

regional viewpoint

Murdered any one lately?

By Jim Irving

Have you raped anyone lately? No, no, forgive me, I'm sorry. That's really a bit too personal, a bit too harsh. It implies there's something wrong with you — that you're a bit sick in the head.

And being the family paper we are, we don't wish to suggest any of our readers fall into that category. We like to think they're as healthy as the rest of us.

So, let me start all over again. Have you murdered anyone lately? Now, that's more like it. That's putting the subject on common ground where we can all relate to it.

Don't you agree? I mean there are so few things we can do anymore that aren't restricted, because the government is always working overtime to

protect us from ourselves. But murder you can, apparently.

Token penalty

Oh, there's a token jail term of course, but it's only to satisfy those reactionaries who consider life sacred and can't understand why one should be able to kill with impunity.

If you're a killer with a feeling for human dignity, you can always sharpen a spoon from the prison dining hall and take a couple of guards hostage. Then, with that hearing you'll get on national TV, you'll be able to bring about your transfer to the other side of the jail where the sun doesn't come in first thing in the morning.

Another thing. If you're an immigrant and have been domiciled here for five years, but have never taken out citizenship papers, you can kill

someone and not be deported.

However, if you have smoked hash, slugged a cop, or committed armed robbery — none of which is exactly praiseworthy either — even though you have lived here 29 or your 32 years — you could be deported without so much as a backward glance. Which would be the least backward of things connected with it.

Happened here

That's what happened to Ian Jefferis of Richmond Hill. You remember him. His story was in the papers several times during the past couple of months — and the feeling now is that all that publicity sped up his deportation to his "native" land. The stories told about his trouble with the law during a four-year span. How he served his jail term and had since worked hard to

rehabilitate himself. But because he had never been naturalized — and because of his record — he was ordered deported.

Jefferis, in the minds of many, was a very, tough customer and, if there was a legal way of getting him out of their midst, then why waste time about it? Why else this rush to deport him last Thursday when he had been told he could stay until March when his probation ended?

"Normal investigative measures were taken which failed to locate Jefferis," a spokesman from the department of manpower and immigration said. The "search" for him had started Sept. 27, he said, and "We believed Jefferis was aware we were looking for him and had gone into hiding. We also understand he didn't

report as to his parole."

Not talking

How hard did they try to find him? Did they check with Det.-Sgt. Bob McCausland, his parole officer in Richmond Hill?

Neither side will say. As did Jefferis' parole officer in Toronto, Margaret Hardlang, said he reported regularly and had done nothing to violate his parole. However, when asked if immigration had approached him about the latter, he would say no more. "I'm already out on a limb."

York Deputy Chief Bob Hood wouldn't say much either, other than there had been "no correspondence that I know" from immigration, and that Jefferis hadn't been exactly David Copperfield during his time of trouble. All that is admitted, especially by

Jefferis. He agreed he had done "some bad things," but had paid the penalty and "nobody is going to influence me to do anything wrong."

Convinced me

"I, for one, am convinced he meant it. Whether he'll get a chance back here to prove it, no one knows. He's been in England for six days now, ever since York police executed the warrant to deport him that had been left on their desk by the immigration department at the beginning of October. That same department that claimed it didn't know how to get in touch with him.

It's too bad Jefferis hadn't been born black, and then he could have pleaded discrimination.

A much more powerful weapon than pleading the simpler one of common sense.

sharon's sunshine

By Sharon Brain

THORNHILL — One of my friends spends a fair amount of his time criticizing my coffee.

He would have even more to say about my lack of culinary skill if I ever gave him the opportunity. But I don't.

The most he'll ever get to consume from my kitchen is a Mallow Cup and a drink.

It's safer that way.

Paid complainer

You see, he's one of those strange people who spends most of his waking hours thinking about food. His Saturday morning begins with a discussion of which restaurant his Saturday evening should end in.

He not only reads the Dining Out

column in this newspaper, he also saves them for future reference.

His idea of heaven is to write a restaurant review column. He dreams of being paid to complain about the meals he gets to buy on his expense account.

