



Public meeting called on Ontario-Bleecker development

by DAVID HOWELL

The future of the South St. James Town area might finally get resolved this fall. Meridian have put in a development proposal called 'Winchester Square' to the City which is now winding its way through the City Hall bureaucracy. Before the final decisions are made, the Buildings and Development Committee and the Planning Board are holding a public meeting at St. Peter's Church, on Carlton Street, at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27th.

The meeting should be interest-

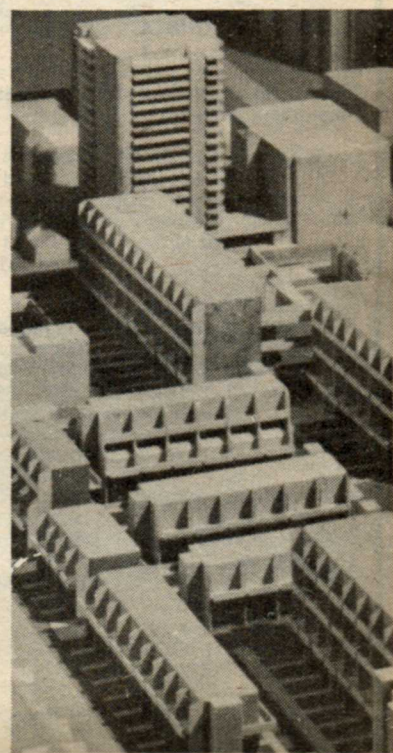
ing. South St. James Town seems to have always been with us. The bitter fights over the assembly and demolition of the block by Meridian, the fate of the Meridian tenants, the midnight Memorandum of Understanding between the Mayor and Phil Roth, boss of Meridian, all these events seem to make Winchester Square more than just another development. Or do they? That's really the issue at stake.

The history of 'Winchester Square' started in the Spring of 1974 when the Mayor, ever willing to grapple with the intractable, decided it was time to solve the future of South St. James Town. Since the demolitions and evictions of the tenants there had been a kind of uneasy stalemate between the City, the remaining tenants and Phil Roth, broken periodically by the rooming-house fires and the boarding up of more and more houses.

After a series of negotiations, the last session stretching way into the night, Roth and Crombie finally struck a deal. Roth could build, but he had to build what the Mayor wanted. The Memorandum of Understanding detailed what the project was to look like, who was to live there in terms of families, senior citizens and people on moderate incomes and threw in three acres of park for good measure.

From the start the agreement was attacked as a sell-out by Sewell and the left on Council. They thought Crombie should have got more, in particular more low-income housing. But the compromise carried Council and Roth and his architects went away to design a scheme.

More than a year later, they came up with the present 'Winchester Square' scheme. It in-



Above is a segment of an artist's model of the "Winchester Square" development plan. SEE complete photo of plan on Page Five.

volves a development stretching from Wellesley Street almost to Carlton between Bleecker and Ontario Streets including as well the City parking lot on Sherbourne Street.

Apart from the Senior Citizens' building just north of St. Peter's Church the whole scheme is to be condominium, with a substantial proportion being for assisted home ownership.

The scheme proposes two high rise buildings on Wellesley Street, opposite the St. James Town complex. South of these buildings are a

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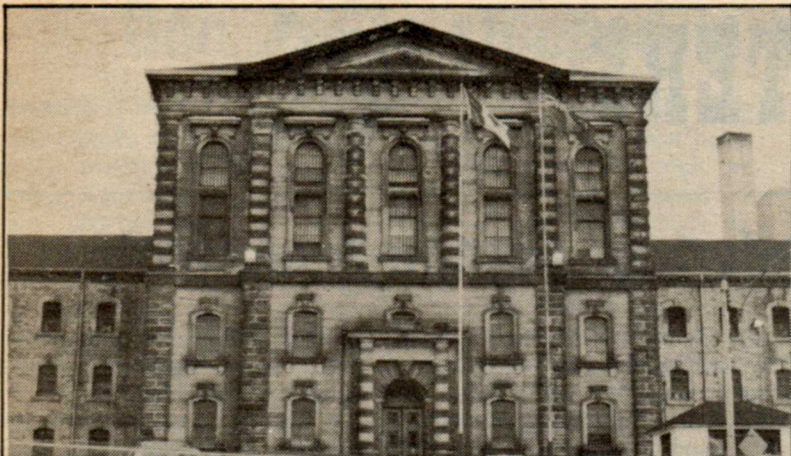


Photo by George Rust-D'Eye

The south facade of the centre portion of the Don Jail. Built in 1858-1865 from the design by William Thomas, the central part of the jail resembles a Greek temple. Underneath all that dirt are light-coloured bricks.

HISTORIC DON JAIL SHOULD BE PRESERVED

by GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

It seems incredible at this period of Toronto's development, when citizens are finally beginning to recognize and appreciate its few remaining historical buildings, to find that the Province intends to demolish a 110-year old major work by the architect of the St. Lawrence Hall and St. Michael's Cathedral. Even more surprising is that City Council is not fighting tooth and nail to save it. This is the story of the Don, Toronto's fourth jail.

Toronto's (then York's) first jail opened its doors for business in 1800 on the south side of King Street between Yonge and Toronto Streets. Dr. Scadding described it as "a squat unpainted wooden building with hipped roof concealed from persons passing in the street by a tall cedar stockade, such as those we see surrounding a Hudson's Bay post or a military wood yard."

The second jail, completed in 1824, was built at the north east corner of King and Toronto streets. It was apparently designed by Dr. W. W. Baldwin, who designed as well a similar building to serve as a court house just to the east on the same site. Dr. Scadding described these two-storey brick buildings as being of pretentious character but of poor architectural style. The open space between them was called 'Court House Square.'

In 1840 the third jail was built overlooking the harbour south of Front Street between Parliament

and Berkeley Streets, on the site of the first Parliament Buildings of Upper Canada. It was described as a "substantial, gloomy-looking prison, built of grey Kingston limestone from designs of J. G. Howard, City Architect". It was constructed on the radial principle, — in a 'Y' shape — the jailer's residence forming the central culminating point of three wings. In 1850, it was one of the first buildings in the City to be illuminated by gas.

Grand juries of the day frequently commented that this jail was totally inadequate for the

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This is the friendly face which for 110 years has welcomed visitors to the Don Jail.

Photo by George Rust-D'Eye

NEWS ROUND-UP

Henry Shannon to open Riverdale Hospital fall bazaar

Registration is still open for both afternoon and evening classes in the **Right to Read Program** at the Parliament Street Library. For more information, phone 921-8674....

There are still openings at the Central Neighbourhood House co-op **nursery school** and lunch program. It's available 9 a.m. to noon weekdays for children 2 to 4 years old. Phone **Barbara Greer** at 925-4363. . . .

Women Writers Speak, a series of Sunday night presentations, continues at the **Firehall Theatre**, 70 Berkeley Street, every Sunday at 8:30 pm. **Margaret Atwood** will be featured on Nov. 2, and **Marie-Claire Blais** on Nov. 9. Admission is \$2; for information phone **Joan Shaw** at 485-7209. . . .

A new **creative drama program** for teens is being offered at the Parliament Library **House teen drop-in**, Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. . . .

A **home nursing course** is being offered every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 9:30 to 11:30 through to November 24 at **209 Gerrard Street East**. For registration (Fee is \$3.00) phone **Mrs. Marilyn Tinsley** at 364-3982. . . .

