Community News

Visitor from New Zealand enjoys Canadian sunshine

By LISA BOONSTOPPEL-POT

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Canada Day may not be anything like New Zealand's birthday - Wiatangi Day - but New Zealander Klyne Phipps-Black said she had a ball anyway.

Mrs. Phipps-Black got to see how Canadians celebrate their national day at the Glen Williams Canada Day event.

"It was good fun, just like at home," she said at her daughter's Lynden Circle home. "It's a good day to relax and I liked looking at the arts and crafts

displays."

She has been in Canada for six weeks visiting her daughter, Barbara Phipps-Black, her husband Jan Kosler and their two children, Stephen and Nadine of Georgetown.

However, Canada Day is nothing like Wiatangi Day in her native country where residents use the free day to play sports. 'Near her home city, New Zealand's capital, Wellington, people crowd the beaches for the Surf Life-Saving Carnival where people race boats and canoes,

water-ski, surf and practice lifesaving techniques.

There is also a special historical celebration in the town of Russel where the Wiatangi treaty was signed making New Zeland part of the British Colony on February 6, in the 1800's, she

Another aspect of Canada Mr. Phipps-Black has enjoyed is the summer sunshine.

"It's beautiful weather here," she said. New Zealand has a more moderate climate without the freezing temperatures and blistering heat. Because it has a more moderate climate, Zealanders grow crops yearround and Mrs. Phipps-Black has flowers blooming at her home all

She had found the Canadian people have a higher standard of living, but at the expense of their own relaxation. "At home, people still know how to enjoy themselves, and take a day off to relax and forget about competing with the neighbors," she said.

Mrs. Phipps-Black also noted the difference between rich and poor Canadians is as extreme as Canada's weather. "The poor people in Canada are really poor," she said. "In New Zealand, there isn't such a large gap between the rich and the poor."

Other than these differences, she said Canada and New Zealand are much alike as they both have lots of green country and friendly people.

She'll be spending another three weeks here with her family and then will return to her two sons and the country that is her home.



There aren't any mounties in New Zealand said New Zealander Klyne Phipps-Black who's visiting her daughter, Barbara Phipps-Black's family in Georgetown. She was very excited to meet a Mountle at the Canada Day celebrations in Glen Williams where she went with granddaughter Nadine. (Herald photo)



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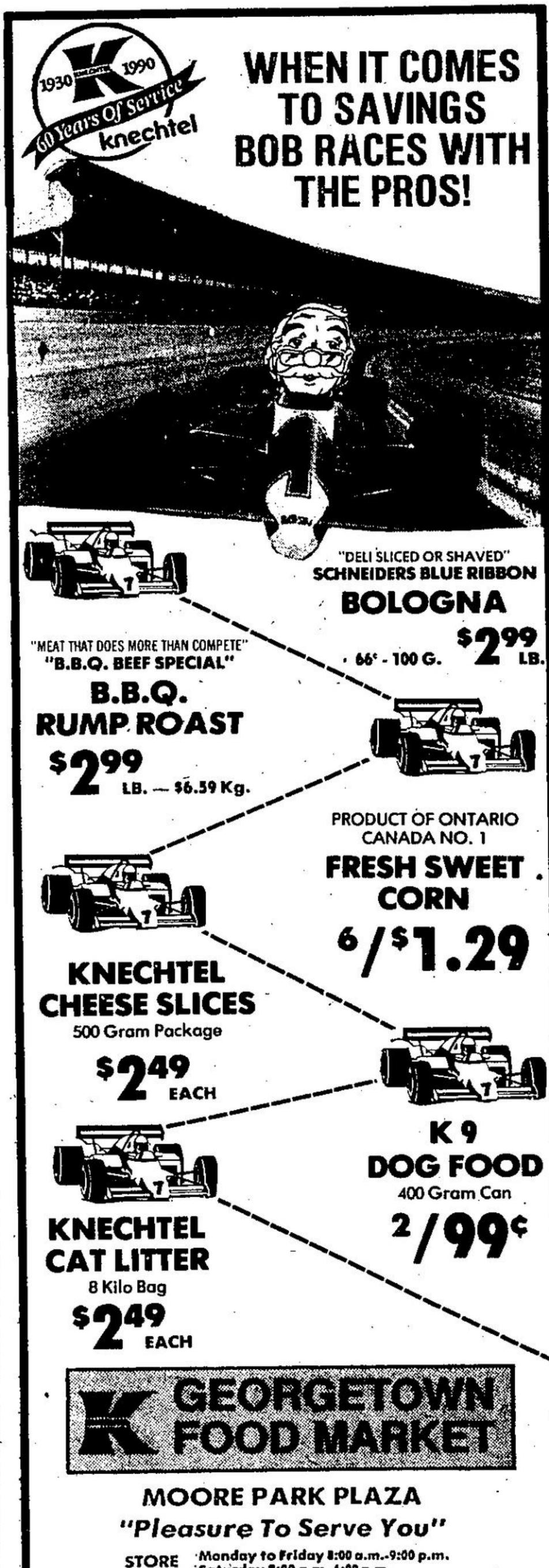
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