

Community Secretariat to be operating by end of Oct.

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

A Don District Community Secretariat should be in operation by the end of October at the latest.

At two meetings held last week, a crash program was initiated to get the project off the ground. Both were meetings of the Federation of Don Area Residents Association acting as the board of Directors of the Secretariat.

At these meetings, the following actions were taken:

—Advertisements have been placed to hire a community organizer at a salary of \$10,000 a year.

—A hiring committee has been set up to interview applicants.

—A storefront in the Don District is being sought as a permanent site for the Secretariat.

—Additional resident groups in the Don District are being asked to send

representatives to sit on the Board of Directors of the Secretariat.

—Briefs are being drawn up for submission to the Federal Government and the United Community Fund to obtain additional funding.

At present there is \$15,000 available to set up the Secretariat. Of this amount, \$10,000 is to be used for rent, equipment and office supplies as well as a salary for a part-time secretary. The remaining \$5,000 is to pay a community organizer for 6 months.

Additional funds being sought from the Federal Government and the UCF amount to around \$20,000.

The Secretariat is seen by many of its organizers as a means of establishing a broad-based community organization in the Don District somewhat similar to the Riverdale Community Organization.

Such an organization, it is felt, would be mass-based and have sufficient strength in numbers to fight larger issues.

THANKSGIVING

Just 5 more issues until Xmas! Deadline for next issue is Thanksgiving Weekend. Get your copy in early if you are going to be off work or away. Bring copy direct to 80 Winchester St. on Oct. 9th. Next editorial meeting is Oct. 3rd, 8 p.m. at 80 Winchester Street.



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Woodgreen Community Centre, on Queen Street east, held a well-attended Open House last Monday night. Highlight of the evening was a

Community Parade through the area in the early evening. Later events were held inside where an award presentation was made.

7 NEWS to limit election ads

by SEVEN NEWS STAFF

A small but enthusiastic crowd turned out for the SEVEN NEWS general meeting held recently and some important policy decisions were made.

After much discussion, it was decided that no candidate in a federal election would be allowed to take more than one page of advertising space in an issue of the paper. It was felt this would not discriminate economically as the cost of a page of advertising was very small in comparison to the total budget of a serious candidate.

For the upcoming municipal election, it was decided to limit advertising to half a page per candidate per issue.

The approach by Guerilla to do our typesetting was turned down as it was felt the rapport established with our present typesetter, Dorann Press, should not be sacrificed.

Carolyn Barber, the advertising manager, informed the meeting that she had been approached by several potential advertisers about the possibility of putting inserts or advertising flyers in the paper.

Fear was expressed by the group that if inserts were carried it would make the paper appear to be too heavy in advertising as well as make each copy thicker and heavier.

The editor, Norman Browne, explained that only enough advertising would be sold to cover

the cost of publication and that by using inserts, the amount of advertising would actually decrease.

It was finally decided to allow not more than a one sheet insert per issue.

Although general anxiety was expressed by people at the meeting over the financial position of the paper, the group turned down a staff request to take an interest-free loan to improve the paper's cash-flow position.

Liz Tyrwhitt asked that an advisory board be formed for 7 NEWS but was vague as to the make-up, size, responsibility, power and authority that such a group should have.

Carolyn Barber also expressed a

Planning office opened for area South of Carlton

Over the opposition of Sam Rotenberg, a Parliament Street businessman, and Bert Chapman of Don Vale, the City Executive Committee has voted to allow the City planners to set up an office in the South of Carlton Area. The office is to be located on the second floor of the Library House at Parliament and Gerrard Streets and should be open soon.

The Executive's decision was made at a meeting on September 12, 1972, which saw another example of what has become the classic confrontation. There were those who advocated what the community wants and those who said what the community should have. Ethel Proulx, Chairman of South of Carlton Community Action (SOCCA), presented the Community's case with the support of Alderman John Sewell and Jack Heighton, acting Chairman of the newly formed South of Carlton Working Committee. These people outlined that the City Planning staff is working closely with the South of Carlton neighbourhood in the preparation of a detailed plan for the area and that by being located

right in the area, the planners and the Community could develop understanding. In fact, it may mean that a plan is drawn up for the area which people feel they want.

Sam Rotenberg, appearing for the second time on the subject, claimed that businessmen weren't consulted (there are three businessmen on the Working Committee) and threw in a new wrinkle.

He said that the office would be used for "political purposes". It is not certain whether he meant that the planners might run for office in Ward 7 or if John Sewell's support of the Community was a 'political' act. Mr. Chapman reminded the Executive that the Don Vale office a few years ago produced nothing and cost a lot of money. (Actually a plan was produced which most Don Vale people supported but City Council did not approve.) The Mayor picked up on Rotenberg's and Chapman's presentations and gave a long speech about public housing but failed to mention the question of an office in the area.

The debate continued for an hour or two but eventually the Community won out.

Mrs. Anita Rusak and Mr. Steve Nicholls are the City planners who will be located in the office.

The South of Carlton Area is bounded by Parliament Street to Jarvis Street; Carlton Street to Queen Street East. People in this area should drop in at the Library House and get to know the planners and more about what is going on in the area, or phone the site office at 924-4826.

Community TV: How to stop the media rip-off

by BRUCE LAWSON

Community TV is on the move across the city and nowhere is it more active than in Ward 7.

Community TV, of course, is the community's answer to the rip-off of the community by the commercial mass media such as the new Channel 79 (CITY-TV).

You can tell community TV because it's made BY the community, that is by your own friends and neighbours, not by a bunch of smooth-talking outsiders who come in with glib talk of "community TV" but who really just want to use community activities as so much "product" to be cut up and edited later with no community control.

About 20 community groups across the city, including Downtown Community TV with headquarters in Ward 7, have formed a common front to raise money for a community-controlled studio and to bargain jointly with the mass media on behalf of all of us.

This common front federation, called Metro Community Media (MCM) is negotiating with the federal government very seriously for a large grant to finance a community-run studio; it is being consulted by the provincial

government as that government gropes towards a policy on cable TV and community programming; and it has been bargaining with CITY-TV for a regular community-controlled time slot.

