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The Capture of Pigeon Hill

By Bernard Epps

On June 1st 1866, thirteen carloads of Fenians, mostly veterans of the U.S. Civil War arrived at the St. Albans Vt. railway station from Troy, Boston, New York, Lowell Mass. and other points with the aim of invading Canada East to liberate Ireland from English domination. Colonel John J. O'Neill was to lead the main force across the Niagara River from Buffalo to capture Fort Erie, Canada West, the next day, June 2nd, leaving the right wing an example of what they might accomplish in the Eastern Townships under General Samuel Spear. All were under orders from 'Fighting Tom' Sweeny, Secretary of War for the Fenian Brotherhood, American arm of the Irish Republican Army. His plan was to free Ireland from the British by capturing Britain's remaining possessions in North America from where it could raid shipping and destroy British trade on the high seas. The United States Government could be relied upon to ignore this violation of its Neutrality Act to pun-



Battle of Pigeon Hill, Bedford, Que.

ish Britain for supporting the Confederacy and for allowing escaped Confederate prisoners to use Canada as a base from which to launch raids on the North - to Sandusky, Ohio, to St. Albans, Vermont, and even to burn New York City and thus relieve pressure on the Southern Forces. Many politicians, also still considered the American Revolution incomplete as long as the British still had colonies on the continent.

Sweeny's plan called for three thousand volunteers moving eastward from Milwaukee and Chicago to take Hamilton, Guelph and Port Coburne to draw troops

away from Montreal. Canadian sympathizers were to destroy bridges on the Grand Trunk to prevent reinforcements moving to the front while the west wing moved north on both sides of the Richelieu, take Ile aux Noix, St. Jean and Fort Chambly, and Montreal via the new Victoria Bridge. "If forced to retire, we would fall back, destroying the bridge and placing all possible obstacles in the way of the enemy."

"Simultaneously, a detachment of cavalry would be sent along the line of the Grand Trunk towards Que-

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Shoebox Campaign a Success

Shannon Wilmot

Last December's issue of The Townships Sun featured an article on the successful work of Saint George's Anglican Church Christmas shoebox drive. This operation, that the Lennoxville Anglican Church has been participating in for the last twenty years, works to promote the spiritual and physical welfare of all seafarers that visit Quebec ports over the holiday season.

As a Christmas gift seafarers from visiting countries each receive a shoebox filled with small gifts such as socks, scarves, toilet accessories, playing cards, Quebec souvenirs, and a Christmas card. Saint George's Church, in association

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Shamus

Shamus roams the roads. He may be seen anywhere, as far as twenty miles from the village. It is thought that he can walk these distances, though certainly people stop and offer him a lift from time to time. He carries a bag over his shoulder, once red but now faded to a soft sunset shade of pink. He also carries a spade. His mission is this: to gather the remains of those

small animals whose fate it was to be crushed without warning by the deadly tires of cars and trucks, those vehicles of destruction, or convenience, depending on your point of view

Shamus very gently slips the tip of his spade under the mangled bodies, using leaves or grass or a twig in his other hand to shift the bodies into

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The year 2000 shoebox campaign proved to be a success. 951 shoeboxes were distributed to the crews of 40 ships. These crews were made up of a variety of nationalities including Russian, Greek, Dutch, Ukranian, and Spanish.

The true spirit of Christmas can be found in this campaign of generosity towards strangers. Strangers who are separated from their friends

and families over the holiday season. After last December's issue of The Townships Sun St. George's received a letter from retired sailor Rudy Krause on the significance of the shoebox campaign throughout the world.

I read the article in The Townships Sun about gifts to seamen that visit the Port of Quebec. I was a seaman for half my life. Many years ago, I was in a Spanish port in a Swedish ship. We left the port a day before Christmas. On Christmas day at sea, the captain as-

sembled the crew and to each man became a little box with a Christmas gift, that was given by the Spanish people for visiting seamen in incoming ships. In my box was a little pillow, probably made by a little Spanish girl. I was very enthusiastic and thankful about it. I kept it for the rest of my life. Those are my memories being 80 years of age.

I am sure your work is being appreciated all over the world.

I send you a \$20 donation. A belated Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year.

Yours truly,
Rudy Krause

Work has already begun for shoebox season 2001. All donations can be forwarded to the Lennoxville Anglican Church.

