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Multicultural Festival a hit at Harbourfront

By
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The Multicultural Summer Festival at Harbourfront last Saturday was a huge success. The day of activities featured displays by 21 community organizations, continuous cultural movies, a clay workshop for children, and light refreshments. It was generally agreed that the highlight of the programme were the performances of the eight individuals and groups that provided the evening entertainment in the Annex.

The day was sponsored by the Riverdale Intercultural Council in collaboration with the Multicultural Branch of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

The R.I.C.C. is a community based organization that began in

1969. It is composed of a number of dedicated local citizens representing many aspects of our own uniquely diversified community. It aims at "promoting a common sense of community among the ethno-cultural groups in the Riverdale area by increasing inter-cultural communications." Those representing the organization believe that in this way the cultural communication gap can be reduced and that people can share and enjoy the diverse life-styles of their neighbours.

The purpose of the event was to "present a profile of the multicultural community, to bring together the different organizations and institutions in Riverdale and encourage interaction between them, and to demonstrate

how the organizations and institutions in Riverdale are responding to the needs of the multicultural community."

The members and volunteers of the R.I.C.C. carried out their plans with an organized and professional effort and the result was an especially informative and entertaining day on the lakefront.

In the afternoon one could travel from display to display picking up booklets, buttons and stickers, watching videotapes and slide-shows, looking at posters, art work, carvings, cuttings, books, baskets, doilies, dolls, records and tapes.

All of the displays were engaging but a few created special interest. The Toronto Public continued on p. 6

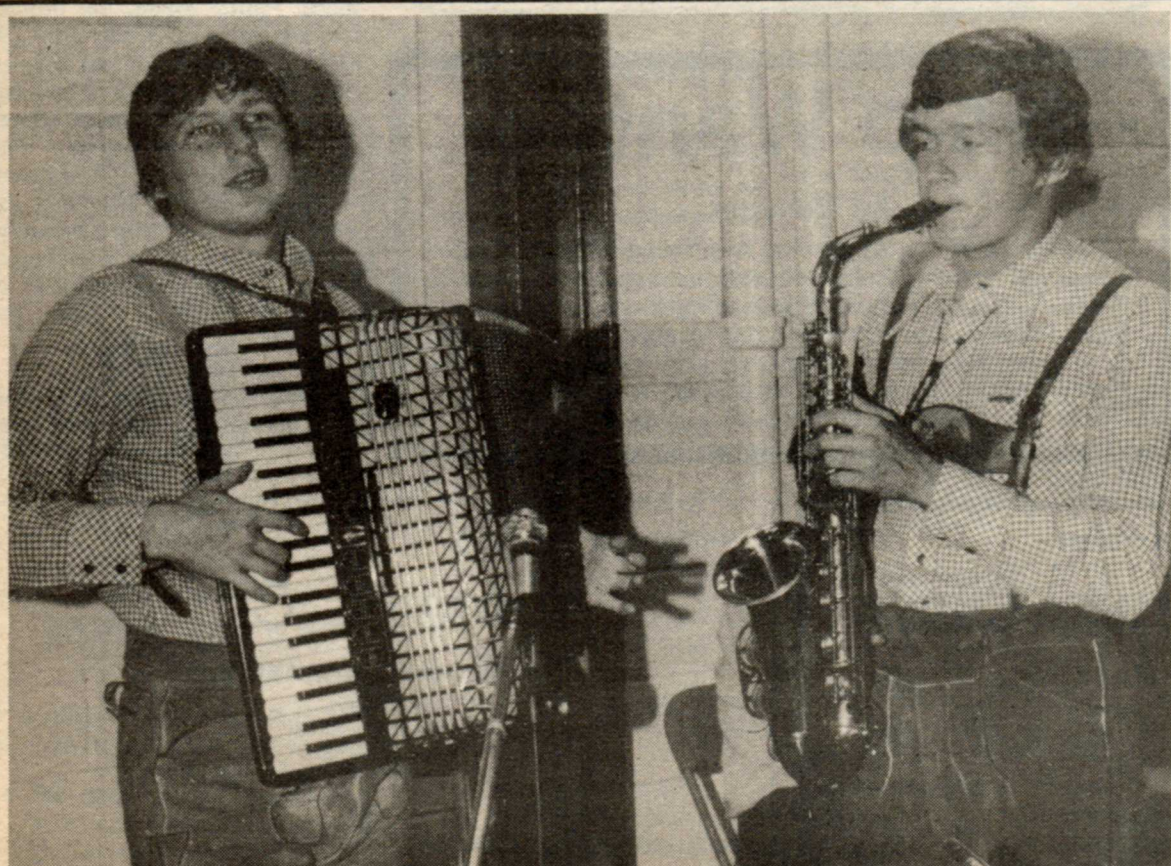


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The Multicultural Summer Festival sponsored by the Riverdale Intercultural Council was a smash success at Harbourfront last Saturday. Performers included The Henkel Group, two enthusiastic members of which are shown far left. Greek Community Dancers, shown at the top of the page, performed a number of traditional folk dances. The wee lass, pictured directly above, is one of the Highland Dancers dancing, of course, a Highland Fling.



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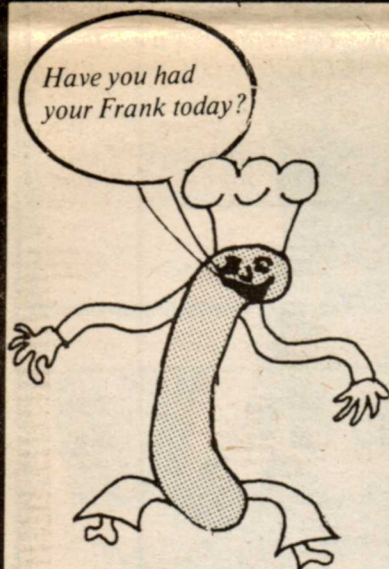
primarily characterized by its 'visiting' component, occasionally we are asked to assist individuals with their activities of daily living, for example, cooking, shopping or cleaning. Therefore a concerned and committed volunteer or group of volunteers are required in this type of referral situation.

It has come to the programme's attention that such a situation is in evidence upon 'our very doorstep'. An elderly individual who lives nearby is in need of assistance with the preparing and cooking of her meals. She lives alone and is really unable to manage, but has been doing so with very little help.

