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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, September 13

Mansonville United Church Women will be resuming regular meetings after summer recess. The first meeting will be held in the United Church basement, starting with a lunch at noon.

The regular Iron Hill card party will be held today and not September 8 as previously announced.

Saturday, September 15

Oddfellows Lodge No. 28 will be serving another of their famous roast beef on a spit buffet dinners at the Oddfellows Hall, 476 Knowlton Road between 5:30 and 8:00. The supper will be followed by a dance with music provided by Monte Carlo till 1 a.m. Stop in after a day's outing. All proceeds will go to the building and renovation fund. Improvements to start this autumn. Come one, come all.

There will be a casserole supper sponsored by the St. Paul's Ladies Guild will be held in Mansonville from 5 and 7 at the Anglican Parish hall. Admission charged.

Sunday, September 16

There will be a Hymn Sing at St. James Church in Foster at 7:30 under the leadership of Edna Badger. Everyone is welcome.

Monday, September 17

Kahn-Tineta Horn will speak to the Yamaska Valley Branch of the Canadian Club at Chateau Brompton.

ARTS

Saturday, September 15

The Old Brick Church in West Brome will be holding a concert by the Ensemble Claude Gervaise entitled *Music from the Court of François I* with pieces from the Middle Ages and Early Renaissance complete with period instruments such as recorders, sackbuts, hurdy-gurdies, cornetts, rebecs, curtals, viols, lutes and citterns. Concert begins at 8 and will be repeated Sunday afternoon at 3. Tickets are \$15 and can be obtained by calling 263-2346.

Knowlton United Church presents an evening of sacred music featuring the Quebec Masonic Choir at 8. Admission is \$5 and tickets are available from Rev. John Finlayson at 243-5302, Margaret Pille at 243-5302, Ralph Seaton at 243-5393 or at the door.

Till September 23

Arts Sutton is holding an exhibition featuring artists Bonnie Baxter, Monique Charbonneau, Réal Dumais and Bernice Sorge. Also featured are sculptures by Mark

Latzmann. The gallery, located at 7 Academy Street, is open Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 5.

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 on Sunday, same times, same place. See story below for details.

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The fall colors have started and so has Mount Sutton's annual fall festival. See story below.

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Annual fall fest underway

Mount Sutton's festival of colors Panoraduoocôte has begun.

The annual fall festival offers visitors the chance to observe the fall colors from various observation stations on top of the mountain by use of the ski centre's detachable quad chairlift. There are also plenty of activities for the whole family from children's animation to pantomime; outings on a network of trails and arts and crafts workshops.

This year new colors and tastes have been added to the annual fall fest.

The Henri Henquin chocolate factory, l'Orpailleur winery and local potters and artisans will be at Mont Sutton every weekend to meet you and let you taste, savor and discover their art.

Musée Heritage will also present the ski history of Sutton and Musée Safari Nature will have its collection of butterflies, insects and precious stones.

After 100 years Small Brothers are thinking big

By Sharon McCully

DUNHAM — From tinsmithing to the lightening evaporator to Ultraport, Small Brothers Inc. has managed to survive as a family business through 100 years of economic and industrial turmoil.

Situated in the tiny village of Dunham, the town's leading industry had its origins as a choice overnight stop and stagecoach station, the Seedly Hotel.

Steve Selby, manager of the century old company which manufactures maple syrup evaporators, recalls the company's beginnings.

"In 1890, Colonel Small came over from Scotland with his two sons, Stephen and Reid," Selby recalled from his office in the historic building this week. "The Small family settled on a farm in Dunham, and made maple syrup each season in a flat pan."

Selby said Small's sons Stephen and Reid sidelined as tinsmiths making cans and flat top maple syrup evaporators.

HOT SPOT

Meanwhile business at the town's Seedly Hotel, once a hot spot, began to decline.

Colonel Small bought the building — which included a branch of the Eastern Townships Bank — for his sons to establish their tinsmith business on a more solid foundation.

"In its prime, the Seedly was the main stopover for travellers en route from Boston to Quebec City," Selby pointed out.

The hotel's archway where the stagecoach would enter to deposit travellers inside the hotel remains intact today.

"I remember when my grandfather later bought the business, the stables were still behind the building," Selby recalled from his boyhood years.

The highlight of the hotel was its third floor ballroom and "swinging" stage, Selby said. The mobile stage was supported by springs, causing it to swing with the band on stage.

Shortly after the Small brothers set up shop at the former hotel, they encountered an inventor named James Reid who believed he had discovered a way to produce maple syrup faster and more efficiently by using corrugated metal.

NEW IDEA

The brothers latched on to the idea and began manufacturing the first "lightening evaporator".

The demand was so great for the new maple syrup equipment, that one brother branched out across the border opening a plant in Richford Vermont to deal with the U.S. market.

The death of one Small brother in 1928 prompted Oscar Selby, to buy the Dunham company.

At the time, Oscar Selby ran the town's general store and was considered one of the town's leading citizens. In fact many remember him as the man who brought electric power to Dunham.

"My grandfather learned that electricity would not be supplied to towns unless somebody owned a large motor of a certain capacity," the younger Selby recalled. "When

my grandfather heard that, he bought a motor and called the electric company. Amid great fanfare, the town's first electric bulb was lit."

Oscar Selby also owned the first town father to own a car.

"He bought it in Boston and I believe it took about a week for him to get from Boston to Dunham with it," laughed his grandson.

After the death of the second Small brother, the U.S. arm of the company was purchased by a distant cousin of Selby's.

SON TOOK OVER

Some 20 years later, Selby's son Rowland came on board and began running the Dunham company.

"My father earned \$15 a week a dollar more than he was making at the bank-plus room and board upstairs," recalled Selby. "Eventually he bought and paid for the company from his father."

Steve Selby joined the business at the entry level in 1969, learning the manufacturing end of the business from the ground up.

By 1977 the father-son team had doubled production facilities at the plant, and had carved a niche in the leading edge of technology in the maple syrup industry.

Shortly afterward, the Selbys established a branch of Small Brothers in Swanton, Vermont to serve its American based customers.

In 1984, shortly after the death of Rowland Selby, Tom, a banker, joined his brother Steve in running the operation.

