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"...and don't give me any of that 'it gets lonely at the top' stuff."

Denys Dionne: Judge in hot water over remark

MONTREAL (CP) — Lawyers in suburban Longueuil laid a formal complaint Tuesday with the Quebec judicial council against a judge who, during a trial last year, remarked that "rules are like women, they are made to be violated."

The council oversees the conduct of all judges in the province.

Jacques Chandonnet, head of the Longueuil bar association, said his officials spent Monday discussing the remarks by Judge Denys Dionne Jan. 27, 1989 in a courtroom in the south-shore suburb.

The decision to proceed with the complaint was unanimous, Chandonnet said, after local bar officials read the transcript and heard the court recording of the offending remarks.

He called the judge's comments "a serious breach of the duty, dignity, honor and courtesy incumbent on a judge."

Dionne is in hot water with more than the Longueuil bar association because of the remarks.

Quebec Justice Minister Gil Remillard ordered an investigation into Dionne's conduct after a widespread outcry from women's groups, labor organizations and members of the opposition Parti Quebecois.

The provincial employees union is demanding that Dionne be removed from the bench.

Dionne, who once headed Quebec's commission of inquiry into organized crime, has been out of the country and unavailable for comment.

Ruffo lawyer takes stab at social centre

MONTREAL (CP) — The lawyer representing Quebec juvenile court Judge Andr e Ruffo went on the offensive Tuesday against the social services centre that landed the outspoken judge before the Quebec judicial council disciplinary committee.

It was the second day of hearings by a four-man tribunal into accusations that Ruffo, 47, committed ten violations of the judges' code of ethics during her two years as a juvenile court judge.

The complaint was brought by the Laurentides-Lanaudiere social services centre which dealt with youth problems in the region where the judge sat.

In a heated exchange, Ruffo's lawyer, Michel Robert, accused the centre, headed by Miville Lapointe, of trying to get Ruffo removed from the bench in St-J r me, 35 kilometres northwest of Montreal.

Lapointe said a lawyer was assigned to follow Ruffo's decisions and public comments so that the youth protection department could function efficiently. He said the lawyer was asked to examine cases where Ruffo exceeded her jurisdiction.

One complaint came from remarks made in her interview with Chatelaine magazine, in which she condemned the lack of resources made available by the provincial government for troubled children, especially in her region.

Ruffo pleaded for better treatment of children in the justice system.

"If a judge sees child prostitutes or children who are raped or children who are beaten, she must talk about this suffering, and that is what I chose to do," she said.

After the complaints were filed, Ruffo stepped down from the bench until a decision on her case is rendered.

Ministers lacked courage to present anglo petitions?

By Jim Bronskill

OTTAWA (CP) — Three cabinet ministers have denied that they tried to slip petitions from an English-rights group through the back door of the Commons.

The rebuttals were prompted by allegations in recent newspaper reports, including one published Tuesday in Montreal daily La Presse.

The article Tuesday quoted Liberal whip Jean-Robert Gauthier as saying the three ministers lacked courage in October when they tabled petitions from the Alliance for the Preservation of English in Canada without commenting in the

Commons on the content of the petitions.

The petitions called on the Governor General to use disallowance powers to quash Quebec's Bill 178, which says exterior commercial signs must be in French only.

Health Minister Perrin Beatty, Energy Minister Jake Epp and Justice Minister Doug Lewis filed petitions from the group directly with the clerk of the House — one of two ways to present a petition to the House.

The second method is for an MP to formally table the petition during the daily routine of Commons business. In either case, the MP

must sign the back of the petition.

The Annotated Standing Orders of the House of Commons state that on presentation of a petition, no debate on or in relation to it is allowed.

But members often make a short statement on what the petitioners are asking.

REJECTS NOTION

Lewis said he rejects the notion a member lacks courage if he presents a petition directly to the clerk. He asked Gauthier for an apology, saying he supports minority rights but rejects the opinions of the English-rights alliance.

Gauthier, Liberal critic for offi-

cial languages, thanked Lewis for disavowing the alliance, which opposes bilingualism. But he said the minister should do so more often in the House.

Beatty and Epp also said they do not support the aims of the alliance, adding that they had previously tabled petitions which expressed positions with which they disagreed.

Beatty said members of all three major parties have tabled petitions similar to those from the alliance.

Epp said he presented the petition directly to the clerk to deny the alliance publicity.

He said it is his duty to file peti-

tions "even if I disagree with what is in the petition."

Explanatory notes in the Standing Orders say it is "not uncommon for members to present petitions with which they do not agree."

But the orders also state: "Members presenting petitions shall be answerable that they do not contain impertinent or improper matter."

Conservative MP Howard Crossby said the current rules are confusing. "We have enacted and passed rules that are difficult to interpret and I can understand where the media has some difficulty."

Purple students turn green



Bishop's University student Nina Lauder told Lennoxville citizens and councillors Tuesday that some students want to help the local environment.

Lauder would like to bring more recycling bins to town so that students can separate their garbage too. For the full story, turn the page.

Lincoln's defeat may kill bid

MONTREAL (CP) — Liberal leadership candidates are eyeing the organization of Clifford Lincoln whose crushing defeat in Monday's Chambly federal byelection has threatened to kill his leadership bid.

Lincoln admitted Tuesday that deciding to run in Chambly was a disastrous mistake but refused to say whether he will drop out of the race to succeed John Turner as Liberal leader.

Lincoln, 61, who lost to NDP candidate Phil Edmonston by some 20,000 votes, said he will consult with his family and supporters before making a decision on the leadership race.

"Looking back on it, it wasn't the thing to do," he said of his Chambly campaign. "It was over before it started."

He added that he had come under intense pressure from leadership supporters, mostly outside of Quebec, to enter the Chambly campaign.

ENJOYS SUPPORT

Lincoln, a former Quebec environment minister, is considered to

have support in the Liberal youth wing and in a quieter way from the powerful Quebec provincial party apparatus, despite his stand against Premier Robert Bourassa's language law in 1988.

Lincoln is a staunch supporter of the Meech Lake constitutional accord. His departure would likely benefit other Meech supporters in the race such as MPs Paul Martin and Sheila Copps rather than Jean Chretien, who strongly opposes the deal.

Spokesmen for the Martin and Copps camps said they respect Lincoln's desire to take some time before deciding his future.

"It's too soon to say what's going to happen because Mr. Lincoln has not said for the moment whether he's still in the leadership race or not," said Rejean Langevin, a top Quebec organizer for Copps.

"(But) I think all the organizations are working the phones right now," Langevin said. "Each organization will try to have as many organizers and as much support from Clifford Lincoln as possible."

AWAIT MOVE

Dennis Dawson, Martin's chief Quebec organizer, maintained his organization is not making any moves until Lincoln officially announces his intentions.

"Before that is decided we certainly have no intention of putting any undue pressure on his people," Dawson said.

"We're going to wait and see what he does before doing anything else."

Dawson added Lincoln's organization has been concentrating on the Chambly campaign and has not been a force in the Quebec leadership race on the delegate-selection level.

Chretien refused comment on the fate of Lincoln's leadership bid or the effect of his possible withdrawal on the race.

"It's Lincoln's decision," he said in a brief interview in Montreal. "I have no comment to make on anything any of my adversaries may do."

MPs John Nunziata and Tom Wappel are also vying for the Liberal leadership, to be decided in Calgary in June.

Taxes pay for civil servant briefcases

QUEBEC (CP) — There were more than a few raised eyebrows Tuesday after a committee reviewing provincial government spending was told nearly \$670,000 has been spent in the last two years on briefcases for Quebec public servants.

Apparently no self-respecting bureaucrat would be caught without one.

"I find this strange because it's not the first time I have seen this type of expense," Liberal MNA Jean-Guy Lemieux told the government's budget and administration committee.

"Even I myself, a former bureaucrat, have the

same briefcase I've used since 1982 and this is 1989. It's more than seven years old."

Supply and Services Minister Robert Dutil was at a loss to explain the numbers.

He acknowledged that although the government employs about 300,000 people in various departments and agencies, not all of them need briefcases.

On the other hand, Dutil said, these things do wear out.

He said he is using his third briefcase in four years.

"We can check but maybe not everyone can take the same care that you do," Dutil told Lemieux.

U.S., Soviets agree to reduce European forces

By Paul Mooney and Dan Leger

OTTAWA (CP) — The Soviet Union and the United States agreed Tuesday to drastic cuts in the size of their forces in Central Europe.

Soviet officials attending a conference in Ottawa agreed to a proposal by U.S. President George Bush that each superpower limit itself to 195,000 troops in the so-called central zone in Europe.

The U.S. will be allowed to station 30,000 additional troops in other parts of Europe outside the central zone, such as Britain, Greece and Italy.

And in a parallel development, foreign ministers of six countries agreed on a framework that will permit discussions on borders, security and military affairs for a unified German state — which might be united sooner than anyone had thought.

"This is an agreement, an agreement the Soviet Union shares," on troops reductions, said External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, chairman of the Open Skies conference, where the dramatic announcements were made.

He said it represents "a total ceiling" on the number of Soviet troops stationed in Central Europe. It signals a massive pullout of Soviet forces from areas they have occupied almost continuously since the end of the Second World War.

The superpowers also agreed to speed up talks in Vienna on arms reduction involving aircraft, tanks and armored vehicles and helicopters.

The 23 countries attending the conference agreed more needs to be done to ensure verification of the reductions and new life should be given to other talks aimed at increasing European and superpower security.

They also aim to achieve a general agreement on conventional forces in Europe during 1990, and agreed on the principle of a 35-country European summit later this year. Canada and the U.S. will also attend the summit organized by the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

"The agreement on manpower levels overcomes one of the most significant obstacles," Clark said, to an agreement on cutting the size of conventional superpower forces in Europe.

The Americans now have 325,000 troops in Europe and the Soviets have 560,000.

The announcement followed a

meeting between U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Although few details were given, it appears the Soviet Union has accepted the ceilings proposed by U.S. President George Bush.

Just minutes before the troop agreement was announced, the healing of Germany took another small but significant step forward when foreign ministers from six countries agreed to discuss "external aspects of the establishment of German unity."

The foreign ministers of East and West Germany, of France, Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union came to the agreement after a meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Open Skies conference involving 23 NATO and Warsaw Pact countries.

The conference was formally held to promote the idea of a treaty that will allow signatory states to conduct unarmed surveillance flights over each other's territories. Such flights would help ease East-West tensions by giving states confidence that their neighbors are not planning aggressive acts.

But the real question here was German unity, even though the two German states insist that is a matter to be settled by Germans.

But the four powers that occupied Germany after the Second World War will be involved in discussions on such issues as the new state's military borders, the question of whether Germany will be neutral or aligned to NATO and the positioning of foreign forces on German soil.

A one-paragraph statement released without fanfare after a meeting of the six ministers said they had decided that there will be talks "to discuss external aspects of German unity, including the issues of security of the neighboring states."

The statement implies that the Soviet Union is now willing to discuss ways to ensure its security, without necessarily insisting that a united Germany be neutral.

Student hostage taking ends without incident

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP) — Three armed men who took 11 students on a school bus hostage were later arrested without incident after leading police on a brief chase.

RCMP supplied the three with a getaway car and allowed them to take one of the students with them.

The trio drove north out of Prince George, then turned off the main highway on to a side road where police surrounded and arrested them.

Before the three left in the vehicle, a 1988 Subaru four-wheel-drive sports car, police said they placed a spike belt — designed to puncture tires — on the highway north of this central British Columbia city.

Police said the hostage-takers avoided the belt then pulled into a gas station where they tried to get fuel.

The car continued north, then drove off the highway on to a road believed to be a dead-end.

Police said they thought the hostage was a friend of one of the suspects. Police said one of the hostage-takers was armed with a .303-calibre rifle while another had a .22-calibre semi-automatic rifle. Police also said one of the hostage-takers was 17 years old.

Tom Griffiths, manager of the car dealership in which the bus parked, said that after the getaway car left the parking lot, he counted 10 students taken from the bus into the dealership offices.

None appeared to be harmed, he said.

It is believed the students taken hostage attend Prince George Secondary School and that none were harmed before being released about 2½ hours after the incident began.

The bus was taken over at about 4:30 p.m. and later parked in the lot of Sunland Motors in the downtown area.

It was not immediately clear whether the school bus driver was aboard.

Police sharpshooters were on the scene, but no shots were fired by either police or the hostage-takers.

Brome Lake: Clean-up squad hits beach food

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — A day at the beach in Brome Lake this summer is going to be an environmentally friendly experience.

The newly established recreation committee has recommended to town council that concession operators be encouraged to use recyclable products and sell nutritious foods.

Councillor Michael Caluori said the call for tenders for the concession stand at Douglass Beach will stipulate that 30 per cent of foods sold the first year and 50 per cent the second must be nutritionally sound.

"And to let people know we are encouraging healthy eating," Caluori added, "signs advertising foods will indicate this."

"That means we want the word apple written larger than french fries," Caluori said.

LEADERSLAUGH

When the laughter subsided, councillors agreed they should take leadership in encouraging the

consumption of natural foods — served in recyclable containers.

The Brome Lake resident's recreation pass, initiated last year, will eliminate some of the perks such as a reduction at the Bromont water park and Brome Lake theatre. Instead, it will concentrate on providing reduced-rate parking at the beach for town residents.

The price of a family pass has been set at \$2 — without photos — and will be available at the town hall throughout the year. Parking for non-residents at the beach, with the exception of those participating in the swim program, will be \$7 per car and \$5 for trailers.

Non-residents who use the beach regularly and ask for a special rate will be advised to return to their own town councils to seek a recreation agreement with the Town of Brome Lake. Invitations have already been extended to the neighboring villages of West Bolton and Brome.

LANGUAGE DEBATE

• Brome Lake agreed to join other Quebec municipalities in pro-

testing a decision by the town of Sault Ste. Marie to function in English only. Mayor Gilles Decelles agreed to draft a letter using Brome Lake as an example of a town whose council functions in two languages without imposing restrictions on anyone.

The request for action came from Michel Descarries, a francophone resident who spoke to council in English to demonstrate the goodwill which exists between the two language groups in the town of Brome Lake.

Councillor George Bristol offered the best line in the debate on whether council should send a letter when he commented: "If you put your head in the sand like an ostrich, you end up with a dirty ass."

But politics in other municipalities did not dominate discussion at the regular monthly meeting, however.

• Resident Ed Rajack still wants to know how much money developer Maurice Pinsonnault owes the town and when the town intends to collect.

Still on the topic of water and sewage to the condominium site, condo owner François Ratté charged council with unfair treatment of condo taxpayers. "For 2½ years we have had no services," Ratté said.

"Now you are proposing that we change the plumbing in our condos to reduce our water consumption at a cost of \$5000 per unit. You want us to reduce our water supply and pay half a million dollars to do it."

When the Pinso people purchased their condominiums, it was with the assurance water and sewage would be supplied by the town.

• The environment committee, another newly established town body, has recommended to council that an aquatic research study be undertaken to study the eco-system of Brome Lake. The cost of the study — to be conducted by students at Concordia University — is a bargain at \$24,000 over two years.

Mayor Decelles persuaded councillors.

But councillor George Bristol of West Brome village, ten miles from the lake, wasn't buying it. "Sewage from Sutton Junction is flowing into the river where children in West Brome swim, and I just can't vote for another study on Brome Lake," he said firmly. "Cleaning up that river is as important to us as Brome Lake is to you."

Carnival: Brome Lake beach party set

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — A winter beach party? You bet!

Organizers of the Brome Lake Winter carnival are busy setting up picnic tables, trimming pine trees, and grooming the greens (or whites) for a golf game on ice.

The family event slated for Thursday to Sunday is jam packed with events for all ages. And the good news is: most of it is free, or at prices so low only grandparents can remember such bargains.

Carnival organizer Robert Ménard said festivities will centre around the town's best asset: beautiful Brome Lake.

"We want to develop the lake as a winter as well as a summer resource," Ménard said.

ON THE ICE

The equipment hit the ice Saturday to begin laying the snake-like skating path, a golf course and softball diamond. Shanties will be erected to allow participants to warm up during activities.

"We are arranging it so spectators can observe the events at all times," Ménard said.

The carnival, which has been broadening in scope every year, is being widely supported by town businesses and community groups.

"It's unbelievable the number of volunteers involved with organizing the carnival," said Ménard. Some carnival events will take

place in town and at nearby Glen Mountain. A trolley sponsored by the Lion's club will make regular trips between the village and the

Douglass Beach site. Ménard said Brome Lake Carnival promises to be one of the biggest events to hit the town in years.



