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258 dead in Nfld. crash

GANDER, Nfld. (CP) — A DC-8 carrying 258 U.S. military personnel home for Christmas crashed today after takeoff from Gander International Airport and a search and rescue spokesman said airport officials report no survivors.

"All we know is that there were no survivors," said Maj. Kenneth Miller of the Search and Rescue Centre in Halifax. He said his information came from the Gander control centre.

The plane, owned by Arrow Airlines of Miami, Fla., went down at about 7:05 a.m. Newfoundland time in a hilly, wooded area on the north end of Gander Lake, about 400 metres from the airport.

Ann Hurley, who lives about 15 kilometres west of Gander, said she saw a large explosion.

"We were probably half-way between Gander and Glenwood when we saw this big explosion right on top of the trees and it died down very quickly," she said. "In a matter of seconds it was gone."

"But, as we drove out to Gander, every once in a while we would see a red glow down towards the lake and that was all."

The plane was carrying service personnel to Fort Campbell, Ky., from West Germany, said Vedder Steed, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlanta, Ga. He said no dependents were on board.

It was overcast with light snow, light winds and a temperature of -4 C at the time of the crash, according to the aviation weather report. There had been light, freezing drizzle a few hours earlier.

Gander International is located about 140 kilometres northwest of St. John's, the provincial capital, and is often used by aircraft travelling between Europe and North America.

The DC-8 is a four-engine jet manufactured by McDonnell Douglas.

N.B. included from the start — Mulroney

By Edison Stewart

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney strongly denied Wednesday a claim by outgoing Quebec Premier Pierre Marc Johnson that Ottawa had agreed to exclude New Brunswick from a planned summit of francophone countries and now has gone back on its word.

"The government of Quebec knew full well throughout that we intended to include New Brunswick in these things," Mulroney told reporters.

And he noted in the Commons later that he had said so publicly, weeks ago.

The prime minister also appeared to accuse Johnson indirectly of trying to make New Brunswick francophones second-class citizens.

"There aren't two kinds of francophones — first-class and second-class. There is only one kind, first-class francophones, in Canada,"

he told the Commons to a wave of applause from Conservative MPs.

Johnson had maintained Tuesday that Ottawa's decision last week to allow New Brunswick to attend next year's first-ever francophone summit was "a gesture hostile to Quebec."

Johnson, who will be replaced today by Liberal Leader Robert Bourassa after being defeated in the Dec. 2 election, also said that in his negotiations with Mulroney on Quebec's participation at the summit, he told the prime minister he didn't expect other provinces would be allowed to attend "and he told me he would take care of it."

NEVER A DOUBT
 But Mulroney said there was never "a shadow of a doubt" that New Brunswick, the only officially bilingual province, would participate.

He noted that on Nov. 8, the same day a federal-provincial agreement was announced on Quebec's

participation, he told an Ottawa news conference that discussions were under way with New Brunswick "with the goal of concluding with it an agreement assuring its participation at the summit."

Mulroney also noted that for years, Quebec and New Brunswick have had equal official status as participating governments in the *Agence de co-operation culturelle et technique*, an organization aimed at encouraging co-operation among francophone countries.

Similar rules will apply for the summit, expected to be held in France in late January or early February.

The agreements between Ottawa and the two provinces call for a two-part summit — one part on world political and economic issues and the other on such items as culture and development. Both provinces may attend the entire summit but there is no provision

for them to speak on political issues.

They may speak on economic issues with Mulroney's consent and they can participate fully in the second part of the conference.

Mulroney, clearly upset at Johnson's remarks, took the unusual step of reading reporters a formal statement on the issue on his way

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Not so, says Johnson

By Linda Drouin

QUEBEC (CP) — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney misled him about the status that Quebec and New Brunswick would have at a summit of francophone nations next year, outgoing Premier Marc Johnson said Wednesday.

Johnson was responding to a statement by Mulroney earlier in the day in which Mulroney said Johnson had always been aware that New Brunswick would be on the same footing as Quebec at the meeting.

Johnson said that's not true. He

said Mulroney had implied the two provinces would have "similar" but not "identical" status.

The exchange of comments started Tuesday when Johnson said a New Brunswick delegation would dilute Quebec's presence and was a "hostile gesture."

The agreement with New Brunswick was announced last week. The agreement with Quebec was announced with great fanfare Nov. 8 during the Quebec election campaign and brought to an end more than 15 years of negotiations about Quebec's participation in a francophone summit along the lines of the English-speaking Commonwealth.

The summit of leaders of the world's 39 francophone countries is slated to take place in Paris in early February. About 20 countries are expected to participate.

NOT IDENTICAL

"I was aware New Brunswick would be present but to the extent that Quebec has a special status I believed in good faith that New Brunswick's status would not be identical," Johnson said Wednesday.

"I always thought New Brunswick would be present behind the flag of Canada."

The agreement with New Brunswick announced last week is identical to the one signed with Quebec. They provide for the premiers of both New Brunswick and Quebec to be at the table alongside the prime minister of Canada and behind their respective flags and nameplates labelled "Canada-New Brunswick" and "Canada-Quebec."

"It's not a matter of the size of the chair or the flag or the color of the napkins but do you recognize that Quebec is something different in Canada," Johnson said.

Johnson said Mulroney was aware of Quebec's stand "because it had been explained in the meetings with officials, that we would find it unseemly that the status of Quebec would be the same as New Brunswick."

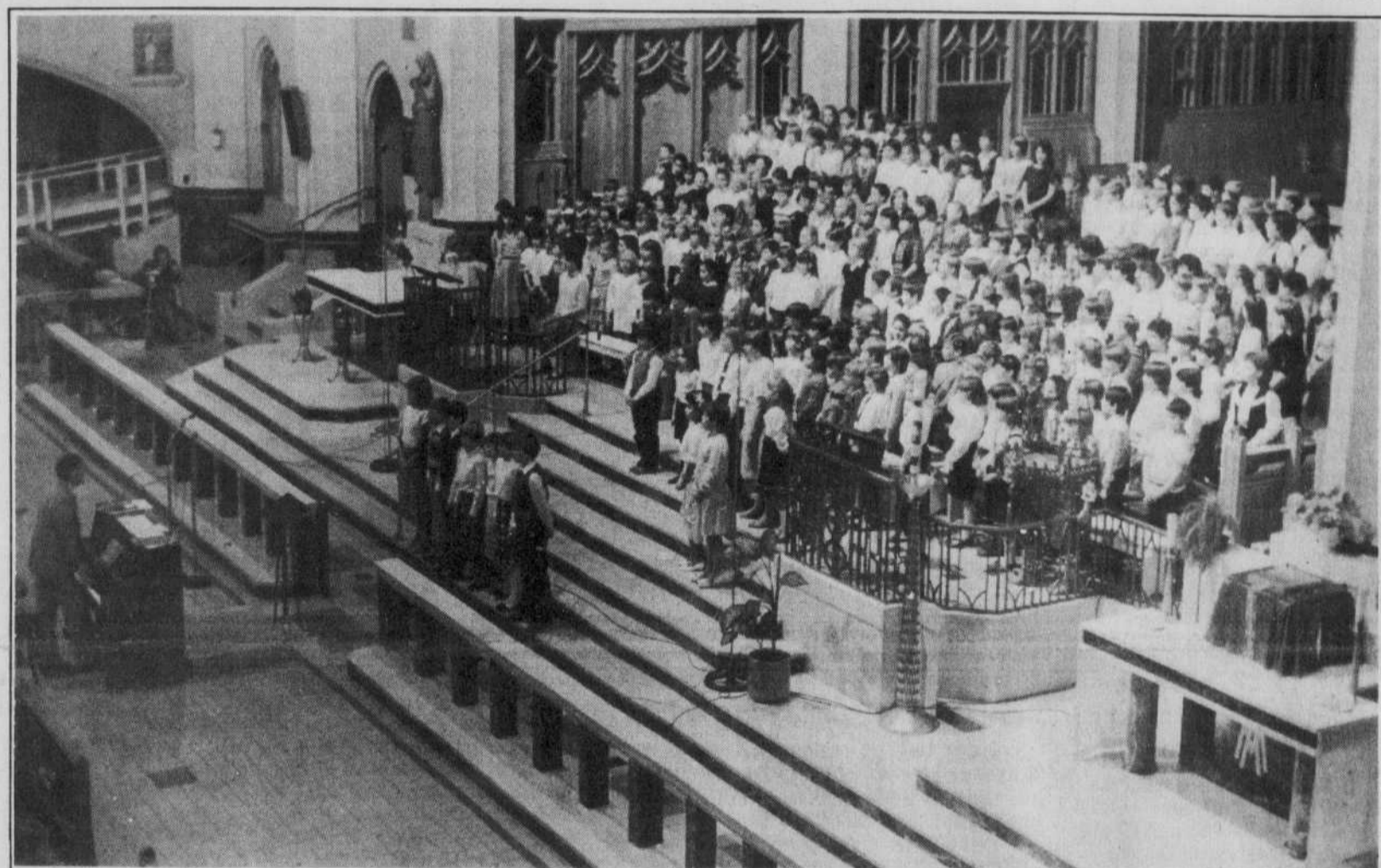
Johnson said he finds it strange that "the unilingual English-speaking premier of New Brunswick (Premier Richard Hatfield) wants to go and speak in the name of French New Brunswickers."

Johnson rejected Mulroney's suggestions that he's creating two classes of francophones in Canada.

"The reality is that Quebec is the only state in North America controlled by francophones," Johnson said.

"Reducing Quebec to the same level as any other province on this international level, is denying that specificity."

Johnson said he believes Robert Bourassa, who will be sworn in as premier today, agrees with his position.



Massed choirs raise cathedral roof

Hundreds of students from the 11 elementary schools of the Eastern Townships School Board gathered in Sherbrooke Wednesday for their annual Christmas nativity service. More pictures, page 3

Free trade could be sore spot at Friday meeting

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will meet Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa in Montreal on Friday for the first time since Bourassa's Liberals swept the Parti Québécois from power last week, the prime minister's office says.

Few details were released Wednesday, although Mulroney's press aides said the meeting was scheduled to take place in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, one of the prime minister's

favorite Montreal haunts.

The session will give Mulroney a chance to discuss what may be a troublesome aspect for him in relations with the new Quebec premier — Bourassa's tough position on the federal government's desire to pursue free-trade talks with the United States.

President Ronald Reagan served notice on the U.S. Congress this week that he wants to begin trade negotiations with Canada,

and the president's move came only a few days after Bourassa expressed caution about a new trade agreement with Washington.

In an interview with the New York Times, Bourassa said a free-trade pact could lead to a customs union with the United States and a loss of Canadian sovereignty.

He said a customs union, where the two countries would be required to apply common economic policies to other countries, would

lead to common political institutions.

"If we start one degree of economic integration, it will be difficult to stop others," Bourassa said.

He said he supports Mulroney's efforts generally to improve Canada's external trade.

But, after meeting last Thursday with Ontario Liberal Premier David Peterson, Bourassa also said

Quebec should have a veto power in trade talks when the province's interests are at stake. Peterson had earlier taken that position.

Bourassa is to be sworn in as Quebec premier today. He was not part of an agreement, which guaranteed the provinces a role in any trade talks, that was reached recently between Mulroney and the premiers — including Parti Québécois premier Pierre Marc Johnson.

Number of drug smugglers caught doubles

MONTREAL (CP) — Almost twice as many people have been discovered trying to smuggle in packages of drugs by ingestion since tighter customs security around flights originating in Jamaica began at Mirabel Airport, an customs official said Wednesday.

Pierre Sigouin, interim chief of operations for Canada Customs' anti-drug squad in Montreal, said 70 "swallowers" have been caught so far this year compared to 40 in 1984.

Though swallowers have also been apprehended at Dorval Air-

port, Mirabel seems to be the favored airport because the flights from Jamaica arrive directly, Sigouin said.

Five flights a week arrive at Mirabel from Jamaica. Some flights from Montego Bay have as many as 60 travellers whose profiles, behavior or "psychological symptoms" make them suspicious, said Sigouin.

"Increasingly, Jamaica has become a supply point for hashish and cocaine," he said.

Customs officials responded to the increased activity 18 months

ago by beefing up checks on flights originating from the Caribbean island. Ninety per cent of those who try to smuggle drugs past customs now use the ingestion method, Sigouin estimated.

Though customs officials say they have had few complaints about the additional checking, at least one passenger is outraged by the process.

Daniel Gloven of Montreal has written to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga and the Canadian Human Rights Commission to complain about the customs treat-

ment of a nephew at Mirabel last month after their return from Jamaica on a Nordair flight.

