

# The Townships Sun

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## Megantic Honours Settlers

Descendants of Scottish settlers and friends and neighbours from near and far will be in Lake Megantic for the third annual festival honouring the Scottish settlers on August 9, 10 and 11.

Lake Megantic will host the activities on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday activities will also take place in Frontenac, Milan, and Gould.

The activities will help you to discover some magic moments, with the first classical concert of *La cour de Marie Stuart — The Court of Mary of Scots* — performed by "Les chanteurs de la Pléiade", a Montreal musical group, at Ste-Agnes Church, Megantic; the Eastern Townships Highland Pipe Band at the Veter-

an's Park, Megantic; and a concert in Gould by members of the Glengarry Gaelic Choir, from Ontario and the Late Bloomers from Lennoxville.

A breakfast, accompanied by a historical seminar; followed by a family treasure hunt. An Ecumenical service and a plaque dedication ceremony at the Gisla Cemetery will also take place.

The official opening ceremony of the Festival will take place at four o'clock Friday, August 9, at the old railway station in Lake Megantic. For the occasion, the station will be transformed into a Tea Room and Museum showing pictures and texts from the University of Edinburgh. Marc Lebel, renowned bagpiper

from Santa Monica, California, will play. Tea and scones will be served without charge.

Lake Megantic Main Street Corporation (Heritage Canada) together with the City of Lake Megantic, Mrs. MacArthur-Beattie (great-niece of Donald Morrison), Megantic-Compton Cemetery and Church Association, Ms. Linette Dostie, Ms. Lise Longchamps, and our sponsors: Bestar, Cloutier Construction & Fils, Le Morrison and Tafisa Canada, present to you a program activities and attractions during the "Festival Honour to the First Scottish Settlers"

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## 100th Anniversary to be Celebrated

by **The Reverend Blair Ross**

Christ Church Canterbury was built on land donated by Ebenezer Sherman in 1896. The only names of the carpenters and craftsmen remembered are Alexander MacKay of Gould, Lingwick, Ebenezer Sherman and Rufus Goodwin. The Church was consecrated by the Right Reverend A. H. Dunn, Lord Bishop of Quebec, on December 11, 1896. This was the same Bishop who founded the Quebec Diocesan Gazette in 1894. Christ Church became a mission of St. Alban's Church, Scotstow, until 1965 when it joined the newly created Victoria Parish. The consecration service of 1896 was attended by many members of the clergy as well as nearly one hundred lay people. A supper followed the service at the local school house.

The Ladies Guild was founded in 1896 with its first officers being Annie Mayhew, (later Mrs. James Groom) president and Nellie Mayhew, (later Mrs. Robert Pringle) secretary/treasurer. The 50th anniversary of the Guild found Mrs. Annie Groom as presi-

Annie Groom as president occasion Annie wrote a poem dedicated to the church and its people. The only other Anglican Church in the Diocese to be bestowed this honour is St. Andrew's Church, New Carlisle, Gaspe.

The 50th anniversary of the Church was highlighted by a new handcarved altar donated by Mrs. Nellie Pringle in memory of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayhew. This altar as well as the pump organ and unique "wagon wheel" ceiling allowed the church to be recognized as an "A" quality historical building in 1994.

Although the horse sta-

It stands upon a quiet corner,  
The Church of the pioneers,  
Where the farmer plows and sows the seed  
With faith, through the changing years.  
How firm is the faith of a farmer  
As he toils the seed to sow;  
On the promise of God's sure harvest  
He waits to see them grow.

Although the horse station the founding families are long past, Christ Church lives on as a reminder of his name in our lives and in the world.

*The Reverend Blair Ross is the Rector of Christ Church, Canterbury.*

**Christ Church, Canterbury, will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a special service on August 3, at 3:00 p.m. Take a lawn chair.**

1896  
1996



Newer and better rides, as well as the usual attractions, at the Cookshire Fair  
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New childcare center and changing room at the Ayer's Cliff Fair  
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## Editorial

Sometimes we come down to deadline and no good ideas for an editorial have presented themselves.

Should we write on the floods in the Saguenay region? Should we write on the Olympic bombing and terrorists? Should we write on the tribulations of keeping a small English newspaper going in a French-speaking province? Should we write on the seeming failures of our justice system as in the Dupont case?

After a week of tossing this around, a week of typesetting, layout, and all the other things that go into a paper nothing seems suitable.

One asks how could so many justice ministers deny the Duponts an inquiry? One asks why they

are now blocking the release of volume two of the report on the investigation? One almost asks what is in that report and who is being protected?

Then, to be unbiased, one has to say 'that may not be the case'. There could be another perfectly valid reason for withholding this information, that has nothing to do with the Dupont case. However, the Duponts' inquiry is held up because of the refusal.

Editorials are opinions and everyone is entitled to their own. It's just that an editorial must make sense and today we can't seem to.

Have a good  
summer.

lot of relatives that look like our Canadian and American relatives. It was fantastic! They spoke little English, we spoke no Norwegian, but we got along fabulously. The Berlitz Dictionary and Phrase Books were lifesavers. There were many tears when we had to say goodbye, but we will continue to write, telephone and fax, until they come to Canada next year or 1998.

For anyone working on their family history, the research and stories are great, but the most rewarding and memorable experience is to actually meet new and old relatives. We would love to read of other peoples' adventures in this popular hobby.

**Diane Bronson Young**  
St. Catharines, Ontario

**Dear Editor,**

I hope this comes to your office in time to avoid the necessity of sending out renewal notices.

We appreciate every issue of the Sun.

Thank you for the timely and informative article about Marguerite MacNaughton Knapp. Reminds us of the several graduation classes of Waterville High School around that era.

**Ellsworth Lorimer**  
Surrey, B.C.

**Dear Editor,**

Thank you so much for the Jean Paré "Fish and Seafood" cookbook that I won. We have tried several of the recipes and we are delighted with them.

Please find enclosed a one year pensioners subscription with the label. We enjoy your paper and read it from beginning to end. Keep it up!

**Jan and Jessie Chayer**  
Abercorn, Quebec

**Dear Editor,**

Congratulations to the staff and all who contribute to an excellent publication.

I enjoy each issue of the Townships Sun. Thank you very much.

**Sheila Munroe**  
Granby, Que.

**Dear Editor,**

Thank you for your excellent write ups during the year for "Geremie".

The Sun is "great". Thanks.

**Vi Derby**  
Waterville, Que.

**Dear Editor,**

Good paper, getting small.

**Donald Cooper**  
Cookshire, Que.

**Dear Editor,**

I enjoy your magazine. Keep up the good work.

**George Macfarlane**  
Huntingdon, Que.

**Dear Editor,**

Keep going. We like it.

**Mrs. R.C. Greer**  
Stanstead, Que.

**Dear Editor,**

Enjoy this paper very much.

**Agnes Oakley**  
Richmond, Que.

**Dear Editor,**

Keep up the good work. We enjoy the paper very much.

**Kingsley Bullard**  
Danville, Que.

**Dear Editor,**

Thank you for the Townships Sun, especially the articles on heritage.

To the editor and staff my

compliments for an excellent journal. It reaches out to many appreciative readers and helps us keep in touch with our beloved Townships.

Subscription enclosed with sincere thanks.

**H. Maslin**  
Lachute, Que.

**Dear Editor,**

I like the Townships Sun. I enjoy the news of the district and nature items.

**Verna Cathcart**  
Farnham, Que.

**Dear Editor,**

Keep up the good work.

**Stanley Holmes**  
Ayers Cliff, Que.

**Dear Editor,**

We enjoy the Sun. I especially like the activities calendar and the nature notes.

**Jean Lee**  
Eastman, Que.

**Dear Editor,**

Please renew The Townships Sun for one year pensioner. It is a thoroughly enjoyable magazine.

**Eileen M. Ennals**  
Victoria, B.C.

**Dear Editor,**

Keep up the good work.

**Jean Brooks**  
St. Albert, Alta



**Dear Editor,**

We are renewing our subscription with reluctance, because the quality and quantity of the articles in the Sun have continually declined over the past few years.

At times this is the only link we Townshippers have to our homeland.

Being one of the few English papers in the Eastern Townships, we also feel you should take a stronger and more vocal stand on the separatist movement.

