

Summers here, winters south

Carny worker tells about nomadic life



"CARNY" Dominique Langevin loves the freedom and travel of carnival life. He spends the winter with a Florida circus.

By Gerry Flaherty
Not all of the young persons running the rides or games at last week's Rotarama '75 were college students with neat summer jobs.
Most of them were carnival people or 'carnies' as they call themselves who inhabit the nomadic world of circuses, shows and fairs.
Clad in the blue T-shirts and yellow jackets of Canada's Conklin Shows, they barked "come right in here - ya look like a winner" as fairgoers strolled by their games or held open the gates as excited visitors eagerly boarded the tilt-a-whirl cars.
The Champion interviewed one of the carnies to obtain a profile.

Carny life

Dominique Langevin, in his late 20s, sported a beige beret as he spoke reverently about

"the carnival life"

The slim man with a tiny blonde moustache got into the business running rides at La Ronde, the amusement section of Expo '67 in Montreal. He's a French-Canadian from Drummondville, Quebec.
He works each summer for one of the large amusement companies like Conklin, and come Nov. 1 starts hitchhiking near Niagara Falls for his annual lift to Florida's winter sunshine.
"I want nothing to do with winter," he said.
Dominique has a visa permitting work in the States, so he winters at Tampa and works at a huge circus run by the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey organization.

Long hours

With Conklin he earns \$2.50

hourly, but the hours add up in the carnival business.
He said he'll make \$800 in three weeks in August, for example, when the show plays the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.
Dominique said he has no restrictions on his personal freedom such as car payments, the married life or a mortgage.
He travels by hitchhiking and lives in air conditioned trailers supplied by the show company.
He said women abound in the carnies business and "I'd be stupid to get hooked up."
Wants own plane
The amiable carnies also has an interesting hobby. He's a private pilot and said the thousands of dollars he's socking away is to purchase a Cessna 172, a four-seater single-engine job which costs

about \$25,000.

They started dismantling the show at 8 p.m. Saturday, for they open up Monday morning at Brantford for a week-long stay.
He said staffers were a little edgy about making sure everything is shipshape, as Brantford is the hometown of Conklin Shows.
Asked what he was going to do after the season ends Oct. 12, Dominique smiled and said "then it's time to go to Florida again."

Milton Police will be playing a fun "grudge" match against Milton Youth Council members on Sunday, July 13 at Rotary Park. Game time is 2 p.m.

Business meeting

Mrs. R. Elliot was hostess to a short business meeting of Campbellville Women's Institute, to tide the branch over summer with no meetings. Mrs. D. Inglis has reconsidered and will be 4-H leader, assisted by Mrs. Bill Mathies. Volunteers for "SPIN" July 5 are Mrs. S. Cramp and Mrs. R. Parker; Aug. 2, Mrs. L. Stokes.

main corner in Campbellville. Several members volunteered to work. There is a possibility another will be held at a later date to help the financial situation for commitments in early fall.
The Tweedsmuir History and Friendship Tea is to be delayed until early fall. Mrs. R. Elliott served a light lunch.

The plaque in the park has been repaired and it is hoped no more damage will be done.

A bake sale was planned for June 25, at the Parkette at the

Town workmen have been painting traffic lines on local streets.



Many entries flower show MILTON and DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The June 16 meeting of the Milton and District Horticultural Society was held in the Union Hall. President George Clements opened the meeting. S. Lockie gave the treasurer's report. Mr. Clements reviewed the correspondence and reminded all of the annual flower show in August.
Burke McNeil was in charge of the program. The judges Burke McNeil and Mrs. Cox judged the many classes of flowers.

The members were given cards to judge the classes and at the conclusion Mr. McNeil gave his decisions and reasons. Members checked their cards for comparison. Mr. McNeil explained the proper use of containers and said to be sure to name varieties when exhibiting. He was thanked by Marjorie Armstrong.

Flower show
A moment's silence was observed for Mr. McMaster. The following are the results of the judging:

Artistic: Class 1, Day dream arrangement for coffee table, 1. Ethel Clements, 2. Lottie Tasker, 3. M. Maxted. Class 2, Artistically modern using three blooms and foliage, 1. Elaine Britton, 2. Margaret Thompson, 3. Mrs. Colling. Class 3, Father's day arrangement using sweet William, I.W.J. Thompson, 2. Mrs. Colling, 3. Margaret Thompson.

Horticulture: Class 4, H.T. Rose one red bloom, I.W.J. Thompson, 2. Mrs. Costigan, 3. Isabel Downs. Class 5, H.T. Rose one peace bloom, 1. Margaret Thompson, 2. W.J. Thompson, 3. Mrs. Costigan. Class 6, H.T. Rose three blooms mixed colors, 1. Isabel Downs, 2. George Clements, 3. Mrs. Costigan.

