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## TOWNSHIPS DIGEST

### More to come later Help on way for farmers

By Rita Legault  
 SHERBROOKE

After three weeks of mounting pressure from farmers, the provincial government Monday announced a program to give farmers a small advance to help them weather the ice storm and its aftermath.

Some 5500 farmers who suffered financial losses due to the ice storm and the blackout that followed will be entitled to a maximum of \$3000 each. Agriculture minister Guy Julien has promised a more complete compensation program will follow.

The advances on compensation payments will cover the cost of renting and operating generators, generator fuel, the cost of repairs necessary for farmers to stay in business, and the cost of cleaning up and repairing damaged trees in sugar bushes.

To be admissible, farmers must be registered with the agriculture ministry and be located in one of the municipalities hit by the storm. They must also have incurred additional expenses to continue their regular activities.

Farmers can obtain compensation cheques at the nearest agriculture office.

Agriculture minister Guy Julien also reassured farmers that a complete compensation program is being discussed with the federal government to provide assistance to those farmers hard hit by the storm.

The storm devastated local maple producers and caused untold stress and financial troubles to other farmers, many of whom have been without power for three weeks and some who can't expect it to be restored for several more weeks.



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## BUSINESS BATTLE



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Kirsty Robertson, an Art History student and the editor of the Bishop's University newspaper, wrote a rousing editorial attacking the Business division. She compares her Humanities classrooms to a concrete bunker, saying her desks are falling apart. She laments the fact she will have no full-time Art History professors this semester, while the Business division will have 16 full-time professors. For more see the Lennoxville Link inside.

## Power outages interrupt classes again

By Rita Legault  
 SHERBROOKE

District of Bedford students got an additional day off Monday as frosty schools and erratic power conditions led the board to send students back home early in the day.

But all of them are expected to be back in school today, joined by students in Clarenceville who will return to school for their first day in weeks.

Most of the students had returned to class last Thursday and Friday except those in Clarenceville where the power was unstable and most families were still in the dark.

Bedford board director Jim Bissell said a final decision will be taken at 5 a.m. this morning, but in principle, things should be back to normal today. But if schools are too cold due to overnight outages, or if there are more blackouts, Bissell said some students may get yet another day off.

One way or the other, students at Massey-Vanier will have classes because generators can be used to heat and power the high school, he added.

Bissell said its unlikely students will miss their March break to make up for lost time during the blackout which kept most of the schools in the district closed for more than two weeks.

But Bissell said a final decision on how and when students will make up lost time won't be determined until all of them are back in school and the situation returns to normal.

"We have to be realistic," he said. "We won't have a stable situation for the rest of the winter. The system in the area that was hard hit is still very fragile and there is still some bad weather on the way in February and March."

Bissell said there will be a minimum of 14 days to make up. Seven can be recuperated rather easily thanks to three days set aside for emergencies and four planning days which can easily be converted into school days.

Bissell said that despite the lack of power and freezing temperatures, damage to district schools was kept to a minimum. Pipes froze and broke at Heroes Memorial in Cowansville causing a mess, but nothing serious compared to damages in Davignon board schools which were forced to remain closed for longer.

Bissell said that the Bedford board's 400 or so employees were paid during the storm and will be called upon to work overtime to compensate for the lost hours.

"In the context, people had enough concerns without worrying about that aspect of things," he said.

# 'Grief is satisfied and carried off by tears' - Ovid The comfort of friends, strangers and tears

It started as a short stroll to the end of the driveway to get the newspaper. I took along my camera to photograph the low-hanging Hydro lines along the road in front of the barn. For two weeks they had intrigued me. Propped up with sticks tied with a collection of yellow and red ribbons flapping in the breeze, from a distance they evoke images of natives performing some ritual.

The day was grey, the temperature refreshing. I began to wander, taking more than 50 photos of the scenes surrounding me.

Then, with no warning, tears began to roll down my cheeks, some dripping down the front of my coat, others nearly freezing as they left the corners of my eyes. Soon I was sobbing. Focusing on the trees splintered, sliced, dipped and bent, many still straining under the weight of ice and snow, I sensed the pain being suffered by maples, birches, beeches, apple trees, lilacs, the butter-nut tree and the two oaks planted by my husband's grandfather. I mourned, discarding the brave face I had worn for two and a half weeks.

This episode of my life is not the easiest to share, but there is a positive side to it. Upon my return home, I consulted two very different resources - a volume of quotations and The Old Farmer's 1998 Almanac, which offered me consolation, and the feeling that I'm not alone.

The quotations which struck me were: "Words that weep and tears that speak," by Abraham Cowley; "Never a tear bedims the eye that time and patience will not dry," by Bret Harte. "Tears are the silent language of grief," by Voltaire; and "It is some relief to weep; grief is satisfied and carried off by tears," by Ovid. Crying seemed to be a much-needed release from the stresses and strains of life without electrical power, another way of coping with the devastation that does not disappear.

What a surprise it was to come across an article entitled, "For Crying Out

Loud (or otherwise)" in the farmer's almanac. In it are such tidbits of information as: not all tears are the same (emotional tears contain prolactin, a hormone that is released during periods of great stress or emotion); crying helps rid the body of too much prolactin which can be toxic, and where you can influence if you cry or don't cry at a particular moment.

As I read the 'Tearjerker Hall of Fame (our nominations for the weepiest movies, books, and music)', I found myself nodding many times. It includes Bambi, The Bridges of Madison County, Homeward Bound, Love Story and Tears in Heaven. I would add Free Willy (1,2 and 3), Tears Are Not Enough, and even Air Bud. My sons are very aware of this sensitivity and are quick to check if the tears have flowed at the end of a movie or TV show that has been emotionally charged. Now, I can smile and say that it's just nature taking its course. Besides male and female tear glands are built differently and women cry four times more often than men. So there! Thanks, Old Farmer's Almanac.

What I was really searching for in the almanac were the weather forecasts for this January, February and March. With so many rumors abounding, I wanted to see for myself. Here are the excerpts for southern Quebec:

"Jan, 1998...4 - 10 Clouds, snowy...  
"Feb, 1998..Temp. -10c (1° below avg.); precip. 50 mm (avg). 1 - 7 Quite cold, flurries. 8 - 10 Snow east. 11-13 Rather mild. 14 - 17 Snow, heavy east. 18 - 20 Occasional snow. 21-25 Sunshine, milder. 26-28 Rain to snow.

"March, 1998...Temp. -4.5° C (2° below avg.); precip. 180 mm (100 mm above avg.) 1 - 4 Cold, flurries. 5 - 7 Rain to Snow. 8 - 12 Cold, occasional snow. 13 - 15 milder, rain. 16 - 20 colder, snowy. 21 - 25 Chilly, flurries. 26 - 31 Heavy snow, cold."

Back to reality, today is day 20 with-



SUSAN MASTINE

out electricity. Kind-hearted folks are still offering us hot meals, showers and gifts of comfort food (chocolate cookies with rainbow slivers brought cheerfulness just looking at them) and batteries. We've had a generator for the past week - the glow of a light bulb does wonders from time to time. As the days pass, we long for hot pancakes and a functioning fridge, showers when we want them, and a binge of watching movies.

Spirits were high on Friday evening as two Hydro trucks pulled up in front of the house to install a pole. Then our optimism plummeted with no further sign of change - no wire, no workers. I was tempted for a while to wrench one of the 'Danger' ribbons off its pole and attach it to the front porch to warn visi-

tors of low spirits and tense nerves. This, too, passes.

The concerned and anxious thoughtfully enquire as to our status. A Record reader from L'Avenir phoned Saturday to say he shares what we are going through. Strangers are reaching out to strangers.

While we wait for our electricity to be restored, I mull over the kinds of sign I might create to announce the return of our paper. It's much easier to come up with phrases to describe our current (no pun intended) situation:

- will someone please turn on the lights?
- Day 20 & still counting...
- Rural folks need electricity too - for their livelihood, their sanity & their well-being
- Hydroless, but not powerless - yet.



Broken poles still mark the landscape.

SUSAN MASTINE

## TODAY'S WEATHER



REGIONAL FORECASTS		MAX	MIN
Sherbrooke	Mnly Sunny	M12	M14
Thetford Mines	Mnly Sunny	M14	M16
Cowansville	Incrq Cls	M10	M12
Richmond	Mnly Sunny	M13	M15
Stanstead	Mnly Sunny	M10	M12
Lac Megantic	Mnly Sunny	M14	M16

Outlook for the Eastern Townships for Wednesday:  
Cloudy with clear periods and 30 per cent probability of flurries, max minus 3  
Environment Canada: The source of the weather

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## Highgate supplier collapses

## Hydro hiccups are unpredictable

By Sylvia Warden  
SHERBROOKE

It seems like it's one step forward, two steps back for Hydro-Québec as crews work frantically to repair the province's power system.

Customers in Bedford, Cowansville, Farnham, Iberville and St-Sébastien mulling over their morning coffee got a jolt at 7:30 a.m., when once again they became unplugged. Within eight hours, Hydro reported power had been restored to almost all of its 18,000 customers in the area.

