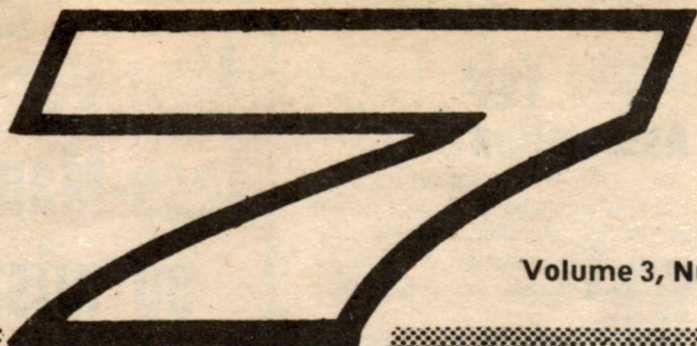


GENERAL MEETING

Next issue will be publed Jan. 13. Deadline is Noon Jan. 8. Don't forget to attend our general meeting on Thursday Dec. 14th at 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre. Coffee and cookies will be served afterwards.



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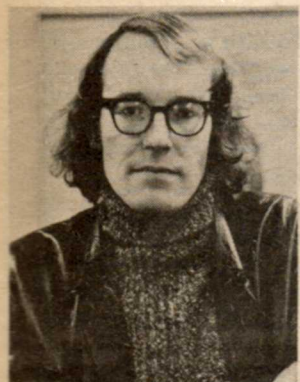
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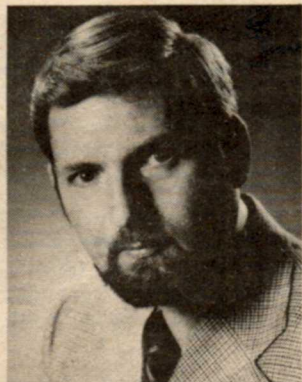
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SEWELL-JAFFARY TEAM DOUBLE VOTE



JOHN SEWELL



KARL JAFFARY



GORD CRESSY



DOUG BARR

Cressy tops polls Barr defeats Barrie

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

Despite fears and doubts in many parts, John Sewell and Karl Jaffary won the Aldermanic elections in Ward Seven with comparative ease.

As far back as late spring of this year, predictions were that Sewell and Jaffary would win easily. But the big question mark then and right up until election day was voter apathy, voter complacency and the amount and type of opposition that would develop.

So Sewell and Jaffary pulled out all stops, conducted a heavy and sophisticated campaign and both almost doubled their 1969 vote.

All candidates who ran in 1969 made a stronger showing in this election. This can be partly attributed to having less candidates in the field and also to the fact that there was a larger voter turnout.

Jaffary polled 10,411 in 1972 compared to 5,433 in 1969. Sewell was 9,873 this year compared to 5,054 in 1969. Sam Rotenberg polled 3,170 this year and 2,515 in 1969, while Charlie Rolfe got 417 votes on Monday as against only 324 in 1969.

School trustee Gord Cressy, the only candidate who ran in both elections more than doubled his vote. He recorded 7,576 votes on Monday as against 3,793 in 1969.

One surprise was the strong showing of Karl Jaffary in Monday's election. Although expected to be re-elected, it was felt by many that he had lost a lot of support in the community and would be ousted from top spot by John Sewell.

Strengthening this theory was the fact that much of Sewell's campaign literature supported

Jaffary and Sewell had more campaign workers than Jaffary.

Another surprise was the poor NDP showing in the ward and the east end in general. School trustee candidate Joan Barrie was an official NDP candidate and had incumbent Graham Scott as her campaign manager. However she placed third to Doug Barr who was a latecomer and thought to have support only in Regent Park.

A factor felt to support Barr's surprising win was the fact that neither Sewell, Jaffary or Gord Cressy gave their support or endorsed either Joan Barrie or Doug Barr. This lack of support or endorsement might have tended to work in Doug Barr's favour.

Another interesting factor was the general voting pattern as compared to 1969. Only 21,028 votes were cast in 1969 for 9 candidates of which Sewell and Jaffary together got 10,500 votes or less than half. In Monday's election, the total votes cast for alderman were 28,383 a 7,000 vote increase. And of that 28,000 vote, 20,000 were for Sewell-Jaffary.

ALDERMANIC RESULTS

Karl Jaffary	10,411
John Sewell	9,873
R. Kirckup	4,064
S. Rotenberg	3,170
K. Von Harten	448
C. Rolfe	417

TRUSTEE RESULTS

Gord Cressy	7,576
Doug Barr	6,411
Joan Barrie	5,572
A. Siksna	667
Z. Press	440

Operation Family Rights Launches fight for higher welfare benefits

Operation Family Rights (OFR), a welfare rights organization located at 826 Broadview Avenue, has started a campaign to urge the Provincial government to raise welfare allowances in 1973.

There has been no raise in welfare allowances since 1969.

The campaign, called "Adequate Income in '73", will attempt to mobilize public opinion in support of the organization's demands. These demands include raises in the rent, food and clothing allowances given to welfare recipients.

The campaign is a result of a welfare payment study recently completed by Operation Family Rights. Like other similar recent studies, the OFR study points out that current welfare allowances are cruelly inadequate. The study shows that an average family of four on Family Benefits (long term welfare) is forced to live far below any minimum standard of health and decency.

"The members of our organization are getting desperate," states Terri Scriver, director of OFR. "The prospect of another long, cold, hungry winter is frightening."

The Welfare Payment brief, prepared by OFR, states that the cost of goods and services paid for by welfare is based on 1967 prices and the amount of money given by welfare for these items is based on 1967 prices.

In light of these findings, OFR demands from the Provincial government that they take the following action:

- Raise the pre-added budget schedule to reflect current prices for items in that budget. For a mother and three children this would mean \$176 a month instead of \$149.

- Include items necessary for social survival in the budget. This would amount to an extra \$39 a month for a family of four to cover

telephone, recreation, school trips, reading, toys, hobbies, etc.

- Attach a cost of living escalator to this expanded pre-added budget.

