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Brome Lake Mayor Gilles Decelles and councillor Michael Caluori cut the ceremonial ribbon. PHOTO/SHARON McCULLY

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Friday, October 5

Everyone is welcome to a **Rumage Sale** sponsored by the A.C.W. at **St. James Anglican Church Hall** in Stanbridge East from 1 till 5.

There will be a **500 card party** at 8 in **Grace Anglican Church Hall** in Knowlton. There will be refreshments and prizes and everyone is welcome.

Saturday October 6

There will be a **Flea Market** from 10 till 3 at **St. Paul's Anglican hall** in Mansonville. New and used articles, crafts, and books. Lunch counter available.

The UCW will be holding a **Harvest Bake Sale** at **Knowlton United Church** from 10:00 till noon.

Sunday, October 7

The Royal Canadian Legion, Sutton Branch No. 158, 2 Curley Street, Sutton, will have a **Western Breakfast** 10 till 1. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, October 9

The regular monthly meeting for those interested in environmental issues will be held at 7:30 at the **Knowlton United Church Hall**. **Gayle Watt** leads the discussion and invites everyone to come and share their ideas.

Saturday, October 13

Get set for the **Annual Lasagna Supper and Book Fair** at **Knowlton Academy** from 5 till 7. There will be lots of games, prizes and fun for the whole family. Adults \$6.00, Children 9 and under \$3. Family price is \$18 with children under \$3 allowed to eat free of charge.

The **Knowlton Wolf Cubs** will hold their **annual bottle drive**. Boys will be going door to door in the Town of Brome Lake area. Resalable bottles only please.

You are cordially invited to celebrate the opening of **The Center of Inner Light** 1611 Alderbrooke Road, Sutton, by joining us at an **Open House** at 3 o'clock. During the afternoon, a talk will be given by **Rev. Claire Longo**, an outstanding and well respected channeler. The centre offers spiritual counselling and meditation. For more information call **Kitty Nunnely** at 538-3624.

October 13 and 14

A weekend of **arena polo** will be held at **Ferme Campanile**, 470 Chemin du College, Dunham, starting at 1:30. **Stowe Polo Club** will be visiting with ten polo ponies and will be competing with a **Polo Brome team**. The public is invited to attend, and those interested in playing polo will have an opportunity to try on trained horses. The Polo Brome Club will be holding polo clinics and games throughout the winter months in the indoor arena at **Ferme Campanile** in Dunham on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6 till 8 and Saturdays 10 till 1 and Sunday between 1 and 3. For information call **Jacques Coderre** 243-5154, **George Caluori** 534-2497, **Helgi Soutar** 243-0289 or 931-5662.

Friday, November 7

A **Christmas Tea** will be held in **St. James Anglican Church Hall** from 2 till 4. Admission will be charged.

ARTS

Saturday, October 6

Les Jeunesses Musicales de Cowansville will open the 1990-1991 season with **Le Trio à la Quarte** at 7:30 at **Ste. Rosa de Lima Church** on Main Street in Cowansville. For more information see story below.

October 6 and 7

Alain Lefevre, a 28-year-old classical pianist who launched his career in Europe and has played with the **Montreal Symphony Orchestra** will be giving two performances at **Théâtre Lac Brome**. The show is sponsored by **Ultramar** and tickets are \$30. Saturday tickets are sold out but there are still tickets for Sunday.

Till October 6

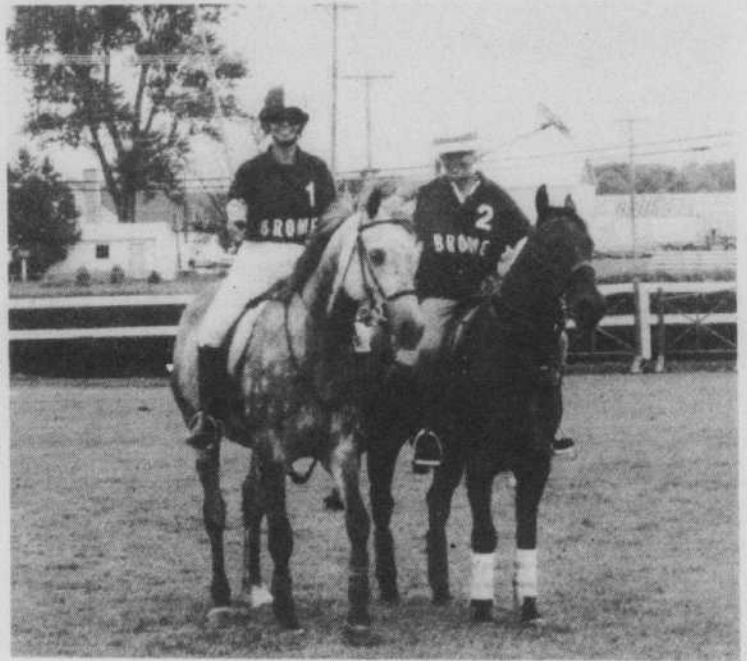
Les Productions Ben Labarouette presents its latest production **Believe it or not... It's all in your mime** performed by **Benoit Ranger** and **Guylaine Roy**. The play will be presented every Friday and Saturday night during **Mt. Sutton's annual fall festival of colors** at **Auberge La Pamplonaise** in Sutton. The restaurant is offering a **Dine and Pantomime** package for \$27. For information and reservations call 538-3213.

Saturday, October 6

The 21st **arts and handicrafts fair**, sponsored by the **Brome County Historical Society**, will be held at the **Legion Hall** at 383 Knowlton Road between 10 and 5. Show continues **Sunday**, same times, same place.

Sunday October 7

The **Centre d'art Mississquoi** will hold a **Thanksgiving Concert** at **Bishop Stewart Memorial Church of the Holy Trinity** at 4:00. The concert will feature organist **Mireille Lagace** and **Marcel Saint-Cyr** cellist in a program of **Bach** and **Vivaldi**. Tickets are \$8 adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased at the door or at the **Marché Metro** in Frelighsburg, in Dunham at 248-7614, **Bedford** at **Restaurant La Sarcelle**, Sutton at **Restaurant Mocado** or at 538-0516 on the weekend, and in **Montreal** at 342-1503 during the evening.



Saturday, October 13

Big Puppets and Country and Western Music Show starring **Bevan Skerratt** as radio cowperson with **Lorna Willey** and **Phil Sheppard** on at the **Mansonville Elementary School** at 7:30. Coffee, tea, homemade donuts, fruit juice and popcorn will be sold during intermission. Proceeds to the **Holy Trinity Church Women's Committee**.

The **Rose Window Gallery** is holding an exhibit of established and emerging African artists. The exhibit, entitled **ARTAID** is sponsored by **CUSO** (Canadian University Services Overseas) which is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The objective of **ARTAID** is to provide Third World artists with more access to the Canadian market and to make Canadians aware of artists and their countries of origin. All proceeds from the sale go to **CUSO**. Exhibit will be open from **Saturday, Oct. 6 to Oct. 8** between 11 and 5. The **Rose Window Gallery** is located on **Lakeside Road** in Knowlton.

Arts Sutton is holding an exhibit of works by sculptor **David Moore**. The **Academy Street gallery** is open **Thursday through Sunday** from 1 till 5.

COMMUNITY NOTES

The next youth forum of the **United Church of Canada Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbytery** will be held in **Sutton November 9, 10 and 11**. As the topic for the weekend is the environment, they want to create as little garbage as possible. We need dishes, and cutlery for about 80 people. Could anyone lend us or give us such items? Please contact **Gail Watt** at 243-0708.