The Tuesday Workshop at the Parliament Library House presents a workshop on **Epigrams**, with **Kent Bowman** on Oct. 21 at

7:30 p.m. On Oct. 28, the workshop will present an **Open Halloween poetry howl**, yelp and yahoooooooooooo. Everyone is welcome to come and participate. . . .

The **Hot Lunch Program** continues at the **Don Vale Community Centre**, 80 Winchester Street every Wednesday and Friday **noon**. It's good homecooked food at reasonable prices. . . .

Free Friday Films at the Parliament Library House: **Oct. 24**, "Seduced and abandoned"; **Oct. 31**, "The Body Snatchers". Show time is 8 p.m. . . .

A Carlton Street resident, **Eddie Anderson**, is a model rocket enthusiast who shoots rockets off with the Canadian Rocket Society. Some time between now and the 22nd of October, Eddie plans to shoot a three-stage rocket over the **C.N. Tower**. . . .

On Monday, Oct. 20 at 5:30 p.m., **St. Mathews Anglican Church**, First and De-Grassi, will hold their annual turkey dinner and **Harvest Food Auction**. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children at the door or phone 421-2848 for more information. . . .

Central Neighbourhood House, **349 Ontario Street**, has received permission from

both levels of government to operate 10 day-care children centre in conjunction with their regular nursery school. Day care would be between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays. Phone **Barbara Greer** at 925-4363 if interested. . . .

Poetry and Rap continues its series of workshops on women writers with **Helena Hamilton** and **Morag Sutton** on Oct. 18, and **Brenda Saunders** on Oct. 25. It's at 2:30 p.m. at the Parliament Library House. . . .

The Neighbourhood Information Post **Annual Meeting** is being held at 7 p.m. on Wed. **Oct. 22** at 265 Gerrard Street East. Everyone who lives in or works in Ward Seven is a member of the Corporation that owns NIP and is invited to attend. . . .

The popular film series: **People and Places**, is again being held every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the **Danforth Library**, 701 Pape Avenue. Admission is free and coffee is served. . . .

The **Boys and Girls Department** of the Parliament Library will feature the puppet show, "**Baba Yaga**" at 2 p.m. on **Sat. Oct. 25**. Following the puppet show there will be crafts and games. . . .

A **Fall Bazaar**, featuring home baking,

knitting and afternoon tea will be presented at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the **Riverdale Hospital Auditorium**, St. Matthews Road. Radio celebrity, **Henry Shannon** will be on hand to open the bazaar. . . .

The **St. Jamestown YMCA** is looking for boys 12 or under interested in forming a **Pee Wee Floor Hockey team**. It will play in the league being organized by the Broadview YMCA. If interested, contact the St. James Town "Y" office at 240 Wellesley St. East. . . .

From the Hearth — a series of fireside tales for adults, will feature "Things that go bump in the night" — a selection of horror writings at 8 p.m. on **Oct. 29** at the Parliament Library House. . . .

Senior citizens in **St James Town** took two recent outings that proved interesting and exciting. On Oct. 1, a **bus tour** took them to Hockley Valley and the **Caledon Hills**. On Oct. 15 another tour was taken by bus to the **Kitchener Octoberfest**. A good time was had by all. . . .

During the month of November, the **Danforth Library**, 701 Pape, will feature a photographic exhibit by **Frank Royal**, titled "Canadian Images". . . .



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LETTERS



Close look needed at planning controls

Dear Mr. Browne:

I would like to comment on Janet Howard's article in Ward Seven News of September 20 since I agree entirely with her that this is an important year for Ward 7 in view of the new zoning bylaws and plan review principles. Our concern now should be that our representatives to Council will give us the leadership we will need to deal effectively with approaches to management of growth and hopefully not become embroiled in short term political gain to the detriment of the welfare, both social and physical of this community.

I say this because we have recently seen how the recommendations of a serious, well researched study can be deformed to serve political gain. I refer to the Soberman report and the manner in which certain recommendations were selectively promoted (by some politicians) including the Spadina and Highway 400 extensions.

Other recommendations and important contingency decisions which were vital to achieving an overall effective transportation system were ignored. I am now concerned that Janet Howard not do the same thing because of her apparent distaste for "Smitty's Committee" and a study by William Code which it commissioned. Unfortunately in this paper of September 20, she completely misrepresented the work of Code by her assertion that his report said "it is impossible to limit office growth in central Toronto and even if it were possible it would be a bad thing."

Before your readers join with Janet Howard in discrediting "Smitty's Committee" and Code's work, I would like them to consider the following points in regard to control of office development based on Code's study and which the entire committee have endorsed:

1. Controls over office growth in the core area may not be necessary to protect structures and neighbourhoods of historic and social importance from the threat of demolition. Indeed such controls may even threaten historic structures and areas. . . because they severely limit office development and create pressures to remove aging structures from residential usage. **What is needed is strong legislation protecting certain areas of the city.**

2. A policy of forced decentralization will likely lead to increased automobile traffic throughout Metropolitan Toronto. As well, downzoning and forcing apartment development into the core would increase automobile traffic in the core.

3. Office buildings pay for themselves in terms of tax revenues without imposing excessive demands for services and do produce surpluses to finance a revitalization of older and historically valuable areas.

Encourage variety in the urban core

These points led to the following policy recommendations: "If decentralization becomes the acceptable objective, a policy of 'pulling' some suitable office functions to outlying locations, rather than 'pushing' them from the core through policies of physical containment should be adopted."

"In encouraging variety and vitality in the urban core, the preservation, restoration and appropriate redevelopment of clearly defined areas of historic, social and aesthetic interest should be emphasized, rather than restricting the growth of functions such as offices. The additional tax base provided by an efficiently operating central financial and administrative function, developing in a physical openended environment in unde-

rutilized core areas could be diverted to preserving and restoring valuable established areas."

If I can summarize the foregoing, the Committee, and Bill Code's report endorse the principles of decentralization and as Code expressed it, the "well intentioned objectives of the City of Toronto planning board." It is the means to reach the end that we are concerned with and Code's report and our discussions have focussed in part on the implications of a policy of restrictive development in the core in order to "push" it somewhere else.

One of these implications is that through greatly reduced density controls only large developers and government would be able to assemble land to meet the requirements of mixed use development. Developers of small to medium stature would be forced out leaving government and large developers and thus a concentration of the industry in a few hands.

If there is a "hunting licence for developers" as Janet speaks of, it may be for the large development corporations of the private and public sector. The smaller development firm, and in my view, most non-profit cooperatives fall into this category, stand to lose out.

Another implication is that with development at lower densities, the land required for office construction will be greatly increased, even if some decentralization does occur. This could result in less land for housing purposes. Because of the spreading out effect, land values may be redistributed meaning that land surrounding the inner core will become more expensive and less viable for housing purposes.

I realize that this letter raises far more question than answers. However, it may provide the basis for continuing dialogue. If the people of this ward are concerned about the new bylaws, I hope that they will take the time and trouble to inform themselves of all aspects of a very complex phenomenon and avoid sliding into an easy "we-they" confrontation. We in Ward 7 stand to lose too much.

J. Wylie Freeman
Alpha Ave.

**Pot-luck dinner
gets good
turn-out**

Over 100 people turned out to a delicious pot-luck dinner held last week at Winchester school. The purpose of the well-received social event was for parents to get to know the teachers of their children and as well to get to know each other.