Gloven said his nephew was detained five hours, interrogated and subjected to a strip search before being cleared. It had been the nephew's first visit to Jamaica.

"I urge you to find a way to put a halt to these fishing expeditions that could have disastrous consequences in discouraging the public to travel, especially out of Mirabel," he wrote.

Sigouin claimed that all checks conform to the Canadian Charter of Rights.

Drop in dollar value may extend into the new year

TORONTO (CP) — Every time Christmas decorations start going up, the Canadian dollar starts going down against its American counterpart and Canadian vacationers heading south feel the pinch.

This seasonal decline is sparked largely by the flow of annual dividends and profits from Canadian subsidiaries to parent corporations in the United States as companies clean up their balance sheets before the end of the year. When they convert funds into U.S. dollars, that currency rises while the Canadian dollar declines.

This helped the Canadian currency slip from just below 73 cents U.S. a few weeks ago to the mid-71-cent level earlier this week. It rallied slightly to close Wednesday at 71.89 cents.

Although it usually rebounds in the New Year, some traders and analysts feel the Canadian dollar will continue to drop after the traditional December pressures ease.

"There's a chance it could go below 70 cents in the next several months," said Al Pipher, foreign exchange adviser at the Cana-

dian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Barry Davenport, vice-president of foreign exchange at the Bank of Montreal, reels off a long list of reasons why the Canadian currency should go down, including the high budget deficit, the threat to Canada's oil industry of a worldwide price war, bank crises and a reluctance to raise interest rates. He says the currency should average about 71 cents U.S. next year, down from just over 73 cents in 1985.

All this spells bad news for Canadian holidaymakers planning a trip to Florida or other spots in the U.S. sunbelt this winter.

It already costs about \$1.40 to buy one U.S. dollar and if the predictions are borne out, people will soon be charged a few pennies more.

The recent volatility in currency markets has also forced banks to increase the spread between the cost of buying a U.S. dollar and what it sells for.

For example, it costs \$1.40 to buy one U.S. dollar at the Royal Bank, yet if you changed it back into Canadian funds you would only get \$1.37.

Minority education rights disregarded — report

OTTAWA (CP) — Only Quebec and New Brunswick have acted so far to conform with Article 23 of the Canadian Constitution dealing with minority education rights, says a report prepared for Secretary of State Benoit Bouchard.

The report, compiled by Pierre Foucher, a constitutional specialist at the University of Moncton, says there has been a lack of determination by the other provinces to provide schooling in minority languages where numbers warrant, under the federal Charter of Rights and Freedoms adopted three years

ago.

In 1982, Article 23, which was supposed to guarantee English-speaking Quebecers and francophones outside Quebec the right to education in their own language, as well as operational control over their own schools, "inspired hope among minority francophones," the report says.

However, inaction by the provinces to revise their legislation has led minorities to seek legal recourse.

"The provinces must face up to their constitutional obligations

better than they have done so far," says the report, which was made public Tuesday.

It says Quebec could improve its laws to allow English-speaking Quebecers to manage their own schools. However, it notes that both English-speaking Quebecers and French-speaking New Brunswickers do have full rights as far as access to schools is concerned.

Elsewhere in Canada, the report notes, the situation is less rosy.

In Newfoundland, where provincial laws make no reference to the

language of teaching, there is merely a statement of principles without legal value.

In Prince Edward Island, the Education Department has a pedagogical adviser who has no authority except to make recommendations. In Nova Scotia the situation is equally unsatisfactory.

The legal situation in Ontario is still too fluid to make a judgment, the report adds, but because of vagueness in provincial laws francophones may have to make their claims for educational rights, case by case, before the courts.

Farm groups firm in their opposition to federal grain subsidies

By David Gersovitz

MONTREAL (CP) — Quebec farm groups haven't mellowed in their opposition to seeing the \$658-million federal grain transportation subsidy paid directly to western farmers instead of the railways.

Two of the province's major farm groups made that point to a Grain Transportation Agency hearing Wednesday, calling the current policy of paying the annual subsidy to the railways the "only acceptable compromise" in an uncertain farm economy.

Spokesmen for the Union des producteurs agricoles, which represents 50,000 producers, and the

Cooperative Federee du Quebec, representing co-operatives, said federal money shouldn't be used to favor the growth of the livestock industry in one region to the detriment of others.

They added, however, that they have no qualm about provinces subsidizing their own agricultural producers.

They told a panel headed by former transport minister Jack Horner that predictions in the 1984 Hall Committee report that the federal transportation subsidy could be paid directly to farmers without harming Quebec livestock producers were based on overly optimistic projections for the growth of Canada's livestock exports to the United States.

THREAT TO FARMS

They said U.S. protectionism is a direct threat to existing farm imports from Canada. Heavy third-world indebtedness may also encourage the United States to favor livestock imports from Latin America — taking away Canadian market share — to help those countries pay off some of their huge debts with American banks.

Steps may be taken to devalue the strong U.S. dollar, which would make foreign imports more expensive in the United States and U.S. farm products cheaper abroad. Either way, Canadian producers are going to lose markets.

To support their contention that studies in the early 1980s were overly optimistic, the Quebec

groups cited a 1981 U.S. study predicting a growth in overseas export markets of up to 2.7 per cent annually, and a 1981 Agriculture Canada survey predicting one-to-two per cent annual growth in real farm prices through to the year 2000.

Then they cited the MacDonald Commission report on the economy this year, which noted that more recent studies predict no growth or even a drop in real farm prices.

The Grain Transportation Agency is reviewing the Western Grain Transportation Act, which replaced the Crownstest Pass railway grain rate. Horner's panel is to report to the government by February.

WON CASE

When the Crow rate was being phased out in 1983, Quebec farmers argued that giving the federal subsidy — intended to offset higher rates — directly to western farmers would encourage western farmers to sell grain as low-cost feed locally to western livestock producers and pocket the subsidy. That in turn would give western livestock a huge advantage over eastern producers.

Feeling the pressure from Quebec, the Liberal government in Ottawa opted to pay the subsidy to the railways. That way, the full value is applied to export grain shipments.

Some western farm groups ar-

gue that paying the subsidy to farmers would help the western agricultural economy diversify, that subsidizing railway grain rates has favored grain producers to the detriment of growth in the livestock area.

Between 1962 and 1982, the western share of Canadian hog production has fallen to 27 per cent from 42 per cent while Quebec production has risen to 37 per cent from 18 per cent.

But the Quebec farm groups said Wednesday that had more to do with good markets and prices for grain abroad, which encouraged farmers to export grain. They argued that hog production in the last few years has been growing in the West and stagnating in Quebec.

It's official: Black buys two British newspapers

By Rick Gibbons

LONDON (CP) — Toronto financier Conrad Black has acquired a controlling interest in *The Daily Telegraph* and its companion, *The Sunday Telegraph*, in a multimillion-dollar deal, the former owner of the financially-troubled company confirmed Wednesday.

The announcement by Lord Hartwell ended a week of boardroom manoeuvrings and lively gossip along Fleet Street and came only hours after Black's bid to gain control of the newspaper won the blessing of the British government, which waved an investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

A statement released by Industry Secretary Leon Brittan said there is no need for an investigation because the deal did not create competition problems. "This proposed acquisition is not a newspaper merger," the statement said.

Though there are regulations governing concentration of newspaper ownership, Black has no other press interests in Britain.

In a statement expected to be published in today's edition of *The Telegraph*, Lord Hartwell said the deal was struck "in order to finance the complete replanning" of the newspaper.

PLANS RESTRUCTURING

"The company will have to be

restructured," Lord Hartwell said. "As a main result, Mr. Conrad Black, already a substantial shareholder through his Canadian companies, will subscribe for new shares, giving him a 50.1-per-cent holding."

Lord Hartwell's family has owned the newspaper group since 1928. "My family, previously controlling 60 per cent, will be reduced to a minority," he said.

In giving the government's nod of approval, Brittan rejected an appeal by journalists at *The Telegraph* for guarantees of non-interference in editorial policy by Black.

In a letter earlier this week to Brittan, 250 employees represented by the National Union of Journalists asked for safeguards against interference "in the content, policy or editorial direction of the newspaper" by foreign interests.

However, Brittan's office said the minister had no statutory powers to respond to the request.

His decision to support the sale followed a recommendation Monday by the Office of Fair Trade that the deal be allowed to go through. *Telegraph* management had sought speedy approval of the package given the current financial state of the newspaper.

Grits and NDP to fight allowance cuts together

OTTAWA (CP) — The Liberals and New Democrats plan to put up a final fight to stall passage of a bill that will limit inflation protection for family allowances.

But the government, which wants the legislation passed by Christmas, hinted Wednesday it would respond to any stalling tactics in the Commons by moving once again to cut off debate on the bill.

"We're going to put up a real fight against it," Liberal House Leader Herb Gray said in an interview. "It's not a matter of stalling, but a matter of fully and adequately debating it, something which this bill hasn't had in our view."

He added that a full debate on the complex issue can't take place in the seven sitting days left before the House breaks for Christmas.

New Democrat House Leader Ian Deans also said his party would like to stall passage of the bill but hasn't decided on its course of action.

The bill, one of several arising from the Conservative government's May 23 budget, would limit future cost-of-living increases in the monthly baby bonus to increases in inflation higher than three per cent a year. In other words, if the inflation rate was four per cent a year, the baby bonus would go up by only one per cent.

Accused of favoritism

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YEARS OF SQUABBLING

The squabble reminded many observers of the fighting that for years had scuttled previous attempts to organize such a summit.

It was only a few weeks ago that Conservative MPs were boasting in the Commons of an end to the "war of the flags" over which government could do what. They claimed that, unlike the federal Liberals, they knew how to deal with

Johnson's Parti Québécois and get results.

The relationship began to go sour toward the end of the Quebec election campaign, as the polls made clear the provincial Liberals were about to win.

Mulroney had initially been accused by federal Liberals of favouring the PQ. But then Johnson complained that the prime minister was holding up several important development projects he wanted to announce during the campaign.

Liver transplant kid doing well

MONTREAL (CP) — The youngest-ever recipient of a liver transplant in Canada is in satisfactory condition at the Montreal Children's Hospital six days after the operation, the hospital said in a news release Wednesday.

The vital signs of the 13-month-old baby girl, whose name was not released, are within normal limits and the liver is functioning well.

A combined liver transplant team from four hospitals in the Montreal area carried out the surgery Dec. 4, becoming the first team in Canada to perform the complicated surgery on an infant.

Cops' gun hunt bags plenty

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal police, who launched an operation to seize illegal weapons, were surprised when raids turned up more than 5,000 weapons at 17 stores.

"We really didn't expect to find this much," Det. Sgt. Claude Lesieur said Wednesday. "We tried to do a small operation, raid maybe three stores. Instead we found 15 (selling the weapons). I'm sure we've eliminated most of the illegal weapons in the city."

Sixteen people have been charged with selling and distributing prohibitive weapons, and possession of illegal weapons. The weapons have a total value of about \$70,000.

Mulroney hears gassers' plight

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney met Wednesday with members of a group trying to save their jobs in Montreal's hard-pressed petrochemical industry.

Mulroney told the group he would meet Friday with Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa in Montreal and that the fate of the petrochemical industry would be on the agenda.

The workers want federal assistance to save the Petromont ethylene plant and the Gulf oil refinery. The refinery closes at the end of the year, putting 450 out of work. If the ethylene plant closes, 250 would be unemployed.

StatsCan releases killing totals

TORONTO (CP) — Killers in Quebec and British Columbia prefer guns; those in the Prairies and Ontario favor knives; Atlantic Canadians like beating their victims to death; and murderers in the Yukon and Northwest Territories are equally fond of guns and fists, says Statistics Canada.

While poet T.S. Eliot deemed April the cruellest month, it was by far the least deadly for Canadians in 1983, when the fewest killings — 6.2 per cent of the year's total of 682 — were committed, the federal statistics agency says in its latest compilation of homicide figures.

March had the second-lowest toll of slayings, while October had the highest percentage at 10.2.

Nameless tarantula stolen

WINNIPEG (CP) — A cat burglar dropped through the roof of a local pet store and stole away with a black tarantula spider and some money, police said Wednesday.

Crime Supt. Clarke Peckover said the thief apparently ripped open a rooftop air vent and crawled through the hole before dropping to the floor and making off with the six-month-old spider.

Store owner Dave Watkins said the missing spider had only been in the store for a few weeks before it was stolen. "We hadn't even given it a name," Watkins said.

The thief carried the eight-legged spider away in his glass display bowl, although a tarantula bite is not any more poisonous than a bee sting.

