



DUSTY DEATHS:

101 STREET

All older tenants, he continued, are "businessmen from the thirties who think 'if it happens, nothing you can do'—even if you've been there for 37 years."

Duncamer Sonny added, "these stores are old, they've got some character." Commenting on the empty shop further north on 101 Street, which Cordwainer will move in March, Sonny said "just the fact that it used to be a motorshop is gonna' turn your head around."

The store the two currently do custom leather work in shows the scars of a fire in its past, and a pair of handbags hang from the ceiling on a bolt that once served to hold meat carcasses. The plan to split the space of the new shop with the Punjab Emporium, an East Indian import store, which is also being forced to move.

The row of shopkeepers north of the alleyway marks the northern edge of the area to be demolished. Their buildings have not been listed or scheduled for demolition.

Maurice, the "founder" of the Bullwinkle General Store, talked of the development of the area since he moved his store there from Old Market Lane in 1971. He spoke fondly of old Mark of Mark's age, who had done business on the street since the 1920s, and of Rodd at Rodd's Western Wear. The generations of merchants had gotten along together, he thought.

At Bullwinkle's one can buy everything from a jar of vanilla ice cream (\$9.95) to second-hand records, pipes and underground comics. "It's more about just to stay alive," he admits in discussing his financial fortunes. "It pays rent and wages—you don't get rich."

Anne So, next door at the United Exchange, echoes Maurice: "Business could be better, but now you just make rent and a living." Sonny's husband who died last year opened the store in 1934. She still rings up sales of guitars, pens, old coins and jewelry on a cash register that was already 25 years old when they opened the store.

Maurice Bullwinkle's expects that their buildings will stand for a couple of years yet. But they will probably follow their neighbors in leaving crayon messages on their windows. One at Mark's:

Vacate
Bargains
All through.

