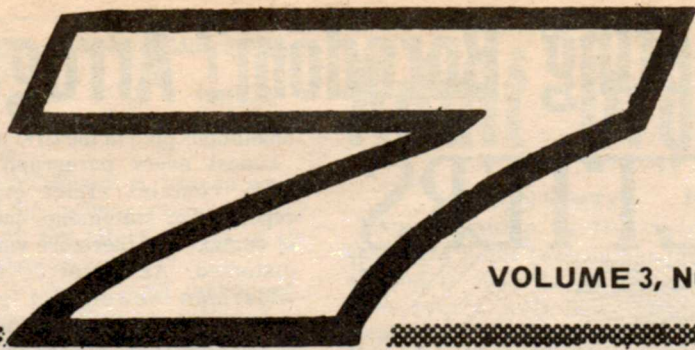


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FEBRUARY 21, REGENT PARK:

## Sewell and Jaffary call another meeting

by JOHN SEWELL

A general ward meeting was held on January 19, in Dundas Public School. About 75 people attended, and in most eyes it was not a success.

Seven News, for instance, stated that I acted in a smug and arrogant manner, and as far as I have been able to determine, that opinion was shared by a great many people at the meeting.

For my own part, I was very perturbed that the meeting did not deal specifically with the policy statements that both Karl and I had set out in the previous Seven News. I somehow thought that people would come out with specific ideas on how Karl and I should be relating to the ward, and what legislative changes we should be pressing for.

On my part, I think I was asking that people proceed much quicker than they really want to — perhaps that arose out of the realization that Karl and I seem to be two of the main leaders of the government at City Hall, and the responsibilities are extremely onerous.

### Suggestions

In any case, I have now had time to re-arrange some of my thoughts. Karl Jaffary and I have discussed the question of a ward council, and make the following suggestions:

1) A Ward Council, if it is going to have any meaning, must be more than simply a structure: it must have specific duties, and some power.

2) A Ward Council must cope with more than simply local problems: it must also address itself to the issues which Karl and I face, which relate to the general overall policies which this Council will implement.

3) It is difficult to draw the principles about how a Ward Council will operate in the abstract: what we might find is that its operations will be hindered by its structure, whether that structure be totally open, or totally controlled.

4) The actual format of the Ward Council and how it should operate should be something that is decided by the people of the ward — not the aldermen. After all, the Ward Council is an attempt to set up some sort of device to control the aldermen, and have a share of their decision-making power.

One major problem with the Ward Council is accountability. Meetings must be on a regular enough basis so that Karl and I are regularly in touch with people about items that are coming up fairly quickly. It would appear that perhaps the best way to accomplish this is to have a structure which consists of general Ward meetings every month or two and a smaller group which is representative of the ward which meets on a more frequent basis with the aldermen. The difficulty is determining how the smaller more regular group is constituted.

There are a number of alternatives open:

(1) the smaller group or executive could consist of two representatives from each organized group in the ward which holds open regular meetings;

(2) the executive could consist of people elected at a general Ward Council meeting;

(3) the executive could consist of a combination of people elected at a General Ward meeting and representatives of established residents groups.

There is also the problem of how the smaller meetings might be run. For instance, it could be decided that the smaller meetings would only talk about matters on the Council agenda. Perhaps people want the smaller group to be much more open and discuss matters decided upon by local groups.

The same problem exists with general Ward meetings. Clearly having a meeting like that on January 19 is not particularly productive.

I think the problem of a Ward Council must be determined in the very near future. Accordingly, Karl and I have arranged for a meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 21 at Regent Park United Church (just east of Parliament, just south of Gerrard) at 8:15 p.m. (NOTE: The meeting announced for Feb. 10 will not be held.)

I hope that all resident groups in the ward will have a chance to meet and discuss the various alternatives before that date so that they can bring their ideas to the February 21 meeting.

I hope that everyone in the ward who is interested in having aldermen who are accountable to the ward will bring their ideas to the meeting as well.

## Is Ward Seven going to the dogs? Humans debate canine issue

Dogs running loose on the streets, leaving their droppings in parks and on people's property, are a lively topic of discussion across Ward 7.

Should dogs be allowed to roam? How can they be curbed? How can owners be more sensitive to neighbours? Should areas be set aside for doggie littering? Should dogs be allowed at all in the downtown areas of Toronto.

The whole vexed question of downtown dogs will be one of the items of discussion on the agenda at the upcoming general meeting of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents, to be held at the Don Vale Community Centre on

Thursday night, February 15.

The meeting is open to any person who lives in Don Vale.

At a recent meeting of the association's executive, there was lively debate over whether the two ward aldermen would be invited. They will be — along with J. J. Bradford, the Housing Standards Inspector for the City, and Howard Cohen, a city planner working in the area.

Other items for discussion: an executive report; the proposed 38-foot height restriction on new buildings; the boarded up houses in Don Vale; and of course, the dog problem.

Ward 7 resident Ernest Martin loves his dog, Tiny. What is the future of the downtown dog?



### NEWS ROUNDUP

## THREE ORGANIZERS WAIT FOR FEDERAL GRANT

Toronto Community Union Project (T-Cup) is reported to be facing another money crisis. T-Cup funds 3 community workers in Trefann, South St. Jamestown and South of Carlton. CMHC has indicated it will give them a \$25,000 grant for their work but as yet hasn't come forth with any funds. . . . Bruce Arnold, Ward Seven activist and editor of the Riverdale Review, has taken a position on a Port Perry newspaper. He will continue to bring out his newspaper on weekends with the help of his wife Nancy. . . .

Operation Family Rights, a Riverdale based group, which successfully pressured the Provincial Government into giving a 10 percent increase in family allowance benefits, has received a favorable response from Metro for a similar increase for General Welfare recipients.

To meet the competition of the Karma II Food Co-op which is putting on a strong active campaign for members from the Don District, the Minnie Price Health Food store on Parliament street is cutting its prices every Wednesday from now on. Their normal mark-up of 25 to 33 percent will be cut to 8 percent. . . .

The proposed budget for the Don District Community Secretariat for the year starting April 1 has been set at \$27,000. Of this amount, \$10,000 plus the services of a community worker will be sought from the Provincial Government. The balance, \$17,000, is being requested from the Federal Government. . . . Meanwhile, the Don Vale Community Centre has set a budget of \$40,000 to be raised to meet its needs for the year starting June 1, 1973. . . .

The children at Duke of York school have

raised \$50 toward the cost of buying a lion for the new Metro Zoo scheduled to open next year. Total to be raised for the animal is \$300. . . .

The Public Works Committee of City Council has set up a task force under Chairman Colin Vaughan to look into the problem of pedestrian and traffic movement in the City core area. Bruce Lawson has been appointed a member of the Task Force by the Don Vale Resident's Association. . . .

Barry Morris, a community worker for the Christian Resource Centre, is spending two weeks "circuit riding" out west on behalf of Commonact, a group studying the need for community organizing in the western provinces and the Maritimes. . . .

Every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 at Regent Park Church there will be an after-school program for kids aged 8 to 12. Featured are games, crafts, stories, music, volleyball and soccer.

The North Jarvis Community Association has set up a community office, research team and referral service at 471 Jarvis street. Phone 967-6364 for information. . . . Frankland Public School at 816 Logan is looking for input from the community on the use of facilities in the new school. For information contact their community co-ordinator, Mrs. Van Dam at 466-1362. . . .

