

The Village Corner

The Village Corner was opened in about March 1960 at 174 Avenue Rd. near Davenport by John Morley and Roy Davies. The house featured mainly folk until its apparent closure in September, 1966. Identification in the public press of the artists who appeared is very poor for the first two years but improves thereafter. An excellent August 20, 1960 Toronto Star *Folk-Song-Til-Dawn Clubs Booming, 3500 Are Members* by Sid Adilman describes the musicians “*youthful singers who exude intensity and deadly seriousness*”, the decor “*a tiny L-shaped room with dark blue walls*”, and a stage “*crowded with guitars, banjos, a table, stools and a piano*”. In the same article you’ll find a description of one of the earliest musicians to work the “Corner”, Ian Tyson.

Another Toronto Star article from July 20, 1963 provides an insight into the operation/finances of the club and by then, owner/manager Shelly Abrams’ commitment to the club and music in general. It was a club that appears to have been hanging by its fingertips financially most of its existence but with one of the best commitments to music.

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1960

Jun 11	A long, excellent article by William French titled "Cool music and hot coffee go down well after hours" on the music scene that also mentions some of the shortest lived clubs.	G&M Jun 11 th p.A16 "One new club, The Village Corner is devoted exclusively to folk singing and operates on the same after-hours basis as the jazz clubs" Also a good picture of Clem Hambourg
Aug 14	The Elizabethan Trio	Star Aug 13 th , p.26
Aug 20	Ian Tyson	Star Aug 20 th , p.24 - from the above referenced article by Sid Adilman again: <i>"One 'Corner' regular is Ian Tyson, a clean shaved 24-year-old Vancouverite who makes folk signing his career. Performing on Saturday nights in tight fitting blue jeans and a freshly laundered sports shirt open at the neck, he sings about feudal England, the Great Depression and prison blues with a relaxed easy manner."</i>
Aug 31	An advertisement for an art display	Star Aug 31 st and the G&M Aug 31 st p.21 "... an exciting new collection of Modern Art by the talented young Portuguese artist Inacio Barata "
Nov 18	An article by Pierre Berton "With notebook and pencil through the land of the folkniks"	Star Nov 23 rd p.33 Berton describes the interior of this nine month old club. Membership 4200, profitable "mad melange of candles in bottles, photos of folk-singers, travel posters, offbeat murals and hand-lettered signs, slightly self conscious" and lots more in this fun review.
Dec 1	Noreen St. Pierre & Bob Wonk	Star Nov 26 th p.31 advertisement: "Toronto's Folksong Centre"

Over the next few months the club published advertisements simply promoting “folk singing”

1961

Aug 20	Mike White's Imperial Jazz Band	G&M Aug 19 th p.13 “ ... launches Sunday sessions tomorrow” in an article by Patrick Scott critiquing the jazz scene; “He Had It Once, But It's All Gone Now”. He's not talking about Mike White.
Sep 29	Alan MacRae & Doug Bishop	Star Sep 29 th , p.33
Sep 30	Dave Campbell & Jim McCarthy	Star Sep 29 th , p.33
Oct 1	Mike White	Star Sep 29 th , p.33

1962

Jun 22-23	Greg Curtis	<p>Star June 22 p.22: The “Corner” prides itself on “being the first folk-singing club in Toronto and tonight and tomorrow the featured artist will be Greg Curtis, Toronto's first full time folk singer. This is the first time both club and singer have united”.</p> <p>Also reopening after “9 tonight” (Jun 22nd) the club has expanded to 100 seats by taking over the barber shop next door. And, “just after midnight tonight the club will feature a folk music hootenanny (when anyone in the audience can join in).”</p>
Jun 23	Mary Jane and Winston	Star Jun 22 nd p.22 as part of the folk-singing hootenanny