\$7.5M cheque found in store

REGINA (CP) — SaskOil and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce were relieved when a \$7.5-million cheque was found under a rack of clothes in a store.

"I just about died," said store manager Eleanor Pollock, who found the cheque. "I didn't think it was real."

She called SaskOil, but was cut off, so she walked across the street to a branch of the Commerce. "It freaked them out, too," she said.

Meanwhile, the unidentified courier service that lost the cheque was frantically retracing its steps from the main branch of the Commerce, where it was supposed to have gone.

The only reward Pollock apparently will get is a word of thanks. "I thought a share in (SaskOil) would have been nice," she said.

Reagan orders lie detector tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration, stung by a number of recent spy scandals, has ordered that all government employees with access to highly secret information be subject to lie detector tests.

A congressional source said as many as 150,000 federal employees, including even cabinet secretaries, and 33,000 private contractors appeared to be covered by the order and eligible for the tests.

However, the source, who spoke about the secret order on condition he not be identified, said only a small fraction of the total could be tested because of the limited number of polygraph machines and trained operators.

Grasshopper raid worse in '86

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — About a million hectares of land were sprayed with a pesticide last summer to combat what officials called Wyoming's worst grasshopper infestation in history, but the problem promises to be worse next year, a scientist said Wednesday.

University of Wyoming entomologist Everett Spackman said surveys indicate 1.3 million hectares of range will be infested by the voracious insects next year.

The state Agriculture Department said about a million hectares, mostly rangeland, were infested with "economically damaging" numbers of grasshoppers last summer.

AIDS around before Christ?

LONDON (AP) — A British chemist working in New York City says that a disease similar to AIDS is mentioned in the Bible — and Moses contained it by killing all potential carriers.

"The Book of Numbers in the Old Testament records that a plague struck the Israelites in the plains of Moab after they consorted with prostitutes," said John Gwilt, vice-president of the New York-based Sterling Drug Inc.

"The disease does seem to have been virulent and sexually transmitted, although we can't prove it was AIDS unless we had the antibodies of that time, and I think it's too long ago."

Gwilt, who is visiting London, said he has made a lifelong study of medical references in the Bible and found "striking parallels" to modern diseases.

Painting fetches \$680,000

LONDON (Reuter) — An unidentified American bidding by telephone paid a record \$680,000 on Wednesday for a Canaletto painting which had hung unrecognized in a house in Scotland, Sotheby's auctioneers said. The painting is the original of one in the royal collection at Windsor Castle. The original was thought lost until a Glasgow representative of Sotheby's noticed the painting while inspecting furniture due to be sold by an estate.

Brit airliner to circle world

LONDON (Reuter) — Concorde, the supersonic airliner, will make its first round-the-world flight next November, circling the globe in 31 hours, British Airways said Wednesday. Brian Walpole, the airline's Concorde division general manager, said the plane had never made such a trip partly because of concern about spare part availability and sustained long-distance performance. "It's been my view that we weren't ready to do it," he told reporters during Concorde's tenth year in passenger service. Passengers will be 100 winners of a contest sponsored by a British cigarette maker.

Millionaire's mansion robbed

DUBLIN (Reuter) — Armed men ransacked and robbed an Irish mansion owned by Peter Menten, Dutch millionaire art collector and convicted war criminal, police said Wednesday. Paintings and other valuables were strewn around the house at Leamybrien in County Waterford.

President told to get rest

TUNIS (Reuter) — Doctors have advised 82-year-old Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba to rest because he has a "slight chill," the official TAP news agency reported Wednesday. Bourguiba had his usual meeting with Prime Minister Mohamed Mzali and other members of the cabinet this morning, TAP said. But the agency did not carry its daily report on Bourguiba's usual morning exercise of a walk with presidential aides.

Colombia quake toll hits \$212M

BOGOTA (Reuter) — Colombia said Wednesday the overall damage caused by last month's volcanic disaster is now known to have amounted to at least \$212 million U.S.

A report issued by the planning department estimated at \$112 million the cost of economic and social rebuilding of areas directly affected by the Nov. 13 eruption of the Nevado del Ruiz volcano which killed 23,000 people.

The report listed 74 projects that could be implemented rapidly — from preventive measures to deal with a new disaster and relocation of the thousands left homeless to rebuilding transport infrastructure.

West Germans want doctor

BOCHUM, West Germany (Reuter) — West Germany is to ask the United States to extradite an Iranian doctor accused of swindling health insurance plans of more than \$2.35 million, the Bochum state prosecutor's office said Wednesday. A spokesman said the man, named only as Reza E. 46, had been arrested by FBI agents at his brother's ranch near San Jose, Calif. The doctor, who went to the United States last October, was alleged to have amassed the money over the last seven years by issuing false bills to health insurance plans to which his patients belonged, the spokesman said.

The report listed 74 projects that could be implemented rapidly — from preventive measures to deal with a new disaster and relocation of the thousands left homeless to rebuilding transport infrastructure.

U.S. proposal okayed by NATO

BRUSSELS (AP-Reuters-CP) — NATO endorsed Wednesday a U.S. proposal to the Soviet Union to limit the number of medium-range nuclear missiles aimed at targets in Europe.

A statement issued after a meeting of allied experts on Intermediate Nuclear Forces welcomed the U.S. proposal put forward Nov. 1 in Geneva which would limit both sides to 140 missile launchers within range of Europe.

It would leave Moscow with 140 SS-20 missiles in range of Europe and about 120 in Asia. NATO says 441 SS-20s are deployed worldwide.

Syria about to join the nuke age

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — A Saudi Arabian magazine quoted Syria's defence minister Wednesday as saying his country could acquire nuclear weapons, and is considering doing so to confront Israel.

"Syria has the ability to acquire this kind of (nuclear) weapon with a view to attaining a strategic balance with Israel," Gen. Mustafa Tlas was quoted saying in the London-based, weekly magazine, *Al-Majallah*.

Israel has never said it possesses nuclear weapons.

Tlas stressed Syria "will not take the initiative in introducing nuclear weapons to the Middle East, but at the same time, we won't sit back, arms folded, in the face of the Israeli nuclear threat."

Chinese criminals executed

HONG KONG (AFP) — China recently executed two bank robbers convicted of killing 18 people and wounding 16 others in a holdup in central China's Hunan province in July, a Hong Kong newspaper reported Thursday.

Liu Suichan, 24, and Li Shunian, 21, allegedly attacked their victims with knives, iron bars and other weapons after an abortive attempt to rob a branch of the Peoples Bank of China on July 19, the independent *Ming Pao* Daily said.

The branch was in Changde, in the north of the province. The dead included a woman bank teller. The robbers allegedly killed a passerby who tried to stop them and then went a rampage as they made their escape, massacring 16 others and injuring the same number, the report said.

The robbers were arrested on the same day. They were described as heavily indebted gamblers, the report added.

Cops rough up Chinese student

PEKING (Reuter) — A Chinese scholar "roughed up" by police in California was mistaken for a campus peeping tom and struggled so hard with police that he was charged with resisting arrest, U.S. diplomats said in Peking. Earlier Wednesday, China accused American police of roughing up Li Xizhi, a research scholar, at the University of California's Berkeley campus Nov. 18.

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Weather Doonesbury

Snow today, partial clearing tonight. High -3. Low tonight -10 to -13. Friday's outlook, cloudy followed by light snow. High -1.



The Townships

Via-Rail train goes off the tracks near Bury

BURY — A Via Rail passenger train was involved in a 'minor' derailment late Tuesday on the Canadian Pacific main line near here. No injuries were reported.

The diesel locomotive was the only unit of the eastbound train to leave the tracks in the incident,

which took place at about 11:25 p.m. between the village and the Route 108 level crossing.

The passengers were taken by bus to Lake Megantic for the night. They should be back on their way to New Brunswick by this morning.

It'll take a little longer to get the engine back on track.

Town of Brome Lake taxes go up — a little

By Philip Authier

KNOWLTON — The average Town of Brome Lake taxpayer can expect to pay a little more in taxes next year but overall the financial picture for the town is pretty good, says Mayor Homer Blackwood.

The town passed its 1986 annual budget at a meeting this week. It includes total expenditures of about \$2,941,850, a four per cent increase over 1985.

The general property-tax 'mill' rate, which is assessed on each home, moves from \$1.23 to \$1.29 per assessed \$100 value as a result of the new budget. Water taxes go up 12 per cent, from \$125 to \$140 per household, the sewer tax goes from \$160 to \$170 and the garbage tax moves from \$45 to \$46.

Translated, the average owner of a home evaluated at \$50,000 can expect to pay about \$60 more than last year, Blackwood said. A house evaluated at \$100,000 would get a real-estate tax bill of about \$1,290, plus the cost of whatever specific services they need.

PROJECT COSTS

The reason for the increase lies mainly in the cost of several projects the municipality is undertaking. Included is the \$30,000 it is investing in a water treatment system, plus funds for some new computer hardware which Blackwood says will save the town money in the long run because it will not have to hire additional personnel.

"We're in very good shape," Blackwood said noting that the town's deficit now stands at about three-and-a-half million dollars compared to a town wide-evaluation of \$125 million.

"That's like \$35,000 on a \$125,000 house," Blackwood said.

Quebec government grants to the town have been pegged at about \$380,000 while compensation 'in lieu of taxes' for provincial and

para-public buildings totals \$153,000. The federal share in the same category is \$2,100.

Total projected revenues from other sources is \$217,375.

Broken down, the town plans to spend \$335,675 on administration, \$387,900 on public safety, \$552,175 on roads, \$392,350 on the environment, \$92,300 on urban planning and finally \$144,450 on recreation.



Brome Lake's Homer Blackwood... 'We're in very good shape'



Let the children sing!

Students from the 11 ETSB elementary schools sang and recited at their best Wednesday in a nativity service at Sherbrooke's St-Michel Cathedral. Nearly 1,000 friends and parents watched. 'We thank the students for this wonderful Christmas present,' said the board's director of elementary and secondary educational services Tom Matthews. Schools represented were Asbestos-Danville-Shipton, St. Francis (Richmond), Pope Memorial (Bury), Cookshire, Sawyerville, Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, North Hatley, Ayer's Cliff, Sunnyside (Rock Island) and Princess Elizabeth (Magog).



Hydro, Vermont renew historic export contract

NEWPORT, Vt. (MC) — Officials of Hydro Quebec and Citizens Utilities renewed Canada's oldest energy export agreement last week, extending it another five years.

The five-year deal will be worth about \$65 million, at current exchange rates.

"We've been doing business with Quebec over 60 years," Citizens Utilities general manager Albert Flory grinned. "Before Hydro Quebec was formed, we bought electricity from Southern Canada Power and some of their other predecessors, and before we were formed in

1946, some of our predecessors bought power from them. It's been a good thing for people on both sides of the border."

Citizens Utilities is Vermont's third-biggest power company, serving most of the northern part of the state — "from the Northeast Kingdom to the Champlain Islands," according to a company press release, including some 550 communities.

The renewed agreement calls for purchase of over 100 megawatts during the next five years, at an annual cost escalating with infla-

tion, adjustments in the exchange rate, and changes in the cost of Quebec energy production.

In 1985 Citizens paid Hydro Quebec \$9 million, Flory said (\$7 million in U.S. dollars), but he expects that this figure will jump to about \$11 million within two years (\$8 million U.S.), and to more than \$13 million by 1991 (\$10 million U.S.).

The longstanding energy export deal began with construction of the first generating stations along the Coaticook and Tomifobia rivers, but Flory could not recall the exact history. A 120-kilovolt interchange

with Citizens was established at Rock Island.

Exports gradually increased, until in 1976 Hydro Quebec beefed up the interchange to 230 kilovolts, over two parallel lines. The additional power came through a new line built along the Massawippi Ridge. Beginning a now-familiar pattern, Hydro cut trees for surveying purposes and even bulldozed acres of sugarbush before notifying the farmers whose land the line crossed. The last legal disputes resulting from that action were finally settled in 1982.

Asbestos on the tracks: Report due next month

By Merritt Clifton

MONTREAL — Environment Canada expects to release two major reports on asbestos "at the latest in early January," says air pollution directorate investigator Breda Nadon.

Each report will have significant implications for the Eastern Townships. One is a review of asbestos pollution all across Canada, to be used in forming a national "action plan" for clean-ups. The other makes final recommendations concerning a possible clean-up of CP Rail's 'asbestos line', which runs through most major towns in Brome-Missisquoi.

The 'asbestos line' study has been underway for nearly two years now. The final report was originally due in October, but was delayed when new federal environment minister Tom McMillan ordered preparation of the national action plan — in effect, Canada's first policy document on asbestos pollution, over 80 years after the potential health hazards were first identified.

