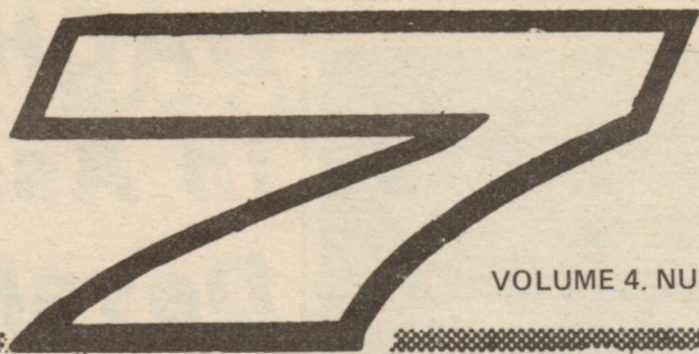


NEXT ISSUE

The next issue will be published over the weekend of January 25th. Deadline as usual is NOON, Monday, January 21. Copy can be dropped off at Winchester St. or 265 Gerrard St. E. Articles and letters-to-the-editor are still needed.



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Jaffray not to run in '74 election

It's official. Alderman Karl Jaffary has announced that he will not run again in the elections for City Council to be held next fall.

Alderman Jaffary, however, has not indicated that he will resign before the end of the term. Such a possibility could only happen were he to receive a sufficiently challenging and rewarding job offer.

Mr. Jaffary's reasons for not running again are based on his frustrations with the job, and mostly his inability to cope with the demanding work load. Mr. Jaffary is a member of the executive committee of City Council and also a member of Metro Council. As well, he has to cope with ordinary city problems and the needs of Ward Seven.

With Jaffary stepping down, the situation in the ward come next election time could be chaotic. The hope is that the various neighbourhoods in the ward can come up with one candidate to replace him.

Otherwise, Alderman John Sewell could have half a dozen running mates for the next election.

SEE story on Page Three

news roundup

New planner assigned to Don Vale area

Dave Tipe, a Ward Seven poet and playwright presented eight of his works at the Poor Alex theatre last week... A LIP project called H.E.L.P. is providing the elderly and handicapped in Moss Park apartments with assistance in running errands, etc. An Ombudsman service is also provided by Len Mellow, Art Lloyd and Shirley Quinn. Phone 366-6093 for information...

In St. Jamestown, Celeste Frame has been assigned by the Y.M.C.A. there to work with residents in the game lounge and hobby room...

Plans are proceeding for a new magazine of prose reviews and poetry. Titled GUT, it is edited by Alfred Rushton, c/o Box 400, 201 Queen St. E. Payment for material used is in copies of the magazine...

Laneway school, an alternate, community school serving the Treffann area has moved from Dixon Hall to Duke of York school... The Federation of Don Area Residents Associations is holding informal meetings with Mr. Frank Martin of the federal department of Health and Welfare regarding long-range funding for FODARA...

The théâtre du p'tit bonheur will present two one-act plays; L'amant by Harold Pinter and Joualez-moi d'amour by Jean Barbeau from January 31 to Feb. 9. The follow-



The snows of winter finally descended on Ward Seven over the holidays as hundreds of children took to the hills as did these three pictured manoeuvring the slopes of Riverdale Park.

Photo by Emil Kolompar

ing week there will be matinee performances for groups. The theatre group is located at 95 Danforth, for information phone 466-8400...

CORRECTIONS: The Dec. 1 issue of SEVEN NEWS was Vol. 4, No. 12 not number 15 as typeset in error; the Dec. 14 issue should have been listed as Volume 4, number 13 - not number six as typeset in error...

APOLOGIES - The letter on page two of the last issue titled, "Marg Campbell is good people writes reader" was authored by Marion Devine, a resident of St. Jamestown. Our apologies for not printing her name and address at the end of her letter...

A Ward Seven community worker, Noreen Dunphy, is acting as an ad hoc organiser and is trying to establish a committee of Toronto non-profit housing groups. Twelve groups have been contacted and invited to a preliminary meeting...

With all the spot redevelopment announced or planned for the Don Vale area, the City of Toronto Planning Dept. has assigned a planner to that area. His name is Joe Beridge...

The Don Vale Health Centre has produced a fact-sheet on nutrition and copies are available from a number of sources in the Don District...

SEVEN NEWS is looking for interested community people to fill some interim vacancies on its 9-person Board of Directors. If you would like to take a volunteer management role in the running of the corporation phone John Piper at 920-9210 or Norman Browne at 920-8632...

A study on the impact on the neighbourhood by the proposed Scarborough Expressway is being prepared by the Toronto Planning Staff. It should be available at the end of this month and public meetings are planned...

The Don Vale Community Centre After-school Program is seeking volunteers to work from 3:30 to 5:30. Phone Nick Powers at 921-6710. The Broadview YMCA is also seeking volunteers for its children's programs. Phone Viki Price at 461-8123...

The Don Vale Community Health Centre has three full-time job openings: Co-ordinator, Fund-raiser and Community Health Worker. Pay is \$100 a week for six months. Phone Chris Todd at 922-1532 if interested...

A pocket book "free store" and library is being set up by the Don Vale Community Centre. They need donations of books and magazines. Bring them to 80 Winchester or phone 921-6710 for a free pickup...

letter to Basford

Scrivener vetos community housing proposal in Don Vale

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

A confidential letter from Margaret Scrivener (MPP for St. David's Riding) to Ron Basford (Federal Minister of Urban Affairs) may have killed all chances of funding for a community controlled co-operative housing project in Don Vale.

Don Area Co-op Homes, Inc. (DACHI) is seeking a \$1.6 million loan from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to buy 39 properties in Don Vale. After selling of some, constructing "in-fill" housing behind others, and rehabilitating the remainder, the project would be turned over to its tenants as a non-profit, co-operative corporation.

In her letter to Basford, Mrs. Scrivener says, "I believe that there will be a very considerable local opposition to this project, and would urge you to reconsider any decision to proceed with a loan to DACHI for the purpose of acquiring the 39 houses."

The letter from Mrs. Scrivener to Ron Basford came about as a result of a night telegram written by Garry Stamm, a resident of Metcalfe street in Don Vale. The night telegram was signed by 28 Don Vale residents and copies were sent to C.M.H.C. officials, Ron Basford, Donald Macdonald (MP for Rose-dale riding), Mayor David Crombie and Alderman Karl Jaffary.