Shamus

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place. He then carefully carries his burden into the woods or fields nearby, sometimes the corner of somebody's lawn, other times just off the road's shoulder. He digs a grave and slowly, with great tenderness, lays the unfortunate creature to rest. He fills in the grave with earth, and tops this with a few stones to discourage predators. If any flowers are in sight, in someone's garden or growing wild by the road, he gathers a few and lays them on the grave.

The is not completed until he has laid his spade down, doffed his faded hat, and bowed his head. What prayer he utters we do not know, but pray he must, oblivious to traffic speeding by, curious onlookers, rain, hail, or snow. He is a man with a mission, this much is certain.

-Janice LaDuke

The Capture of Pigeon Hill

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bec, seizing Port Levi if not too strongly garrisoned. Should the enemy cross the river in force, they would fall back on Richmond, destroying bridges as they went and holding at that point.

teltaken prisoner because he wore an old British army jacket. The local sheriff came to the tavern to reason with them, man to man. They made him a prisoner also but he escaped when his guard got drunk.

Canadian forces had been withdrawn from the border to tempt the invaders inland where they might be cut off

from the U.S. and destroyed. President Andrew Johnson, realizing that no good could come now from this blatant disregard of the Neutrality Act, issued a proclamation against the invasion five days after it began and ordered General Gordon Meade "to employ the land and naval forces of the United States Militia thereof to arrest and prevent the setting on foot and carrying on an expedition and enterprise aforesaid."

Crusty old General Meade, hero of Gettysburg, wasted no more time cutting off supplies and turning back rein-

forcements so that Spears' predicament grew desperate. Fenians, having had their fun, were streaming back across the border with their stolen booty. Colonel Coutri reported on Saturday morning, June 9th, that his men were demoralized and even his cavalry officers deserting. Spear ordered a general muster at Camp Sweeny but only 200 showed up. When he asked how many of them would volunteer to stay with him and fight on, only sixteen men stepped forward. Jim Mossgrave and Ed Hampton

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Jacqueline C. Orange, President and Chief Executive Officer of Canada Investment and Savings (CI&S), is pleased to announce the appointment of Maureen Kempston Darkes, President and General Manager of General Motors of Canada Limited, as the 2001 National Campaign Chair of the New Canada Savings Bonds Payroll Program. Ms. Kempston Darkes succeeds outgoing 2000 Campaign Chair, Eric P. Newell, President and Chief Executive Officer of Syncrude Canada Ltd., whose term ended March 31, 2001.

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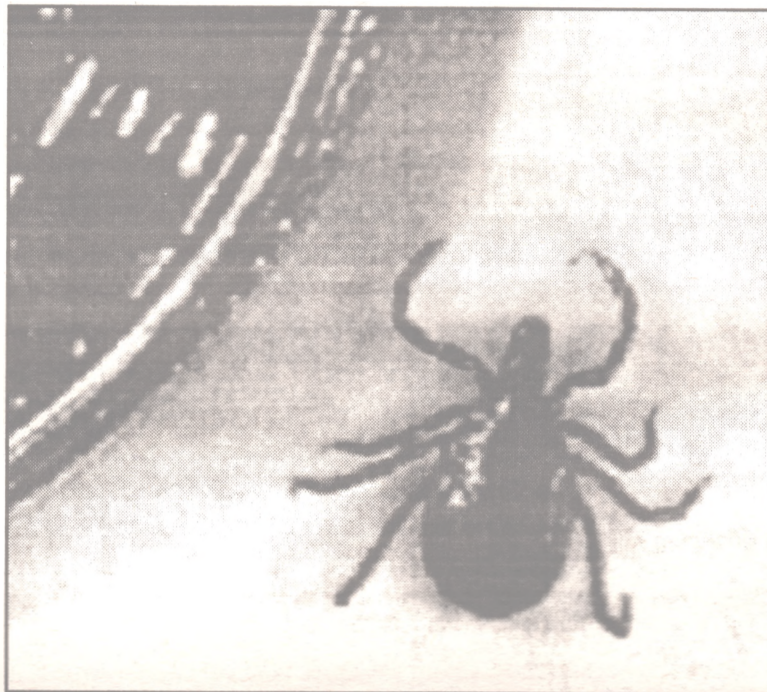
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LYME DISEASE: What it is and how to avoid it

Lyme disease is an infection that can produce skin, arthritic, cardiac and neurological symptoms. It is caused by a bacterium which is spread by the bite of deer tick. The tick can be found in almost any outdoor location

with vegetation, as well as on animals. A case of Lyme disease was diagnosed in the region south-west Quebec/northern New York state last year. So, if you spend time outdoors in wild grassy or brushy areas, you should



Townships Outdoors

by John A. Viau

learn about the disease and protect yourself and your family.