We have been trying to resolve this situation for some time, but we do not have an adequate volunteer reserve to fully deal with it. Hence we are appealing to wider community.

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Dear Seven News:

Thank you for your recent mention of the July meeting of the Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area. There is a small misunderstanding I would like to clear up in connection with the Cabbagetown Cultural Festival '77 which will be held September 15-18.

Probably because of the similarity of names, many people are under the impression that the festival is being presented by our

organization. In fact, the idea for the festival and the main organization has been instigated and carried out by a group of artists, craftsmen, artisans and other interested Cabbagetown residents and workers.

Main financial support for the festival so far has come from our organization and the Ward Seven Business and Professional Association. Other groups are involved in a smaller way.

So you can see it is a diversified

community undertaking, and we hope everyone in the area will take part either as participant or spectator. Incidentally, anyone who would like to help with arrangements or to display his talents should telephone the festival directors Mary Augustine or Philip Harris, at 922-7368 or 923-2434.

Jean Wright
 Co-Ordinator
 Old Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area

Illegal rent hikes hit welfare families

Open Letter to Ward 7 News

Everybody is probably aware that Welfare has raised its payments by 8% recently. This should be a godsend for recipients, but unfortunately the way we are hearing it is that the godsend is going, instead of to the people who need it, into the pockets of our landlords.

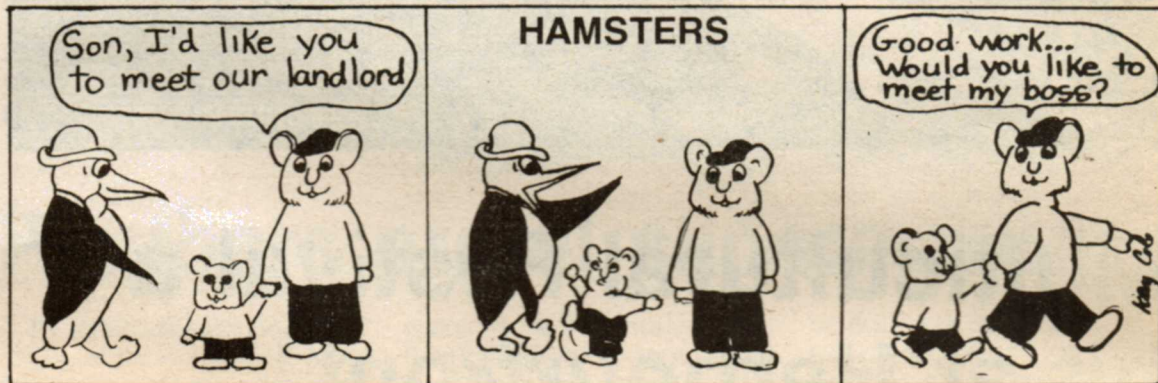
Many people have complained to us of sudden 8% increases in their rent, coinciding with Welfare's raise. These landlords seem to have forgotten — ho-hum — same old story... — that in order to raise rents, 90 days' written notice must be given.

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Food co-op thriving at 519 Church Centre

Dear 7 News:

Your article on food co-ops in the July 30 edition was most welcome. The food co-operative movement will undoubtedly continue with today's outrageous food prices.

One co-op which was not mentioned is the 519 Church St. Food Co-op which during part of its 4 years has been located in and supported by Ward 7 resi-

dents. As of mid-July 1977 the former Don Vale Karma II Co-op has moved to the 519 Church St. Community Centre (Church St. north of Wellesley). We run a store operation in which we stock fruit and vegetables, cheese, eggs, bread, grains, nuts, spices etc. Hours are Fridays 12 noon to 7 and Saturdays 10 to 4. Everyone willing to volunteer at least 2 hours per month of their time is

welcome to join. We have a membership fee of \$12 per year (this decreases for someone joining in mid-year) but would never turn away someone who sincerely wanted to join but could not pay the fee.

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Family thanks their friends

Dear 7 News:

Our family has recently been through a sad and tragic experience. Patrick Benn, our brother and son, died on Friday July 29, 1977. Yet during this sad time we became aware of how much our friends really mean to us! There are so many people who approached our family to express their sympathy for our loss. To the many whom we are unable to contact personally we want you to know your expression of sympathy will always be treasured.

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Teenagers living on skid row

A lot of youth migrating to Toronto this summer are hitting the 'skids', hitting rock-bottom and it's getting worse. That's the message coming from some really concerned community workers in the inner city or 'Cabbagetown' in Toronto's Ward 7 where they're trying to reach out to, house and rap with hundreds of poor kids, usually 14-20 years old.

One key community group which deals exclusively with "skid-row" people is The Anchorman, a LIP project based in the heart of "Cabbagetown". Harvey Jackson and Joe Hill are two of three Anchorman-workers — in addition to John Roach — who say they've seen many more youth on the skids this year than most previous years and it's worrying them. Harvey has seen "a dozen

14-17 year olds, both boys and girls" and adds they're usually from "small towns in northern Ontario and the East Coast", the Maritimes. Virtually all are poor and come from poor families. When they arrive in Toronto, the vast majority have no friends or relatives, little or no money, no place to go and end up on welfare. Many kids sleep out in the parks until they find their way to a temporary or semi-permanent hostel, like the 'Y' Stopover, Salvation Army, Nellie's or even Seaton House and the Fred Victor Mission which traditionally house middle-aged and old-aged "skid-row" men.

So why are the kids on the skids? Good question. Joe Hill says many youth he's talked with keep mentioning no jobs and no money as reasons. The vast majority have no

job skills, little or no work experience and very little schooling. "They're lucky if they've made grade 8" say Joe and Harvey.

And what do the kids usually do at night? According to Harvey and Joe, they're often "hustling" or into prostitution (male and female) and committing petty thefts and other crimes. It's getting damn serious. Listen to what Joe has to say: "They'll roll drunks, pensioners, welfare recipients, 'skid-row' residents . . . anybody that's got a buck . . . I wouldn't want to sit in Allan Gardens and let it be known that I had a buck. You wouldn't feel safe." Harvey vividly recalls an old blind pensioner who was "kicked to death about four weeks ago in Allan Gardens by three young men . . ." The violence is escalating.

