air fare

Global TV lightens its late-night newscasts

by Shirley Lane

Global has challenged the eleven o'clock ritual of news, weather and sports, with wry Peter Trueman at 10 each night.

Starting on June 2 (Monday) Global launches Jokers Wild, after the news at ten. Presumably you'll have supped full with horror, and will be ready to laugh with top British comedians who compete for points according to who gets the biggest laughs. Each jokester is given a topic drawn from a hat, and his opponents may interrupt if they think they know the story, or have a better one.

Sounds a lot like the format of Can You Top This an American radio show of the forties and fifties.

A recent Weekend Magazine story notes that CTV news with Harvey Kirck enjoys a larger audience than CBC, in Canada's three largest cities anyway.

On Sunday June 1, at CBC-TV reruns The Business of TV News - a look at how the local news is gathered edited processed and aired.

A long days' night

Lorraine Thompson is a former dancer and a fairly frequent contributor to CBC radio and television. Her interviewing talents are considerable, if we are to take the following CBC press release seriously: "Each night, after Front Page Challenge, Lorraine interviewed Nevada brothel madam Beverley Harrell, civil rights advocate Jerry Rubin, Martha Mitchell, John Mitchell, Chester Ronning, Clement Freud, Lady Sarah Churchill, Dr. Joyce Brothers, Sir Roger Bannister, Errol Barrow, Prime Minister of Barbados and many more". All on the same night?

Apparently not, because the first show is scheduled Monday night at 10 when the interview with Beverley Harrell and Jerry Rubin will be telecast. Ms. (Madam?) Harrell talks about hers, the oldest profession, and how she ran for a seat in the Nevada legislature - which could be the second oldest profession.

Later in the show, Jerry Rubin will talk about the famous Chicago Seven trial and the politics behind it.

Sinclair and Ma

Tuesday night at 10 Look Who's Here will present a crackling half hour with two veteran newspeople, both of whom are well known for their salty tongues and outspoken opinions. Gordon Sinclair will interview Ma Murray, and that could be a volatile half hour.

Henry VIII returns

Remember the golden days of Hollywood, when actors kept their clothes on and the sound track was audible even in the back row? Sunday night at 9, you can enjoy the first of a series of feature films from the thirties and forties produced and/or directed by Sir Alexander Korda. The first 102-minute film is The Private Life Henry VIII with Charles Laughton as the gusty uxorious monarch. One of his wives is played by his real wife, Elsa Lanchester and Merle Oberon plays Ann Bolyn.

A Celebration in Song, an LP produced by a Midland church choir, has been heard on FM stations in Hamilton and Toronto, which proves that good news travels fast.

The Canadian Association of Broadcasters has named CKVR in Barrie, station of the Year, because of its organizational work on the Whipper Billy Watson telethon to raise money for a therapeutic pool for crippled kids.

CKCB in Collingwood boosted its power from 250 watts to 1,000 watts, and they hope increased wattage will send their signal into Barrie, Meaford, and Penetanguishene.

Lucy bumbles

It was worth putting up with all the glitter and phony claptrap of this year's Emmy Awards show to see Lucille Ball stumbling over the envelope containing the winner's name. She didn't have her glasses with her, and all sorts of people rushed to her aid, including Milton Berle, who handed her a champagne glass and suggested she look through it.

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Annual arts and crafts festival in Midland is set for July 1 - 5

It's that time of year again! Plans are well underway for the second annual Arts and Crafts Festival at St. Paul's United Church in Midland.

The festival committee decided at the outset that the purpose was not to raise money, but to expose as many artisans to the community as possible. The committee, therefore, did not add any commission to the crafts. All profits went directly to the exhibitor.

This year, 30 craftspersons and organizations will fill the hall to overflowing with painting, knitting, crocheting, string art, quilting, decoupage, macreme, ceramics, stuffed toys, dried flower plaques, lamps, hangings and much more.

Once again it is expected that the special atmosphere which permeated last year's festival will prevail. The excitement and joy of sharing a unique experience was paramount. Many people returned day after day to explore more booths, watch the new demonstrations and share in the creative atmosphere.

Two new additions to the festival will provide both creativity and sustenance. A children's tent on the front lawn, filled with clay and exciting "junk" will undoubtedly entice both young and not so young to experiment.

The nurse's alumnae of St. Andrew's Hospital has offered to manage a food concession. So plan to spend part of a day browsing at the festival and have a refreshing lunch before making all those special purchases!

Don't forget the **Arts and Crafts Festival, July 1 to July 5. It runs Tues., Wed., Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thurs., Fri. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

