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TAKE ONE



Rita Deguara, Carol DeCoste and Vera Watton (left to right) would no doubt agree that eight weeks is a long time to sit on the sidewalk. 400 members of local 11, CCWU (Canadian Chemical Workers Union) have been on the streets since the Drug Trading Company, 15 Ontario Street, two months ago. Drug Trading Company is a major supplier of Independent Druggists Alliance and Guardian retail stores and has branches in Sudbury, Hamilton, Ottawa, London, Kitchener and Windsor. Current wage rates in Toronto average \$4 per hour in the factory and \$5 per hour in the warehouse, with \$127.50 per week the base rate for 60 of 130 office employees.

Photo by Cherry Hassard

DOWN AT THE FARM

By GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

When the old Riverdale Zoo closed its gates for the last time, on June 30th, 1974, plans were already under way for its replacement, a 19th Century domestic animal farm.

The concept of a local farm arose from studies conducted in the area by a committee of the concept of a local farm arose from studies conducted in the area by a committee of the Don Vale Association of Homeowners and Residents. The Riverdale Farm Committee, led by Dennis Wood, has been, for the last one and one half years, that Association's only active body. On September 9th, the Committee saw its work reach fruition with the official opening of the Riverdale Farm.

The opening ceremony was a smashing success. A sunny not-too-hot day greeted the crowd of several hundred local citizens who came to stand at the fence and watch Alderman Janet Howard perform the official opening, and then to join in the picnic supper, street dance, and other activities organized by the Committee.

As one would expect, there were lots of kids, and almost as many politicians. Ivan Forrest, City Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, and chairman of the programme, first introduced Alderman Thomas Wardle, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Parks, Recreation, and City Property, who spoke of the building of the farm and the many contributions received from citizens. On his heels came newly-appointed Mayor Fred Beavis, and Clifford as Janet Howard described the history and development of the farm, and then cut the bright red ribbon to open the Riverdale Farm

to the public.

Not introduced, but prominent in the crowd, were former Mayor David Crombie and Alderman Anne Johnston, as well as political aspirants Dr. John Evans, Ron B. Thomson, and Gordon Cressy. Only John Sewell was missing, due to a previous commitment to an out-of-town meeting.

Dennis Wood thanked the City on behalf of the community, and acknowledged the extensive work which had been put into the project by members of the Parks Department and of the local Farm Committee. Deserving special mention in this regard are Alf Webb and Egons Lazda of the Department, who worked closely with the community on every phase of the farm's development. The Committee, ably chaired by Dennis Wood, has held meetings on a regular basis over the last three years. In addition to presiding over the meetings, Mr. Wood has done an excellent job of sending out meeting notices, agendas and minutes. Other active members of the Committee are: Barry Chavel, Elizabeth Wilson, Duncan McPhee, Nita and George Linton, Gladys DeSchepper, and Stephen Langmede. Valuable contributions to the project were also made by Janet Howard and by Mike Singleton, a member of the Ontario Federation of Naturalists.

Among the special guests introduced to the crowd were George Nagy, the City's only resident farmer, (or "farm operator" in municipalese), former Parks Commissioner George Bell, and the family of the late Napier Simpson, Jr. architect of the farmhouse and the small barn, and a popular and enthusiastic consultant to the City and the Committee.

At its meeting held on September 11th, the City Council decided to honour Napier Simpson Jr. for his outstanding work in the restoration and preservation of local architectural heritage and in gratitude for his long and valuable service to the City, by naming the farmhouse in the Riverdale Farm after him. This is a welcome and fitting tribute to a man known by name to few Ontarians not involved in heritage preservation, but whose contributions are familiar to us all. A member of the Toronto Historical Board for more than 20 years, past president of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, a director of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and member of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, Napier Simpson's accomplishments were many and varied, from the restoration of individual small houses to the recreation of entire villages. Every person visiting Upper Canada Village, Black Creek Pioneer Village, or Lang Century Village at Peterborough, enjoys the benefits conferred upon us by his work. His death in an airplane crash in June brought a tragic loss to us all.

The Simpson Farmhouse is of relatively plain design, and, in keeping with his high standards, looks authentic. It is based on a patterned brick 1850's farmhouse on the site in Markham from which the Pennsylvania Bank Barn was moved. The plain design of the house reflects the relatively 'plain folk' who would have occupied it. The house is a handsome and appropriate addition to the Don Vale neighbourhood, perfectly complementing its barns, the Necropolis to the north, and its beautiful setting on the banks of the Don Valley.

Drug strike long and nasty

By ULLI DIEMER

A strike by 400 workers against a Ward 7 company is entering its ninth week with no end in sight.

Warehouse and office workers have been on strike against the Drug Trading Company at Ontario and King Streets since July 28 and to date, there has been no progress made toward a settlement.

The company has taken a hard-line position in its bargaining in offering a base rate increase of 29 cents per hour in the first year and 34 cents in the second. The company's offer is slightly less than a six per cent increase, but the cost of living over the period of the contract has gone up 9.7 per cent, while companies sales have increased by 12.8 per cent in the past year. The company's relative expenses, according to its own financial statement, actually went down over the same period.

From 1976, to 1978, the stockholders' earnings per share have tripled, from \$7.28 to \$22.62.

Members of the union, local 11 of the Canadian Chemical Workers, are therefore highly critical of the company's refusal to bargain. The company appears to be trying to simply wait out the strike, and has been bringing in outside strikebreakers at wages far higher than those it pays its regular employees. The basic rate for office workers is currently \$127.50 a week.

The company has also been using the services of Islington

Driver Service to bring out supplies. Islington has been associated with attempts to break strikes in the past, for example in last year's lengthy strike against Becker's.

Strikers complain that although the strike has been a peaceful one, police have been going out of their way to make things more difficult for strikers and easier for strikebreakers and management. They say that policemen wait at streetcar stops for strikebreakers and escort them right to the door of the plant, and that they aggressively push strikers around.

Says union local president Bill Yeaman: "The police are not being neutral. The company is getting the protection of the law, but we aren't." Yeaman cites an example of a strikebreaker trying to hit a woman with his truck, and of the police refusing to lay charges. "In any kind of a confrontation, it's always the strikers and only the strikers, who get charged," says Yeaman.

Yeaman also charges that police have tried to interfere in the running of the strike, demanding that the union executive report to the police station to talk about 'how to run a picket line'. "We know how to run a picket line," says Yeaman. He adds that this is the first time most of the employees (about half and half men and women) have been on strike, and that "no one is looking for trouble. But some of the police, especially the sergeants, act as if they are."

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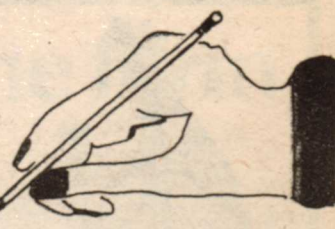
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Centre for women

Monique Begin, National Health and Welfare Minister said in a newspaper article recently that business is pressing for cuts in social plans. She warns that the only articulate body influencing social policy are those of business and wonders why the people requiring social services are silent.

The conditions that raised the demands for social services in the late 60's and early 70's have not changed and out of those conditions has emerged the recognition of the particular needs of women. Specifically, women are still floundering through the Mental Health system where resources are as scarce as ever.

Women in stress often turn to their family physician for help. Drug therapy is the usual treatment. Women are prescribed twice as many tranquilizers, bar-

bituates and sedatives as men. The psychiatrist, a woman's second choice is usually male and is trained in a framework that is not necessarily receptive to the changing roles of women in contemporary society.

The Women's Counselling, Referral and Education Centre (W.C.R.E.C.) provides women with an alternative to the physician/psychiatrist/drug syndrome and a way out of the maze. This is important, because the present options are costly to the taxpayer and are often not useful to the client.

W.C.R.E.C. has helped to set up self-help groups that give women support and strengthen their self-image. And when counselling or therapy is appropriate, W.C.R.E.C. provides referrals to screened, non-sexist therapists

who can meet the woman's needs.

W.C.R.E.C. has been operating on a contribution from Health and Welfare Canada (Non-Medical Use of Drugs, directorate) for the past three years and, like many other community services, is on the endangered species list. By the end of November, W.C.R.E.C. will be out of funds. Applications for continued funding have been submitted to the Ministry of Health and to other sources. While we await the response, we are learning how difficult it is to compete with big business input into social policy and at the same time to maintain this unique service.

Sue Yvonne
Marilyn Reinwald
For The Women's Counselling,
Referral and
Education Centre (531-3501)

Pull the plug on Bell?

Open Letter,
The President,
Bell Telephone Company of
Canada

I have today asked the Toronto business office to disconnect and remove from these premises the Company's phone set.

