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Chernobyl Children are Returning ...

by Paulina Grant

Again this summer, some children from Chausey, Belarus are returning to Canada. Last summer, 300 children ranging in age from 8 to 11 came to Canada and were hosted by families all across the country. This summer, Canadians will be welcoming approximately 360 children.

The host families and volunteers of the Eastern Townships area of Quebec have begun fundraising. There are quite a number of costs incurred in bringing the children over from Belarus, which include airfare, health insurance, dental work while the children are here, as well as everyday expenses.

Chausey, Belarus was one of the areas severely affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster which took place in 1986.

Last summer there were eight host families here in the Eastern Townships. This summer, we expect there to be fourteen host families who will welcome sixteen children.

We are told that, if these children receive six weeks of clean air, uncontaminated food and water, their chances of developing some form of



cancer are greatly reduced.

It must take great courage and faith for the Russian parents to consent to their children coming to Canada. Six weeks is quite a length of time for a child to be away from his or her parents and vice versa.

The most significant barrier is communication within our group. There is no one with a familiarity with Belarussian or Russian. The children are escorted to Canada by a translator who spends the six weeks in the Eastern Townships divided among the host families, where he helps with the translating while he is there, but how wonderful it would be to have a way of communicating verbally the rest of the time. Certainly, the children and families manage to communicate somewhat through hand signals and eventually mutually familiar words.

Future fundraisers we would like to see unfold are a Casino Night, a 'Snowball' Tournament [which is baseball in the snow, perhaps wearing snowshoes to complicate matters], as well as a used book and record sale.

The response from the families that hosted these children last summer was very positive and many look forward to another summer to be shared with these very special children.

We were very fortunate

last summer to have had two dentists donate their services to the children. The condition of many of these children's teeth is not good, because of what they have been exposed to. The kindness of the dentists was very much appreciated.

Also, the children returned to Russia with a large amount of vitamins and medical supplies which are very much in demand and needed.

All of the children were delighted to return home with a brand new pair of winter boots which were donated by a boot manufacturer in Acton Vale.

Anyone who would like to donate anything to help these victims of Chernobyl may do so by contacting Lee Hogle at [514] 532-2979 or c/o Box 661, Richmond, Quebec J0B 2H0.

A response from someone with a knowledge of written or oral Belarussian or Russian would be greatly appreciated.

It is our hope that this project will continue to grow. Interest has been expressed from many parts of Quebec. The seed of hope that has been planted with the courageous act of these families in Belarus by sending their young children so far from home, combined with the generous support of Canadians here, may someday bear surprising fruit. In this world of the global village, a sharing and helping across different cultures can but enrich us all.



Why seek ye the living among the dead?

He is Risen.

Luke 24, 5 and 6

Literary Award to Bishop's College School

Bishop's College School's student literary magazine, *Inscape*, has received a 'Highest Award' rating in the 1994 Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines, sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Although the School had received a Superior rating for the past four years, this is the first time that *Inscape* has merited the Highest Award. Bishop's College School is one of forty-one schools in twenty states and the only one in Canada to win this prestigious award.

Catherine Evans, Faculty Advisor and English teacher at Bishop's College School, said there was great excitement amongst the students who are just now sending the 1995 *Inscape* to press. Mrs. Evans will be contacting last year's Editors, Katharine Cross and Krystyna Kouri, with the news of the 1994 award. These students were 7th Formers last year and are now away at university. This year's Editors are Lucy Gray-Donald, Meredith Fraser and Lewis Hong.

Catherine Evans says she is proud of the literary and artistic content of *Inscape*, as well as the hard work of the students in preparing the magazine, which includes their own computer layout.

The National Council of Teachers of English sets the criteria for the awards on a basis of a maximum of 100 points with quality of content at 50 points, kinds of writing at 15 points, editing and proofreading at 15 points, design/artistic aspects at 10 points, front matter and pagination at 5 points, and type of production at 5 points.

There were 861 magazines submitted in 1994. To have won the Highest Award of the National Council of Teachers of English is indeed an honour.

Congratulations to Bishop's College School on *Inscape's* success.

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Letters to the Editor

The following letter was received from Nyack College, addressed to Harry Brown, and printed with his permission:

Dear Rev. Brown,

Recently I was sent a copy of your article which was printed in the commentary section of *The Township's Sun*, December 1994. Your article was entitled 'The Present is Holy Ground.'

I was so pleased to read the commentary you presented and also to notice you are an alumnus of Nyack College having received a degree in theology.

I want to express the gratitude of our college to you for representing us so well in the public school sector. We are always proud to find out that our graduates are serving so effectively in important places. Keep up the good work.

David E. Schroeder, Ed.D.
President
Nyack College
Nyack, NY

Dear Editor,

Keep up the good work!
**Helen Little
Beebe, QC**

Dear Editor,

Keep up the good work. I particularly like the stories.
**Marjorie Powers
North Hatley, QC**

Dear Editor,

I like your paper, keep it up.
**Mary Wilson
Magog, QC**

Dear Editor,

Appreciated the information on the Sovereignty Commission Briefs. Pat's Editorial was very much to the point as well.

**Jean Lovelace
Kingston, ON**

Dear Editor,

Always enjoy the *Sun*, especially the Historical articles. Best wishes for your continued success.

**Peggy Marshall
Montreal, QC**

Dear Editor,

The *Sun* is an interesting bit of the Townships which keep us all 'family'.

**Carlotta Perkins
Sherbrooke, QC**

Dear Editor,

Soon Quebecers will be voting in the referendum on sovereignty. I'm writing to tell you that I hope Quebecers will vote to stay in Canada. There can be no denying that our partnership in confederation has been a long, hard road. There have been misunderstandings and sometimes anger between us but we have shared much more than this and I am proud that Quebec has been an integral part of Canada.

While federal and provincial politicians are busy filling up the front pages, I wish to quietly tell you that I want you to stay.

**Kenneth A. Dykeman
Peterborough, ON**

Dear Editor,

Herewith payment for another year of enjoyable reading. I was born and brought up in Coaticook and your paper keeps me in touch with 'news from home'.

Wishing you continued success.

**Ted Brennand
Ottawa, ON**

Dear Editor,

I enjoy each issue of the *Townships Sun* which was sent to me by my mother, Beulah Knutson. It is a pleasure to read articles by friends and former schoolmates. Keep up the good work.

**Connie [Knutson] Janes
Oshawa, ON**

Dear Editor,

I am trying to contact descendants of the Mc/MacCallum family who settled in Tabusintac, New Brunswick and near Percé, Gaspé and Matapédia, Quebec.

We are planning a family reunion at the Gaspesian British Heritage Centre in New Richmond, Quebec. In order not to conflict with anniversary celebrations of the church in Bridgeville, Quebec, we are changing the date of the Mc/MacCallum reunion to July 11 through to July 14, 1995. For those who have received letters, please note change of date.

For those who have descended from these early pioneers in Canada and have not been contacted, please write to me at Box 395, New Richmond, Quebec G0C 2B0 for more information.