MAIN PRODUCERS

In spite of the fact Quebec accounts for 70 per cent of the world's maple syrup production, Selby says some 50 per cent of his demand for equipment comes from the U.S.

"Quebec produces between 30 to 40 million pounds of maple syrup annually, while all of the U.S. produces about 3 million pounds," he said.

However, Selby says American producers spend more money on new equipment.

"When the Canadian government gives farm subsidies, maple producers invest in new equipment," Selby said. "Otherwise they will get by with their outdated equipment."

Still, Selby continues to manufacture his top of the line equipment from his Dunham-based operation.

With manufacturing plants on both sides of the border, the Selbys were in a no-lose situation when the government brought in free trade.

Selby claims free trade actually helped his Canadian interests.

MATTER OF TIME

"Before free trade, there was no duty on maple syrup equipment, but there was a growing protectionist attitude developing in the U.S.," Selby said. "It would only have been a matter of time before maple syrup equipment was thrown in with other farm equipment and taxed at the border."

While production costs and manpower are cheaper in the U.S., Selby said it's unlikely the brothers would move the operation to the

United States.

"Our workers here are craftsmen," explained Selby. "There is no school you can go to learn to manufacture this equipment."

The skills have been passed down from generation to generation. One family employed at the Dunham plant has been producing maple syrup equipment for the last four generations, he said.

But the Selby brothers weren't putting all their eggs in one basket.

When the maple syrup industry began to slide a few years ago because of a surplus on the market, the brothers decided they had better diversify if they were to keep the century old family business alive.

ULTRAPORT

Identifying a need for international companies to have a presence in the country of business, the Sel-

bys established a service they called Ultraport.

The service allows Canadian companies doing business in the U.S. and American companies doing business in Canada to establish a branch office without a physical presence.

Ultraport provides companies with a telephone, address and fax number in Canada. The service helps eliminate border problems, by stocking materials for sale to customers in the U.S. in one of the Selby distribution centers.

As well, Ultraport has a production facility and the manpower to complete semi-finished products in the country of sale.

Selby said as a result of the new business, the company is able to employ workers year round at the plant.

During the peak maple syrup

season, they are busy on the manufacturing of equipment and during the slower times we have the manpower available to complete production and packaging of goods.

Employment at the Dunham plant ranges from 35 to 70, depending on the season.

A visit to the plant is a stroll through history.

Shelves are lined with the distinctive maple syrup cans identifiable throughout Canada and the United States. Wall hangings bear witness to the progress made in the development of innovative equipment manufactured over the past century.

Huge pieces of gleaming equipment are a fitting testament to a business which continues to shine and reflect the values of its founders 100 years ago.



Steve Selby... Free trade has helped his Canadian interests.

Brome Lake golf tourney attract biggest crowd yet

BROME LAKE — The 7th annual Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament held on Aug. 29 was a resounding success boasting the largest ever number of participants.

Seventy-six golfers played at *Golf Inverness sur le lac* and 95 enjoyed dinner at the *Auberge du Joli Vent* following the tournament.

The first net ladies trophy was carried off by Lorraine Goyette of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Commerce Monteregie office and the first net men's prize was

won by Raymond Lalanne of Saint Bruno.

Honored guests included Gabrielle Bertrand, Federal MP for Brome Missisquoi; Gilles Decelles, mayor of the Ville de Lac Brome; Raymond Robillard, mayor of Township of Sutton; Daniel Migneault, director general of the *Corporation Développement Economique de Bromont, Waterloo, Lac Brome*; Paul Phaneuf, president of the aforementioned corporation; Carole Forand, director general of the *Société de Formation industrielle de l'Estrie*.



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Above Jacques Francoeur, Town of Brome Lake Manager, Chamber of Commerce president Robert Menard, tournament winner Lorraine Goyette of the Ministry of Industry Trade and Commerce and Sutton Township Mayor Raymond Robillard participate in thy 7th annual Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament.

Below: Tournament organizer Signy Stephenson, Brome Lake Mayor Gilles Decelles and Brome-Missisquoi MP Gabrielle Bertrand take part in after game festivities at Auberge du Joli Vent.

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*Garavou is the name given by the CSST to its mascot, the little yellow hand whose job is to warn all Quebecers to prevent work-related accidents and diseases.

Howard Hackwell's garden is his kingdom

By Cindy Fisher.

COWANSVILLE — If a man's home is his castle, then Howard Hackwell's garden is his kingdom, for it is here that he has transformed less than an acre of land into a flower and shrub garden of magnificent proportions.

Hackwell's love of flowers and plants began as a young boy growing up in, what was once called Boscobel, now known as Valcourt.

His great grandfather arrived in the region in 1850, started the family homestead, and called the region Boscobel after an area in Great Britain.

"Our 250-acre farm was a working farm," says Hackwell. "I spent from about the age of 18 to 35 managing the 500 tree apple orchard and eventually I began to sell gladiolas."

"At one time I had three acres of them," he recalled.

KNOWLTON NURSERY

The Hackwells moved to their present house in Cowansville in the 1960's and Howard began working for John Andrews at the Knowlton Nursery. He recalls that life was quite different in those days.

"The wealthy in Knowlton back then had gardeners, maids, cooks and drivers," he said. "I was frequently called in to give out ideas on landscaping and garden arrangements, much of this I had learned when I took the Allied Florist course at MacDonald College in St. Anne's."

"I often worked with landscape

architects, and other times I was left alone to do what I wanted," he added. "Frequently the homeowner and I did the whole thing ourselves, the architect forgotten."

The Knowlton Nursery was taken over by Cynthia and Frank Wilkinson in the late 70's and Hackwell worked there until 1980, when he started at the old Geo. H. Robb building managing the flower shop.

LIMITLESS GARDEN

Hackwell retired in 1985 and is now enjoying his leisure time organizing, arranging and then, it seems, re-organizing and re-arranging his seemingly limitless garden full of flowers, and shrubs.

"I estimate that I have thousands of varieties of plants in my garden," he said. "I think there are about 75 different kinds of iris like Bearded, Japanese, Dwarf and Siberian."

Hackwell also has about 60 varieties of lilies besides hundreds of tulips, daphodils and narcissus.

