

Active cases climb over 6,000

By Gordon Lambie

In an ongoing effort to underline the significance of vaccination to those who remain skeptical, Quebec's Health Minister Christian Dubé shared Sunday that 113 of the 135 people admitted to intensive care across the province over the previous 28 days were not considered adequately vaccinated. According to data shared by the minister, unvaccinated people are considered 8.7 times more likely to contract the virus than someone with two doses, and 25.9 times more likely to end up in hospital.

"Vaccination prevents people from putting unnecessary pressure on our health network," Dubé wrote, encouraging people to go out and get two doses of one of the approved vaccines if they have not already.

The number of active cases of COVID-19 in Quebec climbed back up over 6,000 this weekend. On Friday the province reported 879 new cases, followed by 995 on Saturday and 757 on Sunday bringing the total number of people infected up by 2,631 in just three days.

The number of hospitalizations increased to 213 in that same time, 75 of whom were in intensive care as of Sunday's report, and the number of deaths increased by seven, to 11,304. The number of active outbreaks being monitored across the province was 402.

The most up-to date information on the spread of the virus in the Eastern Townships, released on Friday, showed 213 active cases spread across all of the sub regions of the territory other than the Coaticook region. The highest concentration of active cases remains in Sherbrooke (78 cases) and the Haute-Yamaska region (48 cases), although significant numbers were also recorded in the Val Saint-François, Memphrémagog, and Pommeraiie areas.

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Annual corn roast at the Renaissance- Manoir St. Francis



COURTESY OF SARAH LANGLOIS

Every year over the last ten years plus we have had an annual corn roast. Even last year with the pandemic having closed us up and bunker down, we still managed to enjoy our corn and celebrate the season.

This year while husking the corn we came across an oddity that was embraced as a rare occurrence and something so scarcely seen by many. Mrs. Marthe Bolduc, a young 98-year-old resident, was bewildered to see perfect conjoined cobs of corn. "I

have never seen such a thing in my life," she said delighted. The event filled bellies with sweet local corn and boosted spirits, it was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Sarah Langlois

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TUESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 20
LOW OF 13



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SHOWERS

HIGH OF 22
LOW OF 13



THURSDAY:
MIX OF SUN AND CLOUD

HIGH OF 24
LOW OF 15



FRIDAY:
60% CHANCE OF SHOWERS

HIGH OF 25
LOW OF 14

Sunshine House welcomes new caregiver



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

The Sunshine House in Mansonville welcomes a new caregiver named Katie Mallaley who hails from St. Genevieve on the West Island. Katie and her dog, Fifi have relocated to Mansonville where they live presently with three clients and hope to find a fourth to add to the family atmosphere in a house located centrally in the village.

"Potton is a lovely place," shares Katie. "I am very excited about living in Mansonville and in getting to know the people here," she added.

The Sunshine House is a supervised residence that operates 24/7 looking for a fourth client compatible with the other three clients who have lived at Sunshine House since it opened.

The Board of administrators of the Sunshine House is made up of family members who assure that the caregiver receives the support needed and that the needs of the residents are at the forefront of the residence mission. Working together, the Caregiver and

the administrators assure that the clients remain in their community in a happy and safe surrounding.

To date the Sunshine House has received a lot of support from community members and volunteers who implicate and value the mentally-challenged clients and are proud to assist in keeping them in their community and thriving.

Sunshine House is a unique place where the clients enjoy taking part in activities at their level of participation: taking walks and getting exercise, crafts, music and enjoy healthy meals

together. When you meet the clients, it is easy to see the bond they have and the affection they feel for each other.

For more information about the Sunshine House or to see if the residence is the right place for someone you might know, you can get information by contacting the manager, Debbie Bishop at 438-405-7395.

Potton extends a warm welcome to Katie and Fifi and we hope that together with the Sunshine House clients she will quickly refer to Mansonville as "home."



Fifi, Ally, Michelle and Katie (missing from photo is Mikala)

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Caisse Desjardins sponsors a second blood clinic at CSVM

The Massawippi Valley Foundation has announced the inauguration of a blood clinic every Friday morning at the Massawippi Valley Health Centre (CSVM) in Ayer's Cliff. The Health Centre has for years been running a blood clinic on Wednesday mornings - the demand has been such that a second clinic became necessary. Caisse Desjardins du Lac

Memphremagog will be sponsoring this second Clinic for the next year. M. Patrick Gravel, Director General of the Caisse said, "We are proud to see the growth of the Health Center and are very happy to be able to support the blood clinic on Fridays... Being present for our community and being able to take concrete action by supporting promising projects for our community

is part of our DNA ." Earlier, the Massawippi Foundation donated funds to purchase a refrigerated centrifuge, a requirement of the laboratory where blood samples are analysed.

CSVM is a community-owned health cooperative that serves citizens in the Massawippi Valley region. All citizens are welcome to become members.

Submitted by the CSVM

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Local News

Provincial vaccination rates were at 88.1 per cent for a first dose among eligible persons and 82.7 per cent for adequate vaccination as of Sunday.

Hatley High – Back to school with a bang

By David Winch
Special to The Record

Netflix will soon film a new series based on Brome Lake author Louise Penny's detective Gamache mysteries, set in fictional Three Pines. Maybe this will stimulate filmmaking in the Townships, which has been largely dormant since a big bump back in 2003-2004.

At that time, scenic North Hatley was the focus of several film productions, notably a witty low-budget teen comedy, *Hatley High*, and a big mystery thriller starring Johnny Depp – *Secret Window*. The two films were polar opposites.

Secret Window (2004) was a \$40-million U.S. production with bankable stars, including John Turturro. Made in the fall of 2003, it used the J.B. LeBaron general store in North Hatley as the setting for a restaurant in the movie, but other scenes were shot in New York City. Depp left good memories with the Townships public, as townsfolk recall him being unfailingly polite and unpretentious.

Filming locations also included Bromont, but it never identified Townships places as such. One film reviewer on the influential IMDb

(Internet Movie Database) site said simply that the Depp character “lives in a cottage near a lake”.

By contrast, *Hatley High* (2004) delivers a peppy, rock-themed, high-school story with a bang. And this Canadian teen movie is visibly set in North Hatley and the Townships – even if the Hatley High School of the title never existed. Director Phil Price deftly cut in scenes shot in Hudson, Quebec and in the NDG neighbourhood of Montreal, with outdoor scenes and street signs shot in North Hatley itself.

The film remains an intriguing venture. Shot with a budget of just \$300,000 Cdn., the film's own trailer mocks its low-budget corner-cutting. The theatre audience was minimal, but it won several awards at the US Comedy Arts Festival in 2005, including for best director and best screenplay.

Today, *Hatley High* is virtually unfindable, with exactly one DVD available recently on Amazon.

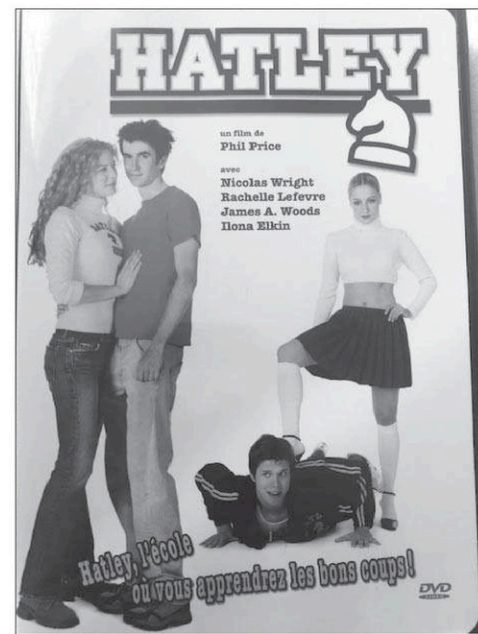
It's a teen comedy with a twist: there are jocks and nerds and lots of cheerleaders at this high school, of course, but no competitive basketball or football teams. The really hot sport is ... chess. The students' jockeying for status and attention focuses on the school's ultra-competitive chess team,

The Knights. The gym is loudly packed for a big tournament against a devious-looking Russian team. (The French title is simply *Hatley*, while a Russian-language version of the film, *Bezumni Kolledzh*, translates roughly as *Crazy College*.) All eyes are on the new kid at school, Tommy (played by Nicolas Wright), to save their championship dreams.

What did the world film public think of all this?

At IMDb.com, as elsewhere on the Web, many reviewers loved it: “[this] low-budget Canadian movie has proved to be a quirky little gem ... We laughed all the way through this movie (Canadians might have a strange sense of humour though - I am not sure). ... it's a satire of other movies (typical high school sports movies or new kid in town movies) but it is not just full of superficial jokes - it has more depth to it because of the real issues that it addresses. Mostly, though, it is just very funny.”

Another critic added, “it comes off as a play on the typical American ‘worship the football goods’ type movie. ... The main character, Tommy, did a good job of coming across as a complicated young man who has the initial idea of who he is, but still has rough edges



COURTESY

to work on”. And yes, by storming the chess tournament, he gets the girl.

Concludes one IMDb reviewer: “it's a good movie with some chuckles along the way. I am so glad that I stumbled upon it.”

Maybe it's time Townshippers noticed their films, too. A business worth more than just a few laughs.