- Raise shelter allowances to \$130 a month for unheated dwellings and \$140 for heated units. Pay an additional \$15 a month in shelter costs for each dependant.

- Increase special diet and life insurance allowances to reflect current prices.

- Pay welfare recipients in full for fuel and heating costs.

- Allow welfare recipients a special needs budget of \$150 per

year for emergencies. The allowance to be used at the discretion of the recipient.

Operation Family Rights is also demanding a "no hamper Christmas" this year. To implement this they ask for a \$20 bonus for each family head or single person and \$10 for each dependant.

OFR declares that it will take "whatever action we feel is necessary" to see that its demands are met. They add that if necessary, they will contact every welfare recipient in the Province and get them to join their campaign.

7 NEWS receives grant general meeting called

On Friday, December 1, SEVEN NEWS was notified that their grant application to the Local Initiative Program had been approved. The grant period will take effect on Dec. 11 and last until May 31.

The grant is for \$9,000 and will be used primarily to pay the salaries of three staff people who will work on the paper for that period.

Some of the present staff of SEVEN NEWS feel that with a larger grant to hire more staff, there should also be re-organization of the job descriptions, duties and responsibilities of the paid staff of SEVEN NEWS.

The present editor, Norman Browne, states that at present he is acting as co-editor, publisher, business manager and office manager. Over the past year, he adds, the bi-monthly newspaper known as SEVEN NEWS has developed into a fast-growing small business. These perpherial business activities are taking up time and energy which he could better devote to developing article and story ideas, getting them written and preparing them for publication.

For this reason a GENERAL MEETING of SEVEN NEWS is being called for Thursday, December 14 at 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street. The meeting will decide on staff responsibilities and duties and deal with the hiring of people to take on these jobs.

Pending the outcome of this meeting, three staff people will be hired on a week-to-week basis. They are Norman Browne, editorial co-ordinator; Bruce Lawson, assistant editor circulation manager; and Kieran Breaks, business manager.

Donations being sought for new community centre in Trefann Court

A group called the Trefann Court Social Improvement Program Committee has been formed in the Trefann Court area and is in the process of setting up a Community Centre in the Trefann Area Site Office.

The site office, located at the corner of Queen and Sackville is a three story building rented completely by the city. The planners however, are only using two offices in the building.

The Trefann Court Committee intends to turn the rest of the building into a Community Centre for the area.

A grant application has been made to the Local Initiative Program for sufficient money to pay the salary of 11 people to work in and out of the centre.

In the meantime, the Committee is seeking donations of furniture for the building — sofas, chairs, chesterfields, lamps, desks, etc. Anyone with any items that might be suitable for furnishing the new Community Centre is asked to call Edna Dixon at 363-3165 or Marg at 861-1047.



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Election results of Don Vale Association

The Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents held a successful election meeting last month. Following the elections, a box lunch social and sing-a-long was held.

Elected to serve a one year term as members-at-large were: John Barber, Bruce Lawson, Catherine Wolfe, Diana McArthur, John Wilcox, Peter Oosthuizen, Kate Stevens, Gillian Brook, Fran Chadwick, Joan Barrie, Tom Wilson, Pat Walker, Norman Browne, Tom Wickett and Peter Akehurst.

The executive, elected by acclimation, are: Janet Howard, President; Eleanor Moore, vice-president; Debbie Samuel, Corresponding secretary; Marg Haliburton, recording secretary; and Duncan McPhee as treasurer.

News Roundup

PEOPLE: Albert Rae, a community Art Worker in the Don Vale area was responsible for the Xmas artwork on the front page of this issue . . . Margaret Scrivener, MPP for St. Davids Riding (western half of Ward Seven) has been appointed to the provincial government task force on housing. Anyone with briefs on either the private or public section of housing should send them to her . . . Charlie Rolfe, unsuccessful aldermanic candidate in the recent election, was in the hospital on election day. It seems someone beat him up and robbed him on the Thursday prior to election day . . . Audrey Hurtubise of the 320 Seaton Tenant's Association reports that their group held a very successful Halloween Party recently. Attending the party were Donald S. Macdonald and his wife and community organizer Michael Stuart . . .

New elections for South of Carlton Community Action saw Elsie Norton installed as chairman; Allen McMillen is vice-chairman, Marion Service is Secretary, Darlene McDougall is assistant secretary and Julia Brown was named treasurer. Ethel Proulx, resigned as chairman after two years but remains on the steering committee.

ODDS AND ENDS: The survey of roomers in the South of Carlton area done by the Christian Resource Centre is now available in booklet form. Contact the C.R.C. at 297 Carlton St. or phone 922-8322 . . .

EMPLOYMENT

Men get more, women get less-Manpower assures us no mistake being made

by IRWIN W. WELLS

The following series of events is completely true. The name Mary is not the real name of the person involved because she fears recriminations if her name is known. The author was so astounded at the story that he consulted a Manpower Counsellor to ensure that the story was not just the result of a computer or a bureaucrat making a mistake. The Manpower Counsellor has assured us that no mistake was made.

Mary is a lady in her early thirties, married with no children. She has a grade twelve education and has been working ever since she was eighteen years old. At first Mary worked mainly as a poorly paid file clerk but later she quit and got a job in a factory where she worked for seven years. The factory was unionised and Mary was earning over \$3.00 an hour for the past three years.

Last summer the factory laid off a number of workers and Mary found herself unemployed. She went to the Canada Manpower Centre at Jarvis and Dundas but was not offered any jobs paying over \$2.25 an hour (and two fares away from her home). She applied for a number of better paying jobs on her own but was told that they were 'men's work'.

She asked if this was discrimination against women but was told that these jobs were unsuitable for a woman. Mary did not believe this was true of all of the jobs but she is not a member of any women's liberation groups and is not the type of person who complains so she did nothing.

