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she must have had it 15 years. And did a tremendous job there--built it up into a terrific business. We were just talking about it vesterday. It's sitting empty there now. Three people had it after she gave up. She didn't give up because the business wasn't there, but she got tired and--you know, we had 5 kids, and she was looking after their wants and all that, too, until they got through school and everything. But they're all out there, all well educat? ed, and they're all do? ing great. So, you know. Thanks to her. I mean, I was trotting around. Hughie and I started doing this stuff--our foolishness --when I was in the Army. I came back to Sydney, and I was down in Victoria Park, and Hughie was there. That's where I met him. Well, I knew him before that, from playing ball away back years earlier. And we started doing this foolishness. And Allan to Hughie: I've got good nev's and bad new's. The good news is, when you die, you're go ing to go to Heaven. Hughie to Allan Well, what's the bad news? Allan to Hughie: Can you be ready Friday? WHO WOULD KNOW BETTER HOW MUCH YOU NEED A GETAWAY FOR THE BOTH OF YOU? B! To couples seeking an oasis we offer warm service, inviting accom? modations, and our BEST BREAKS" bed and breakfast package. With it, you'll enjoy breakfast in our restaurant for every night you stay" And it's avail? able any day '7' "Ho" S)vyc Per Room p" Night 480 Kings Road you need to get away. \$75.00 Sydney, N. S. Canada B1S 1A8 STAY'WITH SOMEONE YOU KNOW.' For **Reservations Call** 539-6750 or 1-800-HOLIDAY. • Includes one room plus a breakfast coupon good for S6 per person (US), maximum \$12 per room' Taxes, gratuit.es and alcoholic beverages not mcluded. Rooms arc limited and subject to availability. Blackout periods apply. Offer valid ? 1993, Holiday Inns, Inc. All Rights Reserved. went for 28 years. We were going all over the country. And Hughie, the big strong husky fellow-- I'd go down to Swift Canadian, that's where he'd work. That was a meatpacking plant down on Townsend Street. I'd go down there to see him. Somebody'd call me about a func? tion of some kind, and I'd go down and say, "Are you going to be free such a night?" and everything, tell him all about it. He'd stand there with a side of beef on his shoulder and talk to me for 15 minutes. Never had a headache in his life. Never took a drink. Never smoked a cigarette. All of a sudden, got sick. We were due to go to Truro, to a Mounted Police convention in Truro, on a Tuesday. I called him Monday afternoon, and I said, "We'll leave around noon tomorrow," I said. "And we'll be there by suppertime, and have supper, and then we'll do the convention. They want us about 7:30 or 8 o'clock." He said, "You know what," he said, "I don't feel so good. I don't know if I can go." And I never heard him--ever --saying such a thing before, or knew that he had a headache or anything. I said, "What do you mean, you're not feeling good?" "Don't know," he said. "I can't figure it out. I feel rotten." He said, "Call me in the morning, before you go." I called up. His wife said, "I called the doctor, and the doctor sent him to the hospital. He's up in the City Hospital." So, I said, "Well, I have to go and do this myself." So I called them in Truro and I asked them, "Can I go and do it my? self?" "Oh, yes, we can't change it now. Come and do it yourself." • OPEN EVERY DAY:



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