The dinner, turned out to be a smorgasborg of over fifty different dishes up to and including a roast sucking pig. The able conveners who co-ordinated the event were Cathy Jones, Carolyn Barber and Pat Houchen.

Following the meal, parents talked to individual teachers in their classrooms where the long-range plans and goals of the class and school were discussed.



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NIP provides information to the community

by LAUREL FRANKLIN

Got a question? Need an answer? Then Neighbourhood Information Post is the place for you.

NIP, as it is also called, is an information and referral service operated for the use of the residents of Ward Seven. It is located at 265 Gerrard St. East, in the Library House, where it supplies people with information which they can use as a tool to solve their problems.

They help people with everyday problems occurring out of welfare, housing, UIC, pensions and health. They have a health file

which includes a list of family doctors and dentists available in the Ward. NIP can also supply information on things to do in Ward Seven.

They answer or attempt to answer questions such as: What services exist for shut-ins? How do I apply for public housing? Do you know of any babysitters in the area? Where can I sell my handmade rugs? Where can I get a list of all the neighbourhood organizations in the Don district? What services exist for new Canadians? Are

there any camps for senior citizens? Children?

If NIP hasn't got the answer it will put you in touch with those who do. They know how to get answers without a lot of hassles. They seem to be able to cut through a lot of the unnecessary red tape.

NIP was first started in July of 1970 in the ward, but it has had little exposure and not too many people are aware of it or what it can do for them. NIP was started in response to a study which exposed a need for an information service that would provide: consumer information, vocational counselling and placement services, ombudsman service, informal education programs, legal assistance, and other public services.

Staffing at NIP was almost entirely voluntary during the first year of operation. The staff of the library helped out considerably. But now NIP is supported by the city, and provincial and federal government grants, and therefore can afford to employ two staff members. But they still have to depend on approximately nine volunteers. NIP is controlled by a board of directors, elected yearly. There are seven people on this board, and these people have to either live or work in the community. They also should have either worked, or voluntarily staffed the post at one time or another, and thus have a feel of what's going on.

The board of directors is responsible for areas such as funding, hiring of people, basic policy, and the role NIP should play within the community.

The people who use NIP see it as an important service within the community. But there are still a lot of people who have never heard of it and aren't aware of its ever-expanding, up-to-date information service.

So if you have any questions, problems, or queries, drop in and have a chat. It's a nice place with a very friendly atmosphere, and as the people there keep saying, "the coffee pot is always on."

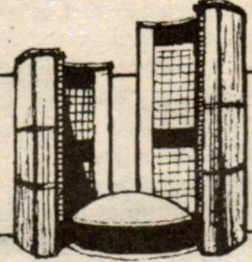
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city hall report



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ALDERMAN

by JANET HOWARD
Ward 7 alderman

Since the election, nearly everyone I have run into asks me what it feels like to be an alderman. Besides saying I like it, I thought people might like to know what an alderman actually does.

There are some things all the aldermen have in common: they are expected to attend City Council meetings every second Wednesday, and to sit on two of the four standing committees of Council, so that each committee has a representative of each ward. I am on Public Works Committee and what used to be called URHFL but is now NHFL (pronounced urfle and niffle — Urban Renewal, Housing, Fire and Legislation; since there is no more urban renewal in the old sense, it is now Neighbourhoods, Fire, Housing and Legislation.)

John Sewell is on Parks committee and Building and Development. Those are the two he had been on previously, and I was perfectly happy to take on the other two, which had been Karl Jaffary's. In some wards, where the alderman do not work together, there is occasionally a quarrel over a particular committee that both want. The Metro or senior alderman wins.

These committees meet the same week as City Council, and a great deal of what Council does comes out of them. For instance, Public Works may have thirty or forty items on its agenda, of which 25 or 30 requires some action. Public Works will discuss and vote on these and report the matter to Council, with the back-up material like reports or letters, and for minor things Council will generally just confirm the action without debate. Any alderman can, of course, request that an item be held for discussion, and Council quite commonly takes a different decision.

Weeks that City Council does not meet Metro Council and its committees do. John Sewell is the Ward 7 alderman on Metro because he received the most votes, and therefore he is a member of both Councils, and his life is accordingly more complicated. I have the Metro week to catch up on paperwork, read the reports and briefs and letters that find their way, inches thick, onto my desk, and take whatever action is needed.

Of course, people's problems do

not occur or reach me just in off weeks. I get calls, and so does John Sewell, all the time from people with a variety of difficulties. The majority concern housing: either no place to live, or something wrong, like no heat or a leaking roof in rented accommodation, or homeowners caught in the tangle of the many permits required to fix things around their houses. Other difficulties that are brought to me concern welfare and pension benefits which are sometimes calculated so that no one could live on them, City services like streets which have holes in them, dangerous situations like building excavations not properly fenced off, and so forth.

All of these are serious to the people involved, and I could not handle them as well as keep up with Council work without my assistant, Polly Evans. She and I and our secretary try to make sure that these problems are dealt with quickly no matter what is going on in the Council Chamber or committee rooms.

The other large part of my work concerns getting out into the ward and attending meetings of the many groups who are working on local issues. Some of these are residents associations, others, like the South Riverdale Health Clinic Committee, are people who meet for one specific goal. Then, too, there are meetings an alderman must call to get people together and inform them of some legislation, like permit parking, so that they can decide what action they wish to take.

This is the part that not all aldermen have in common. There is the school of thought that says leave things alone until people come to you. That has two drawbacks: the alderman learns less about the concerns of his constituents that way, and also people may not find out in any other way about changes that will affect them until it is too late.

Finally, there are the ceremonial duties, like attending functions honouring people or opening new recreation facilities or presenting trophies. These events can be a good way of letting people know who their elected representatives are so that they will feel more comfortable getting in touch with them if the need arises, or just letting the aldermen know what they think about things.

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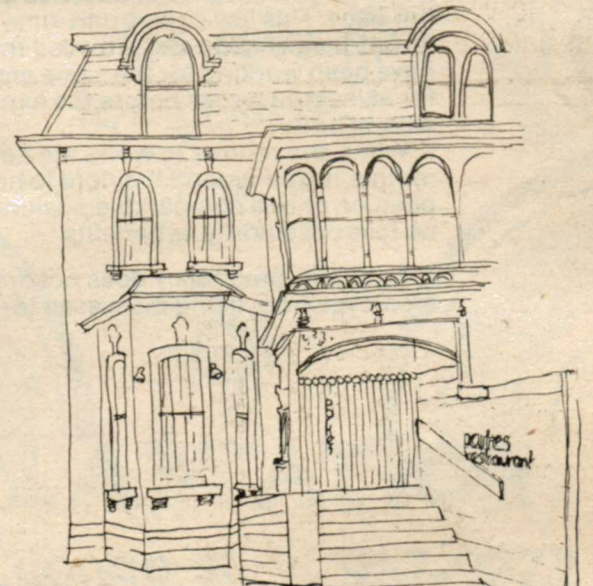
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Provincial election analysis

by NORMAN G. BROWNE

Despite the upset victory of the NDP and Liberals and the drop in representation of the Conservatives, the three ridings that overlap Ward Seven remained unchanged after the recent Provincial election.