CONCERNED IN OPPOSITION

McMillan had repeatedly called for a national asbestos control policy when he was Tory Opposition environment critic during the Pierre Trudeau Liberal regime —

after becoming familiar with asbestos pollution through demanding action on the 'asbestos line.'

The 'asbestos line' consists of CP Rail's Adirondack and Newport subdivisions, reballasted with asbestos tailings in 1978. After numerous studies documented significant water and air pollution from the asbestos, McMillan joined Brome-Missisquoi politicians, doctors, and civic groups in demanding action of the Trudeau government. In 1982 McMillan sought through a private member's bill to have the 90 miles of asbestos railway ballast removed. When the bill failed despite unanimous support of the Progressive Conservatives and NDP, McMillan publically concluded that the whole government attitude toward asbestos should be openly investigated.

Asbestos producers could get either good news or bad news from the action plan — probably a mix of both.

SAFE USE, CLEAN-UP

The producers hope the plan will conclude that pollution can now be controlled to the point that asbestos can be used safely, at least in some products. Such a conclusion would allow cautious optimism about the future of Quebec's asbestos industry, in steady decline for almost a decade.

But the review will also almost certainly target many asbestos pollution sources for immediate clean-up. The focus, says Nadon, is on overdue clean-up projects that should be budgeted immediately.

"I am looking at all aspects touching asbestos," she explains. "Water, air, tailings, insulation in schools, brakes, to find what action should be taken in the next year." The first part of Nadon's job is already finished, involving "doing a lot of literature research." Now her preliminary report is under study by Health and Welfare Canada.

Meanwhile, after giving the policy review top priority for two months, Nadon is back to work on the 'asbestos line.' "This is also still high on our priority list," she says.

JOBS FOR EX-MINERS

If her final 'asbestos line' report concludes that clean-up feasible, Brome-Missisquoi gains a cleaner environment while the former asbestos-milling community of East Broughton gains a new industry.

The clean-up method under study involves coating the 'asbestos line' with an acrylic vinyl resin developed by the University of Sherbrooke's Institute for Research and Development of Asbestos. The resin would be manufactured by DESCO Inc., an East Broughton

firm set up to employ former asbestos miners and millers.

AWAIT FINAL RESULTS

An experimental resin coating was applied to a kilometre of track near Brigham in June, 1984. Nadon has been waiting for test results ever since. First results, in October, 1984, were discouraging. At that time the asbestos pollution of soil and groundwater near the tracks appeared so extensive that the effect of the coating couldn't be measured. But more samples were taken in June, 1985.

"I received the results of these samples at the end of November," Nadon recalls, "but I didn't have the time to do any analysis of them," because of the action plan priority. The sampling results are now undergoing rigorous statistical analysis.

Nadon promises to circulate a preliminary draft of her conclusions among concerned parties within a month. The 'concerned parties' include IRDA, CP Rail, and the Brome-Missisquoi environmental action group End Of The Line.

Tory Tremblay trial set for knock out blow

ARTHABASKA — Conservative MP Maurice Tremblay was ordered Wednesday to stand trial Jan. 13 on charges of criminal assault causing bodily harm.

Tremblay, MP for Lotbinière, is accused of punching Robert Desautels in the face and breaking his nose last May 25 after an argument over the accounting of campaign funds.

Desautels, a lawyer, is president of the Lotbinière Conservative association and was Tremblay's official agent in the federal election campaign last year.

Desautels has launched a civil suit against Tremblay for \$48,000 over the incident.



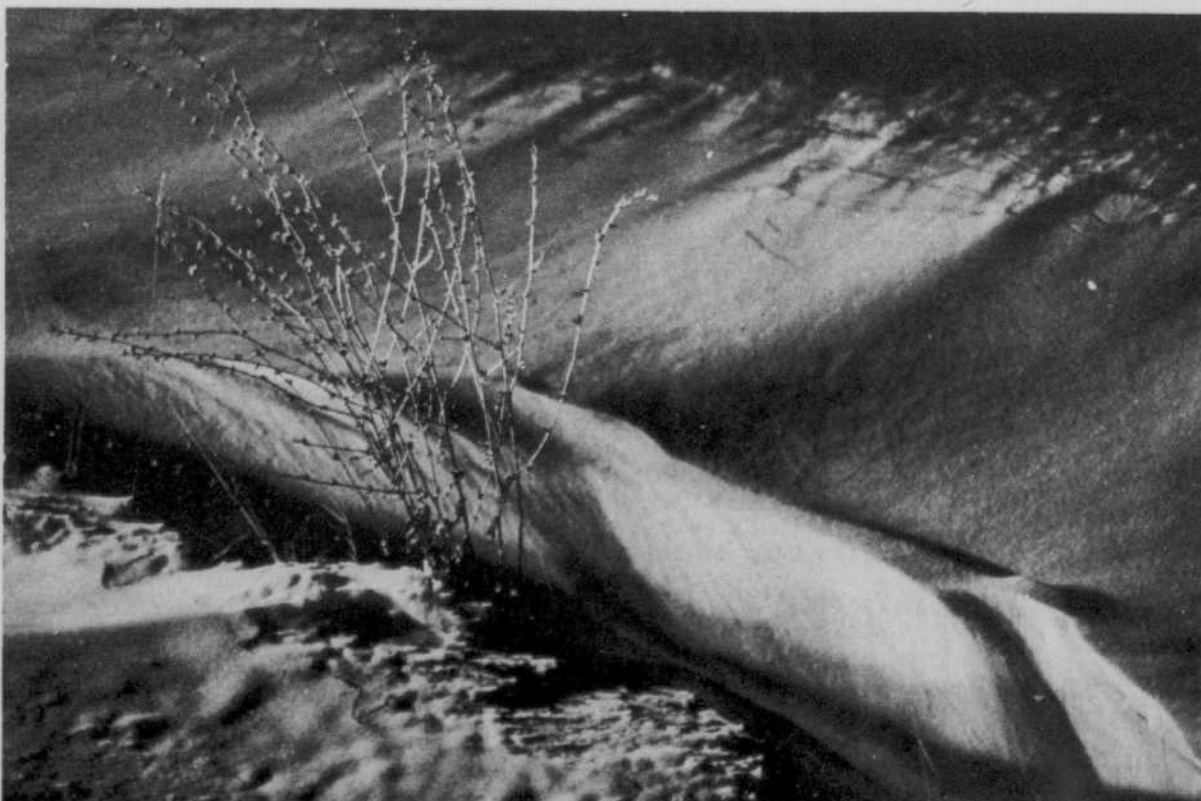
RECORD-GRANT SIMON

Waiting for Mom

The line-ups aren't long at the bank in Scotstown but the waiting can be a bore for those with no accounts. These three wise youngsters knew they shouldn't talk to strangers so the photographer — who didn't feel like waiting either — didn't get their names.

Quitting is tough, but it's worth the effort.

Join the Majority — Be a Non-Smoker.



RECORD-PERRY BEATON

Snowdrift art

Perhaps only photographers and other like-minded artistic types can find art in a roadside snowbank, but here it is: Open 24 hours a day, free admission.

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An unenviable image

Quebec's accident record continues to be one of the poorest in North America, worse even than Ontario's, despite the fact there are two million more people living there.

The number of accidents is growing at a frightening rate, taking 1,222 lives in 182,206 accidents in 1984 alone.

How do we explain this? *La Régie de l'assurance automobile du Québec* says that 85 per cent of the time, accidents can be directly blamed on driver error. Distractions, inexperience or neglected maintenance explain some accidents, but another factor is a simple lack of prudence on the part of many drivers. That translates into an astronomical number of violations of the rules.

Statistics show 517,423 infractions subject to demerit points last year. Three-and-a-half million Quebecers had driver's licences. One Quebec driver in seven broke the law at least once last year.

All drivers know that running a red light can result in a \$100 fine, as can rolling through stop sign or not slowing down when a traffic signal is flashing yellow. All drivers are also aware of the fines for front-seat passengers who do not wear their seat belts.

Drivers can be fined \$100 or more if they pass another vehicle on the right. It is also illegal to pass at or near an intersection. Passing a vehicle turning or signalling a turn nets fines from \$100 up. Same thing if the driver or passengers consume alcohol in the car, or if a radar detector is found in use.

Speeding up when someone is trying to pass or zig-zagging on the road for fun can mean fines of \$50 and up. The fine can go as high as \$500 for hazardous driving, or breaking the rules related to school buses.

Speeding is also punished severely in Quebec, with a base fine which is added to for every kilometre over the limit. Typical speeding fines can rise into the hundreds of dollars.

Failure to obey the rules surely explains the high number of accidents. That failure is why the rules were created in the first place. The penalties are because the lives of all road users are at stake.

But many drivers seem to ignore the highway safety code. Look at the results for the first month of Operation Impact 5. Police issued 5,500 tickets including 3,600 fines, and pulled 135 intoxicated motorists off the road. Yet 10 deaths occurred. The operation has been only partly successful; there are still a lot of accidents. Perhaps the Quebec Police have not been attacking the most dangerous drivers — the boozers who come out of bars so drunk they are in no condition to drive.

The police have an enormous amount of work ahead of them to improve both the rate of auto accidents in *La Belle Province* and the unenviable image that goes with it.

RÉAL HÉBERT

Bruce Levett

Is it the time of year — with things relatively slow in the newsdodge — that gives birth to such unusual tales?

Year after year they surface, each time vouched for as true. However, they never happened to the storyteller, but rather to the friend of a cousin.

For instance: We have before us the tale of the man stopped for drinking and driving. The arresting officers relieve him of his driver's licence and vehicle registration and invite him to take a seat in the rear of the cruiser.

Just then, on the other side of the divided highway, there comes the sound of a major-league-calibre crash. "You stay put," the officers instruct the captive as they dash toward the accident.

But does he? No. He spots his papers on the front seat of the cruiser, scoops them up and speeds away.

Once home, he instructs his wife to tell any callers that he has been home all evening, has taken a sleeping pill and will not be available to anyone before morning.

When the police show up, the wife recites the fairy tale and the police ask — politely — if they might peek inside the family garage.

There, inside the garage, is — of course — the cruiser.

Then there is the yarn concerning the expensive new backyard barbecue set-up that is stolen one dark night.

Comes the dawn, however, it has been returned. There is a note attached.

"Forgive our son for taking your barbecue," the note reads. "He took it for his father and me as an anniversary present. We are a poor family and we knew he had no money, so we questioned him about it.

"He is ashamed and is returning your property. We would like you to have the enclosed to make up for this sad episode."

Enclosed are two tickets for the ballet for the following night.

Heartwarmed, the victims attend the ballet and follow up with a little post-show dinner.

When they return home, they find that someone has cleaned out the premises — including the expensive new backyard barbecue.

The story of the good Samaritan on the freeway also falls into this category.

It seems the victim had run out of gas and had walked miles — there and back — for a gallon or so of the necessary. However, he still couldn't get his car started.

Finally, a smiling woman drives up and asks whether she can do anything to help. (Why is it always a woman in this role? Beats me, but I've heard this story a dozen times and it always is.)

"Maybe I could give you a push with my car," she suggests.

The victim is dubious, but what the heck. . . .

"Well, okay," he agrees. "But remember, this is an automatic transmission and you have to get it up to 35 miles an hour before it will kick in."

The helpful one backs up, jockeys for position, and the victim looks in the rear-view mirror.

"And there she came. Doing the prescribed 35 MPH — at least. . . ."

Did these incidents really occur? Of course they did. You have only to ask my cousin's friend.

Conservatives becoming artful dodgers in House?

By Alan Bass

OTTAWA (CP)—Deputy Prime Minister Erik Nielsen rises in the Commons to answer an opposition question. Opposition MPs groan in dismay. They've spotted a back issue of Hansard clutched in Nielsen's hand.

"Mr. Speaker, the fact is that if the honorable member had been paying attention yesterday, and if he had reread Hansard for yesterday, as I have, and studied it, he would have found the answer. . . at page 8,594," Nielsen says.

"The prime minister said, and I quote. . . ."

The parliamentary system is unique, scholars tell us, because government ministers are held publicly accountable for their actions on a daily basis.

The forum for this accountability is question period, a 45-minute slice of the parliamentary day during which ministers answer opposition questions about government policy and programs.

Question period "enables the opposition to keep in close touch with the administration and to draw out many hidden matters into the light of day," say political scientists R. MacGregor Dawson and W. F. Dawson.

"Generally speaking, the minister will find it difficult to withhold any information unless he can plead that to give it would be contrary to the public interest."