Aug 24-26	John Winn	Star Aug 24 th , p. 17 "Troubadour, Classic Guitarist" 9:30-1 am, as the club seems to be moving away from its "after hours" moniker
Sep 1-2	Ian and Sylvia plus David Wiffen	Star Sep 1 st p.24 & 28 note there are three set shows: 9:30, 11 and 12:30. From the 1966 Mariposa Festival program <i>"England-born David Wiffen, 24, is a blues singer-guitarist. He has had the blues, lived the blues and said the blues all across Canada. He is the blues. He has appeared on CTV's Let's Sing Out and in numerous clubs from Toronto to Vancouver. This is Dave's first appearance at Mariposa."</i>
Sep 7-9	Dave Campbell	Star Sep 8 th
Sep 14-15	Dave Campbell	Star Sep 15 p.24
Sep 27-30	Barry Kornfeld	Star Sep 27 th , p.40 "Direct from New York"
Nov 2-4	John Winn	Star Nov 2 nd , p. 31 "9:30 to 1 am"
Nov 16-17	Gord Lightfoot	From a poster on FB Jan 12 th 2021 thx to Nicholas Jennings
Dec 1	Reference in a Globe article by Gordon Froggatt "Audrey Hepburn Type Gets a Wicked Role"	G&M Dec 1 st p.17 "The Village Corner, one of the original houses in Toronto to present folk songsters with coffee and sandwiches is open on Sunday afternoons and Monday nights to anyone who feels they've got what it takes to be a singer of folk songs". Says Shelley Abrams , <i>"We feel there is a lot of singing talent in Toronto without an outlet. This way youngsters can face an audience and test their abilities."</i>

Dec 1-2

Al Cromwell

Star Dec 1st p.31



With thanks to Nicholas Jennings for this FB composite.

Dec 8-9

John Smith

Star Dec 1st p.31 "... bawdy ballads and East Coast songs."

Dec 15

Gerry Barker's *In Town & Out* column

Star Dec 15th p.22 acknowledgment **that "Shelley Abrams and Michael Cavendish** are leasing the Village Corner starting in the new year ... *A crackdown by the Guild of Canadian Folk Artists has resulted in more performers getting paid and cancellation of 'impromptu' hootenannys*".

Dec 28

The Halifax Three: Richard Byrne, Dennis Doherty, Pat LaCroix

Star Dec 28th p.14 note: Denny Doherty later with the Mamas and Papas:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denny_Doherty

Dec 31

Kel Lindzy

Star Dec 28th p.14 and continuing this week

1963

Jan 11-12	Michael & Vicki	Star Jan 11 th p.27
Jan 18-20	Jim McCarthy	Star Jan 18 th p.30
Jan 22-27	Leon Morenzie	Star Jan 18 th p.30
Feb 7-10	Dave Campbell	Star Feb 7 th p.21
Feb 15-17	Gord Lightfoot	Star Feb 7 th p.21
Mar 22-23	Chanteclairs with Jim McCarthy	Star Mar 22 nd p.23
Mar 26-30	Judy Orban	Star Mar 22 nd p.23 and 29 th p.22 "folksongs"
Apr 1-6	Kit Snow	Star Mar 29 th p.22 "blues" (Saturday end presumed)
Apr 11-13	The Villagers Three	Star Apr 11 th p.26
Apr 15	Sonny Terry & Brownie McGhee, the Chanteclairs, The Pioneers, Dave Campbell, John Smith, Dave Wiffen Al Campbell and Jim McCarthy	Star Apr 11 th p.26, Apr 13 th p.27 all in a Monday Apr 15 th hootenanny according to the Star Apr 15 th p.29 "to help out a financially suffering Village Corner"
Apr 26-27	Fernwood Trio	Star Apr 26 th p.23
Apr 27	Dave Caplan in his <i>Man About Jazz</i> column	Star Apr 27 p.28 "Monday to Thursday and Sunday 9:30 - 1 am, Friday and Saturday 9 pm - 3am Membership
Apr 30-May 4	Ted Schafer	Star Apr 25 th p.23 refers to Ted Schafer as "one of the founders of the Village Corner" and Star 26 th p.23 "on Banjo"