Like most gardeners, Hackwell plans his garden with a view to the following season and one of his projects for 1991 is to replant some of his Irises so that they will get better exposure and sunlight.

"I want to make sure that all the flowers and shrubs are balanced for height and color while at the same time allowing them to look their best."

HERON VISITOR

A small archway leads visitors

past borders festooned with colours, shades, tints and tones. A corner of the garden looks over the Cowansville Lake and a green heron — a regular visitor according to Hackwell — makes his home there.

He, like hundreds of other birds, finds the tranquility, insect fare, color and respite the garden offers to his taste.

Winding paths accented by a St. Francis statue or a small cherub-like garden ornament bring the garden lover back, time and time again, to more flowers and shrubs in an endless variety of height, colour and shape.

To be able to name even a few would be an admission of talent however, Hackwell, points and gestures, naming them all and giving you an interesting anecdote or useful tidbit of inside information about their planting or cutting.

"I have to admit that I don't always do the right thing," he says ruefully. "I, too, am always learning but I get a lots of ideas and information from looking at books, other people's gardens and visiting garden centres."

However, Hackwells talents extend far beyond the garden path.

COUNTRY WREATHS

A visit to his basement reveals a man with an imaginative streak in the creation of country style wreaths.

From the ceiling hang plants, weeds, flowers, ferns, bullrushes

and many never before seen or heard of varieties of flower and fauna, collected, he admits "On drives in the country and, because of this, my friends say I'm a lousy driver," he said. "I'm always looking in ditches and on roadsides."

Using tough vines or creepers, Hackwell fashions a circular shape and puts papmas grass or spagnum moss around it. Then from the abundant bunches of flowers and greenery he slowly and meticulously begins to plan, shape and adorn, a little more blue on one side, a flower with a tint of violet somewhere else.

The results are delightful, pure

country charm that will last for years.

"My garden is my therapy," he admits, his words no doubt reflecting how many Brome County residents feel about their garden whether it be the size of a postage stamp or a few acres of rambling wooded paths interlaced with bright annuals and perennials.

Now, as all of Howard's friends will tell you, he is also quite the historian, his basement alive with relics and momentos from the past.

Hackwell's Museum would describe it well... but that's another story.



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Theatre Lac Brome: Summer playhouse extends into off-season

KNOWLTON — In response to a growing demand, the Board of Directors of Theatre Lac Brome has committed itself to year-round programming in an effort to fully serve the population of Ville de Lac Brome and the surrounding area.

"The summer season attracts a much wider audience than just the local population, but as a board, we believe that this is not enough," said Board President Ilay Ferrier.

"We are committed to keeping the Theatre open 'round in order to offer our indigenous theatre-goers and most ardent supporters the best theatre and music at all times of the year," Ferrier said.

"The community is generous to us and we feel we must keep our part of the bargain," he added. "It not only makes good financial sense, but good artistic sense as well."

Shows in October open with the Thanksgiving weekend concerts of internationally acclaimed pianist Alain Lefevre Oct. 6 and 7. The duo of concerts is produced by Celebration 90 and sponsored by Ultramar.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, the Township Harmony Barbershoppers will delight with their smooth blend of voices.

Joining the Barbershoppers on stage will be the Rippling Rhythm Quartet, the 1990 Division 1 Novice Champion barbershop singers, and the quartets Something old, something new or international blend.

Tickets are \$10; \$8 for students and seniors.

What began as a ten minute comedy sketch in a New Brunswick revue and turned into a full-fledged one-man hit comedy coming to Theatre Lac Brome on October 18, 19 and 20.

Marshall Button's "Lucien" has played to audiences from Cape Breton Island to Vancouver Island.

This mainstage show, which opened in 1985, has been one of the most popular productions of Theatre New Brunswick in its 20 year history.

A cynical and opiated Acadian millworker has become a New Brunswick ambassador to the rest of Canada and a true working class

hero in his own province.

Button, who created and plays Lucien, says his character is narrow in his views and isolated because of living in Northern New Brunswick where, "anything

beyond the border is where the dragons are... But he's highly likeable and instantly recognizable."

"We've all met a person like Lucien at some time or another," says Button.

Tickets for Lucien are \$15; \$12 for students and seniors.

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Golden Age Club news

MANSONVILLE — Thirty two Golden Agers met at the town hall on August 28th. Their Tuesday dinner consisted of creamed macaroni, home-made pea soup, johnny cake, lettuce, cucumbers and sliced tomatoes, cold ham, cake and donuts. The donors were Julieanne McDuff, Toni Lamothe, George Hamelin, Walter Smithers, Mary Schoolcraft and Thelma Wilkins. Iris Milroy gave a generous donation toward future lunches.

Special dinner guests today were Schlavco and Julie Buntschitsch who recently celebrated their 50th anniversary (August 25th). They supplied us with a before dinner appetitif, to which President Rita Mossa made a toast, "Here's to love and marriage, health and happiness and another 50 years of marriage!" Schlavco and Julie thanked the group for their best wishes.

Mildred Atyeo celebrated her birthday the day before and so re-

ceived a card signed by all.

Door prizes were won by Mildred Atyeo, Toni Lamothe, Elsie Knowlton and Verlie Aiken.

"500" winners were: 1) Myrtle Bullock, 2) Bridget Aiken; 1) Jerry Carrier, 2) Dolores Marcoux.

Game prizes were won by Mildred Atyeo, Verlie Aiken, Elsie Knowlton, J. Laliberté, Walter Smithers, Bertha Nichols, Mary Schoolcraft, Irene Carrier, Rita Mossa, Flora and Alice Drouin, J. McDuff, Ethylin Burnham and R.A. Pouliot.

Golden Age members met at the town hall on Tuesday, September 4th. Lunch was furnished by the club: pea soup, rolls, cold cuts, tomatoes, lettuce and garden fresh cucumbers, the latter given by Walter Smithers. Tea, coffee, donuts and cake rounded out the meal. Cold drinks were served midway the afternoon.

A sympathy card was signed for Rose Alma Pouliot, due to the sud-

den death of her youngest son, Gaetan. Sympathy is extended to all his family. The club will pay a mass for Gaetan. We closed our meeting early so that we could visit the funeral home.

