

Bedford board seeks reaction to \$1/2 million in budget cuts

By Maurice Crossfield

COWANSVILLE - Parents, teachers and support staff of the District of Bedford School Board are looking for answers following the release last week of a working document which outlines proposals for slashing nearly a half-million dollars from its budget.

But as DBSB director general James Bissell pointed out, the board won't know exactly what cuts are coming its way until sometime in March. To wait, he said, would leave the board little time to prepare a budget, so it's beginning the process now.

"We are basing our proposed budget on the cuts we are expecting," Bissell said prior to the release of the working document last week. "We're making an educated guess."

Among the recommendations are an increase in school taxes, a reduction in funding for special programs and the reduction of secretarial hours at elementary schools. Adult Education would be placed under the responsibilities of the Massey-Vanier principal.

Under the proposed budget cuts Massey-Vanier, Student Services and Adult Education will be looking at a \$135,000 cut, Technical-Vocational programs would shrink by \$120,000, and elementary schools would get a \$88,000 budget cut. Central and educational operations, which includes the board offices, would get a \$10,000 increase to its annual budget of \$570,000.

FEEDBACK

The document was circulated

to school board employees and various committees last Thursday, and now Bissell is waiting for feedback.

"These are proposals, and we want to see how people react to them and if they have any alternative solutions," he said.

The release of the document launches a six-week consultation period where people involved with the board at all levels will be able to give their feedback, Bissell said.

But support staff union president Pat Johnson said more information will be needed to see just how the coming cuts will affect the schools.

"There are a lot of blank areas, such as the government offer on buyouts," Johnson said Tuesday. "We

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Board election Monday Health services to be maintained

By Christina Parsons

Special to The Record

MAGOG - Health services currently provided by the Magog Hospital and the Memphremagog area community health centers (CLSC) will be maintained despite the upcoming merger of the institutions' two administrations.

Elections will be held Jan. 27 to form the new unified administration. The general public in the areas served by the institutions will be electing five of the board members from among 14 candidates, in compliance with a ministerial decree announced last fall.

"Ideally, each establishment will retain its own identity," said Jean Pierre Duplantie, the director general of the Eastern Townships Regional Health Board. Duplantie was speaking at a press conference yesterday in Magog called to inform the public of several changes.

The CLSC located at 1750 Sherbrooke St. in Magog will be moving into the Magog Hospital sometime before next Nov. 30. The four other CLSC service points in the region will remain in operation. "The (new) administration will be looking at what kind of role the CLSC will be playing in the hospital and where the CLSC will be situated in the hospital," Duplantie said. It is estimated the CLSC move will save \$265,000.

Quebec has allocated \$3 million to the Memphremagog region for extended hospital services, home care and community services. The chronic care unit of Magog Hospital will receive some \$5 million to increase the number of beds and to develop a foster family support network.

The Magog Hospital will have 36 acute care beds and will provide services in general surgery, laboratory, radiology as well as some emergency services.

Duplantie pointed out there are many decisions to be made about developing home care for chronic care patients. He acknowledged there is a tendency to favor services allowing patients to remain in their own homes, but added the region is underdeveloped in terms of providing services required by the elderly.

There will be a single director general who will be selected by the new administration. "The decisions will be easier to make under one director," Duplantie said.

The regional health board director general said decisions being made now may be reviewed by the newly elected board.

The 14 candidates running for election to the new board have joined to form alliances, claiming it's a matter of supporting and campaigning with people they know and have worked with.

One slate of candidates is composed of people from the Magog Hospital: Yves Grandmaison, Serge Leblanc, Jean-Yves Lefebvre, Gail Kirby-Pomerleau, Michel Turcotte and Lynn Blouin. Another is made up of people who have worked together on the CLSC board of directors: Huguette Beauchamp, Collette Beaudoin, Rachel Bernier-Catchpaw, John F. Haberl and Palme Roy-MacHabee. That leaves three candidates who are running as independents: Rejean G. Beaudoin, Raymond Dore and Claire Lanteigne.



When Bill Barlow retired from his Pratt & Whitney job he intended to find peace and tranquility on the farm. Instead he spends most days travelling in cyberspace and playing with his dog Sandy. For story see page 7.

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Owl's Head: A place where people give more than a hoot

A series of nondescript lumps top the high ridge on the west side of the lake the Indians called Memphremagog. South of the Abbey, though, a few larger outcrops have acquired names inspired by their likeness to denizens of the wild kingdom: one has a distinctly elephant shape; another does indeed resemble the head of an owl, particularly from a northwest perspective.

It was on the latter rise that the Korman family of Mansonville built an alpine ski centre that opened in 1965. My first visit over that way came in 1968. After making the effort to be there for 9:00 sharp on a stormy Saturday morning we were told, apologetically, that there would be a delay of several hours in the opening of the main chair. Something about too much snow clogging the lift line.

No such problem has risen so far this season. With such a poor start, it is easy to empathize with those

involved in the business - owners, concessionaires, staff and employees, suppliers, everyone down the line. You could feel the frustration in Mr. Korman's words in his recent comments in The Record. His lament was not unlike one voiced by Lamar Hunt years ago, as owner of a team in the old American Football League. After yet another losing season, he declared that he'd managed to make a small fortune in professional sport. When asked how he'd been able to do so, he replied, sadly, "I started with a big fortune."

In June of 1976, about sixty of us in an exchange program spent a week tenting in the grounds of an abandoned church camp at the foot of Owl's Head. Activities included canoeing, hiking, and orienteering. To a person, we were struck by the gracious natural amenities the site provided - crescent sand beach between sentinel rocks, the expanse of big water dotted with pleasure craft, the

The Country Squire

By Brian Eddington

golden evening light reflecting off the east shore and, commanding the realm, the view from the top of the mountain.

Over the holidays, a friend, formerly of Granby and now in North Carolina, came by with his new wife, a true Southern Belle from Charlotte. (We kept wanting to include 'Miss' with her first name for some reason.) They wished to ski at a big hill with an intimate, family-type ambience, if such a place still existed. No time was lost in making the decision; in the morning we were off for Owl's Head.

They were impressed from start to finish: the chalet and

hotel tucked away in the trees, a short wait for the comfortable high-speed quad, the view from Lily's Leap - the name was light-hearted, I reassured them. No one to my knowledge has actually jumped off Lily's Leap, although no doubt many skiers, among whom I must include myself, have come closer to the edge on the first big turn than they'd planned.

The intimate atmosphere, I explained, was due in no small part to the fact that management and policy decisions didn't have to be deferred to a corporate headquarters thousands of miles away. The owners here are a hands-on bunch, to the extent that at any time on a busy day it's not unusual to find one family member working in the kitchen, another behind the ticket counter, perhaps a third out in the maintenance garage.

Over the years Owl's Head has been a model of good corporate citizenship. It has hosted a variety of ski-a-

thons, the best known being that for the BMP Hospital in Cowansville. The hill is a leader in providing special programs for handicapped skiers. Regular ticket prices are among the best around, and discounts, promotions, group and package deals give the bargain hunters lots of options.

A popular happening is the last major event of the season's activities calendar. It is something called the Hoot, scheduled this year for March 29. My last personal experience was many years ago but if memory serves, this is a day-long celebration with fun and zany competitions culminating in a ski jump over a large pool of slush. The final straight-a-way of the course is designed to make sure no one gets to the far side dry and standing. But being wet is part of the fun in a place where you're always in good company.

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might not have that information until well into March."

An area of prime concern for support staff is the proposal that secretarial services at the elementary level be split between schools. For example, Heroes and Farnham would share a secretary, as would Parkview and Waterloo, Butler and

Clarenceville, and Knowlton and Mansonville.

"You can't run a school with no one there to work with the teachers and the kids," Johnson said. "How far can you go?"

Johnson said those secretarial cuts will mostly affect those staff members who aren't tenured. It also raises the question of how to keep small schools open while maintaining an acceptable

level of services, she said.

District of Bedford teachers union president Peter Langford said he's curious about how such a reduction would work in real life.

"If it really did happen it would be interesting to see how it works," Langford said. "What happens if a parent wants to call their kid? Are they going to end up getting an answering machine?"

Langford said he will have

to get more information on the impact of the cuts to see how it will actually work in practise. That request has already been passed on to the board.

"The problem is the proposals may or may not address the constraints we're under," he said. "It could be better or it could be worse."

Johnson said the time is now for people to start asking questions about how the

school board will be able to handle the budget cuts headed their way. She said the next few board meetings, including the one next Tuesday, will be interesting.

"This document is not a finalized thing," she said. "Come budget time we will have to come up with some ideas. There are a lot of blank spaces, so let's try to fill them in."

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Avery continues crusade to preserve burial site

By Paul Cherry

BEDFORD - A man fighting to have an unmarked black slave grave recognized as a historical site says his battle might already be half over.

Hank Avery, an elementary school teacher in Bedford, is currently looking into getting a permanent marker placed on an unmarked grave in St. Armand. The cemetery is located on a private farm and has existed for nearly two centuries. Avery said he feels it has gone neglected for too long.

Last week he started making phone calls in an attempt to find out how to go about having the site recognized. He found he was getting a lot of verbal support but no directions.

Yesterday Avery's search for answers became clearer.



"All I want is for the grave be treated with the respect it deserves," - Hank Avery

"If the municipality and the historical society agree it is a historical site, it then gets taken to the federal level," said Avery yesterday adding

that he has been assured of an approval by both the municipality of Saint Armand and the local historical society.

If a memorial were created Avery would like it to be accessible to the public but he wants to leave that to the historical society.

"I'd rather not deal with the family on my own," said Avery referring to Clement Benoit and his son Rejean, who own the land. The school teacher said that the son has been hostile to him about the subject. The Benoit family wanted to meet with Avery but he declined the invitation and hopes the historical society can carry the ball the rest of the way.

"I'm not doing this to hurt the Benoit family," said Avery. "All I want is for the grave be treated with the

respect it deserves."

This is not the first time someone has looked into having a permanent marker left on the site.

"I think it indicates a lack of respect for humans in general that it isn't properly marked," said Clarence Bayne, president of the Black Studies Centre in Montreal.

Bayne and five other members of the Black Coalition of Canada visited the grave site in the 1970's.

"We had a lot of questions about what was going to happen to the land. It apparently was up for sale but we couldn't get any answers on our visit," Bayne said. "We had concerns that history would not be preserved but we didn't follow through on it. Maybe because we didn't live out there."

The Brome County

Historical Society published a document in 1910 referring to an article in a Montreal newspaper of the time that provides a brief history of slaves in St. Armand. The article mentions that the original land owner, Philip Luke, was appointed a 2nd lieutenant in a military unit referred to as Butler's Rangers. He was later a colonel of the Philipsburg battalion of the Eastern Townships Regiment.