Sherbrooke prepping for municipal election

Record Staff

The municipal election campaign will officially begin on Sept. 17, leading up to the Sunday, Nov. 7 election, when the population will be called upon to vote for the members of the next Sherbrooke municipal council. The council is composed of a mayor and 14 municipal councillors. Two borough councillors must also be elected in borough districts 3.1 of Uplands and 3.2 of Fairview to sit exclusively on Lennoxville Borough Council.

The nomination period is from Sept. 17 to Oct. 1, at 4:30 p.m. At the end of the period, the returning officer, Me Line Chabot, will present

the candidates in each electoral district and those running for the position of mayor via webcast. The names of those elected by acclamation, if any, will also be revealed.

In light of the global health crisis caused by COVID-19, a number of options have been put in place in 2021 for people to exercise their right to vote.

On Oct. 29, Nov. 1, 2 and 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., it will be possible for any elector to vote at the returning office. The location will be provided at a later date.

Advance polling will be held on Oct. 31, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., for all electors. The reminder card sent to

each person registered on the list of electors will make it possible to know the polling place and the candidates in election attached to that address.

Voting day is scheduled for Nov. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., for all electors. The reminder card will also be useful for finding out where to vote and which candidates are running for office.

Voting by mail is also possible for electors aged 70 and over, for residents of private residences for the elderly or of CHSLDs, for persons who are unable to move about for health reasons and their caregivers, as well as for those whose isolation has become necessary due to COVID-19.

A call to the election office (819 822-

6100) is all that is required to register to vote by mail and request a voting kit.

Polling stations will also be set up in certain private residences for seniors and certain buildings with 75 dwellings or more during advance polling, in order to avoid trips to the polling station.

The organization of the 2021 municipal election in Sherbrooke will require the hiring of more than 1,000 people. Matching people who wish to work with a relative or friend will be facilitated. The best way to apply to work on the election is to fill out the form available on the City of Sherbrooke's website at sherbrooke.ca/election.

Police launch distracted driving campaign

Record Staff

Quebec's police forces are teaming up with officials from the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) over the coming week on a campaign aimed at making drivers more aware of the dangers associated with distracted driving.

From Sept. 10 to 16 a series of coordinated police operations will be taking place across the province in order to catch driver distracted by portable electronic devices, telephones, or screen displays.

Distracted driving is one of the main causes of fatal or serious injury crashes in Quebec. A distracted driver may not see up to 50 per cent of the information

in their surroundings. He looks without seeing what is happening. So, distracted driving is like driving blindfolded, or semi-blindfolded. Would you do it?

With these dangers in mind, the anti-distraction operation will be carried out under the theme “Do not let distraction blind you.” The chosen approach aims to remind drivers of the consequences of distraction, whether due to focus leaving the road or simply attention that is not directed towards driving. When driving (regardless of the mode of transport), it is important to stay focused on the road and our immediate environment.

Distracted driving isn't just about cell phone use. It can be cognitive,

visual, manual or auditory. The SAAQ has just launched a new awareness campaign focused on cognitive distraction, which aims to remind drivers of the importance of staying

focused on the road. Although often performed automatically, driving is a complex task that requires our full attention.

Active cases

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The number of hospitalizations increased slightly, to four with one in intensive care, but there were no new deaths linked to COVID-19 in the area. The report also noted 18 active outbreaks across the region.

Provincial vaccination rates were at 88.1 per cent for a first dose among

eligible persons and 82.7 per cent for adequate vaccination as of Sunday. The Eastern Townships' Friday report put those figures at 84.6 per cent and 79.6 per cent locally.

The next detailed update on the situation in the Eastern Townships is expected on Tuesday.

EDITORIAL

For starters, this is perhaps the first and only election when the reason why the election was called is still being debated as the election comes to an end.

Some random closing thoughts on a random federal election



PETER BLACK

This is your scribe's last column ... before the federal election. So why not indulge in some random thoughts and wild speculation as this mercifully brief campaign comes to a close?

For starters, this is perhaps the first and only election when the reason why the election was called is still being debated as the election comes to an end. Most commentators have concluded Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau never made a compelling case for pulling the plug on a fractious and dysfunctional Parliament at this time.

Average voters are not Liberal strategists; they do not spend their time working through options on the best time to terminate a minority Parliament and go to the polls. There will be much retrospection on the wisdom of this call. One would imagine at least one person in the Grit warroom would be able to say "I told you so" as he or she clears out their desk.

Your scribe knew PMJT could be in trouble for an ill-advised election call a few weeks back while sharing drinks on a dock with a group of whom I knew to be reliably Liberal voters in Ontario. They were riled, and no longer reliable.

Under the topic of wild speculation, there is a whiff of a rumour of tittle-tattle and gossip among Liberals that another minority Liberal government would give the party an opening to rid itself of its biggest liability, according

to an abundance of anecdotal, experiential and polling evidence, namely a leader almost violently unloved in some quarters of the country.

Of course, if Erin O'Toole's Conservatives pull off a minority, the question of Trudeau's future would seem to be moot. Although Googling "possible successors to Justin Trudeau" doesn't bring up anything fresh as yet, one can be sure the likes of banking brainiac Mark Carney, who wisely chose to sit out the election, will be wooed mightily.

Chrystia Freeland, the first female federal finance minister, would check a couple of key boxes. She would be the first woman leader of the federal Liberals, and she's a proud Alberta farm girl, albeit with a bushel of PhDs.

There are probably others consulting their soothsayers at this point - Mélanie Joly, François-Philippe Champagne et al - but it would seem unlikely the Liberals would opt for another leader from Quebec, after a string dating back to Pierre Trudeau, excepting the brief and failed sorties of John Turner and Michael Ignatieff.

On the other hand, if O'Toole fails to translate his electoral luck of the Irish into a majority, his social conservative and western renegade supporters might not take too kindly to his unseemly kow-towing to Quebec Premier François Legault.

History may judge whether O'Toole turns out to be either a brilliant political strategist for his "Contrat avec les Québécois et Québécoise," or what the Soviets used to call "a useful idiot," someone unwittingly serving a cause he misunderstands.

And what about Legault? Rarely has a Quebec premier intervened in a federal election with such pumped-up indignation and blatant scheming. His stated preference for a minority Conservative government can only mean he wants the Bloc Québécois to



hold the balance of power. The other parties, said the emboldened premier, are "dangerous" for Quebec.

Legault's endorsement of the O'Toole Conservatives could backfire, of course, by causing Conservative-Bloc vote-spitting to favour Liberals in tight Quebec ridings. There is also the possibility Legault, whose credentials as a feminist is wanting, might have sparked a backlash among Quebec women - who fought long and hard for the right, granted in 1940 - who resent being told how to vote.

Lastly, is it not time to consider a better format for so-called leaders'

debates? The cacophony of the one and only English debate, with its questionable questioning, could spark a movement to adopt the format of the Radio-Canada one-on-one encounters with the five main party leaders.

There may be a small minority of potential voters who live for the rude spree of interruptions, the possibility of an embarrassing or lethal gaffe, and the breathless effort to squeeze many hurried words into scant few seconds. Whether these frustrating and flawed clashes serve any genuine purpose in elevating the substance of discussion of important issues, well, it's debatable.

Letters

DEAR EDITOR:

In an animated exchange during the French debate on September 8, Justin Trudeau asserted to BQ leader Yves Francois Blanchet, "You keep forgetting, I am a Quebecer. I'm a proud Quebecer, I've always been a Quebecer, I will always be a Quebecer."

That is not true.

In late May, 2018, he voted in the Ontario provincial election. According to CBC, he moved to Ottawa in 2013, although he has represented a Papineau riding since 2008.

In addition, unlike his Quebec constituents, he has a fully portable Ontario health insurance (OHIP) card.

Thus, when he visits a physician in Ontario or any other province, he is not expected to pay out-of-pocket, and await partial reimbursement. He must know that Quebec has been violating Section 11 of the Canada Health Act regarding portability, but he has done nothing to enforce the federal law, which would benefit his "fellow Quebecers."

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St. Francis River Crossings

By Nick Fonda

An idea that began as a short presentation to the executive of the Richmond County Historical Society (RCHS) on the theme of bridges (both physical and metaphorical) is now a 40-minute video available to all on YouTube.

Barry Husk is the designated spokesperson for a large group of people who are credited at the end of the video as members and friends of the RCHS. Of those it should be noted, a number carry the name Husk.

“The script was written by Esther Healy, whose maiden name is Husk, and who served as the RCHS archivist for 45 years,” says Barry. “We wanted this to be accessible to all Quebecers and I translated the text into French. My brother, Brian Husk, narrated the English version, while my son, John Husk, narrated the French version. I also worked with Esther and Yolande Allard on the research.”

“A key member of the group,” Barry continues, “is Richard Orzechowski who put the sound and visuals together and produced the video, which is entitled *St. Francis River Crossings* and has the descriptive subtitle, *A study of River Crossings on the St. Francis River through Richmond and Drummond Counties to Lac St. Pierre.*”

The video, which seems shorter than its 40-minute running time, traces the way the lower St. Francis River was first a roadway into the Eastern Townships and then a barrier between the settlers on opposite banks. Visually and aurally, the video moves geographically from Sherbrooke downstream to Pierreville and the St. Lawrence River, and also temporally from the days when flat-bottomed scows ferried people and livestock across the St. Francis River, to the time when covered bridges spanned the two banks, to the steel and concrete bridges of today.