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Blackwood: Former mayor honored at dam ceremony

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — The Town of Brome Lake said thank you to former mayor and leading citizen Homer Blackwood earlier this month by unveiling a plaque in his honor at the Cold Brook dam in Knowlton.

Town council announced last year it would name the downtown dam after Blackwood who served as mayor of the town for 16 years.

It was during Blackwood's administration, the villages of Fulford, Foster, Bondville and West Brome joined Knowlton to become the Town of Brome Lake.

In addition to his tenure as mayor, Blackwood was a commis-

sioner and later chairman of the Knowlton school board before it amalgamated to become the District of Bedford school board.

He was also chairman of the finance committee responsible for the construction of Massey Vanier regional high school.

BUSY MAN

Blackwood has also served on numerous committees and commissions, and is an executive member of the Brome-Missisquoi Liberal riding association.

Blackwood's pro-development stand raised property evaluations in the town by nearly 100 percent during his term of office. But his money-generating schemes were not always popular with taxpayers. Blackwood's council was

replaced in 1987 by a more conservation-minded group.

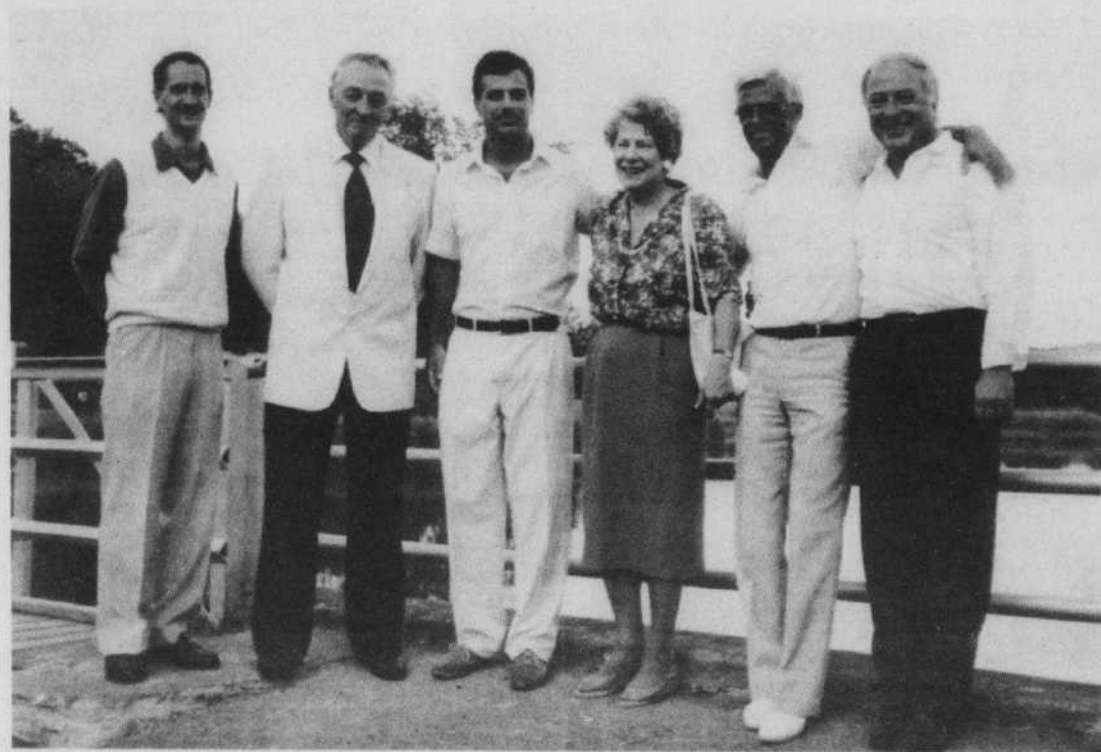
The well known Blackwood, at home in the golf club circuit or at the local coffee shop, is currently testing the political waters in the town. He has not ruled out the possibility he will run again for mayor next November.

Meanwhile, citizens of the town honored the town figure for his past efforts as mayor and for his contribution to the Town of Brome Lake.

Homer Blackwood (second from left) poses with Brome Lake mayor Gilles Decelles (far left) and councillors Michael Caluori, Frances MackEen, George Bristol and André Groulx.



Homer Blackwood checks out his plaque alongside Mayor Gilles Decelles and councillor Michael Caluori.



Knowlton gardeners get wine and cheese

KNOWLTON — The town of Brome Lake will honor winners in the *Maison Fleuries* competition at a wine and cheese party this week.

In the Knowlton sector, top honors will go to Homer Blackwood and B. Bailey of Sugar Hill. Nipping at their heels was K. Mizener and Pierre Cère.

Honorable mentions went to D. Charby, Marie Bessette; M. Roberts; B. Morissette; B. Blanshay; R.S. McLernon; G. George; H. Brecht and Julien Beaure-


gard. In Bondville, first prize was awarded to R. Renaud, while L. Lefebvre was judged to have the most impressive flower garden in the Foster-Fulford sector. Second prize will be picked up by C.D. Drake in Bondville and F. Dagenais. Honorbale mention was given to the homes of L.K. Eden, Kay Sangster, Andre Gagné, R. Dagenais, J. Elston, L.M. Mizener, P. Coiteux, J.R. Tryhorn, Robert Polson, J. Begin.



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Sutton recycling plan faces further delays

By Nancy Grenville

SUTTON — Local residents face further delays in achieving a recycling program in the immediate future but planning for regional programs appears to have come a step closer to reality.

Although the Regional Municipality (MRC) committee on waste disposal will probably not report before the end of the year, Environment Quebec has circulated questionnaires to all municipalities with the intention of directing funds through *Collect Selective* to groups of MRC's joined in recycling efforts.

While it is encouraging to learn that the embryo of a provincial plan exists, it is unlikely municipalities can be persuaded to take their own initiatives at this time, and it is important for individuals to continue to remind local councilors of their impatience.

The Recycling Committee of Parc Sutton continues to receive inquiries and expressions of interest in means of reducing waste disposal. Two commercially available composters are among the ways a household can reduce its garbage output by at least one third — without the trouble of building their own.

Both are compact and unobtrusive and made of recycled plastic, costing about \$100. However, they work on slightly different prin-

ciples. The first, available through Harrowsmith (Camden East, Ont.) designed to turn kitchen waste into garden compost within a few months, is two feet square and stands about three feet high.



