

They like to wait...on you

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When the meal is considered not quite "up to par" it's not the chef who's blamed, it's the waiter.

When the beverage is considered not quite acceptable it's not the bartender who receives the word, it's the waiter.

If there happens to be any

other problems or complaints in a restaurant, who's fault is it? No one else, but the waiter's.

Constantly on their feet with a never-ending smile, extending greetings, friendly greetings, catering to the enjoyment of others during the social hours, only to receive, in most cases, the minimum wage set by the government. Why do men and women seek

and remain for many years, in the job?

Adah Gibbs, presently the head waitress at the Terra Cotta Inn, has been a waitress for a total of ten years and "there isn't any other type of job I would like to work at." To Adah, being a waitress has been a part of her entire life. As a child, Adah's mother was a cook and often Adah would find herself mingling

with the customers and eventually serving them.

"I think it's the meeting of so many different people which has kept me at this job. Everyone is usually very pleasant and in fact over the years I have run into very few unpleasant customers," began Adah.

"As for the hours, being mostly on my feet, well, I don't find the hours, long because in your busy time you literally don't have a minute to spare. And when things do slow down there's always a corner to be cleaned or trays to be washed. There's really no time to be bored."

"Our biggest clientele here are people from Toronto and this includes regulars. When people return time and time again the atmosphere between customer and yourself becomes much more relaxed. They start to joke and talk with you, they recognize you and familiarize with you."

"As for tipping well, I find that men are far higher tippers. Surprisingly enough the big majority of the customers do tip and in fact I think it has only happened to me once here when someone didn't tip me. However the service does not at all depend on whether you are to receive a tip or not," concluded Adah.

"Captain of the Dining Room" at the Terra Cotta Inn, Robin Footitt, has been a waiter for a little over a year and a half and now would like to become a professional waiter.

He began working at Terra Cotta as a waiter on a part-time basis strictly because, "I needed a part-time job at the time and the Inn was looking for part-time help," related Robin.

But after a year and a half Robin wants to make this his

profession. Why? "I enjoy meeting and working with people. I like finding out just what makes people tick. I enjoy the dinner hour more than luncheons. During the evening meal, people are much more relaxed and they have time to chat which gives me a chance to show them a really good time," continued Robin.

"The hours are a bit strange. I work weekends and during the week and in fact that's the restaurant business, catering to people during their social hour."

"I hate pushing people through a meal, they are out for an evening of entertainment and that's what we give them. It's just a matter of common courtesy and using your head to be a good waiter. However I do stress courtesy above everything else."

For many years the job of

either waitress or a waiter has been considered everything but a glamorous line of employment and often considered at the bottom of the social employment scale.

However, according to Robin, this myth is changing.

"People are now starting to recognize the job of a waiter or waitress as actually holding a position, which in fact we are. Anyone can sling hash but to do it as a profession is a different story," concluded Robin.

Deborah Bell has been a part-time waitress at Hunter's Inn in Georgetown for the past three years. What keeps her going? "I like people. I like being with the public. I like to go up to people and say 'Hi, how are you?'"

"This is a small restaurant. It's cozy and I try to make our customers feel as comfortable as possible."

Deborah, presently a student at Sheridan College, graduates

in May and has decided that she would like to work full-time as a waitress.

"I don't find it particularly hard work I guess because I do enjoy it so much. I couldn't work in an ordinary fast-food restaurant. I like the relaxed atmosphere here," continued Deborah.

"I consider being a waitress as holding a position not a low-class job as many think," concluded Deborah.

Kathy Gordon and Mary Rowe, who have both been working at the Soup Pot for over a year now agree that it's the meeting of the people, whether they be strangers or regulars, which keeps them so happy with their business.

"I particularly enjoy meeting people. I like working with and around food. I like people and this is the type of job which gives you a chance to meet a lot of people. I like to see that people enjoy their

meals and receive the type of service they wish for," began Kathy.

"It's lovely when it's busy, you don't get bored or tired. If you are busy you're kept going all the time and with this place that happens regularly."

Mary, who had no experience as a waitress until the time she began working at the Soup Pot feels that the intimate atmosphere of the Soup Pot should be credited for much of the working enjoyment.

"This is quite an intimate restaurant. It's fairly tiny which gives it a homey atmosphere. All the people I have met are so friendly even people who do not live in town and just stopped in for some lunch."

"Tipping, as far as I'm concerned, has nothing to do with the job. It's more or less just like icing on a cake. I like to see that people are pleased with the service and that they get what they want," concluded Mary.