May 24-25	Bruce Farwell	Star May 24 th p.25, G&M May 24 th p.5
May 27-June 1	Barry Kornfield	Star May 24 th p.25, G&M May 31 st p.4
Jun 14-15	Doug Brown	Star Jun 14 th p.23, G&M Jun 14 th p.4
Jun 16	"Oriental Dancers"	Star Jun 14 th p.23
Jun 17-20	Joanne Hyndley-Smith	Star Jun 14 th p.23 "Patio opening tonight"
Jun 21-22	John Smith	Star Jun 22 nd p.22 advertisement
Jun 24 -27	Adrian Harmon	Star Jun 22 nd p.22 "starts Monday". From Cedric Smith on Facebook: <i>He was a Brit who played classical guitar with lute like pretensions & sang classy madrigals in counter tenor mode & material like 'there were 3 ravens sat on a wall hey a down a derry derry derry derry down. derry down derry derry etc.</i>
Jun 28-29	The Underground Four	G&M Jun 28 th p.35
Jul 12-13	Fernwood Trio	Star Jul 12 th p.18
Jul 15-20	Peter Wyborn	Star Jul 16 th p.15 an interesting and critical description of Wyborn's style by Morris Duff in his article "Scream For More Of Lynn"
Jul 20	An excellent article by Morris Duff: <i>"You Wouldn't Recognize First Folksong Club"</i>	Star Jul 20 th p.19 - In it Duff identifies Shelly Abrams as the Owner a "... 26 year old bookkeeper" then provides serious detail on the operation/finances of the club and her commitment to the club and music in general. "On weeks when business isn't good the singer is always paid. Shelley makes up for it by not eating for a couple of days."
Jul 26-27	John Smith	Star Jul 26 th p.20

Jul 28	Adrian Harmon	Star Jul 26 th p.20
Jul 29	John Smith	Star Jul 26 th p.20
Aug 2-3	Pre-Mariposa hootenanny	Star Jul 2 nd p.16 "Shelly Abrams of the Village Corner and Carl Noylander of the Gate of Cleve will hold a pre-Mariposa hootenanny in the clubs Aug 3."
Aug 2-3	John Smith	Star Aug 2 nd p.16
Aug 9-11	Marc Strange	Star Aug 9 th p.14
Aug 12 -17	Judith Orban Ian and Sylvia	Star Aug 9 th p.14 "folksinger" The Star Jul 3 rd suggests they will appear after Mariposa ended on the 11 th . Did they?
Aug 23-24	David Wiffen	Star Aug 23 rd p.20
Aug 25	Adrian Harmon	Star Aug 23 rd p.20
Aug 26 -31	Elyse Weinberg	Star Aug 23 rd p.20, Aug 30 th p.18
Sep 1- 7	John Smith	G&M Sep 6 th p.4, Aug 30 th p.18
Sep 8	Marc Strange	Star Sep 6 th p.23
Sep 9-14	John Smith	Star Sep 6 th p.23 (with correction Sep 10 th), G&M Sep 13 th p.4
Sep 15-21	Adrian Harmon	Star Sep 13 th p.22 G&M Sep 20 th p.39
Sep 22	The Balladeers	Star Sep 20 th p.32 G&M Sep 20 th p.39
Sep 23-28	Peter Wyborn	Star Sep 20 th p.32 G&M Sep 27 th p.4
Sep 29-Oct 3	The Balladeers	Star Sep 27 th p.21 G&M Sep 27 th p.4

Oct 4-5	Fernwood Trio	Star Sep 27 th p.21
Oct 18-19	Doug Brown	Tely Oct 19 th "Lanky Doug Brown" G&M Oct 18 th p.4
Oct 20	Greg Winkfield	"strums sea shanties"
Oct 21-26	Dave Campbell	"West Indian-cum-Traditional folk singer" opens for a week
Nov 1-2	Gord Lightfoot	G&M Nov 1 st p.4, Tely Nov 2 nd
Nov 3, 8-10	Greg Winkfield	G&M Nov 1 st p.4, G&M Nov 8 th p.51, Tely Nov 9 th
Nov 11-16	John Smith	Star Nov 16 th p.28 conflicts on the 16 th with the G&M Nov 16 th p.11 per below.
Nov 17-24	Len Chandler	The Tely breaks the tie; make it the 17 th for Chandler's start, continuing with "viciously bitter protest songs, whimsy and clap along gospels", G&M Nov 16 th p.11 with Star Nov 21 st p.21 covering off the Sunday
Nov 30-Dec 1	John Smith	"Formica topped tables", coffee and local folk signers
Dec. 6-7	Doug Brown	The Tely, Dec 7 th "Just a blowing in the wind over his guitar ends tonight" G&M Nov 6 th p.51
Dec 8-15	Marc Strange and Juan Serrano	Tely Dec 7 th Marc Strange: "sometime actor", G&M Dec 13 th p.10
Dec 16-21	The Balladeers	Tely Dec 14 th , G&M Dec 20 th p.10
Dec 22	John Smith	Tely Dec 21 st
Dec 31	Barry Kornfeld	New Year's Eve special including also "the Balladeers and other folk acts"