Recycling: Ex-Christmas trees are featured decor at the Lake Brome carnival 'grounds' off Douglass Beach.

Taxes: Lakeshore not 'prime property'?

KNOWLTON (SM) — Brome Lake resident Allan Savage Morrison, a direct descendant of Captain John Savage, the first white settler in the County of Shefford, never thought he'd live to see the day his taxes would increase by 70 per cent in one year.

In a letter protesting the tax hike Morrison told Brome Lake town council that his celebrated ancestor "was much more fortunate in that he received free land and government grants." Morrison, 73, does not agree with the official assessment that real estate around Brome Lake is "prime property".

"There are days at a time when we never dare open the front door, as we would lose all our heat due to the severe wind," he said, adding he uses the back entrance to keep heat-

ing costs down. Along the lakeshore those heating costs are twice as high as for homes away from the lake, he said.

"The first detail each spring is to clean up the shore of tin cans, bottles and pieces of debris," Morrison added.

"During the summer months people stop in cars, use our steps to go to the lake, then our wharf to go swimming." Add to this the summer thunder and wind storms, and the fact that lakeside homes do not have town water and sewage, and Morrison finds it "hard to imagine anyone of average intelligence could classify lakeside residences as prime properties."

NOT THE TIME

In the lengthy letter outlining the

long heritage of his family in the region, Morrison said the time to change taxes is when a property changes hands, not when the owner is 73 years old and living on a fixed income.

Taxes on his lakeside residence rose from \$504.80 to \$854.92 this year following a new evaluation.

A war veteran who has held numerous senior posts in the Canadian legion, Morrison said such dramatic tax hikes that drive elderly people into institutions from their homes.

"Perhaps some of your boutiques need better sidewalks, or Foster needs another tennis court for the mayor," Morrison said. "But it's certainly frustrating to the elderly who have no way to go, and have to accept such increases or get out."

TOXIC WASTE IN KNOWLTON

Hydro: Guess what was in all those trucks in town last fall?

By Sharon McCully

KNOWLTON — Three semi-trailers load of soil containing high concentrations of oil and grease, and 30 sealed 45-gallon drums of PCB-contaminated soil were removed from the site of the Hydro-Quebec sub-station in Knowlton last October and November.

The sub-station is located some 100 metres from Cold Brook in the middle of downtown Knowlton.

Hydro-Quebec environment spokesman Richard Nault said tests taken around the perimeter of the fenced-in transformers showed negligible amounts of PCB. There was no evidence of PCB along the riverbank, he said.

NOT NEAR BROOK

"Our environment consultants explained that the high concentrations of PCB were located around the transformers, some 60-80 feet from the brook," Nault said.

Hydro Quebec plans to move another 10 cubic metres of contaminated soil from the site in the spring. Three of the remaining ten cubic metres contain PCB in concentrations higher than the acceptable level, Nault said.

Hydro said 39 samples were taken from the site, 28 of them were

tested for high concentrations of oil and grease, and 11 were tested for PCB and oil contamination.

"In three of the samples we found concentrations of PCB higher than the norms," Nault said. The highest level of PCB contamination was 16.6 parts per million — found near the transformers. Others tested 5.18 ppm and 3.86 ppm.

SEESTEST RESULTS

Environment Quebec spokesman Francine Audet said PCB contamination which exceeds 10 ppm is considered unacceptable and must be removed. She said her department is aware of the Hydro-Quebec de-contamination plans and officials are informed by Hydro test results.

Audet said she was not aware the Knowlton sub-station was close to a waterway. "But PCB's don't move easily in soil," she said. "If they've been there for a long time, it's possible there could be some leakage, but it's not likely."

The seven cubic metres of soil contaminated with oil and grease will be placed in a special waste disposal site because tests show more than 5000 ppm oil and grease, Nault said.

WHAT?

Officials at the Town of Brome Lake were baffled by news of the clean-up.

"I haven't heard anything about it," Mayor Gilles Decelles said late

Tuesday.

Town inspector Jean Bouret said he was aware some testing was being done on the site by Hydro, but he had not been informed of any contamination or removal of soil.

Firechief Pierre Laplante, responsible for civil protection and overseer of the removal of several Hydro transformers left unattended by the side of the road last July, said in a phone interview he knew

nothing of the Hydro operation.

After confirming the information, Laplante said he has asked for a copy of the results. "We will also ask Environment Quebec to make independent tests on the site," Laplante said.

46 SITES IN ET.

Nault said the Knowlton site is one of 46 in the Eastern Townships and Montérégie being de-contaminated by Hydro Quebec.

Last December 800 cubic metres of contaminated soil was removed from the Hydro Quebec sub-station at Rock Forest. "We did more tests there and we discovered there was still more soil contaminated with oil so it will be removed in the spring," Nault said.

In addition to the 46 Hydro sites cleaned up by Hydro last year, another 25, including Knowlton and Rock Forest, will be de-contaminated by Hydro in 1990.

"In eight of the 25, we have to build new sub-stations," Nault said.

When the new Knowlton sub-station, built at a cost of \$1.9 million, is completed in May, the remaining old transformers will be moved "and we can complete the de-contamination," Nault said.



Without a word to the local community, last fall Hydro Quebec hauled tonnes of contaminated waste away from a site in downtown Knowlton.

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Jury trial: No beardies or weirdies please

By John McCaghey

COWANSVILLE — Jury candidates must sometimes wonder how the system of justice works — or whether it often merely grinds to a halt.

There were 104 candidates in court here Monday for selection in the pot-growing trial of Richard Couture. They were sent home while Mr. Justice Louis-Phillippe Galipeau heard arguments in law and toiled to re-appear Tuesday.

Tuesday the arguments conti-

nued until 9:30 a.m. when the recording clerk checked to see if the remaining 74 potential jurors were available. They were.

Federal prosecutor Serge Champoux and defence lawyer Donald Bissonnette scanned the list and six of their former or present clients were excluded until the next trial.

In his chambers Monday Justice Galipeau excused an additional 24, some for the Couture trial and others for the complete term of trials.

NO BEARDS

When the real jury selection began at 10:10 a.m. Tuesday it took the lawyers 37 minutes to choose seven women and five men. Nobody under 25, no jeans, no beards nor any schoolteachers seemed the standards which determined the selection.

The Crown had ten aside for possible recall and Bissonnette dismissed 12.

The chosen group retired and were then called back into court to be told their services would not be

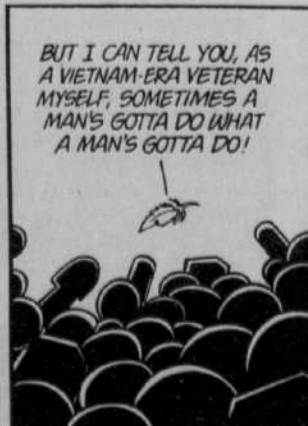
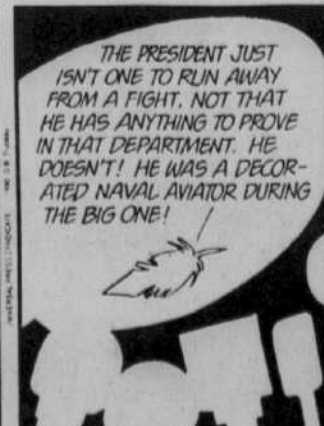
required until 2 p.m. today.

They were released after lunch. Justice Galipeau will rule Wednesday on a major point of law raised by Bissonnette. But the press is forbidden to report on any proceeding done in the absence of the jury.

Couture, 27, of Stanbridge Station is accused of having illegally cultivated 7000 plants of marijuana in Bedford — St Armand Ouest during the summer of 1988. The three and a half tonnes of pot had an estimated street value of \$5 million.

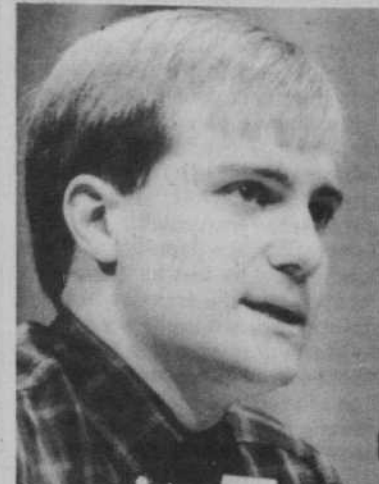
Weather Doonesbury

The wind will keep blowing today. Skies will clear in the morning, max. —6



The Townships

NDP: Chambly victory paves way for more — Julian



Peter Julian... 'Seats in every province.'

By Ann McLaughlin

SHERBROOKE — Environment was more important than the language issue Monday in the 90 per cent francophone riding of Chambly, and that means New Democrats have opened themselves a new door in Quebec.

"The question of him being a francophone never came up throughout the campaign," says Peter Julian, NDP spokesman for the Eastern Townships.

"People voted for Phil Edmonston because he was an effective candidate, and they voted for the party," added Julian, who was also NDP candidate in Monique Gagnon-Tremblay's riding of St-

François in the 1989 provincial election.

Julian, a recent anglophone arrival to Quebec from British Columbia, said the NDP now has more confidence than ever, and is overcoming its inferiority complex.

STE-MARIE NEXT

The party plans to take another by-election in Quebec within the next few months and up its seats in the House of Commons to two, he said.

"We are now looking at the Laurier-St-Marie riding in Montreal and are planning to run a high profile candidate there," Julian said.

Although he conceded the candidate will be a well-known francophone with ties to the NDP, Julian would not reveal any names. He

added that there will first probably have to be a nomination campaign.

The new confidence in the NDP stems from the Edmonston campaign machine, said Julian.

"We were spreading ourselves too thin before, provincially, federally. But for the Chambly byelection it was a model campaign from beginning to end," he said.

PEOPLE POWER

Julian added that people power, not money was the key to the Chambly campaign and that more than 1000 NDP supporters rallied and canvassed for Edmonston. Even Sherbrooke sent up a youth delegation to help out, he said.

"It took five years to implant the NDP in Quebec. In the past we tried too much and now we know to

take it one step at a time," Julian added.

Although Phil Edmonston favored the Meech Lake constitutional accord during the campaign, and federal NDP leader Audrey McLaughlin wants changes to the deal, Julian said the Chambly win had more to do with a concrete platform on the environment. The NDP supports the "polluter pays" principle as well as levying an environment tax on Quebec business to create a disaster fund, he added.

Besides, the federal party itself is divided on Meech it may rescind its disapproval of the accord at the next national convention in Winnipeg next November, he said.

Although McLaughlin wants the constitutional amendment to in-

clude clauses on aboriginals, women and the northern territories, Julian said it is unclear whether that means a parallel accord or a completely new one.

Whatever the constitutional outcome, the win in Chambly is good for the NDP across Canada, and especially for its new leader.

"McLaughlin is definitely strengthened. She has the first Quebec victory under her belt, after just two months in the Commons," said an elated Julian.

"We can now combat the Tories across the country, with seats in every province. That's more than the Liberals have. They're shut out in Alberta and Saskatchewan. And the Tories have none in the Territories."

Fire: Galt parents slam Ascot Township coverage deal

By Rita Legault

SHERBROOKE — Parents say the risk to children at Alexander Galt High School has been needlessly increased by a fire protection deal the municipality has signed with Sherbrooke.

The Galt parents committee says it was questionable "to spring such an ill-prepared deal on a community" and that city firemen are ill-prepared to deal with a fire at the high school without important details such as location of hydrants, keys to locked gates, evacuation procedures and night-time access.

Sherbrooke firefighters took

over protection of rural sections of Ascot Township from neighboring Lennoxville Feb. 1.

In a letter mailed Monday to Ascot Mayor Robert Pouliot, Galt parents committee chairman Gordon Barnett said Pouliot has "compromised the quality of services that the school formerly enjoyed from Lennoxville."

RESOLUTION

The parents passed a resolution at their latest meeting to express their worry over "the confusion that reigns with respect to fire protection in rural Ascot," which includes the 1000-student regional high school just outside Lennoxville town limits.

"It is incomprehensible to the committee that his agreement can result in better service, as you say, when a fire truck must travel farther than was the case for Lennoxville and furthermore must negotiate a maze of streets and lights from the centre of Sherbrooke to reach Galt," the letter said.

Barnett said in a telephone interview that the 19 parents at the meeting were unanimous.

Few were from Ascot, he said. Students from about 50 surrounding municipalities attend Galt, he estimated.

NOT READY

Barnett said parents are most upset that the deal was made

without preparation and city fire authorities didn't bother to visit the school or inform officials of the change.

"It is also inconceivable that the Sherbrooke fire department did not even bother to visit the premises to become familiar with this complex structure, and has not done so in even six days after it became responsible for fire protection at this institution," the angered parents wrote Pouliot. "Even parents who have better than passing familiarity with the school often become lost within its labyrinths."

Barnett, an Ascot resident who has two children at Galt, said the

switch "certainly increased risks at the beginning of the entente. He said the school will remain at greater risk until Lennoxville signs an intermunicipal subcontracting agreement with Sherbrooke."

MORE RISK

"The mere fact they have to travel (further) increases the risks slightly," Barnett said. "It will certainly be improved once Lennoxville is brought into the deal."

The parents ask why the deal was signed before an agreement was reached with Lennoxville.

"It seems absurd that Lennoxville should have to negotiate an agreement with Sherbrooke to protect Ascot," the parents said. "Why

was the inter-municipal agreement not contingent upon successful conclusion of these negotiations before the entente went into effect rather than its arbitrary imposition in spite of their success or failure."

Parents said Ascot council failed to follow what they called a more logical procedure because of "the idiosyncracies of municipal politics" which "often surpass all understanding."

"The parents of well over 1000 students request that this untenable situation be rectified immediately," the letter concludes.

Pouliot could not be reached for comment.

Greening: Lennoxville warned — don't go too fast



Mike Sudlow... Committee first, blue boxes later.

By Ann McLaughlin

LENNOXVILLE — There will be no quick remedy for a garbage recycling program in Lennoxville but citizens, town councillors and Bishop's students are trying together to arrive at a viable solution.

At an information meeting Tuesday where a few dozen citizens met with the council's environment committee, no concrete plans or money was offered by the town, but all sides seemed to agree that a new start is needed.

Brian Talbot, a member of the residents association, proposed that the town set up another recycling bin, similar to the one located

behind St-Antoine elementary school. However, unlike the Speid Street bin that accepts paper products only, the new bin would collect plastics, metals and glass.

"If it looks like it's going to work, then the municipality could take recycling more seriously, without initially spending the money," Talbot said.

NO TAKERS

The only problem with this idea, Talbot continued, is that the recycling age has not advanced far enough and there is no company out there that will collect the refuse.

"We would need volunteers, a truck and maybe some insurance,"

Talbot added, so concerned citizens could do the work and prove their commitment.

Gill Seale of the residents group suggested to councillors that perhaps a city truck could be used to collect the garbage and haul it off to a Sherbrooke recycling depot.

Apart from a slide show and extensive discussion by councillor Mike Sudlow, informing citizens on the need and ways of recycling, the high point of the evening came when two Bishop's University students jumped into the discussion to offer the students' help.

"We have started a recycling program on campus and we would like to extend it to Lennoxville for

students who live in town," said Nina Lauder.

MORE BINS

Lauder said the student activists wanted to install six dumpsters around town — in the Provigo parking lot, Beaulieu's, and at Oxford Crescent to name a few places mentioned. However the students too were at a loss on the transportation issue.

Helena Brodie of the residents association cautioned the crowd that Lennoxville must move slowly on recycling to avoid the mistakes of other cities.

"The public has to be extremely educated first because if we go too fast, our efforts could go to waste,"

she said.

Brodie disparagingly mentioned that despite the success of the toxic waste pick-up last summer, much of the collected rubbish ended up buried anyway.

"Proper recycling is very complex," she said, adding that if one object is tossed into the wrong slot in a collecting bin, the whole bin may be useless.

Although the town does not seem ready to impose a "blue box" program on citizens, Sudlow said Lennoxville wants to be on the environmental committee of Sherbrooke regional municipality (MRC) to push for grants to fund environmental efforts.

Prison booze: What about sex and rock'n roll?

COWANSVILLE (JM) — Federal anti-smoking regulations are raising certain problems at the local penitentiary.

Guards are complaining privately that inmates have more smoking rights than the people charged to make sure they are at least partly rehabilitated when they are released.

Not only are the cons enjoying the whiff of smoke. They also enjoyed the fruit of some apparently ingeniously designed alcohol stills made of plastic and concealed in their cells.

They enjoyed it that is until too many of them got too high.