The narration, leisurely in pace and clearly enunciated, carries the story, and is reinforced with a seemingly endless flow of illustrations, maps, charts, documents, old photographs, and aerial footage.

“The material we found came from a wide variety of sources, including over a dozen individuals and almost as many institutions including the Eastern Townships Resource Centre, the Quebec Ministry of the Environment,

the RCHS archives, the Drummondville Historical Society, and the Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales du Québec.”

Barry admits that, for him (and his extended Husk family), the project had a personal element. “One of the ferries that plied back and forth over the river was owned and operated by my great-grandfather, Cyrus Husk. He married a second time after becoming a widower and in all fathered 14 children. His dairy farm was located below Ulverton, and his property ran down to the river. He built a short private road that led from the River Road to the landing that served for his scow. The ferry operated from 1876 to 1921 by which time transportation had changed.”

While Barry Husk was once a manufacturer and now heads BlueLeaf, which monitors water quality, he has had a life-long interest in history.

“My grandparents, Stafford and Joyce Husk, were founding members of the Richmond County Historical Society,” Barry notes. “I have memories of my grandmother sitting at the dining room table with papers spread out as she worked on Volumes one and two of *The Annals of Richmond County* which were published by the RCHS in 1966 and 1968, immediately after the founding of the Society. I also recall my grandfather driving around the countryside with boxes of books sell.”

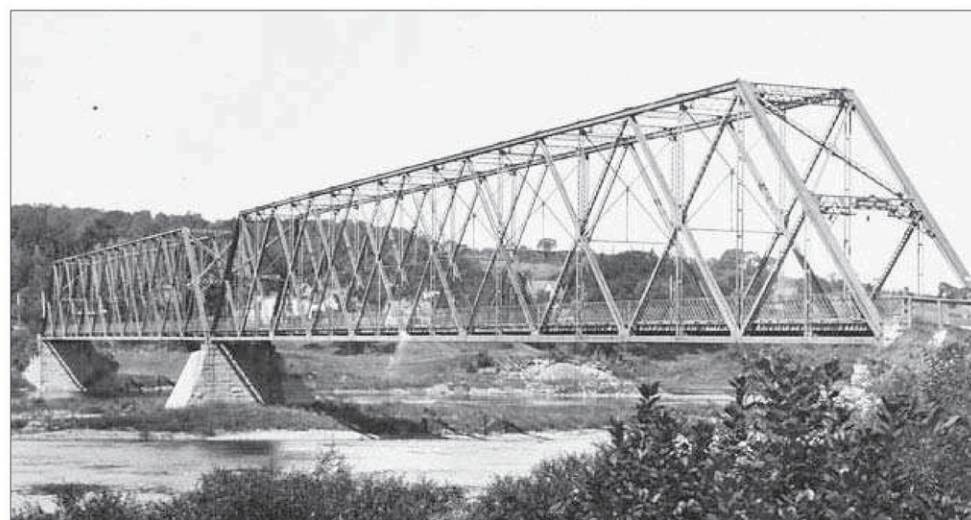
Those early publications of the Society were popular and were reprinted in 1980 and again in 1983, albeit with green covers instead of the original maroon. Copies have been known to turn up in used bookstores and priced at twice their original cost.

More than half a century later, the written word has at least partially given way to photos, films, and videos accessible on screens that can be as small as your palm or as large as a living room wall. It made sense to tell the story again, but for an audience that is digitally connected.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the story of the early settlement of the Townships is just as interesting as ever.

“Four days after the video was downloaded to YouTube, it already had over 2000 views,” Barry notes. “We opted to put it on YouTube because it was easier than trying to send it out individually to people.”

The video, *St. Francis River Crossings* can be seen by going to: <https://youtu.be/HuQoItLaisU>.



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Bromptonville CNR bridge with train, 1935



McLean-Jutras Ferry

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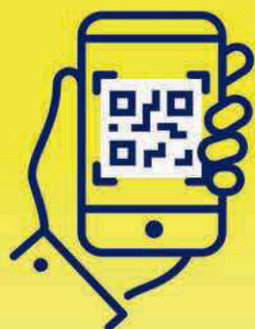
Proof of COVID-19 vaccination and the vaccine passport: Be well prepared

Proof of vaccination

When you receive a vaccine in Québec, you are given proof of vaccination. It is usually recorded in your vaccination booklet or provided to you in paper format. This applies for all vaccines, including COVID-19.

Electronic proof of COVID-19 vaccination is also available. It shows the following:


- Your first and last names and date of birth
- Which vaccine(s) you received
- Where you were vaccinated
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How can I get my electronic proof of vaccination?

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The vaccine passport

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Datebook

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Today is the 256th day of 2021 and the 86th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1788, Congress chose New York City as the temporary federal capital.

In 1971, state police and National Guard soldiers stormed Attica Correctional Facility in New York, bringing a four-day riot to an end.

In 1993, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat signed the Oslo Accords.

In 2001, civilian air traffic resumed in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

In 2007, the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Milton Hershey (1857-1945), Hershey Co. founder; John Pershing (1860-1948), U.S. Army general; Sherwood Anderson (1876-1941), author; Claudette Colbert (1903-1996), actress; Roald Dahl (1916-1990), author; Mel Torme (1925-1999),

singer/actor; Judith Martin (1938-), "Miss Manners" columnist; Jean Smart (1951-), actress; Anne Geddes (1956-), photographer; Michael Johnson (1967-), Olympic sprinter; Tyler Perry (1969-), actor/filmmaker; Fiona Apple (1977-), singer; Niall Horan (1993-), singer.

TODAY'S FACT: In 1948, Margaret Chase Smith was elected senator from Maine, becoming the first woman to serve in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1970, Gary Muhrcke won the first New York City Marathon with a time of 2:31:38.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The key to life when it gets tough is to keep moving. Just keep moving." - Tyler Perry

TODAY'S NUMBER: 70 million - Hershey's Kisses produced daily by the Hershey Co.

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter moon (Sept. 13).

Older adults should be sure to get enough water



ASK THE DOCTORS
By Eve Glazier, M.D.
and Elizabeth Ko, M.D.

to get thirsty. This is due in part to physiological changes associated with aging, which alter the body's electrolyte balance and mute the sensation of thirst. Changes to cognition can also lead to an impaired sense of thirst. Certain medications, including diuretics and laxatives, can accelerate fluid loss. And because we lose muscle mass as we age, older adults tend to have smaller fluid reserves.

Older adults must make a deliberate effort to stay adequately hydrated. The actual amount of water needed is up for debate. The often-repeated advice that we should drink six to eight 8-ounce glasses of water per day is not based on scientific findings; the amount of water someone needs actually varies from person to person. Body weight, activity level and even the daily weather play a role. The needs of an active person outdoors in a warm climate will be different from those of a sedentary individual spending time inside.

Many foods - most notably fruits, vegetables and leafy greens - contain water that contributes to hydration. So do the coffee, tea and fruit juices we consume.

Considering your run-in with dehydration, it would be wise to check in with your health care provider for guidance on your daily water needs. Until then, as someone who is in good health, the recommended six or eight glasses per day are a reasonable goal. (Individuals living with heart or kidney problems who have to monitor fluid intake must check with their doctors for the safest way to get the fluids they need.)

Water, which has no added sugars and zero calories, remains the best option. You can bump up the flavor with lemon, lime or a slice of cucumber. As we mentioned earlier, tea and coffee do count. We urge you to steer clear of sodas, including artificially sweetened

ones. The important thing is not to try to fulfill your quota all at once, but to consume fluids gradually throughout the day.

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(Send your questions to askthedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu, or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o UCLA Health Sciences Media Relations, 10880 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1450, Los Angeles, CA, 90024. Owing to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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ACROSS

- 1 Rider's handhold
- 5 Sherpa's sighting
- 9 Fall mo.
- 12 Proton's place
- 13 Big rug exporter
- 14 Blvd.
- 15 "Fernando" band
- 16 Nudge forward
- 17 Golf term
- 18 Ill will
- 20 Milan's land
- 22 Shout
- 23 Oompah—
- 24 Charming
- 27 Petri dish contents
- 31 Amt.
- 34 Radar image
- 35 Computer data
- 36 Life histories
- 38 Bud holder
- 40 Pass near Pikes Peak
- 41 Made cloth
- 42 Wooden horse saga
- 44 Fleming or Woosnam

46 Optimistic

- 49 Wine source
- 52 Partners
- 54 Promise to pay
- 55 Latch on to
- 58 Vault
- 59 Furrow
- 60 "Field of Dreams" setting
- 61 Horrible boss
- 62 Writer — Buscaglia
- 63 Door frame
- 64 Remain undecided

DOWN

- 1 Polite address
- 2 Trapped (2 wds.)
- 3 Titled
- 4 Sends via modem
- 5 Exclamation of dismay
- 6 Make mistakes
- 7 Lao-Tzu's "way"
- 8 Tibet neighbor
- 9 Vintner's valley