His dedication to food has reached such a lofty height he is able to order a meal in a restaurant without ever reading the \$ and cents side of the menu.

Well, that is his problem. It shouldn't be any more offensive than lots of other strange quirks friends of mine have. I know people who think Saturday nights were made for the express purpose of sitting in front of the

TV watching the Leafs blow yet another tie.

Spider babies

I know people who think I really care if their Spider Plant has had babies.

I even know people who believe Pierre Trudeau is an idiot and that they could run the country better than he can.

But none of these people are quite as depressing as my friend the food freak. Because I know one of these days, I'm going to have to serve him dinner.

That has never been one of the areas in which I distinguish myself.

My father-in-law tells everyone my husband is talented in the kitchen.

"Isn't that nice he likes to cook," people reply.

"Actually, it's more that he likes to eat," his father replies gloomily.

I win some

Mind you, with a little help from my friends I have managed to serve people dinner on occasion.

Just a while ago, it happened. Unfortunately, it was Bring In The Geranium weather, so the dining room table was covered with pots. But my guests didn't seem to mind eating on the floor of the living room.

It was a little late for a barbecue, I guess. The rain did not hurt the steaks, but it didn't help the disposition of the host.

The wine was a little dry. That means it ran out before the first steak hit the

charcoal.

The guest who had promised a cherry cheese cake was out-manoeuvred by her baby sitter, and neither she nor the dessert arrived.

We're all too fat anyways.

Nice lousy

The service was lousy. The hostess forgot her manners and refused to serve coffee until the hockey game was turned off.

But none of the guests complained. They were happy that it wasn't their house that was all messed up.

I think most of the women were also

secretly congratulating themselves because someone else botched dinner for a change.

The men all enjoyed standing at the host's elbow and pointing out the errors he was making at the barbecue.

They were also pleased at getting credit for a dinner out at a reasonable cost.

I was pleased too. It was over and I wouldn't have to repeat the disaster for at least six months.

But I was very glad my friend the gourmand was not there.

The meal wasn't quite up to his standards.

yesterdays
by mary dawson

Hydro towers will stalk historic Langstaff corner

Giant hydro towers may soon be stalking across Lot 35, Conc. 1, Vaughan Town, the southwest corner of Yonge Street and the Langstaff Sideroad.

Stephen Colby received the 200 acres reaching from Yonge to Bathurst as a Crown grant in 1798.

It is not recorded whether he lived on it and worked at the settlement duties himself, or whether he hired men to do these duties for him.

However, it is recorded he was hard pressed for money and determined to sell the land as soon as he received his patent.

Storekeeper debt

Unable to dispose of it to Nicholas Cober or any other neighbor, he found a purchaser in York and left the district.

The new owner was Thomas Schofield, a prosperous storekeeper to

whom Colby was in debt.

Schofield died in 1805, leaving a will which named two fellow merchants, Alexander Wood and Robert Henderson, as his executors.

He left the residue of his large estate to James Radcliffe of Westminister, England.

Legal tangle

It took many years to settle his affairs. Radcliffe's death in 1812 and Henderson's death at a somewhat later date were complicating factors.

Meanwhile the land continued to be known as the Colby lot.

Regarded as abandoned land it was used for several purposes.

The toll gate house was built on Yonge Street near the sideroad. An oval half mile racetrack was laid out in the same area.

Edward Benson built a house and

small barn near Bathurst Street.

Dr. William Smith Durie, retired assistant inspector of ordnance hospitals, moved to the property in the 1830s. He had made an agreement to purchase.

Won title

But it was not until 1860 that he obtained title after a long battle in the Court of Chancery in England.

At the same time Benson and Patrick Barman were also able to buy the small acreages they were occupying.

Prize livestock

George Weldrick, after renting the John Langstaff farm for 14 years, purchased the Durie place in 1869. He renamed it the Racetrack Farm.

He raised prize-winning Leicester and Cotswold sheep, Durham cattle, heavy draft horses and Yorkshire pigs. After his death in 1893 the farm was operated by his son Thomas until 1912 when it was sold to Loretto Ladies' College.