That's the theory.

The practice can be quite different.

These days, according to frustrated opposition MPs, it is very different in-

deed. Getting straight answers from ministers, they complain, is becoming a much too rare event.

BAD PERFORMANCE

"The performance of late has been very bad," says NDP House Leader Ian Deans. "I don't remember many occasions recently where any minister has actually answered the question that was put."

A few ministers, like Environment Minister Tom McMillan and Transport Minister Don Mazankowski, win high marks from the opposition for having a grasp of issues and giving forthright answers.

But, says Liberal House Leader Herb Gray, "with the exception of Mazankowski and McMillan, it's hard to find many ministers who make a real effort to give a responsive and informative answer."

Nielsen, who is chief minister during the increasingly frequent occasions that Prime Minister Brian Mulroney is absent from the Commons, tops the opposition's list as the worst offender when it comes to dodging questions.

"He's carried evasion and obfuscation to new heights, or new depths," Gray says.

Nielsen's favorite tactic is to brandish Hansard, the written record of Commons debates, and read another minister's past answers.

Nielsen also dismisses many questions for having a "totally false preamble," which usually means the questioner was critical of the government.

The strategy has been enthusiastically taken up by several other ministers.

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, for example, told the Commons one day that the government would not publish its position on free trade with the United States "because we would be sure to lose in the negotiations" by making the strategy public.

NDP MP Rod Murphy later asked Nielsen about cuts in transfer payments to the provinces. He wondered if the rationale for not releasing the government's specific plans before the November conference of first ministers was the same as "not wanting to publish its position on free trade because it might lose."

FAMILIAR TUNE

"Mr. Speaker, let me answer that, since the premise of the question was based upon a clear distortion of what I said. The honorable member's accusation is as inaccurate as his preamble."

And that was that.

Many ministers would rather counter-attack than answer queries. Although they've been in office for more than a year, Tory ministers still blame a lot of problems on the former Liberal government.

Faced with a Liberal question about aid to drought-stricken farmers, Wheat Board Minister Charles Mayer responded that the government was dealing with "very severe problems caused by the fiscal irresponsibility of the previous government."

"We also caused the drought!" exclaimed an incredulous Liberal.

According to Deans, it is the prime minister who has set the standard for his colleagues who duck questions.

"They're all learning from Mulroney," Deans says. "I think he's setting a bad example."

Although Mulroney can be quite straightforward on occasion, he is also a master of the artful dodge.

He is one of the biggest users of the counter-attack strategy. He also likes to deflect criticism of just about anything by trotting out a list of promising economic statistics even when such "eloquent figures," as he calls them, don't come remotely close to answering the question.

As an example, recently, Liberal MP Jean-Claude Malepart asked whether the government would agree to a combines investigation of Ultramar's purchase of the Montreal Gulf refinery, which Ultramar plans to close.

Mulroney's reply — that the job creation rate in Quebec and Canada since the Tories came to power is "14 times what was achieved by the Liberal party" — could hardly be described as an answer.

"This kind of fooling around is just what is making the prime minister's popularity go down in the polls," Malepart observed.

Still, opposition MPs are not as angry about all this dodging as they sometimes let on.

"(Nielsen's) techniques are carried to such a degree that it's having a counter-effect," Gray says.

"I would have hoped to get answers," says Deans. "But since I'm not getting answers, at least I'm getting satisfaction from knowing that people know I'm not getting answers."

Letters

They will be over 70 one day

Editor:

I wish to take exception to the statement in Kathy Appelblom's write-up about Miss Norah Moorhead, in which she states most people Miss Moorhead's age are sitting by the fire dreaming. I don't know Miss Moorhead's age but assume it is somewhere in the seventies. How many people does Kathy know between the ages of 70 and 100 who sit and dream — outside of nursing homes that is? For each one there must be three who are very active. Several are mayors in the small villages and towns in the Eastern Townships, many are leaders and volunteers in community work, some attend Elderhostel courses regularly, they golf, curl and bowl, they join the Golden Agers and given concerts, etc. to raise money for worthy causes. They join various arts and crafts organizations to learn to weave, to quilt, to make ceramics, etc.; skills they had no time to learn until retirement. Then there are the ones who did not have the opportunity or the money (it is only comparatively recently that students had their way paid by grants or loans), that are now enrolling in universities to study for a

degree, or are taking a few courses in continuing education.

In the *Campus News* for Dec. 4, Jennifer Epps wrote "People can stay in the Senate until no longer able to chew their own food." — rather insulting and unkind. Doesn't she know there is a retirement age for Senators?

Both Kathy and Jennifer will be over 70 one of these days and they will then be appalled at having written — and thought — such remarks.

Yours very truly,
(Miss) DOROTHY DUTTON
Lennoxville

P.S.
A very large percentage of your readers are over retirement age.

Impressed with Bourassa

Editor:

I can not deny the desire to express my absolute relief about the election victory of the Liberal Party. Despite promises, promises, promises, we are sure of one thing: Political stability!

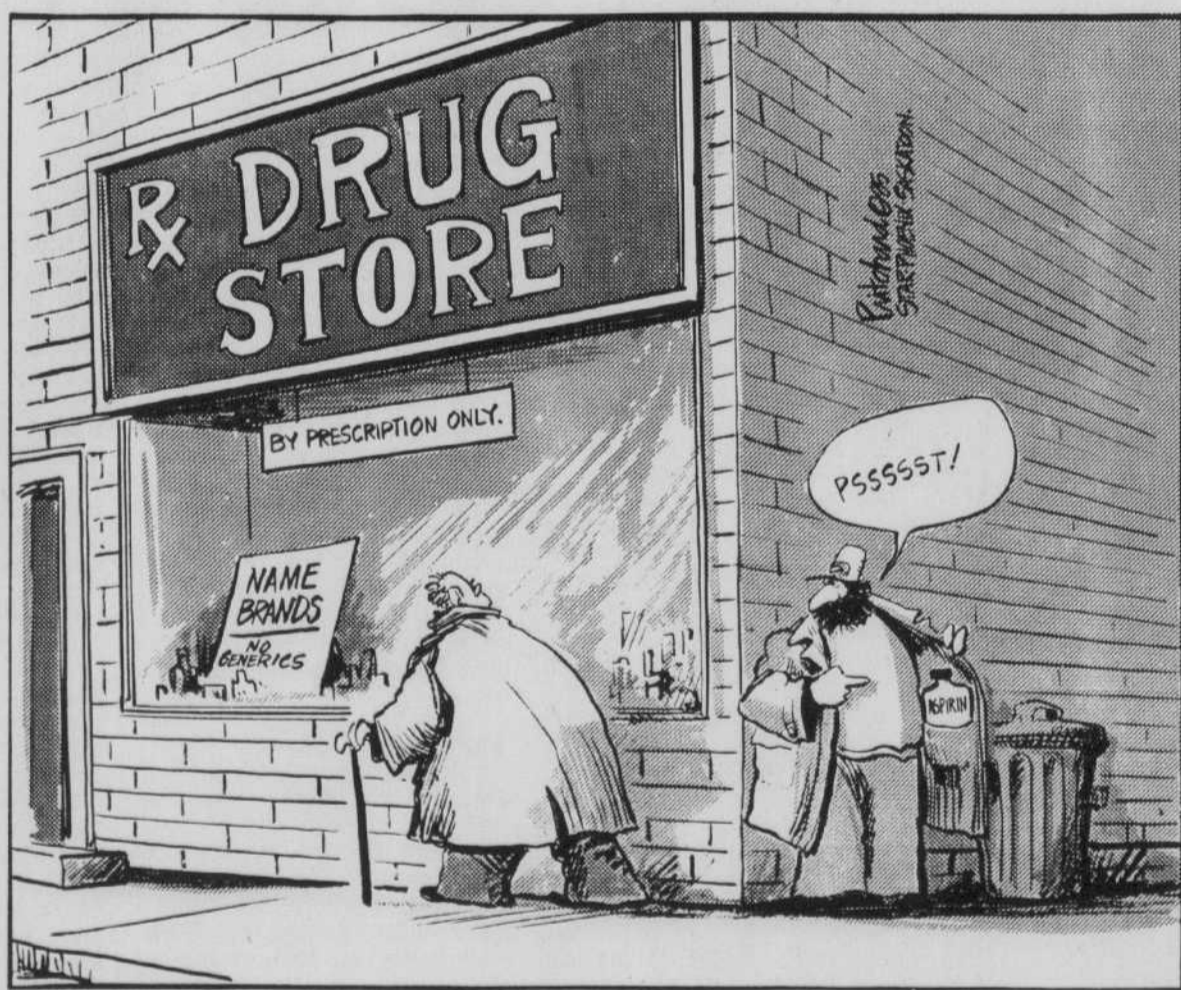
The uncertainty of the past nine years is over, and that alone will create a most favorable climate in Quebec. Of course, I hope for the reality of de-zoning as an answer to my prayers.

I can not quite understand the very negative comments about Mr. Bourassa. My husband and I feel that these comments are very unfair. We were both able to observe him at a meeting in Cowansville, and we were both impressed with the maturity of his present style, and his quiet confidence. So why crucify, already?

Personally I was intrigued by the remark that "our government will be run like a business." During a television interview, Mr. Pierre Marc Johnson denied strongly that any government could be run like a business. I have promoted just such a theory for years and years at table conversations with family and friends, and I was always told that I was naive and silly. To me, that idea was not naive and silly; it was common sense. However, I always swallowed the verdict of the majority. Boy, oh boy, will it be interesting to find out now.

Such a theory certainly can not be worse than the one which was put forward during the past nine years.

INGE VON GLASLOW
Sutton



Robots will never take the place of good editors

Take my word

By BOB TAYLOR

select out, administrative assistant, traffic expeditor."

"To fire, secretary, shipping clerk."

"Good," said the inventor, giving the robot a squirt of oil behind the ears. "To conferate, intervoid, self-actualize."

"To meet, avoid a confrontation, know yourself."

TOO EASY?

The CEO ground out his White Owl. "That's kindergarten stuff." "Patience, patience," soothed the little fellow. He twiddled a widget, adjusted a sprocket and turned the whatsit all the way down. "Terminological inexactitude, categorical inaccuracy, plausible denial."

"Lie, lie, lie."

"State research bureau, adjustment centre, stress-producing stimulus, vocalization."

The robot rocked on its steel feet. "Secret police, solitary confinement cell, electric shock, screams."

"Come on, come on," said the CEO. Hurriedly giving a final turn to the upper gadget, the inventor pulled a notepad from his pocket. "In the event of a fire emergency, egress should be achievable in 2.5 minutes," he read and smiled encouragingly.

"If fire breaks out, people should be able to get out in two or three minutes."

MAKE IT HARDER

"Hey, give it something hard."

The inventor sighed and turned a page. "System A exhibits cost benefits only beyond the complexity level at which its cost-complexity curve crosses that of a competing system." He put his oil can to work.

"System A is dearer," the robot gurgled.

The CEO considered. "Let's try it with the one I was saving for its father."

"Wait!" shouted the inventor, grabbing a wrench. "He'll need adjusting!"

Brushing him aside, the CEO whispered into the metal ear. "Conventional paradigm for ameliorant change."

The robot moaned like a lovesick basset hound, blue sparks crackled from its midriff, and its left ear flew through the open window and landed on the ice cream cone of an American tourist called Zeke Corbett.

"Weakling!" the CEO snorted. "Give me a flesh-and-blood editor any day."

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Farm and Business

Péladeau reveals the secrets of his personal business success

By Stephen McDougall

MAGOG — If anyone wanted to get his or her business instincts fortified, they did not have to look far Tuesday Pierre Péladeau was in town.

The hard-nosed president and Board Chairman of Québec Inc., a holding company that groups together newspaper, book and record publishing companies, had advice for the local business folk.

His interests include a printing house in Magog, which employs 350 people and publishes Québec magazines and weekly newspapers, such as Magog's *Le Progres*.

Speaking at a Magog-Orford Chamber of Commerce dinner, Péladeau said a good businessman or woman works hard, has a taste for risk and has a good sense of timing.

"You also have to be flexible and adapt as you go along," he said. "Soon after I started the *Journal de Montréal* in 1964, *La Presse* was on strike. I built up a circulation of 80,000. But when *La Presse* came back on the stands, without my permission of course, my circulation dropped to 12,000 within a week. But I still made a profit of \$100,000 that year," he said to an interested audience of about 70.

EXPECT TOO MUCH
Péladeau said graduating university students have the attitude that businesses or government must provide them with a job, and

suggested they should create their own jobs by opening a business.

