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OPEC hikes to cost us \$5 a barrel more

OTTAWA (CP) — The latest round of oil price increases expected to come out of today's Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries in Venezuela will cost Canadians about \$5 more a barrel, federal economists are predicting.
The 23-per-cent increase is almost double what economists have been expecting and will cost Canadians about \$2 million a day more for their gas and oil.
It is not yet known how this will affect domestic prices, but experts are now saying last week's Tory budget es-

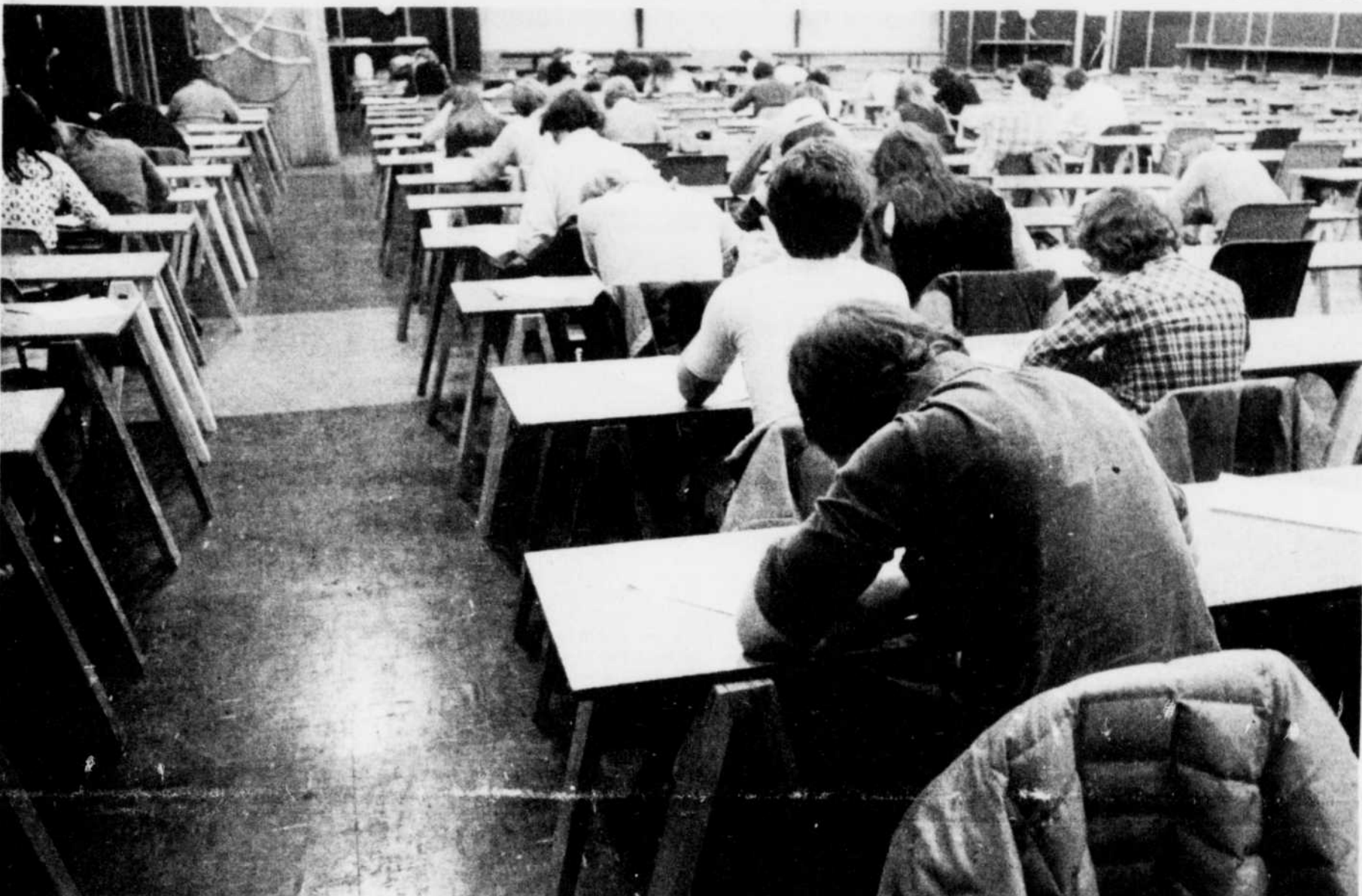
timates are already out of date because the compensation program for Eastern Canada will cost far more than Finance Minister John Crosbie and his experts forecast.
An Ottawa-dated story in today's Globe and Mail says "this year and next, the cost of subsidizing that region so that it pays the same for imported oil as other areas for domestic oil will be triple what it was last year."
According to the Globe, the compensation program will cost Canada at least \$500 million more in the next 15

months because of the OPEC hikes.
In Montreal, the vice-president of supply for Golden Eagle refineries, which supplies about a tenth of eastern Canada's oil supplies, said yesterday there could be oil shortages east of Montreal this winter unless his firm can obtain more supplies of crude from western Canada.
Jean Gaulin, the company's vice-president of supply, said Monday that Golden Eagle's supplies of crude oil are very tight and could worsen if winter is particularly harsh or if there are

unforeseen supply problems.
"One way of covering that risk is for the government to stop exporting crude to the United States and re-directing it to the East," he said.
Gaulin added the company has made repeated requests to the National Energy Board for more crude oil from Alberta.
He said the company has been receiving less than one per cent of Canadian crude oil, while other oil companies have been obtaining "ample supplies".
In addition, a strike by 1,300 workers

at three east-end Montreal refineries enters its second week with management staff continuing to keep oil flowing.
Spokesman for the refineries, operated by Petrofina, Shell and Texaco, reported no major production problems and said deliveries of home heating oil have been as usual.
Officials have said operations at the refineries, which supply about half of Quebec's oil needs, could be disrupted if there are mechanical failures, since

the striking workers are needed to make repairs.
Meanwhile, spokesman for the oil refineries rejected a demand by the United Oil Workers of Canada that striking workers be allowed to negotiate a new contract at a "central" bargaining table.
The workers, seeking a wage hike of \$1.25 an hour in the first year of a two-year contract and an indexation formula for the second year, had previously been negotiating separately with the three refineries.



NOSE TO THE GRINDSTONE

While most everyone's caught up in the pre-Christmas rush, pity those poor college students who have been slaving through exams for the past couple of weeks. These Bishop's scholars are slaving through one

of their last tests before they head home to the Yuletide hoopla. Some of their colleagues are more fortunate — some finished exams early and are already long gone.

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Tories, NDP, SC campaign as Grits sit

While former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau ponders whether to lead the Liberals into the Feb. 18 election campaign, all three other parties are off and running.
In Montreal yesterday to launch the Progressive Conservative campaign, Prime Minister Joe Clark told an enthusiastic audience of about 500 Tories he would prepare a proposal for the revision of the Canadian constitution by next fall if he is re-elected.
Clark said preliminary work on the proposed package is already in progress under the leadership of Senator Arthur Tremblay, a former Quebec deputy minister of intergovernmental affairs.
The prime minister also unveiled a list of key Conservative candidates who would be fielded in the Quebec battle for a majority government, foremost among which is Senator Robert de Cotret, Industry Trade and Commerce Minister, who was raised to the Upper House and made a cabinet minister following his defeat in Ottawa Centre in the May 22 federal election.
De Cotret will quit his senate seat and run in Berthier-Maskinonge, against Liberal incumbent Antonio Yanakis.

In St. Joseph de Beauce yesterday, Social Credit leader Fabien Roy said he would be calling an assembly of his five-man caucus within the next few days to decide how to wage the party's campaign.
Plagued by the defection of Richard Janelle and ineffectiveness in the House, Roy nevertheless believes the Creditistes still have a chance to recoup some of their losses in the May 22 elections.
Roy was especially critical of the Liberals, whom he blames for "this disgusting Christmas present."
"The Crosbie budget was not a bad budget. We were critical of it for what it didn't contain, rather than for what it did carry."
Although the Creditiste party's five votes turned out to make no difference in the results, Roy said his party had been prepared to support the Clark government if the Tories had been prepared to add another \$1 billion in energy tax rebates.

Hydro negotiations hit snag

QUEBEC (CP) — The Quebec government abruptly ended a sitting of a national assembly committee studying a strike at Hydro-Quebec early today when union leaders refused to end the strike.
The union decision and the govern-

ment response came after 3 a.m. EST, when union president Claude Morisseau announced he was willing to talk but unwilling to interrupt the strike which began Nov. 28.
The union representing 11,600 workers has maintained what it calls

"essential services" during the strike. But repairs have been working slower than usual and there have been long delays in restoring power after blackouts.
Claude Charron, Parti Quebecois house leader, said that since the union

leaders would not call off the strike, the committee would not listen to them anymore.
"It's in the hands of the government now," Charron said as he walked away from the committee room.

The prime minister also told the enthusiastic crowd, Marcel Masse, a former minister in the last provincial Union Nationale government, would run for the Conservatives in neighboring LaBelle riding while Andre Payette, now Clark's communications adviser, would contest the Montreal riding of Sainte Marie. Both were defeated last spring.

Among those who have already decided not to seek re-election is Gerald Baldwin, 73 next month, the veteran Tory crusader against secrecy in government. For years, he sought to push a freedom of information bill through the House and finally succeeded — only to see it die after second reading when Parliament was dissolved in the wake of the Crosbie budget's fall.
Baldwin is on vacation in the Bahamas, but a member of his staff said he planned to return to Ottawa and continue his efforts as a private citizen on behalf of more openness in government.

LOTOS: \$100 A HEAD

QUEBEC (CP) — Adult Quebecers spent an average of \$100 each on lottery tickets in 1978, the Quebec Lotteries and Races Board said Monday.
The board said in its annual report presented to the national assembly that the 4 million adults in Quebec spent more than \$200 million on lotteries controlled by the board, \$100 million on Loto-Canada tickets and nearly \$95 million on other lotteries.
Religious organizations took in more than \$41 million in 1978 and gave out \$27 million in prizes. Recreation groups took in nearly \$25 million and gave out nearly \$16 million.
The board authorized 42,282 lotteries in Quebec in 1978, including more than 33,000 bingos and 7,600 draws. This total was down slightly from 43,657 in 1977.

Khomeini backs student actions

TEHRAN (AP) — The students holding 50 U.S. citizens hostage in the U.S. Embassy criticized Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh today for talking too much and falsely encouraging the Carter administration, and said the least they will do is try the captives for spying unless the shah is returned to Iran.
The declaration followed a new endorsement of the students' actions by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, and the slaying today of a close associate of Khomeini. The Revolutionary Council blamed the killing of Ayatollah Mohammad Mofateh and his two guards on the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and SAVAK, the ousted shah's secret police.
The declaration followed a new endorsement of the students' actions by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. The state radio also reported the slaying today of a close associate of Khomeini, but it was not known whether the killing

of Ayatollah Mohammad Mofateh and two guards was connected to the embassy siege.
ALL TO BE TRIED
Ghotbzadeh said after the shah flew from the United States to Panama during the weekend that some of the hostages might be freed before Christmas, but the students said none of the captives will be freed and all will be tried. They repeated their position in a state radio broadcast today.
Without naming Ghotbzadeh directly, they said in part:
"The Iranian nation is ashamed to speak more than necessary to the enemy, particularly to a filthy one like America. To America we have only one thing to say: hand over the deposed shah and his plunder, however much you keep him outside America. And if the U.S. government does not accede to this just and humane demand by the Iranian nation, the least we shall do will be to put the American spies on trial."

QHRC: Schools outdated

MONTREAL (CP) — The Quebec education system is outdated and discriminatory because it still insists on designating schools either Protestant or Roman Catholic, the Quebec Human Rights Commission said Monday.
The commission noted that when the only public school in an area is Catholic the system discriminates by not recognizing that all students have the right to freedom of religion and by excluding teachers who aren't Catholic.
The report, which will be presented to Quebec Education Minister Jacques-Yvan Morin, was prompted by complaints from "various groups" since a controversy erupted last year over the religious designation of Notre Dame des Neiges school in Montreal.
The school, located in an increasingly multi-racial community in the Cote des Neiges area, was designated the province's first non-denominational school last fall.

Inside TAXES

Chances are good the city of Sherbrooke won't have to raise taxes despite the confusion around Bill 57, the legislation transferring taxation powers to the municipalities from local school boards. Page 3.

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CARTER POPULARITY RISES

NEW YORK (AP) — More than half of the U.S. public now wants to see Jimmy Carter run for re-election, a remarkable reversal from the negative sentiments about the president in the last six months, an Associated Press-NBC News poll says.
Carter's handling of the Iranian crisis has helped give his standing with the public the largest boost of his tenure in office. But with more than 10 months left before the election, the problems of the economy and energy are still major weak spots for Carter's image.
In the poll taken Dec. 11 and 12, 56 per cent of those interviewed by telephone said they would like to see Carter run for re-election next year. Thirty-one per cent would not like to see him run and 13 per cent of the 1,595 adults interviewed across the U.S. were not sure.

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Massive Montreal transit plan unveiled

MONTREAL (CP) — The Quebec government came up with a billion-dollar Christmas present Monday for the Montreal region: A long-awaited comprehensive transit plan.

The \$989-million five-year plan calls for extension of the city subway system, integration of suburban commuter trains with city transit, a new intermediate

system of electric trains using existing railway lines and highway improvements.

The money, to come entirely from the provincial treasury, includes \$475 million for completion and extension of two subway lines now under construction and \$355 million for track work, electrification, stations, rolling stock and other needs for the new regional

transit system.

It also includes \$41 million for improvements to two commuter train lines, \$114 million in highway work — including an arterial road across southeastern Montreal replacing an expressway extension that had been planned before — and \$4 million in miscellaneous work such as marking

reserved bus lanes on highways and bridges.

LONG AWAITED

The plan has been awaited for years and became more crucial after Canadian National Railways and Canadian Pacific said they would discontinue their Montreal-area commuter services unless public authorities agreed to pay the

deficits.

Quebec Transport Minister Denis de Belleval, who announced the transit plan at a news conference, said the government and municipalities would have to work out a formula to finance operating deficits and to unify fare structures covering the subway, city buses, suburban buses and suburban trains.

Work is to begin almost immediately, and deals will be worked out with the railways giving the city transit commission authority over commuter trains.

The federal government has not made any commitments to Montreal-area transit, Ottawa has argued that regional transit is a provincial responsibility,

and Quebec decided it couldn't wait any longer, de Belleval said.

"It will be up to Quebecers to judge the federal system accordingly," he said. "If you wait for a gift from Santa Claus before building your house, you'll never get your house built."

Officials predicted the plan would create 40,900 jobs in construction and equipment manufacturing and 20,800 indirect jobs during the next five or six years.

CHURCHILL INQUIRY UNNECESSARY, THATCHER SAYS

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Monday there is no need for a security inquiry into an affair between Conservative MP Winston Churchill and Soraya Khashoggi, British-born ex-wife of a Saudi Arabian billionaire.

"I am satisfied there has been no breach of security in the public service," Mrs.

Thatcher said in a written statement read in the House of Commons while the Tory prime minister was in Washington for talks with President Carter.

The statement was in reply to a question put by Labor MP James Wellbeloved who asked whether security officials needed to look into the affair which Churchill admitted during the

weekend.

"The private affairs of an MP are no concern of mine," Wellbeloved told reporters later. He said Mrs. Thatcher's assurance that no security issues were involved "closes this matter as far as I am concerned."

In the trial that ended last week at London's Old Bailey criminal court, three

detectives were jailed for blackmailing Mrs. Khashoggi in 1977.

A defence lawyer for one of them claimed the detective had only been investigating a possible national security problem after discovering Mrs. Khashoggi was having an affair with a politician. Mrs. Khashoggi, 38, admitted to the affair and

agreed to write the name of the politician on a piece of paper which was read by the judge and jury. The man was referred to as Mr. X.

During the trial, Mrs. Khashoggi — born Sandra Jarvis-Daley in Leicester, England — made clear she had not visited Churchill's office or seen any of his papers. Churchill was his

party's defence spokesman in 1976-1978 when the Tories were in opposition. Churchill married Minnie D Erwanger in 1964 and they have four children.