This is because, firstly, I must cut down my expenditures; I live on a fixed income and cannot afford to pay indefinitely increasing prices.

It is also because Bell Canada is, so far as I know, making — as it has done for more than twenty years — a rate of profit greater than it is allowed under the governing statute. One cannot indefinitely watch a large corporation go on making mock of the law.

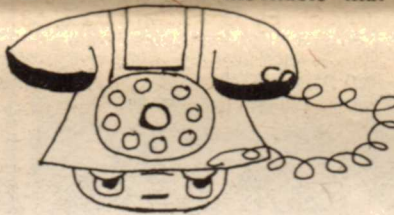
Thirdly, the set is removed because Bell is a monopoly and is misusing that position. I believe all monopolies should be nationalized; this is particularly true of the communications media.

The constant increases in rates and simultaneous (but not coincidental) accelerating deterioration in standards of courtesy and service that Bell subscribers have had to put up with far too many years (with notable exceptions due to individual initiative for which the Company, cynically enough, tries to take credit) is typical of what the consumer can expect from a monopoly.

In any case a monopoly intended primarily to make private profit is a gross immorality.

The fact of a monopoly posi-

tion can and usually is misused as a great lever by which the hapless consumer is squeezed of coin, as an apple in a cider press is squeezed of juice. Maximization of profit at whatever cost to the consumer must be a great temptation to the officers of a monopoly. Since few of us humans are saintly enough to be able to resist such a temptation it is inevitable that



such an abuse will sooner or later occur.

It is horrifying to contemplate what must have happened to the characters of the directors, executives and administrators of Bell, ITT and all other companies which have given in to the urge to misuse monopoly power for profiteering first and foremost; corruption is more than the mistreatment of the populace which supports you, it is a disease which the criminal has to bear in himself.

Perhaps the answer can be seen in what ITT conspired to do to the people of Chile, recently. Orwell may have been correct about 1984, except that the multinationals, not political parties, will be in absolute control of the rest of us. Already "freedom" approaches slavery (work or starve); advertising has long size seen to it that truth is a "lie" and

advances lies as truth.

No one who contributes in such ways to moral disorder from the board-room, has any right to deplore it on the streets. That this society accords much money, status, and attention to board directors and executives of large corporations means that at least some people will emulate their behaviour. If the "high mucky-mucks" are immoral, so will be their sycophants.

Finally, the misuse of institutional (governmental, industrial, commercial and financial) power in this and other lands is quite visible to the populace victimized by bald power tactics. Manipulation is bitterly resented and long remembered. (Northern Ireland is still fighting a battle supposedly won in 1685). A people can, as history shows (most recently in Nicaragua) remain passive under continual abuse only so long. It is in this sense that revolutions are made by the very Establishment institutions which are (justifiably) most afraid of them! The prevention of revolution in Canada or elsewhere, then, lies not in more manipulation, chicanery, bribery, propaganda and repression, but less.

Yours very truly,
Norman McKinney

Down with Cabbagetowne

The recent "Cabbagetown Cultural Festival" moves me to submit one of my pet peeves to your readers: namely, the appropriation of the name "Cabbagetown" by the "trendies" who have come into the area in the last several years.

I find it nauseating to have to witness all this "Old Cabbagetown" ballyhoo and puffery emanating from a fashionable clique who don't even know where Cabbagetown actually was (it certainly wasn't up around Parliament and Carlton) let alone what it was. These people who are now calling themselves "Cabbagetowners" would never have set foot in Cabbagetown, and have nothing in common with the real Cabbagetowners. All they represent is a middle-class and business ripoff of the heritage of the people of this area.

Peter Parker
Ontario St.

RPCIA statement

The following statement was released by the Regent Park Community Improvement Association after the Ontario Housing Corporation terminated the "Tenant Management" program in Regent Park.

The Tenant Management Program has come to an end, at least temporarily.

We intend to continue working very hard as a tenant association that will enable tenants to respond in an organized and effective way to common problems and issues.

At present the Association is devoting a great deal of energy to the development of upgrading, literacy and youth employment programs.

As of the first of October, we hope to continue sponsoring building meetings. In September

there will be a general membership meeting to approve the new constitution. Following the approval of the constitution the annual meeting will be called, at which time a new Board of Directors will be elected.

At this time the Association is without ongoing funding from any source. The cost of the daily operation of the Association is being carried by community efforts such as bake sales, dinners and dances.

The distribution of flyers and community news is in the hand of volunteer tenants.

We certainly hope you can join us in the new approach to tenant involvement.

Regent Park Community
Improvement Association



ENVIRONMENT MINISTER PARROTT
SAYS HE'S MORE INTERESTED IN ROUTINE
GARBAGE DISPOSAL THAN "GLAMOUR
ISSUES" OF POLLUTION

7 News says thanks

People having fun together, working together, sharing common goals: that's community. 7 News is proud to be part of the Ward 7 community, and of being able to help foster that sense of community. For us, this is also a real matter of survival, because it is community support that is keeping 7 News alive financially. But equally important to us as the money is the moral support that comes from knowing that so many people in the community care enough to do their part in keeping the community working together...

So... we here at 7 News would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following people, who have recently renewed their supporting memberships or have become supporting members for the first time:

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We would like to give special thanks to the following, who contributed to the opening of the Riverdale Farm, and thus helped greatly in making it the great success that it was. (Our apologies to those whose names we may have missed.)

Nettleship's Hardware, 576 Parliament St.; Del Ray Cleaners, 586 Parliament St.; St. Jamestown Texaco, 581 Parliament St.; Jean Louis Flowers, 549 Parliament St.; Harris Department Store, 529 Parliament St.; Royal Home Hardware, 487 Parliament St.; Peasants'

Larder Restaurant, 221 Carlton St.; Wayne Furniture, 446 Parliament St.; Orbach, Katzman, Roth, 417 Parliament St.; Jeremiah's Ice Cream Store, 161 Winchester St.; Terry Martel Real Estate, 169 Danforth Ave.; Ward 7 Business and Professional Association.

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MacDonald's Restaurants; Carload Grocery, Loblaws (Parliament St.); Dominion Stores (Wellesley St. E.); J.M. Schneider; for their contributions of food.

Finally, we would like to thank the people who have responded to our appeal in the last issue: the people who have offered to help with proofreading; the gentleman who is arranging a sidewalk sign for us; the lady who donated a typewriter... Thank you all.

Remember the TTC strike?

By HOWARD HUGGETT

Now that the transit vehicles are running again the great majority of the public has stopped complaining about the temporary inconvenience and they will never give a thought to the problems of the transit workers. It's always the way; as long as you do your job nobody cares how you are doing. As soon as you stop work and make demands you are an ungrateful s.o.b.

But, you know, the transit employees are only following standard capitalist practice. Under the system everyone lives by selling something, and they try to get the highest possible price. Manufacturers and merchants charge as much as the market will bear, and if they can't make a satisfactory profit they won't sell. (It's never called a strike, of course.) Working people have nothing to sell but their labour power, and they too try to get as high a wage as they can. An individual worker has little bargaining power, so groups of them form trade unions and try to raise wages by limiting the supply of labour power.

Here again, this is good capitalist practice. Companies get control of a market and maintain high prices through various means — price agreements, mergers, stock-takeover. A perfect example of this is the oil industry. There is actually a temporary surplus of oil and gas in Canada, but the huge oil companies are still raising prices because of their monopoly control. If the public doesn't want to pay their price they can always do without. So, when the transit workers put the travelling public to a lot of inconvenience they are not acting any differently than employers do.

Now maybe they should try to be more considerate than bosses are. They have to sell their labour power, but the goods and services that are produced by that labour power do not belong to them, so they do not need to worry about the prices at which they are sold. The transit workers could have stayed on the job and refused to take money tickets from the public. The TTC would probably have shut down the system promptly, but then the responsibility for the stoppage would have been with the company, not the workers.

The revenue that the TTC would have lost because of unpaid fares would have been made up by all of us through taxation, but then we are subsidizing their deficits now. As long as the vehicles can be kept running we all have the convenience of the transportation. That idea of putting pressure on the company by operating for free has surfaced here and there lately. Trade unions should give the matter a lot of thought.

check your furnace

By HOWARD HUGGETT

This corner has been dark and silent for the past few months. Like most of you, this writer has been soaking up the sun's energy all summer and re-charging his batteries. However, that glorious season when the solar rays provide us with all the heat we can use — and sometimes more — is just

about over.

