

ELECTION

The civic election is taking place on December 6. In this issue 7 News publishes interviews with all the candidates on pages 6, 7 and 8. Read them carefully, and make your decisions. The issues are important.



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Don Vale Centre fights to survive

by ULLI DIEMER

The Don Vale Community Centre is fighting for its life. In the last month, the Centre has suffered two serious blows, each one of them potentially fatal on its own.

On October 21st, the Centre was informed that the United Church, which owns the community centre building at 80 Winchester St., intends to terminate the lease on the building effective December 31. And four days later, the Centre was told that it would be receiving no funds at all from the Local Initiatives Program (L.I.P.).

The result is that the Centre is faced with the prospect of having no money or staff to run its programmes, and no building in which to house itself or its tenants.

The Centre's staff were laid off on November 12. Only a skeleton maintenance staff now remains.

Of the programmes, the teen drop-in and the pre-teen drop-in have ended, while the home visiting programme and the food co-op are continuing on a volunteer basis.

Four tenant groups in the building are affected as well: the Don Vale Nursery School, Tenant Hotline, BOOST, and 7 News. The nursery school has already arranged to move to new quarters in Winchester school, while BOOST and the Tenant Hotline want to stay and fight to save the Centre. The 7 News Board of Directors has not yet decided on its course of action.

Despite the seriousness of the situation, however, efforts are being made to rally the community and save the building.

The Centre has applied for, and received, a \$2000 grant from the City of Toronto, which is being used to hire one staff person, Mike Yale, until the end of December. The United Church, which owns the building, is supplying another \$2000 to be used for the up-keep, maintenance, and security of the building until the end of December.

The Board of Directors hopes that in the two-month reprieve that it has won, it can raise enough support and money to keep the Centre going indefinitely. One option that is being looked into is the possibility of the City buying the building, or renting it on a long-term lease. Some investigation of this is being done already, but nothing can be done until the new City Council takes office in January.

One of the things that most angers the Centre's Chairman of the Board, John Rae, and other Board members is that the United Church says it has no alternative plans for the building which it is asking the Centre to vacate. At a meeting with representatives of the Centre, Church officials expressed concern that they weren't making any money from the building (there apparently are not enough church-goers in the area to warrant using it as a church). But at the same time, the church has not indicated that it has any alternative uses or buyers for the building. Presumably it would stand empty after it was vacated by the community centre. Centre officials are indignant at this situation, but at the same time they think that the church's desire to realize a financial return from the building might make it amenable to selling or leasing it to the City.

Board members also speculate that the City may be feeling under some pressure to keep the building open because of the added population that is to be brought to the area through the Winchester Square development, which will require additional community facilities.

But it is not clear, however, that a takeover by the City would save the centre as it presently exists. For one thing, The City would require extensive renovations to be done, which would mean that tenants, staff and users of the building would have to leave it for a period possibly as long as several months. Members of the Board are afraid that the Centre would dissipate in the meantime. Two tenant groups, Tenant Hotline and BOOST, have indicated that they will ask for alternative quarters while renovations are going on, and that renovations be done as quickly as possible with the least possible interruption to the Centre's services.

But another possibility is that the City would take over the building with its own staff and programmes, which again would mean the end of the Centre as it presently exists.

The Don Vale Community Centre will require a lot of support from surrounding residents, and a bit of luck, to have a chance to survive in any form. It is trying to rally that support. Whether it exists remains to be proven.



Something to sing about: Fred Treacher, a member of the "Milers' Mini Band" takes part in a music and song-fest at the Second Mile Club.

Photo by Cubby Coatsworth

Fewer groups get LIP grants

Sixteen projects have been approved in Rosedale riding through the Local Initiatives Program (L.I.P.). L.I.P. is a federal government programme designed to create jobs during peak times of seasonal unemployment.

The amount of money allocated for L.I.P. has been cut back considerably from last year. In 1976, Rosedale riding received \$509,965 for the funding of 30 projects which created 114 jobs. This year the \$221,710 spent on L.I.P. projects will provide for 51 jobs.

The following projects were approved for funding: Blind Organization of Ontario with Self-help Tactics (BOOST) \$15,300 for 3 jobs; Creative Job Team '77 \$10,200 for 2 jobs; Dixon Hall Youth Employment Project, \$15,300 for 3 jobs; Don Area Community Secretariat, \$10,200 for 2 jobs; Ekinamadiwin, \$15,300 for 3 jobs; Factory Playwright's Workshop - Community Theatre Project, \$13,680 for 9 jobs; F.E.E.D. II, \$10,200 for 2 jobs.

The Gym Drop-in, \$22,600 for 5 jobs; Hassle Free Clinic Outreach Programme, \$10,200 for 2 jobs; Lord Dufferin Educational Assistants, \$9,300 for 2 jobs; Making Contact, \$10,200 for 2 jobs; Open Door Centre and Rooms Registry Service, \$25,500 for 5 jobs; Regent Park Home and School Help, \$9,000 for 2 jobs; R.O.O.T., \$9,530 for 2 jobs; St. Jamestown Nursery and Community Service Program, \$20,400 for 4 jobs; Seven News, \$15,300 for 3 jobs.

Now it's a pleasure to be sick

By John Nevarc

Despite what you may have read in the daily press the South Riverdale Community Health Centre opened its doors on Monday November 1.

The Health Centre is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health, and is community controlled. Health care is available to all citizens, regardless of whether they have, or have not, OHIP coverage.

When you walk through the massive doors you just know it's a people place, and after you've met the dedicated staff it's almost a pleasure being sick.

The Health Centre is located at

126 Pape Ave. just steps north of Queen St. The building is shared with the E.M.O. Ambulance Service. The building is a former police station, and when you consider its present use, it's a little like the "beating of swords into ploughshares" concept.

The nurse, Carolyn Davies, is a capable outgoing person with deep empathy for area people. The doctors, Mike Rachlis and Ron Sax, are both concerned with putting humanity back into medicine.

The hours of operation are: Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The staff make house calls when necessary, and the phone number is 461-2944.

The Community Health Centre concept is so fascinating when you consider such diametrically opposed politicians as Aldermen John Sewell and Fred Beavis actually teamed together to muster sufficient votes at City Council to help the Centre.

In the near future the Centre hopes to initiate a series of educational programmes.

The board members are a cross-section of the community. Saint to sinner.

If you have any problems or emergencies phone 461-2944.

Ward Seven Businessmen plan expansion

An attempt is being made to revitalize the Ward Seven Business Men's Association.

A new slate of officers, elected at the Association's Annual Meeting on November 8, is committed to expanding the size and role of the organization.

Heading the organization is Mrs. Betty Dawson, newly elected President, and the first woman to hold that post in the forty-year history of the organization. Accord-

ing to Dawson, "we have as our immediate goal to double the Association's membership." Currently about 60 businesses belong.

The new executive includes Darrell Kent of Terry Martel Real Estate, Brenda Moehring of Brenmore Real Estate, and Jim Merecoulies of Home Hardware as vice-presidents, Mary Bender of Harris Department Store as Secretary, and Ernest Stanton of Stanton Real Estate as Treasurer.



Betty Dawson

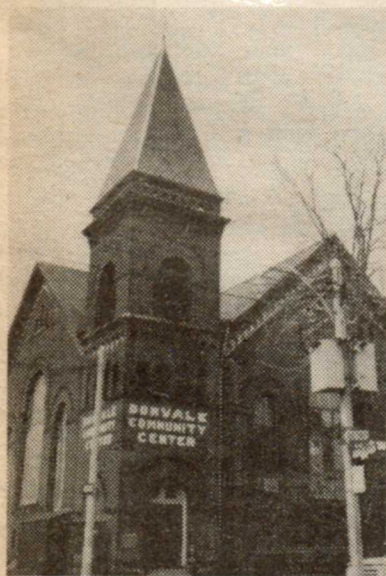


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Don Vale Community Centre, above, has been denied funding and told that its lease is to be terminated.



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LETTERS



Letters-to-the-editor are more than welcome. Letters should be short, topical and contain your name and address. However, your name and address will be withheld from publication at your request.

Let's work for democracy, says reader

Dear Editor:

The term Democracy has been described by various school of thought as Government by the People for the People. The present situation which exists in Ontario and especially the Ward Seven area makes it appear that Democracy is a mirage. If Democracy is to mean anything, then the people who Democracy claim to serve must have some say in the way the law which governs their lives is administered.