**Joan B. Dow
New Richmond, Quebec**

Dear Editor,

I have just read your March editorial, 'Parti Québécois Adrift?' and it is excellent in almost every respect. But, if I may be so bold as to challenge one of its assertions, I hope you'll consider my contention that it contains one small but vital flaw. This is not to single out *The Sun*, for every criticism of the PQ Draft Bill on sovereignty that I've read makes what I think is the same error. And that is that it misinterprets the bill's section on citizenship.

While it cannot be denied that the draft bill reads 'Que-
Continued on Page 8

This letter was received from Daniel J. Macfarlane of Braeceptintully Farm in Huntingdon, Quebec, in response to Gladys Mackey Beattie's review of the book, *When the School Horse was King*.

Dear Ms. Beattie,

I have just read your review of *When the School Horse was King* and would certainly like to read the book. As you suggest, I am quite sure that there must be many tales of school horses in and around the Townships and I don't believe that there is anybody better qualified than yourself to compile such a book. As a starter, I am sending you a brief account of my own experiences. I am also enclosing a picture of Nellie in her older years semi-retired. She weighed 425 pounds.

It was in the 1920's that my sister and I went to the old 'River Bank School' on what is now Route 138 in the Township of Godmanchester. We had to travel about two miles to get there. At first we walked, but then our father bought us a Shetland pony with a cart and sleigh. There was a shed

back of the school where Nellie could be tied when the weather was warm, but in cold weather she was stabled in a neighbour's barn.

We would also pick up two of our neighbour's boys; however, when we reached the bridge over Trout River, Nellie would stop at the approach and would refuse to go on up the grade until two kids got off. Then she would proceed and when we got on the bridge then they could get on and we would go the rest of the way to school. We used the pony for two years. Then consolidation came about and we were picked up and taken to Huntingdon High School by bus in the summer and double sleigh in winter.

We kept Nellie on the farm until she died when she was thirty, which was a very sad day. I would add that she refused to be ridden and many a kid found this out to their sorrow.

If you should decide to compile a book, feel free to edit the above anecdote as you see fit.

**Yours sincerely,
Dan Macfarlane**



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St. Patrick Activities with 'Pat & Dave'

by Pat Hurley

The week kicked off with Irish stew at Richmond-Melbourne 50+ Club March 13. A good attendance, a few laughs, and a lot of audience participation.

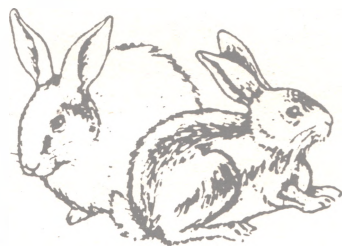
Tuesday afternoon was spent at the White House in Stanstead with good company and lots of Irish music.



Wednesday, Pat & Dave made a debut performance for the Day Centre at St. Joseph Foyer in Sherbrooke. About thirty people who come to the Day Centre gathered in the foyer alcove and were joined by another thirty or so residents of St. Joseph's. Pat & Dave were soon joined around the piano by numerous people who helped lead the singing. Not to be outdone, Eileen Curran, nurse in charge of the day centre program, also got into the act.

Thursday, Pat & Dave attended a chicken dinner for Quebec Government Pensioners at Motel La Reserve. The delicious dinner was followed by a musical menu of Irish music organized by Teresa Qu'enech'ndu.

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, found Pat & Dave eating Irish stew served by staff and volunteers at Youville Hospital. Although we're not sure, we believe that this is around the twelfth year that Pat & Dave have made a visit to Youville Hospital, and that's no BLARNEY. The meal was followed by Irish music and a sing-a-long with everyone REALLY singing along.



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National Wildlife Week was created in 1947 to raise awareness among Canadians about wildlife and wildlife conservation. Each year, a different theme is chosen for NWW. This year's theme, 'Wildlife — Yours to Recover', reminds us that everyone should make an effort to support wildlife and habitats that are at risk.

There are 258 species at risk in Canada and in need of recovery efforts. To date, sixteen recovery plans have been developed by The Recovery of Nationally Endangered Wildlife in Canada [RENEW] committee whose job is to prioritize and identify species in trouble and develop recovery plans for these species.

Presently, RENEW has approved and developed plans for the Burrowing Owl, Baird's Sparrow, Roseate Tern, Greater Prairie-Chicken, Whooping Crane, Loggerhead Shrike, Marbled Murrelet, Gaspésie Caribou, Vancouver Island Marmot, Ferruginous Hawk, Piping Plover, Newfoundland Pine Martin, Peregrine Falcon, Henslow's Sparrow and the Harlequin Duck [Eastern population].

Georgeville Christmas Bird Count 1994

by Peter Landry

The weather for the seventeenth count was beautiful and warm for the time of year. It was a real pleasure to go down to the lakeshore and to take your time in carefully scoping the lake for birds, of which there were not large numbers. Most of the gulls were seen by Peggy Smith near her cottage, a bit south of Molson Island on Lake Memphremagog, between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. when she saw forty-seven heading south in groups of four or five. Few others were seen during the day. As the ice floe-edge was only a little to her south, the gulls were likely heading to a landfill in Vermont, having spent the night on the open water safe from predators. If you know of any likely site, you might tell me about it, as I am interested to know where they might have been heading.

Why not find out if there are any species at risk in your province or community? If you're not sure, contact CWF for a list of endangered species along with ideas on what you can do to help them.

If you're looking for new ideas, CWF can help. Call the National Wildlife Week Hotline tollfree at 1-800-563-WILD or write to: Canadian Wildlife Federation, National Wildlife Week Kit, 2740 Queensview Drive, Ottawa, ON K2B 1A2.

It was so calm on the week of the count that multi-grandmother Kay Leslie went scouting by canoe with her granddaughter Alexandra. From their bay, up from Lord's Island, they saw ten Common Mergansers. Also seen on the lake the day of the count, were four or five fishing boats. This was a first.

There were lots of birds around the area with the number of individuals up 80% over last year. Nevertheless, that favourite at the feeder, the Evening Grosbeak, hit an all time low of sixty-eight, this after an all time low last year of one hundred and five. Not to worry, these wanderers [Grosbec errant, in French] have likely found some better area for food, far from us. Hopefully we'll be favoured later in the winter, or next year.

In comparison to the Evening Grosbeak's low numbers, there were record highs for eight species: Pileated Woodpecker [this year:6/previous high:5], American Crow [328/142], Golden-crowned Kinglet [7/4], Starling [321/171], Purple Finch [249/75], House Finch [14/1], Pine Siskin [143/98], American Goldfinch [460/289].

Feeder counts were low. However, larger than normal numbers of finches were out feeding naturally in the woods and the fields. A flock of one hundred Pine Siskins worked Camber Road feeding in the conifers, while a band of one hundred and fifty Purple Finches was seen near Owl's Head. Numerous other finch groups were also seen in the region away from feeders. The large number of finches was partially a reflection of the mildness of the weather, while the low number at feeders reflected the accessibility of

food in the wild. The birds really prefer natural food, when it is available.