Along the way, DCTV has fought and won a skirmish with Rogers Cable TV. Rogers, without consulting the community, decided to change DCTV's regular Thursday at 8 p.m. time slot on its so-called Community TV channel.

The DCTV people, luckily, had negotiated a contract with Rogers and in the end Rogers reluctantly backed down when faced with the threat of legal action and with pressure from the Canadian Radio-Television Commission.

That was an all-too-rare example of community control creeping into the media, just as it is coming to other areas of community activity such as community centres, secretariats, community law offices and health centres, etc.

People who understand these other community-controlled ideas should sympathize with the parallel fight for community control in television and lend their support by not allowing the commercial media to rip them off under the phoney label of "community programs."

For too long, too many of us have been persuaded to allow the commercial media to come to our meetings and to interview us, only to find out later that we've been misquoted, distorted and edited out of recognition. What we'd hoped would help us, usually finishes up embarrassing us and we wish we'd never consented in the first place.

Community TV, particularly MCM, gives us the chance to control what goes on the air. If we stick together and don't let ourselves be soft-talked into blindly co-operating with representatives of the commercial media, we have a lot to gain.

The media will HAVE TO come to terms with us.

Next time the CBC, or CITY-TV, comes to you wanting to put you on TV, tell them you want to control what gets on the air, then call DCTV (364-2418) or MCM (461-2252) and ask for Marilyn for help and advice.

Remember, MCM is currently negotiating on your behalf, so why not wait until we have our own time, which we can control ourselves, then we KNOW we'll get our message straight.

Cabbagetown Ball a ball

The residents of the South Cabbagetown area celebrated their second annual Cabbagetown Ball with great enthusiasm last Saturday night. The Ball was a total community effort with the energies of the local residents freely given.

Dixon Hall's Mothers Group put out a lovely buffet and the entertainment was provided by a local group from Enoch Turner School called "The Great Little T Company".

Highlight of the evening was the crowning of the King and Queen of the Ball. Doug Rice was crowned King and Jackie Taylor was Queen with runners-up Pat Travis, prince and Leona Barton, Princess.

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EMPLOYMENT

Average man can help unemployment situation

by IRWIN W. WELLS

Four years ago the August unemployment rate was 4.7 per cent seasonally adjusted. This year unemployment in August was 6.7 per cent seasonally adjusted. The logical question to ask is 'Why has unemployment almost doubled in the past four years?' Some people would argue that it is the loafers and bums who don't want to work who have caused this increase in unemployment. This is sheer nonsense - did 2 per cent of the population become lazy overnight? There have been times in recent years when unemployment has been less than 3 per cent and times in recent months when it has been higher than 7 per cent. People do not all of a sudden decide to loaf and quit their jobs. Rather the jobs disappear and the people suddenly find that there are too few jobs for too many people.

We often hear of companies complaining that despite the high unemployment they are unable to get skilled staff to work for the minimum wage. This is true but if 10,000 good paying jobs in a unionized company were to become available tomorrow they would all be filled by the end of the week if the company hired on a first come first hired basis. There are literally tens of thousands of people who line up every day outside the Canada Manpower Centres and personnel offices of factories to be told that there are no jobs. The problem of unemployment is not due to the fact that there are too many lazy bums drawing welfare and Unemployment Insurance rather the problem is that there are too many people looking for too few jobs.

NO SOLUTION

Before anyone gets the impression that this is a political column I should point out that although it is definitely true that the Liberal party is responsible for causing unemployment to rise to its present high level. Nothing I have seen by either of the three opposition parties indicates that any of them have a solution for any of the problems. All four parties say they oppose unemployment but not one has proposed a concrete plan to eliminate it.

For the man on the street who is looking for a job the first thing to do is to ask yourself 'Do I really need a job or am I just looking for work because it seems like the right thing to do?' There are many people who are eligible to receive large amounts of money from the Unemployment Insurance Commission but who, instead of filing a claim go out and find a job. This is a mistake. These people should first look at their bills and figure out the costs of transportation to and from work and the costs of clothing, meals away from home and etc. It may well prove to be the case that many of the people who are out looking for jobs could be doing almost as well by staying at home and collecting their poge.

If every person who was looking for a job were to carefully examine his finances he or she might well find that they didn't really need a job. If they were to stop looking for a job there would be more jobs left over for the people who are not eligible for Unemployment Insurance. The last time I was in a Canada Manpower Centre the counsellor told me that he had only three jobs and four hundred applications for work. I thought about this for a few minutes and then realized that if I accepted a job there would be only two jobs for three hundred and ninety-nine persons.

GET LAID OFF

Now how about the person who has a steady job; what can he do to help the unemployed? The first thing might be for him to go down to his boss and persuade his boss that he was not really as good a worker as all that and that if the company were to lay him off and hire somebody else everybody concerned would be better off. When a person is laid off a job he does not have to wait out a penalty period before he can draw Unemployment Insurance this means that he will be able to start receiving benefits right away.

Of course not every employer is willing to lay a person off just because he asks to be laid off and some persons will have no choice (if they really want to help people) other than to quit or get fired. In most cases a person who quits his job is not eligible for poge until he has waited an additional three weeks. This means that he will have to go five weeks before he can collect his benefits. While some persons will be prepared to make this noble sacrifice happily while looking ahead to a year or more of cheques from the Unemployment Insurance Commission, others will find five weeks to be an undue hardship. For these people the solution is to go on Welfare until they start getting their cheques from the poge office. Granted, Welfare is a drag and generally involves long lines and lots of humiliation but they do pay and this is what really matters.

JOB UNLIKELY

Once you are drawing poge it is unlikely that Canada Manpower will ever call you for a job; I have many friends who came to Manpower every day for months and months without finding work so there isn't too much chance that they will call you for a job unless you bother them. There is however always a chance that they will call you and threaten to report you if you don't accept a job. If a counsellor tells you something like this he is too much of a fink to understand the sacrifice you are making by not taking a job away from someone who needs it more than you. So thank him for the job and then go and apply for it.