The Greater Riverdale Organization has set a budget of \$65,000 for the coming year, of which two thirds is earmarked for salaries. An open public meeting to discuss budget priorities will be held at Queen Presbyterian Church, 947 Queen east on Feb. 13 at 7:30.

The Park School Community Council is back in full swing and is seeking support from parents in the area. Anyone interested in helping plan the future of their children is asked to attend the Park School meeting at the school on Feb. 12 at 7:30.

Tenants in Moss Park Apartments may go on a "TV Strike" to end the RCA 10-year monopoly on their Master Antenna Television system. Tenants say it costs them \$15 a year and they claim poor service from RCA. . . .

Backdoor Theatre Workshop, located at 474 Ontario street in South St. Jamestown will be touring two one-act plays from March 23 through to April 15. The plays are The Marriage Proposal by Anton Chekhov and A Matter of Thirteen Inches by Joyce Crawford. The plays will be available to nursing homes, correctional and rehabilitative institutions and community groups. For bookings or more information call 961-1505. . . .

Regent Park Community News may cease publication in the near future. The federal grant that has paid for the cost of the paper runs out in March. The Regent Park people are trying to raise the \$2,000 needed to keep the paper going. . . .

The St. George Liberal Association is holding a nominating convention to choose a candidate to contest the seat left vacant by the resignation of Allan Lawrence. The nominating meeting will be Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. at 519 Church street. . . .

Dixon Hall is looking for a Program Secretary to fill a staff vacancy. Salary is around \$5,200 a year and someone is needed immediately. Phone 863-0499 for information. . . .

# What happened at ward meeting: Boredom? Arrogance? Hysteria?

Dear Norman:

I read with interest your front page story on the Ward Meeting of Jan. 18. (SEVEN NEWS, January 27, 1973).

I suppose we were at the same meeting, but as I mull over my recollection of it, I'm not entirely sure. If Sewell was bored I can't really censure him too much. I had hoped the meeting would consist of something other than rather long speeches made by a number of people. I don't find rhetoric very entertaining or enlightening, and if ward meetings are going to furnish much of it, then that's a reason for rejecting a council.

I felt that Sewell's claim to be able to manipulate a ward council, was actually a good argument against having one. I assumed he was saying that a council an alderman can control has no valid purpose. Perhaps there are many good arguments for a ward council and some way in which a truly representative council could be set up and made to work. If so, the proponents should advance their arguments.

It seemed to me that both aldermen, and especially Sewell, have endlessly reiterated their belief that successful citizen input will have to come from ratepayers, residents and tenants groups in various parts of the ward. It seems to be a system that's showing results and I would imagine it should be extended where possible.

I can envisage a ward council as a relatively impotent group, and a small one, consisting of people who like to meet fortnightly to make speeches to each other.

I can't understand why individuals claim to be unable to get through to Sewell. I am certainly no crony of his, but have never found him unreachable.

Snaugness and arrogance are two qualities I have never detected in Sewell, but perhaps my powers of discernment are feeble. Nor did I feel that the two aldermen manipulated the meeting. Also I was not left with the impression that they have abandoned us.



Even in the period 69-72, their strength was such that they had to devote much of their time to leading the opposition on City Council. They are still the best aldermen there, and their leadership is still urgent if the reform majority is going to do anything. I cannot view aldermen as people who are merely committed to their wards.

If there was something alarming at the meeting, I thought it was Jaffary's claim that the city hall bureaucracy can castrate the members of council by keeping them running to meetings and away from the task of developing new policy. What worried me was that Jaffary, and perhaps Sewell too, seemed almost resigned to this state of affairs. If so, and I hope I am wrong in my interpretation, then all the work of the election was for nothing.

One last thing. If anybody thinks that by electing any person, however good, he can achieve utopia, then that elector is a bloody fool. I don't think we realize how truly good Sewell and Jaffary are. I hope we realize they are the best we can get at this time. Not saints or sages, but honourable, intelligent and enlightened men.

Ralph Cunningham Browning Ave.  
Dear Sir:

In theory Seven News does not take stands on issues relating to the ward, but rather serves as a source of information. This policy was grossly violated in the January 27th issue by Norman Browne's story, "Sewell and Jaffary reject ward council, choose own advisers."

The only way this hysterical and

completely subjective article should have appeared, if at all, would have been with the clear label "Editorial by Norman G. Browne." As a news story, it was inaccurate in the extreme.

For example: disregarding the "openly smug and arrogant" remark at the beginning of the sentence, Mr. Browne goes on to quote Alderman Sewell as stating that he could easily manipulate any ward meeting or ward council that might be set up. That statement of fact was plainly intended to spell out the weakness of meetings as a means of controlling a politician: any idiot can manipulate a meeting — that's what politics has always been about, and therefore citizens' groups must be strong in their organization and convictions so they cannot be undermined by an alderman. John Sewell hardly needs to boast that he could do this.

Mr. Browne then says that statements by Sewell and Jaffary "so confused, divided and manipulated the meeting" that a motion to set up a steering committee to establish a ward council was defeated. Isn't it more likely that the meeting didn't have a

unanimous plan in the first place?

Almost every paragraph in the story contains either errors of reporting or statements quoted out of context and therefore very badly distorted. As an error of fact, Alderman Sewell did give an example of "action planning" — he suggested that groups draw up proposals for housing in their neighbourhood, and indicated that there are many other projects groups can work on in concrete fashion.

If Mr. Browne wants to say that many people were angry, frustrated or bewildered, perhaps he is right, but it is very probable that the reasons for these feelings varied as much as the lengthy list of subjects they had wanted to discuss, and, due to the nature, size and disparity of interests reflected by the meeting, were unable to cover.

The question Mr. Browne poses at the end of his remarks as to who, or what, will fill the vacuum created in Ward Seven by the effective loss of its two aldermen is a hysterical piece of rhetoric that does no one in the ward any good: if Mr. Browne personally does not wish to work with the aldermen, fair enough — there are thousands of other people in the ward who appreciate the incredible work load and genuine efforts of our aldermen, and who will be perfectly willing to seek solutions to local problems with their help.

The next time a public meeting is held, perhaps Seven News will send a reporter to accompany Mr. Browne so that we are given a sensible and accurate news story.

Janet Howard  
Carlton St.

## 'Alder-worship is wrong'

(Norman Browne replies: This article resulted in more comment than any other article ever published in SEVEN NEWS. Most of the comment was verbal and I estimate conservatively that it ran about three to one in favour of the points made in the article.)

It occurred to me after I had written the article that the performance put on by John Sewell at the Ward Meeting was out of character with the man I have gotten to know quite well over the last three years. I wondered if it was an act; an act designed to jolt people out of the apathy and complacency that had developed following the recent election.

This theory was to a large extent confirmed by one of Sewell's advisers after an advisory committee meeting at which the article was discussed.

The second point is that SEVEN NEWS was given a mandate in its original constitution "to right wrongs". I happen to think that it is wrong for an individual constituent to worship his alderman as a god. I don't think it's good for the City, the Alderman or the individual.

You may worship Sewell and Jaffary as you see fit. (I wonder — do some of his advisors see themselves as disciples?) However, SEVEN NEWS retains the right to be agnostic and open-minded.)

## If our aldermen seem unresponsive, maybe it's because they need help

Dear Sir:

I am writing to comment on your article in which you criticised our aldermen for the attitudes they displayed at the recent ward meeting. You concluded by lamenting on their loss to the ward.

I am not criticising what you said but rather regret that you didn't try to explain why things happened as they did. Frankly, most of your quotes and observations were accurate and you missed some good advertising when you failed to mention that Sewell, at times, seemed more interested in his copy of SEVEN NEWS than in the meeting.

