

"Extra Store Hours Offer Customer Much Less Than It Takes Away"

49 Main Street North making a few inquiries on the subject and the way it is handled elsewhere.

Recent publications in this newspaper would indicate that the majority of merchants in town favour the opening of their stores on Monday. This would increase their hours of doing business from fifty-one hours to sixty hours weekly. To the best of our knowledge there has been no questionnaire and no vote on the question of whether or not the store owners favour an increase in store hours. Nor has any outside opinions from government agencies or similar sources been under discussion. We have been

es generally. Controlling store hours is obviously very important; so important that it is put under federal jurisdiction.

We visited the offices of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada, and were granted an interview with the national general manager. We discussed closing by-laws, and we were given for our study a copy of Bill 24 of the National Assembly of Quebec. This Bill covers the store hours for the whole province. Again we realize that the subject of store hours is very important, so important that it is put under provincial law.

When you come away from an interview with the manager of the R.M.A., you realize you have gathered a better understanding of the subjects under discussion. It was unnecessary for us to relate the events leading up to the present situation in our town. He already knew them. . . . We gather that store hours regulated by the provincial legislature is the only workable system, if we are to maintain a manageable work week with all stores adhering to the same hours. This will take time. Meantime, we have to use our individual good sense.

We present this point of view in explaining why our store must be closed on Monday. The job of any retailer is the same. He must endorse a family of products, present a good selection of these products, and offer the best value he can. This always has and always will form the best basis for healthy competition. In contrast to this, in a contest to see who can stay open the longest hours, the winner is predetermined. The benefit of such a competition does not favour the consumer nor the small businessman. It is obvious that the small businessman operating efficiently in the customer's interest is vital to the economy. This is why federal governments, provincial governments, and national organizations such as the R.M.A. are concerned with store hours.

It has been our custom to open our stores for fifty-one hours weekly. About fifteen of these hours favour family shopping when the average worker is free to shop. To add another nine hours by opening Monday would offer the customer much less than it would take away. Whether we consider our employees or ourselves, we can not handle a sixty hour work week, or a seventy hour work week, for obvious reasons. We will not intentionally add to the cost of our operation, and expect the customer to pay for it in price increases. It is just not what the job calls for.

— Earl Ryder
Ryder's TV

FOCUS ON ONE CRAZY CRUISE YO HO HO AND A BOTTLE OF RUBBING ALCOHOL



Prime Minister Trudeau influenced the trappings on this wacky entry in the Jaycees Crazy Boat Race. The signs at left and right says "Maggie" and "Pierre" while the writing on the baby buggy says "To Be Or Not To Be."



Old Man River had a few curves to throw at the novice river pilots in the annual Crazy Boat Race. Kris is Krafty says the printing on the side of the skiff, but the Credit was craftier than many of the helmsmen and claimed 40 per cent before the finish line.



Vessels came in all shapes and sizes, with wild accessories. This model features a rubber bold and canvass captain's cabin.



Captain Kwak and his ugly ducklings manned this ark dubbed Fuddle Duddle Duck.

Three Hundred Cree Need More Food And Clothing

R. R. 2, Georgetown

First of all, I would like to thank those of you who called me regarding my letter in the paper two weeks ago. My plea for help in aiding the three hundred Cree Indians in Kasabonika still stands. They need help so badly, and we in Georgetown should really put forth the effort to give them that help. Come on people, let's show other towns what kind of stuff "our town" is made of.

We need donations of clothing but more than that, we need donations of food, namely powdered milk, flour, sugar, salt, canned fruits and vegetables.

You can phone me at 877-8189 and arrange for your donations to be picked up, or you can drop them off at any of the following places. The homes of Mrs. Jeanne Bourque, 181 Raylawn Cres.; Mrs. Helen Cumpsty 48 Main St. S.; Mrs. Ackroyd, 15 Raylawn Cres.; Mrs. Gloria Warren, 8th Line, R.R. 2, Georgetown.

All you supermarket and grocery store owners, how about those bent cans and damaged boxes, are you really going to miss them? Just think how nice it would be for a little Indian child to go to bed with his tummy full.

To all of you just sitting out there on your best intentions, let's get up and do something. Look around, do you really need that old sweater you've been hanging on to; or will you starve if you give away that extra box of Corn Flakes up there in the cupboard.

Just think for a minute, then come and give us a hand. "Please."

Yours truly,
Mrs. Gloria Warren

LIMEHOUSE

We extend sympathy to the Swinkles family in the passing away of Mr. Swinkles' mother in Holland last week.

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Limehouse and Silverwood Women's Institutes combined to entertain the residents of the Manor at their April birthday party on Thursday evening.

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Mr. Steve Thompson, Scout leader and his assistant, Mr. Rick Brown took five of their green pack Scouts on a tour of the Ontario Science Centre, Toronto on Saturday.

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We extend sympathy to Mrs. Byers in the loss of her grandmother, whose funeral she attended in Buffalo a couple of weeks ago.

— Mrs. A. W. Benton

Hockey Youngsters, Skaters Lose Out to Raiders, Tourneys

59 McIntyre Cres. club has also been affected with less ice time than scheduled, they have had to push their pupils to try and accomplish their goal.

HALTON REPS URGED FOR PLOW GROUP

It is nice to have tournaments in our town but this should be within reason and does not deprive most of the home boys and their teams of ice time.

Now are boys being pushed with games to finish by April 18.

I don't feel this would be happening if the Raiders were still in the play-offs, but because they are not, it appears, moneywise, the best course to break up the ice despite depriving the youngsters.

I think next year, it would be a good idea to take into consideration the fact of tournaments (why can't they still leave Saturday free?) and the possibility of Raiders not making it and then work out the boys' schedule.

— M. Sewell

P.S. — The figure skating

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