Long Time Subscribers,

**David and Alethea**  
**Taylor**  
Ottawa, Ont.

**Dear Editor,**

Thank you for my notice to renew to your wonderful

newspaper for another year.

I really enjoy reading the letters to the Editor and your articles. It is nice to read about people and happenings in the Townships, a place so familiar to me.

My husband and I have just returned from Norway, England and Scotland visiting relatives that we have never met before. Working on our family histories, we wrote to some of the relatives and were invited to visit. Our trip to Norway was the best gift John, my husband could have given me. My grandfather, Nathaniel Bergstrand and my grandmother Alette Hansen (Iverson) were raised and married in Halden, Norway. Grandpa moved to Canada in 1907 and returned to Norway to marry Gramma and bring her to Beebe in 1908. They moved to their farm in Waterville later on.

I visited the church that they were married in, visited their farms where they grew up, and met this whole new

## The Townships Sun



### Annual General Meeting

September 9, 1996

7:30 p.m.

The Townships Sun

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The Annual General Meeting of The Townships Sun will be held on Monday evening the 9th of September. Please come out and support the paper with your ideas and expertise. All subscribers are invited to attend.

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## An Adventurous Hike

by Gladys Mackey Beattie

Inspired by Robert W. Hall's reports on hiking in the Townships, I resolved to take up the sport and see what it was like off in the woods away from the noise and rush of urbanized life. All I needed was a suitable pair of walking shoes, I was told, and — oh — er — perhaps I could (should?) do a little walking up and down our hill a few times - maybe??

After considerable searching I found what I thought was the right pair of hiking shoes in both foot and price size. "Wear at least two pairs of socks," the clerk said as I hobbled across the store in the stiff boots.

Then, shoes in hand, I went home to the hill. It is pretty steep and about a mile long; most cars need low gear before they reach the top. Well the boot tops gouged into the back of my legs the first time out, so I didn't go far down the hill. This was fortunate because going back they gouged into the front. The next time I padded my legs with rolled down wool socks and went further. That time I took the dog; she is nice enough but does not believe in following at heel. Instead she runs ahead on her leash. However, the tow back up the hill was helpful. A few more walks and I hardly needed the dog. By then it was hunting season, and no one goes off into the back woods in deer season.

Spring came, and the boots languished in their box. Summer came and I was invited to go on a day walk in the Sutton Mountains. There should be some nice views. It was only 12 km and the weather wasn't supposed to be hot. So, I got up at the crack of dawn, and packed a lunch, a couple of bottles of water, bug repellent, a compass, and a rain poncho into a backpack. Then I headed off to Lennoxville to meet up with the others.

One car was left half way up a mountain at a spot on Old North Road. The other was left near the former Mt. Echo Ski Hill. I'm not sure, but I think I heard the owners mutter a little prayer that their cars would still be there when we returned. Then we prepared to start out. At last the Big Day! Adventure No. 1. My pack seemed heavy so I took out one water bottle — a bad mistake! — and off we went.

Echo Mountain goes almost straight up. It has hardly any level spots. Over little streams, across huge rock outcroppings and mossy clearings, the trail goes up and up. Huffing and puffing I made it to the top in time for lunch. From there we looked down on Brome Lake and the vast expanse of forests and farms below.

After lunch we went down hill for a while then up hill and around and around more hills. The trail was good; well marked with splashes of white and red paint on trees and rocks. Mature trees shaded us from the sun and we were often among ferns and moss covered rocks. However, it was late and my water bottle was getting empty. Drinking from woodland streams is a no - no. This is because of bacteria left by animals and humans. The resulting dose of "Beaver Fever" can keep you near the toilet for an unpleasantly long time. Just when I was seriously thinking a cool drink of water was worth any risk, we came onto what I will call Moose Poop Mountain. It was a sort of smallish mountain between two larger ones. Evidently moose must winter there, as the ground was thickly covered with "Moose Marbles". It was more like walking in a barn yard than in the back woods. Droppings were everywhere.

Then we scrambled abruptly down a steep

## Canada's New Employment Insurance System

### Outlining the Changes

Beginning July 1, 1996, the Employment Insurance system replaces the present UI system. It provides Canadians with basic income protection, plus a range of new Re-employment Benefits to help unemployed workers get jobs.

Here are answers to some of the questions you may have about the new Employment Insurance system. Some changes will take effect on July 1, 1996 while others will come into force in January 1997.

#### FOR CLAIMS STARTING JULY 1, 1996 OR AFTER:

##### How do I qualify for benefits?

You will still require between 12 to 20 weeks of work in the last year, depending on the rate of unemployment in your region. The higher the rate of unemployment, the fewer number of weeks of work are required. (The hours system will not come into effect until January 1, 1997.)

HOWEVER, you require a minimum of 26 insured weeks of work if:

- you are entering the workforce for the first time;
- you are re-entering the workforce after an absence of two years or more;
- you have less than 14 weeks of employment in your first year entering or re-entering the workforce.

For sickness, maternity or parental benefits, you will still require 20 weeks of work.

##### How much will I receive?

You will still receive 55% of your average insured earnings, up to a maximum of \$413 per week.

People who earn \$375 a week or less and who have dependents will still receive 60% of their average insured earnings.

##### How many weeks can I receive EI?

The majority of claimants will receive between 36 and 44 weeks of benefits. For people who qualify, the maximum duration of a claim is 45 weeks.

##### What is the new Intensity Rule?

People who claim more than twenty weeks of benefits in five years will receive a modest 1% reduction in their benefits, with a subsequent 1% reduction for each additional 20 weeks claimed. The maximum reduction for 100 weeks claimed will be 5%.

Under EI, claimants who commit fraud will face stiffer eligibility rules. More weeks will be required to qualify for future claims, and financial penalties will increase.

The intensity rule comes into effect on January 1, 1997. HOWEVER, any weeks of benefits collected after July 1, 1996, will be counted when determining the benefit rate for future claims.

##### What are the new Re-employment Benefits?

The government of Canada is working with the provinces and territories to put in place five Re-employment Benefits to help Canadians get back to work.

As of July 1, 1996, Wage Subsidies, Self-Employment Assistance and Job Creation Partnerships will be available in all provinces and territories. Earnings Supplements and Skills Loans and Grants will also be available in the near future.

#### FOR CLAIMS STARTING JANUARY 1, 1997 OR AFTER:

##### Will you be counting hours worked instead of weeks?

Yes. Every hour of work will count. The minimum number of hours required to qualify will be from 420 to 700, depending on the unemployment rate in your region. If you are filing a claim after your first job, you will require 910 hours to qualify.

##### What about workers with "gaps" in employment?

EI will count all earnings in the last 26 weeks prior to the last day of work, and the weeks will not need to be consecutive.

##### What will be done to help those most in need?

Claimants with children and a family income under \$25,921 will be entitled to a Family Income Supplement, representing up to 65% of their insured earnings. They will also be exempt from the intensity rule.

Claimants receiving benefits of less than \$200 per week will be able to earn up to \$50 per week without decreasing their EI payments.

### For more information:

- call toll free 1 800 276-7655 to receive a brochure on Canada's new Employment Insurance system (TTY 1 800 465-7735)
- visit your local Human Resource Centre of Canada (formerly known as Canada Employment Centre) listed in the Government of Canada pages of your telephone book under Human Resources Development Canada.
- look on the Internet at <http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca>



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## Bulwer and Birchton Community Reunion

by Sharon Moore

Sunday, May 19th, 7:00 p.m. and it's over! Oh but it was a good weekend! No ... it was a fantastic weekend! "Did you see ... Have you talked to ... Did ... come too? and You haven't changed a bit!" These were just some of the often repeated words that could be heard from Saturday morning through to Sunday about 5:00 p.m. on May 15th and 19th, 1996.