Joe believes the two most common problems kids-on-the-skids are experiencing are: 1) serious family troubles at home, and 2) the desperate need for money and virtually non-existent jobs (Manpower and UIC have documented the fact that 15-24 years olds have the highest unemployment rate, roughly 20-25%).

Last March, family problems was the main reason many girls and young women came to Nellie's a well-known, emergency hostel in downtown Toronto. Judy Dwyer, a Nellie's worker, says over 50% of young women residents (15-20) came to Nellie's because they were forced to leave home, parents, husbands or boyfriends or were evicted. Another 48% were listed as "transients" or "travellers", and 12% just got out of non-jail institutions like psychiatric hospitals.

Like the Anchormen, Nellie's workers have seen an almost steady increase in the number of

poor young women under 21. For example, during the past three months (March-May), the proportion of 15-20 year olds in Nellie's was: March — 40%, April — 34% and May — 43%.

It's obvious we're seeing the makings of another major crisis in youth. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say a chronic crisis in adult society's mishandling and neglect of poor kids on-the-move.

An immediate need, according to Harvey, is for community workers (especially youth workers) to provide and share more solid information on "skid-row" youth. While nobody seems to know how many hundreds or thousands of youth there are or will be on "the row", one thing is sure. Poor kids and their problems are not suddenly going to blow away. They're real and serious and unless we do something it's going to be a long hot summer.

By the staff of the Community Worker Newsletter.

OPINION

Death on Yonge Street

By ULLI DIEMER

This city, which usually seems far too cynical and hurried to care very much about anything any more, has been deeply shocked and violently angered by the murder of the little shoe-shine boy, Emmanuel Jaques, on Yonge Street. The horror of this crime has made people pause in their rat race and made them think about the society around us. It has made people realize that if they do not like the future that is unfolding before them, they will have to take responsibility for it; they will have to act themselves and not leave their city's future to others. In this, at least, the tragedy has had a positive effect, and this can be Emmanuel's legacy to us.

But there is also a great danger in this: the danger that some of us will act too hastily, in blind anger, without thinking first about what it is that is really wrong, and what it is that can be done about it.

It is my belief that some of the things that have been said and done during the past few weeks have been seriously misguided, even though they come from reactions and motives that are only too understandable. The result has been hatred and hysteria that threaten to lash out blindly at everything, but which may well leave the root causes untouched, or may even aggravate them. We have seen calls to "stamp out gays", torture prisoners, hang "perverts", give unlimited power to the police, bring back capital punishment, and of course "clean up Yonge Street". In letters to newspapers, demonstrations, and on radio talk shows, all kinds of people with axes to grind have pushed themselves forward with their own particular prejudices against homosexuals, drugs, nudism, permissiveness, etc. etc. taking advantage of the general mood of anger to gain themselves a sympathetic hearing.

Before we let ourselves be stampeded, let us sit back and look at the issue.

Don't blame the whole group

First of all: homosexuality. The suspected killers are homosexual, true — but this in no way reflects on the gay community as a whole, any more than sex crimes committed by individual heterosexuals can be laid at the doorstep of all heterosexuals. Let us not forget that each year in Toronto hundreds of violent sexual crimes take place. Most of them are committed by heterosexual men against women. When a heterosexual commits a crime, we blame the individual. However, if a member of a minority, such as a homosexual, commits a crime, we blame the whole group. (I shudder to think what the reaction would have been had the suspected killers been black, or Pakistani.)

And then: cleaning up Yonge Street. Yonge Street has in many ways become a rotten, sleazy place, no doubt about that. But this recent crime can't be blamed on the Yonge Street sex strip any more than the sensational sex crimes that recently took place in Vancouver, in Saskatoon, and in Etobicoke, can be blamed on those places as a whole. We may not like what they do on Yonge St. (although enough of us obviously do like it to keep them in business) but the people who work there aren't a bunch of murderers, and they are not responsible for this murder. There is evidence, in fact, to show that where pornography and sexual services are freely available, as for example in Denmark, sex crimes tend to decrease.

It makes sense, to be sure, that we do something to prevent our main street from becoming a warren of tawdry sex shops, but let us proceed intelligently, not with vengeance. Rather than jumping to suppress what centuries of experience have shown cannot be suppressed, let us move to keep it from getting out of hand, for example, by limiting the number of operations allowed on a particular street, and by restricting the kinds of street-front advertising permitted.

Ultimately, however, we have to recognize that this kind of sexual business thrives in a society where sex is tied to guilt, and where women, particularly, are seen as sex objects. Sex shops and services like those on Yonge St. owe their existence to guilty, repressed sex, and the attempt to drive them underground would only deepen the guilt and frustration that gave birth to them in the first place. It is this kind of repression that creates sex criminals: when powerful creative energies are suppressed, they re-emerge, ugly and dangerous.

In the long run, the only way to "clean up Yonge Street" is to foster an attitude to sex that is open, loving, and guilt-free. Then there will be no more need to buy and sell this vital part of our lives as if it were a form of merchandise

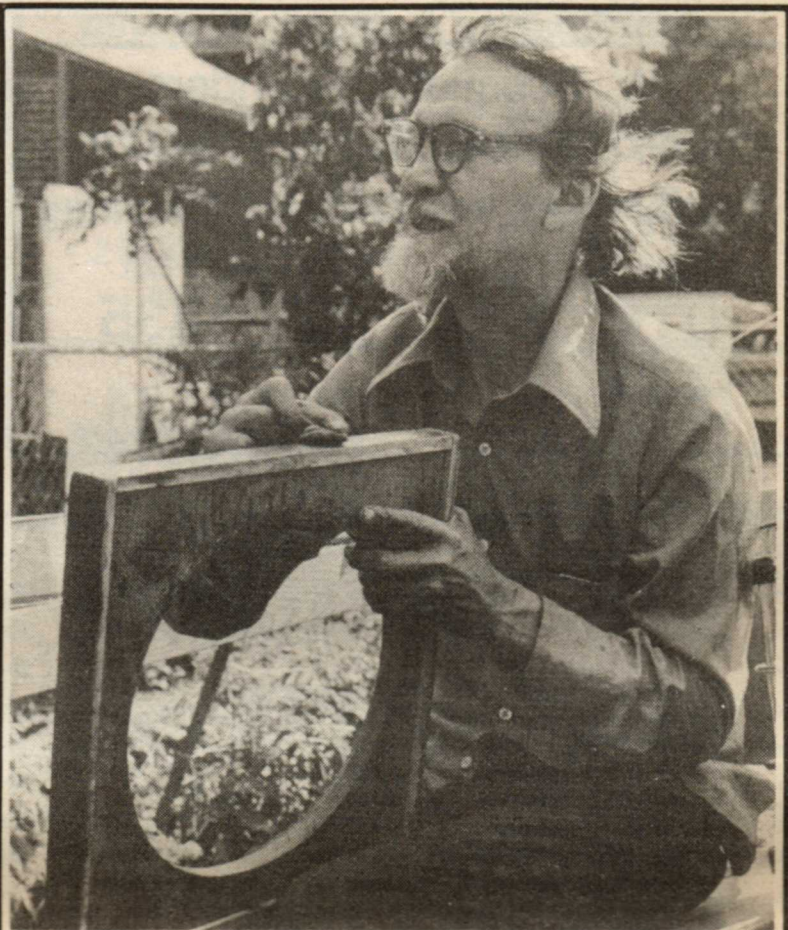


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At Neill-Wycik College, a 22-storey co-operative where the average age is under 25, CLAUDE MILES is a colourful stand-out. A former reporter-photographer with the Toronto Telegram, Claude has spent the last nine of his 55 years as a street vendor. Here at Neill-Wycik's Summer Celebration, Claude finishes an Ontario pine antique reproduction as part of the arts and crafts fair.

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Picking wild raspberries in the Don Valley

By HOWARD HUGGETT

In those long-gone days before we began to pave over the valley of the Don it was fairly easy to reach the banks of the river. It is a lot more difficult now, but it can be done, and I propose to outline a couple of routes to take. However, for a starter, let me tell about one way that won't get you there but will take you to a very pleasant and interesting spot.

If you go along Wellesley Street in an easterly direction to the very

end you come to a small space of land that slopes invitingly down towards the valley floor. Suddenly the land drops off steeply and the steps have been provided by means of logs and asphalt. At the bottom of the hill is the Rosedale Valley Road just before it ends at the Bayview Extension. The river bank is not far away, and you could cross the freeway in the quieter hours, but it wouldn't do any good. Between you and the river, beside the railroad right-of-way is a high steel chain fence, and you won't

climb that unless you have had combat training.

So just forget about the river and cross the Rosedale Valley Road — carefully — and not far off there is a sign looking at you. It announces that there is no thoroughfare for motorcycles and other vehicles. Only pedestrians are welcome here, so take that path, which leads uphill in a general northerly direction towards Bloor Street. It's a steep incline because you are climbing a narrow hog-back ridge separating the Rosedale Ravine from the Don Valley itself. As the path goes up the valley comes into view and at the top there is a magnificent outlook of the whole expanse, including the Viaduct and the heights of Broadview Avenue.

The traffic on the freeway far below is just a steady hum and you have left the city. From here on the land is fairly flat and it widens out as you go north. The path leads on beneath splendid trees thrusting up to the sky and underneath are great tangles of vegetation everywhere. There are many of the familiar wild flowers and some that look as if they had escaped from some garden or other. Wild raspberries grow here, but be careful — there are vines everywhere bearing a fruit that looks remarkably like a raspberry, but isn't. The flower is mauve in colour and an inch or more in width, and it is beautiful, but the fruit, despite its attractive

red colour, is no substitute for the familiar raspberry, beloved of all children.

There is even a plant that thinks it is a blackberry. The leaves are similar, and the fruit is round and black, but it lacks the sweetness of the real thing. There must be an explanation for the presence of so many unusual plants in this area. But push on and you will come to an opening in the trees that gives an excellent view of the towers of St. Jamestown. Framed in all this greenery they look a little like the City of Oz.

From this plateau the land falls off very steeply, sometimes approaching the perpendicular, and if it were not for the dense

vegetation there would be severe erosion. In some places short logs have been driven lengthwise into the slopes to hold the earth, so someone is taking some kind of care of this area. But where are the people? I visited it twice, once on a fine June morning and again on a hot humid July afternoon, and saw exactly one person each time. There is the usual litter, but not much of it, so it does not seem that this delightful spot is much used. Is the climb too steep? Maybe it is for many adults, but what about the kids? Children used to climb up here for raspberries, so I am told. Maybe they have been fooled too often by those imitations of the real thing!

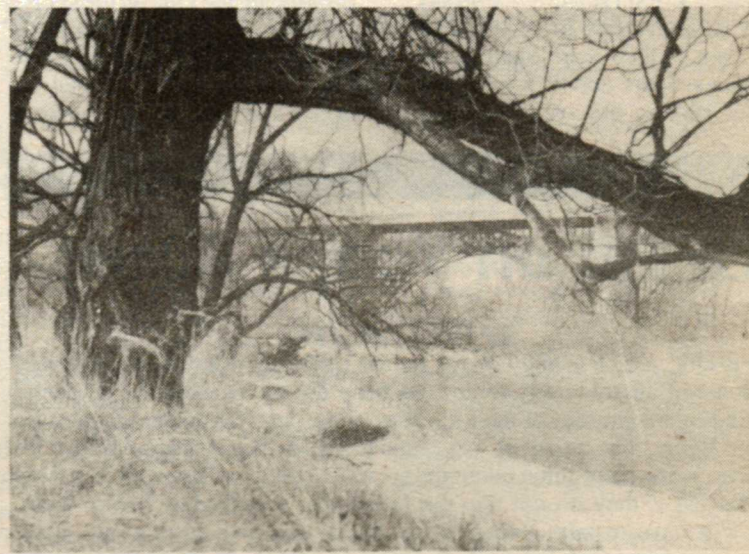


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By BONNIE SARTORI

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Anyhow, your tummy needs

something inside it in the morning to make it happy. You need something in the morning to make all your systems somewhat operable. The following is for those of us for whom the expression "dawn's early light" is just a poetical term, nothing else.

The advantages of it are: (1) It can be made the night before, (2) It can be consumed during a mad dash to the local public transit, (3) It will put a shine in your eye, a bounce in your step, and cause casual passersby to wonder what you've been up to. Without further

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- 1/2 cup unsweetened coconut (optional)
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk

Preparation:

- (1) Mix all dry ingredients
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday August 15

There will be a **blood donor clinic** today from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Red Cross Central Branch, 460 Jarvis Street at Wellesley.