Although the booze has dried up for now, one guard said at least the

cons have to pay federal taxes on their smokes these days. Prisoners' tobacco was exempt until about six months ago.

Jail: One chance too many

COWANSVILLE (JM) — Alain Lassonde, in his mid 20s, of Farnham, who had been given chances in the past to clear up drug and alcohol problems but reneged on his promises to the court, has been sent to cells for 10 months and placed on

two years probation following his release.

Lassonde flunked one rehabilitation centre, appeared in court, promised to return to the rehab centre, then was caught red-handed in a series of burglaries in homes in Farnham the next day.

Fine: Judge easy in family affair

COWANSVILLE (JM) — Raymond Thérberge of St-Alphonse de Granby has been shown the clemency of the court by Judge Bernard Legaré.

Thérberge was originally accused of attempted murder, assault causing body harm, and making death threats against Denis Tetreault in Adamsville in late 1989. Thérberge apparently thought his victim was having an affair with his ex-wife.

Crown attorney Henry Keyserlingk sought a prison term, citing Thérberge's prior convictions

for rape and child molesting.

Defence Lawyer Daniel Giard produced psychiatric reports from Dr. Pierre Gagné linking Thérberge's aggressivity to a high level of male hormones. Giard said his client was aware of the problem before the incident and had enrolled in group therapy seven weeks earlier.

The Crown dropped the attempt-

ed murder accusation when Thérberge pleaded guilty to the lesser charges.

Judge Legaré fined Thérberge \$350 on the first count, \$150 on the second, bound him over under conditions for two years and ordered him to pay the victim a symbolic \$500 in damages.

Driver acquitted: 'You have the right...'

COWANSVILLE (JM) — James Mason, of the Knowlton area, was given the benefit of reasonable doubt and acquitted of "care and control of a motor vehicle while his faculties were impaired by alcohol" in West Bolton.

Mason told the court he had no intention of driving his car when he was occupying it in the parking lot of a bar after closing hours. He said he was waiting for a friend to drive him home when he was arrested.

Mason said the first Quebec Police Force officer to speak to him didn't tell him of his right to call a lawyer, and the second policeman said the first should have given the suspect his rights.

Defence lawyer Donald Bissonnette requested the acquittal, arguing that Crown Attorney Pierre Proulx had not provided sufficient proof.

Quebec Court Judge François Whilhelmy said despite Mason's

"feeble explanation," he had no other choice than to acquit him due

to lack of proof concerning his ability to call his attorney.

Trial: Man faces sex rap

COWANSVILLE (JM) — Bernard Lanoue, 53, of Montreal, was sent to jury trial following his preliminary hearing on a charge of sexual interference with an eight year-old female in Mississquoi du-

ring August 1988.

The hearing was held behind closed doors and a publication ban imposed on the testimony due to the age of the victim.

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A measure of the city's influence

For the third time it's history, Sherbrooke has moved parts of its administrations into a new city hall in the very heart of the city. Many skeptical souls will cry wolf over the cost and the necessity of such an expenditure, but before they do, let it be known why a decent city hall is needed.

The first is because of Sherbrooke's status. Mayor Jean-Paul Pelletier described the city as "Queen of the Eastern Townships". Such a title is perhaps a little pompous, but the fact remains that Sherbrooke, if not Queen, is the doubtlessly the hub of the Townships. Therefore, Sherbrooke should have a city hall which represents its influence over the region.

Secondly, an elegant city hall never hurts. When Montreal Mayor Camillien Houde or French President Charles De Gaulle visited Granby a few years back, that city had something to greet them with. Now, if U.S. President George Bush was to drop by, Sherbrooke would be proud to offer him its very best. A city hall is a measure of the influence a city has on its region, and a should be a source of pride as well.

Third, a city hall must be big. In fact, better too big than too small for one simple reason: room to grow. It is safe to assume that in the coming years, the city will grow inwards and outwards, which translates into more demand on the municipal services. Therefore, the extra floor space will be used up as more staff is hired, and its cheaper to build now than later when real estate prices will be higher.

Finally, there is one major problem with city hall — the size of the council room. Granted, its very spacious, beautiful and sobre. But the distances between people too great. This takes away the feeling of closeness between people in the room, especially now that journalists are perched on the balcony.

In all, the citizen of Sherbrooke should be proud of this majestic new addition and, despite its expense, it will be worth it in the long run.

As Councillor Ulric Chainé said at the first session of the council held Monday night: City hall is "the citizens' house" and the city should thank them for giving the administration, and themselves such a statement in architecture."

JEAN POTVIN

NDP makes historic Quebec breakthrough

By Rob Bull

MONTREAL (CP) — The NDP finally made its historic breakthrough in Quebec Monday night.

Now it must have a showdown on the Meech Lake accord with its newest MP.

The party decided last year that the accord should not be approved until Senate reform and women's, aboriginal and territorial rights are included.

And NDP Leader Audrey McLaughlin, rejoicing Monday at the landslide byelection victory in Quebec's Chambly riding of consumer advocate Phil Edmonston, said the new MP will have to adhere to party policy like all caucus members.

But Edmonston, who overcame personal defeat in the 1988 election to become the riding's unofficial ombudsman, said his election "sends a message to all political parties and all Canadians."

"We want Meech Lake."

The NDP has been isolated from social democrats in Quebec since the start of major confrontations between Quebec nationalists and federalists in the 1960s.

The only previous NDP MP, Robert Toupin, was elected as a Tory, crossed the floor to join the NDP and then left to become an independent. He was defeated in the 1988 election.

The national party poured \$1.5 million into Quebec during that campaign, only to see it swept away in a province solidly in favor of free trade, free enterprise and less government intervention.

DIDN'T HELP

The declaration during the election campaign by seven NDP candidates, some of whom later ran for the Parti Quebecois, that they fully supported Quebec's French-only language law and opposed federal bilingualism, didn't help.

Edmonston won in Chambly partly because he built up a wide network of personal contacts in the last two years and stayed with it after his defeat.

To people upset at Tory corruption, and facing such local quandries as how to get from the suburbs where they live across federally-owned bridges to Montreal where they work, Edmonston was an obvious choice.

"A lot of people see this as a personal victory for me," Edmonston told about 300 voters in a smoky room behind a Chinese restaurant in St-Basile-le-Grand.

"But it is an election by the people of Chambly...And it couldn't have happened without the NDP."

Vancouver MP Svend Robinson, the fluently bilingual NDP justice critic who was on hand for the celebrations, said "Phil will be a strong voice for Quebec in the NDP, a strong voice for the NDP in Quebec."

Not everybody was as optimistic.

Montreal La Presse editorialist Pierre Gravel wrote: "It is essentially a victory of a man who is deeply identified with his riding and would probably have been elected as an independent."

"His personal views have marginalized him within his own party and people are already asking about the welcome he will get from the NDP caucus....It's up to the federal NDP to show it can profit from the personal victory of Phil Edmonston to make a real breakthrough in Quebec."

CP News Analysis

By Warren Caragata

Letter

Such an ill-prepared agreement is questionable

Mr. Charles Bury, Editor
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Dear Sir:

The Alexander Galt Regional High School Committee would be much obliged if you would publish a copy of the letter sent to the Mayor of Ascot concerning fire protection at this institution.

Thank you.

Yours truly,
GORDON BARNETT
Chairman, AGRH (Galt)
School Committee

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Cher monsieur,

The Alexander Galt Regional High School Committee passed a resolution (Resolution AGRHSC 89-90: 071) at the February 6 meeting instructing that a

letter be directed to you expressing its concern regarding the present confusion that reigns with respect to fire protection in rural Ascot. It must be remembered that students attending Alexander Galt originate from approximately 50 surrounding municipalities. Since this school is located in your jurisdiction, the parents of these children rely on the Municipality of Ascot to provide the best fire protection possible to their children, to their school, and to the employees.

The School Committee believes that the recent agreement concluded with the City of Sherbrooke for fire protection in rural Ascot, has compromised the quality of service that the school formerly enjoyed from Lennoxville. It is incomprehensible to the Committee that this agreement can result in better service, as you say, when a fire truck must travel farther than was the case for Lennoxville and furthermore must negotiate a maze of streets and lights from the centre of Sherbrooke to reach Galt.

The parents of over 1000 students find it unbelievable that no authori-

ties — either from Ascot or from Sherbrooke — ever visited the school to inform those responsible for the operation of this institution of the change in responsibility for fire protection.

It is also inconceivable that the Sherbrooke Fire Department did not even visit the premises to become familiar with this complex structure and has not done so even six days after it became responsible for fire protection at this institution. Even the parents who have a better than passing familiarity with the school often become lost within its labyrinths. It is to be seriously questioned whether a new fire department that is completely unfamiliar with this complex of blocks — especially one entering it for the first time in a crisis situation, could function effectively. This is not even to mention other important details such as the location of fire hydrants, fittings, keys to locked gates, evacuation procedures, night-time access etc. It is difficult to understand how municipal and fire department authorities can take their responsibilities concerning a public institution

— especially one involving children — so lightly. This behavior is incongruous in the light of the constant promotion of fire safety by municipalities. Certainly this does not inspire confidence in this new and untried arrangement.

All the above details concerning Galt were well-known to the Lennoxville Fire Department and furthermore until February 1, the date on which Sherbrooke took over responsibility, Galt was privileged to have a Lennoxville fireman on staff. If the change in fire protection responsibility was indeed necessary, the parents have serious questions as to why adequate preparations for the transfer in responsibility were not made far in advance of the date at which the new contract became effective. To spring such an ill-prepared agreement on a community is indeed questionable.

We are aware of the fact that according to article 7.1 of the contract that Sherbrooke is supposed (the contract says "concluer") to negotiate inter-municipal agreements with the municipalities of Lennoxville, Waterville and North Hatley-Hatley Township. No such agreement has been signed with closest municipality having a fire department (Lennoxville) and this 6 days after the agreement between Ascot and Sherbrooke went into effect. (In passing it seems absurd that Lennoxville should have to negotiate an agreement with Sherbrooke to protect Ascot). Why was the inter-municipal agreement not contingent upon the successful conclusion of these negotiations before the entente went into effect rather than its arbitrary imposition in spite of their success or failure? This would appear to be the logical procedure to us and certainly would have eliminated the confusion and lack of procedure to us and certainly would have eliminated the confusion and lack of confidence that has been created. However, it is realized that the idiosyncracies of municipal politics often surpass all understanding.

Nevertheless, the risk to our children has been unnecessarily increased. The parents of well over 1000 students request that this untenable situation be rectified immediately.

We trust that you will apprise us of measures taken and thank you for your attention.

Yours truly,
GORDON BARNETT
Chairman, Alexander Galt
Regional High School Committee



canadian debating society...

Maple leaf celebrates 25th anniversary

Canadian flag symbolized cutting ties with Empire

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP) — Twenty-five years ago, George Stanley stood proudly at attention on Parliament Hill as the flag he designed was raised for the first time.

He remembers the moment vividly — and for more than the obvious reason.

The date was Feb. 15, 1965. And just before the ceremony, he had received a handwritten letter telling him he would be assassinated if he showed up to see the flag — a bold red maple leaf on a white background with bright red bars at the side.

"I arrived wearing my Hudson Bay jacket — a perfect target if somebody was looking to shoot me," Stanley recalls. "When I saw all of the dignitaries in formal clothes, I decided to doff my jacket and stand with them in just my suit, but it was extremely cold and my wife nixed that idea."

"So I stood behind all the others — feeling rather obvious in my colorful jacket — and no effort took place on my life."

Stanley, now 82, admits he didn't take the death threat too seriously, although he was well aware of the animosity the Maple Leaf generated at the time.

Looking back a quarter-century later, the New Brunswick historian and former lieutenant-governor says he still finds it difficult to understand why there was so much emotion when the Maple Leaf was adopted as Canada's flag.

CUTTING LINKS

"Perhaps it was the feeling that we were cutting our last links with the Empire," he suggested in a recent interview at his Sackville home.

While some people have still not accepted the flag, they are in the minority as more and more Canadians show their fondness for the country's distinctive symbol.

"I always believed it would take one generation before the Maple Leaf was fully accepted by all Canadians, and I am confident that belief is coming true," said Stanley, an expert in Canadian history.

Many attempts were made throughout the years to acquire a flag for Canada, and numerous suggestions were put forward in the 1930s and after the Second World War. But widespread opposition persisted — especially from veterans' groups and others with strong ties to the British Empire — and nothing was ever done.

In the early 1960s, flag debates raged again.

It was in the middle of these debates that Stanley visited Ottawa and ran into MP John Matheson, chairman of the flag committee appointed by then prime minister Lester Pearson.

Matheson asked Stanley to prepare historical memorandums on the beaver and maple leaf as Canadian symbols, and invited him to include his own ideas for a flag.

WAS INTERESTED

"I had been interested in a national flag for many years, and drew out two ideas I had. One contained three maple leaves on a single stem but it seemed too crowded, while the second was a single red maple leaf, on a white background, that contained 13 points."

The latter was the choice of Matheson and his committee, although after consultation they opted to eliminate two of the points, leaving a maple leaf with 11.

Some people naturally have since concluded the points represent the provinces and the territories, "but this was the last thing in my mind,"

said Stanley.

Instead, he was remembering the problems he had as a child in drawing the Union Jack, and was thinking it would be easy to teach a young person to draw the Canadian flag in a stylized fashion from the points.

Stanley noted the maple leaf had been a Canadian symbol from the earliest days, first used by the St. Jean Baptiste Society in Quebec.

"I vividly remember Percy Williams winning the 100-and-200-metre races in the World Games of 1920. He was wearing a white jersey with a big red maple leaf and this left no doubt he was Canadian, something that wouldn't have been true if he had been wearing the Union Jack."

CANADA'S COLORS

The historian also used red and white because they are Canada's colors, allotted to the country by the Crown in 1921.

Stanley said it was essential Canada have its own flag. To not have one was an embarrassment for a country that was supposed to be a nation, he argued.

He recalled how on two occasions,

Britain objected because Canada flew the Union Jack. The first time occurred in Geneva when the two countries raised the same flag at the League of Nations. The second was in the 1930s at a conference of world leaders being held in Ottawa.

"Both the British and Canadian prime ministers showed up in cars flying the Union Jack. Again the Brits protested and we were forced to remove the flag."

Stanley said the British Admiralty gave Canada permission to fly the Red Ensign in 1891 but only on merchant ships and custom houses. It was never adopted for any other purposes but, unofficially, it was flown extensively.

Writing in The Story of Canada's Flag, Stanley best describes what having the Maple Leaf adopted has meant to the nation:

"A flag is more than a means of identification — it is the embodiment of what a country stands for: it is the symbol of the ethos or spirit of a people, its hopes, its aspirations, its will to live and its determination to play its role in history."

Maple Leaf unfurled after lengthy battle

OTTAWA (CP) — It was cold and damp that morning, 25 years ago Thursday, when Canada's new, red-and-white Maple Leaf broke out in the sky above the Peace Tower.

A smattering of applause fluttered through the crowd on Parliament Hill as the new flag unfurled lazily in the light breeze.

Lester Pearson, then prime minister, watched proudly as the banner — which he had shepherded through months of often-bitter debate — was flown officially for the first time.

The flag, with its two red bars and the 11-pointed maple leaf at the centre, now means Canada to an entire generation. But when Pearson started the process on June 15, 1964, the design of the flag was, well, up in the air.

Until then, Canadians had flown Britain's Union Jack, the red-white-and-blue combination of crosses, or the British Red Ensign — a red flag with the Union Jack in the upper left. It was the flag of the British merchant marine and was first flown by Canadian merchantmen.

Canadians added the coats of arms

of the provinces to the red field. In 1924, the government decided it could be flown over Canadian government buildings abroad.

WENT TO WAR

In the Second World War, Canadians marched to war under the Red Ensign.

But both flags, with their reminders of Britain and the colonial past, ranked many Canadians, especially in Quebec.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King had tried twice, in 1925 and 1946, to find a replacement, without success.

The Red Ensign was aflutter over the Peace Tower when Pearson launched his attempt to replace it.

In 1946, a Commons-Senate committee had suggested the Red Ensign with a gold maple leaf in the field.

By 1964, there were scads of suggestions, including a design with two blue bars and three maple leaves which was presented to Parliament.

The debate was loud and long. John Diefenbaker, former prime minister and a staunch supporter of the Crown, demanded that the Union Jack hold a place of honor in any new flag. He was

backed by many loyalists, to whom a Canadian flag without the Union Jack was just an insulting length of bunting.