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 10 Famed office
- 11 Exceedingly
- 19 Association of friends
- 21 Siamese, now
- 23 Soft drink choice
- 25 Singing chipmunk
- 26 Perfume bottle
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- 29 Near the stern
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- 31 Montana and Brady
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- 50 Libertine
- 51 Vehicle
- 52 Memsa-hib's nanny
- 53 Zoomed
- 56 Hawaii's Mauna —
- 57 Startled cries

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Invest in learning, expand your interests and spend time with supportive people who share your beliefs and opinions. Be innovative, and you'll develop a plan that will help you stay true to yourself and achieve your dreams, hopes and wishes. Don't give in or give up; do your own thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Tell it like it is, and you'll avoid an onslaught of negativity and setbacks. Know what you want, and don't be afraid to put your plans into action. A change will motivate you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Bring up issues that require resolution. Your input and persuasive charm will help swing someone's opinion. Refuse to let jealousy stand in your way. You have what it takes to mold minds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Dial it down and focus on what's important. Put your emotions aside to do what's necessary to sustain the lifestyle that brings you peace of mind. It's time to put your needs first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Do what's necessary to move on without getting hung up on trivial matters. Look at the big picture, and you will see a clear path to the destination of your choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Put your energy into something that offers stability. Make changes to lower your overhead. Learn through observation, and refuse to let emotions cloud your vision or lead you astray.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Trust what's tangible. Gather facts and make decisions geared toward saving money and clearing up any financial, medical or legal problems that might jeopardize your chance to achieve your goals.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Take better care of yourself. Discuss your intentions with someone who has something to offer you. Handle partnerships with care to avoid emotional backlash.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Bring on the heat. If you want something, take the initiative and make it happen. Refuse to let anyone step in and take charge. Show your strengths, and you will come out on top.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – When in doubt, take a pass. Excess of any kind is a warning sign. Protect your reputation, health and important relationships. Put your energy into securing your future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – There is nothing more exciting than discovering something or someone who gives you food for thought. Engaging in talks will lead to a fun day filled with hope and new interests.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Getting out with people you enjoy is fine, but don't compromise your health and well-being. Curiosity can lead to something new and exciting, but don't lose sight of the important things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Be observant, and you'll avoid getting dragged into an unsavory situation. Take a greater interest in events or activities that make you think and give you access to intriguing people.

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Leave the endplay until the end

By Phillip Alder

George Bernard Shaw claimed that if all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion.

A bridge declarer hopes to reach the right conclusion, winning the number of tricks needed to make his contract. In today's deal, how should South play in two hearts doubled after the first trick goes spade queen, four, king, ace?

West's two-club rebid was New Minor Forcing, announcing at least game-invitational values. East's double was for penalty, but West's pass was highly debatable. Note that four spades would have been an easy make.

The dummy was a considerable shock to South, but he kept his eye on the target. At trick two, he played a trump to the jack. East took the trick and returned a spade. After ruffing, declarer made the key play – he led a club. He knew trumps were 4-1, so touching that suit was out of the question.

East won with his 10 and exited with a trump to dummy's nine. Now came the diamond 10, which held, and another diamond, East putting in the queen. South won and led a third diamond. East tried another trump, but declarer won on the board, ruffed a spade with

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West		East	
♠ Q J 8 5 3 2		♠ K 10	
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♦ 2		♦ K Q 8 5 3	
♣ A K 9 7 4		♣ Q 10	
South			
♠ A			
♥ K 8 6 5 2			
♦ A J 7 6			
♣ J 8 5			
Dealer: North			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
		Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	2♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead: ♠ Q			

his last trump and cashed the diamond jack for plus 470 and a cold top.

Hard question: How could East-West have defeated the contract?

This shows how tough bridge can be at times. West must lead a low club and the defenders play four rounds of the suit, with East discarding either both of his spades or two low diamonds! The curious may work it out.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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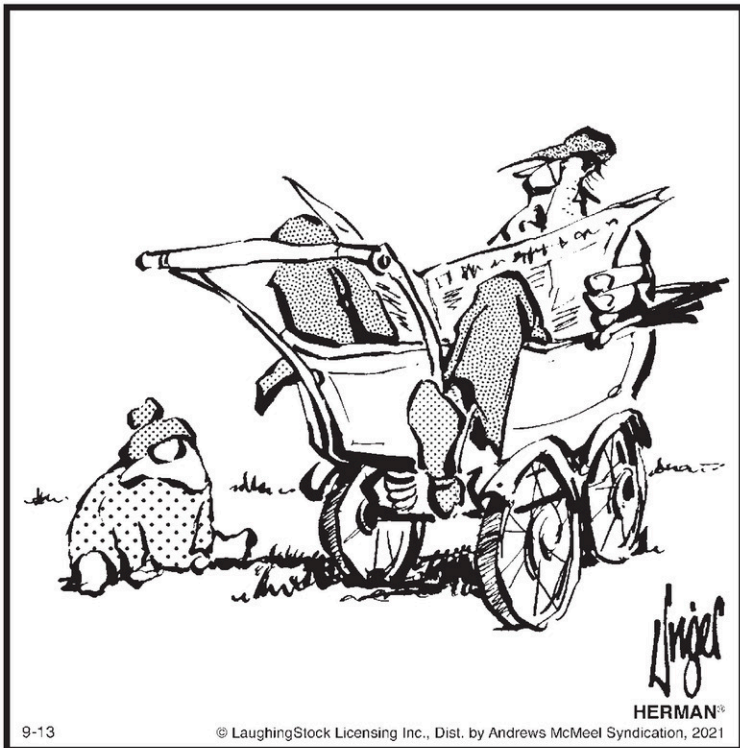
Previous Solution: “The holiest of holidays are those kept by ourselves in silence and apart: The secret anniversaries of the heart.” — H.W. Longfellow

TODAY'S CLUE: 1 sjanba n

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“Five more minutes. Grandpa’s been on his feet all day.”

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Dear Annie: I feel the need to provide a different view to the "Grieving Grandmothers" who wrote in saying that their daughters-in-law keep their grandkids and sons away from them.

First, your son is a grown adult who can make choices for himself, so maybe start taking the blame off the daughter-in-law. Second, maybe reflect on yourself to see if there are reasons your son does not want to attend gatherings with you or have their children around you.

I'm sure my mother-in-law could write in saying all these things about me, but it is not the truth. My husband finds his mother and immediate family unhealthy and toxic. He prefers attending gatherings with my family and doesn't trust his mother to be around our children.

We ended up in marriage counseling because the weight of trying to deal with all of it was affecting our marriage. It was our therapist, not me, who suggested to my husband that he create boundaries with his own mother. My husband always knew the dynamic was unhealthy, but it wasn't until we were married that he felt he

Dear Annie

had a safe space to distance himself from his immediate family.

While it is easier to blame someone else, it may be worth looking inward to see what we are bringing to the problem. - Family Scapegoat

Dear Family Scapegoat: Self-reflection is always a good thing. I'm glad that your husband was able to create boundaries with his mother, but try not to throw the baby out with the bathwater. Just because she is not perfect does not mean you don't have to show her some respect and compassion.

Grandchildren intuitively love their grandparents, and anything that helps them get together, with the oversight of the parents, is a good thing. Boundaries set by the parents can promote harmony - provided they include entrances and exits for the grandparents.

Dear Annie: I resembled the woman who wrote to say that she was staying married for the sake of her son. My then-husband quit his job shortly after the birth of our fourth son, and it took me seven years to realize that honor, marriage, family and commitment mean partnership - not martyrdom.

I worked full time, went back to grad

school to enhance my earning power and did nearly all of the housework while he remained unemployed. As time wore on, the environment grew toxic, as I was constantly angry and worried.

One night, I came home in tears at 10:30 p.m. because I had gone to the grocery store after night classes and could not afford to buy basic groceries. Somehow, I suddenly realized I was not being a good role model for our sons. I asked myself what advice I would have for a stranger in the same situation. I found an attorney. I gave my husband 60 days to land a job - any job, even part-time - or I would file for divorce.

After 30 days, I reminded him of my ultimatum and said that I was still serious. At 60 days, I said I was going to the lawyer today. He asked for counseling. I said it was too late. I checked out as soon as the 60-day timer went off. Staying for the sake of the children is noble in thought, but not worth it for anyone involved. - Been There, Got Out and Lived Happily Ever After

Dear Been There: You were really being taken advantage of, and your resolve is admirable. Sounds like your

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husband pushed as far as he could, figuring you would cave, but you did not. If you really are living happily ever after, more power to you.

If, on the other hand, you want to allow your husband back into your life, his willingness to enter counseling could be a healthy first step toward reconciliation. The good news is that the decisions about your future are up to you, and not anyone else, because of your strength of character. Thanks for sharing your story.

Dear Annie: My boyfriend and I have been talking about moving in together for a very long time. I became pregnant and had our baby, but he didn't move in with me because he was upset that I was talking to other people about our problems.

Well, finally, almost a year later, he has moved in his dresser and bookshelf. But he is mad at me again because he did it all on the weekend, unannounced, and that upset me, and I told my dad that it concerned me. Apparently, my dad asked him about it, and he is upset with me again.

This is driving me crazy because he stays over here 80% of the time, but when he is mad, he just takes off. He told my brother he is done. I'm so tired of this, but I love him. It's constant back and forth.