Wednesday The 13th was a day to remind us of summer's passing, with cool east winds blowing briskly. On that morning, just before 8 o'clock, a flock of Canada geese flew down the Don Valley, forming a ragged W against the clear blue sky. The way they were honking would make you think they were following the Parkway, but no doubt they were using the river as a guide towards the lake shore. The flight of these magnificent birds is a common sight in early October as they head south to escape the onset of winter, which arrives early in the far north. But in mid-September? Maybe they know something we don't, and perhaps we should prepare for an early winter.

Within the next few weeks you may wake up some chilly morning and decide to wake up your furnace from its long summer sleep. How will it perform when you change the thermostat? Now is the time to find out, and a good place to start checking is with the fan belt on the blower. These belts get loose and they wear out, and when they do you do not get all the heat you are paying for. This spring the mechanic who gave my furnace a safety check passed the fan belt as OK, but when I went to clean the unit a few weeks later that belt was found to have several cracks in it. It pays to do your own checking. Of course, make sure that the air filter is clean and free of dust.

Another spot to look at is the humidifier. Many people find that the one supplied with the heating unit is inadequate, and they have to buy a better one. Check for deposits of boiler scale in the water pan and corrosion of the metal parts. It is a good idea to have a thermometer which registers the humidity in your home; it will tell you if your humidifier is doing its job.

There is a very valuable little booklet for all those who have to feed a furnace. It is called *The Billpayer's Guide to Furnace Servicing*, and it is published by Energy Mines and Resources Canada. You can order it from Furnace Book, P.O. Box 2010, Weston, Ontario, M9N 3R4. Don't stay home without one.

NEWS BRIEFS

Socca meets

The South of Carlton Community Association (SOCCA) elected a new executive at its annual general meeting on September 13. The following will hold office for one year: President: Jackie Claxton; Jackie Claxton; Vice President: Darlene McDougall; Secretary: Ethel Proulx; Treasurer: John Paloc. SOCCA meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St. Anyone living in the area bounded by Carlton to Shuter, and Parliament to Sherbourne is invited to participate.

Sewell on executive

Ward 7 Alderman John Sewell has been elected to the Toronto City Council's Executive Committee from now until November 30. An executive seat became vacant when Fred Beavis was chosen interim mayor upon the resignation of David Crombie. Sewell received 12 votes for the executive seat, which also brings a seat on the Metro Executive Committee with it, while his closest opponent, Alderman Ying Hope, received six votes from his fellow aldermen. Sewell ran for an executive seat when the executive was originally chosen two years ago but lost out by one vote.

Schools may close

A Board of Education report recommends that up to 10 or 11 schools be closed and that 840 teaching jobs be eliminated across Toronto in the next five years. Three Ward 7 area schools are among those who might be closed under one of the two alternative models recommended by the report: Duke of York on Pembroke St., Lord Dufferin on Berkeley St., and Eastdale Collegiate on Gerard at Boulton. At this point the report is only a recommendation, not Board of Education policy.

Changes at Woolworths

The Woolworth store on Queen near Broadview has re-opened under a new reincarnation, with the addition of a catalogue division. The store will continue to carry the traditional variety store merchandise, but has now added a Woolco catalogue division which will feature a variety of department store merchandise through the catalogue division. About 3,000 square feet are being

set aside for the new catalogue division in the 11,000-foot store. The changeover is part of a marketing change occurring in several Ontario Woolworth stores this fall.

Sewell wins in court

The Ontario Court of Appeal has dismissed an appeal by the Meridian Building Group in its lawsuit against Ward 7 alderman John Sewell. Meridian had sued Sewell for about \$100,000 damages in a lawsuit began in 1971. The lawsuit came about after Sewell acted as a middleman between Meridian and some tenants in Meridian-owned houses in South St. Jamestown. Meridian alleged that Sewell had failed to live up to his obligations, but had its case dismissed in court in January 1977, and now again in the court of appeal.

Regent Action Group

A group of Regent Park tenants, the Regent Action Group (R.A.G.), has published a R.A.G. Bulletin. R.A.G. describes itself as "a group of tenants out to defend the rights of tenants. We are working towards solving OHC tenants' problems." According to R.A.G., "OHC uses its power to scare tenants and to make them feel powerless by: having unknown policies, keeping tenants ignorant of their rights, not answering tenants' questions". The R.A.G. can be contacted through Neighbourhood Legal Services 316 Ontario St. 961-2625.

Toronto Survival Guide

TRIGGER, a job-finding centre for Youth (371 King St. W., 366-4206) has produced what it calls a Toronto "Survival Guide". The 40-page booklet contains useful information on job-hunting, women's services, casual and temporary labour, information centres, services for prisoners, day care services, cheap hair cuts, health, things to do in Toronto, cheap second-hand stores, unemployment insurance, and much else. You can get a copy from TRIGGER, free.

Guide to Co-ops

If the dog-eat-dog system doesn't appeal to you, you might try co-operating with other people to get things done by working with each other instead of against each other. That's the philosophy of the co-operative movement, as it's expressed in a new tabloid-newspaper-style publication they have just produced: "A Guide to Co-ops". The Guide

explains what food co-ops, housing co-ops, credit unions, co-operative day care centres, alternate schools, and artists' co-ops are all about. If you are at all interested in looking at alternative ways of meeting these needs, you'll find this information-packed 24-page publication quite useful. Call Val Deitch at 789-9603 or Eden Guidroz at 368-9191 for a copy or for more information.

Brief briefs

Marcel Gendron of Queen St. E. is the **lucky winner** of \$5,000 in the latest Loto Canada Draw... The Peasant's Larder Restaurant on Carlton near Parliament has just opened an **after-hours coffee house** the "Later Larder" — welcome news for local night owls... The Tropical Hut Turo-Turo at 507 Parliament St. has been awarded the prize for having the **best food at Caravan 78**... The **one-way signs** on Berkeley, Ontario, and Seaton streets between Dundas and Carlton have been reversed. Berkeley and Seaton are now one-way south on that block only, and Ontario is now one-way north on that block. The idea seems to be to prevent through traffic from going through the neighbourhood... The Board of Education's subcommittee on **race relations** met on September 12 at the Woodgreen Community Centre to hear views and discussion from interested people in the community. The subcommittee will be re-writing its draft report around the end of September, and will then present it to the Board of Education around the middle of October... Will there be an acclamation in the **aldermanic election** in Ward 7 this November? It seems very well possible, with only Janet Howard and Gord Cressy having declared their candidacy so far for the two seats. Their chances seem so good that it seems to have frightened off other potential candidates. We may be dependent on Charlie Rolfe to give us any kind of an election at all... The **Ward 7 school trustee race**, meanwhile, seems to be shaping up into a real contest. Senior trustee Doug Barr is not running for re-election, and the other incumbent, Sheila Holmes, has been so ineffectual as to make her re-election anything but a shoo-in. Other actual and rumoured candidates for trustee include Irene Kitson, George Martel, Barry Tulip and perhaps Peggy Reinhardt...

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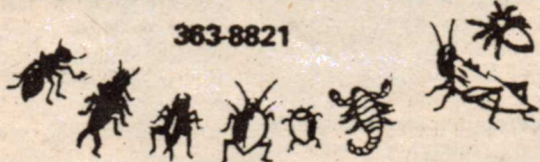
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Why do health costs rise?

By GORD GUYATT

In the last several years increasing attention has been drawn to the problem of rising health care costs.

The reason health care costs have become an issue is that we are spending increasing amounts on medical care. Some people argue that if we aren't careful we will soon be spending a completely unacceptable proportion of our resources on the health care system.

The question arises as to what has changed. How is it that we are spending so much more than in years past? There are many factors, but the most significant is the ongoing technical revolution in medicine. There has been a tremendous profusion of laboratory tests, sophisticated diagnostic procedures, new drugs, and specialized modes of treatment, from renal dialysis to coronary artery surgery. Rising health care costs can be traced primarily to this technological explosion.

Resources misallocated

Finally, we must remember that the only reason we are troubling ourselves at all about medical expenditure is that we do not, as a society, command unlimited resources. We are considering cutting back on medical funding not because it is per se bad, but because we might want to deploy the resources elsewhere. However, when we look at where resources are going now we find the following: In Canada, and more so in the United States, a significant portion of our wealth feeds the military. As a society, we've decided to spend on advertising that builds illusions and creates needs, on cosmetics, on alcohol, cigarettes, on making sure a proportion of our population has two cars, a cabin up north, a swimming pool in the

back yard, and spends two weeks a year in Florida. As long as the above expenditures take place it seems premature to talk about a crisis in health care costs.