ST. GEORGE

Margaret Campbell (L) 10,677
Frank Vasilkioti (PC) 8,505
Lukin Robinson (NDP) 5,858
Elizabeth Hill (Comm.) 272

Margaret Campbell won this riding from the Conservatives in an upset by-election two years ago. Her margin of victory in that by-election was 1,800 votes and she bettered that in this election by defeating her nearest opponent by 2,171 votes.

An astute politician, Mrs. Campbell made sure of her support in the riding by keeping in constant touch with her constituents and working long hours in looking after their troubles. All MPPs are forced into the role of being om-

budsman for their riding but Mrs. Campbell, because of her previous political experience got good mileage out of such work that she did.

Another thing Mrs. Campbell had going for her was the rumoured possibility that she would be named Attorney General in a Liberal Cabinet if the Liberals formed a majority government. Her previous experience as a lawyer and judge made her well suited for such a role.

Most political observers forecast an easy victory for her and they were proved right.

RIVERDALE

Jim Renwick (NDP) 8,885
Dick Perdue (PC) 4,849
Nick Kapelos (L) 3,695
Ed McDonald (Comm.) 389
Others 128

Despite a hard fought and expensive campaign by his Liberal and Conservative opponents, Jim Renwick won an easy victory in

this riding.

From the poster and sign war that took place in the latter stages of the campaign, it looked like Mr. Renwick might be in trouble. However, he actually increased the lead over his opponents over the last election.

In the last election, his margin of victory was 2,518 votes but in this election his plurality was over 4,000 votes. The Riverdale area votes NDP in both Provincial and Federal elections and Mr. Renwick has been the sitting member for eight years. All that was too hard to beat by his opponents.

ST. DAVID

Margaret Scrivener (PC) 10,593
Jim Lemon (NDP) 7,990
June Rowlands (L) 7,153
Vincent Miller (Ind.) 232
Anna Larsen (Comm.) 205

Although her margin of victory dropped over the previous election, incumbent Margaret

Scrivener easily won it back, much to the chagrin of the two major opposition parties who each thought they had victory within their grasp. In the 1971 Provincial election, her margin of victory was 5,291 votes. This was chopped to 2,603 votes in the recent election but still plenty for a win.

Although both Jim Lemon and June Rowlands put up a strong battle to take the riding away from Mrs. Scrivener, in many respects, they contributed to her victory.

ITEM: As long a year prior to the election there was a loose group of people totally committed to unseating Mrs. Scrivener. However, they never met as a group, never organized as a cohesive body, and never took any strong, visible action. When the election was called, these various individuals either organized around an opposition candidate, or gave the whole effort up as a bad job.

The final results might have been different had they organized and come up with some positive, visible action.

ITEM: Many political pundits

saw the only way to unset Mrs. Scrivener was by running either a weak Liberal or NDP candidate along with an equally weak campaign. This would make it a two-way fight instead of a three-way fight and if all the opposition votes could be centred on one candidate instead of two, there would be a good chance of defeating Mrs. Scrivener.

The logic of this is borne out by the election figures. Mrs. Scrivener won the riding with 38.5% of the total vote; 15,000 people voted against her while only 10,000 voted for her.

For a while, during the summer, it looked like that theory had a chance of being tested out. The NDP picked Margaret Daly as their candidate but she couldn't stand or campaign because she would be fired from her job on the Toronto Star if she did so. The plan was for her to be the undeclared candidate while she fought the issue with the Star through the courts and her union. Whether she won or lost her fight with the Star (who said it would be a conflict-of-interest to have a feature news writer as a political candidate) she would then be the official NDP nominee when the election was called.

However something must have happened in the interim because when the election was called, the NDP suddenly discovered they had no candidate. At that point Jim Lemon was brought in and a strong campaign was put up on his behalf.

ITEM: The term "parachute" is used in a political sense to mean a candidate is brought into a riding from outside to contest it. Jim Lemon was probably the most flagrant example of "parachuting" in recent times.

Mr. Lemon lives in the Annex area, two ridings over from Rosedale. A few days after the election was called, he arrived back in Toronto after being away for seven months. He immediately phoned up the NDP election headquarters and asked if there were any ridings open in which he could run. He was told St. David was open and quickly became the NDP candidate in that riding.

The fact that he was not a resident of the riding and in fact was a relatively unknown outsider, might have cost the NDP many votes in the election. Nor did it help matters that Colin Vaughan, one of his campaign managers, was also from outside the area.

An astute viewer of the political scene might wonder how come the NDP can get the support of over 7,000 voters in the riding but couldn't find one of them to stand as a candidate.

One also wonders how a strong, local candidate might have fared. Say, for example, somebody like Karl Jaffary. . . .

ITEM: Despite Jim Lemon being an unknown outsider, he fared so well in the election because Aldermen Janet Howard and John Sewell threw the whole weight of their ward election machinery behind him.

While this gained the NDP a lot of votes it might have lost them some as well. Up to now, neither Sewell or Howard have even aligned themselves with any political party and one of Sewell's strengths was that he was always seen as being non-aligned and non-partisan.

For him and Janet Howard to suddenly change their position and actively support and campaign on behalf of a political candidate might have upset some voters and caused them to stay home.

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reasons not connected with pregnancy, but pregnancy alone cannot be the cause of dismissal where an employee is eligible for leave.

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The employee is eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits during her pregnancy leave (even if she does not intend to resume work when her leave expires) if she had at least 20 weeks of ensured employment during the year before the birth. At least ten of the 20 weeks should have fallen between the 30th and the 50th weeks before the birth.