Also interesting was the complete absence of Common Redpolls, which only last year were here in record high numbers. This was not just true of Georgeville, but, as Peter Whelan reported in his weekly column in *The Globe and Mail*, on Christmas Bird Counts across the country: 'the most obvious national trend was a shortage of Redpolls, which apparently stayed home on the Arctic tundra. Algonquin Park, Ontario, had not a one, and only four Pine Grosbeaks [our exact number also], but it swarmed with other winter finches'.

There was an adult Bald Eagle on the east side of Lake Memphremagog during the week of the count, but no one actually spotted it. Terry Mills saw it opposite Owl's Head on December 24, when it flew back and forth in front of him, barely seventy-five feet away. Sarah Hoblyn and Rache Oatley saw it January 4 flying quite low over the Hoblyn's house on the southern edge of Georgeville, as it headed down towards the lake. They were attracted towards it by Ravens calling in complaint as the eagle passed. It was seen again on January 28 by Jean-Paul Clermont as it sat in a tree down on the Elephant Barn Road. The lake was still open at the time, which makes sense, as the eagle seems to need open water where it can find food. After all, the Bald Eagle is a sea-eagle and should properly be called the Bald Sea-Eagle, like its cousin the Steller's Sea-Eagle from Japan.

Thanks to one and all for your efforts in making this yet another successful count.



MICHELLE NADEAU

Me ROBERT L. O'DONNELL Avocat

is proud to announce to the population of Richmond and surrounding area that Mme Michelle Nadeau has joined his team in the capacity of legal secretary.

Michelle has extensive experience in the fields of commercial law, real estate, succession and drafting of legal procedures. She has thirteen years of experience in the legal field having worked for Notaries André Grégoire and René Thibault.

Fully involved in her community, Michelle has been President/Founder of the Richmond Library, Director of the Comité Domrémy of Richmond, Commissioner on the Commission des loisirs de Richmond, Member of C.P.I.R., Member of the Comité des concerts des Amis de la Musique, President of the Tournoi national atome Mousquiri de Richmond. Michelle is still one of the guiding spirits behind this prestigious tournament.

Michelle was named 'Personality of the Year 1988-89' by the Chamber of Commerce of Richmond-Melbourne.

Michelle continues to serve the population with honesty, integrity and courtesy.

Me ROBERT L. O'DONNELL

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Great Blue Heron	2	Golden-crowned Kinglet [+]	7
American Black Duck	5	Northern Shrike	2
Mallard	2	European Starling [+]	321
Common Goldeneye	15	Northern Cardinal	4
Common Merganser	31	American Tree Sparrow	33
duck, species	3	sparrow, species	6
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	Dark-eyed Junco	4
Ruffed Grouse	4	Snow Bunting	WOC
Ring-billed Gull	3	Pine Grosbeak	4
Herring Gull	2	Purple Finch [+]	249
gull, species	52	House Finch [+]	14
Rock Dove	426	Red Crossbill	WOC
Mourning Dove	58	Pine Siskin [+]	143
Downy Woodpecker	46	American Goldfinch [+]	460
Hairy Woodpecker	43	Evening Grosbeak [-]	68
Black-backed Woodpecker	WOC	House Sparrow	127
Pileated Woodpecker [+]	6		
woodpecker, species	1		
Blue Jay	247	Total Individuals	3357
American Crow [+]	328	Total species	35
Common Raven	11	Total observers	89
Black-capped Chickadee	664		
Red-beasted Nuthatch	24	Peter Landry [compiler]	
White-breasted Nuthatch	34	Katharine Mackenzie [organizer]	

[+] = Record high no. of individuals [species] 8

[-] = Record low no. of individuals [species] 1

WOC = Observed only Week of Count [species] 3

Common species missed 0

New to count [Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red Crossbill] 2

Winter Birds

by Robert W. Hall

The following is a list of birds seen at feeders in the areas indicated.

Brompton: Black-Capped Chickadees, American Goldfinches, House Sparrows, Tree Sparrows, Starlings, Mourning Doves and Red-Winged Blackbird. Marion Greenlay also reported seeing a Loggerhead Shrike and six Gray Partridges near her home.

Georgeville: Black-Capped Chickadees, American Goldfinches, Blue Jays, White-Breasted Nuthatches, Tree Sparrows, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, Evening Grosbeaks, Purple Finches and Crows.

Huntingville: Black-Capped Chickadees and American Goldfinches.

Kingsbury: Black-Capped Chickadees, Mourning Doves, American Goldfinches, Blue Jays, House Sparrows, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, Juncos, Crows and Purple Finches.

Lennoxville: Cardinals, Black-Capped Chickadees, Mourning Doves, American Goldfinches, Blue

seeing a Starling with one leg and between 300 to 500 ducks of a variety of kinds in a cornfield when she was on the way to Coaticook.

Melbourne: Black-Capped Chickadees,

Blue Jays, Evening Grosbeaks, Grackles and Red-Winged Blackbirds.

North Hatley: Black-Capped Chickadees, Mourning Doves, American Goldfinches, Red-Winged Blackbirds, Blue Jays, Tree Sparrows and

Purple Finches. Ed Caron saw two female and two male Purple Finches. Gertrude Gagnon saw two Great Blue Herons flying over the Shopping Centre on Portland Boulevard in Sherbrooke. She also saw about 30 Brewer's

Blackbirds in North Hatley.

Sherbrooke: Jean Dillon reported that no birds had been coming to her feeders lately.

Thanks to those who have contributed to the above information. Your help is appreciated.



Jays, White Breasted Nuthatches, House Sparrows, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, Juncos, Crows, Starlings, Purple Finches, Pileated Woodpecker and Robins. Al Whitter saw a Robin on March 13, and Pat Gillam saw two Robins on March 15.

Martinville: Black-Capped Chickadees, Mourning Doves, Blue Jays, Tree Sparrows, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, Juncos, Crows, Starlings, Evening Grosbeaks, Snow Buntings, White-Winged Crossbill and Robins. Isabelle Echenberg saw the Robin on February 20, and also reported

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Problems in the past with accumulated surpluses have been overcome, and demand is rising both in Canada and abroad.

The maple products industry presents considerable

million and \$125 million, it is by far the world's leading producer of maple syrup.

Sales of Quebec maple syrup increased by 23% last year when a record 26 million kilograms were produced.

Exports are growing steadily with new trade opportunities in places such as Europe and Asia emerging. Maple syrup production now ranks as Quebec's fourth leading agri-food industry in

prices should not increase too quickly,' Lussier explains. The Fédération even negotiated a target price before this year's crop.

Due to the increased demand, producers will likely begin tapping more trees this year. It is expected that up to a million additional trees might be tapped, on top of the twenty million which are usually in production.

Marc Chénier, market development officer at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, says that 'if the maple products industry is to maintain its growth momentum, it will probably have to adopt a clear and well-defined market development strategy — and it should be able to achieve this shortly.'

Chénier points out that the federal Agri-Food Trade Opportunities Strategy offers support to business groups and associations to help them

Quebec Beekeepers

Did you know that Quebec has 893 beekeepers with a total of 31,579 colonies of bees? Quebec production of honey in 1993 rose to 1,857 tonnes at a value of 5.4 million dollars.

