Church Column

It's your choice - vacancy or no vacancy

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One of the most discouraging aspects of holiday travelling is the appearance of that plywood painted or neon-lit sign which reads - "no room, no vacancy"

I remember the many trips my family took between Toronto and Halifax.

Dad would always want to push

on, to get those extra few miles behind us. Mom would start in the early afternoon, pleading and coaxing that

we stop at this or that motel. In the ensuing discussion, dusk

would creep up on us, and those disappointing signs would begin to blossom like dandelions. No room.

It is a familiar event. And so when we read the Christmas story we can feel for Mary and Joseph when they received that news.

No room. And looking back from our twentieth-century perspective we exclaim, "If only I had been there. I would have opened up my door. I would have given them the best room in the whole place."

It is so easy to feel sympathy from afar. To dream of doing noble deeds when we know we won't be called upon to do them. And yet, we still have our opportunity, for even today Christ knocks at the door of your life.

What is your response this Christmas? Do you put out the 'no room' sign, saying; "there's room for greed, room for hatred, room for selfishness, room for apathy, but no

room for you!" Or do you open the door and echo the words of the hymn, "Come in today. Come in to stay. Come into my heart Lord Jesus.

Christ is still the traveller, today as he was 2000 years ago. And it's a sad, sad thing to see so many people put up the 'no room' sign.

Christ is knocking this Christmas. What is your response? Do you scurry around desperately trying to find that 'no room' sign, or do you open the door. The choice is yours.

Lodaws

values

cut from Canada grade A beef	was 2.38
boneless	QA
stew beef	.50
freshly ground	was 2.38
medium ground beef	-98
cut from Canada grade A beef boneless	was 3.28
sirloin tip	
roasts or steaks	.68
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sirloin tip tenderized 2	QQ
steaks tenderized lb.	.30
ziggys fast fry	was 3.98
by the piece	78
back bacon 16. U	was 2.85
Loblaws or Swifts sugar plum boneless, cooked Smoked	Mas 2.05
dinner hams	.48
frozen Swifts Premium, regular or beef	was 1.38
brown 'n' serve 8 oz.	10
sausage pkg.	.10
ziggys, sliced	was 2.98
summer 1 lb. 7	78
sausage pkg	
ziggys, 9 assorted varieties	was 1.49
meat chubs 8 oz.	.29
ziggys	was 1.54
sliced 6 oz. 1	20
cooked ham pkg.	.30
Cuddy Brand 3 varieties sliced	was 1.05
cooked	00
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deli turkey each	.00
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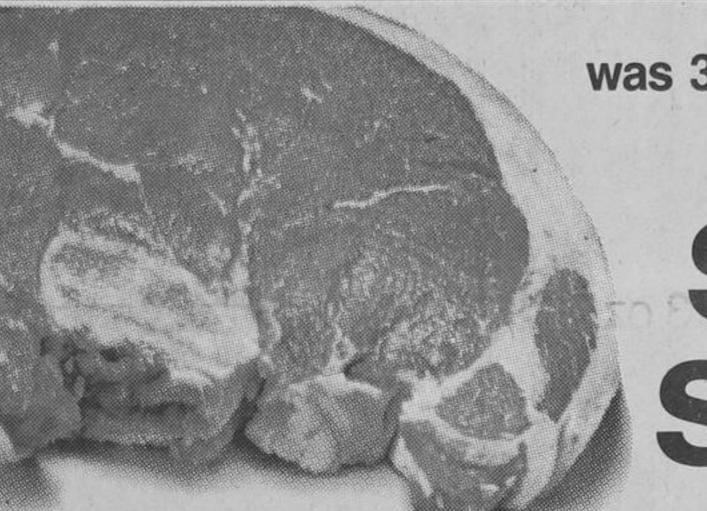
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vali	ues	
Bright's cocktail vegetable juice	48 fl. .oz. tin	was 1.03
Tide detergent	12 L box 6	was 7.19 5.79
Alcan aluminum foil plus 25¢ deposit 45 cr	n x 10 m roll box	
Coca- Cola	750 mL - ret. btl.	was .55 .45 was .55
plus 25c deposit Sprite Borden	750 mL ret. btl.	.45 was 1.39
Realemon lemon juice Added Touch, all varietie	675 mL totl.	1.29 was .99
Monarch cake mix	18 1/2 oz. box	.83 was 1.79
Scope mouthwash Maple Leaf		1.59
rum & brandy mincemeat		2.19 was 1.55
toothpaste Terumo prismatic		1.09 was 1.99
thermometer personal size bar Caress	1 unit pkg.	1.49 was .54
toilet soap Dofo, Dofino, Danish Havarti	3.5 o	was 5.19
cheese toasted onion farmers, or her Baden XXX	pkg.	1.89 was 2.05
cheese Woodman's extra hot	pkg. 8 fl.	was .99
horseradish Woodman's regular	oz. jar 8 fl.	was.73
horseradish coloured (1/4lb. squares Blue Bonnet	2 lb. "	was 1.69 1.59
Monarch vegetable oil soft	box 2 lb.	was 1.89
margarine H.J. Holiday Juice orange drink	64 fl.	1.33
cheddar, old white or old coloured, random cut Loblaws		was 2.43
cheese Loblaws marble, randon cheddar	n cuts	was 2.39
cheese	lb. i	2.13



was 1.05 Save .46 Heinz fancy tomato

Limit 4 per family UICE



was 3.58 b. Save .90 b.

cut from Canada grade "A" beef

siroin steaks

Limit 3 sirloin steaks per family

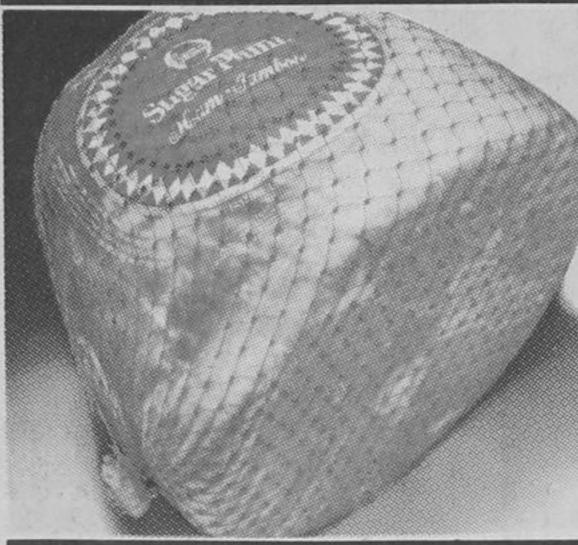
lb.



was 3.08 b. Save .90 b.

cut from Canada grade "A" beef round end - bone in

rump roasts



was 2.58 b. Save .30 b.

Loblaws or Swifts Sugar Plum cooked smoked nam semi-boneless halves lb.



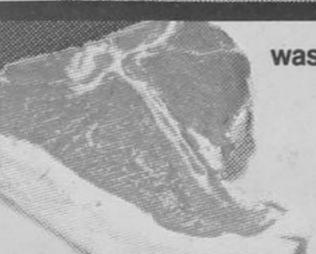
was 1.48 b. Save .20b. frozen Swifts

deep basted predressed young Canada grade "A"

butterball all sizes in stock turkeys

was 1.48 b. Save .20 b. frozen predressed Canada grade "A" geese





was 3.78 b. Save 1.00 b. cut from Canada grade "A" beef

> t-bone steaks (tail off) Limit 6 t-bone steaks per family