Our political parties do not operate as democratic organizations but instead a club where a small group of people working behind the scenes making all the decisions for the people. Election promises are broken with such regularity that it would appear like promises made are never made to be kept.

We have political leaders whose only desire is to get elected to Towns, Boroughs, Cities or Provincial Assemblies, who are never seen by their constituents, or who instruct their receptionists to in-

form their constituents that they are too busy to be seen. If Democracy is to survive it must get the people involved, for the price of Liberty is eternal vigilance.

Democracy as a system is the best form of Government for any people, however, the system must be allowed to function where people can participate in all the problems which effect their lives. Voter apathy can be the death knell of democracy in any country.

Over the past 50 years we have seen democracies disappear from the face of many countries and dictatorships of the right and left take their place. Here in Ontario a small elite group of power brokers controls the lives of over 4,000,000 people. This trend should be stopped as quickly as possible.

It has always been said that wherever people takes an interest in their affairs that dictatorship cannot flourish. People must become more concerned with what their elected officials do, remember

they are elected by the people and should be subject to the people. The elected officials are the servant of the people and not their masters. I don't care what share of government it is, whether is be Conservatives, Liberal or N.D.P. the people should be the most important asset of the political system under which they are governed.

People should vote in every election. Those who refrain from voting are their worst enemy. Every citizen should vote so that Democracy in Ontario can continue to live.

The Ward Seven News has been doing a splendid job in providing important information to the people. Let us as a people throw off the spirit of indifference and instead develop a healthy atmosphere of people involvement.

**Rev. Harold Jackman,
Manager- Tenant Management
Program,
R.P.C.I.A.**

Another tribute to Helen Ferguson

Dear editor:

This is a follow up the Honourable Mrs. Scrivener's tribute to the late Ellen Ferguson. In life there are two things, Love and Understanding. Ellen Ferguson had both of these. She was a kind and gentle person who devoted her time to helping others not only in the Regent Park Community but all over. She will indeed be sadly missed

but not forgotten. As of November 22, 1976 when the Regent Park Hockey season opens we will honour Ellen Ferguson with the Ellen Ferguson Memorial Cup. This cup will be awarded annually to the Most Valuable Player in the entire league. We would like nothing better than to have the Honourable Mrs. Margaret Scrivener to present

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As many of you have undoubtedly heard, the community is in danger of losing its Don Vale Community Centre, mainly due to the Centre's failure to obtain LIP and because of the United

Church's desire to repossess the building for other purposes.

For most of us who have worked in, or been involved with the DVCC, the thought of losing the building is not a pleasant prospect. Already, the Board is approaching the City to explore the possibility of the City either buying the building outright, or leasing it on a long-term basis from the United Church. In either event, the DVCC would then become eligible for monies for needed renovations from the more senior levels of government.

In order to save the DVCC, we need to be able to demonstrate that the Board's belief of the existence of widespread community support does, in fact, exist. We need your support, your ideas, and your attendance at the November 25th All Candidate's Meeting, which will begin with a discussion of the DVCC and its current situation.

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Weaving at Lord Dufferin

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After they learned to do the basic stitches, the boys and girls went on to make hangings which will be used to decorate the school. Several of them plan to make a blanket.

The weaving project is part of a program of cultural enrichment in area schools sponsored by the Inner City Angels. There are presently two other programs being presented by the Angels along with weaving. These are mime workshops with Bibi Casperi and Chinese painting and writing with Eleanor Chan.

Group helps seniors

Senior Consultants, a Toronto-based community organization, is looking for volunteers and for people who require its services.

The group is involved with persons over 50 years of age, for whom it has developed a number of programmes. These include an OK and Friendship Phone Call system, a Newly Alone project for people who have recently been widowed, divorced, or separated, and a child-care programme.

Another service is a Women's Workshop for women who are on their own and who are over 50 years of age. It is designed to provide these women with an opportunity to brush up on their clerical skills, and to provide employers with a competent clerical resource.

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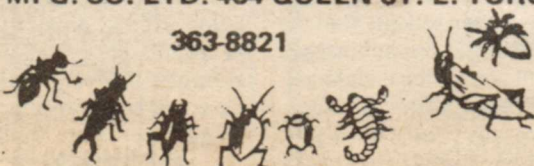
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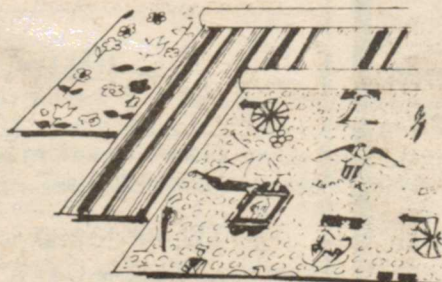
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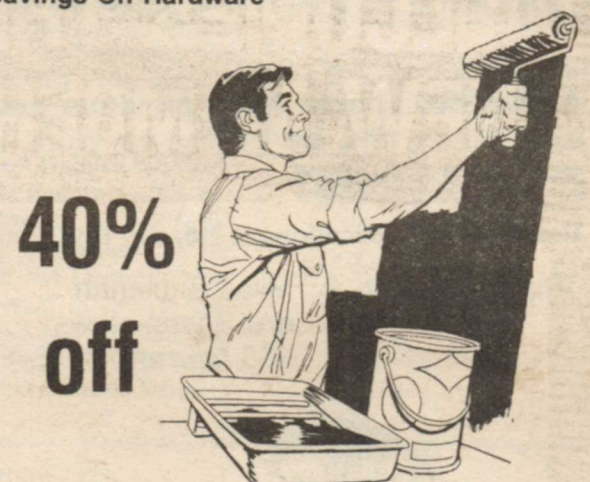
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Norm Browne leaves Seven News

Seven News started a new chapter in its history last week with the departure of Norman Browne, whose name has been intimately tied to that of Seven News almost since the paper's founding six-and-a-half years ago.

In his years with the paper, Norm did almost every job on it, from tying bundles to acting as first Chairman of the Board. But for most of those years Norm edited the paper, and it was in so doing that he brought and kept it under the sway of his forceful personality. It is as editor that he had the greatest impact on the paper, and it is as editor that he will be remembered.

Seven News has always been a community newspaper, and as such it has been shaped and supported by the efforts and talents of hundreds of people in the Ward Seven area. But at the same time, in the years Norm acted as editor — and usually as managing editor as well — he was the single most dominant influence on the paper's fortunes. There can be no doubt that Norm's impact on the paper has been greater than that of any other individual. Seven News would not be what it is today were it not for Norm's dedication and Norm's contributions.

As editor, he largely determined what went into the paper. But he also wrote many of the articles that appeared in it, and in doing so he demonstrated a talent and a fluidity in writing that generated some fine examples of involved journalism. Especially in the early years, when 7 News was part of an active community control movement, Norm's writing and editing helped to produce a paper that often managed to capture the excitement and commitment that the activities of those days radiated.

But when that movement began to ebb, and dissipate itself in more institutional channels, Seven News, with Norm at the helm, survived and settled in for the long haul. The paper acquired more stability, and perhaps respectability. Again, Norm played an important role in guiding 7 News in this direction. He showed that he was as much at home calculating a budget as he was in writing a story.

With a personality that is determinedly individualistic and so-



metimes even abrasive by the standards of some people, Norm's tenure in office was not infrequently marked by conflict as well as achievement. But even those who clashed with him respected his abilities and his fierce resolve to realize his vision of the paper. His personality itself became a part of 7 News, and 7 News became a part of his personality. Not surpris-

gly, this strong identification, born of dedication and purpose, helped to produce a dynamic tension that was simultaneously creative and destructive. Ultimately, and perhaps ironically, it made a parting of the ways inevitable.

But in the larger sense, Norm and Seven News have not parted company, because Norm's contributions to the paper have become a major and inseparable part of its history. We all build on what went before — Seven News is no exception. Norm has played a part in shaping not only the past issues of 7 News that bear his name, but the issues of the future that will not. In that, he can take pride.

The staff and board of Seven News wish Norm every happiness and success in his future endeavours. We are sure that the rest of Ward Seven does likewise.

Seven News news

Seven News Distribution Manager Audrey Smolin left the paper on November 6. Audrey is leaving Ward Seven to move to Ottawa — which is still outside the Seven News distribution area, despite the excellent work Audrey has done in getting Seven News out to more and more people over an ever-expanding area. The paper will miss Audrey's contribution — but at least she's promised to take out a subscription ...