1964

Jan 3-4	Kettleby Creek Clan and Barry Kornfeld	G&M Jan 3 rd p.8
Jan 10-11	Kettleby Creek Clan	G&M Jan 10 th p.8
Jan 12-16	John Smith	G&M Jan 10 th p.8
Jan 17-18	Fernwood Trio	G&M Jan 17 th p.8, Tely Jan 11 th "late of the Establishment"
Jan 24-25	Doug Brown	G&M Jan 24 th p.8
Jan 26	Ursula Kalbe	G&M Jan 24 th p.8, Tely Jan 25 th "a Hamilton folk singer"
Jan 31-Feb 1	Adrian Harmon	G&M Jan 31 st p.8, Tely Feb 1 st : "Toronto's only "Elizabethan minstrel"
Feb 2	Jim McCarthy	Tely Feb 1 st
Feb 7-8	Jim McCarthy	G&M Feb 7 th p.8
Feb 9	Roger Jones	G&M Feb 7 th p.8
Feb14-16	Fernwood Trio	Tely Feb 13 th
Feb 20-22	"Ramblin" Ross Allen	"Hank Williams style country singer" on the 20 th
Feb 23-26	The Voyagers	Tely Feb 22 nd "make their first appearance in Toronto"
Feb 27-29	Ross Allen	Tely Feb 27 th
Mar 2-7	Doug McKeen	G&M Mar 6 th p.8, Tely Mar 7 th : "of Muskegon Michigan"
Mar 8	David Tweed	Tely Mar 7 th
Mar 10-14	Tom Shipley	G&M 13 th p.8, Tely Mar 7 th , 12 th ,

Mar 14 or maybe just the 15 th	Roger Jones	Tely Mar 14 th “the pride of York Mills Collegiate performs”
Mar 18-21	Gord Lightfoot	Tely Mar 14 th “booked for the rest of the week”, G&M Mar 20 th
Mar 22	Roger Jones	G&M Mar 20 th p.12, Tely Mar 21 st
Mar 23-28	Jo Anne Hindley-Smith	Tely Mar 21 st and 26 th : “her last local performance before leaving for a year in Europe”. Barry Kornfield joins her on the Easter weekend. G&M Mar 27 th p.15
Apr 2,4	Jim McCarthy	Tely Apr 2 nd
Apr 3	The Kettleby Creek Club	Tely Apr 2 nd
Apr 5	Roger Jones	All of the above 3 dates; G&M Apr 3 rd p.9, Tely Apr 4 th
Apr 10-11	Doug Brown	G&M Apr 10 th p.8, Tely Apr 11 th
Apr 12	Ric Arbour	G&M Apr 10 th p.8, Tely Apr 11 th
Apr 13-25	Val Gordon	G&M Apr 17 th p.13 & 24 th p.10, Tely Apr 11 th
Apr 17	Note in Gerry Barker’s <i>In Town and Out</i> column in the Toronto Star	<i>Star Apr 17th p. 27 “Another folk club got a reprieve this week as new money was pumped into the Village Corner club on Avenue Rd. As soon as current folk artist commitments are completed the club will swing over to a country and western music format at the behest of the new investor.”</i> This may explain the inconsistencies in the two Tely listings the following week
Apr 16-18	Allan MacRae	(“one of the Chanteclairs now singing blue grass and folk as a single”) Tely Apr 16 th
Apr 19	Roger Jones	Tely Apr 16 th