According to the document, the Luke family were Loyalists who brought over the slaves they inherited in the U.S. The slaves are buried at the foot of a large black rock which is very visible today. The Luke family cemetery is located close by and is protected by the his-

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Chef maintains cooking is an art

Battle over North Hatley table d'hôte heats up

By Rita Legault

NORTH HATLEY - North Hatley town council pulled an about face at its last council meeting, dropping a proposed bylaw that would have allowed the operation of a "table d'hôte" in a residential zone.

The zoning amendment would have allowed Dessine moi un mouton operated by residents Marc Langer and Ginette Lamontagne to operate within the law.

The couple maintains that Langer, who is a classically trained French chef, creates art and therefore does not contravene zoning bylaws which allow for professional and artistic activities, including professional offices, art galleries and Bed and Breakfasts.

Langer prepares and serves full-course dinners to a limited number of guests in his

home, by reservation only.

Before it decided to seek a compromise solution, town council insisted the couple was running a restaurant, and were in contravention of town bylaws. However it dropped its legal action and proposed a zoning change which would have allowed for the operation of table d'hôtes in a limited zone on the hill in North Hatley. The zone includes seven homes on the outskirts of town.

The compromise amendment was modeled on a similar one in Knowlton where council allowed the operation of a "Table champêtre" which serves up meals based on local farm products in an area zoned residential.

Like all bylaw amendments, council's compromise proposal was the subject of a registry where residents could sign up to demand a referendum on

the issue.

When 22 residents - only 16 signatures were required - signed the registry, council decided to drop the amendment because, it claimed, the bylaw would have been defeated in a referendum.

At the same time, it decided to go ahead with a referendum on an \$180,000 borrowing bylaw to move the town hall over to the community centre. Some 82 residents signed the registry to demand a vote on that controversial move which received the strong backing of council.

At this month's council meeting, more than two dozen residents, most of them patrons and neighbors, showed up to support Langer and Lamontagne.

Two residents opposed the bylaw change, one a next door neighbor who said she was worried about the effects

on the neighborhood and another, former mayor Ruth Taylor, who lives nearby. Both said they want to preserve the residential nature of the area on Sherbrooke St., the main drag which leads from town to Route 143.

As a result of council's turnaround, the town and the couple will now have to resolve their differences in Superior Court - a costly move which has already mounted legal bills of more than \$4000 for Langer and Lamontagne and \$6000 for the town.

"We can't afford it because we're not rich people," Lamontagne said. "But the town, it's not their money. It's taxpayers that are paying the

bills."

Lamontagne is convinced the couple will win its legal battle.

"We feel we aren't breaking the law," she said. "We've looked at the bylaw and don't think we're breaking it."

Of course the final decision will be up to an administrative judge who will have to decide if haute cuisine is an artistic activity.

At least one source agrees. The Petit Robert dictionary describes cuisine and the world's oldest art.

Mayor Peter Provencher, who owns and operates a local Bed and Breakfast, could not be reached for comment.

Medical services to be explained

COATICOOK - A committee of volunteers representing English-speaking residents of areas including Stanstead East, Barnston, Way's Mills, Baldwin's Mills, Hereford, Compton, Compton Station and Coaticook is organizing a series of four information meetings.

These sessions will be attended by Linda Dieleman of the Coaticook CLSC and either Dr. Natasha Bird or Dr. Allison Simms. Following the success of a

similar presentation last summer at Ive's Hill, these meetings are designed to provide detailed information concerning medical services provided by the CLSC and the Emergency Department of the Coaticook General Hospital.

The first of the four information sessions will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at the All Saints Anglican Church in Hereford at 2 p.m.. More information regarding

this meeting can be obtained from Ron Owen at 844-2491.

Subsequent sessions are planned for Way's Mills on March 12, Baldwin's Mills on April 16 and Stanstead East on May 14. Details regarding locations and times will be provided at a later date. These sessions are open to all English-speaking residents within the Coaticook MRC. Further information can be obtained from the Coaticook CLSC at 849-7041.

Family dies in collision

SHERBROOKE - Dangerous road conditions experienced all over the Townships Monday evening left a family dead in a car accident.

The accident occurred around 7 p.m. Monday night when the driver of the car lost control of the vehicle and spun into a disastrous collision.

Jaime Grant, 24, of Stanbridge, his wife Tina Stringer, 22 and their four-year-old son all died in the accident.

Their car was headed southward on Highway 133 near Iberville when Grant lost control of the car on the

slippery road. The car spun out of control and was hit head on by a van coming in the other direction.

"The force of the impact with the van knocked the car back into the southbound lane and then it was hit by another car that was behind them," said Quebec Police Force spokesperson Cst. Serge Dubord.

All three were pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

"We can't be certain but we believe they died just after the van hit them," he added.

The drivers of the other vehicles involved were not injured in the accident.

Quebec man acquitted for robbery after 36 years

By Jim Bronskill

Southam Newspapers

OTTAWA - Rejean Hinse's long wait for justice is finally over.

The Quebec man's three-decade battle to clear his name ended successfully Tuesday when the country's highest court acquitted him of a 1961 armed robbery.

Hinse, 59, felt both relieved and troubled following the Supreme Court of Canada judgment.

"I have mixed emotions," said the industrial pipefitter, who lives in Laval.

"I never should have been accused of this crime."

In December, 1961, five armed men broke into the

home of a couple in Mont-Laurier, north of Montreal. The couple was bound and beaten while the men scooped up \$4,000 in cash and jewelry.

Hinse was arrested several days later after being identified by one of the victims. He vehemently denied involvement, claiming he was in a Montreal tavern at the time - an alibi supported by his girlfriend.

But Hinse was convicted in 1964 and sentenced to 15 years in prison. He was paroled in 1969 and began an intensive letter-writing campaign proclaiming his innocence to numerous politicians and even the Queen.

A 1990 review by the Quebec Police Commission said he was the victim of a "rotten police investigation" and criticized the conduct of his trial.

The Quebec Court of Appeal quashed Hinse's conviction in 1994 on the strength of new evidence and ordered there be no further proceedings against him.

The Appeal Court heard that the police lineup used to implicate Hinse was a farce. And a policeman who originally testified he had seen Hinse in Mont-Laurier eight days before the crime admitted he was mistaken.

But the court said the facts weren't clear enough to justify an acquittal.

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Hinse felt he should be acquitted outright and argued the court's decision left him with the stigma of a guilty man. His initial application to the Supreme Court was rejected but, in a rare move, the high court agreed to reconsider.

The judges dispensed with his case in less than an hour, hearing arguments from the Crown, recessing briefly and handing down their ruling.

They allowed the appeal, annulled the stay of proceedings and pronounced Hinse formally acquitted. Justice Charles Gonthier said the appropriate remedy was

acquittal given that the evidence would not be sufficient for a jury to find Hinse guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Hinse said Tuesday he has no immediate plans to seek compensation for his lengthy ordeal, but the soft-spoken grandfather noted he spent more than \$150,000 on the Quebec appeal and incurred additional costs taking his case to the high court.

He may ask the Crown to pay his legal fees, but says it's a matter for his lawyers.

"For 35 years I've always been looking only for this acquittal."



Correction : A story on race-karting in Tuesday's Record stated Karting d'Or, the company operating the course would be providing part-time jobs for ten employees. Ten people will be working full time at the new race-kart track. As well, anyone who makes a donation of \$5 to the Roch Guertin Foundation on opening day January 23 will receive a ticket for one session on the court for another day.

Winter fever hits Stanstead College

By Nahil Dajani

After a relaxing Christmas holiday, everybody at Stanstead College has a full calendar. There are plenty of things coming up in the second term to keep everyone occupied.

The Theatre Arts Club is busy working on its production which will bring a change from last year's light piece. The selected piece this year is Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*. This is scheduled for performance in early May. On the professional level, Geordie Productions will be performing its annual production at the college on Jan. 24.

The Interact Club is in the process of finishing up this year's "Penny Drive". There seems to be a promising amount of money, which will be donated to charitable causes around this area. The "30-Hour-Famine" is also being arranged by Interact and students are already getting sponsors for this World Vision event.

Winter fever has hit the college. In addition to the weekly downhill skiing trips, our very own winter carnival is coming up at the end of January. Aside from ski day, it includes lots of outdoor activities such as an egg toss, ice sculptures and tobogganing. As well, the school now

has an outdoor skating rink. All this to drive away the winter blues.

Beginning March 3, the talented artists at the college will be putting up a display at the Haskell Library. Keep your eyes open for this art feast.

For those interested, the Entrance Scholarship Exams will be held Feb. 22nd. For more information, please contact the College's Admissions Office.

As the term goes by, I will try to keep you updated on the latest news at the college. Also, check out our web page at www.stanstead.qc.ca.

Red letter days at Richmond Regional

RICHMOND - At the Jan. 8 meeting of the RRHS School Committee members were reminded to mark three important dates on their January calendars.

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, Champlain Regional College in Lennoxville will be sending representatives for an

evening information session. The meeting is planned especially for level 4 and 5 students, but anyone interested is welcome to attend. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 23 Parent - Teacher interviews will be held from 7-10 p.m. Take this time to talk to your

child's teachers - even if everything is positive.

Wednesday, Jan. 29 will be the evening follow-up meeting on Suicide Prevention with Joyce Chagnon, psychologist, from the JEVI Foundation. This important meeting is also at 7 p.m. and is open to all interested adults.

IN BRIEF

Calling all clippers and collectors

Contribute to our Record Scrapbook!

As part of the celebrations of the Record's 100th birthday this year, we will be putting together a Record Readers' Scrapbook. Anyone may participate by sending in a copy of his or her favorite clipping from the Record - one only per reader. Record staff will organize what you our readers send in and create a special scrapbook, which will be on display at the Record's offices and various locations during the year.

Whether you have boxes of clippings or only one or two, we'd love to have you participate. Here's what you do: select your very favorite clipping from your collection, get a good quality photocopy of it - we may receive so many it would be difficult to return them all, then write on the photocopy page your name, address, telephone number, why the clipping is your favorite, and the date the item appeared in the Record. If you don't know, please put an estimated year or decade at least. Now, there's a good way to beat the winter blahs, n'est-ce pas?

The possibilities are endless - front page headlines to weddings, baby pictures to poems, ads to social notes, death notices to world developments.

We are also still looking for any Record memorabilia that we might borrow for a series of displays we hope to organize across the Eastern Townships. And if you haven't let us know about a special anniversary to take place in 1997, please let us know immediately.

Send to: Record Readers' Scrapbook, Record Memorabilia, or 1997 Anniversaries, c/o The Record, 2850 Delorme, Sherbrooke Qc, J1K 1A1, 819-569-9511 or Box 488, Knowlton Qc J0E 1V0, 514-242-1188.