If you are nervous five or six drinks at the local beverage room will almost insure that you will have no trouble persuading the potential employer not to hire you. If Manpower accuses you of having been drunk when you applied demand a written statement and threaten to sue them.

The important thing to remember is that every job you leave open is one more for the thousand other people in the area who need the work. You are not cheating the Unemployment Insurance Commission but rather helping your fellow man.

(Irwin W. Wells is the pseudonym for an employment specialist working in Ward Seven. This is the first of a series.)

Free parking extended to Ward

by KARL JAFFARY

Last spring City Council removed the prohibition on parking overnight on city streets in Ward 7 east of the Don River and south of the Danforth. Since then we have been trying to do something about the west half of Ward 7. We have been also trying to solve the problem of streets with permit parking.

The situation throughout the summer was that most of the streets on the east side of the Don River were available for overnight parking without any fee and without any ticket. However, on streets that had the \$5.00 a month permit parking system in effect people still had to pay for their parking permits and if they do not have a permit they still get fined \$5.00. Visitor parking after 11 o'clock also brought the \$5.00 fine.

On August 29th City Council adopted a motion that really said that the \$5.00 permit parking would be repealed in all the areas where free overnight parking was being permitted. An attempt at that meeting to have the area extended throughout the rest of Ward 7 failed. However, I wrote to the people on the streets with permit parking east of the Don and advised them of the proposed change.

Pretty well everyone liked the idea because the visitor parking situation would be improved and because they would no longer have to purchase parking permits. The one exception to this general approval was Wolfrey Avenue. Wolfrey adjoins the Montcrest Towers apartment building and a lot of people on Wolfrey felt that if free overnight parking was permitted on that street the whole street would be full of the tenants and guests for the apartment building.

EXTEND FREE PARKING

On September 11th the City Works Committee finally agreed to extend the free parking situation from the Don River over to Sherbourne Street. It also agreed that permit parking would remain in effect on Wolfrey Avenue as that seemed to be what most people wanted. The only exception to this situation is the part of Ward 7 north of Danforth and west of Jackmann. In that area there seems to be a fairly good system of driveways and lanes and people do not seem really interested in having the free overnight parking situation. The recommendations of the Works Committee ought to go to City Council on September 27th. Assuming that they all pass, the situation will be that if you live in Ward 7 south of Bloor Street and the Danforth you will be able to park legally on the street all night. Even if your street is laid out for permit parking you will not have to buy a permit (unless you live on Wolfrey and then you will have to go on buying a permit).

John Sewell and I realize that this is a very temporary kind of situation. We are trying to get to a point where we can design a permit parking by-law so that it is appropriate for the different kinds of streets in the Ward. Empire

Avenue wants permits that will be good for both the daytime and the nighttime and will be issued free of charge to those who do not have any other parking available. There are too many cars who park on Empire Avenue now that there is simply no room to do anything for visitor parking. On a street like Browning Avenue everyone seems to have access to garages except for 6 or 7 people. The people on Browning indicate that an appropriate situation there would be to continue the \$5.00 a month charge but to change the time somewhat so that visitors would not be tagged on the stroke of 11 p.m. That kind of permit system would probably work pretty well on Wolfrey Avenue.

FLEXIBLE SYSTEM

In other words, we are trying to get a system that will be so flexible that we can design the best possible permit restrictions for every street that has a parking problem. The City Solicitor tells me that we cannot do that until we have some provincial legislation changed and we are pressing ahead to do that as

quickly as we can. Realistically, it seems to me that we have now made all the improvements that we can until the spring of next year and by about that time we should be able to start doing specific kinds of permit by-laws for the streets that have the worst problems.

I would like to thank all of those who have written and telephoned me about the problems on their streets. I hope everyone will try and appreciate the fact that what we have done now is certainly a compromise but ought to at least avoid people getting the very large numbers of tickets that they have been getting over the past 15 years.

Ward 7 now has parking by-laws that are different from those anywhere else in the City and is the only Ward that permits the free overnight parking. As an interim solution I sincerely hope that it helps those who have the worst problems.

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Religion in Ward 7: HARE KRISHNA

by VALERIE ROSS

There are few of us who haven't noticed the Hare Krishna people, and fewer who have never heard them. Chanting, singing, playing drums and hand cymbals, dressed in bright pink and saffron sheets of cloth and shaven bald, they still turn stares away from the Yonge Street strippers when they pass by.

About a year and a half ago, the Sri Sri Radha Krishna Temple moved from Beverley Street to 187 Gerrard Street East, on the south side of Allan Gardens.

SEVEN NEWS asked them why they had chosen to move into the area. "It was the only place we could get . . . there may have been some prejudice at work when we tried to get other houses. I don't know . . . but here, we could afford the rents and the location was good . . ." one of the group answered.

A sign with hand-painted flowers hangs over the bright yellow door. Some mothers dressed in saffron robes sit on the front steps in the sun. Their heads are covered, Indian style. Their babies play beside them. They greet you with "hare Krishna".

You leave your shoes inside the door. Walking across the polished wooden floor, you enter the large front room. Thirty people or so are seated listening to a group member speak. This is the regular Sunday

evening lecture and feast.

More than half the group are dressed in street clothes and have normal heads of hair. The rest are wearing the robes of the sect. If they are male, they are shaven but for a lock of hair at the back of their heads. If they are women, their heads are covered. Orange robes are worn by celibate men. Married people wear yellow robes. "Krishna has told us that no female should remain unmarried past the age of sixteen," and yet, one of the girls is also wearing orange robes . . . A few Indian people are also seated in the audience - none wear the Krishna uniform.

LEMONY INCENSE

The room is painted yellow, with a high white ceiling. The walls are hung with paintings of events in Krishna's life, and portraits of an aged Indian teacher. The old man is A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the founder of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. The Swami emigrated with Krishna to North America in 1966. Since then, almost fifty Krishna Centers have sprung up. One painting of the swami is propped on a plush and gilt throne. Flowers and offerings surround the throne. A heavy, lemony incense fills the room.