Given the foregoing considerations, what is an appropriate attitude toward health care cost? I would suggest that we should continue to maintain medicine and its necessary expenditure high on our list of priorities. Difficult decisions should certainly be made as to where to cut back and I do believe a change in the whole perspective toward medical care is necessary.

However, there is no crisis in health care expenditures; if the society needs urgent cutbacks in resource allocation, there are more appropriate places from which the money should come.

*Next issue: suggested solutions.
Gord Guyatt is a local physician.*

Sophisticated medicine

There are other factors as well. In Canada the most sophisticated health care is open to the majority of the population, while formerly it was limited to those who could afford it. However in the United States, where a very significant portion of the population receives negligible or poor (and thus inexpensive) care, health care costs per capita are actually higher than in Canada. This is a point I will return to, but it suggests that unlimited access to medical help is not a big factor in the explosion of costs.

Finally, there are costs from personnel. Nurses and other paramedical workers were until recently significantly underpaid. A number of factors including the women's liberation movement and increasing numbers of women and men looking on nursing as a lifetime profession have contributed to a militancy which led to salary increases. Salaries paid to nurses and other paramedics now constitute liveable wages.

The question arises, before we endorse the drive to cut down medical expenditures, as to what a balanced attitude toward health care costs really would be.

Certainly no one would want to see medicine consuming 50 per cent of our resources. Secondly, we are beginning to realize that society's affluence is not necessarily permanent. With this in mind, it is reasonable to consider areas we might want to cut back, including medicine. Thirdly, in a world in which the health problems of most of the population are a result of poor sanitation and undernutrition, it seems inappropriate that one society develop and practice a tremendously expensive, highly technological medicine.

Health a high priority

The development and maintenance of true equality of health care access should be of the highest priority to any society. Whatever the economic costs, we should be ready to shoulder it.

Secondly, of the ways we spend our resources, medicine is one of the saner outlays. What is more crucial to us than our health and the health of those close to us? Medical care is not a luxury; it follows food, clothing and shelter as a physical necessity.

City Hall winds down

By JANET HOWARD

As the 1977-78 City Council wheezes to a halt, a number of major and minor issues are not getting the attention they deserve. Everyone around City Hall expects changes in the next Council as drastic as those brought about by the 1972 election, although which way the political wind will blow is anybody's guess. In the meantime, the civil servants are left with the hard job of hanging onto important issues until there is somebody out there to pay attention.

city hall report



Tenant issues and rent review will be coming back before the Ontario Legislature this fall, yet Council, despite my urging, has not taken a stand. Although the new term starts on December 1st, it takes a while for the new aldermen to find their feet and the work to start flowing.

The civic service is undergoing a major change. Council has already decided to combine parts of the Buildings, Development and Planning departments, with a new commissioner. As well, several years after the Neighbourhood Services Work Group reported on the need for many municipal services to be moved out of City Hall into local neighbourhoods across the city, the proposal is finally to be implemented with the hiring of a Neighbourhood Services Co-ordinator. That job has already been advertised, and once the person is hired numerous jobs will be shifted around. All of this involves a bad case of nerves for employees who don't know what the new departments will be like, who will be heading them, and even what changes there will be in their own work.

In 1973 the Mayor's Task Force on the Status of Women turned its attention as its first and most urgent item of business to an obvious case of paying women less than their work deserves because they are women: the public health nurses. Council decided it didn't want to rush in and clean up that act before it figured out whether everybody else was okay (although, strange to say, some jobs filled by men have had their pay rates adjusted long since when it appeared there was a big discrepancy) and set up a system of job audit to nail down what each and every job in the civic service involves and how much it should be paid.

Nearly five years later, the audit is practically done, and the nurses are to get an increase back dated to October 1977. That came about because of a motion of mine, fervently supported by the other women on Council who realize that women wait, and wait, and wait and wait for justice to be done when it's a question of actually paying out money to correct old fashioned attitudes. That increase was to be an interim measure until the job audit was done, and we shall shortly see what the audit says their work is worth. It may or may not be a victory for the nurses, who besides waiting have fought long and hard for their professional training and responsibilities to be fairly paid.

Of perhaps less vital importance but certainly more passionate interest to many people is the question of limiting people to ownership of two dogs each. This foolish by-law is to come back to Council for final approval at its last meeting, and I intend to fight it tooth and nail. Not one of the hundreds of calls I receive about dog dirt, dogs running at large, dogs barking, dogs generally being a nuisance, has ever involved ownership of more than two dogs. People who already allow their dogs to offend are not going to pay attention to one extra by-law, and it is usually concerned, responsible animal lovers who take in several dogs to keep them from being destroyed or running loose. Under this by-law, a person living alone with three peaceful cocker spaniels would have to turn one of them in, yet somebody else with a loud-mouthed, roving German shepherd could continue to let the animal mess up every else's property.

It's been a long Council in some ways. It's now a tired one, and badly needs the excitement of an election to get some energy flowing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday September 23

The Toronto Harbour Commission is holding a special **photo exhibit "On Site"**, featuring a selection from the thousands of photographs taken by staff photographer Arthur Beales during his 35 years on the waterfront. The display is open to the public today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harbour Commission building, 60 Harbour St.

Sunday September 24

St. Luke's forum today will feature Ruth Tillman of the Canadian Council of Churches. The forum will be at 230 p.m. in Allan Gardens, but will be in the church (353 Sherbourne St.) in case of inclement weather.

There will be a **garage sale**, sponsored by the East End Volunteers Workers Sports at 8 Kingston Road from noon to 4 p.m. Proceeds will provide equipment for our various activities.

There will be **euchre** at Central Neighbourhood House tonight at 7:30 with cash prizes. \$1 admission. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Monday September 25

Harbourfront is offering 10 different **courses for antique specialists** with registration taking place this week. The courses include bottles, pottery and porcelain, quilts, dolls, rugs, and restoration of veneers and inlays. Each course runs for ten weeks and consists of a weekly session of one and a half hours. Tuition is \$50 per course. For more information, call Bill Hawkes at 363-9622.

From a different perspective: a half-hour program of interviews, news, and analysis on the **developing world**, especially as it relates to Canada. Produced by the Development Education Centre, Toronto. On CJRT-FM(91.1), Monday nights at 7 p.m. Tonight: an interview with Peter Manning on the reasons for this expulsion from Namibia.

Woodgreen Community Centre is offering a **creative writing workshop** for people who are interested in writing poetry, novels, or whatever. The workshop will consist of discussions of each others' work. It's free, starts tonight, and continues every Monday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 835 Queen St. E. Call Jackie Dineen at 461-1168 for more information.

Tuesday September 26

If you have a **drinking problem**, there is a new A. A. MEETING BEING STARTED. The first meeting was on August 29, and meetings are being held every Tuesday night at 8:30 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church (downstairs), corner of Dundas and Regent Streets.

The La Leche League is sponsoring a meeting today on **"The Family in Relation to the Breastfed Baby"**, at 263 Glebeholme Blvd. (3 blocks north of Danforth, half block west of Coxwell.) You are invited to attend: call 461-8359 for more information.

There will be a **blood donor clinic** today at Holy Name Church, 606 Danforth Ave. from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday September 27

The Toronto Humane Society is opening its doors to the public today as part of **Be Kind to Animals Week**. Everyone is welcome to visit and tour the facilities at 11 Wellesley St. West today from noon to 6 p.m. Toronto Humane Society staff will be available to talk to the public about their work with Metro's animals and animal-related problems. For information call 922-1191.

Thursday September 28

An **all-candidates meeting** for the federal by-election in Rosedale, 58 Sumach Street, tonight at 8 p.m. Candidates attending will be David Crombie, John Evans, and Ron B. Thomson. Everyone is welcome.

Interim Mayor Fred Beavis will officially open the offices of **Vandalism Alert** today at 1 p.m. at 765 Queen St. E. (the old post office). Representatives of various agencies and levels of government will be in attendance as this effort directed to the prevention of vandalism is opened.

Friday September 29

It's time for **Fred's Free Films** again at the 519 Church St. Community Centre, at 8 p.m. Tonight's films are Man, Monsters, and Mysteries, and Uprooted. Everyone welcome.

St. Peter's Church, 190 Carlton St., presents an adventure weekend for Children today through Sunday.

Saturday September 30

There will be a **"1950's Dance"** tonight at the Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. East, from 7:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 per person, or \$5.00 per couple. '50s dress is optional. There will be prizes for best dress and for spot dances. A buffet is included in the admission charge. Call 461-1168 for more information.