Wednesday August 17

Films on Africa will be shown tonight at 7:30 in the Harbourfront Cafe, 235 Queen's Quay West. Films include *Kenyatta*; *Fear Woman*; *Idi Amin Dada*; *White Man's Country*.

Thursday August 18

Project Awareness is a series of seminars presented this summer every Thursday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Regent Park School, 20 Regent Street. Today's topics include **The Nature of Black Consciousness** and **Rastafarianism: A Positive View**. Admission is free and further information is available by phoning Godfrey or Mel at Dixon Hall 863-0499.

Friday August 19

Today's the deadline! Dixon Hall is having a **street barbecue and craft, art and hobby show** on

September 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you or your group would like to set up a booth and display, demonstrate and/or sell your work phone Susan Sanders at Dixon Hall 863-0499 by today to reserve your free space.

Saturday August 20

Woodgreen Community Centre, 835 Queen Street East, is holding a **Summer Dance** tonight from 7:30 to 1:00 a.m. Admission is \$2.50. Entertainment includes a disc jockey, t.v. singer Nihal, and music for all tastes. There will be a buffet, prizes and a draw. Tickets will be available at the door, but it's best to buy them in advance at the Woodgreen reception desk. For further information call Woodgreen at 461-1168.

Tuesday August 23

The 41 Oak Street Bingo Club is sponsoring regular **games every Tuesday** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the main floor lounge. Come on over and enjoy an afternoon of bingo! Admission price of 35 cents gets you two playing cards, while additional cards go three for 25 cents. Refreshments and door prizes are free. For more information, phone John Sanlon at 368-7503.

Wednesday August 24

7 News will be holding its annual meeting tonight at 8:00 p.m. at Dixon Hall, 58 Sumach St. (just south of Queen.) Anyone who lives or works in Ward 7 is invited to attend. The main item of business will be the election of the 1977-78 7 News Board of Directors. There will also be a potluck dinner: bring a dish if you can, and if possible call 7 News at 465-3810 to let us know what you're bringing.

Thursday August 25

There will be a seminar today at Regent Park School, 20 Regent Street from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Topics include **Race Relations and Prejudice: What is To Be Done?** and **Discrimination: The Legal Issues**. For more information phone Godfrey or Mel at Dixon Hall 863-0499.

Friday August 26

Movies on China will be shown at the Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview tonight. Come to a free showing of "A Trip to Modern China" and "Two Faces of China" starting at 7:00 p.m. For further information phone 466-0776.

The Broadview Y will be holding a film night for people of all ages from 7:00 to 8:30 at 275 Broadview Ave. Everyone is welcome; admission free; free refreshments.

Saturday August 27

A gardening workshop for boys and girls will take place at the Riverdale Library, 370 Broadview starting at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Anne Crawley will conduct the **Green Thumb Workshop**. For further information phone 466-0778.

Come to an **outdoor Summer Festival** at the Parliament Street Library, 406 Parliament Street. There will be books, a puppet show, a paint-in and refreshments. Activities start today at 2:00 p.m. For further information phone 924-7246.

General

During the month of August, The House on Gerrard, 265 Gerrard Street East is presenting **open poetry readings** every Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring along his poems and read them.

cards, apparently en route to being recycled, was intercepted and delivered to the OMA office. In a brief calling for greater protection for individual privacy, the OMA has urged that claim cards be mutilated to make names and addresses illegible before the cards are shipped out.

Humane Society Opposes Wildlife Transfer

The Ontario Humane Society has come out against a plan to remove city-dwelling skunks, raccoons, and squirrels to rural areas. According to the Humane Society, the plan would upset natural balances and cause serious problems for the animals involved. They also say the transfer would be unfeasible in any case, and recommend that people learn to co-exist with animals. "They were here before us, and may well be around long after we're gone." For people who have trouble co-existing with their friendly neighbourhood animal friends, the Humane Society recommends putting screens on chimneys and other favourite roosts; using garbage cans that seal tightly, and not leave feed for pets outdoors.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Seven News Gets Grant

Seven News has received a grant of \$2,200 from the Ontario Arts Council, in recognition of its attempt to foster the arts through the paper, including such features as the Kids' Page, Mementoes of Yesterday, theatre reviews, photography, and poetry. This is the fourth year in a row that Seven News has received a grant from the OAC. At the same time, however, Seven News is pushing ahead on its program to become self-sufficient with a continuation of its supporting members campaign. We hope to have one thousand members signed up by the end of the year. . .

OHIP Records Going Astray

According to the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), records containing the names and addresses of patients and their medical diagnoses are going astray after they have been processed by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). In a brief to a government commission on individual privacy, the OMA said that a package of discarded OHIP claim

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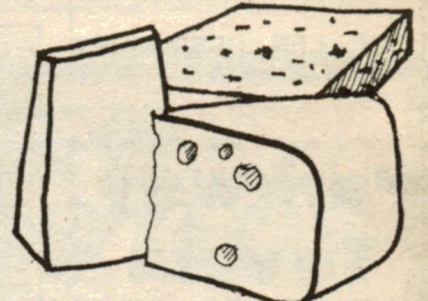
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Beer flowed freely in old Toronto

By GEORGE RUST-D'EYE

Early Toronto, and particularly Ward 7, was amply supplied with breweries. In the early 1900's, most adults in the Town of York drank alcoholic beverages. While beer, (or malt liquor), was originally considered the drink of the lower income groups and of the soldiers of the Garrison, it has, except for the prohibited period, been popular and available throughout all stages of Toronto's history.

The first Toronto brewery was situated at the south-east corner of Sherbourne and Richmond Streets. It was built by Robert Henderson, and had been in business for several years when he advertised, in the Upper Canada Gazette of September 28th, 1805, that he "has commenced brewing for the season, and is now ready to deliver strong and table beer in barrels and half barrels of good quality . . .". Mr. Henderson died in 1811, but the building continued to be used as a brewery. By 1894, a larger brewery had been built on the site, known as the Kormann Brewery, 'specialists in the production of bock and lager beer', which was produced at the rate of 25,000 barrels a year.

Another early brewer was Thomas Helliwell, who built a brewery at Todmorden Mills in 1820, and a distillery as well. The Helliwell brewery could produce 125 bushels of mash from three to five times a week. Products of the business were shipped to town via ox-cart and boat down the Don River.