This room is really very beautiful, if a little exotic, but, "we

are looking for larger quarters . . . this building is chronically dirty. It's an old building with a lot of defects. Ideally, we'd like large new quarters."

SEVEN NEWS, hoping to find something out about the practical operations of the Temple, asked, "How will you pay for new quarters?" "The only hope we have is in Krishna, that Krishna will find a way." Faith can move mountains, they say.

Krishna's teachings are found in the Bhagavad Gita, an epic sermon-poem. Before a battle, Arjuna, Krishna's friend, confesses that he does not want to go into battle and kill good men. Krishna replies . . . There is more joy in doing one's own duty badly than in doing another man's well . . .

VERY TOLERANT

Because of this teaching, the Toronto Krishna group is apparently quite tolerant: if any of Krishna's followers want to take jobs, own property, or get married, that's ok - "as long as you have Krishna Consciousness".

The twenty-seven people who live at the Temple are much stricter in dress, diet and lifestyle, but they too can marry and have children.

The attraction of their life is what might be called a permanent High: one is surrounded by flowers, incense and soft brilliant colours. One is supposed to keep one's mind always on Krishna, always on the spiritual. . . . If a man moved into your house, and then told you to move out, and if you left, people would say you were crazy. Krishna is in our minds, and so we are crazy: there is no room for anything else but Krishna."

The lecture is over and people rise to their feet. The leader begins to play a musical instrument something like an accordion. Other Krishna people pick up drums and hand cymbals. People begin to chant and dance to the music, swaying from side to side.

TRIPPED OUT

They're getting off, just like rock musicians at a good jam session, and almost as loudly. The drums are really hypnotic. In fact, one of the babies, held in its dancing mother's arms, has fallen asleep in



A recent street festival on Sumach street was organized and sponsored by the "All Together Now" group. They were an Opportunities for Youth project working out of Dixon Hall.

Creative youth program ends at Dixon Hall

by MIKE BRITTON

This past summer a creative summer youth program, "All Together Now", worked out of Dixon Hall thanks to an Opportunities for Youth Grant.

The diversified program, which was mainly for children was split into three groups: Whirlybirds were kids 9 to 12, Wallabies were 6 to 8 year olds, and Jolly Jumpers were 2 to 5.

The Wallabies and Whirlybirds had 40 to 50 children in attendance each day and activities included several weekly out-trips to places such as the Lion Safari, Heart Lake, Ontario Place and Niagara Falls.

Local activities included creative drama and crafts, track and field, group games, softball, swimming, football, two penny carnivals and a host of others.

The Jolly Jumpers had an attendance of over 20 kids a day and featured such activities as mini out-trips to local parks and zoos, story telling, sing outs, group play, crafts and movies.

As an added benefit the group also sponsored and organized two street dances and two bingos for the adult community. Sixteen young people were employed by the project. They ranged in age from 16 to 20 years of age.

spite of the noise - or because of it. Other little children are dancing, and you smile at them. You can't help it - it's all so nice - like a trip on grass.

The drug metaphor is not an unfair one to apply to the Krishna people. They are literally out of touch with reality, not because of chemicals, but because they want to be. And they work at it. Only Krishna is real.

Now some of the chanters start jumping, shouting, smiling with

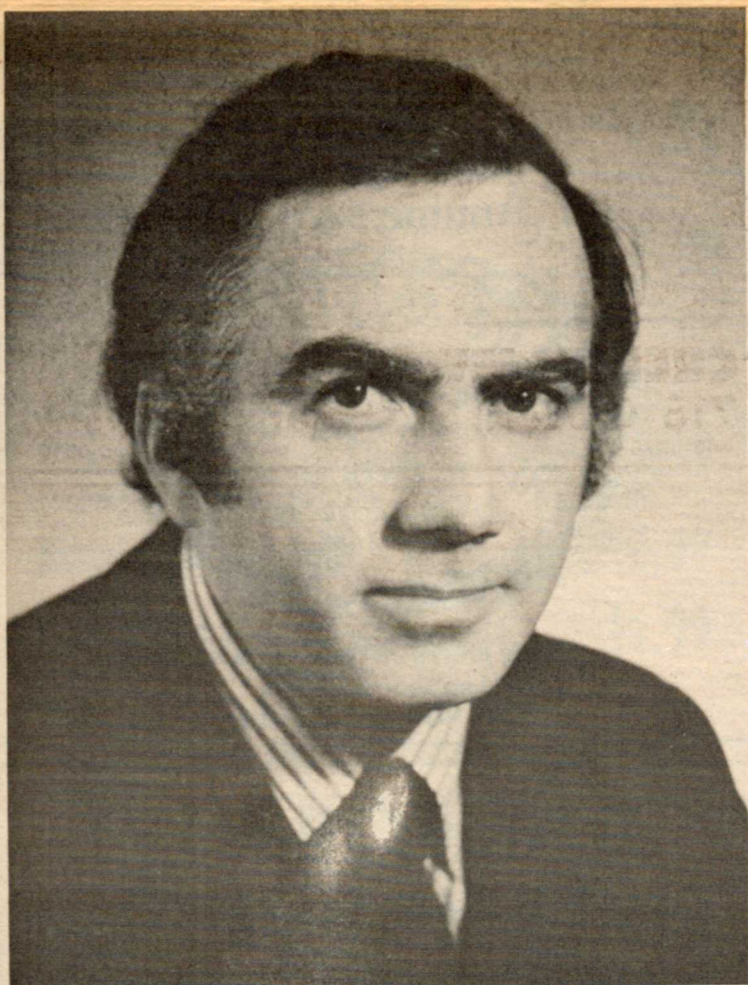
happiness. We're all caught up in it. "Through chanting and hearing . . . through chanting and hearing the name of the Lord, we fulfil ourselves as human beings. If you are born a snake, you can only say and hear material things. You must wait many thousands of years before you have the chance as a human being to chant and hear the name of the Lord."