Speaker to address youth concerns

The public is invited to attend a talk by Tina Montague entitled "How we can make a peaceful world for our children" Thursday, Jan 22 at 7 o'clock at Plymouth-Trinity United Church, 380 Dufferin St., Sherbrooke. The address is organized by the German Cultural Circle. Tina Montague is recognized as an expert in the area of dealing with problems confronted by youths.

Survey seeks housing views

The A.Q.D.R. (Quebec association for the rights of the retired and pre-retired) in association with a group of promoters is surveying senior citizens. We would like to have your opinion on a cooperative housing project for retired people aged 55 and over (recommended age). For this survey we have mailed out over 400 questionnaires throughout the Memphremagog MRC.

If you have not received this survey and would like to participate please call 868-2342 and ask for Suzanne.

A Township Tradition

LENNOXVILLE - Sixteen or so "associate" members of the Lennoxville Rifle Club normally gather at the Beattie Street club house to play crokinole on Monday evenings. The club's name would suggest that they should go there to sharpen their skills in marksmanship, as indeed some do, but for many the institution which was inaugurated in 1946 is viewed as a social outlet. According to president, Mac MacLeod, the social functions of the club are

as important as the training in marksmanship and gun safety. In addition to Monday night crokinole, Townshippers who like old time music look forward to the bi-monthly Saturday night dances. The club also hosts a Friday Night Fiddle Hoedown each spring. Last year this event was attended by more than 250 people.

On week nights, however, the 60 active members are free to make use of the club to

improve their shooting skills under the watchful eye of a qualified range-master. Club membership is open to anyone 12 years of age and over. Students from Bishop's College School, Champlain College and Bishop's University routinely train using firearms such as .22 Sporting, Match and Biathlon Rifles. Other members prefer to use .22 pistols or .177 pellet guns. On Saturday mornings army cadets from Rock Forest also make use of the facility.

Text and Photos by Bruce Patton



Hockey may be Canada's national sport but for these individuals, "crokinole" reigns supreme, at least on Monday evenings.



Brent Montgomery and proud grandfather, Garnet Williams, check out a target sheet.



Edson Warner, right, examines a target with the club's youngest member, Brent Montgomery and his grandfather, Garnet Williams who started shooting when he was 12 years old. Asked how long he has been involved in the sport, he replied, "A long time!"

How to get my vote

Dear Editor,

It is really exciting to hear a Conservative finally admitting the enormous effect that the interest rate has on the size of the deficit. While in power, the Conservatives told us over and over that the deficit was caused by our social programs, that we were living beyond our means, and that the only way out of this mess was to slash social programs. Now, Peter White says that the deficit is being reduced with very little management effort on the part of the Liberals; all that was required is a lower interest rate.

Of course, he is right. A high interest rate policy has several effects. It makes servicing the debt more expensive because interest payments are higher. It causes recession because high interest rates are achieved through what is known as "tight money", meaning that there is not enough money to go around to allow growth in the economy. Tight money also drives up the value of the Canadian dollar which in turn hurts exports, especially in a free trade environment. Finally, the unemployment caused by the recession means fewer taxpayers available to service the debt and more people on assistance. Given that this was the

explicit policy of the Conservative Party throughout the last half of their mandate, it is little wonder that Kim Campbell predicted 10 per cent unemployment until the end of the century.

This same party also told us that the national debt was a terrible monster. They told us that if we did not slash social spending we would hit the "debt wall", in spite of the fact that Canada's credit rating has always been excellent. Why then, is this party now telling us that we need a tax cut? The national debt is no smaller, in fact it is larger. How is a tax cut going to help the unemployed? How is it going to educate our youth and look after the sick? We don't need a tax cut, we need more taxpayers.

If all the Conservatives can come up with is "cut income taxes" or "cut the GST", I suspect that they are more interested in bribing us into voting for them than in our long-term welfare. The party that develops and economic policy that puts people back to work in real jobs is the one that will get my vote.

Yours truly,
GEOFFREY WEBBER,
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Bloc focuses on Quebec to the detriment of Canada

Canada surely must be the best example anywhere of a tortured parliamentary democracy. In what other country would the official opposition have as its sole purpose to help break-up the nation, complaining internationally along the way about how its system of governance has prevented a distinct people from achieving its true destiny.

Where else could the official opposition get away with spending its entire time and focus on one area of the country to the detriment of the rest. Born out of one man's carefully orchestrated temper tantrum against the person who brought him into politics in the first place, the Bloc has only accomplished one tangible thing in its entire history in the House of Commons: it fought the battle successfully to take tax-free cigarette purchases off the reservations and into the

public streets so that every Quebecer could have the right to smoke cheaper. The future social cost of this assault against the lungs of the users, even those of the politicians, is yet to be determined. Now the Bloc, whose stated mission is to defend Quebec's interests in Ottawa and to explain them to the rest of the nation, is about to choose a new leader. Various Quebec cabinet ministers are backing one or more of the six declared candidates.

The whole matter would be hilarious if it weren't so costly in so many ways and so out-of-date in others. It can only worsen in the months ahead. Let's assume that the front runner, M. Duceppe wins and becomes leader of the Opposition. This steely-eyed, one-issue person, a life-long trade unionist who resorts to cue cards every time he appears in public in

Viewpoint

Gary Richards

English, will take a tough stance with English Canada propagating whatever myths his masters in Quebec City tell him. Other candidates will take a more moderate stance with the Canadians... equal to equal stuff as long as it is no threat to Quebec's territorial and linguistic integrity. They might even offer advice to the ROC from time to time. Funny isn't it...if the Liberals or Conservatives, who have done much more for Quebec in terms of dispensing various electoral or governing goodies over the generations, had made some of these same assertions, the National Assembly would have risen in arm-twisted unison to tell them to butt out of Quebec's affairs.

The truth of the matter is that no salesperson for this lot, from its founder through the various ranks of its soldiers in the field can ever convert more than a handful of Canadians to the sovereignty cause...any more than the string pullers in the provincial capital can. We simply don't like them at face value because they blame "our" country for all their woes. Because Canada overall is such a tolerant society they have had a massively disproportionate amount of time at centre stage. It's time to pull the curtain down on these bit players.

It's now over half a century since the wrenching linguistic divisions of the conscription crisis; over a generation since a Francophone was humiliated by a unilingual sales clerk at a Montreal department store. Times have changed and people have evolved. The world is heading toward a new

millennium with one remaining super power and unimagined communications linkages. The only thing that appears not to have evolved is the coddled dinosaur coalition which makes up Quebec's ruling elite, and their continued desire to control the hearts and minds of what could be the most dynamic society on the continent.

Where will the voices of my silent French-speaking neighbors and colleagues, the professed federalist parties, and so on be in the coming months when it is finally time to raise the curtain on a new horizon. It is hard to imagine a better country to live in than this one; if the nationalists, at any time, had ever won even a squeaky victory pulling Quebec out of Canada, we would all be in an irretrievable mess today.

Bill Barlow logs up to 94 hours a week

Internet keeps Denison Mills man occupied

By Cathy Watson

Record correspondent

RICHMOND — "E-mail", "log on" and "net server" are all terms that were foreign to Bill Barlow at this time last year. But, the youthful octogenarian from Denison Mills now feeds his net surfing habit regularly.

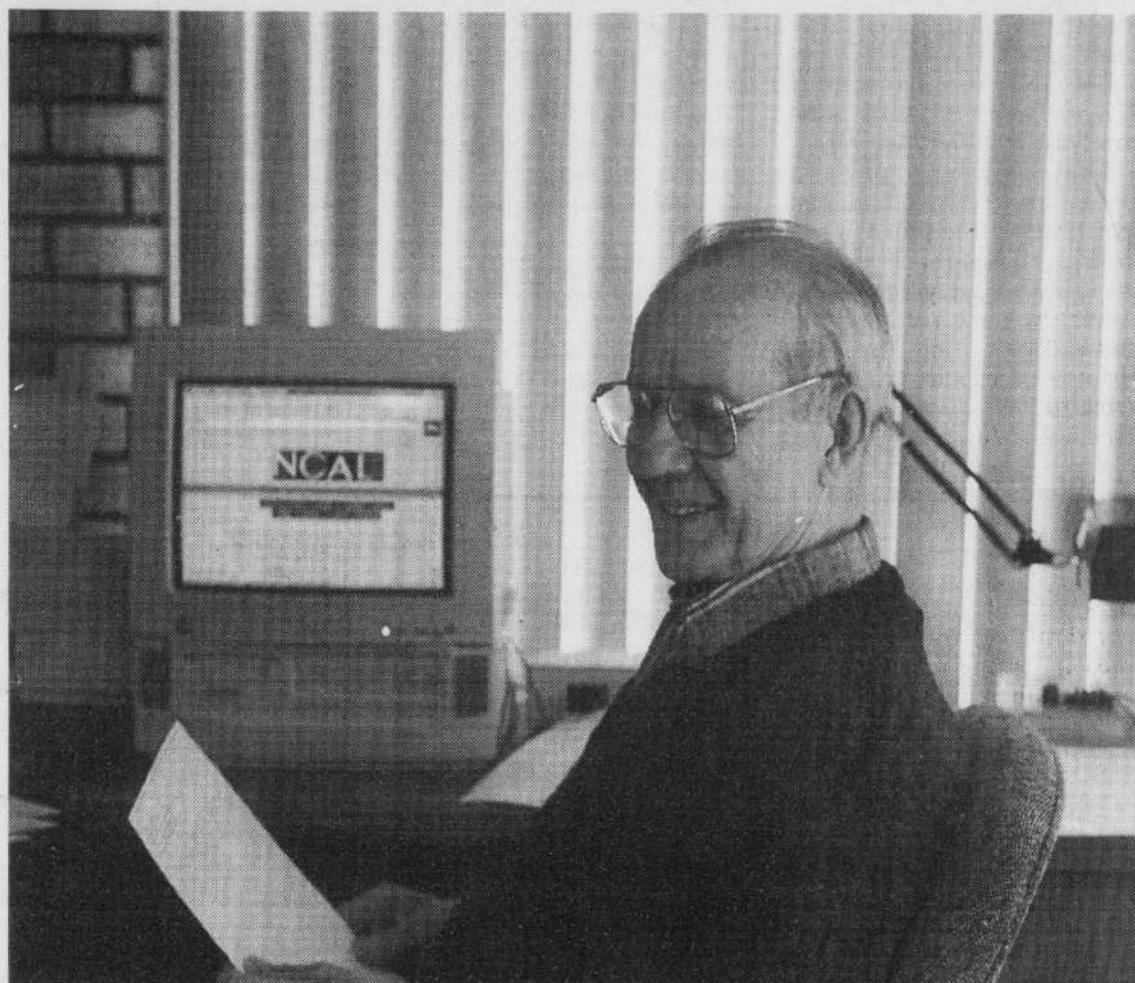
"It's a very simple. Any fool can do it," he says.