BUSY DESIGNS

There were suggestions that the fleur-de-lis of New France be included as well. Some designs became very crowded as each interest group tacked on its own symbol — a Scottish thistle, an Irish shamrock.

Pearson wanted something bereft of colonial associations and a 15-member, all-party committee eventually arrived at the red-white-red design with a single maple leaf.

That was not the end, though. Rancor was rife in the Commons, particularly when closure was brought in to stop the debate.

More than 250 speeches had been made by the time the final vote was taken at 2 a.m. Dec. 15, 1964. The Maple Leaf flag was approved by a vote of 163-78.

Two months later, with a curious crowd watching on Parliament Hill and tens of thousands of people watching on television, the flag was raised officially.

Education

Stanstead students get cabin fever

"Cabin Fever!" was the theme of Stanstead College's 1990 Winter Carnival which took place last weekend. With beautiful weather on Friday and Saturday, the event was a definite success.

Students were treated to a break on Friday as the whole school left for the traditional "Ski Day". Although the majority of students went downhill skiing at Mont Sutton, those less daring opted to go bowling in Newport at Waterfront Lanes or X-Country skiing at Craftsbury. After dinner and a short rest, the day was still far from over. Although the concert planned that evening had to be cancelled because a member of the band had been injured while skiing, a home version of "The Dating Game" was enjoyed by all. After this, the annual rowdy sleigh rides around campus concluded the day.

Saturday was, as it has been in past years, a day for various competitive events. In the morning students formed teams and competed against each other in Snow Football and Tug-of-War while individual events included Log Throw and an Obstacle Course. In the afternoon, many students par-

red up to participate in the Egg-Toss and then hurried to the arena for the eternally popular games of broomball against staff and fellow students. After a special Chinese New Year Buffet, the evening

Stanstead College News

By Chris Lemay

continued with the Carnival Dance, disk jockeyed by none other than Stanstead's own students. This year, the carnival was extended to Sunday afternoon when a bus left for Mont Joy for Snow Sliding and Downhill Skiing.

The Senior Girl's Basketball team competed in the Small Schools tournament last weekend, coming in second overall and keeping second place in their league. In a tournament on the weekend of January 27th, the Senior Boy's Basketball team also came in 2nd, beaten by Father MacDonald High School but remaining undefeated in their league. The swim team also excelled at a recent meet in Be-

loel, coming in second overall and placing both Juvenile Boys' and Girls' divisions in first place. The team's medal count reached a total of 53, including 19 gold, 17 silver and 17 bronze.

The debating club was also busy, competing in a Pre-Provincial Debating Tournament at Villa Maria School in Montreal. Dan Unno, Quoc Bul, Alex Leiva and Rami Dajani debated the topic of the "Youth Protection Act".

The first official L.I.D.E.A. (Ligue d'improvisation des écoles anglophones) meet was held recently at E.C.S. in Montreal. The Stanstead Impro Club, one of the five participating teams, placed first. Jason Rodi and Cedric Watier were chosen from the Stanstead team as first and third stars respectively. The coaches, Miss Lise Morel and Mme Michèle Paquin would like to congratulate the students for a fine performance.

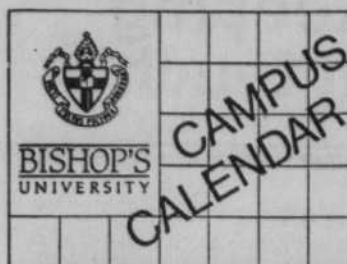
Another marking period closes this week, deciding which students will make the honors list for the upcoming month. However, before the reports are out, students get to enjoy a short holiday and rest which is the last break until the march vacation.

Make your reservations now

Winter Homecoming at Bishop's

• **February 6—February 23, Bishop's/Champlain Art Gallery, Marjorie Donald House:** Exhibition of oil paintings and oils on paper by David Sorenson. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thursday evening, 7-9 p.m.

Fireplace Room: Dr. Michael Lustigman will present "The Sustaining Utterance."



• **Wednesday, 14 February, 7:30 p.m., Centennial Theatre:** Professor M.V. Naidu, an extensive writer on world peace, from Brandon University will speak on "Dimensions of World Peace." (A Gandhian perspective).

• **Thursday, February 15, 7:30 p.m., MacKinnon 125:** Professor Andrew MacDonald (with performance by Eleanor Gang) will deliver a Humanities Lecture Series lecture on "The Birth of Spring: Words Meet Music".

• **Friday, 16 February, 2:00 p.m.,**

a.m.-12 p.m.; 1-4:30 p.m.

• **Friday, 16 February, 6:30 p.m.,** The Women's Hockey Team plays at Concordia.

• **Friday, 16 February, 8:00 p.m.,** The Men's Basketball Team plays at the University of Toronto.

• **Saturday, 17 February, 8:00 p.m.,** The Men's Basketball Team plays at Queen's.

• **Saturday, 17 February: Winter Homecoming 1990:** Reservations for lunch and dinner may be made by contacting Graham Moodie (819) 567-5430.

• **Sunday, 18 February, 1:00 p.m.,** The Women's Basketball Team plays at Concordia.

• **Thursday, 22 February, 7:30 p.m., MacKinnon 125:** Professor Ken McLean will give a paper titled: "Reading in Marshall".

Science

User-friendly computers fall victim to electronic vandals

By John Barrat

Smithsonian News Service

Being "user friendly" was once considered an admirable quality for a computer. Now, in the wake of an epidemic of destructive computer "viruses", some experts say computers should be made more discriminating.

A handful of high-tech pranksters-hackers — have found it incredibly easy to steal data and sabotage "secure" computer systems with harmful programs. In response, many computer designers are building programming devices that will keep hackers out and, unfortunately, make using computers more difficult for everyone.

"The proliferation of malicious attacks on computers within the past year or two has made computer security a hot topic," John Wack, a computer specialist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, says.

Many large corporations are hiring computer experts to try and break into their systems, hoping to uncover weak links in programs that a hacker might exploit. Others are "inoculating" their machines with special programs to counteract the effects of computer viruses.

PROGRAMMER'S NIGHTMARES

"Viruses are the creatures that haunt a computer programmer's nightmares," Dr. Clifford Stoll, a space scientist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass., says.

These tiny programs replicate themselves endlessly and search out other computers to infect.

"They can easily be written and may sleep in a computer's software for months before coming to life," Stoll, a computer security expert, adds.

Programmers in charge of large computer systems must be on constant guard against viruses, a nearly impossible task when a mainframe computer has hundreds of users.

Without a software program to tell it what to do, a computer is simply a mass of hardware, like a car with no driver. Software consists of

a chain of commands, written line by line, in one of many machine languages that tells computers to do everything from playing video games to steering the space shuttle.

Hackers create viruses that secretly link-up with larger software programs. The viruses then command the machine to perform strange or harmful tasks. Some viruses will simply flash a rude message on the screen, while others will erase all the data in the host computer's memory.

BYTE SIZE BUGS

These byte-size bugs are not unlike cold or flu viruses that affect humans. Small, personal computers can catch viruses when their users copy data from another computer or from a floppy disk.

And there are different "strains" of viruses. Viruses posing as legitimate programs are known as "Trojan horses". Some hackers have mailed out such programs disguised as useful promotional software.

"Worms" are viruses programmed to inch their way through entire networks, infecting many computers. "Time bombs" lay dormant in a computer until a specific day, such as Oct. 31 — Halloween — or April 1.

Large networks of computers are particularly susceptible to viruses because they are connected to hundreds of users — any one of whom may unknowingly infect the network with a virus. Similarly, a hacker who breaks into a computer

VIRUSES



Computers designed to be "user friendly" may soon be burdened with electronic "walls" and "gates" to guard against vandalism. These and other security measures will make computer use more difficult for everyone.

on a network gains easy access to other machines in the network. Computers on a network often share the same operating software and the same program flaws that a hacker can exploit.

GUESSING AND STEALING

Entry to most mainframe computers is protected by user passwords, but hackers have proven adept at guessing and stealing them and have even enlisted the help of other computers to crack password codes.

One sly hacker slipped an illicit program far enough into a large computer system for it to ask users to enter their passwords. The program stored the stolen passwords in a file the hacker later retrieved, allowing him to break into the full database at will.

Technical experts point out that electronic vandalism accounts for less than five percent of all computer data loss, and, so far, relatively few cases of virus vandalism have been documented.

One of the most publicized cases involves Robert T. Morris, a graduate student from Cornell University, accused of unleashing a virus into Internet, a nationwide network of corporate, academic

and nonclassified military computers. While working as a computer specialist at the University of California in Berkeley, Stoll watched on his computer as a hacker from somewhere dialed into a university computer and, through Internet, tried to illegally enter military and research computers around the United States. The hacker's targets included computers at the White Sands Missile Base in New Mexico, the Pentagon, defense contractor TRW and the Air Force System Command Space Division.

COMPUTER SPY

After nine months, Stoll almost singlehandedly traced the computer line to a man named Markus Hess in Hannover, West Germany. Hess, now accused of selling information pirated from U.S. computers to the Soviet KGB, faces charges of international espionage. Stoll has written an account of his experience in a book, *The Cuckoo's Egg*.

According to John Wack of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, a number of computer software vendors are tightening security around their systems.

"System programs are being more closely inspected to eliminate any 'back doors' through which an illicit programmer may enter," he says. "Other computers are being programmed to sound an alarm when an illegal user enters the system."

Many companies now offer antiviral software, with claims of searching a computer's memory for viruses and erasing them.

Such extra security mechanisms have their drawbacks.

"They can degrade a system by slowing it down, making it more complicated to use or repeatedly

interrupting the user," Wack explains.

COPIES BEST PROTECTION

In one instance, the antiviral software damaged computer data because of an error in its design. Experts agree the best way to protect valuable information is to make copies of it on floppy discs or magnetic tape and store it in another location.

The case of Robert Morris has many people in the computer community divided over how computer vandals should be punished — if at all.

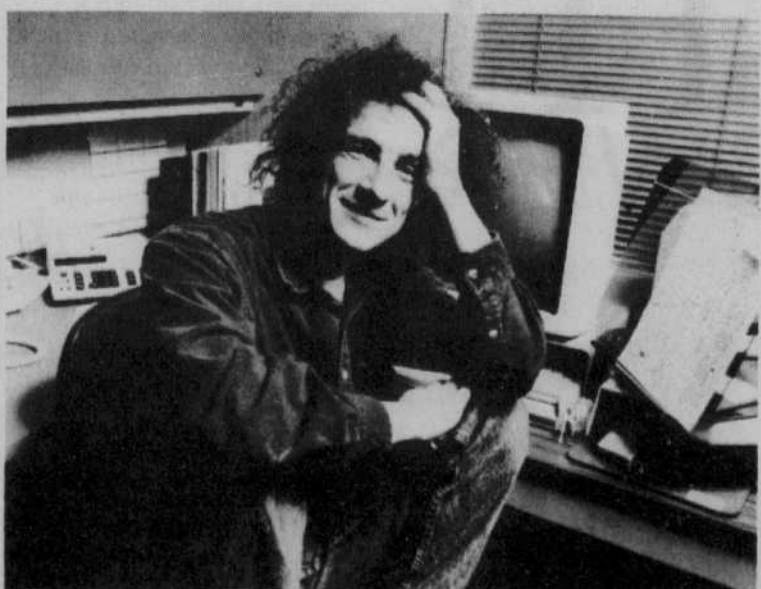
Some say hackers like Morris deserve credit for revealing the flaws and weaknesses in supposedly secure computer systems, and that breaking into these systems is a natural challenge for any creative programmer. Prosecuting hackers, according to this argument, will only alienate them and cause them to keep their high-tech secrets underground.

Others, such as Stoll, don't buy that argument.

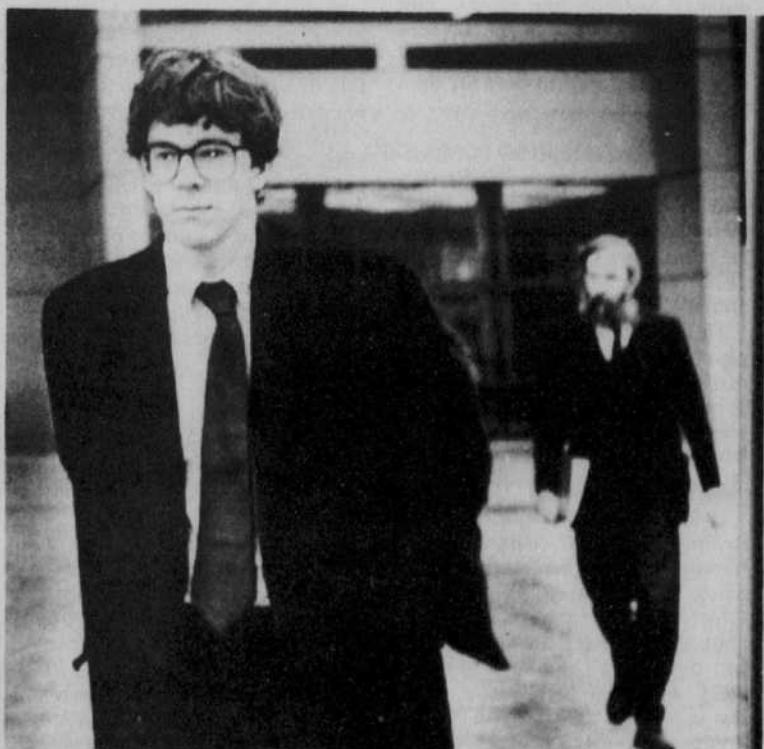
"In a small town, where people never locked their doors, would we praise the first burglar for showing the townspeople how foolish it was to leave their houses open?" Stoll asks. "The town could never go back to unlocked doors."

In the same way, "hacking may mean that computer networks will have to have elaborate locks and checkpoints," he says.

"Legitimate users will find it harder to communicate freely, sharing less information with each other," he adds. "To have the networks as our playground, we have to preserve our sense of trust. To do that, we have to take it seriously when people break that trust."



Innovative detective work by astronomer Clifford Stoll of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics led to the indictment of a computer "hacker" on charges of international espionage. From a computer in Hannover, West Germany, the hacker broke into military and research computers around the United States, looking for defense information. Stoll's computer in California recorded the hacker's every move.



Robert T. Morris, a former graduate student at Cornell University, is accused of creating a "worm" which paralyzed a nationwide computer network in November 1988. Morris is the first person to be charged under the 1986 Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

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RUTA champions adapted transport

An association in Sherbrooke represents all those concerned with transportation for the intellectually and physically handicapped in the city and surrounding region served by the Municipal Transport Corporation of Sherbrooke.

The coalition of users of adapted transportation, known as RUTA, was formed in 1982 when the Municipal Transport Corporation of Sherbrooke took over transportation for the handicapped.

RUTA represents those who use this transportation, lobbying for their benefit and providing information. The organization, which is funded by the provincial government and has 90 members, publishes a regular newsletter in French as well as a brochure in both English and French.

It is run by a nine member board of directors elected at the annual general meeting. Membership is open to all people who use Sherbrooke's transportation for the handicapped and all those people and organizations that have some connection with this

type of transportation. RUTA is also part of a province-wide association.

To become a member or to have more information, call RUTA at (819) 562-3311 or contact the organization at 189 Laurier St., Sherbrooke, J1H 4Z4.

Keeping in touch

By The Townshippers

UPCOMING EVENTS

A workshop on "Images of Women in Advertising" will be held Wednesday, February 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre, which is sponsoring the event.

The workshop will be animated by Jackie Hyman, Professor of Humanities at Champlain Regional College. She will present a film "Killing us Softly". Participants are asked to bring contemporary magazines with them. For more information, call the

Centre at (819) 564-6626.

COMPANIONSHIP WORKSHOPS

A workshop will be held every Tuesday morning until March 20 at the Adult Education Centre in Sherbrooke on being a volunteer and the art of companionship. Some subjects being covered are observation and communication skills, problem solving and creating a helpful relationship.

The workshops are sponsored by the Eastern Townships School Board, Lennoxville & District Women's Centre, Sherbrooke Hospital and the Richmond Volunteer Centre. For more information, call (819) 566-0250 or 564-6626.

ANNUAL SUPPER

The Missisquoi Historical Society is holding its Annual Supper Meeting on February 20 at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints Anglican Church Hall in Dunham. Chicken pie supper tickets cost \$7.50 and are limited in number. Please reserve at (514) 248-3153. Everyone is welcome.

Keeping in Touch is a weekly column presented by Townshippers' Association.

Language that allows hearts to speak to one another

Ever wonder how kissing started?

WINNIPEG (CP) — Pucker up and eat, baby.

