

Cressy and Barr to run as team

Gord Cressy and Doug Barr recently announced that they plan to run a joint campaign to seek re-election as School Trustees in Ward Seven.

Barr and Cressy, who have voted together consistently for the past two years, stated that they have decided to link forces in this campaign because of the clear need for Ward Seven to have a strong and unified voice in educational matters.

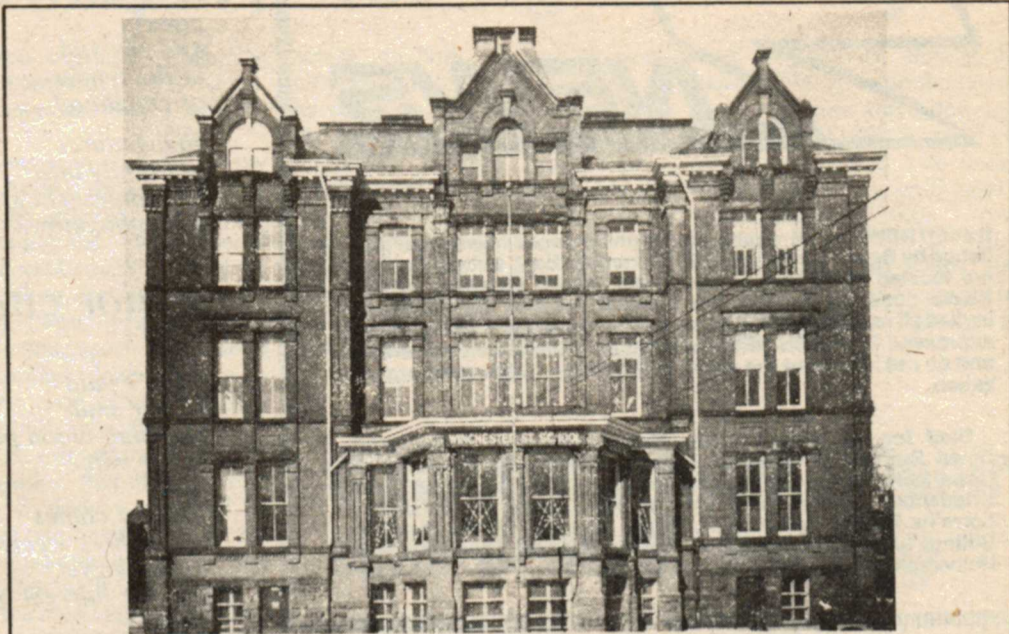
Cressy, a Don Vale resident, youth worker, and teacher has been active in Ward Seven affairs since 1967 and has been a school trustee since 1970. In addition to his school board responsibilities, Cressy is involved with the YMCA and other youth serving agencies.

Barr, a community worker and school trustee for the past two years, has been deeply involved in the area since 1970. He was a staff member of the Regent Park Community Services Unit for some three years and is presently on the staff of the Social Planning Council. He is also closely connected with social agencies in Ward Seven and throughout the City.

Barr and Cressy plan to run a decentralized campaign stressing their continued goal of quality education in downtown Toronto. They believe that their work with regard to inner-city schools and the birth of the new Eastdale High School is evidence of this concern at an action level.

Cressy and Barr expect to recruit 150 to 200 local volunteer workers to canvass the ward on a poll-by-poll basis. Presently campaign workers are seeking a suitable office headquarters and this is expected to be opened at the end of October.

An education policy statement is presently being developed by a group of parents and students and campaign literature is expected to be ready by November 1st.



Winchester school, pictured above, located in South St. Jamestown, is 100 years old this year. To celebrate the occasion there will be three days of festivities running October 24th, 25th, and 26th. Some of the students at Winchester school have written about the school and its centennial, in prose and poetry, on Page Seven of this issue. Future issues of Seven News may carry more stories on the event.

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GORD CRESSY



DOUG BARR

GRO future in doubt

by JANE POPE

Is there a future for the Greater Riverdale Organization? There will be a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m. at WoodGreen Community Centre, 835 Queen Street East to discuss the future of the group.

The past is just that; past, and the future may or may not need GRO.

The steering Committee formed after the spring meeting at Riverdale Collegiate has met over the summer in various points in the area. Many people have come out to meetings and raised many issues.

There seems to be unanimous agreement that there are many changes to be made but there also seems to be a lack of interest in actually doing the work. This is the day of the paid organizer, the paid community worker, the paid volunteer.

But who do they represent?

At the Oct. 9th meeting there will be an open discussion on the need for GRO or perhaps the need for a new, smaller, less ambitious organization representing a smaller area. The area from the Don to Jones or Leslie and north to Bain has been suggested.

If you have an opinion on the Riverdale community, come out and speak up. If there is not enough response at this meeting and no solid community backing, GRO will die, as it should.

Then it's back to every man for himself.

Try speaking out alone in City Hall Square, you won't even stir up the pigeons.

Higher weekly pay urged for Seaton House workers

Single men who live in and work at Seaton House, the City of Toronto Hostel on George street, are being paid only \$9 a week according to a recent report of the South of Carlton Skid-Row Sub-Committee.

As well as recommending better pay for such men, the report also strongly recommends more privacy for the men, more activities for them, facilities for drunks and a counselling service for the residents.

In recommending facilities for drunks, the report states; "At present a fairly high percentage of the men sign themselves out of Seaton

House when they get their cheques so they can drink. Quite often they return to Seaton House a few days later with no money and have to be subsidized for the rest of the month.

"This cycle can be very costly and it might be better to have a separate section for men so that when they want to drink they don't have to check out.

It would provide more safety for the older men and could also operate at least informally as one way to

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NEWS ROUND-UP

Baby-sitting course offered at Broadview YMCA

The Broadview YMCA is offering a **Child Care Course** to boys and girls aged 10 to 14. The course will run Monday evenings for five weeks at a cost of only \$1. Phone **Vicky Price**, 461-8123.

