

SHERIDAN MALL PANCAKE HOUSE

Lovely waitresses an added dish at Smitty's

By JOHN KERNAGHAN
Sheridan Mall must be one of the busiest shopping concourses in Ontario. And for that reason alone it needs at least one quiet place to rest weary minds and even wearier limbs -- Smitty's Pancake House.

Nestled to one side of the Mall's main entrance, Smitty's offers relative sanctuary and a wide choice of meals for the person who wants to escape the maddening crowd.

Blocked by glass on two sides one can watch frenzied motorists and struggling pedestrians hurrying through the slush while one chooses from 16 different types of pancakes, nine varieties of waffles and a large selection of standard fare.

Smitty's is sometimes mistaken as a restaurant that serves only pancakes. But they have a large selection of other meals. Hamburgers, chicken, omeletes, spaghetti, salads, and a special meal

for dieters, the Slenderizer, are among the many other choices.

Probably their best meal is the New York Strip Steak. It's a first grade cut served with salad, baked or french fried potatoes, garlic bread and beverage.

HAWAII START

Smitty's was started in Waikiki, Hawaii and has blossomed to a large chain throughout North America. The Canadian head office is in Alberta.

What must make Smitty's one of the most popular eating spots around is typified by the restaurant's maxim: Water, menu, and coffee as soon as the customer arrives. Along with the bottomless coffee cup theory and a bevy of attractive, friendly waitresses Smitty's is a prompt and happy place to dine.

Pam Greatrex, who has an

aversion to being called "good dog" and would rather be hailed "Plum", is in charge of the score of waitresses that work at Smitty's. The 20 year old "Mother Hen" of the female staffers clucks over her customers while delivering a steady flow of patter. This makes her one of the most popular hostesses in the eatery business.

Pam's a buxom lass, so it's no surprise that she goes in for the more stren-

uous outdoor sports. In the summer it's water skiing, scuba diving and horseback riding and in winter she hits the ski slopes.

Jerry Vervoort manages the Pancake House. He came from Holland five years ago and since then has seen more of Canada than the average native. He's been from Newfoundland to Alberta but ended up in Mississauga.

Since he took over the management of the restaurant three months ago

Jerry has made it a point to gather an attractive flock of girls for hostess duties.

Barb Bell is a case in point. A pert, wide eyed, brunette, Barb was selected as Miss Mississauga 1971. Barb enjoys her work at the restaurant but com-

plains of the public's image of the waitress.

She's right. If the girls at the Sheridan Mall establishment are any measure, the gum-chewing slowpoke has given way to good-looking, public relations conscious, professional.

Firemen forced to let house burn

An empty house at 2100 Dundas St. E. was destroyed by fire last Wednesday despite the efforts of three Mississauga Fire Department pumper trucks to halt the blaze.

The call to the fire was received at 9:17 p.m. and the trucks with 14 fire-fighters were dispatched to the scene.

When the firemen arrived they found the floors of the two-storey, cement house, burned away so they could only fight the fire from outside.

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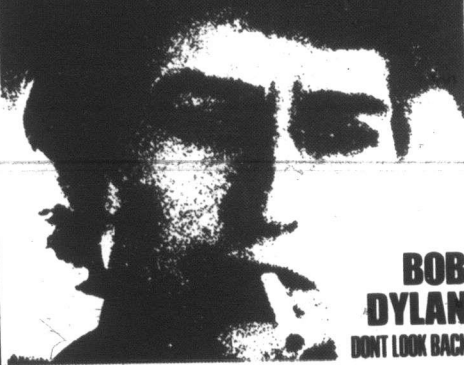
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