Because that's what social scientist Andy Lockery says started the human habit of kissing — the passing of food from one of our primate ancestors to another.

"It's believed that it began as a sign of endearment, where the male monkey would chew up food and pass it on to the female of his choice," said Lockery, who runs the environmental studies program at the University of Winnipeg.

"We've just given up on the food bit."

Other experts have different opinions. Some suggest it's rooted in an infant's basic desire for mother's milk, that we once licked each other's faces to get salt, or that it all started as a way for men and women to show they didn't plan to bite each other.

However it got its start, kissing took off in a big way, although the habit hasn't always been in fashion.

"Nothing is more annoying than that display of affection which some husbands and wives show each other in society," wrote T.L. Haines and L.W. Yaggy in their 1911 opus, *Stepping Stones or Aids and Aims to a Successful Life*.

"That familiarity of touch, those half-concealed caresses, those absurd names, that prodigality of endearing epithets, that devoted attention which they flaunt in the face of the public as a kind of challenge to the world at large, to come

and admire their happiness, is always noticed and laughed at."

LIKED KISSING

Simone de Beauvoir held a more romantic view.

She saw kissing as an act of love, freely given on both sides and rendered spiritual by an intention of kindness and affection.

"It is no unworthy pleasure that we expect from kisses and embraces," she wrote. Often there is no other language that allows hearts to speak to one another."

Kissing downshifted out of pre-recorded history about 4,000 years ago in the Rig-veda, very well read among East India's literati at the time, which makes a reference to romantic nose-rubbing leading to a kiss.

The Greeks were in the habit of throwing kisses at statues of the gods as a sign of respect, while ancient Rome was kiss crazy.

The emperor got his hand pecked, plebians necked in public bath houses, citizens nuzzled at the arena and soldiers made both love and war.

Faced with a herpes epidemic in the early 1st century A.D., the Roman emperor Tiberius took the only available solution and banned social kissing.

With the Middle Ages came class distinctions.

Only equals kissed on the lips, those of mixed classes used cheeks. A person of the lowest station kissed a rich person on the hem of a garment or foot and even that was too good for a prisoner, who

kissed the ground next to a superior's boot.

BECAME SIN

At the Council of Vienna, 1311-1312, the Roman Catholic church — which had adopted for its marriage rites some kissy stuff from the randy Romans — put the kiss on the sin list.

Kissing for the purpose of luring another into sexual intercourse was a mortal sin and kissing just for cheap thrills was a venial sin.

Once mouth-kissing faded in the English-speaking world by the late 1600s, a whole protocol of greeting was developed, wherein gents bowed or tipped hats. Ladies curtsied.

It's at this point, some suggest, that the handshake took off.

Some historians say when Europeans were beginning their explorations in the 1400s, kissing was unknown in many parts of the globe.

The Chinese agreed with Haines and Yaggy and found public kissing gross, as did members of some African tribes.

The attempts of bearded conquistadors to coax a fair foreign maiden to smooch didn't always elicit the expected reaction.

Some showed no emotion at all, others ran away in disgust.

Of course, these tales brought back by European sailors fail to mention that the amorous seamen, whose attentions were spurned, hadn't bathed in several months.

Forget about Valentines Day?

Here's a simple, inexpensive way out

DEAR READERS: Today is Valentine's Day. You forgot? Well, so did a few million other folks, but take heart, all is not lost. Here's a simple, inexpensive and effective way out.

Pick up the phone and say, "Honey, I'm calling to say Happy Valentine's Day. I think you are wonderful. Thanks for what you have added to my life."

Simple, wasn't it? It didn't take much time or energy, and it cost you nothing. Forgive me if I sound corny, but being thoughtful and expressing appreciation is the best gift you can give. You never need worry about size or color, and it goes with everything. So, I'm taking my own advice -- "Happy Valentine's Day."

Last year on this very day, I printed the following letter:

Dear Ann Landers: Fifty-five years ago when I was in the fourth grade, my family moved from an area where I attended a small country school to the city, where I went to a large school. The move took place seven weeks before Valentine's Day.

My class in the new school had a valentine box, the contents of which were distributed on Valentine's Day. The valentines were displayed by the students on their desks. The teacher had the students line up and walk up and down the aisles observing the

valentines. Since I was new in the school and very shy, I received only three.

Ann Landers

The teacher named the three students who received the most valentines and told the number received by each. She then mentioned the person who had received the least number, which was me. I will never forget the humiliation and can still see those three small Woolworth's penny valentines. My heart remembers the pain.

I hope and pray that this sort of thing is not being done anywhere today. -- Missouri Memories

Within days after the above letter appeared in print, I received dozens of letters from teachers all over the United States and Canada expressing outrage that such a thing could have happened. Several teachers said they were not going to permit any exchanging of valentines in their classrooms, and no display of valentines received would be allowed.

Are schools promoting greater sensitivity and tolerance? I believe the answer is yes. Hallelujah!

Dear Ann Landers: I have two children, a girl 7 and a boy 5. I have not heard from my husband in three months. He moved to another state to find work, and the kids and I moved in with my folks.

"Gerry" was never much of a father, but the kids love him and talk about him all the time. I have told them that he is working someplace far away, which seems to satisfy them.

My daughter's birthday was three weeks ago. I bought a beautiful card and signed her father's name. She was thrilled and talked of nothing else for days. The boy's birthday is coming up soon, and now I must do the same for him.

My mother does not think this is a good idea. In fact, she is upset. We both value your judgment. Please express an opinion. Just -- SOMEWHERE IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA.

DEAR SUNNY CAL: I agree with your mother. Duplicity is never a good idea. You have now heightened your daughter's expectations, which is going to pose a more serious problem. Don't do the same to your son. The ragged truth is always better than the best-dressed lie.

Four per cent of Canadian seniors abused

Watch out for Granny Bashers...

By Barbara Shechter

St. Catharines Standard

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. (CP) — A small one-bedroom apartment. A single mother, working all day, or maybe the night shift. She has to get her kids off to school or to the sitter. And then she gets a new responsibility — her 80-year-old father.

Shirley Sauve, office coordinator of Senior Citizens Consultants Inc. in St. Catharines, describes the situation.

There is a shortage of money, a shortage of space, and probably a shortage of tempers. By the time Sauve's agency is called for assistance, the woman has already stopped feeding her father, and may even have hit or shoved him because his age and senility make him more difficult to care for than her young children.

A study just completed by Elizabeth Podnieks, a registered nurse and instructor at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, suggests four per cent of Canada's elderly experience some form of abuse.

This can include physical abuse, psychological abuse such as mimicking or name-calling, and deprivation of needs like food, hygiene and money.

SEES ABUSE

Doug Rapelje, director of Niagara Region's senior citizens department, said he's seen evidence of abuse. "I've seen situations where I felt there had been physical abuse," he says. He's also witnessed psychological abuse and neglect, which he says people don't try as hard to hide.

"Some of these other types of abuse can be just as devastating to an elderly person," said Rapelje.

Elder abuse, also known as "granny-bashing," is like any other form of abuse, said Victor Tomovich, associate professor of sociology at Brock University.

"It is a general abuse of power over a less powerful person," he says, "whether it is a brother against a sister, a teacher against a student, or a child against an older person."

In fact, Tomovich said the same social conditions that cause a parent to abuse a child or a husband to beat his wife can be the cause of elder abuse.

From financial problems to cramped living conditions to alcoholism, pressures on the family can put the senior at risk of abuse from family members. And as the number of older people in our society grows, that tension will only increase, said Rapelje.

LASHES OUT

Tomovich said many people become easily impatient with elderly people, particularly when age or illness makes them less cooperative.

"We train professionals to deal with the physical, and psychological needs of the elderly, but we don't train (the family) ... and that's tragic," said Tomovich.

He said statistics on elder abuse are much lower than what actually takes place, partly because there isn't much research done in the home.

Although abuse in institutions is better documented, Sauve said it would be naive to think the same abuse isn't going on in the community.

Sauve says the break-up of the three-generation family, the move to smaller houses and longer lifespans have put more pressure on families, leading to abuse.

Rapelje said an aging parent is even more reluctant to seek help than other victims of abuse. "Older people will tolerate a large amount of abuse rather than blow the whistle on their daughter or son," he said.

Rapelje added that many types of abuse are hard to put down on paper.

"Sometimes a mother and daughter will come in and you can see the tension, you can feel the tension, but I doubt you'll ever find that in a statistic," he said.

The abused elderly are embarrassed or frightened, and sometimes they choose an abusive situation over the alternative of living in an institution, said Tomovich.

'PIONEER FIELD'

Sauve calls elder abuse a "pioneer field." She says people don't yet believe it's a serious problem.

Mae Harry, executive director of Design for a New Tomorrow, an agency that deals with adults in abusive situations, agrees. She said the low profile of this kind of abuse allows it to be ignored.

"I think it's because of the low statistics that there's not been an organization that's taken up the issue," she said.

Part of the problem is how to treat elderly who have been abused: Are they like abused children because they're dependent upon others? Or are they independent adults, responsible for themselves?

The law takes the second view, says Pam Gilmore of the Niagara senior citizens' department. Although some of the department's community workers may have seen cases of elder abuse, Gilmore says there is no law that forces them to tell anyone, or permits them to remove the person from the abusive situation.

Sauve says her agency offers "stopgap" solutions to the stresses that cause elder abuse by recommending services like Meals on Wheels or day care for senior citizens.

But she says the problem is too alarming to leave to such temporary relief.

"It's a serious problem, and it's not going to go away by itself," she said.

Heavy hearts can turn here for support

Psychologists offer free Valentine service

MONTREAL (CP) — Some Quebecers celebrate Valentine's Day with flowers and candy, but those with a heavy heart will be able to turn to professional counsel free of charge.

The Professional Corporation of Psychologists of Quebec will offer a confidential telephone counselling service on Wednesday to anyone whose heart is not in the holiday.

Sixty psychologists, each working a two-hour shift, will participate in the listening service, which received about 360 calls when it was introduced last year.

Jean Paul Tremblay, a psychologist at the J. H. Charbonneau Day Hospital answered about 12 calls last year.

He said most callers were women considering di-

vorice after learning of a husband's infidelity.

"Valentine's Day heightened the emotions they were going through," he added.

Dr. Normand Martin, a psychologist who will participate again this year, said that the publicity surrounding Valentine's Day makes people confront their feelings, often leading to loneliness.

"People take time to think about the love in their lives," he said, "and some feel unsatisfied."

Both Tremblay and Martin remember calls from elderly people who just needed someone to talk to. "It's not therapeutic, but it's a supportive service," Martin said.

The service is also intended to bring psychologists closer to people who might want counselling, but are afraid to take the first step.

Social notes

Wedding congratulations

Kenley Cooke and Westley (Skip) Bowden of Ottawa, Ontario were married by Reverend Rick Spies in Ayer's Cliff on Saturday, February 10, 1990. Their relatives and friends in Georgeville, Fitch Bay and Magog extend congratulations and best wishes for a long and happily married life.

Best wishes

Unit 203, Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans Association, Magog, wish to extend sincere good wishes to President Malcolm (Buster) Knowlton who was recently hospitalized. Get well real soon!

Adrien Catchpugh of Magog is a patient in the University Medical Centre. His relatives and friends

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Tax load on gas prices up 259 per cent since 1979

Governments hungrier in the 80's

By Rob Carrick

TORONTO (CP) — When it comes to gasoline prices, the federal and provincial governments have become veritable tax guzzlers through the 1980s.

The average price in Canada of a litre of leaded gas was 21.9 cents in 1979, with federal and provincial taxes accounting for a combined 6.2 cents per litre, a recent study by Energy, Mines and Resources Canada shows.

By 1989, the price per litre for leaded gas was up 127 per cent to 49.8 cents, while the combined tax load rose 258 per cent to 22.2 cents per litre, the study shows.

Tax increases far outstripped the other components of the pump price of gasoline.

For example, the study shows the price of crude oil rose only 38 per cent over the decade, while the collective cost of gasoline companies' refining, marketing costs and profits was up 130 per cent.

"Certainly, taxes have gone up considerably during the decade, and that's one of the main contributors to higher gas prices," said Deirdre Hetherington, a market

analyst with the energy and mines ministry in Ottawa.

In addition to a provincial tax, two federal gasoline levies are applied under direction of the Finance Department — a flat-rate excise tax and a federal sales tax that is based in part on the 13.5-per-cent manufacturers sales tax.

It's the excise tax that rises with virtually all federal budgets, and will likely do so again with the upcoming Feb. 20 budget.

REVERSES TREND

The study also shows that while Canadian gas prices were slightly cheaper than those in the United States in 1979, the situation was emphatically reversed a decade later.

The litre of leaded gas that cost an average 21.9 cents in Canada in 1979 went for 26.5 cents Cdn in the United States. By '89, however, Americans were paying 31.3 cents compared to our 49.8 cents.

One reason for the turnaround was the removal of federal pricing controls on gasoline in 1985, energy industry analyst Richard Zarzeczny said.

Another was a reorganization of the U.S. refining industry in the

early '80s that made it more efficient.

"Through sheer size, U.S. refiners are also able to buy at somewhat of a discount," said Zarzeczny, president of Canadian Enerdata Ltd.

Again, taxes are also part of the difference between prices in the two countries, he said.

The study, meanwhile, shows provincial and federal taxes combined to represent 28 per cent of the price per litre of gasoline in 1979, while in 1989 taxes claimed 44 per cent of the per-litre price.

Zarzeczny believes the federal government's policy of raising excise taxes on gasoline in the federal budget has left Canadians indifferent about these increases.

"Gasoline taxes are brought in at budget time, when Canadians expect tax increases, and are now thought of like cigarette and alcohol tax increases," he said, adding that Americans wouldn't stand for the same level of taxation on gasoline.

"There's a perceived right in the United States to hop into the car and drive away at will without having to pay a heavy tax."

Quebecers driving habits," said Grenier. "But because the police forces don't do their jobs. In Sherbrooke, too many policemen are old, and never hand out tickets," he said.

Grenier said he sent copies of the report to Quebec Transport minister Sam Elkas and regional MNA's by registered mail.

Press attachés for Transportation minister Sam Elkas and Junior transportation Minister Yvon Vallières could not be reached for comments on the survey, and didn't return phone calls Monday or Tuesday.

workers still want higher wages but businesses are willing to shut down.

Of the six largest work stoppages in 1989 — which accounted for about half of all time lost — four were in Quebec. They included three battles with the Quebec government — by teachers, non-medical health workers and the Quebec Government Employees' Union — and the strike by Quebec nurses.

of which is loaned to Canadian cable companies.

Regulatory change creates uncertainty, which in turn alarms banks and shareholders, Kriss said.

Cable system shares in Canada have dropped in value over the past few months, she noted, because of personnel changes at the CRTC and the prospect of the cable rate review.

CRTC chairman Keith Spicer made repeated attempts to get Kriss to be more specific about how the industry would fare under the regulations the commission is proposing, but she evaded his questions.

"You're not talking catastrophe," was about the best Spicer could get out of her.

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Cardmakers enjoy Christmas twice

By Marilyn Ronald

OTTAWA (CP) — Cooing sweethearts aren't the only people who break into wide smiles on Valentine's Day.

So do Canadian greeting card manufacturers like Hallmark Cards Canada and Carleton Cards Ltd., who also enjoy a financial love affair with Feb. 14th.

Valentines rank second only to Christmas in Canada's \$250-million annual greeting-card business, companies say.

"Valentine's Day is the second largest card-sending season in the year after Christmas," said Bunny Sicard, a spokesman for Hallmark Cards Canada.

"It's still very much a sentimental time of the year. People still want the traditional romance — hearts, cupids and lace. But there's also a trend to humorous, double-entendre Valentines, the zany cards."

Christmas is the only time of the year when Canadians send more cards — an estimated 148 million this past holiday season.

Valentine's Day cards bought individually usually ring in at about half the number of unboxed Christmas cards sold, Peter Jurczak, vice-president of marke-

ting at Carlton, said.

And women make up the vast majority of card senders with some industry estimates putting their purchases at about 92 per cent of total annual sales.

WOMEN DOMINATE

"Women certainly make up over 90 per cent of everyday card sales such as birthday cards," Jurczak said. It's difficult to estimate how many more women than men buy Valentine's cards but they are the predominant purchasers.

Hallmark designs 1,043 different Valentine's cards, 734 in English and the rest in French.

Hallmark and Carlton, the two companies that dominate the country's greeting-card market, start specific design plans for each card season two years in advance.

"The industry closely follows consumer tastes in the fashion, interior design and visual arts field," Sicard explained. "The design trends tend to go in 10-year cycles."