Mrs. Khashoggi was divorced by her husband, considered one of the world's major arms dealers, in 1974 and is reported to be seeking a settlement of \$2 billion.

Brandt: Narrow economic gap

LONDON (Reuters) — A commission of leading international statesmen called Monday for urgent and major changes in the world economic system to avert worldwide chaos and war.

Former West German chancellor Willy Brandt, chairman of the group seeking ways to narrow the gap between rich and poor countries, said: "The world economic system of the last three decades has ceased to work effectively. We all believe it needs urgent and major reform and restructuring."

Brandt, a Nobel Peace prize winner, spoke to a news conference at the final meeting of the Independent Commission on International Development Issues.

The commission called for an emergency program to help solve the world's short-term problems and serve the mutual interests of all countries.

Among proposed measures called for by the commission were:

— A large-scale transfer of money to developing countries.

— An agreement on the security of energy supplies and conservation.

— Reforms in the monetary system and means of financing development.

The report by the 18-member commission will be given to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim of the United Nations early next year.

Weather

Today will be sunny and cold with moderate winds. Wednesday will also be sunny and cold turning cloudy later during the day. High today -16 and high tomorrow, -12. The low tonight will be -20.

News in brief

OPEC hits price deadlock

CARACAS (AP) — The usual deadlock over new prices for crude oil prevailed today as the year-end meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries went into its second day in this Venezuelan capital with Saudi Arabia trying to hold the line at \$24 a barrel and Libya and Algeria pressing for more.

Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest member, was holding out for no increase beyond the 33-per-cent boost it announced last week.

Rhodesian truce to be signed

LONDON (AP) — A ceasefire in the Rhodesian civil war is to be signed Wednesday and Commonwealth soldiers to enforce it begin arriving in Salisbury Friday.

The final obstacle to the truce was removed Monday when leaders of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance accepted a British concession giving them at least 16 campsites inside Rhodesia in which to assemble their soldiers. Bishop Abel Muzorewa's bi-racial delegation from Salisbury accepted the ceasefire Saturday.

Quebecair buys twinjets

RENTON, Wash. (CP) — Boeing said Monday that Quebecair, a regional airline based in Montreal, has bought two more twinjet 737s for delivery in March and April, 1981.

The company said in a news release that Quebecair's two leased 737s currently operating on the airline's routes in Eastern Canada will be replaced by two Boeing 737s to be delivered in June and July, 1980.

Rain threatens Port Moody

VANCOUVER (CP) — Emergency crews and vehicles stood by late Monday as flooding threatened water and natural gas mains in Port Moody.

Several families were evacuated in the community east of Vancouver following a mudslide which slid into the city last Friday.

Elsewhere, flooding caused by torrential rains, forced evacuation in North Vancouver and Nanaimo and Parksville on eastern Vancouver Island.

Cheering should be shared

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (AP) — Enthusiasm for sports was meant to be shared, says Felix (Butsy) Tavern, who for 66 of his 78 years has been leading cheers for almost any crowd he can find.

Tavern doesn't limit his cheering to athletic events. During a lecture appearance in 1978 at Lake Superior State College, Senator Edward Kennedy (Dem. Mass.) was startled when Tavern jumped onto the speaker's platform and called for the crowd to give him 15 "rahs." Tavern has become a fixture at basketball and football games in the Sault Ste. Marie area of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where he roams the sidelines, urging the crowds on for the home teams.

"The louder you holler, the better the teams play," Tavern explains. "I get them all going real good."

Lost car finally recovered

ROCKY HILL, Conn. (AP) — Nine years ago, police could not find the car Dwight Rogers swore he lost in the Connecticut River.

But this week, divers recovered the old blue 1966 Chevrolet from the river, full of mud, eels and fish. At first, police were at a loss to explain the car, but dispatcher Winnie Zimniewicz remembered Rogers.

Zimniewicz said Rogers told police he fell asleep in his car and awoke to find it slipping into the river. The dispatcher said Rogers told them he swam to safety.

At the time, police could not find the car, leading them to discount Rogers's claim. Now they say they have another mystery to solve.

Pastor overdoes Xmas parable

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — Police and the news media were flooded with phone calls asking about a mysterious death.

The alleged incident involved a man whose body was supposed to have been found under the package-wrapping counter in a large department store here.

The man is reported to have been shoved aside in the hustle and bustle of Christmas shoppers and died, possibly of neglect.

An investigation determined that all the callers had first heard about the mystery death in a Sunday sermon by Rev. Forrest Siler, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Many who heard the sermon apparently took little notice of an odd thing about the dead man: He had strange scars on his palm.

"It was just a parable of Christ being crowded out of Christmas by commercialism," Siler said. "I evidently oversold it a little bit."

Bali hit by tremor

JAKARTA (Reuters) — At least 12 persons were killed and 82 injured when a strong earth tremor shook the vacation island of Bali and neighboring Lombok island early today, local officials said.

They said the three-second tremor caused thousands of people on both islands to flee their homes in panic. The exact magnitude of the quake and the location of its epicentre were not immediately known in Jakarta.

Michelin Bill passed

HALIFAX (CP) — Bill 98 — Nova Scotia's so-called Michelin bill — went through the legislature's law amendments committee with only minor grammatical amendments Monday afternoon and was to go back to the legislature for clause-by-clause study Monday night.

In the three hours it took to process the bill, the Progressive Conservative majority overruled numerous opposition amendments offered by Liberal Peter John Nicholson of Victoria and NDP member Paul MacEwan of Cape Breton Nova.

CUPW requests conciliation

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Union of Postal Workers announced Monday it wants a conciliation board to assist in contract negotiations with the post office.

The request to the Public Service Staff Relations Board for conciliation comes less than two weeks after the start of negotiations for a new collective agreement.

Thatcher will support US

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher says Britain will support President Carter if he seeks economic sanctions against Iran — but she is stressing the importance of UN approval for such a step.

Mrs. Thatcher, winding up her 48-hour visit to the United States, was travelling to New York today for meetings at the United Nations with Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and the president of the General Assembly, Salim Salim of Tanzania.

She said after her mid-day meeting Monday with Carter that if the president seeks sanctions against Iran in the United Nations, "Great Britain will be the first to support him."

NATO begins arms reduction

VIENNE (Reuters) — The North Atlantic Treaty Organization offered Monday to pull out 13,000 U.S. troops from West Germany in exchange for the withdrawal of three Soviet army divisions, totalling 30,000 men, from Eastern Europe.

If accepted by the Warsaw pact, the plan would represent the first agreed pullback by East-West forces since the Second World War. It would be the starting point of a manpower and arms reduction program which both sides have sought in six years of tough negotiations.

Seal hunt may be quiet

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — The international seal hunt off northern Newfoundland may be free of protesters this spring, unless a new group little known in North America finds a ship suitable for working in ice.

The Greenpeace Foundation, the major protest group at the hunt for the last four years, probably will concentrate on fur markets in 1980 instead of sending an expedition to the drifting icefields off Labrador.

Stuntman breaks sound barrier

ROGERS LAKE, Calif. (Reuters) — Hollywood stuntman Stan Barrett became the first man to break the sound barrier on land.

He raced across the dry lake bed aboard his 60,000 horse-powered rocket vehicle at a speed of 1,190.344 kilometres an hour on Monday, based on radar data provided by the U.S. Air Force.

Barrett had to travel at least 1,177.846 km/h to beat the sound barrier when he crossed the lake bed in the early light of this morning. The speed of sound varies with the temperature, which was -7 C when the run was made.

"I just want to thank God first of all," Barrett, a 36-year-old father of three children, said when his speed was announced. "He made barriers to be broken."

Barrett had to wait almost 10 hours to discover his speed while the Air Force ran information from its radar scanning equipment through computers. A fire engine was running across the same bed at the time and it took several hours for Air Force officers to separate the speed of the two vehicles.

An Air Force statement pointed out it can only report the speed and not sanction any records.

Observers on the trial said they heard what sounded like a gentle roll of thunder as the blazing red rocket vehicle flashed by, which they speculated was the supersonic bang.

"I had no idea when I went through the sound barrier," said Barrett, describing the run. "I felt a lot of resistance and then everything went smooth and then there was a large jolt like hitting a brick wall."

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Deaths

ALLISON, Osborne — At the Sherbrooke Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1979, Osborne A. Allison, in his 77th year, beloved husband of Kathleen Ingham and dear uncle of Joy (Mrs. Perry Stanton), and brother of Dorothy, (Mrs. Walter Berwick), all of Bury, Que. Resting at Bury Funeral Home, where prayers will be held on Wed., Dec. 19 at 2:00 p.m., followed by funeral service in Bury United Church at 2:15 p.m. Mrs. Vera Simons officiating. Interment in Bury Cemetery. Donations to Canadian Cancer Society would be gratefully acknowledged. Visitation on Mon. and Tues. from 2-4 and 7-9.

BURRIDGE, Lilla — At St. Johns Hospital, December 17, 1979, in her 91st year, of St. Armand, Que., daughter of the late William Burrige and Mary Martin. Resting at Dion's Funeral Home, 215 River Street, Bedford. Visitation, Tuesday, 7-10 p.m. Funeral service on Wed. Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church, Bedford. Interment Bedford Cemetery.

DENNIS, Hazel — At the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Stoddard, Hatley, Que., on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1979, Hazel Kendall, in her 94th year, beloved wife of the late Robert Dennis and dear mother of Kathleen (Kay) Sanderson of Lennoxville, Que., dear grandmother of Scott and Warren, dear sister of Victoria (Mrs. Asa Swallow), of Wrentham, Mass., Hope (Mrs. Charles McGee) of Windsor, Que., Royal of Thorold, Ont. Resting at the R.L. Bishop and Son Funeral Home, 76 Queen St., Lennoxville, where funeral service will be held on Wed., Dec. 19 at 2:00 p.m., Canon A.M. Awcock officiating. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

THOMSON, John Mitchell — At his home in Rock Island, Que., on Dec. 17, 1979, in his 73rd year, beloved husband of Irene Leblanc, dear father of the late David Thomson, brother of James of Scarborough, Ont. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 39 Dufferin Rd., Stanstead, where funeral service will be held on Thurs. Dec. 20 at 1:30 p.m., Rev. R. Rennie, assisted by Rev. Ralph Rogers, officiating. Interment in Crystal Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Haskell Free Library, Rock Island, or Canadian Cancer Society would be gratefully acknowledged. Visitation on Wed. from 7 to 9 p.m. only.

Obituary

PEARL L. BRADLEY of Lennoxville

Pearl Louise Bradley passed away on Thursday, Nov. 30, 1979, at Mrs. Whiteman's Home, Lennoxville, in her 80th year.

Funeral service was held at St. George's Church, Lennoxville, Canon A.M. Awcock officiating.

Bearers were Raymond McLaughlin, Timmy McLaughlin, Allen Cumber Irvin Bradley, Eddy Doherty and Ernest Ross.

Interment in the Malvern Cemetery in the family plot.

The deceased was born in Frampton, Dorch Co. in 1899, second daughter of the late Samuel Bradley and the late Mary Jane Matthews, and lived in Quebec City for a number of years, then moved to Sherbrooke, where she was lady's companion to Miss Hale, Moore St., for many years, afterwards moving to Lennoxville.

She leaves to mourn her loss, a sister, Mrs. Herby McLaughlin of Lennoxville, a brother-in-law, Herby McLaughlin, many nieces and nephews.

The flowers and donations to the In Memoriam Fund at St. George's Church were a tribute to the deceased.

Relatives and friends attending the funeral were from Lennoxville, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Montreal and Brinston, Ontario.

Card of Thanks

BRADLEY — The family of the late Pearl Louise Bradley, wish to thank all their relatives, friends, and neighbours for all their kindness at the time of her death. Special thanks to Canon A.M. Awcock, Dr. Klinck, Mrs. Whiteman and Mr. Ernest Ross and the members of the Webster Cass Funeral Home. Your kindness will always be remembered.

MRS. HERBY MCLAUGHLIN

SAINT PIERRE — I wish, once again, to thank everyone who visited me, sent cards and flowers, and all those who telephoned so often. It was greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Dr. Taylor, and all the nurses on the fourth floor for their wonderful care. As I shall not be able to send out our Christmas cards on time this year, I am taking this opportunity to wish everyone the very best for the Holiday Season and the New Year, as well. And please don't forget that miracles still happen. I am going to be home for Christmas.

MRS. RALPH SAINT PIERRE

In Memoriam

GALLUP — In loving memory of Wallace who passed away Dec. 18, 1975. Sadly missed along life's way. Quietly remembered every day.

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LOIS (wife)

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Sherbrooke tax hike doubtful, says O'Bready

By JOANNE CLEROUX
SHERBROOKE — The city will come out on top with the passing of bill 57 expected this week, and taxpayers can expect no major

increases in the millrate for next year. Council tabled a budget of more than \$70 million at a special meeting last night but Sherbrooke's 1980

budget, like that of municipalities across the province, is hanging in the air pending the government's passing of bill 57, a fiscal reform bill that will

restructure the flow of funds in and out of city coffers.

"We couldn't wait for the new law any longer," said Mayor Jacques O'Bready. The bill is expected to clear the national assembly on Friday, although school boards are putting up stiff opposition to loss of their taxation autonomy.

According to the mayor, Bill 57 will have to be passed before the government adjourns for Christmas because so many leases and contracts come into effect on the first day of the new year. Sherbrooke council cannot approve its new budget until then, but said the mayor, "We still have fuel to buy, we still have contracts to honor, we need some kind of financial guidelines to work with."

The budget shows a projected increase in costs of 11 per cent over last year but will bring no significant mill rate increase because Bill 57 gives the city the tax now collected by local school boards.

"I don't know what the figures will be exactly," said O'Bready. "Inflation has to be accounted for, but with what we'll get from school taxes and with what we know will remain stable, we don't foresee any major rate increase."

O'Bready declined to comment further on the costs outlined in the 200-page budget until it is adopted by council, possibly at the next meeting. The mayor did say however that costs for the aqueduct, sanitation crews and for most major expenses were expected to remain within their allotments.

"All departments have been very reasonable," said the mayor. "We trimmed the fat everywhere along the line."

COUNCIL POT-POURRI
The Normandie Hotel on Wellington Street will meet the wrecker's ball in the wee hours of Saturday morning.

Demolisher Marcel Dumoulin appeared before council last night to quiet fears by some downtown merchants that the demolition would hinder Christmas shoppers and obstruct traffic. Dumoulin said his crews would begin work at 4 a.m. Saturday and take down the building while the city sleeps and the downtown core is all but deserted. "We'll have most of the heavy, dangerous work done by nine the same morning," Dumoulin said.

"We took down the Royal Hotel in about four hours, and one of my operators was three and half hours late that day," he added to loud chuckles from the audience.

"Can you do this job in half an hour, then," someone called out.

"No, I'm not bewitched," was the demolisher's reply.

The redesign of the Dufferin-Marquette-Frontenac Street intersection, made necessary by the reconstruction of the Dufferin bridge, was approved by council with councillor Romeo Bergeron opposing the move. Bergeron claims the changes would make no significant difference for drivers or pedestrians in exchange for the cost to the city.

The redesign calls for widening the intersection and the addition of new traffic lights.

Grafftey must hustle says riding survey

By JOHN McCAGHEY
BROME-MISSISQUOI — It's hard to evaluate the status of Heward Grafftey's fiefdom as one of the two Tories elected in the May 22 election following the defeat of the federal government on what one of the supporters termed "Bloody Crosbie Day" last Thursday, according to a local man-in-the-street survey over the weekend.

"Why in the hell would I vote for Trudeau if he is only an interim leader," a French-language voter said. "He might win the election and be replaced by someone who is completely opposed to Quebec and their way of thinking."

A chartered accountant opined "Why should we (Canada) have a gross national per capita debt of almost 50 per cent of that of the United States when we only have 10 per cent of their population?" The budget brought down by the finance

minister was more than realistic and we will have to go along and pay the piper as far as fuel costs are concerned.

