

## Jungle Inhabitants Hold Carnival

Deep in the thickets of the jungle, the time of the annual festival was nearing. He was in charge of the festivities, known throughout the jungle as the annual Wither Carnival, was the lion—the usual king and wise one among the others. Some called him Kenny Carnival, but those who did not know him could spot him among the other woodland creatures. Before Carnival time he had a feeling of importance and was always seen with his mane glowing. His appearance showed that he was supreme among others. Like all lions, he was king. His word was law. The attitude probably originated from a neighbouring lioness whose favourite expression was, "I have spoken."

The attitude may have been satisfactory for the lioness, but the lion could not use it with tact. Whenever he ordered others they as many do, resented it. As about or told them what to do, a result, he could find but a few who were willing to prepare for the occasion. The atmosphere of cooperation was lost, and just a few loyal friends remained to plan for the gay event. Thus, they did while the others, even though they could not understand the foreign language on the pre-program cards congratulated them for their efforts. In fact, they deserve credit for undertaking the obligations and carrying on their duties for

the rest of the timberland inhabitants.

Permission and time for the carnival had to be obtained from sources higher than the lion. The holy lambs were consulted with the idea of getting as much time off from the normal routine as possible. The lion and the lamb talked, debated and ranged, but the lamb granted only one day. This brought about another problem, for incorporated in other carnivals was a traditional feast day which meant much to those living in the society. All the animals were depressed when they discovered that this year the feast day could not be celebrated, but the holiday would be given in advance which would add another day to the carnival. Now there would be two days, but the usual traditional day of adoration recognition, teasing and wise words was eliminated. More than ever the atmosphere was one of indifference.

Despite the depressions, plans were continued. As in years before, the animals were divided into classes to prepare for the events. They selected one from among them to enter a "miss twig" contest from which the most appropriate was to be called miss twig and reign as such until the next carnival. Meanwhile the other animals busied themselves carving in wood. One group had the uncouthness of carving a bowl—the fluting type, but were informed by one of the lambs to flush it. The smaller animals carved a fort for protection. The elephants demonstrating their strength by carving one of them holding up the whole world, while the more experienced and wiser cooperated in their usual classical spirit to win the carving contest.

Other events also took place, but many had to be cancelled. Time was short, and cooperation with the lion was limited. On his own initiative he called down an unheard of flock of birds from another wilder jungle to entertain for

an evening. Had he conducted this event in a democratic fashion (as democracy was prevalent in this community) a finer more refined and more entertaining group could have been had. Perhaps he would have had to sacrifice a few more green leaves, but the sacrifice would have been more appreciated.

The first cancelled event was the torch-light parade where all the animals paraded through the jungle to get the carnival spirit. The giraffes were to supply the torches, but they were overburdened with other work. They could not understand why this job could not be given to another group, perhaps the fresh green crocodiles who were many in number but few in duties. However, the lion had seen fit to overtax the poor giraffes.

Other events followed and others were cancelled. The hare prance, for example, which supplied many a happy time in the past was not held. The coon ball game was also cancelled because the gushing waters broke up the ice and also pushed the bridge out of its normal position. The ice-break also forced the masquerade skate to be cancelled while the lack of a strong vine forced the cancellation of the Bug-of-war. Another custom of other carnivals—one in which the lower members challenged their superiors to a game in which coconuts were thrown into an elevated basket—was also effaced from the schedule. This event before enabled the opposite sex to show their power at cheerleading, a custom which was not slighted in the society. The reason given for the cancellation was pogo's inability to swing in for the game.

Credited with holding the carnival atmosphere somewhat was the common grazing ground recently opened in carnival territory. If it were not for this the carnival would have been a complete failure. Financially it was, for much of the food held in store was used and an insufficient amount was gathered for the next carnival.

One event which caused excitement was the "grand-Prix on the stumps". In this event the different animals climbed upon a horse powered vehicle and raced around a specified path. Needless to say some made asses of themselves. Even one of the lambs

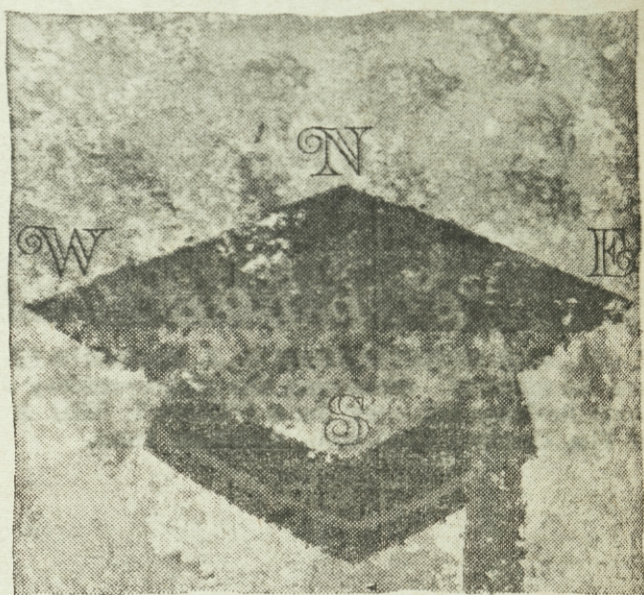
sported his horse powered lemon around the path.