The retired Pratt & Whitney employee moved from Montreal in 1977 to farm in Denison Mills. Recently, following the death of his wife of 56 years, he found himself at loose ends.

"You're so close together, part of you is gone," he says of his loss.

A concerned nephew suggested that a computer would help Mr. Barlow take his mind off his problems. Mr. Barlow was skeptical at first, "What do I know about computers? Absolutely nothing!" But, he took the advice and now logs up to 94 hours in a three-week period on the Internet.

He says that, when he first got the computer, he got off to a slow start. "I bought a couple of books and I couldn't make head nor tail out of them," he exclaims. He says that started "poking around" with the computer and would "get into trouble". He would then get some information



There are a lot of things Bill Barlow still hasn't discovered in his eighty-some years but he's discovered where to find a lot of answers.

PHOTO: CATHY WATSON

from somebody and come back and try again.

"Step by step by step. That's how I learned it. I didn't learn it out of the books, that's for darn sure," he says.

Now that he's got the hang of it, Mr. Barlow spends

almost all of his free time surfing 'the net'. He says that he hasn't watched TV for weeks, even though he has a satellite hook up.

"I can go anywhere and talk to anybody on the Internet," he enthuses. "I'll even show

you the news before its on television."

"And, look at this," he says grinning and holding out a thick pile of papers that turn out to be soup recipes that he found on the net and printed out to try for himself.

Besides learning new things, Mr. Barlow uses his computer to keep in touch with family and friends by sending and receiving E-mail. One letter, from an old friend, who builds model aircraft, even contained photos of the planes and engines which he had built.

Mr. Barlow's newest toy is something called a "Snappy" which takes photos from the television, VCR or video camera and freezes them on the computer screen. Then he can adjust the still's size, color and contrast before printing it out in color or black and white. Not bad for someone who knew absolutely nothing about computers only a short while ago.

Time not spent on the computer is lavished on his constant companion Sandy the vigilant, four-legged protector, who lets no one even walk by on the road in front of the property without a stern warning filled with woofs, yips and growls. Between Sandy and the computer, Mr. Barlow keeps himself pretty busy — no time to get the blues — proving that nephew was right!

Mr. Barlow says his net surfing habit will continue.

"You ask me how I spend so much time on here. There's a lot of things I want to know, so I come here and I ask it. It's pretty wonderful."

Take a walk on the wild side or find out how cold it will be

Net has latest on everything from Rodman to weather

HAMILTON — In basketball, the Worm has turned: Worm, as in the nickname for Dennis

Rodman; turned, as in turned into one of the more impertinent figures of sport, certainly its highest profile cross-dresser.

Keeping up with the rebound king of the Chicago Bulls — his aw-shucks on-court behavior, his conservative fashion ethic, his awkward introversion in front of the microphones — has never been easy. But the Internet, in a rare display of magnifying the understated, fawns about the man, the occasional woman and the frequent spoiled millionaire.

The Official Dennis Rodman page (lonestar.texas.net/~pmagal/rodman.html) is a solid starting point on the World Wide Web. Dennis Rodman (www.azstarnet.com/

~jholden/indie.html) is a similar site, while Ryan's Site (www.worldstar.com/~brinath/color.html) takes the viewer through the kaleidoscope of bad hair days.

Within hours of his court-side kick to the groin, several sites were offering video and commentary on the Internet. Not surprisingly, the official NBA site (www.nba.com) wasn't one. Several strong all-in-one-place basketball sites offer a good insight into the game, including On Hoops (www.onhoops.com), Go2Net Sports (www.go2net.com/sports/hoop) and the superb statistical site run by Doug Steele (rainbow.rmii.com/~doug).

Academic scrutineers of the sport can move into the Journal of Basketball Studies site (cmr.sph.unc.edu/~deano/bball/index.html), while those yearning for a glimpse

Net News

By klapointe@southam.ca

Southam Newspapers

of life before seven-figure salaries for benchwarmers can take in the Basketball Hall of Fame home page (www.hoophall.com).

It's the time of year to gripe about the weather. About all the Internet can do is make the griping better informed.

The list of sites grows each year to provide forecasts, satellite shots and tailored information to communities. Local newspaper sites will almost always include weather information, but there are also several international weather pages worth a look.

The Interactive Weather Bureau (rs560.cl.msu.edu

/weather/graphicalinteractive.html) provides good North American information, while the acclaimed WeatherNet site (cirrus.sprl.umich.edu/wxnet) has a Canadian site (cirrus.sprl.umich.edu/wxnet/canada/canada.html) with a reasonable amount of domestic content. Intellicast (www.intellicast.com/weather/intl) has limited long-range forecasts for Canada (www.intellicast.com/weather/yow) and a satellite image every 12 hours (www.intellicast.com/weather/intl/cansat).

The CanWarn system (hamster.business.uwo.ca/~dcolvin/canwarn.html) alerts viewers to imminent storms, while the U.S.-based National Weather Association (www.infi.net/~cwt/nwa-page.html) is a strong all-in-one site.

INTERESTING SITES:

• Why speak English when

you can learn Klingon? The Klingon Language Institute awaits your enterprise (www.kli.org).

• Yes, there are a few chafed feelings over the cultural trade dispute, but Sports Illustrated has added the Online For Kids edition to the massive Pathfinder publication site under Time Warner (pathfinder.com).

• Speaking of Canadian culture, ArtSource Canada (Alpha.Shinnova.com/art-source/) portrays some of the finest British Columbian artists.

• Speaking of culture, GRANTA (www.granta.com) features a small taste of its latest issue and a big pitch to subscribe.

• Finishing with culture, Reel.Com (www.reel.com) is the latest movie-related site to claim encyclopedic resources on the Web.

CN has finished 'best year in its history' - Tellier

By Bertrand Marotte
Southam News

TORONTO - A special charge associated primarily with job cuts at privatized Canadian National Railway Co. has resulted in reduced profit of \$124 million for fiscal 1996.

The company's profit from continuing operations for the year was \$505 million or \$5.95 per share, CN announced Tuesday, which was reduced by special charges of \$381 million which included a \$365-million provision in the fourth quarter for job cuts.

That made 1996 "the best year in the history of this company," chief executive Paul Tellier said Tuesday in a telephone interview from New York.

Revenues in 1996 were up 1.5 per cent to \$4.16 billion from \$4.1 billion last year.

Total operating profit in 1996 was \$610 million, compared to \$440 million a year earlier, although CN actually recorded a \$1.1-billion loss in 1995 because of one-time charges related to the write-down of the value of assets.

Tellier acknowledged that the ambitious downsizing pro-

gram has been tough on employee morale (more than 14,000 jobs slashed from 36,000 in 1992), but he said CN is now positioned for growth and long-term profitability.

He said he intends to have talked to all employees in regular cross-country trips he is making between Jan. 1 and Easter.

"The mood is pretty good. Employees see the end of the road in terms of downsizing."

Tellier also proudly announced that CN beat its own operating ratio target of 85.6 per cent with an actual

ratio for 1996 of 85.3 per cent, down from 89.3 in 1995. Operating ratio - the percentage of revenue required to operate and maintain the railway - is a key performance measure.

"There is no other railway which has improved its operating ratio in the last four years the way we did," said Tellier.

Montreal-based CN is the sixth-largest railway in North America and still has its work cut out if it is to meet the challenge of the newly merged United States giants, he said.

"These guys are moving the goal posts," and CN will eventually have to make some acquisitions or form partnerships to extend its operations beyond its present Chicago gateway, said Tellier.

On a tax-affected, fully diluted basis, CN's operating profit (before special charges) was \$293 million, or \$3.39 per share, compared to \$172 million or \$2.41 per share in the previous year.

The latter results met or slightly beat analysts' forecasts of between \$3.30 and \$3.40 per share.

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The last burial is believed to have occurred in 1909 but Clement Benoit said he has heard that someone was possibly buried there as recently as 1925. He said he was told that a person who had a neighboring farm had a black

farm hand and buried him in the unmarked grave.

Since starting his search for answers last week he said he's been asking why the grave was never properly marked despite the fact everyone in St. Armand knows where 'Nigger Rock' is.

Bayne said getting the grave properly recognized takes a community effort.

There are not many known similar cemeteries in Canada. In Birchtown, N. S. a bronze historical marker was recently erected to commemorate a burial ground. The cemetery

was almost turned into a public dump site until people in the black community in Nova Scotia spoke up.

"That's the problem in this situation," said Bayne. "There's not much of a black community in the Townships to support Mr. Avery. In Nova Scotia there was a lot of black history and a community there who fought to have it remembered."

"What it takes is for someone to take up the issue and make people aware of it. Thank God someone has

finally done it. I think it's a great thing that Mr. Avery is doing."

Avery said the search for answers shouldn't stop with just a historical marker.

"The bottom line is these people were here and that fact should be recognized; but another interesting question is what the conditions were like here to prevent a viable community," he said. Avery wonders whether the people used as slaves in St. Armand all died there or moved on to bigger cities like Montreal.

Job offers

The Record and Canada Employment Centres across the Eastern Townships are publicizing job opportunities in the region. Persons who qualify for jobs should contact their nearest C.E.C. office of phone Telecentre at 564-4977 (Sherbrooke) or (514) 776-5285 (Granby).

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Blockbuster mania hits Hollywood

Volcano films signal a big change in movie seasons

By Jamie Portman

Southam Newspapers

LOS ANGELES — Mark down July 16 of last year as the day the 1997 battle for the moviegoer's dollar began in earnest.

Box-office frenzy over *Independence Day* may still have been dominating entertainment headlines, but Hollywood studios were already deep into planning the following year's marketing strategies and jockeying for favorable positions in the box-office sweepstakes.

Which is why Universal Pictures chose that date to throw down the gauntlet to its competitors, buying a full-page ad in the influential trade publication *Variety* to announce that *Dante's Peak*, its big volcano disaster movie, would open on March 7, 1997.

"The Pressure Is Building!" Universal proclaimed in a shrieking headline. The ad was seen as a direct message to Fox which was committed to its own volcano movie, entitled simply *Volcano*.

Industry sources said last year that Universal's preemptive strike sent shock waves through Fox boardrooms. At the time, shooting had already commenced on *Dante's Peak*, with Pierce Brosnan in the lead, while *Volcano*, starring Tommy Lee Jones, had yet to go before the cameras.

Nevertheless Fox fought back and announced in early autumn that *Volcano* would open Feb. 28 — a week before *Dante's Peak*. But on Nov. 29, Universal retaliated, announcing that its molten lava adventure would now open Feb. 7. It trumpeted the new date with full-page ads in *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times* and *U.S.A. Today*.