"For no apparent reason this breaker came on and all the power coming from Highgate (substation in Vermont) fell down," said Denis Archambault, a public relations officer for Hydro-Québec. "It's repaired since 9 a.m. this morning (Monday). Power is coming back a bit at a time."

The shutdown came without warning to Hydro officials who have worked out an elaborate system of supplying power to its customers. In this region where people have already spent more than two weeks in the cold and the dark before having power restored midway through last week, Hydro's power is coming from an unlike source: the U.S.

Usually an importer of Canadian hydroelectric power, the U.S., in particular, the Highgate substation in Vermont, is feeding this area of the "Triangle of Darkness" through the back door.

The power source begins near the Stanstead substation close to Magog and runs to Highgate which then directs it back into Quebec and thousands of homes.

Also involved in this patchwork plan to keep the current flowing in the Mon-

térégie region is load-shedding, the act of cutting power from one neighborhood in order to restore it to another. Archambault said customers in the Granby area should be through with their share of it but the news is not as encouraging for residents of Brome Lake.

It will continue, Archambault said. "There's not enough power to respond to the demand."

The system in the area is running on 80 megawatts, up from a pre-blackout 60 megawatts, up to a maximum of 120 megawatts, if necessary. When officials see a rise in demand, they must act fast and cut power from others to ensure that the entire system does not blow, Archambault said. The unpredictability, coupled with the speed needed to run the system, make it impossible for Hydro to inform customers of when power will be interrupted, Archambault said.

He estimates 80 per cent of the repairs have been completed thanks to the efforts of 250 Hydro workers from Quebec, Massachusetts, Michigan and New Jersey that have been in Farnham since Jan. 21. The crews are working an average of 14 hours per day but, quitting time came early on Sunday. "They came back at 4:30 (p.m.) so they could watch the Super Bowl," Archambault said with a laugh.

In addition, more crews were expected to arrive Monday afternoon. Archambault expects the workers to remain in the area through the weekend.

Meanwhile, Hydro said it will be Feb. 7 before the entire network is repaired. That's two weeks later than Hydro-Québec's self-imposed deadline of Jan.



PERRY BEATON/CORRESPONDENT

Hydro officials now say it will be Feb. 7 before the entire network is repaired.

25 to have the system up and running. Mindful of earlier promises, Archambault said, "By Feb. 7 we'll have enough time to reconstruct the line between Saint-Césaire and Farnham and I think, I'm not promising, but I think that we can have the distribution lines repaired by then."

"By Feb. 7 it should be 99.99 per cent restored."

## Program helps match workers with employers

Staff  
SHERBROOKE

Farmers in need of a helping hand, mayors who need their parks cleared of trees and businesses who need help cleaning up following the ice storm can turn to the federal government for help.

Under an existing Work Sharing Program, money is available from Ottawa to pay the salary of emergency workers brought in for infrastructure work to municipalities and farms.

Those in need of an extra set of hands should drop by the Human Resource Centre of Canada in their community to fill out an application and within a few days, depending on how many people apply, a response will be given.

"But it's very hard not to be accepted," said Elizabeth Gasser, special riding assistant to Brome-Missisquoi M.P. Denis Paradis.

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## Royal-Montreal bombshell has other big banks discussing mergers

# Bank merger talk heats up

By Bertrand Marotte  
SOUTHAM NEWS  
TORONTO

They aren't quite running into each other's arms yet, but the remaining big banks are busy assessing their options in light of the proposed mega-merger of Royal Bank of Canada

and Bank of Montreal.

Specifically, talk of one previously abandoned deal has resurfaced.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce held talks in late 1996 to buy the parent company of the country's largest trust, Canada Trust, but were abandoned because the proposed deal did not win the

federal government's blessing.

CIBC spokesman Paul Howard wasn't commenting Monday on any aspects of past, present or possible future merger discussions, but he said: "Everybody was legitimately surprised by this (last Friday's announcement of the Royal-Montreal agreement). There is obviously some thinking that has to go on."

The issue of Canada's big banks getting bigger will likely be raised at Bank of Nova Scotia's annual meeting Tuesday in Ottawa and at Toronto-Dominion's shareholder gathering in Calgary Wednesday.

The banks are already under fire for last year's record \$7.5-billion in combined profits and skyrocketing executive compensation.

"I'm sure shareholders will want to be heard (on mergers)," said David Livingston, a senior vice-president at TD.

"How can you have one of the most significant events in banking occur and not have it talked about at the meeting?"

Michael Goldberg, an analyst with HSBC James Capel Canada Inc. in Toronto, says high anticipation is in the air on Bay Street as bankers muse about different merger scenarios, with each other or with foreign-based operations, but he has yet to hear of any hard-nosed strategy-planning.

CIBC chairman and chief executive officer Al Flood is on record as favoring a government policy that allows the Big Six chartered banks to merge in order to face giant new global competitors in a newly deregulated, technologically driven industry.

Combined assets of the new Royal-Montreal mega-bank, for example, would be \$330-billion US, compared with \$752-billion US at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. and \$595-billion US at recently combined Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank.

CIBC is the country's second-largest bank (Royal and Montreal are No. 1 and No. 3 respectively) and it might well decide it has the most to lose in the event the Royal-Montreal deal wins regulatory and shareholder approval.

The smaller banks - Scotia, TD and National Bank of Canada - have shown less enthusiasm for the notion, given the fact

they could well be swallowed up.

Ottawa's approach so far has been an informal policy that "big shall not buy big," largely on anti-competitive grounds, and that is believed to have been the basis for rejecting the CIBC-Canada Trust proposal.

Royal and Montreal did not follow CIBC's game plan, instead deciding to first publicly announce the merger proposal and then informing Finance Minister Paul Martin after Friday's early-morning shock news release hit the wires.

A visibly angry Martin announced last Friday that no decision will be made on the Royal-Montreal deal until a report from the federal task force on the future of financial services has been tabled in September.

In an interim report released last summer, the task force said the government should ease off on its big-not-buying-big policy and examine each case on its merits, but it did not comment on the specific issue of two big banks merging.

Harold MacKay, the Regina lawyer who heads up the task force, played down reports that some members of his team are irked by what they feel is a brazen move by Royal and Montreal to push the agenda on bank reform.

But he added that their blockbuster announcement will ensure "considerable further public debate on this topic."

The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, which must rule on the prudential and solvency aspects of any merger, didn't give the banks any comfort when it announced Monday it will also wait for the task-force report before taking any action "with respect to this or similar proposals."

An OSFI spokesman said the decision to hold off on a ruling was not influenced by the hot political issue that big banking has become.

"We don't want to get caught making a recommendation and then seeing the (banking) rules changed a few months later. Then what would we do?," said Andre Girard.

"In the absence of an absolute prohibition against this happening I suspect all the banks will be looking at the options they have."

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435 towns still without power

# Hydro getting help from Ontario, U.S.

By Rita Legault  
SHERBROOKE

As climatologists forecasted the coldest night of the winter with lows hovering around -28 Celsius, about 150,000 Quebecers were still without power late Monday night.

During the afternoon, about 70,000 clients were still awaiting power in Quebec, most of them in the Eastern Townships. Hydro was hoping to restore power to about 8000 customers throughout the day leaving just over 60,000 homes in the dark.

Hydro spokeswoman Marie-Claude Trottier said that some 175 Hydro-electric teams from the United States and Ontario, and 125 Hydro-Québec crews from throughout the province were ex-

pected to arrive in the Townships area Monday to give overworked Hydro crews a break and to continue the mammoth task of rebuilding the distribution system which was hard hit by the ice storm.

In some areas of the "triangle of darkness", hundreds of poles were toppled by the accumulation of ice cutting power to hundreds of residents in many municipalities. Elsewhere only a few poles tumbled disconnecting pockets of a few homes here and there.

Trottier said crews were working hard to re-establish power in areas where the largest number of customers were affected. Despite repeated demands by municipalities and customers wanting to know when they could ex-

pect service, she said it was difficult to predict exactly where and when the power would be returned.

She said municipalities are being kept informed of the progress in areas where crews have started to arrive and that elsewhere clients can call customer service for a prediction on when power will be restored in their neighborhoods.

Hydro crews began arriving in L'Avenir this morning and the utility hoped power would be restored to clients there as soon as possible. Hydro also expected power to be fully restored to the industrial sector of Drummondville.

"That's a good sign," Trottier said, adding that the reactivation of the St-Césaire station in the wee hours Mon-

day morning, hooked up thousands of clients and stabilized the network in the Granby area.

Restoring power to the area led to many power surges and interruptions throughout the day throughout Brome-Missisquoi, but Trottier said things should be back to normal on Tuesday.

As power is restored to some municipalities, teams will be redeployed to other area municipalities to continue the effort to get everyone back on line as soon as possible.

In all, some 1300 teams divided into some 33 missions are working to fully restore power to some 435 municipalities where some homes are still in the dark.