The school committee of **Heroes Memorial elementary school** extends an invitation for families to have a **group photo** taken of themselves. It makes for a great Christmas gift and it also helps the school raise money. Call **Susan Burnham** at 263-5671 for more information.

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Jeunesse Musicales perparees to kick off season

COWANSVILLE — **Les Jeunesses Musicales de Cowansville** will open the 1990-1991 season with a very promising program: **Le Trio à la Quarte**, on **Saturday, Oct. 6, 7:30** at **Ste. Rosa de Lima Church** on Main Street in Cowansville.

Sonia Morin, clarinetist, **Andrée Lehoux**, bassonist and **Denis Bluteau**, flutist formed a group in 1988 and have since that time won admiration from audiences around the country.

Sonia Morin plays solo in the **Symphonic orchestra** in Windsor

and all three are supernumerary in the **Montreal Symphony Orchestra**.

At next Saturday's concert, the trio will present a program of selections from **Hadyn**, **Mozart** and **Tschaikowski**, and a few humorous variations.

Jeunesses Musicales will present four concerts in Cowansville this winter. Tickets for the concert series are priced at \$28 for individuals, \$50 per couple, \$55 for families with children under 18, \$25 for seniors, and \$8 for students under

18. Tickets are available at the door for \$10 per show and \$3 for students.

To reserve tickets: In Cowansville, call **Librairie Au Plaisir de Lire**: 263-7146, **Marie Claude Noisieux** 263-0157 or **Comité de la Culture** 263-6666. In Sutton, call **La Boite aux Cadeux** 538-8228, **Madame Claudine Francey** 538-2184 and in **Frelighsburg** **Madame Odile Boucher** 298-5438 and **Madame Helene Neuville** 298-5438.

Local archeologist finds pre-Columbian monuments

By Sharon McCully

MANSONVILLE — Curiosity may get a bad rap from cats, but for Gérard Leduc, it's the mind's gift to the body.

In 1981 when the Montreal biologist began clearing land to build his hilltop home in Mansonville, he happened upon a number of stone mounds.

"Too carefully constructed to be the hap-hazard throw-aways of farmers who had settled on the land," he thought.

Leduc, with a Ph.D in biology, has spent most of his adult life teaching and doing research on environmental pollution. There was nothing in his educational background to prepare him for the archaeological detective story he was to become involved with.

CURIOSITY PIQUED

Despite what he had been told by some locals when he first mentio-

ned the uniformly-constructed mounds, Leduc said he sensed there was a difference between a farmer's rock pile and the well-constructed stone mounds found here. His curiosity was also piqued by two foundations constructed with materials and a design which suggested another era.

"Discarded rocks from farm plowing are found at the end of a field," added Leduc, "and not in the center."

Leduc was intrigued by the well structured rock mounds and boulders he found with carved markings.

His curiosity prompted him to begin reading books and publications about rock formations and petrographs (inscriptions on stone). His fascination with archaeology led him to the University of Maine to follow advanced courses in archaeology and paleontology.

"Rock carvings have a language of their own," Leduc said. "Each symbol means something."

LIKE A GOOD BOOK

"Studying archaeology is like reading a good book," he laughed. "You never want to get to the end of it."

Leduc says his theory that the stone mounds in the hills of Mansonville are most likely pre-Columbian monuments, has been corroborated by several archaeologists.

"In the summers of 1988 and 1989, I did some excavation work with archaeologists from France and Toronto," Leduc said. "They agreed the placement of the stone mounds at the top of the hill overlooking the village suggests they might be monuments-maybe constructed for some ritual practices."

Tests on some of the stones re-

veal they contain radiocarbon in quantities dating back some 1800 years.

"Through testing, it's possible to determine the date of the rock by its radiocarbon content," explained Leduc. He said he sent samples of the rocks to laboratories in both Montreal and Toronto to cross-check the results.

Both labs gave the same analysis," Leduc said.

"Radiocarbon dating gave dates of 1800 and 1500 years ago at one site, and of 250-550 years ago at another," he said.

TIES TO OLD WORLD

All of these intriguing stones, says Leduc, strongly suggest some cultural ties with the Old World.

To explore the heritage of the Eastern Townships, Leduc became one of the founding members of the Pottou Heritage Association, created to disseminate knowledge about the Township's earliest settlers.

For Leduc, that means getting in touch with the cultures and traditions of pre-colonial peoples.

"If there are any conclusions to be drawn from these findings," said Leduc, "it is that there are man-built structures here which people never knew existed."

"The questions we must now ask are who, when and why," he said. "We're dealing with so many

unknowns."

Leduc's findings have captured the attention of the Quebec Minister of Cultural Affairs. A representative of the government department visited the site with an archaeologist last month and asked Leduc to tabulate his findings.

Leduc said he believes there is a growing interest in the study of archaeology.

ASK QUESTIONS

"People as a group are just beginning to ask themselves questions," Leduc said.

"These rock mounds and pieces of the puzzle are found all over the Eastern Townships," Leduc said. "There are 30-40 on this property alone."

"There aren't any answers until people ask the questions," Leduc added.

Leduc will share his findings with elderhostel groups when they visit the region later this month. Anyone interested in hearing Leduc speak on his findings is invited to attend any of the sessions to be held at the Auberge du Joli Vent Thursdays, Oct. 18 and 25 and Nov. 8 and 15 at 2.

A special evening session will be held Thursday Oct. 11 at 7:30. Cost is \$10 and refreshments will be served. It's recommended you book early since seats are limited. Call 243-4272.



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Knowlton christens bicycle trail and footpath

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — It wasn't the best day for a trek in the woods, but eager citizens braved the weather to christen Knowlton's new bicycle trail and footpath.

In 1988, the Town of Brome Lake acquired the deeds for the abandoned railway bed for recreation purposes.

After some discussion last year, town council repealed a decision of the former town council to return the CP land to landowners, and use the old railway bed as a bicycle and walking path.

Sunday's inauguration of the nature walk was a joint celebration as the Knowlton Lion's Club transferred ownership of its newly

constructed foot-bridge spanning Coldbrook, to the Town of Brome Lake and its citizens.

The bridge joins St. Leon's French Elementary school with the English-language Knowlton Academy, a symbolic gesture which serves to emphasize the good relations between the two language groups.

Brome Lake Mayor Gilles Dcelles says the 1.5 kilometer trail which includes the bridge, is the first phase of what he hopes will be a 10-kilometer path which will eventually link up with similar bicycle paths in Waterloo.

Councillor Michael Caluori who oversaw the project for council, said the trail, which winds its way along the lakeside to Douglass Beach, is in keeping with the town's philosophy of making the lake a central theme in the town.

"We expect to have cross-country skiing in the winter and walking, running and biking in the summer months," Caluoir said.

The trail has a 10 foot base for bicycles and baby carriages, and a 5-foot footpath.

The town has invested \$23,000 in the construction while the provincial government has contributed

\$7,500.

The Lion's Club bridge, which was a separate project, was funded through the club's financial campaign and corporate donors.

Lions Club members demonstrated Sunday they are not only good bridge-builders in the community, their culinary skills aren't bad either.

Lions pitched a huge tent at the foot of the bridge and rustled up a brunch of pancakes and syrup, scrambled eggs, tourtières, fried eggs, baked beans, sausages, homefires toast and rolls, hot coffee, tea juice and milk.


Melissa Corbiere a grade 6 student at St. Leon's and Greg Foster a Grade 3 student at Knowlton Academy represented students at both schools who wished to show their appreciation for the new bridge which joins their two schools.



Brome Lake Councillor André Groulx took his family for a walk down the newly christened path.



Students serve up brunch at the Lion's Club inauguration ceremony Sunday morning.