There will be an **Opportunity Sale** of hats, paperbacks, jewellery and accessories and good used clothing today at St. Luke's United Church, corner Sherbourne and Carlton. From 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

The St. David NDP is having a **garage rummage sale**, celebrity auction, and **dance** at Dixon Hall today. The rummage sale is from 10 a.m. to noon, the dance is from 8:30 pm to 1 am. Dixon Hall is at 58 Sumach St. (just south of Queen).

Sunday October 1

John Sewell will begin a series of six **walking tours** through interesting and significant areas of Toronto today with a walk through South St. Jamestown. The Ward 7 candidate for mayor will start off from the corner of Wellesley and Parliament at 2 p.m. The history of the area including the episodes of blockbusting, bulldozing and the efforts of local residents to keep their community intact will be highlighted along the route. The tour, which should be of interest to local residents and urban observers generally, is scheduled to take about an hour and will conclude for coffee and talk at St. Peter's Church at Carlton and Blecker.

St. Luke's forum today will feature Rev. Robert Smith of Eglinton United Church, at 2:30 p.m. in Allan Gardens, Carlton and Sherbourne). In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be in the church, 353 Sherbourne.

The Toronto Chess Association is sponsoring a **speed chess tournament** today at Harbourfront. The tournament begins at 1:30 p.m. and is open to all players. Entrants are requested to bring their own clocks and sets if possible. Entry fee is \$3.50. For registration and information, call Stephen Boyd at 598-1906.



Monday October 2

Now is the time to enroll in **adult swimming classes** for adults in St. Jamestown. These classes are for people who have never learned to swim or for those who would like to feel more comfortable in and around water. Call the YMCA at 964-8775.

From a Different Perspective: a half-hour program of interviews, news, and analysis on the developing world, especially as it relates to Canada, today features an interview with two young Canadians who lived among the poor of Peru for two months. CJRT-FM (91.1) at 7 p.m.

Wednesday October 4

The Riverdale Community Tool and Toy Post and the City of Toronto are co-sponsoring **"The October Workshops" on basic house repairs**. The instruction is provided by city housing inspectors and is free of charge. No previous experience is required and all interested residents are encouraged to attend (including apartment dwellers). This will be a good opportunity to obtain professional advice on any repairs you may be planning and to get a clearer picture of the role of the city inspection staff. Tonight's topic is "Plumbing (with practical demonstration)". It will be at 765 Queen St. East (just east of Broadview) from 8 to 10 p.m. You are requested to register by phoning Peter at 463-5914 but you may also register on the evening of the workshop.

Today is **McHappy Day** at McDonald's at 970 Gerrard St. E. (and all across Canada). All the money from every Big Mac sold goes to a charity for crippled children, and various celebrities turn out to work in the outlets.

There will be an **all-candidates meeting** for Broadview federal riding tonight at 8 p.m. at the Queen Street Presbyterian Church (Queen & Carlaw). Come and hear and question Bob Rae, Philip Varelis, and Tom Clifford, the candidates.

Thursday October 5

There will be an **all-candidates meeting** for the federal riding of Rosedale tonight at the Church Street School (Church & Alexander) at 8 p.m. Come and hear and question David Crombie, John Evans, and Ron B. Thomson, the candidates.

St. Paul's Church, 227 Bloor St. East (at Church) is holding a **Thursday Noonday Recital** at 12:10 p.m., with Catherine Palmer, organist of the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. Free.

Friday October 6

There's no escaping it: it's time for **Fred's Free Films** again at the 519 Church Community Centre at 8 p.m. Tonight, Fred is showing "Other Half of the Sky" and "500 Million Years beneath the Sea".

General

Young working people 25 and under are invited to enrol in a **car repair course** to learn the basics of general maintenance and car care, as well as troubleshooting, tune-ups, basic brake-work and other mechanical problems you may need to know about. The course will be held on Wednesday nights starting October 18 for 10 weeks and the cost is \$29. The course will be held at a fix-it-yourself garage. Registration and information night will be Wednesday October 11 at Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen St. E. from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information call 531-8449 after 7 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

There is a **euchre club** meeting alternate Tuesday evenings in the rec room of the 77 Howard St. building (basement level) from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. New members are always encouraged. If you enjoy euchre and want to meet with some friendly people and pass a pleasant evening this club is just for you.

Want to develop your own pictures but do not have the space? The YMCA has **darkroom facilities** in the 240 Wellesley Building for St. Jamestown residents. The cost is \$5.00 per year and you sign out the key at the Y office, 260 Wellesley. For more information call 964-8775.

Victoria Day Care Services needs clerical workers, drivers, a toy librarian, people to lead creative activities with two- to four-year-olds and help teachers prepare creative materials, and people to help with a special private day care project. Supervision and training provided. Call 925-3419.

Harbourfront is offering **community groups** areas approximately 10' x 8' in a well-lit, carpeted space by the waterfront. Base rent for each area is \$70 per month, and includes a desk and chair, a filing cabinet, a side chair and privacy screens. Space for private meetings and programming space is also available by reservation. For further information call Maria Babiak or Bob Browne at 364-7127, ext. 54.

The Cross-Cultural Communication Centre, 1991 Dufferin St., 653-2223, has a **resource library** which it would like people to know about. The library includes major collections of materials on the Black/West Indian, Italian, Chinese, Portuguese and East Indian communities, on immigrant women, of education, employment, language and settlement. There are reports, articles, pamphlets, etc. of racism, multiculturalism, development issues, and more, selected fiction and non-fiction dealing with a variety of topics, periodicals (more than 50 regular subscriptions), newspaper clippings, audio-visual materials, and bibliographies. The library is open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday (Tuesdays to 9 p.m.).

Community activists and residents are invited to use the **7 News clipping** and periodical resource file. 7 News has an extensive collection of materials relating to the Ward 7 area, as well as materials on various topics such as education, housing, health, etc., and a number of current periodicals coming into the office. We also have back issues of 7 News for the past eight years available free.

The **Regent Park Adult Recreation Centre** at 605 Whiteside Place has activities for tenants and other people in the surrounding areas, including shuffleboard, darts, bumper pool, cribbage, etc. They also have a women's arts and crafts day on Monday afternoons from 1 to 3, as well as a bowling league on Tuesday September 12 at St. Cyril's Church. Family membership in the centre costs \$2.00 per year. The centre is open 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 11 p.m. on Friday.

The Ontario Mental Patients' Association is looking for **used articles** for fundraising. They will pick up such items as books, shoes, clocks, radios, wooden furniture, bric a brac, and most anything except clothes. Call them at 461-7994.

The Sherbourne 155 Residents' Association's **bingo games** are starting again, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m. in the recreation room. Admission is 50¢ with one free card.

Peter Bbinks, a local artist who also worked at Winchester School making murals with a variety of age groups, has come back to do yet another **program with children** ages 3 to 13 at Central Neighbourhood House, 349 Ontario St. Programs take place Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at CNH after school hours. The program includes mural making and woodwork all in a very stimulating environment. Cost of the program is no objection to joining: parents pay according to the value they place on the program. For more information call Mary Anne MacArthur at 925-4363.

The Wellesley Art Committee of the Wellesley Hospital Auxiliary is happy to announce the opening of the second of its presentations of the **work of local artists** which opened on September 21. The purpose of the exhibit is to create an opportunity for local artists to exhibit their work in the community in which they live. Further the art work itself adds beauty and interest to the hospital corridors; and the commission from the sale of the art is used to help the Auxiliary in its many worthwhile enterprises in the hospital. The committee would like to hear from artists in the area who would be interested in exhibiting. Please call Nelson Dancy, 921-7459.

The Metropolitan Toronto Association for the Mentally Retarded is in great need of **volunteers** to work one morning a week in its program for mentally and physically handicapped children. As the staff provide on-the-job training, no prior experience is necessary, only warm open individuals who enjoy young children. For more information contact Virginia Mills at 361-0773, ext 30 or 31.

Seven News is looking for a **volunteer** to take on the **Community Calendar**. What is involved is perhaps two or three hours once every two weeks readying the material and typing it up, and could also involve some phoning to check up on events that are happening. A person with some familiarity with community groups would be best. The **Community Calendar** is done in the office and has to be done Monday afternoons. Call 363-9560 if you are interested.

KIDS

The Danforth Library (Pape just below Danforth) offers **children's programs**, Saturday at 2 p.m. and on Thursdays at 4 p.m. (film club) and programs for pre-schoolers at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call 465-12 for details.