What is the impact of the Krishna group on the area? "Some of our immediate neighbours have been dropping in. We don't cater to the drunks in the park. We give them our spiritual food (prasadam: cookies dipped in fruit salad). But generally speaking they're not capable of understanding the philosophy. We can't force Krishna Consciousness. But we can make it as available as possible."

The Sri Sri Radha Krishna Temple holds classes and worship daily from 4:30 AM to 8:30 AM and ceremonies and teaching Mondays to Fridays 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. On Sundays at 4:00 they have a lecture, chanting, and a feast.

"Please drop in again . . . Hare Krishna."

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Divorce lawyer helpful but not always needed

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second and concluding series of articles dealing with the subject of Family Law. The first article, dealing with marriage breakdown, appeared in a recent issue.)

Once the people have sorted out who is going to have custody of the children and what support is going to be paid for the children and what support, if any, is going to be paid to the wife, they have usually got so fed up with each other that at least one of them feels they want a divorce. If the parties are in agreement and if there are grounds for divorce, it is very easy to get a divorce in Ontario.

The hard part and the thing that takes all the time is working out all the other matters first. The fight a husband and wife will have with each other over maintenance or custody of children will be as dirty a fight as the law ever sees anywhere. Where people don't care about each other at all and only money is involved, they can often come to a settlement. But if you live with somebody for years and years and then get into a matrimonial fight, there will be so much emotion involved in that dispute that it will be very difficult to settle it. Both the husband and the wife will let the thing prey on their mind until they will be almost incapable of being entirely reasonable about it.

Whenever I see articles about the high cost of getting a divorce, I remember a client I acted for once whose job was as a switchboard operator. Whenever she had nothing much to do on the board, she would telephone me. That went on on the average of four times a week over the course of about six months. Whenever she called me she would tell me all the bad things about her husband that she could think of. I was never happier to get a divorce out of the way than I was with that one, and I hope the lady has got out of the habit of bad-mouthing her former husband over the phone to people. If I had given that lady a bill on the basis of time spent, she would have paid \$200 for legal services and she would have paid \$2,000 for psychiatric services.

In Ontario, two common grounds for divorce are cruelty or adultery, and after you show that either of those situations has taken place, you can get a divorce immediately. You can also get a divorce after three years separation, or, if you are the party that deserted your spouse, after five years. There are a few other rather specialized grounds involving husbands who have been committed to prison or who have not been heard of for some number of years, and things of that sort, but adultery, cruelty, and three years separation become the major ground for divorce.

LEGAL AID

The costs of a divorce are worth talking about. Under the Legal Aid Plan, a lawyer in Ontario is permitted to bill \$500 plus his out-of-pocket expenses for a divorce and the Legal Aid Plan pays 3/4 of this, or \$375. That is pretty close to the rock bottom fee for an undefended divorce. Most law firms charge between \$500 and \$600 and some go as high as \$1,000, even for the

undefended cases. The Legal Aid Plan is trying an experiment in Ottawa to reduce costs, where the papers will be prepared for you by a lawyer, and then some other lawyer who is being the Duty Counsel at Court will actually take the trial. It is hard to say what will happen with that one.

There are also the divorce consultant services who sell kits or fill in papers for you. They charge usually a little bit under \$100. If you know in the first place that you have absolutely no rights and you have good grounds for a divorce and you are not going to have any trouble proving them, then perhaps going to one of those services is not a bad idea.

are children. Those costs will be in addition to any fees you pay anyone.

PROPERTY

Finally, I am going to speak very briefly about something else that often comes up when a marriage is breaking up, but which, in the eyes of a Court, is quite unrelated to the marriage. That is the ownership of property. The husband and wife are often the joint owners of the house and they are almost always the joint owners of furniture. One of the questions that we are asked all the time is what to do about settling the property questions.

Even if the wife has not put any money into the house, if her name is on the deed the assumption is that the husband has given the wife half a house. If she can figure out what the value of the house is, less all the mortgages, she can be pretty sure that she is entitled to half of it. Even if the husband now says that he put the land in his wife's name for convenience, he probably can't make it stick. In cases like this, it is usually simplest if one of the parties buys out the other on the house. Often that can be done by re-financing the mortgage or something of that sort. If the parties don't want to do that, a Court will order the house sold, and the money divided. It is quick and easy to get the Court to make an order like that, but it can't be done as part of a divorce proceeding. It takes a separate legal proceeding. After the separate proceeding (called a partition motion) is started, the unreasonable party usually goes to a lawyer and the matter is settled. Getting the motion started, and then getting a simple settlement ought to cost about \$150 to \$200.

Sometimes a husband and wife who are separating will be sensible and will divide up the furniture in some reasonable fashion. Often they can't. Often one or the other of them has moved out and has simply taken the best pieces with them. It is awfully hard to sort out what to do about that. Some of the things may have been wedding presents from friends of one or the other, and furniture may have been bought at a time when they were both working, or may have really come entirely

I think the thing that distresses most of us who have to deal with broken marriages, and that goes for the marriage counsellors and clergymen quite as much as for the lawyers, is seeing the time when husbands and wives are so wrapped up in their own fights with each other that they begin taking it out on the children or using the children as part of the fight. It is hard not to do that.

If the couple have separated and the children are living with their mother, the father will often come around on Saturdays to visit the children and will be really tempted to take them off somewhere where he can give them a lot of pop and chips and bring them home later than he said he would, over-tired with stomach aches and the start of a cold. The mother usually thinks he has done it deliberately to make life hard for her, and the father feels that, since he doesn't see much of his children, he had better give them a good time when he does see them.

Well, that just shows that, even when everyone is trying hard, the children have a rough time of it. If one or the other parent decides to use the children—or starts to without thinking about it, it is even harder. The children have a hard time growing up without 2 parents and about all we can do is hope that parents who do separate will do everything they possibly can to help the children understand that situation, and to make sure that they are still brought up with as much care and consistency and concern as is possible in the circumstances.