**I don't think that Jaffary and Sewell have suddenly become the big, bad, wolves; but rather they have suddenly found themselves in the position of forming a big city government and at the same time serving a ward with 60,000 people in it. In addition, Jaffary is on Metro Council and is a member of the City Executive.**

Frankly, I am convinced that it is impossible for two men to adequately serve 60,000 people at the local level. In municipal politics, the issues are day to day things which require individual attention. Each neighbourhood and each street has its own kind of problems. We all saw that at the ward meeting. Some people had beefs which were of no interest to most other people in the room, yet to the person involved, they were important issues requiring personal attention.

To try and deal with that job and at the same time formulate policies to run the city and Metro is likely to make the best of men short tempered and abrupt.

### More politicians

What we need is more politicians at the local level to deal with these kinds of problems. Most Ontario cities have one local representative for every 3,000 to 10,000 people. We have 22 for 650,000. Small wonder that our local politicians become unresponsive (they'd go crazy if they didn't) and even less surprising that the voters stay home in droves on election day.

At the very least, we need one-man wards of not more than 10,000 people each so that local problems can be dealt with by a local politician.

We'd have a council of 65 and would almost certainly need a party system but at the least you could expect to talk to your alderman!

While it is clear we should be pushing hard for a lot more wards to give us better representation as well as preserving the sanity of our aldermen, I also think we can do a lot even with the existing system.

I'd like to offer a few tentative suggestions to improve it.

(1) The ward should be divided in half with Sewell being the alderman responsible for one half and Jaffary responsible for the other half. Two alderman at ward

and neighbourhood meetings is a misuse of their time. One man should always be responsible to avoid duplication and buck passing.

(2) Each alderman should make himself available for meetings of associations in his half of the ward. He should come on invitation to explain stands at council and help people on approaches to City Hall. In addition, aldermen should use the mail to keep the associations advised of important business at City Hall, particularly on issues affecting their area.

### Monthly meeting

(3) Each alderman should hold one public meeting per month in his half of the ward to hear from citizens and explain what is going on at council. This would keep the area together and give those who don't belong to associations a chance to find out what is going on.

(4) A ward-wide body might be established for the purpose of assuming certain powers such as directing planners and building inspectors; advising on street work as well as advising the aldermen. This body should be made up of representatives from established groups in the area rather than a randomly selected general meeting and could perhaps use FODARA and the Greater Riverdale Organization as its nucleus.

However, it needs real jobs and real power to be effective.

(5) **The existing advisory committees to Sewell and Jaffary should be abandoned.** Their work could be done by committees from a ward-wide organization which would lend more legitimacy than former membership on the alderman's election committee.

### Rely on others

I think that both our aldermen must begin to rely on other members of the government side of City Council to take on responsibility for certain areas. Our aldermen cannot and should not attempt to formulate policy on every issue currently before city council. If other aldermen won't share the load, as a cabinet should, then we have no effective government.

**If all the future civic policy is to be developed in Ward Seven is it desirable that it be done by a very small group of people who have the time for such projects? I have serious doubts as to the desirability of that method of formulating policy.**

Yes, Sewell and Jaffary were a bit short, Mr. Editor, but there are some explanations rather than excuses and we should all try hard to deal with these before we throw in the towel.

John Barber  
Metcalfe St.

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## DIXON HALL

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Members of Dixon Hall will be held at 58 Sumach Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on Saturday, the Seventeenth Day of February, 1973, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Toronto Time, for the following purposes:

- (A) To receive and consider the report of the Directors, President, and Executive Director;
- (B) To receive and consider the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1972, and the report thereon of the Auditors, McCarney, Swinarton, Newland & Company;
- (C) To elect Directors;
- (D) To appoint Auditors;
- (E) Generally to transact such further and other business as may be properly brought before the meeting, or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

DATED at Toronto, this 26th day of January, 1973.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

D. F. Burt,  
Secretary.

### WHAT IS DIXON HALL?

Dixon Hall is a Community Centre, Neighbourhood Centre, Recreation Centre, or whatever the community see it as being.

### WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?

The aim of Dixon Hall is to meet the needs of the Community by making available such social, health, family, educational, or recreational services as shall be determined by the community.

### PRESENT OPERATION

Tiny tots; interest groups; cubs; scouts; brownies, guides; one-to-ones; winter camping; baseball; hockey; floor hockey; swimming; out-trips; family and individual counselling; teen drop-in; senior citizen drop-in; dances; receptions; farm project at Codrington, Ontario; bingo; exercise groups; food co-op; help in "3 R's" for all ages; senior citizens centre; Camp Washabourne; information re welfare rights, family benefits, landlord-tenant disputes, pensions, employment; legal aid centre; dental clinic; income tax clinic; etc.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dixon Hall may have a maximum of 25 Directors, elected by the MEMBERS. A Member is any person who has paid a membership fee of \$1.00 per year. All members shall have one vote for the election of Directors at the Annual Meeting. Dixon Hall is Administered by the Board of Directors.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT

Dennis Morrice, Executive Director, Dixon Hall.  
58 Sumach Street Phone 863-0499

## More Letters

Dear Sir:

Perhaps you, or some of the local residents, could help us with a small problem.

We plan on renovating and enlarging our store in the spring. Apparently the City records do not go back as far as when this bldg. was first constructed. Is there anyone living in this area who can remember the name of the original owner, and when it was built? We would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who could help us with a 'plaque'.

Also, does anybody know if we are breaking some sort of law by installing two washrooms. What with woman's lib, equal opportunity etc. etal . . . has equal rights invaded the 'privy'.

**Norman R. Burns**  
Sowden of England  
237 Carlton St.

Dear Sir:

Last week, 30 people attended a "public" meeting in the Don area. We are referring to the general, "Constitutional Meeting" which the Neighborhood Information Post held Monday night, Jan. 29th at the Donvale Community Centre.

The purpose of this meeting was to make amendments to N.I.P.'s Constitution. During the course of the meeting, it became clear that the real purpose was an attempt to gain control of N.I.P., programmed by the N.I.P. staff. The meeting was packed with 10-15 supporters of the staff who voted together on every single amendment proposed. These amendments were all aimed at weakening the structure of the Board and changing its function from one of directing to advising.

Because of their concern that N.I.P. is not controlled by the community, four board members resigned that same night: Elsie Norton (Vice-Chairman), Bill Lee

(Secretary), Jerome Murray and Don Weitz.

**Bill Lee**  
**Don Weitz**

Dear Sir:

The question now is, who, or what, will fill the vacuum created in Ward Seven by the effective loss of its community newspaper?

Openly smug and arrogant, Norman G. Browne authored in your January 27, 1973 issue such a virulent, biased and unbalanced attack upon the ward's two alderman that I felt when reading it that I might have mistakenly picked up a copy of the Toronto Star.

Having myself, some ten years ago, edited a small community service newspaper, I have some sympathy with the difficulties inherent in such a thankless task; I recognise as well the need to counter community apathy; I accept wholeheartedly that your paper needs to scream loudly whenever it has a major policy disagreement with our political representatives; but I cannot accept personal slander as a substitute for reasoned argument.

I have never met either Mr. Sewell or Mr. Jaffary, though I assisted their campaign. Though it seems fully possible that either or both could have been "openly smug and arrogant" at the meeting upon which Mr. Browne purports to report (but upon which he in fact editorializes) I find no evidence whatsoever in the balance of the story to support that conclusion, nor do I find that your reporter made any attempt to allow Mr. Sewell or Mr. Jaffary to present their viewpoint concerning Mr. Browne's charges, a decency which even the Toronto Star would have afforded them.

