

The Boyce Market: A Saturday Morning Adventure

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A. Giermindl and daughter with Southern German delicacies.



Peter Richards nibbling contentedly.



Ashley Hatt displays his trophies.

Looking for a good deal? The Boyce Market located on George Street has the biggest, freshest and cheapest buys in town. Come every Saturday morning and you can buy anything from fresh eggs to fishing rods, thick steak to a stuffed coyote. Nowhere is the spirit of old more prevalent than here at the market. Where else can you go to buy unpackaged meat and produce, haggle over an item and hear some great stories from some of the best story-tellers around.

As you enter through the main doors the first thing you hear is the voice of William Mulder, "your country butcher for the best," from Maugerville. His sales spiel is well worth listening to and his pork chops are the best you'll find anywhere. He also has the biggest blocks of freshly ground beef you'll probably ever see, and he's known for giving good deals on soup bones and suet to "the regulars."

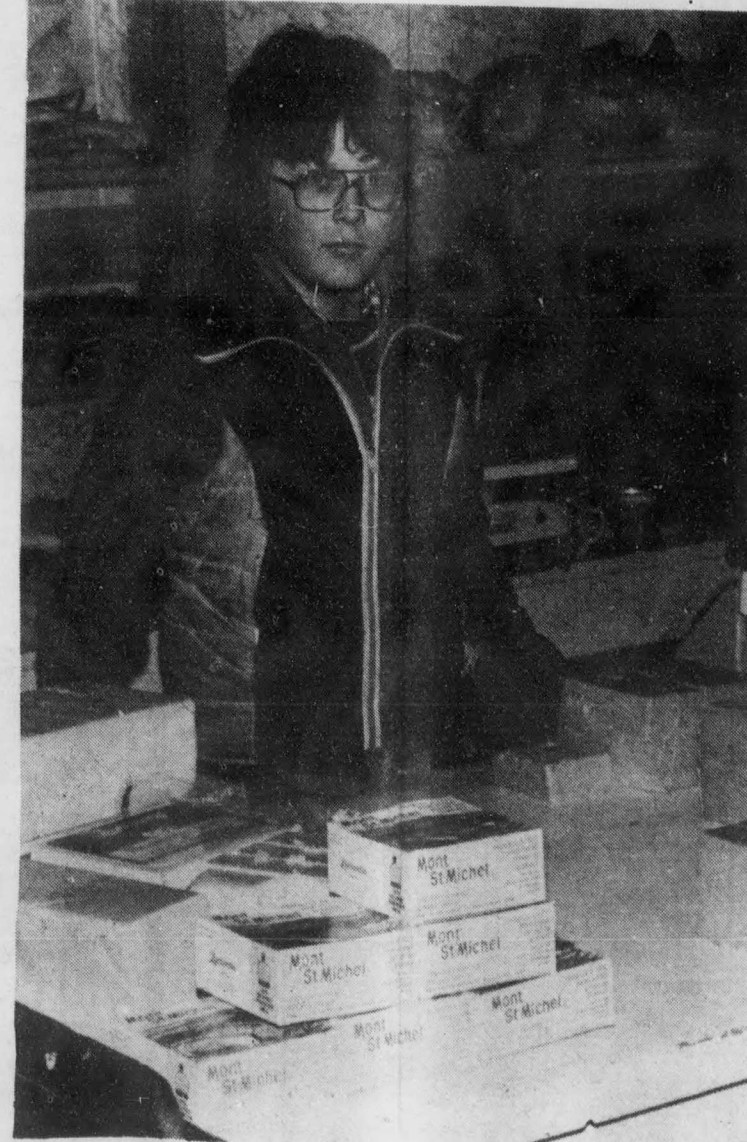
After visiting Mr. Mulder you'll find yourself eagerly looking for more these slick country salesmen but don't worry there are quite a few more. One of them is Mr. Lloyd Cavanaugh who has been coming to the market ever Saturday morning for 50 years and has many stories worth listening to. He has been a regular since he was eight years old and his father brought him every week. His is located near the back of the building, selling his vegetables, perched on an orange crate or chair he might have made and is selling.

Directly across from him is A. Giermindl, proudly wearing his Bavarian hat, the German butcher. He emigrated from Germany 3 years ago, bringing with him his wife, 10 children, cows, pigs and tractor. His specialty is Southern German style Wurstcher (large spicy weiners) and he has a large variety to choose from. He also sells Sourdough bread, home-made butter, an excellent liver-wurst and many smoked and unsmoked cuts of pork. One woman is known to travel all the way up from Moncton ever Saturday morning to purchase his Wurstcher and she certainly considers the trip worth it. You can also practice your German with him or his two daughters.