After two months of looking for work Mary went into her Manpower office and asked the counsellor if she could be sent on a retraining course. Her counsellor was very polite and helpful (a surprise worth remembering when you learn about a polite and helpful bureaucrat) and together they agreed that she would be best suited for a course in bookkeeping. Mary was told that she would be called as soon as Manpower could get a course for her and went home and waited. A month later the counsellor phoned her and told her to come in and fill out some forms and that she would start the course at George Brown College in two weeks. The counsellor also told her that she would be paid \$30.00 a week and that this was taxable.

Shortly after Mary started attending George Brown College she met a man who had been laid off the same factory at the same time as she was and was taking the same course. The man told her that he was receiving \$51.00 a week and that since his wife was working he was easily able to support himself. Mary asked him why he was getting a week more than she was for the same course and he said he didn't know.

Although Mary does not complain very often she made a point of complaining this time and was told that married women with no children always received \$21.00 a week less than married men with no children if both have a working spouse. When she asked why this \$21.00 a week more than she was for the same course and he said he didn't know.

At this point I got confused; why do married men get more than married women if neither have children and both have working spouses? A seventeen year old kid who has only worked one year can get \$51.00 a week but Mary gets only \$30.00. There is of course only one answer; women are given lower pay because they are women; men are given higher pay because they are men. It has nothing to do with how long you have worked, how hard you have worked, how much money you were making or anything else. Men get more and women get less.

As a man I appreciate the fact that if I ever have to go on a Manpower Retraining course I will get \$51.00 a week. However I doubt if very many working women will be too pleased to learn that they will get only \$30.00. The government pretends that they do not discriminate against women, and they sometimes even pass laws with no teeth to make women think that they really mean it. But when it comes right down to dollars and cents women are not as equal as men.

When I showed this to my friend with Manpower he told me that it might be possible for Mary to collect Unemployment Insurance as well as the \$30.00 a week she was making on the course and that this would be legal if she declared the \$30.00 on her Unemployment. This however was of no use as Mary had been laid off for much of last winter and her Unemployment Insurance had run out a week before she started the course.

This overt and blatant discrimination against women may soon become a major issue among women's liberation groups. If it does, then remember; you read it first in the Ward Seven News.

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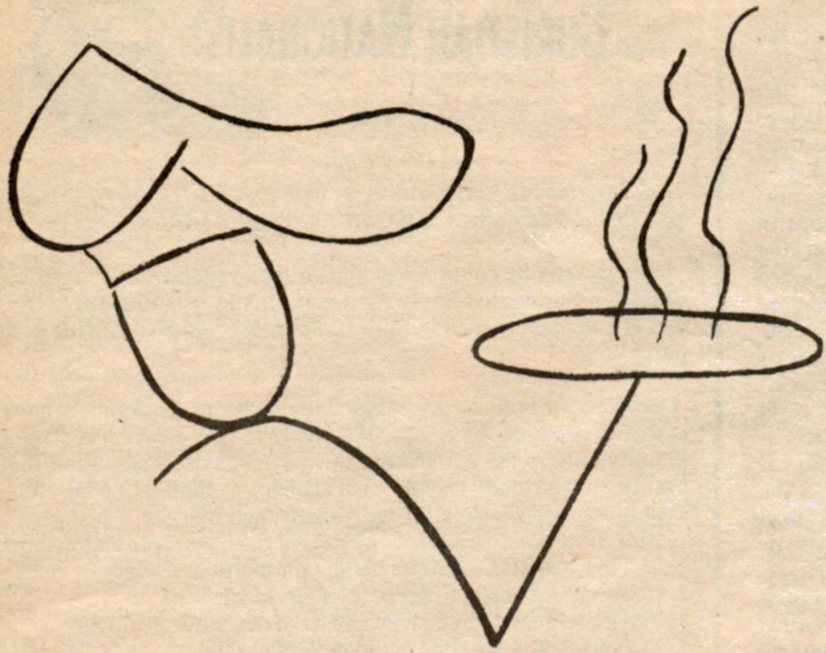
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Christmas Party at CHN

The children of Central Neighbourhood House are busy preparing for a Christmas Concert. These children are between the ages of 8-12 years old and are hoping for a real turnout. Some groups are making displays of what they've been doing all year, other stage entertainment such as music, dancing, and drama. Parents of the community will prepare refreshments, and there is a rumour that Santa Claus might also be able to make it.

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In 1880 Don Vale was a suburb of Toronto

By JANET HOWARD

There was a time when people moving to the suburbs bought houses in Don Vale. In the 1870s and 1880s, as the original city core was given over more and more to commerce, prosperous businessmen left their apartments over their shops and took to commuting. Streets and building lots had been laid out in advance, so by the early '70s developers were setting to work to fulfil the demand for new houses in the relative peace and quiet at the north-east outskirts of the city.

Might's Directory of 1867 indicates very few houses, and some of them were torn down soon after to make way for new construction. One that remained is the large, beautiful home then occupied by Mr. Daniel Lamb at what was then 118 Winchester Street (now 154-158). Its generous size and elegant Gothic window panes, the long sweep of its front lawn down to the street, entirely suited the status of the proprietor of the large industrial complex that occupied the north-east corner of Sumach and Amelia Streets.

In its section on Manufacturing Establishments, Might's Directory describes the business in glowing terms:

"LAMB'S MANUFACTORY Was first established in 1837 by the late Peter R. Lamb. The business is now carried on by Mr. Daniel Lamb, under the style of Peter R. Lamb & Co. The premises are situated in the north-eastern portion of the city, and are in every respect capacious and adapted for the purposes for which they are used. Twenty-five hands, and two steam engines, one of fourteen-horse and one of three-horse power, are employed. Formerly the demand for the goods

