Getting By ETHEL SIMMONS

Down under crowd listens at promotion

A sophistizated evening crowd has been finding its way to the Down-under, the downstairs room at the Meating Place restaurant in Orchard Lake.

Part of the reason is the sounds of Rory Dewey, who entertains at the pianobar. Dewey plays for the cocktail bour, 5-7 pm., and returns at 9 pm. to continue for the after-dinner and later after-theater customers.

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According to Rick Harrison, general manager of liquor operations, the Downunder used to feature folk music and draw a young growd, but since the Meating Place remodeled, an older audience has been showing up downstairs, so "easy listening" music was desired.

Dewey, in his twenties, can handle all kinds of song requests at the baby grand. Patrons may request old favories by Porter or Gershwin, and Dewey has put these songs into his repertoire by catching them on the late movies.

ORIGINALLY FROM WALLED LAKE, Dewey now lives in Detroit.
"My grandfather was a gypsy violinist from Romania." he said with a pride that indicates pleasure in his heritage. "He had an orchestra in Detroit."

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Dewey, who was on the road with Counie Graham and a four-piece band for three months, has been back in Detroit since January. For a 1¹² years, he has played around metropolian Detroit with the Perry Hughes Chiefel

Quintet.
"I'm into jazz." Dewey said.
He's happy to be performing in an area so close to his first home. The talented pianist's girlfriend, Laurie, is a

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waitress at the Meating Place. He also
knew manager Fred Ferguon, but it
was Laurie who told Dewey that Ferguson was looking for a new
entertainer.
Along with the music, patrons of the
Downunder can now dine or snack,
from a menu of fresh foods. Is sampled
the raw vegetable platter, at \$3.53,
more than big enough for two. This
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YOU CAN ORDER soup, tossed salad or pastries, wise by the bottle, Spanish or Irish coffee, in addition to the cocktails most lounges serve. The atmosphere is subdued, with decor by Alekisis Lahti and the new planobar, chairs that have cane backs and seals, round tables for two of rour as week, serving until 1 a.m. and staying open even later on weekends.

THE MARCH WINDS were brick, but the water on Lake St. Clair was bright blue, and the drive to Chuck Muer's River Crab was a breath of spring.

The control of the control of the strations that the straight prunch is one of the attractions that prings people out in their cars for a ride on 1-94 to the St. Clair end, through St. Clair and north on River Road to the restaurant.

Last Sunday was the first brunch of the new season. Buffet style, you pick blueberry muffins and other rolls from an arrangement of baskets grouped sidewards. Bagels, lox and cream cheese look as good as they taste, the tox cut into swirted strips, the cream cheese made up to resemble a frosted cake.

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The table of hot dishes takes you from paneakes to what is probably the biggest quiche you've ever seen, in a gigantic pan. In between are creamed imman haddie, corned beef hash and apple dumplings, to name just a few dishes.

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As you brunch, you can look out on Lake St. Clair, for a smooth vist a soon to be filled with river traffic.

Besides Sunday brunch, the River Crab is open Tuesdays-Fridays for inche (beginning March 28), for disner, and for lunch and dinner Modays, too, as of May 22.

The River Crab adjoins the River Crab Motor Inn, and you can drive or boat in for enjoyment by the water.

IT'S ONLY A FEW hours by car. train or plane to some of metropolitan Detroiters' favorite towns—Toronto and Chicago. You can spend a lot of money, or a little, stopping for food

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Just a few places you can enjoy a brew in Tororto include Good Queen Bess, an English pub on the lower level of the fabulous Sheraton Centre in Toronto. The Sheraton Centre has an indoor garden with waterfall, icy

Easter bunny likes crepes

The Easter Burny has made his reservation for Easter brunch at the Som-erset Magic Pan Creperie, Sunday, March 26.

A special crepe menu has been cre-ated and includes: Chicken elegante with spinach souffle; beef bourguig-non, ratatouille and salad; tenderloin

of beef brochette and mushroom crepe; egg sáusalito and salad; eggs a la reine and crepe benedict. The full array of Magic Pan dessert crepes will be available. Brunch begins at 11 a.m. For reser-vations call the creperie in Troy at 619-6510.

pheasant.

At the Queen Bess, if you order beer on tap it comes in an English pint mug, which is the biggest drink around.

The Toronto Press Club is near Tem-

The Toronto Press Club is near Temperance Street (which seems unlikely). You can't get in unless you're a member or guest, but just across the street is a delightful pub open to the public called Sherlock's on Sheppard (Street).

Sherlock s looks small from the outside, but inside it's spacious, bookined just the way Sherlock Holmes would have liked it, and has comfortable armchairs. Drink and dining is available.

CHICAGO PLACES include one of my choixes. Sherlock's Home the fictional detective does inspire restaurateurs. There you can have drinks and light food such as Inspector Lestrad's Favorite, which combines mouth-walering roats beef and peta bread. At R.J. Grunt's, the menu is a wild array of just about anything you can think of, at reasonable prices. The salad bar even has caviar. Steak on a skewer is an entree that is good and filling.

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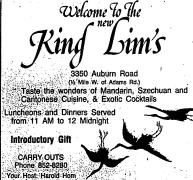


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