I find myself saddened, angered, and bewildered when it appears to me that I would have a much better opportunity to understand Ward 7 issues by reading accounts in the establishment press than I would by carefully studying the articles of a paper which I had fervently hoped would be a very real alternative.

**David Spiers**  
Sackville Street

## Adult Drop-In Takes Off

by DON WEITZ

Like a spaceship, the Don District Overnight Adult Drop-in has taken off and is about to go into orbit. That pretty well describes the incredible thrust of this dynamic project which opened for business only seven weeks ago, on Midnight Dec. 15 at 349 Ontario Street.

Consider this bit of recent history:  
**Dec. 15, 1972** — Drop-in, manned by volunteers, opens on weekends from midnight until 8 in the morning.

## Notes from City Hall

by JOHN SEWELL

City Council has approved the following which directly affect people in Ward 7:

1) A stop sign is being installed on Nasmith, at Spruce Street.

2) Another stop sign is being put up at Browning and Jackman so that the intersection becomes a four-way stop.

3) The laneway between Bright and St. Paul Streets (which has always been a problem) will be graded and gravelled by the City. The cost of paving is astronomical, and new methods of surfacing are being looked into by the City.

4) "No Heavy Truck" signs will be posted on Logan Avenue. North of Gerrard, heavy trucks will not be allowed at all, save for making deliveries in the neighbourhood. South of Gerrard, they will be prohibited from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

5) Traffic controls will be tightened around Withrow Park. A stop sign will be erected on Logan at Bain. Crosswalks will be installed at Logan and McConnell, and Carlaw and Strathcona. 25 mph signs will be sprinkled around the area generally.

**Jan. 17, 1973** — Drop-in gets a \$12,000 LIP grant to hire 5 staff people.

**Jan. 18, 1973** — The interim working committee sets up a 3-member hiring committee to screen job applicants. The working committee also agrees to disband after the election of a Community Board of Directors.

**Jan. 22, 1973** — Copies of the job descriptions are distributed around the community and a hiring committee is named.

**Jan. 25, 1973** — A nine-member Board of Directors is elected from the community at a general meeting. Elected were Elsie Norton, Chairman; Jeff Gottschalk, Vice-chairman; Darlene McDougall, Secretary-treasurer; and Alf Jackson, Don Madill, Gerry Martin, George Fox, Ken Arkwell, and Jim Landrigan, members-at-large. Over half these Board members live or work in the Don District.

**Jan. 30-31, 1973** — Hiring committee interviews 25 applicants for the five positions open.

**Feb. 1, 1973** — Drop-in Board of Directors approves and hires the five staff people recommended by the hiring committee.

Three people were hired as Drop-in Workers, one community worker and one secretary-bookkeeper. The Drop-in Workers hired were Joe McDonald, Susan Webster and Eric Taylor.

Joe has been active in Regent Park where he was involved in the Community Boosters Club and was founding Editor of the Regent Bell. As a Program Director in Regent,

he helped to set up a number of social and recreational programs for that area.

Susan lives in the Wellesley-Parliament area and was a Bleecker street tenant during the street battles and hassles with Meridian last summer. She's a high school drop-out and during the past four months was teaching pottery to kids at Central Neighbourhood House.

Eric is an university graduate, greatly interested in community theatre and worked as an actor in Vancouver and Toronto. He's lived on a farm for the past two years but presently lives in the west end of Toronto. He feels he can be a creative force in the Drop-In.

**Bruce Smith** was hired as the Community Worker for the Drop-in. Bruce is also a university graduate and has been involved with various citizen and community groups. He's interested in getting people together and took the job as "a chance to do something".

**Barbara Moore** is the Drop-in's bookkeeper-secretary. She dropped out of University after a year to get a "better" education. She's been looking for work the past 3 months and is eager to get involved in something "meaningful".

Despite the hiring of five staff, the drop-in is still under-manned — they've been trying to cope with around 100 people a night recently. To expand the scope and hours of the Drop-in, a volunteer program is being set up. **Anyone interested in helping out is asked to call Elsie Norton at 923-5930 or Don Madill at 751-5944.**

## SEVEN NEWS Under Tighter Control

The last general meeting of SEVEN NEWS elected a committee of seven to search out methods of putting the paper under tighter community control and develop ways of getting more community involvement in the paper.

The "search committee" has met six times to date and has concentrated most of its effort creating a draft constitution for SEVEN NEWS. Although they have by no means finished drafting the constitution, a number of bylaws have been suggested which they feel should be publicised for informational and feed-back purposes.

SEVEN NEWS is presently incorporated and these suggested new bylaws will be amalgamated with, supercede or be in addition to its standard, existing bylaws.

**NAME:** Seven News Incorporated.  
**MEMBERSHIP:** Anyone who lives in and or works in Ward Seven.

**PURPOSE:** To publish periodicals and occasional publications. (The intent here is that SEVEN NEWS shouldn't be limited to publishing in a specific geographical area. Nor should it be limited to publishing only a newspaper.)

**BOARD:** There shall be a nine member board of directors elected at a general meeting. The Board shall elect from among its own members, four executive positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These four executive shall exercise the normal functions of their office with the exception of the Vice-President who will also be chairman of a standing editorial committee. The editor of SEVEN NEWS will be a non-voting member of the Board.

**MEETINGS:** There shall be three general meetings a year, one of which will be the Annual Meeting. An effort will be made to space these meetings out over a yearly period. General meetings may also be called at the request of the Board or the Membership.

**COMMITTEES:** There shall be four standing committees of the Board of Directors. An **Executive Committee** consisting of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. They shall act only in case of a crisis when a full Board or General meeting can not be called.

An **Editorial Committee**, chaired by the Vice-President and membership from the community to broaden the community base and insure news of community interest.

A **Financial Committee** composed of one Board member and others from the community who are interested and capable of raising funds for the continued operation of the paper.

A **Personnel Committee** composed of one Board member and others from the community who will deal with the whole area of staff and inter-staff relations.

Still to be dealt with are such items as: quorums, length of board service, interim election of new board members, board and membership safeguard, etc, etc.

Further reports of the Search Committee will be brought to you in future issues of SEVEN NEWS. Anyone wishing to make comment or criticism of the work they have done or are doing should contact Don Smith at 921-6710.

## Teens "Rock On"

by JIM DOBSON

The Regent Park Teen Centre "Rocks on" every Sunday night from 7 to 11 p.m. The concerts feature some of the best local and out of town groups with names such as FLUDD, ATLANTIS, MORNINGTON DRIVE, WEDNESDAY, ASH MOUNTAIN, SPICE, SWEET BLINDNESS, just to mention a few.

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Don Vale Brief

# Rosedale: "Most Unbalanced Riding in City"

by BRUCE LAWSON

Don Vale argued forcefully for the abolition of the federal riding of Rosedale when its brief was presented on Monday, February 5, to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission.

The 20-strong executive of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents unanimously endorsed the brief, which said the present riding of Rosedale is unfair to the people living south of Bloor Street.

What Don Vale proposed was that a new federal riding be created, with its northern boundary along Bloor Street and near Danforth Avenue, and its other boundaries taking in parts of city wards 6, 7 and 8. The executive agreed that it was flexible about the north-south boundaries and could accept a split in Ward 7 because it realized that each federal riding is about the size of 1½ city wards.