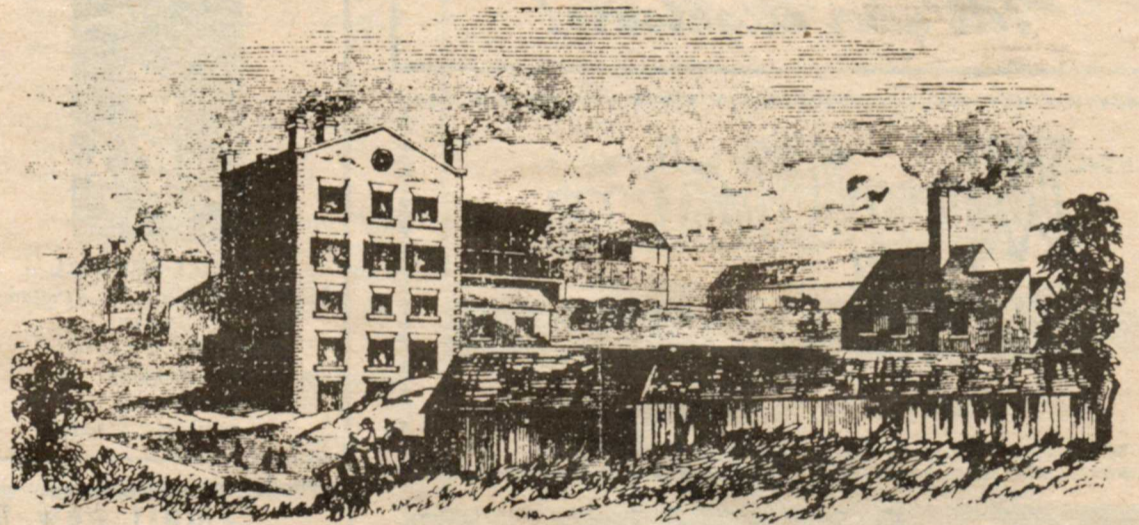
that it was found impossible to fill orders for glue, ground bone, and super-phosphate of lime. During the last year, however, extensive improvements have been made to meet the increase of business. This firm have extended their business connections by opening up a trade in England for animal charcoal, which meets with ready sale for sugar refining purposes. They are about completing arrangements to forward some of their manufactured goods to Havana, Barbadoes, &c. The blacking, water-proof leather preservative, glue, bone-dust, and super-phosphate of lime this firm manufactures are of the very best description, and can be found in any of the mercantile establishments throughout the country."

By 1884 Lamb's Manufactory is shown on a map as a cluster of at least a dozen buildings sloping down toward the Don River, some of them very large indeed. History does not relate how an east wind blowing over the manufactory smelled to the inhabitants of the new suburb.

In Confederation year Mrs. Jane Lamb, widow of the founder, still lived at 314 Winchester Street, and with her boarded Arthur D. Lamb, manager of the works. Among several other Lambs then resident in Toronto, a James Lamb who lived at the rear of 27 Camden Street was a striker by occupation, although it seems unlikely that he made a career of labour difficulties.

One of the first patches of Don Vale to fill with houses was the south-west corner of Amelia and Sumach Streets, behind the Lamb residence, where smaller houses on narrower lots may well have accommodated some of the manufactory's staff.

In the late '70s and early '80s the



The above picture was taken from Might's Directory of 1867. It shows Lamb's Manufactory which at one time occupied the north-east corner of Sumach and Amelia streets in Don Vale. The home of the original owner still stands on Winchester street. (Photo courtesy of the Metro Toronto Library Board.)

impetus of development grew apace. Large, rectangular lots were subdivided into eight or nine narrow strips to provide the short frontages and deep back yards typical of Don Vale's rows of two and three-storey semi-detached houses. A map of 1884 shows the three blocks bounded by Sackville Street, Sackville Place, Carlton Street and Rawlings Avenue densely built up on 27 of these strip lots running east-west, while Winchester Street could count only five houses on the north side between the Lambs' and Metcalfe Street, all of them set back as far as the Lambs' with lots running north to Salisbury Avenue.

Despite the haste to build, this was the time when developers still had to apply a good deal of imagination

to their product. They put up single-family houses to echo Greek temples and Roman villas, mediaeval castles and primly elegant French town houses. They used the pointed arches of Gothic cathedrals in window design and fancy Baroque scrolls for gables.

Some of the prettiest examples of this fanciful trend are in the process of destruction in the area south of St. James Town, but many pillared verandahs and Mansard roofs in Don Vale show that the original inhabitants demanded a certain amount of culture and individuality in their architecture. Even the rows of tall, narrow semi-detached houses that may appear identical at a glance vary from group to group, each with its own pattern of

"gingerbread" under the eaves, its own style of windows and doors, panels of stained glass and the long sweep of verandah to tie the row together. These houses were meant to look "Italianate" in their day, and have come to look not only typically Toronto, but distinctively Toronto-south - of - Bloor-Street.

By 1900 the neighbourhood was virtually complete. Turn of the century houses reflected the solid, prosperous image Toronto held of itself - heavy Roman arches instead of more poetic Grecian columns - but Don Vale had become the beautiful and varied collection of different people's tastes that we

Overnight drop-in for adults opens Dec. 15

Toronto's first overnight drop-in for adults is about to become a living reality after only two months of planning, and it's happening right here in Ward 7.

The Drop-in is scheduled to open Friday, December 15, 12 midnight at Central Neighborhood House, 349 Ontario Street. During the first few weeks, the drop-in will be open only on weekends, Friday-Sunday, 12-8 a.m.; hopefully, as more people volunteer to help out the Drop-in can stay open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Thanks to the dedicated work of the Drop-in Working Committee, a L.I.P. Application was drafted and submitted last Tuesday, November 28. In its L.I.P. Application, the Drop-in is asking for a grant of \$16,339 - covering the period Dec. 15, '72 to May 31, 1973. The 6 staff positions are: 1 Co-ordinator, 1 Secretary-Treasurer, 1 Community Worker, and 3 Drop-in Workers.

At the Nov. 23rd public meeting, Elsie Norton (the originator of the Drop-in idea) read off the heart of the Drop-in proposal which forms part of the L.I.P. Application. Here's the final edited version:

"The primary objective of the Overnight Drop-in is to help combat the epidemic of loneliness which exists in the Don District and other inner-city communities in Toronto. It is common knowledge that there are thousands of lonely people in downtown Toronto who, for various reasons, feel isolated or cut off from others and feel that they have nowhere to turn. This is especially true at night when most social agencies are closed.