Judith Gilliland has resigned as co-ordinator of the Don Vale Community Centre to go back to school. As yet, no one has been hired to replace her.

Michael Stuart has resigned his position as President of Don Area Co-op Homes, Inc. (DACHI) but will remain a member of the Board of Directors. **Marion Service** has resigned from the Board. . . DACHI will seek out two tenants of the **Cowley Houses** to add to their Board of Directors. . . **Frank Mills** has been elected new President of DACHI.

The Cowley House Management Committee has hired **Wendy Kahn** to do community organization work for them.

Don Weitz, a former community health worker in the Don District, is seeking poetry and prose from **ex-mental patients** for a planned book. The group that he has organized to put out the book is called **Voice** and can be contacted through Don at 961-0418.

One of the few "newsies" left in Ward Seven and the City is retiring after over 20 years of service. **Frank Buckingham** has been a familiar sight to residents in the **Bloor-Sherbourne** area where he sells papers from sun-up to sun-down. He won't be replaced.

Riverdale Co-op Homes reports that they have closed the deal on the purchase of **46 Albermarle**. It is the first acquisition by this group.

The **King-Parliament Site office** has moved from 402 King St. East to **Sackville school**, 19 Sackville street.

The Ward Seven community was shocked and saddened by the recent deaths of three well known local residents: **Shirley Walmsley**, **Fred Sharpe** and **Ralph Thornton**.

A **photographic workshop** for teens is being started at the Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard Street East on **Oct. 7**, from 4 to 6 p.m. Admission is free. Call Judy at 921-8674 for more information.

The residents of **41 Oak Street** are starting their weekly **Bingo** again from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Tuesday. It's for those **60 years and over**; admission is 35c and refreshments are free.

One of the postmen with a route in **Don Vale**

happened to let the people he serves know that he was getting married. Much to his surprise, quite a number of them showered him with gifts. The newly-wed, **Mr. and Mrs. G. Giffin** wish to thank all those who did.

Volunteers are needed for three to six hours a week to help out with **after-school programs** at Central Neighbourhood House. It's located at **349 Ontario** or phone 925-4363.

The Senior Citizens at **41 Oak Street** in Regent Park are in need of a **used Bingo Cage**. Anyone with such a device to give or sell, call **John Sanlon** at 368-7503.

The Women's Place, 137 George street has a legal clinic for women, staffed by female law students. It's every Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Phone **363-8021**.

The Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard East has started a **Senior Citizen's Program**. It's every Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 and includes **films, sing-song**, discussion and free refreshments.

The **41 Oak Street Euchre Club** will run every Thursday starting Oct. 3. It's from 8 to **10:30 in the lounge**. Admission is 35c and refreshments are free.

MEETINGS: Injured Workmen's Consultants annual meeting, oct. 2, 10:30 a.m. at the Don Vale Community Centre; **Don District Health Centre**, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. at Central Neighbourhood House; South of Carlton residents meeting to discuss **Neighbourhood Improvement Program**, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. at Central Neighbourhood House; **Don Vale residents**, Oct. 7, 8 p.m. at WoodGreen Community Centre.

Don Keating is seeking a publisher for a book he has written on his four years of work for the Greater Riverdale Organization.

An after school program is being organized by **WoodGreen United Church** for boys and girls aged 11 to 15. Contact **Carol Brown** at 416-1105 for more information.

The Parliament Library House, 265 Gerrard East, will present an evening of poetry with **Alfred Rushton, Harold Head** and **Liz Cromwell** on **Thursday, Oct. 10** at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

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Children's drawings mirror life

A four-year-old went to the dentist for a first filling. Afterwards, she drew a picture of herself in the chair, a little dentist beside her, and a huge mother overshadowing them both. Actually, the mother had been meekly sitting in a back corner while the dentist did his work. But to the child, her mother's protecting presence was more important than the dentist. Children draw life, not as it looks to us, but as it feels to them.

Around the world, children start drawing and painting the same way. First, scribbles and splashes that look like a mess, but are really a picture of joy. The joy a child feels as her own power changes paper. (And they're all desperate to make things change!) "Me did it!" Gradually, the scribbles take careful shape, not recognizable to anyone. But the child is thinking, and planning. "I want this colour all around here. . . I like this mark so I want to make it again and again." Many of these "designs" that little children create are worthy of a grown-ups' art gallery. Because children often show an amazing feeling for symmetry and shape and colour.

Then all of a sudden, a round shape reminds her of a face. So she pops in eyes and mouth, the most important parts to a child. Then legs dangling from a chin, and arms sprouting where the ears should be. (After all, our legs are what kids must look at; and our arms are there to help or hurt them.) One child was quite happy with this view of a person, until she wanted to add buttons. But where? (She had shiny buttons on her own new dress.) So she added a body to hold the buttons. Children will add fingers, or sex organs, or teeth, whenever these interest them. . . all perfectly right and natural.

A photograph snaps everything in sight. But a child looks at the jumbled world around her and tries to

figure it out by catching just the important things. As she feels them. That's the child's way of learning.

We don't show children how to draw. Their lives are crammed with adult-made rules: how to read and add and spell, where not to play. But

Hey, Mom!

by CATHERINE VERRALL

when they're painting, children escape into their own world. Their spirits grow stronger. They feel more like important people, working out their own ideas in their own way. Hundreds of times I have seen the miracle. A child is unhappy, or destructive, or unsettled. Then he takes up a paint brush, and suddenly his face glows with joyous concentration. He finds inner peace.

So a child's painting is like a souvenir from a trip. It's not nearly so important as the trip itself. But the souvenir shows he was there, on that experience inside his head, while he was painting.