The second is described in the recent issue of Organic Gardening and is intended to actually eliminate all but a small quantity of kitchen waste including meat, bones and fat which is not normally included in compost. It is cone-shaped, standing about 30 inches above ground, tapering from 23 inches at its base to a 12-inch lid, and resting on an open mesh basket sunk into a 20-inch deep hole in the ground.

Known as the Green Cone, it is available at a variety of outlets or from 6725 Airport Road, Suite 502, Mississauga Ont, L4V 1V2.

Both composters are in wide use in Ontario where numerous communities have bought them in quantity for subsidized distribution to homeowners, thereby reducing disposal costs.

Local cadets learn leadership skills



By Sharon McCully

MANSONVILLE — Summer camp wasn't all swimming and bonfires for three local teens who attended a six week cadet camp this summer.

Geoff Davis, Angèle Lachance and Lloyd Eakins, all cadets with the Bolton-Potton Cadet Corps 3022, were selected for leadership training at summer camps in Val Cartier and Cap Chat in the Gaspé. "There were 1200 kids in all at the Val Cartier camp, explained Angèle, and only 400 were in the leadership corps." Geoff, 15, was one of a handful of English-speaking cadets to attend camp in Gaspé.

All three Massey Vanier high school students said the camp also

gave them an opportunity to hone their French-language skills.

PRACTICE FRENCH

"It was good to be able to practise my French, but I was lonely not hearing that much English," commented Geoff.

Both Lloyd and Angèle attended the Val Cartier camp north of Quebec City.

No loafing around in bed for these campers.

At 5:30 every morning they were up and at it.

"We had classes in topography, communications courses, shooting practise and leadership training," offered Geoff.

"They teach you how to teach," added Angèle.

Geoff's favorite camp activity

was target practise, while Lloyd leaned towards the wilderness training.

"It was really fun to go out in the woods for four days at a time and learn to read the compass and look after yourself," commented Lloyd.

Angèle liked it all.

"To complete the training, campers were required to swim a 4-kilometre lake and keep a bag on a raft without getting it wet," Lloyd said.

VERY COLD

"And the water in the lake was only 50 degrees," Geoff quickly pointed out.

Angèle was one of 37 girls attending the Val Cartier camp.

"The camp taught us leadership and responsibility," Angèle said, adding that the experience has helped her take a more active role in school affairs.

"It helps if you want to join the student council or other school groups because you have some leadership training," she said.

Angèle says she is also planning to join the Massey Vanier school band.

Both Lloyd and Geoff say the course has helped them grow up and become more independent.

"You learn to get along more on your own," commented Lloyd.

Both boys say they would like to forge a career teaching other cadets at similar camps.

BIG MONEY

"I hear you can make thousands," noted Geoff.

The Bolton-Potton Cadet corps was established in Mansonville in January 1989 by volunteers. The group meets Saturday mornings for a training program, outdoor activities and field exercises.

A new session is scheduled to begin Saturday, September 15 at Mansonville Elementary School. Boys and girls aged 12-18 are welcome to join. There is no cost to participate in the cadet program. Deadline for new cadets is October 20.

For information call Lorna Al-lard 243-5759, Gaylor Davis 292-3105 or Doug Wighton 292-3800-or just show up at the school.

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Thrashers: Massey Vanier girls out to get the competition

By Bruce Macfarlane

COWANSVILLE — Watch out Richmond, Galt, BCS and Stanstead, Massey Vanier's senior girls' soccer team wants to 'thrash' you — again.

Nicknamed the 'Thrashers', the Cowansville based high school soccer team is going after their third consecutive Eastern Townships Interscholastic Athletic Conference title this season.

The Thrashers, composed of girls from the ages of 16-years-old and over, are going to find the road to another ETIAC title a long and winding one.

Thrashers' head coach Bob Kay has only nine players returning to the team including four founding Thrasher Jennifer Menec, Stacey Richardson, Jodi Cuthill and Tara Mosher.

Massey Vanier has fielded a senior girls' soccer team for eight years but it was only until three years ago the team has adopted its current name (The Thrashers) and

it's motto, 'We're going to psyche you out.'

LAST SEASON

All of the four original Thrashers want to make their last season on the Masey Vanier field one to remember.

"We've been together for three years now," Menec said after an afternoon practice this week. "We're the only ones left."

"We're going to make Mr. Kay proud of us," added Cuthill.

All four girls have said there is something missing from the original Thrashers team.

"There is a lack of spirit," said Richardson. "It's all different teammates."

Kay has 22 girls trying out for a spot on the 1990 edition of the Thrashers. The Massey Vanier coach is planning to keep 18.

Despite one team pulling out of all ETIAC league play in all competitive sports, Kay said his team is ready for action.

"Salésien pulled out of league

play," he said. "We'll play only one exhibition game against them."

"Out of the nine players coming back, five of them are starters," he said.

FIRST TASTE

The Thrashers will get their first sample of competition at the Nancy Brown Invitational Girls Soccer Tournament at Alexander Galt High School this Saturday.

Traditionally, the Thrashers have fared poorly at the Galt tournament but have picked their momentum by the beginning of the season.

"We usually lose in shootouts (tournament) but win the season," said Cuthill.