"The Overnight Drop-in will operate as a multi-functional unit, since it will provide a variety of social, recreational and informational-referral services. The social-recreational activities will include: games, cards, checkers, T.V., reading materials, coffee, etc.

"The informational-referral services will include and feature an Emergency Housing Registry, Medical Information, lists of doctors and dentists, information on community services.

"To facilitate referrals for social and medical crises, the Drop-in will establish working relationships with various social agencies, local

hospitals, and other health professions working in this district, which together, will form the professional back up service working with the Drop-in staff."

At the Nov. 30th meeting of the Working Committee, under the leadership of Allen McMillen (Chairman) and Jim Clayton (Vice-Chairman), people decided to mail out flyers containing the L.I.P. statement to about 200 social agencies and community groups in the downtown area. The Working Committee members also started making concrete plans for handling referrals and arranging for emergency-back-up services around housing and medical crises.

The Drop-in's greatest need right now is **MORE VOLUNTEERS** - more people to help out. So, if you've got a few hours free on the weekends and want to help the Drop-in, call Allen McMillen (920-8545) or Jim Clayton (366-2148) NOW. **REMEMBER:** The Drop-in opens Fri. Midnight, Dec. 15 at Central Neighborhood House, 349 Ontario Street. You'll be welcome.

DROP IN AT YOUR DROP-IN.

ORF holds first annual meeting

Ethel Thomas was elected President of Operation Family Rights at their first annual meeting held recently at Woodgreen Church on Queen Street.

Elected to the other executive posts were: Beverley Burnside, Vice-president; Phoebe Graham, Treasurer; Margaret Lawrence, recording secretary; Lorraine Gallant, general secretary; Jean Wilson, Bernadette Crowley and Annie Speight as directors.

Terri Scriver, past chairman and one of the founders of OFR was given the post of Executive Director, while Mike Fay continues to act as organizer.

The CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST

by KARL H. von HARTEN



65 Ontario Street

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This advertising column will appear on a regular basis to outline the Christian Nationalist Party platform. C.N.P. was founded in October and is Canada's newest, smallest, but most rapidly-growing political party.

Our basic premises are: that individuals in association have the power to produce the results they intend; that a nation is strong and in unity only to the extent that this power is exercised; and that the practical, political, social, and economic application of the New Testament will build better individuals, and thereby, a just society.

From these basic premises, we derive the basic political axioms:

- 1) The individual is the most important factor in society;
 - 2) Government exists to serve the individual;
 - 3) The individual must be free and have economic security;
 - 4) The physically possible is financially possible.
- And on these we build ALL of our policy.

It is universally recognized that the basic problem facing the world today is economic. And those of us who have studied economics know that every economic system has three parts: production, distribution, and consumption.

There is nothing wrong with production. The United Nations' FAO reported in 1969: "15 percent of the North American population working a 40-hour week for 18 months, using technology and automation to it's maximum extent as developed at present, can produce in that time sufficient food, clothing, and shelter to meet the world's needs for 20 years."

Nor is there anything wrong with consumption. There is a great and growing desire to consume.

The error must then lie in the distribution part of the economic system. And what is that distribution mechanism? It is money. Money is the "ticket" which buys all other tickets; i.e., a theatre ticket will get you in to see the show, a bus ticket will get you a ride from A to B; money will buy a theatre ticket, a bus ticket, or any other "ticket".

The problem crystalizes, then, into an error in the monetary system, namely, not enough money. Or to put it another way: an insufficient purchasing power pool. We will be dealing with this in future, and the C.N.P. will propose a Consumer Dividend type of Guaranteed Annual Income to solve the problem. Clip these columns in order to maintain continuity.

I want to thank all of those who contributed their time and energy to my aldermanic campaign. As promised, here is the breakdown of contributions:

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I want to announce also at this time that I will be an Independent candidate in the forthcoming provincial by-election in St. George. The campaign will be fought on these issues:

- 1) Assisting the people's expression of their strength
- 2) Ontario Housing reform
- 3) Implementation of the voucher system of education financing
- 4) Provincial financing of day-care facilities

I will outline details and other issues in future columns. In the meantime, I would appreciate hearing from all potential supporters. Write to me at 65 Ontario Street.

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NIP elects new board of directors

by DON WEITZ

The only community-controlled information-and-referral centre in Ward 7 has a new Board of Directors. That's the big change which just happened in the Neighborhood Information Post at its recent public Annual Meeting held in the Parliament St. Library House, 265 Gerrard St. E. — N.I.P.'s headquarters during the past two years of its existence.

According to the Post Constitution, a total of any twelve people can be elected to the Board; nine must live and/or work in the Don (bounded by Bloor, the Lakeshore, Jarvis and the Don River), and three may live outside the area.

Seven of the people elected are new members. They are: **Joyce Penner** (a community worker active in local drama theatre groups and a South of Carlton resident); **Garry Williams** (a community worker active in the Downtown Action Project, which does title searches and other social-action research, and a South of Carlton resident); **Ted Plantos** (a community poet, writer and South of Carlton resident); **Bill Lee** (an active member of both the Don Vale Community Centre and Christian Resource Centre Boards and Don Vale resident); **Terri Rhode** (a community worker attached to the Downtown Action Project and South of Carlton resident); **Jerome Murray** (a well-known community organizer and resident in Regent Park, currently attached to the C.Y.C.), and **Marilyn Smith** (a community worker attached to the Woodgreen Community Centre, and formerly a South of St. James Town tenant now living in the Broadview-Queen area).

The five people re-elected to the Board are: **Midge Sandiland** (Chairman of N.I.P. and a St. James Town-OHC tenant); **Elsie Norton** (Chairwoman of SOCCA, s Streets Committee, and organizer of the newly planned Over-Night Drop-in and South of Carlton resident); **Robert Sankey** (formerly Director of N.I.P. and a community leader in South of St. James Town, now living in Ajax); **Peter Coolican** (a chartered accountant and Don Vale resident), and **Don Weitz** (a community health worker and Don Vale resident).