We put the child's picture on wall or window. Showing her we think she is important (because she let her inner self show through the paint). Showing him we're glad he worked out his feelings in paint (instead of breaking windows; because sooner or later, our real feelings do come out, in good ways or bad). Helping all of us feel the world as a child feels it. Didn't someone say, "You must become like little children"?

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Weirdos in ward

Dear Editor:

In answer to your appeal for ideas to raise money for SEVEN NEWS. I would suggest a fund-raising dinner with head table guests being the girl who made the marathon swim across the Don River and the man who made the motorcycle jump across the Don River. And maybe by the time you hold the dinner, you may have "discovered" some more weird people who do weird things in the ward

NAME WITHELD

"Eastdale going great"

Dear Editor:

We have decided to write an article on our school, the New Eastdale. There are our views and opinions of the theories and basics of this school.

Our school is based on the idea of reverting back to the system which will emphasize more individuality and will give the students a better relationship with the teachers. The atmosphere here is informal but not overly relaxed. The teachers that were chosen have the ability to understand and relate with this type of program. The staff is reasonably small but able to handle the students of the school. The classes are not over-whelmingly large like most Collegiates.

The new school was constructed in 1962. It has played several roles. On the first site, as a public school, second, as a vocational school, and now it is a collegiate.

The school is moderately new and is in surprisingly good condition. Maintenance has made sure the school is not a shabby (Cabbagetown) school as some have condemned it as being. Our school is at par or even better in study than most Collegiates. The textbook shortage of this school did not at all hinder us, though the first few days were rough. We have an additional course of typing, not for business but for personal use in studies.

After the first week a Student Council was formed by an enthusiastic effort by students. An Athletic Council was also formed within the first week. Our bowling teams and tournaments are in full swing and we have had a good first dance — a great turnout.

The school had its first Parent-Teacher-Student meetings. The school is getting the bugs out right now but it is going great for all the intellectual students here.

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Tenant fights City, developer, for right to stay

by BARRY K. MORRIS

Last April 9th, several Meridian tenants in the South of St. James Town area received, by registered mail, an instant notice to get out of their rooms or apartments. The newly formed, and conservatively militant Building Department had put the gun to Meridian's head over a number of alleged fire and safety violations, and Meridian in turn was passing on the bullets to the uninformed tenant population.

Meridian's notice to the tenants of the violations came in the hasty form of an eviction notice, trying to rely on the vague authority of parts of the Building By-Law: "We are dispensing with the regular 30 day notice because of the urgency of this matter and we (Meridian) require your immediate compliance."

Meridian's solution, then, was to evict us tenants as the solution to the By-Law infractions, rather than attempt to appeal, re-examine, or make the required repairs to so satisfy the militant department of field generals at city hall. (Perhaps, Alderman Jaffary may take to credit for putting the fear of civil service hell-fire into these field generals, since his efforts to "reform" city hall departments resulted in "a raising no questions" about the spirit of the By-Law enforcement; only the raw, literal execution regardless of any housing shortage and arbitrary eviction proceedings).

In my own apartment, one of the best and lofty on delicious Aberdeen Avenue, I bought my own gun and collected bullets from a variety of sources. For starters, I knew that the Landlord & Tenant Act provided tenants with a least the most basic right of a fair notice — a full period of tenancy notice — before any such eviction order could stand a chance of being legally enforceable. Then, I learned that Meridian was using a careless, panic approach to the Buildings Dept., rather than try to do some lobbying and counter-investigating. So, I invited Meridian to join forces with me, and go after the City to try to solve the damn order on the house.

Both Meridian and City were afraid of the press — given the brush of rooming house fires (of Meridians') that had erupted, tragically,

only weeks before the orders. Feeling this, I commenced application for a building permit to make the small repairs called for. — In my case, to cut a second doorway thru the kitchen window, and to install a 3 foot fence-railing around the edges of the flat roof-top.

Getting the very permit launched was no small feat; it required full details of the entire houses' floors, rooms, windows and porch layouts, in triplicate form. I did the basics, and secured the friendly aid of Wayne Luscombe to pull it together in polished draftsman form. After the small fee to initiate the city officials, I waited.

And waited.
And phoned
And visited City Hall.

Meridian even called and wrote letters — since by this time, young Ephry Merkur saw a good thing in the works, one of his tenants trying to hustle city hall officialdom to bring about liberation on one of their houses. We waited and called some more. The building permit application gradually took on some movement: through the assessment, through the zoning and through building structural phases of the tape.

Then, in late June — now some 7 weeks after the original application — the permit got to the Fire Prevention Dept. There, a uniformed marshal called me to come down for a full conference on the permit. He cautiously informed me that a few days prior, City Council had passed a new Fire Prevention By-Law (watch for it! it is number 229'74) which places some extra-ordinary expectations on houses that have three or more family units in them. (I constituted a family of one on the top, third floor).

One of the extra-ordinary themes was the requirement of having to install a complicated, simultaneously alert electrical Combustion Detector System.

"How do I do that?" I meekly inquired.

"You will have to secure the services of a certified professional electrician and have him submit full plans with wiring diagrams in order to get a permit to install the animal in question," Inspector Vader replied.

"Sir, since I applied some good 6 or 7 weeks before this new By-Law

being adopted, couldn't my place be somehow exempted?"

"In no uncertain way," he pronounced.

So, off I went to confer with my strategists: by this time, numbering in the neighbourhood of a golden dozen, including the able counsel of Neighbourhood Legal Services/Don District Training, Inc. lawyer Allan McChesney (who appears, often, elsewhere in this paper). I proceeded to write another dozen letters to political and civil service officialdom, essentially pleading that my case had to be just and unique — and arguing, besides, that this new Fire Prevention By-Law would end up being very punitive, really encouraging landlords of old but still stable housing stock to close up.