"You have to build for yourself, start with peanuts, a little boutique, a small-or medium-sized business. There is no better way to get your own independence than through building your own business," he said.

The fast-talking, confident Péladeau told the amused audience how he first started being a businessman when he was fifteen and had just begun college.

"I used to work in the summer for a tennis club. I got six dollars an hour. I used the money to open up a small snack bar near the club. When business was slack, I would sell some beer under the table. I was discreet, but I made money since most of my customers were members of the club."

Péladeau said any businessman must take risks and keep going, especially when the pressure is on. "That winter, when I used to sell Christmas trees, I paid the men who cut the trees with a cheque on Friday. I would sell the trees on the weekend and then have the money to cover the cheque on Monday."

Péladeau recited his humble beginnings to the Chamber like a 19th century robber baron telling tall tales to fellow members at a private club after supper over cigars. He told how he bought his first newspaper in 1950 with \$1500 his



Magog Mayor Antonio Lacasse was among businessmen who got a crash course in entrepreneurship from Québec publishing magnate Pierre Péladeau Tuesday.

mother lent him. "I bought the *Journal de Rosemont*. It had not been published in three months. It was not a big purchase and my mother thought I was crazy. But this past year, Québecor made over \$300 million."

He used the opportunity to promote the paper *Le Journal de Mon-*

treal, his baby. "It is the largest French daily in North America. It is published seven days a week, has 160 pages, 40 of them in color, and is the second largest daily in Canada, behind the *Toronto Sun*. It is one of the 30 most important papers in North America" he boasted.

Wise and UPA politely at odds on issues

By Claudia Villemare

QUEBEC — As usual, both federal and provincial ministers of agriculture were invited speakers at the 61st UPA (Union des Producteurs Agricoles) Congress. However, this year, that is where the similarity to other years ended.

Federal Agriculture Minister John Wise, representing a new government that most delegates felt had let them down, spoke courageously about tripartite stabilization, Crow's Nest Pass freight rates changes, credit, bankruptcy laws and the long awaited national dairy policy.

Wise held firm with published reports of on-going negotiations between provinces concerning the proposed national stabilization

and crop insurance programs. He spoke of Quebec producers' annoyance with the prospects of a national plan, saying in all honesty he can understand the UPA position on this plan from a short term point of view when a provincial plan would pay more than a national one.

"But I am sure that on a long term basis Canadian producers including Quebec producers would find many more advantages in the type of national plan we are trying to organize," Wise said.

In the meantime, the UPA has mobilized all their forces to fight this tripartite plan. Several resolutions reaching the floor of the general session and adopted unanimously dealt with ways and means

of defeating the national proposals. UPA members were encouraged by presidents' Jacques Proulx plan to be prepared for long sessions of negotiations aimed at amending what he says is a 'double-cross' to Quebec agriculture'.

Wise emphasized his belief in continued research mainly in marketing agriculture products and congratulated Quebec and the UPA for their insistence on intensifying efforts in this area.

The national dairy policy which has been awaited with baited breath almost since election results were known, is still somewhat of a mystery. Wise did not announce any policy or give many hints of what milk producers could expect.

"We have barely finished studying the Biggs-Lavigne report, a voluminous affair resulting from the study of the troubles afflicting our dairy industry," Wise said. "I now have the results of that study on my desk and will be handing my recommendations over to Cabinet very soon. Hopefully early in the new year we will have a new dairy policy to offer to the Canadian dairy farmers."

Wise announced that the moratorium on farm bankruptcies would remain in place until new ways of re-financing existing loans through negotiations between credit agencies, banks and the produ-

cers can be found. If no way to keep farmers afloat is found, in spite of efforts, that person will at least have recourse to an appeal board on a federal level.

The federal minister also spoke of negotiations presently underway discussing the problem of rising protectionism in the U.S., at the same time as looking for new methods of marketing goods exported to the south which would profit Canadian producers and encourage production.

"I can assure you that our government has not the slightest intention of signing an agreement unless it is a definite advantage for Canada and our Caradian agriculture producers," Wise said.

"We want to increase sales within the country as well as outside of Canada. Just knowing that half of the agriculture income is through export sales should be enough to stress the importance of finding a course of action that takes into consideration existing agriculture production as well as the opening up of our export markets."

Wise summed up saying that only through cooperation with the provinces and organizations such as the UPA could the agriculture segment of the Canadian economy be stabilized and strategies planned that would safeguard the best interests of Canadian farmers.

Alachlor not entering Canada, says minister

OTTAWA (CP) — There were no illegal shipments of the herbicide alachlor, a suspected carcinogen, into Canada during February, a spokesman for Agriculture Minister John Wise says.

Sharon Andrews said in an interview that once the border was closed to shipments of the herbicide from Monsanto Co. of St. Louis, Mo., on Feb. 25, no more of the chemical, known to farmers as Lasso, was allowed in.

She said Wise sent a letter to the U.S. company on Feb. 5 telling it the government was going to cancel Lasso's registration but that the company could use up stocks of the weed killer already in Canada.

But the government didn't actually pass the necessary cabinet order to cancel the registration until Feb. 22 and customs officials weren't officially informed the border was closed to the product until Feb. 25.

Any shipments between the time Wise sent his letter and the time

the border was officially closed Feb. 25 were legal, she said.

A report in the *Toronto Globe and Mail* last week suggested that unnamed Agriculture Department officials gave permission for the shipments between Feb. 5 and Feb. 25.

No such permission was required, Andrews said.

Large shipments of herbicides and other farm pesticides are usually sent to Canada in January and February, Andrews said. Federal officials were checking whether unusual volumes of alachlor were sent last February.

Alachlor has been found to cause cancer in laboratory animals. And high levels of it have been found in wells in southern Ontario.

Monsanto has appealed the federal cancellation and a five-man panel has been appointed to review the case.

Christmas Day

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If you meet the conditions, you are entitled to a day off and an indemnity equal to the average of your daily wages for the two weeks preceding Christmas Day.

However, if you must work on Christmas Day, the employer must:

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- and
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Pressure group is name of the game

To carry on a bit from last week's discussion about hospitals, have you considered joining the Friends of Brome Missisquoi Hospital? For \$2 you become a member and get a sexy little green button to wear. Most important, you get to support the hospital.

The name of the political game these days is "Pressure Group". The more people in an organization, the more political pressure can be brought to bear on a government to effect changes. The BMP needs a lot of change. Since 1983, their operating budget has been cut back, and this affects service. If you would like more information or if you want to join, Jane Jelowicki is the Director for Bedford area (514-248-4241).

Just another note relating back to last week's column. By the time you read this, Pierre Paradis will most likely be The Hon. Pierre, Minister of..... Now it's nice to have a cabinet minister as your personal representative but there is a down-side. The chances of you running into him on the street and stopping for a chat will be very much reduced. It will also be more difficult to arrange even the more formal office visits. This is simply due to a lack of co-ordination between the heavenly and earthly spheres of influence. The government will give him a vastly increased work load. Unfortunately, the days in the week and the hours in each day remain the same. The result is that more people will get some Pierre Paradis and we will get less.

GYMNASTICS DEMONSTRATION

Having caught up on last week, here's what's happening now. On Friday morning (this note is for people who get Thursday's Record on Thursday) there will be a demonstration of gymnastics at Butler School between 8 a.m. and 11:30. This isn't a formal thing, but if gymnastics turn you on, you can drop by and watch.

The demonstration is being given by the McGill Gym team led by Graham Neil. Their aim is to promote physical fitness. Primarily they will be working with the boys and girls at the school, but they will demonstrate what they can do before each lesson. You can regard it as a look into the future. Many of the McGill team will be future gymnastic stars.

Sticking with the school, Friday also marks the start of the annual Butler School official Christmas collection for the needy. There are three days of collections. Friday the 18th, people are asked to bring in canned goods. On Saturday the 19th, the collection is for toys (in working condition please). Included in the

Down the Pike

By Ashley Sheltus

"toy" category, are all manner of games and puzzles. If whatever you bring is in a box and has a lot of little bits and pieces that can fall out, please tape or tie the box closed. On Sunday, the 20th, the collection is for fresh fruit and veggies.

CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE
After the collection is complete it will be given over (this year) to the United Church for distribution on a totally non-partisan basis. This collection drive is an initiative of the children, but anyone who wishes to add to the store is invited to pop into the school on any of the three days and add their contribution.

Still at the school, don't forget the annual Christmas Concert. I'm told it will be on the 18th (next Wednesday) unless the weather is really bad — or if the kids need one more day of rehearsal, at which point the big event will take place on the next night, the 19th. Two plays will be presented, Babes in Toyland and Follow The Star. In addition, the famed Butler Choir will sing a selection of Christmas music.

GIGANTIC BAKE SALE
One of the highlights of the concert is Intermission. That's when the Weight Watchers crowd flees the room in panic. There will be as usual, a gigantic bake sale with a caloric content that's right off the scale — especially the bathroom scale. It would have been a giant bake sale but all the local giants have quit baking this year. Perhaps next time.

Parental warning. The 20th is the last day of school this year. As we used to say, "No more homework, no more books, no more teachers' dirty looks — now what can we do to make grown ups' lives interesting!"

Stanbridge East winds up the column this week. There will be a Santa Claus parade for the children and citizens of the town on Sunday the 22nd starting at about 1:00 p.m. Santa will be there of course and there will be coffee and nibbles afterwards. The kids get prizes and free ice cream. The parade is organized by the Stanbridge East Sports Association.

Finally, when you're thinking of unusual Christmas presents this year, think birdseed...think Hardy Craft...think Boy Scouts.

Centraide campaign reports huge success

By Bobby Fisher

SHERBROOKE — It was with a great sense of satisfaction that Jacques Lemay announced the 1985 Centraide fund-raising campaign had exceeded its goal by \$20,529.

Speaking at a meeting Tuesday night, the 1985 campaign's honorary president said the three-month drive, which isn't officially over until the end of the year, has collected pledges and donations totalling \$220,000 — 10 per cent more than what had been hoped for.

"I think it shows very well how hard everyone worked and how generous the public has been," Lemay said. "We had set a goal of \$200,000 and we passed that figure easily."

Lemay also said he was pleased that the Centraide campaign raked in \$26,566 more than 1984's total of \$193,963.

He said increases in contributions from several groups in different sectors were responsible for the substantial overall increase.

DIFFERENT APPROACH

But, he added, a lot of the success was due to the strategy the organization used. Centraide is an arm of the international organization The United Way. Its money is used to aid the poor, the elderly, for establishing youth centres and other similar functions.

"What we tried to do," Lemay said, "was make the campaign a lot more personnel. We wanted to bring it closer to the population, make them understand it better, and give them a chance to see what it is all about."

"In short, what we wanted to do was talk less about Centraide as a whole and more about the individual groups it helps."

Lemay has worked as a volunteer for the Centraide group for several years but this was his first swing as its president.

He also said the Sherbrooke area media played a large part in the drive's success by giving free air time and ads to keep the public aware of how the campaign was going.



Centraide Corporation president Réal Latulippe and 1985 campaign honorary president Jacques Lemay Tuesday announced this year's fund-raising drive exceeded its goal by 10 per cent.

social notes

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gendron of Chicopee, Mass., are pleased to announce the engagement of their younger daughter Lisa, to Michael Heckley, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Heckley of Magog. Michael resides at West Springfield, Mass.

Warm wishes

Adrien Catchpaugh of Magog recently spent a few days in La Providence Hospital. His relatives and friends extend warm wishes for a quick recovery.

Best wishes

Belated congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mrs. Else Syberg of Knowlton for her 80th birthday on December 5. Her many friends wish her a very happy year ahead.

Graduation

Penny Elaine Wilson has completed her three year nursing course at John Abbott College, and is now working as a Licensed nurse on one of the surgical floors at the Royal Victoria Hospital. She is the daughter of Wayne and Gwen Wilson of Lennoxville, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Wilson, and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Ruth Wilson, all of Sawyerville.

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"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isa. 1:18).

Remember those arguments you had with your parents? ... the ones with standard phrases like: "you don't care, you don't understand", and "no child of mine will ever do that" or "not in my house". Maybe the same kind of argument shows up in your personal life or marriage. You know common wisdom is "we have to talk about this; we have to communicate". But what's the use? When you talk 'white' the other person talks 'black'. You just can't reason together.

A High Appeal

To reason together is an ability that separates man from beast. God appeals through this human element of reason. The Lord desires to show us His reasoning; what He has fixed as true and just.