By the middle 1850's, when Toronto's population numbered 50,000 people, there were 15 breweries in Toronto, including the Yorkville brewery of Joseph Bloor, built in 1830 in the ravine north of the first concession line east of Yonge Street, and two breweries in Ward 7, the Thomas

Mementos of Yesteryear

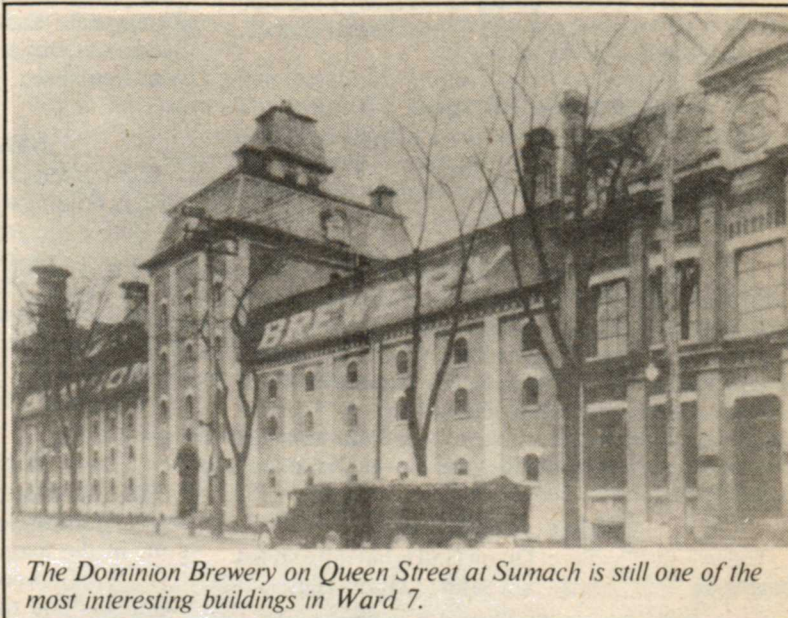


Davies Brewery at the north-east corner of River and Queen Streets, and the William Copland Brewery, (also known as the East Toronto Brewery), originally established in 1830 on the south side of King Street east of Berkeley. Beer and other alcoholic beverages must have been popular with the citizens, for in 1865, 2,031 men and 673 women were charged as being drunk and disorderly.

The Bloor Brewery, a low red-brick building 100' long and 50' to 60' wide, was reached by a roadway running down to the Rosedale ravine at the head of what is now Huntley Street, just west of Sherbourne. Power for the grinding was obtained from the stream, which was dammed up for the purpose. After Joseph Bloor ceased to operate the brewery it was taken over by John Rose, who continued it as the Castle Frank Brewery, which was torn down in 1875. Joseph Bloor, one of the founders of Yorkville, had his name perpetuated in Bloor Street, (formerly the first concession), which passes just to the south of his brewery.

Another Yorkville brewery was that of John Severn, established in 1835 on the east side of Yonge Street just north of Davenport Road. Mr. Severn, a blacksmith, was one of the first councillors or aldermen of Yorkville at the time of its incorporation in 1853. The business was carried on by him, and then by his son George, until 1890.

In the 1840's William Copman established his own brewery at the south-east corner of Parliament



The Dominion Brewery on Queen Street at Sumach is still one of the most interesting buildings in Ward 7.

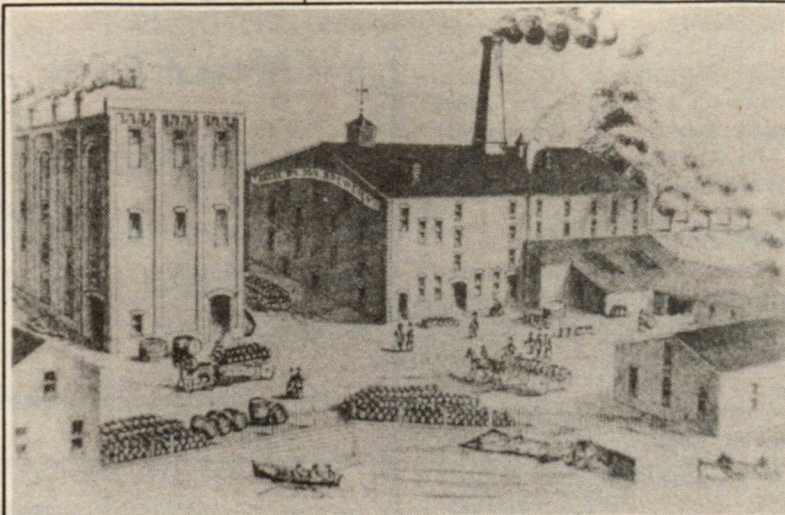
and Derby Streets, one block south of King Street. In 1860, his son took over the business, which in 1882 became the Copland Brewing and Malting Co. By 1891 the brewery extended over five acres, and had "probably the most extensive vaults and cellars in the city". In 1946 the brewery was acquired by Labatt's, and later closed down.

John Doel was an Englishman who came to York from the United States in 1818. He operated the brewery at Sherbourne and Richmond Streets for a while, but later, in 1827, erected a brewery behind his house at the north-west corner of Bay and Adelaide Streets. This house and brewery later became the meeting place for William Lyon Mackenzie and his rebel leaders in the days preceding the Rebellion of 1837. This building was accidentally destroyed by fire in 1847.

In 1890 there were 11 breweries carrying on business in the City of Toronto. Of these, six were in Ward 7. These were: William Cop-

land, 55 Parliament Street at Derby Street; Thomas Davies (Don Brewery), on the north-east corner of Queen and River Streets; the Dominion Brewery, (established by Robert Davies prior to 1856), at the north-west corner of Queen and Sumach Streets, one of the largest and most interesting buildings remaining today in Ward 7; the Kormann Brewery, at Richmond and Sherbourne; the Ontario Brewery, on the south side of King Street, east of Ontario Street; and Reinhardt and Co., 22 Mark Street, just south of Dundas Street on the west side of the Don River.

It is interesting to note that in 1856 there were 15 breweries in the City of Toronto, which extended to Queen Street, and had a population of 50,000, while today there are only two breweries in all of Metropolitan Toronto (population 2,800,000). But aside from the ballpark, it doesn't seem that the consumption of beer by Torontonians has decreased that much!