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Golden Age Club meets

MANSONVILLE — Golden Agers met at the town hall on Tuesday September 18 for their noon day meal. They enjoyed their dinner of scalloped potatoes, cold cuts, lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers, fresh homemade relish, johnny cake, homemade cookies, sweetbreads, tea and coffee. The donors were Flora Drouin, the club, George Hamelin, Walter Smithers, Lina Tomuschat and Thelma Wilkins.

Door prizes: Leona Tracy, Alice Drouin, Walter Smithers, Mary Schoolcraft, Bridget Aiken, Silvia

Cote, Bruce Nichols, Joe Drouin, Pearl Greenham, George Hamelin and Flora Drouin.

500 winners: (1) Cecile Hamelin, (2) Bridget Aiken. (1) Pete Aiken, (2) Thelma Wilkins.

Game winners: Bruce Nichols, Juliette Laliberte, Toni Lamothe, Rita Mossa, Verlie Aiken, Porter Knowlton, Mildred Atyeo, Walter Smithers, Bertha Nichols and Lina Tomuschat.

Sincere sympathy is extended the family of the late Maybelle Cote. She will be missed in the community.

Temple's 'meditation paths' musn't cross town lawns

By Gil Smith

WEST BOLTON — Trouble continues to rear its ugly head in the Eden-like setting of a Buddhist temple, in this municipality's Summit Road area.

The latest hassle between the advocates of meditation and the earthly forces that oppose them, concerns the subdivision of land. The Buddhist's plan to split up some of the acreage atop their mountain retreat has run afoul of local bylaws.

The Buddhists, officially known in Quebec as *Société Bouddhique Des Érables*, follow a religion of Central and Eastern Asia based on the doctrine of Gautama Buddha. It teaches that "Nirvana", escape from suffering and mortality, is the highest goal attainable. The way of escape is via the "Eightfold Path" of right beliefs and resolves.

The society's original plan to subdivide lots on the property where the temple complex is located, was, according to West Bolton councillor René Hébert, "out of whack with municipal laws."

Yves Guillemette, the groups' surveyor, was told to get copies of the local bylaws which spell out the approved procedure for subdividing an acreage into lots, and study them.

CHANGES NECESSARY

"The group's original plan was far from meeting our specifications," Hébert noted. "Mr. Guillemette then familiarized himself with our rules and brought in another set of drawings that were fairly good. But it's still necessary that some changes be made."

The Buddhists first arrived in West Bolton a couple of years ago and purchased a mountain-top retreat for their followers at the Sum-

mit Road location. The property is said to be jointly owned by the Buddhist's society and by a Mr. Tran of Montreal, who represents them.

A permit was issued by the municipality for the building of a five-bedroom house valued at \$120,000, plus a \$3000 septic installation, to accommodate weekend visitors to the temple complex. And the sect drew plaudits from the town's then-building inspector, John Martin, for their cooperative attitude and adherence to bylaw regulations when they first started out.

"They've gone out of their way to comply with out municipal laws in every respect," Martin said at the time.

HACKLES WERE RAISED

But problems arose and hackles were raised when construction trucks began chugging up Summit Road on their way to the temple's construction site in early spring, turning the road surface into a guagmire. The resultant damage endeared neither the truckers from Allard & Allard Construction nor the Buddhist high command to the surrounding community.

"The trucks were said to've carried cement to Mr. Tran's building site", Mayor Fred Lahue told the town council. "But no heavy vehicles are going to be allowed up there till the roads improve."

No sooner had the road problem been settled than another arose involving water. The Buddhists, mostly Vietnamese residents of Montreal and the Townships, began enlarging a pond on the Summit Road property without council's knowledge or permission.

"They did it without even talking to council", said a town representative.

In the current dispute, some of

the land owned both by Tran and the society is being subdivided. Other portions of the extensive acreage are being retrained as park land, and lots involved are generally more than one hectare. The problem arises where the Buddhist's land adjoins that of neighboring properties.

NEEDS ACCESS

"We need access to the adjoining land," Hébert told a recent meeting of council. "We got that access with other developers like Bill Duke and André Cloutier. It's a municipal requirement."

Duke and Cloutier have been active in the development of properties in the upper Paramount Road area of the Glen. But councillor Donald Badger, while raising the question of the effects on privacy on adjoining roads caused by the Buddhists' subdivision, said the sect couldn't be compared to a commercial development.

"This isn't Bill Duke trying to sell a number of lots," he pointed out.

Hébert said that some of the subdivided lots in The Buddhists' plan would change the road structure of the complex. A modification of the road was therefore necessary, he said.

"It has to be modified so as to leave an opening at the south end of the development. The north side doesn't need such an opening," he told fellow councillors.

Lahue noted that the Buddhist property was located in a white zone, which is a building area. Its

proximity to surrounding property or land which might one day be developed and have roads around them, had to be considered.

PREVENT BOTTLENECKS

"You must arrange roads in a development area in such a way that a bottleneck doesn't occur," he said.

Hébert pointed out that the municipality wasn't trying to force the Buddhists to build roads. "We just want them to cadastre them."

In an explanation to council, Hébert said that while 12 or 13 lots in complex were up for subdivision, only four had originally qualified for town approval. Both the lots themselves and the roads proposed for the development were at variance with the bylaws.

"In cases where they have one hectare lots they don't have enough width to go with the depth," he said. "And we don't want dead-end roads in some areas."

Hébert was of the opinion that the group's surveyor, Guillemette, would agree to the modifications that the town's planning committee would recommend. Hébert is chairman of that committee.

"We need a resolution from council stating that we approve the Buddhist society's subdivision plan with modifications," he said.

Councillor and pro-mayor Bob Quilliams made the motion to pass the resolution. It was seconded by Stan Horne and unanimously carried.

OTHER NEWS

In other council matters:

• A house-to-house survey is being carried out to determine the level of interest in local participation in recreational activities. This municipality has few facilities of its own and residents generally make use of neighboring communities' programs. Several months ago an 85-signature petition was presented to council urging more link-ups with surrounding towns to get better recreational and cultural facilities for West Bolton residents. One of the questions on the present survey is aimed at getting ratepayers' reactions to a tax hike to support expanded programs.


• Mayor Lahue says that ambulances and other emergency vehicles are going to have a problem reaching out-of-the-way locations in this community — especially during winter. And all the more-so, he says, if developers keep on building houses on the top of the mountains, which they're doing.


• The urbanist committee will work with John Rogerson on the placement of the machinery shed he wants on his Bolton Pass area property. The proposed shed may be too close to the road, and a ledge may prevent it from being placed further back. Rogerson, son of ex-mayor George Rogerson, was in the news recently when his sale of a lot on the Bolton Pass section of Highway 243-south paved the way for access to Peter McConnell's land in the Glen Mountain area.

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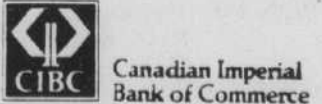
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Elderly students on tour to converge on Townships

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — Finally — there's something you can't do until you're 60 — whether you look it or not.

It's called Elderhostel. And the only way you can get to go along on this exciting and stimulating travel-education combo is if you have a spouse or companion who meets the age requirement.

Piggybacking on an international program for older adults which combines travel and stimulating educational activities, Canada added its name to the list of participating countries in 1986. Since then, 16,000 men and women over 60 have attended sessions in Canadian communities.

Since its beginnings in the 1970's, some 250,000 to 300,000 elders have enrolled in programs in 50 States, 10 Canadian provinces, and over 56 countries overseas.

Elderhostel hosts are generally colleges or universities who offer a one week program in the off-season. But often they are welcomed into local inns and auberges where they enjoy a homey atmosphere.