"It seems preposterous the users of petroleum products don't want to recognize the fact we will pay for increasing costs at the pumps or in income taxes. It's about time the federal government stopped subsidizing us from birth to death."

A vehement supporter of the PQ said it was a typical example of Ottawa trying to bleed the utmost from Quebecers. "They only hit us (Quebec) the hardest," he said. "We will have to pay through the nose if we reelect a man who said he has no stand to take in our referendum. Maybe he will learn."

A publican said "The budget was realistic and was properly designed. Sure, it was unpopular but nonetheless we are going to have to live with a fact of life



HEWARD GRAFFTEY
...work to do

rather than existing on Dream Street. I'm certainly going to vote for Grafftey the next time round."

"I'm one of the less than 1000 NDPers in the county and I'm damned glad the government was defeated," was another comment.

Mrs. Gisele Noel, of Magog, made a tremendous run at the Grafftey majority during the May, 1979, campaign and the senior Tory MP for Quebec may have more than his share of work cut out if he wishes to retain his seat on February 18.

"Grafftey has always helped all the people but this time they went too far with a budget too soon and hit the average Joe in the pocket book just before Christmas. Thank God that budget was defeated and although I have always supported Heward, I don't know what I'm going to do on election day until I've made my x on the ballot," was another remark.

A federal civil servant said Grafftey "went over the boards" when he showed his anger on television after the downfall of the government. "We want a man, not a spoiled brat looking out for us."

In Shefford, there is nothing that precludes former MP Gilbert Rondeau from seeking reelection despite the fact that he is incarcerated. He was convicted of an indictable offence, but was sentenced to a term of less than five years and three days, the minimum which would force the Speaker of the House of Commons to make a motion to determine whether a member was fit to sit.

Nominations close here as in all semi-urban ridings on January 28 and the campaign may become very interesting from there on in.

Townships talk

CMTS holiday sked released

SHERBROOKE (PT) — Users of municipal transport in Sherbrooke are in for a bit of good holiday news. The CMTS has announced that between December 17 and 22, the bus service will operate every night on the regular Thursday and Friday-night schedule. Because stores in city will be open late every evening, the service will allow shoppers to buy those last minute gifts.

AECQ urges extended holiday

The Association of Building Contractors of Quebec has recommended that its members close their job sites between December 23 and January 5 for the Christmas holidays. Originally, sites were to have been closed only until January 2; however because of the timing of New Year's Day, the work week will only be two days long and the AECQ is urging its members to close until the following week.

ARBUS rates up

SHERBROOKE (PT) — ARBUS, the messenger service operated by Voyageur, has announced several changes in its rate structure. There will be no changes in the category under two pounds, but rates will increase between 10 and 15 per cent for service within Quebec. A \$1.50 surcharge will be levied on flowers and a surcharge of 10 per cent on COD orders. In the interprovincial section, a category under two pounds has been introduced and there will be no change in the under 10-pound area. All other categories will increase by 10 per cent. This is the first time in two years that the ARBUS has raised its rates in Quebec.

Waterloo Townshippers Inc. growing

WATERLOO (NW) — The English-Speaking Townshippers Association bolstered their ranks locally by about 40 members as their recruiting campaign continued last week. Regional President Dick Stoddard and Waterloo President Lawrence Purdy brought in the largest contingent after meeting with 100 Waterloo Golden Agers. After a 90-minute discussion on the aims of the organization, 35 members signed up.

CLSC announces changes

RICHMOND (PT) — The CLSC of Windsor and Richmond wished to inform the population that they will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25 as well as December 31 and January 1, 1980. For all the other days of the holiday season, the CLSC will be open as usual. As much as possible, the CLSC is hoping to increase the scope and quality of their services in the New Year.

RYF Xmas Dance Saturday

RICHMOND (NF) — The Richmond Young Farmers will be holding their annual Christmas Dance at Mont Scotch Hill on Saturday, December 22 from 9 p.m. 'til 1 a.m.

With 50 members, the RYF is one of the biggest and most active groups in the province. This year's major events included the annual calf rally where the youngsters learned the art of showing cattle and the Big Brother-Big Sister day when city kids got a chance to come out and see how their country cousins live and work. The Richmond group also took part in two exchanges this year. Under the Royal Bank program one member spent time in Newfoundland, while another visited British Columbia. A larger exchange saw 10 of the local youngsters heading off to Yorktown, Saskatchewan where they were exposed to farming western style.

One of the Richmond Young Farmers' biggest projects is the scholarship fund. For the last three years an RYF member graduating from RRS and continuing his or her studies in agriculture has been awarded a scholarship. Funds collected from the Christmas Dance go towards the scholarship. The dress for the dance is semi-formal and everyone is welcome.



The old Normandie will be coming down during the wee hours of Saturday, its demolition contractor assured the city last night.

Sweetsburg Ward

SWEETSBURG WARD (JM) — Jean-Claude Renaud Majorel, a native of France, changed his option, renounced his rights to a preliminary hearing, and pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of 13.8 grams of cocaine with intent to traffick. Crown attorney Claude Noisieux said the least he could demand was a two-year penitentiary term and a fine of \$1,000 without any costs, in default of immediate payment of the fine to one year additional.

Pierre Gibeau said the demand of the crown was justified and added his client was an addict not a pusher. "The crown is most reasonable in his demand. Even though you had less than half an ounce, cocaine is a hard drug," Judge

Gerard Normandin said. He allowed Majorel a week to pay the fine and imposed the sentence suggested by Mr. Noisieux. Noisieux then said he had no proof to offer on a charge of illegal importation and it was dismissed.

"I have no lawyer and no money. Am I entitled to counsel," John L. Danio, of Indian Orchard, Mass.,

Sweetsburg Ward

BY JOHN McCAGHEY

asked at his arraignment on charges of illegally introducing counterfeit money into Canada and possession of counterfeit \$20 United States bills at Frelighsburg on Dec. 13.

"What about the \$9,000," Crown attorney Noisieux rebutted. The only lawyer in private practice in the court at the time of the interchange showed visible

interest in the case until the crown said the money was counterfeit.

Legal Aid lawyer Pierre Gibeau met Danio, chose jury trial and Danio was remanded in custody pending his bail and preliminary hearings which were continued to Dec. 18.

Marche Tarte et Fils, of Bromont, were found guilty, in absentia, to 25 charges of having failed to meet provincial sanitation standards on July 10, 1979. They were fined \$200 and costs.

Meanwhile, although Hydro officials and government have been aware of the situation, it appears that nothing will be done for awhile, leaving the residents without power.

RESIDENTS WITHOUT POWER

LA PATRIE — About 40 families in La Patrie have been deprived of electricity since last Friday, but they are working together and, with the aid of neighbors and special appliances, have managed to reduce their suffering.

The striking Hydro-Quebec workers have refused to complete the repair job causing the blackout which residents estimate will take only five minutes. Their refusal has plunged a large part of the small town into darkness.

Although several residents, especially those with very small children have taken refuge with friends and relatives, many have chosen to stay, using small generators and wood stoves

to heat their homes. The family of Alain Dubreil has been fortunate enough to have a wood stove already installed in their house. This is supplemented by a generator, which is efficient, but uses up to two tanks of gas a day. Fortunately, Dubreil has been able to store his meat outside, reducing spoilage. Another resident, who was sharing a generator

with his neighbors said that the blackout made it more difficult for customers to understand the conflict between Hydro-Quebec and its employees.

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Quebec language battle strictly political, lawyer warns

OTTAWA (CP) — English-speaking Quebecers may have won a court victory Thursday, but future battles will have to be fought in the political rather than the judicial arena, says Robert Litvack, one of the lawyers who led a successful challenge to Quebec's language law.

Litvack was one of six Montreal lawyers who set out two years ago to contest portions of the language legislation which restricted the right to use English in the provincial courts and

legislature.

Their efforts ended with victory when the Supreme Court of Canada overturned seven clauses of the Charter of the French Language.

Litvack, who did most of the research and handled much of the courtroom argument, was naturally pleased with the result. But he has no illusions that it solved the problem of English-French language tensions.

"It does not create official bilingualism in Canada or in Quebec,"

Litvack said shortly after the verdict. "If we want to move at all from here on, we've got to do it politically, not in the courts."

The problem, from Litvack's point of view, is that the judgment dealt only with the "very narrow issue" of language rights in the courts and legislature.

There are other cases outstanding against the legislation in Quebec, including one which will challenge restrictions on English-language

schooling, and another disputing the provision that all commercial signs and advertising must be in French.

But while the British North America Act — the country's written constitution — specifically guarantees bilingual courts and legislative proceedings in Quebec, it contains few other guarantees of language rights.

For Litvack, the answer to the problem can be found in Pierre Trudeau's concept of "institutional bilingualism." Language rights for

both English-speaking Quebecers and French-speaking minorities in other provinces ought to be entrenched in a reformed federal constitution.

Premier Rene Levesque called the court decision "cruel and wrong," and noted that it took only two years to successfully challenge Quebec's language law. It took 90 years before the Supreme Court got around Thursday to overruling a similar Manitoba law which suppressed the right to speak French in that province's courts and

legislature.

"Justice for the dead if you're French, justice for the living if you're English," said Gerald Godin, a Parti Quebecois backbencher normally considered a bridge-builder toward the English community.

Litvack agrees the Manitoba language law of 1890 went unchallenged for decades, while many Franco-Manitobans abandoned their native language and assimilated to the English community.

Trudeau's return may haunt independence referendum

QUEBEC (CP) — The February federal election has raised a spectre to haunt Premier Rene Levesque — the possible return of Pierre Trudeau as prime minister in the midst of the Parti Quebecois independence referendum.

It no doubt took awhile for the impact to sink in since the premier was preoccupied last week with the Supreme Court of Canada which overturned portions of Quebec's Charter of the French Language.

But the surprise defeat of the Progressive Conservative government in Ottawa — the same day as the Supreme Court ruling — certainly must be weighing on Levesque.

The results of last May's federal

election suited him: Not only was Trudeau beaten, but the Conservatives under Joe Clark accomplished the task by sweeping English Canada and electing only two members from Quebec.

According to Levesque, the results showed that residents of Quebec and the rest of Canada are two different peoples with opposed interests.

Levesque also interpreted Trudeau's defeat as the end of French power in Ottawa, taking it as evidence that English Canada has had enough of French Canadians.

Ironically, the May result brought a temporary truce in relations between Ottawa and Quebec.

Under Trudeau, Quebec ministers like Jean Chretien, Andre Ouellet and Marc Lalonde never shied away from confrontation with the PQ. But the Clark cabinet refused to debate conflicting federal and provincial policies.

With only four Quebecers holding posts in the cabinet — Supply Minister Roch LaSalle, Science Minister Howard Graftey and Senator Jacques Flynn, who serves as justice minister — the Clark government figured its best way to deal with Quebec was to be as easy-going as possible.

Even when Levesque attacked Clark for delays in federal investment plans in Quebec two weeks ago, Clark refused to fight back.

Khomeini led revolution from small French cottage

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini directed the climactic stage of his revolution against Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi from a cottage in a French village 3,200 kilometres from Iran. Here is a report on how it was done.

By JEFFREY ULBRICH
PARIS (AP) — In the drab back room of a small cottage in the French village of Neauphle-le-Chateau, two tape-copying machines whirled relentlessly in late

1978 and early 1979, reproducing the revolutionary words of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

As the struggle against Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi was reaching its climax, the words of the imam called on the people to rise against the shah, throw off the yoke of foreign influence and crush the politicians he said were bleeding the country of its riches.

For his rise from obscurity in the extreme right-wing Fedayeen Islam of Iran's Shiite Moslem clergy to the ruler of a major oil-producing nation of 35 million people, Khomeini owes a lot to the small group of mullahs who began playing his words in the mosques in mid-1978.

The cassettes are believed to have played a significant role in the revolution, but they reached only a limited number of people in Iran.

But following Khomeini's arrival in France and the spread of the anti-shah movement in Iran, news correspondents flocked to Neauphle-le-Chateau to report on the ayatollah's remarks and reactions to developments in his country. Many of their dispatches reached Iran.

Another prime force, and some believe the most important, was foreign radio broadcasts to Iran, particularly the Farsi-language service of the BBC and Radio Moscow. Both carried Khomeini's statements and were widely listened to.

On at least three occasions, the French government warned Khomeini to stop preaching violent revolution, reminding him of the legal obligations "imposing discretion on all foreign citizens on French soil."

However, he never slowed down, even slightly, and the French took no action against him.

Wrong culprit

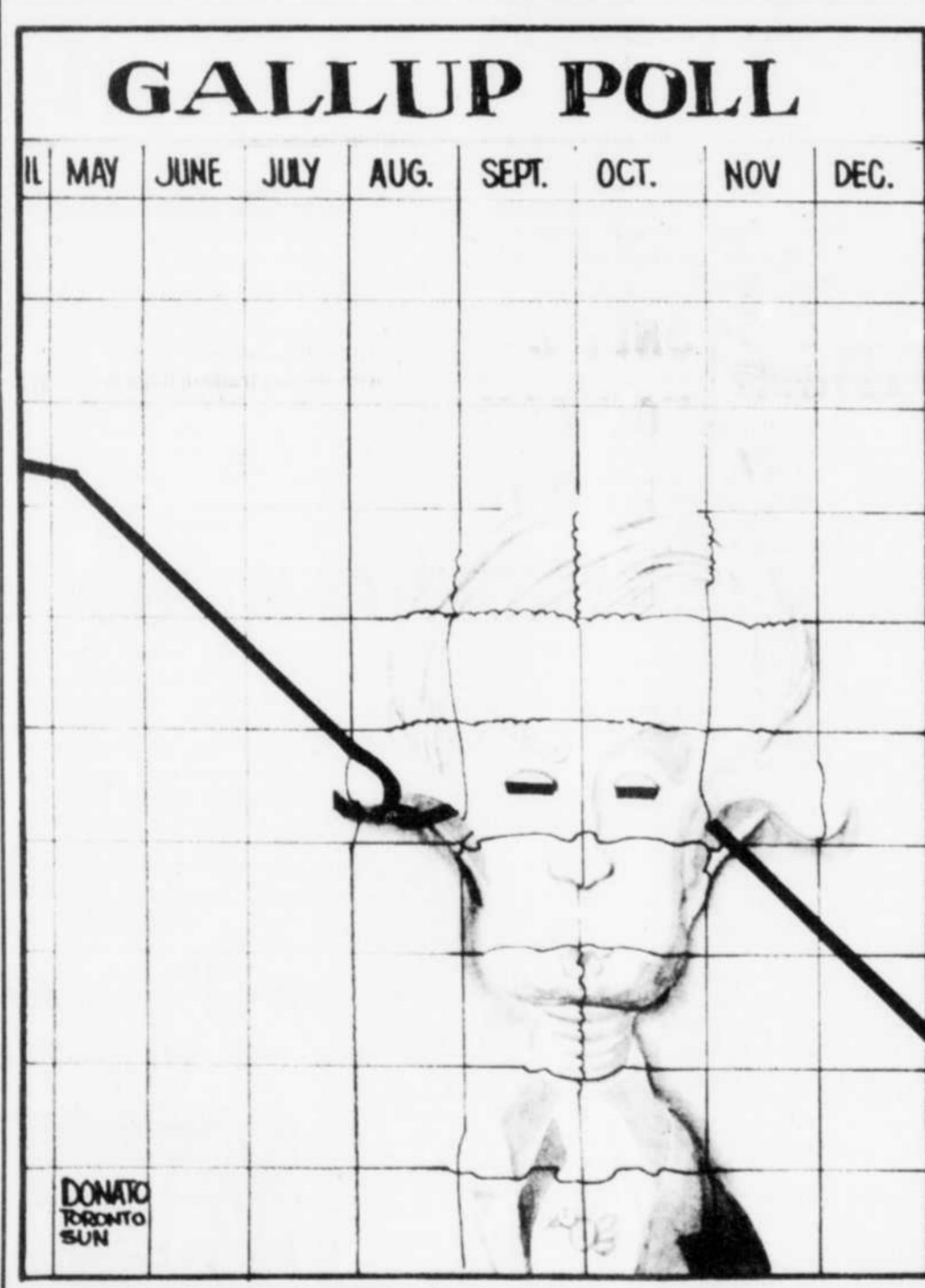
Why is it, that by asking for the public's co-operation in reducing their energy consumption during the holidays, Hydro-Quebec has managed to create a totally erroneous impression?