What does the tick look like? The tick is normally no bigger than a sesame seed and therefore quite difficult to see. Before feeding, it is black and red. After it has filled with blood from its host animal, it is the size of a small pea and is blue black in colour. The deer tick (*Ixodes dammine*) feeds by attaching itself to warm-blooded animals. Ticks bite: they do not burrow under the skin. Tick bites cannot be felt, but bite areas often become red and itchy. After feeding, a tick drops off its host, molts or lay eggs, and awaits another host.

Ninety percent of all cases of Lyme disease are from nymphal stage tick bites. The nymphal stage occurs during spring and summer, a period of heavy outdoor activity. You can protect yourself with an insect repellent.

Diethyloluamide, commonly known as Deet, has been shown to be effective in repelling deer ticks. Look for a repellent with a high percentage of Deet.

As an alternative or supplement to using an insecticide, wear your pants tucked into your socks and long-sleeved shirts with the cuffs buttoned. Wear clothing of tightly woven material and wear light coloured clothing so that deer ticks will be more visible.

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If you discover a tick, there are two safe methods to remove it without contamination. Using tweezers or a tissue, grasp the tick firmly as close to your skin as possible. To reduce the spread of germs, avoid squeezing. Pull it gently and straight out, without twisting. Disinfect the bitten area and wash your hands. Consult your doctor if part of the tick remains. Kill the tick by dropping it in alcohol or burning it. It is not recommended to use vaseline, chemical solvents, or a lighted match to remove ticks. This could make matters worse by killing the tick while it is still attached to your skin.

Be alert for the symptoms of Lyme disease.

1. An infected bite or a red rash resembling a bulls-eye
2. Flu-like symptoms, such as nausea, dizziness and headaches
3. Advanced symptoms, facial paralysis, or muscle pain
4. Recurrent arthritis pain, especially in the knees.

Fortunately, this tick-borne disease can be definitively diagnosed with blood tests. Most cases are remedied with antibiotics taken orally. Early prescription of antibiotics usually prevents the development of arthritis and other complications.

The range of the Lyme disease tick has greatly expanded since its discovery in Lyme, Connecticut, in 1975. Migratory birds and the growing deer population are suspect causes for this expansion. Both act as carriers of the deer tick.

So when you're out trout-fishing this summer, enjoy the outdoors but take the necessary precautions against Lyme disease.

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When you first use your homemade GEL soap you may be skeptical as there will be no suds during the washing, but you will be pleased with the results; it keeps colors nice, gets out some really stubborn stains and it should also eliminate the need for fabric softeners.

There are no set rules in what must be in your ingredients aside from the soap. You may need to modify the recipe several times and add other ingredients depending on the results you get. Hard and/or chlorinated water, allergies, etc. may require that you make adjustments until you find YOUR best formula. Your whites will let you know.

Just remember — No suds does not mean no cleaning power.

BASIC RECIPE:

1 Bar laundry soap — Sunlight or other
1 cup washing soda

Recommended additions:
Borax (for more cleaning power). It is used as a disinfectant, detergent, and water softener

Clorox color-safe bleach
Calgon (to soften water)
Substitute Soap with and/or add Kirk's Castile to the recipe to help combat hard water.

For very hard water add;
1 small bar Ivory
1 c Clorox II
1 c Borax
1 c Arm & Hammer washing soda
1 c Calgon.

DIRECTIONS:

Finely grate the bar of soap into a sauce pan. Add enough cold water to fully cover the soap. Let sit for several hours or overnight to melt the soap. If you find that part of the soap solidifies and sticks to the bottom, use more water to melt the soap, grate the soap finer and or use a whisk and stir constantly during the melting process.

Fill a 5 gallon bucket with hot tap water to a few inches from the top. At this point it may be best to sit the bucket in the bathtub to work.