The beauty of the 'reasoning together' is, with God, you have absolute wisdom, truth and faithfulness; all the divine attributes in One. You are going to get a fair hearing, perfect understanding and a perfect reply. It becomes a matter of learning to listen. The only mistake you can make is to let your sinfulness and human limita-



By Rev. Ronald B. Stewart
Eaton Regular Baptist Church

Religious Texts

tions refuse God's reasoning.

No one is so sinful God refuses to reason with them when they turn to Him. If you are aware of your feelings of frustration, if you are unsettled by inner dissatisfaction and nagging guilt, God will expose the true nature of your problems. There is no penance to do. There is no fee to pay. It all starts with a willingness to listen to the Word of God. It is a holy appeal to reason together.

First, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow. Scarlet is a deep shade. In Bible times it bordered upon purple. It was derived from a repeated dyeing process using the ground-up remains of an insect that fed on the sap of the oak tree. God's reasoning includes the

truth that no matter how stained or dyed in sin we are, the Lord can clean completely. So, you are entirely the receiver of the cleansing. There is no talk of physically doing anything as a first concern. The first concern is with the heart: to believe God when He says you are clean.

Secondly, God knows how guilt-ridden we can be. Lingering guilt feelings work against our feeling clean.

Crimson was a red so rich in depth that it had a bluish tint to it. It was like blood flowing from a wound and beginning to dry. From the red of crimson to the white of clean wool, God wants you to know He has fully forgiven you (Rom. 5:1; 8:1). No more burden of guilt.

When you come and reason together with the Lord, He will teach you about sin; that it will take the blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, to wash you and set you free.

It is not enough for the condemned man to be declared innocent. He must also be set free. God knows, and you know, you cannot serve Him with a clear conscience until you are assured He accepts you and will be with you.

Come let us reason together: Is it not true you have sinned? Is it not also true God cleans and forgives?

In Memoriam

JENNE, Frank — In loving memory of a dear friend and colleague who passed away December 12, 1984.

"God saw you getting tired, When a cure was not to be, So He put His arms around you, And whispered, 'Come to me'. He took you to His garden, And laid you there to rest, God's garden must be beautiful, For He only takes the best." Always remembered by his many friends at ALEXANDER GALT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Waterloo

Mrs. Audrey Marcotte arrived home recently after having spent a pleasant two weeks in Richmond, B.C. where she visited her daughter, Mrs. J. Delichte, and Mr. Delichte. While there she also visited her cousin, Herbert Allen at Keremeos, B.C.

On Sunday, Nov. 24th, Mrs. Dorothy Bazinet had a visit from her son, Ronald, of Carp, Ont. He brought her gifts and good wishes for her birthday. On the previous day she spent a few hours with her other son, Kenneth.

After having spent the past few months at her home here on Macdonald Ave. Mrs. Elsie Jolley has left to return home to Calgary.

Friends regret to hear that Mrs. Edna Ledoux has been a patient in hospital at Greenfield Park, due to a severe case of Shingles. All join in hoping to soon hear that she has improved enough so as to go to her daughter's home in St. Lambert.

As of Nov. 1st Mr. Nelson Langevin has vacated his apt. on Allen St., and is now a resident at the Brodeur home, Foster St.

On Nov. 30th, the U.C.W. of St. Paul's Church held their very successful annual Christmas Bazaar.

Mrs. Edna Derby who has been residing at 24 Clark Hill has now left to make her home in Ont. where she will be near her daughter, Mrs. Robt. Bell.

Card of Thanks

FLANDERS — The family of the late Aileen (Howse) of Waterville, Que. would like to thank everyone who was so kind and thoughtful at the time of the sudden passing of our dear loved one. To those who came to the funeral parlour, sent flowers, cards, food and donations to the In Memoriam Funds, and the Cancer Society. Special thanks to Judy Williams and friends who supplied the lunch after the funeral. Thanks to the bearers, Canon A.M. Awcock of St. George's Church. Special thanks to Meridith Barter of the Webster-Cass Funeral Home for his kindness and guidance through our sad and difficult time.

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KEZAR, Karl — The family of the late Karl Kezar wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation to family and friends for their many acts of kindness, sympathy cards, food and charitable donations received following the loss of a beloved husband, father and grandfather. A very special Thank you to Dr. D. Fisch for all of her attentive care. Please consider this as a personal Thank You.

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PEHELMANN — My sincere thanks to Drs. Ross and Pelloquin for all they did for me. To all the nurses who took care of me when I was in the hospital. To all my friends and relatives for cards and phone calls and to those who visited me while there and since I returned home. Special thanks to Bruce and Ruby who have taken me into their home where they and Anna are taking care of me.

ALMA PEHELMANN

YOUNG — Laura and Leonard Young of 330 Merry St. S. in Magog wish to thank all the friends and relatives that joined us in the Georgeville Memorial Hall October 27th on the occasion of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. A special thank you to our daughter and son-in-law, Edna and Bob Evans, who made it all possible and to the ladies who brought food and worked in the kitchen. Relatives came from as far away as Montreal, Quebec City, Toronto, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Birth

MUDGETT — To Gordon and Carla (nee Felber) at the B.M.P. Hospital, Cowansville, December 2, a son, Douglas Christopher. A brother for Leonard and James.

Deaths

DINNING, Elizabeth — At La Providence Hospital, Magog, on Tuesday, December 10, 1985, Elizabeth Nugent, in her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late Jasper Dinning, and dear mother of William and his wife Patricia. Loving grandmother of Mary and her husband Norman Delves, William and his wife Diane, Kelly and great-granddaughter Meaghan. Resting at L.O. Cass and Son Ltd., 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, where friends may call on Thursday from 7-9 p.m., and where funeral service will be held on Friday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m., Rev. Keith Perry-Gore officiating. Interment Malvern Cemetery.

WHITTIER, Kenneth Harold — On Tuesday, December 10, 1985, in his 51st year, at La Providence Hospital, Magog, Que. Beloved son of the late William (Bill) and Ethel Whittier. Dear husband of Irma, dear father of Michael (and daughter-in-law Heidi), Natalie and Debbie. Brother and brother-in-law of Jack and Lillian Whittier, Jean and George Ducharme, Larry and Madeleine Whittier and Mrs. Linda Saunders. Also survived by several other brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Funeral service on Thursday, December 12 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, Pine St., Magog. Interment in the Pine Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be gratefully acknowledged. Arrangements by Ledoux Funeral Home, 150 Sherbrooke St., Magog, Que.

Card of Thanks

BRYANT — We would like to say "Thanks" to all those who came to help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Thanks to all those who sent cards, gifts, flowers and currency. A special thanks to Kaye and John and their families who organized the party, also to my sister, Helen Mudgett and her daughter, Shirley Clarkson, who made and decorated the beautiful wedding cake and brought all those delicious sandwiches. May God bless all of you who contributed to the occasion that made for a day we will long remember.

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In Memoriam

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life is an experience As is death But you did not have the time To experience life. Many times you wanted to escape The confining bonds of this earth. But each time Your love of life Triumphed over your will to die. So now it seems so sad That after fighting so hard, To hold onto something as precious; Someone else took you right to life And ground it out In a few minutes of drunken speed. So tragic that the innocent pay For the errors of the guilty. I ask myself, why? When you had not finished living, That you experienced death. For in life, There are trials and errors, But each time You can learn from your mistakes. In death, There is no second chance So, I ask, why? And receive no answer. From loving MOTHER, HARRISON JACQUILINE, LINDA LEE, DAUGHTERS, SONS, EARL & MATTHEW

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JENNE, Frank — In loving memory of a dear husband and father who passed away December 12, 1984. We watched you suffer, we heard you sigh, But all we could do was just stand by. When the time came we suffered too For you never deserved what you went through. God took you hand and we had to part, He eased you pain, and broke our hearts. Although we smile and seem carefree, Nobody misses you more than we. Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by LINA, HEATHER, DEAN, DALE & KIRSTEN

JENNE — In loving memory of a dear son-in-law, Frank, who passed away December 12, 1984. Our thoughts are ever with you Though you have passed away Those who loved you dearly Are thinking of you today. Sadly missed by HELEN & ED MARION & NELSON ROY & SHIRLEY AND FAMILIES

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MAGOG

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KNOWLTON

Christmas Card Party at The Masonic Hall, Lakeside Road, Saturday, December 14 at 8 p.m. Admission charged. Prizes, door prizes and refreshments. Please note that this is the last card party this year. Watch for further notice.

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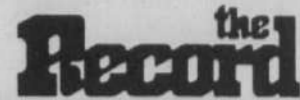
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Sports



Sherbrooke now alone in fourth place after lacklustre win

Canadiens 3, Oilers 1
(Wednesday)

By William Harris

SHERBROOKE — Sherbrooke Canadiens' head coach Pierre Cremer said it was only a natural reaction.

"We played this same team last Sunday in Halifax, and they beat us 9-7," said Cremer after the Canadiens defeated Nova Scotia Oilers 3-1 at the Sports Palace Wednesday. "It's normal that both teams would play a much tighter, closer-

checking brand of hockey the next time around."

Forward Alfie Turcotte, who led Sherbrooke with a goal and an assist, agreed that Sunday afternoon's debacle was in the back of everyone's mind.

"Once you play in a game where you score seven goals but still lose, it makes you realize that something is very wrong," Turcotte said. "Tonight we figured if we could just stop them from scoring, we'd get our own chances eventually — and as it turns out, that's exactly what happened."

The one problem with defensive, close-checking games, however, is that they aren't very exciting for fans. Despite the efforts of two clowns who spent the entire evening trying to stir up some crowd support, there was a definite sense of justified boredom in the air.

FIRST GOAL

Turcotte opened scoring at 4:25 of the first period when he deflected a Peter Taglianetti wrist shot from the point past Oilers' goaltender Warren Skorodenski. Tom McMurehy's 15th goal of the season tied the score 1-1 at 11:08 of the

second period — and that was about it for excitement during the first 40 minutes.

The play opened up a little during the final period, but the overall effect was still cautious and sloppy. A power-play goal by Serge Boisvert put the Canadiens ahead 2-1 at 7:24, as Boisvert, Randy Bucyk and Claude Larose executed a perfect three-way passing play while Nova Scotia's John Miner was serving a hooking penalty.

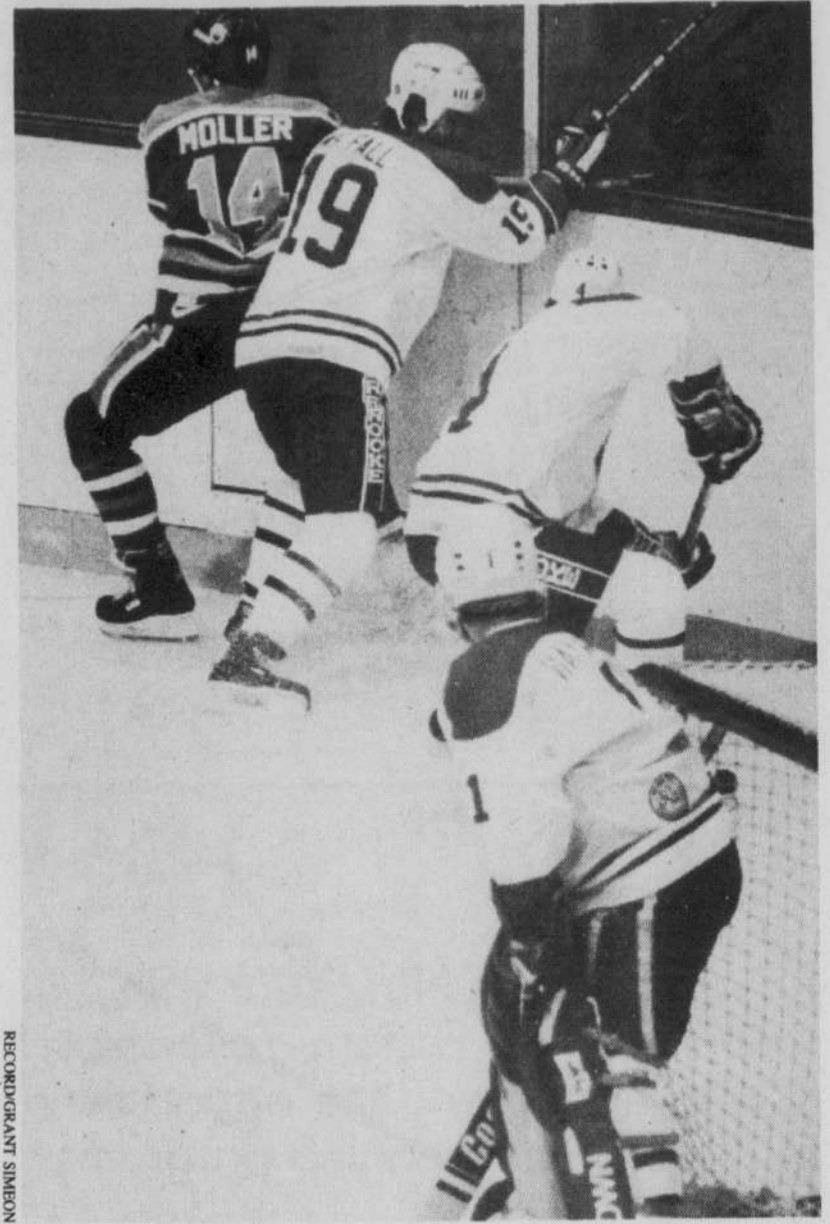
Paul Pooley clinched the victory with a short-handed goal with just under six minutes to go. With Gaston Gingras in the penalty box, Turcotte stole the puck deep in Oilers' territory, deked Skorodenski right out of his goal crease, and set up Pooley who was waiting all alone in front of the open net.