The farm then passed into the hands of William George Milne, a Toronto neckwear manufacturer. He remodelled the house and installed electricity.

Before the coming of Ontario Hydro to this area the supply of power was purchased from the Metropolitan Railway.

College owner

When Mr. Milne died in 1945 the property returned to the ownership of Loretto College. The land was rented to Warren Reaman, who farmed it for the next 21 years.

The size of the farm was reduced considerably when the department of highways bought a slice along the north side to extend Highway 7 west to Bathurst Street.

The remainder is now included in the Parkway Belt. As plans stand, it will be the site of the hydro towers.



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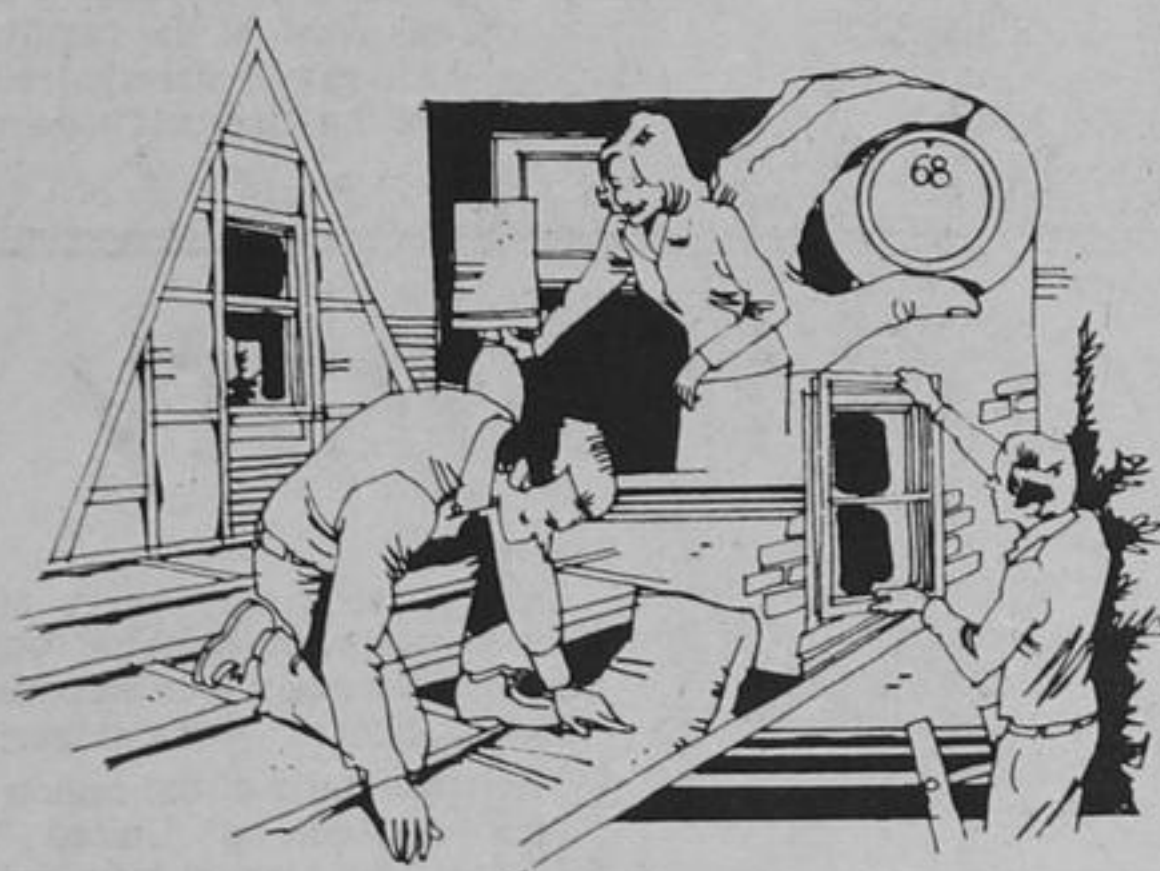
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