Most of the receivers of the letters I wrote proceeded to go through the entire procedures I had already gone through (along with Meridian's Merkur). With the City refusing to budge and even though three of the four chief repairs necessary having been done by me and two friends (Charlie Moon and Angus MacDonald) Meridian tired of the problem (and the potential embarrassment in the event of a fire at my place) and decided to take me to Court to evict.

Everyone enjoys a court battle once or twice in this one short life he has. So, a whole separate series of homework and research and brainstorming commenced — lots of literature was poured over and otherwise "hired guns" consulted. Two people were particularly helpful: Alderman Sewell and Robert Bonner in the Development Dept. (a close brother to the Building Dept with semi-clear relations).

Both called Merkur at Meridian's penthouse quarters; both asked Meridian to hold off on trying a court eviction, mainly on the ground that the City was probably going to buy the house and some 24 others in the area from Meridian (at top dollar, and would have to make repairs on any outstanding orders, anyway).

After a full month of sitting on this kind offer, Meridian will apparently do just that: let the eviction proceeding against me go.

What are the lessons and insights? Plenty and yet very little at all — partly a cat-and-mouse game with some un-usually friendly and open

actors, on both sides of all sides. City Hall can't help it, when the harsh orders come down to pour on the strict enforcement of sometimes ridiculous, certainly questionable, sub-sections of quickly introduced, major By-Laws. Meridian could help it, given their mammoth empire and holdings and profits, to make decent repairs to their houses. Politicians should draft legislation that has a chance of being helpful

and inclusive of peoples housing needs. The law and the law-makers need rigorous watch-dogging to be of service. Landlords need counter-challenging. And, one doesn't get something — or hold onto something, however little — without fighting, with lots of help from friends. For many others, the sorry absence of the old tenants association will mean fighting to find friends.

Community Health Centre calls general meeting

The Don District Community Health Centre opened on September 3. There are three locations in order to provide as much accessibility and choice of hours as possible: **Moss Park Apartments, Central Neighborhood House, 425 Queen St. E.** The Moss Park Unit will be the main location and will co-ordinate the services of public health nurses, social services agencies, etc. The other two locations will not be open as many hours as Moss Park but will be more convenient to get to for some and will generally provide a wide range of hours.

Details on locations and office hours are:

Moss Park — 295 Shuter St. No. 102 Phone: 364-1361/1362.

Hours: Monday to Friday — 10am-5pm, Thursday evenings — 5pm-8pm, Saturday — 10am-1pm

Central Neighborhood House — 349 Ontario St. Phone: 922-1901

Hours: Monday to Thursday — 10am-3pm, Monday evenings: 6pm-9pm.

425 Queen St. E. Phone: 364-3982

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday — 10am-2pm, Tuesday evenings: 5pm-8pm.

The centre has been established to serve primarily the area south of Carlton between Jarvis and the Don River (except for the Regent Park which has a clinic). People residing outside the area are welcome to come to any of the locations, however, home visits cannot be assured outside the approximate boundaries.

When the Centre's offices are closed, a physician will be on call to provide advice and emergency assistance. The Moss Park number

364-1361 should be used for after hours calls.

The Health Centre has been established through the action of community groups in the area in order to provide accessible, accountable and comprehensive health care. Policy decisions are made by a Board of Directors composed of community residents. Continued community involvement will ensure health care that local residents will be comfortable and satisfied with.

A general Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3 at 7:30 pm at Central Neighborhood House, 349 Ontario Street. At this meeting, business of the Health Centre will be discussed and any issues and questions people have. As well, there will be an election of the Board of Directors of 10 people. Those eligible for election are residents of the area south of Carlton Street from Jarvis to the Don river (excluding Regent Park) who are interested in and prepared to work hard on making the health centre a success. Everyone in the area concerned about Health Care is urged to attend the meeting.



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Danforth Library offers varied services

by JUDITH RICHARDSON

At the busy corner of Danforth and Pape Avenues on the southeast side, there is a small Tudor style building that has stood there for the past 45 years. All those years, it has been the home of the Danforth Branch of the Toronto Public Libraries. Danforth is a community library, with a book collection geared to the particular character of the neighbourhood. Canadians and New Canadians — both the old and the young — have made use of it, and as the years have passed, new services have been added as the need arose.

Reading habits are formed in the early years, so when a child starts using the library at a young age, use becomes a reading habit retained throughout life. The Boys and Girls section on the second floor is where young children are initiated into the library. Teachers bring their classes to the library for visits during school time, but children also come on their own or with their parents.

There is a variety of activities available to them: Saturday afternoon story-telling, special puppet shows, films, arts and crafts and other programmes, record listening, chess and checker sets. Very popular are the pre-schooler programmes during scheduled week-day mornings. While children are listening to stories or watching films or fingerplays, mothers gather for a quiet hour of coffee and browsing for their own books.

Since the Danforth area is a virtual United Nations with its multi-cultural residents, naturally many newcomers to Canada use the library. These newcomers find the library a bridge between their old and their new language and between the culture of their country or origin and the Canadian culture.

The library has a large collection of books and records to learn English (with a record player equipped with earphones for those who would prefer to listen to them there), has extensive community information on day care centers, translation services, local medical and legal advice, and classes to learn English.

It has books and magazines in Greek, Italian, French, and German. Books in other languages, such as Hindi, Hebrew, Russian can be borrowed from other libraries for readers who can then pick the books up at the Danforth Branch. The photocopy machine which prints copies for 10c a page is especially helpful for residents who need duplicates of important documents.

The library offers basic services such as a collection of over 36,000 adult and children's books, 76 magazines and local and daily newspapers, samples of college



calendars, large print books for those with poor sight, career information, an extensive circulating pamphlet collection, and library orientation and introduction of books to junior high school classes and New Canadian evening classes.