COME RIGHT OUT

"I'd had a similar chance in the first period, so I knew Skorodenski would come right out at me," explained Turcotte. "I just skated around him and shoveled the puck towards the net. To be honest, I was trying to score myself, but if I can't be the hero, I'll take the assist."

Goaltender Brian Hayward, who was sent down to Sherbrooke by Winnipeg Jets earlier this week, was both spectacular and lucky in goal, especially in the third period. Hayward kicked out 21 of 22 shots, several coming from point-blank range.

A disappointing total of 1,779 tickets were sold for the contest (with about three-quarters of that total at the game), proving one thing: Sherbrooke should never schedule a home game on a night when the Montreal Canadiens play on television.



There was a lot of mucking around in the corners Wednesday night — but not much else.



Brian Hayward was both spectacular and lucky in goal for Sherbrooke.



Viger honored again
It's been one award after another for wheelchair marathoner and 1985 Quebec Athlete-of-the-Year André Viger lately. Last night Viger was honored prior to the Sherbrooke-Nova Scotia AHL hockey game. Above, Viger accepts a sweater with his name printed on the back from a newly-bearded Canadiens' President Georges Guibault.

John Madden wins award

NEW YORK (AP) — Mel Allen, Curt Gowdy and Jack Brickhouse were inducted Wednesday night into the American Sportscaster's Hall of Fame.

Vin Scully of NBC Sports was presented with the Sportscaster of the Year Award and John Madden, a football analyst on CBS, was honored as the sports personality of the year.

Allen, in a 50-year broadcasting career, covered 20 World Series, 24 baseball all-star games and 21 football bowl games. He did his first World Series radio broadcast in 1938 for CBS.

In 1939, Allen started a 26-year

career with New York Yankees as their announcer. He still does Yankee games on Sportschannel, a cable television outfit.

Gowdy, a sportscaster for 40 years, has covered 16 World Series, 12 Rose Bowls, eight Super Bowls and seven Olympics. He was a broadcaster on ABC's American Sportsman for 20 years and was a team announcer for baseball's Boston Red Sox for 15 seasons.



Winter baseball meetings gaining momentum

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Baseball's 1985 winter meetings, predicted to be a slow time for trading, keep speeding up. Just ask John Denny, Manny Trillo or Gary Roenicke.

Those players highlighted six more deals made Wednesday that brought the trade total to 10, matching the number of swaps made during the entire 1984 annual meetings.

No new developments regarding expansion and relocation, the drug situation or the use of the designated hitter in the World Series emerged after the six-hour session.

The owners did unanimously approve the sale of Pittsburgh Pirates to a group that includes U.S. Steel, Mellon Bank, Carnegie-Mellon University, Westinghouse

Electric Corp. and the Alcoa Aluminum Co. of America.

The group, put together by Pittsburgh Mayor Richard Caliguiri, is headed by Malcolm Prine, chairman of Ryan Homes Inc.

The consortium purchased the Pirates on Oct. 2 for \$22 million, and also assumed \$7 million in player salaries. The team was sold by majority owner John Galbreath, whose family had controlled the Pirates since 1946.

Philadelphia Phillies sent Denny, a former Cy Young Award winner, and a minor leaguer to Cincinnati Reds for speedy outfielder Gary Redus and relief pitcher Tom Hume.

HIT BY INJURIES

Denny won the Cy Young in 1983

when he went 19-6 with a 2.37 earned-run average. Since then, he has been plagued by injuries, and went 11-14 with a 3.82 ERA last year.

Denny, 33, is an 11-year veteran who began his career with Cleveland and was later dealt to Philadelphia.

Redus hit .252 with six homers, 28 runs batted in and 48 stolen bases in 101 games. Hume, 32, was 3-5 with a 3.26 ERA in 56 appearances for the Reds last year.

The Reds also acquired pitcher Jeff Gray in the trade.

New York Yankees acquired Roenicke and a player to be named later from Baltimore Orioles for pitcher Rich Bordi and second baseman Rex Hudler, and got utility

infielder Mike Fischlin from Cleveland Indians for another player to be named later.

Los Angeles Dodgers got left-handed reliever Ed Vande Berg from Seattle Mariners for veteran catcher Steve Yeager, and filled Yeager's spot as a backup by obtaining Alex Trevino from San Francisco Giants for outfielder Candy Maldonado.

San Francisco made the other deal of the day, sending Manny Trillo, a four-time all-star second baseman, to Chicago Cubs for utility infielder Dave Owen.

A total of 22 players have been traded so far during these meetings, compared with 25 last year.

Habs win four-pointer in Hartford

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Montreal Canadiens defeated Hartford Whalers 3-1 Wednesday night on goals by Bob Gainey, Mats Naslund and Chris Nilan to move into a tie for second place in the National Hockey League Adams Division.

It was the Canadiens' second straight victory and third in four meetings with the Whalers.

Montreal goaltender Patrick Roy stopped 33 shots by the Whalers.

The loss dropped the last-place Whalers' record below .500 overall, and 5-6 against Adams Division rivals. The Canadiens evened their intra-division record at 6-6.

The Canadiens took a 2-1 advantage in the first period despite a territorial edge by Hartford.

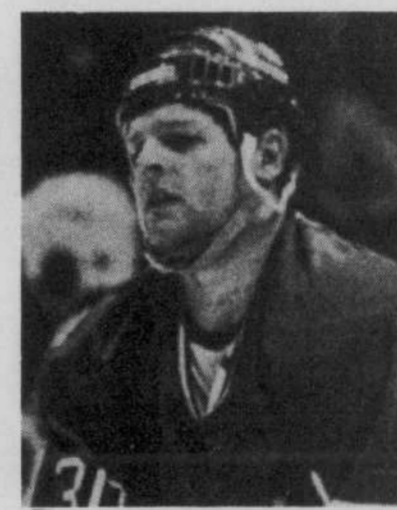
Gainey scored his eighth goal 27

seconds into the game during a scramble in front and Hartford's Sylvain Turgeon scored his 15th with 7:01 remaining to tie the game.

But with 1:36 left in the period and Montreal on a power play, Naslund scored his 20th on a slap shot from the left faceoff dot to give the Canadiens the lead.

Leafs 6 Blues 4

Bob McGill, with his first NHL goal in more than three years, Chris Kotsopoulos, Mirko Frycer, Steve Thomas, Marian Stastny and Al Iafate scored for Toronto, which moved out of the Norris basement, passing Detroit, for the first time this season. Brian Sutter had two goals and Doug Gilmour and Mark Hunter one each for the Blues.



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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You continue to be exceptionally realistic about people, as well as about your lot in life. Your future plan will reflect this.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Easygoing you may be, but you're never one who doesn't take your involvements seriously. Today your behavior will demonstrate these two sides of you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When involved in any joint undertakings today, your more serious side will surface and you'll drop that nonchalant attitude you normally like to display.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is not one of those days where you'll wish to be left alone to do your own thing, so make plans to meet with a few of your favorite pals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Because you're in an extremely industrious mood, chances are you'll accomplish much more than you would on any average day. Now's the time to tackle big projects.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Spending the day with an old friend will take some of the edge off the more sobering aspects in your life. It's the type of break in routine you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There won't be anything or anyone more important to you today than your family and loved ones. Your show of concern will strengthen these bonds even more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The opportunity will present itself today to have that serious discussion with a pal for which you've been hankering. It'll all work out well.

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WEST ♦ 2
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EAST ♦ 5 3
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SOUTH ♦ A K 10 7 6 4
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Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

West North East South
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 ♦
Pass 4 ♦ Pass 4 NT
Pass 5 ♦ Pass 6 ♦

Opening lead: ♥ K

West is marked for an end play

By James Jacoby

I don't like South's bidding. When you have a worthless doubleton in an unbid suit, asking for aces may not help you on your way to slam. Here it didn't matter, but if North had only one ace to show, it would have been difficult for South to know his side was not off two diamond tricks.

Declarer's play matched his sophisticated bidding. He won the heart ace, drew trumps and played A-Q of clubs. When he learned that West was holding a potential club trick, he took the losing diamond finesse. The upshot was that he had to lose the last trick to West. What should his play have been?

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Page 18 B- Stanley garage door opener, offered in model 800.
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Fidelity Rebekah Lodge No. 33

AYER'S CLIFF — The regular meeting of Fidelity Rebekah Lodge No. 33 was held in the lodge hall on Monday evening November 18 with the Noble Grand Sister Ernestine Whipple presiding, assisted by Sister Fernande Dezan acting as Vice-Grand, and eleven members present. The Noble Grand welcomed all those present. It was nice to have Sister Irene Whipple with us.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. One bill was presented, this to be paid.

Communications were a letter giving us notice to drape our charter in memory of Sister B. Dever. Another leaflet for each member to read over as we will have to have discussion on this. These were accepted to be tended to later. The treasurer gave the financial report.

Unfinished business — It was brought to our attention that we could have a sales table for craft, gifts and homecooking with the ladies at the Maple Manor on Nov. 30 from 2 to 5 p.m., and we were pleased to have this opportunity.

Sister Madeleine Dezan acted as district deputy and Sister Ernestine Whipple as marshal, and together they installed Sister Irene Whipple, Chaplain and Sister Evelyn Keeble, Outside Guardian.

New business — Plans for our annual Christmas party were made, the tentative date of Dec. 7 was set. Sister Madeleine will bring the tree and Santa to be approached to see if he will be available. A list of names, etc., will be ready for the next meeting. The menu to be turkey, ham, salads, cookies and ice cream for dessert. Sister Eileen Dezan offered to make punch. This is for Sisters and Brothers, husbands, wives or friends and their families.

Good of the Order — Sisters Ernestine and Madeleine said the secret work for the new members and some of the others.

Some of the proceeds from our craft sale will be donated to the Ayer's Cliff Elementary School and cafeteria.

Sister Madeleine reminded the members that on Friday Nov. 15 Fidelity Rebekah Lodge was 70 years old. She was unable to give any information on this but hoped maybe with help from some of the older members she could have something ready at the Christmas party.

A float for the Carnival (if they have one) was mentioned and all thought it would be fun to have one.

Sister Madeleine said how nice it was to have Sister Irene with us after just recently being in hospital. She also read a poem titled "About Rebekahs".

There being no further business, lodge was closed in form, and all went downstairs where a delicious lunch was served, brought by Brothers Lloyd and Alvin Smith.

Crossword

ACROSS

- Aware of
- Gloomy
- Horse opera
- Sea shelf
- majeste
- Physique
- Dogie
- Famed publisher
- Galas
- Series of steps
- Respectable
- Poker money
- Hoaxes
- Coalition
- With some, bag, cuff
- Sorting out
- Pungency
- Hackneyed
- Yoko —
- Battery terminal
- "— and Lovers"
- Charmed
- Faction
- Blacksmiths at times
- Councils
- Short jacket
- "—, one vote"
- Clothes holders
- Widow's property
- Patti of music
- Egress
- Coeur d'—
- Minute quantity
- Adhesive paper
- Epsom —
- Permits
- Duck

DOWN

- Killer whales
- Shipshape
- Anatomical tissue
- Referee and umpire
- Radiant
- Sum up
- Pallid
- Of course
- Displeas
- Betel palm
- Spud
- Clear up errors
- Pauses
- Fr. river
- Mild oath
- Statute
- Much to-do
- Biblical preposition
- Laurel or Getz
- Depend
- Encumbers
- Certain spring plantings
- Catnap
- Czech river
- Beatty film
- A musketeer
- Appearance
- Venerates
- Gawks
- Bubbly drinks
- Gay
- Stairway pillar
- Idiot
- Wheat disease
- Engagement
- Test
- Mellow
- Ragout
- Buddy

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