I want stability and not to suffer. He has done this even before we had kids. He just takes off, and we can't talk through our issues without him getting mad. At this point, I am wondering, should I continue to work on things - to keep trying? Is the pain and suffering going to be worth it in the end? - Highly Frustrated

Dear Highly Frustrated: Regardless of if you stay or go, you and your boyfriend will experience some pain and uncomfortable feelings. The real question is, can you make that pain and discomfort productive? The best way to do that is to get into counseling for the two of you.

With the help of a professional, he can't just storm off when he is upset; he has to stay in the room and work through his feelings. I know you are going through a hard time, and talking to your father about it might feel like a nice relief in the moment, but it

doesn't really help your relationship with your boyfriend. Try to keep the problems in your relationship between you and your boyfriend and your therapist. In the end, you owe it to your baby and yourself to try to work it out.

Dear Annie: Please pass along the information that extremely strong body odors often occur as the result of a nutritional deficiency: zinc. I found my problem had been solved after less than a week on this regimen.

Also, if you are wildly attractive to mosquitoes, vitamin B complex will make them lose interest.

A good multivitamin/mineral tablet taken daily will keep both problems at bay. - Getting All My Vitamins

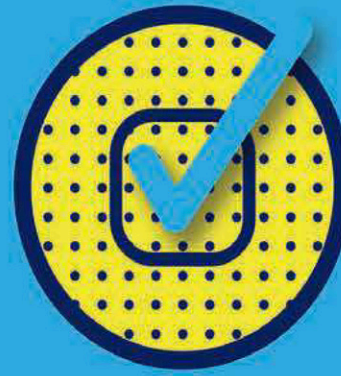
Dear Vitamins: Eating or taking vitamins and minerals, within recommended guidelines, is always a good idea for your health, but who knew that they can help with body odor and bugs? Thank you for telling us about these additional benefits.

Dear Annie: In response to "One Grieving Grandmother to Another," who was upset about not seeing her children and grandchildren on holidays, I was thinking she could try making her own "holidays" or special Sundays. If invited ahead of time, her family might come together and be with her. Competition on regular holidays makes it hard for grown children to see all the family. If there are birthday celebrations for grandkids, I think it's perfectly OK to ask ahead if she may join the festivities, instead of waiting for them to extend the favor. Sometimes, we just have to be proactive. - Understanding Grandma

Dear Understanding Grandma: Being proactive and creative is always a good thing. Thank you for your suggestion.

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By Taylor McClure
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Fifty years ago, the villages of Knowlton, Bondville, Foster, Fulford, East Hill, Iron Hill, and West Brome merged to officially form the municipality of the Town of Brome Lake in 1971. Things were quite different back then. Brome Lake had its very own police force, which also provided an ambulance service, to all of the villages.

Current Mayor of Brome Lake, Richard Burcombe, joined the police force a few months after the municipality was formed. He described the merger as unique and it marked a busy time for the force. Having taken on the role as mayor for the last eight years, Burcombe is proud of how far the municipality has come in its 50 years.

"We were a small police force when it was formed. I remember all the bars that we had at the time. At Gillman's Corner we had the Gillman's hotel, the Foster Hotel, the Pub, the Terrace Inn in Bondville, the Auberge Joli-Vent. We were busy as a force back then because of all of the hotels."

Burcombe described the merger of the seven villages as a unique sight. "It was quite a thing to see all of a sudden the village of Knowlton and how it expanded, joining the village of Foster and other parts of Brome County. It was how we grew the police force in the years to come. There were good times and trying times for the police."

Forming such a large municipality

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wasn't typical. "To form the big town back then, it didn't really exist. If you look at Montreal and Westmount they were separate entities. The Town of Brome Lake was one of the first, if not the first, to amalgamate different towns and to form a municipality like that, it was very rare. To form a police force was difficult."

He remembered that the villages of Iron Hill and East Hill were eager to become a part of the municipality. "Places like Iron Hill and East Hill were afraid to be swallowed up by Bromont that's why they merged with Brome Lake. The mayor at that time had visions to have more territory for Bromont."

Serving all seven villages, the police force also provided an ambulance service to the citizens of Brome Lake. "We had a police and ambulance service too up until 1981. We answered police calls and we had a stretcher and oxygen tanks at the back. The equipment was furnished by the Lions Club. We had one ambulance on the road all the time and a marked cruiser. The ambulance had to be on duty 24/7 but if we needed another vehicle for back-up they had to come in."

Burcombe remembers people from the villages hopping in to help the force. "Let's say you're all alone and you have an ambulance call, you depend on people; like James Mullarkey who had a gas station at the top of Maple Street and Knowlton road. We would stop in in the afternoon if there was a call and he would help me bring a person to the hospital. We knew each other and certain



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people we knew would always be there." The police force was abolished in 2002 and the ambulance service was eventually moved due to new government regulations. Despite being dissolved, the community never forgot about the hard work that was involved. "We were a well-appreciated police force that's for sure," emphasized Burcombe.

Having graduated from the police force all those years ago to become the current mayor of the Town of Brome Lake, Burcombe said it was quite an achievement, marking the 50th anniversary milestone. "To see the evolution and how the town grew, through the good times and the bad times, when there wasn't much here in the 70s and 80s, then the sudden boom came at the end of the 80s, 90s, and 2000s, and look at it now. That's an achievement

in and of it itself. And our lake, it's our jewel. I'm proud just as a citizen to be a part of the Town of Brome Lake."

While celebrations for the 50th anniversary are taking place on a smaller scale due to the pandemic, Burcombe said that citizens have called themselves lucky to take part in such a special occasion. "I spoke to a lot of people who said we are lucky to live in Brome Lake with everything we have. We don't have everything but what we have is good quality and we have good quality of life here. We can walk in the mountains, the sentiers, we can enjoy the lake. It makes it a diversified town in what we can do. The heritage buildings, the museum, how lucky can we be? The evolution of the town, how it grew, how it changed, and how it continues to change. I'm very happy and proud."



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Foster has its own rich history

By Taylor McClure - Special to Brome County News

Foster, known as Bromemere at the beginning of the 19th century, started to develop around 1832 after John Jones of Montreal purchased land at the outlet of Brome Lake. He built a sawmill, a grist mill, and a carding mill.

His son, Charles Jones, continued to develop the land and by 1866 he owned 900 acres that surrounded the mills. His residence was known as "The Gables" and it faced the road leading to Bondville.

Bromemere had a post office starting in 1858 up until the mid 1870s when it closed. It is understood that the Bromemere Post Office was in the Jones residence with Jones as postmaster.

Mail was delivered daily and Bromemere became the halfway stop for stagecoaches travelling between Knowlton and Waterloo. It cost 37 1/2 cents for people to travel between the villages.

With lots of traffic, Bromemere became a busy corner.

When the Southeastern Railway between Sutton Junction and Waterloo was completed around 1876, the area shifted with traffic and business moving to where Foster is now.

In the mid 1880s, the Canadian Pacific Railway (C.P.R.) was built crossing through Stukely, Magog, and into Sherbrooke which brought more business to the area that became known as Foster, named after Samuel Willard Foster; the judge who secured the land for the C.P.R.

Inglis, Greer, Thomas, Young, and Crowhursts were some of the first families to settle in the area.

The first post office was set up around 1880 with Clement B. Inglis as postmaster. Inglis would also operate the village's first store. He was also listed as the railway station's first station agent in the Eastern Township Directory 1888-89.

The first hotel was the Railroad House built in the late 1880s and a second hotel, the Foster House, appeared in 1905 after being constructed by William D. Inglis. The Foster House closed its doors around 1935.

The first school house in Foster was known as Crowhurst School and it was located on the road to Frost Village but the date of its construction is unknown.

Greer School, the village's second school, provided elementary level education to children in the village from the 1880s until the early 1940s. Older children attended Waterloo or Knowlton High School, both of which are now elementary schools.

When the elementary school closed, children were sent to Knowlton Elementary School and the older children attended Massey-Vanier High School.

There were two general stores in the area and one burned down in 1960.

Foster also had a water power saw mill on the Yamaska River owned by S.P. and J. Rowell. In the early 1900s, Saul Magoon ran the steam saw mill where the well-known St. Pierre sawmill once stood.

Around 1893, power was generated for the village from a mill and dam

built by William Foster who bought the Jones property. Foster and Knowlton had access to electrical power from there on out and if more power was needed, Foster had also built the Stone Power House by the river.

In 1909, the village received its first church. The Bishop Carmichael Anglican Church was built by W.D. Inglis and it was consecrated by Bishop Farthing on July 24, 1910. Services were previously carried out at the schoolhouse.

Église St. Jean de Foster, the village's Roman Catholic church, was built in 1953 by Col. Philip Piuze and all members of the congregation.

Foster became its own municipality in 1917 with Archibald M. Hunter as the first mayor holding the seat until 1919. Other mayors included Ernest C. Inglis (1919-1923), Ernest W. Taylor (1923-1925), Alvin P. Hillhouse (1926-1933), and many others.

It was Hillhouse that had the Foster Town Hall built in 1917 and he was known as an important business man, he was the manager of the Eastern Townships Poultry Farms for over 25 years. Hillhouse and Hunter owned the town hall building which was used as a council room, a place where Knowlton banks went about their duties, and it was used for social gatherings.