The N.I.P.'s new officers are: Joyce Penner (chairman); Elsie Norton (vice-chairman) and Bill

Lee (Secretary) — No Treasurer elected yet.

Lawyer **Art Channer** coolly chaired the meeting which started to get hot after Secretary **Phil Zylberberg** read off the major achievements of N.I.P. over the past year. First, **Bruce Geddes** surprised some people by saying he wanted to make an amendment to the Constitution; he was for reducing the number of Board members to nine. That motion was defeated, but after some discussion of the pros and cons, people decided this issue should be raised again at another general meeting.

Then, **Jack Heighton** (formerly a N.I.P. worker now working for the library) dropped his bombshell. He challenged the right and legitimacy of N.I.P. staff to sit on the Board partly because he felt they'd find themselves caught in a "conflict of interest."

Jack's challenge aroused a lot of strong feelings and conflicting opinions. About thirty minutes later, the matter was temporarily settled by allowing Jack and other people to discuss and vote on this issue and other amendments to the Constitution at a public meeting to be held "within three months".

Apparently, this debate had some effect since only one of the three N.I.P. staff standing for election was elected to the Board; that was Midge, N.I.P.'s present Director.

Near the end of the meeting, everyone agreed that N.I.P. should make itself more open to the community. Specifically, the N.I.P. people agreed to distribute copies of the Minutes of future Board Meetings, and upon request, past minutes will be made available to any local community centre, group or individual in the Don on request. Also, N.I.P. will distribute copies of its Constitution in the same manner.

N.I.P.'s new hours are: **Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., 7-10 p.m.; Fridays, 9:30-5:30.** The number to call is 924-2543; the address 265 Gerrard St. E.

If you want help with a tough question or hang-up, want to rap and relax, or pick up a copy of the Constitution, Board Minutes and other useful information, call or drop in. You'll be welcome. Remember, it's your Neighborhood Information Post. USE IT.

"Fourty years in Ward 7 and nothing has changed"

Dear Editor:

I have been a resident in this neighbourhood of Ward Two and now Ward Seven for forty years. I have seen a good many Aldermen and Controllers come and go, each one promising more than his opponent or predecessor. I'm afraid those promises were never carried out.

It's election time again and I looked around our neighbourhood to see what changes have taken place, what good has been done, what improvements have been made by the elected representatives that have gone before.

All I can see is Regent Park.

The population density in our Ward is great and always has been, which means a great deal of tax money has gone to City Hall but has never found its way back for the good of the community.

Homes have been allowed to reach a run-down condition. Streets are not in good repair and are not cleaned properly. The snow is not removed fast enough from side streets. The garbage is collected in a sloppy fashion. You've seen it. That which hits the truck stays, that which hits the road stays.

Civic employees realized a good increase in salary recently. Surely they could give value for our tax dollar. Or at least take pride in their work.

It seems to me that it is almost by design of others that a neighbourhood takes on a shabby, run-down, appearance. It is also quite possible that more people would improve their homes and spend more money on them if it would not increase their assessment. Laws should be

enforced to maintain higher standards regarding accomodations.

The name Cabbagetown has perpetuated year after year to no advantage to the area at all. It has attracted more undesirable individuals in the city as though it were a haven.

But some wear the name like a badge and I'll be the first to admit that many good men and women have come from the district.

Yes, its election time again. What platform have our candidates got in the way of improvements? When did you last use a paint brush? Put in a lawn? Or use a broom?

Let's shake the cobwebs off before there is no neighbourhood.

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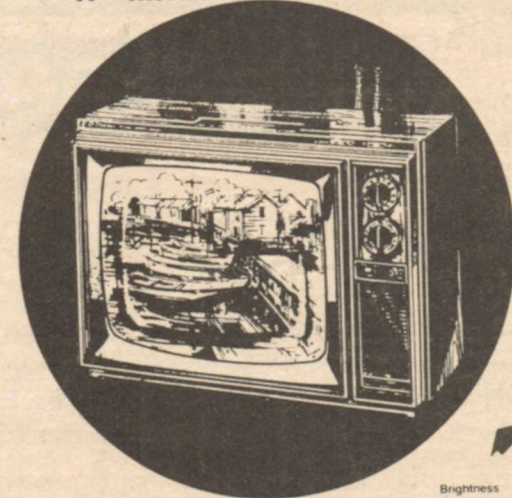
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feel personally obliged. Unless the news is conveyed by some responsible person or press representative, it is not even considered. I am new to this place and would ask for your favour.
"Dr. TEK CHAND SEHGAL is an Indian tourist. He has visited some of the educational institutions in different parts of the United States and his visit to Canada at Toronto is also a part of his trip to study Canadian methods of teaching and extension work. He is on an

information gathering tour.
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"SEVEN NEWS serves the people"

Dear Editor:
Richard Kirkup's statements to television that Ward Seven News just supports Sewell and Jaffary are gross misstatements. Having been in on the ground floor in deciding what a Community Newspaper should be about, I would say Seven News is responsive to the community and giving fair coverage to politicians, community groups and local issues.
That's the type of paper Ward Seven News is. It serves the people who voted for this type of action and prints what they want to read about. The people run the paper and they work hard at it.
I will say Ward Seven News listens and acts, not only to its readers but to all who write in. And most stories or articles of merit are printed. It serves the people, so

those of you who seek office should be sure of what you are saying before you say it.
As a "community leader", where were you Mr. Kirkup when we had months of round-table meetings discussing the type of Community Newspaper we would publish?
Most people are satisfied with Ward Seven News and if they miss a copy you want to hear them scream!
We who are of low income want a say in the type of community we are going to get. And we have one hell of a lot of dedicated people who are going to do just that. We have taken off our blinkers.

Fred Sheridan,
Regent Park.

