. The people who live there should be the ones who decide on what changes they want, if any.

South of St. Jamestown is an example of the negative and destructive block-busting tactics of a large development company determined to

bend every by-law to make the maximum profit on land, regardless of its affect on the people

It is this kind of heartless exploitation and intimidation that has brought aldermen Karl Jaffary and John Sewell into confrontation with the Meridian Building Group.

The new-style idea of development BY the community has the enthusiastic endorsement of everyone in Ward 7 who's seen it. It's setting a new style in planning for the whole nation — and it's starting right here in Ward 7, thanks to Sewell and Jaffary and their insistence that City Hall pay attention to the people as it has never done before.

Trefann Court, the area of our ward south of Regent Park, was in a bad way three years ago. It seemed that the old houses were going to be flattened, the residents forced out,

The people who live there didn't like what was going on, but they felt powerless to stop it. John Sewell worked with them and then he and Karl Jaffary went to bat for them at City Hall. Now Trefann Court is the first urban renewal project in Canada to be planned by its residents.

Others seem likely to follow. South of Carlton; South of Queen between Broadview and Logan using the Consumers Gas lands; maybe it's not too late even for some parts south of St. Jamestown.

This is the kind of positive development that people like.

It keeps taxes down because it causes less strain on sewers and roads; it creates more jobs because low-rise renovation and development means less of the money goes on materials and more goes into labour and craftsman-ship.

four Jaffary and Sewell workers are canvassing each poll, and they plan to knock on every door at least three times before election day, Monday, December 4.

Most of the 9,000 signs are up and requests are coming in faster than sign crews can handle.

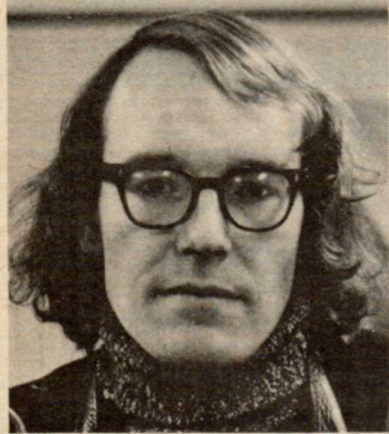
In the closing week of the campaign, Sewell and Jaffary workers are fighting complacency by some supporters, who believe the two popular aldermen have no real opposition.

But the aim of the campaign will be to show the strength and backing that the two aldermen enjoy from their thousands of friends and supporters across the ward.

Jaffary and Sewell have learned a new style of politics from the people of Ward 7. They have learned that the best decisions are the ones made by the people who will be affected — not by politicians at City Hall or by a few rich developers who live somewhere else.

They have taken this message to City Hall and by standing up for ordinary people they have upset the old way of doing things. When the community politicians finally take control of City Hall, it will be due in large part to the efforts of the people of Ward 7 and their two aldermen, Sewell and Jaffary.

Ward 7 has been the cradle of the reform movement at City Hall and because of this, we have the only two aldermen who speak not for themselves, but for us.



JOHN SEWELL

John Sewell has set his roots deep into Ward 7 during the past six years.

While still studying law, he began working with the people of Trefann Court. Soon after that, he married and now he and his wife Diana live just a few blocks from Trefann, at 218 Ontario Street.

He spends all his time on the job as alderman, “doing what the people in the ward want me to do.” Paid public appearances and speaking engagements outside the ward bring him enough money on top of his alderman's salary of \$7,500 to be able to hire an assistant to work with him at City Hall.

John Sewell has never hesitated to commit himself fully to any cause when the people of Ward 7 have wanted a full commitment. So he has fought for the people against Meridian in south of St. Jamestown, and remains dedicated to building strong community organizations across the ward.

### SUPPORTERS

This special section of 7 News was prepared and paid for by the friends and supporters of Karl Jaffary and John Sewell.

## High-rise dwellers get a lift

The people who live in St. Jamestown are still laughing about a tongue-in-cheek piece of Jaffary campaign literature delivered to them early this month.

The flyer was called “The Official St. Jamestown Elevator Schedule” and gave advice to people waiting for elevators. From 7 to 9 a.m., the schedule claimed: “Elevators travel up only.” From 5:30 to 7 p.m.: “Elevators travel down only.”