They came from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, the United States, and parts of Quebec other than our own small corner of the Eastern Townships. The Bulwer and Birchton communities suddenly became more populated for two short days, and weatherwise, we couldn't have ordered it any better. At 11:00 o'clock Saturday, the committee members were confident of their various tasks to be performed, the Community Center, formerly the Bulwer Consolidated School, the Birchton United Church and Chalet des Erables, on Smith Road were all in readiness for the expected guests. Once the guests arrived and registered, they were supplied with cookies and a beverage, and a trip down memory lane. Downstairs, in the basement of the Community Center, many folks had put together sheets of family pictures to peruse. We had pictures enough to line walls of the basement and albums to fill two long tables. What fun (!) to see what we looked like back when! There were stories to go along with many of the photos as friends and family gathered together over the pictures. Four p.m. has arrived and it's time to move the activities to the Chalet des Erables for a catered supper, and an evening of dancing. One hundred and seventy-nine family, friends and former neighbours sat together for a delicious turkey supper. Before folks began wanderly around, a few introductions and announcements were made. Malcolm "Mac" Fraser, as MC, introduced the Committee members, Alberta Ross Everett, Winnona Wheeler Kirby, Sharon Moore and Ed Laberee, Betty McKinnon Logan, Catherine and Gerald Lowd, Keith McVetty, Beverly and Russell Nutbrown, Mary McVetty Nutbrown, Grant Taylor, and Helen MacLeod Taylor. At this time Keith, the general instigator of this weekend, was asked to say a few words. Keith briefly told the why, how, and where, of the Reunion and he also gave a special thank you to Alberta who put a great deal of time and effort into the planning of this weekend, and also kept the committee members on track during the planning weeks. If we had to have rain, Saturday night was a good time to have it as everyone was so busy talking and dancing that the storm was hardly noticed. During the evening friends from the surrounding communities joined us for a time of more catching up with old friends.

Well, we got through Saturday and so far all is fine, oh I hope it isn't still raining in the morning! The en-



trance of Birchton Church isn't very large and we could have a congestion problem!

Sunday morning began with clouds, but by 10:15 the sun appeared. A few last minute details were discussed with Martyn (Rev. Sadler) and with the church pews filled from front to back it was time for the special service of Thanksgiving to begin. With Hazel Rogers at the keyboard and Scott Lowd accompanying on his violin, as well as a choir of current and former members of Birchton and Bulwer churches, music and voices filled the beautiful old church. The Church did look beautiful, as a compliment to the lovely wood finish, four baskets of flowers were hung from the stove pipes, a pot of chrysanthemums graced each window, and a tall vase of silk roses, and two smaller arrangements of mixed silk flowers were at the front of the church, all given as memorial tributes by family and friends. Rev. V. Martyn Sadler, currently minister of the United Eaton Valley Pastoral Charge, led the worship, and Rev. Dr. Chas. Johnston, guest preacher, gave a sermon that will long remain in our thoughts. Dr. Johnston chose to speak on "A goodly heritage". Dr. Johnston's first call was to the Eaton charge which included the preaching points of Bulwer, Birchton and Eaton Corner from 1942-45. It was quite evident that Dr. Johnston was well liked and he in turn had many fond memories of those years as he made many references to families and individuals. Rev. Philip Gaudine, a former minister of these communities, gave the prayers of Intercession. During the prayers of Thanksgiving, given by Marg Williams, a former Lay Worker in Bulwer Church, a special place was made for individuals to share their recollections, and personal thoughts on, home and family life (Bob Halsall), life in the community (Muriel Prescott), life on the farm (George Pinchin), and life in the Church (Roberta Smith and Marion Laberee). Indeed it was a memorable service. From the Church yard all cars turned in the direction of the Community Center for a brunch, which was catered to over two hundred and fifty people! Once again there was more catching up, vows to keep the renewed friendships, and to do this all again! All too soon it was time to say goodbye and start for home.

Thanks to the generosity of those attending and many who were unable to attend, the Committee has given \$450. each to the Bulwer Church, Birchton Church, and the Bulwer Community Center. The col-

lection at the Church Service amounted to \$415. which was equally divided between the two Churches.

This is only a brief recollection of our Reunion weekend, but soon many of us will be able to relive that weekend as a video was made by Roberta Sylvester and copies at \$15. each are available to anyone. As well as the video, other mementos were available for sale, we had mugs depicting our logo for the weekend, the Peanut

(steam engine) with the words Bulwer-Birchton Reunion 1996, and a lapel pin with the same logo and words. There are still mugs and a few pins available from Alberta Everett.

It was a lot of work and planning, but worth every bit of the effort.

Sharon Moore (Johnville/Bulwer) is a member of the Bulwer and Birchton Community Reunion committee.



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# A Prize Winning Garden

by Patricia Ball

This month I was privileged to visit the prize-winning garden of Chantal Ouellet of Scotstown. The garden won the 1995 prize for best garden in the Estrie region of Quebec.

Because of the heavy rains the flowers were not as advanced as Chantal would have liked them to be for such a visit.

However, this garden is not just a showy summer garden. In it are plants for all seasons and all situations — summer, winter, good weather, bad weather and the simply horribly wet weather that we've had this summer make little difference — what there is to see changes with the situation. There are plants for all normal summer situations — daylilies and rudbeckia take advantage of full sun, astilbes and bleeding heart are two of the many varieties that grow in the partial shade in this garden, begonias are in the deeper shade beside the walk and several varieties of hostas take advantage of the deep shade on the north side of the house. In addition

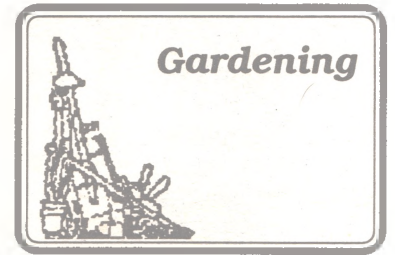


Windows peep out of the vines at this end of the house, framed by trees

the many trees and shrubs make a frame for the house and dividers for the one and one-half acres of grounds. The vine covering various areas of the house softens the outlines and makes a deep green background for some of the flower beds.

Needless to say such a garden did not come into being overnight, nor without a great deal of knowledge, labour, and attention to form.

The garden was started twenty years ago with the tree plantings. Almost all the trees on the property have been planted by Chantal and her partner,



Rudbeckia were just coming into bloom because of the rainy weather and the elevation



Astilbe made a spot of flame against the green background



Rocky steps lead from the lower garden to the back lawn, the steps themselves have two colours of thyme and polygonum, a red creeper.



This bi-coloured hosta is one of a bed on the north side of the house



Rain-laden peonies had all bowed their heads, so we held this one up to show its beauty.

**Mystery Flower — Can anyone identify this?**  
Yes, Ms. Ouellet knows.



Michel Chretien. It takes a minimum of twenty hours a week now to maintain the grounds in tip-top shape. Chantal doesn't do this all alone. Michel helps with all the tasks, especially the heavy ones. Most of the plants, including perennials, are started from seed, with a few very special ones being purchased.

The trees and shrubs have been chosen from among our native species and include wild berry shrubs to attract birds.

Our pictures do not do justice to the colours of the flowers and do not show what promised to be a gorgeous display of daylilies in many varieties and colours. The circular bed of many varieties of forget-me-nots on the back lawn was not yet in bloom.



This maple shades the back lawn and provides a frame for the view of Mount Megantic



# Ayer's Cliff Fair

August 22, 23, 24, 25

## Children's Corner

by Royal Orr

The Stanstead County Agricultural Society Fair in Ayer's Cliff has always been a great place for a family outing, but now great is getting even better. This year the Ladies' Committee of the Stanstead County Agricultural Society opens its brand new Children's Corner and Infants' Inn.

"Or *Auberge enfant* if you prefer," smiles Scottie Miller, active member of the Ladies' Committee. "We started in a tent with thirty-five kids a few years back, then moved into the main building. Two hundred and fifty plus kids last summer, and we were bursting the seams of our corner there."

With the co-operation of the Fair Board, the Ladies' Committee, under the chairmanship of Laure-Yvette Viens of Coaticook, started looking for money for a new space. Orford M.N.A. Robert Benoit promised to help out and they started to build.

"This isn't just a corner of an existing space," insists Mildred Roarke. "This is a new building — an annex, I guess you'd call it, to the Dining Hall."

There'll be lots of space for activities with kids and — with a concern for parents of very young children that's sure to be much appreciated — a clean, quiet changing area is being included in the design.

Jim Bellows from Dixville is the driving force behind the construction crew and his volunteers are rushing to get things ready for opening day. The first stage is well on the way to completion and already there's talk about making the space usable year round.