Carolyn Barber has been added to the 7 News Board of Directors.

Her qualifications include a spell as 7 News Advertising Manager ...

The Board of Directors has set up three committees to help manage the affairs of the paper. All of them can use more volunteers to serve on them. The committees are (1) Fundraising, which presently consists of Alan Gardner and Teresa Clegg, (2) Editorial, which consists of Tom Corbett and Lynn Bissell, and (3) Personnel, with Miles Brickman and Carolyn Barber. Other committees may be formed later.

Seven News volunteers

Seven News needs your help! Seven News is looking for one or two volunteers who could keep the Seven News clipping file up to date. What would be involved is regularly clipping past issues and organizing the clippings by subject headings.

We also need volunteer writers to help us find out and write about what's happening in the Ward Seven area. It's interesting, it's rewarding, and no experience is necessary!

Give us a call at 920-8632.

OPINION!

Tenants need more protection

In Ward Seven there are constantly cases where landlords blatantly disregard the rights tenants have under the Landlord and Tenant Act. The law says that a landlord cannot evict a tenant without a Writ of Possession obtained from a judge of the County Court. The landlord must have a very good reason for asking the tenant to vacate. In many situations landlords do not give eviction notices that are legal and don't bother to apply to the County Court. Rather they just throw the tenant out or move the tenant around to a different room.

The court process open to a tenant once he or she has been wronged is filled with innumerable difficulties. Tenants most often have less access to the law than landlords who have a whole crew of legal beagles at their disposal. Having legal clinics in the neighbourhood that are prepared to fight for tenants' rights is only half the battle. Most clinics are understaffed and are unable to compete with the legal resources that landlords have. Often tenants find the facts of their case are submerged and the fight is over legal technicalities that have little relevance. When the case is finally heard, the result is often a small fine to the landlord which is little compensa-

tion for the injustices that the tenant has suffered.

Landlords who knowingly break the law can count on a police and judicial system that is virtually unresponsive. This will continue until certain needed changes are instituted. Most importantly the police should be empowered to enforce the Landlord and Tenant Act. As things now stand, Toronto's "men in blue" either don't know the Act or say they are under a policy directive not to enforce it. A tenant has very little power to stop a landlord who chooses to break the law.

A second needed change would be to create a provincial housing court where all landlord and tenant matters could be heard.

Presently housing problems can end up in three or four different courts. If only one court existed to deal with all problems it could be designed to be more accessible to the people and more efficient.

Equality before the law is a meaningless phrase if the access to the machinery of the law is denied to a substantial portion of the population. If laws protecting the rights of tenants in this province are not enforced then they might as well have not been written.

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NEWS ROUND-UP

Ward 7 is where it's happening

Friday November 19

The *Theatre Next Door* presents The Adding Machine today and tomorrow at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St. Tickets are \$2.00 each. Call 925-6939 for information.

Central Hospital (333 Sherbourne St.) is holding a *bazaar and bake sale (international)* at 11 a.m. Features include 16 tables selling home-cooked specialties from 16 European, South American and Asiatic countries. Christmas decorations will be sold. There will be tables of handicrafts, plants, selections of souvenirs from other lands. The buffet lunch of ethnic food is \$2.50. Admission is free.

A Red Cross *Blood Donor Clinic* will be held at the Manufacturers Life Insurance Building, 200 Bloor St. E., from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"The Wooden Horse" is being shown at the Parliament St. Library House at 7:30.

Saturday, November 20

The "Symphony Street" programme for children continues at the Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview, at 2:00 p.m. with Jean Wulkan on the violin.

The Metro Downtown Boys and Girls Club is holding a *bazaar and bake sale*, with crafts, at 540 Dundas St. E. (basement) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Bartholemew's Church, 509 Dundas St. E., is holding a fall bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. There will be handicrafts, home baking, sales of used clothing, plants, fruit, *attic treasures*, used books, and a *tea room*. For further information contact Diane Richmond at 491-9953.

The Danforth Library (701 Pape) has a *puppet show* for children today, at 2 p.m.

The Parliament St. and the Riverdale libraries also both have *programmes for children* at 2:00 o'clock.

Monday November 22

The *annual meeting* of Neighbourhood Legal Services will be held at 257 Seaton St. at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited — free refreshments are available.

Starting today, and until Thursday, the Metro Downtown Boys Club is selling *models, games and toys* from 3:30 to 9:00 p.m. at 540 Dundas St. E. in the basement.

A free *Chinese Dance Workshop* is starting today at Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. E. It will happen every Monday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Contact Winnie Wai at 461-1168.

Another *hockey* season gets under way at Regent Park North rink at 7 p.m. Plans are to have six solid teams this year, so everybody is welcome to enquire about playing. If you're interested, get your skates sharpened, pick up the phone, and call Joe Scott at the Regent Park Gym, 363-2955 and leave your name.

The Broadview Y is also getting its *hockey* programme under way today. They're offering weekly instruction in *all-around hockey skill* development such as power skating, checking, shooting, game strategy and scrimmage. Boys 14 and under can take part at no cost by showing up at the Jimmie Simpson rink at 4 p.m. sharp. Bring your own stick and skates.

Wednesday November 24

An open forum on "Adult Education and the Education Dollar" is being sponsored by the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E. at 8:00 p.m. A number of education bigwigs, including Toronto Board of Education Chairman and Ward Seven trustee Gord Cressy, will be talking about what can be done for the estimated one million Canadian adults who have less than five years of formal schooling.

Thursday, November 25

Pulse, a locally based *action-line show* that appears on Channel 10, Rogers Cable, will be talking about religious cults today. The show runs live at 3 p.m. on Thursdays, and features a phone-in portion. It runs again on tape at 8:30 and on Saturday at 9:30.

The Second Mile Club is holding a *Christmas Bazaar* at St. Luke's Church from 1 to 4 p.m. There'll be draws, a bake table, crafts, a white elephant table, and a tea room. Admission is 15 cents, and may win you one of the two door prizes.

Friday November 26

The Parliament St. Library House is showing "Pure hell at St. Trinians" in its *film series* at 7:30.

The Theatre Next Door presents "The Adding Machine", today and tomorrow at the Don Vale Community Centre, 80 Winchester St. Call 925-6939.

Saturday November 27

Miles Hearn will be *playing the horn* at the Danforth Library, 701 Pape Ave., at 2:00 p.m. in the Symphony Street Programme for boys and girls.

St. Peter's Anglican Church, 190 Carlton St., is holding its annual bazaar and bake sale from 1 until 4 p.m. There will be a lucky draw. Admission is 25 cents.

Thursday December 2

Pulse, the action-line show on Rogers Cable 10, will be dealing with *injuries and deaths* at fitness clubs at 3 p.m. (re-run at 8:30 and again Saturday at 9:30).

Friday December 3

All community groups and individuals are invited to attend a meeting, sponsored by the Youth Services Network, at noon at Dixon Hall. Topic of discussion is the federal government's new "job creation" programme. Either the Minister in charge, or his representative will be present.

Saturday December 4

Alphas School parent group presents its craft show and bazaar at the Dome, 33 Hazelton, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featured will be *artists and craftspeople*, baked goods, gourmet corner, children's crafts, and music by Joann Brooks of Rough Trade, and "much much more". Everybody welcome.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Cubs and Scouts at St. Barnabas Church, 361 Danforth Ave., is having a rummage and bake sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

General

Free *tap dancing*, baton, and jazz classes are being offered for people of all ages at the Pape Recreation Centre, 953 Gerrard St. E. (Pape & Gerrard) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome: call Bev. Reilly at 461-3531.

The Pape Recreation Centre is also *looking for new members* for its social club, which meets Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. All adults are welcome to take part in its activities, which include euchre, square dancing, round and modern dances, bingo, parties, etc.

The Friendship Centre at All Saints Church, Dundas and Sherbourne, is having a *crafts program* Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. They'll be doing such things as making candles and glass cuttings.

The *overnight drop-in* at All Saints is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. All men and women are welcome.

The Neighbourhood Improvement Plan being proposed by South Riverdale is available at the South Riverdale Site Office, 731 Queen St. E. For information, call Margaret Bryce at 463-5914 or 367-7600.