Class 7, Peony one bloom double white, 1. Margaret Wrigglesworth, 2. Loraine Godward, 3. Mrs. W. Stout. Class 8, Peony one bloom double pink, I.M. Maxted, 2. Mrs. W. Stout, 3. E. Britton. Class 10, Peony one bloom any other variety, 1. Mrs. Stout, Loraine Godward. Class 11, Iris tall bearded one stalk light color, 1. J. Robertson, 2. W. J. Thompson, 3. Mrs. Colling. Class 12, Iris tall bearded dark color, 1. J. Robertson, 2. Mrs. Costigan, 3. Mrs. Colling.

Iris Class

Class 13, Iris tall bearded three stalks mixed colors, 1. J. Robertson, 2. Margaret Wrigglesworth, 3. Mrs. Costigan. Class 14, Iris one stalk any other variety, 1. Margaret Wrigglesworth, 2. J. Robertson, 3. Cliff Wrigglesworth.

Class 15, Oriental Poppy one bloom any color, 1. Mrs. Colling, 2. E. Colling, 3. Mrs. William Stout. Class 17, Aquilegia (columbine) one spray any color, 1. Mrs. Stout, 2. Margaret Wrigglesworth. Class 18, Bleeding Heart one stem, 1. Margaret Wrigglesworth. Class 19, Lily one stem any variety, 1. Mrs. W. Stout, 2. Margaret Wrigglesworth. Class 20, Bowl of pansies not more than 12 blooms with own foliage, 1. Isabel Downs, 2. Mrs. W. Stout, 3. Miss L. Godward.

Junior Division: Artistic, Class 22, Happy faces, an arrangement of pansies in a small bowl, 1. Mary Stout, 2. Brenda Lockie. Class 23, Summer wishes arrangement using daisies and other flowers, 1. Brenda Lockie, 2. Mary Stout.

Horticulture: Class 24, Rhubarb five stalks, 1. Mary Stout, 2. Brenda Lockie.

OUR READERS WRITE:

R. R. 1, Georgetown, Ont., June 26, 1975.

Dear Editor,

On June 20, 1975 I sent a letter to your newspaper regarding the "Halton Education News". The following week I sent somewhat similar letters to some of the other newspapers in the county with the addition of the following paragraph:

"The distribution of educational information via inserts in all the newspapers in Halton County could, I feel, provide up-to-date material for parents and non-parents alike; after all, non-parents are taxpayers, too!"

I am, however, wondering, "Are the taxpayers of Halton County really concerned enough about the education issue to read the suggested "inserts" if the above method of distribution were eventually implemented?"