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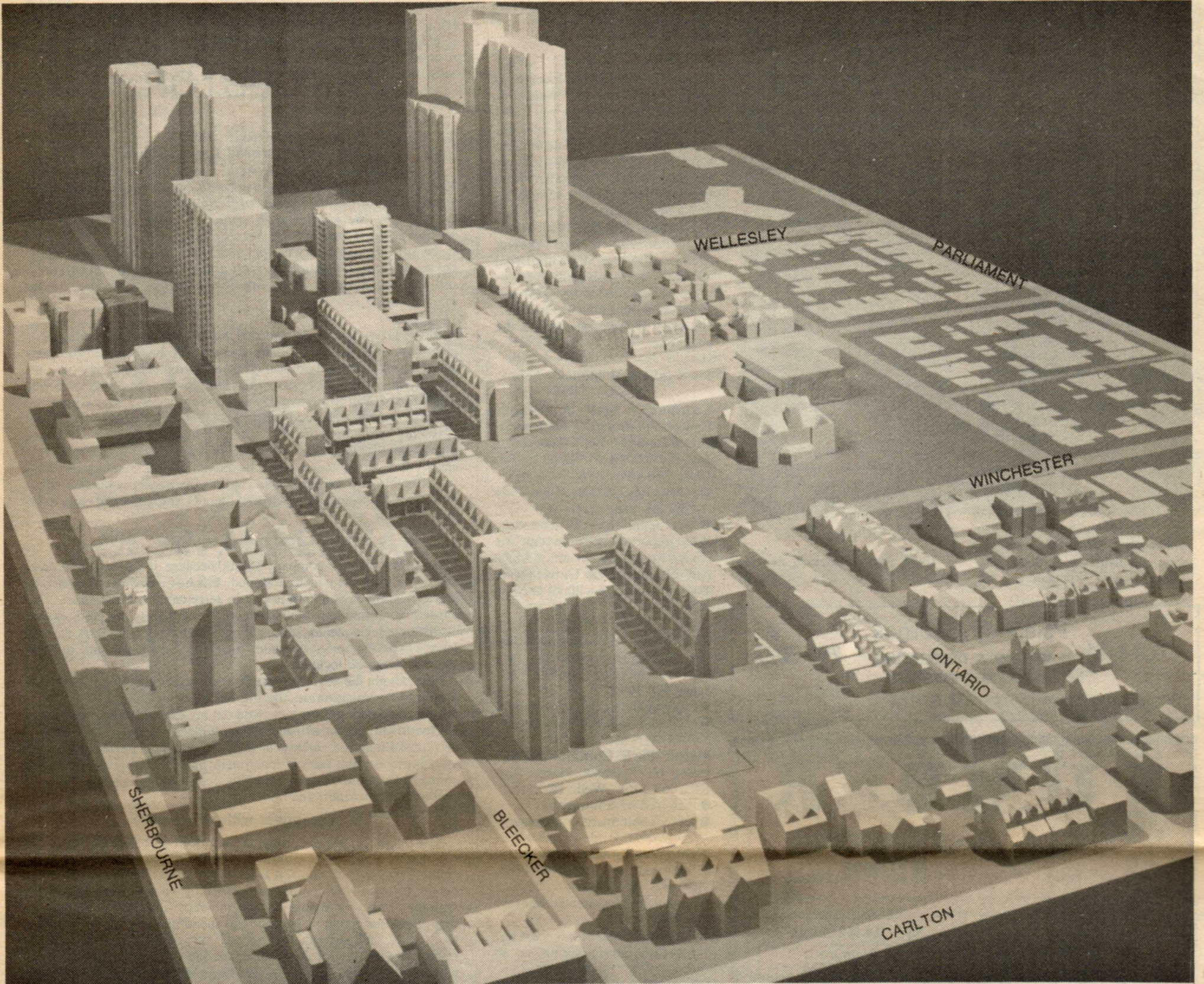
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Above is a photograph of the model of the present "Winchester Square" Development plan. Some changes may be made as the result of public meetings being held in the area on the plan.

Meetings on Ontario-Bleecker development

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series of stacked townhouse buildings, ranging from eight down to three storeys.

These buildings are aligned along Bleecker and Ontario Street to match the existing houses opposite. In the middle of the scheme, opposite Winchester Street school, is a large park. A number of other smaller parks are also proposed for the site.

That's the scheme essentially, but if you want more information you can get it from the City Clerk or the Planning Department, or come to the meeting. Architecturally it's probably the best that can be done within the agreement reached last June, and it's not bad.

There are a lot of things that have to be resolved before the project could go ahead however. The scheme involves closing Ontario Street to link the school site with the proposed park, but adequate fire protection has to be maintained for the school.

It's not clear at the moment what's happening with the land owned by St. Peter's Church and by the Toronto Racquet Club on Bleecker Street. Sometimes they're in the scheme, sometimes

they're not. And there's the question of how much retail space should be in the development.

In the proposal Meridian had about 40,000 sq. ft. of retail space up on Wellesley Street. The businessmen on Parliament Street objected and their executive got an agreement from Roth to cut it down to almost half. That wasn't good enough for the rest of the merchants however, and at a meeting last month they wanted it cut down to 7,000 sq. feet.

So those are the issues. In terms of the amount of family and assisted housing it's probably better than any other private scheme in the City at the moment. Architecturally it's not bad. Meridian's ability to ravage the area east of Ontario Street has been taken away by the City purchase of many of the houses and by the proposal to remove the area's redevelopment potential from the Official Plan.

So this might be the last chapter in the history of the oldest and bloodiest battle ground of inner-city politics. Sooner or later something is going to get built on the site and if it isn't Winchester Square it has to be shown what else should happen and how.

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Neighbourhood law clinics in Ward Seven

by
SHELLEY BIRENBAUM

There are many legal clinics operating in the Ward 7 area which are staffed either by law students, trained community legal workers, lawyers or all three. Law students or trained community legal workers are qualified to represent clients in all lower courts, which includes traffic court and small claims court, to deal with minor criminal offences, to draw up simple wills, to represent tenants, can assist in the organization of tenant groups and represent them in certain matters under the Landlord and Tenant Act, are often active in matters dealing with Unemployment Insurance, welfare law, Workmen's Compensation, Immigration and Government Pensions.

Law students or trained community legal workers cannot act on behalf of a client for a serious or complicated criminal offence, swear an affidavit or document, handle divorce proceedings, nor

represent a client in any of the higher courts, which includes the Supreme court and the court of Appeal. These are matters which require a lawyer.

A law student or trained community legal worker can determine whether or not a person is in need of a lawyer. If a person is unable to pay the fees required for a lawyer, he can apply for a Legal Aid certificate which will totally or partially cover a lawyer's fee. If the case is civil in nature, the person should apply to the **York Area Legal Aid Office**, 73 Richmond Street West, 366-9631, Monday to Friday, 9:00 to 3:30. If the case is criminal in nature, one must go down to the **Old City Hall**, room 303, Monday to Friday 8:30 to 3:00. If a person is unable to come down during the day to obtain a legal certificate for either a civil or criminal matter, a limited number of appointments can be made for either Tuesday or Thursday evening at the Legal Aid Office on Richmond Street.

The **Lawyer Referral Service** sponsored by the Law Society of

Upper Canada assists people in seeking a lawyer. Referrals provide a half hour interview at a cost of \$10.00 for legal advice. Lawyers are also available to those receiving legal aid. The Lawyer Referral Service operates from Osgoode Hall and the number is 362-4741.

Lawline, 928-7293 is a legal information and referral project sponsored by the Student's Legal Aid Society, University of Toronto. It is open Monday to Friday, 10:00 to 6:00 and will deal with any type of legal query over the telephone.

Legal Clinics

Campus Legal Assistance Centre (sponsored by the University of Toronto), 44 St. George St., 2nd fl., 928-6447, Mon. to Fri. 10-4, Thursday 10-6

- the clinic is staffed basically by law students
 - no appointment is necessary.
- It is important to note that the clinics run by the Student's Legal Aid Society of the University of Toronto generally will not draw up wills.

Eastminster Community Services (sponsored by the University of Toronto), 310 Danforth Avenue, 466-1695, Wed. 2-5

- clinic staffed by law students
- no appointment is necessary

Regent Park Community Services, 63 Belshaw Place, Apt. 101, 863-1768, Wed. 1:00:

- staffed by a lawyer
- no appointment is necessary.

Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. East, 461-1168, Mon. 6-8, Wed. 6-8

- a lawyer is in attendance every Wed.
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Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach Street, 863-0499, Tues. 6:30-8:30

- clinic is attended by a lawyer.

Neighbourhood Information Post, 265 Gerrard St. East, 924-2543, Thurs. 7 to 9 p.m.

- staffed by a legal student
- appointments or can drop in

Neighbourhood Legal Services, 257 Seaton Street, 921-7430, Mon. to Thurs. 10-5

- staffed basically by trained community legal workers.
- trained especially in welfare, unemployment insurance, landlord/tenant problems and public housing.
- will help people to obtain Legal Aid and can refer people to lawyers
- will help in the organization of any kind of community or political group (tenant organizations, welfare rights groups, etc.)
- no appointment is necessary.