New services have been introduced within the past few years. The new opening hours are very popular with residents, as Danforth is now open seven days a week, including from 1:30 to 5:00 on Sundays. New also is a collection of music records which can be taken home free of charge for three weeks. All types of music — classical, folk, jazz, popular, Greek and Italian — are represented. Records to learn Greek, Italian, French, Russian, Portuguese, and Spanish can also be borrowed. Next to attending class or visiting the country, this is the best method of learning a language. "Talking books" (cassette tapes) are provided for readers who are

either physically handicapped or blind. The cassette recorder is also provided free of charge.

Art prints (featuring the works of the "Group of Seven", Van Gogh, Gauguin, Picasso, etc.) can be borrowed for six weeks, so that those empty walls can be avoided when moving to a new residence or a change in decor can be introduced from time to time. Although the library doesn't have special meeting rooms, it does make its entire second floor available for community groups' use for a small fee.

The library places heavy emphasis on serving its immediate community, and this is reflected even in its programmes and displays. The most recent case in point is its exhibit on the "History of the Danforth Area". Although the library obtained some information and photographs from various archives, local residents contributed a great deal.

The library always welcomes further contributions of art work for exhibitions

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Colleen Moffatt — Distributor of the week

by J.J. FORRESTAL

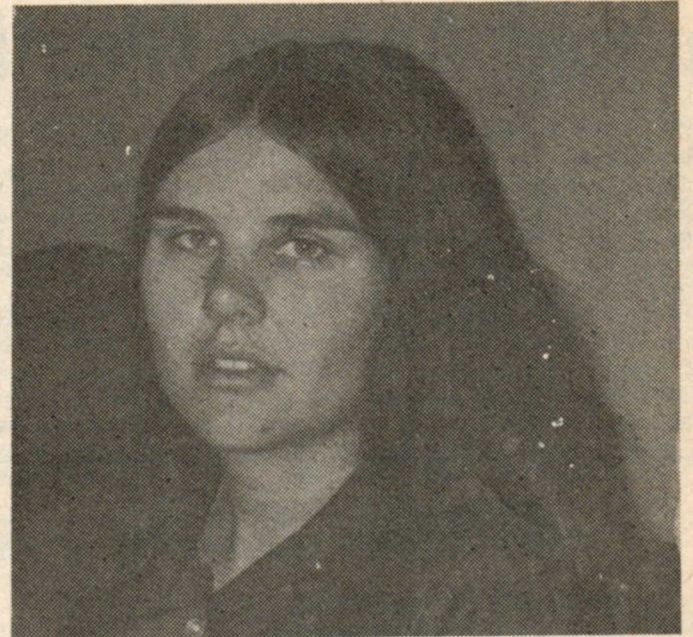
Colleen Moffatt has been delivering SEVEN NEWS on Victor Ave. for four years, almost since the paper's beginning.

She completed her studies in Sociology this April when she received her BA from the University of Toronto.

Colleen's time has been actively split between her job and preparing for her wedding this month. She works as a residential teacher at the Harold Lawson Residence for the Mentally Retarded where she supervises recreational and self-help skills after school and on weekends as a supplement to what the students are learning in school.

Colleen worked with children in the community both at Woodgreen United Church and at GRO, where she met her fiance while attempting to organize an OFY project.

After her marriage Colleen will move out of the ward, relinquishing her distribution duties. But she feels that "one can't always write an article or take a photo. By distributing the paper I feel that I'm contributing in some way although it may be small."



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from the department of welfare...*

John Nevarc

Seaton House

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look at the whole problem of alcohol."

On the need for a full-time counsellor in the building, the report states, "Since Seaton House seems to be a dumping place for men which other agencies don't want to deal with (eg. Queen Street Mental Health Centre), a number of the men are in poor mental health. It is felt that someone should be available to work with these men and with some of the men whose mental health is deteriorating through lack of contact with other people, etc."

Although sharply critical of the Seaton House operation, the report states that the City seems to be aware of some of the administrative problems involved but adds, "... it is not clear how in touch they are with possible programs to help the men."

The report also implies a lack of haste and feeling of indifference on the part of the City to do something about the problems at Seaton House. It states, "The top officials in Metro Social Services have not started their report on Seaton house but will contact us when they do."

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Seven News Incorporated to hold Annual Meeting

Mark Wednesday, October 23rd on your calendar.

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In theory, everyone who lives or works in Ward Seven, 18 years of age or over, is a part owner of SEVEN NEWS. In actual practice, you can't exercise your ownership

unless you attend this upcoming Annual Meeting.

At the Annual Meeting you will be asked to vote for a new nine-person Board of Directors who will run the affairs of the Corporation for the next year.

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a \$14,000 deficit for the coming year.

Get five people to nominate you and you can run for the Board of Directors yourself — if you've got the time to spend running the affairs of a \$40,000 a year corporation.

In the way of light entertainment, there will be a slide and talk show on the early history of Ward Seven. The talk show will be given by George Rust-D'eye, a local historian. There will also be refreshments. Be there.

Obituary

Salute to Ralph Thornton

One of the original moving spirits of Riverdale, Ralph Thornton, a resident of the area for nearly 60 years, died in Riverdale Hospital on September 11th, 1974 at the age of 69.

Ralph Thornton drove a taxi for most of his life, owning his own cab since 1956. In the mid sixties he became involved in community action when he joined with others in opposing the urban renewal scheme which eventually demolished over 200 homes in Donmount. He formed a Ratepayer group comprised of people on his block of Hamilton Street and the adjacent block on Broadview avenue which were slated for rehabilitation by the scheme.