VISIT TOWNSHIPS

Elderhostel visitors will be greeted by colorful fall foliage when

they arrive in the Eastern Townships on the Thanksgiving weekend for the first of four six day programs.

While on the Eastern Townships leg of the Quebec tour, the touring students will discover Quebec's heritage and learn about its history in a classroom setting, and through field trips and walk-about in the Victorian villages, and historic museums.

Visitors will examine the distinctive architecture of the Eastern Townships through slides and visits. A local architect will lead a discussion on contextual solutions in renovation projects and new construction.

But before setting out on their own, the group will learn "survival French" to enhance their Quebec visit.

As most participants in the Elderhostel program are either retired, or nearing retirement, some tips on making the transition from city mouse to country mouse should be both topical and informative.

The session entitled "From Workaholic to Bucolic" will be given by former Toronto fashion editor Signy Stephenson from her Auberge du Joli Vent where elderhos-

tel guests will be staying.

ARCHEOLOGIST

The elderhostel groups will also hear professor Gerard Leduc, a Mansonville archaeologist speak of some recent finds dating back nearly 1800 years.

In his talks, Dr. Leduc will pre-

sent slides of his discoveries in the area, including intriguing stone structures, stone walls, perched boulders, petroglyphs and the evidence of ancient European scripts.

Elderhostel programs have been described as "an intellectual smorgasborg". And rightly so. The program runs the gamut from acid

rain and learning computer language to Eskimo art and T'ai Chi.

For information about Elderhostel write Randy Swedburg, Director, Elderhostel Canada, Quebec Region, Concordia University, 7141 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal Quebec, H4B 1R6.

United Church Women resume regular meetings

MANSONVILLE (BN) — The first assembly of United Church Women following a two months summer recess was held in the Mansonville United Church basement on Thursday, September 13 with eleven ladies present for a delicious soup, sandwiches, dessert and beverage noon meal.

Business meeting convened at 2 p.m. with President Bertha Nichols presiding. In the absence of Gilda Clark, Secretary, Mary Bailey graciously agreed to record these minutes and assume necessary duties.

Thelma Wilkins led in worship: The UCW Purpose was followed by singing in unison the hymn "This Is The Day". The New Testament reading described "Vows", "Love Your Enemies", "Do Good Deeds Secretly" and "The Lord's Prayer". Other short articles were: "If God Should Go On Strike"; September 13, a daily Bible reading from a book donated by Letitia Cousens last June; a "Dear Abby" article on how to accommodate the needs of everyone in church on Sunday; H. Gordon Green's "Lament To The Lord"; and two items describing seniors — "Profile Of A Senior" and "How To Know You Are Growing Old". All messages well taken and well experienced by most members present. This worship closed with prayer followed by the offering taken and dedicated.

Card convenor Merry Webb prepared greetings to be sent to: Get well — Vivian Woodard, Pearl Jewett and Maybelle Côté; Sympathy — Mrs. Helen Pouliot and Mrs. Luoise Patch. Birthday — C.J. Jersey, Lina Tomuschat, Marguerite Ommerli; Thinking of You — Helma Steinbach and Ethel George (Graham); and a "Thank-

you" to Letitia Cousens for the four books she gave us in June.

The roll call and minutes of the June meeting were read by Mary Bailey. Business arising for discussion: Ribbons for Korea; Fall Rally, the "On Hold" situation of our puff quilt; the sharing of the United Church book "65 Years — Voices and Visions" and its probable placing in the local Memorial Library; and the continuing work in the UCW scrapbook by Thelma Wilkins.

The Treasurer Ruth Bailey reported sales from the annual church auction in July, with sufficient receipts allowing a generous donation to the Mountain Valley Pastoral Charge account.

New business included plans for Thanksgiving Sunday's decorations; a request for unwanted

jewellery for Youth Program; the ongoing "Collectibles" program; a special request from Mansonville Elementary School to "Save A Tree" by sending paper of various quality to the school with the students who will package it for recycling; and a discussion about the Fall Supper on October 27.

Correspondence found greetings from Helma Steinbach in British Columbia; and Thank-yous from Mrs. Ethel (Graham) George and the L. Côté family.

After several announcements the meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

A contest given by Mary Bailey, program convenor, taxed the memory for "Soaps". The day's activities closed with the Penny Fair managed by Lila McCoy.

UCW meeting

SUTTON — The UCW of Calvary United Church resumed their regular meetings after the summer break in the hall on Wednesday morning, September 19. Ten members answered the roll call.

In the absence of the President Kathleen Edgar, Eunice Thomas, Vice-President, chaired the business meeting, and also gave the devotional, followed by prayer.

The Secretary May Godbeer read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read.

Correspondence was read and attended to as needed. Beth Trav-

ers gave the treasurer's report and then attention was given to the church events coming up this fall.

The ham supper is planned for October 20 in the hall, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be a Christmas bazaar and sale in the hall on Saturday, November 10 in the afternoon.

With business completed the meeting was adjourned and all thoroughly enjoyed the pot luck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. and the social hour.

The next meeting in the hall on Wednesday, October 18 at the usual time.



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Little Rock: Youth café reaching out to Knowlton

By Cindy Fisher

KNOWLTON — Many young people turn to drugs due to boredom. Like many rural areas, the Brome Lake region has few recreational facilities or "hangouts" for young people to use on a daily basis.

Gilles and Andrée Clermont, of Cowansville, parents of four children, have seen the need for supervised places for young teens to go to where there are no drugs and no booze. And they are helping answer that need.

"Because of my line of work," says Gilles, a pinball machine repairman, "I am constantly in touch with young people and their biggest complaint is that there is no place to go."

Youngsters of the '90s are a far cry from their parents and grandparents whose idea of after school fun was a game of cards with siblings or, more likely, included some house or barn chores. Life was simpler then, people expected less. But times have changed and a

need has to be met.

MONTREAL TO GRANBY

"I ran a no booze, no drug bar in Granby six years ago," says Andrée, "and it was a big success. We had kids coming from Montreal on the weekends because they soon realized that it is possible to have fun without drugs and drink. We even had adults who had a terrific time."

Gilles' latest venture was the leasing of a building on Main Street in Magog. And this year, the Little Rock Café opened its doors, with "The complete co-operation and understanding of the local police and The mayor of Magog."

This summer exchange students from Belgium, France and California used the club with the "thumbs up" signal from their supervisors. "These foreign kids intermingled with the kids from Magog and had the greatest time," says Andrée. "I know that some have continued their friendships and are writing back and forth."

FACELIFT

The Little Rock was given a \$50,000 facelift that included a new light and sound system for the Friday and Saturday night discos. "On weeknights from 6 to about 9 p.m., we open the doors for the kids so that they can play the juke box, shoot pool, play games; just have a good time. Our popcorn and chips are 50¢ and Andrée gives all soft and fruit drinks an exotic twist to

make them special."

"On Friday and Saturday nights, I have buses that bring the kids in from the area and they are all sent home on the same buses when the café closes around 11:30 p.m.," Gilles said, adding that the club's motto is "no booze, no drugs, no exceptions."

TOUGH AT FIRST

Clermont admits that when the café first opened he had to be "really tough" with some customers over the no drugs or drink policy. "Some of them tried to sneak in with bottles or joints in their pockets and oversized satchels," he recalls, "but once they realized exactly what the score was, they co-operated fully. In fact, some of the kids who turned their noses up at us at first are now regulars."

Clermont said a place like his café must please not only the kids, but also their parents. He counts heads and takes the names of each "guest" as they get off the bus, stamps their hands and makes it clear that once on the property or outside on the large terrace, customers don't leave casually and expect to come back. "That rule eliminates the problem of sneaking a drink in a car, because letting them get away with that would make a mockery of this whole place."