The Don Brewery (1877) operated by Thomas Davies at the north east corner of Queen and River Streets.



Pictured is the Severn Brewery in the Rosedale Ravine (1835-1890). To the right of the photo is the blockhouse which stood at the corner of Bloor and Sherbourne.

Festival a hit at Harbourfront

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Libraries had a fine assortment of bookmarks and buttons for the collective browser, the Red Cross had stickers and good slide show about the importance of the blood donor and the donation. The South Riverdale Community Health Centre had one of the most active displays. They provided pamphlets about keeping healthy, tested your blood pressure and let you listen to your heart. Seven News provided an informative display, free papers for all, and the service of their multicultural affairs editor.

When you got tired of wondering around talking to people and filling your hands with paper you could sit and watch the cultural

movies. These included: Jamaica, Invitation to India, Chinese Theatre, The Loon's Necklace, Niko, boy of Greece, Darjeeling Himalayas Fantasy, Italy and No Tears for Kelsey.

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One person summed up the evening activities saying, "You could pay ten dollars and you wouldn't be able to see a show like this. It is just gorgeous!"

Rev. John Robson, Chairman of the R.I.C.C. proved an enthusiastic Master of Ceremonies and all of the groups provided outstanding entertainment. The performers included The Henkel Group, Yong-Soon Kim, Folklore Latino Americano, Mei-Chi Dancing Group, Afro-Cuban Limbo Dancer Ms. Peggy Jackson, 3 Irish Dancers from the Plummer

School, the Greek Community Dancers and 3 Highland Dancers. It would be impossible to select the most impressive groups as they contributed equally to the outstanding evening of entertainment and presented to the standing room only crowd.

The members of the Riverdale Intercultural Council, the performers, the organizations and the many volunteers and friends deserve much congratulations and praise for their fruitful efforts.

This event is the fifth in a series of events sponsored by the R.I.C.C. For further information contact;

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Photo by Toby Heyworth



Photo by Patsy Klein

KIDS PHOTO WINNERS

These photos are the winners in the Junior Division of Jeremiah's photo contest. First place went to **Ken Hamilton** for his picture of Boxer Milton Thompson. Second went to **Toby Heyworth** for the two happy youngsters, and a third went to **Patsy Klein** for her group-eat shot.



Photo by Ken Hamilton

Ms. Beaver's adventures in Riverdale

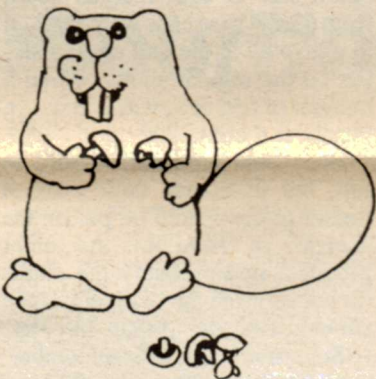
By AUDREY BAYDUZA

There I was hobnobbing it with the tourists on Halifax's posh Historic Properties, trying to pretend that I too was from East Boston and could afford the \$8.50 it costs to tour the Harbour in Bluenose II. That was when I met the delightful Ms. Beaver. Ms. Beaver comes in a slim red volume published by Women's Press and entitled "The Travels of Ms. Beaver". You will generally find her in the children's section of your bookstore.

Ms. Beaver is a quiet, unassuming creature who goes through life deciding to do things... and then doing them. No big productions, no fanfare, just little old Ms. Beaver doing her thing.

Unfortunately, when doing her thing means building a dam in Riverdale Park and creating a lake, there seems to be a bit of a furor around our heroine. There is panic in the fields, confusion in the ranks, and disaster looms on the horizon.

Does Ms. Beaver have a permit?



Does she have a license? No, she doesn't and is duly dragged off to the pound by the local constabulary.

But Ms. Beaver has been fortunate in her choice of neighbours. Those Riverdale folk know what to do. They organize. They protest. They march on City Hall. In the end, the situation is resolved, people's lives have been affected, and things have changed a little in Riverdale Park because of

Ms. Beaver. But life continues to go on. And that seems to be what the story is all about.

As for Ms. Beaver herself, well, having seen Riverdale Park, she's off to see... the World.

"The Travels of Ms. Beaver" by Rosemary Allison and Ann Powell, published by Women's Press, Suite 305, 280 Bloor Street West, Toronto.

Kids Calendar

Danforth Library

Saturday August 13 at 2:00 p.m. come over to the library for an afternoon of **Toys and Games**.

What are you doing on Tuesdays? Tuesday August 16 and August 23 drop by the library for a **Make-believe Mystery Tour**. The fun starts at 2:00 p.m.

Thursdays in August film buffs can watch free screenings of **comedy films**. Show time is 2:00 p.m.

Parliament Street Library

Monday August 15 at 2:00 p.m. come tap your toes and join in the **folk dancing**.