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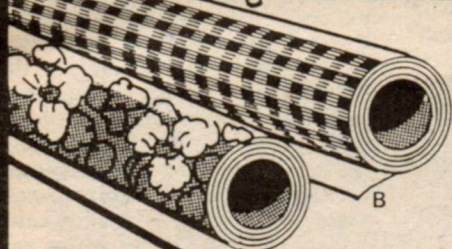
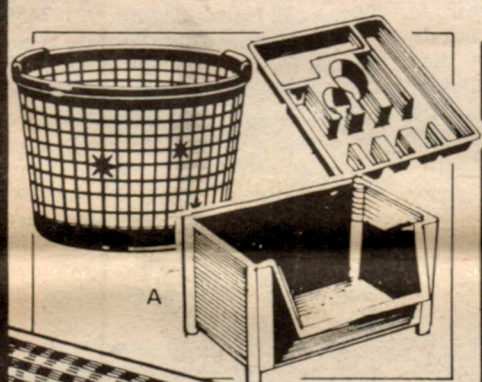
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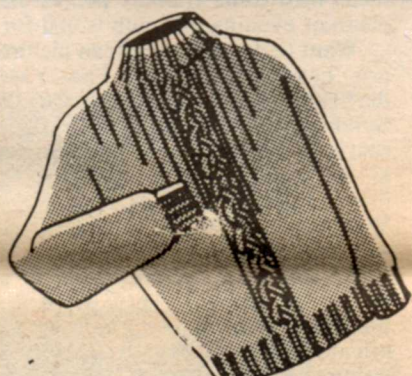
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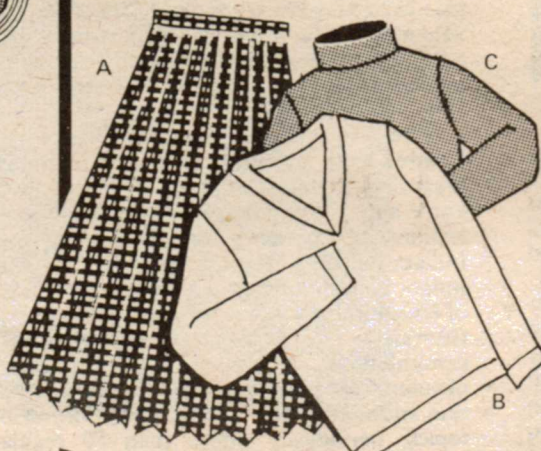
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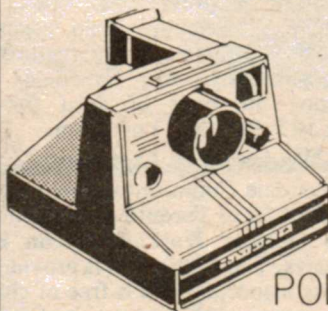
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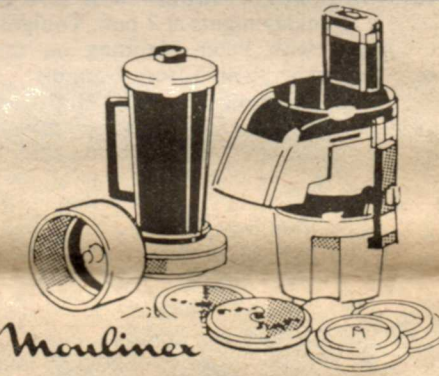
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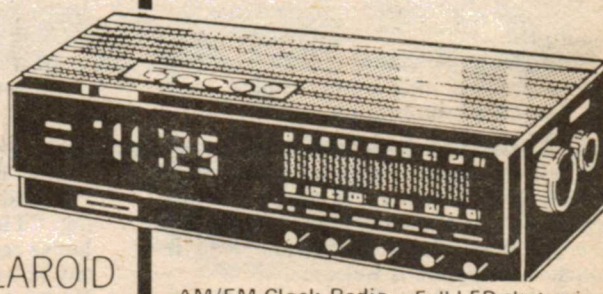
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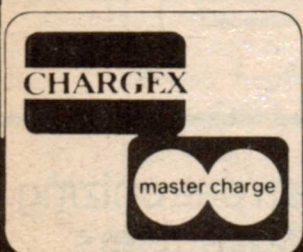
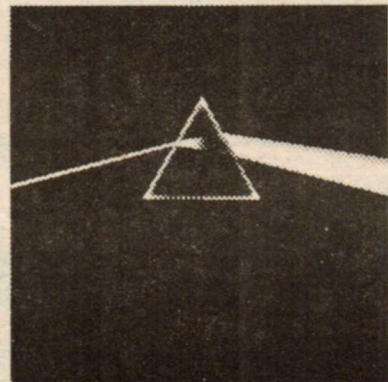
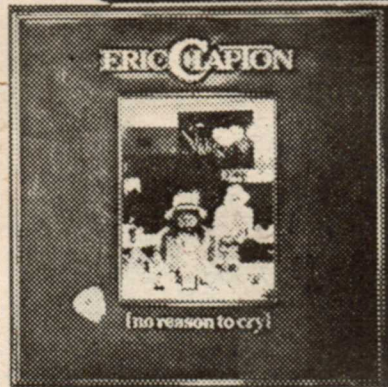
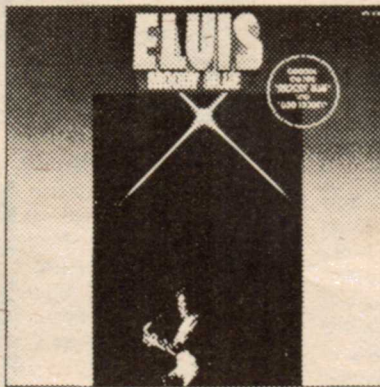