BROME LAKE WELCOME

Drugs, their use and consequences are problems that respect

no international state, provincial or regional boundaries. The Brome Lake area, as tranquil and peaceful as it may appear to outsiders, has not been spared. It too is part of the North American drug problem.

Clermont realizes that young people in the Brome Lake region need a place to go where they can have fun without paying a fortune. "This Friday at 7:30 a Dorais school bus will be waiting at St-Edouard School and for a cost of \$6.50, anybody from 13 to 17 is welcome to join us. The money covers the return bus trip plus their entrance fee to the café. The bus will return to the school parking lot at about 12:15 a.m."

Most Fridays are theme dances and this week, café goers are invited to dress up in old-fashioned garb and vie for prizes.

"I know that if we have 20 kids on the bus this Friday, we'll have 40 the Friday after. Word will travel fast that there is a place to go where you can have a good time and that you can feel good about being there whether you be a kid or a parent."

Many of us groan about the drug problem but do little about it. Gilles and Andrée Clermont have put their money where their mouths are.



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'It is possible to have fun without drugs and drink,' says Little Rock Café partner Andrée Clermont.

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Environment group discusses wetlands, diapers and Innus

By Jean Priest

GRANBY — The Granby Environmental group began their new season with a meeting on Monday Sept. 10 in the Granby United Church Hall with a total of 25 people in attendance.

Chairperson Phyllis Hamilton opened the meeting with apologies for the change in program.

The video showing Granby's recycling program was unavailable until a further date. Instead the audience was treated to a video presentation by Ducks Unlimited on the Preservation of Canadian Wetlands.

The film made us all aware of how these lands are to the conservation of our birds and small wildlife as well as our earth's ecology.

Gail Watt, from the Knowlton Environment group, then spoke to our group, giving us many household tips on purchasing environmentally safe and re-usable items.

It was her suggestion that we request our stores to make "Borax" available to customers for their cleaning purposes.

CLOTH DIAPERS

Watt also showed a sample of the new reusable cloth diapers and suggested that these would be a welcome baby gift from grandparents or friends. She also mention-

ned the new diaper service in Granby which is called Dou-Dou and can be reached at 378-4034.

The participation of our schools in the program of environmental awareness was also stressed by Watt. The Granby group is pleased that Mr. Kevin Ratcliffe, Principal of Parkview Elementary School in Granby is already incorporating this program into the current year's curricula.

It is hoped that more young parents will become aware of our group and show an increased interest or else their children's and grandchildren's world will probably be very different from that of their ancestors.

Donna Kane Tinkler, a member of *La Comité de Récupération at Conservation de la Haute Yamaska*, brought us up to date on regional developments in this area.

PROMOTE AWARENESS

The group, founded in 1988, is composed mainly of representatives from the business community and municipal organizations. It is striving to promote more environmental consciousness in the Granby area. Kane mentioned an informative bus trip taken by the committee to the Recycling Operation in Victoriaville.

At the close of the meeting, Mlle. Marie Brodeur spoke to the group about an approaching march to protest low level flights over Innu territory in the Canadian North and Labrador.

It is claimed that these flights of

powerful jet planes with their extremely noisy engines have frightened the caribou herds into changing their migratory routes and subjected the native peoples to dangerously high levels of noise.

The peace delegation will leave

Sherbrooke on Oct. 13 and will pass through Granby on Oct. 16 and 17 to arrive in Montreal Oct. 21. Brodeur asked for anyone interested to participate by feeding or lodging any of the marchers.

Selby Lake ecologists plan newsletter

DUNHAM — Selby Lake has a new publication on environmental issues, edited by the association for the protection of the environment of Selby Lake, APELS.

The environmental protection group was formed 20 years ago to push the government into action to save Selby Lake from further pollution.

Some 15 years later, the group was successful in having a sewer system installed around the beautiful lake.

The group says the installation of the sewer system enabled the lake to purify itself naturally through the effects of air, sun, and algae.

The restoration effort was only the beginning for the local environmentalists.

Other pollution control activities such as the planting of shrubs on the banks of the lake, and the installation of captors in brooks which empty into the lake. The captors serve to reduce the speed of the current and filter mud and sludge

which would have been dumped into the lake with the current.

The 16 member committee believes the best way to control pollution is for every citizen to become involved in the process.

For this reason, the new Selby Lake journal, to be published quarterly by the association, will keep citizens informed of the committee's activities and the environmental issues facing the community.

Annual benefit card party for Union Cemetery held

DUNHAM — On September 21 the annual card party for the benefit of the East Dunham Union Cemetery was held in All Saints Anglican Church Hall with twelve tables of 500 and one of bridge.

Cards got underway at 8 p.m. George Dymond welcomed everyone and hoped they would all have an enjoyable evening. Lunch was served and prizes awarded to the winners.

Bingo — George Wilson and Bernice Tittlemore.

Ladies' 1st in 500 — Margaret Neil; Men's 1st, Laurence Page.

In Bridge — Shirley Tait, 1st, and Elda Martin, lowest; Ladies' second in 500, June Royea, Men's 2nd, Earnest Tittlemore. Ladies' consolidation, Helen McElroy, Men's, Arthur Hall.

Door prizes: Teenie Symington, Muriel Miller, Lottie Domingue, Eva Paige, Doris Dougall, Mac Jones, Muriel Cook, Noella Smith,

Bea Alger, Calvin Harvey, Lyndon Royea, Rosemary Childerhouse, Cecil Soule, Alice Corey, Helen Dymond, Mathie Nelis, Esther Harvey, George Wilson, Charlie Dymond, Ralph Perkins, Betty Wilkinson, Eric Sherrer, Barbara Harvey, Ormonde Brown, Ann

Jameson, Duncan Tait, Merlyn Sturtevant, Myrtle Selby and Ruby Sherrer.

The raffle of 1 liter of maple syrup was won by June Royea.

The directors would like to thank those who attended and all who gave donations.

Women's Institute meeting

SUTTON — The September meeting of the W.I. was held in the Anglican Church hall on the 13th at 1:30 p.m.

The President Reda Lewis welcomed the members and gave a special welcome to Dora Page after a long absence. All were pleased to see her, and Mrs. Clayton was also a welcome visitor.

Reda opened the meeting by all repeating the Collect followed by the Motto: Where we stop listening we stop learning. Roll Call was answered by each naming an interesting fact from their school days. Frances Baker replaced Corrie Slangen as secretary for the meeting. She read the minutes from the July meeting and gave the treasurer's report. Letters were read from Pearle Yates, the Provincial President, also one from Sheila Needham, the Brome County President.

The World Food Day is October 6 — The District W.I. Rally is being held in Magog at St. Luke's Church (Anglican) on October 11. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

A discussion took place concerning the Macdonald Journal — results: the group does not feel that it is worth the extra cost. Those who wish could bring their food in on September 27, Convention Day. This nonperishable food is for Horizon Pour Elle.

Convenors reports — Norma Sherrer, Agriculture: The prairie grain harvest for 1990 is expected to be a bumper crop, second largest ever. The oil seed crop

(Canada) predicted up 6%, farmers seeded 9% fewer hectares.

Kay Woodard, Canadian Industries: She read an article on Yukon Gold Fields, also on the Cowansville Group Home.

Frances Baker, Home Economics and Health: This was a letter from the provincial convener; she also read a poem by Edgar Guest.

Mona Charters, International Affairs: Global Message. Don't throw our World Away. The theme of the Eastern Ontario Convention was W.I. and the environment. Mona also read short articles on World Full of Pennies and International literacy year.