In the kitchen, heat soap/water on low setting, stirring constantly, until soap is dissolved. When soap is melted, add soap/water mixture to the hot water in the bucket. Stir



to combine. Then (do not reverse this order) add 1 cup of Washing Soda and other ingredients you feel will improve your formula and stir well. As this cools it will turn into white gelatinous soap. The use of one of those long paint stirring drill attachments will give good results with the consistency of the soap

by reducing clumps (but clumps do not affect the quality of the detergent - they dissolve in the wash).

Let the mixture cool for several hours or overnight. When cool, stir again. It should have a gel consistency. Do not be alarmed if your batch separates after a few days. This is OK. Just stir before use.

Plain unscented soap may be used. If you have someone with sensitive skin, try using their brand of bar soap instead of the laundry bar soap.

Try the basic recipe first unless you know you'll have other problems like hard water. Non might want to make a small batch first, half or divide the recipe into quarters and add other ingredients until you find the results you like. Add about 1c of the additional ingredients for starters, adding it at the same time as you add the washing soda.



Use about 1 1/2 cups per large load.

TIPS:

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THE BLESSED GIFT OF BEING A MOTHER

source: unknown

Whoever wrote this piece was a mother with profound insight into motherhood. It is a wonderful gift to women around the world.

We are sitting at lunch when my daughter casually mentions that she and her husband are thinking of "starting a family". "We're taking a survey," she says, half-joking. "Do you think I should have a baby?" "It will change your life", I say carefully, keeping my tone neutral. "I know," she says, "no more sleeping in on the weekend, no more spontaneous vacations..."

But that is not what I meant at all. I look at my daughter, trying to decide what to tell her. I want her to know what she will never learn in child-birth classes. I want to tell her that the physical wounds of child bearing heal, but that becoming a mother will leave her with an emotional wound so raw that she will be forever vulnerable.

I consider warning her that she will never read a news-

paper again without asking "What if that had been MY child?". That every plane crash, every fire will haunt her. That when she sees pictures of starving children, she will wonder if anything could be worse than watching your child die.

I look at her carefully manicured nails and stylish suit and think that no matter how sophisticated she is, becoming a mother will reduce her to the primitive level of a bear protecting her cub. That an urgent call of "Mom!" will cause her to drop a soufflé or her best crystal without a moment's hesitation.

I feel I should warn her that no matter how many years she has invested in her career, she will be professionally derailed by motherhood. She might arrange for children, but one day she will be going into an important business meeting and she will think about her baby's sweet smell. She will have to use every ounce of her discipline to keep from running home,

just to make sure her baby is all right.

I want my daughter to know that everyday decisions will no longer be routine. That a five year old boy's desire to go to the men's room rather than the women's at McDonalds will become a major dilemma. That right there, in the midst of clattering trays and screaming children, issues of independence and gender identity will be weighed against the prospect that a child molester may be lurking in that restroom. However decisive she may be at the office, she will second-guess herself constantly as a mother.

Looking at my daughter, I want to assure her that eventually she will shed the pounds of pregnancy, but will never feel the same about herself. That her life, now so important, will be of less value to her once she has a child. That she would give it up in a moment to save her offspring, but will also begin to hope for more years - not to accomplish her own dreams, but to watch her children accomplish theirs.

I want her to know that a cesarean scar or shiny stretch marks will become badges of honor. My daughter's relationship with her husband will change, but not in the ways she thinks. I wish she could understand how much more you can love a man who is always careful to powder the baby or never hesitates to play with his child. I think she should know that she will fall in love with him again for reasons she would now find very unromantic.

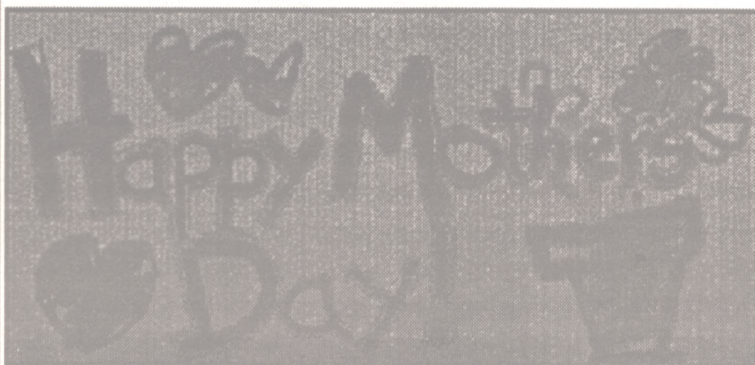
I wish my daughter could sense the bond she'll feel with women throughout history who have tried desperately to stop war and prejudice and drunk driving. I hope she will understand why I can think rationally about most issues, but become temporarily insane when I discuss the threat of nuclear war to my children's future.