The night telegram reads as follows:

1. The residents of the Don Vale area received a notice of a General Meeting of the Don Vale Community Association to be held Wed. Dec. 5th, to discuss the future of the 39 houses bounded by Carlton, Parliament, Spruce and Sackville Streets.

The properties in question are in progress of being rehabilitated by the present owners with private committed funds. This is in line with the past 5 years rehabilitation trend in the community.

2. On arrival at this meeting we were presented with a proposal by DACHI (Don Area Co-operative Homes Incorporated) to form the above properties into a non-profit co-op housing development with CMHC funding amounting to approximately \$1.5 million.

3. DACHI proposes to pay the owner a profit of \$150,000 (in excess of 100 per cent profit after two months) with public CMHC funds in order to turn the properties into a co-op housing project as defined by the National Housing Act.

PLEASE NOTE these properties will not revert to private ownership. This simply replaces the committed private funds with Federal Public funds while providing the developer

with spurious profit at public expense.

4. The meeting formed a committee and agreed to examine all alternatives before approving any new development.

5. We the undersigned resident owners of the Don Vale area were told by DACHI members at the said meeting that CMHC had granted "passing approval". It is our understanding that CMHC was informed at the outset that the project already had "community approval".

6. We wish to advise that those present at the above meeting did not approve of the DACHI proposal (see point 4). Therefore, representatives of the undersigned request to meet with CMHC representatives in order to further examine the problems anticipated and to discuss alternatives to the proposed development.

7. We request that the consensus of opinion from the community be obtained before government funds are allocated to replace committed private funds for this project.

Meanwhile, forgotten and largely ignored in the whole controversy are the 100-odd tenants of the Cowley houses themselves. Under the existing private development plan, all of them will have to move. Under the DACHI proposal, some of them could stay but occupy less space at a higher rent.

Because both proposals are a threat to their present way of life, the Cowley Assembly tenants have formed an association and come up with a plan of action:

- Every Cowley Assembly tenant will be contacted.

- Every Cowley Assembly tenant will be brought up to date and informed of the events taking place in the community that will effect their future. They will be told of all options open to them.

- Some future meetings of the Cowley Assembly tenants will be autonomous and without benefit of input from DACHI or other community organizations.

- A poll will be taken of Cowley tenants to find out what they want done with their property.

- If the Cowley tenant poll is favorable to the DACHI proposal, a petition will be taken to the general community asking for support.

- As many Cowley tenants as possible will attend meetings of the Don Vale sub-committee that is meeting to deal with the proposal.

Couple celebrates golden anniversary

by GORDON CONNOR

A St. Jamestown couple, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Connor celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last month. A reception was given in their honour at their residence at 275 Bleecker St. The gathering was hosted by their three sons, Albert, Willis and Gordon and attended by their many relatives and friends.

The couple were married fifty years ago on Dec. 29, 1923 at Smith Falls, Ontario, by the Rev. Bryan. In May, 1929 the Connor family moved to Toronto where the last of their four sons was born. They have resided in what is now Ward Seven since their arrival here forty-four years ago.

Congratulations on their fifty years of marriage were received from Prime Minister Trudeau, Governor General Rolland Michener, Mayor Crombie and Margaret Campbell, Q.C.

Gifts of gold rings were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Connor on behalf of relatives and friends who attended the reception and those who were unable to attend, but sent their congratulations by mail.



Photo by Emil Kolompar

DACHI History in Assembly Development

DEC. 13, 1972 - The six member resident associations in the Don District that comprise FODARA choose housing as a priority concern in the Don District of Ward Seven.

JAN. 30, 1973 - The Federation of Don Area Resident Associations sets up a housing committee. The Committee sees the main problems to be Absentee Landlords, Shortage of Units, and Inadequate Legislation.

MAY 22, 1973 - The Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents meet to discuss the feasibility of setting up a non-profit, housing co-op for Don Vale. The idea is referred to FODARA due to lack of volunteers and interest in Don Vale.

MAY 23, 1973 - The South of Carlton Community Action, a member group of FODARA, meet and ask FODARA to set up a non-profit housing corporation for the Don District.

JUNE 12, 1973 - The Federal Gov-

ernment passes Bill C-133 which provides non-profit, housing co-ops with 10 per cent write-offs, start-up grants and rehabilitation grants.

JUNE 28, 1973 - A group of volunteer, community people come together for the first time to form a non-profit, housing co-op for the Don District. DACHI is born.

AUG. 3, 1973 - DACHI sends in a letter to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation seeking a grant to start up a co-op housing corporation.

NOV. 22, 1973 - DACHI first hears of the possibility of buying the Cowley Assembly at a meeting with Janet Howard, President of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents.

NOV. 22, 1973 - DACHI Technical Committee meet and begin development of a financial analysis and feasibility study for CMHC in order to get a loan to buy the property.

NOV. 26, 1973 - The Executive of the Don Vale Resident's Association meet and vote 12-2 in favour of the idea of a non-profit, co-op development of the Cowley Assembly.

DEC. 4, 1973 - DACHI asks South of Carlton Community Action for the loan of two community workers to help organize the tenants of the Cowley Houses.

DEC. 5, 1973 - A general meeting of Don Vale residents vote 65-15 in favour of having co-op housing in Don Vale. A Working Committee is established to meet with DACHI.

DEC. 6, 1973 - DACHI Technical Committee meets. Technical Committee meets with CMHC local staff. Technical Committee meets with full DACHI Board and Alderman John Sewell. DACHI takes option on Cowley Assembly.

DEC. 12, 1973 - Night Telegram is sent by Gary Stamm and 29 Don Vale residents asking for meeting with CMHC.

DEC. 18, 1973 - DACHI delivers application called, "Cowley Houses Preliminary Feasibility Study" to CMHC for their consideration.

DEC. 20, 1973 - Cowley Assembly Working Committee meets with DACHI.

DEC. 20, 1973 - Local MPP, Margaret Scrivener writes to CMHC asking them to hold up the loan to DACHI on the grounds that DACHI has failed to consult with the community sufficiently.

DEC. 27, 1973 - The tenants of the Cowley Houses meet to form an association.

JAN. 2, 1974 - Cowley Tenant's Association meet again and draw up a plan of action.

JAN. 7, 1974 - Alderman John Sewell reports that there should be no problem with the City approving the DACHI proposal.