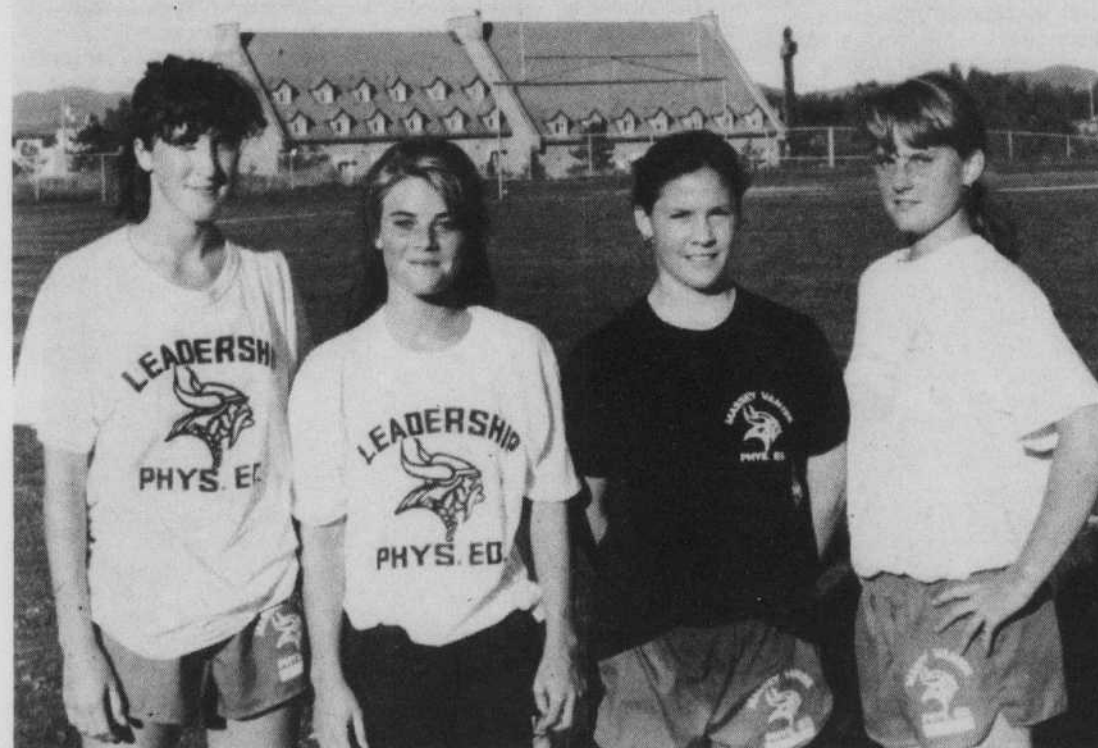
According to Tara Mosher, the Thrashers should be ready for their season opener next Wednesday when Bishop's College School travels to Cowansville.

"We get what we want," said a confident Mosher.

The Thrashers are going to try and psyche out their opponents for a third consecutive year.



Jodi Cuthill tries to head the ball during practice.



The four original Thrashers: Stacey Richardson, Jodi Cuthill, Jennifer Menec and Tara Mosher.

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Granby United Church: 160 years of history

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

By Phyllis Hamilton

Canada was yet to become a Confederation. The war of 1812 with the United States was a vivid memory. Industrialization was rapidly changing and expanding with the innovation of steam power. The voice of the people was demanding a share in government and the future was beckoning a hardy pioneer race to make this a great land. People were living in an age of reconstruction and progress as we are today. The establishment of their school and church was a matter of great importance.

Granby today has nine French Roman Catholic parishes, one English-speaking Roman Catholic pa-

rish and for the Protestant Community the principle churches are St. George's Anglican Church; across the main street is Granby United Church.

February 9th, 1830 marks the beginning of this latter church's history, for on that date the Rev. Ebenezer Dorman of Swanton, Vermont organized the First Congregational Church of Granby.

IRREGULAR MEETINGS

Although Congregational ministers from the United States had been holding irregular religious meetings throughout the Eastern Townships, it was not until the Missionary Board of the Congregational Churches of Montreal appointed the Rev. Daniel Rockwell, as missionary to Granby District, that there was any definite move towards establishing regular religious services. Mr. Rockwell assis-

ted Mr. Dorman in establishing this first Congregation of about one dozen people.

Soon after a group of Scottish Presbyterians from the south of Scotland and north of Ireland established a congregation in Granby and built a white frame church on Drummond Street in Granby, which became known as the "Scotch Church". In 1848 the Presbyterians united with the First Congregational Church and two years later sold the little white church to the Methodists.

In 1821 the Shefford Methodist Mission had been organized and with Frost Village as head of the field, was served by itinerant preachers who went about the circuit on horse back and held services in log school houses or homes of parishioners.

CHURCH OF ITS OWN

In July 1850, a deed of sale and conveyance was made by the Rev. Richard Miles of St. Paul of Yamaska (Abbotsford), Congregational minister, to Mr. Joseph Wallace of the Township of Granby, of the lot where the Scotch church then stood. The purchase price was

63 pounds and it was immediately deeded by Mr. Wallace to the Rev. Rufus Flanders and a Board of Trustees. From that moment on Methodism had a church of its own.

The congregation grew and in 1875 the little white frame church was replaced by a much larger brick structure which was again enlarged in 1890. The church continued to flourish and by 1896 had a full time resident minister, the Rev. J.E. Mavety, whose salary was \$1,000. per annum.

From church records we read that "on February 2, 1892, occurred the death of one of the strongest and most loyal supporters of the Methodist cause in Granby, in the person of the late James Irwin, whose love and devotion to his church was clearly manifested in his will, by which he bequeathed to the Methodist Church in Granby his brick residence on the corner of Drummond and Elgin Streets, together with considerable adjoining land. The income of which was to be devoted to the cause so dear to his heart."

CASH OR GRAIN

The First Congregation Church

continued to grow also. In 1853 the first subscription list available is for the support of the Rev. N. McLeod and was to be paid in cash or grain.

By 1855 no mention was made of grain and the word cash is heavily underlined. The first records of church meetings date from this time and show an election of a "Committee of Discipline." that this committee functioned is evident as several times "the committee reported brethren who had offended and some had appeared before the church meeting, confessing their failing, and on expressing their determination to lead a better life were reinstated in good standing."

The practice of renting pews was followed but in 1880 the weekly envelope was initiated for support of the ministry.