In the Eastern Townships, bees integrate marvelously into the environment of the region. Over 125 beekeepers own more than 4,000 colonies. The bees thrive on the local flowers to produce delicious perfumed honey. In return they contribute to productivity and to the ecological equilibrium of the region by pollinating flowers wherever they go. This pollination helps apple growers, strawberry and raspberry growers, as well as numerous other growers, to increase the quantity and quality of their products.

Most beekeepers in the Townships have only small aviaries, almost as a hobby. About a dozen do it for a living. It is here in the Townships, however, that one finds the most important producer of honey in the province and also the most important producer of queen bees. Most of the honey produced locally is sold in local stores or even on the farm itself. A variety of products is offered: cream honey, liquid honey, and honey candies, for example. Some specialize in the raising of bees and queen bees to sell. Others temporarily rent their colonies to other farmers to help with pollination. These professional services include the use of over 1,000 colonies. Some of the bee colonies are transported great distances, being used as far away as Lac St-Jean for blueberry growers.

What is Honey?

It all begins with the collection of nectar by the bees, a

sugar secreted by flowers. The bees do not collect nectar unless it contains at least 10% sugar. At the time of collection, which coincides with the period of pollination of flowers, some zealous bees make up to 25 trips per day, to an equivalent of more than 1,000 flowers. That is where the expression 'work like a bee' originates.

Bees transform the nectar by adding salivatory secretions which contain the enzyme invertase, which converts the sugar to glucose and fructose. The nectar is transformed and distributed throughout the hive. It is only when the nectar attains a sugar content of 50% that it is deposited by the bees in the hive walls. After a bit of evaporation, the honey is ready. To begin with, the honey is used to nourish the bees; but happily, humans have acquired this delicious natural taste.

Here are some tips for honey use. Given honey's superior sweetness, substitute 2/3 cups of honey for 1 cup of white sugar. Reduce oven temperature by 15°C [25°F] for pastry, muffins and quick breads because honey burns more rapidly. Adjust the cooking temperature accordingly. To avoid cooked on honey, oil dishes lightly or spray with a vegetable spray. If the recipe asks for oil and honey, measure the oil in a cup first. The honey measures more easily when it is warm. To keep honey, put it in hermetically sealed containers away from direct sunlight. Keep it cool to conserve aroma. Honey may also be kept frozen a long time. If honey becomes sugary, place container in a warm basin of water.



potential and the best is still to come,' says Claude Lussier of the Fédération des producteurs acéricoles du Québec.

For decades, sugar bushes were managed the old-fashioned way, usually to provide farmers with a little extra income; but those days are long gone. Maple syrup is now

terms of exports. To remain healthy, however, the industry will need to take advantage of these new markets.

Meanwhile, more maple syrup-based products are being developed and producers are also looking into improved packaging methods.

Since stocks are currently low and demand is ris-



develop and implement their marketing strategies, primarily focusing on export markets.

This type of partnership, geared to the development of trade opportunities for Canadian agri-food export products, could give the industry new impetus.

In the Eastern Townships, after many days of abnormally mild temperatures, maple producers are worried about this year's production. The forecast of a drop in temperatures has raised the hopes of producers, but if it stays over zero Celsius, maple production will be affected. The flavour of the syrup is not altered by low production, however, so the best advice may be to buy early in case production is limited this year.



big business.

Quebec has significant advantage over its competitors, including favourable climatic conditions and proximity to large consumer markets.

Accounting for more than 70% of total world production, with a value of between \$100

ing both in Canada and abroad, prices will likely rise this year. Lussier said the industry should monitor prices closely, though, so consumers aren't discouraged from buying.

'Production is geared to demand, which means that



Spring Recipes

Maple Poached Pears with Brie

6 6 large fresh pears
 1 cup 250 mL maple syrup
 1/2 cup 125 mL butter
 1 wedge 250 g Canadian Brie Cheese, cut into 12 wedges

Cut pears in half; peel. Core if desired. In large frypan, combine maple syrup and butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture boils and is smoothly combined. Add pear halves. Cover; reduce heat and simmer 10 min or until pears are tender, basting occasionally with syrup mixture. With slotted spoon remove pears; keep warm. Cook and stir syrup mixture over high heat until thickened as desired. To serve, place 2 pear halves and 2 wedges of Brie on each dessert plate. Spoon syrup mixture over all. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

Dairy Bureau of Canada

Danish Rice Pudding

Rice pudding is a popular comfort dessert for many nationalities. When raisins, cinnamon, mace and pistachios are added, it becomes *keskul* for Turkish families. Caribbean cooks make it with evaporated milk and pineapple. The Portuguese add a bit of lemon rind and cinnamon and call it *arroz dace*. Tradition, in Danish families, is that the person who finds the almond in their serving of this version will have a period of good luck.

2 cups 500 mL cooked long or short grain rice
 2 cups 500 mL 1 % milk
 1 tsp 5 mL almond extract
 — Equal Spoonful equivalent to 1/4 cup [50 mL] sugar
 2 cups 500 mL low calorie dessert topping
 1 1 whole almond
 — Raspberries or blueberries
 — Mint leaves

In saucepan, heat rice and milk over medium heat, stirring occasionally for about 15 minutes or until mixture is thick and creamy. Do not boil. Remove from heat. Stir in almond flavouring. Set aside to cool.

Sweeten to taste with Equal Spoonful. Fold dessert topping into cooled rice mixture. Stir in almond. Spoon into pudding bowl. Garnish with raspberries and mint leaves.

Makes 8 servings. Each serving: 1/8 of recipe = 1 Starch, 1/2 of 1 percent Milk, 1/2 Sugars, 1/2 Fats, 135 calories, 3 g total fat, 2 g saturated fat, 4 mg cholesterol, 4 g protein, 22 g carbohydrate, 43 mg sodium, 126 mg potassium.

Canadian Diabetes Association

Roast Leg of Lamb with Rosemary and Pastis

This dish is cooked anywhere in Provence where herbs grow wild. Whole heads of garlic roasted alongside the meat make the best accompaniment. Whether cooked outside on a spit or indoors in an oven, the meat is tender and aromatic.

1 medium-sized leg of lamb
 5 cloves garlic, or more according to taste
 Sprigs of wild thyme, oregano or marjoram, and rosemary
 Olive oil
 Salt, freshly ground pepper
 2/3 cup Pernod or other pastis
 Garnish: sprays of rosemary

Peel the cloves of garlic and cut each one into three or four slivers. Make small slits in the meat and slip the garlic with a leaf or two of the herbs into the slits. Brush the meat with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

Roast the lamb on a spit or in a roasting pan in a 350°F oven allowing 20 minutes per pound if you like your lamb pink, otherwise cook it longer until it is done to your taste. Allow the meat to rest in a warm place for 20 to 30 minutes, then pour off any surplus fat from the roasting pan.

Warm the pastis in a small pan or a metal ladle, set light to it and pour over the meat. Serve the lamb surrounded by sprays of rosemary, with roast potatoes basted with your favourite herb butter. Serve the juices from the pan separately in a bowl.