At this point, there was no way Fox could again leapfrog its rival — because to do so would bring it in conflict with its much hyped Jan. 31 reissue of a restored version of George Lucas's *Star Wars* trilogy.

So the latest word from Fox is that it has now dropped its planned Feb. 28 release of *Volcano* and will reschedule it for spring or summer — a move which will bring it into competition with a formidable set of new adversaries: dinosaurs, floods, marauding insects, *Batman* and the *Titanic*.

Both volcano films have been competing in the movie houses since the fall with teaser trailers. "The coast is



Volcano involves a lot of special effects and should dazzle movie goers like *Twister* did.

toast," announces *Volcano*. "L.A. erupts in 1997." The message for *Dante's Peak*: "The most awesome sight you'll ever see may be your last!"

But Leonard Klady, a film industry analyst for *Variety*, warns that Fox now has a problem that won't go away because Universal made it out of the starting gate first. "It is never good to be second in the marketplace," he says.

Klady cites the example in the late 1970s of *Black Sunday* and *Two-Minute Warning*, two movies dealing with a terrorist on the loose in a stadium. "Universal cranked out *Two-Minute Warning* very quickly and did very good business — far better than Paramount's *Black Sunday*, which was the more expensive film and also superior in quality but suffered from coming out several months after the first."

A more recent example came in 1991 with two rival Robin Hood epics. Warner Brothers managed to be first with *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, starring Kevin Costner, thereby dashing theatrical prospects for Fox's Patrick Bergin version which found itself being reinvented as a made-for-television movie. And in 1994, Costner's much touted *Wyatt Earp* found its box-office fortunes dashed not only by mixed reviews but by Disney jumping in several months earlier with *Tombstone*, another film dealing with the legendary western lawman.

The power plays over the two volcano movies are dramatic examples of the increasingly high financial stakes ruling Hollywood in its perennial search for the ultimate mega-hit. There are

two periods each year when competition really erupts — Christmas and summer. But of the two, summer is by far the more crucial. Look at the 15 highest-grossing films in history and you find that 13 of them opened during the summer months. A studio lucky enough to have a runaway summer hit can do 60 per cent of its annual business with just that one film.

But the conventional calendar boundaries defining summer are blurring. It started as long ago as 1975 when *Jaws* confounded market analysts by opening June 20 instead of July 4 as expected. By the mid-1980s, the United States's Memorial Day weekend in late May had become the official start of summer as far as Hollywood was concerned.

In 1996, summer became even more extended, with Warner Brothers unleashing *Twister* on May 10. The goal was to give the film a modest head start over rival Paramount's *Mission Impossible*, which was due later in the month, and to guarantee it nearly two months' advantage over the blockbuster everyone feared — Fox's *Independence Day*

which opened July 4.

Some industry cynics say that thanks to *Dante's Peak*, the summer movie season is now beginning in mid-winter. But if the ground rules are changing this rapidly, it's because of one increasingly worrisome economic situation: Hollywood's blockbuster obsession is now crowding the formal summer season to the extent that too many big films end up chasing the same audience dollar.

Summer '96 yielded some hefty winners in *Independence Day*, *Twister* and *Mission Impossible*. But during the same period a succession of movies for which producers had high hopes were clobbered. Among the victims: *The Phantom*, *Dragonheart*, *Striptease*, *Multiplicity*, *The Fan* and *Escape From LA*.

Veteran producer Sean Daniel told *The Los Angeles Times* last year that for Hollywood summer "is not an orderly, rational environment. It's a playing field that is really a minefield."

Ever since Universal delivered the first shot across the bows of competitors, rival heavy hitters have staked out their claims to other key

weekends this year. Perhaps the most formidable is *The Lost World*, Steven Spielberg's long-awaited sequel to *Jurassic Park*. Its May 23 (Memorial Day weekend) premiere was announced months ago, and most rival movies are steering clear of it. The exception comes from Paramount which is currently slated to open its big disaster movie, *The Flood*, on May 16.

Two more summer biggies — Disney's animated *Hercules* and Warner Brothers' *Batman And Robin* with George Clooney and Arnold Schwarzenegger — enter the ring June 20. And the situation really heats up on the July 4 weekend, with three major films currently due to open: Canadian filmmaker James Cameron's epic *Titanic*; *Speed 2*; and *Starship Troopers*, director Paul Verhoeven's alien bug movie. Still without a slot is another big-budget release, *Alien Resurrection*, the fourth installment in Fox's lucrative *Alien* franchise.

All these are so-called "event" movies, made with enormous budgets, which is a further reason the stakes are so high. The trade media estimate that the bill for *Dante's Peak* will be at least \$115 million U.S. Fox claims *Volcano* will cost only \$90 million U.S., while other sources say the budget could reach \$120 million. *Titanic* is so costly at \$120 million that the investment is being split between two studios: Fox will distribute it internationally and Paramount in North America. There's a similar deal between TriStar and Disney for *Starship Troopers*.

This collective juggernaut could spell trouble for smaller-budget films seeking to be heard in the din of the marketplace. But *Variety's* Klady predicts the so-called powerhouse releases are also vulnerable.

"All films are going to be hurt because of this glut — if only in the sense that none of them will reach their full potential," he says. "And some major films are going to be hurt badly."



Volcano was issued the largest fire permit in movie history.

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Groups hope to preserve minority language guarantees

Townshippers' joins Alliance Quebec in job-training fight

Federal government plans to decentralize its job-training services to the provinces have not yet come with firm guarantees that services will continue to be offered in English in Quebec.

Townshippers' Association has joined Alliance Quebec and other regional associations in its concern that the federal government not negotiate away minority language guarantees as it decentralizes power to the provinces.

Alliance Quebec was recently assured by federal Employment Minister Pierre Pettigrew that minority language guarantees will be included in the agreement with Quebec. Last week, Quebec Employment Minister Louise Harel also tried to reassure the English-lan-

guage community.

"I think that the services that are currently offered to the anglophone community, the manpower services will be maintained," she said.

The guarantees are therefore not yet in place. And the agreement is apparently within weeks of being signed.

You can help pressure the federal government to include adequate guarantees by writing or calling your local Member of Parliament or of the National Assembly.

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4422 or Erin (819) 566-5717.

JOBS ON THE NET

The Carrefour Jeunesse-Emploi des Cantons de l'Est, located at 109 Davignon St. in Cowansville, is having its official opening Wednesday Jan. 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Part of the activities include a workshop on finding jobs using the Internet, as well as an employment counselling clinic and a guided tour of the documentation centre. Pierre Paradis, MNA for the Brome-Missisquoi riding, will be on hand at 11 a.m. to officially open the Carrefour Jeunesse-Emploi des Cantons de l'Est.

So, if you live in the Cowansville-Granby area, are between 16 and 35 years-old, would like to find out more about this new service and meet the bilingual team run-

ning it - this is your chance! For more information, please contact the Carrefour Jeunesse-Emploi des Cantons de l'Est in Cowansville at (514) 266-0993.

STRONG WORDS

Beginning Feb. 7, in the first newly formatted edition of The Record, this column will take a monthly change of approach. Instead of the usual column of information and updates, once a month Keeping in Touch will become an opinion column written by an Association volunteer. Watch for it on the Opinions page of The Record each month, and keep up to date on the views of those running Townshippers' Association.

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

Sawyerville

Alice Wilson
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Ross, Helene, Christopher and Karine Mackay of Brossard were here Christmas Eve and enjoyed the evening with Helene's family at the Cretes Hotel. They were overnight guests of Ross, parents Douglas and Mabel Mackay who accompanied them home to Brossard on Christmas Day.

Wendy, Steve and Julie Thorne and friend Barry Walters of Baltimore, Ont., joined the

Mackays on Boxing Day when all enjoyed a family Christmas dinner with the Ross Mackays. Some enjoyed a drive around Brossard and Montreal viewing the lovely Christmas lights and decorations. All enjoyed breakfast and dinner together the next day, after which the Mackays returned home with the Thornes who were their guests until Sunday when they returned to Baltimore.

Cross-country ski loppet coming up

COATICOOK - A cross-country ski loppet will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Round Barn ski centre in Coaticook by Townshippers' Association, the Société de développement de la Gorge de Coaticook and the Club de ski de fond des Cantons.

The loppet will be a social, family event for recreational skiers of all levels, Colin Jardine, Townshippers' Chair of the Loppet Committee said. Medals will be awarded in several age categories.

If conditions are poor on the date scheduled, the loppet will be held the following Saturday, Feb. 15.

Participants can choose to ski either a 10, 25 or 50 kilometre course. Registration includes refreshments along the course and a buffet-style banquet following the event.

Costs are: \$20 for 10km; \$25 for 25km; \$30 for 50km. However, there is a \$5 reduction for anyone registering before Jan. 25.

The ski centre consists of 53

kilometres of trails, which range from easy to difficult and which span the hills by the Coaticook Gorge and run up into Barford Township. The headquarters is a newly built round barn located near the gorge at 400 St-Marc St. on the outskirts of Coaticook. Facilities include a snack bar, showers, waxing area and large dining area.

To register, contact Townshippers' Association at (819) 566-5717 or the Coaticook Gorge at (819) 849-2331.

Brompton Road Women's Institute meeting

The annual meeting of the Brompton Road Women's Institute was held at the home of the president, Irene Decoteau. She welcomed the members, and our county president Jessie Pelchat, wished everyone a very Happy New Year.

The motto of the month: "A new year, thanks for the past year, renew our thinking." The roll call, payment of dues and a new year's resolution was answered by nine members.

The Creed, salute to the flag, and oath of citizenship was repeated by all.

Meryl read the minutes which

were approved, and gave each member an angel datebook for 1997.

Beth gave the treasurer's and auditory report, and bills were paid.

Meryl read correspondence, which included greetings from sister branches, also cards and thank you from Olive Connolly and Bert and Irene Arbery for having them at our Christmas party; a card and greetings from Carolyn Coates. Eunice for Education read "A little school that could", a celebration of our seasonal differences by Roger Tetreau.

Edna reported on squares for

Zambia. Irene report an sunshine, cards sent.

All annual reports were given by executive and convenors. Irene thanked all for our cooperation of the last year.

We adjourned for a hot luncheon served by Irene, and Gerald assisted by Beverly.

The meeting opened again at 1:30 with the singing of the Ode.

At this time our county president did the installation of our members, all remaining as was.