The Children's House Nursery School, located in Dundas School, 935 Dundas St. E., has *vacancies for children* 2-1/2 to 4 years old who are eligible for Metro Social Services subsidy and live in the area. Call 466-1366 for details.

All the public libraries have preliminary polling lists, maps, and neighbourhood information on exhibit as well as 'How to Vote' information in five languages. If you want more *information on the election*, check them out!

Metro Toronto's Department of Social Services is operating a Christmas Bureau this year which is co-ordinating the efforts of the many community "help" groups providing cheer for the needy. The Bureau is a contact point for those wishing to give. A phone call will direct donors to the agency awaiting the gift or donation they are offering. Phone 425-8771.

A *chess club* is being formed by the St. Jamestown Y. Meetings are in the 325 Bleecker Library Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If interested, call 923-4402.

The Parliament St. Library has *programmes for boys and girls* each Monday through Thursday at 4 p.m.: riddles, jokes, toymaking, stories, films. There is also a pre-school story hour Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

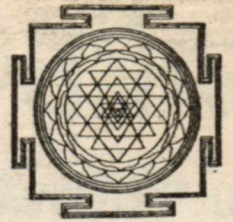
The Parliament St. Library, the Riverdale Library, and the Danforth Library all have *programmes for kids* Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

The Danforth library is showing *films every Tuesday evening* this month. Films made by Earl Grey Senior students will be shown on November 23; Israel will be featured November 30.

The Rehabilitation Action Program is seeking *volunteers to be a friend* on a one-to-one basis to people recently discharged from psychiatric hospital. The caring volunteer will help the person to make the transition from hospital or community. Anyone interested should call Ginny Pettipas at 487-3651.

Inclusion in this column is a free service to Ward Seven residents and community groups. For publication in the next issue, announcements and small news items should be phoned in to 7 News at 920-8632 by noon on November 29.

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ON DEC. 6 RE-ELECT JOHN SEWELL and JANET HOWARD

1. Second Leaflet

By now, you should have received the second leaflet from John Sewell and Janet Howard. These leaflets explain a few of our positions in detail, and have received some publicity for taking such a solid approach to big issues. John and Janet hope you have read these leaflets and they would appreciate any reaction you might have.

2. Our Final Leaflet

Prior to Election Day, December 6th, Janet and John will be circulating a third and final leaflet asking for your vote. This leaflet will tell you where to vote, and as well, you can expect a formal notice from the City Clerk giving the polling place.

3. Money

To date, we have received \$5,500 of the \$10,000 needed to fund our campaign. We have got a long way to go. We would appreciate supporters sending us contributions payable to Sewell-Howard Election Fund. Elections cost money, we hope you will send us a contribution.

4. The Voter's List

As usual the Voters' List is incomplete and many people who are eligible to vote find their name has been left off. If you are in this situation, remember you can still vote. On Election Day, attend your polling station, tell them you have been left off the list and then you will be asked to sign a form which will entitle you to vote. The qualifications are as follows: You must be age 18 or over; a Canadian citizen or British subject; and resident in Toronto between September 8th and October 12th. Remember to exercise your right to vote.

5. Election Day

Past experience tells us that Election Day will probably be cold and snowy, or rainy and wet, but don't let the weather stop you from voting.

For further information or help, contact the Campaign Office, 440 Dundas Street East, telephone 923-2795.

On Monday, December 6th, re-elect
John Sewell and Janet Howard



WARD SEVEN ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES

JANET HOWARD: 'I believe in working with people instead of for them'

The issues in this election campaign are much bigger and much fuzzier than in past years, says Janet Howard.

Howard, 36, moved to Ward Seven six years ago and lives at 330 Carlton St. with her husband. A graduate of Syracuse University and the one-time owner of The Shadow Cabinet — a local book store, Howard was a founding member of the Federation of Don Area Residents' Association. Along with her position as Alderman, Howard is the Mayor's Representative on the Toronto Historical Board.

Howard is running for a second term as Alderman for Ward Seven and is again one-half of a team consisting of herself and John Sewell.

Traffic problems, housing policies and cutbacks and restraints are the main issues which concern Howard. "It's an ongoing struggle," she says.

Howard feels Metro Council is ignoring the problem of increasing amounts of traffic travelling along the streets of Toronto.

"Metro won't do anything to slow down the flow of traffic through Metro streets," says Howard.

"If the Scarborough Expressway gets built," says Howard, "it will remove a great amount of housing in south Riverdale."

Howard advocates putting controls on renovation speculators who make minimal renovations on a house and then sell it for a large profit. She supports a law which would require a renovator to put 20 per cent of the cost of a house into renovations before being able to sell it for a profit.

As chairman of the Neighborhoods' Housing, Fire and Legislation Committee, Howard was instrumental in submitting a rent-control proposal to housing authorities.

Howard also opposes the market value assessment program and feels it is the home-owners of the city who will be hurt because of the rising costs of housing.

Says Howard, "They're going to have to pay for it on the basis of all the speculation going on around them. These are precisely the kinds of problems I get from my constituents on a one-to-one basis."

Howard feels the spending cutbacks and restraints imposed by government are hitting social services hard and wants other expenses curbed rather than those of community services. She feels low-income groups don't receive enough government support in the first place.

"They come absolutely at the bottom of federal and provincial spending money," says Howard.

Howard believes in working with people instead of for them.



"My style of politics is to involve everyone who is affected."

JOHN SEWELL: If assessment programme isn't stopped, taxes will triple

An alderman since 1969, John Sewell feels the issues in this election concern not only the residents of Ward Seven but people throughout the rest of the city as well. The issues are big ones, says Sewell.

Sewell, 35, a lawyer and a graduate of the University of Toronto, lives at 33 Sumach St., and has been a resident of Ward Seven for the past nine years. This year Sewell is again running as part of a team with Alderman Janet Howard as his partner.

Sewell sees the market value assessment program, the survival of the TTC and the price of housing as the major issues.

Market value assessment, says Sewell, will shift the tax burden onto the Toronto home-owner. Under the market value program homes will be taxed according to their present value in an inflated market and not in accordance with the price originally paid for the house. Housing taxes could, "dou-



ble or triple," says Sewell.

Sewell feels the TTC is quickly becoming a commuter service instead of a public transit service and estimates that the Spadina subway line alone will lose as much as \$6,000,000. Sewell says that as long as su-

burban transit routes continue to lose money, urban routes will continue to pay the deficit.

"I believe the TTC is destroying itself," says Sewell.

Sewell cites the cost of the suburban housing as the main cause of higher housing costs in the downtown area and maintains that land speculation on the outskirts of the city is a problem which must be looked into. Sewell says when people in the suburbs are forced to pay more for a house because a speculator wants to make a large profit people in the downtown area are also paying more.

"The more they drive up housing prices in the suburbs," says Sewell, "the more they drive up housing prices downtown and rising prices hasn't made it easier for anyone in Ward Seven. It's in everyone's interest to get at the developers in the suburbs."

As far as Ward Seven is concerned Sewell feels that the fight against the high-rise threat has been successful.

"We've managed to slow down the onslaught of the developers," says Sewell. "There hasn't been any great intrusion by the development industry outside of South of St. Jamestown."

Sewell is the Chairman of the Industrial Co-ordinating Committee, which is trying to keep existing industries in the downtown area.

"We've managed to keep a number of industries, which were going to move to the suburbs, in the ward," says Sewell.

"Janet and I have given pretty good service to the people in the ward. We've managed to deal with the majority of problems in a reasonable and rational way. What we have to do is get people to realize that politics is serious business."

CHARLIE ROLFE: We need more family and subsidized housing, rooming houses

Charlie Rolfe feels that unemployment and housing are two major issues which continue to plague Ward Seven.

"Of course if you don't have a job you don't have to worry about a house," says Rolfe.

Rolfe, a community worker, has lived in Ward Seven all his life. Rolfe is 49 years old and lives in the Dundas-Sherbourne project. He is a member of the Men's Club at All Saint's Church, Downtown Community Television, the Sherbourne One Five Five Resident's Association and spent four years as an elected member of the South of Carlton Planning Board.

Rolfe feels that conditions in non-profit city housing projects in the area are "bloody awful."

"We're pouring millions of dollars out for housing but what are we giving them," asks Rolfe.