Encourages a growing public disgust with government

# Sex scandal further erodes aura of presidency

By Norma Greenaway  
SOUTHAM NEWS  
WASHINGTON

Psst! Did you hear the one about Clinton and the Pope. They both die on the same day, and due to a mixup the Pope goes to hell and Clinton goes to heaven. Upon discovering the mistake, a distraught St. Peter asks God to arrange the Pope's relocation to heaven. He does and also offers the Pope a special wish to make up for his stint with Satan. The Pope says he's always wanted to meet the Virgin Mary - a wish swiftly granted. But when the Pope enters Mary's heavenly chambers, she looks at him and says: "You're a day too late."

So goes just one of many irreverent jokes making the rounds as allegations about the U.S. president's White House sex-capades with a young intern rock around the clock in bars, restaurants, in the mainstream and tabloid media, and on the Internet. In-between, there is the name-the-scandal contest. Hot entries include tailgate, zippergate and fornicate.

No question, it's open season on the presidency, inflicting new damage on a once-revered office that analysts say has suffered a steady erosion in public esteem since the Vietnam war era. In the earlier part of the 20th century, it would have been unpatriotic to criticize U.S. presidents, they say. The public saw their presidents as commanders-in-chief who led them through two world wars and the Cold War.

Now, the gloves are off as never before. The world is witnessing a no-holds-barred treatment of the presidency by media running what some consider x-rated news items about everything from the president's apparent preference for oral sex to the reported existence of a semen-stained dress.

Never mind that Clinton has flatly denied having sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky and asking her to lie about their alleged affair under oath in connection with the Paula Jones sexual harassment case against the president. Never mind, Lewinsky's lawyer has said there is no such dress. And never mind, the bloated media beast of the 1990s is fed on unsubstantiated rumors, leaked sealed testimony, partial excerpts from illegally obtained tapes, and a cast of questionable characters, most of whom were nobodies before the scandal erupted last Wednesday.

No outlet risks missing a beat, as evidenced by the 24-hour vigils by journalists and camera crews outside the White House, the offices of the independent prosecutor, Clinton's lawyer, Lewinsky's lawyer, the Watergate apartments where the former intern is closeted with her mother, and the residence of informer Linda Tripp in nearby Columbia, Maryland.

"It (the scandal) is out of control because it's titillating," says Peter Kuznick, a specialist in American culture at American University in Washington. "This is the biggest public discussion of sex this country has ever had. And it greatly contributes to the erosion (of the office of the president) no matter how it comes out."

Clinton's political woes stand out from previous presidential scandals because it revolves around questions of personal integrity, as opposed to issues of national security, illegal arms dealing

and covert foreign wars, Kuznick says.

Kuznick adds it plays into an American obsession with sex. He noted a recent national survey that reported the average American has only 58 sexual experiences a year and concluded: "What's interesting is, it's a sexually obsessed country, but it's not a sexually active country."

Media analyst Kathleen Hall Jamieson says there is no precedent for what's happening. "When you have mainstream journals and television talking about a president's sexual preferences, you realize we've really crossed a line," she says. "Normally, we are not concerned at that biological level. This obviously demystifies the presidency in unparalleled ways."

But is it the death knell for a still-present deference here and abroad for the office of the U.S. presidency? Not necessarily, she and others say. They agree, however, it will encourage a growing public disgust with government, its institutions, and the gap between politicians and the people they are elected to represent.

"It reinforces an already high level of cynicism about high officials," says Kuznick. "There already is a very low regard for public officials, most of whom are considered just a cut above child molesters."

Jamieson, dean of the Annenberg School of Communications in Philadelphia, contends the "presumption of guilt" in the coverage will backfire on the media if Clinton's denials are not disproven. "The press is going to pay the

price," she argues. "I think a portion of the public would like the news media to be very careful in trafficking allegations about the president of the United States."

That clearly isn't happening, says Larry Sabato, a professor at the University of Virginia who has written about the role of the media in American politics.

"It's the media frenzy of all times and it's completely unprecedented," he says. "The coverage has outrun the facts. It's a horrible thing. At the least, it will damage the president if he survives until 2001."

In the meantime, appeals for restraint have started to filter through the "rush to judgment," as Sabato puts it. Predictions by some pundits that Clinton would resign as early as this week seemed to shock many.

Democrats and Republicans alike, undoubtedly spurred to a good degree by their own interests, were asking the media to slow down and let the facts catch up to the allegations.

Democrats are watching out for their own political skins with the November congressional elections looming. Republicans are keenly aware they can afford silence when the enemy might be in the process of self-destructing. Indeed, what is being said is verging on gracious. Listen to Republican Representative Henry Hyde, chairman of the House judiciary committee which would inherit any impeachment proceeding.

"I think Mr. Clinton won two elections, and I think the public had some questions. But they still elected him. People say they vote Dow Jones. Not Paula Jones."

"This is the biggest public discussion of sex this country has ever had. And it greatly contributes to the erosion (of the office of the president) no matter how it comes out."

COMMUNITY FORUM

# City folks flip a switch, farmers flick a match

When Hugh McLennan observed that Quebecers were really two populations sharing the same province, but not the same culture, he could not have imagined that his words would ever be so often used to describe us, but for entirely different reasons. Under 'normal' circumstances, Record readers would not be surprised to find this to be my lead in to another diatribe on the nationalist / federalist solitudes, but not today, thanks.

Today, as I see it, Quebecers still constitute two solitudes, all right, but we are divided now between the 'haves' and 'have-nots.' The haves have electricity; the have-nots haven't.

This is the morning of January 26 - the day by which all Quebecers were to be reconnected, according to Hydro-Québec. (After the nationalized utility realized the 25th was impossible, that is.) For some of us, this is day nineteen. For my friends nearer Drummondville, day twenty-one.

Yes, we are the have-nots. Lights all around us, but not here on the hill.

The electrician has been here and put the mast back ( well, a new mast actually) and the magic yellow sheet that tells HQ that all is ready by hanging a plastic bag on the meter as instructed, but still unobserved by anyone but me. In fact, if a hydro truck should appear, I'm not sure I'll recognize it, it's been so long since I've seen one.

I know, I know. If Hydro-Québec has a choice between lighting a kilometer with two hundred paying clients and a kilometer with six or eight, economics tells us who will come first, but when we burn our smashed trees to keep from freezing

and the bingo hall and bowling alley run full tilt, a certain feeling of abandonment tends to set in.

When I was a kid, it was just expected that those who lived in town flipped a switch to light a room while their farming uncles and aunts struck matches, but some of us have adjusted to a more equitable distribution of privileges. (After fifty years or so, it's bound to happen.)

VIEWPOINT

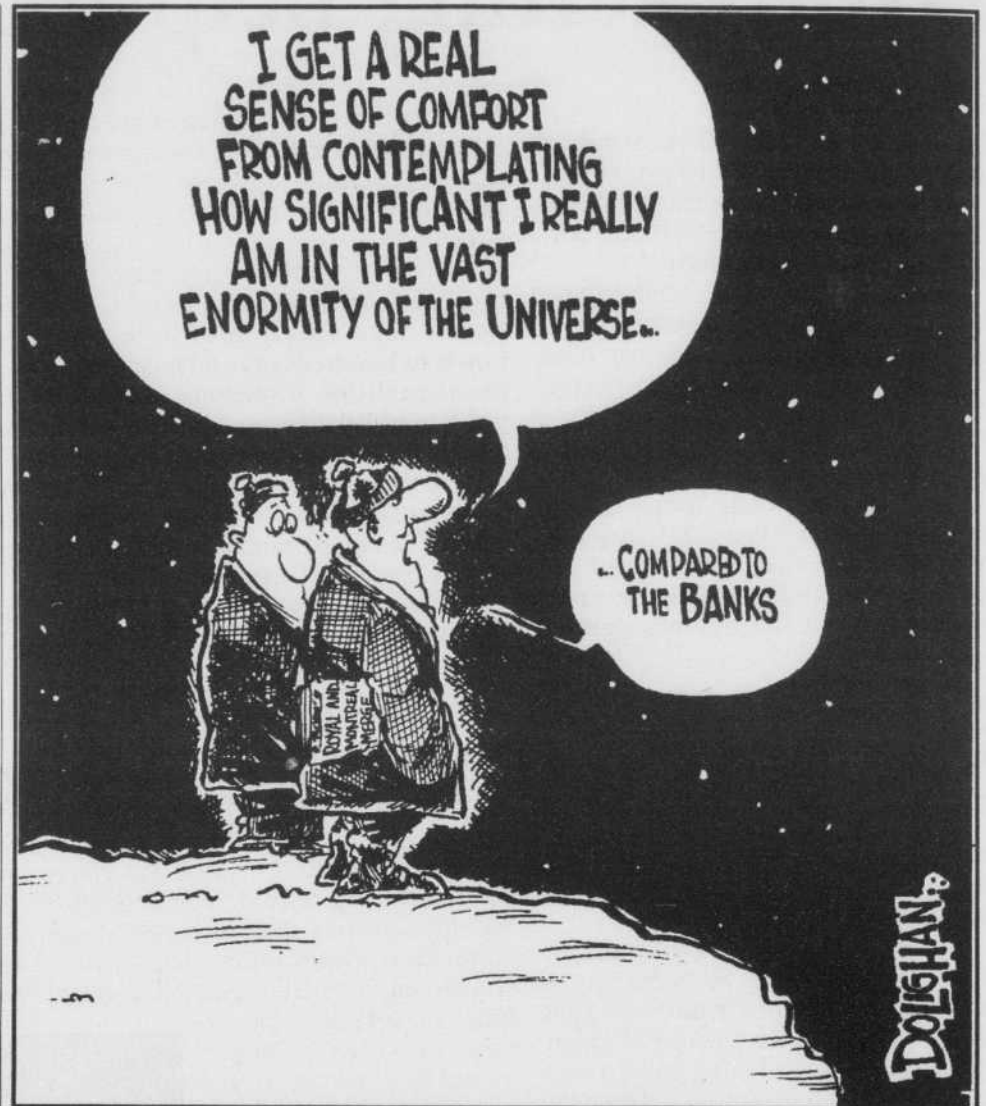
DON HEALY

But we've been jolted out of our complacency and I hope our urban relatives will forgive us for thinking that we who live outside the town limits deserve services too.