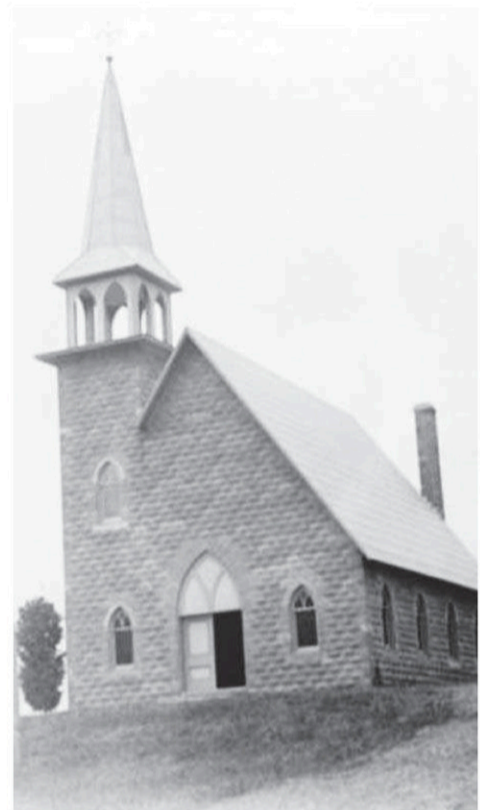
With the vacation houses and cottages around Brome Lake, Foster, like Bondville became a busy place and tourists brought trade to the village.

Surrounded by ski hills, tourists also flocked to the area during the winter season.

Foster became a part of the Town of

Brome Lake in 1971 with Foster resident S.G. Quilliams serving as Treasurer in the first year of the new council.

Merging with the Town of Brome Lake caused citizens to ask questions about the village's future, but it continues to stand today with landmarks, like the Bishop Carmichael Anglican Church, standing in all its glory.



The Bishop Carmichael Anglican Church. (Photo : Brome County Historical Society, Sally E. Wood fonds, BCBS202-S2-D4-P3)



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May, 1990

Victoria Days in Knowlton

It was a spectacular weekend filled with sights and sounds as members of the Montreal Chamber Orchestra entertained visitors and locals with the mellow sounds of flute and cello while the Barbershop singers provided background music for actors from Theatre Lac Brome to perform period skits on street corners. Throughout the weekend, thousands of visitors ambled through town, greeted by shopkeepers in Victorian-era attire. A highlight of the weekend was the antique show held at Raquette Lac Brome where an estimated 2000 people admired craftsmanship and the beauty of things past.

Fisher's Point 'renovation' –The Town of Brome Lake and its citizens took lake protection very seriously and frowned on any backdoor attempts to encroach on protected waterfronts. Inspectors from TBL were dispatched to a small cottage on Fisher's Point to check out a renovation project authorized under a grandfather clause, only to discover the 'reno' was a top-to-bottom rebuild of a rustic cottage to two-storey mansion. Update: it's a cottage again.

Theatre Lac Brome – TLB artistic director Emma Steven played a lead role in Noel Coward's witty farce *Blithe Spirit* in the theatre's new air-conditioned building on the boardwalk. The full summer season ticket included Anton Chekov's *The Sneezes*. In the tradition of a community-based theatre, the full calendar included benefit performances for BMP Hospital, Brome County Historical Society and the Group Home for English-speaking youth in Cowansville.

June, 1990

Historical Society celebrates Reginald Fessenden

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July, 1990

Knowlton : Is this Victorian village for sale?

On the heels of a massive redevelopment of Knowlton's downtown core, practically all commercial properties could be found among listings of various real estate agencies. "It's not an unusual phenomenon," agent Gordon Rowe told BCN. "Developers bought up a lot of property, renovated them at substantial cost, and are now moving on to something new." But they aren't giving them away," he added. "This is definitely not a distress market." Rental of commercial properties ranged between \$13 and \$18 per sq. ft and commercial buildings were selling in the \$250,000-\$300,000 range. Several of the buildings were reconstructed on the Victorian theme by real estate developers Robert Ronci and Maurice Pinsonnault.

West Brome opens summer market - Business was brisk at the first local market inaugurated by Brome Lake Councillor George Bristol. So brisk in fact, it was not a good day to set down anything that wasn't for sale. One woman reported someone trying to buy her jacket when she took it off momentarily to try on a Town of Brome Lake t-shirt. The market was reserved for local residents to sell their crafts, farm products, bikes without rims or birdcage without a door.

Ice-fishing regulations toughened - It was mid-summer when the Town of Brome Lake decided to ban motorized vehicles and fishing huts on Brome Lake on the recommendation of the newly established Brome Lake Environment Commission. But the owners of a lakeside campsite, Felix Allard and Reine Boisvert were having none of it. Allard said ice-fishing on the lake is a tourist attraction with hundreds of people coming to enjoy it. You decide who won that battle.

Lakeview Inn unveils historic wall - The landmark hotel built in 1874 to accommodate the first train travellers, was the site of town meetings, banquets, theatre and dances. The commemorative display recalled summer afternoons of croquet on the front lawn as horsedrawn carriages delivered guests to the rambling inn.

Theatre Lac Brome founder Emma Stevens takes a bow - After eight years at the heart of Theatre Lac Brome, Emma Stevens, founder and artistic director, announced she was leaving to expand her horizons. The theatre began as a children's workshop and gradually turned professional, acquiring its own playhouse attached to the Knowlton Pub. Prior to that, all the world was a stage for Stevens who held performances at Glen Mountain Lodge and the Lakeview Inn and attracted world class performers to local stages.

Christmas in July an annual festival - The Christmas shop perched at the top of Lakeside may have been the inspiration for the weekend event, but



Former mayor Homer Blackwood



Former mayor Gilles Decelle

merchants throughout the town got into the action that drew hundreds of visitors to the town to eat Ben & Jerry's at a Christmas party in July. The Christmas parade was a highlight of the event featuring the Lion's Club trolley, teams of horses, square-dancers, the oom-pah band and of course, the man himself.

Cheerio Club holds 33rd picnic - As the name implies, members of the Brome Lake Boat Club brought some cheer to the Montreal Association for the Blind with an afternoon picnic and ride on the lake. Joan Harvey, a volunteer who helped establish the Cheerio Club 40 years earlier, was at the helm of the organizing committee along with her daughters and granddaughters.

Former CN supervisor and West Brome councillor hosts marathon - For over a decade Councillor George Bristol combined past and present by opening West Brome to walkers, runners, tricycles and baby carriages for an annual demi-marathon and family picnic. In the summer of 1990, 84-year-old Cecile Darbe and 81-year-old Stella Gromko, left younger folks in their dust, handily completing the 5-kilometre walk in under an hour.

Caisse Populaire to open Knowlton branch - In announcing the construction of a new Caisse pop for Knowlton, District Manager Paul Richer noted the building will be constructed

with clapboards on one side - to allow for expansion.

October, 1990

Cycling path gets wheels

Brome lake Mayor Gilles Decelles and Councillor Michael Caluori cut the ceremonial ribbon on a 1.5 kilometre section of trail that includes a footbridge along the railway bed. The bridge joins St Edouard school and Knowlton Academy. It was the first phase of a trail that was to be 10 km in length and link up with the bicycle path in Waterloo. The town invested \$23,000 and the province kicked in \$7000 on Phase 1 of the path.

November 1990

Brome-Missisquoi MNA celebrates 10 years

Some called him a political Goliath, others dubbed him a modern day David. His friends just call him Pierre. The young Bedford lawyer, Pierre Paradis was elected to the National Assembly Nov. 17, 1980 and during his first decade as representative for the riding, he served as Labor Minister, Minister of Municipal Affairs, and later, Environment Minister. In spite of his ministerial responsibilities, Paradis had one cardinal rule: "I spend every Saturday morning at my constituency office seeing local people. Once I start

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making exceptions, I will lose touch with the people who elected me.”

Mayor Decelles makes business a priority – Seventy-five business leaders attended a meeting in Bondville to pressure the town into taking a more pro-active approach to supporting businesses that were experiencing a downturn in activity. Shop-keepers cited information and identification of resources as a priority to stimulate business activity. Merchants called for a professional approach to branding and packaging the town to tourists. The business group also asked the town to match advertising dollars to market the town during special events.

Legion decries dwindling ranks – With the average age of veterans between 70-75, members of the Brome Legion were finding it harder to find new members to keep the branch open. To off-set declining membership, the Brome branch brought in the Ladies Auxiliary with the male organization, bringing total membership to 88. The legion building which had its beginnings as a barn, has a long history in Knowlton. It was originally situated behind the Lakeview Inn and was moved to its current site. Members poured the cement for the foundation and did most of the work refurbishing the hall, eventually adding two sections. The Brome branch in 1990 was one of only

a few remaining to boast active World War 1 veterans. Mable Geldard Brown, 100 and Hollis Vaughn, 97 were the branch’s two eldest members.