JAN. 7, 1974 - Tenants in the Cowley Houses begin the blitz circulation of a petition in Don Vale seeking approval of co-op housing for the area.

JAN. 8, 1974 - The executive of the Don Vale Resident's Association meet and approve the writing of letters to CMHC and Margaret Scrivener, pointing out the inaccuracies in the night telegram sent by Gary Stamm.

The year ahead in Ward Seven

by SEVEN NEWS staff

South of St. Jamestown may get back into the news in 1974. Presently in limbo, attempts could be made to revive the working committee that was created to plan the area. A second possibility is for the City to buy the property now vacant from Meridian under its new land-banking program and turn it

back to the community for the construction of non-profit, co-operative housing.

The big issue in the South of Carlton area in 1974 will be the acceptance and implementation of the Part II planning study that has now been completed.

A key section of this report that will also draw interest is the Skid-Row Report. Recommendations in that study, if implemented by the various levels of government, will have far reaching affects on the whole of Ward Seven as well as other parts of the City.

The Dundas-Sherbourne project, also south of Carlton will also be a newsmaker in 1974 as work should start on the construction of infill and rehabilitation of existing housing on the site.

Another major newsmaker in 1974 should be the King-Parliament area as work gets underway in doing a detailed planning study of that district. The townhousing that

is going on in that area could also be a source of continuing friction with the existing residents.

Trefann will continue in the news in 1974 as it has for the past umpteen years. The stability of the area will continue to be eroded due to the snail's pace at which action is being taken to implement the Urban Renewal Scheme for the area.

South of Trefann, watch for an effort by the city to relocate some of the industry out of the area and use the land for low-income residential housing.

In Regent Park, the residents there will continue their fight for lower rent and more say in how the project is maintained and managed. More and better recreation facilities and services will also be a high priority for the area in 1974.

Don Vale will certainly be a newsmaker in 1974. The most contentious issue early in the year will be the plan to form a housing co-op amongst 30 houses in the area. A traffic maze and plans for a new zoo should also make more headlines.

The Don Vale area has a high number of active residents, the most active resident's association in the ward, a contentious community centre and a newly formed health centre - all of which should crop up in the news this year.

The east side of the Don River, although more stable, should con-

tinue to crop up in the news in 1974 as local issues surface and are dealt with by individual neighbourhoods in conjunction with the Greater Riverdale Organization.

The biggest issue that should effect the Riverdale area is the proposed Scarborough Expressway. Metro Council will make a final decision on this in the early spring.

Should the Expressway plan be turned down, watch for a plan to use the CNR right-of-way through lower Riverdale as an express street-car route. A plan for the acquisition of the Consumer's Gas Site by the City as part of its land-banking program could also become a newsmaker in 1974.

A top news story affecting the Ward as a whole will be an effort to have the provincial riding boundaries re-aligned to match up with the boundaries of the ward.

There is a good prospect for another federal election in the late spring of 1974 and of course in the late fall there should be lots of news as the ward gets ready for a civic election.

The latter election should prove interesting as the ward will have to choose a new alderman to replace incumbent Karl Jaffary who may not run again.

And of course Ward Seven News will continue its struggle to stay alive in order to bring you these news stories in 1974.

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What's The Future For Your Neighborhood?

The South of Carlton Working Committee with City Planning Staff is holding meetings in South of Carlton to discuss the new Part II Plan which is now being finalized. The meetings are being held on:

Wednesday, January 16th	All Saints Church Corner of Dundas and Sherbourne 7:30 p.m. (Please enter by the parking lot door)
Thursday, January 17th	The Library House 265 Gerrard St. East 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 22nd	Moss Park Recreation Room Middle Bldg. 285 Shuter St. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 23rd	Central Neighbourhood House 349 Ontario St.
Wednesday, January 30th	7:30 p.m.



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by KARL JAFFARY

Seven News assigned me to write an article, and the following was to be the subject matter:

The present and future plans and options of Karl Jaffary: Do you plan to quit? Do you plan to run again? Where will you go if you leave civic politics? What about your law practice and the property you have bought in Toronto? What input do you want from the citizens of Ward Seven on your future plans?

Those are all fair questions, things my constituents are entitled to have answered, so I'll try. I've been stewing about those questions for a month or so, not sleeping well, and putting it on paper may help sort it out.

I do not plan to run again, and I do not plan to quit, but the question of quitting is tied up with both by future plans and with my reasons for not running again. I'll try to explain that.

I really have four jobs at City Hall. I am a member of the City Council, the Metro Council, and City Executive and the Metro Executive. All of them could well be full-time jobs. I don't think anyone can do justice to four full-time jobs, and yet that is what the present political system in Toronto requires, and the City Council has made it clear that it does not want that system changed.

The Executive Committee jobs, City and Metro, are the really time consuming ones. The Executive has the real administrative responsibility for the City. It has to do the things about money and personnel, the things that actually get the work of the City done. I find that those things require a lot of

Work load ... frustration: Jaffray not to run again

time in my office, meeting with the staff and writing reports. I'd like to spend more time on them than I am able to, and at that I think that I, (along with everyone else on the Metro Executive) spend too little time on Metro administration, and that is why Metro is so horribly mismanaged at the political level.

I get a lot of my job satisfaction out of the administrative side of things. During the last year I got pretty deeply into the organization and the problems of the Civic Service. We eliminated four City departments, seven department heads have changed, and I look forward with some confidence to administrative savings in excess of \$1,000,000 in 1974.

We have a very serious problem of aging employees at City Hall, and it will cost many millions of dollars to improve pensions to such an extent that the older, tired employees will have some incentive to retire. I think I can see ways of finding the necessary money through further spending reductions, and I intend to try.

However, that sort of administrative work has to be squeezed in between Council meetings at which endless hours are spent wrangling over symbols and procedures. I think I have spent all the time anyone needs to spend, in a lifetime, listening to nonsense from William Archer and George Ben.

The aspects of my job that I most like are those that the citizens are likely to hear least about. In order to be able to go on doing those things I will have to fight in an election campaign and get more votes than my colleague John Sewell, and he very properly spends much more of his time doing things that are visible to the citizens.

Even if I win, and even if I am again elected to the Executive, I will have to fit in the administrative work in what time is left over after an average of 34 hours a week in formal Council and Committee meetings, not counting the time spent on constituent problems, Trefann, special meetings, etc.