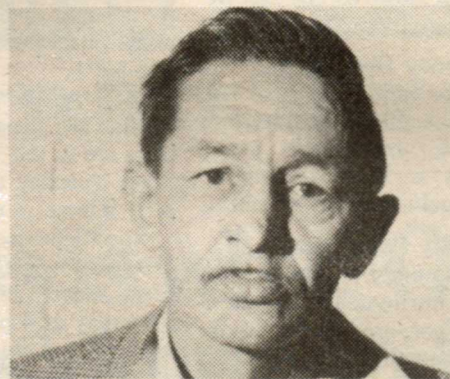
More family housing, more subsidized housing and more rooming houses are needed in Ward Seven says Rolfe.

He sees the unemployment situation as one caused by immigration, businesses leaving the area and a lack of government spending.

"We haven't got housing, we haven't got employment, so why are we bringing more people into the country. I'm not anti-immigration but I feel we should have a slow-down while the country is in this situation."

"We're not encouraging industry in Toronto," says Rolfe. "The small businessman doesn't have a chance. I think we should encourage small businesses to stay in the area."

Rolfe cites the fact that when Canada is at war there's money in abundance but when funds are needed to provide employment



authorities insist there isn't enough.

Rolfe opposed the sale of subsidized housing by the city to the provincial government. He felt the promises made by the Ontario Housing Corporation were ridiculous.

"What right did they have to turn over the

people's property to the government," he says.

Regarding rent policies of the Ontario Housing Corporation, Rolfe feels the practice of adjusting rents to wages is unfair to tenants on fixed incomes.

"There's no point in giving them more money," says Rolfe, "when we turn around and take it off them. Anybody on a fixed income is being penalized, especially senior citizens."

Rolfe feels the present representatives of Ward Seven fail to make themselves available to residents.

"Too many of our politicians at City Hall are too far away from the people and don't know their problems and the issues. Once they're elected their doors are closed. If I'm at City Hall I'm going to have an office right in this ward. Regardless if I'm elected or not, I'll still fight for the people."

GARRY STAMM: People in the downtown area have the right to have a job

Home-owners, tenants and businessmen should be working together and not always fighting one another, says Gary Stamm.

"In the end, confrontation politics don't serve the people," says Stamm.

A five-year resident of Ward Seven, Stamm graduated from the University of Alberta in 1966 with a degree in economics. Stamm, 32, lives in the Don Vale area with his wife and two children. He has worked in the areas of socially assisted housing and urban renewal, and in 1969 was employed by the Ontario government to head a team for the Toronto-Centred Region Plan. From 1973 to the present he has been an economic consultant.

Stamm sees the major issues as downtown development, unemployment, lack of social services, taxes and tenants' rights.

"I'm basically for Crombie's guidelines for downtown development and downtown



growth. He recognizes neighbourhoods and tries to improve our traffic problems," says Stamm.

Stamm feels that too much time is spent discussing the development issue and other important issues are being ignored. He does feel however, that competency is required if the city is going to invest in housing.

"If you want to get into the housing business," says Stamm, "recognize the knowledge and capability needed and go out and do it. We haven't exactly a sterling record in the housing field. We need competency."

Stamm feels that unemployment in Ward Seven is the result of industry moving out of the area and that Metro Council is ignoring the problem.

"Ask yourself what happens when a company automates and moves to the suburbs. I think that most people on public assistance would rather earn their income through worthwhile and meaningful work. People have a right to a job," says Stamm.

Stamm advocates an increase in the number of social services available to the residents of Ward Seven. He'd like to see more sports programs for children, a greater amount of senior citizen care and more day-care centres.

Stamm believes tenants are being treated like second class citizens. He feels the city must come up with some improvement programs for St. Jamestown and Regent Park.

"They pay horrendous amounts of taxes and what do they get back. There's not a single facility provided by the city and the tenants pay the taxes," says Stamm.

Stamm feels the representation Ward Seven residents have been receiving has been too narrow.

"Urban government is not just for the poor. It is for everybody but when it comes to municipal policy for the poor we aren't getting our share."

PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

DOUG BARR: It's time our public schools prepared kids for high school

Doug Barr, running for a third term as a Board of Education trustee for Ward Seven, feels the basic learning skills of children in inner-city schools remains the key issue.

"It's time our public schools began preparing kids for high school," says Barr.

In 1972 Barr was asked by residents to run for trustee. Barr was acclaimed trustee in 1974 when he ran a joint campaign with Gord Cressy. This year Barr, who is 35 and married with a six-year-old son is again running a joint campaign with Sheila Holmes as his partner.

Barr feels the major issues of education in this election are basic skills, special education, protection of gains which have already been made and dropouts.

"We still have a reading problem in Ward Seven," says Barr. He feels this can be helped by a "working class reading series." The reading series deals with the environment and problems an inner-city child must face and allows the student to identify with the material he/she is reading.

"It relates to the world of the kids who read it," says Barr.

One in eight now going through the school system are in what are called "opportunity classes."

Election 76

In this issue, 7 News presents profiles of the candidates for alderman and school trustee running in Ward 7.

Two aldermen are elected to City Council; the one with the most votes also sits on Metro Council. At present, John Sewell and Janet Howard are the incumbents; Sewell sits on Metro Council. Sewell and Howard are running a joint campaign. They are being challenged by Garry Stamm, Charlie Rolfe, and Ronald Taylor.

Ward 7 public school supporters elect two trustees. One of the incumbents, Gord Cressy, is not running again. The other, Doug Barr, is running for re-election. There are three other candidates — Edna Dixon, Noreen Gaudette, and Sheila Holmes. Barr and Holmes are running as a team, and so are Dixon and Gaudette.

Ward 7 is combined with Ward 6 to form Ward 6 of the Separate School Board. Separate school supporters in the ward elect one trustee to the Separate School Board. The incumbent is Charles Arseneault. Challenging him are Jim Carson, and Lorenzo Colle.

Ward 7 combines with Wards 6, 8 and 9 to form Area 3 which elects one separate school representative to the Toronto board of Education. The incumbent is Frank Nagle.

Trying to unseat him are Maureen Godsoe, Mike Lofranco, Kevin Fitzgibbons, and Michael Mushet.

We have tried to include profiles of all candidates running, but in a few cases we were unsuccessful for one reason or another. Some candidates only registered their campaign after our deadline; we were unable to reach a couple. One candidate, Maureen Godsoe, declined to be interviewed.

All-Candidates Meetings

The following all-candidates meetings have been scheduled for Ward Seven:

On Tuesday November 23 the Playter Area Residents' Association is sponsoring a meeting for aldermanic and trustee candidates at Eastminster Church, 310 Danforth, at 8 p.m.

On Thursday November 25 the Don Vale Community Centre is holding an all-candidate meeting for trustee and alderman candidates at 8 p.m. at the Centre at 80 Winchester St. The meeting will also discuss the future of the Centre.

On Monday November 29 Innis College at the University of Toronto, 2 Sussex St., is holding a meeting for aldermanic candidates only in its Town Hall at noon.

On Wednesday December 1 Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St., is organizing a meeting for aldermanic and trustee candidates at 8 p.m.

"It's a major, major issue," says Barr. "We would like to have more resources for regular classrooms so that we would need fewer special classes."

Barr feels an investigation of the present state and future plans for special programs for children with learning disabilities is needed.

While Barr says that many gains have been made during his two terms as trustee, he also feels that these gains must be protected. Inner-city schools have received 165 more teachers than schools in other areas and inner-city schools now have priority where supplies are concerned.

"We really have to be careful not to lose

them," says Barr.

Barr is also concerned with the high dropout rate from inner-city schools. "A fair number of kids are leaving early. Why? We've got to change programs to keep them interested."

Barr feels the problems of schools in Toronto are special but the province has not realized this. The buildings in Toronto are much older than anywhere else and because of this the upkeep is more expensive says Barr. Another problem facing the city is the number of experienced teachers in Toronto.

"We have more experienced teachers which means you pay them more. The pro-



vince doesn't make allowances for the unique problems of Toronto."

SHEILA HOLMES: Let's stop blaming each other and get to work

Teachers and parents must stop blaming each other and get together to work out the problems of education today says Sheila Holmes.

"Unless we get together and work on it," says Holmes, "we're still going to be blaming each other in 10 years time. The time of blaming has got to stop."

"I think I've worked with all age groups of kids from infants up," says Holmes.

Holmes is running for Board of Education trustee for the first time. She is campaigning as part of a team with Doug Barr.

Basic skills, preparation for high school, stronger links with industry and business and withdrawal programs are the main issues as Holmes sees them.