The Don Vale brief said there was such a fundamental difference between the areas north and south of Bloor Street that it was "impossible for such dramatically different areas to be represented by the same member of parliament."

One of the four commissioners

hearing submissions in a federal court on University Avenue suggested that the Don Vale brief might only encourage class distinctions in Canada, "something we want to avoid."

However Don Vale suggested that just as there were differences between urban and rural ridings, which were recognized by the commission, so there are differences between the interests and needs of communities within cities.

"We feel that Rosedale is perhaps the most unbalanced riding in the Metropolitan area, an uneasy wedding between the two extremes of life styles and wealth," the brief said.

"For this reason, we feel that Rosedale has as strong a claim as any existing riding in Metropolitan Toronto to have its present shape drastically altered in order to form new ridings which more closely represent homogeneous societies and interest groups, to the benefit of everyone whether living north or south of Bloor."

"We feel that there should be a move towards making all political boundaries identical, or at least as close as possible to each other. In

our part of the city, we have no doubt that our present municipal boundaries, for all their imperfections, are the best of all the present political boundaries.

"For the first time in living memory, a proud, identifiable and aware political unit has been created by the stroke of the pen which created the present Ward 7."

One of the recommendations of the Don Vale brief was that new federal ridings in the City of Toronto follow as closely as possible the existing city and ward boundaries.

The federal boundaries commission is a non-partisan body, which automatically, under the law, must re-distribute federal boundaries throughout Canada on the basis of each federal census. The present re-distribution follows the census of June 1, 1971.

One of the complaints made about the operation of the present commission is that it has not given the public sufficient time to study the issue properly. Its preliminary maps were published on December 27, 1972, and briefs were supposed to have been in by January 19.

In its map of December 27, the riding of Rosedale remains basically unaltered from its

previous configuration. It stretches from Toronto Islands almost to Eglinton Avenue (Manor Road) and from Yonge Street to the Don River Valley and Bayview Avenue. It is almost the last reminder of the traditional "strip" ridings that used to carve up Toronto at the federal, provincial and municipal levels.

In the Don Vale brief, some of the same arguments were used that were used so effectively when the Ontario Municipal Board agreed to end the "strip" wards in favour of "block" wards, and so created Ward 7.

The brief said that political parties

running campaigns in the Rosedale Riding had been known to run "different campaigns" for the parts of the riding on each side of Bloor Street.

It also produced research to show that "ever since Rosedale was created (40 years ago) we have never been represented by a person living south of Bloor..."

"We feel that no matter what party a member belongs to, he will represent us better and speak for us better if he lives among us, or at least represents an area made of people somewhat like us in needs, life style and economic background.

## Food Co-op Opens

by BRENDAN KAREN

KARMA II Food Co-op sprang into its first day of operation on Friday, Feb. 1. It was, according to most people, a new experience in grocery shopping. No high pressure sales. No Muzak. Just friendly, smiling people trying to get along and help each other co-operatively.

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## FIGHTING BACK IN TREFANN COURT

## The 'slum' that wouldn't be bulldozed

Fighting Back by Graham Fraser. Hakkert. 300 pages with 16 photographs. \$3.95 in paperback.

by JAMES LORIMER

Graham Fraser's new book tells the story of urban renewal in Trefann Court. It traces the origins of city hall's interest in "slums" and "slum clearance" to the 1930's and before, describes how the good people of the city got together to promote the demolition of much of the original Cabbagetown area to replace it with Regent North and South, and then talks about how Trefann (along with Don Mount and "Don Vale") were the last in line for the expropriation-public housing treatment which was supposed to be an answer to the housing problems of people with low incomes in central Toronto.

Graham Fraser goes into great detail once he gets to 1966, which was the time when expropriation suddenly seemed at hand in Trefann and when area residents got themselves together to oppose the plan and the politicians who were pushing it. There is a blow-by-blow description of the battle to get the original plan called off, and of what has been happening in Trefann since the 1969 election.

This is the least-known part of the story. With John Sewell and Karl Jaffary in office, a "working committee" was set up in Trefann with five city hall politicians (including Jaffary and Sewell), city officials involved in urban renewal, and representatives from the local associations — the businessmen, the tenants and the residents.

Gradually the working committee was able to draw up a plan for improving Trefann Court which took account of the interests of everyone in the area, and which proposed improvements which really would be improvements.

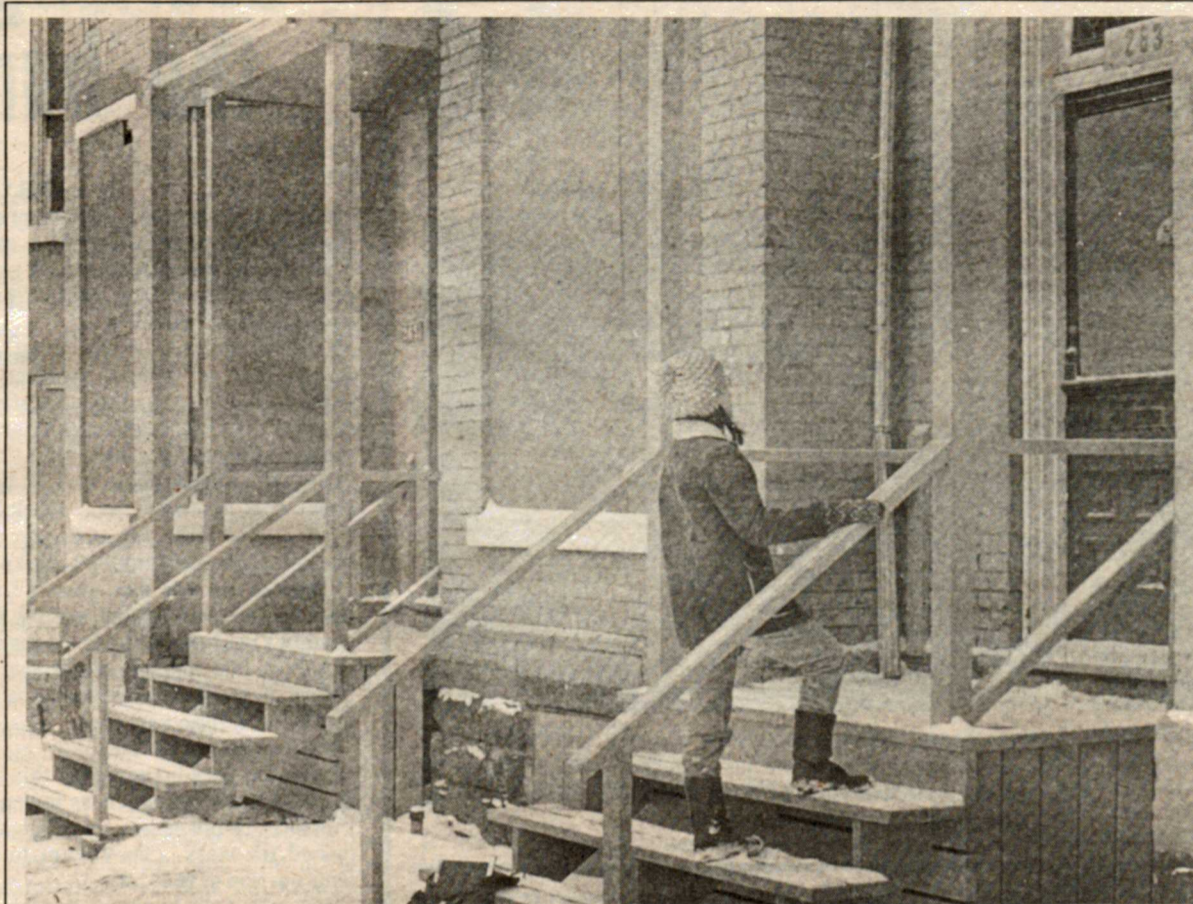
The Trefann plan is still meeting opposition, and nothing concrete in the way of implementation has started in the area, but the experience of the working committee shows how capable local people are in dealing with their problems and how much better they do than city bureaucrats who know little of ordinary people's interests and do nothing to take care of them.