How can anyone come to any conclusion other than "Who needs it?"

So what are my plans, what would I like to do? I practiced law for eight years and

really enjoyed that, so I might well go back to it. However, I'd like to do as many interesting things with my life as I can, so I am certainly thinking of other things I might do in 1975.

Perhaps somebody will offer me an interesting job. I've learned a lot about the administration of government services, I've learned a lot about housing and municipal affairs. I'm not making any secret of the fact that I would be interested in a challenging (and remunerative) job in 1975, and if I were offered a good one that meant resigning my seat on Council before the end of the term, I would have to think about it.

I have a personal agenda of things I want to see Council do in 1974, but after those things are finished I will have less reason for staying.

People may be interested in what those things are. I want to see the City pensions improve so that the older workers can retire. I want to see the housing program well launched. I want to see a City planning department established, with a strong organizational base. I want to see downtown growth firmly limited. I want to see a rooming house code enacted, and the machinery for enforcing that code, and the housing by-law, both streamlined.

I want to see some progress in speeding up the processing of building permit applications. I want to see the launching of a snow removal program from residential sidewalks. When those things have been done I will feel I've done my job.

A possibility I haven't mentioned is running for a Provincial or Federal seat. Those who know me will appreciate my complete dislike of the Federal scene. I think Provincial politics is desperately important, but I wonder what I could add.

I am writing this article just after learning about the Provincial Government decision to approve West St. James Town. That decision sums up the Provincial Government, for me. EVERYBODY opposed that development — dozens of citizen groups, The Children's Aid, the Board of Education, the local Federal

MP, the Ward aldermen and finally the City Council. Only Philip Roth and Meridian wanted it.

The Davis government did what the developer wanted, and not what any of the people wanted, and that doesn't surprise me one bit. In the process the government continued its mindless rape of Toronto and its citizens. That, too, is predictable.

I am not interested in being a part of the opposition at Queen's Park. I am not interested in strengthening the opposition, or trying to become leader of the opposition, or having anything to do with orderly, democratic, parliamentary opposition.

I am interested only in throwing that government and all its works out of office. Unless I could see some way of trying to do that I would not be interested in Provincial politics.

That leaves two questions. One was about the house I bought on Fulton Avenue and my plans for it. Ann and I have been looking for a house with four or more bedrooms for almost a year. The reason for our search is intensely personal, and relates to my snoring. We decided to look in the part of Ward 7 near Jackman School because we liked the neighbourhood and heard good reports about the school.

I resigned from my law partnership on Davenport Road after I was elected to the Executive Committee, and my law partners bought out my share of the building we owned there. That gave me enough for a down payment. We could have moved into the Fulton house when the purchase closed in October, sold our house on Hillcrest Park and found some way of investing the money we got on the sale.

We didn't move because our children were already established in school for this year, and we would like to make some renovations before we move. We therefore rented the house to some people who seem to be very responsible tenants.

We may move in September. I gave Ann ear plugs for Christmas, and that might solve the problem. We like our house on Hillcrest Park, and even if we do move to Fulton we would like to go on owning it, and perhaps think of moving back some time. I don't see anything wrong with my owning two houses, so long as I tell the public about it, treat my tenants fairly and make sure the houses contribute to their neighbourhoods rather than detracting from them.

The last question was about input from Ward 7 citizens. I appreciate very much hearing from those who write. (It's almost impossible to reach me by phone.) I really do want to hear what people think I ought to do, and I haven't finally made up my mind on very much.

However, I hope people will realize that ultimately it is my life and what I do with it is something I must decide. You elected me to do a job. I'm pleased you did, I enjoy the work and I intend to finish the job. I am simply giving notice that you'll likely need to find somebody else when the immediate job is over.



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GRO victories usher in New Year

By NELLIE POWELL
The Greater Riverdale Organization, a coalition of Church, Agency and citizen groups on the east side of the Don River, ushered in the new year with two significant victories.

The first item of good news is that the City of Toronto has purchased the premises occupied by Valley View Dairy.

People living in the residential area adjacent to the Dairy have been trying since 1963 to get the co-operation of the management to either clean up their operation and stop dominating the area with trucks and transport - or move out.

Finally, Mr. Fred Chapman, chairman of the citizen group dealing with the problem enlisted the aid and support of the Greater Riverdale Organization. After a year of continuing negotiations with both the City and the Dairy, success was attained.

Valley View Dairy has been bought by the City and the Dairy has been given until June to remove their obnoxious and smelly business

Moss Park elderly enjoy party

by HELEN ELLIS

The elderly and handicapped from Moss Park and St. James-town enjoyed a happy evening on Friday, Dec. 21 at a party hosted by Margaret Campbell, MPP for the riding of St. George.

Highlight of the event was a tour of the City to see "The Lights", lack of which did not dampen spirits of the group. Carols were joyfully sung en route and there were many exclamations of surprise and delight at the sight of Casa Loma, University Ave., City Hall and Yonge Street.

After the tour, the group returned to St. Luke's Church where a number of busy, volunteer helpers had hot tea, coffee, delicious sandwiches, cake and cookies awaiting. The festive season was evident, with tree and table decorations throughout.

Entertainment was supplied by John Martin and his "Good Will Troup". There was carol singing, old-time music and hands clapping, heads nodding and feet tapping in rhythm to the music.

Margaret Campbell made her way throughout, chatting with old friends and new, wishing them well and joyously singing with the group.

There were over 250 attending the party and the evening concluded with many thanks to those who assisted in making it the success it was.

from the area.

The second GRO victory has been achieved by the Greek Parents Association, also a member group of the Greater Riverdale Organization.

The Association, headed by Gus Bountris, has been meeting with the Board of Education, Education Minister Wells and the New Canadian Committee for the past nine months in an attempt to get Greek classes for their children in local schools.

The group has been successful and a plan for teaching Greek classes will go into effect in Frankland and Jackman schools in the near future.

Other issues still on the agenda before GRO are opposition to the

construction of the Scarborough Expressway and continuing support to BREMM residents in their fight against pollution created by Canada Metal.

Also having a high priority is attempts to get more housing for low income people and senior citizens and efforts to get better dental and medical facilities for area residents.

It is apparent that GRO will continue to be very busy in 1974 to improve general conditions in the Riverdale community.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in any of the GRO issues is invited to drop into our new office. It is located at 731A Queen St. East or phone 466-2148.

