

spotlight on people

Carpet selling is in his blood

By Denise Romberg

To some people tales of magic carpets may seem strange. Not so to Alan Bender, 28, president of Bender Rugs. To him, carpets seem as magic now as ever before. The tale he tells is of a few years ago, when he would mount 9' by 12' rugs on the roof of his car. This was to transport them to Waterloo, Ontario.

There, these same carpets decorated not only the floors, but the walls of Bender's one-bedroom apartment.



Alan Bender following in father's footsteps.

Bender strokes his beard and thinks back. From behind his aviation-type glasses his eyes light up as he remembers the excitement of making the first sales.

"I'd put an ad in the paper and be flooded with telephone calls and people. Although the profits from each sale didn't amount to any more than \$15, the money was helpful in covering my rent and some of my university tuition."

Along with distributing carpet, Bender was also a full-time sociology student at the University of Waterloo. In the three prior years, he earned a business diploma from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto.

It was not his business background, however, that fostered an interest in selling carpet.

In fact, Bender comes from a family that has quite a history in the carpet business. It dates back some 45 years.

"In 1931, when my father came to Canada, he was the original Polish carpetbagger," Bender explains.

"My father brought his business with him and when he arrived, he opened a warehouse and began distributing carpet."

Bender is quite humble in discussing his participation in his father's business. It was Bender's idea to enlarge the warehouse located on Woodbine Avenue and to expand into the retail business.

This idea finally came to fruition on March 1 of this year when Bender Rugs opened its first retail store in Richmond Hill. The new location has worked out well for Bender, since it is not far from his home.

He and his wife Susan have been married for 2½ years. More than half of their married life has been spent at 52 Springhead Gardens in Richmond Hill.

"I think Richmond Hill is a great place to live," Bender says. "It's distinctively small, but close to Metro Toronto."

Home life has made Bender "creative and handy enough", he says. He's even done some of the carpet installation in his home.

Last August, at his wife's request, Bender gave up smoking. He is now a card carrying member of the Non-Smokers' Rights Association.

When asked why he joined, he said, "I just think that non-smokers have rights too, particularly in asking smokers not to smoke."

However, by the time Sunday mornings arrive, Bender has long forgotten about the non-smokers. He's forgotten about carpets too.

In the winter, he's off to Huronia or Collingwood to ski. "I'm not a hotdog or anything, but I think skiing is the greatest sport in the world. I'm completely addicted," he says.

The summer brings out another dimension. According to Bender, it's one of recent vintage too.

"My in-laws have a cottage where I've started fishing. It's a new sport for me, and now I have invested in all the best equipment, I'd like to learn how to catch some fish."

Industrial arts, home economics and music for RC intermediates

Programs in industrial arts, home economics and instrumental music will be established for intermediate students (grade 7-10) in schools of the York Region Roman Catholic School system as funds become available, trustees decided.

The decision was reached on a recommendation by Aurora Trustee John O'Mahony and Richmond Hill Trustee John Taylor of the board's education committee.

Home economics and industrial arts programs were approved for St. Robert's, Thornhill, for September 1975.

St. Robert's will be the location of the system's first junior high school.

The junior high will be offering a grade 9 course beginning this fall, to be expanded to include grade 10 the next year.

St. Robert's will also have grade 7 and 8 classes.

To other areas

It is also proposed, if funds are available, to introduce home economics and industrial arts in St. Peter's School, Woodbridge, in September 1976, in Newmarket in a proposed new school in September 1977, and at St. Joseph's School, Markham, if and when an addition is built there.

Each centre could accommodate 18 classes of 18-20 pupils each, it was noted.

Instrumental music

The instrumental music option is already started in Newmarket and Aurora.

It can be implemented in any school with a sufficient number of intermediate students and where there is sufficient pupil and parent interest.

(That means where parents are willing to rent instruments at approximately \$40 per year).

Introduction of the option is also qualified by having available a competent instrumental music teacher.

It was reported the instruction will be confined to brass, woodwind and percussion instruments, providing this will fit into the music program of the senior high schools the graduates will be attending.

It was suggested the home economics program being offered at John XXIII, Markham, could be expanded to include other students in the area.

Centennial Accordion Band name was wrong

There was an incorrect identification of the accordion band of which members were pictured on the front page of The Liberal March 19 edition.