Local Guides collect toys

by JENNIFER KENNEDY

Recently, Brownies, Guides and Rangers from the Castle Frank and Dixon Hall areas united with similar groups across Metro to collect new or good used toys for the less fortunate children of our city.
Each girl was given 10 white plastic bags which she distributed to friends and neighbours for a donation of a toy, a pair of mittens or a cash contribution.
On the morning of Saturday, November 25, the girls collected the bags and took them to their toy depot. Members of the Kiwanis Clubs then picked up the toys and took them to the Kiwanis Toytown where they were sorted for age groups. This month, mothers, referred by the Salvation Army Welfare Department, will be able to go to Toytown and select 5 toys for each child in the family.
Since 1957, the "Toytime" campaign has been conducted solely by the Kiwanis Clubs of Toronto in conjunction with the Salvation Army Welfare Department. In 1971, 35,000 toys and hundreds of pairs of mittens were collected but the need has grown and this year 50,000 toys are required.
The desire to help others is inherent in the Guiding way of life and the knowledge that thousands of children, who through no fault of their own, would awaken on Christmas morning to find Santa had missed their homes, has stimulated the Guides to join in this campaign with the Kiwanians.

NIP denied access to UIC contact

Dear Sir:
The Neighbourhood Information Post, as you may know, is an information and referral organization run by the community and located in the Parliament St. Library House. Over the years, it has had a lot of experience working with people with concrete problems that need solving. A common type of problem in the Don District is money. In particular, we have done a lot of interceding for people with the Unemployment Insurance

Commission and the Welfare. This may have to change.
When people want to deal with the Unemployment Insurance Commission (UIC) they have to go through the front switchboard which is usually busy and then they have a hard time getting through to anyone who'll do anything more than just assure you that your case is being taken care of. But when NIP had a problem they called through to someone higher up

whose job it was to investigate complaints and delays. Through its contact people, NIP was often able to get people cheques after months of waiting.
Recently, NIP was told by the UIC that we were not to try to call through to any higher ups, that they would not give us the numbers or names of any new contact people to get in touch with. We are now to call through the main switchboard like everyone else. This takes away any advantage we may have had in getting cheques and takes away what was for many people their last resort after dealing with the main

switchboard and regular UIC channels for as long as they could.
Speaking for myself, I see no good reason why NIP should be treated any better than any claimant at the UIC office. However, when they give the kinds of service they are now giving, then treating us the same means that everyone will be worse off. If they want to cut off NIP's access to people who will actually find the answers to peoples' questions, then the only

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-Philip Zylberberg

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Central Hospital cures sick in own language

By GREG SMITH

No matter what the language, sickness is universal. Unfortunately, however, the opposite isn't true. How do you communicate your suffering and expect help when nobody can understand you?

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Central Hospital, located at 333 Sherbourne St., was built to alleviate this problem. The brainchild of Drs. John and Paul Rekai, the hospital offers a unique service to Toronto residents. Not only does it cure the sick, it cures them in their own language.

Central Hospital is unique in its origins and service. After World War II, massive immigration created gigantic problems for Toronto's already overcrowded hospitals. One of the major problems was one of language. Many of these new immigrants could speak little or no English. And among these new Canadians were professionals with high qualifications and long work experience.

The Rekai brothers were recent immigrants in 1955 who had held senior positions in a large hospital in Budapest, Hungary. They saw the need for a hospital where patients could communicate with the staff in their own language. With this in mind, they set out to build such a hospital.

The downtown area was chosen because it had to be central. This area also contained the bulk of the new immigrants. Mr. George Johnson, Assistant Administrator at Central, explained: "Immigrants settle first in the core of Toronto because of the relatively low cost in housing. Then, once they get settled and know the customs and language, they tend to move towards the suburbs." It is in the initial period, when everything is unfamiliar that the problems set in. And it is at this time that an institution like Central Hospital plays a vital role in relieving some of the fears and misunderstanding.

However, Central is not a localized area hospital. It is a general hospital that is designed to meet the needs of the whole Metro community. Many patients with language problems are referred here from the major Toronto hospitals.

The hospital has a repertoire of 30 languages, including sign language, with the emphasis placed on the seven or eight which are most widely used. These fluctuate according to the immigration patterns. The hospital looks for staff who are proficient in more than one language. They will hire skilled immigrants whenever possible and encourage their development to greater proficiency.

They are quite proud of the successes they have had in this end.

One of the greatest problems the hospital faces is a deep-rooted distrust of medicine. "Many of our patients are afraid of hospitals," Mr. Johnson said, "and these superstitions must be broken down. A language difference increases this fear," he added, "and by speaking the patient's own language we help break down these barriers."

Central Hospital is governed by a board made up of residents from the Toronto community. It is quite a cross-section and includes businessmen, educators, politicians, as well as professionals. Mr. Johnson believes this to be "an ideal representation for a hospital. Our hospital serves the total community and should be represented by the total community," he added. "This allows for us to reflect the real community need."