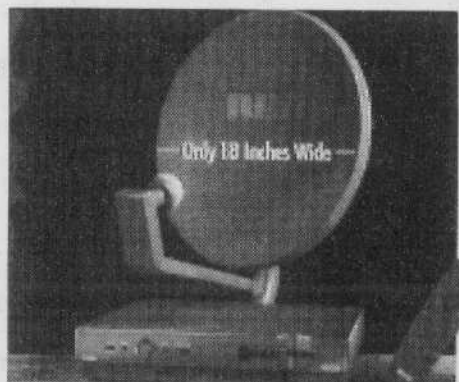
Edna was appointed delegate for the annual county meeting on February 11. New business was taken care of, and the president adjourned the meeting. Tea and a lovely birthday cake given to Irene by Margaret Smith was served. Games were played after and a social time spent. The floating prize given by Irene was won by Beth. There will not be a meeting in February. The next meeting will be held at Beth's on March 4.

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Love and best wishes to Robert and Judy Daignault who celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary today, January 22. From your family and friends.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Grace Lawrence of Cookshire, who will be 87 years young on January 25. Love and best wishes from her family.

Card party

Drawing - September 26, 1996 for Prosperity Rebekah Lodge #32 to end series of card parties for 1995-96.

Six piece luggage, Helen Damant; hand made cushion, donated by Alta Forster won by Judy Alger from Armprior, Ont.; wooden logging truck, made and donated by Dr. Robert Pincott, won by Hilda McEwing; book on flower gardening won by June Monteith; \$15 gift certificate donated by I.G.A. Cow-

ansville won by Christina Molenaar; \$10 gift certificate, Cowansville Florist, won by Suzanne Lafleur; two satin covered coat hangers won by Trischi Cockus; handmade doily won by Emily Bocage; box of stationary won by Elaine Archambault; \$5 gift certificate, Auberge des Carrefours, won by Elaine Fowler.

On December 12, 1996 there was another card party. There were eight tables in play. A turkey was donated by Jean Scott and won by Helen McEroy, a tea pot and sugar and cream set donated by Isabella Beattie, won by Jean Riti, and a box of fudge won by Lillian Brown. There were other articles won by Mary Horne, Keith Harvey and Margaret Raymond.

Ladies prizes: Beatrice Alger, Yvette McEravy, Mary Horne. Men's prizes: Mac Jones, Gerald Coupland and Keith Scott.

Door prizes: Tennie Symington, Keith Harvey, Lil Brown and Lavina Blue.

Bingo: Lil Brown and George Wilson.

On January 9, 1997 there were ten tables in play.

Ladies: Shirley Lord, Merlyn Stuatevant and Helen McElroy. Men's: Ray Tinkler, Gerald Coupland and Keith Harvey.

Bingo: Yvette McEravy and Herbie Riti. Raffle: 1/2 and 1/2, Elda Martin.

Door prizes: Mary Horne, Marjorie Felle and Lillian Brown.

We thank all the public for supporting us in 1996 and pleased to see you in 1997.

Sawyerville

Alice Wilson
889-2932

Donald and Lillian Laroche, Alton and Bonnie Fowler, David and Deanna Parnell were pre-holiday guests of Dareth Fowler, Brenda Hodge and Joshua Henderson. All enjoyed a delicious supper. Being Bonnie's birthday the traditional birthday cake was served and all sang the birthday song. It was cut and served by Bonnie. She received several gifts.

Alton and Bonnie Fowler, David and Deanna Parnell and Lillian Laroche attended the Carol service in the United Church and on their return home were pleased that Harley and Gayle Laroche of Georgetown, Ont. had arrived to spend the holidays with them and all enjoyed lunch. Christmas day guests were Dareth Fowler, Brenda Hodge, Harley and Gayle, David and Deanna. Harley and Gayle had recently returned from a vacation in Las Vegas. They told of many places of interest and showed a video. They also called on David and Deanna.

Donald and Lillian Laroche visited Vera Hover in Lennoxville on December 26 and January 2.

Angie Gill of Ottawa and Ruby Thompson were tea guests of Bonnie Fowler and Angie visited Donald and Lillian. New Year's guests of the Don Laroche were Dareth Fowler, Brenda Hodge, David and Deanna, Alton and Bonnie Fowler.

QUESTIONS

January 1st another year
Will it be happy or will it be fear?
Murders and Bombings we read in the news
Why has the World got such a short fuse?
Will the time ever come when the word "Language" is nil
Or will "Lady Louise" drive on at her will?
Money and People are leaving so fast
How can the Government allow it to last?
Quebec is my home for over 94 years
Living happy with my neighbours, having no fears
Then along came trouble with Bill 101
"Lady Louise" started having her fun
Trouble arrives most every day
Hospital signs are taken away
No thought for the English, called "Les Autres"
"Lady Louise" keeps rocking the boat.
How long will our Government allow it to last?
Will we ever get back to the Peace of the past?
Or will we sit back and simply reflect
Or stand up and call for Peace and Respect?

Composed by
Grace (Mayhew) Gregoire
January 1997

Births

COX-GODERE - Dale and Caroline are pleased to announce the birth of their son, David Frederick, weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz., on January 10, 1997. A brother for Marie. Proud grandparents are Michel and Constance Godere of Thetford Mines and Grace Cox of Inverness.

MATHESON - To Jeff and Cyndie (Denault), a boy, January 8, Mackenzie John, at St. Justin Hospital, Montreal. A brother for Bradley. Grandson for Jackie Denault, Montreal, Irene and Allan Matheson, Sherbrooke, Que.

In Memoriam

MACDONALD - In loving memory of Burns, formerly of Scotstown, Que., a dear husband, dad, grandpa ("Da") who passed away two years ago on January 22, 1995.

God looked upon His garden and found an empty space,
Then He looked down upon the earth,
And saw Burns' tired face,
He put His arms around him and lifted Burns to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful for He only takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
He closed Dad's weary eyes and whispered "Peace be Thine".
It broke our hearts to lose Dad but he did not go alone,
For part of us went with him
To God's garden, Dad's new home.
Forever remembered,

JEAN (wife)
PARKER (son)
MARY & JEAN CLAUDE
BEAUCHESNE
(daughter & son-in-law)
NANCY (granddaughter)
SONIA & MARIO
(granddaughter)

Card of Thanks

COOKSHIRE SCHOOL - The students and staff of Cookshire School wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to the parents, family, friends, and community members who donated to the "Canadian Tire Money Harvest". Through your generous contributions, you have ensured that our hot lunch programme will continue for the remainder of the school year. A very special thanks is extended to The Record for its publicity of our campaign, as well as to Mr. Rejean Guilmotte of Canadian Tire, and to Vernon Dougherty of Dougherty Equipment Reg'd. Thank you one and all!

Deaths

HARBINSON, Edith Lilian - At the C.U.S.E. Bowen site, Sherbrooke, Que., on Monday, January 20, 1997, Edith Ambrose, beloved wife of Thomas Harbinson of Brichton, Que. Daughter of the late Albert and Jeanette Ambrose, Eastborne, England. She is survived by her three sons, Michael and his wife Elsie, Conley, both of Brichton, Que., Barry and his wife Donna, Saint John, N.B., her daughter Patricia and her husband Walter Billson, Lennoxville, Que. Also survived by her granddaughter Kate Harbinson and three step-grandchildren, Robert Aulis, Sarah and Shannon Burns. Resting at Cass Funeral Home, 6 Belvidere St., Lennoxville, Que., where a private family service will be held on Thursday, January 23, 1997. Canon Ron West officiating. Interment in Eaton Cemetery. Donations to the Diabetic Association, 5547-555 Murray St., Sherbrooke, Que. J1G 2K8, or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

LAWRENCE, Hilda - Peacefully at home in Ogden, Que., on Tuesday, January 21, 1997 in her 87th year. Hilda Anna Smyth, beloved wife of the late Daniel Lawrence, formerly of Bury, Que. Dear mother of Miriam, Mrs. Lewis MacDonald, Marilyn, Mrs. William Jones and Bynon. Predeceased by her daughters Kathleen Parsons (Richard) and Hazel (Mrs. David Caudwell). Loving grandmother of Danny Parsons, Susan, Chris and Janet Caudwell and Angela Houley and great-grandmother of Kaitlin Houley. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 554 Main St., Bury, Que., where friends may call on Friday, January 24, 1997 from 1 to 3 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 3 p.m. Mr. Justin Lowry officiating. Spring interment in the Bury Cemetery. As memorial tributes, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Quebec, 2630 King W., Suite 150, Sherbrooke, Que. J1J 2H1, will be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

In Memoriam

RHICARD - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away January 22, 1994. Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear. Lovingly remembered by
SUSIE, STEVE
AND LAURA

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Huntingville Alice Price

Guests for the Christmas holidays of Alice and Henry were Russ and Mary Balson from Bowmanville, Ont., Don and Jordan MacDonald from Ottawa, aunt Rose Mitchell, Phyllis Hazzard, Gary and Helen, Marion and Esther, Gary-Dan and Glen, Annette and Joseph MacDonald. Family were happy to have Esther home from Winnipeg, Manitoba where she is attending college.

Sue Nutbrown and Alice were happy to be invited to Mrs. Eleanor Taylor's home in Birchton for the UCW Christmas party. A very enjoyable evening was spent with many Christmas goodies to enjoy. Alice called on Ora Loomis and Mrs. Nora Pocock recently.

Sue and Angie, Alice and Henry, Russ and Mary attended the Christmas Eve service in Bulwer United Church, and after the service joined other friends at the home of Russel and Bev Nutbrown. A pleasant evening was spent by all.

Debbie Wright of Surrey, B.C., spent ten days earlier in the fall with her mother Vera Chute, and her grandmother Mrs. Florence Aldrich. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Brown of St. Albans, Vt.

Guild meets

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Guild met at the home of Priscilla Audit on January 7. Following the member's prayer repeated in unison, Canon West read the Christmas II lesson from Ephesians I verses 3-6 and 15-19, with the comments of how we should show our Christian beliefs, in the way we live our lives.

Following the regular monthly business, the yearly reports of activities and finances were given. Officers for 1997 were re-elected: Honorary Pres., Iona West; Pres., Priscilla Audit and Secretary-Treasurer, Molly

Mackay.

Molly Mackay will host the March meeting on the 4th at 2 p.m. after which the World Day of Prayer Service will be held.

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction after which Priscilla served coffee and delightful refreshments for a pleasant social hour.

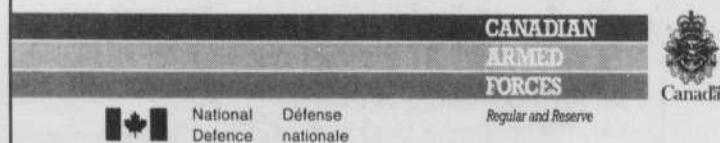
Mr. Peter Stevens, on a month's leave from Beijing, China was recently visiting at his home with Marian Guillette. Mark and Linda Guillette of Waterville were also visiting with his mother.