Imagination drafts master plan for TBL – Experts were hired to sift through results of a massive consultation report held two years earlier, for the economic development of the Town of Brome Lake and come up with a Master Plan. “It’s up to the town to decide what type of industry is welcome then make an industrial site available to meet the needs. If tourism is to be developed, information and publicity must be made available,” the consultants told elected officials, adding that a search for information about the Town of Brome Lake at local tourist offices left them empty-handed.

December, 1990

School ski program one of a kind

Little did Olympic skier Lucile Wheeler know the small ski program she started in 1960 at Knowlton Academy would blossom to a full-fledged ski program with state-of the art equipment. In its early beginnings, volunteers used donated equipment – bamboo poles, wooden skis, leather lace-up boots and bear-trap bindings to teach hundreds of youngsters to ski at nearby Glen Mountain.



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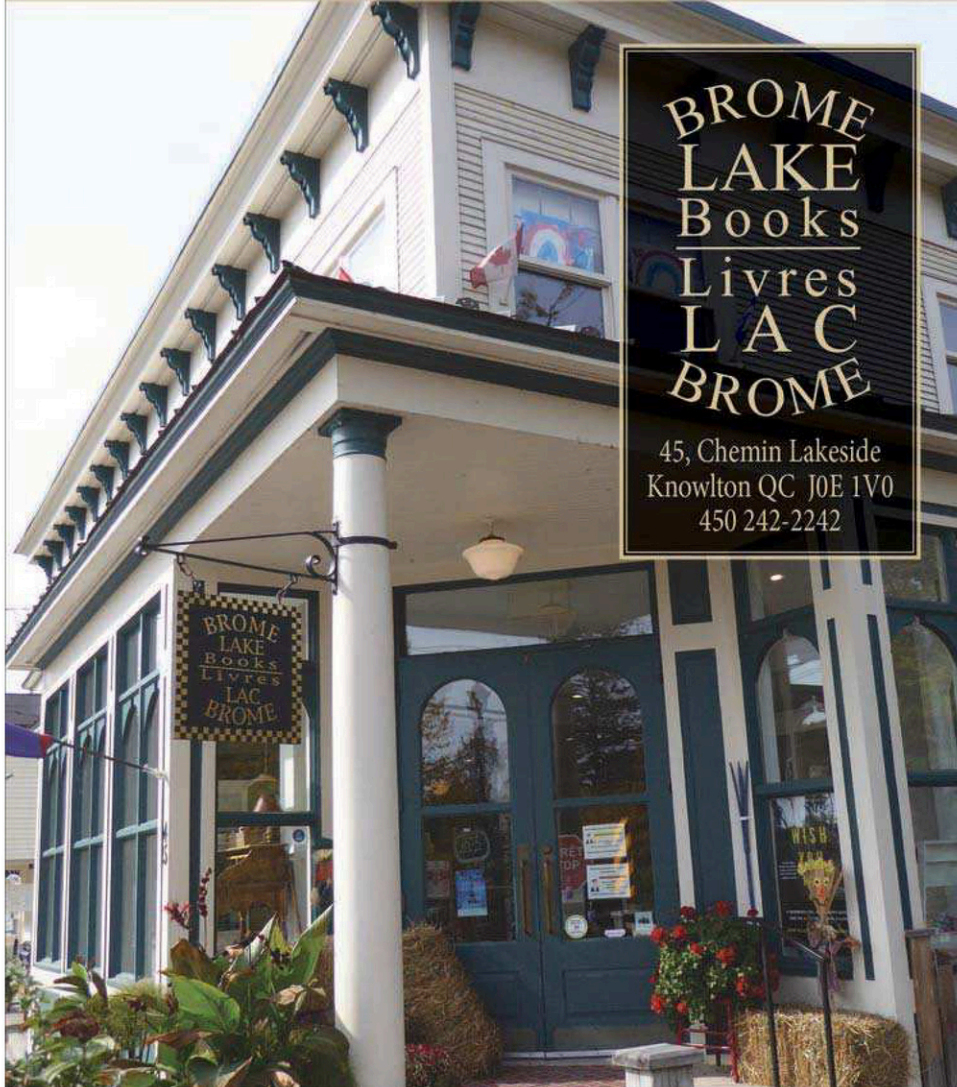
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East Hill becomes the scene of a robbery-murder

By Taylor McClure
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From what has been pieced together using Brome County Historical Society archives, East Hill was a small hamlet developed by Paul Holland Knowlton located on the outskirts of Knowlton, close to what is now Chemin Mont Echo.

After Knowlton purchased land from the crown by a letters patent, families like the Wilsons, the Joyals, and the Sandborns settled in the area.

There is little information on East Hill beyond the fact that it was made up of family farms, but the hamlet made headlines in 1951 when it experienced what was considered one of the most savage murders in Quebec history at the time.

On April 25, 1951, Henri Bissonnette was stabbed to death while trying to fight off a robber. In an article published in *True Crime Cases*, July 1952 edition, written by the Director of Quebec's Provincial

Police at the time, Hilaire Beauregard, Bissonnette was describe as someone that was always carrying tons of cash in his pocket, while his brother's wife hid money in the house in a dresser drawer, never fretting that they would be robbed.

Bissonnette's family left the farm that night to visit friends when he decided to stick around because one of his livestock had fallen ill. While he was in the barn taking care of the sick cow, his dog began to bark, leading Bissonnette to head back to the house to check it out.

That's when Bissonnette came face-to-face with his intruder.

He decided to fight back, knowing that money was stored in the house, when the intruder slit his throat, killing him instantly.

Two days later, three men were arrested in connection with the murder-robbery. At the time, police investigating the scene believed more than one person was involved due to the number of shoeprints that were

found outside the home and that they knew the farmhouse well considering they went straight for the location the money was hidden.

Detectives found a butcher's knife in one of the kitchen drawers with the handle and drawer stained by blood and one clear fingerprint. They searched Bissonnette's pockets and did not find the regular stack of cash that he carried around and concluded that robbery was the motive.

The case spread fear across East Hill, leaving residents to be on guard, as police searched for Bissonnette's killer.

The fingerprint ended up belonging to the daughter of the Bissonnette's housekeeper when she helped her mother clean the house around a week before the murder. Police kept running into dead ends and finally decided to interrogate every man living in East Hill.

A few men raised suspicions but none more so than Andre Collin, a photographer from Montreal, who

decided to give it a go at farming in East Hill when his photography ambitions didn't work out.

A few days before Bissonnette's murder, Collin needed to repay a loan that he had borrowed from a local bank but didn't have the money in his bank account. He was in a desperate situation and even told neighbours that he would considering selling his farm.

On May 6, when police were on their way to question a few more people, including Collin, he took his own life before they arrived. It's believed that he saw their police cars approaching his home when he ran inside and shot himself.

According to Record archives, in mid-May of 1951 a jury concluded that Bissonnette was "killed by a criminal hand that, could have been that of Andrew Collin" and that Collin's death was a suicide.

The case was officially closed but its memory lingered in East Hill.

Protection of lake was a determining factor

Water - how best to protect it, how to exploit it and who owns it - was probably the determining factor in the decision to merge the seven villages that became the Town of Brome Lake. Discussion over how best to protect the precious shoreline of Brome Lake informed the decision to amalgamate the villages skirting the lake to prevent a move by neighbouring Bromont to annex village territory. Villagers were concerned about losing the crown jewel to another municipality and equally worried about higher municipal taxes in neighbouring Bromont, in the throes of a renaissance with large scale development of the mountain and industrial park.

In 1970, the villages of Knowlton, Foster, and Brome Township, (comprising Fulford, Bondville, Iron Hill, East Hill and West Brome), amalgamated to form one municipal unit now known as Brome Lake, with its original administration and services established in the town hall

in Knowlton.

Peter White, a member of the town's original council back in 1971 explained his thoughts on the merger in an earlier interview with *The Record*. "It was never our intention to de-emphasize the importance of each village, we simply needed a name for the new municipality and TBL was the best fit."

Tony Rotherham, a Knowlton resident whose family ties in Knowlton date as far back as 1920, and whose mother Debbie Rotherham was a town councillor, shared similar thoughts on the merger. "In general I believe the merger achieved its objectives and most people are fairly satisfied with it," he told *The Record* years after the merger, adding "real locals did feel a certain case of erased identities after the merger however, and they will always mention their village as their home and not the Town of Brome Lake"

Each of the seven hamlets brought their own history and characteristics

to the table.

The municipality of Foster for example, although only spanning 9.6 kilo metres long by 4 kilometres wide, has a rich history with its development coinciding with the presence of two major railways: the Canadian Pacific Railway, built in 1888 and the South Eastern Railway, built in 1875-76.

The Town of Fulford was officially named in 1864 in honour of Bishop Francis Fulford. In the early years, businessmen were attracted to the area because of the potential they saw in the mills that were present. In a testament to the village's heritage, the postal office which was established the same year the town was given its name, is still in operation today.

The community of Iron Hill is also rich in heritage, with the origin of its name still partially unclear. The best understanding of its name comes from an old tale which explains that early surveyors who were working in the area came upon magnetic

fields that troubled their compasses, believing it was due to the heavy presence of iron in the ground,

Once amalgamated, with Brome Lake safely secured within its municipal territory, elected officials and concerned citizens set about the task of protecting the water from sewage runoff with the installation of an underground sewage system and restrictions were placed on building close to the shoreline. A citizen's group, Renaissance Lac Brome was formed to stand watch over bylaw infractions and to make recommendations to council on best practices to protect and preserve the lake.