If one has a question dealing with tenant rights, he/she can phone the **Tenant Hotline**, a tenant advisory group operating out of the Don Vale Community Centre, at 80 Winchester St., 922-6544. The hours are Monday to Friday, 10:00 to 4:30. However, the hours are quite flexible and there is also an emergency telephone service which operates after regular business hours. One can also consult the **Landlord and Tenants Advisory Bureau**, at 67 Adelaide St. East, 367-8572 for anything pertaining to landlord/tenant problems.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT: THE DEBTOR

by GEORGE DIXON
for Neighbourhood Legal Services

Because Small Claims Court actions are so common and because most individuals represent themselves in these courts, this article continues a series of fictional case studies designed to acquaint the reader with common types of disputes and problems dealt with by the Small Claims Court.

An earlier case study concerned Mary Stevens, a single parent on welfare who found herself unable to pay for a rented TV set. This week's case study involves a debtor who can pay but wishes not to . . .

Jerry Park is twenty-six, married, works steadily at a manufacturing plant and has a car and a bank account. He has lived in the same apartment for almost two years, has a listed telephone number, and last fall obligingly answered all the questions asked by the nice lady who called at his house one day compiling the 1975 City Directory.

Jerry began renting a colour TV last year and recently missed four payments before the company came and took the TV away. About a month ago, Jerry began receiving harsh letters from a collection agency threatening to sue him if he did not pay up immediately. Jerry can afford to pay the money but, in the circumstances his immediate reaction is not to set any new speed records running to the bank to get their \$88.00.

Legal rental contract

Jerry does owe the company \$88.00 because of the legally enforceable rental contract which he signed. It is not, however, against the law to owe money and not to pay it; Jerry cannot, for instance, find himself in jail for not paying his debts. Nevertheless, his creditor can, by different legal means, ultimately get the money from Jerry without Jerry's assistance or co-operation provided Jerry has money or other assets and can be located.

Jerry sought the advice of a store-front legal clinic and learned that people in his situation usually did one of three things.

First, he could quit his job; close out his bank account; move from his apartment; get an unlisted phone number or, preferably, remove the phone altogether; sell his car so that he could not be traced from the records of the motor vehicle department; and, finally, resolve in future not to be so polite to strangers at his door asking his name, place of employment and the like.

Disappear without a trace

The only way a creditor can collect from an unwilling or unable debtor is to first sue the debtor. Because the creditor must locate the debtor in order to sue him, it is technically possible for an unwilling debtor to avoid his creditor altogether by apparently disappearing without a trace. (It should be remembered, first, that the larger the debt, the more money a creditor can spend playing detective tracing the "skip" and; second, that nobody ever disappears without some trace.) Obviously, for Jerry, disappearing is a time-consuming and expensive exercise. (It should also be remembered that the combination of a large debt with an elaborate and sophisticated disappearance may come dangerously close to fraud for which one can go to jail!)

Jerry's real alternatives are either to overcome his dislike for the collection company's tactics long enough to pay them off or to wait and see what they do next.

Jerry is inclined to think that the collection company may not make good on its threats to sue him if he does not pay up. Jerry thinks that a law suit even in the Small Claims Court is probably a lot of trouble and expense for \$88.00.

Not so expensive or time consuming

In some cases creditors do just go away after awhile, but for a large Toronto collection agency, commencing a law suit in Small Claims Court is not as expensive or time-consuming as Jerry thinks. Clerks and typists in the agency's factory first prepare a Claim against the debtor. After payment of a small fee to the Court, the Bailiff of the Court then serves a Summons and the Claim on the debtor. If, within ten days, the debtor does not make a written Dispute to the creditor's Claim setting forth the reasons why he does not owe the money the creditor claims, the creditor recovers Default Judgment for the amount of his Claim and his costs without so much as a Court appearance.

Disputing a creditor's Claim when there is no real defence necessitates a Court appearance by the collection agency, but likely increases (and sometimes substantially) the Court Costs payable by the debtor.

Debtor's wages garnished

Once a creditor has Judgment against a debtor like Jerry who has some means and who can afford to pay the Judgment, it becomes foolish indeed for the debtor not to make arrangements at that stage to pay the Judgment off. There are many ways in which a Judgment creditor can satisfy his Judgment against the debtor who has assets. He may have a portion of the debtor's wages garnished, he may have the debtor's wages garnished, he may have the debtor's bank account seized and sold in a Sheriff's sale; he may have a Judgment Summons served on the debtor so that he may learn what income and assets the debtor has. Any of these further steps results in additional Court costs which are added to the amount of the outstanding Judgment and ultimately paid by the debtor.

Jerry considered the alternatives and decided to wait and see what the company's next move was. The Collection agency started a Small Claims Court action and recovered a Default Judgment. When the letter came from the Court advising Jerry of the Default Judgment, he phoned the agency and agreed to pay the Judgment of \$88.00 and \$8.25 costs in three monthly installments of approximately \$30.00 each.

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Don Jail is steeped in history

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proper classification of prisoners, "as the juvenile offender is seen herding with those hardened in crime, and deadened to every sense of improvement save in villainy."

In about 1860 it ceased to be used as a jail. It was taken over by a safe manufacturing company before being sold to the Gas Company and torn down.

Toronto's present jail, — its fourth — stands on a rise of ground on the north side of Gerrard Street East, west of Broadview. It was built between 1858 and 1865 on the site of John Scadding's second house, and was financed partly by revenues produced by the Clergy Reserves of Upper Canada.

By 1858 the City had acquired the Scadding farm which then was considered to be out in the country, sufficiently isolated from the downtown to make it an ideal place for a jail. William Thomas, City Engineer and an architect of high repute, was asked to design the new jail and to draw up specifications for its erection.

William Thomas was born in Stroud, Gloucestershire, England in 1800 and had emigrated to Canada shortly before receiving his first commission. Some of his buildings still standing are: the Commercial Bank, at 15 Wellington Street West (1843), St. Michael's Cathedral and Bishop's Palace (1845), and the St. Lawrence Hall (1850). He also designed the magnificent monument to Sir Isaac Brock at Queenston Heights, in 1854.

Queenston and Ohio stone

Thomas's specifications for the jail called for the finest Queenston and Ohio stone. Cayuga Lake blue stone for the floors, and good, hard sound and thoroughly burnt white bricks for the walls. What resulted was an extremely handsome, interesting, and not altogether unfriendly-looking building. Much of its present sombre aspect is merely the result of years of accumulated dirt. Like the Mental Hospital at 999 Queen Street (by John G. Howard, 1846-9), another architectural masterpiece doomed to destruction, if the Don Jail were to be cleaned it would become a prized and respected showpiece for the City.

The stone-laying ceremony for the new jail took place on October 8, 1859 after a parade from City Hall (then on Front Street at Jarvis) to the 'Industrial Farm' (the phrase used to describe the jail property). After the ceremony a luncheon was held. At this function many of the City council members disgraced themselves by getting drunk, ending the celebration by singing 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow' to the tune of 'God Save the Queen'. A newspaper in describing the event reported that "the wine flowed profusely and under its inspiring influence all became exceedingly vivacious and many surprisingly witty."

On January 17, 1862, at two a.m., the new jail, still in the course of erection, caught fire. The caretaker immediately ran off to the City to ring the bell at Berkeley Street. However the fire brigade did not find the fire right away and much time was also lost hauling

the vehicles through the deep snow. It then took several hours before sufficient hose could be found to reach from the Don River to the building. Then one of the engines burned out. Needless to say, by one p.m., the centre building was completely gutted.

The jail was rebuilt and opened for business in 1865. At the time it was considered by many to be too modern and extravagant for its day.

The prisoners were to be confined in the wings — males in the east wing and females in the west. Capacity of the 1865 jail was stated to be 184 prisoners, but often over the years it has held over twice that number (since its new east wing was added in 1959 the jail has been used to accommodate up to 850 prisoners at a time.)

Public hanging abolished

In 1869 public hangings were abolished, and since 1905 the scaffold has been kept inside the jail. The first of about 70 hangings at the Don occurred on February 23, 1872, when a 19-year-old man was executed for the murder of his girlfriend's lover. In 1917 crowds around the jail sang 'Nearer, My God, to Thee' after a prisoner waiting to be executed waved a white flag from his cell window. On December 11, 1962, Ronald Turpin and Arthur Lucas were hanged at the Don Jail for the murder of a police officer. These were the last hangings in Canada.

Over the years there have been many escapes from the Don. In 1952, Edwin Alonzo Boyd and three members of his gang sawed their way out. They were captured 10 days later. In September, 1974, a 16-year-old facing two counts of armed robbery escaped by climbing a wall, and in 1972, the first woman escapee liberated herself by donning a matron's uniform and walking out the door.



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But why demolish it?

It seems clear that the conditions at the Don which have attracted the harshest criticism from grand juries are not primarily the fault of the building itself but of its administration. They centre around the overcrowding of prisoners, the abuse and neglect to which the building and its staff have been subjected, and the problems inherent in our modern system of criminal justice. Surely the people of this City should not be deprived of an architectural treasure such as this because of its bad associations!

Recycle the Don

What is needed is an idea and funds for recycling the Don, either as a restored and modernized jail, or as some other form of functional community facility. Perhaps it could become a City Museum or Art Gallery, or maybe an exhibition hall or theatre. The point is that the building is a good one and should be used. Whatever its future, the Don Jail must be saved!

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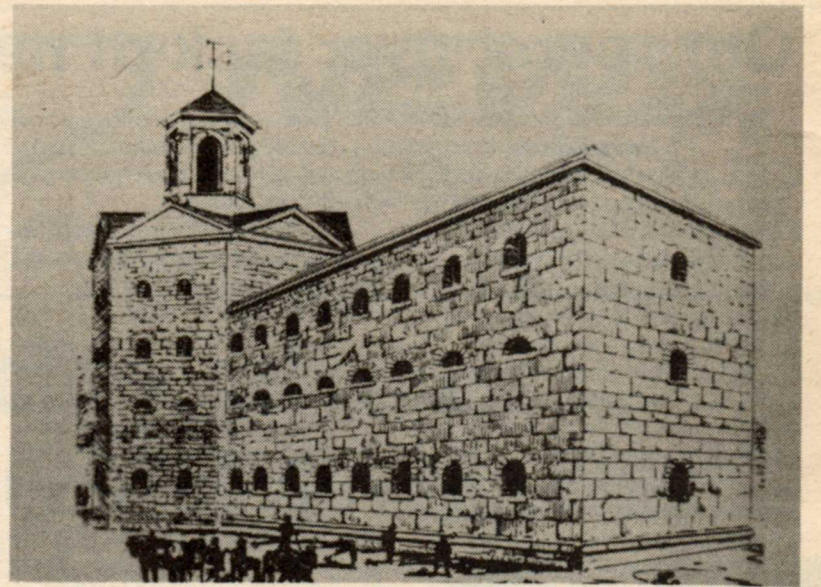


Photo from the John Ross Robertson collection

A sketch of Toronto's third jail (1840-1860). It stood south of Front Street between Berkeley and Parliament Street, and was designed by John G. Howard. The miserable little windows leave no doubt as to its purpose.

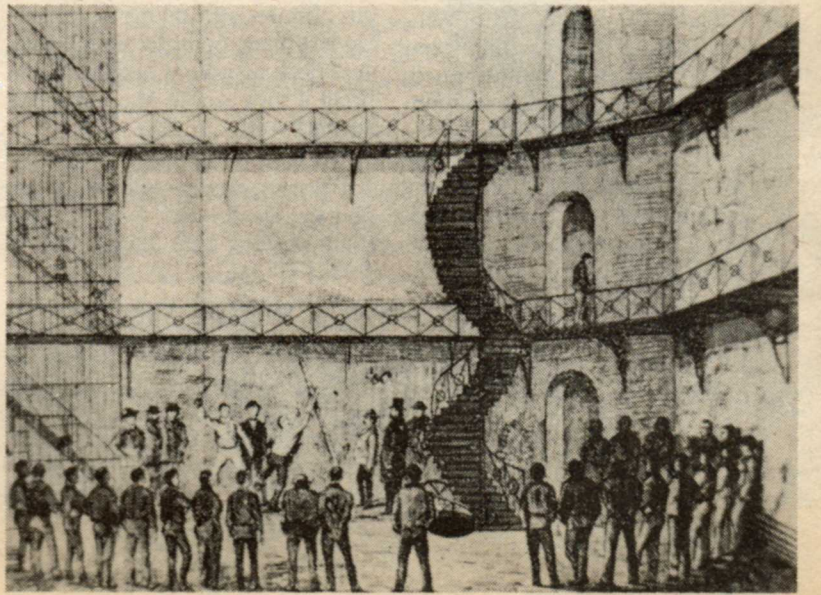


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A flogging in the Don Jail on January 6, 1971. The last public whipping in Toronto was in 1830 when a man received 39 lashes for assault. In 1886 whipping of females was abolished.

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Our regret over lack of news

by **NORMAN G. BROWNE**
7 News Editor

Seven News does not have any paid staff writers to go out into the community and write stories about what is happening. It has only one paid editorial person, the editor. It is not his job to write every news story that goes into the paper.

Seven News depends upon the people in the community to write about what is happening in the community that they are involved in. It is the editor's job to decide what is newsworthy and ask people involved to write a story about it.

The essence of Seven News is

that it is a community newspaper — owned by the community, managed by the community and written by the community.

The following stories were assigned by the editor but were not received by press time:

- The City's offer to lease houses in South St. James Town.
- The results of pollution testing in the King-Parliament area.
- The make-up of the new Board of the Don District Health Centre.
- Information on the Neighbourhood Services Work

- Group.
- Changes in the make-up of FODARA.
- Sport programs at various locations.
- The visit by Beryl Plumptre to Ward Seven.
- DACHI's efforts for a rezoning at the Ontario Municipal Board.

The editor would like to thank all those who wrote material for this issue and he regrets and apologizes for the fact that it doesn't contain all the news that it could.

Distributor of the Week

by **PHIL JALSEVAC**

This issue's Distributor of the Week is ten year old Greg Leslie of 275 Shuter St. The Grade 5 Wilkinson School student has, over the last five months, demonstrated exceptional responsibility and put in many hours of hard work delivering about 300 copies of Seven News to every unit in his apartment.

Greg wheels his papers around on his wagon, sometimes assisted by his friends Kimmy or Roman,

and does eight or nine floors of his building one night, and the remainder the next day. He furthers this efficiency by taking any possible left-over copies to the building next door or asking people on the street if they would like a copy of Seven News.