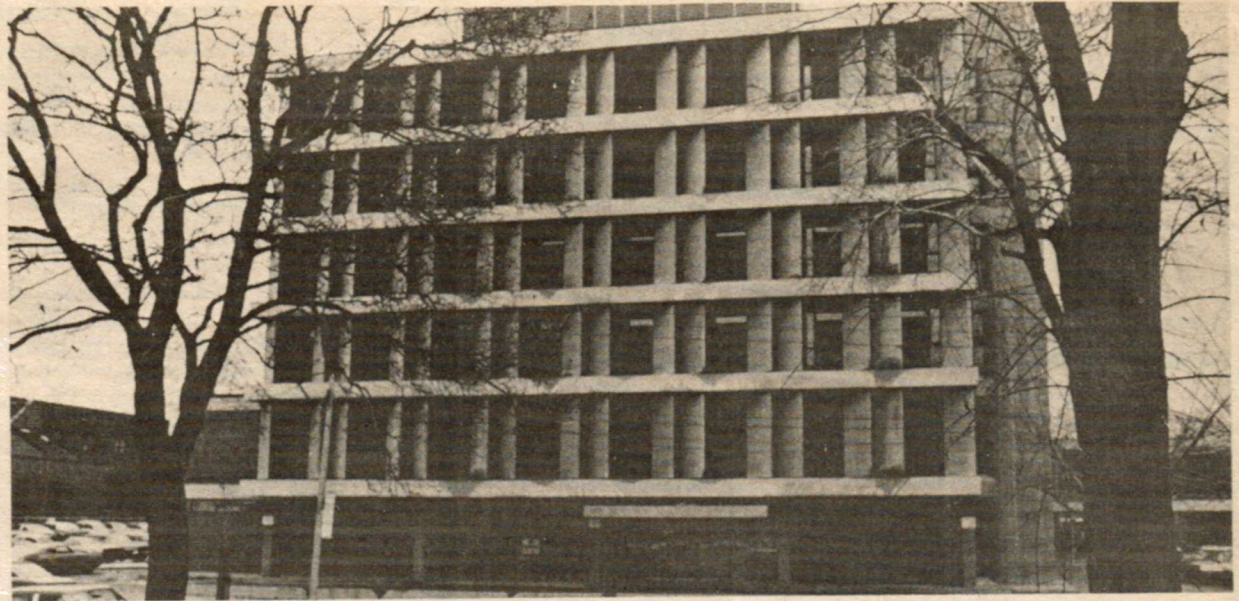
Central Hospital opened its doors for the first time in 1957. It was housed in the old Gooderham residence, which for many years had been a home for the blind. It was first remodelled and an extension was added. Mr. Johnson outlined some of the difficulties the two doctors faced at the beginning. "The hospital originally started out as a partnership," he said, "made up of Dr. Paul and his brother, and two others. When it first opened in 1957, it was a nightmare of finances. To make the first payroll, they were forced to take out a loan at 20 per cent interest," he added.

In 1961, the hospital became a non-profit, private organization. Then in 1965 it became public and was therefore subject to government support. Coincident with this was the planning of the new building. A six storey structure, the government put up two thirds of the \$5 million cost. The remainder was to come from the community and private donations. They are still short about \$300,000.

The new building was opened June 3, 1970, by John Robarts, then premier of Ontario. It has a capacity of 176 patients and is always full. It was designed to allow for the addition of three more storeys in the future, if and when they can get the necessary funds.

The hospital has 40 active staff and 40 cursory staff who do only part of their work at Central. Of the 350 non-medical employees, 200 are nurses, many of whom are multilingual.

Inside the lobby at Central is a mural by York Wilson, an internationally known artist. The four part mural depicts the four corners of the world from which the hospital draws both its patients and medical staff. Although each of the panels retains an individual character, they are brought



Little known and largely ignored by Ward Seven residents, Central Hospital at 333 Sherbourne Street provides a unique multi-language service to Toronto's ethnic community. Fund raising is still going on to pay for its new building opened in June of 1970. (Photo by Greg Smith).

together into a single unity, reflecting the unifying effect of the hospital.

Central Hospital has a motto which reads "a small spark has become a flame." It is very appropriate, as here we have a very humble, but human idea which has grown into an institution that is internationally known. Warmth and understanding provided the first spark. Courage and plenty of hard work produced the flame.

(Greg Smith is a second year student in Journalism at Ryerson Polytechnic Institute. He is a resident of the Don Vale area in Ward Seven.)

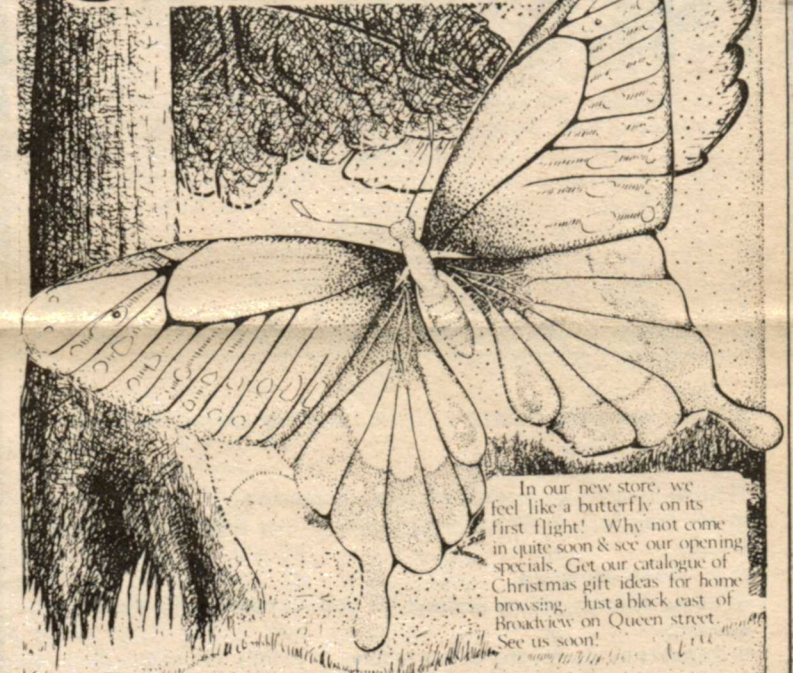
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by CATHERINE VERRALL**

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When she gets tired of cutting, you can put the rest of the dough in the freezer (shaped in a long roll), and slice when firm.

Melt: 1 cup margarine
Beat: 4 eggs
Add: (to eggs) 1 cup brown sugar melted marg.
2 tsp. vanilla or lemon flavouring
Stir in: 4 cups whole wheat flour
4 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
(Sift the baking powder and salt with a little flour through the sifter. Just dump in the rest of the flour because the brown particles won't go through the sifter.)
Sugar topping (cheap): 2 tablespoons white sugar mixed with 2 drops food colouring. Spread on cookies before baking, at 375°

But our children will remember the happy things we did with them, long after they've forgotten the perfect things we gave them.

A few of these could be the child's own gift to a shut-in friend, or a new-Canadian neighbour. You could make a red cap and bag, so the child can "play Santa" when she delivers her gifts. This helps her feel that anyone who gives, is somehow Santa Claus. Making, giving, and receiving: all three are JOY.



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11 P.M. - Christmas Eve Holy Communion

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Candle Carol Service

Sun. Dec. 24, 11 p.m.
Christmas Service with Church School