Yes, it seems that in the Eastern Townships, at least, the 'haves' are urbanites and the rurals are 'have-nots.' Nothing serious about that, of course, so what if a farmer has to spend thousands on generators and fuel to run them. As long as the milk gets to the stove coolers - at the same old price - all's well with the world. So what if the property value drops because every tree thereon is damaged, perhaps beyond survival.

Sorry, folks, but I'm just beginning to feel a little put upon knowing that one wire off five or six perfectly vertical poles is all that keeps a family of four in the dark. I appreciate that a black triangle within sight of a brightly lit city is serious, for some deadly serious, but when I hear rumors about volunteer crews from the states and Ontario being sent home and reports that the army is off duty while my road is ignored by Hydro-Quebec, overlooked by the army and no different from what it was when the rain stopped, I get a little edgy.

Thanks for you indulgence folks. I feel better now.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## More news – less crosswords

Dear Editor,

What kind of a contract have you got yourselves into re-crosswords - looks as though storm or flood you have to publish six crosswords, fifty-two weeks per year, or a total of 312 Crosswords.

I can accept one per each day of papers published. At one time due to a holiday etc., in one day's publication there were four crosswords or does the Record use these to increase page content. One crossword = 1/2 page, four crosswords = 2 pages.

Re sports: I hope you have a large number of subscribers from Bishop's students and/or sports fans. Extent of sports news in Record consists of Bishops and Faucons. Has your sports editor, if you have such a person, ever heard of The Montreal Canadiens of the N.H.L. and at least from time to time publish Canadian's position in their section of the league, or do you not subscribe to this information?

Please, a little more news and less crosswords. Not much of a challenge to look from top half of page to bottom to get answers.

JOHN E. MORGAN  
Sherbrooke

Have you put a gag order on Moss Gingras of Lennoxville and Mr. Healy of Richmond who would from time to time express their dissatisfaction with The Record or do you no longer respect criticism?

Ed Note: We welcome criticism - especially when it's constructive.

## Firefighters did a great job

Dear Editor,

I'm sure that everyone joins me to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts to the firemen of Bedford and Bedford Township. It was just great how they went from door to door to be sure everyone was taken to a safe warm place. At the stations anyone could go for a hot shower or food. Fire chief Ralph Tilman and his crew were terrific working 24 hours a day. One whom really impressed me was my grandson Brian who besides pumping out basements etc., traveled long distances three days in a row to bring back generators to help people. I do hope your departments receive many donations for such a worthy cause.

Thanks and bravo to all!

BERTHA COREY  
Bedford Resident

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STREET TALK

*What two things did you learn from the ice storm?*

Interviewer and photographer: Angélique Côté, Record intern



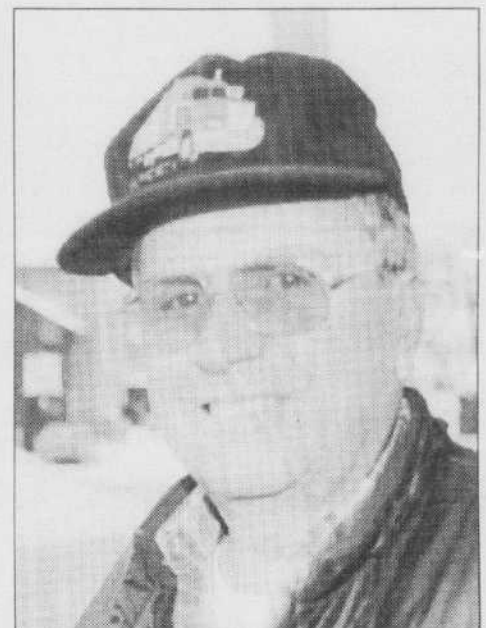
Margaret Huffman, Lennoxville: People weren't prepared. I live here on a farm in Lennoxville when we lost power and I was very comfortable with the fireplace.



Alex McLean, Lennoxville: One thing is we are too dependent on electricity. For example, I didn't receive my pay from Montreal for two weeks. I wait! I guess we're not prepared! My family was touched by it in Montreal. They didn't have power for 14 days.



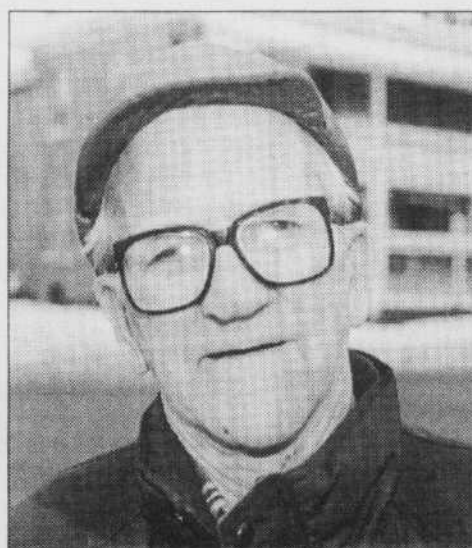
Kay MacDonald, Lennoxville: We don't have enough resources. The situation bothers me when we don't have any heat and light.



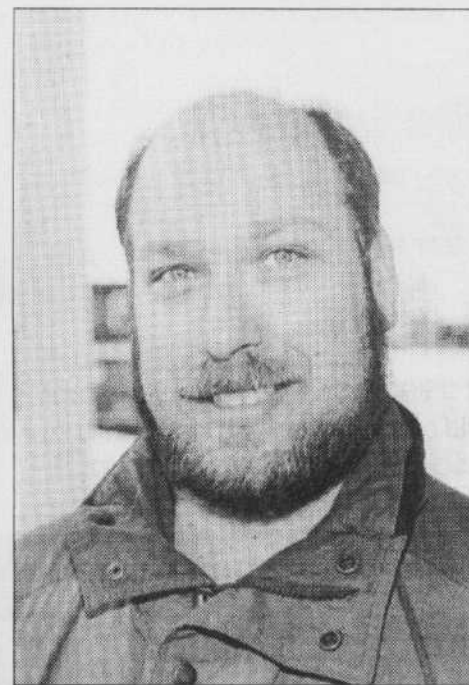
Trevor Wilson, Lennoxville: We were very lucky here! But the two things that we learned it is save energy and be more prepared: Battery, woods, candles, generators."



Mr. Harrison, Lennoxville: To have a wood stove! They did a pretty good job. I'm happy about the organization and the shelters!



Mr. MacDonald, Lennoxville: To be better prepared next time! And don't go out unless its necessary!



Robert Blanchet, Lennoxville: We're not prepared enough when disaster and tragedy happens. Everybody can help together. I'm proud of it.



Frank Smith, Milby: We are dependent on electricity! I can't imagine that simple ice can do that.

'In the short term, take an inventory of damages'

# How to begin taking care of your trees



By Joanne Flanagan  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
DUDSWELL

**C**urrent theories about the fate of trees damaged by the ice storm vary about as much as there are people. Some say they're finished - the maples and the tamarack stands certainly seem to be in many places, as well as birches that still touch the ground.

Some argue that the younger trees, those which have not yet grown to their full height, will still be able to grow come spring, whereas the mature centenarians, although they may flower and produce seeds and leaves, will die within a few years, depending on how much

foliage is left to sustain them. Some fear the excess sap flowing out of the gashes left from broken branches will rob the affected trees of their energy. And most agree that if you seal large wounds with pitch, humidity and fungus will eventually rot the exposed wounds. Some, however, plan to cut the gashes on cherished house trees just below the wounds, in the hope they will grow over and heal the same as a pruned limb would. Others say this might work if the wound is neither too deep nor too close to the trunk.

Still others have tried, in spite of advice to the contrary, gently shaking the ice off smaller trees and gradually straightening bent trees, even training them with rope, if necessary, a little tighter every day.

