

# That's My Line



## Charlie Farquharson Author

by Murray Moore

Charlie Farquharson, the rural philosopher from up Parry Sound way, was in Midland on Wednesday, autographing copies of his latest, and fifth, book, *Yer Last Decadent, 1972-1982*.

While seated at a drafting table, dressed in his familiar costume of a torn brown cap, glassless wire spectacles, a gray sweater, a red lumberjack shirt that matched his red lumberjack coat, and green pants, Farquharson said that he thinks that Midland is "middli' good."

Slipping briefly into his real identity, Don Harron, who until last summer hosted CBC Radio's popular weekday morning interview and music show, *Morningside*, said that he first came to Midland 50 years ago to swim in Little Lake Park. The town's waterfront skyline hasn't changed, he said. The elevators on the waterfront today as the same elevators he remembers from 30 years ago.

Harron delighted buyers of his new book with a quick one-liner to suit the occasion while signing book flyleaves. For other fans who didn't buy a book he signed greeting cards and autograph books, among them a get well card to one woman's grandmother who is in hospital.

The age of his audience was immaterial. At one point in his 90 minutes of promotion, Harron bent around the side of the table to make loud noises at a nine-month-old child in a stroller.

Asked if he occasionally meets

people who dress and talk as Charlie does, Harron said that while in Bracebridge the day before he saw nine other men on the street wearing his jacket.

The veteran of the country music show *Hee Haw* can be heard each Sunday on CFRB, which stands for, according to Charlie, Charlie Farquharson, Retired Bankrupt.

Harron was in Midland at HOS on a long cross-country tour that will take him west for two weeks, back to Ontario for four days, and then away again to the Maritimes.

The Charlie Farquharson books are published every two years. Harron's publisher would like to issue a new Farquharson volume every year but Harron insists one book a year would be too much. "What do you think I am, a member of the Pierre Berton Book Every Month Club?"

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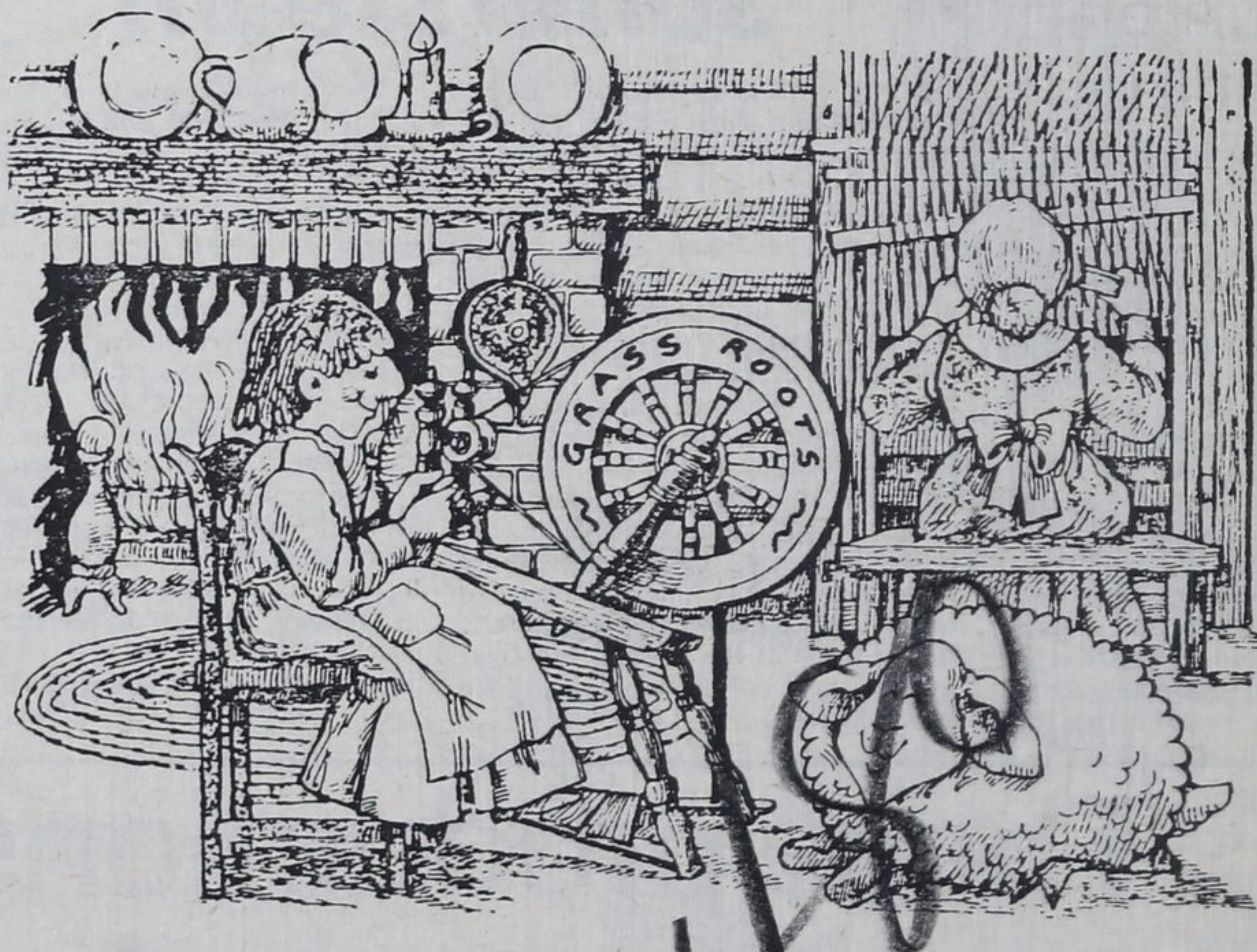
### Elaborate exhibition at Ste Marie

An elaborate exhibition presented by the Public Archives of Canada, entitled "Dreams of Empire", is being displayed in the foyer of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and is open to the general public until Nov. 23. The exhibit consists of 88 panels weighing a total of 5,400 pounds and covering 2,500 square feet. "Dreams of Empire"

features 250 documents providing an overview of Canadian history from the coming of explorers to the year 1700. There is no admission charge and the hours are as follows: Nov. 12, 22 & 23 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Nov. 15-19 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7 p.m.-10 p.m.; weekend of Nov. 20 & 21 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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