Eileen Maxham, Education and Cultural Activities: School Days in the Arctic: Educators try to combine instruction and outings that emphasize native traditions. A Vancouver sculptor is preparing to show Inuit of Baffin Island how to carve in marble rather than soapstone, a large marble out cropping being available on the Fox Peninsula of South West-Baffin Island.

Final arrangements were made for the Brome County Convention held in the Anglican Church hall on September 27.

Happy birthday was sung to several members. Each one brought in their roll of pennies for the A.C.W.W. The regular collections were taken and the meeting was closed. The October meeting is cancelled as members will be attending the Rally on that day.

Several ladies prepared the brown bag lunch and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed by all.



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Robin Lawrance eyes mayor's seat in Cowansville

COWANSVILLE — Politico Robin Lawrance is back for another kick at the can.

The Cowansville man who ran unsuccessfully as an independant in the last provincial election will enter the political arena again. This time he is eyeing the mayor's seat in Cowansville.

Lawrance says he is an officially registered candidate for the mayoralty in the next municipal election.

"I learned a few things by running in a few elections," Lawrance said in a telephone interview.

"And I have a few things I can teach the present mayor (Charbonneau)," he said.

Lawrance says his priority is to clean up the water in Cowansville.

"The only way to get clean water is to get a new mayor," insists Lawrance. And he says he's the man for the clean-up.

"I have a company on stand-by with engineers ready to clean it up as soon as I'm elected," Lawrance says.

And how's he going to do it? **SURPRISE**
"It's a surprise," says the foxy Lawrance. "I'm not letting anyone in on the secret until after I'm elected."

Lawrance's three point platform also includes an inter-city transit system for residents of Cowansville.

"The price will be \$1.10-downtown and return," he said.

Lawrance, who is blind and cur-

rently studying brail, says he is sensitive to the needs of the handicapped and would like to see a system of bus transportation to help the handicapped initiated in Cowansville.

Lawrance believes he is a born leader. His problem to date has been in finding followers.

And he's a man of many causes. With a finger on the pulse of the community and a hand on the telephone, Lawrance dishes out tips and advice to town officials and politicians on the problems facing the country — from environmental and language issues to the Mohawk crisis.

He says he won't be running with a slate in the November municipal

election.

"But if I get elected and the councillors don't get along, I'll ask for a re-election," he says.

MUST LISTEN

"The people elected will have to follow the orders of the mayor," he added authoritatively.

"I'm not doing this for myself," Lawrance added, "I'm doing it for clean water and clean streets."

Lawrance will launch his campaign for the mayoralty Oct. 2 with a wine and cheese reception at the community center in Cowansville.

"The price is \$5 each or a special price of \$10 per couple, Lawrance said, "with all proceeds going towards the campaign."



Robin Lawrance... Not running with a full slate.

Creek United Church Women hold regular meeting

WEST BOLTON (AW) — Eleven Creek United Church Women and two visitors met in the church hall of the Creek United Church, West Bolton in the afternoon of Wednesday, September 19. The out-of-town guest was Mrs. Margaret Flinn from Burlington, Vt. who was visiting her sister Mrs. Gertrude Allen.

The U.C.W. President, Connie Smith opened the meeting in the usual manner with the Purpose. A devotional entitled "Could We Become Friends?" followed and a scripture passage was read from Philippians 4:2-4. Jean Webster, program convenor also had a reading from a book written by Robert Fulton, entitled "Giants, Wizards and Dwarfs." The devotions closed

with prayer.

The recording secretary, Alice Whitcher read the minutes of the August meeting from which a discussion followed re plans for the upcoming UCW Presbyterial executive meeting to be held in the Creek Church, October 4 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Other business arising from the minutes pertained to the October 19th and 20th Rummage Sales to be held from 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 19 to 8 p.m. and from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, October 20.

Two cards were signed by all to be sent to Anne Clark, UCW Conference President who is recuperating from serious injuries received in a car accident and to

Pam Scott who is not well.

The Treasurer, Helen McGovern reported the financial situation. A donation had been sent to the Citizen's Advocacy Inc. in Mansonville and several articles for the kitchen had been purchased from a donation received from Clairol.

The offering basket was passed and the proceeds dedicated in the usual manner. The leprosy fund and birthday box also received donations and the meeting closed with the hymn, "All Things Bright and Beautiful", followed by the Mizpah benediction.

Delicious refreshments and a social time were much enjoyed by all, prior to returning to their respective homes.

Golden Age Club meets

MANSONVILLE — Golden Agers enjoyed a pre-arranged tour of Owl's Head on Tuesday, September 25. Our guides were Lillian Korman and Roméo Côté. We saw the condominiums and town houses and visited the hotel, definitely our dream vacation spot. The view of Lake Memphremagog is fantastic and will be even better as the colors unfold. The rooms are tastefully decorated and furnished, comfort being the key word. Winter or summer, there's much to be enjoyed.

We also made a visit to the Golf Course, saw the clubhouse in the process of being built, there's lots of workers and work being done and upon this note, we headed back to the main lodge.

Here Dolly Lessard and Silvia Woodard had prepared dinner and the table for us. We were treated to a glass of wine or sherry and hors d'oeuvres by our hostess. September birthdays were celebrated and the birthday song was sung for Lina Tomuschat, Toni Lamothe and Clifton Jersey. President Rita Mossa presented Lina with a corsage of roses and hydrangeas from her garden.

Dinner of chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, sliced tomatoes, beet pickles, tea and coffee, also

birthday cakes, one a carrot cake and the other a chocolate cake, both made by Rita Mossa was then served and enjoyed by all.

Vice-President George Hamelin presented our waiter and waitress with our tips. With thanks to Lillian, Dolly, Silvia and Roméo, we headed back to the town hall for our afternoon of games.

Door prizes went to Rita Marcoux, Rita Mossa, Alice Drouin, Myrtle Bullock, Bertha Nichols and Joe Drouin.

500 winners: (1) Jeanne D'Arc Carrier, Julianne McDuff, Dolores Marcoux and Joe Drouin.

Game prizes: Pearl Greenham, Evelyn Dubuc, Elsie Knowlton, Mary Schoolcraft, Rita Mossa, Bruce Nichols, Walter Smithers, Iris Milroy, Porter Knowlton, Verlie Aiken and Raymond Bedard.

Two cards were signed, a birthday one for Lina Tomuschat, September 29 and a sympathy one to Viola Knowlton due to the loss of her mother, Maybelle Côté.



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FOSTER — A mini-reunion brought members of the Canadian Merchant Navy Association from Vancouver, Calgary, Ontario, and Quebec for a weekend in the Eastern Townships.

The Sept. 15 event held at the community hall in Foster was hosted by the Association's president James Tryhorn Sr.

Guests arrived in Foster for the weekend meeting Friday evening. Saturday morning the group got together to enjoy a country breakfast prepared and served by Betty Ann Tryhorn and her daughter Lisa. The group reminisced about old times until the men broke for a 2 o'clock meeting and the women enjoyed a trip to Knowlton to visit the local shops.

At 6, a barbecued beef dinner, prepared by James Tryhorn Jr. was served to 50 members and guests.

Saturday the groups said their good-byes and expressed the hope of meeting again in May 1991 in Thunder Bay, Ont.

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Old Brick Church still serves West Brome community

Here is another in our series of articles on churches in the Brome County region written by local authors.

By Phyllis Hamilton

The Village of West Brome is situated on the south branch of the Yamaska River in a picturesque valley between Cowansville and Sutton.

In Cyrus Thomas' book, "History of the Eastern Townships" written in 1866, he comments that, "Religious meetings have been held in this place for many years.

The Rev. R. Duff was stationed at the Congregational Church in Nelsonville (Cowansville) from 1856-1862 and filled regular appointments in West Brome at this time.