Note: To serve with roasted potatoes and garlic, parboil desired number of potatoes for 15 minutes. Drain well and place around lamb for entire roasting time. Brush occasionally with herb butter. Peel some of the loose outer skins from garlic; brush whole head with herb butter. Arrange in small baking pan and place in oven with lamb for last 30 minutes of roasting time.

Country Living April 1990

Double Chocolate Honey Ring

1/2 cup 125 mL butter or margarine, softened
 1 cup 250 mL honey
 3 3 eggs
 1 tsp 5 mL vanilla
 1 3/4 cups 425 mL all purpose flour
 1/2 cup 125 mL unsweetened cocoa powder
 2 tsp 10 mL baking powder
 1 tsp 5 mL salt
 1 tsp 5 mL baking soda
 1/2 cup 125 mL dairy sour cream
 1 cup 250 mL semi-sweet or white chocolate chips
 1/2 cup 125 mL chopped nuts, optional
 White Chocolate Glaze [recipe follows, optional]
 Additional unsweetened cocoa powder [optional]
 Edible blossoms [optional]



Cream butter in large bowl with electric mixer. Gradually add honey, beating until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition. [Mixture may appear slightly curdled.] Beat in vanilla. Combine flour, 1/2 cup [125 mL] cocoa, baking powder, salt and baking soda in small bowl. Add dry ingredients alternately with sour cream to butter mixture. Fold in chocolate chips and nuts. Pour batter into a greased 12-cup [3L] fluted tube pan.

Bake in preheated 325°F [160°C] oven 45 to 55 minutes, or until wooden toothpick inserted near centre comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely on wire rack. Glaze with White Chocolate Glaze; sprinkle with additional cocoa and garnish with blossoms, if desired. Makes about 12 servings.

White Chocolate Glaze

2 oz 60 g white chocolate [2 squares]
 2 tsp 10 mL milk

Melt chocolate in top of double boiler. Stir in milk. Drizzle glaze over cake with spoon.

Tip: Try this cake warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Canadian Honey Council



Herb Oils for Spring

Now that we can find sprigs of fresh herbs in the local market, making herb oil with a favourite herb is no longer out of the realm of possibility. Growing herbs on the windowsill makes the task even easier and more satisfying. The trick is to find the right combination of oil and herb to suit you.

The basic method is as follows: Put two to three short stems of herb into a bottle of vegetable oil. Leave in a warm place for two to four days. Strain into a fresh bottle and store the oil in a cool place until used.

For Basil Oil, add about twelve leaves of fresh basil to olive oil, to go with all vegetables and salads.

For Rosemary Oil, add two short sprigs of rosemary to sunflower or olive oil. Leave sprigs of rosemary in the oil if you wish. Use with endive and bean salads.

For Bay Oil, add six fresh bay leaves or three dried bay leaves to safflower oil. Dried bay leaves can be left immersed in the oil, fresh ones should be removed. Good on all green salads.

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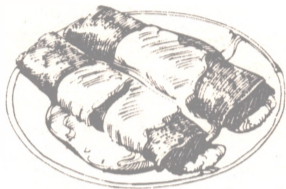
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Old Favorite Revisited

A recent trip to an old restaurant favourite revealed some decorating and menu changes at the Yildiz. Although thematically there are still Middle Eastern influences, some of the dark wood has yielded to white and blue paint which succeeds in brightening up a lovely location. The parking is limitless



even if you choose their popular Sunday brunch with the Yildiz trademark crepes.

We visited on a Friday at noon so were treated to a selection of 'plats du jour' which included a salad Yildiz, an asparagus crepe, steak haché, steak au poivre, meat loaf and pizza. These specials ranged in price from \$5.25 to \$7.95 and included soup and beverage. The regular menu includes all the crepes as well as standard Italian and North American food.

The asparagus crepe was nicely cooked and filled with



Letters

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bec citizenship may be held concurrently with citizenship of Canada or of any other country', it is wrong, I contend, to conclude that Mr. Parizeau either promises or implies that Quebec citizens would automatically retain Canadian citizenship. All that statement says, I believe, is that a separate Quebec would ALLOW a Quebecer to retain citizenship elsewhere if the other country went along. The PQ's Guide to Participation in the Commissions seems to clarify this position, at least enough to provide Mr. Parizeau an escape route should Canada revoke the citizenship of at least those people who opted for Quebec citizenship by supporting Mr. Parizeau's unilateral declaration of independence, which it almost certainly would. [And it seems to me that continued residency in a Quebec being, or pretending to be, a separate country and submission to



tender small shoots of asparagus. Hot carrots and peas, as well as a salad, were served on the platter. The Yildiz salad had a little of everything — artichoke, asparagus, ham, cheese cubes, tomato, carrots and a tasty ranch-type dressing served in a separate dish. Rolls and crackers along with the soup and beverage made this a filling and satisfying meal. One of us was brave enough to have dessert, a very good dessert crepe with real maple syrup at \$2.95!

The service was good, even for a Friday noon when it seems that everyone in Sherbrooke eats out. I understand that Sunday brunches are so popular that you have to beat the churchgoers if you don't like crowds. A dinner out at the Yildiz offers a large menu, but I'm thinking of one of the fancy crepes at \$7 to \$14 for my next venture.

Le Yildiz Restaurant
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Quebec laws, even against one's will, would constitute support of the U.D.I.]

Please accept that I make this point not to be argumentative but to caution anyone who might be tempted to think that his Canadian citizenship would be safe in a separate Quebec that it almost certainly would not be.

Don Healy
Melbourne, QC

Townships Tidings

Health Insurance Card Expiry Date

Many people are worried, upon receiving their Health Insurance Card, when they see that the expiry date in the lower right of the card begins with '00'.

The expiry date consists of the last two numbers for the year, followed by the numbers for the month.

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Renewal of the Guaranteed Income Supplement

As every year, all beneficiaries must renew their application for the Guaranteed Income Supplement of the Old Age Security program by filling out the form sent to them in January.

If their supplement is to be included in their Old Age Security cheque as of April 1995, seniors must complete their form and return it as soon as possible, but definitely before the end of March.

The Guaranteed Income Supplement is a monthly benefit paid to recipients of the Old Age Security pension whose income, apart from the basic pension, is limited.

For information, call the Income Security Programs office of Human Resources Development Canada in Sherbrooke at 564-5545 or 1 800 567-6965 toll free. The office is now located at 124, rue Wellington Nord.

No Raise in Subsidized Housing

The Minister of Municipal Affairs, Monsieur Guy Chevette, announced recently that the scale of rent for subsidized housing will not be increased as proposed by the Federal government.

It will be difficult, given the economic situation, to ask 100,000 Quebec households on low income who live in subsidized housing to contribute more, up to 25 or 30 percent, of their income. The law in Quebec specifies that no more than 25 percent of income should go for housing.

Arts Grants

The Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec will give \$3,342,875 in grant money to artists, professional associations and other organizations devoted to promoting visual arts.