What happened in Trefann in 1970 to 1972, setting up a working committee and then drawing up a plan, was very similar to what happened in a shorter period of time in the east of Parliament area in 1968-69, when those of us in the local residents' association tried to develop a scheme which would be helpful to area residents and which could replace the planners' original "Don Vale" urban renewal plan.

The Development Department and its crew-cut commissioner, Graham Emslie, certain politicians like David Rotenberg and William Dennison, and various other interested people did their best to discredit this residents' plan and the process by which it had been drawn up, claiming that it paid no attention to the interests of east of Parliament area tenants and that it would hasten the process by which long-time working-class east of Parliament area residents would be forced out by middle-class renovators.

That was false; the real problem with the east of Parliament plan was that it was drawn up before its time, before the political situation in Toronto was such that plans and planning bodies like that working committee would be dealt with seriously.

Trefann's plan might have suffered the same fate if nothing had changed in the December 1972 elections, but now presumably there is a majority at City Hall which will see the work the Trefann committee has done as a prototype of the way planning can be done in Toronto.



## Canada Trust boards up Don Vale homes

With downtown housing in critically short supply, at least 11 apparently good houses in Don Vale have been boarded up by their absentee corporate owner.

The houses are part of a 31-house assembly on Carlton, McDermott and Spruce streets just east of Parliament. They were assembled by Alex Cowley Ltd. for Agincourt Mall, a subsidiary of the Loblaw-Weston group. Downtown Action Project did a title search and reports that the properties were transferred to Canada Trust in October, 1972, but

it's suspected that Loblaw-Weston still really owns them.

At its meeting on February 4, the executive of the Don Vale residents association decided to ask Canada Trust to put 24-hour guards on the houses, as required by city by-law, because they represent a fire danger to neighbouring homes.

The executive also asked, in a letter, for details on the real owner of the property, documentation on the amount of repairs needed, and for neighbourhood input into any study being done on the future of the properties.

So Graham Fraser's book comes at a good moment. It is a source of information people can rely on; when it was talking about things I know about there were none of the usual errors one gets in the *Star* or the *Globe*, or in official reports. Nor have I heard any complaints about errors from the people actually involved in the Trefann working committee.

One aspect of the book which is surprising, though, is the way in which the Development Department, its Rosedale friend June Rowlands, and some city politicians are attributed only the best of motives and are given the benefit of numerous doubts.

I tend towards a less charitable interpretation of what was happening in Trefann, and I think that the Development Department (acting, as always, as the agent of the majority group at City Hall which did not want the Trefann problem to be solved in a way which amounted to a victory for local people) was a lot more scheming and hypocritical in its role in Trefann and in causing many of the problems the area had than Graham Fraser indicates.

I am sure that a lot of people think it is amazing that there are so many books being written on Toronto city politics, so many in fact on Ward 7

and what has been happening here in the past few years.

As someone who has been part of this writing and publishing, what I say about it of course reflects my own stake in what has been done. This process of writing about these subjects and making books available for people to read is helping towards creating a better understanding and accurate sense of the situation we find ourselves in.

This situation is very different from what is happening in the U.S., but if it were not for these books on Toronto there would be virtually nothing to turn to except American books. Also this writing is making accessible to people who are really interested, information which is otherwise available only to a small circle of those who are directly involved. There must have been hundreds of student essays and theses written on urban renewal and Trefann Court in the past five years, yet for these people and other outsiders there has been very little information available indeed on what was really happening there.

A book like Graham Fraser's is important and useful because it lets many more people in on what is really happening, and hopefully it begins to give them the idea that if people in one small area of Toronto can do so much to wrest power out of the hands of the city

establishment and take it over to use themselves, lots of other people in other areas can do the same thing.

Without a book like this, people might think that Trefann had won some sort of victory and had done good things, but they would be operating more on faith than on information. If they wanted to do the same thing themselves they would have to start from scratch and try to fight the same kind of fight without any benefit from the experience of Trefann.

I don't think that everybody in the world — not even everybody in Ward 7 — would want to read **FIGHTING BACK**, but there are some people who will want to and some who would benefit a lot from doing so. For those people it is very important that Graham Fraser was willing to put a year and a half of his life into recording exactly what went on in urban renewal planning in Trefann Court.

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Four quit  
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shake-up

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

Despite objections by a minority group of traditionalists, the general constitutional meeting of the Neighbourhood Information Post held last week passed a number of radical amendments to the NIP Constitution.

The Neighbourhood Information Post is a community-owned, community-controlled, and community-run information and referral service for the people of Ward Seven.

The traditionalists, four of whom resigned from the NIP Board of Directors at the meeting, want to see a vertical structure for NIP. Such a structure would have clearly defined lines of authority and responsibility from the staff to the board and from the board to the community.

The structure that evolved as a result of the NIP constitutional changes is more that of a horizontal structure with no clearly defined lines of authority between the community, the board and the staff. An example of this is the amendment that states:

"The Board of Directors shall consist of 12 persons, 5 of which shall be representatives of different active community organizations in the ward, 4 individual members at large and 3 staff representatives."

Another suggested amendment was that the function of the board should be to advise the staff and volunteers of NIP as to policy and direction.

It was pointed out that the word "advise" should be changed to "direct", as after all they were a board of directors and not a board of advisors. The meeting, however, would not accept this.

Ironically, the meeting was originally called to deal with the question of whether staff should be on the board of directors. By the time the meeting was held, many months later, there were no staff on the board. But the meeting changed the constitution to require staff to be on the board.

Also being questioned by some people is whether NIP is really supplying any meaningful, needed service to the community.

Their general and special meetings only get a turnout of around 25 to 30 people. Also, for the 11-month period ending November, 1972, NIP handled an average of only 145 calls a month. Considering the overall, yearly budget for NIP, it has been estimated that it costs \$10 to service every call received by NIP.

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When the new Metro Zoo opens in Scarborough in a few years, Riverdale Zoo in Ward Seven will change in character. Thanks to pressure from Ward Seven residents, the Riverdale Zoo has been saved, although it is likely to lose some of its

animals which need more space. However, even in Winter, Riverdale is a magnet which attracts kids and their parents to ordinary animals such as deer, rabbits and buffalo.

## Hey, Mom!

A CHILD CARE COLUMN  
by CATHERINE VERRALL

Every child needs a wall, — or something to climb over, to balance on, to jump off. He needs these kinds of activities just as much as he needs good food. Hard physical play feeds his self-confidence, — gives him that most important feeling: "I am smart! I can do things!" It helps him use up his boiling energy in healthy ways.

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his left side, making his brain control his body (as it does when he walks along a wall). He'll have great trouble reading, if he hasn't already mastered these. And mastery begins in infancy.

So how can we give little children this kind of play, in small apartments?

Decide on "gym time" when you arrange things to meet the child's needs. (When time is up, tidy to suit the needs of the others.) Put away nick-nacks. Turn off the TV (so the child will move, rather than sit; and so that he will concentrate on what he is doing, thus training his brain.) Let him go barefoot, if possible.