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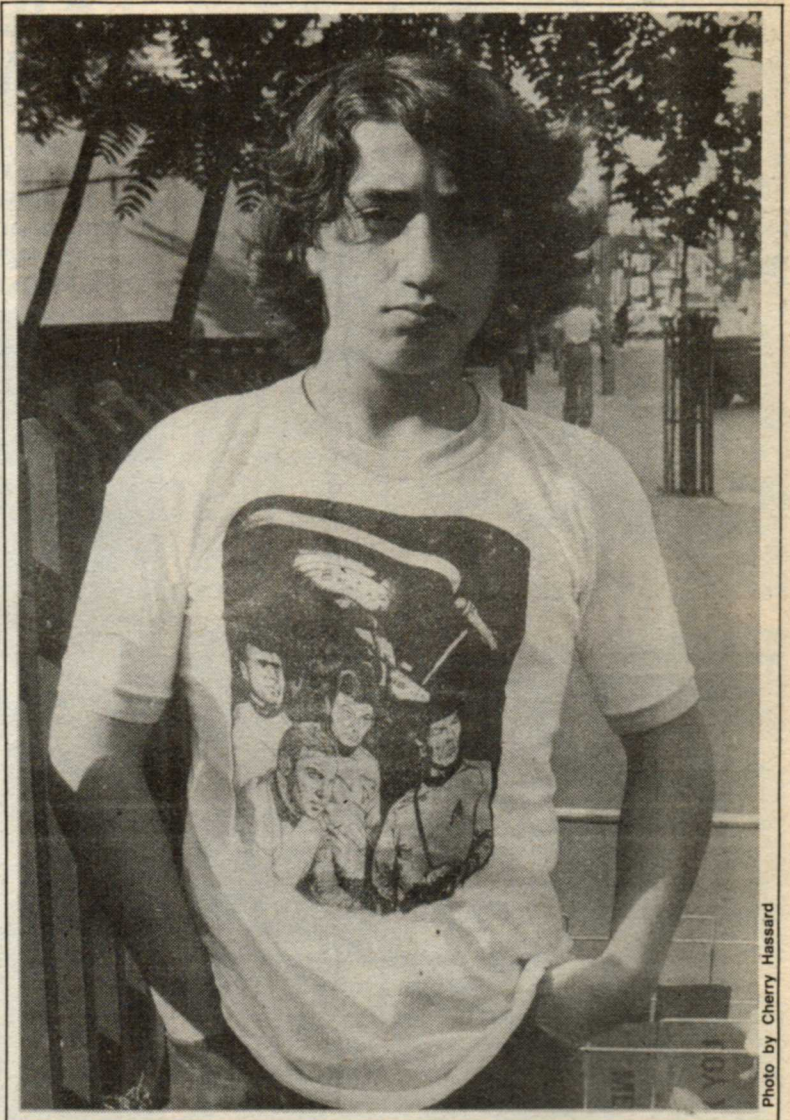


Jeremiah's photo contest winners

The results from Jeremiah's Ice Cream Store Photo Contest are finally in, and Seven News proudly presents here the second and third-place shots. Both

are by none other than Cherry Hassard, who regularly takes pictures for 7 News. The contest wasn't fixed, though — we promise! She was called "most pro-

missing" by the judges. First place in the contest went to John Oughton, whose prize-winning photograph we hope to publish in the next issue. (His entry was a colour slide, and we have had problems in obtaining a good black-and-white reproduction suitable for the paper.) So stay tuned, and keep on clicking!



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Panthers prowl supermarkets

By HOWARD HUGGETT

One of the worst things about being an old-age pensioner, beside the fact that you usually have to get along on a low income, is the realization that so many people expect you to climb up on the shelf and stay there. In many ways that can be the worst part of being old. Well, there is an organization somewhere in the United States calling itself The Grey Panthers. Now there is a name to think about; it doesn't suggest anything about shelves. When you hear the word "panther" you get a picture of a powerful and crafty creature stalking its next meal. Now, pensioners are not likely to be powerful, but they can be crafty. Tracking down their food at prices they can afford on a restricted income requires persistence and know-how, so the likeness between pensioners and panthers is there alright. So, here's a suggestion to senior citizens and other pensioners as well: The next time you go into a supermarket to hunt your food, think of yourself as a panther. Roam those aisles with tireless patience and be alert for bargains. Remember that the best buys are not always the ones that are prominently displayed. Some months ago my neighbourhood supermarket featured a sale of canned tomatoes in the 28

ounce size at 49¢, marked down from 63¢. These cans were stacked in a display at the end of an aisle, but on the regular shelf, behind a number of 63¢ tins, was a find — a bunch of them at 43¢.

How that happened is hard to tell, but of course new stock at higher prices would be put on the shelves in front of the older produce, and probably the clerks do not re-price the old stuff. They shouldn't be doing that, anyway.

Supermarkets, let's remember, are designed to cater to people in a hurry, working mothers for instance. The customer is encouraged to reach for the articles so conveniently placed within reach and attractively packaged to catch the eye. But bright wrapping often covers high-priced merchandise, and the items found at eye level are not necessarily what you really need. Supermarkets give a lot of thought to where they place their stock, and they are naturally going to try hard to get the luxury items up around the level of the eye, so that the customer can't miss them. They know that you will find the necessities no matter where they are.

There are some very sharp shoppers roaming the supermarket aisles now; I see them often. They prowl around and check prices and labels very thoroughly. No doubt some of them

are doing their mathematics, trying to work out if the 19 ounce tins of beets are a better bargain at 41¢ than the 14 ounce ones at 27¢. Why do the cans have to come in such awkward sizes like 19 ounces?

Unfortunately, not all shoppers are thorough and persistent, and it is up to us old grey panthers to set a good example. When we were young most of the present brightly packaged, highly advertised and expensive foods were not available, so we got along without them. We still can, and in fact most pensioners have to, because they cannot afford them on their low incomes.

Unlike a lot of working people, pensioners cannot threaten to strike in order to raise their income as prices go up, they have to shop more carefully. Fortunately they have lots of time to do just that. You know, it can be an interesting game. There is the excitement of the chase and the pleasure of finding what you want at a little better price. Good hunting!

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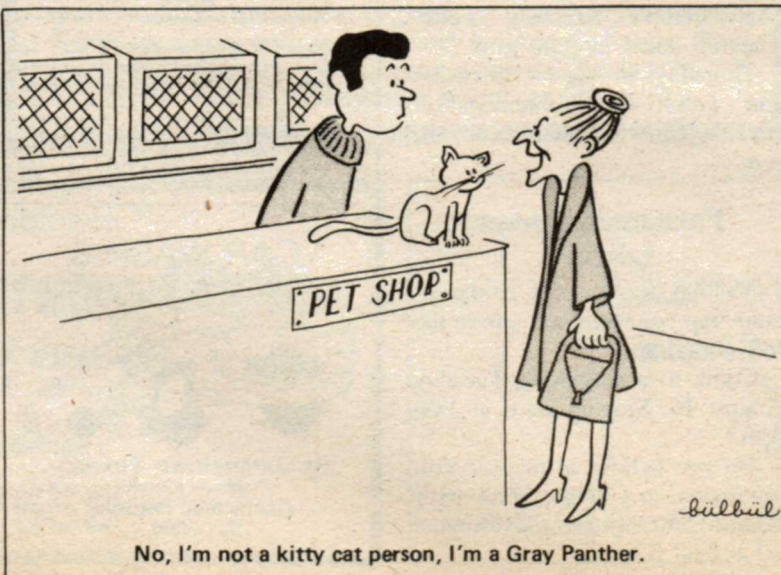
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