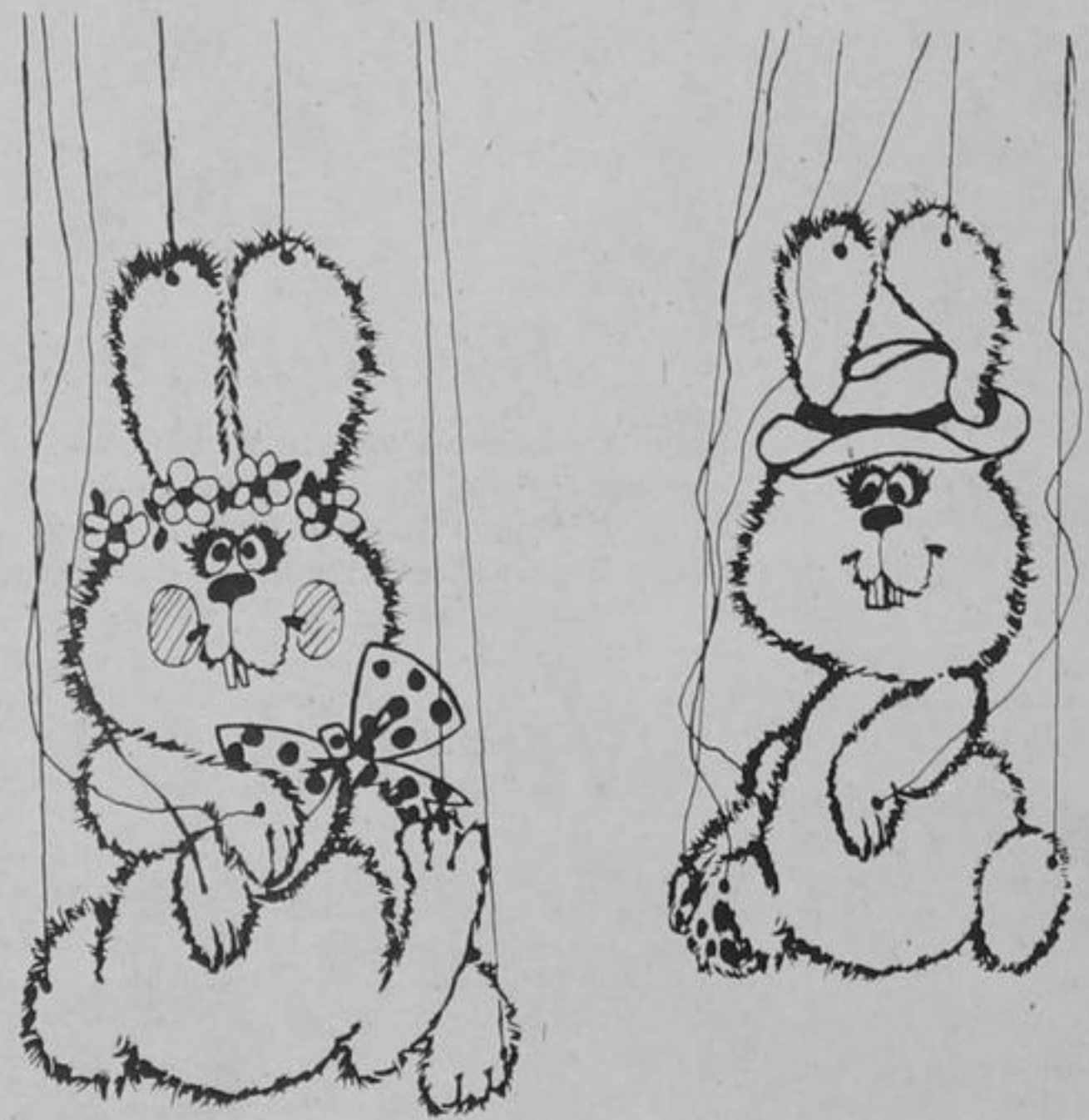
The band should have been identified as the Centennial Accordion Band and Majorettes. The band was featured during intermission at the St. Patrick's Night Dance in the Masonic Hall.

The members of the band organization in the picture were Tom Steenson, Cyril Steenson and Diane Irving of Richmond Hill, Kim Kerohan of Unionville and Denise Johnston of Don Mills.