JUSTICE

A legal Column
by KARL JAFFARY

However, if you simply want to get the forms and fill them in yourself, you can get the forms from a law stationer for under \$10. The problem is that what you would really like to do is talk to a lawyer for an hour or so, to find out whether you have a simple or a complicated case, and then, if you have a simple case, get it done as cheaply as possible. I think most lawyers would be happy to consult with you for an hour for a \$25 or \$30 fee. If the divorce is going to be simple and uncontested, I think most lawyers who accept Legal Aid certificates would probably accept the \$375 that they get from Legal Aid. Remember, if all things are not agreed, and a separation agreement or a question of custody has to be negotiated as well, the fees are going to be higher. You also have to remember that there are going to be out-of-pocket expenses - those made to the Court and to the Sheriff and people like that - and they will amount to about \$100 if there are no children and to about \$165 if there

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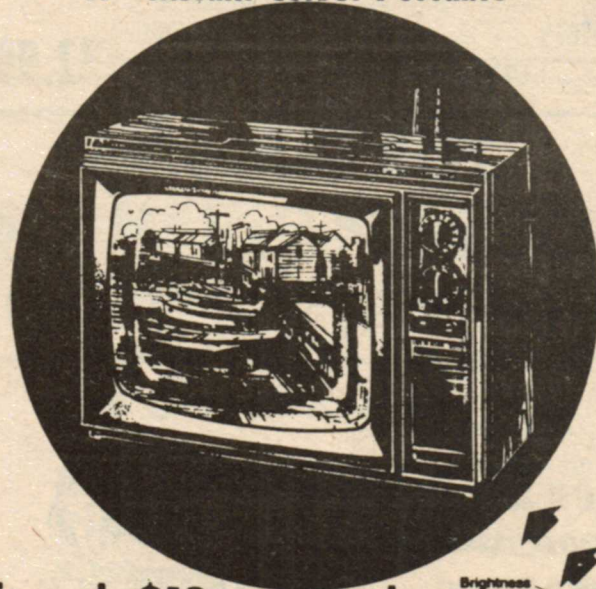
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There were over 500 people at the Riverdale Mass Meeting held last September 12 at Riverdale Collegiate. A total of 83 groups were represented; 12 church and church organizations, three ethnic

groups, 10 schools, 24 agencies, 29 neighbourhood groups, 5 political groups and others. By a standing vote it was decided to organize a Community Convention for November 12th.

(Photo by BILL RENO)

Campaign being run on near shoe-string budget

SPECIAL TO 7 NEWS

Warren Beamish, Conservative candidate in Rosedale Riding, is running a very sophisticated campaign, but contrary to reports, he is doing it on a very low budget. "Actually, the Beamish campaign is being run on a near shoestring budget," stated Sam Hughes, his campaign manager. "The main items have been donated, bought at cost, or paid for by the National Party. We don't even have any paid staff involved in the campaign."

Several people have taken leaves of absence to volunteer on a full-time basis. Many of these are working 18- and 20-hour days, seven days a week, handling both their part in the campaign and their jobs.

The campaign chairman, Warren Armstrong, told Seven News, "We actually have four budgets. Our minimum budget, 'A', is in effect now. Donations are starting to come in and we hope to move to Budget 'B' fairly soon."

When asked if they expected to use Budget 'D', Mr. Armstrong replied: "Only if we have the money the other party does." He denied rumours of a \$100,000 budget and laid its source at the doorstep of the other candidate. The Conservative logo pins, stickets, business cards, and matches are paid for by the National Party. Literature is printed almost at cost.

For a Riverdale Park picnic held on September 9, the hot dogs,

drinks, T shirts and balloons given to the children and the prizes were all donated at cost. "The only thing for which we paid full price was the ribbon for sports winners—it cost \$2.15," stated one volunteer.

Many people have donated their services either free or at cost—artists, printers, keypunchers, typists, office help, and many, many others. The backbone of the campaign is not a big budget, but a large volunteer staff.

Sources involved in the campaign also feel they are getting Liberal volunteers "who are disenchanted with Trudeau and with Donald Macdonald, the present Member of Parliament."

They may also have considerable support from NDP people who "feel that a NDP vote will only serve to split the results and re-elect the incumbent. However, many feel that if they work to elect Beamish this time, he will be easier than Macdonald to topple in the following election."

The feeling in the Beamish committee rooms is that the budget is really secondary, that he will win support through door-knocking, coffee parties, and small meetings. Although much more time-consuming, it is far less expensive than advertising campaign.

"It's also much more fun," said Beamish.

Boys club at Parkway offers unique experiences

A boy's club that offers experiences that no other club of its kind can offer has been operating successfully for the past summer in the Riverdale area.

Called the Canadian Brotherhood of Woodcraft Pioneers, the club has an enrolment of 68 boys between the ages of 7 and 16 and they meet every Friday night at Parkway Vocational school from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The unique aspect of this club is that it offers boys such experiences

as camping, archery, sailing, riding and canoeing. Also interesting is the fact most of the volunteers working with the boys in the club are experienced in bush survival.

Fees are \$3 a year and more information can be had from its founder-director, Bob Rogers at 463-1489.