Greeting card companies have tried to expand their sales beyond the traditional family holidays and birthdays by offering cards such as grandparents' day cards.

But grandparents' day cards, first introduced in the United States, haven't sold well in Canada, Jurczak said.

WEAK SALES

"It hasn't been very successful. We're disappointed in the sales and it's difficult to explain why the line hasn't caught on better than it has."

The cards were more successful in the United States and may simply need a longer sales time opportunity in Canada, he said.

The 1990s will see more traditional cards, Sicard said. "We've seen the stay-at-home cocooning that started in the '80s."

"There's a nostalgia for traditional values. It's all part of the need to slow down and get some enjoyment from life, especially for people living in big cities."

The volume of greeting-card sales has been growing at about one per cent to two per cent annually in recent years, Jurczak said.

Design changes in the 1990s will track general changes in society. "You will see more cards for situations such as single parents telling a child they're sorry they haven't had more time to spend with them."

Rule is another drag on pocketbook

SHERBROOKE (JP) A recent survey conducted by Sherbrooke resident Marc Grenier reveals that the rule against right turns on a red light costs Quebecers approximately \$13,177,500 a year.

Grenier conducted his survey with the basic tools: paper, pen, watch and calculator over the last three years in Sherbrooke, and on vacation elsewhere in the province.

His survey indicates that an average of seven litres of gasoline is wasted annually on every car waiting to turn right only. It translates in 26,355,000 litres wasted as engines idle.

"All these litres are uselessly wasted in the atmosphere, and on top of that, the car isn't moving!" Grenier said in a telephone interview Monday.

Grenier also maintains that allowing right turn on red lights will not increase the number of accidents. According to 1987 statistics from the Quebec and Ontario governments, there are 3,765,000 vehicles on Quebec roads and 200,000 accidents were reported.

In Ontario, an estimated 5,500,000 vehicles were on the road, while 204,000 accidents were reported in the same year.

"Accidents are not only due to

Quebecers driving habits," said Grenier. "But because the police forces don't do their jobs. In Sherbrooke, too many policemen are old, and never hand out tickets," he said.

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Business brief

OTTAWA (CP) — Working time lost to major strikes and lockouts in 1989 dropped 40 per cent from a year earlier and was the second-lowest yearly figure of the '80s, according to statistics released Tuesday by the Ministry of Labor.

In 1989, 2.05 million person-days of work (seven days per 10,000 worked) were lost due to work stoppages, compared with 3.41 million (12 days per 10,000 worked) in 1988.

Bernard Fortin, chief of data collection for the Bureau of Labor Information, said it's difficult to pin down a reason for year-to-year changes because a couple of major strikes can dramatically change the year's outlook.

But Fortin also suggested work stoppages could increase in 1990.

"The economic situation is good, but when you start to have a recession you have more resistance —

Prove the need for money — CRTC

By Helen Branswell

HULL, Que. (CP) — Forcing large cable systems to justify all rate increases for capital improvements could make it harder for them to borrow from banks or tap the equity market, an official of the Toronto Dominion Bank said today.

Just moving from a semi-automatic increase to one that had to go before the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission would have a negative impact on a cable system's ability to raise funds, Merle Kriss told hearings into cable rate setting regulations.

"The lag is very significant with a large system, very significant," said Kriss, general manager of the bank's corporate and investment banking group.

"It would have a negative impact — I wouldn't want to quantify that for you — but I think the impact would not be positive."

Kriss was speaking at CRTC hearings called to review the regulations that govern when and under what conditions cable companies can increase their rates.

Among the commission's proposals is the elimination of what is known as capex increases for cable systems with 6,000 or more subscribers.

The current capex — short for capital expenditure — rule allows cable systems to automatically increase rates by 10 per cent annually for five years to recover the cost of eligible capital projects.

PROPOSALS HEARD

The proposal would require cable operators to prove to the CRTC that they need the money. Another proposal — called a sunset clause — would require that a cable company take the capex increase off its bill after five years.

Throughout the hearings, which are in their seventh day, cable companies have insisted those changes would make it difficult from them to borrow the money they need to keep their systems up-to-date.

Their position was supported by Toronto Dominion, the leading bank in North America for cable industry lending.

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Hugh Maynard (left) is presented with the George Atkins Professional Development grant by Ron Scheurkogel (left) of BASF Canada Inc. and Jim Rae (right) from the CBC in Toronto banquet last December. Maynard is managing editor of the Quebec Farmers' advocate.

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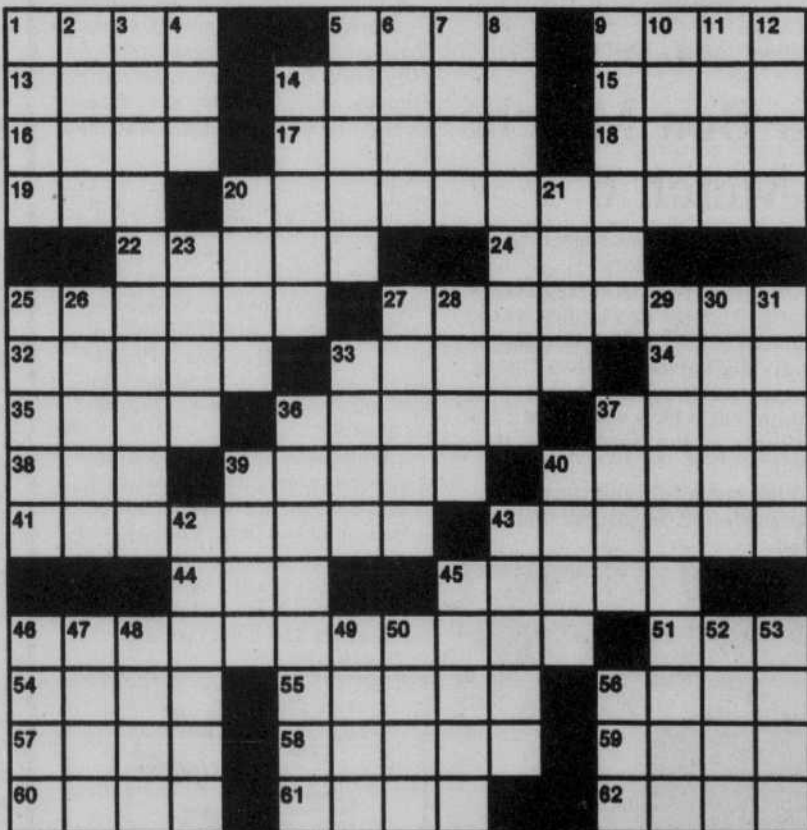
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 - Certain measure
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 - Take out
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- DOWN**
- Turn out
 - Skating jump
 - Bonbon
 - Conclude
 - Overwhelms
 - Baton
 - Nomad

- Carapace carrier
- With all its parts
- Stack of wood
- Entrance
- Nearly
- Obliquity
- Hither
- Moran or Gray
- Active one
- System of good conduct
- "Blue — Shoes"
- Whitefishes
- Swiss river
- Part of a race
- Sophia
- Aramis' weapon
- "Mask" star
- Disintegrated
- Turn thumbs down
- Slit

- Glow with ardor
- Absorbent paper
- Destroys
- Tropical tree
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- Tabula —
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- Tick off
- Roof edge
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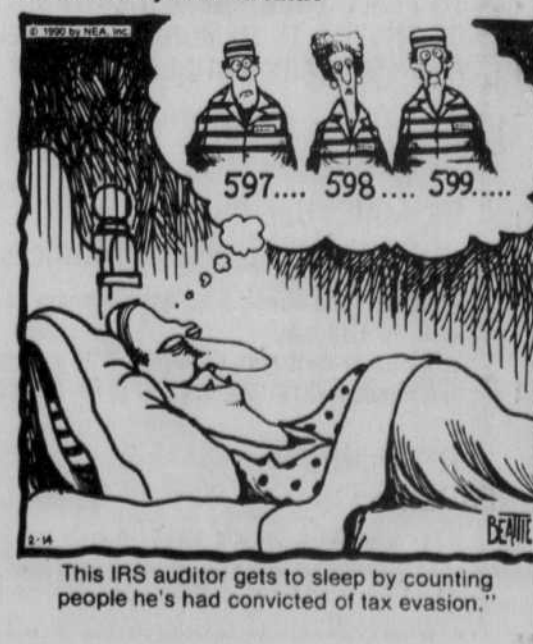
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We are told that it took the great English poet Thomas Gray seven years to complete his famous "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard", which may indicate that if you want to take time out to contemplate the meaning of it all while you're still alive and mobile there's nothing like a stroll through a country cemetery.

And for me the cemetery which awaits the resurrection at the green edge of my old hometown affords a special invitation to contemplate because I recognize the names on so many of the stones.

Here, with little trouble, I find the farmer for whom I once worked from sun-up to sun-down for 50 cents a day and my board; the old schoolmaster who was convinced that the most convenient way to make a lasting imprint on your brain was a vigorous application of hickory over your shoulders; the dear old woman who at 84 married a man of 80 because her Dr. Chase's Almanac had predicted that the coming winter would be the coldest ever. And here, under a stone so tiny you could stumble over it, the happiest man I ever knew — the village moron; and only a few robin hops away the towering monument of one of the proud families who with the help of a gardener and servants used to live their grand lives up on Crown Hill.

Which sets me to wondering why some of us seem so determined to pretend superiority even after we are nothing but a name and a fading memory. Seems to me that there is something almost pagan about these very costly stones, and I think that there is a silent sermon in the burial grounds of the Amish, where the markers are all the same, and all of them small and simple.

Then there's the story of Alexander Graham Bell who when his time was nearly up told the family that he wanted to be buried on his own land on a height which overlooked his beloved Bras d'Or Lake in Cape Breton. Furthermore he insisted that the only marker over his grave should be a boulder taken from his own land — granite preferably like the kind so common in his native Scotland — and no bigger than what the family and household could roll on top of him.

The wish was dutifully carried out, and if you're ever fortunate enough to visit Baddeck and the old summer home of the Bells, you will see that the only adornment to that boulder is the small bronze plaque bearing the name of the great man beneath.

But why, someone may ask, be buried at all? Why not cremation which is relatively cheap, and your ashes can be placed anywhere you may wish without the law being concerned in the least? The time may indeed come when the earth will be so crowded there will be hardly enough land left to feed us

H. Gordon Green



all, and the government will actually encourage cremation.

Which was exactly what Chairman Mao did 30 years ago when he became alarmed at how much of China's richest farmland had already been taken out of production to cover the bodies of the generations of peasants who had tilled that land.

You may recall too that here on our side of the world Lee Hays of the singing group "The Weavers" left strict orders that his ashes were to be added to the compost heap which was always faithfully maintained in his garden.

Of course if such an idea doesn't particularly appeal to you, and you don't really fancy having yourself blowing on the wind there are more dignified alternatives. If your wife wants to show how much she loved you she can purchase an urn for you and put you on the piano or on the mantel. A rather comforting solution to the whole problem perhaps until it occurs to you that the next guy who comes along may flick his cigar butts onto you.

But now from England comes an idea that is not only quite original but almost jolly. A company over there is reportedly offering to give your ashes a place of honour in your favourite pub. You may in fact be able to dictate the exact location of the urn. Beneath the bar perhaps, or under the bar stool that was generally yours. A brass plaque goes with the urn and in addition to this the company promises to hold an annual party in your memory. All this for the equivalent of \$9000 Canadian.

At last report ten pubs have subscribed to the plan, all of them in western England. The White Lion, the Pie Factory, the Little Tumbling Sailor and the Pack Horse are among the pubs which have so far agreed to participate.

Sponsor of all this is the Little Pub Co., and it will come as no surprise that the genius behind it all is an Irishman. His name is Colm O'Rourke who asks "Aren't you supposed to be surrounded by spirits when you die? ... Well, instead of being stuck in a cold graveyard where you will hardly ever be visited, you will be surrounded not only by spirits but by friends who will have a permanent reminder of all the good times they have enjoyed with you..."

O'Rourke also adds that for that big party which will be held every year in your honour your friends will be warned not to bring flowers. Only pretzels.

Reilly House committee holds regular meeting and presents reports of all the groups

MANSONVILLE (BN) — On February 1st the committee of the Reilly House Community Centre convened at 7 p.m. with President Robert Newell in the chair and ten in attendance.

Reports from the various groups: The Tea Room continues to be busy with many regular customers; the Clothing Rooms are supervised by Lila McCoy, Rachel Carrier and Jean McNeil with an average return of \$200.00 per month; New Horizons is no longer acting functionary for the very successful Potton Players who now have their own official executive. New Horizons next meets in June; The Tourist Bureau is also independently managed by Mrs. Caron who is a very helpful volunteer with the Tea Room; the Boys' Workshop is on hold until Mr. Whitehead completes his study course; The Youth Area continues to be an active place with piano lessons, social and private functions and occasionally a "Singalong" celebration.

Renovations are continuing: the Tea Room has a new counter top and pie cupboard; thermo pane windows and a new door have been purchased and will be installed with volunteers' time and weather permitting; New Horizons sponsored the purchase of tableware for the Youth Area and a kitchen sink has been donated and should be in place before spring.

Financially: rentals are collected from Remax, United Church Office, Etcetera Craft & Gift Shop; C.K.'s Income Tax Service; and the use of the Youth Area. Among other sources of income are the Photocopier, the sale of second hand books and furniture, the clothing rooms and donations. The usual building expenses continue: Mortgage, Insurance, Hydro, Telephone, repairs, snow removal, and a small stipend for the Reilly House Manager.

The next committee meeting is slated for March 1 at 7 p.m. All are welcomed to attend.

Quebec Farmers Association Ayer's Cliff branch holds interesting beef program at their meeting

AYER'S CLIFF (IH) — Douglas MacKinnon, president of the Ayer's Cliff Branch of the Quebec Farmers Association, at the general meeting held in the Legion Hall here the evening of February 1st welcomed the large attendance of members and friends for the "beef night" program. He thanked Wallace Mosher and Arthur Cheal and others who had made many contacts by phone to beef breeders and to the news media for their assistance.

The program was presented by Jean - Claude Noel of Pointe Claire and Veterinarian Jim Porter from Coaticook. With film and commentary Jean - Claude showed and spoke about internal parasites on and in cattle and how it can be controlled with Ivomec medications. The problems include the life cycle of lice, warble, the fly and damage, round worm, lung problems etc. Hidden parasites take away the breeders profits, he said, but the benefits can be yours.

Jim Porter added his comments during the lengthy question and answer period to both speakers.

Also with slides and commentary, Denis Brouillard, Agronomist for this County who was in charge of the beef contest program in 1989, said that it originated in conjunction with Stanstead County Agricultural Society as a way of helping the farmers to improve their herds. As shown, there has been a steady increase in the animal points required in the contest. The slides showed beautiful beef animals, good pastures for them, with Simmentals being used quite extensively for cross breeding.

The scenic views of the areas, the lush pastures and the animals, of varied colors make one realize that beef farming is productive in these sections of the Townships. Wallace Mosher of Ayer's Cliff has the largest of these herds with more than 200 cows. "Bulls are the element that make a good herd"

said Denis. The speakers were thanked for their presentation and during the refreshment period several continued "beef" conversations with the trio.

The business meeting included the report from the secretary of the January meeting.

February is the month when monies are allocated to worthy groups, therefore donations were approved to the Sherbrooke Hospital Campaign 1990; Girl Guide Parents committee in Stanstead and Ayer's Cliff; Stanstead County School Fair; Stanstead County Horticultural Society for youth exhibits prizes at the August Fair, and an advertisement in the Fair prize list.

Angus MacKinnon spoke about the February carnival in Ayer's Cliff and Woodmen's day on February 17 as an exciting event, noting several teams have signed up for the competitions. He said it is a fun filled day from 10 a.m. until mid afternoon in the Municipal Park, and asked for a donation towards the noon lunch for the participants, which was granted. Later in the year a donation will be made to the Fair Board.

Jim Bellows discussed the proposed building projects for the 1990 year.

President Douglas spoke about a Dairy Days seminar at Macdonald College on February 6 and 7. A Maple Day will be held at Richmond on February 9 which sugar makers were urged to attend; and February 20 - 21 a Think - Tank session will be held at St. Bruno, sponsored by QFA. Douglas MacKinnon and Jim Bellows plan to attend.

The tentative program for the March 1st meeting will be representatives from the CLSC centers in Magog and Coaticook. Confirmation announcement will follow in the newspapers.

The meeting adjourned and a social hour with bountiful refreshments was enjoyed.