Clarkson new Caledon Mayor

John Clarkson, Chinguacousy representative on Caledon council, was successful last week in his bid to assume the office of Mayor of the town.

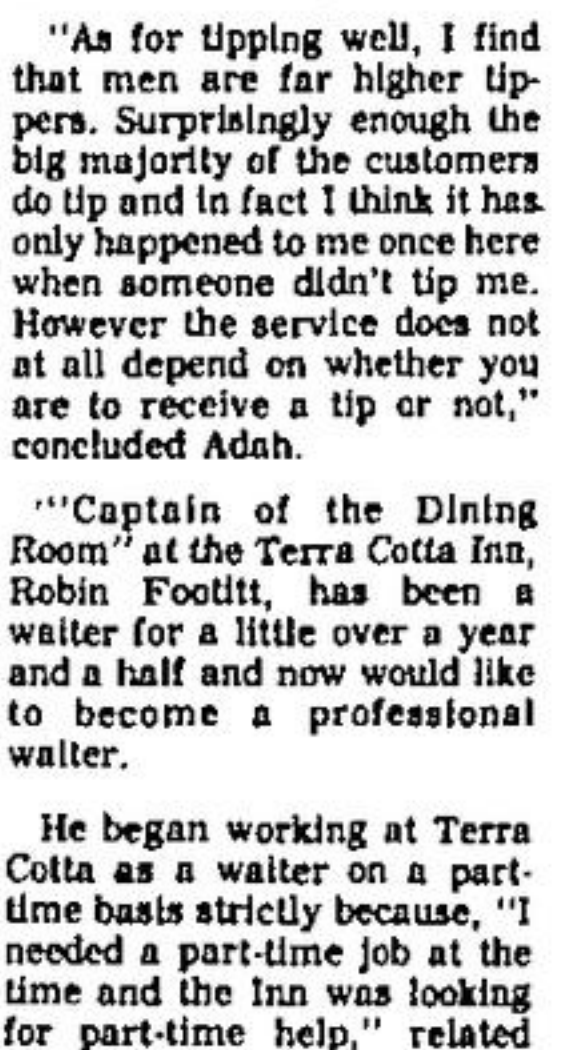
Mr. Clarkson was chosen mayor by his fellow councillors after former Mayor

Ivor McMullin resigned to accept an appointment as Chairman of the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Council is now faced with finding a replacement for Mr. Clarkson on both local and regional councils.



KATHY GORDON a waitress at the Soup Pot in Georgetown, enjoys the social aspect of the job. "I like to see that people enjoy their



"CAPTAIN OF THE DINING ROOM", Robin Footitt, who's been with the Terra Cotta Inn for over a year and a half now, began his career as a waiter on a part-time basis. Now, Robin, hopes to become a professional waiter in the very near future.



Club's first open house look on. The open house drew a large crowd over the weekends.

The little train that could

After 492 people had crowded into the third floor of Georgetown Hobby and Crafts

The club, which has 14 active members from teenagers to over 60's, has been meeting

December club members built towns, bridges, tunnels, mountains, and switching



KEN HOWATT seems to be wondering why the train can't get through the tunnel.