The rest of us, having picked up and salvaged whatever firewood we can from the limbs that littered our yards, are now

waiting, watching and hoping spring will soon bring the usual blossoms and buds and that healthy leaves will eventually follow.

But what about all the farmers who own entire woodlots full of ice-damaged trees? How does one begin to restore devastated forests to the safe, well-balanced ecosystems they'd been for generations?

"First of all, be very, very careful. Never walk alone in the woods and, of course, wear a safety helmet. Even if the ice has melted in some places, be cautious of the falling branches. It is still very dangerous," said Charles Eugène Bergeron of the Quebec Ministry of Agriculture.

"In the short term, take an inventory of damages. Maple syrup producers should document the damage with photos or video cameras. Try to locate on a cadastral map, if possible, the place and direction from which photos were taken to better help assess the damages."

Other forest owners are advised to wait and see what spring brings before cutting any trees, but maple syrup producers soon have to decide which trees to tap this year and, in some cases, whether to tap at all.

"If they consider a tree so damaged that they get just one season's flow of sap, and that next year might be jeopardized, then they shouldn't tap that tree in order to avoid the expenses involved in replacing a system collapsed under ice," said Bergeron.

"It's not official, but there's a rule of thumb," he added. "If the additional expense of clearing branches and repairing damaged pipeline is not paid for by the profit margin you'd have from a small year of syrup, don't do it."

He said there's another way to look at it.

"If the equivalent of about a third of the whole maple forest canopy has fallen (don't do it). There's a gray zone, between one-third and two-thirds, where it's your judgment. But don't just look at one tree or another, look at the whole canopy. If there's over two-thirds damaged trees, then the production potential is jeopardized for the next few years. In some cases, it's a matter of decades."

He said producers have to calculate the resulting density of taps.

"If you usually have 100 taps per acre, and it's dropped to 50, just to maintain the operation will jeopardize long-term production. The rule of thumb is, 'If there's over two-thirds damage, forget it for now'."

Bergeron said in choosing which trees to tap, "obviously bucket producers are quite lucky. It's a matter of ease of circulation among fallen branches."

He advises all to focus their efforts on less damaged areas of the stand.

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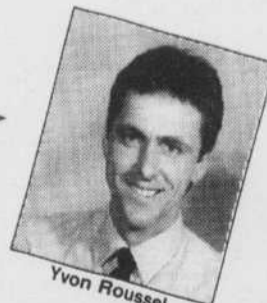
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"Within several days, every agricultural producer - dairy, swine, beef, not only maple syrup producers - will receive a paper to fill out to declare the damages done to trees by the ice storm," said Charles Eugène Bergeron of Quebec's Agriculture Ministry.

## Conference for maple syrup producers to be held Wednesday in St-Alphonse-de-Granby

### Trees:

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Producers should also be patient. "Before doing anything else, anyone who has maple trees on their land should wait," he said, for more technical advice from the government.

"Within several days, every agricultural producer - dairy, swine, beef, not only maple syrup producers - will receive a paper to fill out to declare the damages done to trees by the ice storm."

The form will be bilingual and will be returned to the Ministry of Agriculture so they can summarize the results and, with the Conseil de Trésorier, measure the economic impact so ministers will be able to decide what kind of compensation program would be feasible.

The government "will help put maple stands back into production potential," said Bergeron.

The Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources is planning a series of information sessions to be held in towns throughout areas hit by the ice storm. The meetings are intended to help woodlot owners learn how to assess damages and proceed in their forestry management in order to preserve the nature of the forests.

Human Resources Development Canada has taken special measures to set up a program for subsidizing the hiring of

people on employment insurance or welfare to do the job of clearing the woods.

"The problem is that skilled people are not so easy to find. The unskilled worker might be well intentioned, but could also be dangerous, maybe cutting the wrong branch so that it falls and breaks another branch," he said. "If a producer hires people, they must be supervised very closely, either by the producer or by an experienced lumberjack. And it's a good idea to consult a forestry counsellor."

More accurate and detailed information will be available for maple syrup producers at a conference to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Érablière La Grillade in St-Alphonse-de-Granby.

"The schedule is different than the one originally planned: There will be two presentations on the impact of the ice storm damages on maple trees - one by a researcher from Ste-Foy, Gabriel Roy, a tree physiologist and maple stand ecologist; the second presentation will be by Gaston Allard about the impact of the frozen rain damages on sugar bush exploitation," Bergeron explained.

He said the floor will also be open to the audience to ask questions.

For now, Bergeron advised producers to simply take an accurate inventory of damages.

"But whenever you walk in the woods, never walk alone. One life is worth more than a hundred barrels of syrup."



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# East Coast awards go from grit to glitz

By Graeme Hamilton  
SOUTHAM NEWS  
HALIFAX

Viewers who switch on Sunday's live broadcast of the East Coast Music Awards will see an event as polished as the statuettes given to winners. There will be the obligatory witty host (Rick Mercer of *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*), a live Halifax audience numbering around 8,000 and performances by stars including Ashley MacIsaac and Rita MacNeil.

It's a far cry from the event's gritty 1989 debut, when a few hundred people packed a Halifax nightclub and the hosts received a few cases of beer for their troubles. As a Maritimer might say, "You've come a long way, buddy."

But as the awards celebrate their 10th year with their biggest, glitziest party ever, some people are worried the event is losing its soul.

"Progress, in my opinion, is not always the best thing," Sheri Jones, who manages Ashley MacIsaac, Laura Smith and other artists, said recently. "Maybe an event like this comes to a point where what you're trying to do is keep that cozy, down-to-earth, Maritime feeling. Maybe we don't want it to be the biggest event in Canada. Maybe we just want it to be the best."

Nobody disputes that the awards have worked wonders for the East Coast music industry, leading to major record deals and international recognition for performers like MacIsaac, the Rankins and Great Big Sea. And they've become an important economic force in their own right; last year's awards in Moncton, N.B. pumped \$3.3 million into the local economy.

Tony Kelly, chairman of the association that stages the annual awards, never dreamed the event would have such an impact when he first got involved in 1990. In the first year, the judges had about 20 releases to choose from; this year the total was more than 200.

"It's a huge, huge marketing tool for the whole area," Kelly said. "Talent from the East Coast is traveling literally around the world now. This is a way to spread the word to the masses."

Few people have spread the word as energetically as Sam Sniderman, owner of Sam the Record Man. Sniderman sits on the board of the East Coast Music Association, and his retail chain is nominated this year in the outstanding company category.



The nominees of East Coast music awards depict the identity crisis it is going through... In one corner you have Sarah McLachlan (above), Anne Murray and Roch Voisine, all of whom were born in the region but left to pursue their careers, competing against people like Laura Smith, Mary Jane Lamond and Lennie Gallant, big names in Atlantic Canada but still waiting to break through outside the region.

Sniderman can't wait to visit Halifax for the awards. "It's really going to be jumping," he said from his office in Toronto.

But he also acknowledges concerns that the awards are in danger of straying from their roots. "That's my fear as I sit at the board table. I take that up maybe twice a year," he said. "I was with the Junos right from their beginning ... and now it's not what it started out to be and it's not what it should be, and I don't want the East Coast Music Awards to do that."

A look at this year's nominees provides a glimpse of the identity crisis tearing at the event.

In one corner you have Sarah McLach-

lan, Anne Murray and Roch Voisine, all of whom were born in the region but left to pursue their careers. Competing against them are people like Laura Smith, Mary Jane Lamond and Lennie Gallant, big names in Atlantic Canada but still waiting to break through outside the region.

McLachlan, whose hit album *Surfacing* also picked up three Grammy nominations this year, leads the list of nominees with seven. She grew up in Halifax but now calls Vancouver home, and she won't be able to attend the awards.

Jones has only praise for McLachlan, remembering how she paid her own way back from Vancouver to perform at the inaugural awards show.

"When we started the event it was necessary to include the names of people like Sarah who had left the region because they had no other options. There was not an industry here to support them," she said. But times have changed, and Jones feels the awards should be reserved for musicians working in the region.

"Sarah's nominated for Grammys. She could clean up here, and it's really not going to make a speck of difference. I think the room should be made for up-and-coming artists," she said.

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# Women's Institute meeting

RICHMOND HILL

The November meeting was held at the home of Eurith Mason and Elaine Mason with all 12 of our members present - a record.

President Edith Farant welcomed everyone, and lead in the repeating of the Collect. The program for this meeting was read by the President.

Motto: You cannot enjoy the harvest without first laboring in the fields! Roll call: Suggestions to make money - buy a poppy. Program: Make plans for December meeting. Everyone bought poppies.

Minutes were read by secretary Bernice Beattie, and accepted. Correspondence: Thank you letter from Centre Benevolent de Richmond.

Treasurer Lillian Johnston reported-paying school tax to Protestant and Catholic School Boards.

Conveners' reports: Agriculture: Pearl Kydd gave her annual report.

Canadian Industries: Edna Smith gave her annual report.

Citizenship and Legislation: Ruth Blanchette sold poppies.

Education and Cultural: No report.