In the Townships, Regroupement des artistes des Cantons-de-l'Est [Sherbrooke] receives \$65,800, and L'estampille, atelier d'art graphique [Dunham] receives \$15,200.

Winners of Eastern Townships Tourism Association

On March 21 the Eastern Townships Tourism Association revealed the regional winners of Les Grands Prix du tourisme estrien 1994-95. In addition, for the third consecutive year, the Gastronomy award, which is selected by the Société des alcools du Québec, was presented. The winners automatically are included in the provincial competition in May.

For Hospitality and Customer Service, the winner is Vignoble Le Cep d'Argent. The winner of the Development-Desjardins award is Val-Estours. Festival du Lac Mégantic won for Special Event; La Fete des Vendanges for Innovation; Centre culturel de l'Université de Sherbrooke for Promotion; Maison du tourisme régionale de l'Estrie for Public Corporation; Auberge La Boite à Festin for Small Business.

The Gastronomy Award went to Auberge Hatley. The Special Award from the Jury went to Musée du séminaire de Sherbrooke.

Violence Against the Elderly

The Minister of Health, Madame Diane Marleau, has announced a contribution to the project of 'Sensibilisation contre la violence envers les personnes âgées en Estrie', which aims to prevent abuse and negligence of the elderly.

Health Canada is contributing \$294,641 for the realization of the project.

Income Tax Deadline

Canadians will have an extra day to file th tax returns; until midnight May 1, 1995.

Valerie Courchesne

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Mystery & Happiness

by Kathleen Hanna

March, in the film industry, means only one thing: Oscars. The nominations are in and the ballots are being processed. The nominating committee, with its short attention span and even shorter memory, rarely picks films released at the beginning of the year, concentrating on the more recent releases. This year the committee had a particularly difficult time choosing candidates for the best and supporting actress categories. This dilemma was due to a striking lack of roles for women and the Academy was obliged to search its memory to come up with the required five nominations. One of those was given to Susan Sarandon for the movie *The Client*, released way back in February 1994.

Mark Sway and his brother Ricky live in a trailer park with their mother. The woods behind the park are off limits to the two young boys so naturally that is where they play when their mother leaves. They are learning how to smoke and Mark is guiding Ricky through the finer points of inhaling when a car drives up.

The thick brush hides the boys, who are curious to see what happens next. A man gets out of the car and connects a hose to the exhaust pipe, returns to the car and closes the window, trapping the other end of the hose. He is going to commit suicide. Mark decides to crawl to the car and pull the hose out of the exhaust pipe. Mark is caught by the man who locks the boys in the car. The man is a lawyer working for the mob who knows too much. He has decided to kill himself before someone else gets the chance. Groggy from the effects of the exhaust, he tells Mark where the bodies are buried. Mark escapes and the man tries to catch up but in the end puts a gun in his mouth and blows his head off.

The police are trying to piece together what happened, and interrogate Mark, who does not reveal that he was in the car. The police obtain his finger prints and these match prints found inside the car. The Rev. Roy Foltrigg, the prosecuting attorney, wants to talk to Mark about helping indite the mob for murder.

Mark realizes he needs a lawyer and finds Reggie Love. The media have broken the story and the situation becomes dangerous when the



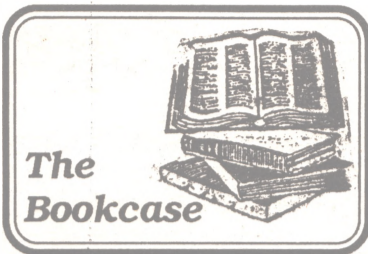
mob decides to send Mark a message by burning the family's trailer and telling Mark if he tells anyone what he knows he and his family are dead. Reggie Love must now protect Mark from both the mob and the F.B.I.

Tommy Lee Jones and Susan Sarandon play Rev. Roy Foltrigg and Reggie Love, but it is Brad Renfro as Mark Sway who carries the movie. He gives the character street smarts with the naiveté of a young boy. You can believe Mark is a boy trying desperately to survive what could be a fatal situation. When a movie works on that basic level the viewer is in for a treat.

Only one small problem, unless you are very lucky, you will have to reserve this movie as it is very popular. So faced with the usual problem of wanting a particular movie that is unavailable I scoured the shelves for another selection. What I found was *Tender Mercies*.

Tender Mercies stars Robert Duvall, Tess Harper and a very young Ellen Barkin. It is the story of a burned out country singer who finds happiness with a young widow and her little boy. Simple enough, but sometimes life catches up with you and turns everything upside down. Like most country songs will tell you — how do you know you're happy if you are never sad? Robert Duval won the Best Actor Oscar for his portrayal of the country singer and incidentally wrote his own songs for the film. There is nothing overstated in this film, but it is gratifying to watch a man who has the courage to grab and keep a good thing when he finds it, even if he hesitates a couple of times. There is nothing forced or false about this movie — it just portrays life as it happens.

I promise you will feel good when the movie is over.



God's Own Land
by Shaukat Siddiqi
translated by
David J. Matthews
New Delhi: Rupa & Co., 1993
by arrangement with
Curzon Press Ltd., Surrey

This tiny book provides a fascinating look at the Muslim world by examining lives of poverty in Pakistan. The book is written in the Urdu tradition which is to embellish; although the writing is 20th century, the reader will have to ask if the tradition is responsible for the extremities described, or if the situations are realistic.

At the heart of the book is a woman with three children whose lives are documented as time progresses for them. One of the children is condemned to life imprisonment. The girl, who looks after her younger brother, is early targeted for victimization. The author shows his women victims to be especially powerless. When the mother is widowed, she eventually marries a man who actually has his eye on her daughter. The new husband gives the woman enough poison that she dies. Although she had suspected the 'medicine', she continued to take it. The fatalism of the victims is frustrating to the Western reader. The murdering husband got the daughter pregnant and drove her younger brother out and into a life as a prostitute.

The very involved story also presents the face of corruption in Pakistan, using as an example the ruthless politicians who ruined a business which was organizing help for the poor.

The book is written as straight narration with flashbacks. The depravation of the people raises moral questions as to individual responsibility, but certainly illustrates how circumstances alter character.

Galt Drama presents: Robin Hood

a comedy by Don Nigro,
directed by Nelson Gonyer

Following last year's successful collaboration with Townships' Theatre on *The Sound of Music*, Galt Drama has returned to an all student cast. Forty-five students act in this year's comedic version of *Robin Hood*. They have been working on the play since their return from Christmas break, in preparation for an opening on April 1 — three weeks earlier than usual. The presentations will cover two weekends and include two Sunday matinees, making it more convenient for as many Townshipers as possible to attend.

Of his film version of *Robin Hood*, Mel Brooks declared, 'The legend had it coming!' Well, it might be said of Galt's production, 'The legend ain't seen nothin' yet!' In this version, written in 1985, playwright Don Nigro certainly deals with the traditional theme of 'the rich versus the poor', but has some fun twisting story, time, character and dialogue. Galt Drama has certainly continued the fun by adding its own 'spin' in these areas as well as staging, costumes and props.