Holmes advocates a stronger emphasis on the basic fundamentals of education such as, "English, reading, grammar and math."

"Our kids are behind in reading and a student is really missing out on a lot of things in life if he can't read," she says.



Holmes feels that schools in other areas of the city prepare students for high school better than those in the inner-city.

"I find the other schools are preparing their children for high school. Even if they're not academic they're geared to for high school," says Holmes.

Holmes asks why students who pass with honors in this area fail in high school. She says students are not being prepared for the hours of study needed to pass in high school.

Holmes advocates stronger ties between vocational schools and industries and business in the city. She would like to see a system where a student could be trained academically and learn a trade through on the job experience at the same time.

She feels that if a student is having difficulties in one or two subjects he/she should be taken out of the regular class to be tutored in only the problem subjects.

"I think it's far better having a withdrawal program than having what they call opportunity classes. I think the withdrawal system is very important," says Holmes.

Holmes opposes the practice of promoting students on the basis of age.

"They're promoted by years instead of knowledge," says Holmes. "A kid doesn't have to be a certain age to graduate."

"I have deep personal feelings about education because I feel the kids are being cheated. The teachers need support and the parents need support."

EDNA DIXON: Basic learning skills, permissiveness, are the issues

Edna Dixon feels that if schools didn't spend so much money on guidance departments and psychologists they could afford to have smaller classes.

"There's too much being spent on social

services. There's a social service budget. Why are the schools into it? I think there's too much spent on administration too and not enough in the classroom," says Dixon.

Edna Dixon has lived in Ward Seven for 25 years, is married and has three children. She was one of the founding members of the Trefann Court Residents' Association and has been involved in Laneway school, the Trefann Community Centre, Park School Community Centre and served on the Board of Dixon Hall. She is running a joint campaign with Noreen Gaudette for trustee on the Board of Education.

Dixon believes the lack of basic learning skills, mismanagement of funds by the Board of Education and less permissiveness in the schools are the big issues in the election.

She would like to represent the residents of Ward Seven as school trustee because she

feels, "the ones who have been in it for the past 10 years have been too interested in the social aspects. Maybe the things I look for are different."

Dixon feels the quality of education children are getting in the inner-city schools is below that of other areas in the city.

"Rosedale wouldn't put up with the standards we have," says Dixon. "They're educated too. You can't fool them. However there are people in Rosedale who are complaining."

Dixon says schools have become too permissive. "I don't think that the strap is the answer because I'm against the strap but there has to be discipline."

"We've always been pushing for that," says Dixon, referring to the skills of reading and writing.

"Throughout history the ruling classes have been able to read and write and the slaves haven't."



Photo by Cubby Coatsworth

NOREEN GAUDETTE: 'I'd like to see kids learning to read'

I'd like to see in my time kids learning to read and write, says Noreen Gaudette.

"The kids aren't doing any good walking through one door one year and out another the next without any results," says Gaudette.

A life-long resident of the ward, Noreen Gaudette is an active member of the Trefann Court Residents' Association, the Trefann Working Committee, Trefann Mothers and was a founding member of Laneway school. She is married and has six children and eight grandchildren.

Gaudette is running for Board of Education trustee along with her campaign partner, Edna Dixon.

She is campaigning on a platform of increased emphasis on basic learning skills, less permissiveness in the schools, a standardized curriculum in elementary schools and wants to stop spending scandals at the board level.

"Some of the students are reading at

grade three level and are in the eighth grade," says Gaudette. "We'd like to think that they could read someday and maybe spell and write."

Gaudette feels that vocational schools are not fulfilling their purpose but that it is the

result of poor education at the elementary school level.

"Nine times out of 10 the kids aren't getting jobs at what they were supposedly being trained for but what can you say when it's really the elementary schools where they're supposed to be taught," says Gaudette.

"Even a few years ago," says Gaudette, "they were thinking of putting an opportunity class in the high schools."

Gaudette feels the quality of education is not what it used to be and suggests that retired teachers return and instruct new teachers on how to teach.

"They're supposed to be smarter than the kids they're teaching, but they're not," says Gaudette.

Gaudette is against wasteful spending by the Board of Education. She cites the hiring of 166 teachers who were not needed but were hired because board's estimates on the number of teachers required was too high.

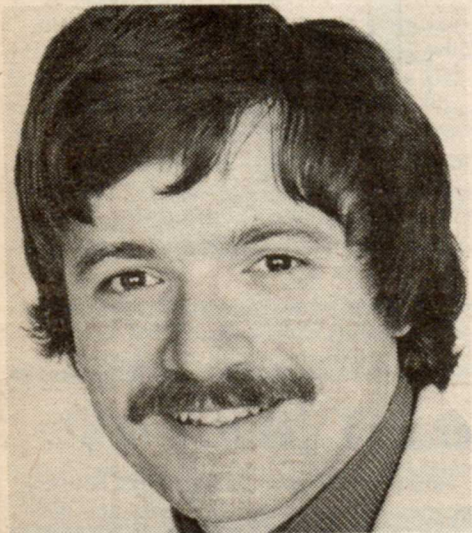


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SEPARATE SCHOOL CANDIDATES

LORENZO COLLE

Lorenzo Colle is running for trustee on the Metropolitan Toronto Separate School Board in that Board's Ward 6, which is composed of City of Toronto wards 6 and 7.



He is a 25-year-old community worker who has worked with immigrants in doing citizenship promotion, conducting classes, and trying to form residents' associations. He has also been active in organizations such as Stop Spadina and Pollution. Colle promises to be a full-time trustee.

Colle has attended Catholic schools all the way from kindergarten through university, which he feels makes him sensitive to the needs of Catholic education.

Colle places the main emphasis in his campaign on increasing parent and community involvement in the schools. He believes

that parents should have more control over the future of their children, and that they should have the information and knowledge necessary to make the needed decisions. He says that one of his main priorities as trustee would be to work for the setting up of parent-teacher associations in the individual schools. He is critical of the lack of effort on the part of the schools to involve parents in their affairs.

Colle also stresses the particular needs of immigrant parents. He wants to see more of an effort made to understand their background and their culture, and to relate to them in ways and in the language they can understand.

FRANK NAGLE

Frank Nagle was elected as Separate school representative to the Toronto Board of Education in 1972. He represents city wards 6, 7, 8 and 9 on the Board.

He advocates close contact between parents and teachers, and decentralization of decision-making to local schools.

He is in favour of the school board's attempt to develop a working class curriculum, which he says is a good attempt to deal with the particular needs of inner-city children.

He says that while the Toronto Board "hasn't solved all the problems" it has taken some very positive steps which he supports. He feels that the Separate School Board has not as yet been so responsive to those needs, and he feels that there should be more liaison between the separate and the public school board.

Colle agrees that educational standards are not sufficiently high, but he does not identify himself with the recent push for more emphasis on the "3 r's and discipline". "We can't go back to the 1950's," he says. "We can't wipe out the progressive things that have happened. What we have to do is get the community involved in the process."

Colle is also critical of the tendency to "leave it to the experts". "Look at what the 'experts' have done to the schools," he says. "Kids can't even write any more."

Colle promises "aggressive representation" on a Separate School Board which he says is presently being run in "an almost

medieval way". He says that many separate school trustees only put in two or three hours a week, and he is strongly critical of the Board's tendency to make many important decisions in private.

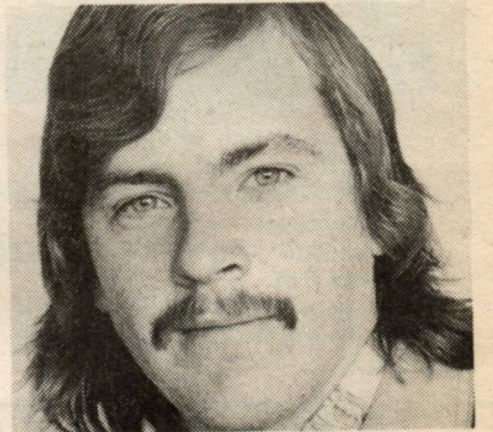
Colle is running as part of a team that also includes Frank Nagle, running for re-election as Separate School representative on the Toronto Board of Education, as well as Ward 6 public school trustees Dan Leckie and Bob Spencer, and Ward 6 alderman Dan Heap and Alan Sparrow. He has also been endorsed by Ward 7 Alderman Janet Howard and by the Movement for Municipal Reform.