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Single moms more stressed out than dads

Dear Ann Landers: While traveling in Denmark recently, I picked up an English-language newspaper and read a Reuters story I thought might interest you:

"Denmark's Social Research Institute says single fathers are calmer and less likely to punish their children than lone mothers, who are often dogged by money problems."

"The daily Berlingske Tidende said yesterday a study of 1,200 children aged between 3 and 5, half living with a single mother and half with only a father, showed that the mothers were far more stressed and depressed than the men."

"The single mothers have more psychiatric problems than fathers. Their self-confidence is lower, and they suffer more from nightmares, insomnia and anxiety attacks," the paper quoted the state-run institute as saying in a report.

"Mothers have far more conflict with their children and are quicker to hit or punish their children," the report said.

"The paper quoted researcher Mogens Nygaard as saying women were not genetically more irritable than men but were under greater economic pressure, being more likely to be jobless or, if employed, generally lower paid than male workers."

"Women also perceived society as having a more favorable attitude to men caring for their children alone than for single mothers."

"Nygaard added that only 6 percent of all single-parent children

aged 3 to 5 lived with their fathers, implying that the relatively few men who actively sought responsibility for their children were strongly motivated to meet the challenges."

I guess, Ann, the findings reported in that news article are further proof that parents are pretty much the same all over the world. — N.Y. READER

DEAR N.Y.: Thanks for sending on the article. The study underscores the importance of providing financial support and job training for mothers. Your assessment regarding the similarity of people all over the world is correct. The article also spotlights the fact that single mothers are more stressed than single fathers not because they are women but because of financial problems. Thank you again.

Dear Ann Landers: I can identify with "Geneva," the son with the impossible mother. For the past 20 years, my mother has accused my wife of sneaking into her residence and taking pots and pans, sheets, bedding and medicine. This began early in my marriage and will continue as long as my mother lives.

My mother is very active and lives alone. She believes that my wife is the only person in the world who would invade her privacy. Nothing can stop this totally irrational nonsense. We've given up trying.

My wife has not been inside my mother's home for 10 years. The two of them very seldom speak because we refuse to listen to my mother's foolishness.



Ann Landers

Ann, you are right about keeping lots of real estate between "Geneva" and his mother. Some mothers will never forgive the woman who takes her son away. — ONLY SON IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CALIFORNIA: Your mother is mentally ill. I'm not a psychiatrist, but it sounds like she is a paranoid schizophrenic. Please speak to a mental health professional about your mother and you will be less judgmental and more sympathetic.

Gem of the Day: Anyone can become rich if he can guess exactly when a piece of junk becomes an antique.

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4 ♠	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ J			

not the dummy! — could think of reaching this debatable slam.

You could hope for a 2-2 diamond break (41 percent), but it is better to play for hearts 4-3 and trumps 3-2 or 4-1 (60 percent).

After winning with dummy's club king, play a heart to the king and overtake your spade eight with dummy's nine. Discard a diamond on the heart ace, trump a heart in hand, ruff the club ace in the dummy and trump another heart. Draw the trumps, play a diamond to dummy's ace, and pitch your penultimate diamond on the established heart seven.

The fatal lead? Right — a diamond (not the trump that North claims).

The book is available for \$19.50, postpaid, from The Bridge World, 39 West 94th Street, New York, NY 10025-7124.

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The ideal testbook

By Phillip Alder

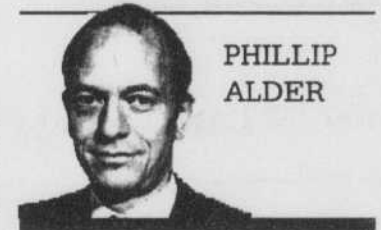
No, that isn't a misprint in the headline. If you would like to test your intermediate declarer-play techniques, buy "Bridge: The Vital Principles" (Batsford) by English expert Freddie North. In 69 single-dummy problems, you receive a good workout. On the right-hand page, you are presented with the problem. Then you turn over to see the full layout and answer. Each deal has a title that gives you a hint, but it isn't given above the problem. Only by looking in the table of contents, or by taking a quick peek at the top of the answer page, can you get this tidbit of assistance.

This deal is typical of the book's content. Seeing only the North-South hands, you are in six spades. West leads the club jack. What is your plan?

This exuberant auction was probably the only way North — the author,

BRIDGE

PHILLIP ALDER



A smile is the same in any language

Crossword

- ACROSS
- What's for dinner
 - "The World According to —"
 - Viewpoint
 - Its capital is Muscat
 - Sector
 - Male voice
 - Military acronym
 - Vertical airfoils
 - nous (confidentially)
 - List ender
 - Hourglass and scythe toter

- Moon goddess
- Merit
- avis
- Entertainer Reynolds
- Myron or William
- Passport endorsement
- Artist Bonheur
- Soul
- Envelope abbr.
- One who loves excessively
- Beige
- Killer whale
- Merman or Waters
- Actor Liam

- Interlock
- Smile
- German songs
- Recipient of two mules
- Actor's quest
- Matriculate
- Toolbox item
- Streamlet
- Muse of lyric poetry
- Being
- Toward shelter
- Senior member
- Hollow stem
- Actress Daly

- Assert
- Movie set at V.M.I.
- Two
- Enlightened words?
- Nobleman
- City on the Orme
- Single time

- Take on
- Ltd. counterpart
- Con game
- Mr. Arnaz
- Lollapalooza
- Actress Merle
- Walking on air
- Fall flower
- Pastor's home

- Lace mat
- Barkin of films
- U.S. Grant opponent
- Kernel
- Lacquer box
- Postponement
- Chapeau's place
- Subterfuge

Tuesday's Puzzle solved:

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 - From birth
 - Joel C. Harris character
 - Electrician
 - Opera highlight
 - French income
 - Former Turkish title
 - Author of "Tristram Shandy"
 - Fast time?
 - Against
 - Average
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 - Wagner's earth goddess
 - "Peter Pan" dog

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by Eugene Puffenberger

01/22/97

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

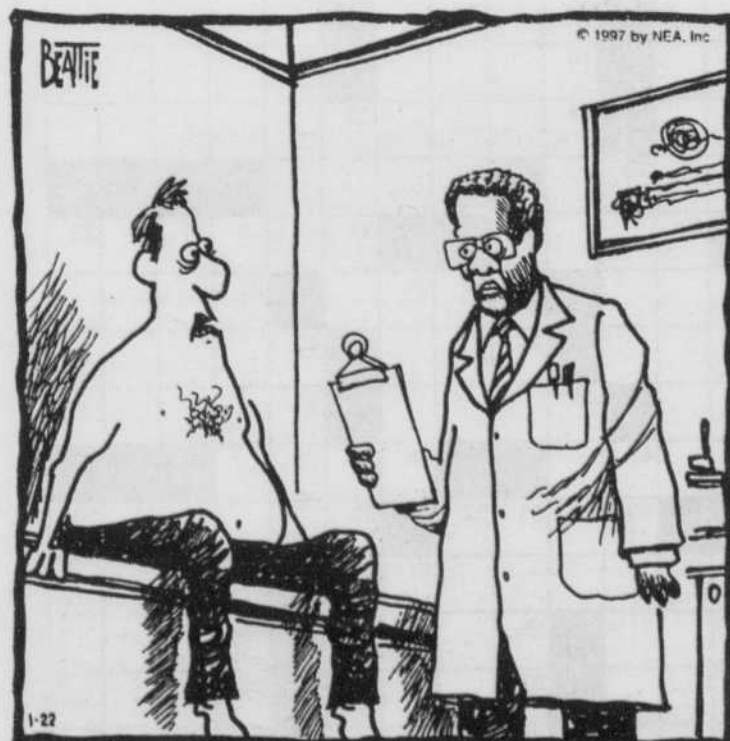
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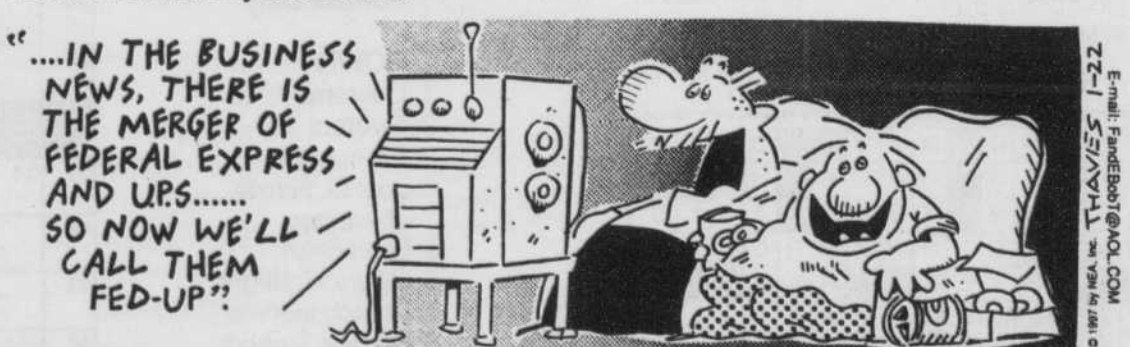
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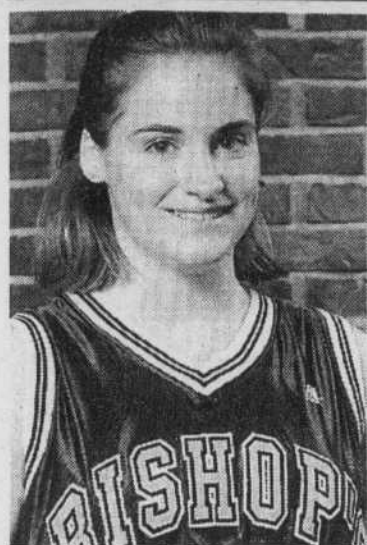


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Cynthia Hitchcock... A 27-point night against Ottawa.

Hitchcock, Sherbino honored for heroics

LENNOXVILLE - Cynthia Hitchcock, an 18-year-old first year social science student from Fredericton, N.B., was named the Gaiters-McDonald's Female Athlete of the Week on Monday.

Cynthia, a three-point shooting sensation on the Gaiters women's basketball team, led her team to two victories this weekend and the team's first league weekend sweep since 1990.

On Saturday night in Lennoxville, Hitchcock

scored 27 points and had 5 steals in a 66-61 win over the Ottawa Gee-Gees. She hit 6-of-10 three-point attempts Saturday.

Hitchcock concentrated on quarterbacking her team on Friday, scoring six points and adding three assists in a 61-49 victory over Carleton.

Hitchcock is her team's leading scorer and is eighth in the Quebec league with a 10.8 points-per-game average.