In 1857, Stephen L. Hungerford's

woollen factory, grist and saw mills were active and both a church and a academy were being built.

ACCEPTED DEED

It all began when a board of trustees from the newly formed New Connexion Methodist Society convened at the schoolhouse to accept a deed from Mr. Hungerford for the site of a chapel in West Brome and also a Burying Ground (now known as the Pettes Cemetery) and to appoint a building committee.

These trustees were Hiram Scott, John Ladd, Lewis Pettes, Simon Shufelt, and James Nelson Pettes. The building committee was Moses Sweet, Hiram Scott and Simon Shufelt.

It was stipulated in the deed that "a regular minister of any other

Protestant denomination of Christians be allowed to preach and perform Divine Service in the said House when it shall not be required for the use of the Nex Connection Methodist Church."

Austin Vaughan, bricklayer of West Brome, laid the bricks and Simon Shufelt was the contractor who built the church in 1857 when the Rev. William Barnet became the first minister.

West Brome was on the Brome Circuit which also included Scott's Neighborhood, Allen's Corner (East Farnham) and Wood's Schoolhouse. There were occasional meetings at other schoolhouses such as at Berry's, Bull's, Gilman's, Thompson's and Tibbits Hill. In later years, West Brome became part of the Sutton Circuit and remains so to this day.

DONATED BELL

The church had no bell until 1895, when, Ira Scott, who was the grandson of Daniel Scott, a Loyalist and first settler at Scottsmore, donated one to the church.

A long horse shed was built behind the church with a church hall over it. Here the community enjoyed many a box social, oyster supper, chicken pie supper, sugar social and poverty social.

In the old days the ministers stayed out about two years and then were moved on to some other station. However, they entered wholeheartedly into the daily life of each of their parishes.

Mrs. John Orr, the wife of one of the Methodist ministers, taught the art of making hair wreaths and fine examples of such wreaths can be seen in the Brome County Museum.

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chives Building at Knowlton.

Members attend service in Sutton or have become members or attend the West Brome Anglican Church.

However, the old Methodist brick church in its shady country haven still serves the community, as free concerts by distinguished musicians are performed here throughout the year thanks to the generous patronage of Mrs. Pathy.

Looking out from its station at the four corners of McCurdy Road in West Brome, is the "Anglican Church of the Ascension."

BECAME STATION

This history goes back to the time when the Rev. Thomas Fyles, the first Anglican missionary to come to Iron Hill in 1865 held worship services in the area and in the Academy which later became West Brome Railway Station.

In May 1883, a meeting was held for the purpose of erecting an Anglican Church building in West Brome. Those present were the Rev. W. Robinson, J.C. Pettes, Norman Scott, Charles E. Pettes, Peter Derby, W. Newton and Dr. Gleason. September of the same year, saw a subscription list opened and a building committee selected. One quarter acre of land was given by Jacob M. Galer to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Bond for the purpose of a church site. Construction of the little clapboard church began in the spring of 1884.

The Ladies Guild worked very hard that year to raise money for a bell for the lovely new church. This was brought from James McShane & Company of Baltimore, Maryland and arrived November 22, 1884. It was installed by the contractors assisted by several of the parishioners. The church was finished at a cost of \$1500 and consecrated by Bishop Bond on May 26, 1825. The new church was part of the Iron Hill Parish until 1918 when it became part of the Brome Parish.

TOWER ENTRANCE

The two storey church is built in the common rectangular plan with tower entrance which is seen in so many Protestant churches.

The steeply gabled roof, broach spire, topped by a decorative iron cross, and pointed arched windows are characteristic of the Gothic Style. The lower storey windows are rectangular in shape. Under the spire is an open belfry and the circular window in the tower has star shaped tracing. The entrance head over the door is divided into triple lancets.

The floor of the interior of the church is covered with a red carpet flowing over the nave and into the chancel where a beautiful stained glass window behind the carved oak altar is memorial to James N. Pettes and his wife, Luisa Dyer. The window was erected in 1885. The altar is a memorial to James. C. Pettes — 1845-1918.

In 1988, the church received a needlepoint of "The Last Supper" which hangs on the wall near the front door. This gift along with several other beautiful religious items was received from the Rev. John Wiseman, a native of the



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BUSY ANGLICANS

To church records show that West Brome had an active Anglican Community before the erection of the church, as there is a record in 1862 of the confirmation of Louisa Pettes.

The Ladies Guild has always been an active support organization of this church — providing suppers, church sales and sewing and card parties through which they raised money to furnish the church with electricity, a reed pipe organ, a furnace, a carpet as well as dishes and silver and to keep the church's finances stable.

Mrs. Bessie Hunt played the reed pipe organ for many years. At the time Bill Monteith rang the bell for services and pumped the organ. He was a farmer's son who had to rush through chores and walk two miles to church in order to perform these services but is said that he felt it was a privilege to do so.

In 1950, a mini chord electric organ was purchased and installed and a new carpet laid through the generosity of the "Ladies Guild."

COMMUNITY CENTRE

The church basement has always been used as a Community and spiritual centre, for suppers, plays in the past, card parties, summer sales, showers for local brides to be and Christmas tree parties for the local children. During World War I and II the Red

Cross used it as a work centre, making quilts at quilting bees, knitting and wrapping parcels for the men overseas. One lady put her name in a pair of socks and later received a thank-you note from a Polish prisoner of war.

In 1964, the mission parish became self supporting and over the intervening years to the present many improvements have been made — completely mainly by volunteer labor. A new "Technics" organ, purchased by the Ladies Guild, was installed in 1984 and dedicated by the Rev. J. Serjeantson on December 16, 1984. The present organist is Jean Shufelt.

Anniversary services were held on May 26, 1935 for the 50th when many of those who took part in the original consecration were able to participate.

100th ANNIVERSARY

The 75th Anniversary, held in 1960, marked the beginning of the Rev. J. Wilmur Davidson's 20th year ministry to the people of West Brome. The Rev. F.W. Gedy had just complete 33 years of service to the parish in 1959. The 100th Anniversary was celebrated on May 26, 1985 and services were led by the present rector, the Rev. J. Serjeantson.

Over the years since the happy arrival of the Rev. T. Fyles in 1863 the following clergy have served the Church of the Ascension.

- 1864 Rev. T.W. Fyles
- 1872 Rev. H.W. Nye
- 1878 Rev. J.O. Boothe

- 1879 Rev. J.R. Brown
- 1884 - 1886 Rev. W. Robinson
- 1888 - 1896 Rev. Frank Charters
- 1897 - 1905 Rev. George Mason
- 1906 - 1915 Rev. J.G. Martin
- 1915 - 1918 Rev. W. Cartilage
- 1918 - 1919 Rev. J. Kenworthy (Parish of Brome)
- 1919 - 1926 Rev. W. Irving
- 1926 - 1959 Rev. F.W. Gedy
- 1959 - 1979 Rev. J. W. Davidson
- 1979 - Rev. J. Serjeantson

Many family names stand out in the history of this church such as Pettes, Scott, Edwards, Shufelt, Short, Fuller, Strong, Marsh, Gilmour, Ladd, Newton, Coughtry, Hunt, Derby, McCutcheon, Cowan, Bays, Sweet, Durkee, Hartley. They labored hard but not in vain because today, though few in numbers their descendants lead an active and vibrant congregation.

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An Account of the Early Days of the Mission of Iron Hill and West Brome by Rev. T. Fyles.

100th Anniversary, Church of the Ascension, West Brome — 1885-1985.