One important result of the destruction of Donmount was the decision by half a dozen people in River-

dale to form the East Don Urban Coalition and sponsor a major community organizing project. Most of the group were clergymen but Ralph Thornton as President of the Donmount Residents Rehabilitation Committee was the one bonafide community representative.

Ralph Thornton was at one time Vice-Chairman of R.C.O. and was always active in groups and committees confronting City Hall, absentee landlords and owners of businesses or industries which were a problem in the area one way or another.

Typical of Ralph was one thing he did at the time of the strike by city garbage men in 1972. While neighborhoods in Riverdale were beginning to stink from garbage piled high in their parks, he drove a carload of people to show them how empty Rosedale's parks were. When he called out to a Rosedale resident and asked him where he was putting his garbage the man replied, "Oh we take ours down to Allen Gardens in Cabbagetown."

Of late Ralph was chairman of the Board of the Neighborhood Renewal project in Riverdale and a member of the Board of Riverdale Hospital which appointment grew out of his determination to improve the services of the Hospital.

The funeral service for Ralph Thornton appropriately resembled a neighborhood meeting more than a funeral service inasmuch as Reverend Norman Thomas and Father Larry McGough (formerly members of the East Don Urban Coalition) conducted the service and invited people to comment on the life of Ralph Thornton.

Connie Leslie, formerly chairman of R.C.O. recalled Ralph's frequent cheer, "you tell 'em Connie" and said it was not needed today because everyone present knew him well.

Agnes Johnstone, member of the Board of Neighborhood Renewal and treasurer of Greater Riverdale Organization said that Ralph Thornton always gave his best and that it was often his steadfast giving of himself that inspired her to keep going.

Helen Roedde, staff of Family Service and member of the executive of the Greater Riverdale Organization underlined Ralph's ability to love.

Margaret King saw his passing as a time for people in the community to commit themselves to carrying on the same concern for action on community problems which Ralph's life so clearly exemplified.

Don Keating cited the thing Ralph Thornton had going between Rosedale and Riverdale as a reflection of one of the messages of his life. The life he lived as an activist pressing politicians and city officials to get action on community problems was his demonstration that really the very important people to him were the people of Riverdale.

When a V.I.P. from Rosedale dies they get their life written up in the newspapers as a matter of course; when a V.I.P. from Riverdale dies they don't get their life written up unless people organize to do it. Keating said he felt that Ralph Thornton was one of Riverdale's V.I.P.'s.

He said he had been unsuccessful in trying to convince any of Toronto's daily newspapers to write a tribute to Ralph Thornton and that he took that as final proof that Ralph was "one of the real V.I.P.'s, not one of the phoney ones made of money".

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT Electoral District of Rosedale

SUMMARY OF RETURN OF ELECTION EXPENSES

There is below set out, as required by Section 63(6) of the Canada Elections Act, a summary, signed by the official agent, of the return of election expenses made to be by him on behalf of Donald S. MacDonald, one of the candidates at the recent election of a member to serve in the House of Commons of Canada held in the above-mentioned electoral district, which said return is on file at my office and may, on payment of a fee of twenty cents, be there inspected and extracts taken therefrom at any reasonable time during the six months next after the 14th day of September 1974, being the day upon which the said return was furnished to me.

Dated at Toronto this 14th day of September 1974.

Cara Kaplan
Returning Officer

Summary of Return of Election Expenses of Donald S. MacDonald

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	Number of persons from whom received
Receipts, contributions, etc.	\$64,812.44	99
Promised unpaid contributions, etc.	Nil	
Total	\$64,812.44	
PAYMENTS		
AMOUNT	Number of persons paid	
Candidate's personal expenses	\$1,267.31	
Postage	736.76	
Telegrams	Nil	
Petty claims	2,612.16	
Hire of premises	1,130.00	
Services	16,692.52	
Travelling expenses and hire of vehicles	455.00	
Goods supplied	40,757.85	
Advertising	230.00	
Total	\$63,881.60	
DELAYED UNDISPUTED CLAIMS		DISPUTED CLAIMS
Nil		Nil

Dated at Toronto this 14th day of September, 1974

DAVID H. WISHART
Official Agent

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There is below set out, as required by Section 63(6) of the Canada Elections Act, a summary, signed by the official agent, of the return of election expenses made to be by him on behalf of Maurice Desjardins, one of the candidates at the recent election of a member to serve in the House of Commons of Canada held in the above-mentioned electoral district, which said return is on file at my office and may, on payment of a fee of twenty cents, be there inspected and extracts taken therefrom at any reasonable time during the six months next after the 17th day of September 1974, being the day upon which the said return was furnished to me.

Dated at Toronto this 17th day of September 1974.

Cara Kaplan
Returning Officer

Summary of Return of Election Expenses of Maurice Desjardins



RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	Number of persons from whom received
Receipts, contributions, etc.	\$2,074.64	24
Promised unpaid contributions, etc.	Nil	
Total	\$2,074.64	
PAYMENTS		
AMOUNT	Number of persons paid	
Candidate's personal expenses	\$	
Postage	19.66	
Telegrams	Nil	
Petty claims	49.66	
Hire of premises	230.00	
Services	1293.71	
Travelling expenses and hire of vehicles	5.00	
Goods supplied	325.13	
Advertising	170.00	
Total	\$2043.52	
DELAYED UNDISPUTED CLAIMS		DISPUTED CLAIMS
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Students report on school centennial

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following items are by students at Winchester School, reporting on that school's upcoming Centennial Celebrations.)

WINCHESTER SCHOOL

by Surreyya Seker

Ever since last year, there have been many things happening in Winchester school. The Junior School was on fire and the school yard had been filled with portables. We've had a new principal and a new vice-principal. In the Senior School we now have less classes. Almost everything has changed.