For equipment, use your imagination on whatever you can find, but here are some ideas.

**Old tires** Wash. Child can BOUNCE on these (especially if a

piece of wood fits across). He can pile up 2 or 3 and CLIMB into the well. He can prop them on edge and CRAWL through.

**Heavy chair** or chesterfield. Move out so child can CLIMB up and JUMP off. An old crib mattress would soften the landing and provide something safe to BOUNCE on (instead of the couch!)

**Stepping-stones** Cut shapes from cardboard, cloth, or "What have you". Arrange on floor for child to STEP along. ("Don't fall in the water!") You can put masking tape on his bedroom floor in the shape of a giant letter. He can walk along the line, forwards, backwards, sideways, thus getting the feel of the letter, as well as balance.

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## EMPLOYMENT

# Learning to love the bureaucrats

by HARRY KADICKLE

In its never ending battle to preserve the Canadian tax dollar and stabilize the country's welfare roles; the Unemployment Insurance Commission recently launched yet another attack to confuse, misuse and otherwise refuse those "privileged" enough to be drawing unemployment benefits.

With unemployment hovering around the six hundred thousand mark (give or take a hundred thousand — I mean, what's an individual if you can make a statistic out of him) the government has decided to crack down on cheaters — make honest men of them . . . I mean, if they were truly honest Canadians they'd have a job, right.

The unfortunate point here is that at any one time there are only about fifty thousand jobs available across this prosperous land of ours . . . and folks, try as I may; 600,000 just don't go into 50,000 with any semblance of sanity (it works out to .083 jobs for every person.)

I figured out one day, that if I got the minimum wage of \$1.80 an hour for the time I spent waiting for them to answer their phones — I wouldn't need unemployment insurance at all!

They're the only place I know that makes you wait eight weeks before they let you know you're ineligible (and this is after paying into it for umpteen weeks).

And yet, they go on and on.

Recently, they inaugurated this "Job Search" form that you may or may not have come across in your weekly dealings with them. What this form requires is a complete list of places and dates of where you looked for work. (They want to make sure you're still looking for your portion of that job).

This may look innocent enough on the outside and indeed in some cases it is. Unfortunately, in some cases it is not.

The UIC has taken to replacing cheques with yellow "disqualified" notices. You see, depending on what bureaucrat reads your Job Search statement you may be disqualified for any of the following reasons:

- not having the employer sign it
- not applying at enough places
- not applying at Manpower enough (please check one)

It seems that under the new legislation a person drawing benefits can be disqualified completely at the discretion of the UIC office he comes under.

That is the reason we find some people getting disqualified for only applying at seven places in one week, while people who applied at four are still drawing benefits. And phoning a potential employer is no go.

If a factory in Rexdale advertised for help and you phoned them to make an appointment and they said they already had enough applications, so they weren't taking anymore — according to the new legislation (or at least how some UIC offices are interpreting it) you still have to hop a street car and go out to Rexdale and have the employer sign your Job Search statement to prove you were looking for work.

Figure that one out, folks.

I figure their plan is eventually to disqualify everybody and then there'll be no more cheaters — at least collecting Unemployment Insurance — they'll all be on welfare.

Anyway — if you're getting hassled, or were getting hassled or just generally browned off — phone NIP at 924-2543, CRUNCH at 920-2539 or Operation Family Rights at 461-0321.

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## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

10am — City Hall: Public Works Committee to hear deputations on the widening of Dundas St. For more info, phone 923-9869.

8:30pm — Toronto Free Theatre (24 Berkeley St) Poetry and People Series. John Robert Colombo will read from his works. The second half of the evening is open to the public — anyone may read their own poetry. Free.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

7:30pm — Woodgreen United Church: meeting on Day Care, everyone welcomed.

10:30am — Broadview Y: (275 Broadview) Mothers Take Break and Pre-Schoolers. Every Tuesday, 25 cents per week.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th

1:30 pm — St Simons Church (40 Howard St) Senior Citizens' group. Meets every Wednesday — everyone welcomed.

Gerrard "K" Club: (101 Spruce St) — Teeny Bop Valentines Dance. For more info — phone 925-2243.

7:30 pm — Backdoor Theatre: (474 Ontario St). "Young Hunting" — free Wed, Thurs and Sunday; \$2.50 Fri and Sat.

8pm — Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) Peoples Theatre Workshop — open to any member of the community of any age to explore learning about theatre, acting and have fun too.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

Gerrard "K" Club (101 Spruce St) — K-Kids hot dog supper

7:30 pm — Parliament St. Library House (265 Gerrard St. E) Modern animated cartoons — free.

8pm — Don Vale Community Centre: — Don Vale Residents and Homeowners Assc. general meeting. Among things to be discussed are a 38 ft. height limitation on building in Don Vale.

8pm — Police Community Meeting: for more info phone GRO at 466-2148.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

16th - 18th Lord Simcoe Hotel: Poor Peoples' Conference. Sponsored by the Ontario Anti-Poverty Organization. For more info phone 421-6833.

8:30 pm Broadview Y (275 Broadview): Dance for 13 - 19 year olds. 25 cents.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

10:30 am — Riverdale Library (370 Broadview) Stories for children. Also again at 2pm. For more info phone 466-0776.

12pm — Broadview Y (275 Broadview) free movies. Today "Island of the Blue Dolphins".

2pm — Backdoor Theatre (474 Ontario) Free showing of "The Secret of the Magic Puzzle" (again on Sunday.) Please phone for reservations 961-1505.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

6:30 pm — Dixon Hall (58 Sumach St.) Income Tax Clinic. Please phone ahead for appointment 863-0499.

7:30pm Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St. E) GRO Parks and Recreation Meeting.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

Gerrard "K" Club (101 Spruce St) — Parents Health Night.

7:30pm — College of Education (371 Bloor St.) Womens' Lecture topic: "Male Roles and Male Sexuality" with Loraine Clark.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

Gerrard "K" Club — (101 Spruce St) — Inner-J Club chess championship.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

8pm — Parliament St. Library House (265 Gerrard St. E) Poetry — "Red (the Legend of Red Ryan)" — with Ted Plantos.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

11am — Riverdale Library (370 Broadview) puppet show "The Three Wishes" Free — again at 2pm.

12pm — Broadview Y (275 Broadview) Free movies. Today "Sword of Sherwood Forest" (With Robin Hood)

2pm — Parliament St. Library (406 Parliament St.) Puppet Show. "The Neighbours" — free.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

Regent Park Teen Centre 7pm (203 Sackville Green) Dance with "Bananas" \$1 non-members, can of food and 25 cents members.

### CONTINUING

Springboard (297 Carlton St) — Open house for ex-inmates. Refreshments. Also looking for volunteers to fill a variety of needs. Anyone interested contact Janice Martens 922-6015.

Co-op Baby Sitting — 470 Dundas (at Parliament) basement — Open Monday thru Friday 9 am - 4:30 pm. 25 cents an hour. Phone 924-2543

Riverdale Community Care Centre (875 Queen St. E) Free clothing depot — counselling services. Drop in anytime or phone 461-0914.

