

"Retirement" THE FOURTH QUARTER

By LESLIE HOLBROOK

Well, the big grocery chain boys are at it again — trying to persuade us that they are headed for the poor house with their miracle, power - priced, more - for - your - dollar, check - out - for - less, low, low prices.

With comparative shopping and careful selection of only the items you really need, this

should enable you to stretch your food budget dollars a bit — at least while the "price war" goes on.

But I have discovered more permanent ways to save.

My wife and I watch for sales, of course, because it is downright silly not to stock up on needed specials — merchants offer to get you

into their stores. Staples such as light bulbs and toilet paper can be purchased much below usual inflated prices if you watch for sales and, of course, have the cash to buy in quantity.

I find good offers on household items we use regularly and then have the nerve to ask for an even better price on a full carton.

But I'm the kind of guy who, on major items, asks innocently if they take credit cards. When they say "certainly", I tell them I am paying cash but want a discount equivalent to the fee they won't have to pay the credit card people.

But back to our little supermarket saving tricks. In my so-called retirement, I shop with

my wife — usually just once a week for groceries. On Wednesdays when one of the smaller chains gives a 5 per cent discount for seniors and is fair enough to start their "week-end" bargains on that day too. (If your grocery chain does not offer such a seniors' discount, go after them — as a group if you are organized.)

While my wife shops carefully (from a prepared shopping list — essential for thrifty buying) I check the marked prices on items we need — or other items we use which seem to be bargains.

When prices are increased, I often find some of the lower - priced stock at the back of the shelves or elsewhere in the store. Examples: — A big "impulse-buying" display features an item at 45¢; back on the regular shelf I find 10 bottles at 33¢ and take the lot (saving \$1.20).

— Tooth - brushes we use are priced as high as \$1.09 in one store. A big chain's usual price is 79¢; they have a come-on sale offering them at 49¢. I buy a dozen (saving \$3.60).

— A large - size toilet bowl cleaner (the name brand on my wife's list) is marked the same price as the small size (saving 30¢).

— Soda biscuits (on our list) are freshly marked 73¢; back of the shelf they are still 65¢ (three boxes — saving 24¢).

— Toothpaste regularly \$1.27 is on sale at 87¢. A 25¢ "good on your next purchase" coupon brings the price to 62¢ (a saving over buying when you run out of 65¢).

So that day we checked out with a saving of \$5.99 which is as much or more than those grinning people in the grocery ads claim to save by shopping a certain chain.

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More letters

Max Webster music open door to misery

Dear Sir,
I was "rocked" as I read the account of the Max Webster Rock Band performance in the Stouffville District High School. I was particularly disturbed by the total acceptance of this group, by those present, as the ultimate in good music.

As a Christian woman, and a lover of good music, I find it hard to understand by what standard this qualifies as good music at all. I wonder if teachers, parents and students are really aware of the degrading influence of hard rock on the lives of young people. The music is simply jungle-beat noise, and the lyrics are either sexually suggestive or drug oriented. I recommend that parents listen to their children's rock records and see for themselves.

In my opinion, because of what I have read, and heard on T.V. interviews, most rock groups are part of the drug culture, and other associated evils. It is also my understanding, that most members of these bands openly admit they use drugs. Are these the kind of people we want the teenagers of Stouffville to take as their examples, and to be their heroes?

I am convinced that we are doing our young people a grave injustice, by condoning this kind of entertainment when there is so much better music available. I believe there is great danger in taking the position that because everybody is doing it, it must be alright. My father used to tell us, "Dare to be different, and you will likely be right."

I would like to pay special tribute to Archie Stouffer, principal and music director of Stouffville High School, when I was a pupil there "a few years ago." His influence is still being felt, and I know he would be grieved to see this form of entertainment now replacing the beautiful music he taught.

I would like to suggest that teachers, and parents as well as students read the book, "Why not the Best?" by President Jimmy Carter, especially chapter two. Here he relates the influence his country school teacher, Miss Julia, had on his life. She taught her pupils to love the very best in music, art and literature. I believe young people are no different now. They cannot appreciate what they are not given the opportunity to hear or learn.

I also believe the wisdom given us in the Bible, as we read in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." What a responsibility is on us as adults to see that young people are not left to themselves alone, but that we do our best to make available good, uplifting, character - building music. No doubt there will be readers who will repeat the old story, "You are just old fashioned" or "It's the generation gap." Righteousness, beauty and truth do not belong to any one age group. They are eternal principles which



Alma Oldham denounces rock music as 'jungle noise.' She objects to musicians such as Max Webster in the schools because she feels they contribute to the decay of morality. Despite her strong views, we were unable to catch the lady in a stern mood, and had to make do with this laughing picture of her.

speak of the Creator who has given harmony, purpose and meaning to all His creation.

The rock groups, through their words, music, beat and culture speak of frustration, despair and sensuality. Let us begin now in our homes, churches and schools, to promote "the very best" in music; and the noisy din, and hysteria of rock will be shown for what it is, an open door to a life of misery and self - destruction.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Alma Oldham,
R. R. 2, Stouffville.

Poor taste — teacher

Dear Sir,
As an educator of teenagers for over 20 years I think it is poor taste to include in John Montgomery's article, a photograph of the reporter sharing a beer in the Stouffville High School dressing room between sets.

I am sure that you have seen recent reports in at least three other York Region newspapers on the rising and indiscriminate use of beer and alcoholic beverages by teenagers, with King City used as an example area.

In fact at King City Secondary School, on Feb. 1, regular school

has been suspended for an all day awareness program. Students will participate in a choice of seminars, films and workshops on alcoholism and alcohol abuses.

Again may I suggest, reconsider our sense of values.

Sincerely,
Keith A. Carson
Sharon

Ed. note: As an educator of teenagers for over 20 years it is surprising that Mr. Carson did not note that the article in question was written by Bryon Hurrell. Mr. Montgomery, who got not so much as a sip of the brew, merely acted as photographer.

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