Yours truly,
Mrs. Margaret Lipsett

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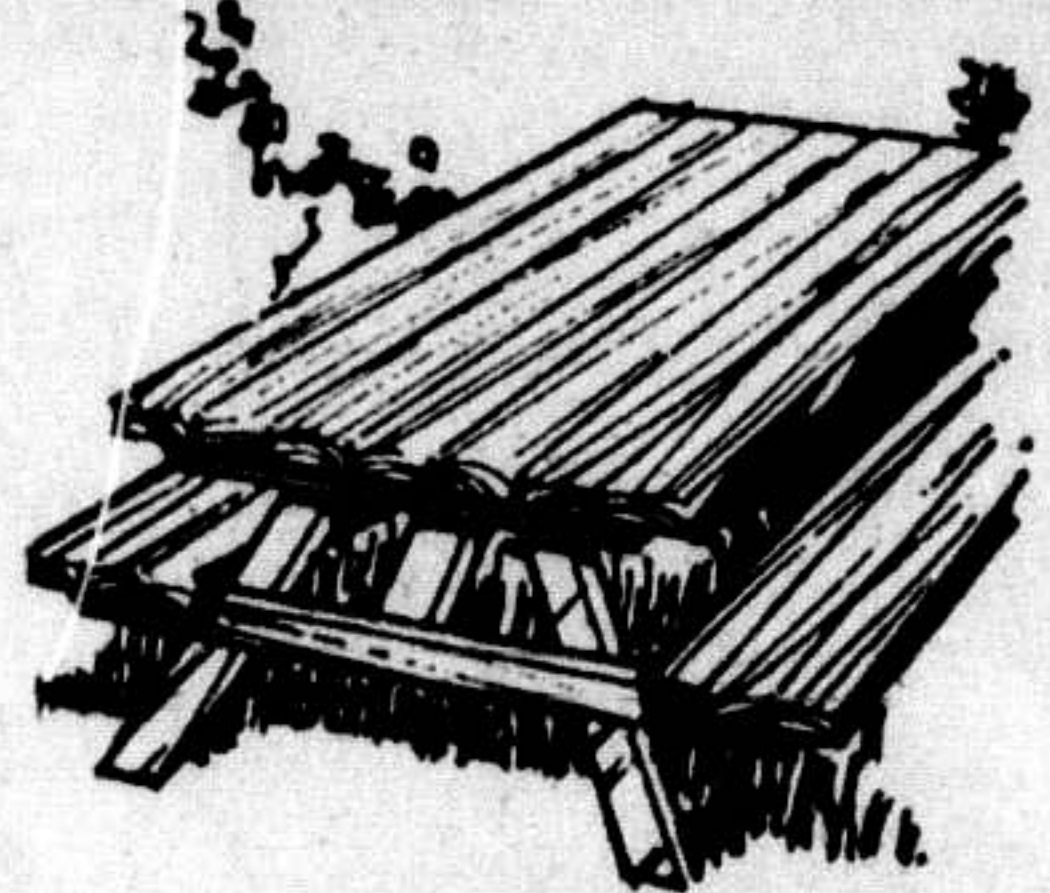
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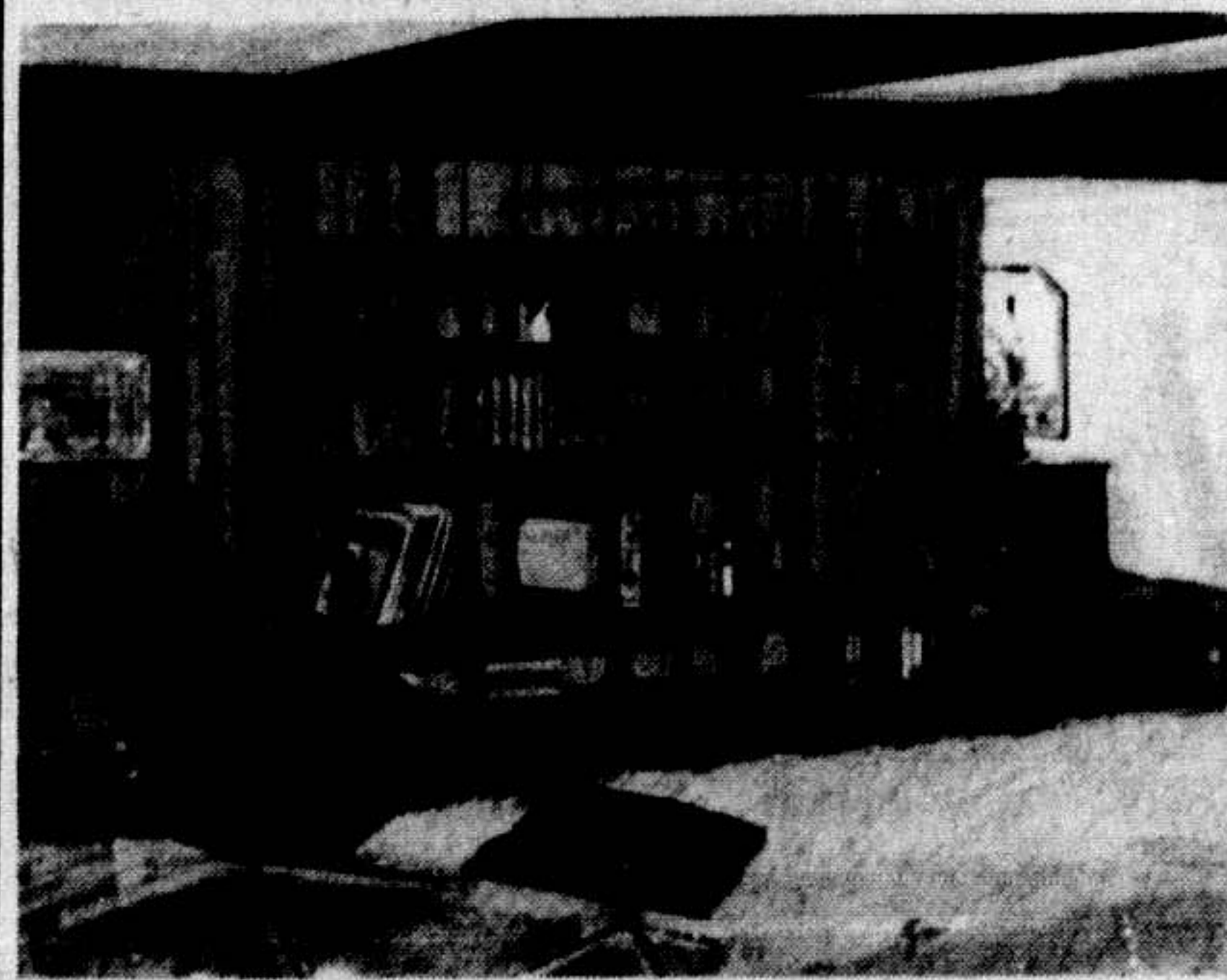
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