Neighborhood Information Post (265 Gerrard St. E) Referral service as well as dealing with problems around UIC, health, welfare and housing. Drop in or phone 924-2543

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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Neighborhood Information Post: 924-2543

FODARA: 923-9869

Seven News: 920-8632

Springboard: 922-6015

Don Vale Community Centre: 921-6710

Greater Riverdale Organization (GRO): 466-2148

CRUNCH Employment: 920-2539

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# FODARA Tackles Housing Problems

by DAVID THOMSETT

On Tuesday evening, January 30th, the first of a series of meetings dealing with housing issues in the Don Area was held in the Community Secretariat office of F.O.D.A.R.A. (Federation of Don Area Residents' Associations). The purpose of the first meeting was to listen to and record housing problems as described by representatives from resident groups and from community workers in the area. After hearing all persons present a condensed list

was made of those issues which are of common concern to all in the Don Area.

These issues centred around:

### 1) Absentee Landlords

High rents are often being paid for housing in poor condition. Pat Travis, from South Cabbagetown Community Improvement Association, summed up the situation accurately: "Some of the main problems are: poor to rotten plumbing and heating facilities, defective wiring, holes in floors, walls and ceilings. General interior and exterior repairing and redecorating is sadly needed but neglected". Not only is rental housing often in poor condition but tenants are fearful of complaining to their landlords or to the Health Department for fear of retaliation in the form of excessive rent hikes or eviction.

### 2) Housing Shortage

Many rooming houses and houses containing two or three apartments are being converted into

townhouses which are not within the economic means of the former inhabitants. Housing affordable by families on a low or fixed income is becoming scarce allowing for high rents to be charged for buildings in poor condition. Landlords can always find tenants to pay higher rents. Rents (including heating and light) in excess of 50 per cent of a family's income are not at all uncommon.

### 3) Legislative Inadequacy

The existing Landlord Tenant Act, building inspection policies and a little known 1953 rent control act were considered to be just three of several avenues by which housing problems can be tackled.

At the next housing meeting, the job of dealing with these common issues will be started. If you feel you can add further insight into the problem of housing or ways in which these problems can be alleviated call F.O.D.A.R.A. at 923-9867 RIGHT AWAY for further information.

## Scouting Around in Ward Seven

Cubs and Scouts are coming out of the walls all over Ward Seven. In the past two years, membership in the Boy Scouts of Canada has doubled in the Ward and all the groups are actively involved in camping, games, creative activities and community service.

Cubs are boys ages 8 to 11, while Scouts are from 11 to 14. Cost is not a problem as the groups work together to raise their own money to cover most costs. Uniforms are available very economically.

As always the groups have volunteer leaders who are offered small group training free in the community. Both men and women are needed to help bring the program to boys.

In Ward Seven, Cub and Scout groups meet at: Dixon Hall, Regent Park School, All Saints Church, St. Pauls Church, St. Martin School, Eastminster Church, Frankland School, 600 Dundas East, St. Luke's Church, St. Simons Church, Moss Park, Logan Avenue Citadel, St. Johns Presbyterian, and St. Ann's Church.

If you have a boy who is interested in joining or if you can spare some time to help a boy, please call Tom Beattie at 925-3009 or Dan Peace at 925-3425.

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## Housing Task Force

by MARGARET SCRIVENER,  
MPP

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The Ontario Advisory Task Force on Housing Policy will be holding meetings with tenants of OHC housing units in Toronto from February 19 to 22 inclusive. These meetings are for OHC tenants only and briefs concerning various problems will be examined and discussed. These meetings will be held at various locations throughout Metro Toronto.

Meetings will also be held on April 2, 3, 4, and 5 to consider and discuss briefs submitted by persons and organizations in the Toronto area. They will probably be held in the Macdonald Block at Queen's Park

(Bay at Wellesley). The task force will also hear speakers and oral submissions from the public at that time as well.

Briefs and notices to speak to the task force will have to be submitted earlier than the meeting dates so that they can be circulated to the task force members prior to the meetings.

At the time of writing, I do not know when these deadlines will be, but would conjecture that they would be several weeks earlier; say March 16.

The address of the Ontario Advisory Task Force on Housing Policy is Hearst Block, 5th floor, 900 Bay Street, Toronto. Eli Comay is the Task Force chairman.

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## Floor Hockey

# Regent Park takes lead

by RANDY BOETTCHER

Regent Park has moved into a strong 8-point lead in the intermediate division of the Inner City Floor Hockey League. East York and Broadview YMCA are fighting for second place and the YMCA was helped in its move up the standings by a 4-point victory over Woodgreen.

In the Bantam division, two trades of leading players have improved the balance of the teams greatly. Leading scorer Steve Churley has been traded from YMCA to Regent Park and Louie Carter has gone from YMCA to YWCA.

The YMCA No. 1 team continues to dominate the Pee Wee division, but Woodgreen, a late entry in the league, is playing very well and may make the playoffs.

### FLOOR HOCKEY STANDINGS

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION (16 yrs + up)						
TEAM	W	L	GF	GA	PTS	
1. REGENT PARK	11	1	137	58	23	
2. EAST YORK	7	3	156	48	15	
3. YMCA	7	5	71	94	15	
4. EASTMINSTER	5	7	68	49	11	
5. WOODGREEN	5	7	0	49	71	10
6. DIXON HALL	1	12	0	43	224	2
BANTAM DIVISION (13-15 yrs)						
TEAM	W	L	GF	GA	PTS	
1. YMCA	15	0	147	21	30	
2. YWCA	6	9	55	122	12	
3. REGENT PARK	4	11	65	102	8	
PEE WEE DIVISION (10-12 yrs.)						
TEAM	W	L	T	PTS		
1. YMCA 1	11	0	2	24		
2. YMCA 2	6	5	2	14		
3. ST. CLEMENTS 1	4	6	2	10		
4. WOODGREEN	2	0	2	6		
5. UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT	3	10	0	6		
6. ST. CLEMENTS 2	1	3	0	2		

## Dixon Hall still on top

by MIKE BRITTON

The South Don Valley Hockey League wraps up its regular season and goes into the playoffs after the games on Thursday night, February 15.

In the Pee Wee division (ages 10 to 12) Dixon Hall stays on top although closely pressed by Kingsley; in the Bantam division (ages 13 to 15) Dixon Hall has suffered two losses in a row and has been displaced by the fast-rising Regent Park team, which has won its last three straight.

### ICE HOCKEY STANDINGS

-PEE WEEES					
TEAM	P	W	L	T	Pts
DIXON HALL	11	7	3	1	26
KINGSLEY	9	6	1	2	23
ST. CHRIS	11	5	6	0	21
REGENT	8	5	3	0	18
DON VALE	8	2	6	0	12
BANTAM					
TEAM	P	W	L	T	Pts
REGENT	9	8	1	0	25
DIXON HALL	10	7	3	0	24
WOODGREEN	10	5	5	0	20
KINGSLEY	8	4	4	0	16
DON VALE	9	1	8	0	10

## Sewell Reports Election Costs

In a letter sent to his campaign supporters, Alderman John Sewell reports that he received a total of \$5,248.01 in donations towards his election expenses from 212 people. Thirteen of these people donated \$152.00 anonymously.

Alderman Sewell estimated his campaign expenses to be \$3,500 but in actual fact his campaign cost \$3,957.08. Advertisements in local papers, the printing of large signs and the employment of someone in his office for three and a half weeks, account for the extra expenditure.

Sewell also made four donations, totalling \$1,000 toward the campaign expenses of other candidates. The donations were: Margo Andras, \$350; Dorothy Thomas, \$450; Dallard Runge, \$100 and Dan Heap, \$100. A surplus of \$290 will be given to Dallard Runge to defray some of his outstanding campaign costs.

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**Woodgreen Community Centre,  
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