



# Beaver Bob

## "Kiss Me or You're Fired"

I can think of few things which have given me more concern in this changing and generally deteriorating world of ours than a recent report prepared by a group known as Women Against Sexual Harassment.

Beyond the initial shock of realizing that there existed such an organization was the shock of the report itself. Based on interviews with twenty-five women in Winnipeg the report states that a majority of these ladies reported that they had been subjected to sexual harassment in the business world.

I cannot, in a respectable family paper quote the exact details of the types of harassment that these ladies suffered. I can say in general terms, it consisted of pinches, pats, suggestive remarks, leers and "propositions related to job security."

There are a number of matters here to produce a raising of the eyebrows. In the first place, I find myself wondering about those ladies—the minority, of course—who did not report any sexual harassment by their bosses or co-workers. No pinches, pats, suggestions, propositions. Not even any leers?

What sort of an office were these ladies working in? It is a strange office where the boss or even a male co-worker cannot work up a leer or two.

I cannot help but be intrigued at the idea of "propositions related to job security." I have been racking my brains to think what this can mean.

"Kiss me, or you're fired!" That may be an example. If ladies are to be subjected to this kind of intimidation and innuendo in our company offices, what is sacred in this nation?

Another concern is that the report does not seem to dwell on the impact upon some poor sod of a boss or male co-worker who finds his proposals turned down.

What does it do to a man's image, his self-respect, to be told that a girl would rather lose her job than snuggle up?

An individual subjected to that kind of trauma could be ruined for life. It is strange that Women Against Sexual Harassment do not deal with this aspect. This makes me feel that their report may be a little one-sided.

Is there a man's side in this question of sexual harassment? Is it possible for men to be sexually harassed by ladies? I am afraid that a poll of gentlemen, aboard the Castor Bus, for example, would weigh heavily in the affirmative.

Sexual harassment of men by women is, of course, a lot more subtle and discriminating than that waged by men. It is seldom

that a man working quietly in an office becomes aware of one of his female co-workers leaning heavily against him and breathing hoarsely down the back of his neck; nor is it a regular occurrence that a man finds himself backed up against a filing cabinet by a lissome lady, to become the recipient of "suggestions related to job security." Most men would find it difficult to handle such a situation.

Let us look at the farm situation. Some good men have been ambushed in the chicken house. Others have been side-tracked around the milking pail. Quite a few decent chaps have been surrounded while innocently going about their business in the hay mow.

My contention after a cursory review of the subject, is that this thing goes both ways. If men harass women, so do women, albeit more subtly, harass men. I think that Women Against Sexual Harassment should devote some time to study of this side of the question. After all, if it took two years to interview twenty-five women in Winnipeg, surely they could take another week or ten days and talk to a few fellows. I will be delighted to make available to them some of the more harrowing episodes in my own business career.



### Kindergarten Debut

Although Jeff St. Pierre isn't sporting the same wide smile as the cutout on his shirt front, he obviously isn't unhappy on his first day at kindergarten at Russell Public School. Jeff was just too engrossed by some new-found toys to take time out for a grin. (Photo by Rowsell).

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## SEPTEMBER

# 28, 29, 30

### DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

- 10:00 a.m. - 4-H Junior Agricultural Show
- 11:00 a.m. - Sheep Judging Commences
- 12:00 noon - Friday Afternoon Horse Show, Goat, Mutt and Pet Show
- 12:30 p.m. - Judging to commence on Heavy Horses
- 2:00 p.m. - Judging to commence on 4-H Horse Club Show
- 7:00 p.m. - Judging of Black and White Show; Ayrshire Show, and Best Udder Class
- 7:30 p.m. - Variety & Amateur Show in Community Centre. Admission is \$2.00 adults & \$1.00 for children 12 years & under.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

- 9:00 a.m. - Quarter Horse Club
- 12:00 a.m. - Light Horse Judging Commences
- 12:30 p.m. - 4-H Championship Show
- Judging of Heavy Horses
- 1:00 p.m. - Swine Judging Commences
- Judging of Beef Classes
- 7:30 p.m. - Horse Show in Community Centre
- 9:00 p.m. - Dance in Community Centre
- Admission \$5.00 per couple.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

- 9:00 a.m. - Quarter Horse Show
- 12:30 p.m. - Heavy Horse Pulling Contest
- 1:30 p.m. - Fashion Show
- 2:00 p.m. - Sheep Show, open class
- Sunday Evening - Chicken Barbeque

### Western Horse Show

Thursday, September 27th - 8:00 p.m. Open to the public  
Metcalfe Community Centre (Sponsored by Shilo Riding Club)  
Disco Dance—Community Centre

### Cattle Shows

Black & White Show, Ayrshire Show on Friday,  
Beef Classes on Saturday

### Ladies' Exhibits & Craft Show

ON DISPLAY - Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 12 noon to 4 p.m.

### Judging of Hall Exhibits

Thursday, September 27th - not open to the public

### MIDWAY by Ottawa Valley Shows

Rides - Games - Bingo

Meals: Porteous Brothers, Vernon

### FREE PARKING

**Admission:**  
Friday, Adults \$2.00  
Saturday, Adults \$3.00  
Sunday, Adults \$3.00

Children, 12 years and under, Free

**Heavy Horse Pulling Contest**  
Sunday, Sept. 30