The focal point of his campaign, he says, is to increase parent involvement. He wants to see each school set up its own parent council. It is important that parents be involved in their children's education, Nagle says, rather than "leave it to the professionals".

Nagle is opposed to the provincial government's recent move to re-institute a centralized curriculum. "It looks like the province really wants centralized control over education," he says.

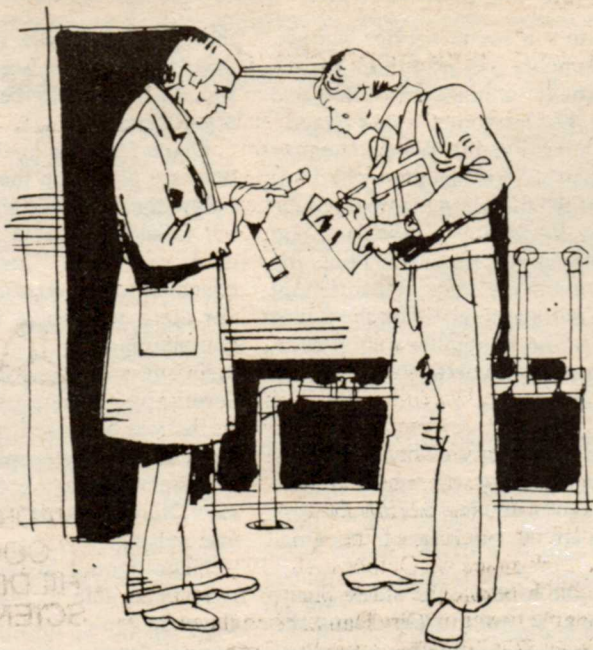
Nagle agrees that the schools should ensure that basic skills are taught, "but not at the cost of local needs," he says.

He feels that centralized provincial control over curriculum would be especially harmful to children with working class and/or immigrant backgrounds. He believes that children should be taught "in the culture they understand."



He is running as part of a team that includes Lorenzo Colle, running for Separate school trustee in Wards 6 and 7, and Ward 6 trustees Spencer and Leckie. Like them, he has been endorsed by the Ward Six Community Organization.

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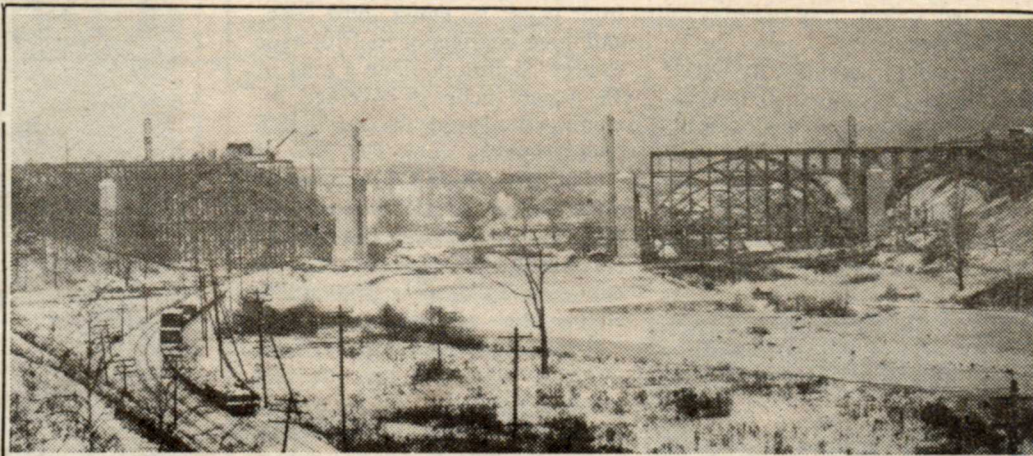
If people had listened to Horatio Hocken, the Bloor Street subway line would have been built 60 years ago! As it is, the transportation debates early in this century produced a monumental bridge, and the forethought of planners of that time saved the modern-day citizens of Toronto millions of dollars when the east-west subway finally was constructed. This is the story of the Prince Edward viaduct.

In the 1890's the area now known as "the Danforth" was a pretty sleepy place. It had been known as Doncaster, then Chester. The part from Danforth Avenue south had been annexed to the City in 1894. Some time after that, streetcars began to run up Broadview. One could go downtown by transferring at Gerrard to the Carlton car, but there was no easy access across the Don north of that point, — only a narrow rickety bridge at Winchester St. which would lead to the north up the "half-mile hill" (now Royal Road) to Danforth.

In 1890 there were seven houses on Danforth, including the farmhouse of John Playter. The area was beginning to be subdivided; farms became known as "vacant lots". Toronto had experienced a decade of phenomenal growth, and was becoming established as the capital of a great metropolitan economic empire. By the turn of the century the expanding population began to settle in the north part of the city east of the Don. However, the semi-isolation of the community from the rest of the city tended to slow development and to cause the residents to think of themselves more as inhabitants of a rapidly growing small town than as citizens of a great metropolis. But the winds of change were beginning to be heard.

In 1897 some public-spirited citizens formed The Toronto Guild of Civic Art — a group concerned with both the artistic and utilitarian betterment of the city. In 1909 the Guild recommended that a committee be set up to consider various ways by which the city could be improved. This led to the creation of the Civic Improvement Committee, which was established to find solutions to transportation problems. The Committee included Mayor Geary, seven aldermen, and a number of respected citizens. Chairman of the committee was Sir William Meredith, Chief Justice of Ontario.

Meanwhile, Jacob and Davies, a New York firm of consulting engineers, had been retained by City Council to consider the traffic situation



Panoramic view of the Don Valley, December 23, 1916, showing work progressing on the Prince Edward Viaduct. The concrete supports are in place, and the steelwork will soon bridge the gap. Photo: City of Toronto Archives

and the transportation facilities available in the city. Their 'Report on Transit', published in 1910, commented on the beauty of Toronto and suggested that this quality might be preserved, and unseemly congestion avoided, by the immediate building of shallow subway lines.

Mementos of Yesteryear



Referring to the mistakes made by some American cities, the Report remarked: "In order to preserve and continue true home life it would be better to build transit lines than large apartment buildings." It recommended the building of a north-south subway line on Yonge Street between Front and St. Clair, followed by an east-west route on Bloor from Yonge to Broadview, crossing the Don Valley by means of a double-decked viaduct. Predicted cost of the line to Broadview was \$2,613,000. The total cost of a comprehensive three-stage subway system, including the Yonge line and lines to the northwest (Dundas St. W. and Weston Rd.) and the north-east (Broadview and Danforth), would be \$23,500,000. The population of Toronto at that time was about 344,000.

Controller (later mayor) Horatio Hocken, in 1911, took up the cause of subways, going about the city telling everyone who would listen how advantageous they would be to the people of Toronto. However, he received little support for his efforts. Alderman (later mayor) Thomas Foster said Controller Hocken was "full of hot air" in proposing "such a hare-brained scheme". The Globe called the Jacob and Davies Report "a grievous disappointment". Subways were rejected by Toronto voters in 1911 and again in 1912.

Meanwhile, the Civic Improvement Committee published its Report in 1911. Although primarily concerned with the issue of street planning, the committee did note that rapid transit to and from the suburbs must be seriously considered. To the committee, this meant subways.

Among the committee's recommendations was that a north-east diagonal road be built from Queen and Church Streets to connect with a Danforth Viaduct by way of Parliament Street, intersecting with it at Carlton. The committee warned that "the utmost care must be exercised in the location and construction of the viaduct in order that the beauty of the Rosedale ravine not be marred". For this reason, it was suggested that a street be built to skirt the southern hillside of the ravine, dipping down to Howard Street and up again to Parliament. The committee sta-

ted that a hillside street "would be one of the most interesting and beautiful of our parkway system".

The committee proposed that the viaduct, (actually two viaducts), be constructed from the head of Parliament across the Rosedale ravine at right angles in a north-easterly direction to Castle Frank Crescent, following that street to the edge of the Don Valley, and then due east to connect with Danforth. The viaducts were to be "constructed of concrete in a solid manner, avoiding the noise and rapid deterioration of steel construction".