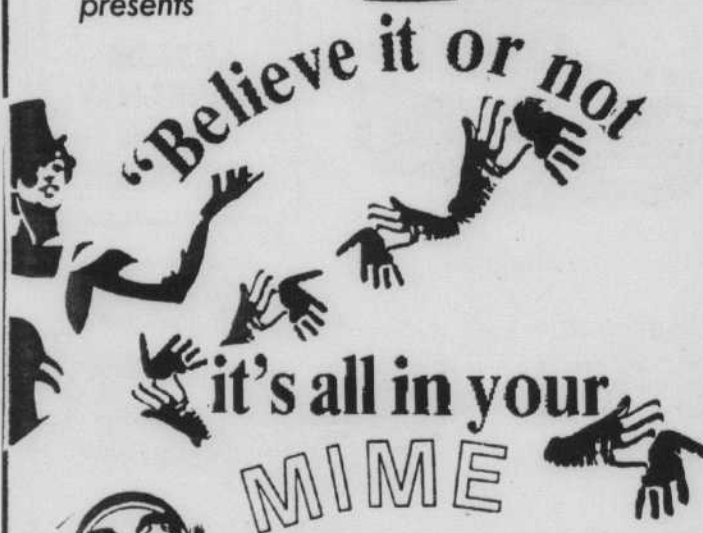
In 1876, there is mention of the incumbent minister, Mr. Nyhslander "being carried away in the terrible epidemic of Typhoid Fever which scourged the village."

On April 8th, 1879, Trinity Church was burned to the ground and the Congregation met in the Sons of Temperance Hall until the

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Ecumenical history — church shares building with Catholics

new brick church was erected.

On February 9, 1881, the present church building at the corner of Main Street and Dufferin was dedicated.

PIONEER KILLED

It was during the erection of this new building that a faithful member of the church and pioneer in the industries of the village, Mr. Harlow Miner, was critically injured when hit by a falling timber. Several years after his death a beautiful stained glass window was installed by his daughter on the east wall to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. Miner. A few years later another beautiful stained glass window was installed in memory of their daughter, Mrs. J.H. McKechnie, by her husband.

The Sabbath School was "in a very prosperous condition" in 1905 and it was decided to build a wing on the west side of the church with a generous donation from Mr. S.H.C. Miner.

The first organ was installed largely through the efforts of Mr. S.H.C. Miner but it did not prove very satisfactory so after his death, his widow, Mrs. Clara A. Miner, donated the present two manual Casavant pipe organ in his memory in 1916. An extension, to accommodate the beautiful instrument, was built on the north end of the church at that time.

On June 10, 1925, the United Church of Canada was formed through the union of three great evangelical denominations in Canada — Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian.

Granby Drummond St. Methodist Congregation and Trinity Congregational Church continued to exist as separate congregations until the fall of 1927; the union of these two congregations was finally consummated in April 1928 when it was agreed to meet for worship at Trinity Church and keep the Methodist Church as a community centre under the direction of the United Church. The old Drummond St. Methodist Church was later sold and then demolished in recent years.

The 1950's saw a surge of growth as new industries came to town and the post-war baby boomers arrived, so the Sunday School needed more room and an addition was built on the back of the church in 1961.

In recent years two other stained glass windows have been installed in memory of the Rev. Cyril Foggo, who served the parish so well from 1955 to 1975 and in 1982, by Mr. William Turnbull, who is a faithful supporter of the church along with his wife, Margaret.

The Rev. Cyril Foggo was born in England in 1910; received his ecclesiastical training at McGill University and was ordained in 1938. He served in the armed forces from 1941-1945 and after landing in Europe on D-Day was involved in the Battle of the Bulge. After returning to Canada he received a call in 1955 to serve the Granby congregation.

CHEERFUL OPTIMISM

Mr. Foggo worked hard to promote the growth of both Abbot-

sford and Granby United Churches and "was known for his cheerful optimism and his success in promoting closer relationships with other communions."

Ecumenical history was made in 1969 when an invitation was extended to St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Parish by Rev. Cyril Foggo to share the use of the church building. Masses have been held in the church regularly ever since and the spirit of cooperation between the two congregations demonstrates the essential unity of Christ's Church.

Mr. Foggo also initiated the alternating summer holiday services between St. George's Anglican and Granby United Churches which continues to this day.

Although liberal in theology, he had deep Christian convictions and it was written that he "resisted religious fads and ecclesiastical tinke-

ring."

The present minister is the Rev. Burn Purdon. Because he is bilingual, is able to provide leadership in an increasingly more franco-phone community.

MORE FRANCOPHONES

During the past few years, as more francophones have become involved with the Granby United Church, the need for more French ministry was realized and there is now a practising group led by the present French-Canadian student minister, who meet regularly for worship within the Granby United Church Congregation.

Granby United Church stands tall as it looks out over the busy main thoroughfare of a rapidly growing city. Its red brick tower, entered by a stairway leading from East and West and its many Gothic shaped windows present a noble monument to the many sincere and

loyal people who have found comfort and faith in its existence.

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Centennial Celebrations.

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 Centennial Branch of the United Empire Loyalists are researching the history of many of the old churches of the Eastern Townships. Anyone wishing to contribute a history of their local church please send it to: Mrs. Phyllis Hamilton, 55 Church St., Granby, Quebec, J2G 4S2.



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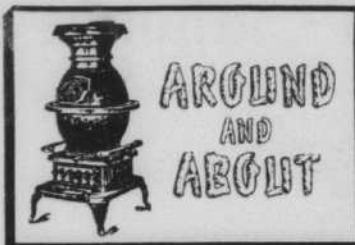
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Ricky Brownrigg of Mt. Forest, Ont. was calling on his uncle Bruce Phelps.

Congratulations to Donald Blinn who celebrated his 86th birthday on August 25.

Gordon Wescott of Calgary, Alta. spent a short time as guest of his mother, Mrs. Esther Wescott.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Testu and family have returned to Labrador City after spending a holiday as guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Testu.

Guy Martindale spent a day at Lake Carmi, Vt., guest of his sister, Mrs. Frank Guthrie and Mr. Guthrie, and also met his niece, Mrs. Robt. Shanks, Mr. Shanks, Robbie and J.J. of Kelowna, B.C.

Wayne Boomhower of Toronto spent a few days as guest of his sister, Mrs. Vera Gendreau.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beake and son Ray of Kingsey Falls, Que. were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Graydon True.

Mr. Ellison Johnson and friend of Welland, Ontario were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Graydon True.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Jane Willey were Mrs. Glenna Fuller and Rhoda Waterhouse of Sutton, Lorna Willey and Bevan Skerratt of Montreal, Betty-Ann and Emily.

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Bertha Nichols 292-3258

In a communication from Bella Crowell, she wishes to extend appreciation to those who visited her in hospital and at home. She is happy to be home from the hospital and has greatly enjoyed the gifts, cards and all the beautiful flowers. For further information she may be reached at 568 St. Paul St. N., Farnham, Que. J2N 2K3.