If, as many observed at the time, the primary reason to amalgamate was to preserve the integrity of the lake for the benefit of viallagers in the amalgamated town, then the merger could be deemed a success. Brome Lake continues to be the jewel in the crown of Brome Lake with locals and visitors flocking to its shores.

TBL 50th anniversary collective mural by local artists on display

Up to and including Monday, September 26, citizens are invited to Coldbrook Park (122 Lakeside Road, Brome Lake) to view the collective mural created in honour of the Town's 50th anniversary. The art project, led by local artists Isabelle Daval, Michel Gamache and Annie Gosselin, will be displayed under the park's gazebo. Many artists and citizens have collaborated in the

creation of the mural by painting an element, a landscape or a character that they associate with Brome Lake. The 576 4" x 4" supports were assembled to create the final work.

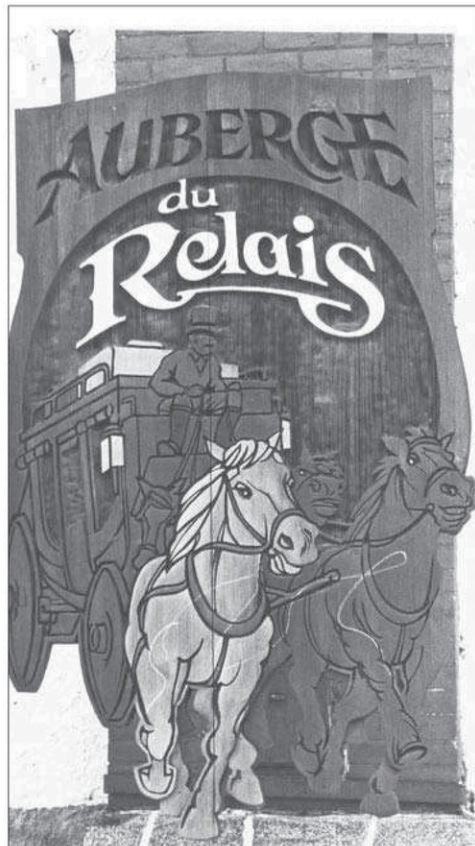
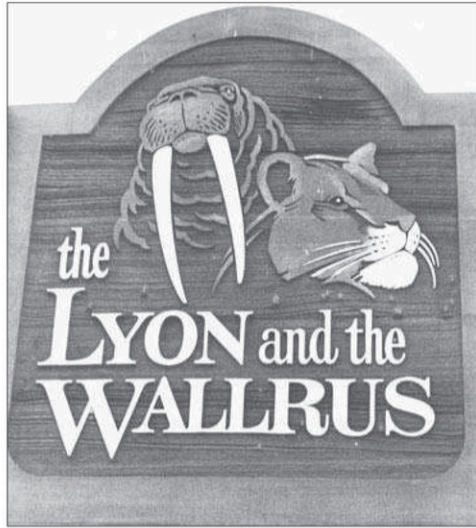
The Town of Brome Lake was officially created in 1971 following the merger of seven towns and hamlets: Bondville, East Hill, Foster, Fulford, Iron Hill, Knowlton and West Brome.



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27 years of ice cutting on Brome Lake

In honour of the 50th anniversary of the Town of Brome Lake, we asked the community to send in any historical photographs and history tidbits about the villages that make up Brome Lake. These villages are Knowlton, Foster, Bondville, West Brome, Iron Hill, and East Hill.

Resident of Knowlton, Audie Mullarkey, reached out to us and he shared some special photographs of his family cutting ice on Brome Lake;

a popular activity before electric refrigerators and freezers hit the scene.

Wilfrid Mullarkey, Mullarkey's grandfather, with the help of other family members, including his sons, cut ice on Brome Lake from 1934 to 1961. He had an ice house across from what is now the Marina in Knowlton and sold ice throughout the village during the summer months. The ice was delivered by horse and wagon, and

later on by truck.

The ice acted as a coolant for the villagers to keep their goods fresh. It also helped with the potential dangers of ice build-up on the lake. At the time, people had something called an ice box; the ice was put in the top of the box while the cool air made its way down to cool off whatever goods were being stored.

The Mullarkey family cut 6000 tons of ice every March for over two decades

and 2000 tons was sold to Montreal.

Ice cutting was a popular activity in the Eastern Townships before modern appliances were created and it was considered an art in its own right. Horse-drawn sleds were used to first clear the waterbody of any snow to keep the ice as pure as possible. These sleds then made an outline of the size for each block of ice that was to later be cut. Handled or motorized saws were used for the cutting of the ice.



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Ludvig Tuxen, who worked for Wilfrid, around 1934 on Brome Lake

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Bondville: Brome Lake's hot vacation spot

By Taylor McClure
Special to Brome County News

To celebrate the Town of Brome Lake's 50th anniversary, Brome County News (BCN) has been looking to collect historical tidbits and photographs of the seven villages that merged to form the municipality.

Bondville was never its own municipality and it was often considered a part of Knowlton but it was one of the seven villages and hamlets that came to form Brome Lake.

The village was named after Archbishop of Montreal, William Bennett Bond. For many decades, Bond served as a missionary, he visited many regions in Quebec, and he helped set up a number of schools. He was appointed Bishop of Montreal in 1901 and died in 1906.

Since Bondville aligned the shores of Brome Lake, it quickly became a hot vacation spot. Various vacation houses and cottages started appearing around the lake, including the famous Brome Lake House summer resort hotel near Bondville Bay.

The Brome Lake House summer resort was built by John O'Hearn in 1911. He was from Vermont and married Katherine Joyal of Bondville three years before he built the hotel.

It was described as the perfect spot for the hotel by the BCHS in the Eastern Townships Advertiser in 1967 because of the view overlooking Brome Lake and the hills that surrounded it. The hotel was three stories high, encompassed

by white verandas, and there were 25 rooms and three bathrooms.

There was a dance hall, which was erected later on, and a large dining room with tables for families and boarders. There were three chefs in the kitchen, who used fresh fruits and vegetables from the hotels' garden to feed guests, and one caretaker.

There was also a boathouse with boats available for guests to take out on the lake.

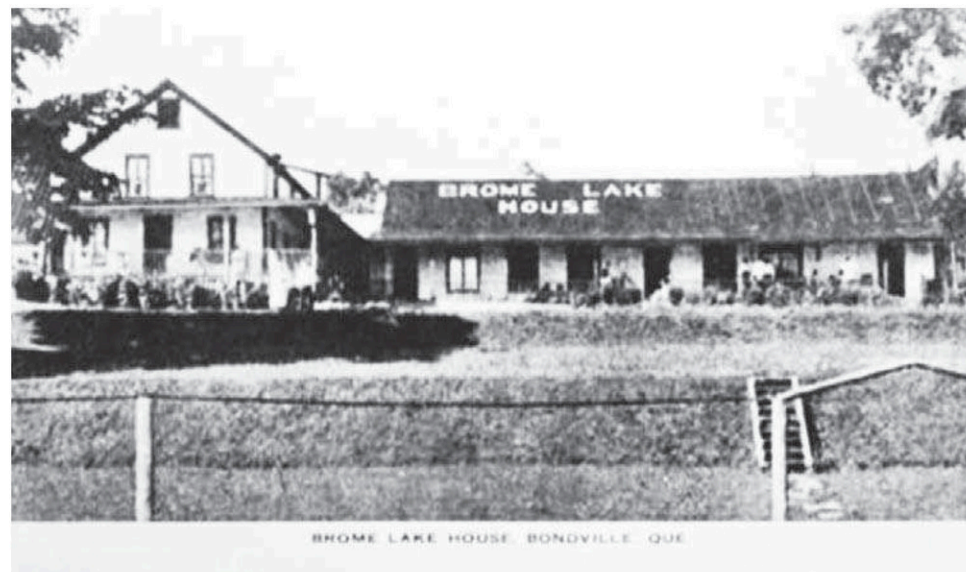
O'Hearn had a three-seater vehicle and horses to transport guests to and from the Foster and Knowlton Stations. Hayrides into Knowlton became popular amongst guests.

On its busiest weekends, the hotel was accommodating close to 100 guests and it attracted people from the big cities because of its peaceful environment.

The O'Hearn's lived in the hotel all year round and in the winter the resort became a hot spot for social gatherings. Local groups held dances and suppers in the dance hall. Apparently, people came from all over the region for these dances despite the tough road conditions during the winter, to feel the music being provided by local musicians.

The resort experienced a fire in 1923 and the O'Hearn's moved to a farm. They decided to renovate the farmhouse to continue provide a boarding space to visitors to the area. They renamed it the Brome Lake Lodge.

In the 1930s, they converted the barn into a dance hall called Chick Wick, a popular place where would go dancing on summer evenings.



Brome Lake House around the year 1920. (Photo : Eastern Townships Archives Centre, Eastern Townships Heritage Foundation fonds, P020-003-06-P654)

The O'Hearn's sold out in the middle of the 1940s and they eventually bought a house in Foster.

The Brome Lake Lodge house eventually became known as the Au Joli Vent which still stands today as the popular Auberge du Joli Vent.

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