The utility is urging customers to refrain from turning on their outdoor Christmas lights until 7 p.m., when the peak demand period has passed and the threat of blown transformer fuses is lower.

That may be. But what Hydro conveniently forgets to tell us is that commercial buildings are the major users of electrical lighting in this province, consuming something like 60 per cent of the total amount of power which goes for lighting, compared to about five per cent used for streetlighting and other public illumination. With this in mind, take a good look at all those commercial buildings leaving their lights burning full tilt after everybody's gone home for the day. It makes no sense, except when we remember that years and years ago, there was a popular myth circulating that it took as much electricity to turn lights off and on again as it did to keep them burning. It's pure hogwash, of course, but most building maintenance types still seem to believe it.

So when Hydro tries to convince us that we should do without one of the few luxuries which can banish the workaday blues this time of year, we say fie. It's dark when many of us go to work and dark when we get home, and all those Christmastide lights are just what the doctor ordered. Hydro ought to have a little more sensitivity for what life is all about at the workers' level and urge the big users to douse the lights when everybody goes home.

At Christmas, is that too much to expect?
JAMES DUFF



U.S. economy suffers with Iran sanctions

WASHINGTON (CP) — The Carter Administration seems to be stepping up its economic conflict with Iran in an attempt to all but cripple that country's financial and commercial relations with the rest of the world.

Since Nov. 14 when U.S. authorities froze the estimated \$8 billion in Iranian assets in the United States, the administration has been increasing the pressure against Iran in an effort to free the U.S. hostages in Tehran.

But now there are signs this unilateral action by United States, and its current efforts to involve Western allies in what threatens to become outright economic war against Iran, is running into trouble.

DOLLAR DOWN

The freeze of Iranian government assets by the United States — and particularly the extension of that freeze to Iranian assets held in foreign branches of U.S. banks — has weakened the U.S. dollar and created unease in other Middle East oil-producing countries.

Some countries consider freezing Iranian assets in foreign U.S. bank branches as a challenge to their sovereignty. Mexico is reported ready to drop the dollar as the exchange currency for trade in petroleum in retaliation.

Japan, which imports about 11 per cent of its oil from Iran, is reluctant to join in any broad U.S. economic offensive. That brought a blast from U.S. state secretary Cyrus Vance who charged the Japanese were profiting from the situation by rushing to buy Iranian oil "at extraordinarily high prices" that formerly went to the United States.

The exact nature of the actions Vance and other key Carter administration figures are trying to convince U.S. allies in Europe to undertake remains a mystery. It could be an embargo of shipments of military and industrial equipment to Iran, possibly a boycott of food and medical supplies.

But the Americans will have to show keener recognition of their allies' dependence on Iran's oil if they are to get even grudging co-operation for any of these moves. The U.S. has exhausted actions it can take on its own, and has profoundly rocked financial markets with its freeze on Iranian government assets.

ENCOURAGED FAILURE

Some of Iran's non-U.S. lenders, caught by the freeze on Iranian deposits in foreign U.S. bank branches, suffered losses when Iran subsequently defaulted on a number of loan payments. Newsweek magazine says the Carter administration encouraged at least one of those declarations of default on an Iranian loan, by the Chase Manhattan Bank.

Currency markets now are extremely skittish, mainly because of fears that other OPEC oil producers may dump U.S. dollars in favor of safer currencies.

The dollar is slumping in value, and gold prices are rising once more.

The heavy-handed American attempt to apply its laws to banking operations outside its own borders also raised the spectre of reduced Middle East oil production. Oil in the ground remains valuable and isn't subject to being frozen or blocked like the excess dollars in U.S. banks.

In the past few days, State Secretary Vance and Defence Secretary Harold Brown have been in the capitals of Britain, France, Italy and West Germany trying to rally support for economic sanctions against Iran. They are getting only expressions of support, not commitments.

One thing the Americans have yet to do is to show other countries that economic measures would help in freeing the U.S. hostages. The Iranians say they are ready to accept martyrdom if there is a military strike against them, and they may apply the same logic to economic matters.

This may mean the U.S. leaders have already pushed matters to the point where their allies are unwilling to risk any more damage to international financial markets just to help the United States in the economic destruction of a country with sorely-needed oil.

Carter aide misused high position to help father?

WASHINGTON — White House aide Richard Harden was once described as the "Achilles heel" of Jimmy Carter's gubernatorial administration in Georgia. He may wind up filling that role in his boss's presidential administration — though he's getting some stiff competition from his buddy Hamilton Jordan for that dubious honor.

Harden is already under investigation by a federal grand jury, which is trying to find out exactly what his involvement was in an alleged attempt by fugitive financier Robert Vesco to buy legal favors from the Carter White House.

Now we've uncovered evidence which strongly indicates that Harden misused his high position to help his father, D. H. Harden, clear up a threatened libel suit down home in Camilla, Ga. Our sources tell us Harden got a subordinate, White House legal adviser William Pollack, to intervene on the elder Harden's behalf, improperly invoking his official position to head off the lawsuit.

Pollack has admitted that he arranged an out-of-court settlement for D. H. Harden at the son's request, but insists he didn't do it on the taxpayers' time, and didn't use his White House position to bring pressure on anyone.

The younger Harden — tall, handsome affable, prematurely graying at 33 — is a

Jack Anderson

member of the unofficial "Cornpone Cabinet" of Georgians who are Jimmy Carter's most trusted advisers. He was Gov. Carter's controversial director of human resources, then became his presidential campaign finance manager. His performance in that capacity earned him a sharp rebuke from the Federal Election Commission, which charged him with sloppy bookkeeping on the scores of bank accounts he set up to handle cash deposits for the Carter campaign chest.

Earlier this year, Harden took time off from his White House job and flew home to help audit the tax accounts of the Georgia-Florida-Alabama Peanut Association (GFA), which was then managed by his 69-year-old father Young Harden later was forced to make restitution for his airline tickets, which his father had charged off to the farm coop.

The elder Harden had been accused of expense account abuses and mismanagement of GFA's funds, which led

to a \$2.16 million bill from the Internal Revenue Service for back taxes. After the audit, D. H. Harden was forced to resign, and began a letter-writing campaign aimed at discrediting his critics.

One letter cast slurs on the professional ability of an accountant who audited the cop's records. This was published on the front page of a newspaper in Albany, Ga. The accountant began libel proceedings against the elder Harden.

That's when Pollack, the White House legal aide, stepped in. A participant in a conference call from Pollack to the accountant and his attorney told our reporter Sally Ann Denton that Pollack identified himself as a White House attorney representing the Hardens. He then tried to persuade the accountant to drop the lawsuit.

Pollack denies saying he worked for the White House, and even claims he didn't try to dissuade the accountant from filing suit. "I used no pressure whatsoever," he insisted. "I was just trying to prevent a Hatfield-McCoy-type feud. I can assure you we didn't use this office to coerce anyone."

He did get his client to make a public apology, and the suit was never filed.

Young Harden has refused to comment on the case, or to explain his role in the affair.

Meanwhile, the grand jury that's probing the Vesco bribe charges is highly suspicious of young Harden's testimony, because it so

closely corroborates statements made by another witness who has flunked two lie-detector tests. Harden has not been subjected to such tests.

FOGGY BOTTOM FOOT-DRAGGING: Foot-dragging in Foggy Bottom may be blowing the United States' chances to keep the new revolutionary government of Nicaragua from turning into another Soviet satellite like Cuba.

Continuing delays in the delivery of long-promised aid to Nicaragua — its economy shattered by decades of looting by the ousted Somoza dictatorship followed by a bloody revolution — have led the hard-pressed government to turn elsewhere for assistance. And "elsewhere" means the communist bloc.

The State Department promised aid to the Nicaraguans in September but a department task force took an unreasonably long time in its on-the-spot study of the situation. It wasn't till two weeks ago that the cookie pushers managed to present an appropriations request to Congress, and sources tell us the funds aren't likely to be approved before Christmas.

Meanwhile, the Nicaraguans have concluded a trade-and-aid pact with East Germany, and for the first time the revolutionary junta is seeking commercial ties with the Soviet Union.

Geothermal facility heats Utah town

MONROE, Utah (AP) — Before the hole, there wasn't much to be excited about in Monroe. Mostly, it was just known as the third-largest town in Sevier County.

But the hole is about to steam up the residents. It's the core of the first city-run geothermal heating system in the United States and it is in the middle of central Utah's coal fields.

The geothermal well on a hillside east of town will enable many of Monroe's 2,000 residents to stop shovelling coal next winter and enjoy the benefits of the city-owned-and-operated project.

"It's something to be excited about," said Mayor Duane Nay. "It's exhilarating. The potential is mindboggling."

University of Utah geologists studied Monroe's geothermal potential in 1976 and tipped off Terra Tek Inc., a Salt Lake City-based energy-consulting firm.

The federal energy department has sunk \$900,000 into the geothermal well, and Nay said the town will need more to lay the pipe. Bob Chappell, with the energy department in Idaho Falls, Idaho, says Monroe will get the money.

COSTS INCREASE

"We went into it with the knowledge there

was a good possibility of overruns," Chappell said. So far, says Nay, increased costs of drilling, well pipe and wages have meant an overrun of more than \$17,000.

But the process behind the project is simple, the mayor says: "We're just pulling it (hot water) out of the ground, stealing the heat from it and poking it back in the ground."

Roger Harrison, a New Zealander imported by Terra Tek to direct the project, said the system was to have been in operation this winter, but it will be next

November at the earliest before it is on line.

Once the water 300 metres beneath the town starts flowing at a rate of about 600 gallons a minute, three schools, the city hall, two churches, a fire house and all the businesses and residences on Main Street will be able to hook into the system.

Later, a second well will be dug and the system expanded to include the whole town.

Mark Chatti said he expects to cut his heating bill by 75 per cent after an initial investment of \$200 to \$600 to convert to geothermal heat from coal. "It'll be a great thing. There's virtually no maintenance," he said.

Closer U.S. ties unlikely, says study

MONTREAL (CP) — Despite a recovery in relations between Canada and the U.S., closer economic ties are unlikely in the near future, says a new study by the C. D. Howe Research Institute.

The improvement in relations since Richard Nixon left the White House

"is all the more remarkable since many of the disputed issues that had helped to sour the negotiating atmosphere remain unresolved and, in cases such as the auto pact, have in fact become more acute," said the study.

A review of Canada-U.S. relations in the 1970s. Other disputed issues

include trade barriers, energy exports, fishing zones, environmental problems and attempts by the U.S. to apply some of its laws such as anti-trust rules against firms operating in Canada.

The study, prepared by political scientists Harold von Riekhoff, John Sigler

and Brian Tomlin of Ottawa's Carleton University, was released Wednesday by the Montreal-based C. D. Howe Research Institute, an economic research group, and the Washington-based National Planning Association. The authors polled members of the business-

dominated Canadian-American Committee, a joint committee organized by the study's sponsors, and found them almost unanimous "in anticipating a number of domestic political and economic developments, almost all of them undesirable for the bilateral relationship."

The respondents, who answered the questionnaire anonymously, blamed government intervention and regulation for what they predicted would be a deterioration of relations between the two countries.

WILL STEP IN

They predicted that "both governments will step up their efforts to protect jobs through increased direct intervention in the economic affairs of their respective countries. Domestic pressures to reduce regional economic disparities also will lead to the expansion of the government's role in the economies of the two nations."

The members were polled before Joe Clark's election as Canadian prime minister last May.

While senior government officials challenged the respondents' views, they

"must not be discounted too quickly," the authors said.

"The members of the committee can be taken as broadly representative of the multinational enterprise community that has accounted for much of the economic integration that has taken place between Canada and the United States over the past quarter-century."

"If they are pessimistic about the prospects for further economic integration in the immediate future, then their views should be given serious consideration in efforts to predict the future."

Relations between the two countries has been marked by great fluctuations through the 1970s, the study said, falling to a low during the Nixon years when secretary of state Henry Kissinger stressed relations with the Soviet Union and China to the neglect of traditional U.S. partners.

TENSIONS RELAXED

Relaxation of world tensions made the U.S. and allies such as Canada feel freer to pursue independent national policies and to become more concerned with national identity, sometimes leading to conflicts. The U.S. imposed unilateral barriers against its trading partners to deal with foreign trade deficits in 1971, and Canada's concern with putting its own needs first following the 1973 oil crisis was misinterpreted by some Americans as a show of hostility.

But relations began improving rapidly, especially after 1976, and this has been "reflected in the achievement of such specific agreements as the northern natural gas pipeline treaty of 1977 and the fisheries agreements of 1979, as well as in numerous co-operative deals involving energy swaps."

ONLY IF YOU CAN PROVE IT

OSHAWA, Ont. (CP) — William Wallace is giving away his 100-acre farm.

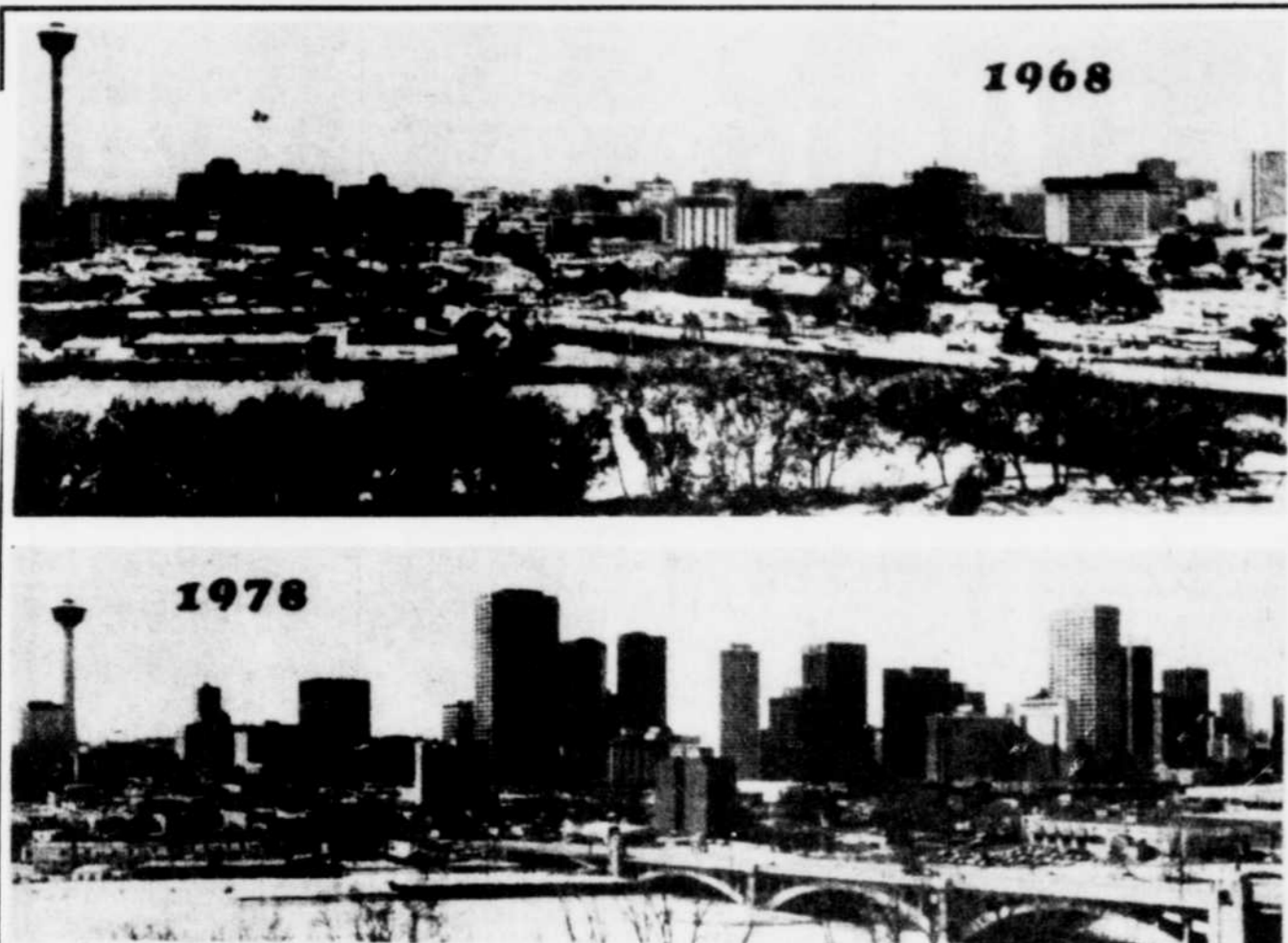
But Wallace, 64, who says the farm is worth \$395,000, has a stipulation: You must prove to his satisfaction that the traditional Sabbath days of Saturday and Sunday are the days the Lord chose for worship.