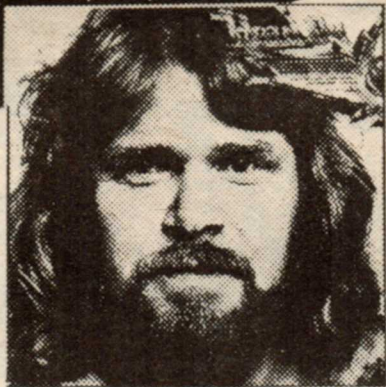
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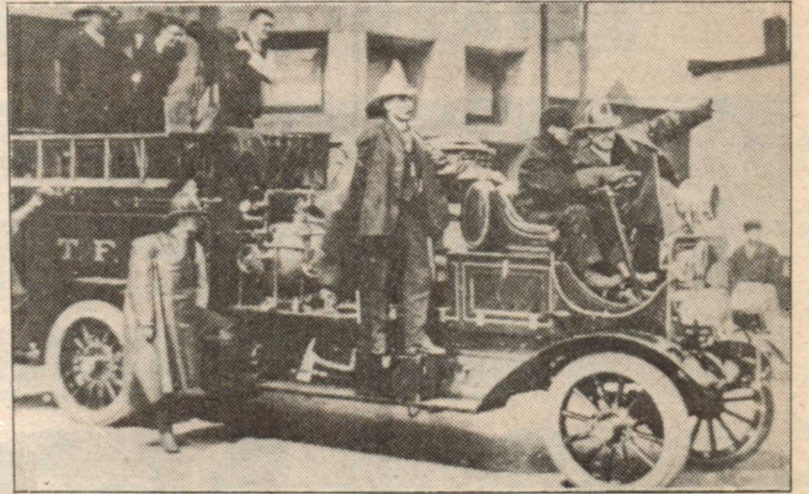
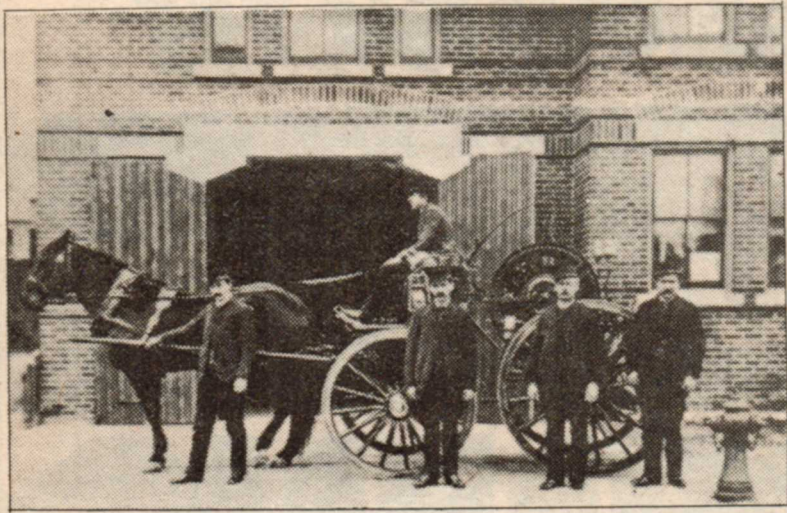
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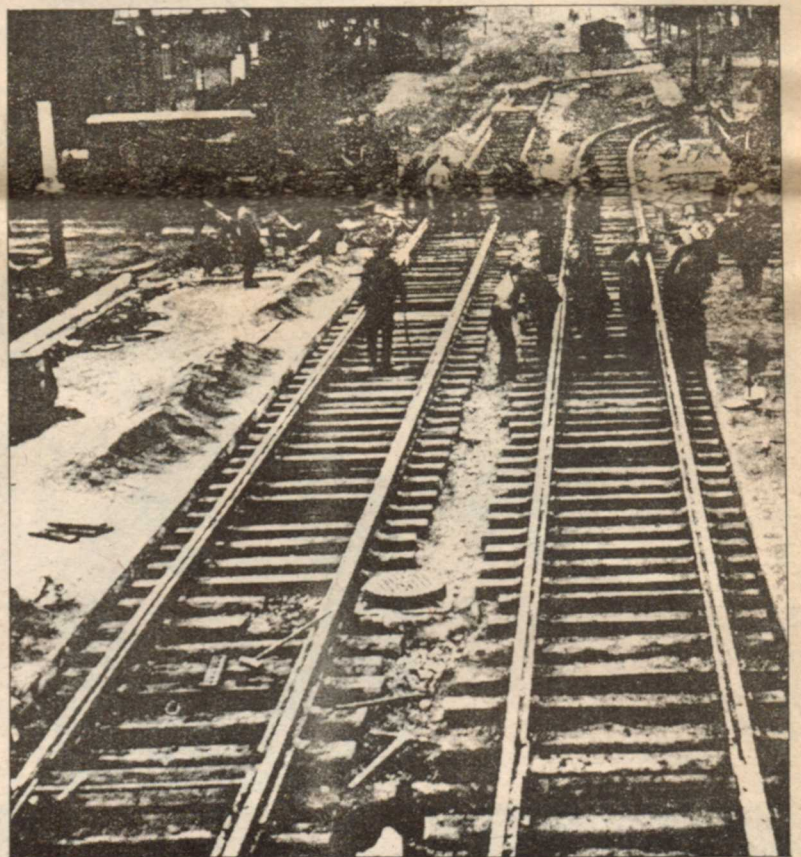
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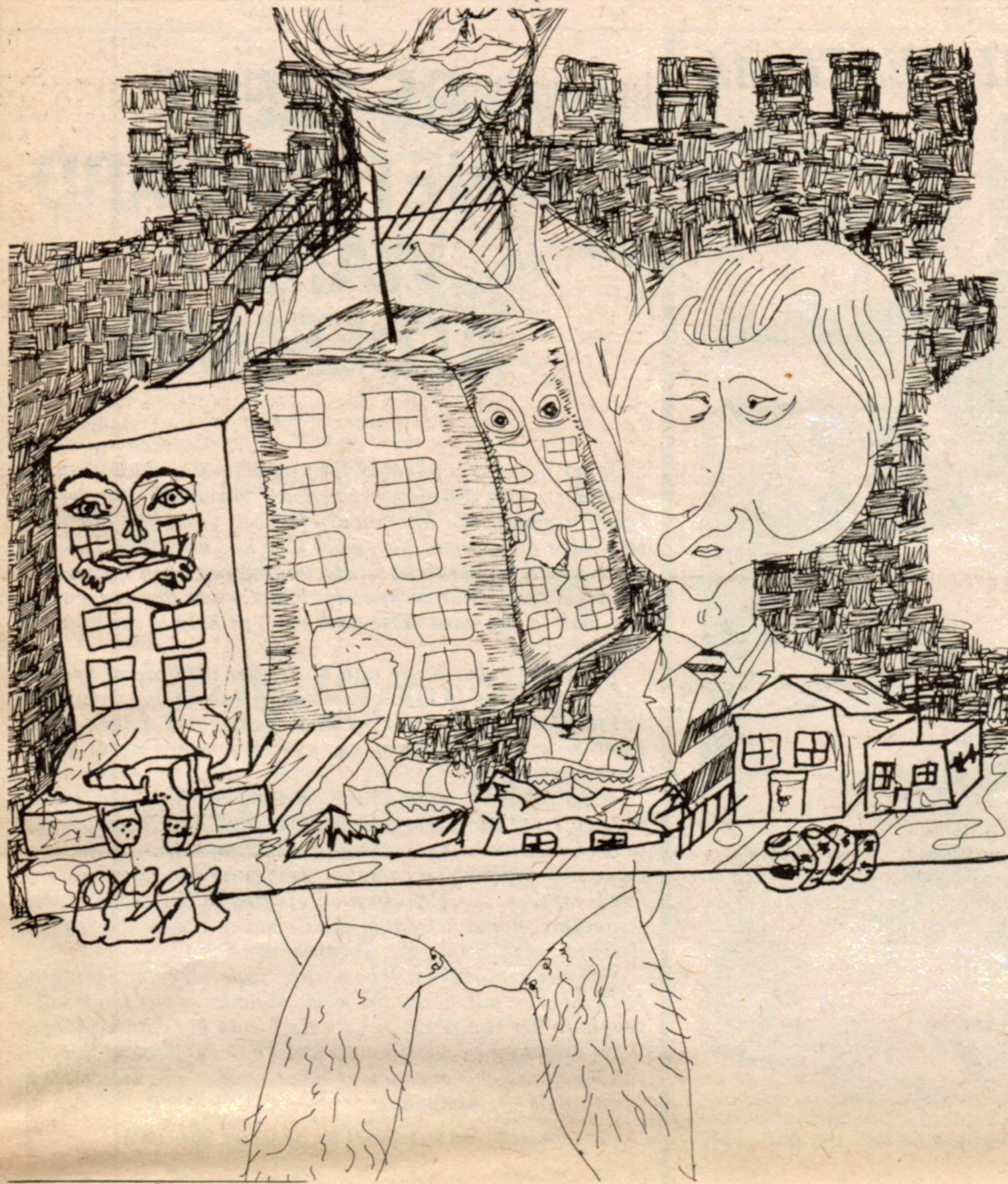
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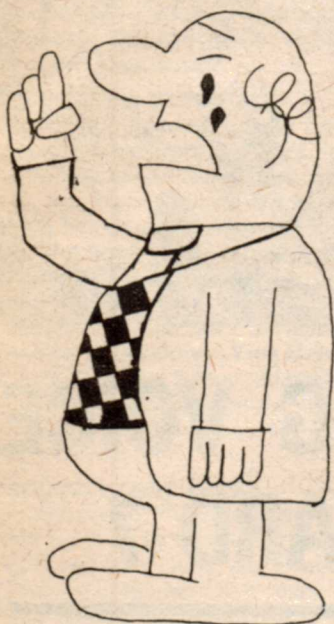
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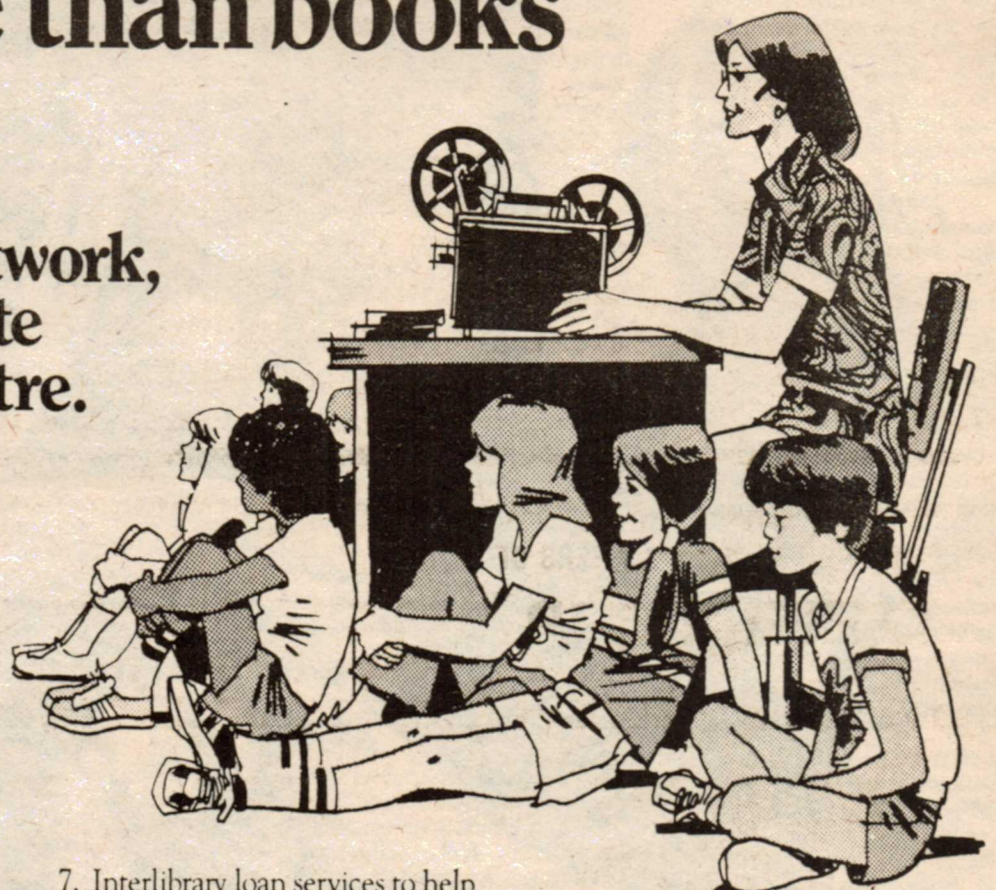
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Poet Ted Plantos reads from his collection *The Universe Ends at Sherbourne & Queen* at another local intersection — Carlton and Parliament. Plantos was followed by Milton Acorn reading from his book *I've Tasted My Blood*.

