

### Pet of the week



JODI ALISON Knickle is pictured with her two birthday friends, Peepers and Fluffy. The cat chases the duck and Jodi chases the cat. Everyone gets daily exercise. Peepers is a white duck hatched from white Call ducks owned by Fred Archibald.

### Dissatisfied with regions

A Liberal Party Task Force has completed its study of regional government in Ontario and found widespread dissatisfaction among the public. The Action group were among those who made presentations to the Task Force when they met in Milton.

Liberal Leader Stuart Smith revealed the findings of his caucus committee in a speech June 21 to the annual conference of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario. He said the eight-member group, created last fall, came to the conclusion that the Government of Ontario erred in 1969 when it tried to impose a Metro Toronto government structure on other regions of the province.

"In our view, this mistaken belief that urban and non-urban areas have enough interests in common to justify their integration into the same two-tier system lies at the heart of many of the problems of Ontario's regional governments", the report said.

It identified five problems with the present system:

1. absence of a community of interest necessary for the combination of urban and rural areas;
2. more costly but less efficient services because of added bureaucracy and over-

3. distorted representation on regional councils;
  4. remoteness of government and loss of accountability to the public involved;
  5. and ineffective land use planning.
- The Liberal committee emphasized that no single structural solution is appropriate for all areas of Ontario and that each area of the province should be treated as unique. "A Liberal Government would begin by deciding what range of provincial services we want local government to be capable of delivering," the report concludes, "and then would structure each system to deliver these services."

Dr. Smith said copies of the report were being sent from his Queen's Park office today to the mayors and reeves of Ontario's over 800 local municipalities for their comments before final adoption by the Liberal caucus.

Members of the Task Force were Herb Epp (Waterloo North) who was the chairman; Paul Blundy (Sarnia); Jim Bradley (St. Catharines); Eric Cunningham (Wentworth-North); John Eakins (Victoria-Haliburton); Remo Mancini (Essex-South); Gordon Miller (Haldimand-Norfolk); Robert Nixon (Brant-Oxford-Norfolk).



PEDDLING THEIR WARES: Cathy Kolosvari, Carolyn Van der Akker and Tiliu Jago sold refreshments at the M. Z. Bennett Circus.



FEROCIOUS TIGER Jimmy Wheeler does his tricks for the audience at the M. Z. Bennett Circus Thursday.