For the person with scriptural evidence, Wallace is offering his farm, a pioneer 19th-century home, some machinery and a collection of antique and modern tractors.

Wallace, who lives alone, has been concerned about the day Jews and Christians should worship since the early 1960s when neighbours threatened him with prosecution under the Lord's Day Act for operating a noisy tractor on a Sunday.

BUSINESS GROWS

Canadian chartered banks' overseas business now accounts for about a third of their assets, according to the Canadian Bankers' Association.



Calgary has undergone a dramatic physical change since the mid-sixties. The economic boom has induced a much higher rate of bankruptcies, in Alberta, but Calgary's

been spared much of this — instead, Calgary's trooped up to Edmonton to take advantage of the numerous bankruptcy sales in the capital.

Bankruptcies up in Alberta

Boom bad side surfaces

EDMONTON (CP) — The economic boom in Alberta has paradoxically increased the number of bankruptcy auctions here and that's welcome news for Bob Fenske Jr.

Seventy per cent of the bankruptcy, receivership and liquidation auctions in the Edmonton area are handled by his auction firm, Fenske said in an interview.

Bob Jr. quit a job as an industrial arts teacher 10 years ago to join his father in the auction business.

"Over the last five years there has been a marked change in the number of bankruptcies, receiverships and liquidations," Fenske said.

"Five years ago we did two or three bankruptcy and receivership auctions a year; now we have two or three a month."

He said the sturdy health of the provincial economy probably has something to do with the change.

When the economy is buoyant, it is likely that a number of marginal

businesses will open without sufficient financial backing, managerial expertise or understanding of market conditions.

"All types of businesses go under," Fenske said. "It's not the type of business, it's the type of person involved."

In recent months he has found himself selling off hydrostatic sprinker equipment from a defunct greenhouse operation and sugar cane processing equipment developed by a local inventor.

NOT MASS APPEAL

These are not the kinds of items with mass appeal. The Fenske firm, as well as the accountants handling the bankruptcy or receivership, will often place feelers in a particular business sector.

The result may be that only two or three buyers show up for an auction, but this is often preferable to having a couple of dozen people at hand who have shown up just for a "look-see" and some entertainment.

Fenske's auctions usually draw a contingent of buyers from Calgary and on occasion pull them in from as far as Vancouver and Winnipeg.

The further away the purchaser lives, however, the less the bargain buyers are responsible for removal and transportation of purchased goods.

While the kind of business ending up on the auction block may differ, most tend to be smaller to medium-sized concerns with auctionable assets averaging \$50,000.

"There are a lot of bankruptcies and receiverships that are bigger but we don't usually see that."

When larger concerns go under, the bankruptcy trustee will often seek out a buyer for the whole operation. This is all the more true in the case of receiverships, where the trustee often is attempting to nurse a business back so that it can be sold as a going concern. Failing that, the trustee will generally try to sell the assets privately or through tender.

Vancouver disc firm rebounds

VANCOUVER (CP) — the rock group Heart, is regaining its financial feet after a discouraging year. There have been reports

the Vancouver company is about to fold, but Joe Owens, vice-president of promotion, says finances are being straightened out, the label has released five new albums and is expecting a revival of business in the U.S.

"Vancouver seems to be in quite a hurry to pound the final nail in the coffin," said Owens in an interview. "And the lid isn't even down yet."

The company, owned by brothers Dick and Wink Vogel, has had a rough year, including \$200,000 in cash debts and numerous other financial problems.

"The main problem was cash flow," Owens said. "We released only one album this year. Jerry Doucette's The Douce is Loose. We had out-

standing obligations and no money coming in."

After unsuccessful attempts to find a buyer for the label, president Wink Vogel managed to get Los Angeles-based Black and White Sales, a company operated by Toronto entrepreneur Gary Salter, to provide some money.

STILL OWN LABEL

In return, Salter and partner Tony Donato run Mushroom through a management company they own, although the Vogel brothers continue to own Mushroom.

The new backers provided the money to release two albums: Chilliwack's Breakdown in Paradise, and another by English folk-rocker Ian Matthews called Siamese Friends. Several

other albums are planned in the new year.

The arrangement also has resulted in closure of Mushroom's Vancouver promotion offices, which now will be run from Los Angeles and Toronto. Three staff members were laid off in Vancouver and the overall Mushroom staff has been reduced to six from 15.

The future of the studio in Vancouver is also cloudy. It might be sold, Owens said, or it may be updated with 32-track recording equipment from its current 16-track system.

The studio is where Heart's four-million selling Dreamboat Annie album was recorded. That album produced Mushroom's best year in 1976.

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CANADIANS STILL WANT NEW CARS

Canadians continued to buy cars and trucks at a good pace in November, oblivious to the serious slump in sales in the United States.

New car production in the U.S. is down 27 per cent because of continuing poor sales.

But figures on November sales released Tuesday by Canada's Big Four auto-makers show a continuing strong demand, although both Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd. and troubled Chrysler Canada Ltd. sold fewer cars last month than in the same period a year ago.

In fact, Chrysler Canada, affected by the financial problems of its U.S. parent, saw car sales drop 26.3 per cent last month from November, 1978.

At the same time, American Motors (Canada) Ltd., riding the wave of a shift to their small, more fuel-efficient cars, reported sales 41 per cent higher than a year ago. They sold 1,700 cars last month, compared with 1,205 the previous November.

As usual, General Motors of Canada Ltd., the No. 1 auto maker, led the way with sales of cars and trucks in November that exceeded year-ago levels by a wide margin.

GM sold 35,675 cars in November, 16.7 per cent more than the same month a year ago.

Richard Colcomb, vice-president and general sales manager, said the performance was "second only to the exceptionally high level of 37,399 set in 1975 when Ontario's five per cent sales tax on cars was temporarily suspended to stimulate sales."

The company's combined car-truck sales of 48,942 were within 197 units of the record set in November, 1975.

Sales of 13,267 GM trucks surpassed last year's November level of 12,215 by 8.6 per cent, second highest November in the company's history.

For the calendar year to date, GM sold 443,680 cars, up 12.5 per cent from 1978.

Colcomb said total vehicle deliveries for the calendar year to date "reached 607,732, 10.3 per cent or 56,806 units over the same period

last year, and 22,450 units or 3.8 per cent above the full calendar year record of 385,282."

Ford sold 13,777 cars last month, marginally below the November, 1978, total of 13,985. It also sold 213 Fiestas, a subcompact it imports from Europe, compared with 493 in November, 1978.

But Ford sales of both cars and trucks totalled 24,088, an increase of two per cent over the car-truck total of 23,627 in November a year ago.

"On a year-to-date basis, we're well ahead of our record-setting 1978 pace with total vehicle sales of 320,747 compared with 317,529 in the first 11 months of last year," said Kenneth Harrigan, Ford vice-president and general manager.



TEACHER HONORED

EDMONTON (ME) — Ronald Johnson, a native of Melbourne and a graduate of Bishop's University, has been granted a fellowship by the Canadian College of Teachers.

Now a teacher with the Edmonton Public School Board, Johnson graduated from Bishop's with a degree in Chemistry and then spent several years teaching in Quebec. He was named Assistant Chief of Official (protestant) Examinations in 1965. He later taught in Australia and then returned to Quebec to work for the Department of Indian Affairs on the implementation of the James Bay Agreement.

He moved to his position in Edmonton in September, 1977.



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Plenty of holly...

VICTORIA (CP) — Urban sprawl has lopped away much of the land once devoted in this area to holly-growing but Canadians should still be able to deck their halls this Christmas because of a fine 1979 crop.

Holly producers in southern Vancouver Island have just tied up their final shipments for this year and many say this year's growth of the red berries and green prickly leaves is the best in recent memory.

The Victoria area and the southeast coast of the island produces about 90 per cent of Canada's holly crop. The rest comes from the B.C. mainland area south of Vancouver.

The holly industry in Victoria has gone through considerable change in the last five years. Many of the growing enthusiasts of the early 1970s, several of them from Britain where holly plays a big role at Christmas, have died or retired.

Ann Landers

Teenager's prayer asks for patience

Dear Ann Landers: I know you get a lot of letters, but please find room to print this one. Some kids might see themselves. Thanks so much.

A PRAYER FROM A TEENAGER

O God, help make me a better kid. Help me love my parents like I should. Help me understand that just because they don't give me everything I ask for, it doesn't mean they don't love me. In my heart I know it means they love me enough to say no.

May I always believe that my parents do the best they can. Help me not to compare what they do for me with what they do for my brothers and sisters. Sometimes I need to be reminded that we are all individuals with different needs.

Give me the good sense to accept criticism from my parents without losing my cool. They have been around a lot longer than I have and know what is best for me.

Help me, Lord, not to blow up when my parents ask me where I'm going or when I will be home. They aren't being nosy. They really care.

Help me to be patient and answer their questions without putting them down. They grew up in a different era and many things about our culture are strange to them.

Especially, Dear Lord, help me to respect them. They aren't perfect but neither am I. Help me to be courteous to them. It's funny how we treat the people closest to us with a lot less respect than we give strangers.

Finally, God, bless my parents for all the things they do for me, and help me love them as much as they love me. — A Kid

Dear Kid: Many parents have told me they have clipped my columns over the years and posted them on the refrigerator or the kitchen bulletin board.

Here's one I hope many teenagers will tack on their bedroom walls. (P.S. to all parents: Please don't hand this to your teenager and say, "Here, read this." It would be a real turn-off.)

Dear Ann Landers: What advice do you have for a mature 19-year-old woman who is planning to marry a man 44? The facts are these: "Bill" will have to pay child support for six more years. He will also have to pay alimony unless his wife remarries. (Slim chance — she's a real dog.)

"Bill" is in sales promotion. What is the average earning capacity for a man his age in that field? Is it likely to go up, or down?

If "Bill" should start another family, what are his chances of living to see his children through school?

If his health fails, could he be covered by insurance (taken out now) that would provide for his second family?

P.S.: "Bill" is a nice person, and I'm sure he is in love with me. I am — Undecided

Dear Un: The faint praise with which you damned poor "Bill" in the postscript takes your problem out of the human relations category and puts it into the financial section. For his sake, as well as yours, forget it, Toots.

Social notes

Legion Ladies Aux. meets

SHERBROOKE — A meeting of the Ladies' Aux. Royal Canadian Legion Col. J.S. Bourque Branch 10 was held in the Legion Home on Dec. 9, with the President, Mrs. Eileen Kerr conducting the meeting. Due to the absence of the Vice-President, Mrs. Aube, the President read out the names of the members present, with 22 responding.

The secretary, Mrs. Lois Distefano, read the minutes of the last general meeting which was approved.

The treasurer, Mrs. Gwen Fuller, gave her report with a good balance on hand.

The President thanked all the girls who worked or helped in any way for our Christmas supper and for all they had done in the past year, and wished them all a nice holiday.

Coming events are as follows: Dec. 22nd, Private Party; Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve Dance - Black & White Orchestra. Lunch will be served, Jan. 1st, Private Party.

Marriage announcement

James Arthur Sawyer and Norma Jean Keller were married December 1st, 1979 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sawyer, 225 East Main St., Norwalk, Ohio. Mayor Wayne Goodsite officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer are living at 41½ Grove St. in Norwalk.

Lennoxville-Ascot Historical Society hold meeting

The regular meeting of the Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society was held on December 10, in the United Church Hall, Lennoxville, beginning with a Christmas dinner catered by the Rebekah Society. Rev. Douglas Warren said the grace, and President Geraldine Lane expressed our thanks to the ladies who had prepared and served the meal.

A short business meeting followed, during which reports were read by the Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Chairman.

Dr. Wayne Hall, assisted by Jean Pearton, presented the slate of officers for 1980:

Past President, Geraldine Lane, President, Eckhard Rothe, Vice-President, Norma Farwell, 2nd Vice-President, Stuart Aird, Secretary, Irene Perkins, Treasurer, Frances Whittle, Directors, Kathleen Atto, Everette Denison, Elizabeth Milner, Ashton Tobin, Neil Tracy.

Committees: Archives, Geraldine Lane, Everette Denison, Book, Graham Patriquin, Cemetery, Nelson Andrews, Museum, Wayne Hall, Program, Barton Carr, Publicity, Irene Perkins, Refreshments, Dorothy Dutton, Geraldine Smith, Telephone, Jean Pearton.

For the January meeting we have been invited to join the History Club at Bishop's University to hear their

Children's needs given priority

FREDERICTON (CP) — There was nothing spectacular about the International Year of the Child in Canada but it has quietly brought about a change in attitude towards children and nudged their needs higher on government priority lists.

"I think Canadians right across the country have become more aware of children and their personalities — aware of children as persons," says Judge Doris Ogilvie, chairman of the Canadian Commission for the International Year of the Child.

"Before the year, we were all aware of the plight of children in the Third World and they are still the prime concern... but the greatest awakening has been in industrialized countries where children were always thought so fortunate, we didn't really have to stop and

see how change was affecting them and our attitude towards them." Mrs. Ogilvie, a family court judge for the last 15 years, said Canadian children will get more attention from governments, the legal profession, city planners and architects

because of the Year of the Child. **FOCUSED ON NEED** She said the year focused attention on what children need in apartment buildings, at playgrounds and during divorce and custody battles. Lawyers will have to be taught how to represent children before the courts and architects will have to design more housing complexes and apartments with specific play areas for children.

Mrs. Ogilvie said there must be more parent education programs to help adults cope with accelerating changes in society and the new demands of child rearing. "Certainly if we are to do anything for children, we must do it through their parents," she said.

Increased mobility in Canada has moved the nuclear family away from grandparents, aunts and uncles, forcing responsibility for the child completely onto the parents, Mrs. Ogilvie said.

Because of the isolation of families, especially single parent families, she said children rely increasingly upon other children and they are under more pressure from their peer group, the only generation they know.

Mankind owes to the child the best it has to give and

this is particularly true of governments, Mrs. Ogilvie said.

She said Canadian governments will put the needs of children at the top of priority lists because the international year has demonstrated a huge groundswell of support and concern for youngsters.

YEAR SUCCESSFUL The 1979 International Year of the Child has been the most successful of the United Nations' designated years, Mrs. Ogilvie said. In Canada,

"Countless organizations have used the Year of the Child as a theme for their gatherings, even those that normally don't deal with children, and those that do have redoubled their efforts."

"Each province and the federal government have had great long lists of special projects in recognition of this year and there are many, many others that have not yet come to light and perhaps never will — it hasn't been a year of spectacular spectacles, everyone has marked it in their own way."

Mrs. Ogilvie said that at the start of the year, the 46-member Canadian commission received a \$1 million grant from the federal government to distribute to those children's programs considered the most worthy and needy.



Santa and his eight tiny reindeer paid a visit to the Lennoxville Elementary School over the weekend as the children presented their annual Christmas concert. Each class

did a skit or a collection of songs depicting the joy of Christmas past and present.

Students show Christmas past

By CLAUDIA BOWERS
LENOXVILLE — A bit of stardust fell on Lennoxville last Friday night when the students of Lennoxville Elementary School presented their annual Christmas concert. This was an evening to remember. The blush of reticence, the eyes of innocence combined with words of wisdom conspired to melt the coldest heart and instill the spirit of Christmas in the hearts of young and old.

The Christmas concert, a tradition in every school around the country is a practise that goes back to the

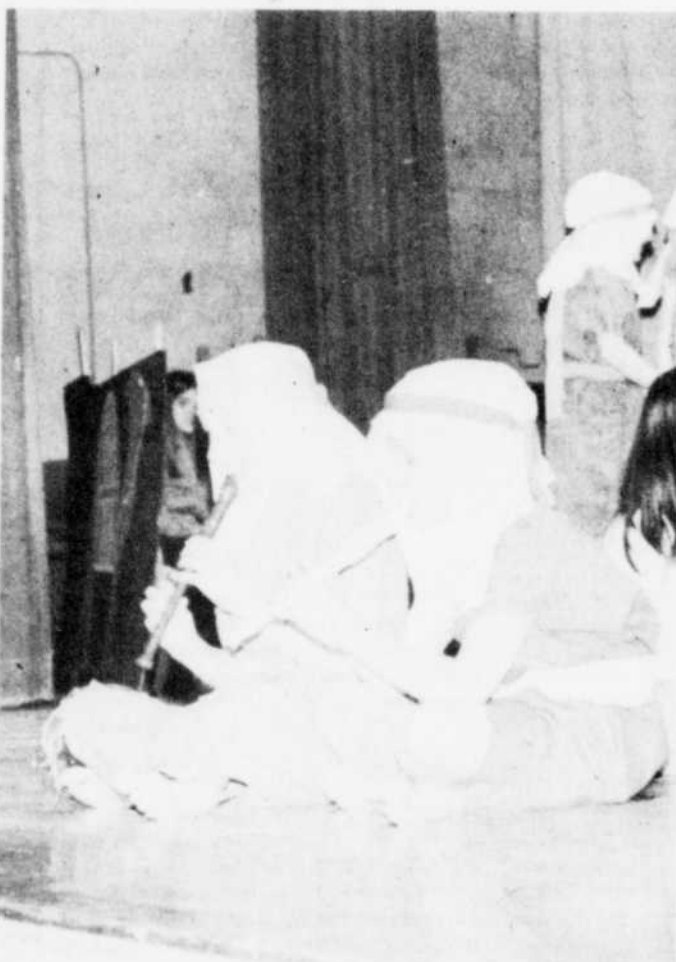
valiant efforts of our forefathers in a wilderness that has, during a little over one hundred years, become one of the most advanced societies in the world. Last weekend in Lennoxville the children of the elementary school did their ancestors proud. Words of such profound wisdom emanated from the mouths of innocents carrying emphatically the real meaning of Christmas in the face of hostage-taking in Tehran, murders and vicious crimes right in our own area.

Elves and angels, reindeer, Santa Claus and

choristers combined their various talents and with the undaunted effort of every teacher, presented the proud citizens of Lennoxville with an evening to remember. Those who could not attend will have one twinkling light missing in the crown that makes up the true spirit of Christmas. We can only congratulate all who conspired to present the parents and friends of LES with such an unforgettable experience.

Congrats, LES, you have lit the candle that will be the

guiding light for many during the days ahead. Faced with hustle, bustle, and the myriad frenzies of preparing a family Christmas, that glimmer will without doubt lift the heart of many a discouraged parent, brighten the path of a senior member of the family and contribute to the final dazzling success of a Christmas that opens the door on a new decade, and a new era of concerted searching for the peace that only Christmas offers.



These two shepherds delighted parents and older siblings as they joined their class in presenting part of the Christmas story during Lennoxville Elementary's concert. The students sang and danced their way into many hearts through their portrayal of the joy of the holiday season.

Guild meets

BEEBE — Mrs. Enid Cooke entertained the All Saints Anglican Guild on Monday, December 10, with 12 members in attendance.

The meeting opened at 5 p.m. with Mrs. Marion King, president conducting the meeting. Routine reports and correspondence were read and accepted.

Nominating committee of Mrs. Enid Cooke, Mrs. Marion King and Mrs. Kay Curtis was appointed.

The round robin was won by Joyce Slade and the draw on the ceramic piece, by Mrs. Grace Newlands.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Frances Denney. The holiday plates are to be handed in.

A potluck supper was served and the exchange of gifts terminated the pleasant evening.

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Crossword

Fordyce WI Christmas meeting

Thirty members of the Fordyce W.I. and one guest, met at the gaily decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. Jean-Marc Boucher on Eccles Drive for their Christmas meeting. A dessert luncheon was served, prior to the opening of the meeting.

Pres. Mrs. Sherrer called the meeting to order, asking all to repeat the Collect, Salute to the Flag and the Motto, which was: "Selfishness makes Christmas a burden. Love makes it a blessing."

As the roll was called each member placed \$2.00 in a red Christmas Stocking, made by Mrs. Sherrer. The donations are the Christmas treats for the Borderview Home in Sutton.

Minutes were read and approved, and the treasurer gave her report. All bills were paid.

Correspondence read by Mrs. Ingalls and Mrs. Sherrer included: Christmas card from Mrs. Annie Dryden, letter from Save the Children fund, Montreal Children's Hospital, District of Bedford Resource Center for Children with learning disabilities, thank-you card from Mr. and Mrs. R. Dustin, letter from Mrs. Lucy French and CanSave Fund.

Mrs. Reda Lewis reported on Memorial Fund. It was also announced by Mrs. Sherrer that there would be open house on Dec. 11th at the Voluntary Services on Terrasse Bellerive, Cowansville, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations were to be sent to the following: Tiny Tim Fund \$10.00, plus the proceeds of the silent auction! District of Bedford Resource Center for children with learning disabilities, \$20.00; Heroes Memorial School Lunch Program, \$25.00.

Mrs. Ingalls read the roll call and each member their Christmas verse or reading, as this was the program for the month. Many lovely verses or readings were heard. There was one Christmas verse written by a member, the Publicity Convener, Mrs. Verna Patterson, titled, "Christmas Time."

It's nearly Christmas,
And oh dear me!
I have to finish my baking,
And put up my tree.

My Christmas cards are all mailed,
And my parcels are too,
Oh! dear me I've forgotten one gift,
And that's for Aunt Sue.

The floors are all washed,
The cupboards are all clean
Now for the decorations,
And the tinsel that gleams.

My friends are all coming,

For that wondrous day,
To join us at noon time,
And I hope that they'll stay.

The tables have been made ready,
With my bright red tablecloth,
And here's hoping my hand will be steady,
When I serve them the oysters and broth.

The Christmas tree stands in the corner,
With each bough bending low,
Laden with gifts,
And placed there just so.

The gifts are all opened,
By each cherished friend,
And all the good wishes,
Are coming to an end.

For now the day is over,
And our spirits are gay,
I hope the warmth of our friendship
Will last, till next Christmas Day.

Pres. Mrs. Sherrer thanked the hostesses and Mrs. Boucher for opening her home to us and making our Christmas meeting so enjoyable.

Pennies for Friendship were collected, Miss Crowell won the drawing.

Meeting was adjourned and all participated in the silent auction, after which cranberry cocktail and fruit cake was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Hawke from Perth, Ont., and Mrs. Longway.

As the members departed for home, "Merry Christmas" echoes rang out in the stillness of the night. January meeting in United Church Hall, Jan. 9, 1980.

ACROSS

- Chicken
- Grows old
- Actress Arden
- Feast in Hawaii
- Woman's name
- Actor Sparks
- Study of word derivation
- Spread to dry
- Valuable possession
- Something unexplained
- Boy (Sp.)
- Griddle
- Actress Gabor
- Farmyard sound
- Beehive State
- Most ill-boding
- French province
- Cavity
- Collect
- Green rust
- Mideast seaport

DOWN

- Insect
- Ins and
- Methods
- Feel
- Indisposed
- Sundae arm
- Omelet-like
- Arbitrary assertion (colloq.)
- Amuse
- Swerve
- Indolent
- Confidence
- Explosive (sl.)
- Margin
- Cruet
- Making plans
- Destroyed
- Skin ailment
- Warmth
- Stage direction
- Bemoan
- Austrian capital
- Cleaned
- French river
- Lie in warmth
- Great Lake
- Silent
- Disney
- State (Fr.)
- Lifted (Fr.)
- Metal container

Answer to Previous Puzzle

TV listings corrections

The following are corrections, revisions and additions to the week's television listings as contained in Friday's Townships Week:

TUESDAY DEC. 18, 1979	FRIDAY DEC. 21, 1979
EVENING	EVENING
<p>Add storyline, all times listed are Eastern time</p> <p>9:00 THREE'S COMPANY Chrissy's father, the Rev. Snow, stops in for a visit but is soon found stepping out with an attractive woman who unknowingly is about to cause the break up of Chrissy, Jack and Janet.</p>	<p>Add storyline, all times listed are Eastern time</p> <p>9:00 THE ROCKFORD FILES Jim Rockford's efforts to help a beautiful blind psychologist, who is being harassed by an unknown assailant, becomes a personal matter when he finds himself romantically involved with her. (Repeat: 2 hrs.)</p>
WEDNESDAY DEC. 19, 1979	
EVENING	
<p>Add storyline, all times listed are Eastern time</p> <p>9:00 DIFFERENT STROKES The puppy that Arnold rescues from traffic nips him on the hand, and the lad faces a series of painful rabies shots unless the playful pooch can be found.</p>	<p>Delete title and storyline, delete Eischied, all times listed are Eastern time</p> <p>10:00 Change storyline for Avengers, all times listed are Eastern time</p> <p>11:30 CBS LATE MOVIE THE AVENGERS Dead Man's Treasure, Steed and Emma are invited to a car rally, a race with deadly obstacles and deadly results. (Repeat) THE RETURN OF THE SAINT Murder Cartel Stars: Dan O'Neil, Britt Ekland.</p>
THURSDAY DEC. 20, 1979	AFTERNOON
EVENING	
<p>Add storyline, all times listed are Eastern time</p> <p>8:00 BUCK ROGERS IN THE 25TH CENTURY Frozen in space in the year 1987, astronaut Buck Rogers awakens 500 years later on an alien vessel en route to a "peace mission" on Earth. (Repeat: 2 hrs.)</p>	<p>Add storyline, all times listed are Eastern time</p> <p>12:00 WEEKEND SPECIAL "I'm Lost, How Come I Found You?" A boy on the run from an orphanage and a puppy called "Fuddles" make life even more complicated for two amateur bank robbers seeking a hideout. (Part I, Repeat)</p> <p>1:30 SUN BOWL University of Washington vs University of Texas.</p>
EVENING	EVENING
<p>Change program</p> <p>9:30 SOAP Chester begs Jessica to take him back. Bert and Mary suggest Billy move back home. Mary tries to ease Bert's jealous insecurities about the alien Bert's sexual prowess, and at Billy's eighth birthday party his teacher makes a shocking announcement.</p>	<p>Add storyline, all times listed are Eastern time</p> <p>9:00 BJ AND THE BEAR BJ gets right beautiful female truckers to organize themselves in opposition to a gang of ruthless competitors, who are abetted by the corrupt Sgt. Wiley. (Pt. 1, 60 mins.)</p>
<p>10:00 QUINCY Don Ameche guest stars as an aging magician whose comeback is marred when his protegee dies while attempting a water tank illusion trick. (Repeat: 60 mins.)</p>	<p>LOCAL STATIONS AND NETWORKS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE LAST MINUTE CHANGES.</p>

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 ♣J85

SOUTH
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 ♥K62
 ♠A92
 ♣102

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: North

West North East South
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 Pass 4 ♠ Pass 5 ♣
 Pass 6 ♠ Pass 7 ♣
 Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead ♥3

By Oswald Jacoby and Alan Sontag

Back in the early days of contract, bidding was an exercise in guess work and luck. Grand slams were seldom bid because the reward for making a small slam was so great that no one wanted to risk it.

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92. Legal notices

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT

IN THE MATTER OF THE BANKRUPTCY OF: JACQUES LANGLOIS, welder and PIERRETTE DEMERS LANGLOIS, unemployed, domiciled at 977A, Notre-Dame Street North, Thetford Mines, Province of Quebec, Canada. (G6G 2T3)

Debtors

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF FIRST MEETING

Notice is hereby given that Jacques Langlois and Pierrette D. Langlois made an assignment on the 12th day of December 1979 and that the first meeting of creditors will be held on the 3rd day of January 1979, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of the Trustee, 108, Wellington Street North, Suite 300, in the City of Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec.

Dated at Sherbrooke, Quebec, this 13th day of December 1979.

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UCW Meeting in the Townships

lity to our Bible's teachings.

Then the four candles were relighted, one at a time, as it was shown many of the things we may do in our daily life, to "unite all women for the total mission of the Church "through Christian Witness, Study, Fellowship and Service".

Such was the tone of solemnity and sincerity of this Service, that one could not fail to "tuck its message away" for daily use and thought.

Cancer donations were turned in to the Treasurer, as were some packets for the Dixvillers, to Mrs. Nick Turchyn. This period closed with group singing of "Joy to the World".

The Church Anniversary Committee of Mrs. Prescott and Mrs. Nutbrown was discussed again, tentative date set as June 8, with two services. Other opinions were requested by the convenors, who will welcome names and addresses of anyone who should be contacted as to the Anniversary and for any suggestions.

The convenors were very pleased with George Latewood's offer "to help wherever and whenever" he could.

\$250.00 was voted to the Committee of Stewards, as the second in 1979; to renew our allocation for 1980; \$20.00 to Bible Society; an honorarium to the organist;

The treasurer has a few more calendars for 1980. What one?

Copies of Happenings were started on their rounds; members were reminded to get their reports to the Presbyterial representatives by January 10.

An invitation was read from the Cookshire Congregation to share the Fellowship of a pot-luck lunch, after the 9:30 service on December 9, and was graciously accepted.

Mandates were distributed, as were copies of Mission and Service, and opinions on the latter solicited by the Chair.

Mrs. George Judge presented her Nominations which were accepted: Past President, Mrs. Arthur Rogers; President, Mrs. Murdo MacKinnon; Vice-President, Mrs. Basil Prescott; Treasurer, Mrs. Stanley Logan; Secretary, Mrs. Nick Turchyn.

A letter was read from the Secretary of State of External Affairs which clarified some of the erroneous statements received as to the treatment of children of prisoners in Argentina.

After formal closing, the group gathered around a dainty and tempting Christmas table, and enjoyed the food and fellowship at the home of Mrs. Marie Nutbrown.

The January meeting will be at the Latewood home on the second Wednesday. - Note the change of day, January 9, 1980.

LENNOXVILLE - The quarterly meeting of the Lennoxville United Church Women was held in the lounge of Douglas Hall on Monday evening, December 3, with the president, Mrs. Philip Gaudine presiding.

Miss Esther Bassett led the devotional period using the inspiring theme of "Hope", Isaiah chapter 9, verse 6: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...."

Mrs. Gaudine and Mrs. C. P. Mallalieu gave interesting highlights of the inspiring talk given recently by the missionary, Mrs. Maria Chikueka of Angola.

Bazaar reports were given by Mrs. D. A. Baldwin and Miss Esther Bassett. The latter thanked all who had helped in any way to make the bazaar a success. Mrs. Gaudine congratulated the convenors, Miss Bassett and Mrs. Malcolm Hodge for the wonderful success of this event.

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Dart banquets at the Border

STANSTEAD (DB) — Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Westover were hosts to the players and guests of the Stanstead Legion Dart team on Sunday, December 9, when at 1:30 p.m., thirty six sat down to a delicious turkey dinner catered to by members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Westover introduced the head table: Tarz Ellam, Honorary Vice-president of the Border Zone, Mrs. Ellam, Carroll and Hazel Westover, captain and manager of the Stanstead Legion team, Allen Fulker, president of the Richmond Zone and Mrs. Fulker and special guest, Mrs. Ivy Hatch.

Humorous stories were told by some of those present

before Santa came to give out the gifts placed under the brightly decorated tree.

A special birthday cake, frosted in white with brown trim, yellow and blue roses decorated the top, this was presented to Carroll by Mrs. Ellen Sayers as everyone joined in the birthday song.

Trophies were given for games played from the start of the season to December 7 with Barb Dubois, ladies high average of 733 points and Bruce Smith high average for the men. Myral Rever had high score of 128 and for the men Mike Lalonde with 160. Darlene Lumbr with a bulls eye finish. A special prize was given John Goodsell who, with 3 darts, had a score of 3. Prizes were given players with most weeks of 5 games, this went to Bruce Smith, for 4 games to Barb Dubois, Val Harrison and Bruce Sargent for 3 games went to Beth Dubois and Gaetan Verge.

A gift was given to each of the ladies on the team for the help and support they had given. Each of the waitresses were remembered with a gift of appreciation.

Hazel and Carroll were presented with a gift for which they expressed their thanks to their friends and team mates.

Everyone went downstairs to play darts and exercise after the wonderful meal. The first trophy won by Mike Lalonde and Beulah Ellam was played by team players and guests with the runners up Cora Emslie, and John Lees, finishing in the semi-

finals were Carroll Westover, Myral Rever, Lance Bishop and Beth Dubois. John Goodsell had the high score of 112 and Gizelle Denis, 103. Lance Bishop finished with 151 and the skunk prize went to Mrs. Eileen Fulker and Buck Sayers.

A toy elephant was raffled, the winning ticket being held by Claude Beaudoin, while Douglas Putney was the winner of the stuffed dog.

Door prizes were claimed by Beulah Ellam, Doris Belanger, John Lees, Gail Bishop, Carroll Westover, Tarz Ellam, Gizelle Denis, Allen Fulker, Eileen Fulker, Pete Dubois, John Goodsell, Barb Dubois, Cora Emslie and Bruce Sargent.

The second tournament was played by Legion dart players, only this trophy was won by Beth Dubois and Mike Lalonde, with runner up Gizelle Denis and Lance Bishop. Players in the semi-finals were Cora Emslie and Gaetan Verge, Myral Rever and Reg Bishop, Darlene Lumbr and John Lees. The high score of 140 went to John Lees and for the women with 97 to Myral Rever. No one had a skunk in this tournament. Everyone got prizes!

After a very enjoyable afternoon and evening, Hazel and Carroll wished everyone a Merry Christmas as they left for home.

Frontiers Dart Team
STANSTEAD (DB) — The Frontiers Dart Team held their Christmas party at the Stanstead Legion on December 8.

Despite the stormy night, all the team was present. At 6:30 p.m., all sat down to a bountiful turkey supper prepared by some of the women on the team, and when it came time for dessert, Bob and Midge Davio were taken by complete surprise as a beautiful anniversary cake was brought in, a gift of Brian and Paula and presented to their parents, the occasion being their 34th wedding anniversary.

The cake was in the form of an open book frosted in white with yellow and pink roses with Happy 34th Anniversary inscribed on one side, and Bob and Midge on the other, with a miniature bride and groom inserted at the fold of the book and a pink ribbon with roses down the fold. The cake was made and decorated by Mrs. Ruby Sheldon. They also received a lovely china anniversary picture frame, a gift from the dart team.

After the meal, there was an exchange of gifts given out by Santa, later found out to be Raymond Shepard, one of the players.

The rest of the evening was enjoyed dancing to Albert Bullock and his music.

A raffle of a big white bear was held with Harold Laro being the lucky winner. The half and half was won by Larry Rever, all proceeds going to the dart team.

About 11 p.m., the cake was cut and passed around. Several pictures were taken, which will be a very nice reminder of this happy occasion.

Astro

Wednesday, Dec. 19

Your Birthday

December 19, 1979

Ventures or enterprises you either originate or have a hand in controlling will be luckiest for you this coming year. Don't wait for others to get your show on the road.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
In your dealings today, don't look for what others can do for you. Rather, see what you can do for them. This attitude will gain what you hope for.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
What you want to achieve today may not come about on the first try, but it will result if you're tenacious and persistent. Make a strong second or even third effort.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
If you've been having bad luck kicking off a plan, enlist the aid of someone more mature or experienced. You'll be put on the right track.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Guard against accepting as gospel bits of information received behind closed doors today. Bank only on facts from reliable sources.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Jumping to conclusions before taking time to investigate what lies behind an issue could cause a rift today between you and your date. Look before leaping.

CANCER (June 21-July 21)
Arbitrate any discord that might arise today between you and a co-worker, rather than leaving things unsettled. Give-and-take is required.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 22)
This could be a profitable day for you, provided you are practical in business and financial matters. Things left to chance may not work out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Always doing the same things with the same people can get you in a rut. It's time to spread your wings a bit. Seek fresh faces and new interests.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Be positive and optimistic, but don't kid yourself today regarding serious issues. Rose-colored glasses won't make wrongs right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
If you do something for a friend today hoping to get something better in return, you're going to be disappointed. Don't make the gesture for selfish reasons.

LISTEN TO THIS CHARLIE BROWN! ONLY 6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT!

Golden Age Club meets

KNOWLTON (KT) — Members of Knowlton Golden Age Club met for three successive Thursdays to enjoy an afternoon of cards, followed by a pleasant hour of good fellowship and refreshments.

On November 22 there was an attendance of 51 and 500 was played at 13 tables, prizewinners being: Ladies 1 - Lillian Brown, 2 - Ardell Mason Gents 1 - Grayson Cousens, 2 - David Mason. The door prize winners were Ida McIvor, Byron Mizener and Bert Phelps.

Two birthday cakes were brought in honour of Mrs. Alvia Johnson who so regularly and graciously contributes a cake to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries of the club members each month of the year. One of these cakes was made especially for Mrs. Johnson by Voneta Whitehead and the second by Lillian Godefrey and warm birthday greetings were extended.

The president read a letter of thanks from Mrs. Edith Watson acknowledging an expression of sympathy from the club members at the time of bereavement.

On November 29 there were 50 members present with cards played at 12 tables.

Winners were: Ladies - 1 - Marie Bessette, 2 - Eva Westcott, Gents - 1 - Norman Jones, 2 - Grayson Cousens. Door prizes were won by Mrs. Bernard LeBlanc, Marie Bessette, Guy Booth, Ethel Quilliams and Eva Westcott.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Robert Hastings who had passed away the previous day.

It was announced that the Election of Officers for 1980 would take place at the meeting of January 10. A handsome cushion made and donated by Mrs. Clara Gibbs was raffled.

There was an attendance of 56 members on December 6 and cards were played at 14

tables. Prizewinners: Ladies 1 - Mrs. Schneider, 2 - Elsie Royea, Gents: 1 - Grayson Cousens, 2 - Herman Stowe. The winners of door prizes were Tillie Derby, Orval Quilliams, Pearl Windle, Mr. Gravel, Louis Stern, Lennie Benoit.

White Gift Service held

WINDSOR — On Sunday morning, Dec. 9, the annual White Gift Service was held at St. Andrew's United Church, Rev. A. Cameron conducted the service, with the assistance of the Intermediate Class of the Sunday School under the direction of Mrs. Henry Dubuc.

Mrs. Madeline Thomas was organist and the hymns were Christmas Carols, appropriate to the service and season. A larger-than-usual congregation attended, including the pupils and teachers of the Sunday School. Programs were

given out by Brian Oakley and Mark Devries, from the Junior Class.

Delivering the impressive story of White Gift Sunday were Peggy McCourt, Kevin Morey, Ricky Watson and Rory Doyle. Four pupils from the kindergarten class, Vivian Hall, Lisa Oakley, Eric Hall and Allan Mackay, took part in the presentation of "Sharing the Gifts of God."

Following this, the children, and some adults, went forward to present their gifts, which will be taken to Dixville Home in time for Christmas.

Guild meets

IRON HILL — The bi-monthly meeting of the Ladies Guild of Holy Trinity Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Mason, with nine members and one guest, Mrs. Gordon Swift, president.

The President, Mrs. Grace Mathewson opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

The secretary Mrs. Wayne Alford read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read.

The prices were obtained from Mrs. Wm. Mason and it will be decided later on how many hymn and prayer books will be needed.

The annual Christmas tree was left to mothers of children to decide.

As the Treasurer was unable to attend, there was no other business so the President closed the meeting with the benediction.

Mrs. Marjorie Mason then introduced Mrs. Gordon

Swift who had kindly come to show the ladies the art of macrame. Gail has many beautiful hangings and has given many gifts to friends.

She told us how she got started and brought many samples of her work to show us. Many of the ladies were interested and each had a chance to learn the fundamentals. We thank you, Gail, for a very interesting evening.

Mrs. Wm. Mason served a delicious lunch and three guests joined the ladies for refreshments.

Happiness is helping. ...Be a RED CROSS volunteer.

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12/20

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12/20

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PARANOID SOCIETY

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THORAPPLE'S THE ONE I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT.

NOT TOO ART-SMAY.

ZOONIES by Craig Leggett

THIS IS THE LAST TIME I FOLLOW YOU UPSTREAM TO SPAWN!!

Joiner's heroics lead Chargers to title

Last two minutes belong to Cowboys

DALLAS (AP) — The clock ticks off its seconds, one by one, ignoring the action on the field.

On the field, Roger Staubach clicks off his plays, one by one, ignoring the action of the clock.

Vince Lombardi once said cold weather was nothing more than a state of mind. To Staubach and Dallas Cowboys, the game clock is the same thing, existing only to pressure the other guys and never to disturb America's Team.

Time marches on for the rest of us, but it seems to stand still for Staubach and the Cowboys.

Some coaches tell their clubs that to succeed, they must own the last quarter. Staubach and the Cowboys have taken that football theorem a step farther. They believe, and indeed often prove, that the last two minutes belong to Dallas.

TEXTBOOK PERFORMANCE

They did it again Sunday, pulling out another victory with as brilliant a two-minute drill as you can ever hope to see. This one was right off the dressing room blackboard. It was textbook football, performed to perfection by Prof. Staubach.

He has done it before, of course. Fourteen times in his career, Staubach has taken Cowboy teams that were behind in the final two minutes and marched them to the winning points. That is a frightening, almost awesome ability to ignore the pressure of the clock and perform small-sized miracles.

The technique is simple. Staubach uses the clock, getting maximum production out of each and every second. He will call two pass plays in the huddle. If the first one is complete, say in the middle of the field, then the second one is incomplete, thrown out of bounds, stopping the clock and saving a timeout.



ROGER STAUBACH ...clock doesn't phase Cowboy QB

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Like a proud old prize fighter, San Diego wide receiver Charlie Joiner kept coming off the mat. In the end, he delivered the knockout punch.

"Charlie took such a beating," said Chargers coach Don Coryell, "but he kept coming back and playing." Joiner, 32, capped his finest National Football League season with a 32-yard touchdown reception from Dan Fouts that gave the Chargers a 17-7 victory over Denver Broncos on Monday night.

By dethroning Denver as AFC West champs, San Diego, 12-4, ended a 14-year title drought and gained the home field advantage throughout the playoffs. Denver, 10-6, must travel to Houston on Sunday for a battle of wild card clubs.

Joiner, nursing 12 stitches over his right eye and a painful hip bruise, called his touchdown the biggest "of my career."

With John Jefferson, San Diego's most dangerous receiver, sidelined with a rib injury, Joiner became a marked man — the key man in the Chargers' aerial circus.

TD BREAKS TIE

His third-quarter touchdown, which broke a 7-7 tie, came after he was knocked out of the game with the hip injury minutes into the game. Shortly after the touchdown he was kayoed

again, suffering a cut over the eye, but returned after a second trip for medical care.

"They weren't cheap shots," said Joiner. "I was just the victim of circumstances."

Joiner's touchdown catch helped Fouts make history. The completion propelled

Fouts past Joe Namath, who set the all-time NFL single-season record in 1967 with 4,007 yards.

Fouts, who was 17 of 29 for 230 yards, finished the 16-game regular season — Namath did it in 14 games — with 4,082 yards.

Denver, a seven-point underdog, put the pressure

on San Diego early, scoring on its second drive of the night. A three-yard run by Otis Armstrong capped an eight-play, 59-yard drive.

A fumble recovery helped San Diego get untracked after a Craig Morton fumble at the Denver 41 two minutes into the second quarter. Five

passes later Fouts scored on a five-yard rollout to tie it.

After Joiner's touchdown, Mike Wood added a fourth-quarter field goal of 24 yards following a Mike Fuller interception — one of four by Morton. The Bronco quarterback completed 27 of 41 passes for 236 yards.

IS INJURY JINX OVER FOR OILERS?

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oilers are going into the National Football League playoffs for the second straight year on the heels of a regular-season-ending loss, but there is one big difference.

Health. "This year we're starting to get people back and last year at this time, we were still getting them hurt," Oiler coach Bum Phillips says. "Our quarterback doesn't have all that harness stuff to worry about."

The Oilers lost to Philadelphia 26-20 last Sunday with Earl Campbell and most of his first team-mates sitting out the second half. Houston closed out the regular season a year ago with a 45-24 loss to San Diego Chargers before advancing to the American Football Conference title game.

Quarterback Dan Pastorini was held together with a flak jacket to protect badly-bruised ribs last season. He is healthy going into Sunday's first-round wild card match-up in the Astrodome.

Campbell and Tim Wilson, Houston's starting running backs the last two seasons, still were recovering from

broken ribs, wide receiver Rich Caster had a groin injury, and guard George Reihner was recovering from a knee injury prior to last year's first-round playoff game against Miami.

Phillips has the Oilers just about where he wants them, going into the playoffs.

"If you want to know what kind of job I've done as a coach, look at my teams at the end of the year," Phillips said. "From mid-season on, if we are starting to get things together, then I've done a good job."

"We could have brought this team along faster this year, but I knew the pace we'd have to play the entire season."

Phillips also knows that the pace quickens when the playoffs begin, and he therefore accepts the blame for Houston's less-than-intense effort on Sunday.

"It looked like they felt they had more to prove than we did," Phillips said. "Our team played like veterans, and they played like a rookie team. I think they needed to prove they could beat us more than we needed to prove we could beat them."

Bengals 'elevate' coach Rice

CINCINNATI (AP) — Homer Rice went from coach of Cincinnati Bengals to an unspecified executive role with the club as imperturbably as he coached, resolute in his conviction that Paul Brown knows what's best for this National Football League franchise.

"I'm not a person who looks back," Rice said. "I can handle it."

"I'm going to be the same person. I'll make my contribution some other way." Rice and his entire coaching staff were fired Monday by Brown, founder, general manager and former coach of the Bengals. The club had finished a second straight 4-12 season Sunday with a victory over Cleveland Browns, but the decision already had been made.

"I knew that something had to be done," said Rice, who has followed the Brown philosophy since he began patterning his champion high school football teams after Brown's former club in Cleveland 25 years ago. "I totally agreed with him. I told him I understood."

Bucs' LB: It was like a morgue

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Linebacker Dewey Selmon's new Tampa Bay Buccaneers were ready for the National Football League playoffs, the National Conference Central Division crown and Kansas City Chiefs.

"There was no talking before the game," Selmon said. "It was like a morgue."

The Bucs bounced back from three straight losses Sunday to claim their first division title and a playoff spot at home on Dec. 29 or 30 by defeating the Chiefs 3-0.

The Bucs skidded up and down a soggy rain-drenched field, collecting 269 yards and a 19-yard fourth-quarter field goal, but it was the rugged defence that wore the Chiefs down.

Anderson rushing bid falls short

CHICAGO (AP) — Otis Anderson said tears welled in his eyes as he watched from the sidelines the final quarter of the St. Louis Cardinals' humiliating loss to Chicago Bears and realized that the National Football League rushing title he wanted so much would elude him.

"Even after the great year I've had," he said following the Cardinals' 42-6 loss to Chicago, "I came to realize that the rushing title just wasn't meant for me to have."

Anderson, a 6-foot-2, 210-pounder out of Miami of Florida, had entered the season finale in Chicago with a three-yard advantage over Earl Campbell of Houston Oilers for the NFL leadership and a 113-yard lead over the Bears' Walter Payton in the National Conference race.

"I knew I'd definitely need to run for over 100 yards to have a chance. I figured that Houston was going to give Earl the ball enough times that he'd get a 100, but I was looking for the 100-plus day," said Anderson, who established a record for yards rushing in a season by a rookie.