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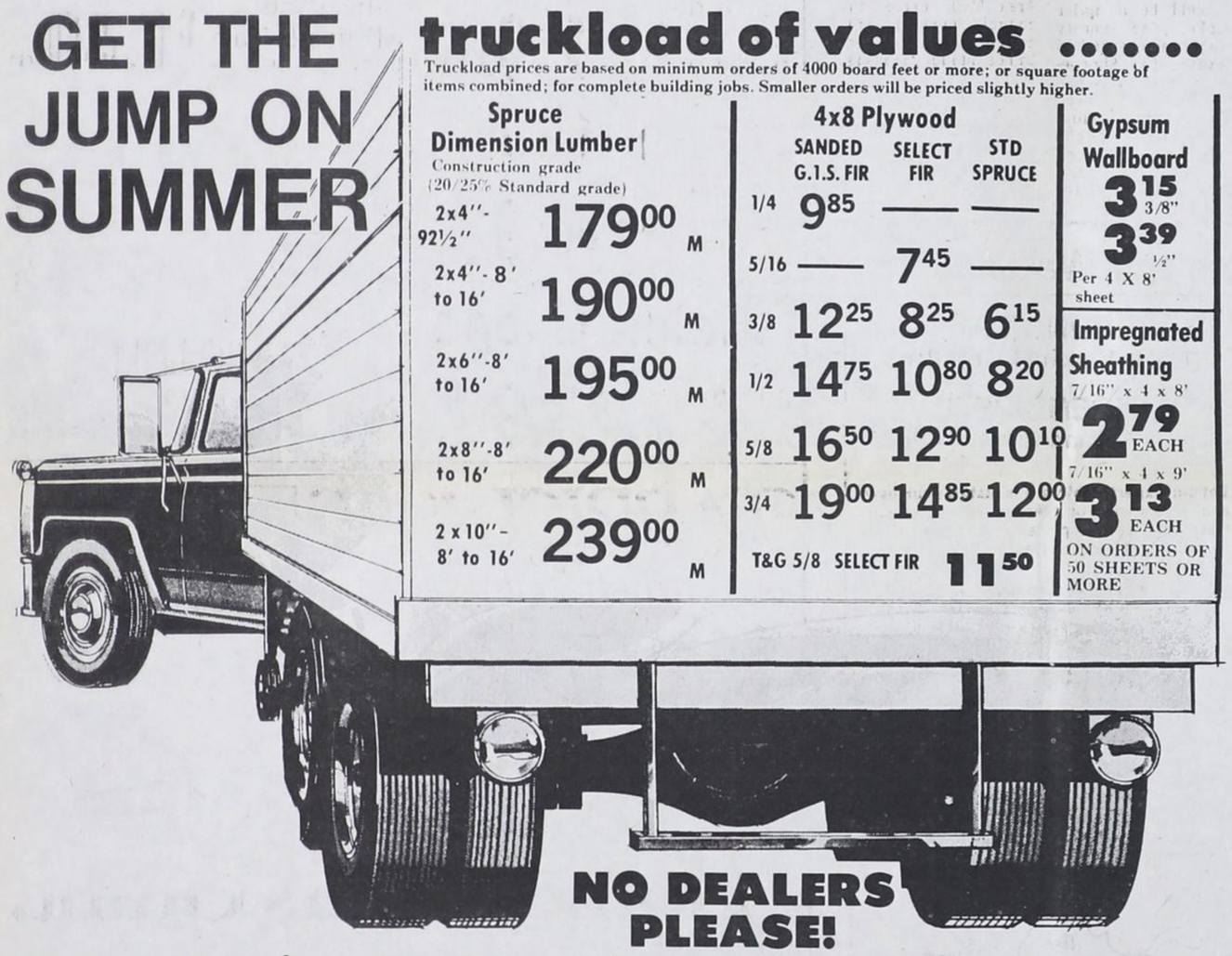

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Pilchards - appealing, mysterious

by Shirley Whittington

Clover Leaf is putting out hefty 16-ounce (oh, all right - 425 gram) tins of pilchards, in natural oils. At 49 cents, they're an appealing, if mysterious addition to our supermarket shelves.

Pilchards are first cousins to herring or sardines, and they make a fine and a satisfying sandwich. With the addition of a little chopped celery, mayonnaise and a teaspoon of sweet relish, they will go to school quite happily in the lunch bags, especially on brown bread.

They are also good with a cold beer during the late movie.

Every year about this time, I wish I had a patch of rhubarb. I never do, because the root has to be planted and nurtured for a year before it can be harvested.

Once it's established, it renews itself year after year. It requires a rich soil, and gardeners can force early growth by putting fertilizer around the roots in the spring. Putting an old bushel basket over the plants causes the leaves to shoot up rapidly in search of light, and thus produces long and succulent stems.

So, like lilacs, rhubarb is one of spring's most pleasant surprises. You can't freeze the lilacs, but rhubarb is ridiculously easy to pop in the freezer. You wash it, pick it over and remove any stringy bits, and cut it into one-inch lengths. Pie sized amounts can be frozen in plastic bags or cartons.

Rhubarb, you'll be glad to know, originated in Asia and was introduced to Europe by monks who cultivated it as a medicinal plant. A lot of people still consider it a neat spring tonic because of its supposed astringent and cathartic qualities, but nutritionally, the stalks are no nine-day wonder, which is what happens when you spend your youth struggling toward the sun, underneath a bushel basket. The stalk contains some iron, a little phosphorus and some vitamin A and D.

Who cares about nutrition when a light and tender rhubarb custard pie like the one described below will put a smile on your face and springtime in your heart?

If you use the prepared pastry mixes, without which no cooker is truly happy, this pie comes to the table with the speed of light, and here's how you do it.

Add 1¼ cups of white sugar to two beaten eggs. Add three cups of rhubarb which you have cut into half-inch pieces. You have, of course, removed the stringy bits and coarse outer skins, if any.

Add two tablespoons of flour, and put the lot into an uncooked pie shell. Bake at 450 degrees for ten to twenty minutes and lower the heat for half an hour (350) until the pastry is golden and the rhubarb sweetly pink.

If calories bother you, you can forget about the pastry and simply stew the stuff. Two pounds of cut up rhubarb needs ½ cup of water and 2/3 cups of sugar. Simmer it over low heat for 12 to 15 minutes, but don't let it get mushy. Stewed rhubarb is pleasant for breakfast, with toast.

More fascinating rhubarb lore - it's a vegetable, not a fruit, unlike the tomato which is a fruit, not a vegetable.

One pound of rhubarb will make about two cups of cooked rhubarb. It combines well with pineapple and strawberries.

Rhubarb is related to burdock, and some people call it "pie plant". You can't eat the leaves.

And that's all I know about rhubarb.

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