

## Profile of a business man

By Richard Houghton

Jim Kostyk, manager of the Explorer Inn in Jarvis, first became acquainted with the hotel business as a child when his parents owned the Roseville Motel in Welland. While helping them run the motel in Welland he swore he would never get into the hotel business.

Living close to the American border and operating a motel, Jim was always in contact with American people, and it is not surprising that following high school he ended up at the University of Buffalo.

While taking business administration at the U of B, a summer job came up at the Holiday Inn there. Taking business administration, and having a background in the

motel business he was a natural for the job and his career blossomed from there.

Jim went from the University of Buffalo to Georgetown University in Washington D.C. He also spent some time at the University of Maryland.

He worked for Holiday Inns in the Washington area as assistant innkeeper between 1967 and 1971. He also spent a year working for a hotel owned by William Hyton in South Carolina.

Between 1971 and 1975 Jim acted as general manager of International Motor Inns which operates four Holiday Inns in that area. They operated in Silver Springs, Columbia, Maryland, Dallas International Airport, Virginia, and one in Carteret New Jersey.

While working at all these relatively big hotel in the Washington area, Jim met many people who most of us would call interesting.

Such people as Henry Mancini, Bill Cosby, Richard Kleindeinst, John Mitchell, and John Connally, Secretary of the Treasury are some of the people that a hotel employee comes face to face with.

As a desk clerk, Jim once had the pleasure of throwing Al Hirt out of his hotel for wanting a free room.

"He was embarrassed because he didn't want to pay," said Jim. "Show business people are really bad at paying their bills. They make alot of money but they spend it so fast that much of the time they have nothing in their pocket."

When working at the inn at Dallas International Airport Jim met many National Football League teams stay at his hotel. This inn was also near the training camp for the Washington Redskins so he became familiar with such NFL stars as Charley Taylor, Roy Jefferson, Duane Thomas, Marty Imhoff, and Bill Kilmer.

"Sonny Jurgenson came over once when we had a program for the children of soldiers who were Missing In Action on Vietnam. One of the Redskins dressed up as Santa Claus and they all gave presents to the children."

According to Jim, "Most of the people we call celebrities are just constantly harassed. Nine times out of



Jim Kostyk and the Explorer Inn would like to give Jarvis some things that normally a small rural community wouldn't have. (Photo by Richard Houghton)

ten you wouldn't even recognize them."

"Janis Joplin stayed at our place for a week before I even recognized her."

"In 1972 all of the people around George Wallace were staying at our place when he was shot in Maryland."

It was also in 1972 that eight members of the Israeli Olympic Team were killed in Munich, West Germany by terrorists. The remainder of the team stayed in Jim's hotel before returning home.

So the 64 thousand dollar question is, Why after managing a chain of large hotels in the Washington area, and

meeting all these famous people is Jim Kostyk in Jarvis?

"Well," said Jim, "I got involved with the big hotels in the states when I was young, and I never really knew what rural life in Canada could be like, and that is what finally brought me back here."

"I really like Jarvis," he said. "Of all the people I have worked with the people here are hardworking honest good people."

"We are in a very lucrative spot here because we can experience the growth of a community. In a situation like this, a person must be

able to make the best of it. You can't complain that the city people are moving in and taking over, you have to get right involved with it."

"I would like to provide some things here that normally a rural community wouldn't have," said Jim. "I'd like to bring in some city class to this little town, and make the Explorer Inn part of the community."

Jim is 28 years old and is married. His wife Jan originally came from Kentucky, but he met her when he was in Washington.

"She also worked in the hotel business and knows what it is like," said Jim.

## Nanticoke housing survey

The Ministry of Housing will conduct a survey to determine the need and demand for senior citizen housing in the City of Nanticoke.

A research analyst from the Ministry of Housing, the Ontario Government's housing agency, will estimate the number of senior citizens living in Nanticoke

whose housing is inadequate or beyond their financial capabilities.

The demand in the area for housing on a rent-geared-to-income basis will be determined from information gathered through advertising, direct mail questionnaires and interviews.

The study, which begins May 12, 1975, was requested

by the Council of the City of Nanticoke.

It will include an assessment of economic trends, growth factors and current and future housing needs in the municipality.

Senior citizens in the City of Nanticoke will receive letters outlining the Government's housing program and asking them if they wish to participate.

Some interested persons may not be reached by direct mail. The Ministry of Housing urges them to obtain a questionnaire from the municipal offices.

If the survey shows a need for senior Citizens' housing, it will likely be an apartment building, although consideration is given to one-storey units which do not require stairways. All apartments have a living room, bedroom, bathroom and kitchen, and are equipped with stove and refrigerator. Rent is geared to income and the minimum is \$37 a month, including services.

After considering the survey report, Council can initiate the program it outlines by adopting a resolution requesting the Ministry of Housing to go ahead. Capital costs are shared by the Provincial and Federal Governments.

Housing on a rent-geared-to-income basis is part of the Ministry of Housing Home Ownership Made Easy (H.O.M.E.) Program. Those receiving questionnaires are asked to return them as soon as possible to assist the survey.

## Banquet ends broomball season



From left to right, Hagersville Broomball players Buck Sloat, Larry Atkinson, Murray Johnson, Larry Simon, Bill Prince and Dave House, shown with their awards.



The Simcoe Broomball team also received awards at the Erie Broomball Banquet held last Friday night.

### Awards presented at Erie banquet

Approximately 150 persons attended the Erie Broomball Banquet held May 2 in the Jarvis Community Centre.

Jack Lloyd was Master of Ceremonies for the event, and Paul Beichleg gave the courtesy remarks for the meal prepared by the Garnet Women's Institute.

Peter Killey, of Labatts Brewery, gave out duffle bags to some of the award winners.

Glen Simmons proudly displays the award he bagged at last week's Broomball banquet.

Daryl Fehrman, left, and Paul Beichleg, right, were among those presented with awards by Labatts Brewery.

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