"We'll see how the fund-raising goes," says one cautious volunteer.

Susan Davies from Ayer's Cliff will be co-ordinating kids' activities in the new space. She's lined up a team of a dozen or so young assistants



to help with the face painting, crafts and games planned for young visitors to the fair.

Riding herd on a group of children at the fair can be exhausting; the new Children's Corner and Infants' Inn will be a welcome addition for young families this year at Ayer's Cliff.

And speaking of welcome relief from the swirling energy and heat of a county fair, do not, under any circumstances, miss a visit to the Stanstead County Women's Institute's Tea Room at the Ayer's Cliff Fair.

Push open that screen door, slide slowly down into a cool chair under the equally cool gaze of Her Majesty the Queen, and let the ladies of the W.I. pamper you for a half an hour or so.

Tea in a china cup and saucer, a plate of delicate sweets and squares, and a mannered gentility that reminds you that you're in the Deep South (of Quebec, anyway) when you're in Stanstead County.

Sip the Orange Pekoe, savour the coconut macaroon and try to forget the *hot-dog Michigan* with the side order of *poutine* that's roiling ominously in your tummy from lunch.

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### August 22

#### Thursday afternoon

- 12:00 p.m.: Light horse classes  
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#### Thursday evening

- 7 00 p.m.: Elvis Impersonator  
7:30 p.m.: Bingo in the Dining Hall  
(cash door prize, minimum 6 cards)  
8:00 p.m.: Special acts by Gastoni Attractions  
8:30 p.m.: Log sawing competition  
9 30 p.m.: Dance in the Recreation Center

**August 23**

**Friday morning**

- 8:00 a.m.: Light horse classes
- 9:00 a.m.: Heavy horse classes
- 1:00 a.m.: Special acts by Gastoni Attractions

**Friday afternoon**

- 12:30 p.m.: Special acts by Gastoni Attractions
- 1:00 p.m.: Shepherd and Shepherdess contest
- 1:30 p.m.: Games and races for boys and girls
- 2:30 p.m.: Special acts by Gastoni Attractions
- 3-30 p.m.: Tug-of-war for boys and girls
- 4:00 p.m.: Special acts by Gastoni Attractions
- 4:30 p.m.: Single light horse or pony hitched to a wagon
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- 5:15 p.m.: Draft Horse equitation - English or Western saddle
- 5:30 p.m.: Ladies driving single light horse or pony
- 5:45 p.m.: Men's Cart Class

**Friday evening**

- 6:00 p.m.: Women's Cart Class
- 6:15 p.m.: Pair of ponies heavy hitched to a wagon (4 wheels)
- 6:30 p.m.: Best light draft team hitched to a wagon
- 6:45 p.m.: Team of light horses or ponies hitched
- 7:00 p.m.: Best heavy draft team hitched to a wagon
- 7:20 p.m.: Ladies double - light horses or ponies
  
- 7:30 p.m.: **OFFICIAL OPENING**
  
- 8:00 p.m.: **The Gusé Family**
- 9:30 p.m.: Special acts by Gastoni Attractions
- 10:00 p.m.: Dance in the Recreation Hall

# Ayer's Cliff Fair

**August 22, 23, 24, 25**

**August 24**

**Saturday morning**

- 9:00 a.m.: Light horse classes
- 9:00 a.m.: Heavy horse classes
- 12:00 p.m.: Special acts by Gastoni Attractions

**Saturday afternoon**

- 1:30 p.m.: Harness races - Pari Mutual Betting
- Special acts by Gastoni Attractions
- Following the races, Unicorn Hitch and Three horse hitch

**Saturday evening**

- 7:00 p.m.: Special acts by Gastoni Attractions
- 8:00 p.m.: Tommy Cash
- 10:00 p.m.: Dance in the Recreation Hall

**August 25**

**Sunday afternoon**

- 1:00 p.m.: Coaticook Majorettes
- 1:30 p.m.: Horse, cattle and machinery Parade followed by 4-Horse Hitch
- Special acts by Gastoni Attractions
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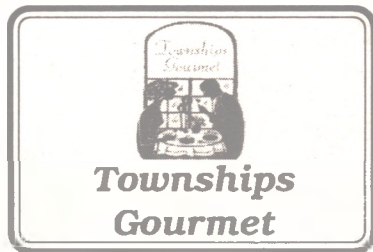
Located on route 108 in Gould, The Gould Rush is not only an interesting historical landmark, but also a pleasant bed and breakfast restaurant. Owned in 1845 by James Ross and operated as a general store, the building now provides a homey and pleasant background to delicious old-fashioned meals.

The interior of the restaurant is cool and comfortable. Gentle strains of Gaelic music play softly in the background, commemorating the Scottish settlers who once lived in Gould. The fancy tables, with wrought iron legs, are covered by identical plaid table clothes. An old wood burning stove, similar to the one I've seen in my grandmother's kitchen, is located in a corner. On the opposite side of the room is a piano. Adorning the walls are old photographs and an intricately designed clock. Along one side of the room a counter is set up with goods for sale. Lace curtains are hung at the open windows, which allow a breeze to sooth the hot and tired traveller.

Upon entering the restaurant we seated ourselves immediately. A flushed waitress dressed in period costume greeted us cheerfully, despite the heat she must have been feeling. Menus were brought, water glasses filled, and the noon specials listed. Among them were pea soup, the house quiche at \$8.25, spiced beef sandwich at \$7.50, and Agnes pie at \$9.25. All noon specials include dessert and coffee.

Breakfast specials include, one egg at \$2.45, two eggs at \$2.95, and an egg with bacon, ham or sausage at \$3.40. Each of these plates is served with coffee, homemade bread and home fries. Also available for breakfast are pancakes and coffee at \$2.45, baked beans and coffee at \$2.95, and a croissant at \$1.25. Sunday brunch is available at \$6.95. It includes orange juice, one egg, pancakes, beans, homemade bread, coffee, and bacon, ham, or sausage.

Entrees and salads include the soup of the day at \$1.75, parmesan fondue at \$3.00, scotch eggs at \$3.00, and haggis at \$3.00. Sandwiches are available. Among the ones listed on the menu, are a spiced beef sandwich at \$4.35 and a roast beef and cheese sandwich at \$5.25. All



sandwiches are served with the house salad. The sandwich can be served on a baguette, croissant, or on homemade bread.

For supper a couple of interesting plates can be had. They are Gaspé Cod at \$7.95 and lamb casserole at \$8.95. The Gaspé Cod is served with mushrooms, potatoes, and béchamel sauce. Also listed on the menu are a variety of homemade pies, ranging from \$4.95 to \$5.95. They include quiche, vegetable pie, seafood pie, chicken pie, and salmon pie.

Beverages such as cafe au lait, espresso, iced tea, and cappuccino, can be had. House wine is available in red and white. The price varies from \$3.25 a glass to \$5.75 a litre. Beer, brewed at the Golden Lion Pub, is served upon request.

After looking the menu over, I ordered a spiced beef sandwich on a croissant and a glass of milk. My friend requested pea soup, vegetable pie, and a glass of iced tea.

Within a brief interlude our meals were served. My friend's pea soup looked nice and thick. She said it was most definitely homemade and tasted wonderful.

Then our main course arrived. My spiced beef sandwich was accompanied by a small side salad. It contained lettuce, cabbage, a slice of tomato, and a slice of cucumber. A tangy sauce with onions was placed on the side. I found the salad was fresh and crisp. However, the dressing was a little sharp for my liking. The sandwich itself was excellent. The croissant was flaky and the beef not as spicy as its name implied. I thoroughly enjoyed every bite. My companion's main course consisted of vegetable pie with a salad on the side. The pie contained almost every vegetable imaginable. It looked good and my companion said she was quite content after eating it.

Overall I found the service to be pleasant and reasonably quick, the bathrooms immaculate, and the food fantastic.

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## Megantic Honours Settlers

Schedule of Events — see story on Page 1

### Friday, August 9

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

At the Megantic Railway Station — Official opening ceremony.

Tea Room Museum — University of Edinburgh pictures and texts.

Highland Music — bagpipes played by Marc Lebel of Santa Monica, California. After this ceremony there will be a tour to the Astro-Lab for those wishing to go. The charge for the trip is \$8.00.