Of the years that have gone by since Winchester opened, this is probably the most important year. One hundred years ago in 1874 Winchester first opened, and on October 24, 25, 26 we will be celebrating Winchester's 100th birthday.

October 24th will be Canada Day, the 25th Education Day and the 26th will be Grad's Day.

CENTENNIAL

by Nimet Mohamed

Centennial year is here,
So let's all celebrate and cheer.
People are coming from places,
To see their old friends' faces.

Saturday is graduates day
Old and young celebrate this way.
We'll have refreshments and lots
of games
Let's hope it never rains.

We'll have to decorate our rooms
And clean them out with brooms.
All for the centennial year,
Because it's the best year.

CENTENNIAL YEAR

by Susan Wells

This centennial year of Winchester is the first one I've been to. I'm sure my mom and my two aunts will come because they went to Winchester between 1945 and 1955.

They never thought that I would go to the same school that they did. I have a class picture of them in Winchester. We all live very close together now. My mom quit school in grade seven and got a job as a switchboard operator two years later.

GRAND OLD WINCHESTER

by Danny Del Mastro

Winchester school is one hundred years old,
It has taught many people, I have been told.
A celebration is near so all grads behold,

Come everyone, you don't have to be told.
Come meet your old teachers and all your old friends
Come meet your old principal who panked you on end.
You'll have a grand time you know,
So come one and all to see the show.

THEN AND NOW

by David Barber

Winchester school opened in 1874 with a two room school. Each room had over a hundred pupils. There were two teachers, a man for the boys and a lady for the girls. In those days you didn't have to go, but it was free, that was why there were so many students. The you had to write on slates with chalk, now we use pencil and paper.

Now there are two buildings, the junior and senior schools. In the junior school there are around 10 rooms and in the senior about 12. I have been going to Winchester for three years and I like it alot, and I hope the centennial year will be fun.

OLD GABBAGE TOWN TORONTO

WINCHESTER

by Bobby McGill

Winchester school is a hundred years old,
It is a great school but not made of gold.

The school is so old that you should come see,
The old principles, teachers, students and me.

The stairs they don't creak,
The floor is still strong,
It's amazing a school could stand there so long.

This poem is true, that school's not a fake,
But I'd like to get hold

Of that birthday cake!

In Winchester school, the teachers are nice.

The give everyone homework, including the mice.

My poem is finished, all finished and done.

I'll see you at Winchester and we'll have some fun.

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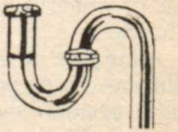
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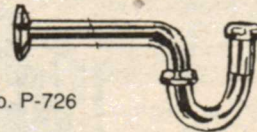
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Dated at Toronto this 19th day of September 1974.

Cara Kaplan
Returning Officer

Summary of Return of Election Expenses of Hal Jackman

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	Number of persons from whom received
Receipts, contributions, etc.	\$52,028.85	
Promised unpaid contributions, etc.	Nil	
Total	\$52,028.85	
PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	Number of persons paid
Candidate's personal expenses	\$	
Postage	2,270.65	
Telegrams	\$2.57	
Petty claims		
Hire of premises	778.54	
Services	18,315.83	
Travelling expenses and hire of vehicles	644.58	
Goods supplied	28,234.45	
Advertising	1,782.23	
Total	52,028.23	

DELAYED UNDISPUTED CLAIMS

Nil

DISPUTED CLAIMS

Nil

Dated at Toronto this 19th day of September, 1974

L.W. SKEY
Official Agent

Eastminster

A thriving inner-city church

by J.J. FORRESTAL

From all appearances church membership in the east end of Ward 7 has been on the decline for the past seven to ten years, with the exception of a possible few congregations, one of which is Eastminster United Church.

A number of reasons for the decline have been put forth by various local pastors and ministers, one reason being the influx of Greek and Chinese immigrants, who, naturally, worship at their own denominational churches.

Accompanying this influx is, quite logically, an outpouring of the Anglo-Saxon population to the suburbs. Many who have retreated have found it more convenient to switch their allegiance to a congregation of their own denomination nearer their more recently chosen refuge.

Rev. K.K. Miller of Danforth Baptist Church observed that his congregation numbered approximately 400-500 members 10 years ago. It has now shrunk to a mere 100.

He remarked that "all local churches are in the same situation. There's not much chance for growth unless we have a foreign language ministry."

Rev. Vincent Goring of St. Barnabas Anglican Church on the Danforth stated that at one time the church could boast of a 500-600 membership with a Sunday school enrolment of 1200. Now the adult congregation is down to approximately 140 and Sunday school to a low 30-40.

Rev. Miller has recently been made head of the Baptist Church's task force on inner city churches.

In relation to his appointment he stated that "trying to maintain downtown churches may change the focus of the ministry. We can't foresee any growth, especially with the increasing exodus of the English speaking congregation. We must try to aid local ethnic groups."

No condemnation intended, leaders of congregations suffering these drastic declines may fare well to hook into the enthusiasm and optimism of Rev Hugh Rose of Eastminster United Church on the Danforth.

Rev. Rose indicated, rather incredulously, that he's not quite sure how his congregation has been able to maintain its relatively active and stable membership.

Eastminster's present membership totals about 800, a number which reflects a small decrease but also a definite stabilization in the past few years.

Rev. Rose figures that they've

suffered less of a decline for two main reasons:

1. Two United congregations, North Broadview and Danforth, merged in 1967 to form Eastminster United. The edifice currently housing the Eastminster congregation is the old Danforth United church, while Chester Village has been erected on the land formerly occupied by the North Broadview church.



2. Eastminster enjoys a strong local base mainly because the majority of the congregation still lives in the area.

Another reason is the Community Services Unit housed on the third floor. Catering primarily to the local Greek and Chinese populations and some Italians, the unit was established in 1971 as an OFY project working out of the West End YMCA.