Home Economics and Health: Lois Enright spoke about someone being needed to teach "cross stitch" at St. Francis School.

International Affairs: Mary Lockwood reported on Seamen Shoe Boxes to be sent on to county. 105 squares were sent.

Publicity: Bernice Beattie sent report of October meeting to The Record.

Pennies for Friendship: Elaine Mason collected. Sunshine: Nellie Davidson sent a get well card to Mrs. Lillian Curtis in St. Eustache, Que., and a sympathy card to Mrs. Jean Storry.

New Business: Bring program to next meeting for new year. Program book: Conveners' reports in to County by middle of November.

Theresa Watt has donated some prizes for our social evening, tickets to be sold and price set.

Mary Lockwood to take care of Seamen's Shoe Boxes.

Plans for December meeting changed with lunch after business meeting at Nellie Davidson's house on Dec. 2.

A latch hooked rug has been donated by Elaine Mason, and a drawing on it will be held at December meeting.

President adjourned meeting and a social time was held over a lunch provided by Eurith and Elaine Mason. A group picture was taken, as we were all present for the first time.

We held our December 2 meeting at the home of Mrs. Nellie Davidson's with 11 members present. Meeting opened in the usual manner.

Motto: Begin bravely and believe; aspire greatly and achieve. Roll call: Name your favorite Christmas carol. Program: Election of officers - convener's reports were given by some. Secretary read minutes and they were accepted.

Treasurer's report for the year was given and accepted. Motion to pay bills - report on a successful social evening and drawing on rug - Hydro bill paid.

Treasurer's books were audited by Mrs. Edna Smith and found correct.

Education Convener: Edith Farant displayed the "Fan Quilt", rose material in lining and sashing. Price was set on quilt.

International Affairs: Mary Lockwood reported five Seamen's Shoe Boxes and two large bags of clothing were sent to County convener to be taken to Quebec City (for Christmas) to the Port.

Sunshine: Nellie Davidson sent cards to Connie Whittingham in hospital, and a sympathy card to Darleen Doyle. A sunshine basket to Nickie Mason, and Murray Lockwood, as both have been ill. Pennies for Friendship were collected by Elaine Mason. The lucky winner of the 'latch hooked rug' was Mrs. Ruth Lester.

Lois Enright took the chair for Elections of Officers as follows:

Past President: Edith Farant; President: Lois Enright; 1st Vice: Nellie Davidson; 2nd Vice: Pearl Kydd; Secretary: Bernice Beattie; Treasurer: Lillian Johnston; Conveners: Agriculture: Pearl Kydd; Canadian Industries: Edna Smith; Citizenship and Legislation: Ruth Blanchette; Education and Cultural: Edith Farant; Home Economics and Health: Lois Enright; International Affairs: Marie Therese de Romer; Publicity: Bernice Beattie; Sunshine: Nellie Davidson; Pennies for Friendship: Elaine Mason.

Motion was made by Edith Farant, seconded by Edna Smith to accept this slate of officers. Carried. President Elect Lois Enright took the chair.

New business: Four members with perfect attendance: Edith Farant, Lillian Johnston, Mary Lockwood and Elaine Mason. Program to be in by January 6.

County annual meeting Feb. 21, 9:30 a.m. to be held at St. Anne's Church Hall, Richmond.

Meeting adjourned and social time spend over lunch.

Submitted by  
Bernice Beattie

## Birth

**MORIN-LANCASTER** - Danny and Heidi and big brother Matthew are proud to announce the arrival of Steven Raymond, 8 lbs 1 oz on January 5, 1998 at CUSE. Proud grandparents are Jerome and Dorothy Morin and Raymond and Marjorie Lancaster.

## Card of Thanks

**OLSSON** - I would like to thank my family, relatives and friends for all the phone calls and lovely cards of sympathy I recieved in the passing away of my dear sister, Hazel Provis of Vernon, B.C. on December 24, 1997. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. God bless you all.

ARLENE OLSSON

## In Memoriam

**NUGENT, Murray** - In loving memory of our dear husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather who passed away on January 27, 1993.

The special years will not return  
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**PAIGE, Franklin** - In cherished memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away January 27, 1996. Sadly missed and always remembered  
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We who loved them, sadly miss them,  
But trust in God to meet again,  
Always in our hearts

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## Memorial Service

**HARVEY** - The memorial service for Mr. Edward Harvey will be held in the United Church in Rock Island, Saturday, February 7, 1998. Donations to the United Church would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

## Deaths

**CHUTE, Dorothy** - After a brief illness, at the B.M.P. Hospital, Cowansville, Que., on Monday, January 26, 1998, Dorothy Shaughnessy in her 86th year. Beloved wife of the late Cecil Chute. Dear mother of Doreen (Paul), Shirley (Murray), Dale (Shirley), Allen (Jane) and the late Curtis (Claudia). Cherished grandmother of 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Also survived by three brothers and three sisters. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., where friends may call on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and where funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 1998 at 11 a.m. Rev. James Potter officiating. Spring interment in Johnville Cemetery. In her memory, donations to Rose des Vents de l'Estrie, 950 Haut-Bois, Rock Forest, Que. J1N 2C8, would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

**GROENEWOLD, Katherine** - Peacefully at St. Francis Manor, Lennoxville, Que., on Saturday, January 24, 1998, Katherine Fries in her 87th year. Beloved wife of the late Carl Groenewold. Former resident of East Angus, Que. She will be loved always and greatly missed by her daughter, Barbara and her husband Ruedi Weingartner and their sons Peter and Philipp, her son Peter of Vancouver, B.C., and her brother Bill and his wife Inga-Britt of the U.S.A. Funeral service will be held in the Lennoxville United Church on Friday, January 30, 1998 at 11 a.m. Rev. James Potter officiating. Interment in Malvern Cemetery. As memorial tributes donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, 3330 King St. W., Suite 130, Sherbrooke, Que. J1L 1C9, would be gratefully acknowledged by the family. The family will be at the church one hour before the service to receive relatives and friends. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., 819-564-1750.

**HUGHES PROBERT, Lillian** - Suddenly at La Providence Hospital, Magog, January 23, 1998. She was born June 3, 1907. Lillian leaves to mourn her two daughters, Claire (Ralph Boomhower), Margaret, 15 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 39 Dufferin, Stanstead, 819-876-5213, Tuesday, January 27, 1998 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., where family and friends may come to visit. The service will be in the chapel on Wednesday at 2 p.m. The Rev. Kent Chown officiating. Spring interment in Marlinton Cemetery.

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**Dear Ann Landers:** I'm a neurologist specializing in headache treatment, so I took particular note of your column about headache remedies from banana peels to potatoes. I can add frozen sunfish and bags of frozen peas to the items patients have applied to their heads, with varying benefit.

Headache is not always a minor disorder that responds easily to such simple cures. Each month in the United States, approximately 3 million days are spent in bed by headache sufferers. Many of these people are in excruciating pain, unable to tolerate even the light from a bedside lamp or the sound of a child's step. Some vomit repeatedly. For them, trying to cure a headache with banana peels is like trying to irrigate the Sahara by spitting.

There are many good treatments that can improve the lives of nearly all headache patients, and several new medications will be approved shortly. There are also two organizations dedicated to education and support for headache sufferers: the American Council for Headache Education at

1-800-255-ACHE ([www.achenet.org](http://www.achenet.org)) and the National Headache Foundation at 1-800-843-2256 ([www.headaches.org](http://www.headaches.org)). Both offer newsletters, support groups and lists of physicians skilled in treating headaches.

Thank you, Ann, for letting me help your readers. — Lynne Geweke, M.D.,  
Midwestern Neurologic and Psychiatric Consultants, Minneapolis

**Dear Dr. Geweke:** I appreciate your informed contribution. I hope the organizations listed are prepared for the re-

sponse from my readers. Thank you on behalf of all the people you helped today.

**Dear Ann Landers:** After I read the letter from the widow who discovered she was not the recipient of her husband's insurance benefits, I phoned my husband's life insurance carrier. Sure enough, his ex-wife was still listed as the beneficiary. I then called his stock and savings plans manager and learned that his ex-wife was the beneficiary there, as well. This possibility never crossed my mind, and when I mentioned this to my husband, he said he hadn't thought about it, either.

My husband and I would like to thank the woman who wrote to you about this. If I hadn't seen her letter, I



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would not have given it a thought. You certainly do a lot of good with your column, Ann. — Grateful in Georgia

**Dear Georgia:** Thanks for your kind words. Meanwhile, I'll bet your letter will serve as another wake-up call for husbands and wives who read that first letter and meant to check out their spouse's insurance policy but didn't. Go

do it, folks.

**Dear Ann Landers:** You recently printed a letter from a woman whose mother had spent a great deal of money on a sweepstakes scam. I sympathize with her because I did the same foolish thing.

When I got on a roll, nothing could stop me. I was hooked. I have magazines that I couldn't read if I lived to be 100.

## Helping Circle members gather for busy meeting

ROCK ISLAND

Members of Stanstead South Church Helping Circle gathered at the home of Thelma Dustin the afternoon of January 19 for a busy meeting of hearing reports and planning for a February 1st turkey dinner.