### Saturday, August 10

9:00 a.m. to noon

At Resto Pub Le Morrison — the Lake Megantic Family Treasure Hunt "Let us discover our Scottish Heritage". Breakfast/history course at 9:00 a.m. — Treasure Hunt at 10:00 a.m. Prizes will be offered.

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

At The Veteran's Park, Lake Megantic, without charge, entertainment for all the family, bagpipes, drums & dances. The Eastern Townships Highland Pipe Band

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

At the Sainte-Agnes Church, Lake Megantic, the 16th Century classical music concert *La cour de Marie Stuart — The Court of Mary Queen of Scots*.

### Sunday August 11

10:00 a.m.

At St. John of Ditchfield Anglican Church, Range 4, Frontenac, a church service with The Reverend Blair Ross.

1:30 p.m.

At Eglise Ste-Ambroise de Milan, Route 214, Milan, an Ecumenical service with The Reverend Blake Walker, Moderator of the Presbytery of Quebec, Catholic Priest Gilles Baril, Marc Lebel playing the bagpipes, Robert Sandford of Scotstown and gaelic songs by the Glengarry Gaelic Choir.

3:00 p.m.

At Gisla Cemetery, Milan, dedication of a plaque in honour of Donald Morrison. Dedication of plaques erected by The Ministry of Cultural Affairs and the Municipality of Milan at two sites — Gisla Cemetery and corner of Route 214 and Gisla Road.

6:00 p.m.

Buffet Supper at La Ruée vers Gould, 19, route 108, Gould, Quebec [819] 877-3446

7:00 p.m.

Chalmers United Church, Route 108, Gould, a benefit concert to finance renovations to the church with Marc Lebel, bagpiper; Gaelic songs by The Glengarry Gaelic Choir, and Highland music by the Late Bloomers. Admission \$10.00.

Donations should be payable to Chalmers United Church Building Fund, c/o Mrs. Heather Beaton, North Hill Road, Ste. Marguerite, Quebec JOB 3J0

## An Adventurous Hike

*Continued from Page 3*

hillside, and there was a nice little campground beside a brook. It had tent platforms and yes, even an outhouse, but no apparently good water.

After a nice long rest, we set off again. The trail rose so steeply that there were actually stairs made of logs up the rocks. As we scrambled ever upwards it started to rain. I put on my new rain poncho and clutched my \$35.00 straw hat. I was snug and dry as the rain pattered down around me. However, it was nearly impossible to climb steep slippery rocks with one free hand in a poncho that is constantly being stepped on. So after trying to walk up the inside of my poncho a few times, I gave in to the rain and wet.

When the rain stopped, we took a break. We calculated our time and mileage and realized we had miles to go and not many hours before dark. We were also getting tired. We pooled our lunch leftovers. I had no takers for a very squashed damp cheese sand-

wich, but accepted an orange. It was the best orange I ever ate!

We budgeted our time and energy: walk 60 minutes — rest 10. We hiked along quickly passing by signs which pointed to scenic lookouts; there was no time for lookouts. We stopped for a break on one mountain peak. Hoping we would soon be on the downhill side of the mountain, we groaned when around a corner the great granddaddy of Townships peaks loomed above our heads. Rock, smooth bare rock loomed straight up ahead of us. I groaned, "the trail has to go around it, we can't climb that!" but across a mossy stream and out of the trees we could see a series of wooden ladder steps and hand railings leading up!

So up we went, occasionally stopping and resting. Watching for slippery rocks and loose steps, we finally reached the peak of Round Top Mountain (elevation 968 meters) and a view which is

worth a return trip. Montreal is easily visible with a naked eye and mountains stretch away to the horizon. However, time was of the essence. Relatives would be worrying. The trail was down hill now. Through stunted spruces and big rocks — down and down. We did hurry, but with caution. Signposts warned us to take care. We hurried through hardwoods with lots of bear signs.

It was dark when we left the mountain behind. The trail was once again good and well marked. It is surprising how much can be seen after dark when eyes become adjusted. We hoped we wouldn't see any bears. Soon the trail led to a wood road, then to a bigger gravel road, and eventually to THE CAR. What a welcome sight and what an adventure!



# Have you seen a Red Brahma?

by Heather Beattie

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting Steve and Sue Barters' Steeshanie Farm, located near Bury.

The reason for our visit were some large lop-eared big-eyed cattle. They were Red Polled Brahmas. Polled means that the cattle are naturally hornless. Animals that are polled are worth more because there is no hassle of having to dehorn the young calves. Brahmas are very rare in Canada and number only about a hundred head. Steve Barter said that, as far as he knows, Steeshanie Farm is the only place where you can find Brahmas in eastern Canada. Overall there are only four farms in Canada where Brahmas are raised.

Brahmas originate from India. Some of their most interesting characteristics are a result of this fact. For example, the large hump, located over the shoulders of the animal, is used to store protein and fat. It has basically the same purpose as a camels' hump. The long droopy ears are used to swish insects off the head and neck. A loose flap of skin, located on the animals' chest, allows them to sweat more and cool off easier.

The Barters decided to get Brahmas about three years ago. After hunting in vain for

some of these fascinating creatures, they were finally told that Texas was home to quite a few Brahmas. From there they were able to import three Brahmas. They now have eleven Brahma and Brahma-Holstein crosses.

When asked why he decided to get Brahmas, Steve said that he and his family have always enjoyed doing something different. Besides, he added, Brahmas are gentle, easy to handle, and can be used as beef animals. The meat is very lean and they can provide as much as any ordinary beef cow. However, they are much more efficient converters of plant matter to protein. This means that they eat less and may end up weighing as much as a Hereford who has eaten more. They are also extremely resistant to scours. When a Brahma is crossed with another breed the offspring will have a broader range of immunity to disease. Other than their hump and large Basset hound-like-faces, Brahmas act like ordinary cattle.

Barters say they plan to keep Brahmas for many more years, as a sideline to their Holstein dairy farm. They enjoy working with these animals and find them to be very personable.



Steve Barter calling the cattle to have their pictures taken.



Jessie-Sue calling the cattle, her brother, Joshua, is just as interested in the cattle, but a bit camera shy.



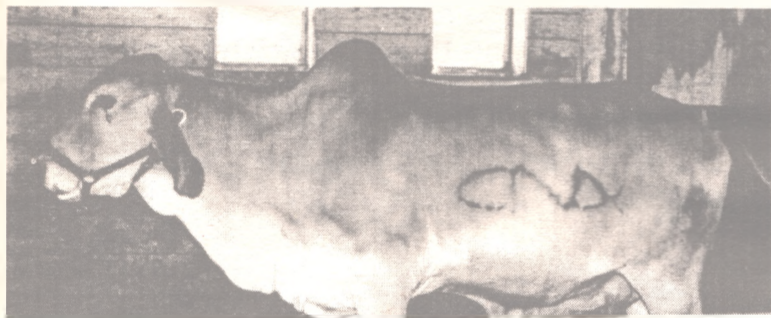
One of the purebred Brahma calves raised at Steeshanie Farm.



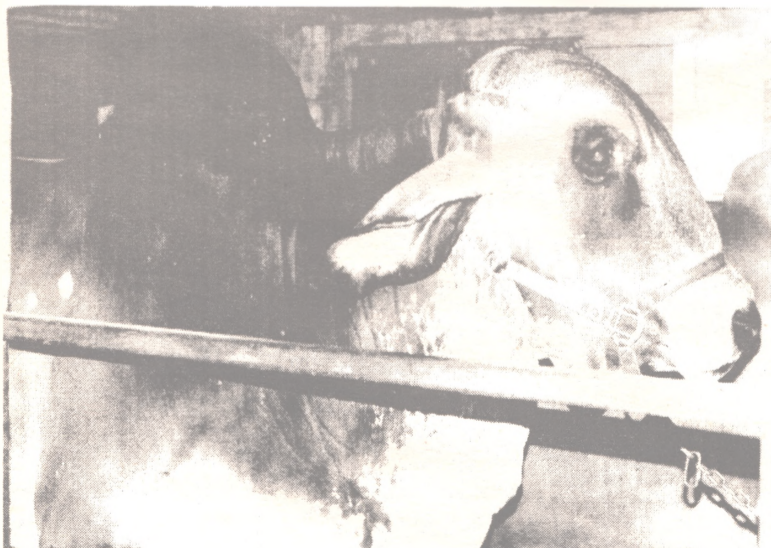
Big Ben eating peacefully alongside the other cattle.