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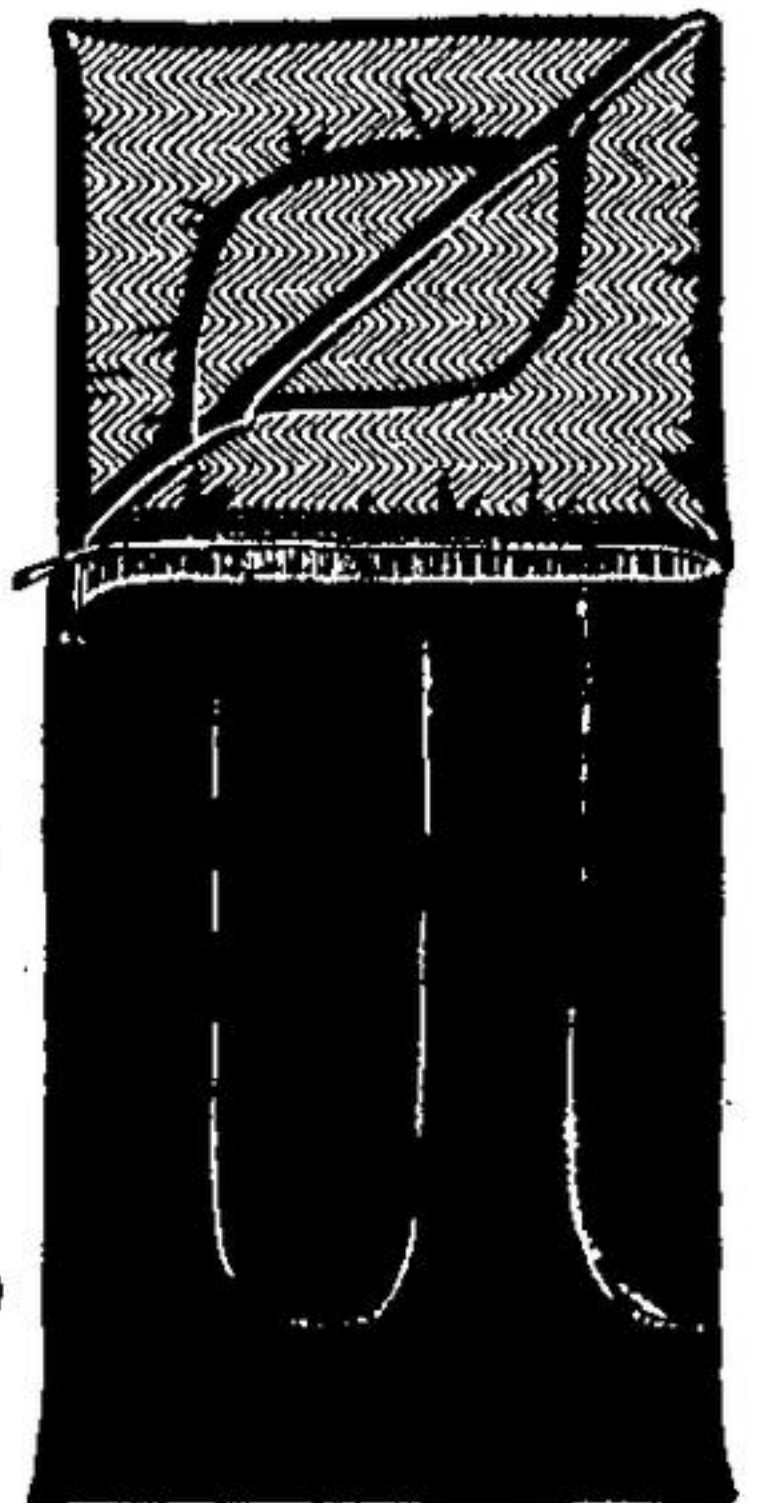
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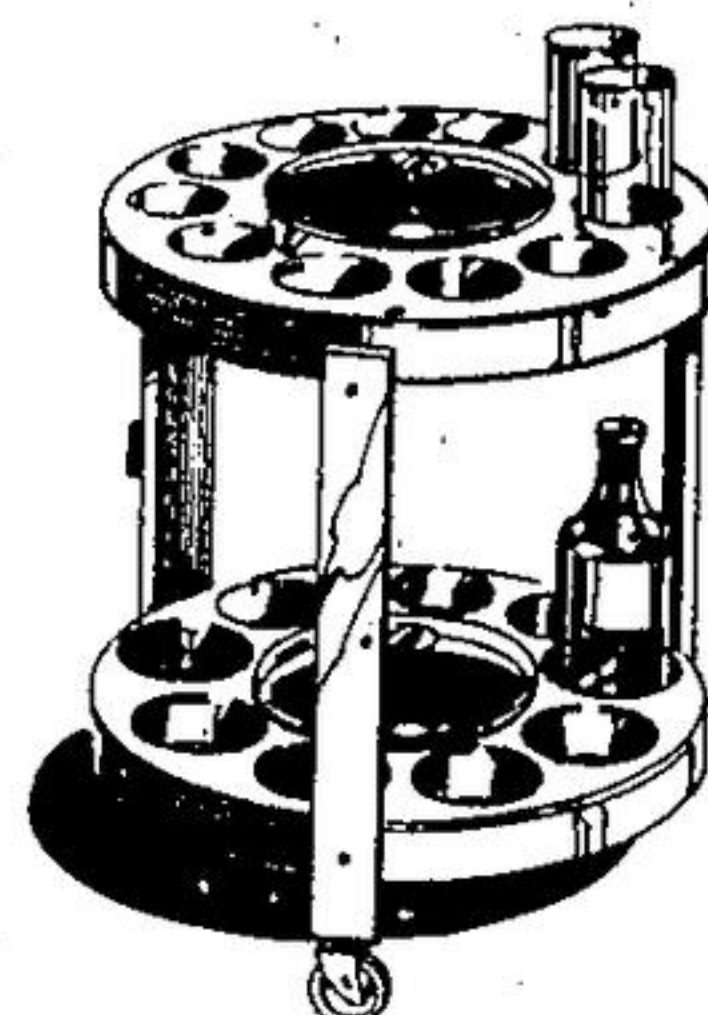
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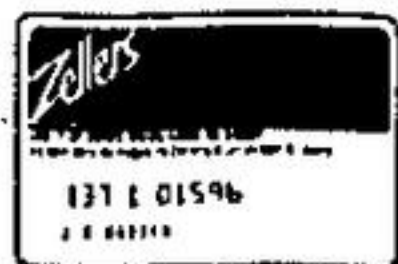


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