RE-ELECT JANET HOWARD WARD 7 ALDERMAN

Janet Howard is running for re-election in Ward 7 in the November 13th Municipal elections. When the Province of Ontario moved the Municipal elections from the old early December date to mid November they had no way of knowing there would be 2 Federal by-elections going on in the ward at the same time. That's why it doubtless seems that everywhere you look in the ward these days you're likely to see someone campaigning.

We'd like to be able to wait until after the Federal by-elections on October 16 to ask you to think about our campaign, but we can't. It takes lots of time, people and money to put together a winning campaign, and that means we've got to start now.

Janet relies on small donations from many people to meet her projected campaign budget of \$6,000. She doesn't expect or receive donations from large corporations. During the campaign she will make a complete disclosure of who donated to her campaign, as well as an accounting of all expenditures. Donations should be sent to the Committee to Re-Elect Janet Howard, 342 Carlton St., Toronto, M5A 2M2.

Campaign workers will be visiting your home the beginning of October to talk about the work Janet has done for Ward 7 people in her two terms at City Hall, and her future plans.

Or drop by our campaign office at 444 Parliament Street if you'd like to know more about Janet, or if you're interested in working on the campaign.

You can also contact Janet by phoning 961-7008.



A STRONG VOICE FOR WARD 7

Volunteers Needed

Seven News is looking for volunteers to distribute the paper on streets and in apartment buildings that presently do not have delivery. It would take about 10 to 30 minutes once every two weeks to deliver from 25 to 100 papers. The paper would be delivered to your door in a bundle every second Friday for you to deliver over the weekend. If you are interested, or know someone who is, call 7 News



Gay Jackson, a clown with the Contact School Travelling Show. The travelling show also featured Cathy Davies on guitar, Roman Semenowycz on mandolin and harmonica, and mime artist Gord Dancey in a sketch entitled "The Happy Misfit".

Photographs by Cherry Hassard

Family law and your rights

By VALERIE LAVERGNE

This is the second article on the Family Law Reform Act. The first article talked about Family Assets. This article will look at another part of the Act, the part on Support Obligations.

In this part of the Act, the term "spouse" refers to either a man or woman:

- a) who are married to each other;
- b) who are NOT married to each other but who have lived together continuously for at least five years;
- c) who are NOT married to each other but who have lived together in a "relationship of some permanence" and who have had a child born to them (the term "relationship of some permanence" is not defined in the Act);
- d) who have been to Court and had an order for one spouse to support the other.

Each spouse has an obligation to support himself or herself and the other spouse, depending on the need for support of the one spouse, and on the ability to pay support of the other spouse. This means that, depending on the situation, a man could be obligated to support a woman, or a woman could be obligated to support a man.

Each parent is obligated, as much as he/she is able, to support his/her unmarried child under 18 years of age, depending on the need of the child. If a child is 16 years or over and has withdrawn from the parent's control, the parent is not responsible to support the child. The term "withdrawn from parental control" is not defined in the Act. Depending on the situation, it might mean a child who has moved away from home, a child who refuses to be disciplined by his parent, etc.

Each child who is not a minor has an obligation to support his/her parent who has cared for and supported the child, depending on the need of the parent and on the ability to pay of the child.

If you separate from your spouse, you may be able to reach an agreement with him/her on the terms of support and include this matter in a Separation Agreement. If an agreement can be made, you don't have to go to Court. If an agreement can't be reached, the Court may make an order for one spouse to pay support to the other spouse. There are several courts which make decisions on applications for support orders. They are: Family Court at 311 Jarvis; County Court at 361 University Avenue; Supreme Court of Ontario at 145 Queen Street West.

If you are not married to your spouse but have been living together, the application for support must be made within one year of when you separated from him/her.

If you are seeking support from your spouse, the Court will consider several factors when deciding on how much support a spouse should get. Some of the factors are:

- your ability to support yourself,
- the ability of your spouse to provide support,
- the amount of time that the two of you lived together,
- your needs,
- the age and the physical and mental health of yourself and your spouse,
- whether you or your spouse are required to stay at home to care for a child.

When deciding on the obligation to provide support for a spouse, the Court generally gives little consideration to the behaviour of the spouses or to the reason for the separation. The behaviour will only be considered if it is very serious and obviously led to the separation.

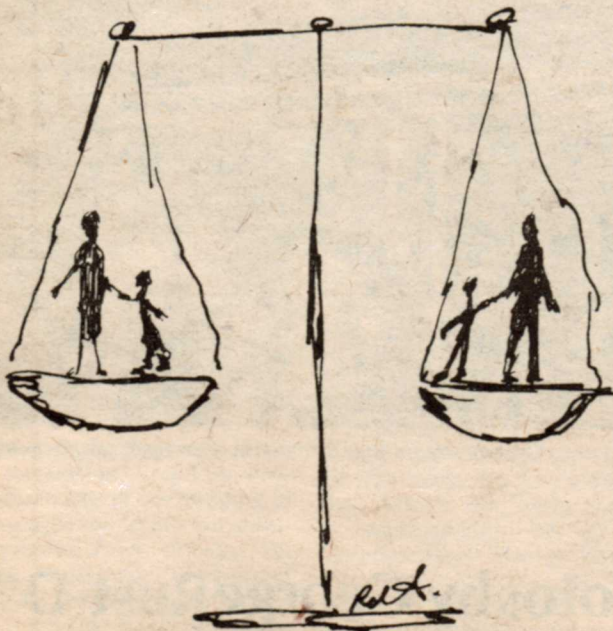
If you apply to a Welfare office or to a Family Benefits office for financial help, the office may apply to Court, on your behalf, to order your spouse to contribute to your support. (Remember that the Court will consider several factors in making its decision.)

If your spouse has been ordered to pay support but he/she fails to do so, you can go back to Court and ask that it assist you in obtaining the support.

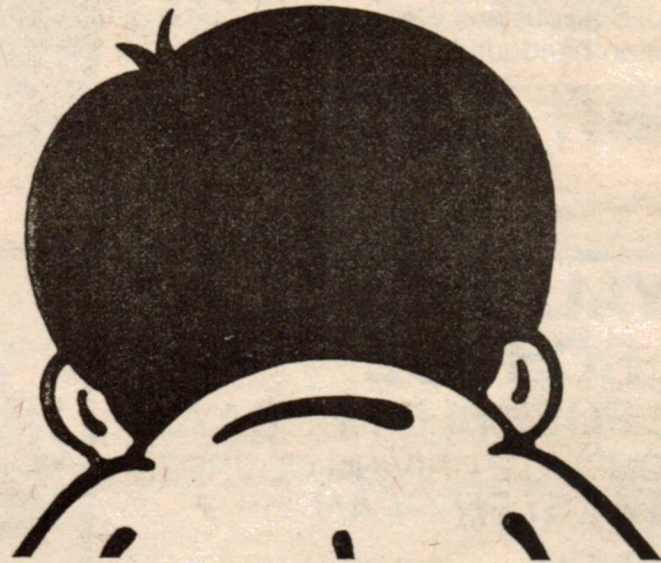
Either you or your spouse can apply to Court to change or end a support order. The Court will approve the application if it believes that there has been a change in the circumstances of either person.

The Court can decide on who has custody of and access to a child. In making its decision, the Court will consider "the best interests of the child."

If you need help with a family law problem, contact Riverdale Socio-Legal Services, 835 Queen Street East, 461-8102.



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