The group, realizing that the concentration of Greek immigrants is around the Danforth, decided to move east. They petitioned Eastminster for space, which was graciously provided, free of charge, but is now allotted on a rental basis.

The Community Services program provides for immigrants such services as translation and interpretation, legal advice, referral services, an income tax clinic and a variety of counselling services which include educational, financial and employment as well as family and personal counselling. During the day it sponsors English language classes for women, with day care provided.

Ideally the program's purpose is to assist the immigrant population in adjusting to a new environment while trying to promote mutual understanding between the English speaking and non-English speaking members of the community.

The program's director, Peter Hortareas, a tall, dark, Christ-

like looking figure, helped compile the report that was released last Spring which contended that immigrant women are oppressed by their husbands and fathers. Regrettably, some members of the Greek community reacted violently, pitting their anger against M. Hortareas himself.

Since the project's inception, like so many social and community service programs, it has drifted from one government grant to another, filling in with volunteers during lean times. This does little to help stabilize such programs.

Most funding was in danger of running out this Sept., but some of it has been renewed. The Dept. of Manpower and immigration has provided the program with an \$28,000 grant to be spread over the next 18 months, which the program plans to appeal. Plans are in the offing for renewal of a monthly \$1,000 from the United Community Fund.

The provision of this money could lead to an expansion of existing services. Plans for a senior citizens program and an after 4 program for children could be realized. The majority of immigrant parents, both husband and wife, work long hours, sometimes until 6 or 7 PM. There's very little in the neighborhood for their children, left to fend for themselves when school lets out.

Mr. Hortareas would also like to see the start of a birth control program in conjunction with the Public Health Unit at 430 Broadview. Such a program initially met with resistance because of a reluctance to talk about sexual matters.

Resistance has recently broken down because the immigrant population has seen birth control as part of the Canadian way of life and because they have come to realize the economic advantages of limited the size of one's family.

Mr. Hortareas asserted that "there's no way we're going to let this die. We'll run it on a volunteer basis. It may not be open 40 hours a week, but we'll keep it going."

The Eastminster congregation, too, carries on a great variety of activities, from a meals on wheels program to youth groups like Cub and Boy Scouts and activities for teen-ager. Programs for the young seem to reflect more the ethnic make-up of the community as second generation residents more readily accustom themselves to a Canadian life style.

The congregation boasts a large, active Women's Organization and is particularly proud of the musical heritage of its professional level choir. Under the direction of Mrs. Lorna Holmes, the choir presents about three major programs yearly plus regular Sunday services.

The church makes it a policy to open its doors to local organization meetings for a very small fee. Just recently it housed a meeting of concerned Greek Cypriots and another for Greek parents worried about Greek instruction for their children.

The Community Services unit utilizes the services of local volunteers, many of whom are from the church community. Some church members also serve on the program's Board of Directors. This tends to help facilitate the integration of the church and neighborhood communities, but more effort is clearly needed.

Rev. Rose, who has served at Eastminster for 10 years (2 of which were spent as pastor of the old Danforth United) wishes that "the make-up of the congregation would more directly reflect the ethnic make-up of the community.

SPEAKING OUT

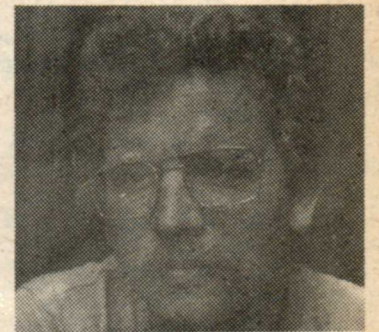
Question: Who would you like to see replace Alderman Karl Jaffary in the upcoming municipal elections?



Irene Fisher, St. Jamestown
"I don't know. I'm not very involved in politics."

Gregg Ellsworth, 730 Gerrard St. E.

"Uncle Steve Necheff would be good because he'd get people at City Hall jumping. I don't know if he'd accomplish anything, but he'd sure get a lot of action going down there."



Henry Jerzy, 384 Sumach
"Those are pretty big boots to fill. Consequently, I'll be frivolous and suggest David Attis because he owns an ice cream store. If he'd just sell a tropical flavour to appeal to the West Indians in St. Jamestown he'd have their vote cornered."



Mr. A. King, 397 Carlton
"I'd like to see Dallard Runge run here again. I've great respect for his devotion to the community, and I suspect he's heavily committed to the Riverdale area."



Sue Potter, 330 Sumach
"I haven't given it much thought but I hate the thought of having to replace him."



Pat Montrait, Regent Park
"I'm not too involved in politics and couldn't really suggest anyone."



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"The Community Services program has served as a catalyst by acquainting long-time residents of the congregation to the needs of new arrivals and by allowing immigrants to feel more comfortable while, at the same time, allaying their suspicions about Canadian, or Anglo-Saxon institutions."

Rev. Rose is one of two delegates chosen to represent Canada at the World Council of Churches meeting in Ghana, Africa last August, where members of every Christian denomination from all parts of the world met for two weeks to try to find a theological basis for the unification of all Christian churches.

He feels that "the role of the Church is to initiate things and then play as low profile as possible. You initiate things as a service or as a response to a need. The Church is able to move quickly because it isn't tied down by the bureaucracy of the government."

"The Church will survive. It must adapt to the changing scene. In urban society there's so many who think the Church is irrelevant. The only way the Church can combat this is to prove that it isn't irrelevant. That's why we're doing what we do."

"Our dreams are to become more of a community congregation. But we would not like to see Greek and Chinese Canadians become an amorphous mass. They have unique contributions."

"As a congregation we feel immensely hopeful for our future role in an ethnically and socially mixed community."

So does this reporter. Not only hopeful but optimistic.