I want to describe to my daughter the exhilaration of seeing your child learn to ride a bike. I want capture for her the belly laugh of a baby who is touching the soft fur of a dog or cat for the first time. I want her to taste the joy that is so real it actually hurts.

My daughter's quizzical look makes me realize that

tears have formed in my eyes. "You'll never regret it," I say finally. Then I reach across the table, squeeze my daughter's hand, and offer a silent prayer for her, and for me, and for all of the mortal women who stumble their way into this most wonderful of callings. The blessed gift of being a Mother.

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* The Canadian yogurt market grew by over 10% in 1999. While Quebec accounted for a 7% increase, the rest of Canada has some major catching up to do.

* In 1999, in Canada, about 42% of food product purchases were made in supermarkets. The share of mass merchandisers and club-style warehouses was 16.5%.

* About 79% of Canada's dairy farms are located in Ontario and Quebec, 15% in the Western Provinces and 6% in the Maritimes.

* Ethnic communities comprise 17% of Canada's population and are concentrated in major cities like Toronto (42%), Vancouver (18%) and Montreal (13%).

* In the U.S., food retailers conduct their activities mainly on a regional basis: only a few of them generate sales of over \$10 billion.

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- 1 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 2 carrots, sliced
- 2 2 medium onions, sliced
- 1 1 green pepper, sliced
- 1/4 lb 100 g whole small mushrooms
- 1 1/2 lbs 750 g stewing beef, cubed
- 1/4 cup 50 ml flour
- 3 tbsp 45 ml paprika
- 1 cup 250 ml beef stock
- 1 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup 250 ml milk
- 1 tbsp 15 ml flour
- salt, pepper



Heat oil in heavy frypan; add bacon and cook until lightly browned; remove with a slotted spoon to a large pot. Add garlic, carrots, onions, green pepper and mushrooms to frypan and stir over medium heat for five minutes; remove and add to pot.

Toss beef chunks in flour; brown well in frypan, adding more oil if necessary; add to vegetables. Mix paprika well into meat and vegetable mixture; stir in stock and bay leaf; bring slowly to a boil.

Lower heat; simmer, covered, until meat is tender, about 1 1/2 hours. Add milk, mixed with remaining flour. Cook, stirring over medium heat until sauce is thickened. Season to taste.

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- 2/3 cup 150 ml chopped walnuts
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- 1/2 tsp 2 ml salt
- 1 tsp 5 ml cinnamon
- 1 tsp 5 ml nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp 1 ml allspice or cloves
- 1/2 cup 125 ml shortening
- 1 1/4 cups 300 ml lightly packed brown sugar
- 2 2 eggs
- 1 cup 250 ml applesauce

Icing:

- 1/4 cup 50 ml shortening
- 2 cups 500 ml sifted icing sugar
- 2-3 tbsp 30-45 ml milk
- 1 tsp 5 ml vanilla

Cake:

TOSS raisins and nuts with 1/2 cup (125 ml) flour to coat. Set aside. COMBINE remaining flour with next 6 dry ingredients. Mix well. CREAM shortening, brown sugar and eggs in large bowl on medium speed with electric mixer until light and fluffy. ADD dry ingredients alternately with applesauce, mixing lightly after each addition. Stir in raisin mixture. SPREAD batter, dividing evenly. In 2 greased 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 (1.5 l) loaf pans. BAKE at 325 F (160C) for 45-55 minutes. Cool 10 min then remove from pan and cool completely.

Icing:

BEAT all ingredients except nuts together until smooth and creamy. Cut cakes in half horizontally. Spread icing between layers and on top. Decorate top with nuts if desired.

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The *Knowlton Players*, an amateur company, presents their family-oriented musical play "JULIE" a musical toast to Julie Andrews. It is an original production conceived by their own Lucy McAuley and presented by a fifty member cast. The musical numbers are from Theatre, Movies or TV shows in which Julie Andrews appeared. May 11,12,17,18,19,24,25 & 26 at 8 p.m., May 13,20 & 27 at 2 p.m. Adult \$10, children \$5. Info & reservations: (450) 263-1061.