Golden Age Club meets

KNOWLTON (KT) — An afternoon of Bingo was enjoyed by 55 members of the Golden Age Club at the Legion Hall on Thursday, February 1. President Elsie Royea opened the meeting with her usual warm welcome to all and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary Muriel Cook and accepted as read.

Thank-you cards were received from Mary Pille for sympathy extended and from Leon Bennett for get-well wishes. A get-well card was signed by those present for Agnes Bailey.

Bingo winners: Regular games — Hazel Barnes, Lyndall Little, Velma Smith (2), Marguerite Fortin, Kay Gummer, Gertrude Phelps, Eileen King (2), Rose Corey, J. Vaillancourt, Beatrice Barnes.

Special games: Letter "Y" — Elsie Royea; Letter "T" — Marguerite Falle, Hazel Barnes; Letter "X" — Mrs. M. Schneider. Jackpot game (full card) — Bernard Lefebvre, Hazel Barnes and Hope Jenne.

Club game: Top right-hand corner — Mary Marleau, Phoebe McBride (tie). Top right and bottom left-hand corners — Marguerite Fortin.

Thanks was extended to Albert Smith for calling the games and to Ralph Seaton and Valerie Badger in charge of the floor. Packages of paper towels were distributed to lucky ticket holders and the pleasant afternoon ended with refreshments and a social time.

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From the Pens of E.T. writers

GRANDMA

When grandma dies
Where will she be
Who will take grandma
Where will she lie.

I often see her silhouette on the wall
Her shadow often makes me fall out of place
Her love lifts me high
High in the sky.

When I'd feel blue
She'd say I love you
And I'd go around
Feeling like new.

No one knows the feelings I have
No one knows the madness inside
No one knows the love I have
No one knows but grandma.

FRIENDSHIP

I cherish a friendship
It means so much
It's when a friend is there
To give you the touch.

And when you were there
When I needed you most
You stood by me
And held me close.

I worship the friendship between us both
The times we've shared
The tears we've shed.

And when we're together no longer
We still have the memories
And the love we've shared
Our love will wait and still be there.

Both above poems by
TERESA CUNNINGTON
Age: 11½
School: Ayer's Cliff Elementary

S.H.L.A. plan Au Bon Marché hospital day for March 6

Members of the Sherbrooke Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary and the Lennoxville Wing are busy making plans for Au Bon Marché's annual hospital day being held on Tuesday, March 6. Note: Correction from Monday, March 5, as published in The Record of Monday Feb. 12.

Members from both auxiliaries will be on hand in the store to assist customers with their shopping and

to answer questions regarding the work of the auxiliary.

On this day, a percentage of the profits from the day's sales will be donated to the Ladies' Auxiliary to be divided between the two groups. These monies are used to purchase equipment which will benefit the patients at the Sherbrooke Hospital.

Your support of this major fund-raising event is greatly appreciated.



Pictured from left to right: Sherbrooke Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary Activities Convenor, Mrs. Beverly McCoy; Lennoxville Wing President, Mrs. Dorothy Lothrop; Au Bon Marché Representative, Mrs. Ann Gingues; S.H.L.A. Publicity Secretary, Mrs. Mary Whitley.

Death

COLEMAN, Ralph — At the Sherbrooke Hospital on Monday, February 12, 1990, Ralph George Coleman, beloved husband of Faye Ord, in his 77th year. Loving father of Hope, Mrs. Peter Kutney of Lewiston, Maine; Robert and his wife Penny of Bury, Que. and foster father of Doris, Mrs. Darcy Eryou of Bishopton, Que. Also survived by ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Dear brother of Mrs. Nellie Bentley of Montreal. Resting at the Bury Funeral Home where prayers will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 1990 at 1:45 p.m., followed by funeral service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Bury at 2:00 p.m., the Rev. M. Jones officiating assisted by Bishop T.J. Matthews. Spring interment in St. John's Cemetery, Brookbury, Que. Visitation on Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. only. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. John's Anglican Church in Brookbury would be gratefully acknowledged. Veteran of Hong Kong. Veterans please attend. Arrangements by L.O. Cass and Son Ltd.

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Sports

Blackwell thinking about National finals

By Bruce Macfarlane

LENNOXVILLE — After clinching first place in the Quebec University Basketball League Sunday afternoon and being ranked ninth in the nation, the Bishop's Lady Gaiters are slowly starting to prepare themselves for post-season play.

Even though two games remain on the QUBL regular-season schedule, Lady Gaiters' head coach Andrea Blackwell is primarily focusing on March 3rd.

All eyes will be on the John H. Price sports centre when the Lady Gaiters host the winner of the QUBL semi-final. Blackwell said she suspects that the championship final will feature a team that they have had some problems with during the regular season.

"We'll see McGill," said the smiling coach. "I imagine they will beat both Laval and Concordia and then we'll meet them."

The winner of the upcoming final will earn the right to represent Quebec at the CIAU Women's basketball championships to be held at the University of Toronto on the weekend of March 8-9-10.

CHAMPIONSHIP PLANS

Blackwell is so confident that her team will be trekking down the 401 in mid-March that she has got the ball rolling already.

"We are making our tentative arrangements," she said. "Reservations and other stuff - hopefully it will all work out so we are there."

It has been quite a few years since the purple-and-white uniforms strutted across a gymnasium floor at a National cham-

pionship. It was in 1984 when Bishop's University hosted the event.

The last time a banner was draped from the ceiling of the John H. Price sports centre roof signaling a National championship was back to back in '82-'83 and '83-'84.

"I hate going there," said the annoyed coach. "I have been there alone the past five years, and I don't want to do it anymore."

"I want to bring my team," she added.

The Lady Gaiters have been climbing up a steady incline towards the top of a mountain. They take every game one step at a time.

"McGill will be the game where we want to play well and maintain that peak until the Nationals," she said. "That will be the critical phase to get past McGill."

If all goes well according to the Blackwell's plans, she believes her team will take on the nation's No. 2 team.

"If we get past McGill, there is a good chance that we could be playing Laurentian in the Nationals," she said.

The Lady Gaiters have played Laurentian twice this season in exhibition play. Both encounters have seen the Lennoxville-based university losing by 10 and 12 points respectively, but that isn't dampening Blackwell thoughts of a national championship.

"We've met them twice before this year and I think we are better," she said.

But before the Lady Gaiters load the van for Toronto, they must play back-to-back games against Concordia over the next two

weeks.

"If we were to lose the two games against Concordia, they mean nothing," said Blackwell. "Certainly we don't want that to happen but these games are insignificant."

"They are significant in the sense that you drop out of the rankings if you lose. We are not going to go into the Nationals as a wild card - we are going to have to go in winning the game against McGill," she added.

Even though the Lady Gaiters have clinched first-place, they are not taking any chances against Concordia, said team captain Cynthia Johnston.

"I know the other girls aren't ta-

king Concordia that lightly," said Johnston.

"We have had close games with them and we know that they had two back-to-back wins," she said. "We have always struggled with them the past two years."

The Lady Gaiters travel to Montreal to tip-off against the Concordia Stingers Sunday afternoon.

The Lady Gaiters will play their final regular-season game against the same Concordia team on Sunday Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. The purple-and-white will play the winner of the second and third place semi-final on March 3 at 2 p.m. for the QUBL championship in Lennoxville.



Lady Gaiters' head coach Andrea Blackwell is starting to make tentative plans for the CIAU Women's National Basketball Championships to be staged at the University of Toronto in mid-March.

McKegney ends Nords 11-game losing streak

QUEBEC (CP) — Tony McKegney and Marc Fortier each scored two goals and centre Joe Sakic contributed three assists as the Quebec Nordiques ended an 11-game losing streak — the longest in their NHL history — by defeating the Vancouver Canucks 5-3 on Tuesday night.

The Nordiques, who were closing in on the NHL's longest losing string — 17 games by the Washington Capitals in 1975 — had not won since they beat the Montreal Canadiens on Jan. 9.

Fortier's second goal and his seventh of the season, at 13:01 of the third period, proved to be the winner.

The goal provided the Nordiques with a 4-2 lead, which was sliced when Paul Reinhart shoved in a shot from the side of the net just over a minute later. Like Dan Quinn's goal, which had pulled the Canucks within 3-2 early in the third period, it was a power-play effort.

An empty net goal by Quebec's Paul Gillis with three seconds to play, sealed the Nordiques' victory.

The Canucks, who entered the game with four straight victories, also got a first-period goal from Steve Bozek.

Nordiques goaltender Scott Gordon, who in his last start one week earlier surrendered 12 goals to the Washington Capitals, made 26 saves, several of them in glittering fashion. He was especially splendid in the last minute of the second period, with saves only seconds apart on Greg Adams and Jim Sandlak. Just after the Quinn goal, he thrust out a pad to block a backhand by Vladimir Krutov.

It was the first NHL victory in five career starts for Gordon.

An announced crowd of 14,839 witnessed the rare victory, although the large number of empty seats seemed to indicate many supporters chose to stay away. The combination of a game between the NHL's two weakest teams and poor weather in the area may have been factors. A large segment of the crowd was comprised of pee-wee hockey players attending the city's annual international tournament.

Rangers 4 Flyers 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John Ogronick scored two goals, including the game-winner in the third

period, as the New York Rangers defeated the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 Tuesday night in the NHL.

The win moved the Rangers into second place in the Patrick Division by a point over the idle New Jersey Devils. Philadelphia dropped its second straight and remained in last place.

NHL roundup

Ogronick broke a 3-3 tie when he tapped in Kelly Kisio's shot on a power play at 8:37 of the final period.

Philadelphia's Murray Craven tied the game 3-3 when, during a scramble in front of the net, he pushed a loose puck past Rangers goalie Mike Richter at 2:08 of the final period.

Philadelphia had battled back from a 2-0 deficit to tie the game in the second period.

Rick Tocchet's 30th goal of the season brought the Flyers within 2-1 when he beat Richter to the glove side in the slot at 3:08 on a power play.

Tim Kerr tied the game when he knocked down a pass in front of the net and beat Richter in the crease at 8:59.

Ogronick then dumped a lead

pass to Kisio, who split the Flyers' defence and beat goalie Pete Peeters with a 30-footer from the right faceoff circle to put New York ahead 3-2 at 9:36 of the second period.

New York took a 1-0 lead on Bernie Nicholls's 34th goal of the season. He put a 15-footer past Peeters at 11:44 of the first period, scoring his sixth power-play goal since joining the team on Jan. 20. Nicholls had six of the Rangers' 15 shots in the period.

Ogronick built the Rangers' lead to 2-0 when he beat Peeters to the glove side at 17:45 of the first period.

With the loss, Peeters, 0-8-4, was still looking for his first victory this season.

Flames 4 Islanders 2

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Bryan Trottier scored his 500th career goal, but Calgary's Joe Nieuwendyk scored twice as the Flames spoiled the celebration by beating the New York Islanders 4-2 on Tuesday night.

Trottier opened the scoring midway through the second period by becoming the 15th player in NHL history to reach the 500-goal mark. But Doug Gilmour ripped the rebound of Joe Mullen's shot into a half-empty net at 3:28 of the third period to break a 2-2 tie.

WBA recognizes Douglas as champion

NEW YORK (AP) — Now, the boxing world agrees: Buster Douglas is heavyweight champion.

And there is agreement on another front: His first challenger will be Mike Tyson.

Douglas-Tyson II came close to clearing the final hurdle Tuesday when Evander Holyfield's manager, Ken Sanders, said in Atlanta that his boxer probably would step aside to allow the rematch.

Billionaire developer Donald Trump says Douglas-Tyson II will be June 18 in Atlantic City, although Douglas has not signed a contract.

In fact, Douglas only learned hours earlier that he was undisputed champion when the World Boxing Association became the last of the sport's three major governing bodies to recog Don King, Tyson's promoter and adviser, said Tuesday at a news conference.

"We're trying to get one. The first thing we have to do is get a rematch."

"As you know, the catching comes before the hanging."

King said he was negotiating with representatives of Douglas and Holyfield to work out an agreement.

Tyson, who appeared with King at the news conference, said his loss was "a temporary, minor setback."

"I don't take it to heart. I'll be the champion again. I'm still one of the best fighters in the world and, when the rematch comes, I'll prove it."

ON HOLD

Holyfield, as the number one-ranked contender, was the manda-

tory challenger to Douglas' first defence. But he has decided to wait for Tyson-Douglas II.

"We've been approached to make a deal, by Don King, to step aside and make way for the rematch," Sanders said.

"We're waiting for the contract from him. If it's what they said it would be, we probably would do it."

Sanders said Holyfield would fight the Tyson-Douglas winner in September or October.

In his hometown of Columbus, Ohio, Douglas said the main thing for him "is that I am now looked upon as the heavyweight champion of the world. It was a lifelong dream come true, and I thank God for that."

The International Boxing Federation recognized Douglas as champion immediately, and the World Boxing Council extended recognition Monday night after King, who promotes Tyson, dropped a protest of the result.

"I never asked anybody to change the decision," King said.

"We just want a first shot at a rematch."

King started the controversy over Douglas' knockout by protesting that referee Octavio Meyran counted too long over Douglas when he was knocked down in the eighth round. After the fight, Meyran said he had mistakenly taken up the timekeeper's count three seconds too late.

On Tuesday, however, the referee told Mexican television: "Douglas won the championship fair and square. The rules don't say you have to look to the timekeeper. Of course, you can look for his help."

Vincent lays out new management proposal

NEW YORK (AP) — Commissioner Fay Vincent gave the union a new management proposal Tuesday at the stalled baseball labor talks, and the union will consider it today — one day before the scheduled opening of spring training.

Management negotiator Chuck O'Connor described Vincent's concepts as "substantive and procedural."

Union head Donald Fehr said cautiously: "There was a series of suggestions made. I don't know where, if anywhere, this is going to go yet."

He tempered his remarks by adding, "I do not want to suggest that this has been some sort of breakthrough that will lead to a conclusion."

Although neither side would describe Vincent's suggestion, two sources close to management said they believed it involved negotiating a new agreement along the framework of the one that expired Dec. 31, provided that the union made a commitment to revenue sharing in the future.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, also suggested a committee on revenue sharing could be part of the proposal.

"The mere fact that we're at least dealing with a framework for discussing these issues is a little ahead of where we were last week," Fehr said.

For months, management has been insisting on a proposal in which players would get 48 per cent of the revenue from ticket sales and broadcast contracts. Owners also have been suggesting a pay-for-performance plan in which players with less than six years in the majors would be paid in one-year contracts according to statistical formulas.

Some spring training camps were to open on Thursday, but O'Connor acknowledged Tuesday that there wasn't enough time to do so.

Fehr, who met with Vincent along with union lawyer Eugene Orza and special assistant Mark Belanger, had mixed reactions to what the commissioner presented.