After wandering around a bit you might stumble upon a lady completely surrounded by a vast selection of baked goodies. This is Mary Aitken and last year she raised enough money for a trip to



Mary Aitken hidden away in her little cubbyhole of goodies.



Steven Wilson sells approx. 100 lbs of cheese a week.

India. She has no set goals for a trip this year but, if her pies taste as good as they look, I hope she stays right here so we'll always have a ready supply.

If you're looking for something more "gamey" perhaps Alexander Buchanan can interest you with some wild rabbit or even his stuffed coyote. Admittedly the rabbits are cute, but they are also very good eating! If fishing for salmon is more your style then talk to Ashley Hatt. He'll do everything but catch it for you. Besides making his own Fenwick rods and tying his own flies, he can probably tell you about every body of water around. He knows the streams and rivers around here as well as some of us know our own backyard. Besides being a fishing-guide he can also tell you a little about the regional game. This year he shot eight lynx-cat (known predators of deer) in the McAdam area. He could have had more but he goes only for the extra-large ones. The smaller ones, he feels, aren't as much of a threat to the deer population. Incidentally, Ashley feels this will be a good year for salmon fishing and we all know that there is nothing better than our Atlantic salmon.

If you're more interested in crafts, the M.J. Setkowitz and his lamps and candlesticks might be what you want. A former Electrical Engineer up here at the University, Mr. Setkowitz makes something to suit everyone's fancy. His piece-wood lamps and all moveable parts, so you can choose whichever pattern you prefer. He calls these his "mood lamps" you adjust the pattern to reflect whatever mood you may be in. His candlesticks are also quite unique, they are in varying woods and designs and are fully adaptable to any size candle. He has one candlestick design which he calls the "NB Power Special" it comes fully equipped with a built in match holder and matches! If you want something totally original, not to worry, Mr. Setkowitz tries something new every week.

A full course breakfast is also available at the market. Tucked away in a corner is Goofy Roofy's. Their specialty is the atmosphere. It's a fun place with singing waiters and tasty "flavour-of-the-week" pancakes! In the summer they also have an outdoor café.

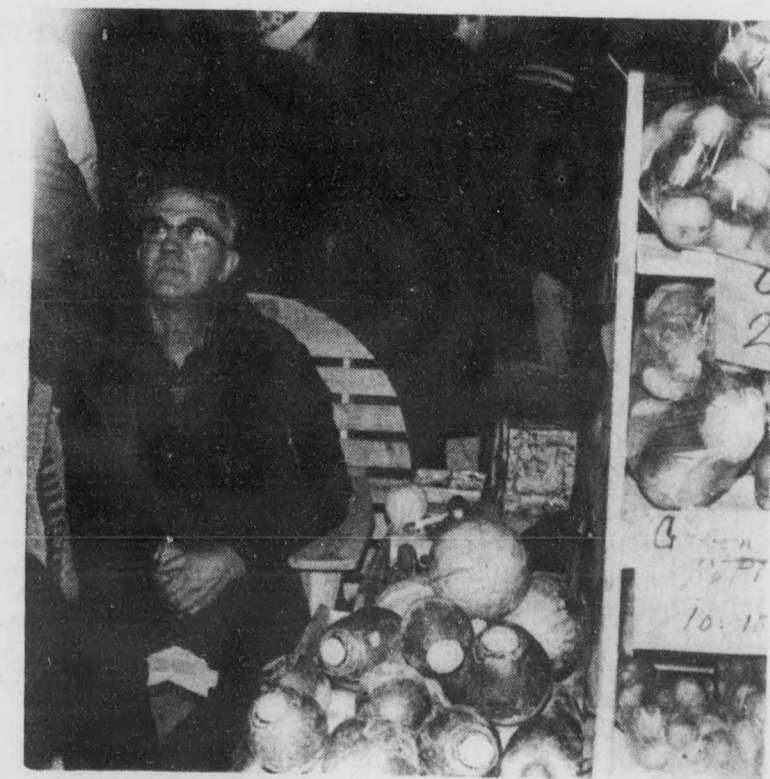
These are just a few of the merchant's with stalls, others are just as interesting. Visit the market one Saturday morning, it's a welcome change from the cellophane Supermarkets which have become far too common.



Mr. Setkowitz among his many wooden creations.



Alexander Buchanan with meat still on the hoof.



Lloyd Cavanaugh, a veteran market goer of 50 years.