It is only by citizen involvement that problems can be solved.

\$7 million sought for Dundas Sherbourne

The City of Toronto has made an application to CMHC for a loan of \$7 million to cover the rehabilitation and infill construction costs of the Dundas-Sherbourne Project. Approval is expected this month.

The City has also hired Barton Meyers, who has done considerable design work on the project, as a planning consultant for it.

A construction start is ex-

pected around September by which time it is expected that construction costs will have inflated by approximately 16 per cent.

The Dundas-Sherbourne project is on the east side of Sherbourne, south from the OPP College to Dundas. The houses, now vacant, will be rehabilitated and turned into apartment units. As well, additional new housing units will be built in the rear of the houses.

New staff at 7 News

SEVEN NEWS is back to a full paid staff complement of four people as the result of recent hirings. The new staff includes:

Carol Finlay as advertising representative. Carol is a housewife and mother and lives on Metcalfe Street. With little previous experience, she has done a good job at obtaining new accounts and she hopes that readers of SEVEN NEWS will patronize the advertisers in SEVEN NEWS.

Dave Ruppel is the new Distribution Manager. Dave lives on Carlton street in Don Vale and comes to SEVEN NEWS after previous community work in the area. Dave faces a formidable task in reorganizing the distribu-

tion systems of SEVEN NEWS and would appreciate any help or ideas that he can get.

Glen Blouin is Business Manager. Glen is owner of the Cabbagetown Cobbler shop on Parliament street and a member of the Board of Directors of SEVEN NEWS, INC. Glen will retain his ownership in the shop (although he is reportedly looking for a buyer) but will work full time on the financial problems that plague the paper.

Dave Ruppel, Glen Blouin and the editor, Norman Browne went on full-time staff on December 10 at salaries of \$100 a week under the current Local Initiatives Program. Carol Finlay is being paid salary and commission from money earned through advertising sales.

Fun with your child

A "Fun with your Child" program, for parents and preschool children, is being offered by Broadview YMCA in co-operation with George Brown College.

The new program is designed to provide the opportunity for parents and children to socialize,

play, learn and explore together a variety of activities and experiences.

Classes, under the instruction of Yvonne Singer, are from 9:30 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday and include such activities as painting, collage, singing, games, celebrations, printing and mural making.

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Board of Education 1973... an Assessment

by ELLEN MURRAY

Excerpted from TORONTO CITIZEN

After a year in office, the Board as a group doesn't look much different from its predecessor — liberal, without a firm commitment by a majority to a clear program of action, and somewhat demoralized by the provincial budget ceilings. But two things distinguish this past year at the Board.

One is a change in the trustees' passive style of operation, seen in the formation of a small caucus of three trustees which has researched and put forth programs on several issues. The other change involves a clearer definition and, in some instances, a more definite policy in principle on issues which had not been dealt with very fully by the previous Board — education of working class and ethnic children, power of high school students in the school, and teacher control over working conditions. A good deal of this second type of change can be credited to the caucus and its supporters.

Barr, Leckie & Cressy

This year, after a motion important to inner city schools was defeated, three inner-city trustees — new members Doug Barr and Dan Leckie and veteran Gordon Cressy — decided that another attempt at organization was needed. One of their premises was that trustees must be more active and not so dependent on the Board administrative staff for initiatives and information. They also thought that caucus members should be willing to work hard and should have similar ideas about what issues were important and about the approaches which should be taken to these issues.

They began to work together, gathering information from academic and community sources, and developing positions to put forward at the Board on issues like education of working class students, programs for preservation of ethnic culture and language, students' rights, and parent involvement in the staffing of schools. Often they got strong support from reform trustees who were not

Board forces critical stance

by DOUG BARR

My first year as your trustee can be aptly described as my baptism by firing-line. I went into 1973 believing sincerely that a rational, reasonable approach was the best method of operating — a middle-of-the-road, willing-to-compromise stance was what was necessary. This was not too surprising as that had been the way I had operated successfully in other areas. I was used to being viewed by others as someone with integrity and I trusted the ability of my colleagues to make decisions based upon humane priorities.

I had a lot to learn. I learned very quickly that everyone did not share my concern that the majority of kids from inner city schools were not getting the education they deserved and required. I discovered too that the problem did not lie primarily with Ward 7 school staffs but with many of my fellow trustees.

Although some educators could be described as paternalistic, with low expectations of inner city youngsters, by far the majority are committed, hard working and sincerely desirous of improving their pupils' chances in life. Most seem to have realized that few parents in Ward 7 want "control" of the schools but they do want accountability, easy access and in some schools, active participation and partnership.

It has been my colleagues on the Board who have surprised and disappointed me. Despite their mouthing of the platitudes of community involvement and special status for inner city schools, when pressed, a significant number of trustees opt for equality across the system. The problem is, they confuse equality with equity, sameness with fairness.

members of the caucus, like Fiona Nelson, Vern Copeland and Sheila Meagher.

Although most trustees would say they approve of trustee organization, the caucus has drawn hostility from some members of the Board. But the group has often won Board support for at least parts of their programs, and it has been able to pose questions which make clear the divisions among a mass of trustees who say they believe in "community involvement".

Pose more clearly

Issues raised this year at the Board posed more clearly than had been done before the question of who should have power in the school situation. These issues all involve people who wanted more control over the situation in which they or their children learned or in which they worked.

Ethnic parents wanted programs which would preserve their culture and language for their children. One such program has begun, and others have been given Board approval, although they're being held up by the province. One group of parents asked that they and their local trustees have some part in the selection of the principal at their school; a compromise proposal was passed by trustees.

High school teachers began a moratorium on voluntary services to back demands for more control over their working conditions,

especially the size of their classes; trustees gave token support to their goal, but backed off from the confrontation with the province which full support for the teachers would have meant. High school students wanted a reduction in the arbitrary power of the principal; the Board approved the establishment of staff-student advisory committees.

Probably the most important issue faced this year by the Board concerns the problems of working-class students. The Vocational Schools Report approved this year represented an acknowledgement that the school system is failing working class students, and that the ameliorative programs merely channel an inordinate number of them into courses which lead to low paying jobs. The Report presented some fairly energetic alternatives to the present system. Some of these were approved and others will be getting further consideration soon.

At first glance

At first glance, then, this year's Board looks progressive. It has approved the Vocational Schools Work Group Report; the Students' Rights Work Group Report; special cultural programs for ethnic students; the establishment of the Inner City Schools Committee and of staff-student boards in high schools; and some involvement by parents in the selection of principals. But the

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1973 has been a busy one for Ward Seven as well.

- **Winchester School** had a fire in its Annex and many of the children will be in portables until September. Staff, parents and ward trustees also participated in an unique fashion in the selection of new principal for the school.

- Despite the continued decline of students in the area, the staff and parents of **Sackville school** voted to remain open at least until June of 1974. Housing rehabilitation, the planning study now underway, and a strong sense of community spirit will be the deciding factor in the future.

- **Park School Donner Parent's Aides** continue their valuable work in 15 classrooms at Park School. Early research indicates an overall improvement in reading in the school. The Board has made a commitment to continue financing the Parent's Aides at least until March 15, 1974.

- The Ministry of Education has recently approved, on a one year pilot project basis, the Greek culture proposals of the Greek parents at **Frankland and Jackman schools**.

They think by distributing educational resources evenly across the City they are being fair to everyone concerned. In fact, they are ignoring the reality that a large proportion of the kids attending city schools drop out, leave early, are placed in dead-end courses and have great difficulty obtaining and holding good jobs.

I have learned that one is not popular when one points out and reminds the Board of its failure to meet the needs of inner city youngsters and its tradition of making decisions unrelated to priority of need.

Because my experience has been that sweet reasonableness has yielded sweet nothing, I have been forced to take a much more critical and aggressive tack. Thus, I won't be receiving many valentines this February but the issues will be much clearer. Often this means raising hard questions in a way that polarizes the Board but allows the public to note who stands for what.

If the foregoing sounds like it has been rough sledding, I suppose it has been, but there have been some significant bright spots as well. The first has been the teamwork that has existed between myself, Gord Cressy and Dan Leckie, one of the trustees from Ward 6.

- The fate of **Oak Street Community School** should be finally decided this spring as area enrolment projections are firmed up and plans move to the tendering stage.

- A significant short-term victory was won late last year in that education assistants are to be placed, one per class, in every inner city junior and senior kindergarten. They will also be placed in every kindergarten where 25 per cent or more of the pupils are new Canadians.

- One of our trustees, **Gord Cressy**, has been elected **Vice-Chairman of the Board of Education for 1974**. It is a well deserved honour and we anticipate good leadership from Gord and the new Chairperson **Fiona Nelson**.

- After a year's operation, the **Education Hotline** will be discontinued on Feb. 1st. The very small number of calls received over the last few months has made it uneconomical to operate. Thanks to **Diana McArther**, **Sandy Lore** and **Ginny Pettipas** for their help and a special word of appreciation to **Shirley Walmsley** who co-ordinated it all and has been handling it on her own for the last six months.

A frustrating year

by GORD CRESSY

In the above article by education writer Ellen Murray, I find myself referred to as a "veteran". This term has caused me to evaluate my position as a school trustee in a serious way.

What have these past four years meant? What is going to happen this year? Where is my role in it all? I have needed to come to grips with these questions for some time now — for coasting leads to stagnation.

Those first three years (1970-1973) were exciting times. I was younger then and the citizen participation movement was surfacing in full force. It was clear that I and a few others were in opposition. We worked hard to raise issues, particularly as they related to inner city schools.

Fortunately, the research from our Board of Education substantiated our claim that the "Equal opportunity for all" theme of the 1960's was in fact a myth.

This was a hard fact to accept. Simply stated, the life chances for many of our young people in the educational and

real test of trustees' commitment to the ideas they've endorsed will be how hard they work to see them implemented. Many of the important recommendations of the Vocational Schools report are not yet in operation. The Inner City Schools Committee is just now coming up with important proposals to the Board. Staff-student committees are just beginning to operate in many high schools, and it hasn't yet been shown that they'll give students an effective voice in the schools. Pressure on the Ministry is necessary to get programs for New Canadians passed and into operation.

It is in the efforts to implement these and other reforms that battles can be expected to arise. Many trustees support a policy in principle; yet when it comes time to put the principle into practice, many "buts" can arise. With some trustees, the "buts" are merely a camouflage for a basic lack of support for the policy; others hesitate because of arguments about budget, provincial power and procedural propriety.

"Equity is Equality"

One argument that's likely to be levelled against any program with special costs is the "equity is equality" line. Its proponents say that justice for all Toronto students means equal financial expenditure in all schools. According to this reasoning, if you give schools with working class children extra funds for special programs, then you're cheating students in North Toronto schools which deserve an equal amount to spend on programs they want.

It's an argument that ignores the fact that, although we've now got equality according to budgetary formulas among Toronto schools, Board reports have shown that children in some of these schools — schools in working class districts — are not getting an education that's equal to that received by children in schools in higher income districts.

(This space contributed by the Toronto Board of Education)

economic marketplace were less than for young people in other parts of the city.

Yet in the voting arena I was losing. I was scattergunning all over the place. I was desperately naive in strategy and analysis. I was afraid of losing personal integrity.

After the 1972 election I thought we would have a working majority on the Board of Education. I believed we could move from raising the hard questions to providing solution making decisions and implementing policy. In some respects we were successful, especially at the local level (note above article).

However, as we all found out with the Vocational School Study, it is far easier to make policy than to ensure its full implementation. I cannot stress enough the frustration of this paradox.

The staffs of our inner city schools must increase their expectation for our young people. To do this they need financial and moral support. The opening of Eastdale as an inner city high school in September 1974 is a solid beginning. Coalitions must be developed in a more serious way with parents, teacher groups and organizations.

On a personal level:

Sometimes I question if things would be different if I didn't attend so many meetings, but I suspect not. Politicians sometimes see themselves indispensable but I don't.

This point is not meant to be humble. I have recognised for some time now that the system churns on whether you and I are a part of it or not. The question remains whether I am expending useful energy.

I answer yes. Change occurs by hanging in to see things through. It is easy to be effective in opposition. It is not so easy to be an effective leader in a political system that has no party caucus or discipline.

I have confidence that we are on the right track. My hope is that this year will implement decisions made. If most people are on board this will occur.