Apr 18	Al or Val? Gordon	Tely Apr 18 th note the discrepancies (spelling?)
Apr 19	Ric Arbour	Tely Apr 18 th
Apr 20-25	Jim McCarthy	Tely Apr 18 th , 23 rd , Star Apr 24 th p.26 advertisement
Apr 26-30	Martin Hatfield	Star Apr 24 th p.26, Tely Apr 23 rd
May 1-2	Kettleby Creek Clan	Tely Apr 30 th showing also with Doug Brown on the 3 rd
May 3-5	Martin Hatfield	Tely Apr 30 th , also refers to the Corner as the “Home of folk music”
May 7-9, 9-15	Rex Brisland	Tely May 7 th
May 16-17	Tom Shipley	references really blurry need checking
May 22-23	Cy Anders	G&M May 22 nd p.8, Tely May 23 rd
May 25-30	Stan Thomas	G&M May 29 th p.10, Tely May 23 rd
Jun 1-14	Ed McCurdy	Star Jun 12 th p.18 “Singer Ed McCurdy, who hosted Canada’s first network folksong show on radio back in 1946 has been variously described as mule-headed, cantankerous, opinionated and intemperate. Predicting the current folk music boom as early as 1948 he left Canada in a huff 10 years ago, walking out of a top-rated children’s TV series because of a contract dispute with CBC. McCurdy’s back in Toronto toting his guitar and a repertoire of 10,000 ballads, for a two-week stint at the Village Corner. Tely May 30 th : “Internationally-known folk singer, returns to Toronto for a two-week engagement”, G&M Jun 12 th p.8

Jun 19-20	Tom Shipley	Tely June 20 th see: http://brewerandshipley.com/Bios&Liners/Bios_Tom_Bio.h tm yes, your guessed it one of the “one toke over the line” guys
Jun 21	Ric and Bas Arbour	Tely June 20 th “singing French Canadian “ditties” and G&M Jun 19 th p.8
June 25-27	Tom Shipley	G&M Jun 26 th p.10, Tely Jun 25 th , 27 th
Jun 30 - Jul 12	Country Gentlemen	G&M Jul 3 rd p.8, Tely Jun 27 th , Jul 4 th , also in the Star Jul 3 rd - note the comment that they were invited to play at Ian and Sylvia’s wedding the previous week “but couldn’t make it.” The Tely Jul 9 th has them until Jul 12 th
Jul 2-4	Tom Shipley	Tely Jul 2 nd conflicts with the Tely posting of Jul 4 th , did Shipley show? Maybe he filled in for the Country Gentlemen who changed their mind
July 14-25	Paul Clayton	“Yankee folk singer”: Tely Jul 9 th , 23 rd and 26 th
Jul 21	Nathan Cohen in the Toronto Star	Star Jul 21 st p.22 discusses Shelley Abrams resistant to having the Corner bought out, possibly by Don Cullen of the Bohemian Embassy
July 30-Aug 12	Rev. Gary Davis	“last of the New Orleans street singers” Tely Jul 30 th also reported: “Owner Shelly Abrams reports that the benefit concert with Ian and Sylvia, The Travellers, the Dirty Shames , and others collected \$1000 for hospitalized folk singer Peter Wyborn last Monday”
Aug 13-23	Paul Pasle	NY blues balladeer performs. , Tely Aug 13 th , 15 th , 22 nd

Aug 25 - Sept 5	Jesse “Lone Cat” Fuller	Tely Aug 20 th , 27 th , 29 th , Sep 5 th : “He’s the originator of much of Bobby Dylan’s material and style” calling him also “the one man band”; also notes in the Star Aug 27 th p.23.
Sept 5-20	Mitch Greenhill	Tely Sep 12 th & 17 th
Sept 25-Oct 4	Jean Redpath	“Scottish folk singer” Tely Sep 26 th , Oct 1 st Oct 3 rd and Star Oct 3 rd p.29
Oct 6-17	Doug Brown	Star Oct 3 rd p.29, Tely Oct 3 rd , Tely Oct 15 th
October	Joni Anderson	Joni Mitchell’s website https://jonimitchell.com/ has her playing here sometime in October of ‘64
Oct 20-31	Gord Lightfoot	Tely Oct 17 th , 22 nd , 24 th , 29 th
Nov 3-15	Len Chandler	Tely Oct 29 th “opens for a two week stay”, Oct 31 st
Nov 17-29	Judith Orban	Tely Nov 26 th : joined on the 27 th and 28 th by Al Cromwell
Dec 4-17	Stan Thomas	Tely Dec 5 th with the Fernwood Trio performing on weekends
Dec 18-20	Jim McCarthy	Tely Dec 17 th “of the Dirty Shames”
Dec 23-30	Amos Garrett & Carol Robinson	Tely Dec 24 th “also of the Dirty Shames”