St. Jamestown tenants were told “It is unlawful for more than 133 persons to occupy lobby while waiting for elevator.” They were warned: “Do not press button repeatedly. It is not connected.” A \$500 reward was offered for anyone finding an elevator.

The Jaffary campaign headquarters was swamped with favourable calls and one unamused inquiry from a Meridian official.

The flyer went on: “Be Home For Xmas! Charter an elevator. Book

now at management office . . . Elevator For Rent. Furn. or Unfurn. Now located at 22nd. floor. Short-term or long-term lease . . .

“Special Class. Learn how to operate amazing new vertical transport device. Fast, safe

## Left off the Voters' List? You can still vote Dec. 4

Ward 7 residents who have been left off the Voters' List will still be able to vote on election day if they qualify.

On December 4, all you have to do is go to your polling station with some identification and sign a declaration confirming that you are qualified. You will then be given a ballot and allowed to vote.

To qualify, you must be a Canadian citizen or a British

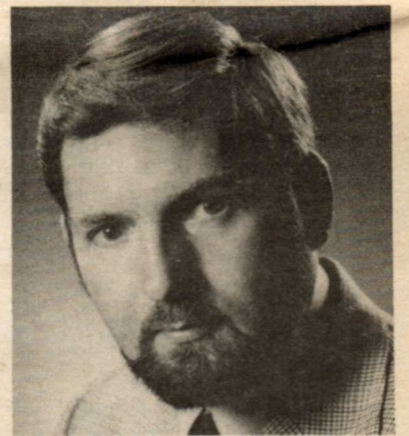
economical, healthy. Introduction to the Common Stair: How to get out of stairwells.

“Lobby Bingo. Fill in your cards as the floor numbers light up! Be On Time For Work. Call Rent-a-Parachute.”

Subject, you must be 18 years of age on or before December 4, and you must have been living at the address you give by October 10.

Residents with problems or questions about their eligibility to vote should speak to their Jaffary or Sewell canvasser.

**Every person can vote for TWO aldermanic candidates, TWO school trustees, and ONE mayoralty candidate.** Voting hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.



KARL JAFFARY

Karl Jaffary was used to fighting the battles of the people in Ward 7 long before he went to City Hall as an alderman in 1969.

With his wife Ann and their two children, Karl lives at 29 Hillcrest Park in Don Vale. He was the first president of what is now the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents, which was formed to fight (successfully) the proposal to tear down Don Vale and build another St. Jamestown.

Karl is a lawyer, with an office in the ward at Queen and Broadview.

Forming a close partnership with John Sewell, Karl has worked hard for the things the community wants, such as the Regent Park Community Service Unit and the Trefann Court improvement plan.

“One of the things I'm proudest of is helping to produce 150 units of housing with a non-profit co-operative development company,” Karl says. “The tenants own the building and the tenants set the rent. That's the kind of development we need in Ward 7.”

### JOIN THE TEAM

Want to join the campaign to elect Sewell and Jaffary? Take a sign? Work on election day? Call their campaign headquarters:

**JAFFARY: 465-3575  
SEWELL: 923-9869**

## Labour Council backs Karl and John

Aldermen Karl Jaffary and John Sewell have both been endorsed by the Labour Council of Metropolitan Toronto for the December 4 City elections.

The Labour Council is the official body representing workers in about 300 locals of about 80 unions. Membership in the council ranges from the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) to the Laborers' Union, the Newspaper Guild and the Steel and Auto workers.

Jaffary and Sewell are the only aldermanic candidates in Ward 7 to be endorsed by the Labour Council. They received overwhelming support from delegates at a meeting of the council on November 16.

The council gave its backing to candidates across

Metro whose voting records or policies showed concern for the interests of working people. The council consistently refused to support candidates allied with developers.

In Ward 7, working people form a large proportion of the residents and have been the backbone of support for both John Sewell and Karl Jaffary.

The city's outside workers, members of CUPE, were supported this spring by both Ward 7 aldermen in the strike for fair wages and conditions. Last month Jaffary and Sewell were the only reform aldermen who did not support the council's proposal to grant itself a 100 per cent pay raise.