

PRO

by Lydia Torrance

They were cute, even I had to admit that. Almost cuddly. Portleigh's photograph was in colour and showed them in a flattering light. "Hmmmfp," I said, handing the snapshot back.

"Aren't they cute?"

"Yeah, they're cute. But the ain't got nothing to do with me." I settled firmly in my seat.

"But—wouldn't you like to take care of them? I know you'd be good v'ith them. The way you were with Mrs. Norgaard I know you're loving and patient—"

"Are there others?"

"What do you mean? Isn't two enough?"

"I'd say not having any's enough. But if you have two there's probably more."

"Well—"

"I might have known. Do any of them have mothers?"

"No. They were shot when these were captured. I've got some others being boarded at the County Zoo. There's five different kinds."

"Starting your own zoo huh? Let me see that again." I snatched them from his hand and looked at the little kangaroos dressed in Prussian blue velvet rompers with white ruffled blouses. Oh, they were cute allright. But I didn't fancy being a cage cleaner.

"I know you'd be good with them. We could have a wonderful place where children can play with the animals and learn to be one with Nature. Not an alienated creature skulking in a concrete jungle, but roaming the hills with the hartebeest, elan and stoat—"

"You mean—"

"Now don't get worried. The stoat aren't available yet. I'm talking a hypothetical, see? We could restore this land its long lost innocence. Dance back the buffalo. Y'know?"

I had to admit I was getting confused. What did Portleigh want out of life? He could never have written an essay for my English teacher on the subject. His life had no topic sentence. He loved the great books and I could see he was really excited by ideas. But then he spent day after day entertaining the dusty, faded housewives of the prairies. And now he loved animals, even dangerous ones, and wanted some kind of game farm. No, there were too many dangling modifiers.

"You're nice, Portleigh, but a little peculiar. I can see right now I can't afford to tie myself to another man who's following a rising star. I'll just ride with you, that's all."

"You mean—"

"Now stop that! I'm tired of you rolling your eyes at me and being so dramatic."

"But Lyddie, it's you that keeps saying 'you mean'—I never said it before today."

Students Want Too much

TORONTO (CUP) - Students are overly high job expectations, according to a provincial survey of employers conducted last summer. This summer, the provincial government is spending \$200,000 on an advertising campaign to lower those expectations.

The cost of the campaign, designed to re-direct student attitudes to job finding, is equal to about 10 per cent of the increase in provincial funding for summer jobs slated for this year. Besides advising students to apply for jobs early and often, the campaign has been distributed on radio stations across the province, stress that students shouldn't be too picky about what they'll accept.



MARNIE'S WEDDING SHOP

"Everything for a beautiful wedding."

WIN A TRIP FOR 2 TO HAWAII

Enter the draw when you order invitations

- Draw June 15

**INVITATIONS
REPLY CARDS** > 10% OFF
PLUS

10% Discount on all Cash & Carry items purchased the day you order invitations.
433-1622

Klondike Cinema 10331 - 82 Ave

"Na Cha The Great"

English Subtitles

吒哪 傅徵導演
A Fairy Tale and Kung Fu Film!

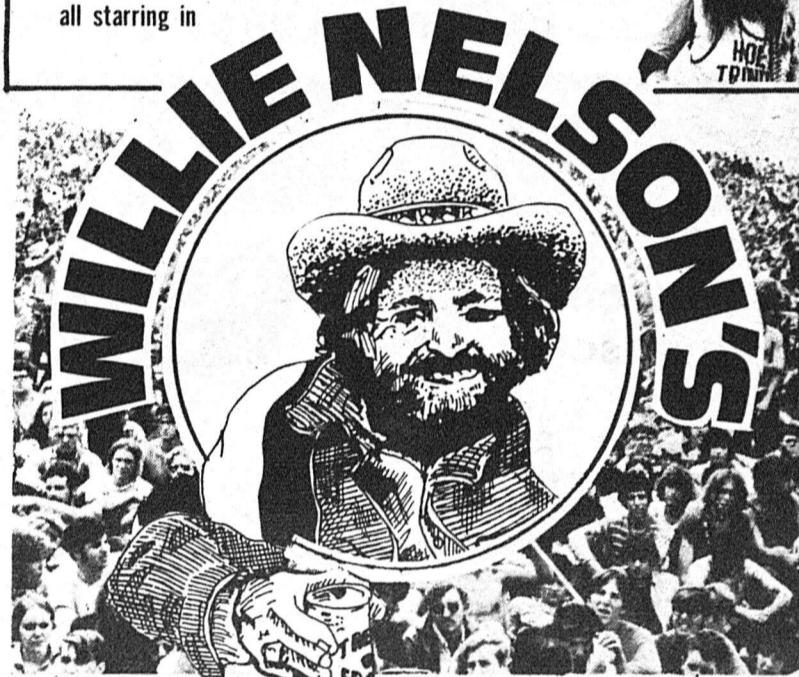
March 20 Sunday 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Adults - All seats \$2.50

WAYLON JENNINGS MICHAEL MURPHY B.W. STEVENSON JERRY JEFF WALKER LAST GONZO BAND NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND and many more

with master of ceremonies: LEON RUSSELL

all starring in



SECOND ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PICNIC

an historic gathering of outlaws, superstars and friends

Songs...

GOOD HEARTED WOMAN SONG FOR YOU NITE LIFE REDNECK MOTHER FUNNY HOW TIME SLIPS AWAY ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL JAM RA LAYA and more

NOW

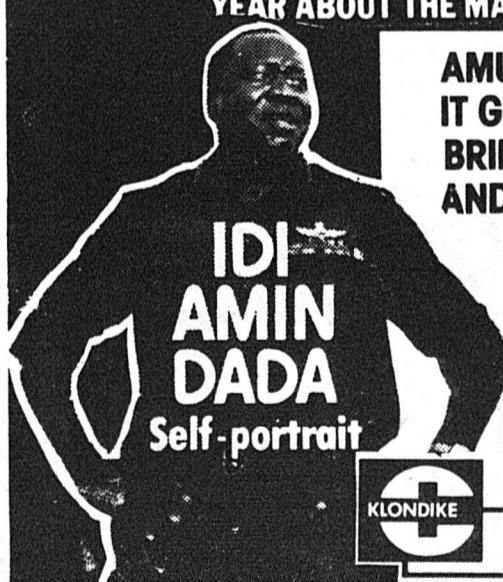
SHOWING!



7:00 & 9:00 PM
118th Ave. at 124th St.
Phone 454-5168

THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL FILM OF THE YEAR ABOUT THE MAN BEHIND ENTEBBE!

AMUSING...
IT GOES BEYOND
BRILLIANCE
AND BECOMES
IMPORTANT."



IDI
AMIN
DADA
Self-portrait

NOW
SHOWING!

7:00 & 9:00 P.M.

10337 - 82nd Avenue
Phone 433-5785

Ernie's STEAK PIT Ltd.

For Elegant Dining

Licensed Lounge

Open 'til Midnight

FREE PARKING

Reservations: 469-7149
40 Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre