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Ottawa cans refugee board boss

TORONTO (CP) — A federal refugee board official accused of pressuring tribunal members to reject legitimate refugee claims has lost her job.

Anna Ker, assistant deputy chairman of the Immigration and Refugee Board, was replaced Monday, board chairman Gordon Fairweather announced.

"All I'm authorized to say is that Anna Ker is no longer on the hearings schedule," board spokesman George Brimmell said. Ker could not be reached for

comment immediately.

A curt statement from Fairweather's office said board member Ulrich Ferdinand had taken over as acting deputy chairman at the board's Toronto office.

The news release didn't mention Ker, who is the third Toronto-area refugee board member to be axed in less than a week in response to complaints.

Lawyers who represent refugees met last week with Fairweather, demanding he sack

Ker and accusing her of intimidating other tribunal members by threatening not to renew their contracts.

"The real problem is not that she was hearing cases, but that

she was telling other people what to do with them," said Toronto lawyer Sam Berman, who heads the Refugee Lawyers Association.

But the lawyer said damage has already been done to legitimate refugees.

"Because she has interfered in the decision-making of board members, that means some cases have not been dealt with fairly," he said. "That's how this whole thing came up, because we knew that genuine refugees were being refused."

Last Friday, Fairweather

removed tribunal members Naomi Goldie and Ralph Snow, saying they would be asked to either resign or retire.

The chairman can relieve board members of their duties, but only the Privy Council can take them off the payroll because they were appointed by the federal cabinet.

Fairweather, a former Conservative MP, has admitted his agency is buckling under the strain of handling 45,000 cases since its inception three years ago.

Refugee board members earn from \$71,300 to \$83,900 a year.

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fatigue'
hurting board?**

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Rémillard disagrees...

Two-part plan okay with me — Bourassa

QUEBEC (CP) — Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa left the door open Monday to a two-part reform package to settle Canada's constitutional crisis.

Bourassa said the final federal proposals could be split into two sections — one requiring the agreement of seven provinces representing 50 per cent of the population and another requiring unanimous consent.

"We could have a result with seven-50 and then we could have a result (for those issues) that require unanimity of the provinces like, for example, the right of veto," Bourassa said on his way into a Liberal caucus meeting. "There is the possibility of proceeding in two stages."

On Friday, Prime Minister

Brian Mulroney said Ottawa's final package, expected in mid-April, will likely be divided into two sections.

"By proceeding this way I'm confident that we can deliver the merchandise that will please Quebec and other Canadians," Mulroney said.

But minutes after Bourassa's

comments on Monday, the premier's constitutional pointman, Gil Rémillard, poured cold water on a two-pronged approach.

Rémillard, intergovernmental affairs minister, said: "Quebec will not sign a constitutional agreement that does not include the guarantee of a veto."

A veto for Quebec over future constitutional change requires the unanimous consent of the provinces and Parliament and is a bottom-line demand of the Quebec government.

But the idea has been met with considerable resistance in other provinces. Newfoundland and Alberta have said they are opposed to giving Quebec a veto over constitutional change.

The federal strategy of splitting the process is aimed at settling some issues before moving to the stickier problems that require unanimous consent.

But the bulk of Ottawa's unity proposals, such as reforming the Senate, recognizing Quebec as a distinct society and native's right to self-government, will be part of a deal that can be reached with the support of Parliament and seven provinces representing 50 per cent of the population.

Rémillard made a plea Monday for a return to the amending formula in the defunct Meech Lake accord, which would have given a limited veto to all provinces.

"Let's do what we had in Meech. You know, the veto was not the most difficult thing to negotiate in Meech," he said. "The more we discuss, the more we realize that Meech was a good agreement for Quebec and an excellent agreement for all of Canada."

He added that time is running out before a referendum on sovereignty that by Quebec law is to be held no later than Oct. 26.

Throne speech today in National Assembly

QUEBEC (CP) — The National Assembly returns to work today for its spring sitting — the last before a planned referendum on sovereignty this fall.

House leader Michel Pagé said Monday the government will deliver its first throne speech since fall 1989 to kick off a new session on March 19.

Pagé said the speech will set the tone for a crucial year for Quebec.

"We're at a very delicate stage," Pagé said, emerging from a Liberal caucus meeting.

He added that the legislature will have to have an extraordinary session this summer to debate the Constitution.

Under a Quebec law — Bill 150 — a referendum on sovereignty must be held by Oct. 26 at the latest.

To have a referendum by that date, a debate on the question that is to be put to the people must begin by Aug. 4 according to the province's referendum law.

The government has also indicated that it could decide to hold the referendum on an offer from the rest of Canada to renew federalism instead of on sovereignty.

That would require an amendment to Bill 150 and a full legislative debate.

"We won't adjourn in June and say: 'Goodbye, see you in October.' Not this time," Pagé said, adding that a special sitting will likely be held in July.

Métis leader Louis Riel

House of Commons to honor Manitoba founder

OTTAWA (CP) — More than a century after the federal cabinet recommended his execution, the House of Commons is prepared to honor Louis Riel.

Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark will introduce a motion in the Commons today to acknowledge Riel's "unique and historic role as a founder of Manitoba," Clark said in a statement released Monday.

The Métis leader is considered a father of Confederation by his people for his role in a rebellion in 1869 that forced Ottawa to bring Manitoba into Confederation a year later.

But it was for his role in heading an uprising in Saskatchewan that Riel was found guilty of treason 15 years later.

A jury recommended clemency but Conservative Prime Minister

Sir John A. Macdonald's cabinet decided in favor of hanging Riel, even though he had twice been elected as an MP.

He was executed in Regina on November 16, 1885.

Clark said it's of tremendous symbolic significance for the Métis people and will acknowledged

ge Riel's work in 1870 in negotiating Manitoba's entry into Confederation.

The Manitoba Act of 1870 granted the Métis more than 500,000 hectares of land and the right to bilingual services in the new province.

Clark's resolution will also

note that Riel "paid with his life" for leading a movement which fought for rights and freedoms for the Métis.

Tony Belcourt, a spokesman for the Métis National Council, said Métis would have preferred to see Riel recognized as a father of Confederation, but the resolution still represented a turning

point in Métis relations with Ottawa.

"There are still some unwritten chapters in Canadian history and hopefully this will encourage the beginning of that writing," said Belcourt.

"It's also significant that this comes at a time when we're considering rebuilding Confederation."

Riel hanged reciting the Lord's Prayer



Sir John A. Macdonald seems to be in a quandary over the Riel sentence.



Louis Riel is seated in the centre of the National Council of the Métis.



Louis Riel is discovered and taken prisoner by scouts.

The Townships

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U of S teachers ready to strike today

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE — University of Sherbrooke students are caught in the middle of a battle between the administration and one teachers' union.

About 370 professors, members of the *Syndicats des professeurs et professeurs de l'Université de Sherbrooke* (SPPUS), weren't planning on showing up for classes this morning after talks broke off Friday between union leaders and university negotiator Jacques Auger, vice-rector in charge of personnel.

That means more than half of all classes today will be cancelled. Only those taught by teaching assistants and professors who belong to other unions will be held, Auger said. Those inclu-

de all classes in the faculty of medicine, most courses in applied sciences and many undergraduate ones as well.

Students in the law faculty will have only a few courses because they are taught mostly by SPPUS professors, he added.

STUDENTS WORRIED

The two associations representing undergraduate and post graduate students say they are worried some will lose their semesters if the strike goes on too long. They also say it could jeopardize much needed summer jobs.

Julie Garneau, who sits on the executive of the *Fédération Étudiante de l'Université de Sherbrooke* (FEUS), said that while some students may agree with

professors' demands, students will end up suffering if there's a strike.

"If the price to pay is a strike, then students will end up paying the price," said Garneau, adding students prefer pressure tactics which don't hold them hostage.

Garneau said the situation is deplorable and the FEUS will ask teachers and negotiators to return to the bargaining table.

She said that if the strike lasts a couple of weeks students will be able to catch up on lost material. But she said if the strike drags on and students lose their credits, the federation is planning on suing the university to get a refund for the tuition on lost courses.

"We aren't very optimistic," she said. "Both sides are very far apart."

Pierre Beland, president of the *Regroupement des étudiants en maîtrise et doctorat de l'Université de Sherbrooke* (REMUS), which represents post-graduate students, said he's worried about the direction the conflict between the SPPUS and the administration is taking.

"Neither side will move," said Beland, adding that he's afraid the strike will last a long time.

"The impact of a strike would be hard on us," he said, adding that it could delay the studies of some students and even imperil some programs.

He said he's also worried the

strike will scare off employers in the co-operative learning programs which offer students much needed jobs.

Beland said his association is asking the two parties to get together and talk and plans further actions to step up negotiations.

EXCESSIVE DEMANDS

In the meantime vice-rector Auger said SPPUS teachers are demanding too much money and too much power.

Auger said negotiations Friday revolved around two divisive issues: salary expectations and demands by the SPPUS that it be given powers over hiring of staff and settling grievances.

He said that while the professors have dropped their initial demand of a 13 per cent wage

increase and have tempered their demands for greater say in management, they are still demanding too much.

Auger added that these are not the only two points of contention.

"While we have reached some agreements in principle on some clauses, some are far from being solved,"

Auger refused to predict how long a strike could last, but said students' fears of losing the session are "premature". But he wasn't very optimistic either.

"They are difficult negotiations," he said. "Union demands are unreasonable."

SPPUS president Jacques Ancil could not be reached for comment.

Police have few leads in case of missing woman

SHERBROOKE (SNM) — The investigation into the disappearance of a 21-year-old Cowansville woman Feb. 22 has been turned over to the major crimes squad of the Quebec Police Force.

Nathalie Champigny was last seen when she had dinner with a friend on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 22. The friend dropped her off at her Cowansville apartment after dinner. Champigny's car and all her personal belongings were left behind at the apartment.

QPF spokesman Tom McConnell said Monday police have no reason to believe Champigny has been harmed, but added it is unlikely she simply ran away.

"There is a lot of work to do in this investigation, and we don't have much to go on," McConnell said.

"We are taking this case very seriously," he added.

Champigny was supposed to meet her boyfriend in a Granby

bar the night she disappeared, but she never showed up. A withdrawal of \$300 was made from her bank account through an automatic teller that night.

Cowansville municipal police were initially handling the case, but have now turned it over to the QPF.



Nathalie Champigny... Missing since Feb. 22.

Two convicts escape from Waterloo jail

SHERBROOKE — Quebec Police Force officers searched the woods near the Waterloo provincial prison Monday afternoon after two convicts escaped.

Terry Kapatsas, 28, and Nicolas Bucca, 36, escaped from the prison around 4 p.m., QPF spokesman Tom McConnell said. Details how they escaped were not available.

Kapatsas is five feet four inches tall (165cm), weighs 128 pounds (58 kilos), has brown hair and brown eyes and was wearing a red jacket.

Bucca is five feet seven (173cm), weighs 139 pounds (63 kilos), has brown hair and brown eyes, and was wearing a khaki jacket.

Neither man is considered dangerous, McConnell said, but they may commit robberies to finance their getaway.

Safety board to investigate death at Bromont ski hill

MONTREAL (CP) — The Quebec regulatory board on sporting safety said Monday it will investigate the circumstances in the death of a 16-year-old girl who was killed in a downhill skiing accident last week.

The board said it will, among other things, consider whether

there was adequate notice that snow grooming equipment was in use on the slope at the time of the accident.

The girl, Cindy Reeves, was killed on Friday when she crashed into a snow grader on the Cowansville slope at Bromont. A funeral service will be held today.

Cops seek two men who raped Waterville teen

SHERBROOKE — A 16-year-old girl was snatched from a Waterville street, blindfolded, drugged and raped by two men Sunday afternoon.

The girl was walking along a street in the small town around 1 p.m. when two men in a blue pickup truck grabbed her and threw her in the truck. She was blindfolded, taken to an unknown

house, drugged and sexually assaulted, Quebec Police Force spokesman Tom McConnell said Monday.

The girl was driven back to Waterville and left on a street there around 9:30 that night.

The two men are believed to be between 20 and 30 years old and are French-speaking, McConnell said.

Eastman robbers escape with cash and cigarettes

SHERBROOKE — Three robbers got away with nearly \$1000 and 40 packs of cigarettes after holding up an Eastman dépanneur Sunday night.

Three men, one carrying a knife and another a steel bar, entered the *Centre de provisions Eastman* and threatened the woman working there. She was not injured in the robbery.

The men made off in a small black car.

The robbery took place around 8:45, but police weren't notified until two hours later because the woman is Vietnamese and speaks no English or French. She had to wait until her husband came home before police were called.

Does 'compassion fatigue' haunt refugee board?

OTTAWA (CP) — A Holocaust survivor passes a note making fun of an Iranian man's claim of being tortured.

Another member of Canada's refugee board parodies a famous wartime telegram to King George VI, in which a military commander brags of expelling His Majesty's enemies from the shores of North Africa.

The Clarke Institute of Psychiatry of Toronto is consulted to help board members cope with job stress.

Nobody doubts something is wrong at the Immigration and Refugee Board, which observed its third birthday in January.

In the latest move Monday, the assistant deputy chairman of the board's Toronto office was removed from her job to appease refugee lawyers who had met with chairman Gordon Fairweather. The lawyers contended Anna

Ker had been putting pressure on board members to get tough with refugee claimants and increase the rejection rate.

CP News Analysis

By Gord McIntosh

Ker's removal follows Fairweather's announcement last Friday that two Toronto board members — Ralph Snow, the Holocaust survivor, and Naomi Goldie — had been fired from jobs that pay up to \$83,900 a year for mocking the Iranian's tale of torture.

NOT SATISFIED

But the announcements have done nothing to appease immigration lawyers who still demand an inquiry into the board's affairs

— including the question of how its 276 members were appointed.

Toronto lawyer Lorne Waldman says an impartial body must investigate how someone who survived the Nazi Holocaust could snigger and laugh at the subject of torture.

"The atmosphere at that office has become so poisoned, it bred hostility towards claimants no matter who you are," Waldman says. "Something is wrong with the culture."

Even Fairweather, a former Conservative MP, admits the agency is buckling under the strain of handling 45,000 cases since its inception.

"Within those cases... are a lot of very difficult stories — very

tough, very poignant stories," Fairweather said last week.

Greg James, one of the lawyers who met Fairweather two weeks ago, sees some validity in the claim that board members suffer from "compassion fatigue" because of their case loads.

He thinks Snow, a former president of BNai Brith, was far from being the worst member.

But the board's troubles seem to run deeper than fatigue.

"The key issue is how we appoint people to the board," James says.

NOTABLE TORIES

As so often with cabinet appointments, many spots have gone to people most notable for

their past service to the Conservative party.

Examples include former MP Andrew Witer, Arthur Harnett, aide to three ministers in the Dieffenbaker government, and former Newfoundland Tory leader Tim Rideout.

The government has also drawn heavily on notables in the ethnic community, and most members regard their jobs as full-time occupations.

Appointments are usually for two years to a board that is supposed to be independent of government. But critics say such a short term puts pressure on anyone to think twice about not following directions.

James maintains that mem-

bers should be appointed by an impartial committee, as provincial court judges are in Ontario.

"There are absolutely no standards for hiring," adds Nancy Goodman, an executive member of the Canadian Bar Association.

Winnipeg immigration lawyer David Matas, president of the Canadian Council for Refugees, says the board's current troubles show what can go wrong with political appointments.

"When people were loyal to the government in the past — that's the way they will regard their job, being helpful to the government not helpful to refugees," he says.

Bureaucrats to represent premier

OTTAWA (CP) — They won't make speeches. They probably won't take part in the discussions. They may not even sit in the same room as the rest of the group.

Quebec is sending two observers to Thursday's constitutional meeting in Ottawa but it is unclear what the pair will do once the meeting starts.

For its first foray into constitutional talks since the death of the Meech Lake accord almost two years ago, Quebec is sending Diane Wilhelmy, a senior official in Quebec's Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, and André Tremblay, a constitutional advi-

ser to Premier Robert Bourassa.

The Quebec government says it expects them to do very little.

"They are there as observers, not as participants," said Linda Dion, a spokeswoman for Inter-governmental Affairs Minister Gil Rémillard.

"They will give technical information."

Thursday's meeting will present an eclectic mix: one federal government, two Quebec observers, three hot topics, four native leaders, five premiers and six cabinet ministers.

As constitutional meetings go, it ranks one step lower than a full first ministers meeting, and one

step up from a gathering of ministers and their bureaucrats.

Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark will be chairing the meeting. He will sound out the provinces, territories and native leaders on what the federal government should include in the constitutional proposals it will release next month.

The Quebec observers will probably be asked about Quebec's reaction to proposals in the Beaudoin-Dobbie report on constitutional reform, which was released last week. The proposals include plans for Senate reform, native self-government, and recognition of Quebec as a

distinct society.

The five premiers coming are Ontario's Bob Rae, Newfoundland's Clyde Wells, Nova Scotia's Donald Cameron and Prince Edward Island's Joe Ghiz, along with the Yukon's Tony Penikett.

Saskatchewan Premier Roy Romanow has yet to confirm whether he will attend.

Six other governments will be represented by cabinet ministers. The four western provinces, plus New Brunswick and the Northwest Territories, are sending their cabinet ministers responsible for constitutional or intergovernmental affairs.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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WEATHER

Doonesbury

Rain or drizzle is forecast for Tuesday. The expected high is 7. The outlook for Wednesday is snow, with the high falling to 3.



The Townships

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Hundreds of anglophones line up Monteregie voters flock to health board polls

By Sharon McCully

COWANSVILLE — Hundreds of Townshippers in the Montérégie area exercised their right to elect representatives to boards of health and social service institutions Monday, thanks to a provision in Quebec's new health act.

Anglophones in particular were encouraged to get involved with their local hospitals and community health clinics to help define the needs of the English-speaking community, and play an active role in the institutions which serve them.

Law 142, passed in 1988, provided Quebec anglophones with guarantees to health and social

services in English. Law 120 is seen by many as an opportunity to ensure those services are available.

Mike Murray, a community animator for Townshippers Association in the Montérégie who helped recruit candidates for the boards, saw the fruits of his labors Monday as hundreds of anglophones lined up at the polls.

NEVER LET UP

"We've done our best," said a satisfied Murray, Monday night. "From what I understand, there was a constant flow of people at the polls. I'm told in Bedford, it never let up."

Murray said he drummed up

interest in the local elections by speaking with school administrators, social clubs and clergy encouraging them to urge constituents to get involved.

"We didn't endorse any particular candidate, but we did encourage people to become nominated and to get out and vote," he said.

Ed Payne, a Knowlton bus driver who was one of 10 candidates seeking a seat on the board of the local CLSC said he also spent a lot of time rustling up support for voting day.

"I talked to a lot of groups and people and urged them to get out and vote," Payne said.

"It must have worked because they told me at the polls that a lot of people were from Knowlton."

Bolton resident Gail Watt said she just found about the elections two weeks ago, but since then, posted signs in her home where she teaches piano lessons and at the local recycling depot.

WORTH SUPPORTING

"I think it's worth supporting anyone who is willing to represent our interests on one of these boards," Watt said.

Heather Keith Ryan of Mansonville said in the first hour of voting, over 100 people in Mansonville had cast their vote for a representative to the board of

the CLSC Alfred Desrochers.

"They supposedly had about the same number in Magog which has a population of about 17,000," Keith-Ryan said.

Health care administrators were unanimous in praising the public for the interest shown in Monday's election.

"We are very proud of our results," commented Francois Blais, at the CLSC Haute Yamaska. "More than 500 people came to vote."

Maurice Couture, a director at the Centre D'Accueil Acton Vale said he was "very satisfied" that 213 local citizens voted in Monday's election.

Elected to the Acton Vale home were Gabrielle Martel, André Gaucher, Denis Provost and Beatrice Trahan.

Paul Bergeron, director General of Granby Hospital said 17 people campaigned hard for the three vacant seats on the board.

"We had about 1600 people come to vote," Bergeron said.

Bergeron said results weren't expected before midnight when *The Record* went to press.

Ghislain Boulay, director of CLSC La Pomeraié expected close to 1500 votes to be cast in elections held in Bedford, Cowansville and Farnham to fill five seats on the board.

Public interest surprises Estrie organizers

By Angela Christopher

SHERBROOKE — The first elections under new reforms for board members of health and social service institutions was marked by large voter turnout across the Estrie region of the Eastern Townships.

Hospitals and community health clinics (CLSCs) reported a steady stream of voters throughout the voting period. Some institutions were faced with long line-ups of residents eager to take part in the selection of their representatives for these important boards.

There was a 45 minute to an hour wait outside the Richmond voting of the CLSC Val-Saint-François.

"I wasn't expecting such a

large turn out," said Gary Furlong, election president. "Eight hundred people from the four voting station participated."

At Sherbrooke Hospital, 367 people cast ballots to elect four anglophones to the board. Hospital director Marie Trousdell said she was thrilled with the turnout.

TAP INTEREST

"You can never go wrong when you tap the people's interest, and this vote shows people are interested in what happens at the hospital," she said late Monday night.

The election of anglophones to all four seats available to the public is a reflection of the people who voted, Trousdell said.

"Whether there was a blind

vote to get English people in, I really don't know."

She added that other seats on the board that are filled by the institution may present an opportunity to have some French representation on the board.

At the CLSC Fleur-de-Lys the results were so close a recount will be required.

Asbestos Hospital as well as the CLSCs La Chaumière in Asbestos and SOC in Sherbrooke were still counting up to midnight Monday night.

HOSPITALS

At Sherbrooke Hospital winners of the Eastern Townships largest English institution were: Grant Sheltus, Ronald Jenne, Douglas A. Page and Ron Owen. At D'Youville Hospital, Luc

Charland, Pierre Gendron, Suzanne Nootens and Jacques Talbot are the new board members.

Elected board members at Asbestos Hospital are: Serge G. Boissonneault, Bruno Caron, Raymond Dodier, Roméo Dubois, Réal Fontaine, Mario Godbout, Yvon Hamel and Yvan Nault.

Serge Adam, Gilles Binette, Roger Métras and Marcel St-Onge are Saint-Vincent-de-Paul Hospital's four new board members.

At Sherbrooke University Hospital (CHUS) elected were: Gisele Benoit, Françoise Dunn, Gilles Joncas and Gaston M.

Roy.

At la Providence Hospital Magog: Danielle Cote, Colette Gaudreau, Réjane Lambert and Michel Turcotte were the winners.

Julien Auclair, Lucie Corney, Denis Paré, Jacques Lacroix will sit on Hotel-Dieu Hospital's new board of directors.

CLSCs

Here are the newly elected board members for community health clinics known as CLSCs or Centres locaux de services communautaires.

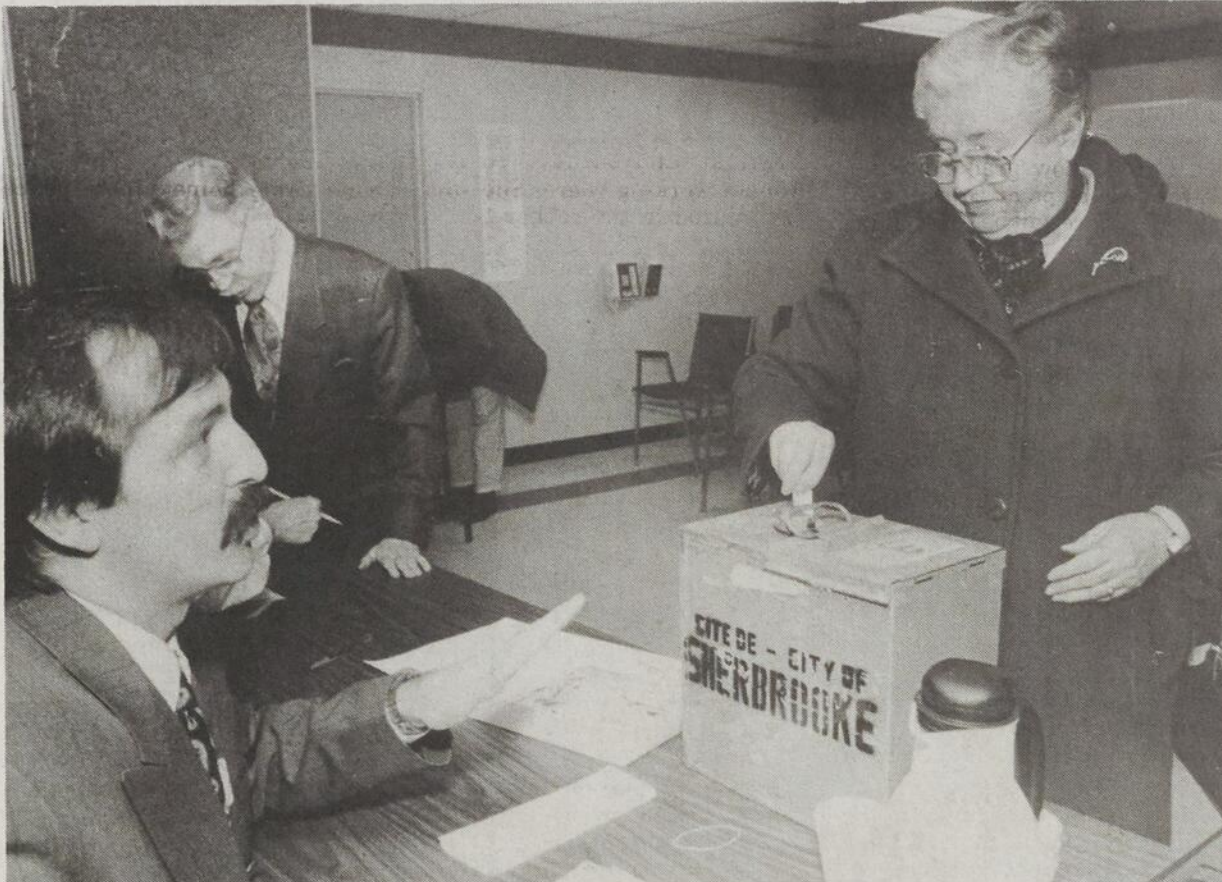
At CLSC Gaston-Lessard, Georges Allard, Marie-Johanne Lacroix, Beatrice Leblond, Paul-

Yvan Poulin and Monique Robillard were elected.

At CLSC Alfred-Desrochers: Sylvie Bessette, Marthe Gaudette, John F. Haberl and Serge Malouin are the new publicly elected board members. Jean-Louis Dupont and Maurice Payette are tied for fifth place.

"LSC Val-Saint-François' new board consists of Albert Dunn, Charles Fontaine, Majella René, Aline Tremblay and Rollande Yan Wersch.

Rita Brochu, Renaud Couture, Madeleine Gilbert, Bertrand Nadeau, Pierre Paquet are the winners at CLSC Maria-Thibault.

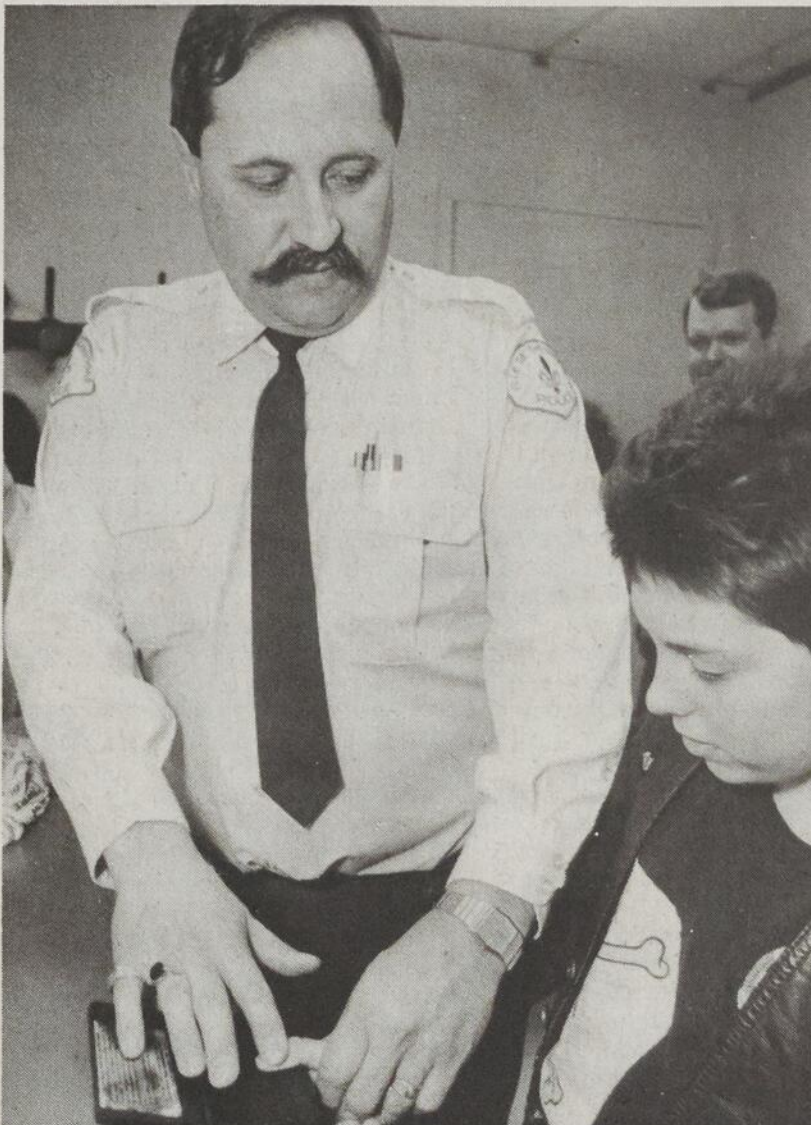


Roberta MacMillan casts her vote at the Gaston-Lessard CLSC in Sherbrooke.



English-speaking Lennoxville residents were out in force at the Gaston-Lessard CLSC for the election. "I haven't seen this many anglos in Sherbrooke in years," said Lennoxville councillor Muriel Brand. Some of the residents complained that they couldn't vote at the CLSC branch in Lennoxville.

Teenagers have brief brush with the law



David Dion, 12, gets the full criminal treatment from Const. Martin.

By Steve Meurice

SHERBROOKE — Three juveniles were taken to police headquarters in a squad car Monday. Then they were fingerprinted and had their mug-shots taken.

And they smiled through the whole thing.

The booking routine was part of a simulation a group of Sherbrooke high school students are putting on as part of a crime prevention program.

The kids, aged 12 to 14, organized the simulation with some help from workers at a local community centre. The goal is to give them a first-hand look at what young offenders can expect when they get in trouble with the law.

The simulation goes through the whole process, from crime to arrest to punishment. City police, Talbot prison officials, lawyers and others helped the kids make the simulation as realistic as possible.

"The kids know a little about the justice system, but with this they get a real feeling of what it's like to be arrested," said project co-ordinator Francine Beauseigle.

The youngsters planned all the steps in the simulation, including scripting an interrogation of the young offenders, who are charged with breaking and

entering.

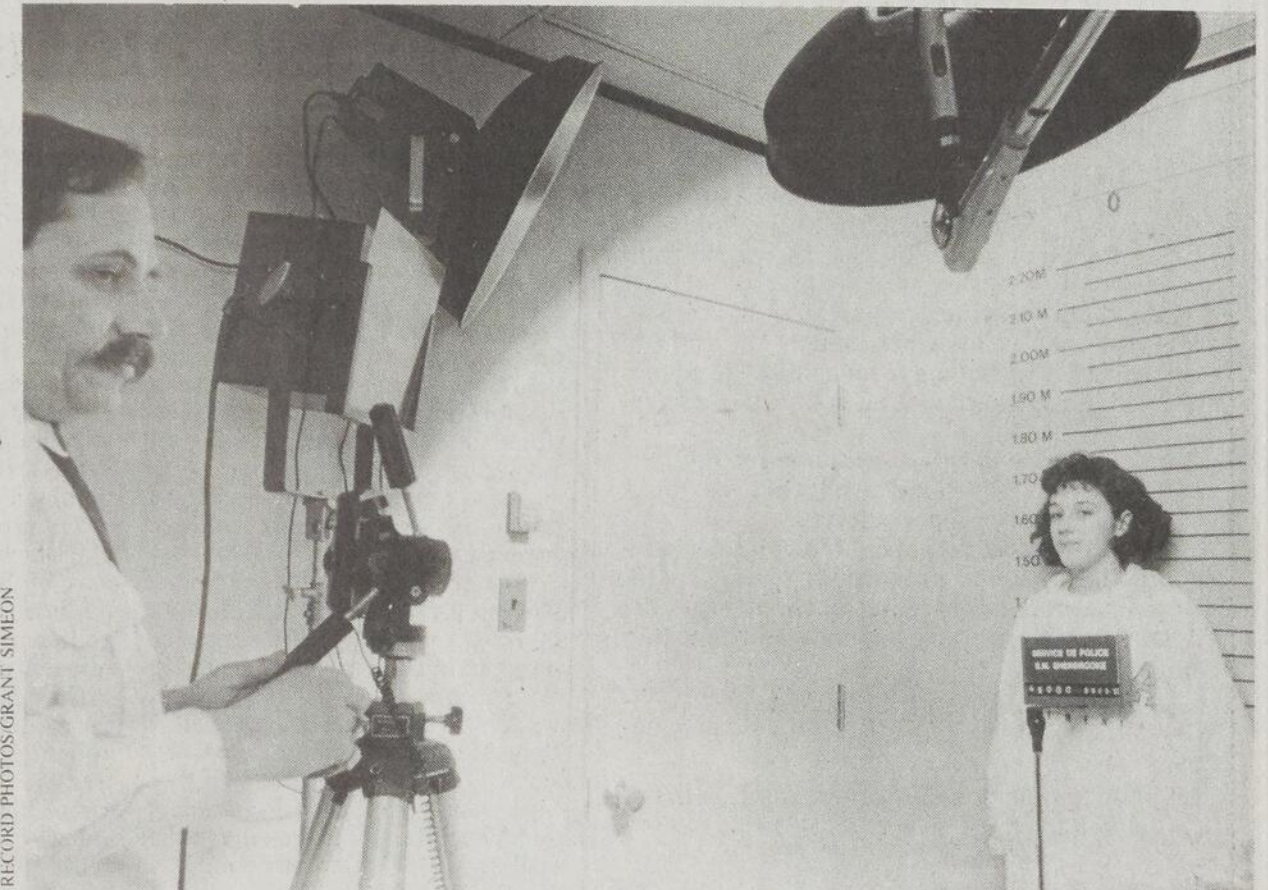
On Saturday the suspects will get their day in court, when a mock trial is held at the courthouse. The kids themselves will play all the parts, from judge to lawyers to jury.

After they are found guilty, the offenders and the rest of the kids will get a tour of a local detention home for juveniles, as well as the Talbot prison.

A video is being made of the whole thing and may be shown to

other kids later.

Sherbrooke police community relations officer Jim Perry said the video could be useful in reaching kids who wouldn't get involved in this kind of simulation themselves.



Jacqueline Plamondon, 12, has her mug-shot taken by Const. Michel Martin.

Community spirit beats bad planning

Exercising one's democratic right to vote was made unnecessarily difficult in Monday's first-ever health board elections. Lennoxville, Ascot and Waterville voters were forced to cast ballots in Sherbrooke, instead of in their respective towns. Those in Knowlton had to go to Cowansville. It could have been a costly administrative bungle for the English-speaking community.

Anglophones in the Eastern Townships saw these elections as an opportunity to guarantee that their voices be heard in health-care matters. Given that the English-speaking community is made up largely of elderly people, it came as a disturbing surprise that many voters would have to make unnecessarily long trips to polling stations.

Such poor organization for community health-care board elections threatened to lower voter turnout. Had the day been marred by bad weather, voters — many of them elderly — would have been forced to brave treacherous sidewalks and roads. Chances are many wouldn't have bothered to come out to vote for CLSC board candidates, while some would simply have been physically unable.

The purpose of elected board positions is clear enough. What was once the domain of the appointed is now that of the elected. With that change comes a greater level of community participation. This is most important among Eastern Townships anglophones, widely known for their sense of community and dwindling numbers.

But had anglophone enthusiasm been less than what it was, voter turnout would have suffered. An opportunity would have been squandered and CLSC organizers would be to blame.

The excuse is that there wasn't enough time to properly organize the vote, CLSC Gaston-Lessard director Denis Lalumiere said last week.

Lalumiere said Lennoxville residents would have to vote in Sherbrooke. But "I expect it will be more difficult for the residents of Waterville and Ascot to make it out here," he said.

I expect it was. Fortunately, the efforts of individuals and of the Townshippers' Association all contributed to what by many accounts was a fine voter turnout. It just goes to show you what a little determination and community spirit can do.

DAN HAWALESKA

Legislate more non-smoking areas

A.P. Harris in a Feb. 20 letter to The Edmonton Journal.

As a lifelong non-smoker, I had a very live-and-let-live attitude to smokers. Then suddenly I became extremely allergic to tobacco, and the smoke caused my lungs to be highly irritated.

Emergency trips to the hospital were necessary, and expensive medication for the rest of my life the only solution.

Smokers rationalize their habit by saying the air outdoors is polluted, so that until we clean up the outdoors, smokers should be allowed to pollute the indoors. Or, there are worse things — alcohol, pornography, prostitution, rapes and murders — so what's the big deal?

This is why we need the support and protection of our elected representatives to legislate more public areas and functions "Non-smoking."

Rights accompanied by responsibilities

From a letter to the Financial Post by Stephen A. Milford of Mississauga, Ont.:

...No successful society or government (be it tribal, feudal or democratic) confers rights upon its members without explicitly or implicitly requiring its participants to assume responsibilities.

The right to vote is accompanied by the responsibility to cast an informed ballot; the right to govern carries with it the responsibility to govern well (not simply to impose a single party's agenda). ...

Rights must be universal within a society; privileges are granted to (and usually only useful to) some of segment of that society. ...

When people spout off about their rights, consider whether they are prepared to undertake the commensurate responsibility or whether they are demanding someone else pay for a privilege they want.

In this light, many constitutional issues reveal themselves for what they are: political jockeying and nonsense.

From What Canada Thinks, a regular feature of The Canadian Press.

Letters

All of us generate garbage and we need dumps and waste disposal for that garbage. That is irrefutable.

In the Coaticook MRC, the situation is brought into sharp focus given the major problems resulting from the dumpsite currently in operation on its territory. Eventually we will have to find another location.

This is a far-reaching problem that affects fifteen municipalities and that certainly merits the concerted effort of the whole region, that is an evaluation of potential sites that can answer the needs of the municipalities involved and serious study of their objectives.

It is unthinkable that the responsibility for such a project be left to

the initiative of ordinary citizens, be they private promoters or opposition groups. These individuals, on both sides of the issue, could be more influenced by personal motives than by the interests and needs of the community and the environment.

The only group that should oversee the installation of such a site is the Coaticook MRC, which could if it wishes, turn the management and operation over to private business. In this way, the MRC could insure that the site would answer its specific needs and could maintain control of the source of waste in its dumpsite, which, under any condition, should be for regional use only.

But beware. It is important to

know that private owners have the right to accept waste from outside the area and, as a result, it is impossible to guess how big such a private site could get in the months and years to come. Let's look at the experience of the Memphremagog MRC which is faced with a multinational that imports waste from all over. When you consider that the promoter owns 750 or more acres in Stanstead East, there is good reason to worry.

And this is only one reason for wanting to stop this project. If we consider that the Quebec environmental law, the municipal zoning, the MRC development plan, and the Quebec Farmland Protection Act definitely do not make provisions for such an installation, if we

think of the possible pollution of the many magnificent water bodies in the area, if we conceive of the possible contamination by surface runoff due to the particular topography of the proposed site, if we foresee what will happen to our roads with this heavy truck traffic — there is only one thing that comes to mind: let us stop and think.

We should ask the MRC to show leadership by taking steps to resolve this problem. The economic and environmental stakes are too high to leave all of this to improvisation. Be forewarned.

The Committee Against the Project
JACQUELINE LAFORTUNE,
Sec.
Stanstead East

Proposals aim at the quality of education

The recent report of the Task Force on English Education headed by Gretta Chambers included 20 recommendations for upgrading the quality of English education in Quebec, securing access to programs and services for all students in English schools and establishing structures for turning Quebec's English education system into an effective network.

Attention from the media has focused on the controversial recommendation, widening access to English school, only one among twenty-nine, the rest have been largely ignored.

The report, described by all who have read it as reasonable, deals not only with the prospects for English education in the future but with the situation of some 100,000 students attending English public schools in Quebec right now. Those students, their teachers — and indeed the whole English-speaking community deserve to know that the report has been favorably received by the Minister. All indications are that most of the recommendations will be accepted and implemented within reasonable time delays.

Twenty-three of the proposals aim at the quality of education delivered in our schools and therefore fall exclusively within the jurisdiction of the Minister of Education. The Minister, Michel Pagé, told the Task Force that the plan and a timetable for implementation of these will be established soon. He asked that the Task Force continue so that it could be consulted on the progress of change.

The Task Force has offered practical solutions to the problems facing English-language schools at this time and proposed some key changes to increase English participation in the Ministry of Education, guarantee the management and control of its school boards and education system to the English-language community, increase sup-

port for small schools and provide a moratorium on their closing.

Schools, especially those in isolated communities, must have the necessary resources to provide learning, literacy and cultural services as well as represent a synthesis of English and French cultural and linguistic traditions. Their students must be equipped with a sound knowledge of French.

Teachers are doing their best in their own classrooms with some surprising success but, without backup, they can hardly be expected to continue to succeed. Some 17,000 English students have been identified this year as having learning difficulties. Access to psychological and social services in English in every region of Quebec must be assured.

If students are to learn and achieve, teachers must have support as well as the flexibility to meet the varying needs and learning styles which they encounter in the classroom. The rigidity of the

Quebec curriculum was identified as a major stumbling block to meeting the educational needs of students and to the teaching of English cultural traditions. "We need programs that respond to community needs. The rules must not impede this. We should be able to start up the programs without a long wait and obstacles." That is what one Eastern Townships school administrator told the Task Force on October 10, 1991.

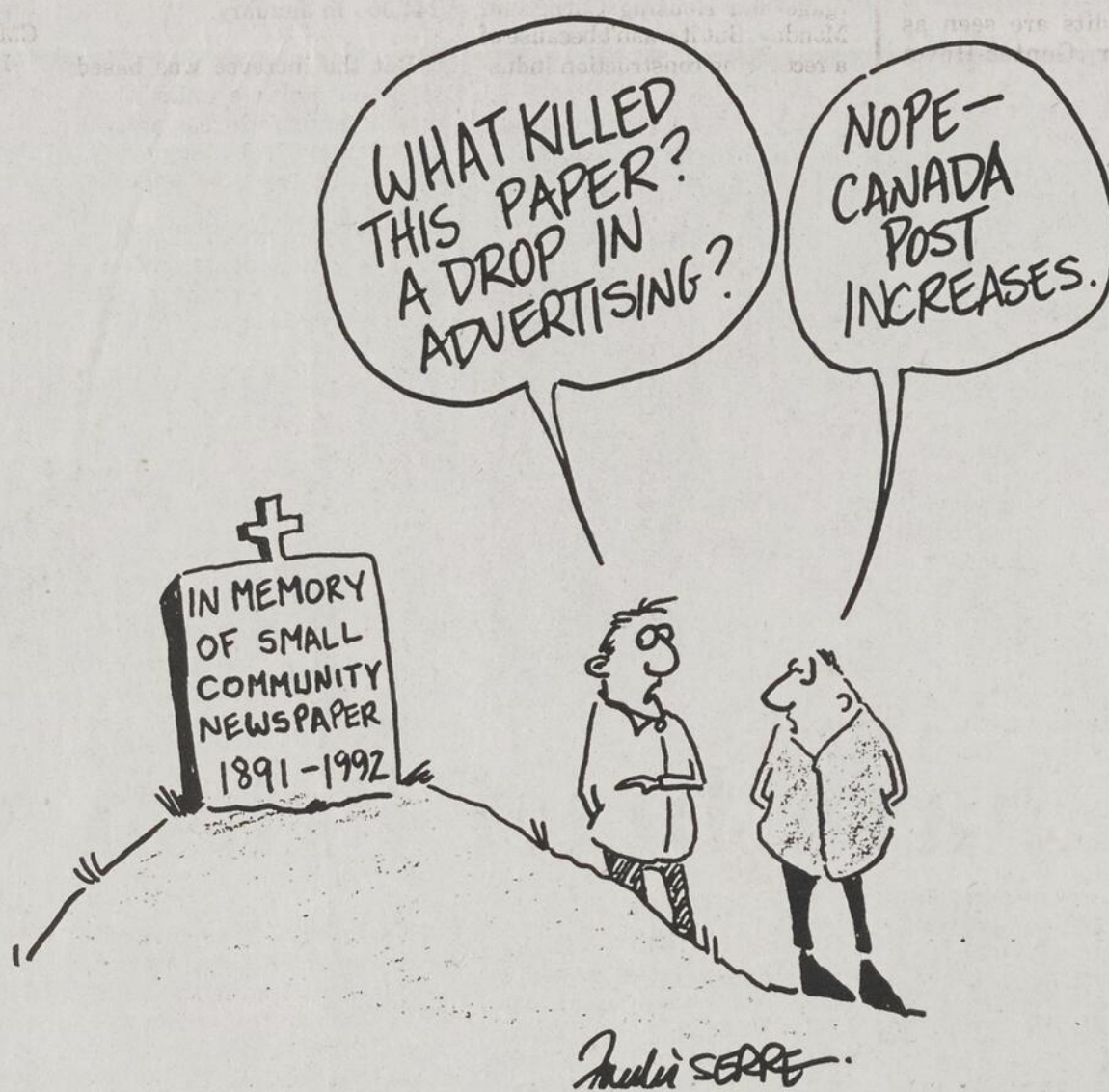
The Task Force recommends that the curriculum be made more flexible so that schools and teachers can innovate to meet local and individual needs. Local innovations and alternatives aimed at special needs and "at risk" students must be supported. Access to professional and technical training must be broadened to ensure that all English-speaking students in Quebec will be able to get good preparation for work.

Parents expect schools to provide their children with good second language skills so that they can live and work in Quebec. They give high priority to bilingualism. Three of the recommendations are aimed at improved French second language programs.

The English-speaking educational community can begin to take some initiative — cooperation in sharing resources and expertise comes to mind. The positive experience of the Task Force members who represented every facet of English education in Quebec may indeed stimulate renewed dialogue and collaboration throughout the network. However, we can't make the necessary changes by ourselves.

In fulfilling its mandate, the Task Force met and heard from hundreds of persons associated with English schools in Quebec. The themes and issues that were articulated time and time again across this province led to a series of proposals for change for English education, proposals that will, when implemented, make a significant difference. We have the Minister's assurance that change — and not just cosmetic change — will happen. We are counting on the implementation of most of our recommendations.

GABY OSTRO
Executive Director
Task Force on
English Education
February 25, 1992



Scottish nationalists demand devolution

By Stephen Ward

EDINBURGH (CP) — Scotland can become more independent without Britain becoming a kingdom of wrangling regions, the leader of a movement for a Scottish parliament said Monday.

Kenyon Wright, chairman of a Scottish convention on constitutional reform, said an elected Scottish assembly could lead to other assemblies for Wales and regions in England.

These assemblies will result in true democracy — not endless regional disputes, he said.

"Canada has its regional troubles but if you look at the European Community, many of its countries have autonomous areas," he said in an interview.

"All seem to work very well, they seem to have greater prosperity."

Support for a Scottish assembly — or devolution — is growing in the lead-up to a British election. The

vote, expected to be called for April 9, will be crucial for the future of Scottish nationalism.

TORIES OPPOSED

While the governing Conservatives reject the idea of a Scottish assembly, Labor promises to have a parliament in place within two years of being elected.

The chance of sending a direct electoral message to London has stirred up nationalistic fervor from industrial Glasgow to remote highland fishing ports.

The latest polls show 62 per cent of Scots want Scotland to remain a part of Britain but with its own parliament. Some 28 per cent back an independent Scotland while the rest don't know.

Norman Lamont, Britain's finance minister, was expected to announce tax cuts in his budget today to improve the election chances of his party which is running almost even with Labor in opinion polls.

But Wright said Lamont won't be able to buy Scottish votes.

"The Tories have not understood that what this is all about for Scotland is ultimately national identity and community," he said.

Ian Brown, chief executive for the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, said most business groups are not going to hold post-budget briefings because the budget is seen as only a political document.

"The real budget will come after the election," he said.

TIED TO BRITAIN

Brown said many businessmen support an assembly but reject independence because Scotland's economy is "inextricably tied" to the rest of Britain.

Meanwhile, opposition parties, pointing to Scotland's 9.3 per cent unemployment rate, confidently predict the Tories will lose most of their nine Scottish seats.

Political leaders, capitalizing on discontent among the five million

Scots, dismiss the last 300 years of union with Britain as little better than a period of unfair British colonialism.

On Monday, the Scottish National party — the standard bearer for full independence — put forward a multi-billion-dollar budget they'd implement as government of an autonomous Scotland.

The party, which has seen its popular support grow to 30 per cent, is suddenly a threat to Labor which holds 48 of Scotland's 72 seats.

"For the first time ever the election in Scotland is going to be fought on our agenda — autonomy," said the party's deputy leader, Jim Sillars.

To protect its seats, Labor launched a campaign Monday that portrays the National party as led by radical cranks who want independence immediately without first establishing an assembly within Britain.

Farm and Business

the Record

Tax system designed to meet social goals

Complex and tedious. Those are two common complaints about one chore most Canadian adults are required to do every year: fill out an income tax return.

But a little sweat and anguish on each person's part saves all taxpayers some money, Revenue Canada says.

Canada has a "self-assessment" system for income tax, which means "Everybody is responsible for calculating their tax and remitting their tax," says department spokeswoman Colette Gentes-Hawn.

This system, which is also used by the United States, New Zealand and Australia, is considered cheap to administer, she says. Revenue Canada spent \$1.21 to collect each \$100 in taxes in the 1991 fiscal year.

If you owe money to the government, your return must be postmarked by April 30, or late penalties and interest charges may be applied.

Under the system, returns are processed relatively quickly, and the taxpayer is sent what's called a "notice of assessment."

But some taxpayers misinterpret what it means.

"They say, 'Hey, the government agrees with me, right to the penny!' That's not necessarily the end of it," Gentes-Hawn says.

CAN ASK PROOF

Revenue Canada reserves the right to double-check a return for three years, and in some cases longer. This checking ranges from asking someone to send in receipts to support a particular deduction to full-fledged field audits, in which a department official comes to your home or business to inspect your records.

"All of these maintain the integrity of the self-assessment system," Gentes-Hawn says.

One reason the tax system is so complex is that it's expected to do far more than just raise money for the government.

Throughout the return are measures like tax credits and deductions designed to meet social objectives such as helping lower-income people, alleviating regional disparity and so on.

"What would be simple is 20 per cent across the board, but would that be fair?" Gentes-Hawn says. "You have to give up some of the simplicity to make it fair."

Perhaps the most important question for many people is how big a bite the government is taking.

The federal tax brackets, which were reduced to three a few years ago to simplify the system, are: 17 per cent on the first \$28,784 in taxable income, 26 per cent on the next \$28,784, and 29 per cent on any amount over \$57,568.

The federal government also

imposes a "surtax," equal to five per cent of the total basic tax. People who pay more than \$12,500 in basic tax also pay extra — five per cent of the amount over \$12,500.

Money monitor

By Murray Oxbey
The Canadian Press

The surtax was introduced as a deficit-fighting measure in 1986, when it was three per cent. Finance Minister Don Mazankowski announced last month that the surtax would be reduced to four per cent this year and three per cent next year. The change does not affect 1991 taxes.

The federal government also collects income taxes for all provinces and territories except Quebec. Their rates are calculated as a percentage of the basic federal tax payable, and most of them also have some sort of surcharge.

The amount of tax you pay depends on your total deductions and credits. Deductions are items that reduce the income on which you pay tax. They include such things as contributions to pension plans and registered retirement savings plans, union dues and alimony.

Credits, meanwhile, reduce the amount of tax payable. A non-refundable tax credit will reduce your tax, but you won't get any money from the government if the credits exceed your taxable income.

CREDITS FAIRER

Over the past few years, items that had been deductions have been changed to credits because credits are seen as being fairer, Gentes-Hawn says.

"A credit is the same amount for everybody. For somebody who's at the top bracket, a deduction will save them a lot more tax than somebody at the bottom tax bracket."

Other features on the tax return to watch for:

— Social benefits repayment, sometimes called the clawback. Taxpayers who receive unemployment insurance, old age security or family allowance benefits may have to repay them if their income exceeds a certain amount. This year, the maximum amount of old age security or family allowance that may be repaid has been increased to 100 per cent from 66 per cent.

— Minimum tax, which was introduced in 1986 to ensure that certain high-income earners pay a minimum amount of tax. In general, a minimum tax calculation may be necessary for people who have large capital gains or have made heavy use of tax shelters.

NEXT WEEK: Different tax forms for different folks and new rules.

PM considering trade retaliation?

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal cabinet will discuss its next move today — including possible trade retaliation — in the escalating dispute with Washington over softwood lumber and Honda cars, sources say.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, who compared recent U.S. trade actions to those of a "tinpot dictator" on the weekend, wants to assess the costs of an even tougher stance.

"It has built up to considering retaliation," said a government official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Last week, the U.S. Commerce Department imposed a 14.5 per cent duty on Canadian soft-

wood lumber, claiming it is unfairly subsidized.

Earlier, U.S. Customs ruled that Honda Civics made at Alliston, Ont., don't contain enough North American parts to qualify for duty-free access to the United States.

Canada has argued that both decisions are political and amount to harassment.

Peter Clark, a prominent Ottawa-based trade consultant, said Canada has a number of potential targets if it wants to retaliate with trade sanctions of its own.

For example, there are irrigation subsidies for the grapes used to make California wines. But Clark said Canada would

have to be selective in choosing its targets to prevent a trade war.

"If you're going to hit somebody bigger than you, you better make sure they can't hit you back," he said.

WANTS ACTION

In the Commons, Liberal Leader Jean Chrétien demanded immediate counter-measures.

Mulroney responded by praising the Canada-U.S. free-trade deal as the best way to resolve disputes with Washington.

"If it just depended on the American trade law, we would be as dead as door nails," said the prime minister.

"But we are going to win,

because we have the free-trade agreement with an independent dispute settlement mechanism."

Later, when pressed by reporters to confirm that he was considering tit-for-tat measures against U.S. goods, he declined comment.

In an interview published Monday by the Financial Times of London, Mulroney said Canada "won't sit idly by" and could resort to its own trade laws which can impose duties on imported goods.

In a weekend interview with the New York Times, Mulroney used even tougher rhetoric, comparing the U.S. trade actions to those of a tinpot dictator.

Tobacco workers protest export tax

OTTAWA (CP) — About 2,500 tobacco company workers protested on Parliament Hill on Monday over an excise tax on cigarettes which the government says is aimed at criminals smuggling smokes into Canada.

The protesters said the \$8-a-carton tax will force tobacco companies to move their operations to the United States, along with the jobs of many of their 30,000 workers.

But the Non-Smokers' Rights Association called the protest misleading, claiming that companies were using their employees to try to scare the government when only a couple of hundred jobs are at stake.

That has to be compared with the thousands of lives that could be saved if the excise tax helps

persuade people to stop smoking, said David Sweanor, the association's lawyer.

Ottawa imposed the tax last month on cigarettes shipped to the United States — billing the measure as part of a package of policies aimed at fighting cross-border shopping.

American tobacco taxes are about one-quarter those in Canada. Federal officials say smugglers had been buying about 80 per cent of the Canadian cigarettes sent to the United States, and the low-priced smokes were then coming back across the border illegally.

Revenue Minister Otto Jelinek said his officials are talking with tobacco companies about ways of identifying exported

cigarettes that will actually stay south of the border. They would be exempt from the tax.

NOT ANTI-LABOR

"This policy is not anti-labor or anti-business," said Jelinek. "About 14 per cent of Canadian production goes to the U.S. and about 80 per cent of that is smuggled back into Canada. If we can put a dent in the smuggling rings, then we can protect jobs in Canada."

Rene Rondou, of the International Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers Union, told the protesters on the Hill that the tax was "not only simplistic, it's stupid."

"It will take away our jobs and send them to the United States. We, the workers, are the only ones who are losing by this

Housing starts unaffected by incentives

OTTAWA (CP) — Housing starts in February rose 12 per cent over January, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said Monday. But it wasn't because of a recovering construction industry.

Most of the increase resulted from higher starts of social housing in Ontario, the federal agency reported.

"Except in Alberta and British Columbia, the market has not responded to lower interest rates."

Using seasonally adjusted figures, CMHC reported starts increased to 162,000 from 144,000 in January.

But the increase was based solely on multiple units which rose 32 per cent in urban areas to 75,000 from 57,000. Single detached units were unchanged at 62,000.

CMHC, which predicted in February that housing starts would be up 15 per cent in 1992, remained optimistic.

"Private market starts should gain strength over the coming months," said Gilles Proulx, a market analyst with CMHC.

Lower minimum down payments, use of RRSP funds to buy a home, low interest rates and stable prices will contribute to the increase, he said.

Housing starts were down 47 per cent to 18,000 units in Quebec as a result of the end of a provincial home ownership program, CMHC said.

Starts were up 63 per cent in Ontario to 62,000. Social housing construction more than offset a drop in the private building industry of both single-detached and multiple-unit housing, CMHC said.

Starts were also up in British Columbia, Alberta, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island while they declined slightly in Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Manitoba.

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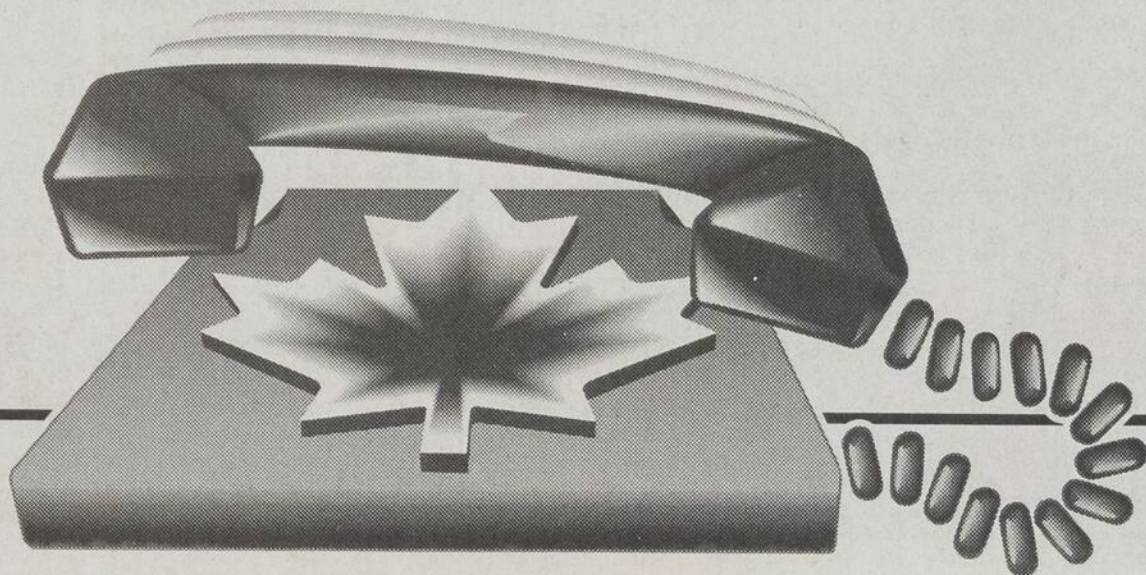
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Tracing the history of rayon fabric

Is rayon a step-sister to silk? People have been struggling to solve that problem for thirty or more years. Though the history of rayon may seem relatively short, let us not be deceived.



In 1664 Robert Hooke, an English scientist, thought it possible to imitate the spinning of the silk worm to produce an artificial fibre. He discussed this theory in a book he entitled *Micrographia*.



Fashion Notes

By MARIE BURNS

Hooke was not the only scientist to try and produce artificial fibres.

A section in my encyclopedia on rayon reads: "In 1842 an English silk weaver, Louis Schwabe, exhibited a machine for making artificial filaments, which is the principle of the spinners through which rayon is spun today".

The material Schwabe used was glass; but he was not satisfied with the results he got.

There came a set of inventive men who struggled with the problem of "artificial silk", until 1911 when rayon began to be mass produced.

The place — where else? The United States! New country, new methods, new products.

In its early days rayon was called "artificial silk", and was in production for many years before the popular term "rayon" came into use; rayon's complex synthetic makeup includes wood pulp.

With the 1990s rayon has finally come of age.

Even in 1981 Alison Lurie's book, *The Language of Clothes*, included a relatively dated definition of rayon.

She said: "when 'artificial silk' (rayon) and nylon first appeared they were very expensive and highly fashionable; but

since the prestige of any fabric tends to vary in relation to its price per yard, the synthetic materials lost distinction as they became cheaper to produce."

"Half the garments in the stores seem to list rayon on their content tags, either a blend or 100 per cent," says Barbara Cloud for Scripps Howard News Service.

"The resurgence of rayon a few years ago wasn't so mysterious. It was all about price. Using rayon helps keep the garment's retail price down. Rayon, when it was introduced more than 30 years ago, was associated with inexpensive clothing. It was more or less a silk substitute that left no lasting impression.

"That's no longer the case," she continues. "Rayon stands on its own and is being improved at every turn. And as its popularity has begun to soar, so has its price.

"Suddenly rayon wasn't a major bargain, although a two-piece dress for \$100 cost far less than the same dress in 100 per cent silk.

"Popularity and price increases go hand-in-hand. And in this case, because rayon is a fiber made from regenerated wood pulp, the soaring prices of pulp were blamed, too.

"Now rayon is everywhere, from budget and moderate to better-priced merchandise. It seems to be the fabric of choice for designers at every price level.

"Fashion's softer look is another reason for the popularity of rayon. Zantrel rayon — American-made from BASF Fibers, producers of five types of domestic rayon show collections...

"Rayons has moved upstream into designer clothing rather than the other way around," explains Deanne Moskowitz, communication director for BASF. "Man-made

technology allows it to be colorful as well as cool. And it is strong enough to be used in constructions of crepes, sheers, gabardines, sateens and knits."

"Fluid" and "flexible" are two words associated with rayon.

Rayon is soft and drapes beautifully into folds, but develops wrinkles in the process. The quality of rayon also determines how it holds up in any garment.

"I advise consumers to go with the manufacturer or the garment's label in determining quality of rayon used," says Moskowitz. "Much of its performance depends on how the manufacturer uses the fiber. Whether it has a finish on it, whether it has been pre-washed, how it is blended."

"Don't look to rayon for crispness. It is meant to drape softly, even in tailored suits. It responds well to dry cleaning, although consumers can choose hand washing.

"Proceed carefully if you do decide to wash a rayon item. There are various qualities, and you should heed the advice on the labels."

While Ms. Cloud's suggestions on the care of rayon are correct, my opinion differs from her's when she says that wrinkles develop as a result of the wearing rayon.

I own a Canadian-made two-piece dress. It is soft and is much like wool in both touch and appearance and is like wool challis (wool challis is a very lightweight wool fabric, usually printed). I have not had the nerve to wash it yet, though the temptation is strong! It is wrinkle resistant.

The model in the photo wears an elegant red wool-like coat dress. The fabric is a blend of rayon and polyester. Good news: It is entirely machine washable.

Sister wants adopted kid to stop searching

Dear Ann Landers: My older sister bore a son out of wedlock, left instructions that he be put up for adoption and then jumped off a bridge.

I followed her instructions and gave "Barry" to a childless family I knew would love him and raise him well. The understanding was that our family would cut all ties with the child and never let him know of his history. This was my sister's last wish.

My worst fears were realized when I received a letter from Barry, now age 18. It seems that he dug around and found out his birth mother's hometown. He then went there, began asking questions and located some distant cousins. They took him all over and even introduced him to one of his mother's old high school teachers. He hounded me with phone calls, insisting that I must know who his father is.

Finally I told Barry to leave me alone and that he had gone against the wishes of his mother's family by digging into the past.

Ann, please keep telling adopted persons to be grateful for what they have and not poke around looking for their "real family." They of course are hoping that the family they dig up will be rich and beautiful, eager to open their hearts and their homes to them. This is what happens when you watch too much TV. -- NO NAME, NO STATE AND MAILED WHILE ON VACATION

DEAR NO NAME, NO STATE: Your letter underscores the message I've been trying to get across for years -- such family reunions are often very painful. Thanks for saying it far better than I could.

Dear Ann Landers: I am in my early 40s. My husband and I have been married 23 years. We live within a mile of his mother.

The woman is a widow in her early 70s. She has no other children. As far as I know, she has never

held a job nor does she have any interests or hobbies. She spends all her time at home or goes to visit her only friend.

Ann Landers

Here's my problem: For the last 23 years, my husband has gone to his mother's house twice a day. Every Monday through Friday after breakfast, he stops at her place for a cup of tea before going to work. In the evening, he stops again on his way home. Saturdays and Sundays, he visits her for at least an hour.

For 23 years, I've kept quiet about this although it has always bothered me and I have a hard time understanding it. I recently told him it's time he cut the apron strings and grew up. He became very defensive and announced that he was going to tell his mother how I felt.

Now both my husband and my mother-in-law are mad at me and I don't think I've done anything wrong. Actually, I should get a medal for putting up with this all these years.

What are your thoughts, Ann? I wonder how many other wives would tolerate this sort of thing. -- FRUSTRATED IN SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.

DEAR SAN BERNARDINO: After 23 years, it's a bit late to register a complaint about your husband's extraordinary attachment to his mother.

Actually it's rather sweet that he is such an attentive son and since you have not been neglected or ignored, I see no reason to make an issue of it.

You are justified, however, in being darned annoyed with your husband for telling his mother that you complained. It was an act of gross disloyalty for which he owes you an apology.

Armani goes crazy at fall-winter previews

By Daniela Petroff

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Giorgio Armani, the man who put the conservative Milanese style on the fashion map, did some unconventional things for the opening of the previews of fall-winter Italian ready-to-wear.

For starters, he abandoned his coveted last-show-of-the-week position. Then, after his show Saturday night, staid Armani invited 2,000 of his closest friends, including singer Tina Turner, actress Kim Basinger and Olympic skiing gold medalist Alberto Tomba, to a disco for dancing and transvestite cabaret.

Armani decorated the disco — a converted movie theatre — with 20,000 red and pink roses. Waiters in Armani T-shirts served champagne and canapés.

What Armani had to say about 1992-1993 winter dressing in his double feature show, which showed both the Armani and Emporio

labels, is that next season it will be pert and man-tailored, with sophistication reserved for nighttime.

And if his and the other first showings are any indication of the swing fashion is taking, tough times are ahead for the 1990's man accustomed to feasting his eyes on mini-skirted legs and tightly wrapped contours.

Not only are the new skirts long and pants loose, but footwear is so casual that loafers, sneakers and even motorcycle boots — up-graded in satin — become the modern glass slipper.

The new Armani woman can dress in a short-cuffed Emporio pant suit with a six-button, double-breasted tailored jacket, accessorized by casual hiking boots and a beret pulled down over the ears, or by a long Armani polo coat in the softest peachy

camel shade.

A DISCREET MINI

Armani has abandoned short skirts for the younger Emporio set, replacing them with calf- and even ankle-length styles. In his Armani collection a discreet mini is still present but no longer as a focal point.

A new twist to the Armani look is combining casual with glitzy, as in the sequined boleros worn over baggy mohair sweaters seen in both collections.

But the big Armani news is evening wear grown out of tuxedo elements. Armani takes the bow tie, cummerbund and linked cuffs and transforms them into clothes. Thus, a cummerbund becomes a bodice, the untied bow tie becomes a jacket lapel or breast-covering suspenders and the white cuff becomes the top of a simple black velvet gown complete with visible black link.

Colors are soft and monochro-

matic for the most part with a few bright flashes, especially red, popping up in both collections.

Early Sunday, Dolce and Gabbana showed their version of next season's winter woman, a toned-down Madonna look (the singer put together the sound track for the show) with more fabric covering the body than in previous boudoir collections.

The two Sicilian designers pack the bags of their world touring woman with gaily decorated bomber jackets and pencil trouser pants suits and a look which features black cap, high waisted trousers held up by suspenders worn with a black silk bustier and a black tie.

Wherever she goes the Dolce and Gabbana woman carries a purse, wears heavy boots and smokes a cigarette.

Still to make their fashion statements later this week are such pillars of Italian design as Ferre, Fendi, Krizia, Missoni and Gianni Versace.

Community

General Assembly: Members of the L'Île du marais inc. de Katevale will be holding their annual general assembly March 18, 7:30 p.m. at St-Catherine's city hall in North Hatley. In case of bad weather the meeting will be rescheduled for March 25 at the same time and place. For more information phone 842-4460.

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water to soften the whiskers, then apply a shaving cream or foam for a close shave without nicks, cuts or abrasions. Always shave in the direction of natural beard growth to reduce the risk of irritation and ingrown hairs, which can cause painful bumps on the skin.

Follow with a light application of moisturizer. Adding this surface protection wards off razor burn, as well as dryness, wind and cold. "Compare it to putting on a sweater or a coat," says Becket. Moisturizer also makes the skin feel better.

As you age, your skin gets lazier and doesn't shed its dead cells as efficiently. Shaving actually helps exfoliate to a certain extent. But the razor doesn't reach every area of your face. At least once a week after cleansing, gently rub your face, chest and back with an exfoliating scrub to remove blackheads, excess oil and dead skin cells. You can also use this before shaving. Don't use an exfoliating scrub if the skin is red and sunburned.

Exfoliation won't rid you of wrinkles, but it will take the edge off them, or soften their appearance, says Becket. It will also make the other products you use, such as moisturizers and sunscreens, work more effectively since they won't have to get through or around dead cells that are blocking pores.

Many wrinkles are the result of harmful ultraviolet rays, which cause photoaging (premature aging of the skin). Sun damage is cumulative — you can get it every day during that hour at lunch, walking to your car or gardening. Appropriate for any skin, no matter what type, is a truly protective sun block, worn daily.

Men can benefit from women's cosmetics

By Lois Abraham
Press News

Q. This may sound like a gag question, but it's on the level. Can men benefit from using ladies' skin-care products such as cleansers, moisturizers and whatever else they smear on their face? I'm a 55-year-old male and already have my fair share of "character" lines.

A. Once you have "character" lines, they're with you for the duration, unless you have cosmetic surgery. But you can make your skin look and feel better by caring for it, whether you use products you buy or raid from your wife's medicine cabinet.

An increased interest in physical fitness and health care has prompted many men to pay more attention to their appearance, including their skin, and many cosmetic companies now manufacture skin-care products just for men.

They're stronger than products for women. A man's skin is tougher than a woman's — it has a thicker epidermis and is at least 60 per cent oilier, say the skin-care people at Body Shop Canada.

At Clinique, men's and women's products are practically the same, with the men's formulations "stepped up a little" to deal with a man's stronger skin, says Joanna Becket, director of public relations.

No matter which products you choose, to keep skin looking smooth and healthy your three steps should be cleanse, shave and moisturize, says Margot Franssen, president of Body Shop Canada.

SHAVE EXFOLIATES
First clean the face with a soap or cleanser that isn't harsh or drying. Allow lukewarm

Social note

Belated birthday greeting

To Margaret Lessard who celebrated her special day on March 9, from family and friends.

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St. Paul's United Church annual congregational meeting

MAGOG (CG) — Sunday, February 9, 1992, following regular morning Worship Service the congregational meeting was held in the church hall. Prior to the meeting, soup, sandwiches and dessert were served by the UCW. Rev. Ryk Allen, Supervising Minister, chaired the meeting which was opened with Scripture reading

and prayer. Winona Patterson acted as recording secretary. The adoption of the agenda was approved and the reports of the various committees were presented.

The Session reported several special services and events held during the year. To highlight a few, Anniversary Service in April with Rev. Jim

Lawson as guest speaker; Easter Sunday, 7 a.m. Sunrise Service, followed by breakfast served in the church hall; 11 a.m. Easter Worship Service; Christian Family Day Service (Mother's Day) in May; Service of Song and Praise with "Nepean Choir" from Nepean, Ontario in June; June 23, Farewell Service for Rev. Diane Blanchard and Rev. Rick Spies.

The congregations and friends of the 5-point charge gathered at St. Paul's for a Worship Service followed by a luncheon at which time gifts were presented in appreciation of the six years of christian leadership and worship. We bade farewell to Diane, Rick, Jeremy, Nell and Miriam. Rev. Spies accepted a call to Bowman-Bethesda Pastoral Charge in Lancaster, Ontario effective July 1, 1991. During the interim since July 1st, pulpit supply has been provided at our Worship Services by Rev. Deane Moffat, Rev. Charles Plaskett, Rev. Arthur Lovelace, Rev. Wesley Mitchell, Rev. Burn Purdon, Father Hollis Plimpton, Mrs. Phyllis Wilson, Jim Burdon and Stanley Beerworth.

The Coaticook Sunday School children directed by Carol Porter presented two musicals, "Hurry on Down" in April and "1-800 Christmas" in December; Carol and Candlelight Service (5-point charge) also in December.

Two members of our congregation, Helen Wait and Jim Burdon were approved and accepted for the Lay Preachers course offered by Presbytery.

The Session expressed appreciation on behalf of the congregation for the dedication and faithfulness of our organist and choir.

Management Board of Trustees: Reported a successful year. Through the support of members, adherents and UCW, all financial commitments were met. A report was given on the "Building Fund"; it is imperative that repairs be made to the hall ceiling. Once

the financial objective is reached the repairs will commence.

The United Church Women (UCW): These ladies reported another active year under the leadership of President Phyllis Wilson. Nine regular meetings were held with a membership of fourteen. They were saddened by the death of Alice Swoger, remembered as a strong supporter of the UCW. Alice was also our church organist for many years.

In August they held a farewell party for Eva Trew who has moved to Perth, Ontario. Visits to shut-ins and hospital patients were made by members. They participated in World Day of Prayer at St. Paul's in March and UCW Presbyterial annual meeting also at St. Paul's in April. Joined with UCW's of the 5-point charge to host farewell luncheon for our ministers.

The traditional events such as Christmas Sale, Spring and Fall Suppers, Spring Luncheon were fund-raising events which proved successful, allowing them to give financial support to various groups as: Amnesty International, Francis Sandy Training Centre, Sherbrooke Hospital, La Providence Hospital, Carrefour du Partage, Princess Elizabeth Elementary School (P.E.E.S.), Joujouette, Pinehill Cemetery, Angolan Scholarship, Northern Lights, United Theological College, Kingpins; also sponsored young people to the Youth Forum and to Summer Camp.

The Sunday School: Although the attendance was very small, theme was "The Whole People of God". Lessons were faithfully prepared and taught to those who came.

The Kingpins: A non-denominational group who met in the church hall on twelve occasions with an average attendance of forty. The convenors, June and Norman Melling highlighted some events, such as the P.E.E.S. pupils, who in April, entertained with songs; the Christmas party with Mrs. Santa Claus and her elves dis-

tributing gifts, also on two occasions B.B.Q. meals were enjoyed. The financial support, volunteers who provided transportation, food, or helped with duties, were greatly appreciated by everyone.

The Benevolent Fund: Five requests were received, assistance with groceries was provided.

The Memorial Fund: Donations were received as an expression of sympathy and remembrance in the name of: Clifton Bryant, Ruth Close, Walter McClements, Ada Sandell, Rosalie Shonyo, Alice Swoger, Elaine Vernal, Margaret Watson, William Whittier, Persis Wing.

The Mission & Service Committee: Our representative Thelma Ruck gave a brief report on St. Paul's 1992 objective to the Mission & Service Fund and this was approved and carried.

Slate of Officers as follows — Session: Betty Cunningham, Jim Burdon, Marion Hamilton, Tina Linde, Barbara Quilliams, James Quilliams, Tracey Taylor, Helen Wait, Koert Linde.

Management Board of Trustees: Don Cunningham, André Delage, Ken Dezan, Martin Kingdon, Malcolm Knowlton, Rod MacLeod, Doris McLachlan, Norman Melling, Charles Patterson, Jack Peters, Barbara Quilliams, Cyril Ruck, George Smiley (Appointed by UCW — June Melling and Joyce Broadbent).

Memorial Endowment Fund: Gloria Broadbent.

U.C. Observer Representative: Douglas Taylor.

Presbytery Representative: Marion Hamilton.

Nomination Committee: Winona Patterson, Thelma Ruck, Dot Scallon.

Mission & Service Committee Representatives: Scottina Dustin, Thelma Ruck.

Ministry and Personnel Committee Representatives: June Melling, James Quilliams.

Newsletter (Distribution): Douglas Taylor.

UCW Officers: Phyllis Wilson, Marion Hamilton, Betty Richardson, Doris McLachlan.

Kingpins: Convenors — June and Norman Melling.

Publicity: Barbara Quilliams, Phyllis Wilson.

Auditors: George Barron, Norman Melling.

It was moved to accept all reports as prepared. Carried.

Jim Burdon, on behalf of the congregation, expressed appreciation for the delicious refreshments provided by the UCW and thanked Rev. Ryk Allen for chairing the meeting.

Rev. Allen thanked the various committees for their dedication and offered a closing prayer.

Golden Age Club news

MANSONVILLE — Club members met at the town hall on Tuesday, February 25 for dinner which consisted of baked beans, sliced ham, johnny cake, coleslaw, pickles, jello, cakes, tea and coffee. The donors were the club, club retrainée George Hamelin, Verlie Aiken, Mary Schoolcraft, Alice Drouin and Julienne McDuff.

Door prizes were won by Mildred Atyeo and Juliette Laliberté.

500 winners: Jeanne D'Arc Carrier and Cecile Hamelin, Toni Lamothe and Joe Drouin.

Game winners: Mary Schoolcraft, Pearl Greenham, Walter Smithers, Lina Tomuschat, R.A. Pouliot, George Hamelin, Flora Drouin, Juliette Laliberté and Mildred Atyeo.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Evelyn Dubuc, Madeline Bryan, George Hamelin and Dorothy Woodard, Abby McClure and families in the recent bereavement of their mother and aunt, Bernice Hamelin who passed away on Thursday, February 27 at the Côté Home. Bernice was in her 99th year and a most remarkable lady with a keen mind up until her death. She was a resident of the Home for several years.

From the Pens of E.T. Writers

A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE

This business of "large - medium - small" on that which is slyly referred to As the "moderately priced items" that we consumers purchase Has got to stop... not out of malice against simplicity, which I am all for But because that which may be addressed as such for some Does not apply to All.

For instance, in some of the countries where these items are (made) "created"

Medium is relatively small to us, while large may be medium

And beyond that where does it end? I have friends a little "larger" than I

Who wouldn't dream of purchasing any such item without trying it on twice;

One to satisfy themselves of a certain fit, and the second time

To ensure that it fits the same everywhere

For width, length and **comfort**, which currently, due perhaps to being old(er)

Is the predominant consideration.

Whatever happened to sizes? Who can take them seriously any more?

I don't think that I've begun to shrink yet

But even when the avoidupois has increased alarmingly, I wear a smaller size

But being a realist, at least in this direction I only smile Because all the while (funny expression) I am wearing this minute-sized item I know

That somewhere out there are others (the creators) who haven't the faintest idea about sizes

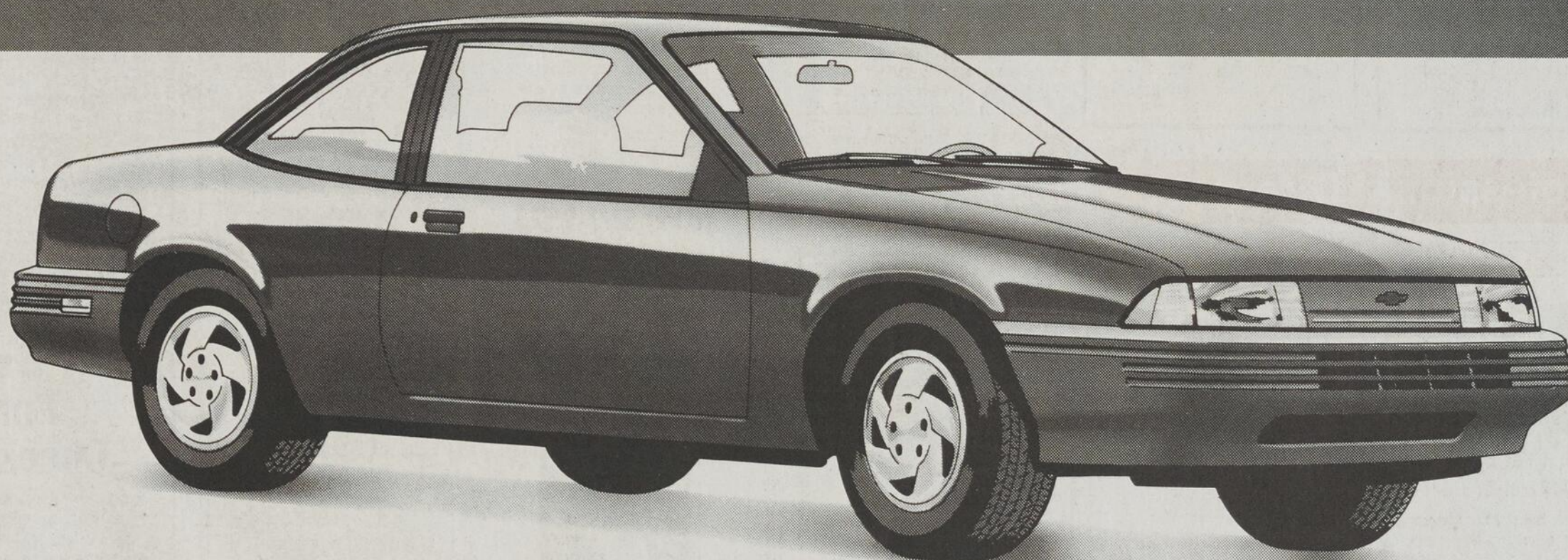
At least according to "our" standards, and they are not only smiling

But laughing heartily, as they should be and to whom I say "Bravo"

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Marjorie P. Ferris
Rougemont, Que.

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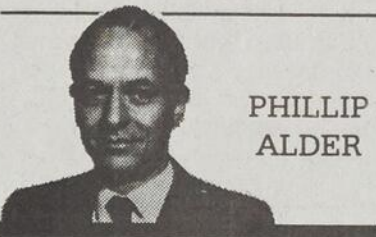
spade at trick two, but West couldn't believe that he had found such a successful lead. Almost by reflex, he played low. Dummy's spade jack won the trick and South tabled his cards, claiming nine tricks: one spade, three hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

If West had kept the faith, he would have won with the spade ace and led another diamond. True, that defense isn't guaranteed to defeat the contract, but at worst it will cost only an overtrick.

Never get depressed by a powerful dummy. Keep looking for a chance to kill the contract.

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PHILLIP ALDER

Tuesday, March 10, 1992



Your Birthday

March 10, 1992

Considerable emphasis might be placed on your partnerships in the year ahead. Those you make for non-commercial purposes could produce some remarkable benefits.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're likely to be in an expansive mood today, and this is well and good, provided you don't make impulsive promises to others that you won't be able to keep. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try not to exaggerate the good deed you do for another today. This individual already feels a sense of obligation but could become resentful — if you magnify your gesture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In order to

keep your budget on track today, self-discipline will be required. Don't let extravagant whims convince you this isn't necessary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If your priorities are not in order today, there's a chance you'll waste a lot of time and effort on matters that have no real significance. Be methodical.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't take anything for granted today, especially verbal guarantees. If there is some special type of protection you feel you require, get it in writing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The need for instant gratification could contribute to your financial undoing today. If you can't pay cash for what you want, it's best to wait until you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Occasionally, we are able to bluff our way through sticky situations with a little bravado. But today, if you say you're holding aces, they'd better be in your hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be positive regarding the outcome of events today, but also be realistic. If you aren't, you could be just another wishful thinker instead of a bona fide optimist.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't look for rewards you aren't entitled to in a joint endeavor today. If there is anything to be shared, it should be shared equally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone you place considerable confidence in but who has let you down previously might do so again today. It's time you opened your eyes to who this individual really is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually, you're realistic and pragmatic, but today you might see things as you would like them to be instead of how they actually are. Get back in character.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your luck has its limitations today, so be careful as to how far you push it, especially in matters that pertain to your financial well-being.

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Avoid depression: climb a mountain

By Phillip Alder

For the second Bols Bridge Tip of the week, we turn to a former European champion, Anders Brunzell of Sweden. His recommendation applies to all hands, but he focuses on a deal in which North (who becomes dummy) thinks for a long time before bidding a game. Your initial reaction is that he is overbidding, hoping for the best. But after you lead, you see that he was actually contemplating a slam. With all that high-card power in the dummy, you are sure the contract is laydown. However, don't fall asleep. There might be one chance to defeat the contract, and you mustn't miss it.

Cover the East and South cards in the diagram. As partner didn't double the Stayman inquiry, you guess to lead the diamond five, hoping to find partner's suit. The 15 points on the table are a shock; you were expecting far fewer. At trick one, declarer plays low from dummy and captures your partner's nine with his ace. Do you see any chance for the defense?

At the table, South calmly led a low



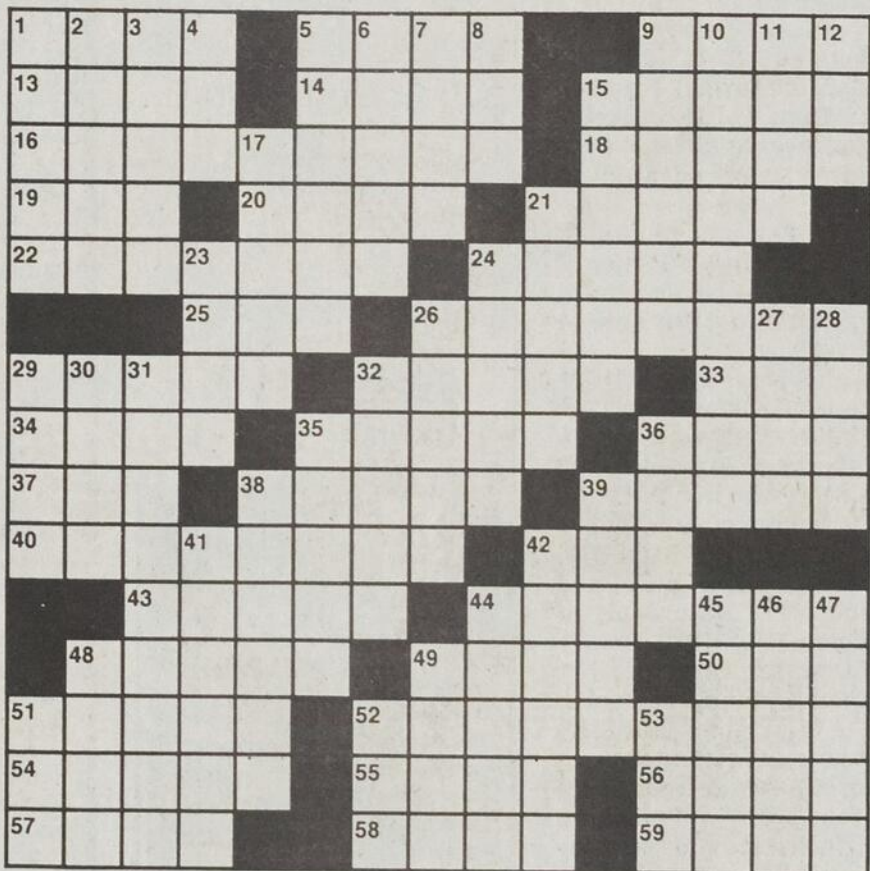
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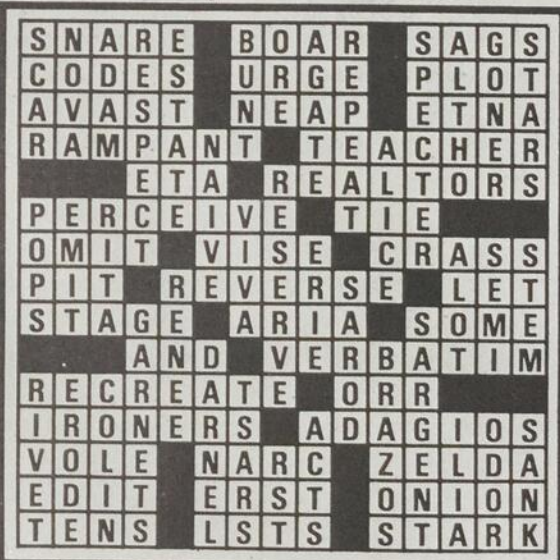
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 - Forum wear
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 - Overdone
 - Appears
 - Individualist
 - Word with hat or hand
 - Crystalline mineral
 - Building block
 - Painter of ballerinas
 - Remain
 - Learning handed down
 - Energy type
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 - Macaw
 - Mound
 - Periodic celestial visitor
 - Cal. city
 - Hyson
 - Art category
 - Straw hats
 - Crowded
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 - Apia's country
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 - Doozies
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 - Sundance Kid's girl
 - Interdicts
 - Buddy or Max of boxing
 - 31D, e.g.



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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 - with a View
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 - Neighbor of Isr.
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 - Actress Linda

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- Sweetmeat
- Of an age
- Mornings
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- Viewpoint
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- Judicial wear
- On the up and up
- "Most Happy —"
- Eng. river
- Musical mark
- Sigher's word
- A Copperfield
- Group from Syracuse
- Fictional Lorna
- Pitfall
- Paint layer
- Sen. Dole's state

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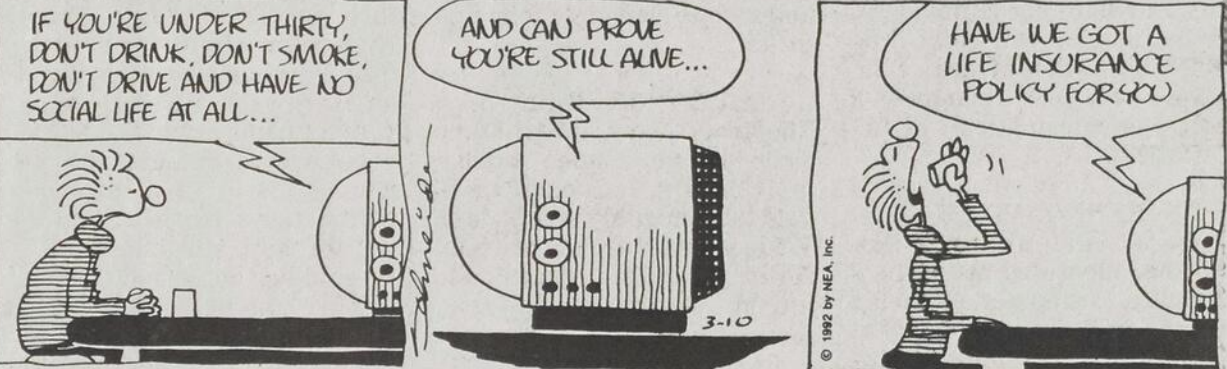
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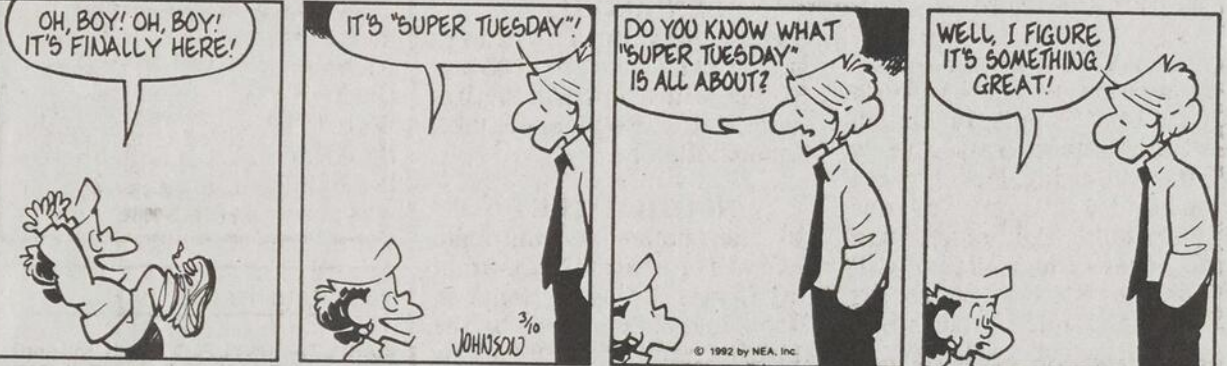
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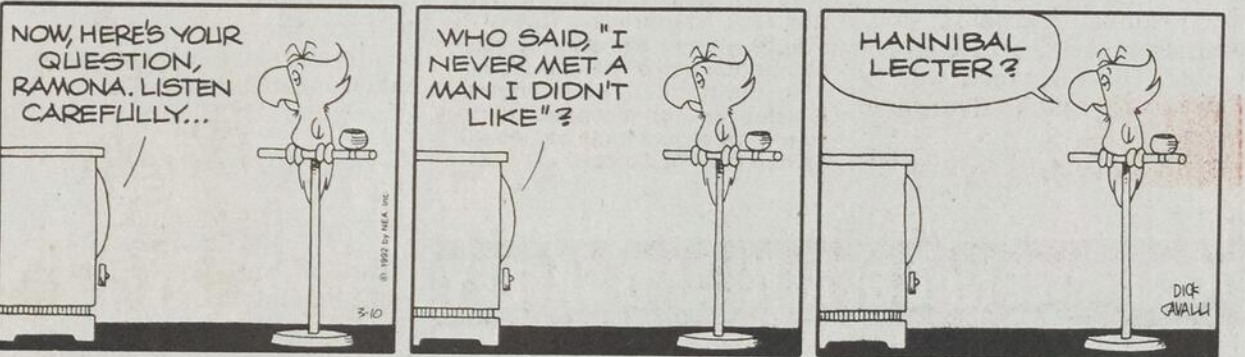
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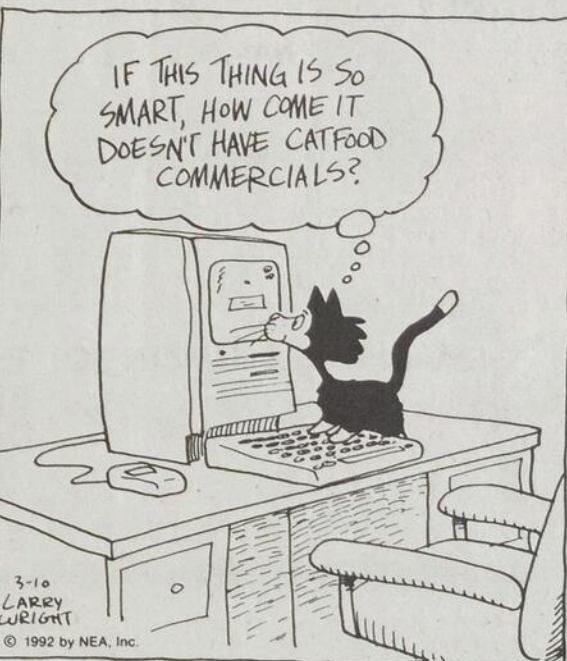
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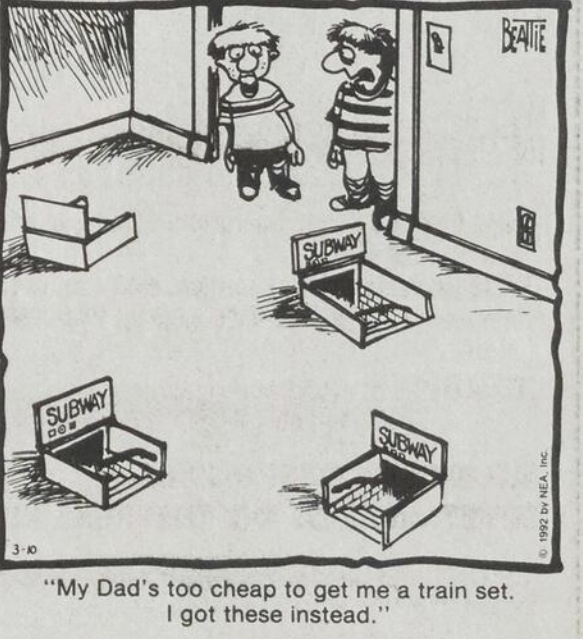
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Townships' Crier

HATLEY
Card party on Friday, March 13 at 8 p.m. in St. James Church Hall, Hatley. Benefit of the Hatley Volunteer Fire Department.

ROCK ISLAND
Progressive 500 and Bridge card party on Thursday, March 12 in the United Church Hall. Game and door prizes. Dessert at 1 p.m. All welcome. Benefit of the Border Senior Citizens. Admission charged.

GRANBY
A general meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion will be held on Friday, March 13 at the Legion, 172 Court Street, Granby at 8 p.m. For information call Lucette 375-7439.

LENNOXVILLE
International Women's Day will be celebrated at the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre on Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. The evening will begin with a program of entertainment at the Lennoxville United Church Hall. Stories, poetry, music and readings by women. Following the entertainment, we will return to the Women's Centre, next door, for refreshments and lively conversation. All women of the Eastern Townships are invited to join us for this celebration. For information call 564-6626 or drop by (9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) at 151A Queen Street, Lennoxville (rear of Lennoxville Furniture store).

AYER'S CLIFF
Advance notice. There will be a Roast Beef Supper in Beulah United Church Hall, Ayer's Cliff on Saturday, March 21 at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets only. For information and reservations please call 838-5603 or 838-4953. Sponsored by Beulah United Church Stewards. Everyone welcome.

BULWER
Pat and Dave and the "singing friends" will hold a Variety Show in the Community Center on Friday, March 13 at 8 p.m.

BURY
Pat Hurley and Dave Donnaachie along with their "singing friends" will have "The Irish Sounds" at St. Paul's Home on Saturday, March 14 at 2 p.m.

RICHMOND
A social evening will be held at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, March 11, at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Rebekah Lodge, Olive Branch No. 9. Prizes and lunch. Everyone welcome.

SHERBROOKE
Tuesday, March 10 is Sherbrooke Hospital Day at Au Bon Marché. Don't forget to take advantage of the bargains at this popular store on that date and help out the Sherbrooke Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary at the same time.

MELBOURNE RIDGE
A sugar social at the Melbourne Ridge Church Hall on Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Coffee and doughnuts to be served. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend. Also door prizes included. Sponsored by the Church Stewards.

NORTH HATLEY
Advance notice. The "May Fair" will be held at the North Hatley School on Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be baking, crafts, games, rummage sale, books and a white elephant table. Fun for all.

LENNOXVILLE
The Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary, Unit 318, Lennoxville will hold their monthly meetings on Wednesday, March 11 at 8 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

LENNOXVILLE
The annual St. Pat's Day Celebrations will be held at the A.N.A.F. "The Hut", Unit 318, Lennoxville on Saturday, March 14. Everyone welcome.

RICHMOND
There will be a general meeting of the Richmond Quebec Farmers' Association at the St. Francis School on Wednesday, March 11 at 8 p.m. Tim Keenan will show his slides of Europe. Lunch. Everyone welcome.

LENNOXVILLE
Card party on Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m., 500 and Bridge, with a lunch, at the Masonic Hall, 2 Belvidere Street, Lennoxville.

NORTH HATLEY
Advance notice. A Rummage Sale will be held at the Community Center, Capelton Road, on May 2 and 3. Sponsored by the Hatley Centre W.I. Donations of articles and clothing will be appreciated and can be left at the hall on Friday, May 1.

BULWER
The Bulwer Q.F.A. meets at the Bulwer Community Center on Thursday, March 12 at 8:30 p.m. A video on the "Amish and their Customs" will be shown. All welcome. Pot-luck lunch.

This column accepts items free of charge announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to THE RECORD, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Que. J1H 5L6, be signed and include telephone number of person forwarding the notice. Telephone requests cannot be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

Obituary

DORIS ROYEA of Richmond, Vermont
On February 22, 1992, Doris Royea passed away at the Fanny Allan Hospital, Colchester, Vermont, in her 89th year. She was the daughter of the late Mary Elizabeth Dean and George Killen.

Doris, in her younger years had many odd jobs, one of which was at the former St. Helen's College in Dunham. Then she met Lester Royea and they were united in marriage on April 19, 1924 in Dunham, Que. Of this union there were five sons.

During their married life Doris and Lester lived in the Freightsburg, St. Armand, Pigeon Hill, and Highwater area. They both worked very hard to make a living for their family all through their lifetime. From Highwater they moved to Richmond, Vermont where they lived on Hardwood Hill for many years, raising animals, and caretakers of cemeteries, to name a few of the many occupations they tried their hand at.

After the death of Lester, Doris sold her home and decided to make a move to Florida to be near her son Basil and his wife Winnie. Later she purchased a trailer of her own near her son's and enjoyed her lifestyle (bingo, shopping, etc...) and of course making many long time friends.

She would return to Vermont for the summer months and to her enjoyment make her rounds of visiting family and friends in Canada and the U.S.A. Finally she sold her trailer and decided to come back to Vermont and make her home with her son Cecil in Richmond, Vermont.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her sons: Cecil (Christine), Richmond, Vt., Basil (Winnie), Orange, Fla., Stuart (Emma), Wales, Mass., Cedric (Marylyn), Barre, Vt., a daughter-in-law Sandra, Clinton, Conn. She was predeceased by her son Alvin in 1990. She also leaves 31 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, her brothers, George (Harry) Killen, Montreal, Robert Killen (Lorraine), Bedford, Que., sisters, Lucy Shepard, West Brome, Alice St. Jean (Jean), Bedford, Que., several nieces and nephews, four sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law.

Doris was predeceased by her brothers and sisters, John Killen, Elsie Killen, Dorothy Proctor, Anna Proctor, Helen Lapointe, Mable Proctor, Merle Best, Myles Killen.

At the request of the deceased there was no visitation. Burial will take place at a later date in the Abbotts Corner Cemetery. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved this wonderful lady.

High Forest

Alice Wilson 889-2932
Roland and Theda Lowry were Sunday dinner guests of Garth and Marcia Lowry at Brookside, Birchton to celebrate Roland's birthday. Present also were John and Christine Robinson, Jody, Kristopher, and Katie, also Kent and Lynda Lowry and baby Carlyne.

Malcolm and Doreen Fraser of Cookshire visited the Lowrys one evening and another evening Roland and Theda visited Archie and Betty Moore, Robert Road, Lennoxville.

Births
HOLLIDAY — Jessica announces with much pleasure the arrival of brother Philip at 16:59 on January 18, 1992 at the C.H.U., weighing 8 lbs. 15 ozs., measuring 21¼ inches. Proud parents are Gary and Lynne (Duval). Second grandchild for Mildred Holliday. Thirteenth great-grandchild for Clara Robinson.

PATRICK — Chris and Maureen (nee Cant) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Kate Marie, 6 lbs. 13 oz., on January 30, 1992 at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cant of Dorval and Mrs. Jacqueline Patrick of Lennoxville.

Card of Thanks
BEERWORTH — We wish to express our deepest thanks to all those who sent flowers, cards, donations and expressions of sympathy in memory of our dear wife and mother, Mary Louise Beerworth. Special thanks to the clergy, priests, bearers, U.C.W. and A.C.W. groups, Masonic Lodges, Canadian Legion. **STANLEY & ROBERT BEERWORTH BETTY & SANDRA BEAUMONT**

Hatley

Mrs. W. Cutler
The Sunday School pupils and teachers entertained the congregation of the United Church to a pancake brunch following the morning service on March 1st.

Néomi Lavoie of Montreal spent the school break with her father Christian and Mrs. Lavoie and two little boys.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Stoddard spent several days in the Ottawa area visiting members of their family. They were accompanied home by Roland Bowen who had spent two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Clyne and Tara.

Open House was held at the Hatley Library one Sunday morning recently when parents and children had a chance to visit. The library is open every Saturday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. and the executive of the association is very pleased with the number of people who are patronizing it.

Valerie Locke and Sue Turner attended the NFB film "The Company of Strangers" at Centennial Theatre, Bishop's University on February 24.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Turner were her parents from Toronto accompanied by her aunt from Winnipeg and her sister and family of Ottawa.

Becky Drew accompanied her friend Krista McGregor of Sherbrooke to Charlottetown, P.E.I. area for the school break.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Miller have returned home from a holiday in Arizona where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Deane Scott who live there during the winter months. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Sabey, Twin Falls, Idaho and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Scott of Walkerton, Ont. The family had a fantastic time together sight seeing, reminiscing, sharing lots of laughter and listening to good old country music. Deane, Gertrude and Dale Scott send warm greetings to their friends at home in Quebec. Enroute home the Millers spent a weekend with their son Mitchell and daughter Elizabeth and their families in the Grande Prairie area of Alberta.

Deaths
DUBE, Melesse — At the Domaine de la Sapiniere, East Angus on Sunday, March 8, 1992. Melesse Lefebvre in her 93rd year, beloved wife of the late Walter Dube of Cookshire. Dear mother of Lionel, Estelle Fortier, Therese Thibault and Helene Dube. Cherished grandmother of 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Resting at L.O. Cass & Son Ltd. Funeral Home, 50 Craig St., Cookshire, where friends may call on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service will be held at St. Camille Church, Cookshire on Wednesday, March 11, 1992 at 2 p.m. Spring interment in St. Camille Cemetery.

In Memoriam
MURRAY — In memory of Garnet Ray Murray. It doesn't seem a year ago. It seems like yesterday. February 16 came and went. You would have turned 42. Still much too young to go. With so much left to do. To see your sons grow from boys to men. For them to know you better. So much left unsaid. Remembered and missed by wife,

MONIQUE
sisters, **ETHEL, NORMA, KATHERINE, HAZEL and JEAN**
brothers, **KEN, MAX, ALBERT, BILLY and**
EVY

MURRAY, Garnet Ray — In loving memory of a dear brother who passed away March 10, 1991. Deep in our hearts. Your memory is kept. To love, to cherish. And never forget. Forever loved and sadly missed by sister

ETHEL
brother-in-law **LESLIE AND FAMILY**

Knowlton

Edna Badger
Mr. and Mrs. John Badger, Kaitlin and Joshua of Van-kleek, Ont., spent a weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Randy Bat-tley recently.

In the recent item in last week's paper (re Brome Branch #23 officers installed) the name of Miss Margaret Pille was inadvertently omitted. Margaret was installed as Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary. While the Auxiliary shares the Senior Branch President and Secretary they still have their own Treasurer. My apologies.

St. Paul's Church will be having special Sunday night services during the Lenten period ending in a special mission during Holy Week. If you are interested in these, why not come along?

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Deaths
GRIFFIN, Lewis — At the Sherbrooke Hospital on Sunday, March 8, 1992, beloved husband of the late Margaret Spottiswood in his 86th year. Dear father of June (Gerald), Donald (Mary), David (Caroline), Gordon (Mag-gie) and Russell. Loving grandfather of 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Resting at the L.O. Cass & Son Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, where the funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 11 at 2 p.m., the Rev. Keith Dickerson officiating, followed by cremation. Visitation on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. only and from 1:30 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday. If friends so desire, donations to the Wales Home will be gratefully acknowledged.

MACLEOD, Donald Dunn — Suddenly at the Ottawa Civic Hospital on Monday, March 9, 1992 in his 54th year. Son of Grace MacLeod Rider and the late William G. MacLeod. Dear father of Linda (Frank). Dear friend of Joan Matt. Brother of Anne (Mrs. Murray Down), James (Gloria), Dale (Valerie), Eric (Karen), and the late Grant. For further information, call L.O. Cass & Son Ltd. at (819) 564-1750.

Card of Thanks
HEATH — Our most sincere thanks to friends and family for their support and thoughtfulness during the sudden loss of our dear husband and father, Russell Heath. We appreciate the food, cards, flowers and for the donations made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Quebec. Your kindness will always be remembered.
GERALDINE (wife) FRANCIS, DAVID, SANDRA, AND FAMILIES

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Lennoxville Night at the club and all enjoyed hearing an interesting speaker and author

February 26 was Lennoxville Night and it got off to a noisy start. President Russ banged his gavel at 6:28 and was immediately greeted with shouts of "You're early", "It's not 6:30 yet." Russ had the mike (that makes him louder than them) and explained that the Secretary had reported him three minutes late in starting last meeting and he was just trying to make up some of the lost time.

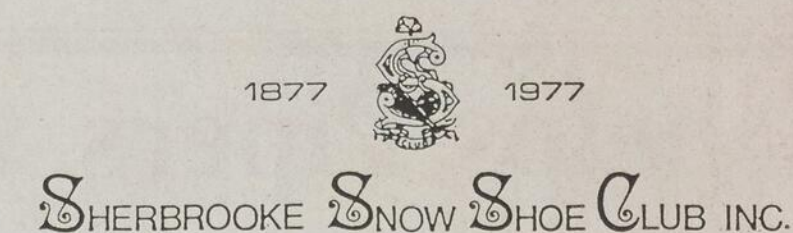
First on the program (even before supper), President Russ introduced our special guests here from Lennoxville to represent the old home town. They were — Murray Ward of Ward's Motors, Lucy Driscoll of the Doghouse and George & Gerry & Terry of the Lennoxville Fire Department (We don't light fires — we put-

tem out). So as not to strip Lennoxville of all its protection, only those four were allowed out for supper at the Club. President Russ thanked Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Martel, Mr. McNab and Terry (Nobody calls him Mr. Beattie) for adding a little class to our meeting.

The two lady guests received a corsage, Bill Lyon pinned Lucy and Clint Willard did Madelene (more about her later).

President Russ then had us all rise for a moment of silent prayer for the speedy recovery of our Secretary Rollie Dewar who has had a severe heart attack.

Solon Barnes was asked to give the blessing, and with the food blessed, the White Knights



who are now experienced (?) waiters had the soup on the table in no time. Then came meat balls swimming in gravy and while we still had tea or coffee or milk, Angus proposed the Governor General's Toast to the Queen and Canada. So with the inner man well stuffed, we leaned back while the members introduced their guests. Some were from as far away as Lennoxville.

Sing-song time came with Irving at the piano and Grant and Cec urging us to sing with gusto.

Nobody knew who gusto was, so we sang anyway. Irving played well tonight, his baby got two what one might call awards tonight. The Club Choir received a framed photograph from Knowlton and a certificate of appreciation from Lennoxville. They are

getting famouser and famouser!

With Secretary Rollie in the hospital Fred had to come out of retirement to take the minutes. There will be lots of errors and omissions next week. Rollie is a hard act to follow, he never missed a thing.

Tonight we welcomed another new member — Eddie Nelson will swell the ranks of the White Knights.

Our guest speaker, Madelene Allen (the save our Post Office Allen) was thoroughly introduced by Russ. Madelene, in a hu-

morous vein, told us about the unfunny difficulties an adopted child can have trying to find its birth parents. Her book "Reunion" will tell all the ways not to do it, as well as where to go to get help. Everyone sat very quiet, it was interesting. Grant Sheltus said thanks and gave Madelene a copy of the Club history to answer her question of how the Club has lasted 115 years.

Submitted by
Fred Hicks,
Honorary President
and Acting Secretary

St. James Guild holds regular meeting

FOSTER — The February 12th meeting of St. James Ladies Guild was entertained by Doreen Gibbs at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

The Vice-president, Frances Johnson, opened the meeting at 2 p.m. by welcoming members and leading in prayer. There were no visitors.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer gave her report.

The corresponding secretary reported sympathy cards sent to Mr. and Mrs. Bouchard and Josie Curtiss. There was no report from the work convenor.

The guild to supply pies for the Brome-Shefford deanery supper to be held at St. Luke's in Waterloo on Tuesday February 18.

The March 11th meeting will

be hosted by Josie Curtiss at her apartment in Bromont.

The lucky draw was won by Doreen Gibbs.

Frances moved the meeting adjourn, seconded by Josie Curtiss.

Following the benediction, refreshments were served by Doreen. She was thanked by Frances and seconded by all present.

Student presents interesting program of slides depicting life in the James Bay area

By Alice Whitcher

FOSTER — Terri Coulson, daughter of Ted and Dot Coulson of Knowlton, a student at Champlain C.G.E.P., Lennoxville, presented at the Creek and Knowlton United Churches, slides of pictures she

had taken during her five-day trip last November to the James Bay area. This was during the Sunday service of February 23rd.

This trip was organized by the Bishop's-Champlain campus with two of the professors, Jackie Hyman and her husband accompanying the five students. Jackie basically initiated the trip as she has a friend in the James Bay area who helped with arrangements there. The purpose of the visit was non-political; but to find out first-hand of the culture and way of life of the Cree and how the Hydro-Quebec has affected their life style and the environment.

Air fare and lodging was provided by the Cree and the flight was in a plane of the Creebec Airline. The students were bilitated with Cree families so they could learn about family life and their culture. They ate with the families and did some of the things the Cree do, such as cutting evergreen boughs to weave into carpets for the teepee floors which make it warm and soft. Some of the group went trapping and spent time in the bush with their guides.

They visited the large Hydro-Quebec power station and one slide pictured the sign posted on the fence to remind visitors to use ear protection because of the very loud humming noise. This is so loud it can be heard long distances; therefore, it is driving all wild animals away.

Also, the heavy voltage power lines which seem to be everywhere are shunned by the wild animals. One man said that there used to be an abundance of game animals in his hunting territory but now he has seen only one lone, weak, sickly animal.

Terri had a picture of one of the rivers that would be made to flood this area if James Bay 2 materializes. It is a beautiful, peaceful, serene landscape in its natural state and it seems too bad to think of it all covered with water and ice!

Many of the slide pictures were of the bush and out-of-doors scenes. These pictures have been compiled into slides to show to schools, churches and other interested groups with the hope that it will bring more awareness of the Cree situation. Many in the Mansonville/South Bolton and West Hill area surely remember the time an area south of South Bolton was to become flooded and how adverse the thought was of that beautiful countryside being under water!

There was a fairly good attendance at both churches. The children were interested and asked questions, as well as the adults. The congregation thanked Terri most sincerely for giving of her precious hours at home on the weekend to show these slides and to comment upon them so interestingly. Well done, Terri, and thank you.

Women's Institute meeting

BELVIDERE — This branch met for the last time at Mickie Povey's, 40-B Park, Lennoxville at 2 p.m. We were supposed to be finished in December, but the program read January.

President Jessie Moore opened with the Collect and Salute to the Flag. The hostess and members supplying some refreshments were thanked. Roll Call answered by seven members.

Secretary Mickie Povey read the last minutes which were approved. Treasurer Irene Paige gave her report, everything was taken care of, no outstanding bills.

Secretary and Treasurer gave their yearly reports, seconded by Dorothy Montgomery. The Convenors' reports were given earlier.

Correspondence: Thank-you letters read from L.E. School, AGRH School and Canadian Cancer Society for donations, greeting cards sent in early December to all branches.

Our sixteen card table covers, gavel and flag were decided who should have them, if other branches could use them.

From the Pens of E.T. Writers, Mr. Carl Mayhew, Ayer's Cliff, sent to the Record, "The Ten Days of Christmas" which was read and enjoyed.

Belvidere W.I. members met at homes first, then in the W.I. Room at the Lennoxville Town Hall, and at the C.L.S.C. building in town, back to private homes where everything was so convenient and very comfortable. We appreciated all the meeting places as many changes occurred.

Question was travelling, some made the meetings, quite expensive and others had health problems. Now members can join other branches and less work.

Mickie Povey
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The Christmas Club met with Mrs. Reta Downes on Tuesday, February 25 with a perfect attendance. The evening was spent playing 500 with Mrs. Ona Gilbert and Mrs. Laura Fleury winning prizes. Lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Grayce Betts won a prize by being served with the marked cup. The next meeting with Mrs. Laura Fleury on March 10.



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