Lose to U.S. squad

Olympians last at tourney

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (CP)

Canada is sitting at the bottom of the heap with the worst record among five countries competing at a pre-Olympic hockey tournament in this Adirondack Mountain resort town.

Yet Canadian coach Clarence Drake contends he's "very satisfied" with how things are going with the team which is preparing to carry Canada's hockey colors into the Olympics for the first time in 12 years.

On the surface, that might appear to be a curious assessment of a team which sits with an 0-2 record, yet hopes to be in the medals when the 1980 Winter Games are held in February.

But Drake is a patient man who feels things will fall into

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	W	L	T	F	A	P
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USSR	1	0	0	5	1	2
Czech	0	0	0	3	3	1
Sweden	0	1	1	3	2	1
Canada	0	2	0	2	6	0

Monday Results

U.S. 3—Canada 1

Sweden 3—Czechoslovakia 3

Wednesday Games

Sweden vs. Canada

U.S.S.R. vs. Czechoslovakia

place before it's all on the line in February.

"As far as assimilating all the things we're trying to give them, we've got to start to prioritize the things that we feel will be very important and have to be stressed," he said.

What's important in the immediate future for the young Canadian squad is an

answer to the perplexing situation which has seen the team sag badly in the third period of both games to date in this week-long, five-country invitational event.

Canada dropped a 3-1 decision to the United States on Monday night after entering the final 20 minutes deadlocked at a goal apiece. Less than 24 hours earlier, the Canadians had lost 5-1 to the Soviet Union, which broke a 1-1 tie with a goal 29 seconds before the end of the second period and then put it out of reach with two more in the first 2:14 of the third.

TRIED NEW SYSTEMS

"We've been experimenting with different systems and different techniques to date and now have to zero in on specific

aspects," Drake said.

"The players continue to give us excellent effort, but we just haven't been able to get that all-important consistency."

Canada dominated play through the first 40 minutes, outshooting the Americans 21-11. But the inability to cash in on their power-play opportunities led directly to the Canadians' downfall — connecting on just one of five chances.

Meanwhile, in Monday's other game, Czechoslovakia held on for a 3-3 tie with Sweden in its first taste of tournament play. The two results leave the U.S. on top with a 2-0 record, followed by the Soviet Union 1-0, Czechoslovakia 0-0-1, Sweden 0-1-1 and Canada 0-2.

Voisin outburst beats Cats 8-4

MONTREAL (CP) — Laval Voisins scored four unanswered goals in the final period to defeat Shawinigan Cataractes 8-4 in the lone QMJHL game last night. Gerard Champagne's second goal of the game triggered the outburst which also included goals by Norman Beck, Alain Grenier and Mark Panasuk.

Jean-Pierre Viens, Louis Haman and Mario Tourigny scored earlier to give Laval a 4-1 lead, but Shawinigan stormed back to tie the game at 4-4 after two periods.

One game is scheduled tonight as Trois-Rivieres Draveurs host Verdun Black Hawks.

North Stars down Leafs 5-1

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Some fancy puck handling by Al MacAdam and a brawl highlighted Minnesota North Stars' 5-1 victory over Toronto Maple Leafs in the lone National Hockey League game Monday night.

MacAdam scored two goals in the first period and one in the second for his third career three-goal game, and first since joining the North Stars in the merger with Cleveland last season.

Mike Eaves also scored in the first period for Minnesota and Mike Fidler added a goal in the third for the Stars, who won their fifth game in six starts.

Summerhays ready for Leclair bout

MONTREAL (CP) — Canadian light-heavyweight boxing champion Gary Summerhays has also become a stranger in his own country, but he's hoping to change that tonight when he faces Jean-Claude Leclair in a 12-round title bout in the Montreal Forum.

While Summerhays, a 30-year-old native of Brantford, Ont., has engaged in most of his 57 career bouts outside Canada, however, promoters have been unable to provide him with a world championship match and he regards his battle with Leclair as a possible stepping-stone to this goal.

"My chances of participating in a world championship match will depend on the interest shown by the Montreal promoters," said Summerhays. "I'd like more fights in my own country. I'm a Canadian and Montreal is the most important boxing city in Canada."

sticks and Shmyr appeared to crack open Sittler's helmet from front to back. The Williams-Maxwell fight then followed with Williams receiving a four-stitch cut above his right eye and Maxwell a two-stitch cut over the left eye.

Toronto coach Floyd Smith was seen waving his bench into the fight, but he would not admit that he ordered a clearing of his bench.

"Did I get a penalty for that?" Smith commented. "All I did was point on the ice and say that three North Stars had one of our players cornered. The North Stars played well. I thought we were ready, but they were ready too."

When referee Ron Harris had regained control of the game, the North Stars found themselves short two men for 54 seconds and Toronto on a power play for four minutes of the second period.

Boomer through with coaching?

ATLANTA (AP) — Bernard (Boom Boom) Geoffrion, an all-time great as a hockey player and a three-time failure as a coach, says he is through forever with coaching in the National Hockey League.

"I want to go back to work, but I'm done with hockey," Geoffrion said Monday in Atlanta following his resignation last week as head coach of Montreal Canadiens.

The former high-scoring winger also resigned two earlier coaching jobs with New York Rangers and Atlanta Flames.

"I learned my lesson," Geoffrion said. "I will never go behind the bench again. Never is a strong word, but I mean it... never again."

He denied a rumor that he had talked to Flames owner Tom Cousins about getting his old broadcasting job back a week before he quit the Montreal job.

"Definitely not true," he said.

Geoffrion said he plans to stay in Atlanta, and said he already has received several job offers.

"I've had three job offers here in Atlanta and I want to stay here," he said. "My wife (Marlene) and I want to stay in Atlanta. We both love it here. I'm checking out the three offers, and I'll take the best one."

POST NAMED TOP FEMALE ATHLETE

Sandra Post, winner of three Ladies Professional Golf Association tournaments on her way to the best season ever recorded by a touring Canadian golfer, is the runaway choice as Canada's woman athlete of the year.

The 31-year-old Oakville, Ont., native was voted the 1979 winner of the Bobbie Rosenfeld Award in the annual year-end poll of sports writers and sportscasters conducted by the Canadian Press.

"I'm very happy," Post said when informed of the award Monday night. "It's an honor I wanted for a great number of years. I'm glad I got it this year. I wasn't sure I'd ever get it and I'm glad this isn't an Olympic year."

A distant second, with less than half as many first-place votes has pentathlon star Diane Konihowski, who last year won the award, a commemorative plaque which honors the late Bobbie Grosenfeld, the all-round athlete who was named Canadian woman athlete of the half century (in 1950).

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Biologists consider needs of ducks during captive breeding

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man. (CP) — Wildlife biologists have been frustrated for years in their attempts to get dwindling numbers of canvasback ducks to breed in captivity. Finally, a PhD student at the Delta Waterfowl Research Station, just outside of Portage la Prairie, Man., says she has cracked the problem.

Canvasbacks will put up with an artificial breeding environment, said University of Minnesota graduate student Cynthia Bluhm, but they're not about to co-operate with attempts to boost their numbers unless they're allowed to choose their own mates.

"For canvasback ducks, social needs are very much more important than the physical environment you

put them in," Ms. Bluhm said. "People know that for swans and some geese there's pretty substantial pair bonding. For canvasback ducks, people hadn't realized how important the pair bond is."

"This research goes against all of what people thought canvasbacks needed," she added.

MATED SUCCESSFULLY
Ms. Bluhm's work began to bear fruit two years ago when a few pairs nested successfully, and this year 49 of 50 pairs produced more than 350 ducklings.

The Delta Marsh flock is the only breeding flock of canvasbacks in captivity in the world, Ms. Bluhm said.

A threatened species under the American Endangered Species Act,

and the only diving duck on the Audobon Society's "blue list," canvasbacks were once far more plentiful than other species of ducks.

However, a combination of over-zealous hunting, and loss of habitat, have reduced their numbers from millions before the start of this century to a low of 365,000 in 1962.

Wildlife station director Peter Ward said canvasbacks use their strong necks and long bills and tongues to probe for the tubers of sago pondweed, and "there's no substitute for building body weight."

It's this very limited diet that makes the canvasback such "good eating" and "the most vulnerable to habitat loss and human encroachment," he said.

Bluhm know they wanted to choose their own mates — some of the females actually killed drakes chosen for them — Bluhm allowed the birds to mix freely in one of the station's enclosures.

As they paired, they were segregated into breeding cubicles and "things really came along. Individual recognition did make a difference," Bluhm said.

The first time she conducted her experiment, "19 out of 20 pairs were left with the mates they chose and they adapted beautifully to the breeding compartments."

In the sheltered world of the marsh station, Bluhm said some of her ducks have chosen the same mate every year since she began her project in 1975.

But out in the real world, it's a different story, and drakes fly south earlier in the fall than females who are left tending their broods.

"So the chances of them finding their mate down in Chesapeake Bay or the Gulf Coast of Mexico are pretty slim. They're not very likely to run into each other," Bluhm said.

About 100 ducklings have been taken to a canvasback game refuge near Fergus Falls, Minn., where researchers have marked them to determine how many survive the winter and nest in the spring.

"This represents the first large-scale attempt to restock canvasback through duckling releases," Ward said.

However, "it's one thing to raise a bird and another to see if they will adapt."

MOB SPOILS PLANS FOR MARTIN LUNCH

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — Customers left without paying their tabs. Television cameramen stood on tables. Strangers helped themselves to pie and soft drinks.

Sally Nicholson and Alice Corenflos aren't likely to forget the day comedian Steve Martin dropped in for lunch at their restaurant, the Shuffle Inn.

The visit was dreamed up by Mayor William Brighton and his staff after Martin said in Playboy magazine that this western Indiana community of 70,000 was "the most nowhere place in America."

Not so, said Mayor Brighton. When the mayor called and asked whether their modest little restaurant would like to be the site of Martin's lunch, Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Corenflos jumped at the chance. It seemed like a good way to get some good publicity.

With Playboy picking up the tab, a chef from Maxim's of Paris, a four-star restaurant in Chicago, was flown in to prepare lobster for Martin and the mayor. Two bunnies came along to help.

"We thought it would just be the bunch of them and a couple of reporters," Mrs. Nicholson said. It didn't quite turn out that way.

MEDIA INVADE
More than 100 media representatives descended on the restaurant to record Martin's meal for posterity. The comedian's fans turned up, too, crowding around the restaurant and peering in through the windows.

After Martin's advance men ordered customers who had been eating there to leave, many left without paying for their food, Mrs. Nicholson said.

Playboy representatives gave her \$40 to cover that loss but Mrs. Nicholson said she doubted it would cover everything.

"I may have to replace two tables," she said. "The people stood on them and they are real wobbly. I don't know if they can be fixed or not. They cost \$75 apiece."

"The partition between the tables and the coffee machine needs to be braced or something. They stood on that, too."

Newsmakers...

DETROIT (AP) — An international romance that sprouted in Paris and bloomed during a honeymoon across the globe may end in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The divorce trial of Henry Ford II, retired Ford Motor Co. chairman, and his estranged wife, Cristina, is expected to begin Feb. 18. The tentative date was announced Saturday by Circuit Judge John Kirwan following a closed-door hearing on the suit Thursday.

The couple were separated in January, 1976, and Mrs. Ford filed a lawsuit seeking separate maintenance in December, 1977. Ford countered with a suit seeking legal separation in 1978, and later that year filed for divorce.

The two met at a Parisian dinner party. Ford divorced his wife, Anne, in 1964 and married Cristina a year later. The Fords honeymooned in Acapulco, the Riviera and the Bahamas.

NEW YORK (AP) — At first glance, say the editors of People magazine, "1979 was not a year to write home about." But the magazine says a number of people who made news this year were intriguing, encouraging and even inspiring.

The list of the 25 "most intriguing personalities," published in the magazine's year-end issue, includes: —Meryl Streep, "the most intelligent actress now at work."

—Bolshoi Ballet defector Alexander Godunov, who "made his bravest leap last August in defecting from the Soviet Union but has yet to give a single performance."

—Megan Marshack, who was with former vice-president Nelson Rockefeller when he died. "The mystery woman in Rockefeller's death has not answered a single public question and continues to live in partial seclusion," said the magazine.

DETROIT (AP) — The equal rights amendment to the U.S. constitution might be less offensive if it was not intended to support "perverted and improper sexual conduct" and to eliminate "needed protection against the abuse of women," says former Michigan governor George Romney.

And Romney, retired president of American Motors Corp. and former secretary of the department of housing and urban development, said he supports the decision of the Mormon Church, of which he is a member, to excommunicate amendment backer Sonia Johnson. Church officials said Mrs. Johnson was excommunicated because she attacked the church while campaigning for the amendment.

"At an international women's year meeting, lesbians and the homosexuals and the moral perverts (cited) this amendment as a means of eliminating any basis of moral criticism," Romney said in an interview with the Detroit News.

Prince Charles says girls who kiss him may find they enjoy it more because he is a nonsmoker.

Three girls kissed the bachelor during his two-day visit to Nottingham in northern England that ended Wednesday, including one who embraced him "particularly aggressively, which gave me enormous pleasure," the prince told reporters.

"It is just as well, I suspect, that I don't smoke, otherwise her reaction might have been quite different."

Asbestos victims win settlement

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Four shipyard workers have each been awarded \$435,000 by a U.S. federal court jury which found they had been harmed by prolonged exposure to asbestos fibres.

The four, all pipe coverers with Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., were exposed to asbestos for 22 to 40 years. Three, Hugh Reynolds, Fred Walker and James Oman, are on disability retirement. The fourth, Willie Gibbons, 50, still works at the yard.

Asbestos has been used extensively in insulation materials aboard ships and in other pipe coverings. It has been blamed for a lung disease called asbestosis and a form of cancer called mesothelioma.

The four suffer from asbestosis, causing their lungs to be incapable of performing normal blood gas exchanges. The disease creates other problems, such as starving vital organs and affecting the heart.

The verdict came Friday after 16 days of testimony before District Judge J. Calvitt Clarke.

The jury ordered the defendants — asbestos manufacturing and supply companies, including Johns-Manville Corp., H.K. Porter Co. and Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp. — to pay a total of \$1.7 million to the four men. Actions against the federal government and the shipyard were dropped.

In June 1978, a federal jury ordered Johns-Manville to pay \$750,000 in damages to the widow of Ira Dishner, who died in December, 1977, of cancer contracted because of exposure to asbestos at the Amoco oil refinery at Yorktown.

That judgment was later resettled for \$250,000 before an appeal hearing.

Fire destroys Brome dwelling

KNOWLTON (KT) — The third fire for the month of December for the Town of Brome Lake occurred here on Tuesday, (December 11) when the Fire Department was called to a house owned by Isiah Fuller on Knowlton Road (corner of James Street). The property for many years of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh, it was later the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gauthier, before being acquired from them by Mr. Fuller.

The cause of the fire was a cigarette butt thrown into a garbage bag which resulted in the complete gutting of the inside of the house. Due to the natural wood shingles used as a wall finish in the interior the fire quickly became a fierce blaze. The occupants, Mrs. Barbara Smith and her five children were forced to make a hurried escape, and according to Fire Chief Jean Grenier, "only just managed to get out". The alarm was answered at 10:35 a.m. by a 15-man crew of the local fire fighting team who checked back in at the Fire Hall at 1:00 p.m.

Earlier in the month, on December 3, a call was answered at 5:52 a.m. to a chimney fire at the residence of Charlie Welch, Rumsby Road, Iron Hill. The occupants were fortunate that smoke awakened the owner and the house was safely vacated. This is one more indication of the wisdom of protecting your home by installing smoke detectors, rather than trusting to luck in case of fire breaking out, especially during sleeping hours. The fire department was able to confine the damage to the outside of the building, with an estimated \$2,000 damages.

On Sunday, December 9, another call was answered to the home of Mrs. Francois Guertin of Harvey Street, Bondville. This was caused by an overheated fireplace which was poorly constructed and in consequence the wall behind caught fire. Once more a possible tragedy was averted, due to the owner waking up in time to escape with his wife and baby.

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