1965

Dec 29-Jan 3	Joanne Hindley-Smith	Tely Dec 31 st "back from England
Jan 18	From an RPM Magazine interview of Shelly Abrams	"And what happens when you try to do your share? Shelley Abrams, who is shutting down her Village Corner says she has lost too much money trying to be the "Florence Nightingale" of the folk field. She hired only Canadians and seldom filled the house. Last summer she experimented for three months, importing talent, and she made money. 'Canadian people aren't interested in Canadian performers. We got bigger crowds for the Americans and more publicity. If I hadn't had to lose money on Canadians I wouldn't be in the spot I am.'
		There won't be any breakthrough, she says - "until Canadians learn to be proud of themselves and learn to accept performers before the U.S."
		Thank you to Mike Daley for this find
Jan 27	Article in the Globe by Michael Hanlon titled "Smoking Researcher Seeks Volunteers"	G&M Jan 27 th p.12 "The Village Corner Café, which has been called Toronto's first "folknik" coffee house, reopens on Friday (the 29 th) under new management. It was closed at the beginning of the month for renovations after being bought by Jack Devoretsky.
Jan 29-31	Ted McGillivary	G&M - Jan 29 th p.12 although the Tely Jan 23 rd wrongly (or not) has Amos Garrett & Carol Robinson on Jan 29 th and 30 th
Feb 4-7	Panic Button Players	Tely Jan 28 th , Tely Feb 4 th : "a satirical review"

Feb 6	Amos Garrett & Carol Robinson	Star Feb 6 th p.30
Feb 19-20	Amos Garrett & Carol Robinson	Star Feb 19 th p.22
Feb 25-28	Klaas van Graft	Tely Feb 27 th , Star Feb 19 th p.22
Mar 5-6	Stan Thomas	Tely Feb 27 th , Mar 6 th
Mar 12-13	Sharon Trostin	Tely Mar 13 th
Mar 19-20	Ted McGillivary	Tely Mar 13 th
Mar 26-27	Doug Brown	Tely Mar 25 th (After 4 advert) and 27 th
Apr 2-3	Elyse Weinberg	Tely Apr 1 st (After 4 advert) and 3 rd
Apr 9-10	David Tweed	Tely Apr 1 st (After 4 advert) and 3 rd
Apr 13-May 2	Tom Shipley	Star Apr 12 th p.19, Tely Apr 8 th (advert): Starting Apr 13 for one week, Tely Apr 10 th , 22 nd , May 1 st
May 4-9	Doug Brown	Tely Apr 29 th (advert) note overlap, May 1 st
May 7	Ted McGillivary	G&M May 7 th p.12
May 8-9	Simone Dina	G&M May 7 th , p.12, Star May 6 th p.26
May 11-16	Casey Anderson	“a man with a large blues repertoire”, confirmed Star May 6 th p. 27, Tely May 8 th , May 15 th
May 18-30	Jesse (Lone Cat) Fuller	started May 18 th for a two week stint: G&M May 19 th p.15 in an article by Marvin Schiff “Captivating Bedlam of Fuller” and Tely May 22 nd

Jun 3-20	Val Pringle	Star Jun 16 th p.39 "5 more days until Jun 20 th ", G&M Jun 3 rd p.10, Tely Jun 19 th
Jun 22-27	Al Cromwell	Tely Jun 26 th
Jul 3-4	Elyse Weinberg	Tely Jul 3 rd