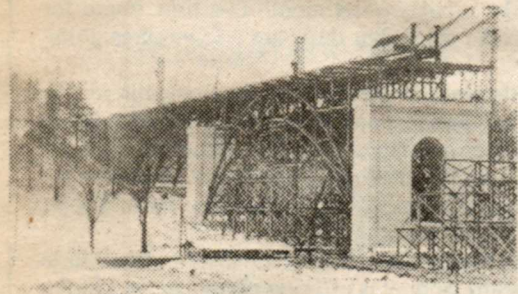
Although Toronto voters rejected the concept of subways, and twice defeated plans for a viaduct, they finally supported this recommendation by a vote taken on January 1, 1913. The sidehill construction idea was dispensed with in favour of a south-easterly extension of Bloor Street on an earth-fill base, so that Howard Street was left alone. Although the diagonal road was not to be built, work on the Bloor Viaduct commenced immediately. Surveys of the site had been commenced in 1911. In 1912 the first soil tests were conducted. Plans were drawn up under the joint leadership of Edmund Burke, consulting architect, and Thomas Taylor, designing and construction engineer. The first bridge construction took place in 1915.

Second deck appreciated

The one recommendation of Jacob and Davies which was implemented was the construction of a lower second deck on the Don Bridge to carry subway trains. It was this second deck which was so greatly appreciated by city planners 50 years later during the building of the Bloor subway.

By the end of 1918, the viaduct between Broadview and Parliament was open, with streetcar tracks across the bridge extending over to Sherbourne. In December 1918, the Toronto Railway Co. started streetcar service on this line, and by 1919 the roadway between Parliament and Sherbourne was opened to traffic. The entire project cost less than \$2,500,000.

The official opening of the Prince Edward Viaduct took place on October 18, 1918, less than a month before the shrill blast of a steam whistle on the tower of City Hall marked the end of the Great War. Finally, "the Danforth" had really become part of the City. The viaduct, 1,620 feet long, brought a surge of activity to the once-sleepy community. Danforth Avenue became lined with retail stores, discount merchandisers, junk dealers and car dealers, — the largest concentration of commercial activity in the city. Property values rose dramatically as the streets north and south of the Danforth were developed. It was this period of growth that produced the handsome brick homes which line the streets around the Danforth, and it was the Prince Edward Viaduct that allowed it all to happen.



Construction of the Prince Edward Viaduct continues, early in 1917. The opening of the viaduct across the Rosedale ravine and the Don Valley in 1918 brought prosperity to the area around the Danforth. Photo: from 'A Toronto Album', by Mike Filey, 1970.



The end of Bloor Street, at Sherbourne, 1915. Work on the landfill for the extension of Bloor to Parliament appears to be proceeding at a leisurely pace. The bank shown on the northwest corner of Bloor and Sherbourne still stands.

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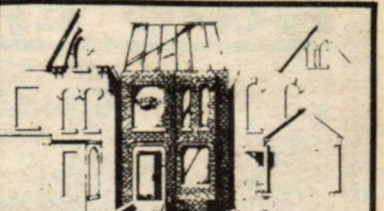
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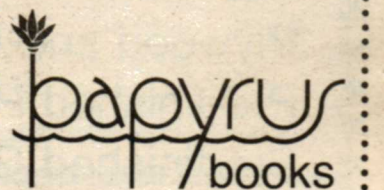
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Campaign managers for the election campaign of Alderman John Sewell and Alderman Janet Howard aren't sure whether to laugh or to cry at the City Dweller's own unique way of covering the election.

The current issue of City Dweller, dated December, covers the civic election race — well, sort of. It certainly does cover the campaign of Garry Stamm, who lost out in 1974, and who is taking another crack at it this time around. In fact, it covers Stamm's campaign to the tune of devoting its entire

front page, its entire third page, and three quarters of its fifth page to him. Stamm is given a total of 381 square inches of coverage, including 9 separate stories and 5 photographs.

Alderman Sewell is mentioned only in an article announcing Stamm's candidacy, in which it is claimed that "support for Sewell continues to drop". The article claims that support for Sewell "dropped dramatically" from 1972 to 1974, and that it's still going to go down. If City Dweller's predictions are as good as its arithmetic, Sewell is in no trouble. For the fact is that Sewell's percentage of the vote increased in 1974 compared to 1972.

Meanwhile City Dweller can't even bring itself to mention Ward Seven Alderman Janet Howard, who is running a joint campaign with Sewell, and who beat Stamm last time around, by name. She is referred to only once, as "his running mate".

City Dweller, which is distributed in St. Jamestown, gives prominence to Stamm's charge that Sewell "neglects the real needs of the people who live here" (in St. Jamestown). You're entitled to your own opinion on that, but you won't find out from City Dweller that Sewell got more votes in St. Jamestown than Stamm did last time around.

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DRAMA in the WARD

The Architect & the Emperor

by SHERILYN MARSHALL

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The entire cast of the play consists of two men who are supposed to be the sole survivors of a nuclear accident. The subject of nuclear survival after world destruction has been done several times before in the Planet of the Apes series, but nothing matched the cruelty perpetuated by these two lonely men upon each other in an effort to reinvent or recreate life as they knew it. The emperor believes in the divine right of kings and is seen as an arrogant bastard who thinks only of his own pleasures and feels, no one else matters.

The architect (played by Roger Guetta) behaves like a simple simon, but he holds his own against the emperor (played by Jean-Richard Titus), as the two of them play creators, actors and spectators in a ceremonial recreation of life as they think they knew it — fluctuating between fantasy and reality. They dream of women — only to disillusion themselves into sexually frustrated fantasies and senseless reality. They love and hate each other with intense and severe cruelty as they fight each other for the day's work.

The two men advance and repress each other, disgusting themselves, blending old and new phrases and finally each wishing the other would go. The play shows man's inhumanity to man. The two take turns crucifying each other as they play at being Christ, atoning for man's sins, but their fantasies of Christ only destroy each other as human beings and they come back into reality.

The play itself puts down everything — work, love, hate, women, etc. things are shameful and nothing seems to improve the relationship between the two men as they go into act two of the play. They are ashamed of each other and they can't exist together in a non-existent society. Justice and love become obscene in a fantasy court as each character goes on trial. Each facet of the men's personalities becomes hidden as they hide behind masks — adding further fantasy to unreality. They become tense and despicable in the final parts of the play as they try to kill each other. The architect and The Emperor of Assyria is a comment on today's society, regarding man's lack of conscience towards himself and others. Man has to face reality and truth — he needs them.

The Architect and the Emperor of Assyria is at Le Theatre du P'tit Bonheur, 95 Danforth Avenue and runs November 16-27, Tuesday through Saturday at 8:30. There will be a special matinee on Sunday afternoon, November 21 at 2:30. Cost of tickets is \$3.50 weekdays and matinee and \$5.00 Friday and Saturday.

November seems to be a fairly quiet month this time round for theatrical happenings in the ward, but there are a few things going on.

Theatre Passe Muraille plans to present a production entitled The Patty Rehearsal Story. They had planned for a November 17 opening but nothing definite has been announced yet. For further information and reservations call 363-8988. Theatre Passe Muraille is known for its production of 1837: The Farmers' Revolt and the Farm Show, both of which have been on tour in Ontario.

For those who want to become involved in the theatre, The Marie Marchowsky Dance Theatre School is offering classes in the Martha Graham Technique featuring: fundamentals, elementary, intermediate and advanced classes for actors, singers, etc. The school has Saturday classes for children and teenagers. Call 862-7008 for information.

The Ryerson Theatre Company is presenting a musical "The Me Nobody Knows" at Ryerson Theatre, 43 Gerrard St. E. The play is based on the book of the same title and is a collection of writings by ghetto children. These writings reflect the children's dreams and observations of life — they sing and dance, and speak. They mock, enjoy, resent, understand and love one another, only as a child can, creating an irresistible and unforgettable play. General admission for this play is \$2.00, students and senior citizens \$1.50. The play runs November 24 through December 4, Tuesday through Saturday. There are Saturday matinees. For further information call 595-5088.



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City Clerk

November 16, 1976



Garry Stamm is a 32 year old economist who has the right kind of experience to be an effective alderman for Ward 7. Over the past 10 years he has worked as an economist in the fields of housing, urban planning, resource development, and municipal finance. Currently he heads an economic consulting firm which specializes in urban affairs. Garry Stamm has lived in Ward 7 with his wife and children for the past 5 years. He has a long record of community service. He participated in the establishment of the Cabbagetown Nursery School, and has spent many years with amateur sports groups.

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