Following his 'bad guy' roles as a vampire in *The Creature Creeps!* and a Nazi in *The Sound of Music*, Joel Tobin, returns for his final performance on the Galt stage — this time as 'good guy' Robin. Level 2 student, Rebecca Loadenthal, one of last year's 'singing nuns', is back again, this time as Maid Marian. There are many new faces in the cast, playing, for all they're worth, the stock characters of Robin Hood: Friar Tuck, Little John, Will Scarlet, the Sheriff, etcetera, as well as a whole bunch of 'nut-cases' you've never heard of, but will certainly remember once you've seen the play.




The production opens on Saturday, April 1, at 8:00 p.m. in the Alexander Galt auditorium, following with a matinee on Sunday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m. Then, a midweek performance on Wednesday, April 5, at 8:00 p.m. Another Saturday evening presentation on April 8 at 8:00 p.m. and, then, *Robin Hood* closes with a second matinee on Sunday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m. This final performance will be followed by a spaghetti supper to raise funds for extracurricular activities at Galt. Special 'Dinner/Theatre' tickets will be available to those wishing to make an afternoon of it.

This year, Galt Drama is celebrating the retirement of our limited, twelve-dimmer, lighting panel. We have purchased a used forty-dimmer lighting board which will add greater versatility when illuminating our productions. This was made possible through your support of Galt Drama over the years and we thank you for buying those tickets and filling those seats every spring.


Devoting noon and after school hours, and, lately, coming in on Saturdays, these students are committed to maintaining the important tradition of quality play productions at Alexander Galt, but the final picture isn't complete without you. General admission is back to an inflation beating \$5.00 and tickets may be reserved by calling 563-0770.

Why not come out and celebrate Spring in Sherwood Forest with Galt Drama's presentation of *Robin Hood*?

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To participate: Submit art on 8 1/2 x 11 inch sheet of paper. On the back, print name, sex, date of birth, address, phone, name and address of school, and the name of a person who can attest to the fact that the artist has asthma. All drawings must be received by May 15, 1995, at 4:30 p.m. at: Quebec Lung Association, 4837 Boyer Str., suite #100, Montreal, Quebec H2J 3E6.

Stoker Arts Festival

The Stoker Arts Festival is being held this year from April 28 to 30 at Bishop's College School, Moulton Hill Road, Lennoxville, Quebec. The Festival begins with a free Chamber Music concert at 7:00 p.m. April 28 in St. Martin's Chapel, followed by exhibits of artistic endeavour throughout the School April 29 and 30.

This year's Festival includes works in various mediums by Old Girls of King's Hall, Compton, and come from all around the world. A preview of these works will take place April 29, with a sale to be held in Montreal on May 3.

BCS is happy to welcome community visitors.

150th Anniversary of Grace Church, Sutton

In 1996 Grace Church, Sutton will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary. A committee has been set up under the leadership of Shirley McDonnell and is looking for ideas. If there are any former parishioners with memories and memorabilia, or anyone who has ideas for the celebration, contact Shirley at [514] 538-6880, or Rev. Tim Smart [514] 538-8137.

Warebrook Contemporary Music Festival

The Warebrook Contemporary Music Festival has scheduled its fifth season in Irasburg, Vermont, from July 13 to 16, including a premiere of *Biblical Sonnets* by Sara Doncaster, Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring*, Elliott Carter's *In Sleep*, *In Thunder*, and *Blue Monday*, a chamber opera by George Gershwin.

For more information, contact the Warebrook Contemporary Music Festival, RFD #1, Box 38, Irasburg, Vermont 05845, Phone [802] 754-6631.

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<p>See Also Events on Page 10</p>	<p>'til Apr 30 New Victorian Acquisitions [collections of Charles Gill and Goyayeb-Dubé] at Musée des Beaux Arts, 174 rue du Palais, Sherbrooke, Quebec.</p>	<p>'til May 5 Alex Colville, works on paper, at The Gallery, Centennial Theatre, Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec. Free Admission: Tues to Sun 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., Thurs 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>'til Aug 31 Historical Exhibition — "My Genealogy, a History to Discover", at the Sherbrooke Historical Society, 275 Dufferin, Sherbrooke. Info: [819] 821-5406.</p>
<p>'til Apr 30 Graham Cantieni and Michel Veltkamp at Galerie Horace, 74 Albert, Sherbrooke, Quebec. Tues to Fri 10:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sat and Sun 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Info: [819] 821-2326.</p>	<p>'til Apr 2 "The Passion", play about Christ's life, at the Bishop's University Studio Theatre, at 8:00 p.m. Info: [819] 822-9692.</p>	<p>Mar 31 Dance with Cherry River Band at The Hut, St. Francis Street, Lennoxville, Quebec, at 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Apr 1 Dance with Midnight Desert at The Hut, St. Francis Street, Lennoxville, Quebec, at 9:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Apr 1 Janina Fialkowska, piano, at Centennial Theatre, Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec, at 8:00 p.m. Info: [819] 822-9692.</p>	<p>Apr 1 Photography Exhibition at Arts Sutton, 7 Academy, Sutton, Quebec. Sat Apr 1 at 2 to 5:00 p.m., Thurs, Fri, Sun at 1 to 5:00 p.m. and Sat 10:00 a.m. to 12 and 1 to 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Apr 3 Monique Nadeau-Saumier, art historian, on "Le mobilier victorien: le reflet d'une époque", at Musée des Beaux Arts, 174 rue du Palais, Sherbrooke, Quebec, at 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Apr 5 Lecture in Spanish, "España hoy: Aspectos culturales y educativos" by José Félix Barrio of the Spanish Embassy, at Bishop's University's Molson Fine Arts Building Room 10, Lennoxville, Quebec, at 8:00 p.m. Info: [819] 822-9600.</p>
<p>Apr 7 University Singers at Centennial Theatre, Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec, at 8:00 p.m. Info: [819] 822-9692.</p>	<p>Apr 8 Dance with Midnight Desert at The Hut, St. Francis Street, Lennoxville, Quebec, at 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Apr 9 Pre-Easter Supper at The Hut, St. Francis Street, Lennoxville, Quebec.</p>	<p>Apr 9 - 15 National Wildlife Week</p>
<p>Apr 11 Quebec Rose Society presents "Landscaping with Roses" at Saint-Michel Community Centre, 31 Lorne Avenue, St. Lambert, Quebec, at 7:30 p.m. Free for members, \$2 non-members. Info: [514] 678-9989.</p>	<p>Apr 15 Dance with Midnight Desert at The Hut, St. Francis Street, Lennoxville, Quebec, at 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Apr 15 - 16 Jim Corcoran at Le P'tit Bonheur, 162, rue Miquelon, St-Camille, Quebec, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$20. Info: [819] 828-2664.</p>	<p>Apr 16 Easter</p> 
<p>Apr 22 L'Oeil, avec Brigitte Graff, dance, at Centennial Theatre, Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec, at 8:00 p.m. Info: [819] 822-9692.</p>	<p>Apr 22 Spring Bazaar, plus Dance with Midnight Desert at The Hut, St. Francis Street, Lennoxville, Quebec, at 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Apr 23 Brunch at 10:30 a.m. to 12:30, and Jamboree at 2:00 p.m. at The Hut, St. Francis Street, Lennoxville, Quebec.</p>	<p>Apr 28 Chamber Music at St. Martin's Chapel, Bishop's College School, Moulton Hill Road, Lennoxville, Quebec, at 7:00 p.m. Free admission. Info: Jane Jelowicki [819] 566-0227.</p>
<p>Apr 29 Dance with Midnight Desert at The Hut, St. Francis Street, Lennoxville, Quebec, at 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Apr 29 - 30 Stoker Arts Festival at Bishop's College School, Moulton Hill Road, Lennoxville. Preview Show and Exhibition of works by Old Girls of King's Hall, Compton. Sale in Montreal May 3. Info: Jane Jelowicki [819] 566-0227.</p>	<p>Apr 29 Maple Festival of Missisquoi Historical Society at Stanbridge East, Quebec, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with light lunch at United Church or ham dinner at Anglican Church both at 11:00 a.m. Info: [514] 248-3153.</p>	<p>Apr 29 Le Trio Martinu, flute, violin, piano, at Centennial Theatre, Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec, at 8:00 p.m. Info: [819] 822-9692.</p>