Steve Barter is explaining that the hump of a Brahma is solid meat.



One of the cows that was imported from Texas; the mark on her side is from when she was branded as a calf.



Big Ben, the bull that was imported from Texas three years ago.



The other cow imported from Texas.



One of the Barters' Holstein-Brahma crosses.



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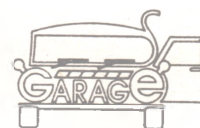


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- 9:00 a.m. Light Horse Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Animal Judging
- 1:00 p.m. Heavy Horse Classes
- 3:00 p.m. Parade of the 4H Clubs
- 4:00 p.m. Heavy Horse Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Registration for the 4x4 Truck Pull
- 7:30 p.m. 4x4 Truck Pull
- 9:30 p.m. Dance with Silverado Orchestra



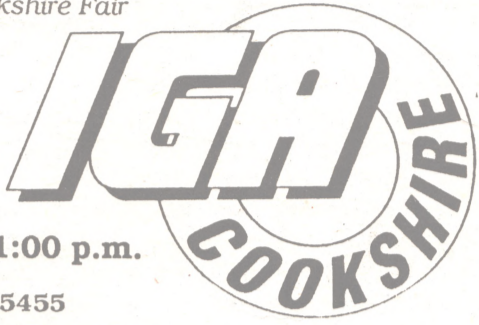
**AUGUST 18  
SUNDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Light Horse Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Heavy Horse Harness Classes
- 1:00 p.m. The Cloggers
- 2:00 p.m. Animal parade
- 3:00 p.m. Heavy Horse Harness Classes
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**by Kathleen Hanna**

We are in the middle of the summer movie releases and as usual there is a lot of hype when promoting these movies, to get people into the movie theatres. Taking into account the weather, it should be a record breaking year for the theatres.

This month I shall review two Denzel Washington movies, "The Mighty Quinn" and "Devil in a Blue Dress".

"Devil in a Blue Dress" is a mystery movie with a murder.

Izzy is out of work and having a difficult time finding another job. He has managed to buy his own house and has to keep up the payments. The bartender at the local bar where he hangs out, puts him in touch with a private dick who needs someone who can go into the negro bars and trace a missing white girl. The job seems innocent and the money is good so Izzy agrees.

A good friend of Izzy's is at the bar with his girlfriend who just happens to know the missing girl. When the friend drinks too much Izzy helps the girlfriend carry him home. When they get him to bed she proceeds to seduce Izzy while he attempts to find out information about the girl. Next morning the police arrive at his house and arrest him for murder. The girlfriend was found dead that morning and Izzy was the last person to see her alive.

Things are getting a little out of hand. Izzy realizes that he is being set up to take the fall for the murder and he decides to go on the offensive. Izzy goes to see the private dick's client. Now he has the

client paying him thousands of dollars to find his fiance. Izzy decides to get some help. He calls in a friend from Houston who has a little more experience dealing with people and with guns. He will have to act fast because the police are never far away.

The plot unfolds slowly as Izzy becomes aware of the situation. The setting is California in the early 50's. Jennifer Beale, the 'Devil in a Blue Dress', plays the missing girl, or so we think at first. This is a good mystery with some unexpected curves, but not suitable for young viewers.

In the "Mighty Quinn", Chief Quinn has been having a few problems lately. He is separated from his wife and someone has just been murdered at an exclusive resort. The Governor is trying his best not to let this incident scare the tourists. So, the Chief is told, in no uncertain terms, to solve the murder quickly. Everyone, including the Governor, decides that Maube should take the fall for the murder and when Quinn orders an autopsy the owner of the resort refuses. Quinn manages to have the autopsy performed in the hanger at the airport the night before the body is scheduled to leave.

It appears that the cause of death was not decapitation, but a snake bite which clears Maube, but starts the real investigation to find the motive and the murderer. Complicating the case is the appearance of a \$10,000.00 dollar bill. There is no such thing as a \$10,000.00 dollar bill so why would someone counterfeit currency that does not exist?

The music is raggaie, the island is hot and the magic is working. Not for young viewers.



**by Marion Greenlay**

Life insurance for seniors by Ben Wicks, with Vincent Wicks is a little paperback book with ninety-five pages. It is easy reading and every page has a delightful cartoon and caption.

This book strongly suggests that seniors (60 years and plus) seriously consider getting life insurance, if they do not already have some, and explains the reasons why. For example, even though you may have provided for the costs of your funeral, have you considered the legal costs of settling your estate, the income tax or estate tax liabilities, charges on your credit cards, and do you wish to leave a bit of money to your family or a charity?

This book also contains a very good guide on what to look for in a life insurance. Example — When does the full coverage come into effect? With some insurers you may have to survive a full two years before the complete amount is paid out. If you should die before this time, your beneficiary might receive only a small portion of the benefit. Other examples — Can the insurance company cancel your policy for reasons other than non-payment of your bill, will your premiums ever increase, will it still be in effect if you should reach one hundred years of age?

I enjoyed reading this book. I found it very informative, and recommend it for anyone considering buying life insurance.



Canada's favorite, (and aging like fine wine) senior cartoonist, Ben Wicks, has taken on another upfront issue in 1996; a guide to life insurance needs for seniors. Only Ben's deft touch and personal commitment to the subject could deliver this thoroughly enlightening roadmap as comfortably and in such detail. "Growing up as I did in the East end of London, insurance was one of the many luxuries that were denied my parents," remembers Ben. "When my twin brother died soon after his birth, we had no money for his burial. It was Alf Smith, our local undertaker, and his offer to bury my brother with a stranger, that made it possible to give him a decent burial."

After a big year in 1995 saw his autobiography, *Master of None*, and children's political mosaic, *Dear Canada*, go bestseller, Ben took on this sensitive project with Standard International Underwriters Ltd., head office

Edmonton. "We're seeing the real effects of our aging population right now," says Ben. "The products we buy and the services we need absolutely have to take our particulars into consideration. Life insurance can be a mystery at the best of times and as we grow older the need changes, not disappears. Funeral expenses, tax liabilities - peace of mind, they're all real issues I deal with here."

By the year 2031, Statistics Canada projects there will be over 8 million Canadian seniors. That's more than one in five Canadians 65 or older, with more than a million on the high side of 85. With those kind of real numbers, you'll be seeing a lot more work like Ben's latest published, and promoted. We can only trust many will be as entertaining and informative.

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To Beat the Summer Heat

# Barbeque and Cook Ahead

Cook meat once to serve twice. Toss sirloin steak in marinade, then grill to mouthwatering perfection. Carve thinly and fan out on a plate. Plan for leftovers to serve in Steak and Potato Salad.

This fine chili recipe is from the The Brewers Association of Canada cookbook, Beer & Cooking. If you would like to obtain a free copy of Beer & Cooking, please write to: Brewers Association of Canada, Suite 1200, 155 Queen St., Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 6L1.

The Brewers of Canada wish you a safe and happy summer, and remind all Canadians to please drink responsibly.

The harvest season — from summer to early fall — is the best time to prepare homemade fruit pies. Baskets of precious strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, and peaches are now at their peak of ripeness, ready to be transformed into sweet rewards. Homemade pies like this "Very Berry Pie" can be simple to make. For best results, this recipe calls for the ripest fruits and relies on Minute® tapioca to thicken the pie's glorious juices. Unlike flour or cornstarch, tapioca thickens the filling subtly so the berry juices will flow just enough, but not too much. Tapioca will also never mask the taste of the fresh fruit nor will it cloud its clear, brilliant colors. To maximize the pleasure, serve this pie slightly warm with sweetened whipped topping, vanilla ice cream or frozen yogurt.

Take advantage of the same season to make this soft set spread, a blend of several summer berries. It's a splendid choice for berry lovers.