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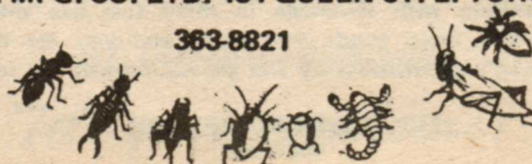
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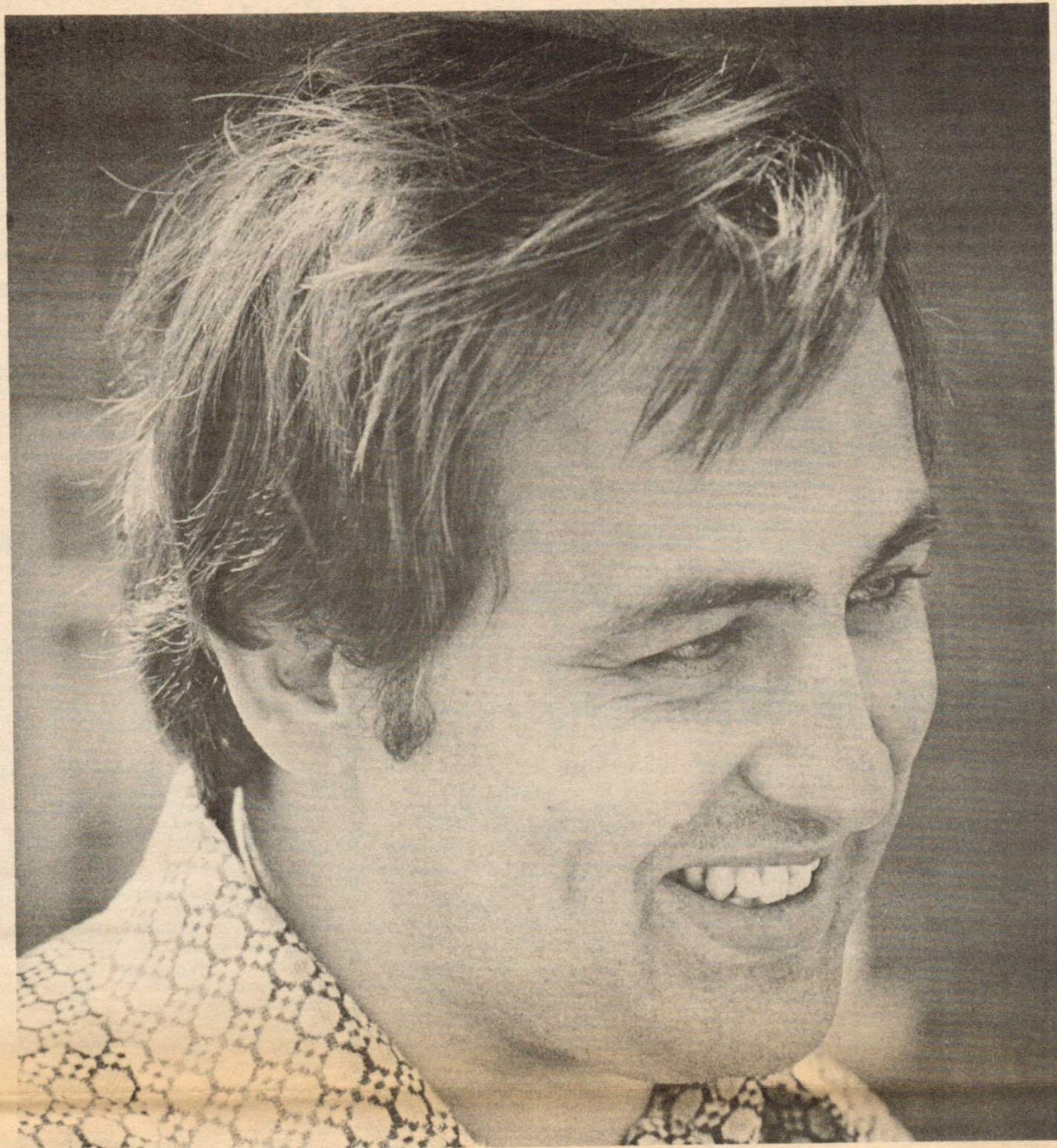
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SOCCA wins stoplight for Gerrard and Ontario

by ETHEL PROULX
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At the General Meeting of SOCCA (South of Carlton Community Action) on Monday Sept. 18, 1972, people moved casually from booth to booth asking questions and sat down to talk about topics of personal interest. About 40 people were present. Attractive posters and some gay decorations added to the attractiveness of the 5 booths.

Elsie Norton, chairman of the Streets and Lanes Committee was happy to announce "We won our stoplight", for Gerrard and Ontario Streets, and during the evening recorded several complaints from the residents for SOCCA to look into.

At the Police Booth, Charlie Harrison of Crime Prevention and Ernie Baker of the Community Youth Bureau were busy listening to such complaints as glue sniffing, loitering drunks, speeding cars, 'wolves' cruising in cars, and general policing in the area.

The Health booth, manned by Don Weitz, Andree Shorter, Shel Cherner, Sue Abela and Leslie Hahn,

talked to several people who are interested in working on a Health Clinic for the area. The residents indicate they want and need a clinic here—a clinic to provide general health care, dental care, eye care, prescription drugs.

The Planning or Part II Study booth was especially popular as people were asking concerned questions about the future of their homes in the area. The two city planners, Anita Rusak and Steve Nichols, and Allen McMillan of Socca were kept busy all evening explaining how the residents of the area can really have a say in what will happen here. The older people were very concerned about the living accommodation for themselves if they sell their homes or if their rooming house is demolished. There also was a favorable response to the site office for the planning committee which is now open at Neighborhood Information Post.

The most popular booth of course was the refreshment booth—tea, coffee and cookies were served all evening by Julia Brown (Berkley Street block rep) assisted by Emma Vanderveen.

Mainly it was the people on the opposite side of the booth who made the meeting so successful—the people of the South of Carlton Area.

LIP groups lobby for extensions

By VALERIE ROSS

On Sept. 7 Manpower Minister Bryce MacKasey announced a second extension of the Local Initiatives Programme.

MacKasey's unfortunately timed announcement came one day after 1,411 Toronto L.I.P. workers threatened to work against the Liberals in the next election if the programme was not continued. The Liberals hold 17 of Metro's 23 federal seats, including Donald MacDonald's Rosedale Riding—wards 7 and 10. In fact, it was partially by applying pressure to MacDonald that Toronto LIP workers helped to get the extension.

LIP is the son of the successful—if controversial—Opportunities for Youth programme. First O.F.Y. and then LIP provided low but livable wages (LIP is about \$100 p.w.) to allow people to work in projects they themselves are concerned about. LIP was begun in 1971, as a \$180 million dyke against Canada's flood of unemployment. At that time, 5,700 projects created 92,000 jobs, many filling unique social needs that had not yet been provided for by any of the government or social agencies.

Late last March, the people employed by the projects began to search for alternative sources of

money. But there wasn't enough money available at any level of government to provide continual funding for the projects.