Ruth Putney and Bernedette Toombs were assisting hostesses and served delicious cakes with beverages before the group got down to business.

Madelyn Curtis, the president, opened the meeting wishing everyone a Happy 1998. She read a story about the year 1997 entering on New Year's Eve into another year. The Lord's Prayer was recited.

Dorothy Nutbrown called the roll; presented her secretary report from the December meeting and her annual report. She also read the communications.

The treasurer, Ruth Putney, read her annual report and her regular from the December meeting to date.

A sum of money was voted to the Ice Storm 1998 Relief. Then began the plans for a turkey dinner in the United Church Hall in Rock Island. This project is to benefit the church. It will be prepared and served by the Helping Circle and the Canusa Women's Units on February 1st. The Circle will take charge of kitchen duties and the Canusa, the din-

ing area. They will be assisted by others to serve. It was decided to have take-outs at 11:00 a.m. for shut-ins but the dinner hour will start at 11:30 a.m., until all are served.

The February meeting will take place at the home of Madelyn Curtis with Ruth Clough assisting, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned. Edith Selby then circulated with a framed photo of the late Miss Esther Butterfield, a benefactor of the church for many years, also another in the history of Stanstead South Church. These will later be hung in the church hall.

**Dear N.C.:** I've already passed the word, several times in fact, but for those who are still living in a dream world, maybe one more nudge is needed. Thanks for providing it.

P.S.: A bouquet of thistles to the celebrities who validate this get-rich-quick stuff by being featured in their promotional material.

Ivy Hatch

## Robert and Beulah Turnbull celebrate golden anniversary

Family, relatives and friends of Bob and Beulah gathered at the A.N.A.F. Hall in Lennoxville to celebrate their golden anniversary, Saturday night October 25, 1997.

Golden balloons and beautiful decorations adorned the hall. Beautiful centerpieces adorned each table and a lovely bouquet of flowers centered the couple's table, also flowers on the table where the lovely anniversary cake was displayed flanked by golden candles. A beautiful mail box sat on the floor beside a table where the guest book was along with lovely party favours which were passed out to the guests.

The music for dancing was the Midnight Desert Band. The emcee for the evening was their oldest son David. Punch was served during the evening and a beautiful lunch was served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

The hall was full of guests from Sawyerville, Bury, Bulwer, Lennoxville, Sherbrooke, Bishopton, and surround-

ing towns, as well as out of town guests from Ontario, Massachusetts, Florida and British Columbia.

The couple was greeted at the door by their family and a beautiful corsage was pinned on Beulah and a carnation was pinned on Bob.

Pictures were taken as Bob and Beulah made the initial cut of their anniversary cake and a video was made of the evening.

The party was arranged and hosted by their family David and Mary, Michael and Adele, Bruce and Linda, Andrew, all the grandchildren and relatives. Bob and Beulah send very special and heartfelt thanks for everything they did.

The couple were recipients of several beautiful gifts, currency, numerous congratulatory cards and best wishes, and would like to thank everybody for coming and joining them their our special occasion. This 50th anniversary party was a very special and happy occasion for them.

## 80th birthday celebrated

A surprise birthday party for Mrs. Aileen Lord of Massawippi was celebrated on January 10th, 1998 at the North Hatley Community Center hosted by Helen and Doug Raymond of Lennoxville. Unfortunately due to the ice storm Mrs. Lord's daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Eddy Anderson of Ingle-side, Ontario were unable to attend.

Aileen was under the assumption that Doug and Helen were taking her out to Rock Forest for chinese food to celebrate her birthday, when Doug told her that he would have to stop at the hall in North Hatley to pick Helen up who was supposedly helping her niece with a baby shower. Upon her arrival at the hall, Aileen was pleasantly surprised to find family and friends anxiously awaiting her.

Aileen's sister, Doris Pitman of Lennoxville, was at the door to meet her and pin on her corsage, whose colors blended beautifully with the decorations that were chosen for this special event.

After socializing with family and friends, Aileen was seated and wine was served followed by a delicious luncheon.

Aileen was presented with two beautiful gifts, a painting of her home in Massawippi and a color television for her kitchen.

Following the opening of her gifts, Aileen cut the cake which was made and tastefully decorated by Marie-Claire Fontaine of Rock Forest, a lovely two tier cake with colors matching the decorations. After the cake was cut, it was served along with coffee and tea.

Friends and family that attended were from North Hatley, Lennoxville and Ayer's Cliff areas. Unfortunately due to extreme weather conditions guests from Ingleside, Ottawa and Markham, Ont., as well as guests from Montreal were unable to attend.

At this time Helen and Doug would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who contributed in making the day such a memorable one for Aileen.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: H equals W

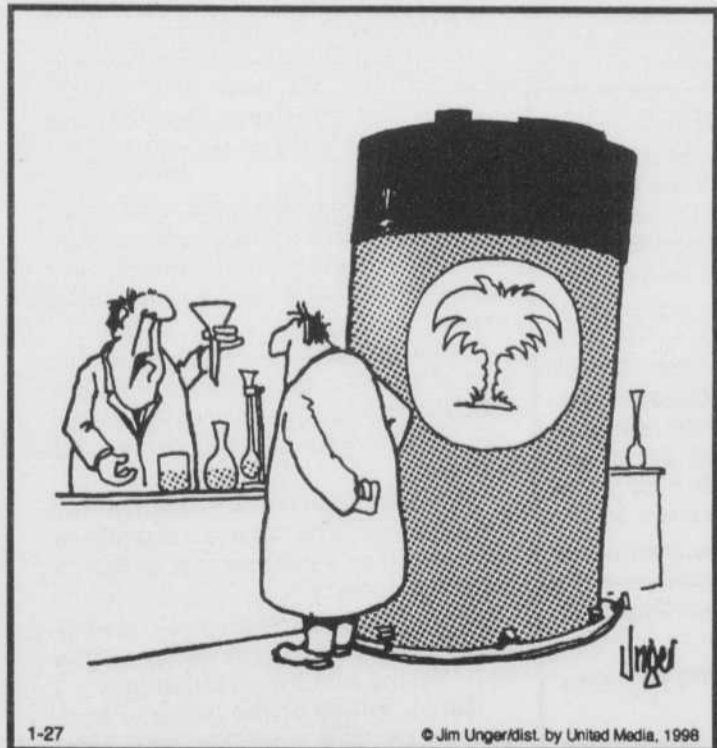
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "I guess you could say I'm amphibious." - Orlando Magic Danny Schayes, who plays right-handed and writes left-handed.

KIT 'N' CARLYLE by Larry Wright



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Public Notice, pursuant to section 394 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., c-1-13.3), is hereby given that the Provisional Council of School Board 50-03 adopted, at its meeting of January 19, 1998 a By-Law No. 4 entitled *Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for the Commissioners of School Board 50-03*.

This By-Law may be examined at the office of the undersigned located at 101 rue Du Moulin (room 205) in Magog QC J1X 4A1.

Given at Magog this 26th day of January 1998.

Garth Fields  
Secretary General

### East Angus

Mrs. Murray Labonte

Karen MacLeod has returned home after spending five weeks in Arizona, visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Ernest Paz and granddaughter Marissa.

On Nov. 26, she was present for the birth of her first grandson, Eric Murray Paz weighing in at 6 lb. 11 oz., born at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Karen also spent a week in Flagstaff visiting her daughter Lynette MacLeod and her fiancé, Chad Gilmartin. Lynette is attending Northern Arizona University.

On Dec. 21st, she attended the baptism of Eric Murray Paz held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. An Open House was held at the home of Ernest and Sandra Paz that afternoon. In the evening, Sandra, Marissa, and Karen joined the church group in singing Christmas carols at the homes of several of the elderly congregation.

Following Christmas Eve service, Sandra, Ernest, Marissa, Eric, Karen, Lynette and her fiancé Chad enjoyed supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harrold.

Christmas day was spent at the Paz's home enjoying her first Christmas with her grandchildren, their parents, aunt Lynette, Chad and family friends who visited.

While in Tucson, Karen also attended her granddaughter Marissa's first Christmas pageant. She was an angel and her best friend Ryan Ramsower was a sheep.

Karen MacLeod recently learned that her grandson, Eric Paz was hospitalized for a respiratory infection. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Jo-Ann Matheson and friend of Ottawa spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Matheson.

Dinner guests at the home of Margaret Rowland were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Rowland and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Morisson of Bury.

# Townships' Crier

**LENOXVILLE**  
A weight loss program based on the Canadian Food Guide and adapted to your individual needs. Meetings are held on Monday afternoons (1:30) at the CLSC on Speid Street. For more information call 829-0014.

**KNOWLTON**  
The Brome County Historical Society presents the exhibit "Daily News From the Eastern Townships: 100 Years of The Sherbrooke Record," Mondays-Fridays, January 19 to February 27, 10 a.m. - noon, and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 130 Lakeside, (514) 243-6782.