On Saturday, February 1st, Nada and Bill Niel and children Julie, Heather and Christopher of

Brockville, Ont. visited briefly during the forenoon with her mother, Bertha Nichols and Bruce. Merry, Holly and Peter Webb were also present.

Birthday greetings to all those September people: Clifton Jersey, Mildred True, Michelle Marcoux, Julia Woodard Forget, Mary Woodard Vachon, Clarissa Woodard, Lila McCoy, Edith McLean, Doris Thayer McKelvey, Bruce Hamelin, Lina Tomuschat and Alice Thayer Whitcher.

Sorry! A correction is needed for the recent Thayer family reunion article: under "weddings" it should read "Maud Thayer Clark's grandson James to Joanne de Bellefeuille on August 4, 1990". Sorry for all inconveniences caused.

Bruce and Bertha Nichols enjoyed an evening participating in a Hymn Sing at te Georgeville United Church. Worship was conducted by the Rev. Rick Spies and the singing was led by Pat Hurley and Dave Donachie. Delicious refreshments were served during a time of fellowship to close the pleasant event.

Bertha Nichols accompanied Alice Whitcher and Laura Rutt to Birchton on Saturday, August 25th to attend a bridal shower for Johanne Roy at the home of her parents, Gaetane and Jean-Claude Roy. On their homeward trip Laurie chauffeured Alice and Bertha to Waterville where they visited their sister, Doris McKelvey.

Sincere condolences are extended to the family of Gaetan Pouliot. His death on Sunday, September 2, 1990 has left his many friends extremely saddened. His funeral was held on Wednesday, September 5 from the St. Cajetin Church and burial in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Mansonville.

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Get-well wishes go out to Arnold Page who has been patient in the BMP Hospital after suffering a fall while at his work as a carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ring of London, N.H. visited his aunt Mrs. Annie Smith and cousin Mrs. Hazel Hazard and called on others in the area.

Recent callers at the Boyce home were Arthur Murphy and Ruth Coats, Dick and Iola Davis, all of South Bolton, L. Kirby of Brome and Chris Paulocik of New York City, N.Y.

Best wishes go out to Tom Cook who is recuperating nicely at home after being a surgical patient in the BMP Hospital.

Neil and Pheno O'Brien of West Hill, Ont. were overnight guests of Carl and Alice Bidwell recently.

Lisa Bennett is at present a surgical patient in the BMP Hospital. Friends and relatives wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Angie Sherrer has sold her farm on Pinnical Road and taken up residence in Cowansville. Our best wishes go with her and her new home.

Hazel Foster, Elizabeth Goyette and Bernice Boule motored to

North Woodstock, N.H. where they spent the Labour Day weekend with Bernice's sister.

Pamela, Andrew and Joes McOuat of St. Andrews East spent the weekend with Bid Lachapelle and attended Brome Fair.

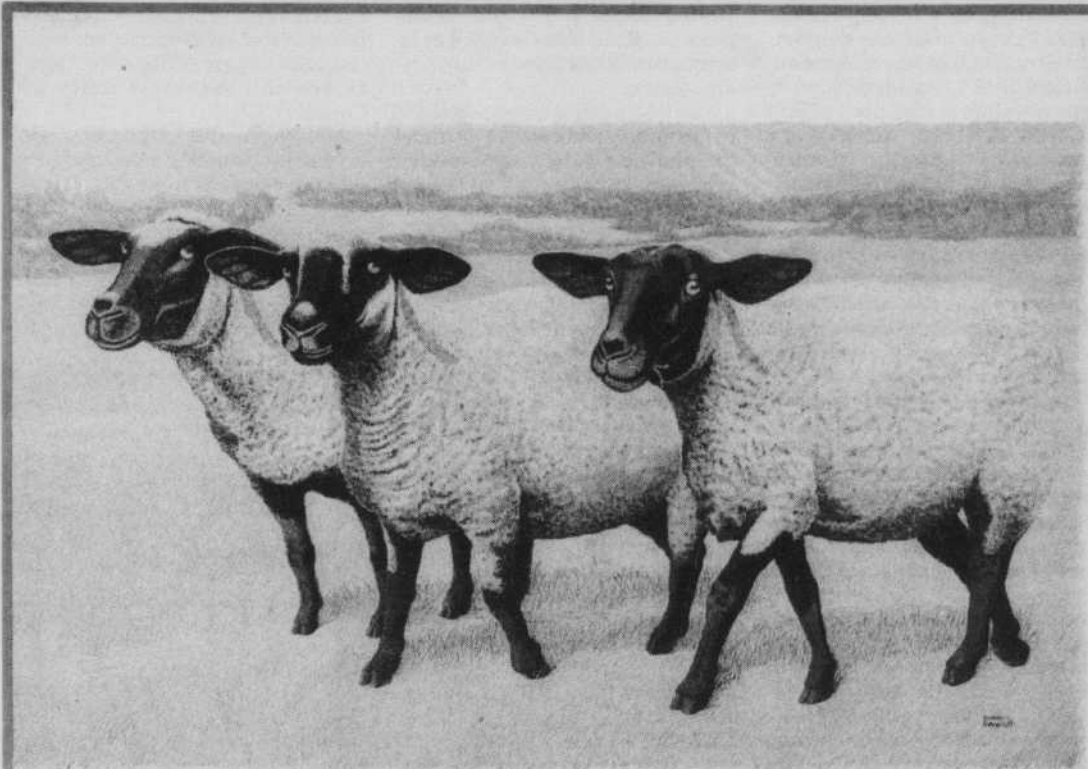
Doris Kinsey, Lynn Dempsey and Tom Cook were in St. Albans recently to attend the wedding of Kim Martin and Bradley Roberts, after which they went on to Montpelier where they were weekend guests of Ron and Marion Shover.

Donna Boyce has resumed her teaching duties at Franklin Central School in Vermont.

Mrs. Arlene Forse of Montreal visited her property on Mont Echo Road and called on acquaintances recently.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Boyce were in Waterloo and Foster on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Collins of Sherwood Park, Alberta, visited Mr. and Mrs. Winston Foster recently.



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