### Party Sirloin

2 lb 1 kg sirloin steak or sirloin tip steak, 1-1/2 inches (4 cm) thick

#### Marinade:

1/3 cup	75 mL	rice or cider vinegar
1/4 cup	50 mL	soy sauce
3 Tbsp	50 mL	vegetable oil
2 Tbsp	25 mL	chopped fresh coriander
1 Tbsp	15 mL	sesame oil
1 Tbsp	15 mL	sherry
3	3	green onions, finely chopped
2	2	cloves garlic, minced
1/2 tsp	2 mL	chili paste or hot pepper sauce

**Marinade:** In small bowl, whisk together vinegar, soy sauce, vegetable oil, coriander, sesame oil, sherry, green onions, garlic and chili paste. Place steak in shallow glass dish; pour marinade over top. Cover and marinate in refrigerator for at least 4 hours, or for up to 8 hours, turning occasionally. Discarding marinade, place steak on greased grill over medium-high heat; cover and cook, turning once, for 20 minutes for rare or until desired doneness. Transfer to cutting board; tent with foil and let stand for 5 minutes before slicing thinly. Serve with grilled par-boiled new potatoes and sweet peppers. Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 155 Cal; 21 g protein; 7 g fat; 1 g carbohydrate.

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### Fieldberry Spread

1 cup	250 mL
3/4 cup	175 mL
3/4 cup	175 mL
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1 1/2 cups	375 mL
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crushed blueberries  
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Makes 3 1/4 cups (750 mL). Prep time: 15 minutes Standing time: 30 minutes

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### Steak and Potato Salad

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1 1/2 cups	375 mL
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large potatoes, unpeeled, halved and cooked or the equivalent in small red-skinned potatoes, unpeeled  
stalk celery, sliced  
green onions, sliced  
strips cooked beef  
small head lettuce  
tomatoes, cut in wedges  
slices cucumber

#### Horseradish Dressing:

1/3 cup	75 mL
1/4 cup	50 mL
1 Tbsp	15 mL
1 1/2 tsp	7 mL
1/2 tsp	(2 mL)
1/4 tsp	1 mL

vegetable oil  
white wine or cider vinegar  
Dijon mustard  
prepared horseradish  
salt  
pepper

In bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, mustard, horseradish, salt and pepper. Dressing can be covered and refrigerated for up to 1 day; whisk before using.

**Salad:** Peel potatoes, if desired, and slice. In large bowl, combine potatoes, celery, green onions and beef. Pour dressing over top; toss gently to coat. Separate lettuce into leaves; arrange on serving plates. Spoon salad over top. Garnish with tomatoes and cucumber. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 430 calories; 20 g protein; 24 g fat; 35 g carbohydrate.

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### Very Berry Pie

1 1/2 cups blueberries  
1 1/2 cups raspberries  
1 cup blackberries  
1 cup sugar  
3 Tbsps MINUTE® tapioca  
Pastry for two-crust 9-inch pie  
1 Tbsp margarine or butter

Heat oven to 400oF. Mix blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, sugar and tapioca in large bowl. Let stand 15 minutes. Roll 1/2 of the pastry to 11 inch\* circle on lightly floured surface. Line 9-inch\* pie plate with pastry, allowing 1/2-inch overhang. Fill with berry mixture. Dot with margarine. Roll remaining pastry to 12-inch circle. Cover pie with pastry; seal and flute edge. Cut several slits to permit steam to escape. Bake 1 hour or until juices form bubbles that burst slowly. Cool. Makes 8 servings.

\*Roll pastry 2 inches larger than pie plate.



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## New Pastor Welcomed at North Hatley, Waterville and Eustis

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Alain comes to his new ministry with his wife, Lynne, and their two teenage daughters. Alain brings a varied background to his ministry. His first degree was in commerce and he has some retail management experience. He returned to university part-time for his theology while working as a library researcher for the Parliamentary Library of Canada. He served in a licenced part-time ministry in three different parishes in the Ottawa area. During this time Alain and Lynne operated a licenced foster home for special needs children.

He comes to this parish after serving as a parish priest for nine years in Newfoundland. He has a history of strong pastoral ministry and is a prayerful and sacramental centred person. His prayerful pastoral ministry has included a healing ministry in Christ Church.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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<p><b>See Events on Page 14</b></p>	<p><b>Aug</b> Band Concerts — Festival of Lake Massawippi. Sunday evenings 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Free. Dreamland Park, North Hatley.</p>	<p><b>'til Aug 3</b> Musical — "Gunmetal Blues" is a murder mystery musical with music and lyrics by Craig Bolmer and Marion Adler. Theatre Lac Brome, 267 Knowlton Road, Knowlton. Info: [514] 242-2270.</p>	<p><b>'til Aug 3</b> Theatre — "Wrong for Each Other" will be presented at the Piggery Summer Theatre, North Hatley. This play tells the story of a couple's courtship and marriage. Info: [819] 842-2431.</p>
<p><b>'til Aug 4</b> Art Exhibit — Circuit des Arts Memphrémagog allows art fans to visit artists in 62 locations. Pamphlets, showing the locations of the various artists, are available at Sherbrooke and Memphrémagog tourist information centers. Info: 1-800-267-2744.</p>	<p><b>'til Aug 10</b> Art Exhibit — Marguerite Bladon will exhibit her work at the North Hatley Library. The subject of her work is Nova Scotia. Info: Susan Gwyn, [819] 842-2110.</p>	<p><b>'til Aug 24</b> Art Exhibit — Mim Rankin and Beth Girdler will exhibit watercolours at the Piggery, North Hatley. Info: [819] 842-2431.</p>	<p><b>'til Aug 31</b> Circus — "Cirque Éloïse" is put on by young artists who have graduated from the National Circus School. They will be performing at the Salle Maurice O'Bready every Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Info: [819] 820-1000.</p>
<p><b>'til Aug 31</b> Photo Exhibit — "Lennoxville Through the Years", at Uplands Museum, 50 Park, Lennoxville.</p>	<p><b>'til Sep 1</b> Art Exhibit — Ozias Leduc, "Ozias Leduc in the Eastern Townships." Le Musée des beaux-arts de Sherbrooke, 241 Dufferin, Sherbrooke.</p>	<p><b>'til Sep 8</b> Museum Exhibit — The J. Armand Bombardier Museum, 1001 avenue J. A. Bombardier, Valcourt, presents the exhibit "Machins-Trucs". This exhibit is comprised of various utensils and machine parts. Info: [514] 532-5300.</p>	<p><b>Aug</b> Story Hour — A story hour will take place at the Sherbrooke Library every Wednesday and Saturday. All three to six year old children are welcome, if accompanied by a parent. Info: [819] 821-5597.</p>
<p><b>Aug 1 — 4</b> Exhibition of Bonsai — "Côté Jardin". Bonsai trees at the outside gardens of the municipal greenhouses. Portland, Sherbrooke.</p>	<p><b>Aug 2 — 28</b> Art Exhibit — Linda Hobley will be displaying paintings at the Centre d'Art, Dunham Public Library, 3638 rue Principale, Dunham. The display will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Info: [514] 295-2621.</p>	<p><b>Aug 3</b> Anniversary — 100th anniversary of Christ Church, Canterbury</p>	<p><b>Aug 3</b> Flower Show — Uplands Garden Club will present its first flower show in Centennial Park, Speid St., Lennoxville. All gardeners are invited to participate. The flowers will be on display from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Info: Helena Brodie [819] 346-3696.</p>
<p><b>Aug 3 — 25</b> Art Exhibit — Mary Harman, a painter, will display her work at Arts Sutton, 7 Academy, Sutton. Morton Rosengarten will also be present with his drawings and sculptures. Info: [514] 538-2563.</p>	<p><b>Aug 7 — 24</b> Theatre — "Desire", written by Michel Marc Bouchard, is a love story which takes a farcical look at human nature. Theatre Lac Brome, 267 Knowlton Road, Knowlton. Info: [514] 242-2270.</p>	<p><b>Aug 8</b> Benefit Night — The North Hatley Community Centre's annual benefit night will be held at the Piggery's opening performance of 2 Pianos, 4 Hands. Tickets are \$18.00 each. Info: Mary Hill [819] 842-2298 or Wendell Smith [819] 842-2336.</p>	<p><b>Aug 8 — 24</b> Theatre — 2 Pianos, 4 Hands will be presented at the Piggery Summer Theatre, North Hatley. This play is the story of how two young men grew up in music. Info: [819] 842-2431.</p>
<p><b>August 9, 10, 11</b> Scottish Festival at Megantic — Concert, visits to churches and cemeteries, visits to Stornaway and Gould, Dedication of a memorial plaque and fence at Gisla Cemetery at 1:30 on Sunday.</p>	<p><b>Aug 10</b> Benefit Dinner — A BBQ dinner will be held at the Reilly House Community Center, 302 Main St., Mansonville, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The entrance fee includes dessert and beverages. All profits go to the community center. Info: [514] 292-3109.</p>	<p><b>Aug 16</b> Benefit Night — Lou Simon and "The Well Educated Tramps" will perform blues music at a benefit night sponsored by the Sherbrooke Historical Society. At the Granada Theatre, 53 Wellington North, Sherbrooke, at 9:30 p.m. Info: [819] 821-5406.</p>	<p><b>Aug 16, 17, 18</b> <b>Cookshire Fair</b></p>
<p><b>Aug 17 — 18</b> Arts &amp; Crafts Show — The 13th Annual Arts &amp; Crafts Show will be presented at the Piggery Theatre, North Hatley. On August 17th the show will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On August 18th the show will open at 10:00 a.m. Info: [819] 842-2431.</p>	<p><b>Aug 16 — 18</b> Quilt Show — The Rawdon Quilt Show will be taking place at the Anglican Parish Hall, Metcalfe St., Rawdon. Admission is \$3.00 and includes refreshments. Info: [514] 834-2235.</p>	<p><b>Aug 22, 23, 24, 25</b> <b>Ayer's Cliff Fair</b></p>	<p><b>Aug 28 — Sep 7</b> Comedy — Comedians "Bowser and Blue" will take a look at the funny side of life in contemporary Quebec and Canada. Theatre Lac Brome, 267 Knowlton Road, Knowlton. Info: [514] 242-2270.</p>