Cut out this calendar and hang it up so you won't miss any of these exciting events.

If you would like your organization's upcoming event included in our calendar, drop us a note before the 15th of the previous month.

Memory Lane

The Sun is proud to once again provide our readers with a Margaret Stevenson story. Along with the story came a letter from which we take the following excerpt which illustrates in a personal way a part of Townships' history: [Ed.]

'As one of many boys and girls who came from England to Canada under similar circumstances, Robert Woods helped to maintain an Eastern Townships farm by helping its owner.

Robert's gentle ways and reliability earned confidence and respect as he grew to manhood and remained as a faithful family member and helper long after my father's Granby South Ridge farm was sold.'

A 'Home Boy' by Margaret Stevenson

Robert Woods was born in Liverpool, England, December 27, 1898. His parents sadly neglected him, and his attendance at school was very irregular. As a victim of an uncaring family, his case came before the Children's Welfare Department who investigated his home conditions.

As a result, Robert was sent to a Sheltering Home in Liverpool at the age of nine. There he had adequate meals, and regular, supervised schedule of training and schooling. A summer 'highlight' was going to camp when all the boys marched off together to spend a few days at the seaside.

While the school was in session, the boys were given training in the skills in which they seemed best adapted. Robert was talented at handwork and learned to sew, which led later on to the ability to mend articles, such as clothing, household utensils, hand tools, clocks, etcetera. Also he had a talent for drawing and wood carving.

In February 1912, when Robert was thirteen, he came to Canada with other boys who were destined for new homes in Canada. Robert was one of a group of sixty-one boys who arrived at the Knowlton Distributing Home, following a sea voyage to Halifax, and a train journey to Foster, Quebec.

Having learned of the arrival of these boys through letters published in the local newspapers, my father, William H. Stevenson, drove with horse and sleigh to Knowlton on February 19. There he chose Robert Woods from a group of four or five boys. He signed a contract for his care, wages and schooling. The two then left for Granby South Ridge with Robert enjoying his first sleigh ride, and perhaps wondering what his future life on a farm would be like.

There he was well-treated as one of the family. He often recalled that one of his first duties was to fill the woodbox.

He attended the district school until he was fifteen. Rev. Ernest M. Taylor came regularly to consult Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson to find out how Robert was getting along.

Working with my father, Robert acquired many of the skills needed to be a good helper on the farm. He was always reliable, trustworthy and faithful in his responsibilities.

When the Stevenson farm was sold in 1942, Robert could have gone to another farm in Ste. Therese. However, Mr. Stevenson did not want to see him go, and Robert did not really want to leave the family who had been kind to him.

When his foster family moved to the City of Granby, he found a similar kind of outdoor work with Mr. George Roberts and his son,

Gordon Roberts.

Outside work with farm animals and a garden to tend constituted a continuation of his former lifestyle and he continued to make his home with the Stevensons.

During the years, he maintained contact with relatives by corresponding with his cousin in England. In 1965 he returned by plane for a visit with relatives. Again in 1972 he made a second trip, again by air, to his homeland in celebration of sixty years in Canada.

Patient, gentle and kind with people and animals, he won many friends during the seventy-four years he spent in Granby, Quebec before his death in 1986.

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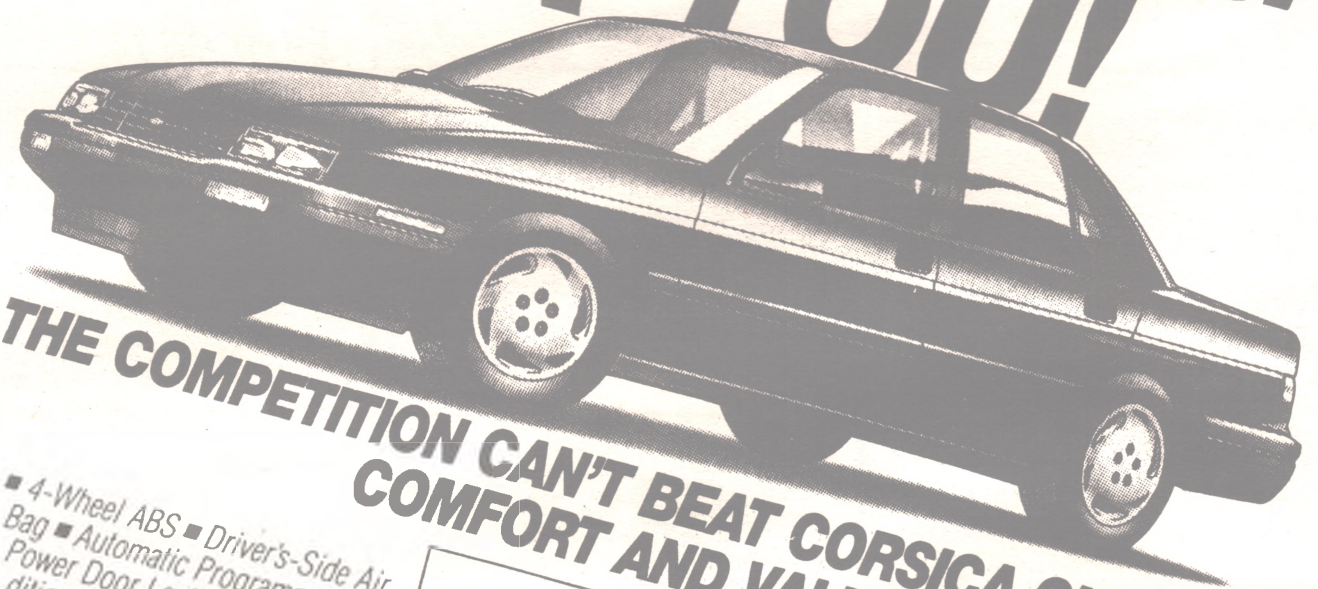
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