Discouraged by the lack of money available from other sources, the LIP groups in Metro formed a lobby for further LIP funding at the end of March, and made contact with similar organizations starting up in Vancouver and Montreal.

Letters, pressure through MacDonald in the Cabinet, and pressure on local MP's proved to be successful tactics, and 1,500 LIP projects out of the original 5,700 were extended past the expiry date May 31, to Sept. 30, at an additional cost of \$30 million. At least half of these projects will be extended again, costing another \$5 million.

Interest at the moment centers naturally enough on which of the 1,500 will be dropped. In Toronto, the projects' Municipal Steering Committee prepared a list of those groups wishing continued funding, and Manpower prepared another list—of those groups whose funding it wished to continue. There are, of course, discrepancies in the two lists; it is reported that Manpower would like to drop 30-35 projects. All of Metro's 110 want to be continued.

"Negotiations to get them all continued look good," said Bob MacIntock of the Steering Committee last Thursday. "We

think we're in a strong position to exert pressure to extend LIP because we have a certain amount of expertise and because it's an election year. We are using Alinsky tactics—step by step and issue by issue. "After this hurdle, the organization will direct its attention to the new LIP programme that is starting in December. We're expanding our attention to other areas too. This is the largest grass-roots community organization Toronto has ever seen. 155,000 people are involved—those on salary, the volunteers and the people the projects serve. We'll look for other sources of funding—private and governmental, and maybe international; we're doing a newsletter; we're acting as a community information clearing house; we're going to experiment with co-operative resources and equipment."

Certainly the determination and the strength of the lobbies to extend LIP show how popular the programme is; yet LIP has been criticized not only by those who are aware that it is a short term solution to the unemployment situation, but also by some of the people employed by it.

Last year about 23 per cent of the project workers were on unemployment insurance and another 25 per cent were on welfare—i.e. 52 per cent of the LIP workers had some other means of support. MacKasey says that the new LIP will try to increase the percentages of the unemployment and welfare recipients that it hires.

News round-up from across Ward Seven

Phil Zylberberg, charged with common assault during the "battle of Bleecker Street" in South St. Jamestown was acquitted last week in Provincial Court. Four others, also charged at the demonstration, have yet to have their cases heard. . . . Don Weitz, a Community Psychologist, has quit his job at Queen Street Mental Health Centre and is now working on a volunteer basis in the community. . . . A break-in at the law offices of Jaffary and Sheppard netted thieves \$1,000 in goods. Police are investigating. . . . A questionnaire is being circulated to community groups in the Don District asking their degree of interest, usage and participation in the Parliament Street Library House. The data obtained will be used by a group seeking to put the Library House under community control. . . . Alderman John Sewell's book, "Up Against City Hall" is completed and due back from the printers Oct. 8th. It should be on sale in bookstores by the middle of October. . . . A Community Health Group is being formed by local people to check into existing health needs and services in the community. For information phone 924-2544.

The Dundas Day Centre wants to thank everyone who helped make their recent dance a success. . . . A Benefit Draw is being held for Claudia Contois, one of the survivors of a Georgian Bay drowning accident in which 9 people lost their lives. Phone 861-1728 for tickets. . . . Anyone in the St. Jamestown area interested in a breakfast jogging club is asked to phone 368-5101 and leave their phone number. . . .



CIVIC ELECTION NOTES: Don Ray, a Real Estate agent with an office on Eglinton is contemplating running as Alderman in Ward Seven in the coming elections. He has been seen in the ward talking to merchants about putting signs in their windows. . . . The Ward Seven Businessmen's Association have approached Richard Kirkup to run as Alderman in this ward. Mr. Kirkup, a long-time resident of the area is now Director of Student Activities at Seneca College and lives in Don Mills. He came very close to defeating Stephen Lewis in Scarborough-West in the last Provincial election. . . .

John Chamard, a Don Vale resident is organizing a Committee of Independent Businessmen for Jaffary and Sewell. He claims a potential 50 Ward Seven Businessmen may join. . . . Karl Jaffary is in the process of developing election signs and literature for his campaign. . . . A Committee to Re-elect John Sewell has been formed and is sending out letters to people in and out of the ward to raise money for the Sewell campaign. Response so far is reported favorable. . . .

Ward Seven Alderman Karl Jaffary along with several other "reform" candidates for City Council have opened a pub where like-minded people are invited to gather, talk politics and party. The pub is open Thursday evenings only after 9:30 p.m. and is located above the Pretzel Bell at 127 Simcoe Street. . . .

SEVEN NEWS news: Liz Tyrwhitt has left her job as circulation manager of 7 NEWS and is now working for a LIP Project in the West. Hired to replace her is John Murtaugh, 26, a resident of South St. Jamestown. Dallard Runge, the 7 NEWS business manager has also quit that post and been replaced by Kieran Breaks, a resident of St. Jamestown. . . . Jeff Gottschalk, a Don Vale resident, is organizing a lottery in aid of 7 NEWS. Anyone interested in helping can reach him evenings at 961-3657.

MEETINGS: At Central Neighbourhood House at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5 to deal with setting up a 24-hour Drop-In for adults with emotional problems or call Mike McCarthy at 925-4363. . . . Alcoholics Anonymous meet every Thursday evening at 8 at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester Street. . . . A Euchre Party with refreshments is being held at 41 Oak Street at 8 p.m. on Oct. 6. . . . There's a street dance tonight at Winchester and Metcalf Streets in Don Vale. . . . A free information meeting on Community Health Centres is being held Oct. 3rd from 2-4 p.m. at 155 College Street. On Oct. 10, same time and place the topic will be Programs for Leisure. . . . A program for pre-school children is available at 203 Oak Street on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Phone Ginnie Pettipas at 863-0358 for more information.

LATE NEWS FLASH: An all-candidate meeting for Rosedale Riding will be held Fri. Oct. 6th at 8 p.m. at the Parliament Street Library. . . . Nominations for the executive of the Don Vale Residents and Homeowners Association will be held at their General Meeting, Thurs. Oct. 12th, 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre.

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