The final event was the dance in the hollow adorned with leaves and blossoms. Rams took sheep; rattlers swooned the asps; tigers escorted cats; elephants hid their herb extracts in their trunks; and everyone brought a moose. Amidst all the gaiety miss Twigg was crowned. The unsuccessful carnival was soon forgotten until the next day when the pounding hammers in all the little (and big) heads rang out the words: "It wasn't much, was it?"

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Among high-ranking party officials in attendance was Prime Minister L. B. Pearson who addressed the group at a banquet held Saturday, February 6th.

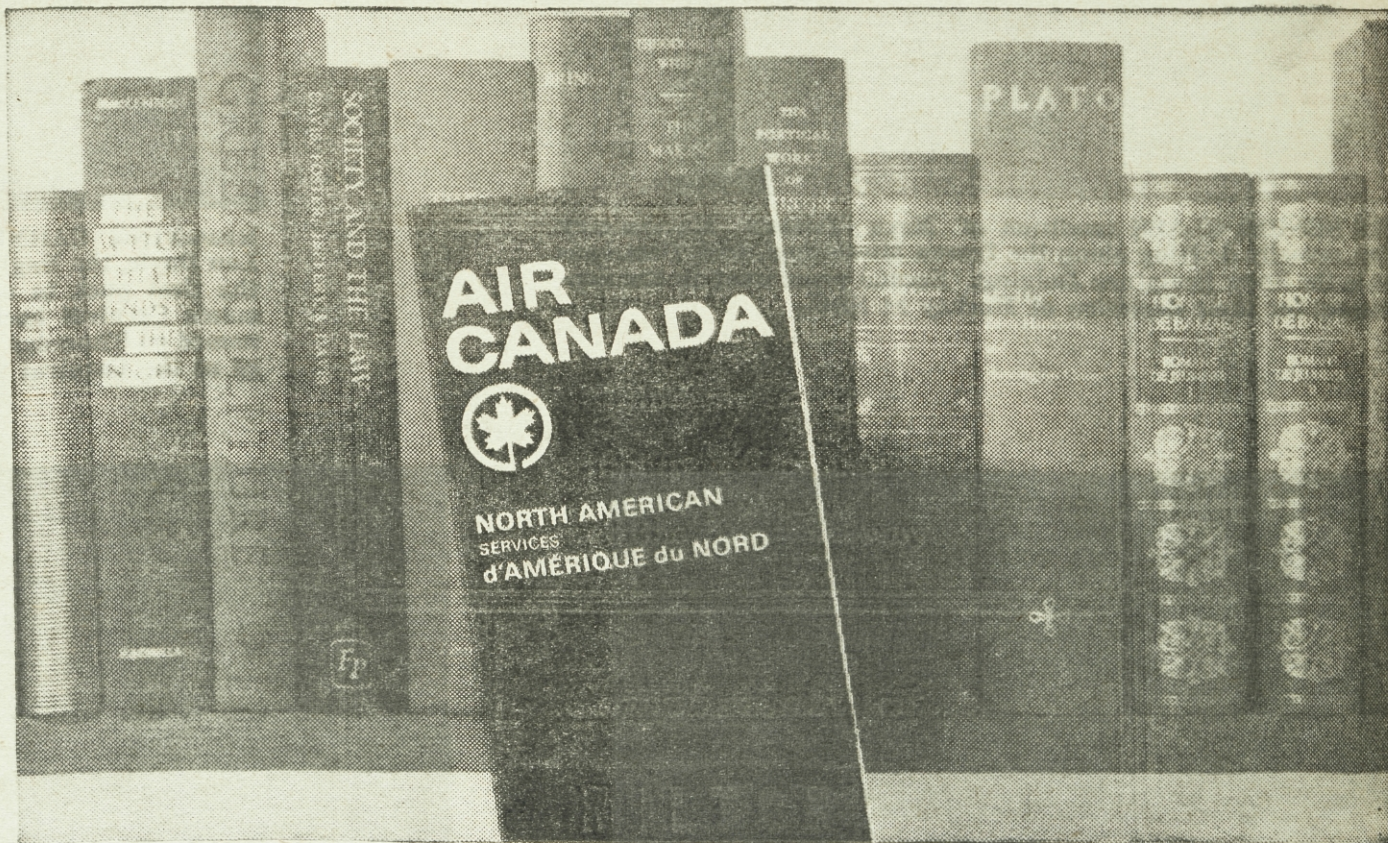
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