Joel Sherbino, a 20-year-

old second year social science student from Aurora, Ont., was named the Gaiters-McDonald's Male Athlete of the Week.

30 POINTS

Sherbino, who is a 6-6 backup guard on the men's basketball team, came off the bench to score 30 points in 31 minutes of playing time in the two games.

On Friday night in Lennoxville, Sherbino hit 4-of-8 three-point shots en route to scoring a team high

16 points in 15 minutes during Bishop's 80-67 win over the Carleton Ravens. Sherbino continued his hot shooting Saturday, scoring 14 points, grabbing four rebounds and adding two steals in 16 minutes during a convincing 83-61 win over the visiting Ottawa Gee-Gees.

The wins gave the Gaiters a league best 6-4 record and a two and a half game lead in the standings. The Gaiters are 13-7 overall.

Top dart players invading Sherbrooke

SHERBROOKE - The 1997 edition of the Quebec Open Dart Tournament will be at the Hotel Delta in Sherbrooke. The Estrie chapter of the association is proud to host the event for the third consecutive year.

The tournament is being dedicated to the late Louise Desruisseaux, a longtime member of the Estrie Regional Dart team.

During the three-day event, Jan. 24-26, dart players from across Canada and the United States will come to compete in this prestigious competition. Luck of the draw triples will start the weekend off at 8 p.m. Friday night. The opening ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by mixed triples at 11 and men's and women's doubles at 3 p.m.

The singles competition will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Registration closes 15 minutes before the start of each event and the tournament is open to anyone.

The guaranteed prize money for Saturday's and Sunday's events is \$5,000. Last year's guaranteed prize money was supposed to be \$5,000, but pay-outs amounted to \$8,000 because of the large turnout.

If you are a dart player, or just like to watch a good game of darts, the Quebec Open is the place to be this weekend. Come and encourage the local players, be part of the action and meet the pros! For more information, please contact: Rosalie McMillan at (819) 842-4231.

By Michael Innes

Record correspondent

SHERBROOKE - The Sherbrooke International Bantam Tournament's 15th edition is barely over and already organizers are talking about the next one.

Tournament president Gaetan Fortier announced on Monday that he would return as president for a 10th year, because no one is running to the door to take over the organization.

"I decided to come back as president because everybody knows that I love hockey

and I didn't really want to leave," said Fortier.

The decision to return was made after several considerations. Next year's tournament will be shortened to five days running from Dec. 26-30 and the "A" and "B" classes will not be part of the tournament. The tournament will be held at the Eugene Lalonde Arena, Palais des Sports and games will be played at the Yvan Dugre Arena for the first time.

"After talking to some key

members of the organization, we noticed that several volunteers are tired, as some members of the organization are also tired and could not continue in the present situation," said Fortier.

After 202 games in 13 days and more than 2500 players this year, the tournament will reduce the number of games to close to 115 with a participation of about 80 teams. It will still be one of the biggest tournaments in Quebec.

COLLEGE HOCKEY

	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts.
St-Laurent	17	14	2	1	92	41	29
Lévis-Lauzon	19	14	4	1	101	57	29
John-Abbott	18	13	4	1	76	68	27
Lafleche	18	11	4	3	80	72	25
Français	18	10	7	1	97	64	21
Chicoutimi	19	6	11	2	82	129	14
Joliette	18	6	11	1	68	105	13
Lennoxville	19	5	11	3	75	92	13
Jonquière	20	4	11	5	70	116	13

OTL — Overtime loss

RECENT RESULTS

Jan. 10: St-Laurent 6 Lennoxville 5
Jan 11: Chicoutimi 2 Français 14
Jan 12: John-Abbott 0 St-Laurent 4
Jan 12: Lennoxville 2 Joliette 5

LEADING SCORERS

	GP	G	A	Pts.
Patrice Fortin (CHI)	18	17	20	37
Nicolas Morisset (LL)	19	12	23	35
J-Mathie Dion (LEN)	17	14	18	32
Benoit Branchaud (LAF)	18	14	16	30
Karl Tremblay (SL)	17	12	18	30

E.T.I.A.C. HOCKEY STANDINGS

January 17, 1997

	GP	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Stanstead	5	4	1	23	12	8
B.C.S.	5	3	1	21	11	7
Alexander Galt	7	2	5	14	25	4
Massey Vanier	5	1	3	13	23	3

LEADING SCORERS

	G	A	Pts
Caley Moulard (BCS)	6	4	10
John Wells (Stanstead)	5	5	10
Victor Konkov (AGR)	6	3	9
Jeremy Labrecque (MVR)	5	3	9
Paul Morrison (BCS)	3	4	7
Derrick Jacobs (MVR)	2	5	7
Chris McLeod (Stanstead)	4	2	6
Daniel Bogan (MVR)	4	2	6
Doug Williams (BCS)	2	4	6
Curtis Archibald (BCS)	0	6	6

SCOREBOARD

BCS 2	Massey Vanier 2
Stanstead 5	Galt 2
Galt 4	Massey Vanier 1

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, Jan. 23: Stanstead at Massey Vanier, 3:15



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Prosperity Rebekah Lodge presents cheque

This picture is a group of members from Prosperity Rebekah Lodge #32. In the foreground is N.G. Jessie Robitaille presenting a cheque of \$200.00 to Area Representative Jackie Bousada of the Children's Wish Foundation.

This is a project of our President for the Rebekah Assembly of Quebec and of the Grandmaster of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Sister Sadie and Brother Ronald Talbot.

St. James Guild meets

FOSTER — The January meeting was held at the home of Muriel Whitehead on January 8. The outgoing President, Dorothy de Solla, opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and Guidance Prayer. 13 members and one visitor were welcomed. The President then extended sympathy to Suzy Allen on the death of Ada Allen, who had passed away the previous evening.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer gave her report, and the Corres. Secretary reported having sent several get-well and sympathy cards. Thank-you cards had been received from Judy Price, Norma and Harold McAuley. A thank-you card was also received from Wilmur and Jean Davidson for being treated to our December dinner that we enjoyed at "Manoir Lac Brome". Shut-ins were remembered at Christmas by Muriel Whitehead and Elvia Johnson with Church

calendars, cookies or chocolate mints.

14 of the books printed about the local churches have been sold, including one which was given to Rev. Gwenda Wells.

Annual reports were then given by the Secretary, Corres. Secretary, work Convener and the Treasurer, who gave each one of us a copy of the financial report.

St. James Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday January 21 at 2 p.m. at the home of Bud and Frances Johnson.

The president then stepped down, thanked all for their sup-

port during the year and voted Muriel Whitehead a special thank you for her dedication to the church. Muriel then took over as President and Dot de Solla as Secretary.

The next meeting will be held on February 5 at the home of Frances Johnson at 2 p.m. It was moved by the president and seconded by Margaret Wright that the meeting be adjourned. Following the benediction delicious refreshments were served by Muriel, who was thanked by all, and a very enjoyable social time followed.

"Bits of Nostalgia"

By Nina Rowell

EXCERPTS FROM SHERBROOKE DAILY RECORD:- LAST MEETING OF OLD COUNCIL

EAST ANGUS, May 2, 1912, (Special) — An adjourned meeting of the Municipal Council of Westbury was held, it being the last meeting held in Westbury before the separation of the new town of East Angus from the Township of Westbury. The full board of councillors was present, with Mayor J.E. Palmer presiding.

A number of winter road bills and other small bills were received and ordered paid.

The names of D. Ashly, C. Metcalfe, and Ph. Melton were entered on the Valuation Roll and accounts of the town were ordered to be audited to May 1st.

As Mayor Palmer, and Councillors Cooper, Montgomery, Nolet and J. Willard qualify in the Town of East Angus, these gentlemen resigned one after the other, and Messrs F.F. Willard, H.S. Willard, Oscar Woodrow, E. Bernier, and George Corriveau were appointed in their place, each taking the oath and the seat of their predecessor as it became vacant, thus keeping a quorum and being able to transact the necessary business.

Mr. F.F. Willard was appointed Mayor for the remainder of the term.

EARLY DAYS IN COMPTON APRIL 16, 1912

Editor of Record:

Dear Sir,- I have been waiting for two years to see if someone would write up some of the happenings of one hundred years ago in Compton who could do the subject justice. There used to be a great pigeon roost in Compton between the Coaticook and Moe rivers, and there was what they called a great "floodwood" on the Coaticook below my grandfather's which, I suppose, covered several acres, being the driftwood, perhaps of acres. My mother, the eldest of the family of Rev. John Gilson, one of the early settlers of Compton, was born in that town Jan. 25, 1804. They lived on the east side of the Coaticook River, nearly opposite of Hillhurst Station. She often told of her girlhood days and experiences in Compton, and of the great tornado that swept a path of twenty rods in width from west to east across the township. As the country then was very sparsely settled it struck only one dwelling house, that of young Mr. Badger on the east hill south of Senator Cochranes's place, known as Hillhurst Farm. Mr. Badger was absent from home, and his wife being alone with her little children, was frightened at seeing a very black storm cloud approaching. She ran with her children to her neighbor's, which was nearby, and on reaching the door looked back just in time to see her home and all they had swept away by the stormcloud. On going to the place, all to be found was a tin basin, which had dropped into the cellar. Later on someone saw one of their feather beds lodged in a tree near Moe's River. The storm passed right over the Coaticook meadows as a cloud, out of which dropped a big birch which it had picked up in its course. This dropped in a field near where my grandfather and Capt Snow were at work.

There are many other interesting happenings which old residents might recall. Will you please try and induce someone to write them up.

Yours respectfully,
Daniel Gilson,
Dixville, April 11, 1912

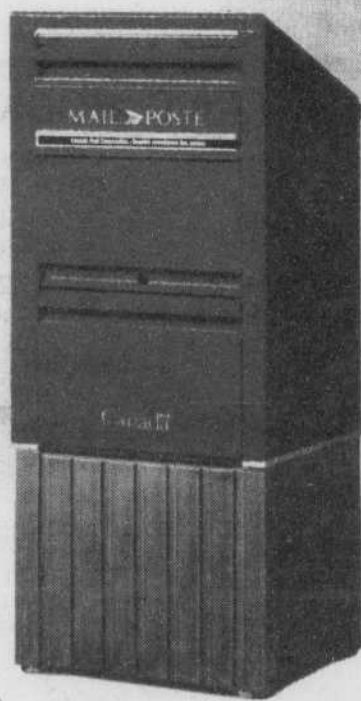
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CAUGHT PARTRIDGE IN PANTRY

Special — One morning as Mr. M.F. McLeod was doing his milking at the barn, the sound of broken glass was heard in the pantry, and on examination, a pane was found broken in the window. On searching for the robber, a partridge was found sitting on the table. On approaching it, it flew to the floor and stayed there until picked up. One way of catching them in the pantry.

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