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Regent center offers varied programmes

A little known but extensive community centre is being run by the Salvation Army in Regent Park. Located in the basement at 470 Dundas St. E. and under the direction of Captain and Mrs. L. Goddard, the Centre offers a wide variety of programs and services to the people of Regent Park and surrounding areas.

Some of these programs and services are:
A Teen Centre: open from 3:30 to 10:30 p.m. Monday to Friday with a wide variety of programs and facilities. Boys and girls from 9 to 18 are welcome and membership is only \$1 a month.

A Woodworking Shop: This program is open late afternoons every day as well as two evenings a week. Both teens and adults are welcome to use it and the Centre will help sell items made at their furniture depot.

Senior Citizens: A lounge is available for use by them from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. with pool, shuffleboard and TV. Membership fee is \$1 for ten weeks.

Sewing Class: an opportunity for women to make and repair clothes. Teachers are available for instruction. Baby sitting is provided. A fee of \$6 includes initial material, use of machines and a snack. Two classes are open - afternoons and evenings. The course runs 10 weeks.

Cooking Class: A ten week course starting Jan. 11 for a fee of \$10 for food and equipment. Baby sitting provided. Both afternoon and evening classes.

Typing Class: A ten week course for \$10. Both afternoon and evening classes available. Qualified teachers on hand.

Nursery: a fully equipped facility is provided for the pre school children of mothers using the centre in the afternoons. Supervision is provided.

Clothing and Furniture Depot: New and used clothing and furniture is available at bargain prices.

Women's Drop-in: Open week days in the afternoon for recreation, games and TV. Membership is \$1 for 10 weeks.

For more information on any of these programs phone the Community Centre at 864-9364.



About 50 children shrieked with delight when Santa appeared ringing his bell and merrily calling "Ho! Ho! Ho!". The occasion was the annual Christmas Party for the Tiny Tots of the area surrounding Dixon Hall. For the past two years, the Mothers Club at the Centre has sponsored this annual event through proceeds from Bazaars and Rummage Sales. The enthusiasm and joyful excitement of the children amply rewarded the mothers' efforts.
 Photo by Dixon Hall

Xmas party a gala affair

by **NELLIE POWELL**
 On Saturday, Dec. 15, Woodgreen Community Centre was the scene of a Gala Christmas Party and Buffet Supper, as over 200 members and friends of the Greater Riverdale Organization danced to the music of The Celebration, a group of Jesuit Seminarians who donated their services free for the occasion.
 Dale Perkins, Gerry Barr, Randy White, Jim Conlin, Wendy Pai, Rita Kivok, Marcia Nori, Anita Ducey, Ntina Dimow, Don Keating and John Restakis - all former GRO staff members - were on hand for the event.
 The Rev. John Robson, Rev. Norm Thomas along with MP John Gilbert and his wife were also among those present to extend their support and best wishes for the future success of the Organization.

Ecumenical Xmas

by **JOHN SANLON**
 An ecumenical Christmas service of carol singing and scripture reading was conducted jointly by four churches in the area. Taking part were St. Bart's Anglican, St. Paul's Roman Catholic, Regent Park United and St. George's Macedonian.
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Housing complex for disturbed children proposed

A proposal by Browndale Homes to establish a seven house complex for disturbed children will be the topic of a general meeting of the Don Vale community being called for January 22nd at 8 p.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester street.

The seven houses are located in the Don Vale area at the north-east corner of Winchester and Sumach. Together with an eighth house set back in from the street, they comprise what is known as the Lamb Estate.

A local developer, Dr. Daniel Perlitz, has bought the seven houses and is leasing them to Browndale Homes for ten years. Browndale intends to turn four of the houses into group homes for disturbed children and use two of the houses for a school and one for administrative offices.

Each group home would have four children living in it, of both sexes, aged from 3 to 18. The children would live in a family setting managed by a pair of "house parents" who would look after them

during the day. Additional staff would come in at night to be with the children.

No adults would live in the homes, just the four children per house.

Some of the children would attend local schools and others would go to the Browndale school set up in two of the houses. As well, children from across the city would also attend the Browndale school in Don Vale.

A delegation from Browndale Homes met with the executive of the Don Vale Resident's Association last Tuesday night and got a general negative reaction to their proposal.

The feeling of the Don Vale executive was that group homes were fine in the community but not in a large block of seven houses. Both aldermen John Sewell and Karl Jaffary, who were also present at the meeting felt that the Browndale homes should be decentralized throughout the community.

Alderman Jaffary pointed out that the Don Vale area was not zoned for offices and Browndale intended to establish one. He also said that only certain types of group homes were allowed in a residential area such as Don Vale.

However, both he and Sewell felt that it was up to Don Vale to deal with the problem and that it shouldn't be brought to City Hall.

The Browndale delegation admitted under questioning that the deal had been pending for two months and was closed the day before. They then came under strong criticism for presenting the community with an accomplished fact and leaving very little room for negotiation.

The spokesperson for Browndale, Arnold Rubenstein, stated he could not make a commitment to decentralize the project. He said, however, that he would look into the idea. He also said he would have someone who could make a decision meet with a sub-committee of the association prior to the General Meeting.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

7 p.m. Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St. E.) Keep fit class for women. Every Monday. 50¢ an evening.
7:30 Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester St.) Meeting of the Board of Directors of SEVEN NEWS, INC. All welcome.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

10 a.m. Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard E.) Ladies Day Program. Silk screening instruction. Admission free. Coffee.
2 p.m. Belvedere Bowl (Queen St. E.) Woodgreen Community Centre bowling League. Also evenings from 9 to 11 p.m.
7:30 Regent Park Community Improvement Association (44 Blevins Place) General meeting of the association.
7:30 Central Neighbourhood House (349 Ontario St.) Meeting of South of Carlton Community Action. All welcome.
7:30 Danforth Library (Pape and Danforth) Film series: people and places. "Mother Teresa — Something beautiful for God".
8:00 Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) General Meeting regarding the Co-op Housing proposal for Don Vale.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 All Saint's Church (Sherbourne & Dundas) General meeting to discuss proposed planning study for South of Carlton area.
7:30 Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard E.) Opinion: a program of current affairs. Topic: "Is the public library relevant?"

