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Never took a drink; never smoked. Did everything right. I drank some booze myself. I never lost a minute's work over it or anything. And every night I went out to do something, I always had a pickle bottle or something with a cap on it. And I'd pour a double- header in it, and some Coke, put the top on and take it with me. About 10 or 15 minutes before we were ready to go, I'd throw that into me, and I'd just perk right up. (But not Hughie.) No. Never a smell in his life. I'd say something, that people would start laughing or something, and he'd just get up to the mike: "Don't pay attention to him. He's full of heavy water!" Or, "He was into the brew before we came in here." He'd start picking on me, you know. But we got along--God, we got along well. Never a hitch. We never had an argument. Well, we were getting so well received that you'd come home laughing to kill yourself. I don't know what we would have done, how we would have handled it if we had ever run into a crowd and didn't get a good reaction. "' WE CAN HELP YOU REALIZE YOUR DREAM OF HOMEOWNERSHIP! FOR A MORTGAGE TO BUY, BUILD OR RENOVATE, SEE THE LOCAL EXPERTS League Savings 8 Mortgage 235 Charlotte St., Sydney, N.S.B1P6H7 Phone: 539-8222 '/l a f I was a little dubious when they called me about the thing at Centre 200 for the (Westray) miners. (This is after Hughie had died.) I hadn't done anything for a long time. But once I got down there, and there were 2 or 3 fellows tuning up their fiddles and playing a little tune, and somebody else: "How's she going, Allan, boy? I haven't seen you for awhile." Just bang, bang, bang. Like I say, I had a couple of doubles--threw them into me and walked out there just--no problem. Got a great big hand before I opened my mouth. You're all set. The lady mayor from Stellarton was there. She came up after it was all over, shook hands with everybody and thanked us. Maybe I'll get a few strokes Up There for doing things for nothing. I would say we did--70% of what Hughie and Allan did was freebies. Never made any big money. (Do you think Hughie would have been much of a comedian on his own, if you had died?) I think he would have just stopped like that. Which I did for awhile; I didn't do anything. Because...he did a lot of stuff before he and I teamed up. He used to put on concerts and plays and that sort of thing down at the Presbyterian Hall in behind the church there. They have a nice hall there. We did a few things there ourselves. But he used to be in? volved. But more. He was a pretty good singer--he sang in the choir. He used to have a few old songs that he used to sing in the concerts. But never a dressed-up situation like ours, or anything. U-DO CRAFT SUPPLIES LOCAL CRAFTS WICKER AND WOOD Crafts & Supplies AND MUCH MUCH MORE! Drop in ancC enjot' our torge selection Jor your personal use or Jor gtJts. ' 1818 KING'S ROAD, SYDNEY B1P6G5 C> 564-9877 HORYL'S Superior Sausage Co. jCtd. 21 Union Hwy. • NEW WATERFORD • B1H 4K4 Phone 862-7177 or 862-7178 Our fine products Include: * 13iff'' ' Salami * Kolbassa * Garlic Bologna 'g''''' ' Pepperoni * Polish Sausage White Pudding ''' * Medium Hot Pepperoni * Black Pudding '*'i' • Sliced Pizza Pepperoni We take pride in using only the finest government inspected meats, and the care it takes to make our sausages. When you ask for HoryVs, you get the



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