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The South Eastern Quebec Extraction Competition and Theory Symposium will take place May 18 and 19, starting at 07:00 hrs at the Bishops Sport Centre parking lot. Two (2) teams from Lennoxville and many teams from surrounding areas will compete. The winning team will then advance to the International Competition to be held in Burlington, Ontario. If you have a car to donate for the competition, please call the Lennoxville City Hall (819) 569-9388

TOWNSHIPS TIDINGS

LOOKING FOR THE IRISH

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The Capture of Pigeon Hill

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walked down to Eccles' house that morning to try to recover a harness and cart stolen by Fenian soldiers. They found the invaders in general retreat, some smashing their weapons and throwing the pieces in Groat's Creek which ran along the border. Just beyond the bridge, American troops were drawn up in line, parting to let returning Fenians through without their weapons, and closing ranks again to make sure no Canadians followed.

Mossgrave bought a carbine from a young Fenian for a dollar and a quarter. He offered the captain in charge of the post a \$2 bank note for his weapon but the captain declined.

Coming away with one carbine but without the cart and harness they'd come for, Mossgrave and Hampton met the local constable, Anthony Sewell in a buggy with Asa Rykert and Levi Trevor. They told the constable they'd counted a dozen or more Fenians around the headquarters but doubted there were more than three loaded guns among them. Sewell drove on. "Where in hell are you going to?" barked a Fenian sentry as he drove up.

Sewell drew his revolver and answered that he was where he was going and the sentry was under arrest. The Fenian raised his rifle, Sewell shot him. The noise brought other Fenians, including Captain Madden with his carbine. Sewell ordered him to drop it, he raised it instead and the constable shot him too. Captain Madden dropped his carbine and fled across the road, the constable in pursuit. More shots rang out. Madden pitched forward with a bullet in the back, then rose and ran on. The constable gave chase but fell and twisted his knee. He handed his revolver to Rykert, close behind.

"Take my pistol!" he gasped, "I'm going to hell anyway if these fellows come after me, but you take that one and kill him."

Rykert took up the chase after captain Madden who tossed away his carbine and surrendered. His saber scabbard was empty and he had only a canteen of whisky with which to defend himself.

Constable Sewell was loaded into the same buggy with Madden and driven away while several Fenians belatedly woke up and took potshots. Captain Madden

asked to be thrown into a ditch and left to die but he was refused.

Three-quarters of a mile up the road they met troopers of the Royal Guides advancing at the gallop. One of them recalled;

"We rode along and soon came upon a mob of the enemy, perhaps a couple of hundred all told, racing for the boundary. Up on the crest of the hill the Royal Artillery was unlimbering its guns ready for action; and the sight added a poignancy to the yearning for home which was at that moment afflicting the Fenian breast. As we neared them, our captain ordered a charge, telling us to use only the flat side of our swords; and in a minute we were among them and slashing right and left.

We came charging right up to the boundary but were warned by the

American officer in charge not to cross it. Of course, we had nothing to do but obey, but our commander took advantage of the opportunity to express very vigorously his opinion of the United States Government for not preventing the raid."

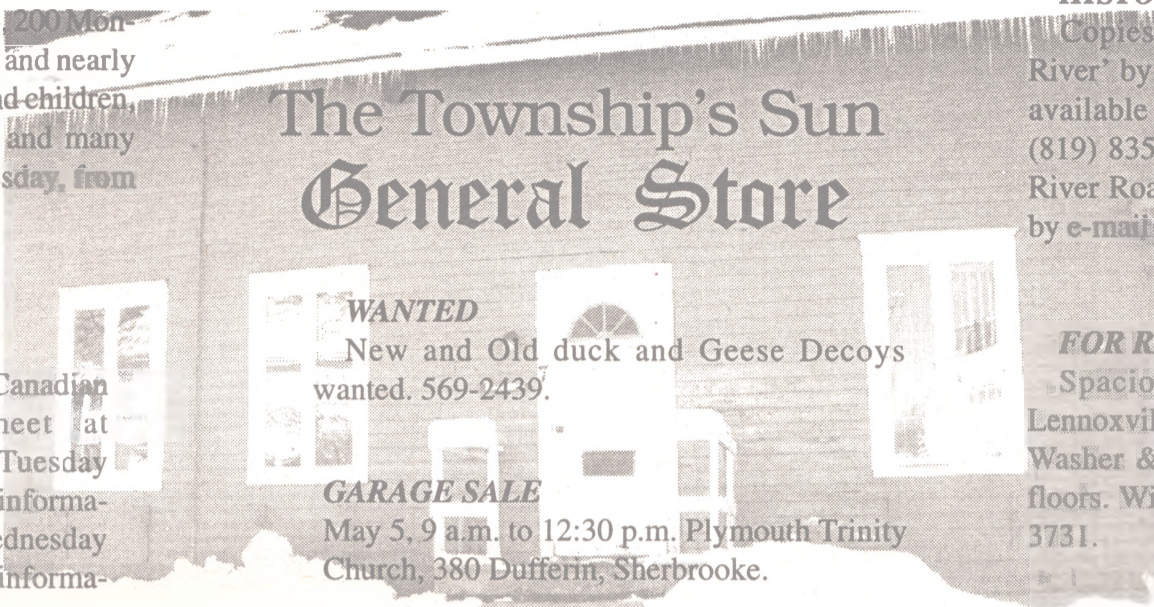
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The Peony

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Long-stemmed, robust and fragile at the same time, its immense bloom contains the sap of paradise. The freshness of dawn is present in her smiling face as well as the radiance of noon and the languour of evening. A silky scent that washes away our regrets over the past is in the delicate petals that fall to the ground.

Those of us who are lovers of the peony will never love another flower as much. We patiently wait all year for her brief appearance and for that subtle femininity in her presence that so quickly vanishes after blooming for only two short weeks.

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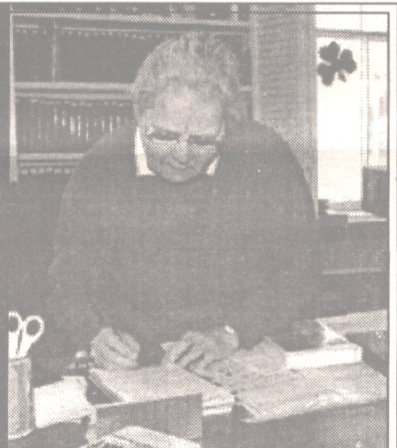
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EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>If you would like your organization's upcoming event included in this calendar, drop us a note before the 18th of the previous month.</p>	<p>May Musical play - "JULIE", a musical toast to Julie Andrews. Knowlton Pub Playhouse. See our EVENTS column for dates and time. Info & tickets (450) 263-1061.</p>	<p>'til May 12 Play - "Peter Pan" presented by the theatre department of CEGEP John Abbott. Evening performances are Thursday through Saturday in the Casgrain Theatre at the College in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue. Tickets in advance or at the door, adult \$12, seniors & students \$8. Info & tickets: (514) 457-2447 or (514) 457-6610 ext 425/426.</p>	<p>May 2-June 10 Exhibition - "The Echenberg Collection", commercial collectibles from the Eastern Townships at the Eastern Townships Research Centre and The Art Gallery of Bishop's University. Info (819)822-9600 ext. 2687.</p>
<p>May 4 Workshops - the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre will start a new series of Teddy Bear workshops. Info: (819) 564-6626.</p>	<p>May 4-5 Play - "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof". QNEK Productions at Haskell Opera House, Derby Line, Vermont/Rock Island, Quebec. 7:30 p.m., matinee 2:00 p.m.. Tickets for sale at the Woodknot Bookshops or at the Front Desk. Tickets \$10. Info & tickets: (802)334-8145</p>	<p>May 5 - 27 Art Exhibit — "Human Faces" paintings/mixed media, Robert Dufour. "Room jewellery" - metal sculptures by Max Rapopor Arts Sutton, 7 Academy, Sutton. Info: [450] 538-2563.</p>	<p>May 7 C.C.Y.V. will hold their Spring luncheon at the Auberge West, Brome. 11:30 a.m., members \$20, non-members \$25. Tickets 450-538-6600.</p>
<p>May 8 Dessert card party - Uplands, 9 Speid Lennoxville at 1:00 p.m.. Make up your own table and bring your own cards. Sponsored by Lennoxville-Ascot Historical Society. To reserve a table: Madeleine Bradshaw (819) 823-0440.</p>	<p>May 14 HAPPY MOTHERS DAY</p>	<p>May 28 Annual General Meeting - Lennoxville & District Women's Centre. Six (6) positions are available on the Board of Directors. Info: (819) 5564-6626.</p>	

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