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

7:30 Dixon Hall (58 Sumach St.) Public meeting of Trefann Court Working Committee. All welcome.
7:30 Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard St. E.) Public meeting on proposed planning study for South of Carlton area.
8:00 Channel 10 (Rogers-Cable TV) Hour long program devoted to the theatre du p'tit bonheur, their problems and plans.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 p.m. Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St. E.) Dance to 12:30. 50¢ in advance, \$1 at the door. Live entertainment.
8:00 Parliament Library House (265 Gerrard E.) Feature film: "The Black Pirate" with Douglas Fairbanks. Admission free.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

2:00 Parliament Street Library (Parliament & Gerrard) Mr. Keith Girard will play and demonstrate the flute. Free.
2:00 p.m. Danforth Library (Pape & Danforth) Films for children.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

10 a.m. Parliament Library House. Ladies Day Program. Baby sitting provided. Films. Admission free. Coffee, etc.
7:30 p.m. Danforth Library. Film series: people and places. "Canada — Places to visit", etc. Admission free.
7:30 p.m. Moss Park Apartments (Recreation Centre) South of Carlton Working Committee public meeting on Planning study.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

7:30 Central Neighbourhood House (349 Ontario St.) Public meeting on planning study for the South of Carlton area.
8:00 Enoch Turner Schoolhouse (106 Trinity St.) Public meeting regarding planning controls for the King-Parliament area.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 p.m. Parliament Library House. Open readings. All welcome.
8:00 p.m. Channel 10 (Rogers Cable TV) Hour long program on the place of the library in the Ward Seven community.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 Parliament Library House. Films in French: "Edith Piaf".
8:00 Woodgreen Community Centre (835 Queen St. E.) Dance to 12:30. 50¢ in advance, \$1 at the door. Live entertainment.

UPCOMING

Jan. 30, 8 p.m. Don Vale Community Centre (80 Winchester) General meeting of the Don Vale Community Health Centre. No date set — General Meeting of all Ward Seven to hear proposals from Alderman Sewell and Jaffary and school trustees Doug Barr and Gord Cressey.

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Seven News - What's it all about?

SPECIAL FEATURE

SEVEN NEWS has a lot of new readers who understandably aren't familiar with the concept and operating philosophy behind the paper. There are also many readers who possibly didn't receive the early issue of the paper that outlined this philosophy.

As a result, many readers are asking questions about SEVEN NEWS. Some of these questions are answered below. If anyone has any further questions, phone or drop us a line.

Who owns SEVEN NEWS?

SEVEN NEWS is controlled by a Provincially chartered corporation called SEVEN NEWS, INC. Anyone who lives in or works in the Ward Seven area is automatically a member of that corporation with full voting rights. Thus the owners of SEVEN NEWS are the readers of the paper - the people of Ward Seven.

Who controls SEVEN NEWS?

The owners of the paper - the people of Ward Seven - control the paper. This control is exercised by a nine-person Board of Directors elected by the community on an annual basis.

Control of the paper is also done through general meetings of the community held four times a year as well as from feedback from people in the ward through normal channels of communications.

Who runs SEVEN NEWS?

The day-to-day operation of the paper is left largely in the hands of the editor. He shares that responsibility with the paid staff and volunteers who from time to time work for the paper.

How is SEVEN NEWS financed?

The cost of typesetting, paste-up, printing and overhead is pretty well paid for by advertising revenue. Salaries for staff are paid for through donations and grants such as LIP.

How many paid staff does SEVEN NEWS have?

SEVEN NEWS operates on the philosophy of minimum paid staff and maximum volunteer staff. The paper has found that it can operate with three or four paid staff: an editorial co-ordinator, a business manager, a circulation manager and an advertising salesperson.

How much does it cost to produce SEVEN NEWS?

Costs vary depending upon the number of pages and the number of copies printed. An average 8-page paper costs around \$700 to produce. Salaries for the period of that issue (two weeks) would be an extra \$600.

Could SEVEN NEWS ever be totally self-supporting?

It could, if advertising sales could be doubled or tripled. But at the same time it is bound by a community policy to keep the amount of advertising to around 40 per cent of the paper's content. To get more advertising revenue and adhere to that policy the paper would have to publish 16, 20, or 24 pages.

One problem is that the paper can't generate enough ad revenue from the Ward Seven business community to get that kind of paper. Another problem is that the staff and community would be over-taxed trying to get enough material to fill a paper that size.

Has any thought been given to charging for copies of the paper?

In the very beginning, when the paper was being created it was decided not to charge of it as it would discriminate financially against many residents of the ward.

However, a charge of \$5 a year for a subscription is made to people living outside the normal distribution area of the paper. About 80 people pay to receive the paper by mail that way.

What is the purpose of SEVEN NEWS?

As described in its original constitution:

- To serve as a voice for local residents and local organizations regardless of conflicting ideas on specific issues.

- To provide a means for distributing accurate information and news on subjects pertaining to Ward Seven, or items of interest to residents of Ward Seven.

- To facilitate communications between elected officials and the residents of Ward Seven.

- To provide a means for activating residents within Ward Seven.

- To provide a means for making residents aware of facilities available in the ward.

- To provide public meeting notices.

- To provide information and education about legal and civil rights.

What "Policy" does SEVEN NEWS have?

SEVEN NEWS has no set "policy" other than to adhere to the functions set out above, tempered by limitations of space and good taste.

Who writes for SEVEN NEWS?

Anyone and everyone can and does write for SEVEN NEWS. The by-lines that appear

in each issue are of ordinary people who live and/or work in and out of Ward Seven.

The concept of SEVEN NEWS is that its staff of reporters is the people of the community itself. In fact the editor was hired with the directive that he would write very little for the paper himself - the rest had to be written by the community.

How do I go about getting an item in the paper?

If it's about a meeting or event, write it up yourself and attach your name and phone number to the story and send it in. If it's a feature, an in-depth piece or a column, contact the editor first for space, deadlines and style.

The editor will help in making your story clear, concise and readable but the facts and information should come from you.

Does this also apply to photographs?

Yes. Anyone can take pictures and submit them to SEVEN NEWS for publication. The paper also has a number of volunteers who will take photos on assignment if no one else is able to take them.

Does SEVEN NEWS support any political party or individual?

No. It was made quite clear at the beginning by the community that SEVEN NEWS must be non-political and not support any political party or individual.

How can I support SEVEN NEWS?

You can come to SEVEN NEWS meetings. You can distribute if your area is getting spotty coverage. You can donate money. You can write something - even if it's only a letter to the editor. You can support and patronize the advertisers in SEVEN NEWS.

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