The Liberal regrets this error.

Puppet Show

at the Centre Court on the mall
Saturday, March 29th.
shows at 11 a.m., 12 noon, 2, 3, 4 and 5 p.m.



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Bring the children to see the Puppet Show

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\$17 monthly is like winning Olympic lottery

For a family of five subsisting on \$52 a month, an additional \$17 a month is almost as good as winning top prize in the Olympic lottery.

In one case the beneficiaries are Mr. and Mrs. Angel Teodoro Flores and their three children of Tumaco, Colombia; the donors Mr. and Mrs. William Wheeler and their two children of 129 Kirk Drive, Thornhill.

It all came about through the Foster Parents Plan of Canada, 153 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, when the Wheeler family decided to "adopt" a child less fortunate than their own.

Over a period of a few months, Blanca Nubia Flores, 7, has become a "sister" to Bradley Wheeler, 7, and Valerie, 5. When Valerie was given money for

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her birthday, she sent it to South America to Blanca. And through PLAN, the Wheelers correspond with Blanca.

Family extension
"She has become an extension of our family," Mrs. Wheeler told The Liberal.

When a child is adopted through PLAN, the whole family benefits, she explained.

"Right away the whole family get a full medical check. It makes a big difference for them, between bare essentials and a few little extras."

Blanca's caseworker reports Angel Teodoro Flores works as a boat

motorist. His wife stays at home to care for Blanca and her brothers, Edgar Marciano, 5, and Segundo Angel Teodoro, 4.

They live in a three by 10 metre square wooden house with a tin roof divided into three rooms and furnished with the barest essentials. They have a wooden firepit for cooking and heating.

Of their \$52 monthly income, \$30.80 goes for food — fish, rice, beans, meat, coffee, sugar cane, cooking bananas, potatoes. They spend \$8 for rent and another \$8 for clothing. The remainder is spent on electricity, drinking water, charcoal, soap and transportation.

And by no means the least of the benefits will be the link with another family in another country — a family that cares.

transportation.

Get medicine now
Although the Flores family is in better health than many in their circumstances, they suffer from intestinal parasites.

But thanks to the addition to the family income they will now receive medical treatment for this.

The parents' aim is to give their children the best possible education. Blanca and Edgar are already in school, and although they are poorly dressed, they are clean and well cared for.

The Wheelers' monthly contribution will help to buy vitamins, blankets, towels, medical and dental care and provide sustained guidance and counselling.

Prospective foster parents may ask for a child living in the country they wish to support. The number to call is 920-1654.

Want to share

Mr. Wheeler is manager of a plastics plant in Downsview. "We are fairly comfortable and we feel that we should share," Mrs. Wheeler said in explaining why they had applied for a foster child.

"We have already exchanged letters and are quite thrilled about it." She wasn't very keen about personal publicity, but agreed if it would encourage other people to participate in the program it would be worthwhile.

Foster Parents Plan operates in Bali, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Peru, the Philippines and Viet Nam.