Settlers coming into a new and challenging land developed their communities around the church and most schools were started by the religious educators of the day. With this in mind the Sir John Johnston Branch of the United Empire Loyalists are reasearching the history of many of the old churches of the Eastern Townships. Anyone wishing to submit a history of their local church can send it to: Phyllis Hamilton, 555 Church St., Granby, Quebec, J2G 4S2.



Church of the Ascension in West Brome.

Stanbridge Masonic Lodge holds special meeting

STANBRIDGE EAST — Wednesday evening, September 19 was a special in the life of the local Masonic Lodge. It was the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, Rt.W. Brother Russell Lawrence.

Prior to the lodge meeting, the D.D.G.M. called at the home of the Secretary, V.W. Brother Guy Martindale where he was accompanied by several members of Stanbridge Lodge and where he presented Brother Charles Short with his 50-year jewel from Grand Lodge and a 50-year lapel button from Stanbridge Lodge.

During the lodge meeting, Rt.W. Brother Lawrence had the honour of presenting V.W. Brother Donald

C. Blinn with his Grand Steward Apron. Brother Blinn is the oldest member of Stanbridge Lodge and the oldest Past-Master, being a member for 65 years.

Also, the D.D.G.M. had the honour of investing R.W. Brother Randy Campbell with his past D.D.G.M. apron and collar. Brother Campbell represented the Grand Master in the Bedford Masonic District in 1989-90.

All in all, it was an eventful evening for Stanbridge Lodge #19, and for the good attendance of visitors as well as the members.

Submitted by
V.W. Brother
Guy Martindale,
Secretary

Guild meets

SUTTON JUNCTION — The Guild of St. Aidan's Church met in the hall on Friday afternoon September 21 with eight in attendance and opened by the President Mrs. O. Barrett with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. A. King, in the absence of the Secretary Mrs. G. Duffin, and approved. The Treasurer Mrs. E. Mudd gave the proceeds from the Craft Table at Townships Day in Bedford, and all were pleased with the re-

sults. Mrs. W. Brown read a letter from the Foster child in Kenya and also showed drawings that he had done.

Discussions were held on various upcoming events, and Saturday, October 27 was chosen as the date for the second Rummage Sale.

The October Guild will again be held in the hall on Friday afternoon the 19th, prior to the upcoming rummage sale.

Pot luck refreshments were served, after which rummage was prepared for the September sale.

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Sympathy is extended to relatives and friends of the late Regina Daigneault who was a victim of a tragic accident on the bus between here and Montreal on September 29. She will be missed in the town. Get-well wishes to Lucille Fletcher who suffered injuries in the same bus accident.

Terry McElroy, Vernon, Conn., has visited his father Herbert McElroy and Mrs. McElroy several times due to surgery his father underwent in the BMP hospital recently.

Miss Margaret Bates, Newmarket, Ont. who spent four weeks at the McElroy home, recently returned home to Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McElroy, Lachute, Que. returned home after being guests at the McElroy home for a week.

Mrs. H. Boyce was in Mansonville recently and called at the Hamelin home on River road.

Best wishes to Susan Flood who had the misfortune to pull the muscles in her foot, get well soon.

Reports from Evelyn Miltimore are that she is improving after surgery, eating well and becoming stronger, best wishes from all.

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Visitors at the home of Elden and Evelyn Judd in Highwater were their daughter Linda, Gerry and Maria Kraak and Stacey Piesner, all of St. Jacobs, Ont. They were here for the long weekend and attended Brome Fair.

The Judds and Kraaks were in Glen Sutton on Saturday, September 1st in the evening at the home of Donald and Heather Johnston where they attended a 65th surprise birthday for Clayton Judd. A very enjoyable evening was had by all, especially the ice cream served with the birthday cake. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cox, also of Glen Sutton, were present.

Linda and Gerry Kraak and Maria and Stacey Piesner were in Sutton to visit Linda's grandmother, Mable Judd, at the Sutton Foyer. They also called on Pearl Griggs, Sidney Judd and Linda's uncle Clayton in Glen Sutton on Friday, August 31.

Doris and Francis McKelvey, of Waterville accompanied by Mary Williams were in the area on Saturday, September 8 calling on friends and had afternoon tea with her sister, Bertha Nichols and Bruce. It was new territory for Mary but friendly scenery for both Doris and Francis who enjoyed the warm weather and lakeroad views.

Mr. and Mrs. Michel Ouellet of Montreal were recently visiting Maurice and Evelyne Gendron,

also Mrs. Lois Bradford of Orleans, Vt.

Sincere sympathies are extended to Viola and Ralph Knowlton and family; to Donald and Iris Cote and family and to all the relatives of the late Maybelle Morse Cote. Her death on Monday, September 17 after a long illness leaves her many friends with sad hearts but many fond memories.

The untimely and accidental death of Steven Patch on Friday, September 14, only a few yards from his home has brought mournings to his wife Louise and their three children, Cynthia, Eric and Adam. Heartfelt condolences are extended to them and to all the members of both Steven's and Louise's families. The Memorial Service at the United Church conducted by Rev. Ryk Allen, the many floral tributes and the church full of sympathetic relatives and friends denoted the sorrow and esteem from the community.

People who are in hospital or ill at home who should be remembered include Alice George, Gerard Carrier, Vivian Woodard, Maud Mossa, Calt Randall and Elgar Gaylor. Words of encouragement are sent to Kay Jones in her continuing struggle to recuperate since last winter's surgery.

A speedy recovery is sent out to Ellis and Ann Clark of Richmond who were in a serious car accident. Ann suffered many fractures and is in cast(s) and Ellis received fractured ribs and other bruises.

Brian Nichols of Kitchener, Ont., spent ten days with his parents recently. His time was well spent constructing a porch for the front of the house as had been planned since renovations began in 1987. Brian accompanied his father, Bruce, to Montreal on Sunday, September 16 where they met briefly with Brian's brother and sister Glenn Nichols and Valerie Richmond.

West Brome

Doris Clarkson

Mr. and Mrs. John Griffith of Ottawa spent a few days with the Misses Emma and Evelyn Coughtry.

Mr. Lionel Davis is a patient at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Sherbrooke. His neighbours wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Davis and Mr. Bruce Smith spent several days with their mother and accompanied her to Sherbrooke to visit Mr. Davis.

Stanbridge East

Norma Miller

Mrs. Patterson (nee Lois Haskett) of Inverness, was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blakeslee.

Congratulations to Brother Charles Short who has received his 50-year Membership Jewel from the Grand Lodge of Masons.

Mr. Todd Ingalls motored to Paris, Ont., and attended the International Plowing Match.

Mr. Oscar Sherrer enjoyed a hunting trip to Northern Quebec.

Larry Westover of Mississauga, Ont., was an overnight guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Westover.

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Get well wishes to Maureen Gaylor who is suffering with a painful back problem.

Those attending the Fall Rally in Waterloo on Monday, September 17 were Mary Bailey, Ruth Bailey, Bertha Nichols, Merry Webb and Thelma Wilkins. Rev. Ryk Allen was present as guest speaker.

Merry Webb chauffeured her

mother, Bertha Nichols, to Waterville on Monday, September 24 to visit Doris and Francis McKelvey. Noon meal included a delicious birthday cake, made by Mary Williams for her employer, Doris, who celebrated her birthday on the 23rd. Francis is reported doing as well as usual — he had a big smile for his visitors.

The Mountain Valley Pastoral Charge Worship Committee met on Thursday, September 6 in the United Church office in the Reilly

House. Worship service themes were discussed and planned until the 14th of October. Next meeting, October 17.

The Mountain Valley Pastoral Charge Church Council meeting was held on September 11 with nine present. Reports were given from Bolton Centre, Mansonville and Vale Perkins. Detailed information may be obtained from the Church office. The date of the next meeting is October 23.

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