Scoreboard

HOCKEY

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Northern Division

W L T F A P

Sherbrooke	30	16	10	21	70
Cap Breton	27	23	6	22	210
Halifax	27	25	5	28	210
Moncton	23	22	10	214	212
Moncton	24	30	5	194	221
New Haven	24	31	4	220	243
Springfield	22	30	3	205	220

Southern Division

Baltimore	32	21	4	227	197
Adirondack	29	18	8	250	221
Utica	31	22	3	253	229
Rochester	27	23	8	243	218
Newmarket	24	20	12	220	220
Hershey	24	28	4	224	218
Binghamton	8	41	6	158	259

Sunday Results

Springfield 4 Halifax 4
Utica 4 Moncton 2
Rochester 9 Maine 0
Sherbrooke 5 Baltimore 5
New Haven 5 Newmarket 2

Saturday Results

Cape Breton 5 Springfield 3
Halifax 7 Utica 5
Adirondack 7 Binghamton 6
Hershey 4 Baltimore 0
Newmarket 4 Maine 3 (OT)

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday Games

Springfield at Cape Breton N
Maine at Newmarket N
Adirondack at Baltimore N

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

SCORING LEADERS

G	A	Pts
Richard, Bal	41	41
Ritzpatrick, Her	33	48
Donnelly, Roch	35	48
Yarburt, Ut	42	34
Eaves, Adir	34	39
Audette, Roch	32	37
Pederson, She	28	37
Vilgrain, Ut	29	37
Tresl, Hal	30	35
Bugdaud, NH	44	20
Biggs, Her	32	32
Krentz, Adir	26	36
Currie, CB	28	34
O'Dwyer, Me	22	37
Winnick, Ut	12	47
Prisley, Roch	19	39
Mattias, Bal	26	31
Thurack, Nmt	21	35

GOALTENDING

(Minimum 1,000 minutes)

MP	GA	SO	Arg
Hargerson, She	1798	19	12.78
Hrvnack, Bal	2209	15	13.12

Racicot, She	1219	65	6.320
Foster, Me	2484	135	2.326
Goodman, CB	1044	51	1.588
Gordon, Hal	2074	113	0.327
Draper, Monc	1767	95	1.334
Wakulak, Roc	2249	129	1.344
D'Amour, Her	1706	105	1.369

NHL

Scoring Leaders After Monday Games

G	A	Pts
Lemieux, Pgh	44	77
Groszky, LA	29	78
Messier, Edm	33	61
Yzerman, Det	42	46
Hull, STL	52	34
Sakic, Que	27	39
LaFontaine, NYI	47	39
Nicholls, LA-NYR	33	53
Robitaille, LA	39	38
Kurri, Edm	30	47
Coffey, Pgh	21	55
Turgeon, Buf	26	48
Francis, Hart	22	51
Oates, STL	15	37
Newly, Bos	48	31
Leeman, Tor	37	32
Bellows, Min	29	40
Nieuwendyk, Cal	31	37
Olczyk, Tor	26	42
Richter, NYI	35	31
Sakic, Que	27	39
Damphousse, Tor	19	46
MacInnis, Cal	21	43
Bourque, Bos	14	50
Brown, Pgh	25	37
Muller, NJ	23	40
Savard, Chi	21	42
N. Brien, Min	18	44

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division

W	L	T	P	A	P
Chicago	30	21	4	229	210
St. Louis	27	22	8	203	187
Toronto	30	26	2	280	253
Minnesota	25	31	3	202	223
Detroit	20	30	7	207	229

Smythe Division

Edmonton	28	19	11	231	200
Calgary	27	18	13	240	196
Winnipeg	26	24	7	212	214
Los Angeles	24	27	6	247	280
Vancouver	18	32	9	175	219

Wales Conference

Adams Division

Boston	34	20	6	196	154
Buffalo	32	20	6	196	174
Montreal	30	22	6	199	186
Hartford	26	25	6	195	181
Quebec	9	41	6	172	283

Patrick Division

Isles	26	24	6	216	200
Jersey	25	25	7	211	221
Pitts	26	27	4	241	258
Rangers	23	24	10	181	189

Wash	25	30	4	221	218
Phila	22	27	8	205	199
(x-clinches playoff spot)					

Monday Results

New Jersey 1 Detroit 1
Toronto 5 Los Angeles 3

Tuesday's Games

Vancouver at Quebec, 7:35 p.m.
Calgary at NY Islanders, 7:35 p.m.
NY Rangers at Philadelphia, 7:35 p.m.
Buffalo at Chicago, 8:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 8:35 p.m.

Wednesday Games

Hartford at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.
Vancouver at Montreal, 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at NY Rangers, 7:35 p.m.
Boston at Winnipeg, 8:35 p.m.
Washington at Edmonton, 9:35 p.m.

TOP 10

CIAU Top 10

MEN

BASKETBALL

1. Western Ontario (1)	2. St. Francis Xavier (2)
3. Victoria (4)	4. UBC (3)
5. Alberta (5)	6. Calgary (6)
(6) 7. Concordia (7)	8. Brandon (8)
9. UPEI (NR)	10. Guelph (10)

HOCKEY

1. Alberta (1)	2. Calgary (2)
3. Waterloo (3)	4. UOHR (4)
5. Moncton (5)	6. Laurier (6)
7. Acadia (7)	8. McGill (8)
9. Regina (9)	10. UPEI (NR)

SWIMMING

1. Calgary (1)	2. Laurentian (2)
3. Regina (3)	4. Lethbridge (4)
5. McMaster (5)	6. Victoria (6)
7. Winnipeg (7)	8. Lakehead (8)
9. Bishop's (10)	10. Brock (NR)

WOMEN

1. Calgary (1)	2. Laurentian (2)
3. Regina (3)	4. Lethbridge (4)
5. McMaster (5)	6. Victoria (6)
7. Winnipeg (7)	8. Lakehead (8)
9. Bishop's (10)	10. Brock (NR)

SWIMMING

1. Toronto (1)	2. Alberta (2)
3. McGill (3)	4. UBC (4)
5. Manitoba (5)	6. Western (6)
7. Montreal (7)	8. Calgary (8)
9. Guelph (9)	10. Brock (10)

VOLLEYBALL

1. Victoria (1)	2. UBC (2)
3. Regina (3)	4. Manitoba (4)
5. Saskatchewan (5)	6. Calgary (6)
7. York (7)	8. Laval (8)
9. Ottawa (9)	10. Alberta (10)

LA CAGE AUX SPORT

Stanstead Chapter IODE members hold meeting at the conclusion of a very successful year

STANSTEAD (IH) — Rheta Taylor was installed as the Regent of Stanstead Chapter IODE at the annual meeting held the afternoon of February 5 in Stanstead College Reception room.

The meeting was opened by Regent Anna Gain who welcomed the attendance. The prayer of the Order was recited in unison and the colors presented by Standard Bearer, Dena Leblanc.

Louise Shaw, membership secretary presented Evelyn Doust for installation as a new member. The Regent, Mrs. Gain officiated and as she pinned the badge of IODE on Evelyn's dress, Rheta Taylor read the significance of the badge. Applause from all present welcomed the new member.

Aurelie Farfan, secretary, gave her report, and read the communications. It was noted that IODE in Canada was founded on February 13, 1900 and Founders IODE week is from February 11 to 16.

Louise Shaw and Dorothy Gordon assisted at the senior citizens luncheon at Rock Island in January and were accorded appreciation.

The monthly general report of the treasurer, Gertrude Ketcham was given by her.

Secretary reports: Services — Hermine Daghofer announced that knitted articles have been turned in for distribution in the far north and she thanked the knitters and donors.

Citizenship — Gesela Menke said the members had done 184 hours of volunteer work in the name of the IODE in January.

Mrs. Farfan gave the annual report she had condensed from the secretaries reports. Nine meetings were held, average attendance 25. The 65th anniversary for Stanstead Chapter was observed last June when the Boundary Ambulance Association was presented gifts to the representatives present as

guests.

Coffee parties have added zest to the year, they are fun and profitable for worthwhile programs. Jessie Elder, a senior member was presented her 25-year membership during the socializing after a meeting on the occasion of Mrs. Elder's 90th birthday.

Several P.E.C. meetings have had delegates attending in Montreal. The 1989 membership was 51. The marathon bridge is another social program with the monies donated to support the Boundary Villages and vicinity.

Swim school commitments to National and Provincial IODE bodies were met. Two student bursaries were awarded locally and book prizes given for students at the Ursuline convent. There were several hundreds of volunteer hours recorded. The new logo is being used.

The main event in 1989 was the annual bazaar and from the pro-

ceeds all but ten percent was donated to worthy causes across Canada, in the Province of Quebec and locally as shown in the audited report presented by the treasurer, Gertrude Ketcham.

Mrs. Gain, before vacating the Regent's chair, voiced grateful appreciation to the executives, her secretaries and to all the members for their work and support during her two years in office.

Maud Curtis, installation officer, in her opening remarks congratulated all members of the Chapter for working hard to add up to another excellent and successful year.

She complimented Mrs. Gain, saying she had been a most conscientious Regent interested in the individual members and noted during her time of office the Chapter had seven new members. Mrs. Curtis said "thank you for your valuable time and energy the past two years", then added "you have

had the support of members as we spread our work at home and across Canada". Her closing remarks were a quote from Jessie Elder "Full Speed Ahead".

Mrs. Curtis then installed the following executive and secretaries: Regent, Rheta Taylor; Vice Regents, Ferne Dewey and Thelma Dustin; Secretary, Aurelie Farfan; Treasurer, Gertrude Ketcham; Citizenship, Gesela Menke; Membership, Louise Shaw; Services, Hermine Daghofer and Lena Mueller; Education, Anna Gain, Public Relations, Ivy Hatch; Standard Bearer, Dena Leblanc.

Taking the Regent's chair, Rheta said, "I will try to do my best as your Regent," adding "I know I have your support".

Then the business for another fiscal year began. A resolution to have the annual bazaar. After discussion the date of September 29 was decided upon. Ferne Dewey

agreed to be chairperson and her assistants, Thelma Dustin and Lexie Rogers.

Rheta named the following appointed conveners: Hostesses, Irene Bacon; Program, Doris Young; Bridge, Ruby Greer and Thelma Dustin; Bring and Buy, Anna Gain, Ferne Dewey and Dorothy Gordon. Phone committee chairperson, Olga Audet who will choose her assistants. Theresa Wallace and Lena Mueller volunteered to assist at the February 8th senior citizens luncheon in Rock Island. February 28, Lexie Rogers will hostess the coffee party at 10 a.m. at her home. Lexie agreed to continue as Chapter archivist.

Theresa Wallace and Ann Milson will be hostesses for the March 5 meeting.

And another year begins! The hostesses served refreshments from the lace-covered table centered with a floral arrangement in a basket flanked by mulberry candles in silver holders.

From the Pens of E.T. writers

MY VALENTINE — THE WORLD

Eternal Valentine, Eternal Flame
Eternal Love of God and Nature too
And blessed sky to which our eyes lift
daily
Darkened by cloud or else Eternal blue
Eternal love of flying things and furry
Eternal quest for a more peaceful world
Prayer for eternal guidance, freedom
from grief
Searching within for Truth, touching each
leaf
Upon the Tree of Life, loving each one
Thankful for every gift, Stars, Moon and
Sun
Wind, storm, rain, sleet, the beat of
foreign lands
A reaching out to all, the touch of hands
In friendship, love and always understanding
A Hope that people may be less demanding
This is my Valentine, my every Prayer
Love to the World and People Everywhere!

MARJORIE P. FERRIS
Rougemont, Que.

The Wales Home news includes plenty of activities and fun

By Joan Bush

RICHMOND — After the excitement of Christmas and New Year's we settled down to a quiet month, although we had plenty of activities.

Kelly has her exercise classes every day. Every second Monday evening, George Skilling shows us movies. We have bingo, bridge and 500, carpet bowling, reading group and cribbage tournament every week. Also we have the bus to town every Thursday morning. We hope to get shuffleboard going soon. Every Friday afternoon ladies of different groups come and serve us a delicious tea which we look forward to so much.

On the 8th, George showed us movies "Alexander MacKenzie", "The Ballad of Crowfoot" and "Boy Meets Band".

On the 9th, the Residents Committee met in the library. Seven members were present with Earl Bracey as President. Kelly read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved. We were pleased to see the handrails in the Norton Wing elevator now in operation. They were much appreciated.

Welcome home to Edna Barrington, Elsie Marston and Anna Bellevue from hospital. We have missed you all and hope you are all feeling better.

Bridge and 500 have started and have a good turnout. Carpet bowling is great fun and the cribbage has begun, so we have plenty to amuse us.

Granny Galbraith celebrated her 102nd birthday on the 18th. She was presented with a corsage and a

lovely cake was made by the Home. Family and friends attended and she looked very happy. Congratulations from all of us.

On Robbie Burns Day we had the sound of the bagpipes and saw the swinging of the kilts. We had a surprise as Mr. MacIver invited Gordon Weare to come and play. We heard the bagpipes as the piper went around each floor. There is something about the bagpipes which is so exciting. The afternoon continued in the main living room with music. Gordon Weare played

the bagpipes and then we had a sing song of good old Scottish songs accompanied by Kelly at the piano. Emma Watt recited a Scottish poem. The afternoon ended with refreshments served. Thank you, Mr. Weare, for bringing us so much pleasure and thanks to Mr. MacIver for arranging the visit.

On the 29th Myrtle Lillegren celebrated her 101st birthday. Relatives and friends attended. She looked pleased to have so many of her family and friends around her. The Home made her a cake.

Everyone joined in singing "Happy Birthday" and enjoyed the cake. Note: Myrtle passed away and funeral was held on Tuesday, February 13.

On the 31st Kelly showed part I of "Fiddler On The Roof".

Welcome to the Home this month: Bill Wadleigh, South Durham, Jessie MacLeod, Richmond, and Margaret Buchanan, Spring Hill, Que.

That is all for this month. May you have a happy year. God Bless.

Rose "Gram" Keeler honored at Open House on her 100th birthday by family and friends

AYER'S CLIFF — On Saturday, January 13 a very special event took place at Maple Manor here. "Gram" Rose Keeler celebrated her 100th birthday with an Open House and family dinner. Every member of her immediate family, spanning five generations, attended, with many, many other well wishers.

The celebrations began with the Mayor and Councillors of the Village congratulating Gram and presenting her with a basket of flowers in which there were 100 blooms. The Sunday School of Beulah United Church then led the guests in singing Happy Birthday. The remainder of the afternoon was spent enjoying a lovely tea of squares, birthday cake, reminiscing and chatting with friends and relatives from near and far. Guests attended from as far away as New York City, Massachusetts and Ontario.

with each lady being presented with a red rose as a souvenir of the occasion.

Gram received many floral arrangements, also numerous other gifts and birthday cards to

mark this milestone. Among the greetings received were letters of congratulations from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Governor General Mme Jeanne Sauvé.

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Your Birthday
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In the year ahead your philosophical outlook will be strengthened through personal experiences. Your faith in yourself and your ideas will grow from each encounter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Others will be extremely uncomfortable dealing with you today if you tend to shift your position too often. If you hope to gain their respect and support, you must be steadfast. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't be taken in today by a shrewd manipulator who is crafty enough to make concessions of small value in order to win the real pot.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Team work is absolutely essential today if collective aims are to be fulfilled. Don't let any participant's behavior be a disruptive factor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Objectives will slip by the board today if you and your co-workers engage in too much chatter and too little production. Less talk and more work is the formula that should be used.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Social involvements could be a bit more complicated than usual today. Be mindful of your actions or else you might unintentionally incur unnecessary problems for a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone might offer to help you dispose of a situation today that has been causing you headaches. There might be strings attached, however, and you'll merely trade one problem for another.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you hope to obtain a companion's cooperation and trust today, it's best you put all your cards out on the table. Glossing over facts is a disservice to you and the person you want to involve.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're likely to be astute in commercial matters today, but be on guard anyway, because you might have to deal with someone who is a bit more cunning than anyone you've dealt with previously.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you can neither be too authoritative or condescending when dealing with subordinates. There is a delicate line you'll have to maintain if you hope to be first among your equals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Desirable end results are possible today, but you're likely to catch it from all sides before the final score is tallied. Don't be fainthearted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep the stakes as low as possible if you get involved in some type of game of chance with friends today. Persons who lose will be resentful of the winners.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your thinking might not be in harmony with another's today where a significant goal is concerned. You could be better off going it alone.

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ASTRO-GRAPH



BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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NORTH 2-14-90	
♦ A K J	
♥ 6 4 3	
♦ A 6 3 2	
♣ K 10 5	
WEST	
♦ 8	
♥ 10 9 8 5	
♣ K 10 9 8 4	
♦ Q 7 2	
EAST	
♦ 5 2	
♥ K Q 7 2	
♦ Q J 5	
♣ A J 9 8	
SOUTH	
♦ Q 10 9 7 6 4 3	
♥ A J	
♦ 7	
♣ 6 4 3	
Vulnerable: Neither	
Dealer: South	
South 3 ♦	West Pass
North 4 ♦	East All pass
Opening lead: ♥ 10	

A clever alternative

By James Jacoby

How can you make a trick from K-10-5 facing 6-4-3? You can lead up to the king and hope the ace is well placed. And you can also lead toward that K-10 and hope that the Q-J is in front of the king. So sometimes the 10 will force the ace, and at other times the ace will be in front of the king. Finally you might be able to eliminate some of the defenders' side-suits and get a trick by means of an endplay.

After three spades was raised to four, West led the heart 10. Declarer could readily see that the contract would depend upon making a club trick, but touching that suit could be postponed. So declarer played the jack of hearts under East's queen. East returned a heart. Declarer won, played to dummy's diamond ace and ruffed a diamond, and then led a spade to dummy's ace and ruffed another diamond. A spade to dummy's king was followed by a heart ruff. At this point declarer would have liked to ruff dummy's last diamond, but that was simply not possible. Declarer had to hope that the partial elimination was enough. So declarer played a club and put in dummy's 10-spot. East won the jack but unfortunately had no more diamonds. A heart from East would allow declarer to sluff a club from his hand while ruffing with dummy's jack of spades. And a club from East would be away from the ace, making a trick for dummy's king. Kudos to declarer for playing for the chance that East had started with only three diamonds.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books.

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