"Sometimes people come up and say 'how much is this?'" the youth commented, "and I say 'for free'."

Nonetheless, Greg has found one lady on the 12th floor who refuses to let him get by each issue without giving him a quarter in appreciation.

Greg's best and favourite subject in school is Math at which he excels, and reading comes second. As a writer, he comments that he is "still a little bad, but sometimes my mom makes me write stories at home."

His favourite TV show is Kojak, except when it's hockey season — then nothing interferes with his avid watching of the NHL games. Greg often travels down the hall on Saturday nights to enjoy the games with Mike, an elderly gentleman who shares his exuberance for hockey with the lad.

With hopes of going to university to become "either a veterinarian or architect someday," Greg has opened his first savings account at the bank for all those spare nickels, dimes and quarters. The only problem, notes the youngster, is the height of the teller's wicket, commenting "it's hard in a way; the stand is too high for me."

In spite of inconveniences such as this, it appears that the determined youngster will let nothing prevent him from achieving the "high" goals in his life.

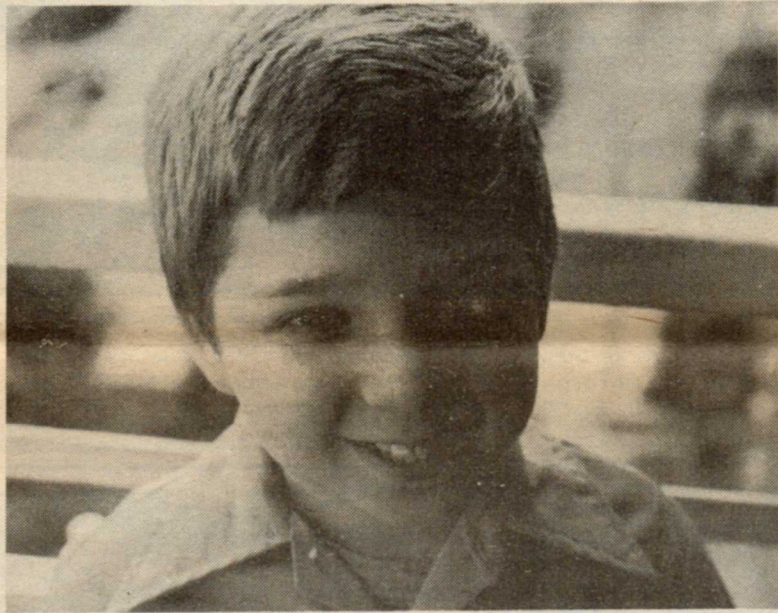
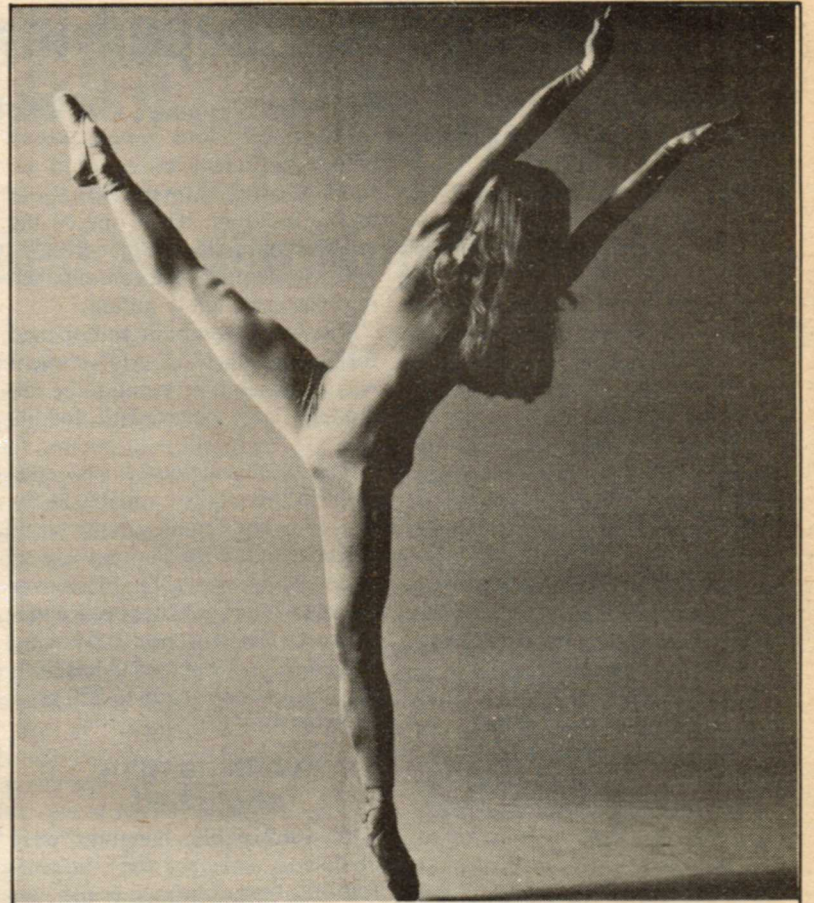


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NEW BALLET COMPANY

by **JOE SIMMONS**

There is a new ballet company in the ward known as **Ballet Ys**. Ys (pronounced eece) is a celtic word meaning 'of the times'. Which is as good as any word to describe what they are: a mixture of classical and contemporary dance forms. The synthesis is a style of dance that blends a classical style with modern thought.

An impressive array of dancers, all with experience and training in schools associated with excellence too numerous to list here, is reflected in the polish and refinement of their performance. Supported by Government, Industry, and private grants Ballet Ys is exploring new areas of dance in an original way.

Not being an expert on dance, it would be presumptuous of me to feel that I might give a professional critique (after all I'm doing this for free) of a dress rehearsal I witnessed a few Saturdays ago at Seneca College. But, as the expression goes, I know what I like.

I liked the ballet Ys. I am sure if I was more qualified to judge the art of dance, there would be many little things I could point to in that performance that might warrant negative criticism; even with consideration being given to the fact that it was a technical rehearsal. Nevertheless I must confess that I was impressed by the force of their display.

They performed six pieces, ranging from fair to excellent. The excellence appeared in a piece choreographed and danced by Robert Desrosiers called *Désert*. The accompanying music was from Chilliwak and John McLaughlin providing a powerful background to a forceful execution. The long flowing costumes, (designed by Mr. Desrosiers) augmented the homogenous flowings of the four dancers, three women and a man. Instead of telling a story, this dance goes beyond the cognitive aspects of the mind and results in one being left with sensations similar to the experience of music alone.

These sensations are heightened by a well timed visual harmony of complementary movement. It is danced in barefeet, accentuating the artistry and balance of the human body. It also somehow breaks the stuffiness and bounded "sophistication" that I normally associate with ballet.

Un *Oceano Dos Pupilas* (One Ocean Two Pupils) choreographed and danced by Luis Ruffo and Claudio Moore I found strangely erotic. The last piece, exploring a series of relationships set in a music hall during the time of Toulouse Latrec, was strong on mood but weak in the expression of that mood. It was the only selection that any prop was used in. For the rest the company depended on lighting for changes in tempo and feeling. These lights, I am told, were not as good as the ones they will be using in future. Nevertheless they were applied with effectiveness.

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