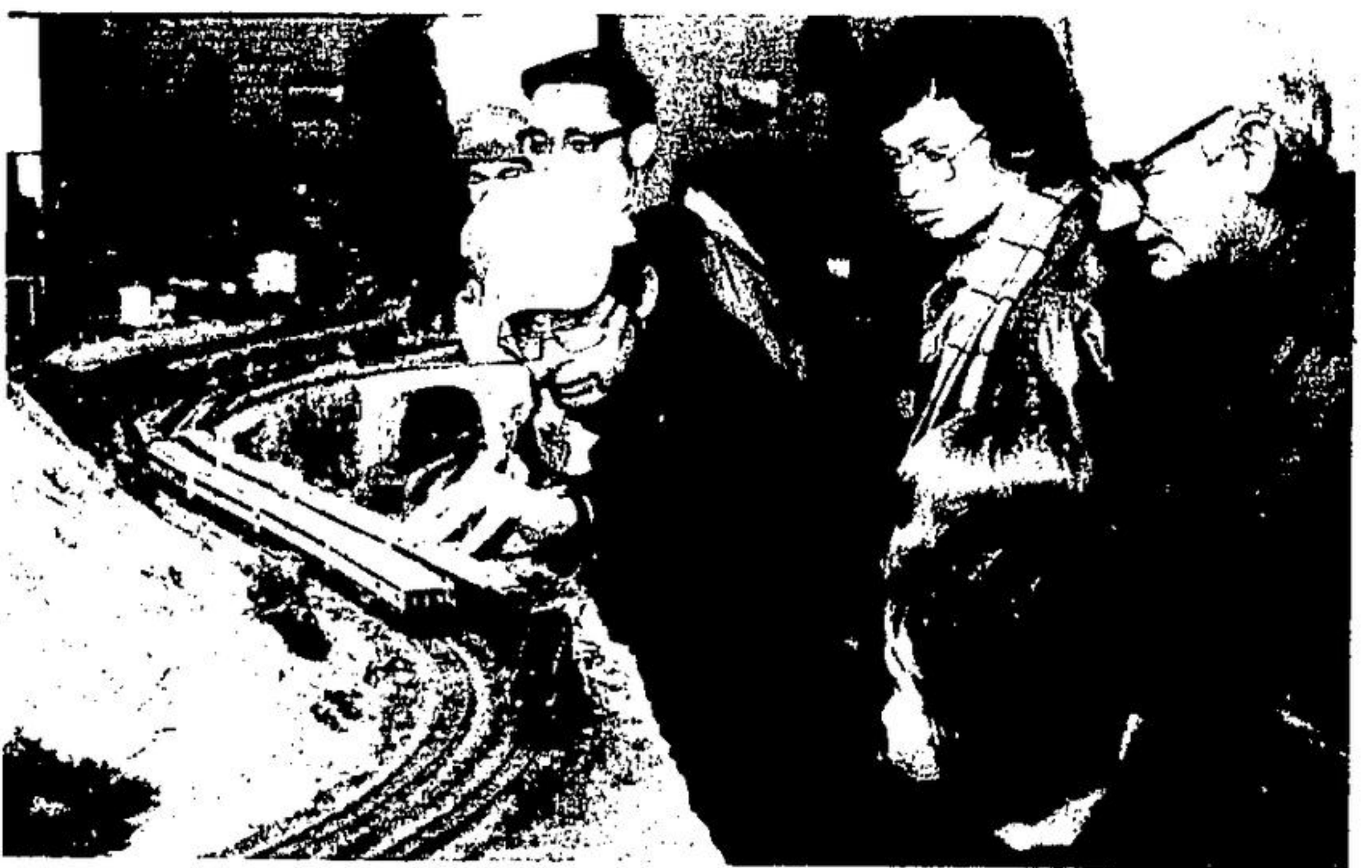
Saturday afternoon to attend the Georgetown Model Railroad Club's open house, club president Dean Beech could only say things like "marvellous" and "fantastic."

"We would have been happy to get 100," he said. "It shows how much interest there is in hobbies. It's so gratifying to see so many come out to see others' work."

yards in preparation for the open house.

A coin collection garnered the club \$80 which Beech said "will help us along with paying the rent."

If you would like to help the club by becoming a member or by making space available for their railroad, call Dean Beech at 877-6469.



DOUG WODHAMS makes some final adjustments to a model train as some of the visitors to the Georgetown Model Railroad

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Ward replaces Hauser on C of C

Bill Ward, manager of the Royal Bank on Main Street, has been named a director of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce replacing his

successor at the bank and on the chamber Doug Hauser. Mr. Hauser, shortly after his election to the CoC last spring was promoted to the Toronto

head office of the Royal Bank. Mr. Ward who had been very active in chamber work in Warkworth where he had been working prior to Georgetown.

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Birthdays for Ashgrove folks

by Mrs. John Bellbuddy
Some of our residents have a birthday this month of the New Year, 1976. Grace Bird celebrated her birthday on the 10th of January. Mrs. Graham Reeve celebrated her day of birth on the 11th and Karen Wickson will celebrate on the 17th of January.

Ruddell, Mrs. Claude Pickett and Mr. Fred Nurse.
Later in the month Mrs. J.M. Wickson will be celebrating on the 21st with Mrs. Harold Bailey and her mother, Mrs. Norman Wrigglesworth of Milton both celebrating their birthdays on the 23rd of January. Lois McNabb has her special day on the 29th of this month.

May happiness attend you, In all you plan to do, And may you find good fortune, Along life's pathway too. Carnation is your flower, And garnet is your stone, And may this January birthday be, The brightest you've every known. Happy Birthday to you all and many, many more.