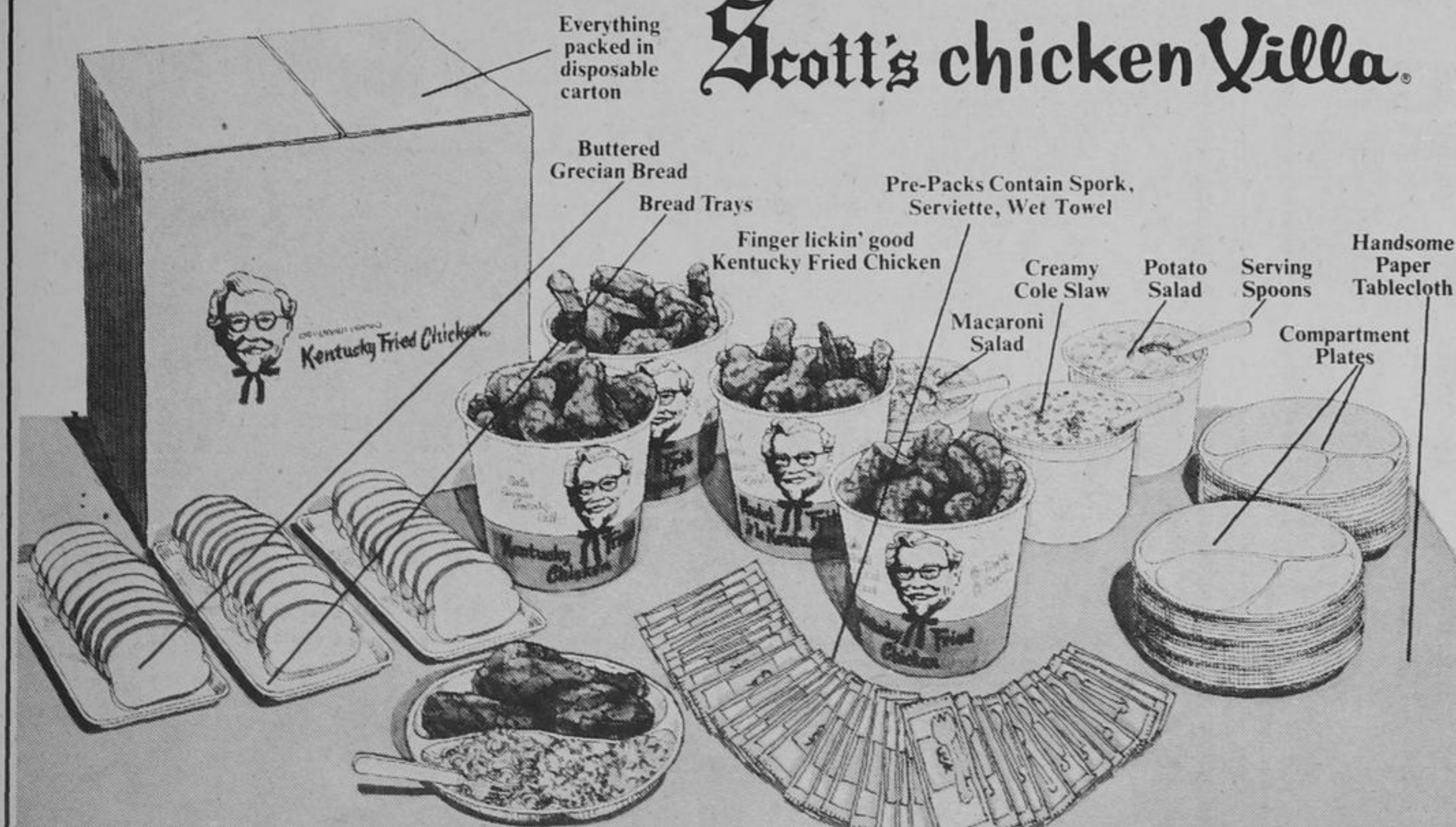
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Bolereau, Persian Gold. 12' x 3'8"	25.95
Tuscan, Relic Gold. 12' x 5'7"	38.95
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Lanveau, Antique Pewter. 12' x 4'	27.95
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Kodiac, Midnight Blue. 12' x 4'10"	33.95
Kodiac, Safari Spice. 12' x 5'6"	37.95
Lanveau, Antique Pewter. 12' x 10'1"	145.00
Lanveau, Natural Green. 12' x 10'9"	149.95
Candleglow, Crystal Lime. 12' x 8'10"	119.95
Canadeau, Cypress Sundown. 12' x 8'5"	110.95
Alpha, Trianon. 12' x 7'11"	99.95
Fortuneau, Oatmeal. 12' x 8'4"	119.95
Fortuneau, Atlantis Blue. 12' x 10'4"	139.95
Fortuneau, Danish Copper. 12' x 10'10"	139.95
Entrancing, Sugar & Spice. 12' x 10'8"	149.95
Entrancing, Coffee Tones. 12' x 7'4"	99.95
Spring Twist, Amber Tones. 12' x 7'6"	99.95
Empereau, Crystal Gold. 12' x 8'9"	175.00

There are many stores that sell broadloom. And, when you read their ads the choice can be confusing, and deceiving. Low price alone doesn't necessarily mean you have purchased a bargain, unless you're absolutely certain the carpeting is of top quality.

Because, poor quality means carpeting that won't stand up to wear. In a short time, it mottles, discolours, and the "bargain" you thought you purchased turns out to be something you want to hide.

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Empereau, Indian Aqua. 12' x 16'6"	325.00
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