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

If you would like your organization's upcoming event included in this calendar, drop us a note before the 18th of the previous month.

# Memory Lane

## In Remembrance of Carl Mayhew

I would like to write something regarding the late Carl Mayhew. He was such a good news reporter himself, and mentioned everyone and everything, and I would like to write a little about him.

For years I have clipped out every article and poem he wrote, as well as those that were written about him.

I would like especially to refer to the area where he grew up, Canterbury and Bury. Those of us who also came from there, and those who are still there, were so happy to read what he wrote.

He was a nice, friendly, good man, well liked by so many people. I felt very sorry when he said he was losing his eyesight. That was sad in his case when he enjoyed reading and writing so much.

In the last letter he wrote to me he sent the following, and I am going to include it here:

Do not stand at my grave and weep;  
I am not there,  
I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there. I did not die.

Gertrude MacLean  
Edmonton, Alberta

## A Stand-out Store

Any of Sherbrooke's old timers can tell you that Wellington Street in Sherbrooke was the jewel of the town. Both sides of the street were graced with beautiful stores offering the public all sorts of merchandise from fudge to furniture.

As has been said many times, all good things must come to an end, and so did Wellington Street and its magic with the introduction of the modern shopping centers; where parking was convenient and one's requirements could be easily found under one roof, rain or shine.

There were many great stores on Wellington Street and like in any sport, where there's always one person that stands out, there was one store that stood out. That establishment was J. S. Mitchell Hardware Co.

Mitchell's was a wholesale hardware firm serving many large and small retail hardware stores throughout the Eastern Townships. They also ran a large retail operation on the ground floor of their five-story building on Wellington Street North, Sherbrooke. Aside from the store, offices and stock-rooms on Wellington, there were several large warehouses to the rear on Big Forks Street, where heavy

hardware such as cement, coal and building materials were stored.

This area, being close to the St. Francis river, often flooded in the spring. I vividly recall getting telephone calls nearly every spring and often at midnight, to report to the warehouses with most of the male staff to move all merchandise from the ground floor up to the second, as the river was rising fast. Usually the job was done by 5:00 a.m. when sandwiches would be sent in, which a bunch of tired people wolfed-down standing knee-deep in frigid water. We received no pay for this and were expected to be on the job at 8:00 a.m. that morning. Arriving at the store still half asleep, but happy to have helped the company save many thousands of dollars.

I can hear some contemporary union heads saying "suckers". Maybe; but all I can say is, when we were sick at home, hospitalized, or had to take time off due to family problems, our pay cheque kept coming. We always regarded it as a two-way street.

The Wellington Street store was convenient for locals and tourists, but the main source of revenue came from the wholesale end of the business. There were four sales-

men, of which I was one, covering all the retail hardware stores in the Eastern Townships. Two covered the Asbestos industries in the Thetford Mines area. One sold coal by the railroad carload and another covered all the large building contractors in the area. It was quite an operation.

One reason Mitchell's was so popular was that all the clerks were taught that the customer is always right; that without customers, there would be no store, no jobs. That philosophy worked well and always will. My observations tell me that in this day and age, management of many stores never took the time to pass-on the two magic business words to their employees. "Politeness and helpfulness, coupled with a smile".

Get's 'em every time.

From the time I was in high school I was aware that Mitchell's was a good company to work for, so in 1945 after being released from the R.C.A.F., I decided to apply there for a job as salesman.

I was interviewed by Mr. A. C. Stevens, general manager of the firm. He was a very kind, soft-spoken man who had lost a son in the war. He asked if I knew him and I said I had, adding my condolences. At the end of the interview he said "You'll do young fellow, come in Monday". As I thanked him on leaving his office, he said, "As a Canadian of French extraction I am impressed by your perfect command of the English language, Len." I paused a moment, thinking "what a perfect opportunity here to employ deception", but I couldn't accept a job, (desperately needed) from this kind gentleman under false pretences. Lose it or not, I said, "Actually, Mr. Stevens, I don't speak a word of French".

"My, my, my" he said, shuffling through the pile of papers on his desk. "I'm so glad you have been honest with me, Len. So much deceit in the world today." "You know son, we have many good French Canadian customers whom we value, so we make a point to deal with them in their language. Would you consent to attending French language night school? We will pay for the course." With a smile on my face and mighty thankful I had been honest, I replied, "I'd be delighted, Mr. Stevens."

I never forgot Mr. Bert

Stevens' sense of fairness and caring: qualities that are often sadly missing from some of our so-called contemporary leaders.

Before going on the road for an eighteen year stint, I was required to spend two years in the retail store behind the counter. That was tough for a young fellow who had spent his life out-of-doors. But it was fun sometimes, especially on a quiet day when there was time to pull a joke on someone.

Jack Hawkins was a likable fellow. He was a handsome bachelor who was liked by everyone but mostly by the ladies. He returned from the war as a Captain and always had a smile on his face.

One quiet day a woman of about sixty-five named Anna, who was sweet on Jack made her daily visit to his paint department to peek at him while pretending to look at the merchandise.

She had a lot of money which was left to her by her father who had owned a lot of property in east Sherbrooke. She was never too clean looking, with dresses down to her ankles and a face that would stop an eight-day clock. That particular day when she passed my counter I just HAD to confront her.

"Good day, Miss Anna" I gushed. "Been to see Jack?" "Yes" she answered. "I'll tell you a little secret Miss Anna if you promise to keep it strictly confidential". "I certainly will" quoth Anna. "Well" says I, "as you know, Jack is

a bachelor and is anxious to get married and I understand he has his eye on you, but never reveal where you heard this". "Never, never" said Anna, as she practically flew back to the paint department.

For the next few weeks Anna practically lived in the paint department making goo goo eyes at Jack until he took to hiding on the 4th floor until she got bored and left. Finally, fearing that Jack would have a heart attack, the floor walker ordered Anna out and to never come back.

A few years later I was having a coffee with Jack and he said, "you know Len, if I ever catch-up with the guy who sicced Anna onto me, I'll kill him".

Jack passed away a few years ago. That's why I finally dare to tell the story.

There are hundreds of tales that can be told about this wonderful business house but time and space suggest they be left for another day.

However, I will leave you with an interesting revelation. George Murphy Sr. was our president. His son, George Murphy Jr., a lawyer, was the credit manager, and a young child named Peter Murphy whom I would often see in the store with his mother, was the son of George Murphy Jr. He is presently the fine newscaster whom we all enjoy nightly on CTV news, channel 12.

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