**LENOXVILLE**  
Bridge and 500 card party at the Masonic Hall, 2 Belvidere St., on Thursday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m. Lunch and prizes.

**Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold Blood Pressure clinics:**  
**LENOXVILLE:** January 27 at the Masonic Hall, 2 Belvidere, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**WATERVILLE:** January 27 at the Town Hall, Main Street, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**NORTH HATLEY:** February 6 at the Library, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**SHERBROOKE**  
All secretaries and

office workers are invited to attend a workshop (in English) on Friday, January 30. Theme: "True Colours", a look at personality /temperament types in the work place. Come celebrate the differences. Information 566-0250.

**AYER'S CLIFF**  
The Commom Ground Writer's Association - Evening of Reading, January 30, 8 p.m., Cliff House. Local writers Margie Brand, Marjory Bruhmuller, Jackie Hall, Brenda Hartwell, Laurie Labreque, Janice Laduc, Carolyn Rowell and Ann Scowcroft. Information 838-5961.

**SHERBROOKE**  
Spaghetti supper Sunday, February 15, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at St-Joseph Church Hall, 1265 Belvedere

South. Collaboration of Carrefour des Cuisines Collectives de Sherbrooke and St. Joseph Church. Tickets: 563-2311 or 822-6076.

**ROCK ISLAND**  
Turkey dinner at the United Church Hall, February 1, benefit for the church. Starts at 11:30 a.m. Take outs available at 11:00 a.m. All welcome.

**WARDEN**  
Military Whist card party sponsored by Waterloo I.O.O.F. Lodge #27 at Talbot Hall, 8 p.m. Prizes and unch served. All welcome.

**LENOXVILLE**  
The Lennoxville and District Women's Centre presents: The Truth about Human Papilloma Virus, HPV, one of the most prevalent sexually transmitted diseases has been cited to be

the main cause of cervical cancer. Come to the Centre and learn more on January 31 from 1 - 4 p.m.

**LENOXVILLE**  
Writing group for seniors, Monday afternoons at Uplands Museum for 10 weeks beginning February 2. Beginning and more experienced writers welcome. No homework required. Workshop leader Carolyn Rowell. Course fee. Information 564-0409.

**LENOXVILLE**  
13th annual Old Timers dart tournament at The Hut, Saturday, January 31. Registration 1:30 p.m. Anyone who played darts in the Sherbrooke zone is eligible. Come have a fun afternoon and meet some of the old timer players. It's fun.

**LENOXVILLE**

Workshop on traditional lino-block method with Sherbrooke print-maker, Suzanne Fortin. Participants will design and print a series of cards. Saturday, February 7, 9:30 - 4:00. Materials fee. Uplands Museum. Pre-register 564-0409.

**This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$5.00 fee, \$8.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$11.00 for 3 publications. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Quebec J1H 5L6, be signed and include telephone number and \$5.00 (taxes included). Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.**

## Card party

SAWYERVILLE

A very successful card party was held at the Sawyerville Community Centre, sponsored by the Wilhelmina Lodge 23 on Jan. 17 with 14 tables in play, plus two tables played at a home in Lennoxville which was really appreciated.

Ladies 1st went to Hilda Dougherty; 2nd, Lucy Blair; cons., Therese Grenier. Gents 1st, Cecil Ross; 2nd, Ruby Booth playing as a man; cons., Durwood Dougherty. Special prizes were 9 no trump, Hilda Dougherty. Secret score Arlene Lowe, and most skunks Therese Grenier. Drawing for box of groceries, won by George Lebourveau; 2nd, drawing by Ruby Booth. Many door prizes were given.

We wish to thank all who came out to make our card party the success it was. Next card party will be held Jan. 31st.

## High Forest

Alice Wilson  
889-2932

During the Christmas holidays Roland and Theda Lowry enjoyed an evening of dancing with the Chilston Lowry family Christmas at the Bulwer Community Centre and also the Fraser family Christmas at Philip and Marilyn Reeds, Albert Mines Rd., Lennoxville.

# CROSSWORD

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17 Neighbor of Wisc.  
18 Drop feathers  
19 Windshield cleaner

- 20 Three tracks  
23 Electromotive force unit  
24 Muslim weight  
25 Goddess of fruit  
28 "Sleepless in Seattle" star  
30 Nabokov heroine  
33 Director Kurosawa  
34 Tight closure  
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- 36 Three tracks  
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40 Lather  
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43 Split hairs?  
44 Like some soil  
45 Great review  
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TMSPPuzzles@aol.com

Monday's Puzzle solved.

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By Richard Thomas  
Spring Grove, PA

1/27/98

## West Keith

Christmas Day guests of Kay Olson were Eric and Mimi Blanchette, Dickie,

Wendy and Rocky Coates, Clayton Grey, Nancy Olson, Serge Dalbec and Jocelyne Drouin.

Wilfred and Jeanette Coates, Belval Residence, East Angus, spent a few days with Eric and Mimi Blanchette during the Hydro outage.



Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1998

Partnership arrangements not formed for material purposes will greatly enrich your life in the year ahead. Three in particular might be definite standouts.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The more difficult the challenge today, the greater the gratification you'll experience overcoming it. You know your limitations as well as your abilities. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Your peers perceive you as reliable today. They will know that when you give your word, you'll follow it through to a constructive conclusion.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Sharing time with old friends and adhering to familiar routines will gratify you today. You are not likely to find the same pleasure with new acquaintances.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) You are better equipped to handle tough assignments today than you may realize. You will emerge from the projects unscathed and appreciative of the experience.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Special knowledge you've acquired through personal experience can be used advantageously today. Let your instincts direct your mode of application.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Someone for whom you've done a thoughtful deed recently may be able to reciprocate today. The affection with which this is done will be touching.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Desirable results are in the works today pertaining to matters in which you and your mate are in accord. Harmony of purpose is the secret for success.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Ambitious objectives are achievable today if you have the fortitude to do so. Put everything else on the back burner and place these priorities first.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Business and pleasure should blend well today. If there is something important you want to discuss with a client, do so in convivial surroundings.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Serious issues can be concluded satisfactorily today. You might doubt your abilities, but once you face issues, this impediment will dissipate.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your best gift today is your ability to keep everything in proper perspective. Even when dealing with serious issues, you won't be overwhelmed.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This could be a good day to go shopping because you'll be sensible in your purchases. The items you buy could remain your favorites for a long time.

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## With a beautiful turn of phrase

By Phillip Alder

My favorite bridge writer is Albert Dormer. Seemingly a confirmed Londoner (despite a short sojourn in New York in 1964-65 to work for the American Contract Bridge League), a few years ago he moved to the wilds of Scotland. He drew my attention to this deal from a European Championship match, which he wrote up for The Times newspaper in London.

Look only at the East hand. The dealer on your left opens one spade, your partner overcalls two clubs, and your right-hand opponent jumps pre-emptively to three spades. It's your first opportunity, yet the bidding is nearing the four-level and you have 17 points in aces and kings.

The player with these cards bid three no-trump, probably thinking that even if his partner was having a little joke, nine tricks should be available.

Fine, but after two passes, North continued with four spades. Dormer wrote, "East doubled, expecting a king's ransom." However, as you can see, declarer had no trouble in winning 10 tricks when he worked out — no great mental feat this, given the three-no-trump bid — to take the spade finesse.

At the other table, North leapt immediately to four spades. East doubled, so it was a flat board.

Each East shook his head in amazement when he saw that seven clubs was makable. Dormer summed it up well: "When three players are bidding vigorously, the fourth player, with a strong balanced hand, should proceed with caution: The others may all have freak distributions. It will often be better to support partner than to double for penalty."

## East Angus

Mrs. Murray Labonte

Kay Labonte and Margaret Rowland hosted a Christmas morning brunch. Those who attended were Rodger, Meryle, Randi, Morris and Derek Heatherington, Eleanor Taylor of Birchton, and Laurie Nodeau of Lennoxville.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Rodger and Meryl Heatherington were Randi, Derek, Morris Heatherington, Kay Labonte, Margaret Rowland, Eleanor Taylor of Birchton and Joyce Standish of Cookshire.

New Year's Day dinner guests at the home of Margaret Rowland's were Rodger, Meryle, Randi and Derek Heatherington, Eleanor Taylor of Birchton, Kay Labonte, Karen MacLeod, Leslie Wilkin and Vivian Forster. Following a delicious dinner, a game of cards was enjoyed.

Dinner guests at the home of Eleanor Taylor in Birchton were Rodger, Meryle, Randi and Derek Heatherington and Margaret Rowland and Laurie Rodeau of Lennoxville.

On Dec. 6, Kay Labonte and Randi Heatherington entertained at the home of the former. Those who attended were Rodger, Meryle, Morris and Derek Heatherington, Laurie Nadeau of Lennoxville, Eleanor Taylor of Birchton and Margaret Rowland. They all came to celebrate Meryle's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Learned and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Learned of Cookshire spent Christmas in Pointe Claire, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don McK-

elvie. A few days after Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dresdner and family of London, Ont. spent a few days guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Learned.

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