A composite picture from Nicholas Jennings via Facebook

Jul 6-	Gord Lowe	Star Jul 3 rd p.15
Jul 16-18	Stan Thomas	Tely Jul 17 th
Sep 4	A hootenanny featuring Sonny and Peter	Tely Sep 4 th
Sep 11	Steve Jorganson	appears in a hootenanny and "talent auditions will be held all next week"
Sep 18	Eva Hasten (sp)	Tely Sep 18 th and the "Argentinian Aardvarks"
Dec 8	Don Cullen and Barry Baldaro with the Village Revue	G&M Dec 8 th p.17 "for two or three weeks" and referenced too in the Star Dec 8 th p.40 but calling it the 10 th week

Note in "Folkways with Michael Sherman"

The Star Dec 9th p.43 "The Village Corner, once the cradle of folk music in the city, dies hard. Closed and re-opened many times since its apparent demise two years ago, it's having another go. The club opened again the other night with a slight change. It is presenting satire in the form of Don Cullen and Barry Baldaro's "Village Revue" rather than folk."

Dec 17

The Village Revue

Star Dec 17th p.21 - an ad: has the Village Revue in its 11th hit week

1966

Jan 19

The Village Revue

Star Jan 19th p.36 has the Village Revue now at the Cork Room

Mar 4-5

The Voyageurs

Tely Mar 3rd and 5th, Sunday the 6th "your participation", invited to what we now call "open mic" or "mike", take your Google pick

Mar 11-12

Peter and Sunny

Tely Mar 10th , and with "your participation" on Sunday

Mar 18-19, 25-27

Ingrid Fistell

Tely Mar 17th and Star Mar 25th p.35

Apr 1-2

Murray McLauchlan

Tely Mar 24th , with open mic (auditions) on Sunday the 3rd

Apr 8-9

Murray McLauchlan

Tely Apr 7th "held over", house is open Thursdays to Sunday, with "auditions and hootenanny" on Sunday and Tely Apr 9th

Apr 15-16

Roger Jones

Tely Apr 14th "versatile folk artist", now open Friday to Sunday, still with "auditions and hootenanny" on Sunday

Apr 28-30	David Campbell	Tely Apr 30 th “ Fulbright scholarship winner’ completes a two night stand tonight”
May 13-14	David Campbell	Tely May 14 th
May 20-21	Sonny and Peter	Tely May 21 st , Sunday night: “open audience will be held”
May 27-28	Murray McLauchlan	Tely May 28 th
Jun 4	Al Lalonde(?)	Tely Jun 4 th p.19 ... singing folk songs. “Open auditions are held Sunday evenings”
Jun 11	David Tweed	Tely Jun 11 th p.18
Jun 18	Donna Marie	Tely Jun 18 th p.18
Jun 21	Article by Morris Duff titled “Bailiff closes door of the Village Corner”	Star Jun 21 st p.23 This article covers the ownership issues with the Corner
Jun 24	Note in the press	Star Jun 24 th p.24 in an un-attributed article titled “We have overcome sings the Village Corner. The “Corner” reopens with a hootenanny on a loan from an outsider: J.M. Mulholland.
July 1-2	Holiday Heat a weekend event	Tely Jul 2 nd p.19
Aug 5-7	“Folk music”	Tely Aug 6 th p.20 ... with open auditions and a hootenanny
Aug 12-14	“Folk music”	Tely Aug 13 th p.18 similar message as previous week
Aug 19-21	“Folk music”	Tely Aug 20 th p.14 similar message as previous week
Sep 3	Paul and Sig	Tely Sep 3 rd p.20 ... regular Sunday hootenanny. Open 8:30 pm to 3 am. “Dark Monday through Thursday”

Data collection

These listings are a composite of what appeared in the Toronto Telegram's (the Tely) What's Going On listing in the Showcase Section and the Chum About Town listings in the After Four Section (Feb 1964 - Feb 1965) augmented by electronic searches of the Toronto Star (Star) and Globe and Mail (G&M) archives from the 1960s on. Where I take words directly from a listing I use "quotation marks". Where I cite an article I reference the reporter if identified.

Please note and recognize, these are only the musicians who were publicized in the daily press. Many others performed and risk going unrecognized except in memory. As usual, the spelling of artists names is variable to say the least as Joni Anderson found out; corrections always welcome.